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WHAT'S

HAPPENING

● Dr. John Leypoldt, pastor of the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wis., was one of the teachers at the young people's assembly of the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention held at Green Lake, Wis., from July 8 to 18. His subject was, "Watching the Master Fisherman at Work," or "Personal Evangelism." One of his daughters, Martha, served as one of the counsellors.

● The Rev. Carsten H. Seecamp of the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas has accepted the call extended to him by the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, Canada. He hopes to begin his ministry in Leduc on September 1st, provided that all required papers can be in order by that date. He will succeed the Rev. J. B. Kornalewski at the Leduc Church, after having served the Cottonwood Church since 1942.

● The Baptist Church of Creston, Nebraska has called Mr. Walter K. Klempel of Sidney, Montana as its pastor. Mr. Klempel spent one year at our Rochester Seminary following several years of study in Bible Schools, and received a certificate from our seminary in May, 1946. Mr. Klempel is already on the field at Creston where he has succeeded the Rev. Theodore Frey, now of Napoleon, North Dakota.

● The Franklin Baptist Church of Franklin, California has extended a call to the Rev. W. W. Knauf of Vesper, Kansas, the minister of the Bethany Baptist Church, to which he has responded favorably. He will begin his pastorate at Franklin on October 1st, succeeding the Rev. G. G. Rauser, now of Salem, Oregon. The farewell service for the Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Rauser was held by the Franklin Church on Sunday evening, July 21st.

● The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada has asked Dr. John F. Olthoff, formerly of Salem, Oregon, to serve as interim pastor until a permanent appointment can be made. The church has been without a minister since the home-going of the late Rev. L. F. Gassner in 1945. Dr. Olthoff has been on the Vancouver field since July 1946 and is rendering a deeply appreciated service.

● Recently the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, pastor of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, was

elected president of the Burlington Council of Churches in which 30 churches participate. He was also appointed chairman of the committee in charge of the city-wide vesper service on Centennial Sunday, August 4. Dr. Willard Lampe, director of the School of Religion at Iowa University, served as the guest speaker. His article on "The Minister in a Small City" is featured in this issue of "The Baptist Herald."



A Canadian Pacific Railway Train Puffs Mightily as It Pulls Its Load Over the Majestic Canadian Rockies

The September 15th Issue of "The Baptist Herald" Will Report the General Conference Sessions in Full, Bringing an Account of the Daily Happenings, Many Pictures and Impressions of Delegates. Extra Copies of This Number Will Be Available Upon Request.

● Evangelistic meetings were held by the Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas in the nearby community of Coryell City from July 15 to 21. Mr. Herbert Link, Rochester Seminary student, led the singing and the Rev. Robert Schreiber brought the messages. Previous to this, a week of a Vacation Bible School and evangelistic services were held at the Baptist Church of Crawford with the two men taking a prominent part. In Coryell City the church was led by God's Spirit to undertake a work in a community where there is no church.

● On Sunday, July 7, the Baptist Church of Unityville, South Dakota

surprised the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Trautner on the occasion of their birthdays which had been on July 2 and 5, respectively. A fellowship dinner was held by the entire church in honor of the Trautners at which a brief program was held and a lovely gift presented to the pastor and wife. Mr. Trautner wrote that "the young people are taking a real hold of the work of God and helping in bearing the responsibility to carry out the great commission of our Lord."

● On Sunday, June 30, members and friends of the Baptist Churches of McClusky and Turtle Lake, North Dakota gathered at nearby Brush Lake for a baptismal service. The Rev. N. E. McCoy of Jamestown, North Dakota, radio pastor and evangelist, was the guest speaker for the afternoon and evening vesper services held beside the lake. Six persons from the McClusky Church and two converts from the Turtle Lake Church were baptized upon profession of their faith in Christ. The Rev. Arthur J. Fischer is pastor of the McClusky church. The Turtle Lake church is pastorless at present.

● On June 10 Miss Eva Louise Blum, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Blum of Cleveland, Ohio was married to Major Malcolm L. Barnes of Beaver Dam, Kentucky in a service solemnized in Bremerhaven, Germany. The bride was club director for the Red Cross and later with the U. S. Army overseas serving nearly four years in England, France and Germany. She also contributed a chapter to the book, "Religion in the Ranks," published by the Roger Williams Press. Major Barnes was with the medical unit of the U. S. Army in Bremerhaven. After August 15th Major and Mrs. Barnes will be at home at Beaver, Kentucky.

● The annual session of the Publication Board was held on Tuesday, July 16 at the Publication Society headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio, with Mr. Harold Johns of Oak Park, Ill., the board's president, in charge. The Rev. E. J. Baumgartner's report as business manager was very encouraging. Nominations for a new "Sendbote" editor to succeed the Rev. Samuel Blum and for other positions were made. The Publication Society hopes to carry on its ministry with an intensified aggressiveness by publishing books, appointing a colporter, and improving its business methods. "The Baptist Herald" will be increased to 24 pages on January 1, 1947 with an increase of subscription price to \$2.00 and club plan price to \$1.50.

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THE PAGEANT OF THE CONFERENCE

An epic poem was prepared by Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio for the opening session of the General Conference held in Tacoma, Wash., from August 19 to 25, in which the story of the nine conferences blended into the spiritual unity of our denominational enterprise is beautifully depicted. The publication of this poem in the next issue will be the forerunner of many good things about the General Conference to appear in "The Herald."

THE BOOK OF REVELATION FOR OUR DAY

The opening sentence in the Rev. C. H. Seecamp's fine presentation is intriguing. "The Book of Revelation is a book full of mysteries to many people; they are afraid to read it and do not understand it." With a love for prophecy and a mastery of spiritual facts Mr. Seecamp interprets the Book of Revelation for many "Baptist Herald" readers.

AFTER MANY YEARS

A new novel by Joye Hoekzema, who is the well known author of more than 200 Christian stories and novelettes will start in the next issue and continue for about six months. It is bound to delight many of our readers, for it is a uniquely different and interesting story. See the announcement about the book on page 20 of this issue.

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In Quietness and Confidence

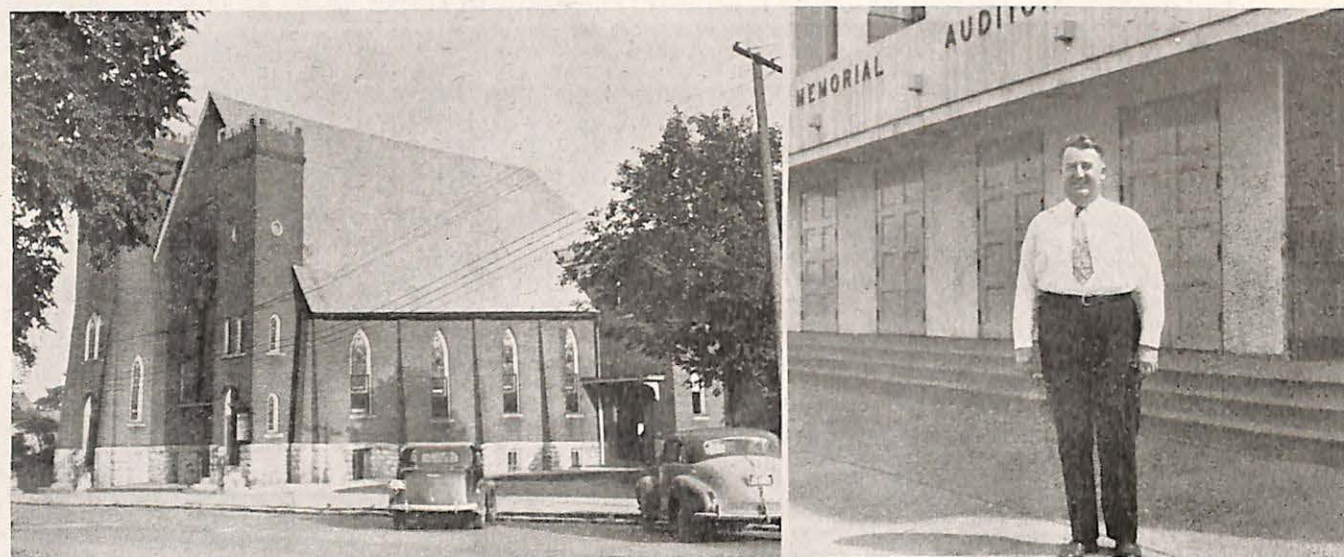
EXCITEMENT is in the air of our denominational household! The days of the General Conference at Tacoma, Washington are now at hand. Important events are in the making. Great things are about to transpire. For those who are privileged to attend the conference and for the many who will be at home, the question of the critical outcome of the conference decisions will be of uppermost importance. What will happen at Tacoma?

A great deal of uncertainty must naturally hover over the sessions of the conference. No one can predict what decisions will be made and how the conference will act on crucial matters of denominational policy. But one abiding assurance is given to us in Isaiah 30:15. "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." There is great comfort in committing the sessions of the conference into the guiding hands of God in the assurance that he will not make any mistakes. Quietly we can pray for the conference at home and in Tacoma with the confidence that "all things work together for good."

Then all the news that emanates from the General Conference will be the glad tidings of God's action through human agencies. Then the blessings of the conference will not only touch the hearts of delegates and visitors in attendance at Tacoma but will also enrich the ministry of our churches and the lives of our people at home. Then human achievements will be caught up by the doxology of praise unto God "who only doeth wondrous things."

This spirit of "quietness and confidence" needs to permeate especially the thinking of the General Conference. God's will must not be warped by the maneuverings of men. We must not mistake the hustle of much activity as evidence of God's purposes for our churches. Only by quiet and serene trust in the outcome of God's guidance to be revealed in response to prayer and meditation can we reach the spiritual heights of a great denominational ministry which we covet for ourselves. This confidence is not the expression of human pride or the assertion of selfish motives but the utter dependence upon God in the assurance that his strength will be sufficient for every task and his guidance will always lead to a victorious outcome.

Let us pray much at home and in Tacoma for that inner poise and uplifting quietness that enables God to lead us where he wants us to go and that grants us confidence of his continued seal of approval upon the work of our churches and of our beloved denomination. In that kind of "quietness and confidence shall be your strength."



The Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa With Its Pastor, Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, in Front of the Memorial Auditorium in Which the General Conference Was Held in 1940.

The Minister in the Small City

Covering the Influential Parish of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa by Its Pastor, Rev. ALFRED R. BERNADT

LIVE in Burlington, Iowa and love it. This little midwestern city of about 40,000 people located on "the Father of Waters" offers most of the cultural advantages without the metropolitan confusion. For the preacher's family, the small city offers a "natural" way of life; and for the parson, the small city offers an unnaturally large field of community, Christian service. At least, that is the way I feel compelled to explain it, as I review the privileges that have come to me during my years of ministry here.

A CHALLENGING TASK

Any pastor's first responsibility is to his church and to his people, and for a true servant of God this area alone constitutes a great challenging task. For example, my Burlington Church conducts nearly 600 meetings each year for her people! There are the 104 preaching services on Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings; 52 Sunday School sessions with classes for all ages; 104 prayer meetings each year; 40 meetings for the Senior Baptist Fellowship Group and 40 meetings for the Junior Group; 12 Missionary Service Guild meetings and 84 group meetings of the same organization; 24 meetings of the "Oakettes;" 10 Teachers' and Workers' Conferences; 52 choir rehearsals; 12 Advisory Board meetings; and approximately 50 other meetings such as board meetings, committee sessions, class functions and socials, etc. Naturally, no pastor attends all these affairs, nor does any

other single individual attend all of them, but the pastor attends most of them and is deeply interested in each meeting.

Preparing 104 sermons, each as different and as challenging as a preacher can make them with the help of God must be augmented by regular visits to the four or more people in the hospital each week and the ten or more



The Two Sons of the Rev. and Mrs. Alfred R. Bernadt of Burlington, Iowa Throw a Snowball at Their Dad While Photographing Them.

shut-ins in their homes, as well as the numerous visits to the hundreds of members scattered throughout the city and county. Nor could one overlook the ministry of keeping in touch with the young people in the service since the Oak Street Baptist Church had 178 boys and 3 girls in the Army, Navy, and Marines. My, how they enjoyed hearing from their church and receiving the church bulletins. And who can estimate the hours of counseling and personal interest that have gone into the homes being disrupted by the sorrows of war and the abandon of boom-town wages and psychology. These are some of the immediate and paramount pastoral responsibilities!

INFLUENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

But in the small city the pastor can also make a definite Christian impact on community life through his indirect contributions of volunteer leadership in many civic enterprises. For example, leadership in the ministerial association and leadership in the planning of local radio programs and city-wide Lenten services; serving as dean of the School of Religion with an enrollment of 280 and serving as chairman of the Inter-Church Vacation School programs with an enrollment of 1250 boys and girls; being advisor to the local colored Baptist Church group; serving as a member of the County Board of Health and president of the County Tuberculosis Association; assisting in USO and war bond work; serving on the Mayor's Children's Committee; advising the Girl

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Scouts and serving as chairman of the Boy Scout Courts of Honor—these are all challenges of services that have been accorded the writer in the last year in which he served humbly as a Christian, ministering to the needs of his fellow-men and bringing recognition to his church as a Samaritan institution in the community. All this, plus the many requests of schools, fraternities, Parent Teachers Association groups, church organizations and other groups to come and speak, give the pastor in the small city an opportunity to serve for Christ that at times becomes almost overwhelming.

These many challenging experiences are not the most soul-satisfying though, for it isn't until the pastor has stood at the bedside of some loyal, faithful member and watched the victorious one wave "Goodbye" as they cross over into "the Church Triumphant," that one realizes the hurried, busy day is but a contributing factor to something that is eternal. Just to feel that one has shared in the cultivation of such a life that can end so victoriously is the most soul-satisfying, rewarding experience one can ever expect to know this side of heaven.

CHRIST IN MY CHURCH

The problems of the minister in these days are tremendous. Just how one can help youth adapt itself to a changing war-torn world where few ideals seem to be left; and how one can help adults appreciate the fact that though the world may never be the same again, Christ never changes; and how one can prove to people that truth and righteousness shall be enthroned when hatred and slaughter seem to prevail—well, it does cause the pastor to wonder.

And yet, just when one wonders the most, God comes and reveals himself. I have seen him walk down the aisle of my church and touch people on the shoulder and make them over again. Truly, not in flesh and blood did the Master walk, but we were aware of the Presence, and we saw the change in the hearts of people. As I have watched the trends of our times reveal themselves so clearly in human hearts, and then have seen the eternal values that God has placed in those same hearts when they were given to Christ, I no longer wonder—I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep me against that day. All these inspirational experiences are easily recognized by the pastor ministering to his people in the intimate fellowship of the small city.

It is a great privilege to minister to a great people in the name of a great Christ here at Burlington. Most of my people call me the "Preacher." Some shorten it to the affectionate, chummy label "The Preach." Just what I would say if they started to call me "The Sermon," I do not know. I might

object unless I could convince myself that it was a descriptive label of that which I try to do in our little city on the Mississippi, namely, preach Christ and him crucified.

Editor's Postscript—The Oak Street Baptist Church and its pastor, the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, stand high in our denomination's ministry. In membership and attendance the Burlington Church is one of our largest churches. It was a grand host to the sessions of the General Conference in 1940 in memorable days that will long be remembered.

Mr. Bernadt is active on many denominational boards and committees, having served on the Seminary Board of Trustees for several years and recently having been elected to the General Council by the Northwestern Conference. His contributions to "The Herald," especially his popular "Do You Know That?" column, have endeared him to many hearts. This is another one of his many activities.

This article on "The Minister in the Small City" concludes an interesting series in "The Herald" on our ministers in their many-sided pastorates in the big city, the country and the big town.



The Children's Choir of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa.

Do You Know That...?

Column Edited by the
REV. A. R. BERNADT
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The phrase, "God Save the King," is found in the Bible? I Samuel 10: 23-24.

Jokingly the customer asked, "How much are your four dollar shoes?" and the owner rose to the occasion by answering, "Two dollars a foot."

It is said that Damascus, the chief city of Syria, is the oldest city in the world of today.

About the only business that makes money without advertising is the mint.

"God helps those who help themselves" is a phrase that is not found in the Bible, as many suppose.

He was so broke financially that if it cost only a nickel for a trip around the world, he couldn't even get out of sight.

Suicide as distinguished from murder is nowhere specifically forbidden in either Old or New Testament, as many suppose.

The boy denied that he was begging because he was hungry but rather because his father was thirsty.

"Holy Grail" is not in the Bible. It is the popular name given to the cup or chalice that Jesus used at the Last Supper.

The operator said it was a "long distance" from Washington, and the man assured her that it was, and then hung up.

A dead man came to life by touching a dead man according to the Bible, as you can read in II Kings 13:20-21.

The man shot the cuckoo out of the clock because he was just killing time.

The word, eternity, occurs only once in the Bible and then in the Old Testament book, Isaiah 57:15. The word, eternal, occurs often in the New Testament.

When the boy was asked which month has twenty-eight days, he answered correctly, "All of them."

"As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined" is not found in the Bible. Proverbs 22:6 expresses a like thought, but does not compare a child to a twig.

They objected to having a woman appointed to the weather bureau because they thought the weather was changeable enough as it is.

Many people use religion like an omnibus. They ride on it as long as it's going their way.

The farmer claimed it got so hot that he had to feed his chickens cracked ice to keep them from laying hard-boiled eggs.

The boy wrote the concept held by many people when he put it this way, "Science is material and religion is immaterial."

One man claimed they referred to nature as a woman because they could never find out how old she was.

Sheep and Shepherds in God's Flock

A Sermon Based on Ezekiel 34 by the Rev. PAUL E. LOTH, Pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York

(Ezekiel 34)

THE CHURCH of the Lord Jesus Christ has the one goal of honoring and exalting the good, the great, the chief Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The term, "sheep," is not limited to the portion of the book of Ezekiel upon which our message is to be based but is often used in both Old and New Testament Scriptures. Isaiah 53 tells that all like sheep have gone astray. Luke 15 tells of the Shepherd who, leaving the ninety and nine, goes out to seek the lost sheep. Jeremiah 23 pictures God's people as his sheep. Matthew 25 warns that those who are unsaved are not God's sheep. In Ezekiel 34 there is a message concerning shepherds, sheep and the true Shepherd, God's Son and our Savior. It is the passage upon which our message is based.

THE SHEPHERDS

The message of God to the shepherds is contained in the first five verses of the text chapter. Verse two summarizes it in these words, "Thus saith the Lord God unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?" Two faults are clearly stated here. The first is that they were interested primarily in themselves—feeding themselves, clothing themselves, providing for every desire. The second is that they were not interested in the sheep.

It is apparent that these faults were not limited to the Old Testament shepherds for Peter felt constrained to instruct those leaders of the early church to "feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight . . . neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock." (I Peter 5:2, 3.) Paul, the great apostle, also exhorts and warns in Acts

20:28-30, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost has made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them."

Too often, we sadly admit, do we see the fulfillment of this prophesy of Paul. The true shepherd of the flock of God, whether missionary, pastor, or Sunday School worker, will ever need to guard against self-interest and lack of concern for the sheep.

GOD'S REWARDS

In Matthew 20 is recorded the account of our Lord telling a parable to his disciples to show them that the rewards of service are up to him. In the parable the householder gives the same remuneration to those called the eleventh hour as to those called the third hour. When criticized he simply answered, "Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? . . . Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with my own?" Let those who are God's shepherds guard against comparisons of God's temporal rewards for service. If we are to be used of God, our dedication must be in the words of that great hymn:

"I'll go where you want me to go,
dear Lord,
Over mountain, or plain, or sea;
I'll say what you want me to say,
dear Lord,
I'll be what you want me to be."

There can be no bargain attached to our dedication like that of Jacob, "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put

on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God." No, for God's shepherds it must be either complete dedication or none, and the rewards are left in his hands.

God's closing word to the shepherds is in verse 10 of the text chapter, ". . . I will require my flock at their hand . . ." How arresting are these words and the thought so similar to those of Romans 14:12, "So then every one of us shall give account of himself unto God."

THE SHEEP

But God does not limit his message to the shepherds. In verse 17 of Ezekiel 34 he turns to the sheep and says, "And as for you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord God; Behold I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he-goats. Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? And to have drunk of the deep waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet?" These words, no doubt, were startling to those who first heard them and God's sheep today should likewise give heed to their message.

Just what faults did the Lord hold against the flock? There were two, I believe, and the same two of which the shepherds were guilty. The sheep were overly interested in themselves and lacked interest in others. They ate of the pasture land of the Lord and satisfied themselves with its food. They drank of the deep spiritual waters of the Lord and quenched their thirst with it. But then they totally disregarded the needs of others and trampled down the remaining grass and stirred up the muddy waters. What a clear picture this is of many of God's saints today!

PRESENT YOUR ALL!

In that memorable discourse of the Lord which has come to be known as the "Sermon on the Mount," believers are pictured as the "salt of the earth" and again, as "the light of the world." If there is no savour to the salt or the light be hid under a bushel, it is of no benefit to the world. Believers have a responsibility to the unsaved and many a person well versed in the Word and the things of God is keeping others from a desire for like blessings by his failure to yield completely to Jesus Christ.

A missionary recently told us of an experience on his field for service. A

group of natives who had never heard the Gospel were so desirous of having him come to them that they erected a church in which he might preach when he arrived. The "natives" of America are not as zealous and must be attracted to him. The "flock" which constantly refuses to follow Christ completely "stirs up the muddy waters and tramples down the pasture land," keeping men and women from desiring the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ.

In Romans 12:1 we read these oft repeated words of Paul, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Because, as the third chapter of Romans tells us, we were lost in sin without Christ; because, as the fifth chapter tells us, God's love abounded toward us; because, as the eighth chapter tells us, there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus; because, as the tenth chapter tells us, whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed;—therefore, present your all to Christ! How else can we prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God for our lives and the lives of others?

Let us return now to our text chapter, Ezekiel 34. God's closing word to the sheep is found in verse 22 where he says, ". . . I will judge between cattle and cattle." Again the thought is similar to that of Romans 14:12, "So then every one of us shall give account of himself unto God." The warning and reminder are the same for both shepherds and sheep.

THE SHEPHERD

Realizing the prevalence of faults in both sheep and shepherds, our hearts would often become discouraged were it not for the understanding that the chief Shepherd, the Lord Jesus, never changes. He it is who is "the same yesterday, today, and forever." Because this is true, even though the closing verses of Ezekiel 34 refer primarily to the future, the same Lord Jesus is the believer's Lord today. Among several reasons given for praise in these verses are three outstanding ones.

The first is found in verse 23. Here God promises one Shepherd who shall truly feed his people and be their own Shepherd. He will meet their every need and will be with them. How true this is today of the relationship of believers with Christ. He does feed them. He does meet their every need. He is with us. To the sheep he says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and

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The Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa Which Is Identified with the Church at Elgin, of Which the Rev. Paul Zoschke Is the Minister

Meditations on a Church's Anniversary

A Conversation Between a Wise Old Man and His Grandson Written and Read by Mr. LORIMER POTRATZ at the Second Anniversary of the Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa

"Grandpa, Grandpa, I'm as tickled as can be; Today's our Baptist Church's second anniversary."

"Eh, young feller, two years, that's young. Two years; why, I reckon you've just begun."

"Oh, but Grandpa, that's a GOOD start." "You better get older 'for you talk too smart."

"But Gramp, it's our Church in our own home town." "Takes lots of patience 'for a church wins her crown."

"Patience, Gramp, patience; just plodding along? Oh, you old timers, that's always your song."

"God's mills, my boy, they grind very fine. Yes, God is working but God's work takes time."

"Well why can't God hurry? Things go faster nowadays. Does God still have to work in his old fashioned ways?"

"God'll be the same tomorrow as he was yesterday and today. And he always does his work in the same old way."

When God needed a Moses, he chose a baby, you know, And then waited and waited for that baby to grow.

Forty years in Egypt, forty years tending sheep; While Pharaoh was killing all the boys he could seek."

"Oh! Grandpa, that's awful. Why did God let 'em do that? He could 'a dropped a big bomb and knocked 'em all flat."

"Yes, God could have, but he did it his way; And so he is working with his churches today."

It takes long-suffering, takes patience and prayer, 'For God's work prospers or gets anywhere."

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CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Beaver Baptist Church of Michigan on its 50th anniversary, celebrated in July; to the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California on its 60th anniversary observed from August 9 to 11; and to the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Oregon on its anniversary to be observed on September 1st!

EDITOR.

Wandering Sheep

By Mrs. ETHEL RENNISON SCHANTZ of Moffat, Colorado.

All we, like sheep, have gone astray;
We have turned every one to his own way;
We are weary now of wandering far;
We long to be where thy saved ones are.
Repentant, we turn to thee at last;
Good Shepherd, have mercy, forgive the past;
Restore our soul; in thy arms of love
Carry us safe to thy Home above.



The New Parsonage of the Germantown Baptist Church of North Dakota Which Stands on the Same Site as the Old Building Destroyed by Fire and Which Is Also Shown (Right) Alongside the Church Edifice.

Thou Who Changest Not!

Lessons Learned by the Rev. W. G. GERTHE in the Disastrous Fire That Destroyed the Germantown Baptist Parsonage of North Dakota

BEFORE the modern man lies a life filled with time-saving devices and vast energies moved into action by the touch of his finger. The future is filled with dreams come true from fantasy and imagination. But, in spite of it all, the modern man has less time for meditation and leisure for thought than any of his forefathers who laboriously walked behind the horse drawn plow from early dawn until late at night, or whose mothers prepared the yarn for spinning and weaving during the long evening hours with the skill of their hands.

SEEKING SHORTCUTS

The modern man seeks more shortcuts to do things and more ways to save money. He builds speedier vehicles to carry him further distances, only to find out afterwards that he has less time than he had before. When this modern creature comes face to face with spiritual spheres, he will apply the same technique, seeking practical values and realistic views.

It is not too difficult for someone of leisure to ponder upon the philosophy of Jesus and to concern himself with the thoughts of a universal heavenly Father, to sip in slowly the words of praise and song that come from the lips of the Psalmist. But if man finds himself in the pulsating currents of life's struggle, if troubles and difficulties seem to cover all hope like huge waves, man will turn to the practical

values of Religion. He will then look for the "Rock that is higher than I," something to uphold him—to help him in the time of need.

THE PSALMIST'S SECURITY

No doubt, the Psalmist had seen life with its joys and sorrows. He had found the reality of grief and the peace and rest of the soul which come from the river of life flowing forth from Zion. I am convinced that the writer was doing more than writing pretty lyrics when from the depth of his heart came the message, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." He had experienced the security and assurance of God's presence when pursued by trouble. He had quieted down in the soft of satisfying quiet and the

refreshing waters of life flowing ever new and plenteous. Often the Psalmist had experienced the deep valley and shadows that "try man's soul," that seek to break the spirit of the willing and test endurance to the utmost.

Long have I loved this famous Shepherd Psalm with its enchanting beauty, as one of the shining pearls in the string of Biblical poetry and truth.

TESTED BY FIRE

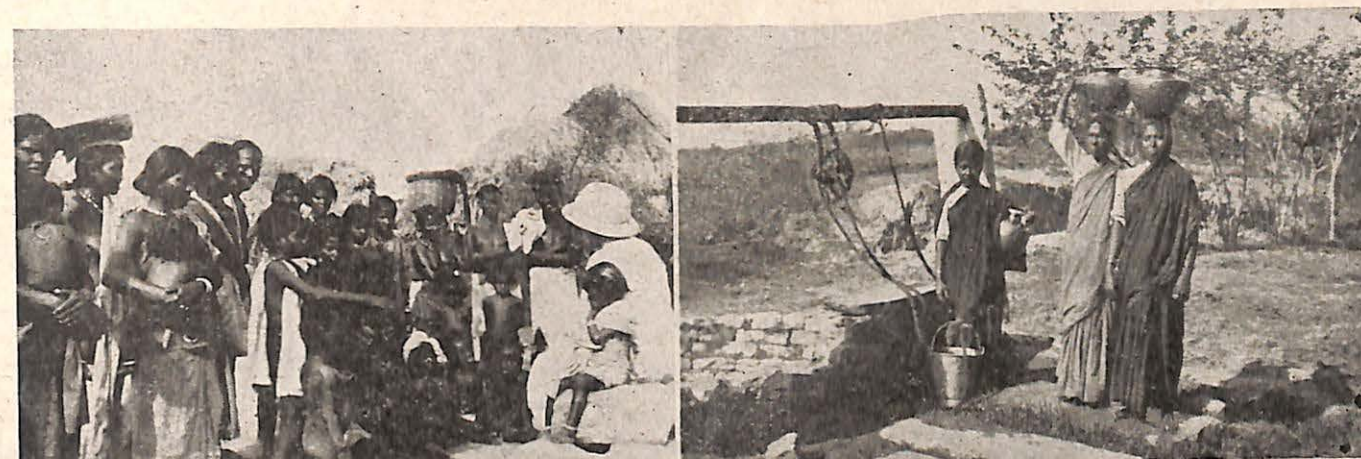
One cold afternoon, all those things which we as human beings call essential, which over long years had become dear to us and which were almost part of our lives, were suddenly reduced to only a heap of glowing ashes. The parsonage of our Germantown Church had burned to the ground. All was gone, and it seemed as though all the saving and labor had been for nothing. We now found ourselves in a deep valley that threatened our footing. It seemed that our "world" had collapsed.

That evening as I looked at the stars, it came to me, more vividly than before, that those stars were still the same, that they still shone with brilliant radiance and that their Maker was still the same, unchanged. "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want" had taken on a new meaning. No, he did not restore our worldly goods, but we had found something of greater and enduring value, and we understand completely what the writer meant when he said: "O thou, who changest not, abide with me."

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Mrs. George Lubbers Brings the Gospel to the People of an Indian Village (Left) and Three Indian Women Carry Water from the Well in a Scene So Typical of India (Right)

The Call of India

By the Rev. and Mrs. GEORGE LUBBERS, Missionaries in India Who Are Now in the United States on Furlough and Who Are Also Members of the Baptist Church of Tyndall, South Dakota

THE SIGHTS, sounds and smells of India, vividly impressed upon our minds by almost twenty years of daily living, will never be erased. The need echoes in our hearts every time we sit down to tables spread from God's bounty. As we bow to give our thanks, we see again multitudes, —hungry eyes watching us through open shutters.

A friend has just written: "The spectre of HUNGER glides noiselessly but certainly in the land of India today. The terror of its hollow eyes is reflected in the soft brown eyes—that fear stalking its prey relentlessly. How well we know sleepless nights. HUNGER! How I loathe the thought of it! It eats inexorably away at the body, leaving grey, lifeless flesh stretched over the protruding bones. It attacks the nerves, the muscles until the slightest effort seems too great exertion. It drags at the spirit, shuts out the beauty of God's green world, reduces one's prayer-life to one continuous moan for food. It undermines the mind and memory, leaves one dulled and apathetic—yes, and callous and unfeeling for the suffering of others,—awakens lower instinct, until the complacency and well being of the well-fed is a taunt and a torment. A year ago, we ourselves were at death-grips with this implacable monster. Now our Indian brothers and sisters are facing famine with all India. I have seen missionaries of the Cross slowly die of starvation. Since I have seen and known, I can never again turn away and ease my conscience with the thought, 'God will provide.' Yes, he

will, but HOW? One hundred and fifty lads risked their lives to leap from the skies to our rescue in the Philippines. Thousands of dollars were expended to effect that rescue. Hundreds of Christians praying the world around. God WILL work but he must have the PRAYERS, the LIVES, the DOLLARS! It is for each of us to seek his will as to what he would have us make as our contribution."

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

How can we escape the responsibility of James 2:15-16?

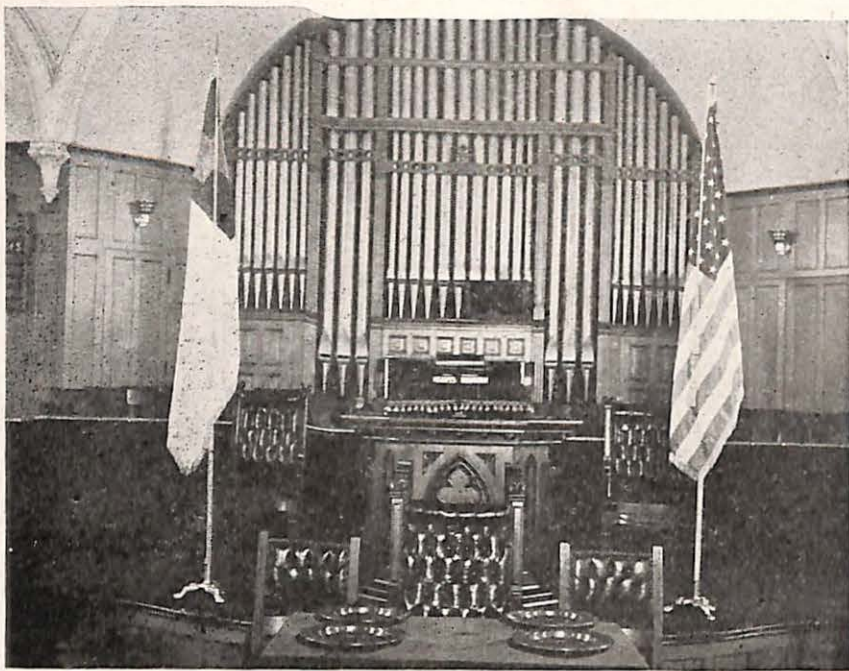
Since arriving home on the "Grips-

holm" last August, we have been feasted, and also CLOTHED! I remember again the cold nights and mornings, the heavy dew and drenching rains in North India. I look again and see shivering India, many naked except for rags or a scant loincloth. Yes, eyes follow us, accusing eyes. No longer able to bear it, I tie a coat by the sleeves around the neck of a blind beggar, whispering to him, "JISU." THAT NAME now greets me every time I pass through the village, and God has made a specialty of giving me COATS ever since, though I had never

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The Rev. and Mrs. George Lubbers, Missionaries in India, and Their Three Daughters



From This Pulpit With Its Worshipful Surroundings the Minister of the Fourth St. Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio Preaches the Unsearchable Riches of God's Gospel

Worship in God's Sanctuary

By Mrs. HILDEGARD WUTTKE SCHIEBER of Chicago, Illinois

"THE MASTER is here, and calleth for thee," Martha said to her sister Mary. These words, which also adorn the entrance of one of the outstanding churches in our city of Chicago have a meaning for us, too! Has the Master called YOU—AND—YOU to come and worship him? Is your heart filled with the love for God's house, that you can say with the Psalmist: "Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth"? Is your heart as eager as that of David in Psalm 27:4: "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that I will SEEK after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple"?

SILENCE IN THE SANCTUARY

Worship with the individual soul may be either a definitely planned discipline or a spontaneous, unpremeditated glow in the presence of some spiritual forces of truth and beauty. But worship must practically always be something prepared and planned for. We make careful preparation in advance to receive and honor a beloved guest and, by the same token, how much more carefully should a worship service be planned so as to secure the proper condition of mind and environment to make real and luminous the sense of divine communion!

But not only does the service have to be planned carefully. It is just important that those who come to the service are prepared in their hearts to receive the message. We are all eager to do the correct thing in the everyday phases of our lives. How many of us ever stop to think: "What is right in the house of the Lord?" Nothing is more destructive to the spirit of true worship, not to say actually irreverent, than the confusion which often accompanies the entrance of the congregation and the opening of the service. People nod to their friends, whisper to each other, read the church bulletin, rearrange themselves in their pews, and otherwise disturb the peace of the sanctuary.

At the beginning of the service we must make a spiritual transition from the busy preoccupations of our "jingling world" to the eternal quietudes in which dwells our heavenly Father. In the foyer of all churches the inscription should be emblazoned: "The Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him." If the worshipper would observe silence, as he

THE AUTHOR

Mrs. Schieber is a member of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois. This message on worship was recently read to the young people's society where the response was most enthusiastic. By request of the society, the article was forwarded to "The Herald" for publication.

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enters the sanctuary, in a silence devoted to prayer, the effectiveness of the worship would not alone be improved, but intensified. In the hurry and confusion of modern life our service of worship will minister to men more effectively, if they provide refuges and sanctuaries of silence, brief periods, when we need not talk nor even listen to outer voices.

A minister tells the story of entering his church one weekday morning and finding a twelve year old boy sitting near one of the pillars in the nave of the church. The boy asked: "Do you mind if I sit here?" "Of course not," replied the minister. Then the boy said, "This is a very beautiful church, isn't it?" "Why, I think it is," said the minister. "It does things to you," the boy went on. "What does it do to you," asked the preacher. "Well," said the boy, "it makes you all kind of quiet inside, and it makes you feel bigger than you are."

In the world in which we live today there is need for some experience which will make it possible for us to "feel all quiet inside and bigger than we are." We shall never be able to face life unless there is some central core of quiet within ourselves to which we can retreat for strength and energy to live in this bewildering world.

WORSHIPING WITH OUR CHILDREN

Our faith in the innate goodness of man is challenged as never before. So much that was on the way to being good has been torn down and destroyed, not only in the world of material things, but in the human spirit itself, that we are tempted to yield to a sense of futility and personal inadequacy. Surely, we need some experience that will raise us from the dust, that will assure us that we "are bigger than we are," that will show us there is a force forever and unshakably good at the heart of the universe with which we can and must ally ourselves. For some of us that experience without which we cannot live is the experience of worship.

Let us not think for one moment that this is entirely an adult problem. We are, indeed, impoverished spiritually if we must stand helpless before the questioning faces of our boys and girls; if, when they ask us for a loaf, we can hand them only a stone. They will sense our uncertainty, for they have already caught the note of despair, some of them, from adults they know.

The first and most influential principle is the indirect influence of older persons. If the child therefore is ever to learn to worship, he must learn to worship from his elders in the church. The feeling for the sanctuary must be imparted by their own sense of reverence, awe and devotion. A boy or a girl may be taught the ten command-

ments, the 23rd Psalm, but if he or she sees in their parents and those about them no expression of reverence for a power greater than themselves, no sign of worship or of religious feeling in their conduct or their conversations, his religion and reverence for the sanctuary will probably be of a very superficial sort.

The child in the midst will never be finally established in the ceremonial of the sanctuary until he is made to feel at home there as Jesus was of old, in the company with the saints, but chiefly in the companionship with his own mother and father. In all probability it was Christ's first visit to the temple, but did he feel at home there? The love for the sanctuary had been instilled in him through his parents, who had guided him.

To guide boys and girls through worship experiences that shall be genuine requires that adults understand what real religious experiences are. We sometimes refer to going to church as a specifically religious activity; yet how many children have wiggled in their family pews, have drawn pictures, and have gone home tired and hungry to their Sunday dinners without having experienced anything which could even remotely be called religious. They were "made" to attend church, but often little love for the sanctuary ever entered their rebellious souls.

THE THOUGHT OF THE HEART

Many parents in a progressive way have swung into reverse. The result has been that we have produced a generation of youth so bereft of Biblical information, that certain universities have been forced to add the Bible to the required reading lists for their freshman classes to ensure the necessary cultural foundation for the intelligent study of English literature. Some balance must be struck between discipline and freedom in Christian training. Freedom is never to be confused with unrestraint. One reason why boys and girls of high school age leave the church, is because they have not been previously taught to worship in the church. In a fundamental sense the business of education is the training of worshippers. It is not alone or primarily that by the enlightened personality a man enters the kingdom of God, but by the reborn heart and by the dedicated will.

How then does the soul behave in the sanctuary? What happens in the human heart during a service of public worship? I have often wondered what transpires behind the solemn faces in the pews on Sunday morning. If a minister were a mind reader as well as a preacher, it is doubtful if he could hold out for long. A considerable number of every congregation try to achieve for an hour, as nearly as is humanly possible, a state of complete cessation. As someone remarked, "When people come to

church they throw their minds into neutral."

Unquestionably some lapse at the earliest moment into a state of pious stupefaction; they try to enter Nirvana without actually "dropping off." Some, for longer or shorter periods, actually do drift into "the beautiful land of Nod," but upon the whole there is considerable activity in the minds of the worshipping congregation. Many employ the time profitably. They mentally balance accounts, plan interviews, review menus, rearrange furniture, or outline the week's work. And their secular meditations are not to be condemned.

If religion encompasses the whole of living, such thoughts are not entirely inappropriate. But if other and nobler activities did not transpire within the spirits of the worshippers, they would not long come to church. There are rapturous visions, cleansing confessions, tender recollections, noble aspirations, and holy dedications. One thing is certain, the soul that truly worships is not inert before God. There is ebb and flow of emotion, depth and height of experience. A mighty and gracious traffic is accomplished in the soul of him who enters deeply into worship.

THE PROPHET'S EXPERIENCE

We must turn to the Bible for the most satisfactory description of the pattern of the soul's movements in worship. In the sixth chapter of Isaiah the prophet described the elemental normal movements of the soul before God in the temple. Let us follow Isaiah's sublime experience as it is recorded in the biblical text:

"In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another and said, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory."

Worship is conditioned upon the vision of God. Worship begins with God, or it never begins at all. What does it mean for us to begin our worship with the vision of God? For many of us on Sunday morning such an exalted perception seems remote enough. But is it remote? What induces the reverence which possesses us when we sincerely begin the service of worship? Our luminous thoughts, our gracious promptings, our joyous premonitions, what are our heightened emotions, what are these but the whole voice of our being crying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty"?

For most of us the vision of God is most surely linked with our pure thoughts of Christ. We may have neglected our daily devotions, and we may well-nigh have forgotten him in

our intense activity. But when we enter the service, we fix our thoughts upon the meaning of Christ. We recall the stories of his gentle nativity that we learned in childhood. We remember now in our maturity the indescribable beauty of the Beatitudes. We ponder that noblest and most potential of all spiritual victories, his death on the cross. Before long we become aware of an unseen but familiar presence which at times becomes so vivid within us that we are prone to fall at his feet, as did Thomas of old, with the cry, "My Lord and my God."

After this vision of God, we have the confession: "Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts."

IN GOD'S PRESENCE

When we have truly met God, our first awareness is our unworthiness. Like Moses we would take the shoes from off our feet, because the very ground upon which we stand is sacred

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—Harold M. Lambert Photo

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received a coat previous to this incident.

Oh, the cry of India's womanhood! The confidences sometimes whispered to us, the groans of the sick and dying as they are put out on the street to die. If perchance death occurs in the hut, the corpse must be removed through a hole dug in the mud wall, as the spirit of the dead would torment them later. We have heard shrieks in the night, death wails, and seen the beating of breasts, and tearing of hair!

We SORROW not as others who have no hope! With what comfort and tenderness we were surrounded by his precious, sustaining grace during a recent bereavement in our family. What a difference!

THE GOSPEL'S POWER

Unwanted girl babies brought to us, or rescued. Women picked out of the dust, helpless, covered with vermin. No other hands would touch them, to spoil their CASTE, but we remember Christ's hands. Shall we spare our own? Only a feeble cry heard one morning from the cactus bush, but the little one had been exposed too long; a few hours later, life was gone.

The calls sound again in our ears. We answer and find a Gownden (a farmer Caste) in distress: "I've just passed that certain temple, where they offer themselves to be wholly possessed by demons,—it turned me sick to my stomach—the frenzied dancing, and madness. If hell will be anything like that, can you tell me how to escape?" The OPPRESSED of the devil?

Time fails us—but to us is entrusted the Name, the Gospel of liberty, the power and willingness of Almighty God to proclaim, to save to the uttermost! Here are the masses in their need. There the unlimited eternal resources. What is the CONNECTING LINK? How can they be brought together? What is your answer?

SPIRITUAL DARKNESS

I'm thinking back to an afternoon, crowds listening at a street meeting; how we felt Christ in the midst. Then the enemy broke loose. A man from Burma thrust himself beside us, and in bitterness of soul cried out: "Yes, but you are well fed, you are clothed, WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF SUFFERING, of our MISERY, our WRETCHEDNESS!" He tried to tell what happened as he and hundreds of refugees fled. "True, we know nothing BUT HERE IS ONE, THE MAN OF SORROWS, HE DOES UNDERSTAND. HE KNOWS! Your deepest need, and sin, and sorrow, HE CARRIED TO the CROSS and out beyond—into outer darkness, none of us can imagine!" Months later, I heard that soul composing hymns of praise to the ONE NAME ONLY, Jisu! Yes, the garments of praise for the rags of

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After Many Days

By JOYE HOEKZEMA
(A Zondervan Book)

The thrilling story of a doctor who found a consecrated wife and a heart for people after many days and tragic detours in life!

heaviness. The Lord makes the EXCHANGE!

Do you hear them chatting? Apparently content. The groups of women gathering morning and evening at the well, walking so gracefully with pots on their heads, unconcerned. But we have looked down some of those same wells and we have seen DEATH there, and tried to help drag them to find the lifeless bodies.

Almost every moment of every day is a call. I see our three daughters at play; is there a happy free childhood in India? Not yet! Of course, India is changing. The Sarda Act raised the age of marriage to FOURTEEN, but who knows their exact age? Yes, the child you see carried on the hip has a wedding day appointed by the parents. Fathers tell us, it is not safe to have a daughter of over twelve in one's own house. Many are grandmothers at twenty-five. Sometimes we are called into the houses near the large heathen temples to minister to the sick. Yes, here are women dedicated "to the gods" from infancy. I still hear the one who whispered: "These are my five little ones; each has a different father. Save my oldest from such a life as I've had, and if you can, get me free also!" But the police got

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with his Presence. Like the Publican we dare not lift our face to heaven but we beat upon our breast, crying: "Lord God, be merciful to me, a sinner." The heartfelt prayer of penitence becomes then the second natural act of worship. Then follows renewal. "Then flew one of the seraphs unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged."

The grand theme of redemption is at the heart of Christian gospel. "God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved." Salvation, the gift of eternal life, the water that quenches all human thirst, the

wind of it. She is still in bondage—but whom THE SON SETS FREE is free, indeed!

Have you lifted up your eyes unto the fields white unto harvest? THIS IS AN IMPERATIVE: "LIFT UP!" But oh, it is the compulsion of love! Nearer than the fields, is the Lord of the harvest himself, — HEAR HIS VOICE — LIFT UP YOUR EYES TO HIS BELOVED FACE — "I will lift up mine eyes to the Lord who made heaven and earth,"—and then we ourselves are LIFTED UP—to enter by the new and living Way,—there to WORSHIP in the holiest, the beauty of holiness!

And here is the greatest contrast of all, for like Ezekiel when we have been shown the "chambers of the imagery of hearts"—corrupt that know only evil continually,—what do their inner shrines contain? The fresh blood of animals, continually dripping; some dried on black mounds; the stench, the flies, some images too obscene, hidden away; how low has the enemy of souls brought man,—even we have seen them prostrating themselves before a heap of dung, and tools and instruments: "these help us do the work; this manure fertilizes our fields, then we get grain and fill our bellies!" . . . Vulgar—but honest! May it shock us to UNITED ACTION,—as the WHOLE BODY OF CHRIST is REVIVED for the strength required, since the FINAL SCENE OF THE LAST BATTLE IS NEAR! Satan's forces are organizing. We are told of 200 missionaries sent out by Moslems,—that leads into a field which space now forbids! Catholicism is aiming to get its literature into all non-Catholic homes.

"THEN THUNDERED A VOICE, the VOICE OF THE LORD"—O, before the "THUNDERS" come—the shaking and removing of all things that can be shaken, let us hear the still, small voice tell us WHERE and WHEN and HOW we may glean today!

bread that forever satisfies the hunger of the human heart, to find such a benediction is the meaning and the end of worship and of the reverent attitude in the sanctuary.

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then said I, Here am I; send me."

The final mood of worship is the one of healthy return to work after rest, the speech after silence. Not only does the worshiper return with his dream but with his obligation. Now that he has experienced the grace of God, he must do something to express his gratitude. The sure evidence that the Christian has found his God on Sunday morning is his honest vow to be a better man. He goes out to prove his faith by his works.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Successful Vacation Bible School Is Held by the Round Lake Church of Michigan

The Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Michigan remembered the 30th wedding anniversary of the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Victor Prendergast, on Sunday, June 9. Deacon Gustav Schmidt called them to the front and gave to Mrs. Prendergast a flowering plant and a package containing 30 silver dollars to both of them. With this gift he also extended the congratulations and best wishes of the congregation.

The church held a Vacation Bible School from June 3 to 14. We had 38 children and 7 teachers. The boys and girls here had the privilege of the spacious grounds around the church for their games at recess. They took full advantage of it. We used the "All Bible Vacation School Series" material and were pleased with the results. Mrs. M. Schindler and Mrs. V. Prendergast were teachers for the Beginners; Mrs. J. H. Landenberger and Miss D. Wolfe for the Primary department; and Mrs. H. Doede and Mrs. G. Schmidt for the Juniors. God gave us perfect weather, and we want to be grateful for that. On Friday, June 14, the parents came and brought a potluck dinner, and the Sunday School treated everyone with ice cream.

On Sunday evening, June 16, the Sunday School celebrated Children's Day in connection with the closing exercises of the Vacation Bible School. The teachers did a magnificent work and the boys and girls gave proof of what they had learned by their program. The offering for the Chapel Building Fund was \$33.00. The children also collected \$11.00 and sent it to a camp for under-privileged children. Mr. A. Wolfe is the superintendent of our school.

Victor H. Prendergast, Pastor.

God's Glory Revealed at the Central Conference Held in Lansing, Michigan

The Central Conference opened on Thursday evening, June 27, in Lansing, Mich., with the theme, "We Beheld His Glory" (John 1:14). The Rev. Fred Lower of Kankakee, Ill., spoke on "His Glory in the Church."

The devotional period on Friday morning was led by Rev. Frank Veninga of Peoria, Ill., who spoke on "His Glory in Prayer Fellowship." The business was conducted efficiently by our moderator, Rev. Thomas Stoeri. The morning address was delivered by Rev. Wm. Schoeffel on "His Glory in Christian Service."

The speaker at the Women's Mission Union program was Rev. Roy Anderson of the Ogden Park Church. He shared with us his experiences as a chaplain. Prof. Assaf Husmann spoke

on "His Glory in Our Denomination." His words challenged us anew with our responsibility to the great work given us to do.

The Saturday morning devotional service was conducted by Rev. S. Geis on the theme, "His Glory in the Christian Family." How much we need the evidence of that Christian family! The Rev. Owen Miller of Detroit gave an inspiring address on "His Glory in a Sanctified Life." The conference had a picnic at Potter's Field in the afternoon. In the evening the young people's banquet was held.

On Sunday morning, June 30, the Rev. A. J. Harms spoke on "Jesus, the Good Shepherd." In the afternoon, the Rev. Louis Johnson spoke on "His Glory in the Sunday School." Our conference was furnished with fine musical numbers by the Lansing church during the entire time.

The conference was fittingly closed with the Rev. Wm. Hoover's stirring message on "His Glory in the War Torn Countries." We are happy that, as a denomination, we are able to contribute toward relief in the European countries. We truly could say: "We Beheld His Glory" at our conference.

Esther Schultz, Reporter.

The Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan, Observes Its 82nd Anniversary

On Sunday, June 23, our heavenly Father poured out on the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., a very special blessing. For on that day we had the great joy of observing our 82nd anniversary.

In the morning worship service we were overjoyed to have with us 24 members who have been members of Bethel for fifty years or more. Each of the ladies was presented with a lovely corsage, and the man with a boutonniere.

The evening service was one which will be long remembered. It was in reality a real singspiration, consisting mostly of the old favorite German hymns of long ago, which even today are so dear to the hearts of our old folks.

Mr. Otto Koppin, who is Uncle Otto to all of us, has been a member of Bethel for 65 years. In his earlier years he was a choir director, and surely on this night he must have

stood on the threshold of heaven, as once again he led us in singing one of the old German hymns.

Before the evening service was brought to a close, we had the joy of remembering our organist, Mrs. Ben Zannoth, who has served us faithfully for more than 30 years, by presenting her with two lovely pieces of traveling luggage. May God continue to bless her richly!

Bethel can truly say: "Praise ye the Lord, and all that is within us, praise his name." Bethel is debt free. A church and a parsonage with a value in excess of \$200,000 and a church budget for 1946 amounting to \$40,000 of which \$15,000 have been designated for our missionary program. It is our hope, God willing, that we will be able to add one missionary a year to those we already have on the field, and may Bethel some day hear those joyous words: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

Edward H. Giessler, Reporter.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Programs and Activities of the Young People's Society in Kelowna, British Columbia

Since we have experienced so many blessings recently, we, of the Grace Baptist Young People's Society in Kelowna, British Columbia, feel that we should share some of them with "Baptist Herald" readers.

At Easter the church choir, made up entirely of young people, presented a cantata, "The Living Redeemer," in the church, and the next week we chartered a bus and sang in the neighboring towns of Oliver and Summerland.

We are happy to report that at last our boys are home from the services. Our many prayers for them have truly been answered, since none of them has been lost, and the last soldier is expected home very soon. We are welcoming new members to our Young People's Society all the time, and our ranks are increasing steadily.

At the beginning of the year a Group System was inaugurated. Each meeting is taken over by one of these groups. All the members co-operate and make the programs a success. Each Sunday night after the service, the young people remain for a rousing sing-song. The singing of choruses and the hearing of testimonies have meant much to us, as has our little prayer service which we hold every Sunday evening before the meeting.

We are looking forward to putting on a musical program and dialogue very soon. We enjoyed the visit by the Ladies' Trio from the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton early in August.

Anne Paschold, Secretary.

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NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

The Last Service of Milwaukee's North Ave. Church in Its Old Building

On Sunday, June 9, we met for the last time as a congregation under the name North Avenue Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and in the building which served us for fifty-nine years. As can well be expected, the church was filled to capacity and many tears flowed freely at the thought of leaving this house of worship which has meant so much to each one in the development of their Christian character. The one consoling factor was the knowledge that the building would continue to be used in the service of the Master by a colored Baptist congregation.

During the church school hour on this Sunday, we had the pleasure of having the Rochester Seminary Quartet with us. Mrs. George Machholz Austin, daughter of the first pastor of the church; Mrs. N. B. Neelen, wife of the late Judge Neelen and mother of the present city Judge Neelen; Mr. George Ahlswede, a senior and beloved deacon; and Dr. John Knechtel, a former pastor, permitted us to share pleasant memories born and nurtured in the "old church." During the morning worship service, Rev. J. C. Gunst, our national Y. P. and S. S. W. Union secretary, challenged us with an inspiring and fitting message.

We are anxious to begin construction on our new house of worship as soon as possible. At present bids are being received and within a few weeks the contract will be let. Knowing that we are being led by God, we gladly put up with inconveniences in our present temporary location as-

sured that soon we shall be able to enter our new promised land of service and blessing.

Peter Pfeiffer, Pastor.

Many Summer Activities at the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wisconsin

During the week of July 8th, 16 young people of the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., attended the Long Lake Baptist Bible Camp at Long Lake, Wis., of which our pastor, Rev. Ray L. Schlader, is dean. At the Sunday evening service on July 14th a group of those attending gave interesting high-lights on the activities of this camp. It was revealed that 25 young people dedicated their lives to Christian service and also a number were led to Christ.

The Wisconsin State Baptist Convention was held in our city early in June. The main sessions took place at the First Church. The ministers' and laymen's luncheon was served in our church.

Dr. Jos. W. Hakes conducted a series of evangelistic services in our church recently. Mrs. Hakes assisted and sang at all the meetings. A number of young people accepted Christ as a result of their efforts.

It is with sincere regret to report the recent death of one of our faithful members, Mrs. Margaret Schacht. Although Mrs. Schacht lived to be 85 years of age, she was always active and was of much service to the church. She will be greatly missed by all of us.

A successful Vacation Bible School was conducted again this summer. Some of the special features were Bible memory work, learning of choruses, flannelgraph, handwork, etc., and the school was well attended and much interest manifested.

A city-wide evangelistic campaign was held in Racine for three weeks, commencing July 21st. Grace Baptist Church cooperated with 14 other churches in sponsoring these special meetings. Rev. Hyman Appelman was the evangelist, assisted by Mr. Homer Britton, an outstanding song leader.

On Friday evening, June 28, Miss Adeline Jander and Rev. Oliver Carlson were united in marriage by Rev. Ray L. Schlader. A reception in our church parlors followed. Mrs. Carlson was a faithful worker in various branches of our church and Sunday School. She is an accomplished pianist, and we know she will be of real service in the Baptist Church of Milan, Indiana, of which Carlson is the pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kastnesen have been doing a splendid work with the teen age boys and girls. The Pioneers' Club, which they conduct every Sunday night, has proved to be a worthwhile undertaking, and much interest is displayed by the members.

Viola Goedeke, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School and Quartet Programs at the Baptist Church, Victor, Iowa

A most successful Vacation Bible School was held during the last week in May at the Baptist Church of Victor, Iowa. With Rev. John Broeder, pastor, in charge of the Juniors, Miss Edna McAdam in the Primary department, Miss Doris Blome, pre-school, and Miss Janice Bohstedt, general assistant, the school had an average attendance of 22, which included children from the neighborhood and from Victor.

Since ours is a country church with transportation difficulties, all-day sessions were held. Everyone brought a noon lunch, and a two weeks course was completed in the week. Each day an older member of the church presented an illustrated lecture which the children enjoyed. Parents and friends attending the program given at the close of the school on Sunday evening, June 2, were amazed at the wealth of real Bible knowledge which the children had absorbed. They thrilled to the hearty response given by pupils in Bible quiz and memory work, enjoyed the Bible story dramatization and noticed with real interest the display of manual work done.

The sacred concert of Edmonton's Prairie Echoes Quartet was enjoyed most thoroughly on the night of May 17, although muddy roads cut the attendance considerably. It was truly inspiring to hear these talented Christian young women, and we know the Lord will bless the beautiful harmony of their voices wherever they go.

The Seminary Quartet visited us on June 20, and in the words of one music lover present, "They sing as with one voice, with ease and precision; their interpretation and delivery are unquestionably fine; their phrasing is timed perfectly with crescendos and diminuendos just right." Substantial free-will offerings were taken at both concerts. We truly appreciate the privilege of having these quartets at our church and their messages in word and song will long remain with us.

Mrs. Mary Betz, Reporter.



Closing the Door of the Old North Avenue Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin for the Last Time

Left to Right: (Front Row), Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, Pastor; Dr. John Knechtel, Former Pastor; Rev. J. C. Gunst, Guest Speaker. Back Row: Mrs. George Machholz Austin, Daughter of the First Pastor; Mr. George Strauss, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Mr. George Ahlswede, a Senior Deacon



The Large Vacation Bible School Conducted by the Bethel Baptist and Evangelical Free Churches of Sheboygan, Wisconsin With Rev. Fred Knalson of the Baptist Church at Extreme Left (Seated).

A Community Vacation Bible School in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, With 165 Pupils Enrolled

From June 10 to 21 the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, in cooperation with the Evangelical Free Church of that city, sponsored a Vacation Bible School in the Longfellow Public School of Sheboygan.

This school aroused city-wide attention and was the largest school of this type ever held in Sheboygan. It can claim some kind of a record also when it comes to attendance. The facilities of the Longfellow Public School were very much appreciated and were a great help in teaching and caring for the 165 pupils who were enrolled.

The school had a staff of 22 well trained, experienced and conscientious teachers who gave of their time and talents volutarly. These teachers came from nine different churches in Sheboygan, which is an indication of the wide-spread interest and attention that the school received from Christians all over the city.

There were 21 churches represented in the enrollment of the school, including numerous Catholics. Many of the children had no church or Sunday School affiliation at all. This fact is presenting a very definite challenge to the two sponsoring churches. A local school bus was acquired to transport the children from all parts of the city to and from the school.

The total amount of money received and paid out by the school was \$225, of which \$31 were given by the children to missions. The missionary money was designated to undenominational mission enterprises, since the children came from so many different churches and denominations.

The administration of the school consisted of a director who was Mrs. Ellis Mooney, a graduate of Wheaton College with a major in Religious Education, and wife of the pastor of the Evangelical Free Church. The registrar was Miss Ruth Bathauer of Bethel; Mr. Francis Guenther of Bethel was the treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy Knalson was the secretary and Mr. Mooney and Rev. Fred Knalson were in charge of publicity. Those who taught, who

are from Bethel Baptist Church, were Mrs. Rudolph Jahn, Juniors; Mrs. Ralph Ramaker, Intermediates; Mrs. Otto Rohrstoff, School Pianist, and Rev. Fred Knalson, superintendent of the Intermediates.

On Friday evening, June 21, a demonstration program was held in the gymnasium of the Longfellow School. A fine program was rendered and certificates were awarded to those who merited such. New Testaments were given to each Junior and Intermediate of the school by the Gideon Society of Sheboygan.

Many evidences of renewed consecration were in evidence in the Junior and Intermediate departments. Other boys and girls came to know their Lord and Savior for the first time through the impartation of the Word by faithful teachers. Plans are already being made for next year's school. We expect to raise the standards of the school every year.

Dorothy Knalson, Secretary.

Vacation Bible School With an Enrollment of 43 Children at North Freedom, Wis.

Late in May a group of young people met at the parsonage of the Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wis., for the final preparations before going out to canvass the community for a Vacation Bible School. With a great deal of enthusiasm we left the parsonage to meet here again upon the completion of our task. What an interesting evening we spent going from house to house and what a variety of experiences were reported by the members of the teams upon their return! But the results we obtained were gratifying.

On June 26th we began a Vacation Bible School of two weeks with an enrollment of 43 children. Some walked several miles every day in order not to miss a class. The Beginners were taught by Mrs. Thomas Lutz; the Primary department by Mrs. Willis Koch; the Juniors by Mrs. William Schulze; and the Intermediates by Mrs. Ben Pawlisch. Our school closed with a picnic dinner on the church lawn on Friday noon, and on Sunday evening, July 7, a fine demonstration program was presented to a large and

appreciative audience. These were happy days for the children and the teachers.

Already the question is being voiced by the children as you meet them on the street, "Will you have another Bible School next year? If you do, I am coming again." Our prayer is that God's blessing may rest upon his Word as it has been sown in the hearts of these children.

Thomas Lutz, Pastor.

Wisconsin Young People Held an Inspirational Rally at North Freedom's Baptist Church

May 25th and 26th proved to be two blessed days to all who attended the Wisconsin State Young People's Rally at North Freedom, Wis. The theme of our rally was "Facing Life."

On Saturday afternoon, the Rev. R. Woyke of Watertown gave us an interesting address on the first phase of the theme, "Facing Life With the Backward Look."

At our business meeting held later on Saturday afternoon new officers were elected and our group set a goal for the Fellowship Fund to at least \$500. We hope to surpass this goal, for when God's children are yielded to him and pliable in his hands, much can be accomplished.

After a very delicious supper in the church basement, the Rev. Fred Knalson of Sheboygan presented an inspirational message on "Facing Life with a Forward Look." A fine time of Christian fellowship was enjoyed by the group after the evening service during a social hour of recreation. Mr. Knalson also brought us the message at the Sunday morning worship service.

On Sunday afternoon we had the pleasure of having the Rev. Roy Harrington, Readsburg, Wis., with us who brought us a challenging message on "Facing Life with an Upward Look." At 5:00 o'clock after supper, the young people were permitted to admire the handiwork of our Maker on a scenic drive through the beautiful countryside, conducted by the host society. The Rev. R. Woyke brought the closing message, "Facing Life With an Inward Look."

Ruth Bathauer, Reporter.

Sessions of the Northwestern Conference at the Immanuel Church of Wausau, Wisconsin

The Northwestern Conference of North American Baptists met from July 10 to 14 with the Immanuel Baptist Church of Wausau, Wis., located in the beautiful and picturesque valley of the Wisconsin River at the foot of Rib Mountain, highest point in the state. Although not as largely attended as in former years, still a goodly number of delegates and friends came from far and near to attend its sessions.

The theme chosen for the conference was "The Sublime Christ." This theme not only inspired and challenged us to greater devotion to our Lord, but also made us deeply conscious of his supreme sovereignty. Many thought-provoking messages were brought on the sublimity of Christ as touching the various stages of our Lord in carrying out the great work of redemption

The following were elected as officers of the conference for the ensuing year: Rev. L. B. Berndt, moderator; Rev. Fred Mashner, secretary; Rev. Elmer A. Buening, statistician. As members of the Conference Mission Committee Rev. Paul Zoschke and Rev. H. Renkema were elected for a term of three years and Rev. L. B. Berndt to fill the unexpired term of Rev. J. Wobig who leaves the conference. Rev. August Lutz was re-elected as mission secretary and Rev. T. W. Bender as General Mission Committee representative with Rev. L. B. Berndt as alternate. Mr. Richard Mulder and Rev. A. Bernadt were elected as members of the General Council, provided the new ruling with regard to members elected to the council is adopted.

We are grateful to the pastor, the Rev. Lawrence Wegner, members and friends of the entertaining church for the royal way in which they provided



Faculty of the Southern Conference Young People's Encampment at Latham Springs, Texas

(Left to Right: Reverends R. C. Mulder, Dav. Zimmerman, Theodore F. Krause, H. G. Dymmel, Edward Link, Roy W. Seibel and Robert Schreiber.)

for us. Each session was begun with a period of devotion and at the close of each morning session a half hour was given for a time of praise and testimony.

The letters and reports from the churches were encouraging and revealed that the conference had again made some forward progress during the year. It gained in membership and also showed an increase in giving over last year toward our denominational mission enterprise.

A very informative feature of the conference was a presentation which was given by Mr. Arthur Schwerin concerning some proposed changes in our denominational organization. We were also pleased to have as our guests the following denominational leaders: Prof. A. Bretschneider; Publication manager, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner; Evangelist, John Schweitzer; and Young People's secretary, Rev. J. C. Gunst. Their helpful messages and informative reports were greatly appreciated. The women's meeting was held on Friday afternoon and the young people's banquet on Saturday evening. The Rev. Roy Anderson and missionary appointees, Esther Schulz and Alma Siewert, were speakers at these occasions.

for our comforts and needs at the conference. We look confidently to the future and to the work that needs to be accomplished.

John Wobig, Reporter.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

The Vacation Bible School of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas

The Vacation Bible School of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas was held from June 3 to 14 with an average attendance of 44 children. The facilities of our church would not permit us to have as large an attendance as in the past year because of not being able to secure the necessary space.

Under the leadership of our director, Mrs. Chas. Marstaller, Jr., and the splendid work attained by our faculty, our children came to the full realization that Christ should predominate in their lives. The faculty consisted of Mrs. Dora Schaible and Miss Martha Schweritz in charge of the Beginners;

Mrs. Edwin Hoeffner, Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht and Miss Doris Helen Gummelt, the Primary department; Miss Eva Beth Crump, Miss Betty Stinson and Rev. Roy Seibel, the Juniors. Mrs. Engelbrecht served our school as pianist, and Miss Dickey Gummelt as secretary.

On Sunday, June 16, our commencement exercises and Bible Day program were combined. Each department gave a brief synopsis of their day's schedule and their work was placed on display. Our offering amounted to \$27.26.

The zeal and untiring efforts of our pastor, Rev. Roy Seibel, challenges us at all time as Christians to serve in any capacity that befalls us, remembering that Christ issues rewards to those who are faithful to him.

Miss Dickey Gummelt, Secretary.

Young People's Encampment of the Southern Conference at Latham Springs, Texas

The young people of the Southern Conference met for another session of their annual encampment at Latham Springs, Aquilla, Texas from June 18 to 24 with 150 registering. "I'd Rather Have Jesus," our theme song, proclaimed our assembly theme, "Christ Above All," throughout the five days spent in worship, Bible study and fellowship with one another.

The class discussions, open forums and quiet hours were enjoyed by all. The Rev. H. G. Dymmel, our home mission secretary, served us very amicably as guest speaker. Mr. Dymmel's addresses were certainly inspirational as well as challenging. We were also fortunate in securing two summer workers, Theodore Krause and Edward Link, from our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., who also served us in a splendid way. Our faculty was composed of Rev. R. C. Mulder and Rev. R. Schreiber in charge of the young people; "Ed and Ted" of the teen-agers; and Mrs. Roy Seibel, Mrs. Gus Koch, Miss Viola Hansen and Leroy Moser for the Juniors. Rev. David Zimmerman led in a "Quiet Hour" service. Our Sunday School classes were taught by Mr. Zimmerman, Leroy Moser and Mrs. Walter Hill.

The day's schedule was chuck full of good things, including sunrise hikes, morning devotions, class discussions, open forums, camp fires and quiet hour services. The entire afternoon was given to planned recreation with swimming, volley ball and baseball as the main attractions. The goal of \$2150, set aside for our projects, the Gypsy Mission field and our two summer workers, has been accomplished.

Our camp was under the able leadership of the deans, Mrs. R. Schreiber and Rev. Roy Seibel, and camp activities were directed in a splendid manner. We were happy to have in our midst some of our returned Service Men, which was another one of God's answers to faithful prayer. Tired, happy, informed and inspired we turned our way homeward resolved that we will strive to place Christ above all in each of our individual lives.

Mrs. Chas. Marstaller, Jr., Reporter.

Study Course, Evangelistic Services and Surprise Party at Mowata, Louisiana

The Baptist Church in Mowata, La., recently completed a week of a Study Course and evangelistic services. The Primary children were led by Mrs. Edgar Bieber; the Juniors by Mrs. August Rosner; and the young people and adults by Mr. Edward Link, a Rochester Seminary student worker. A large crowd turned out each night for the study course and for the final examination.

A song service and evangelistic meeting followed the study course period every evening. Mr. Link's song services were inspiring in themselves. Led by one who has such a rich, full voice makes others want to sing praises to our Lord. But singing is not the only call of this worker, for his messages were also full of challenge and conviction. He won the confidence and respect of old and young alike. He brought several object lessons which proved very effective to all.

On Monday, July 8, our members gave our pastor, Rev. August Rosner, a surprise birthday party. Mr. and Mrs. Rosner were quite unsuspecting as our cars drove up in a long procession but they were delighted by the thoughtfulness on the part of the members.

This is the second surprise party given our pastor and his wife since they came to us on April 1st. The other occasion was a housewarming soon after their arrival here. They received boxes of canned goods and other articles at that time. We have all grown to admire Mr. and Mrs. Rosner and look forward to a great work under their guidance.

Mrs. Ernest Bieber, Reporter.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

New Youth Society and Church Additions at the Zap Station of Beulah, No. Dak.

The Beulah Baptist Church of Beulah, North Dakota with stations Zap and Golden Valley is very much at work for the Lord. We have organized a B. Y. P. U. in the Zap Church, with Rev. Wm. Jaster, president; Miss Norma Almendinger, secretary; Theodore Renke, treasurer; and with a good staff of other officers such as Mrs. Wm. Jaster, pianist; Theofield Renke, Otto Neumiller and others on the program committee. We have started with 25 members.

In the Zap church we are building a full basement under the church as well as a fine addition to the church. A kitchen is being prepared for the Ladies' Aid in the basement. The material will cost about \$1000.

Our pastor, Rev. Wm. Jaster, had the joy of baptizing two converts on June 23 in the open water in the Knife River and received them into the church.

From June 17 to 22 we held a Vacation Bible School in the Baptist Church together with the Evangelical Church with 45 pupils and 4 teachers.

Wm. Jaster, Reporter.



Young People of the Bad Lands Assembly on Top of a North Dakota Butte During a Scenic Hike

The First Badlands Young People's Assembly at Hettinger Was a Grand Success

The first B. Y. P. U. assembly to be held in the Badlands Area of the Dakotas and Montana from June 17 to 21 proved to be a great success. The Grace Baptist Church in Hettinger, of which the Rev. R. G. Kaiser is the pastor, served as our host and extended a hearty welcome to all those present.

The various societies that were represented were Hettinger, New Leipzig and Selfridge, No. Dak., Bison and McLaughlin, So. Dak., Plevna, Vida, Sidney and Billings, Montana.

As a result of our first election the officers in charge are as follows: Christ Zimmerman, Hettinger, president; Ruby Huber, New Leipzig, vice-president; Wilma Goehring, Selfridge, secretary; and Robert Hepperle, Plevna, treasurer. The Rev. Robert Schreiber from New Leipzig was elected dean of the assembly and Rev. and Mrs. H. Lang from Vida were elected as deans for men and women. Following the election a quiet half hour was conducted by Rev. Alex Sootzmann in which he gave a very practical talk. Other forenoon were taken up with council meetings and class periods. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner had charge of the first class and taught from the book, "Living Abundantly." He also gave us some very fitting lectures on the topic,

"Courtship and Marriage." Mr. Schreiber was in charge of the other class period from which we gained some very interesting information on the Bible.

The afternoons consisted of choir practice under the direction of Rev. D. Littke and also of wholesome recreation which was supervised by Rev. H. Lang and Rev. Otto Fiesel.

Our evenings were spent in first attending lakeside vesper services, then gathering at the Baptist Church where Mr. Leuschner showed us moving pictures of various branches of our denomination. The McLaughlin choir also rendered several very beautiful numbers, and there was a large attendance all evenings.

Our publication house was also represented at the assembly by the fine array of Christian literature that was displayed with Rev. Otto Fiesel in charge.

As a young people's organization which was represented by ninety-four members, we have set before us a goal of \$1000 for the support of the Bender Memorial Trek. We trust that God's blessing will be with us in this decision.

As we departed from this mountain-top of experience from which we derived new strength in our Christian faith, we're thankful to God and all those who were instrumental in his hand who had the vision to call this assembly into existence.

Wilma Goehring, Reporter.



Young People and Ministers of the Bad Lands Association Churches at Their First Assembly Held at Hettinger, North Dakota.



Some of the Sunday School Teachers, Church and Youth Leaders of the Baptist Church of New Leipzig, North Dakota With the Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Schreiber in Front Row (Left).

Guest Speaker, Vacation Bible School and Baptism at New Leipzig, No. Dak.

On Sunday, June 16, we had the privilege of having the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner with us. It was a Sunday of joy and blessing. In the morning service he spoke to an over-crowded church and inspired the audience with a message based on Christ's great commission. In the evening the church was again too small to accommodate the large crowd. After a brief song service and prayer, the evening was devoted to moving pictures showing our work among the heathen in the Cameroons and among the Indians in Canada.

About eighteen of our young people attended the newly organized Young People's Assembly which took place in Hettinger, No. Dak. They were again inspired by Mr. Leuschner's teaching and preaching.

From June 24 to July 3 we conducted a Vacation Bible School in the Town Church. Mrs. B. C. Schreiber and Mrs. A. Magstadt, assisted by Ruby Huber and Rose Iblings, taught a large group of youngsters whose only complaint was that the Bible School session was too short. One entire Sunday evening was devoted to a program given by the children in which they gave a good account of what they had learned during the school period. Their daily offerings, together with the one taken on Sunday evening, amounted to \$28.00 and was sent to the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan.

"The groves were God's first temples," said the poet. On Sunday, July 7, we met in God's first temple in a grove not far from the banks of the Cannonball River. The morning message was brought by the Rev. B. C. Schreiber, the minister of the local church. In the afternoon we were privileged to have the Rev. J. G. Benke of Hebron with us. His message was directed to the candidates for baptism as well as to the experienced Christians. After the sermon the large crowd gathered on both

sides of the river banks to witness the baptism of three young ladies who accepted Christ as their Savior. Following the baptism, we again gathered in the grove for an out-door communion service during which the hand of fellowship was given to the new converts. There are others who will follow Christ in this respect and we expect to have baptismal services again in the near future.

B. C. Schreiber, Reporter.

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A Thousand North American Baptists Hear Rev. J. C. Gunst at Wishek, North Dakota

It is not very difficult to bring a group of about 1000 North American Baptists together in this part of the country of North Dakota for an inspiring union service. We experienced that recently when the Baptist Church of Wishek, No. Dak., with their genial pastor, Rev. Arthur Weisser, extended an invitation to its neighboring churches to join with them in a great Sunday evening rally on June 30. The occasion was a visit from our National Young People's Secretary, the Rev. J. C. Gunst. We had just spent a very lovely week together at Herreid, So. Dak., for the Central Dakota Assembly. Now it was thought to be a fitting climax to that week to have that evening service together.

So the churches of Linton, Napoleon, Venturia, Ashley, Lehr, and Wishek co-operated with their respective pastors, the Reverends H. J. Wilcke, Theo. Frey, C. Rempel, W. Stein, H. J. Waltereit and A. R. Weisser. All of these pastors took part in the service.

Various B. Y. P. U.'s shared in beautifying the service with musical contributions, such as a trio from Linton, a reading from Napoleon, a solo from Lehr, a trio from Ashley, and a choir number from Venturia. A male chorus organized at the assembly also sang. A mission offering of somewhat over \$400 was taken and designated for the Bender Memorial Trek. Then we were all inspired to greater service by Mr. Gunst's sermon on "A Radiant Life." All in all, it was a very worthwhile evening, and we are already looking forward to the rally to be held later in the fall.

H. J. Waltereit, Reporter.

The Central Dakota Assembly at Herreid Is Enjoyed by Many Young People

The Central Dakota Young People's Assembly was held in Herreid, So. Dak., from June 24 to 28. The Baptist Church brought great sacrifices for the Lord and all the young people enjoyed this blessed time. The church was used for meals and the evening services, and the classes were held in the large school of the town. Of course, the church could not accommodate all the people that attended our evening services, but a loud speaker was used and all the people outside the church could hear, too.

All the singing was under the leadership of the Rev. Paul Hunsicker. He made a very good job of it and all the young people enjoyed the singing. The evening services were under the leadership of the officers of the assembly. The messages were brought by the various ministers of our churches.

Three subjects were taught during the week of our assembly as follows: Prophets and Problems of Life; Personal Evangelism and Music. The students enjoyed these classes and, undoubtedly, they will prove to be a great help in the future. During the afternoons we always found time for laughing and playing. Those hours enabled us to know each other and to enjoy Christian recreation.

Our special visitors were the Rev. J. C. Gunst and Missionary George Dunger. These two men were mightily used by God and became a great blessing. Our missionary spoke to us a number of times and also showed pictures. Mr. Gunst taught "The Prophets and Problems of Life" and was also our special speaker for a number of occasions. He brought the closing message and installed our new officers.

Our new officers for the next year are: president, Delores Fehr, Hebron; vice-president, Caroline Barbie, Bismarck; secretary, Jeanne Mehlhoff, Wishek; treasurer, Leola Bertsch, Johannestal; recreational officer, Rev. Arthur A. Weisser, Wishek; editor of "the Assembly Journal," Mrs. Kremer, Linton; dean, Rev. J. Wilcke, Linton. Looking back upon our young people's assembly, we can truly say that we had a wonderful time and that the Lord was with us.

Mrs. C. Rempel, Reporter.

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SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Evangelist Jack Williams at the Tent Revival Conducted by Four Kansas Churches

Four Kansas churches, serving a large rural area, participated in a union effort to win souls during the month of June. This was the sixth union revival effort by these churches as they move from community to community to reach the lost. The churches participating in this soul-winning effort were the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, near Elmo; Mennonite Brethren Church in Tampa; First Mennonite Church near Tampa; and First Baptist Church of Durham.

These four churches have purchased a large tent which is the center of attraction as they work together to bring the Gospel to those who have not been reached by the ministry of the local church. Somehow the mingling and working together of the Christians



The New Parsonage of the Immanuel Baptist Church Near Loyal, Okla., on the Day of Dedication.

from the different denominations causes the Gospel testimony to be more effective in reaching those who are in between the church fences.

For the June meeting Evangelist Jack Williams of Wasco, Calif., was called to do the speaking. Mr. Williams recently moved to Wasco where he is a member of our church there and where he has served as interim pastor during the absence of the regular pastor, Dr. Donald David who was on leave as Chaplain. He proved to be a man of God in this union effort. His messages and methods were clear, sane and conservative, yet with positive Gospel appeal. His wife and daughter accompanied him and proved to be real workers in the union effort. His wife is a talented, quiet and winsome worker. Their daughter served very acceptably as pianist and soloist from night to night. Any church who wishes lasting results from a revival effort will do well to call this trio.

Crowds continued large each night in spite of harvest and other handicaps. Instead of a two-weeks' series, popular interest carried the services through three weeks with many conversions resulting and great blessing to the churches participating.

L. H. Smith, Reporter.

:: OBITUARY ::

Mrs. JOHN MAIER of St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. John Maier, nee Anna Wiedenkofer, of St. Paul, Minn., was born in Rheinpfalz, Bayern, Germany on July 24, 1864 and died after a long illness at the home of her daughter on July 5, 1946, having reached the age of 81 years, 11 months and 11 days.

In the year 1891 she was united in marriage to John Maier in St. Paul, Minn. Here they lived until the time of their death, her husband preceding her in 1939. To this union were born one son and 2 daughters. One daughter, Mrs. Martha Danner, died in 1941. Mrs. Maier was converted and baptized under the ministry of the Rev. John Jaeger becoming a member of the Riverview Baptist Church where she remained faithful until her end. Her life of loving helpfulness and concern for others was an expression of her Christian spirit.

She leaves to mourn her departure her son, John of Ely, Minn., and a daughter, Mrs. Emil Reher of St. Paul; 9 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; besides many relatives and friends. May God comfort the sorrowing ones!

Riverview Baptist Church,
St. Paul, Minn.

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

Mr. ANTON FRIEZ of McLaughlin, South Dakota

Mr. Anton Friez of McLaughlin, South Dakota, was born on September 30, 1882 near Odessa, South Russia. He married Louisa Richter, and in 1908 they came to America and settled in Mobridge, So. Dak. Thirteen children were born to this union, two of whom died in infancy. He is survived by his widow and eleven children: Mary, Mrs. Gustave Aman; Lydia Graf; Josephine Friez of McLaughlin, So. Dak.; Mrs. James E. Curry of Visalia, Calif.; Christian, George, Joseph, Ruben, Emanuel and Leo of McLaughlin, So. Dak.; and Benjamin of Oakland, California.

In the fall of 1910 they moved to Bison, So. Dak., and two years later they went to Bently, No. Dak. In 1919 they made their home in Hettinger, No. Dak. In 1926 they bought their present home west of McLaughlin, So. Dak. On August 8, 1937 Mrs. Friez died. On July 12, 1939 he married Marie Zink. On July 7, 1946 Mr. Friez received the call from the Lord to enter eternity.

Mr. Anton Friez also leaves two brothers: Joseph Friez of Lemmon, So. Dak., and Christian Friez of Bently, No. Dak., one half-brother, John Kock of Elgin, No. Dak. and his two sisters, Rose Holt of Hettinger, No. Dak., and Wilhelmina Lautermilch of Argentine, South America. Mr. Friez was a member of the Baptist Church of McLaughlin, So. Dak.

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Jane Lee, a nurse at Cass General and a consecrated Christian, had not only skilled hands, but an understanding heart—as Chris discovered. His marriage to Jane, the tragic death of his mother, his illness and failure—these were a part of the long journey back to his Heavenly Father's house, but he arrived at last—after many days.

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Sheep and Shepherds

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are heavy laden and I will give you rest." To the shepherds he says, "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore . . . and, lo, I am with you alway . . ."

Galatians 2:20 tells us that Christ lives in the believer. I Corinthians 6:19-29 tell us that the body of the believer is the temple of the Holy Spirit. John 14:23 tells us that both the Father and the Son make their abode with the believer. Until believers go to abide in the presence of the Triune God, he abides with us both to bless with his presence and to meet our every need.

GOD'S COVENANT

Verse 25 tells of the second outstanding reason for praises. It is that our God makes a covenant of peace with his sheep and guarantees it by the destruction of their enemy and the giving of sleep even in the woods. The application is self-evident when we meditate a moment on the work of our Savior on Calvary's cross for us. There Christ defeated Satan and provided for peace with God and the peace of God for us. Thus he was able to say to his disciples and is able to say to us today, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you . . .," and again, ". . . in me ye . . . have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

The promise of "showers of blessing" in verse 26 is the third great reason for praise. The plea of the song writer shall be fulfilled:

"Mercy drops 'round us are falling
But for the showers we plead."

How our hearts rejoice that those who are cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ are His sheep, and that those who go forth to preach the Gospel are undershepherds of this chief Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, the Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless all of our endeavors where he leads us among those "other sheep" and our endeavors as his sheep in our churches that together we may exalt the name of Christ!

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