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# WHAT'S HAPPENING . . . .

● The Rev. M. L. Leuschner is spending the month of January and part of February in Alberta, Canada, teaching at a Bible School in Carbon, conducting meetings at Trochu and Calvary, and bringing special lectures at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton. He will return to Forest Park, Ill., on February 12.

● The Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn., has asked the Rev. P. G. Schroeder, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church of Linton, No. Dak., and more recently of the faculty of the Northwestern Bible School of Minneapolis, Minn., to serve as its temporary pastor. Mr. Schroeder has consented and will serve the Hutchinson Church every weekend until May 1946. He is endeavoring to give this field about four days out of every week.

● The Ladies' Aids of the Freudental and Bethel churches of Alberta held a Christmas Social. The women exchanged gifts and served as hostesses while the husbands enjoyed the fellowship. A number of girls entertained the group by rendering the Christmas play, "The Christmas Heart," and the minister, Rev. E. M. Wegner, gave a short talk on "Christmas Peace."

● Mr. and Mrs. George Olsen are serving on the staff of the Western Baptist Old People's Home of Chicago, Illinois since October, 1945 as maintenance man and second cook, respectively. Mrs. Olsen is the former Miss Martha Dallmus, a daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Dallmus, who served our churches for many years in Iowa.

● The First Baptist Church of Minnetonka, Manitoba, Canada has extended a call to the Rev. J. Kornalewski, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Kornalewski will begin his pastorate in Minnetonka on January 27 where he will succeed the Rev. Walter Stein, now of Ashley, No. Dak. He served the Leduc Church from 1941 to 1946.

● The Baptist Church of Venturia, North Dakota recently extended a second call to the Rev. C. Rempel of Trochu, Alberta, Canada, believing it to be in accord with God's will. Mr. Rempel has found joy in responding favorably and will begin his ministry

in Venturia across the United States border on March 10th. He will succeed the Rev. A. Guenther who is still residing in Venturia in retirement.

● The Bethel and Freudental churches, and the station Zion, of Alberta, Canada recently held three weeks of special meetings with the Rev. G. G. Rauser of Franklin, California as evangelist. The people of the entire field attended these meetings jointly, as they were held for one week at each of the three churches, respectively. Eight persons were converted and the Christians were greatly edified and united in the cause of the Kingdom of Christ.

● On Friday evening, Nov. 30, the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., held a thanksgiving dinner with the recently organized Women's Missionary Society in charge. The offering of \$118.21 was designated for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies of our denomination. Mrs. Madora Feldmuth, reporter, stated that "since our pastor, Mr. Henry F. K. Hengstler, has been with us, we have experienced a definite spiritual growth and an increase of 9 new members to the church's membership."

● On Sunday, Dec. 23, the choir of the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., sang the cantata, "The Christ Child." The augmented choir with the return of several Service Men was directed by Mr. Frank England. On Sunday evening, Dec. 9, the Rev. W. J. Appel, pastor, baptized 5 Sunday School scholars on confession of their faith in Christ. On Christmas night, Dec. 25, the Sunday School scholars presented the play, "The Love Stamp," as the feature of an interesting program.

● The Rev. John F. Schilling, formerly a chaplain in the U. S. Army who saw service overseas in the European sector, has been appointed Veterans Service Officer for Marathon County, Wisconsin with headquarters in Wausau, Wis. Mr. Schilling wrote that his present work "is really the chaplaincy in reverse. As Chaplain I ministered to the spiritual needs of the civilian becoming soldier. Now I work with the soldier trying to be a civilian again. Where can a minister find a more fruitful field to apply his ministry in a more practical way than this?"

● The Rev. Hugo Lueck will begin an interim pastorate in the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wisconsin on Sunday, Jan. 20, following the going of the Rev. Lawrence Wegner to Wausau, Wis. Mr. Lueck served as interim

pastor of the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wis., with marked success, preparing the way for the coming of Dr. John F. Leyboldt who began his ministry in Milwaukee on Sunday, Jan. 6. Mr. Lueck also served as pastor of the Manitowoc Church (formerly called Kossuth Baptist Church) from 1940 to 1942.

● The Rev. R. A. Klein of Corona, South Dakota has announced his resignation as pastor of the Corona Baptist Church and his acceptance of the call extended to him by the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred, North Dakota. He expected to begin his ministry in Gackle on Sunday, Jan. 13, succeeding the Rev. J. J. Abel, now of Marion, Kansas. In December a series of evangelistic meetings were held in the Corona Church with the Rev. P. Wiens of Chancellor, So. Dak., as evangelist. Four Sunday School scholars confessed Christ as Savior in the meetings.

● Mrs. Ethel H. Kruse of Madison, So. Dak., entered the Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., as a guest shortly before Christmas. She had served as matron of the Philadelphia Home from 1930 to 1936, and for five of those years with her husband, the late Rev. F. P. Kruse, who was the chaplain of the Home. Following Brother Kruse's death in 1942 she returned to the Home and served on the staff for some time. She was also the matron of the Chicago Home for the Aged from 1924 to 1930. From Dec. 7 to 17 she visited with Chicago and Kankakee, Ill., friends.

● Recently the Rev. Julius Kaaz resigned as pastor of the Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., after a memorable ministry of 28 years as pastor of the church. Brother Kaaz is retiring from the active pastorate after a service of 46 years in the denomination. The church arranged for an impressive farewell reception on Nov. 23 at which the Reverends G. Friedenbergs of New Britain, A. Elssesser of Meriden, G. Hensel of Bridgeport and F. Swaffield of New Haven spoke in behalf of their churches. The Central Church and its organizations as well as two neighboring churches presented the pastor and his family with valuable gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Kaaz will spend the winter months in St. Petersburg, Florida.

● Two weeks of evangelistic meetings were held in November at the Zion Church of Havelock, a station of Hettinger, North Dakota, with the Rev.

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### Coming

**WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED**  
This sermon by the Rev. W. G. Gerthe will help to introduce the young pastor of the Germantown and Harvey Baptist Churches of North Dakota to our readers as well as provide them with a thought-provoking and spiritually helpful message.

### IN WHOM CAN AMERICAN YOUTH BELIEVE?

The article by Dr. Alfred A. Cierpke of the faculty of Bob Jones College in Cleveland, Tenn., have always been exceedingly interesting to our "Herald" family, judging by many favorable comments. His message on a timely question will be welcomed by Dr. Cierpke's many friends.

### THE THINGS THAT MAKE FOR PEACE

The material for study by the women of the Woman's Missionary "Day of Prayer" to be observed on Friday, March 8, has been prepared by Mrs. C. Fred Lehr of Aplington, Iowa, the treasurer of the National Woman's Missionary Union.

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# EDITORIAL



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## Many Willing Hands

"A UNION there is strength!" United effort makes for power! Many willing hands form the ranks of an unconquerable army! When will we as churches and as democratic groups learn that timeless truth of life?

We prize our democracy and independence so highly that we often give the major share of attention to our own local interests and fail to share in the joys of an overarching fellowship and united service. But many nimble fingers and willing hands, working busily at a task, soon remove the mountains of difficulty and bring the joys of successful achievement and satisfying fellowship to those engaged in the effort. The story of the worldwide missionary enterprise, of the Church's Kingdom ministry and of humanitarian causes underscores this truth.

The door has now been opened wide to our people to embark upon such a united ministry of love and relief. What we as individuals and as local churches could not do alone, we shall be able to accomplish together with many willing hands. Ways and means have been found by our general missionary secretary, Dr. William Kuhn, and the general mission committee to prepare now for the sending of clothing, money and other forms of relief to our suffering brethren in Europe. This ought to be the occasion for great rejoicing by our people everywhere.

This issue of "The Baptist Herald" gives full information as to where and how clothes for relief can be sent in the United States and Canada. Read the instructions carefully on page twenty of this number. Further appeals for mission gifts to the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies and the Youth Fellowship Crusade are being sounded. Petitions that appear on your church's bulletin board and on page six of this issue are to be signed by our people. There is work to be done—work of mountainous proportions—which can only be completed as many willing hands become busy and as God gives continued grace and guidance to the undertaking.

It is said of the disciples in Mark 16:20 that "they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them." That ought to be a picture of our churches in the weeks that lie before us—a picture of many people with willing hands going forth on a ministry of sympathetic relief, witnessing to the power and love of the gospel everywhere. And this promise is indissolubly attached to the picture that the Lord will work with such whose willing hands are dedicated to this Christian service of relief!



# Sharing Christ's Joys

By Rev. FRED SCHMIDT of Whitemouth, Manitoba, Can.

"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."  
John 15:11.

HOW KEEN must have been the desire of the great Christian painters like Hofmann, Sallman and others to have been privileged one long, intense look into the face of our Savior. How much more effectively their talents might have been used in their great works of art, whereas now only their imagination could be used in making their portraits of Christ.

## THE JOY OF THE LORD

For more personal reasons, there are countless sincere followers of Christ who, at one time or other, have been possessed with this same secret longing to have had the privilege to study the face of our Lord as the apostles of old did. Many of us feel fairly positive that we know what we could have seen in the noble face of Christ, since our thinking has been influenced by the various paintings we have seen of Him. As carefully and prayerfully as any painter may have been in using his skill and imagination in his efforts to portray Christ's characteristics in his facial expressions, there are very few who portray him as a radiant and truly joyful person. Smiles and laughter are not always an indication of pure joy, but, on the other hand, real happiness can hardly remain locked in an overflowing heart.

If there ever was a really joyful person on earth it was our Lord. One can hardly imagine him attracting large audiences without being both definitely sincere in his teachings and jovial in manner. His parables were well told with an occasional humorous twist in them to make them easily remembered. Likewise the children gladly gathered about him. Was it because he was always sedate and serene, or was it his genuine friendliness? The disciples also knew what Jesus meant when he told them: "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." How little his words would have meant had he not constantly demonstrated how complete and real his joy was!

## ASSURANCE OF SINS FORGIVEN

In sharing these joys which Christ offers to each one, it is necessary to

"Ye servants of God  
Your Master proclaim  
And publish abroad  
His wonderful name;  
The name all-victorious  
Of Jesus extol;  
His Kingdom is glorious,  
He rules over all."  
—Charles Wesley

know the reasons for them in his life.

Nothing can release the springs of satisfaction as can the assurance of being free from sin. Of course, every true believer in Christ has no doubt as to the sinless nature of our Lord. Our thinking cannot completely describe or even apprehend the untainted character of his. We cannot do justice in our description of him, just as much as we cannot describe the delicate and evasive colors in an opal.

In looking at this precious gem, one sees reflected in it numerous brilliant colors. By turning the gem only slightly, other harmoniously blended colors make their appearance. This precious opal presents a peculiar play of delicate colors and therefore is so highly esteemed as a gem. As any attempt to describe the beauty of the opal is baffling, even more so the sinlessness and the perfection of Christ have never been adequately described, either by Christian scholar or poet.

Someone may ask, "How can I be encouraged by this sinless one? Even at best, I cannot think of comparing myself with him. I dare not even hope for any share in real Christian joy, if it depends on my sinless state."

Let us be reminded of the promises which include each one of us: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Even to the people in the time of Jeremiah, the promise of God was as dependable as if Christ himself had spoken: "I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sins no more." Christ has paved the way for us through the cross and is thereby enabling us to begin each day renewed in him. It depends on us whether we accept his offer of sins forgiven and the real satisfaction that goes with it.



## JOY IN DOING GOD'S WILL

In having a share in doing the will of God, we may likewise share in the joys of Christ. Gladly Jesus performed his tasks as he says in his own words: "My meat is to do the will of the Father." The happiest person is a busy one. Slackers usually complain first and are the first to lose interest in the work of the Kingdom of God. In other words, as someone crudely but truthfully put it, one cannot pull and kick at the same time.

To remain content and uncomplaining when the load becomes heavy and when duties overwhelm one is not as difficult for some people, we notice, as it is for others. Sometimes we ask why. We discover it is not ease that ensures satisfaction, nor is it always any special reward. It is the knowledge that one is working for a good cause and doing the will of God. We notice a mother going about her duties almost unceasingly. She demands no overtime pay, but is cheerful in knowing that she is doing her duty toward her loved ones and her God.

Even extreme difficulties have not been able to quench the joys of the zealous Christian. After Peter and John were beaten because of their preaching Christ, they left the council and went their way, "rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name." It was after the great Apostle Paul had experienced innumerable hardships, having been stoned and beaten five times, suffering shipwreck three times and even having been chained to a Roman soldier as prisoner, that he still could encourage the church at Philippi by writing: "Rejoice in the Lord always."

There are many who feel it would not pay to be a Christian if it would only involve this life and if there were no eternal reward. Certainly, there

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The Boy Scout Troop of the Baptist Mission School at Soppo in the Cameroons

# It's Time for School!

The Story of the Mission Schools at Soppo, Africa  
by Our Cameroons Missionary, Miss Lillian Jacobsen

IT IS TEN minutes to eight in the morning. Already, at quarter after seven, the big drum has sounded, and now it goes again. Someone is "knocking" it just as hard and fast as he can. The first time it was a warning to the school children who attend our school at Soppo that they had better get ready to start off for school, and now it is calling them to line up, ready for their march into the chapel.

For a long time we had only a small school bell, but so many pupils were late that we decided to have a drum made which can be heard much further than the bell. Now both the drum and

the bell are used when it is time to line up, and usually the stragglers come running hard and fast so that they will not be counted late.

All the children must be in for chapel, and it is a fine sight to see, first, the infants marching in, and then the others, all according to their standards. We have some quite big fellows as well as some tiny children in our school, for not all were able to start school at the age of six. When all are in their places, the teacher in charge for the week announces the first song. It is usually a prayer song, such as "Into My Heart," or "Father, We Thank Thee For The Night."

It is always a thrill to hear these

three hundred and fifty boys and girls sing. They have very fine voices, and it is only natural for them to sing in parts. Some have very high voices and, again, some have a wonderful deep bass. We have nothing like the beauty of this singing in a similar group of white children in our country. There is a quality about it that is quite different.

Our Soppo School is very large this year. Almost all our schools are growing. We have over 1900 children enrolled, and if it were not that the distances are so great to some of the schools, the children, from the country surrounding each, would more than overcrowd our even now inadequate buildings. There is a continual call to start new schools, for Africa is waking up to the fact that an education is an advantage. It is true that many look only at the increased earning capacity it affords, but there are some few who realize that the future of their country depends upon the type of young persons who are now developed.

We as a mission have a tremendous opportunity and privilege. It is not only to educate, but to give a firm Christian grounding to many of the future leaders of these people. There are many difficulties, but it is impossible that what these children are learning now will not influence future policy and thinking. The Government is most helpful and sympathetic, not only toward a general educational program, but also to the Christian educational program in this province. We in this part of Africa are, indeed, favored in this respect.

We are happy to have formal permission to open a Girl's School here at Soppo. This has been a long standing need. Just as Africa is awakening to the need of education in general, so it is slowly awakening to the need of education for girls. We are making only a beginning now, but we must be ready when the real sanction of female education will be given by the older people. Some are still reluctant to endorse it, for they fear the effect upon the structure of their home life, and they see a few girls who have obtained an education but who have lost their principles by the way. It is here that we have our opportunity as a Christian School.

Our girls are now holding their classes in one of the old dispensary rooms. We must find some way of housing the classes soon and adequately in their own buildings, if the school is to prosper. Some day, when a proper building can be put up, and the sooner this can be done the better, this must be a Boarding School, for parents object to their daughters living in other homes where they are not always under strict control. Other people often refuse the responsibility of young women being put into their care. The problems are

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A Choir of Cameroons' Christians Who Walked Many Miles to Sing for the New Missionaries With One of the Soppo School Buildings in the Background



# Helping Sufferers in Central Europe

A Call to Christian Action by Dr. Wm. Kuhn,  
General Missionary Secretary

AFTER hearing the broadcasts over the radio and reading the reports in the newspapers and magazines concerning the suffering of millions of people in Central Europe, the hearts of many of our people have been pierced through with an agony of sympathy. These sufferers have lived in the countries where many of our members have had their birthplace. This sympathy has caused almost excruciating pain because of the inability on our part to help and, furthermore, because of the conviction that the doors separating us from these sufferers have been locked and barred intentionally. Information from reliable sources indicates, however, that the closed doors for the distribution of clothing and food in Central Europe may be opened very soon.

Now is the time to collect used clothing. In many churches it may prove to be practical for the individuals and families to bring the clothing to the church and from there to combine it into one larger shipment. The Ladies' Aids and Woman's Mission Societies may be able to render a most helpful service by mending some clothing before shipping.

We are now very happy to report that the Mennonite Central Committee offers us the opportunity to carry out our relief work in connection with their organization. This arrangement offers us many practical advantages. The Mennonite Committee through the past 25 years has distributed millions of dollars of relief in many countries, and during that time they have established and received recognition by all government agencies. It would necessitate that we establish a number of shipping centers and build up our own organization, if we were to do this ourselves.

## CLOTHES FOR RELIEF

All shipments of worn clothing from churches in the United States should be sent to the shipping center in Akron, Pa., and all of the shipments from Canada should go to that center at Winnipeg, Manitoba. (See Page 20 of This Issue.)

At both of these shipping centers our relief goods will be kept separate from those of the Mennonites. There they will be processed, sorted and repacked for shipment to the destination as given by us. In Europe our relief will be distributed under the supervision of our own officials. To be sure, we will pay the Mennonite Central Committee for the services they render us. The cost will be much less than if

we were to collect, process and ship the clothing ourselves. Besides that, we would be inexperienced novices, while the Mennonites have had 25 years of experience.

The Mennonite Brethren are not strangers to us. It will be of interest to learn that about 56 young men from the Mennonite Brethren received their ministerial training at our Rochester Seminary. Among these was Dr. P. C. Hiebert, president of the Mennonite Central Committee. Besides many others, we would mention Rev. Peter C. Wedel and Rev. Heinrich Enns, both Cameroons missionaries; Rev. J. A. Pankratz, Rev. J. H. Pankratz, Rev. H. W. Wedel and Rev. Herman Wedel. In many of our churches we have members who have come to us from the Mennonite Brethren. We have every confidence in the integrity and efficiency of the Mennonite Central Committee.

## PETITIONS TO SIGN

Tens of thousands of petitions have been signed and sent to the President of the United States, to the Senators and to Congressmen, requesting that the regulation forbidding the sending of relief to Germany be annulled. Much to our disappointment, the regulation is still in effect.

The only committee authorized to grant permission to distribute relief in Germany is the President's War Relief Control Board, Washington Building, Washington, D. C. We have now submitted to this committee our official request, and there are certain developments which seem to indicate that it may be granted. In order to bring more pressure to bear upon the President's Committee, we are sending printed petition sheets to the pastor or clerk of each of our churches. With these petition sheets there will be sent a letter giving definite suggestions.

We will do well to send our petitions not only to the President's committee but simultaneously to the Throne of grace, where HE who has received all power and authority in heaven and on earth, intercedes.

## MONEY FOR RELIEF

After the first World War, our churches contributed more than one third of a million dollars for relief, dispensed almost exclusively in Germany, Poland and Austria. Today our brethren are crying from many lands: "Come over and help us" and the needs far exceed those of 1918. The compassion of our people for the sufferers is stronger and more urgent today than in 1918.

During the last two months we have received here at headquarters about \$50,000 for the Fellowship Fund, giving us a total cash balance of \$202,259.29. As we receive in every mail the many checks designated to help the sufferers in Central Europe, we are assured that we will go beyond our goal of \$250,000. We would have the Lord say of us: "They have done what they could." United States Savings Bonds will be accepted as contributions for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies.

At this time we wish to acknowledge the help that we have received through the Rev. William Hoover, pastor of the Conners Avenue Church of Detroit, Mich. Through him we have made some important contacts. The Conners Avenue Church of Detroit has graciously decided to send their pastor to Germany at their own expense. If he should receive the passport, visa and permission to enter Germany, the Rev. William Hoover will also contact some of our leaders in Germany whose addresses we have furnished him.

## AN IMPORTANT PETITION

(This petition can be found on every church bulletin board. You will be asked by your pastor to sign it before it is sent to Washington, D. C.)

To the President's War Relief  
Control Board  
Washington Building  
Washington, D. C.

We, the undersigned members and friends of the \_\_\_\_\_ Church respectfully submit this petition with the earnest request that immediate and effective measures be taken to open the doors for relief to the suffering people in Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Jugoslavia. Our 265 churches in the United States and Canada are located in the areas of the Northern Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist Union of Western Canada. We also hold membership in the Baptist World Alliance. We call upon the authorities in the name of humanity and in the name of the compassionate Christ to come to the rescue of these European sufferers without delay by opening the closed doors and making them accessible to us, by providing free service for mail and the remittance of money and by establishing means of transportation for shipment of food and clothing. It is our earnest desire and prayer to God that the authorities will grant this petition without undue delay.



# Possibilities of War Relief for Europe

An Important Statement by Rev. William Hoover of the Conners Ave.  
Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

WHEN the global warfare of World War II had reached the degree of success for the Allies to warrant the proclamation of VJ Day by the President of the United States, it also meant that the psychological moment had arrived to give vent to the pent-up feelings of millions of people the world over. A national holiday was declared which meant the closing of factories, shops and offices, and all were free to celebrate according to their heart's desire. And celebrate they did! The celebrants of the world jubilated in their fashion, while the Christians found their way to the many churches of our land in order to thank God that the much-desired and prayed-for peace had again been restored.

## DESPERATE CONDITIONS

However, among the jubilants of our country there were many with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow because of the many family ties that still connect them to persons living in the countries of the vanquished. It is only natural that they should be concerned, for the old adage that "blood is thicker than water" is still true. Furthermore, we have Christian and moral responsibilities to our fellow-Christians and the destitute of Europe that, should we remain inarticulate concerning the policy

of extermination which is now being pursued by the victors upon the vanquished, we will deserve to lose favor and respect before God and man. Unless something is done quickly, according to a recent report, millions of men, women and children face inevitable starvation or will freeze to death in Europe this winter.

Because of the seriousness of the conditions abroad, we, as North American Baptists, must not fail to do our share to help alleviate this suffering. Due to our denominational background we have many members in our circles who are in high desperation because of their inability to render help. It has even been voiced that both pastors and denominational leaders are not exploring all the possibilities whereby help may be given. Let me assure you from my experiences of recent weeks that have brought me into close contact with many large organizations as well as our own denominational headquarters, that everything is being done that is humanly possible to find ways and means of sending relief to Europe.

At present, we find ourselves faced with insurmountable obstacles of law. Only to mention a few, there is the Potsdam Agreement, which does not permit any relief to be sent to the enemy. Secondly, the United States

is still technically at war with Germany and channels of relief to those countries are therefore closed to individuals and organizations except those appointed by the government. Since the changing of these laws must have the approval of the four Powers occupying Europe, the difficulties are obvious.

## CONFERENCES IN WASHINGTON

Recently, a meeting was held in Detroit, Mich., to which forty organizations sent their delegates to discuss the matter of relief for Germany. As a result of this meeting, thousands of petitions were handed out to be signed by those in sympathy for relief to Europe. Within a week's time, thousands of signatures had been secured. It was then agreed upon that I go to Washington, D. C. to present the seriousness of conditions in Europe to our Senators and to solicit their help to re-establish postal, wireless and banking services with Europe, and also to allow relief shipments of clothing, food and other necessities to save the lives of millions of people.

Armed with thousands of signatures as well as personal letters of recommendation for our denomination as well as many other organizations, comprising an aggregate membership of

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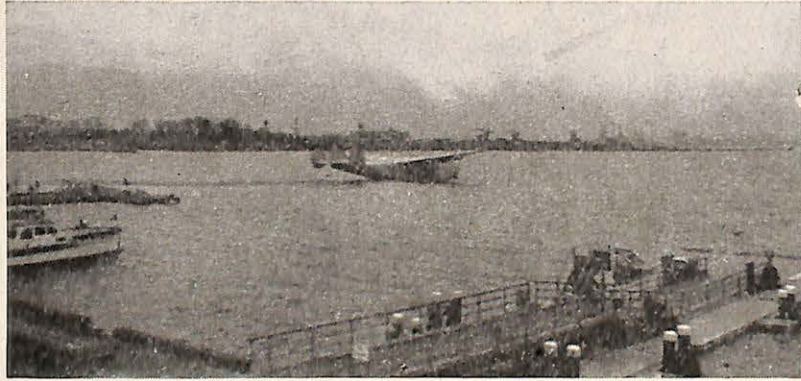


# Above the Clouds On Our Way to Africa

A Report of the New York to South America Plane Flight  
by Miss Myrtle Hein, Cameroons' Missionary

Between Trinidad and Belem, Brazil, South America, Dec. 6, 1945

THERE is nothing like writing a few lines from "Above the Clouds" over the old Atlantic which looks very calm this morning.



The Pan-American Plane at the Beginning of Its Flight to South America With Our Cameroons' Missionaries

This has been the most exciting trip I have ever made. Rev. A. E. Kannwischer and Rev. Rudolf Schade were at the La Guardia Air field in New York City to see us off, and we did appreciate it so much. You can hardly blame my heart putting in an extra beat when I saw that huge silver winged clipper sitting out there in the water, the ship which was to take us to Africa.

and a half we again took to the sky, heading south for Trinidad.

Our meals on the ship have been wonderfully good. We had a handsome steward; does that help? The fellowship with other missionaries has been grand. Here are 28 adults and

11 children. All these are going up to Fisherman's Lake right off Monrovia. Even writing while flying is much easier than in the Pullman train. Why, our berth was almost as comfortable as Pullman also. Little Hilda and I shared one, so that everyone aboard might get a chance to rest.

At 7:00 o'clock this morning we arrived at Trinidad. In the distance we could see the mountains. Within a

ary while others mopped their brows. After going through customs we were taken to the beautiful Pan-American Hotel several miles down the coast where we had our breakfast on an open porch mid palms and shrubbery. What a gorgeous, striking setting, all too beautiful to enjoy to the fullest in one short hour!

Queer things were brought to my attention. Native boys in many places were wielding sickle-shaped tools over their heads with a down-sweep and over ground surface. These were, undoubtedly what we would call "lawn mowers." Surprisingly enough, the lawn looked lovely. Strange it was to see cars passing on opposite sides to that of our traffic regulations in America. I am afraid my driver's license would do little good here. Small peculiar-looking horses drawing big loads on carts is not unusual and typical of South America. How I wish we might have been able to take pictures along the way, but that was absolutely forbidden. Such pictures would be of greatest interest to our people.

We are sorry that Don and Verna Ganstrom are not with us. We are trusting the baby will be well enough that they might come next week. However, if we get passage out of Monrovia, we shall surely go right on.

Later—10 P. M.

I thought I would leave just a little space to tell you about Belem here in Brazil, South America, but it was dark when we got in. I do know, however, that it is hot and it will be the first night under a mosquito net.

Everyone speaks Portuguese here. The man who ushered us to the table at dinner this evening questioningly asked, "No sheiks?" We thought that was cute.

## What's Happening News

(Continued from Page 2)

John Kepl of Martin, No. Dak., bringing the messages. Many visits at homes were made with the pastor, Rev. R. G. Kaiser. Although there were no results in conversions, the entire church came forward and promised to follow the Lord more faithfully. The offering for missions on Sunday, Nov. 28, amounted to \$470.00. After that, two weeks of meetings were held in the Baptist Church of Hettinger with the Rev. R. G. Klein of Corona, So. Dak., as evangelist. In spite of inclement weather, the attendance and the spirit were fine. There were encouraging spiritual results, as reported by the pastor. The mission offering at Hettinger amounted to \$256.00.



Cameroons' Missionaries and New York City Pastors at the La Guardia Field (Left to Right: Rev. A. E. Kannwischer, Hilda Tobert, Myrtle Hein, and Rev. Rudolf Schade)

It was unbelievable! We were in—we were moving—we were off, continually rising until we were above the clouds. How wonderful it all seemed.

We left New York at 12.15 P. M. on December 5 and arrived in Bermuda at 6:00 P. M. that evening. Here we noticed the warm air which greeted us as we walked up the gangplank. No coats were necessary. After an hour

short while we were over them and, below us at the coast, buildings could be seen like specks in a distance. We were landing and what a smooth landing it was, hardly knowing when the big plane touched the waters.

Trinidad is beautiful, to say the least! Even at seven in the morning the air was really warm. Soon color came to the cheeks of many a mission-

# Meditations of a Collection Plate

From the "Christian Advocate" Submitted by Mrs. Louis Muller  
of Victor, Iowa

ONCE MORE I am started on my way. I wonder what it will be like this morning. These trips up and down church pews are certainly interesting if I let myself think about the people who pass me along.

Right away, here's that little fellow who always sits on the front seat, his feet swinging and his eyes big with wonder. Sometimes my usher passes him up, because he's such a little chap, and he always looks so disappointed. Of course, his penny is not much, but he always has it ready, and a boy who gets the habit with pennies is apt to keep it up when he handles dollars. It always hurts me when they hurry me past the children.

There's something about the hands of people that interests me. You can really learn a lot about people by looking at their hands. I sometimes think their hands tell me more than their faces do, for you cannot mask hands.

Here's that dear old lady who is a little deaf. She always sits down in front, in the same place. They say she lives at an old people's home, and that she is very poor. But she always has her envelope ready—two nickels on one side, and one on the other. Bless her heart! There was a time when she gave pretty liberally. I remember when her husband was alive they used to put a liberal gift on my green felt lining every Sunday. Then something terrible happened; I never knew what it was. And then the dear old man died. But the little old lady never let anything interfere with coming to church, and now she gives nickels. But I always love to feel them drop, for I know they are freighted with love.

Well, well, here's a stranger. I never saw him before. But I guess he's in the habit of going to church. His hands have such a decent look—clean, well cared for, marked with character. He acts as if he were at home, even in a strange church. And the gracious way he dropped that five dollar bill—turned up so the usher couldn't see how big it was! It's funny how many times strangers give liberally. I wonder if they do that at home.

I can see a soldier boy down this pew. I can almost be positive he's going to drop something. Most of the boys do. I guess it makes them feel just a little more as if they belonged. God bless that boy. He's such a splendid looking young man. Maybe he is an official member of his church back home. Yes, he did! It's a half dol-

lar! There's something about the gifts of these Service Men that makes me pretty serious.

Oh, oh! Here's that business man again. It's good to see him back. He's been gone two Sundays. I heard some women at the end of the other pew say he had a falling out with the preacher. But he's back, all right. And that's three envelopes he dropped in—all filled the same as usual. Maybe the women are mistaken. It's funny how talk gets started. And besides, he is too big a man to hold a grudge. What's that? Well, that explains it—he whispered to the usher that he's been out of town—seems good to be back.

Yonder's that rich widow. She's always so gracious and genteel. I love the feel of her soft hands. But she never puts in more than a quarter—calls it "the widow's mite, you know." I can't believe she really understands. It's not been her fault. Her husband used to do all the giving. I don't think she ever knew what was in the envelope. He was "protecting her," he said, and now she doesn't know how to be really generous and they say she has plenty.

Well, what's this? A beautifully tinted and monogrammed envelope, addressed to the pastor! But she put her regular envelope in, just as usual. I think I'll take a peek inside and see what it means. Oh-h-h-h-h-h-h! That'll give the minister a thrill! "Spend it as you think best, for something about the church that isn't covered by the budget," she says. "When my husband passed away and left me with this fortune he also left me with a very great stewardship. He always planned on giving our money away to the Lord's work, and now I am left alone to do the disbursing. This was a little extra that came in this week. God bless it in your hands!" And God bless her, too.

What trim little hands those were—so carefully cared for, manicured and polished nails, long strong fingers, so deft. She always makes her contribution—never misses. I think she must be a tither. Her salary isn't big, for

I know she's a secretary in an office over in the bank building, but she gives more than her boss does. I think it's because she loves her church more.

There's a dollar bill I'm ashamed of! I watched his eyes for I've seen him give that way once or twice before. He always seems to be trying to impress the girl that's with him. Oh, well, the dollar will help when it gets into the treasury, but he's already had all the reward he'll ever get out of his giving!

Here comes a family I always like to pass. Everyone of them gives something. They all have their envelopes, and they do it so reverently. I caught the mother whispering a prayer one Sunday as she dropped her gift in with the rest. It seems so beautiful to see an entire family sitting together and the way those young people are trained to give, they're going to be faithful givers all their lives. No need to worry about those young people.

Ah! Here it is. The usher's envelope. He never misses. He waits until he gets all through, and then he puts it on top of the pile. He left the envelope unsealed one Sunday and I peeked. It was a pretty big check. But no one would ever know he was our heaviest contributor. He's always the first one in the sanctuary. I can see him from where I rest on the Communion table. He checks up on everything. I've watched him seat the people, and sometimes, when there's a big crowd, he has to stand throughout the whole service. He always seems happy. I wonder if the people who are comfortably seated ever give a thought to the ushers who plan the seating so carefully. I hope God lets them into heaven ahead of the crowd; they've always been so thoughtful of the people!

And now the minister is praying. I always like the reverence in his voice as he says,

"O God, merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received, accept this our offering in Jesus' name. Remember in love the dear hearts who have shared, and in gracious kindness those for whom the gifts are made. Accept these gifts which we return, out of the bounty with which we have ourselves been blessed, and use our lives this week in behalf of the cause to which we have given of our treasure, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer."

And here I am. With these sacred gifts. While the givers worship I will testify unto their God concerning their faithfulness.

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# We Spend Our Years

By CHARLOTTE KRUGER

A Christian Novel

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## SYNOPSIS

"All aboard!" Dazed Heather Allison, mechanically heeding these significant words, was on her way to Vermont—"the land of green mountains." Her soul was restless, her heart without hope. Her fiancé had been killed fighting in a faraway land; her mother, too, had died. Heather could find no pattern in her life. There were only snarled threads without meaning. Uncle Anthony met her at the station and took her to his home where she was soon introduced to Maria Strauss, the wife of the gardener. A wonderful dinner was waiting for her, as Mrs. Strauss called out to her husband: "Fritz, come right away, quick. Everything is on the table set."

## CHAPTER TWO

The man called Fritz appeared in the doorway. With a great warm handclasp he welcomed Heather into his home.

"So this is our little Scotch Fräulein," he beamed at the girl. He had a round, rosy face like his spouse, and a thick crop of brownish hair peppered with grey at the temples.

"Make believe like you was right at home, Kind," he said warmly.

At this moment Mrs. Strauss beckoned the three to the tempting table. "Come now, or maybe yet everything grows cold, no?"

Without wasting any time, four hungry persons took their places at the table. But before anyone touched the food, Uncle Anthony told his niece that Mr. Strauss always thanked God for their food before eating it. And then four heads were bowed, while the

low voice of Fritz Strauss droned a German blessing.

It all seemed very queer to Heather, but she was enjoying herself immensely. What a contented-looking old couple they were! Between mouthfuls of the delicious meal, Heather asked questions and became acquainted with these new friends.

"We are so lonesome for someone young like you, Kind, since our boys have to go to the war," explained Mr. Strauss.

"Oh, you have sons in the army?" Heather queried interestedly. "How many do you have?"

"Two . . . Herman and Franz . . . Frank they call it here in America."

Mrs. Strauss broke in with a look of motherly pride. "Nice strong boys . . . and good boys, too. I show you yet their pictures later . . . when we sit in the parlor."

Throughout the meal, pleasant conversation was carried on, and then the four were ready to retire to the sitting room.

"But can't we do the dishes first?" questioned Heather.

"So soon I should make company work? No! No!" chuckled Mrs. Strauss with a dimple smile. So the dish-washing was left until later.

The evening was a pleasant one. Snapshots were passed around . . . snapshots of tall, blond, sunburned young men in uniform . . . Herman, who was in a camp in Florida, and Franz who had been sent to Texas. They would soon be going overseas as so many other boys already had. Mrs. Strauss' soft brown eyes filled with tears when she mentioned this, and Mr. Strauss cleared his throat huskily. Heather felt a lump arising in her own throat. Maybe they, too, would be taken like her Gerald, she thought. Who could tell? Again the heavy ache and bitterness returned to her heart.

"The little one must be tired, no?" Mrs. Strauss noticed that Heather was yawning quite frequently. She really was very weary, and longed to creep between the sheets of that inviting-looking rosy bed.

So at nine-thirty, uncle Anthony and Heather bade the old couple good-night, and with the aid of a flashlight picked their way along a flagstone path back to the big house on the hill.

"They're very nice German people, aren't they, uncle Anthony?"

"Cream of the crop, Heather girl," was the reply. "Good loyal American citizens, too . . . And their two boys are among the finest I've ever known . . . really hard-working fellows, and they love their country. Fritz and Maria Strauss have worked for me for fifteen years now. I wouldn't part with them for anything in the world. People in the town may talk, but they're loyal people, and I'm going to keep them here as long as I live, God willing."

Upon reaching the big house beneath the shelter of the old maple trees, Heather immediately bade her uncle good-night and ascended the stairs to her room. After quietly undressing, she turned out her lamp and went over to the wide window-seat. It was a clear, starry night. Ursa Major, the Great Bear, looked down at her from his place in the heavens. There seemed to be so many more stars here than back in New York. Stars! She thought of her pretty little sister who was regarded as a "star" by the world . . . a lovely radio "star," because she was bright and sparkling and people enjoyed her singing. A feeling of desolation overwhelmed Heather as she remembered the tragedy that had come into her life. It was so unfair. There was Judy . . . perfectly happy with Gary and with a wonderful career before her. And here she was . . . only twenty-two . . . but already the joy of life had left her. Oh, why didn't someone tell her a way out of it all? Why didn't someone offer comfort to her bleeding heart?

For a few moments she curled up on the window-seat watching the friendly stars. They seemed to blink down upon her in sympathy . . . as if they knew all about her aching heart . . . she laid her head upon the cushions and let the tears flow.

In a room near-by, a grey-haired man knelt beside his bed in prayer for his broken-hearted niece who had come to the land of green mountains to find healing and rest for her body and soul. Words of petition arose in sweet fragrance to God's throne while Anthony Morrison entreated his Heavenly Father for wisdom in bringing the joy of living back into this young life. It might be a long and arduous task, but with the help of God, he was going to see that his sister Myra's child knew the Lord Jesus

Christ who has the power to change lives and to make them useful for God.

While the man prayed, the girl in the rose room left the window-seat, turned her back upon the friendly stars and crept between the fresh linen sheets. In spite of her aching heart, Heather did not resist sleep and soon had slipped into the blessed land of unconsciousness.

A soft rap at her door awakened Heather the next morning.

"Heather girl," came the gentle voice of uncle Anthony, "it's eight o'clock. Do you feel rested enough to get up? Maria Strauss is downstairs fixing breakfast fit for a king. Then we're all going to the village to church. If you're too tired, we'll excuse you this week."

Heather sat up in bed with a start. For an instant she forgot where she was. As she blinked sleepy blue eyes at the unfamiliar surroundings, she realized that this was a new day and the beginning of a new experience.

"Why, I'll get up, uncle Anthony," she mumbled sleepily. "Of course, I'll get up. Thanks for calling me."

Had she understood her uncle? Had he said they were going to church? Why, yes! This was Sunday. People always went to church on Sunday in little towns like this. They had not gone to church regularly back in the Greenwich Village life because they were usually out so late on Saturday nights. But here in the country, where people lived wholesome lives . . . where they got up with the chickens and went to sleep with them . . . it was a natural thing to go to church.

While Heather hurriedly bathed and dressed, delicious odors floated up from the kitchen . . . bacon . . . coffee . . . biscuits. She was amazed that she was so hungry. She chose a soft tan silk dress as the most appropriate one for Sunday, and added a string of dainty pink seashells which Judy had brought her the summer before from Atlantic City. Heather had taken the shells to a clever jeweler in the Village, and he had made an attractive necklace from them.

As she descended the stairs, Heather could hear the words of the song which the plump Maria was singing as she prepared the breakfast . . .

"Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to take Him at His word;  
Just to rest upon His promise;  
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!

How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!  
The German lady peeped into the oven to see whether the biscuits were done and then spied Heather standing in the kitchen doorway. "Ach, Kind . . ." She clasped her hands in delight. "You look pretty like a picture." She regarded Heather approvingly. "I will call Fritz and Herr Toni and then we will eat."

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At that moment the men entered the room. Heather's uncle's arms were laden with dewy white lilacs. "The last of the season," he announced, as he placed the blossoms on a wide window sill. Fritz brought a large vase which he filled with water, and into which he placed the fragrant flowers.

The meal had been spread in the small dinette off the kitchen . . . not in the great dining room that Heather had glimpsed the day before. This morning, before partaking of the breakfast, uncle Anthony said a simple grace. Unaccustomed to this procedure, Heather peeked and watched the others. Uncle Anthony's handsome grey head was bent in humility and thanksgiving. Fritz Strauss folded his fat little hands, and bowed his ruddy face. Maria Strauss meekly closed her eyes and added a hearty "Amen" at the close of the prayer.

"On Sundays we eat breakfast up here," explained uncle Anthony. "The house seems so large and empty when I am alone. During the rest of the week I usually go down to the Strauss cottage. We began this custom of Sunday breakfast years ago . . . and now it's become a sort of tradition."

"Oh, I see!" said Heather.

The meal finished, uncle Anthony arose, left the room for a moment, and returned to the breakfast table with a worn black leather book in his hand.

"Before we go any further into the day," he said, "let us read some verses from God's Word . . . verses that each one of us can take with him throughout the day. They were especially uplifting to me this morning."

Heather was amazed. Never in her life had she experienced anything like this. Had her mother been brought up in a "religious" way, she wondered. She had never established any religious customs in her own home. Or had uncle Anthony taken a fancy to this sort of thing in his latter years? She could not help admiring him, however, even though she did think this custom was rather queer. She listened as he read these beautiful words:

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger, and plenteous in  
mercy. He will not always chide:  
neither will he keep his anger for  
ever. He hath not dealt with us

after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children . . .

Conflicting thoughts surged through Heather's mind while she listened to the words which her uncle read. If God's mercy were from everlasting to everlasting, why had He allowed Gerald to be killed? Why had He not given her the joy of love and a home . . . instead of this emptiness? Why had He taken the song out of her life? Fierce rebellion welled up within her heart again, and she missed the remainder of what uncle Anthony was reading. Suddenly she realized that he had finished, and had risen from his place at the table.

"I'll bring the car around to the front of the house," he was saying. "If you ladies will get your hats, we'll be off to church."

The day was as beautiful as the previous one. The sun was shining, and soft, puffy clouds floated lazily along the horizon. The four were soon on their way . . . the two men in the front seat, the plump matron and the slender girl in the back.

"Our pastor, you will like him, Heather girl," Maria Strauss was saying. "He is kind and good and loves his people. When we are sick he comes to the house like a real friend."

"How nice!"  
"His wife . . . you will like her, too. Young and pretty like yourself. Ach, Kind, they are so much in love . . . the pastor and his wife. It does my heart good . . . makes me remember when Fritz and I were young." A deep dimple appeared in one of her fat cheeks as Mrs. Strauss smiled reminiscently. Then she saw a tear sparkling on the eyelid of the young girl beside her. Something she had said had hurt the child. Ah, yes! Now she remembered . . . Herr Toni had said that she just had lost her sweetheart in the war. How like a blundering fool she felt . . . adding to the already heavy burden of the young heart.

Awkwardly Maria Strauss changed the subject, while Heather blinked back the tears. "See the path to the right, Kind? It leads high up to the mountain top. There are huckleberries there . . . good, big ones. I make jelly



when the boys pick them for me. If Herman and Franz come home on furlough, they take you up there . . . show you the berries. I grow too old and Fritz too . . . but if the boys cannot come home maybe yet we find someone else to take you when the berries come . . . someone young and strong. You like huckleberries?"

Heather could not help smiling. The little German lady was such a dear. "Uh-huh . . . I love them," she managed to reply.

"Then we will have you pick them later on when they are ripe and Maria Strauss will make pies. You like huckleberry pie?"

"Mmmm, I certainly do."

Upon arriving at the church grounds, uncle Anthony parked the car in the shade of a great elm tree, and then the four entered the coolness of the old stone building.

It was an interesting place. Heather looked about her at the lovely stained glass windows and the marble tablets on the walls, memorials to former pastors who had served in this church. A feeling of reverence crept over her as she sat and watched the simple country folk entering and bowing their heads. As she listened to the soft organ music, it seemed for a moment as if a quietness were settling upon her soul. But the rebellion welled up within her again, and the thought of what might have been her lot had Gerald not died, came back with all its sharp pain to prick her bleeding heart.

When the young minister took his place in the pulpit, Heather's heart was torn again with memories. He reminded her so much of Gerald. The same dark hair and eyes . . . the same deep voice . . . the same friendly smile. Oh, would she always have this ache in her heart? Would it never cease?

The opening hymn was announced, and the congregation began to sing . . .

When upon life's billows you  
are tempest-tossed,

When you are discouraged, think-  
ing all is lost,

Count your many blessings,  
name them one by one,

And it will surprise you what  
the Lord hath done.

Heather followed the words with her eyes, but no song came from her lips. There was no song in her heart. How could she be expected to sing? And what absurdity, she thought, to count her blessings when she had none! She listened to the others as they sang, but her heart was heavy and bitter.

Maria Strauss had placed a pair of tortoise-shell glasses on her small shiny nose, and was singing lustily from the depths of her heart. Fritz, who had no knowledge of music, was nevertheless doing his best, saying the words in a raspy monotone, while uncle Anthony's clear baritone mingled with the voices of the other villagers.

There was a sermon . . . but Heather scarcely heard a word of it at first . . . so deeply she was engrossed with her own thoughts. Outside a few sparrows were quarreling. A saucy jay scolded from a treetop, and a contented robin redbreast chirped a gay little tune . . . "Cheerily, cheerily, cheerup." Having lived in the city much of her life, Heather didn't know many birds . . . but, of course, everyone recognized sparrows and robins. Again the bird with its red vest called "Cheerily, cheerily, cheerup" as if to console her.

Her thoughts were interrupted by the voice of the minister. With the guilty feeling, Heather suddenly realized that she had not been listening to him at all. To remedy her negligence, she fastened her eyes upon the figure in the pulpit and began to listen to the message.

"We spend our years as a tale that is told," the clear young voice was saying. "Let each one of us, at this very moment, search his own heart and see what his purpose in life has been. Each one of us has certain years to spend on this earth. The question now is . . . how have you been spending those years? Have you been using your time to heap up gold? If you have . . . remember what our Lord has said concerning the laying up of treasures. We're not to lay them up here on earth, where thieves break through and steal and where moth and rust doth corrupt, but we're to lay up treasures in heaven where they are secure forevermore. Have search of world-wide fame and the applause of the multitudes? Remember this lasts but for a day, and then emptiness and bitterness follow. The crowds will cheer and applaud for a time . . . but as each new face enters the stage of life, the old is forgotten and pushed into the background . . ."

Heather thought of Judy as she listened. Yes, Judy was enjoying the applause and cheers of the radio world today. Would it last? Would she, too, be forgotten some day? Would she be pushed into the background like so many others? Again her thoughts returned to the message. She listened attentively, actually interested in what the young man had to say. He spoke with deep conviction and pointedness. It seemed as though each word were meant for her . . . and her alone.

"Perhaps your aim in life has been the accumulation of goods. Have you been spending your years building up your lands and forgetting to prepare for eternity? A well-known Christian layman has given us an interesting thought on our text. He points out that in the Hebrew the word 'tale' has in it the idea of a single thought, and so the verse could read like this: 'We spend our years as a thought.' Let me read to you just what he says in his book. 'Our life is so short a span that it is merely a thought. Yet the

striking thing about it all is that most of us, if not all of us, spend more time preparing for this little span of life than for the eternity that lies just beyond the grave. We slave, we work, we heap up riches, we strive to raise a family. Oh, how much effort we put into this little span of life, which Moses said runs to about threescore years and ten, and which might run to eighty years if the individual possesses a strong and healthy constitution. But what if it runs to a hundred years? What is a hundred years compared with the endless period of eternity?"

The young man's message was warming Heather's heart. He seemed to understand people; he wasn't trying to make an impression. He was simply talking in a heart-to-heart way with his congregation.

For a moment her mind wandered as she again heard her feathered friend in the elm tree giving his advice . . . "Cheerily, cheerily, cheerup!"

The preacher continued . . . "Are you spending your years pining away because of the loss of some loved one or loved ones? If you are, dear friend, remember . . . Paul tells us that it's far better to be absent from the body and present with the Lord. You know that if your loved one died loving the Lord Jesus Christ . . . he or she has gone to be with Christ. Isn't that far better? The days in which we live are dark ones, that's true, and we're hearing on every hand reports of tragedies . . . not only on the battlefields of the world and in the factories all over our nation . . . but in everyday life. There are bereaved hearts everywhere. That is the way of life. It has been that way throughout the centuries, and so it will be until Christ returns to set up His kingdom."

It was as if God Himself were speaking to Heather. Wasn't she doing just that very thing . . . pining away because Gerald had been taken from her? Wasn't the rebellion in her heart due to the fact that she felt God was unfair? A sense of shame and guilt stole over her. The blue jay in the treetop just outside the window scolded . . . and it seemed to Heather the scolding was directed at her. "Jay! Jay! Shame! Shame!" he screamed.

But suddenly that scream was drowned out by a much louder noise . . . the shrill whistle of a fire siren! The noise became so loud that the young man in the pulpit was forced to bring his message to a sudden close. He had virtually finished anyway. Some of the men in the congregation, volunteer firemen of the village, slipped out of their seats. Within a few minutes the loud clanging of fire engine bells . . . accompanied by the shouts of the firemen, slamming of doors on automobiles and running feet on the pavement . . . was added to the shriek of the siren. What could be burning?

(To Be Continued)

# The Publication Board Plans for the Future

Report of the Recent Publication Board Session

by Rev. T. W. Bender, Secretary

WHAT FEATURE in the BAPTIST HERALD do you appreciate most? Are you looking for something that isn't there? Do you want longer obituaries and shorter editorials, or vice versa? Does it seem to you that our periodicals are too conservative? too liberal? provincial? cosmopolitan? intellectual? devotional? entertaining? educational? too insipid? too dynamic? Then you will welcome the Readership Survey which your Publication Board, meeting in annual session at the Publication House in Cleveland, Ohio on December 7th, has authorized. The editors of our papers, the Reverends S. Blum and M. L. Leuschner, have been appointed to serve as a committee under the direction of Mr. Walter Kohrs in the ferreting out of your opinions, favorable or otherwise. A special questionnaire will soon be ready for your use.

The Readership Survey has been authorized by the Board at this time so that the enlarged BAPTIST HERALD might bring such material as our constituency really is looking for. As far as the SENDBOTE is concerned, the answers of our subscribers will determine to some extent the type of man who should be nominated to the next General Conference as a successor to Brother Blum, who will retire at the end of his present term. The Board has authorized the president, Mr. Harold B. Johns, to appoint a committee to make inquiries and to present nominations to the Board for such action as will bring two nominations from the Board to the next General Conference. The Reverends Henry Hirsch and T. W. Bender have been asked to serve on this committee.

As most of our people know by this time, Brother H. P. Donner, who served as manager of our Publication Society for thirty-four years, rendered his resignation to become effective on Dec. 31st. The Board voted to accept this resignation with much regret. While in Cleveland for the Board session, most of the members arranged to call on Brother Donner in his home. We were happy to find him in excellent Christian spirits and sufficiently recovered physically to be able to be up and about the house. The Board has voted to nominate the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner to the General Conference as the successor of Brother Donner. Brother Baumgartner, who began his service as associate manager a few months ago, is now serving as our manager. The Board was pleased to note that Brother Baumgartner entered into the administrative duties, so suddenly thrust upon him by the incapacity



**Publication Society Leaders**  
(Right to Left: Mr. Harold Johns of Oak Park, Ill., President of the Publication Board; Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, Business Manager of the Publication Society; Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, Publication Board Member for many years.)

of Brother Donner, with zeal and energy most competently directed.

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sive ministry of soul-winning and service to our churches awaits aggressive workers in this field. The manager is authorized to confer with men and women who are called of God to serve in this area. Seminary students and students of our Christian Training Institute have been mentioned as special colporters during the summer months. Pray about it and write Brother Baumgartner. In March you will receive Bible Day programs prepared by the Rev. H. Hirsch. The offerings of Bible Day are designated for colportage work. Be sure to have your church and Sunday School included in the list of supporters of this magnificent ministry.

Another of our Publication House veterans, Mr. Otto Rochelmeyer, has retired. This faithful brother has worked for our denomination, through the channel of our Publication Society, for over fifty-five years. For many years he filled the responsible position of bookkeeper. As with other men retired after very long terms of service, the Board has assumed a small monthly financial obligation toward this denominational servant.

We must not forget that none of our lay employees, wherever they may serve in one of our denominational establishments, are eligible for social security. The Publication Board has begun proceedings in our denominational General Council looking forward to the setting up of an adequate pension program for our denominational lay workers, as well as our pastors and missionaries. It is expected that the special Pension Committee appointed by the General Council will present such a revised pension plan to our next General Conference!

The outlook for growth in usefulness to our churches and in service to our Lord by our Publication Society impressed us as promising and challenging. Before long a manager of the Book Department is to be appointed to assure our people the very best in helpfulness and promptness in the procuring of all Sunday School and church supplies. A new book, "Religion in the Ranks," a collection of outstanding experiences of our own chaplains and young people, will soon be off the press. Place your order now. The price will be about \$1.50. A few copies of our last book, "These Glorious Years," are still available to the first comers.

We solicit your prayer support and business. Have your various leaders place all orders for supplies with Cleveland, and in your prayer meetings bring the work of your Publication Society to the throne of grace.



# Milwaukee's Immanuel Church Reviews 90 Years

A Report of Anniversary Festivities of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin by Mrs. Mary Denomme

The 90th anniversary of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., was celebrated with a series of services held every evening from Nov. 25 to Dec. 2.

On Sunday, Nov. 25, Dr. Earle V. Pierce of Minneapolis, Minn., former president of the Northern Baptist Convention, brought the morning and evening sermons. On Monday evening he brought another fine sermon.

On Tuesday evening the Rev. Paul Wengel of Adrian, Mich., a son of the church, brought the evening message. On the following evening Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, brought a timely message. On Thursday evening Dr. L. E. Olsen of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, former pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Milwaukee, spoke to us.

On Friday evening, Dr. V. R. Edman, president of Wheaton College, was to have been the speaker, but because of illness his engagement had to be cancelled. Fortunately, the services of Dr. Carl F. H. Henry of the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago were secured and his message was a challenge to "Youth."

On Saturday evening the 90th anniversary banquet was held in the church's dining room. The Rev. L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Mich., was the guest speaker. The honored guests were those who have held continuous membership in the church for 50 years or more. There are 24 members in that group. Those having had 35 years or more continuous membership were



Rev. T. W. Bender, Pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis.

honored at a special table. At present 82 persons compose this group.

Dr. Thorwald Bender, our pastor, gave a thought-provoking message to all present at the banquet. Miss Emily Kleppe, a daughter of the first pastor of Immanuel with a record membership of 73 years, was especially honored. "Echoes of the Decades" was presented by various members who came into the church in different decades.

On Sunday, Dec. 2, Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., was the speaker

for the "Anniversary Sermons." The evening service culminated in the impressive ceremony in which the church's mortgage papers were burned. Greetings were extended by Dr. Ezra Roth, executive secretary of the Wisconsin Baptist Convention; Dr. Wm. Kuhn, North American Baptist General Missionary Society; and pastors of the two daughter churches, North Avenue and Bethany.

The mortgage was burned in the presence of the Rev. H. W. Wedel, former pastor; Dr. T. W. Bender, present pastor; Mr. E. C. Quade, president of the Wisconsin State Convention and chairman of the board of deacons; Dr. C. A. Rohrbach, church moderator; Arthur Freigang, chairman of board of trustees; and Donald Johnson, newest member, representing the future of the church. As the flame consumed the mortgage the congregation rose and sang the "Doxology."

"Sacrifice Sunday" on Dec. 2nd was not overlooked amid the festivities. The morning offering for World Emergency relief and reconstruction was \$1500.

The "Brotherhood" sponsored the serving of coffee and cake for all on Sunday evening following the services. The Immanuel choir, other soloists and organist, rendered a deeply appreciated service every evening.

A larger banner was affixed to the wall of the church auditorium which read: "1855—1945—90 years of Grace—Bless the Lord, O My Soul." This aptly expressed the sentiments of every member of our church.

## The House Mother and Building Superintendent of Our Rochester Baptist Seminary

Two very important personalities on the North American Baptist Seminary staff at Rochester, N. Y., are the "House Mother" and superintendent of buildings. When vacancies occurred in these positions last summer, inquiry was made throughout our denomination for a suitable married couple. As an answer to our prayers our attention was directed to Mr. and Mrs. Okko DeBoer of the Baptist Church in Corona, South Dakota, whose son Lawrence is a student in our Seminary.

We are happy, indeed, to introduce and present them as our new "House Mother" and superintendent of buildings to our beloved denomination. Already they have won the hearts of the students and faculty, and are giving most efficient, satisfactory and loving Christian service to our students and denominational fellowship.

George A. Lang, President.



Mr. and Mrs. Okko DeBoer, the Building Superintendent and House Mother of the North American Baptist Seminary

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# REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

## ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

### Visitation Trip of the Rev. H. G. Dymmel to Our Atlantic Conference Churches

During the month of January the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, home mission secretary, is visiting almost all of the Atlantic Conference churches. His itinerary for these visitation trips is as follows:

- Jan. 2—Baltimore, Maryland.
- Jan. 4—Pilgrim Church, Jersey City, N. J.
- Sunday Morning, Jan. 6—Meriden, Conn.
- Sunday Evening, Jan. 6—Boston, Mass.
- Jan. 9—Wilmington, Delaware.
- Jan. 10—Passaic, N. J.
- Jan. 11—Immanuel Church, New York, N. Y.
- Sunday Morning, Jan. 13—Ridgewood Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Sunday Evening, Jan. 13—Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Jan. 16—Bridgeport, Conn.
- Jan. 17—New Haven, Conn.
- Sunday Morning, Jan. 20—Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Sunday Evening, Jan. 20—Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Jan. 22—Ebenezer Church, West New York, N. J.
- Jan. 23—Grace Church, Union City, N. J.
- Jan. 24—Second Church, New York, N. Y.
- Jan. 25—Bethlehem, Pa.
- Sunday Morning, Jan. 27—New Britain, Conn.
- Sunday Evening, Jan. 27—Walnut St. Church, Newark, N. J.
- Jan. 30—Jamesburg, N. J.
- Jan. 31—Second Church, Union City, N. J.

### The Bridgeport Baptist Church Honors Mrs. Julia Berger on Her 75th Birthday

An open house party was recently given for Mrs. Julia Berger of Bridgeport, Conn., widow of our former pastor, the Rev. Emil Berger, in honor of her 75th birthday by her four daughters, Mrs. W. Luft, Mrs. E. Blair, Mrs. R. T. Wehger and Mrs. E. Zissell. The party was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Wehger where 35 members and friends gathered for this happy occasion. Being president of our Missionary Society for 17 years before retiring, it was fitting to present her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers from the society by its president, Miss Marie Hensel, who acknowledged the faithfulness of Mrs. Berger and her

willingness to share in all the work.

A short talk by our pastor, Rev. Geo. Hensel, followed. He marvelled at her reaching that good age of three-score years and fifteen in spite of many reverses and the many duties of a minister's wife and mother, and her continuance in active work. In behalf of the church he then presented her with a monetary gift in appreciation for her work, wishing her God's blessing and many more years of happiness. She responded, thanking the society and the church and told of her enjoyment in working with the women and in the church, reassuring all that it wasn't too hard to carry on.

A pleasant sociable evening was spent after which delicious refreshments were served. The centerpiece was a large pink and white decorated birthday cake with "75" marked on it and having pink candles. We wish Mrs. Berger the peace and contentment which come with the declining years.

Mrs. L. Foster, Reporter.

## DAKOTA CONFERENCE

### The Wishek Baptist Church Raises \$3,287 for Its Building Fund

Sunday, December 2, was a special day on the calendar for the Baptist Church of Wishek, North Dakota, for it was on this day that we received our building fund offering. The amount raised on this day was \$3,287.88.

At the beginning of the year we set a goal of \$5,000.00. This seemed like a large sum of money to raise, but through our prayers and our work we are thankful to say that we went over our goal. Instead of raising \$5,000, we raised \$5,578.92 besides all our other regular mission money. To date, we have a total amount of \$12,472.92 in our building fund.

We are earnestly praying that before very long we will be able to build.

Harriet E. Herr.

### New Officers and Returned Service Men of the B. Y. P. U. of Unityville, So. Dakota

The young people's society of the Baptist Church of Unityville, So. Dak., was very happy to welcome the new

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minister, Rev. Fred Trautner, and his fine family recently. We are enjoying his presence very much and hope he can stay with us a long time. Two new members have been added to our young people's society. They are Elizabeth and Lois Trautner.

We have also organized a choir, which is under the direction of Mrs. Trautner. Our society still holds its regular meetings twice a month. At our meeting on November 29, we had election of officers. They are as follows: president, Vernon Wobig; vice-president, Bernice Rabenhorst; secretary, Elaine Koepsell; treasurer, Elizabeth Trautner; librarian, Helen Mae Stark; pianist, Irene Karlson and Lois Trautner.

Vernon Wobig, who has served his country four years, returned home the early part of October. He is discharged. He never had a furlough since the day he left home, so he was more than welcome back here with us.

Phil Trautner, who is in the Navy was home on furlough during November. After our B. Y. P. U. meeting on the evening of November 29 the young people went over to the parsonage and gave him a surprise party. Phil left again on Saturday, Dec. 1.

Elaine Koepsell, Reporter.

### Rev. Daniel Klein Reports His First Experiences as Dakota Conference Missionary

It was in response to an urgent call from the Rev. Henry Lang of the church at Vida, Montana that the mission committee of the Dakota Conference sent me out to that field for the month of December, 1945. Mr. Lang has been on this field for six months and has done a fine work. However, the difficult task of re-uniting two groups which were originally one has not yet been realized. Members who formerly belonged to Mr. Lang's Church now worship in a Community Church which is located only two miles from our church. While I was with him, we made efforts to bring the groups together, but the matter had to be left for state headquarters of the Northern Baptist Convention and our own mission committee to make the final decision.

Mr. Lang and I also made a short visit to Terry and Falon, Montana, where we found some Baptist people. Here we could not have a meeting, but we called on all the families in their homes. Mr. Lang is planning to have meetings with these people after the holidays. There are also some people in Wolf Point, Montana who are of our faith, and there is a good possibility of beginning a Sunday School and worship service. If all would work together, great things could be done for the Lord.

My next assignment will take me to Jamestown, No. Dak., where a number of our German people have moved. May the Lord add his blessing to our efforts there!

D. Klein, Reporter.



**Gospel Crusade With Evangelist Bronleewe at the Calvary Church, Carrington, North Dak.**

The Rev. and Mrs. R. P. Bronleewe of Champlin, Minn., conducted a Gospel Crusade at the Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, No. Dak., of which the Rev. Alfred Weisser is the minister.

Sane, dynamic and timely gospel messages were brought which were inspiring and uplifting to all who heard them. Mrs. Bronleewe contributed a great deal to the success of the meetings by bringing us many fine renditions on the solovox, marimba and chimes. Mr. Bronleewe also delighted us with selections on the musical saw.

The church was richly blessed through their consecrated service and several took their stand for Christ. A baptismal service was held on New Year's Eve.

At our annual business meeting on Dec. 6 the church decided to pay the remaining debt on the church property, a gift mortgage of \$500.00, and to build a new addition to the front of the church as soon as materials are available. A fine new choir has been started under the able direction of Mr. August Felchle with Mrs. Felchle as pianist.

Alfred Weisser, Pastor



Vacation Bible School at Lashburn, Sask., With Mr. Fred Ohlmann at Left and Miss Esther Schock at Right

was found in Psalm 115:15, "Ye are the blessed of the Lord." The message was followed by a program which consisted of singing by the mixed choir, male choir and mixed quartet. The orchestra also played and several recitations were given.

Mrs. Fred Ohlmann, Reporter.

**The New Sanctuary of Medicine Hat's Church is Ministering to God's Glory**

On Sunday, October 14, the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta was dedicated to the Lord. On

project was started, addressed the audience in German.

The church was filled to capacity for all the services, so much so that the overflow found themselves in the basement where a loudspeaker had been erected. Approximately 600 people were present for both the evening and afternoon services. Dinner and supper were served in the basement of the church.

The young people's talents in song made the service uplifting. The mixed choir of 36 voices rendered five numbers. The Junior Choir, newly organized under the able leadership of the pastor's wife, Mrs. Milbrandt, sang for the evening service. An appropriate solo was sung in the afternoon by the choir director, Miss Rose Lehr. Mr. and Mrs. E. Martin of Hilda, Alberta favored us with two duets.

The day was concluded with a baptismal service. Six young people followed the Lord in this step giving testimony of their faith in Christ.

Erna Frank, Reporter.

**Anniversary Program of the Ladies' Missionary Society of Edenwold, Saskatchewan**

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Baptist Church of Edenwold, Sask., presented its annual program on Sunday, Nov. 11. The program consisted of a missionary dialogue, several musical numbers and poems, and an inspiring message by Mrs. F. Armbruster. The offering, designated for the Seminary Endowment Fund, amounted to \$61.60.

In October, our regular meeting was especially interesting on the theme, "Thanksgiving." Some of the women told of the things for which they were particularly grateful. Then besides our regular dues, we had a special thanksgiving offering which amounted to over \$113.00.

The needs in the world of today are tremendous and the missionary challenge is great. We are happy that as a Ladies' Missionary Society we have had a share in the Lord's work. During the past year we supported the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies, Endowment Fund, Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, and the church building fund at Davin where they intend to erect a church in the not too distant future.

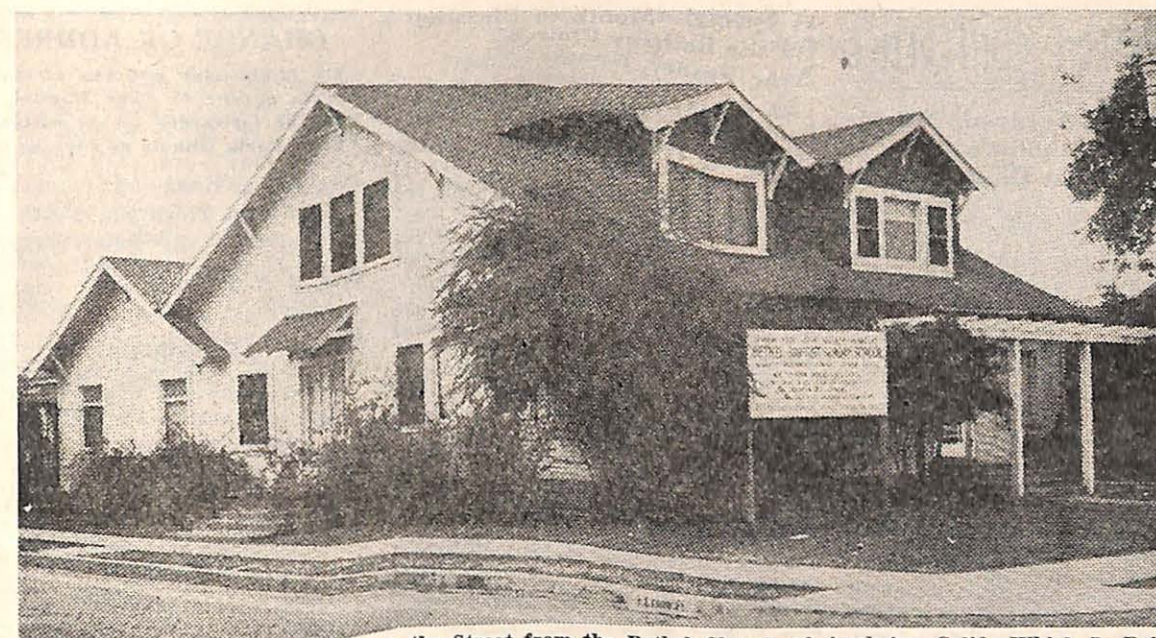
Mrs. Lester Kuehl, Reporter.

**NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Wisconsin Young People's Rally at the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wis.**

The Bethany Church at Milwaukee, Wis., was recently the scene of the Wisconsin State Young People's Fall Rally. Young people gathered at the church on Saturday afternoon, when the Rev. H. G. Dymmel of Forest Park, Ill. led the group in an interesting discussion period on youth's problems.

On Saturday evening the young people assembled in the church basement which was beautifully arrayed for a banquet. Following a delicious meal and an informal time of singing



The Fourteen Room House Across the Street from the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., Which is Being Used as Its Sunday School Annex Following Its Dedication on Sunday, January 6th

choruses, Mr. Dymmel delivered the evening address, "Christ First." He also spoke at other sessions of the rally.

After the Sunday School period on Sunday morning the Rev. Hugo Lueck of Milwaukee presented the morning message. The Rev. Peter Pfeiffer of the North Ave. Church of Milwaukee brought an inspiring evening address on the final phase of the theme, "Self Last."

Ruth Bathauer, Secretary.

**First Wedding Ceremony and Baptismal Service for Rev. Fred Knalson at Sheboygan, Wis.**

On Sunday evening, Nov. 11, the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., held the reception for its new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Knalson. They were extended a welcome by two pastors of the city and all of the officers and presidents of the societies of the church. The reception was an informal gathering in the church's dining room, after dinner had been served. The evening service followed immediately with a song service and another sermon by our pastor. The first sermon given in the morning was very appropriate since it dealt with "The Meaning of Bethel" for our Bethel Baptist Church.

After having performed his first wedding ceremony on the last Saturday of November with Evelyn Guenther as bride and Charles Bellmer as groom, the Rev. Fred Knalson was delighted to conduct his first baptismal service on Dec. 2 with two persons baptized. At a candle light communion service in the evening the church extended the hand of fellowship to four members. On the Sunday previous to the reception of our pastor and his wife the choir presented a musical program.

We are anxiously awaiting the return of the pastor's wife who was confined to the hospital soon after arriving in Sheboygan.

Oliver Rohde, Church Clerk.

**PACIFIC CONFERENCE**

**Ordination of the Rev. Elmer Zachay Into the Christian Ministry at Berkeley, Calif.**

On Sunday evening, November 24, Mr. Elmer Zachay, a student at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, was publicly ordained into the Christian ministry at the First Baptist Church of Berkeley, Calif.

Mr. Zachay was baptized in the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., where his parents were long active as members of the church and in the directing of many conference choirs for our denomination. He received his academic training at Wheaton College, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1943. In the fall of 1943 Mr. Zachay entered the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, where he took a year and a half of training. He is at present a senior at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, where he hopes to graduate in January, 1946 with the B. D. degree.

For the past year Mr. Zachay served our large church at Lodi, Calif. as assistant pastor to the Rev. A. S. Felberg.

Dr. Sanford Fleming, president of the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, gave the ordination sermon, preaching on the topic, "I Heard Him Call." The charge to the candidate was given by Dr. Ralph E. Knudsen, professor of Practical Theology at the Divinity School. The ordination prayer was given by Rev. George Elton Harris, pastor of the local church. Dr. Douglas, former executive secretary of the Tri-state Baptist Convention, gave the welcome to the candidate rendered a parents of the candidate rendered a beautiful vocal duet, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains."

Following the ordination service, a reception was given at the school.

Melvin Pekrul, Reporter.

**Dedication of New Sunday School Annex by Anaheim's Bethel Church on January 6th**

The Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif. celebrated the first anniversary of its pastor, the Rev. Paul G. Neumann, on November 25th. We praise and thank our gracious Lord for the many blessings that have been ours. Seventy-five new members have been added to the church during the past year.

The church has purchased a spacious 14 room building across the street to accommodate the rapidly growing Sunday School, which was dedicated on Sunday, Jan. 6th. In the educational plant the most modern of equipment has been installed and the school will be staffed with the finest of teachers. The Lord has seen and provided for all our needs. The Cradle Roll, the Nursery, the Beginners, the Primary, and the Junior departments have been housed in the new building. The Sunday School is constantly striving to new goals.

An excellent orchestra has been organized under the leadership of Howard Green, one of our brethren who is a well known director and composer in Orange County.

The Bethel Baptist Men's Brotherhood held its first dinner meeting on November 26. A great spirit of power and conviction prevailed as the 98 members and friends enjoyed the delicious turkey dinner and the inspiring program.

Song leader Leonard Dargatz led the group in a "songfest." A violin and accordion duet was played by Herbert Stabbert and Howard Green. The male chorus of 30 voices sang several encores. Mr. Neumann spoke inspiringly.

The guest speaker of the evening was Mr. Painter of Long Beach who spoke on "The Man Who Forgot God." The Brotherhood will meet once each month. The prime purpose of the organization is to win men for Christ.

Paul G. Jungkeit, Reporter.



The Rev. R. Milbrandt Baptizing a Candidate on Confession of Faith in Christ in the Newly Completed and Dedicated Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta

**NORTHERN CONFERENCE**

**New Location for the Baptist Church of Lashburn, Sask., Canada**

Great was the joy of the Baptist people of Lashburn, Sask., when the church, which was several miles from the highway, was moved three miles east of Lashburn to the north side of the highway. This will give all members a better opportunity to attend services.

It was a great privilege for us to take part at the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kraft recently. The church was beautifully decorated in rose and gold. A wedding hymn was sung while the greatly honored couple slowly came down the aisle. A gift of money was presented to Mrs. Kraft in a golden purse.

The student pastor, Mr. Fred Ohlmann, brought the message. His text

this memorable day members of various churches were present: Hilda, Burstal, Friedensfeld, Irvine, Rosenfeld, Gnadenfeld, Annenthal and Woodrow.

A very brief worship service was held outside the church. The doors were then unlocked by the deacon, Mr. Bender, who led the deacons, pastor, Rev. R. Milbrandt, visiting ministers and congregation into the new sanctuary for the morning service, at which Rev. F. W. Benke of Edmonton gave the message.

The afternoon service presented a variety of speakers. Four ministers of neighboring churches of our city were able to be present, and brought greetings from their respective churches. The Mayor and Magistrate of our city also took part in this service. A short message given by the evangelist, Rev. C. J. Smith, closed the afternoon meeting.

The first evening message was given by Rev. H. Zepik, pastor of the Rosenfeld Church at Golden Prairie, Sask. Rev. A. Kraemer, our former pastor, under whose leadership the building



## SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

### Reception and Farewell Service Is Held by Oklahoma's Immanuel Baptist Church

A reception was given on Monday evening, December 3, by the Immanuel Baptist Church near Loyal, Okla. for its new pastor, Rev. Alfred O. Thornton, his wife and their two children. Both Mr. and Mrs. Thornton graduated from the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill. They came to us from Texas.

The evening's program was unique in that it was not only a service of welcome but also of farewell. The Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn, who had served the church as interim pastor since the Rev. William Sturhahn moved to our church in Morris, Manitoba, had charge of the first portion of the program. His message to the church and its new pastor was based on Jeremiah 1:4-9. Then Mr. Thornton presided over the farewell service given for Mr. and Mrs. Ehrhorn.

Brief messages of welcome to the Thorntons and of farewell to the Ehrhorns were given by Mr. J. J. Hill, Mr. Sam Geis, Miss Cecille Vilhauer, Mrs. Rufus Vilhauer and Miss Ann Swain representing the church, Sunday School, B. T. U. and the Woman's Missionary Union, respectively. A vocal solo by Mrs. Thornton was enjoyed by all. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor of the Zion Church of Okeene, gave an appropriate message, "Preach the Word." Many friends from Okeene as well as the local congregation attended the service.

Miss Ann Swain, Reporter.

### First Edition of "Oklahoma Echoes" Makes Its Appearance in State of Oklahoma

The first edition of its new publication, the "Oklahoma Echoes," was recently released by the Oklahoma Institute, an organization composed of the young people of our six churches of the state. Dale Geis of Gotebo, president of the Institute, is the editor and publisher.

Concerning the purpose of this monthly, mimeographed publication, he says, "Such a publication will serve to unify the various organizations of our churches. As state Young People's Unions, we are rather loosely organized. For instance, at Institute time when awards are presented, there is little competition. This publication will also definitely serve the purpose of developing the leadership of the young people in our Oklahoma churches. The shortest road to good leadership is actual practice. Contributing monthly will provide plenty of practice on the part of the reporter or reporters from each of our churches."

Because a report of those activities carried on in the name and for the sake of the Lord Jesus by the Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U's., and Woman's Missionary Societies is to be the content of the "Oklahoma Echoes," a high standard in publication material has been established.

Miss Ann Swain, Reporter.

### A Special "Month of Blessings" for the Bethany Church Near Vesper, Kansas

"A month of blessings" was what the Bethany Church near Vesper, Kansas called the month of November. The first two weeks were given over to revival services with the pastor, the Rev. W. W. Knauf, bringing the messages. This is always a period of revitalization for a church. The attendance was good and souls were saved.

During the Thanksgiving holidays the young people sponsored a colorful Thanksgiving banquet, to which about 70 young people of the community were invited. Several of our Service Men were home for the occasion. The theme of the program was "In Everything Give Thanks." Robert Wirth acted as toastmaster and Dee Schulz was in charge of arrangements.

The church gave their Thanksgiving and Sacrifice offering on Sunday morning, Nov. 25. It amounted to \$706.00. A large crowd attended this "Mission and Thanks Service."

The church is very happy over an increased Sunday School attendance and also with the evening services which usually exceed the morning services in numbers.

Mrs. Wm. Wirth, Reporter.

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE

### Evangelist F. W. Bartel Conducts Successful Revival Meetings at St. Joseph, Mich.

We had the happy privilege and the good fortune of having had with us in the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., our denominational evangelist, Rev. F. W. Bartel, in a two weeks' revival effort for the last weeks of November. Brother Bartel's work was superb and during his sojourn with us, as I associated with him, I had the opportunity of observing him and his ministry, and I am convinced he has a real contribution to make to our denominational life.

He carried on his "three-point" program with children's meetings each afternoon and a Bible class preceding the service each night, concluding with the large public service in the evening. Each of these made a vital contribution to our church and is surely a well rounded-out program.

Some of his sermons are veritable masterpieces. His sermons on "The Biggest Sinner in Town" and "The Folly of Building Without God" are dynamic and I said to him in passing that, it would be a great thing if these two sermons could be given in all of our churches for a Sunday, one as a morning address and the other as an evening sermon.

It is no surprise that many accepted Christ as their Savior and that on the last evening, when the appeal for consecration and re-commitment was given, virtually the entire audience moved forward. We are deeply grateful to the denomination for permitting us to have in our midst this evangelistic servant of ours.

L. H. Broeker, Minister.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESSES

(All ministerial address changes that are to appear in "The Baptist Herald" must be forwarded to the editor, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois as soon as possible)

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## OBITUARY

(All obituary notices must be limited to 175 words or 25 lines hereafter. Please take note of this new ruling of the Publication Board. The charge for obituaries will be at the rate of five cents a line. Editor.)

### MR. JOHN W. BAKER of Holloway Terrace, Delaware

Mr. John W. Baker of Holloway Terrace, Delaware was born in Buffalo, N. Y. on Oct. 16, 1916. He enlisted in the United States Army on Sept. 13, 1935 and received an honorable discharge as Staff Sergeant in Nov. 1941. He was married to Miss Christina H. Peters on May 29, 1943. On Nov. 14, 1943 our brother was united with the East Baptist Church of Wilmington, Del., and served faithfully in various offices until his death on Dec. 18, 1945.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Christina Peters Baker, his parents Mr. and Mrs. John S. Baker of Pittsburgh, Pa., and a sister, Mrs. Ruth Salter, also of Pittsburgh. The Rev. John M. Ballbach brought a message of comfort at the funeral services. May the dear Lord abundantly bless and comfort all the bereaved.

East Baptist Church  
Wilmington, Delaware  
Christian Peters, Pastor.

### MR. DANIEL SCHULZ, SR. of Washburn, North Dakota

Mr. Daniel Schulz of Washburn, North Dakota, was born on July 11, 1873 in So. Russia. He emigrated to the United States at the age of three years, grew up and settled on a farm near Scotland, S. D. On March 5, 1894 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Koenig. God blessed this union with 10 children, 3 of whom preceded the father in death. His dear wife also was called home in 1926.

The departed was converted and baptized in 1892. He was one of the charter members of the church at Parkston, S. D., and also one of the first members in the organization of our church at Washburn, N. D. He loved the Lord and his Kingdom, serving his church as Sunday School teacher and otherwise.

After an illness of 3 years and an invalid for 16 months, the Lord called him home on Dec. 7 at the age of 72 years, 4 months and 26 days. The numerous floral tributes and memorials, later given to our Home for the Aged at Bismarck, witnessed to the high regard in which our departed brother was held. Services were held from the Baptist Church of Washburn.

Washburn, North Dakota  
John C. Schweitzer, Offic. Minister.

## War Relief for Europe

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one and a half million people, I proceeded on my mission to Washington. My arrival seemed to be at an opportune time. The Senators to whom I had personal letters of introduction were more than busy with labor problems, Pearl Harbor investigations, etc. Nevertheless, it was possible to have personal interviews with them as well as the key men on the President's War Relief Board. They assured us that our requests would receive due consideration as soon as the new War Relief Board, appointed by the President, has devised new ways and means of shipping relief to Germany. This would indicate that help for the destitute in Europe will be possible in the near future.

The dispensing of War Relief this time is not to follow the pattern of that of the last war. No relief agency will receive a license to function without being approved by the President's Relief Board. This Board has voiced the opinion that they will only issue a license to major organizations and that smaller organizations will have to function through these channels. Our numerical strength does not warrant the issuing of a government license for foreign relief under the prevailing laws. We will therefore take the proper steps to align ourselves with such recognized organizations that can serve our purpose best.

I was also given the assurance that the shipping of packages of food in concentrated form according to government regulations is being considered as a possibility in the near future.

As Christians, let us bring our petitions before the Throne of Grace to him who has promised to "do exceedingly above that which we are able to ask" so that he might "put into their hearts to fulfill his will."

## Sharing Christ's Joys

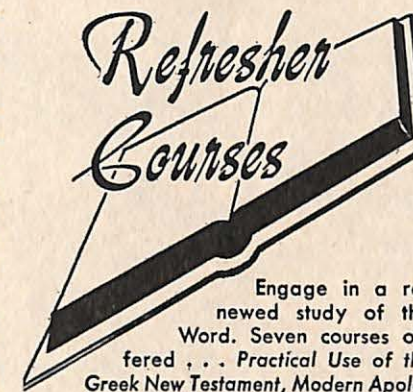
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would be less cause for contentment and patience in days of adversity if there were no assurance of a life-to-be. Nevertheless, an obedient follower of Christ is enjoying this life as much as possible and knows that there are better things to come. "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise for the life that now is, and of that which is to come."

Experiencing the continual presence of the heavenly Father brought endless joy to Christ, and we may share this joy. Whatever Jesus undertook, he made certain of his Father's approval by spending much time in precious communion with him. Since he ventured into nothing without being sure of the Father's will, he could also be sure of his presence. How wonderful it is to experience the omnipresence of him whom we love and serve!

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There are those who would evade God, if that were possible, in order to ease their conscience. We can be certain that Peter felt estranged toward his Master after he had denied him so shamefully. Unfaithfulness and sin mar the desirable fellowship we crave. We have learned, however, that our actions do not change God. He who sees us when we fall knows how much we need forgiveness and renewed strength.

He who is present also in time of suffering can enable us to become purified by the experience. Affliction is not pleasant at the time of its visitation; yet in no case where it is endured with unshaken faith does it fail in its compensation. If we permit God, he can weave a beautiful design into our life's pattern. Afflictions drive us to God and take away the baneful feeling of independence and self-sufficiency. We then learn to lean on him who is mighty to save.

We can be sure of one thing, that we have a large number of onlookers. The question is often asked: "In what respect is a Christian different?" Too

often we fail to be the medium of Christ's radiance. Every skill in church organization and every artifice employed in so-called attractions will not accomplish the desired results unless in every way there is a definite indication that Christians are sharing the joys which Christ had. Someone referred to Phillips Brooks in a statement to this effect: "The day becomes brighter with Phillips Brooks in it." Christ was real to him.

## It's Time for School

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many and varied, and much supervision is required in this situation.

We have been told many times by those who know that the girls are waiting to come when it is possible for us to take them. But buildings are expensive, and will become more and more so as time goes on, as it appears now. People no longer work for the sums which they formerly received, and materials cost more in proportion.

The lovely little church which Mr. Bender erected with such loving thought and care will not soon perish, for it is solidly built of stone and concrete. The making of bricks is a growing experiment in parts of the Cameroons where the soil is suitable. The transportation problem is an obstacle in the way of their wide use, but better roads are being built and planned for, and more trucks and motors are finding their way into these parts.

Only recently I returned from a visit to one of our more isolated schools. To get there meant a five hour trip on horseback, an hour's ride on a hired plantation locomotive and a correspondingly small coach, a half hour's trek to the river, an hour's trip by canoe (much longer back against the current), and another half hour's trek to the location of the school. The chief in this section is the brother of one of our pastors. He is a fine old man despite a rather fiery exterior.

He is seemingly deeply interested in the welfare of the church and school. It was interesting to find that it is the custom here for each man to live on his own farm, instead of living in long rows of closely huddled houses in village style. It seems the result is a more vigorous and alert people, better fed, and less subject to sickness. Most of the homes appear well kept, and the people were natural and sincerely friendly, more so than in many parts of the coastal area.

Whatever line of mission work may be presented to you, it all needs your earnest prayer. The problems can not be explained in words. Sometimes they must be felt to be clearly understood. Even the joys may seem trivial when put on paper, but we want you to continue to ask God's blessing upon us as we labor here in this section of God's harvest field.





**Only Those Who Have Personally Shared the Sufferings Can Really Know Their Bitterness and Pain**

Millions with broken hearts and disrupted families, many seeking shelter in tumbled down houses or cellars, shivering in the biting cold by day and night without adequate protection, are slowly but surely facing starvation unless help can reach them. The sufferings of homeless and helpless throngs are indescribable.

**CLOTHING FOR RELIEF**

**WHAT TO SEND.** Warm clothing for all ages—babies, children, adults—both men and women. Shoes in good condition; the mates securely tied together. Bedding, warm quilts and blankets.

**Follow This Rule:** Send nothing you would be ashamed to use if in similar circumstances.

**HOW TO PACK:** All shipments should be packed in sturdy shipping cartons or crates.

**WHERE TO SEND:** All shipments should be sent prepaid to the following clothing centers:

Shipments from the United States are to be sent to

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5 So. Eleventh Street, Akron, Pa.

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Clothing Center, Mennonite Central Committee,  
for North American Baptists,  
78 Princess St., Winnipeg, Man., Canada

**MONEY FOR RELIEF**

All contributions for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies should be sent to

Rev. William Kuhn,  
P. O. Box 6,  
Forest Park, Ill.

Toward our goal of \$250,000 we have already received \$202,259.29.

**PETITIONS TO SIGN**

We have sent a number of petition sheets to the pastor or clerk of every church, with the request that signatures be secured to petition the President's War Relief Control Board, Washington, D. C., speedily to open the closed doors for dispensing relief to the sufferers in Central Europe. For details see article on page 6 of this issue.

**All in Christ's Name and for His Sake**

Only to those who actually share in the giving of relief will Christ say: "I was naked, and ye clothed me; I was a stranger, and ye took me in."

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