

Summer's Glory on the Open Road!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The reception for the Rev. North E. West and his family was held by the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., on Thursday evening, June 20. Mr. West was formerly pastor of the Baptist Church at Minot, North Dakota before entering the chaplaincy of the U. S. Army. He was a student at Chicago's Northern Baptist Seminary in a "refresher course" when he received the call from the Kenosha Church. He has succeeded the Reverend William Schoeffel, now of Cleveland, Ohio.

● The Rev. and Mrs. George A. Dunger of Hartford, Conn., our Cameroons missionaries in Africa, have announced that a baby girl was born to them on June 18 who has been named Amalvalis. Daphne, who was born in Africa, is very proud of her little sister. Both the Mother and baby are doing fine.

● The West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Neb., held a community Vacation Bible School for three weeks beginning with Monday, June 10. The Rev. A. G. Rietdorf, pastor, and Miss Ann Swain, the Southwestern Conference Scripture Memorization worker, were among the teachers of the school's staff. On Sunday, June 9, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," brought a Children's Day message and showed denominational missionary pictures during a profitable visit with the church.

● On Sunday, May 26, the Sunday School of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta received a special offering of \$325 toward a goal of \$500 for the denomination's Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies to be reached by the end of September, 1946. The Sunday School, of which Miss Agnes Buckles is the superintendent, is enthusiastically behind this project of alleviating the suffering in Europe by means of these love gifts and missionary contributions. The Rev. Richard Schilke is the pastor of the church.

● On a recent Sunday evening, May 5, the annual program of the Felicity Missionary Work Society of the Baptist Church at Venturia, North Dakota was held with glowing reports that told the story of receipts of \$687.80 during the past year, of which \$180.25 was given for missions. Mrs. Edwin Krause, president, was in charge of the pro-

gram. The offering at the anniversary program amounted to \$51.22. The play, "Tired of Missions," was presented by a group of the women. The society's membership totals 21 women. The Rev. C. Rempel is pastor of the church.

● On Sunday, May 26, the Rev. F. E. Klein of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas, baptized seven boys and girls on confession of their faith in Christ as Savior. These converts were the result of pre-Easter meetings with the Rev. Fred G. Ferris of Lorraine, Kansas as evangelist and Mr. Howard M. Jewell of Detroit, Mich., as soloist and song leader. A Vacation Bible School was held with an enrollment of 32 pupils and with a capable staff of seven teachers. The choir of the church presented the cantata, "Olivet to Calvary" on Easter Sunday with Mrs. F. E. Klein directing.

● On Monday evening, June 3, the Rev. Albert Ittermann of Tyndall, South Dakota received the Bachelor of Arts degree at the commencement exercises of Yankton College of Yankton, South Dakota. The commencement address was delivered by Dr. Franklin Scott of Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. Mr. Ittermann hopes to continue his studies this Fall in the theological department of Yankton College and at the close of the school year to receive the ThB degree. This is a remarkable record for one of our pastors who was graduated from our Rochester Seminary in 1917!

● The Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana held a Vacation Bible School from June 24 to 28 with six teachers on the staff, including the Rev. David Littke as superintendent. The pastor's salary was recently raised by \$200, and after the Easter Sunday service, the Ladies' Aid held a pantry shower for the Rev. and Mrs. David Littke. The young people of the church presented the play, "Finding the Golden Key," at the Easter Sunday evening service. A "Youth for Christ" meeting for the Plevna community was held in the Baptist Church on Sunday evening, May 26, at which Mr. Shanks from Washington was the guest speaker.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Sheffield, Iowa held a Vacation School from June 3 to 14 with an enrollment of 106 children and an average attendance of 94. The children gave a splendid program on Friday evening, June 14, for the benefit of a large congregation of parents and friends. The teachers who served the school were Lenetta Hulsing, Mrs. Art Koenigsberg

and Eunice Boehlje, Beginners' Department; Mrs. Waldemar Mehlberg and Ruth Fedelleck, Primary Department; Orva Koenigsberg and Venice Moore, Juniors; Rev. F. L. Church, Intermediates; and Mrs. F. L. Church, Pianist.

● The Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa held its Vacation Bible School from May 27 to June 7 with 75 children enrolled. The demonstration program by the children was presented on Sunday evening, June 9. Mr. Don Steinfort served as superintendent. Some months ago, the church purchased a Hammond Electric Organ which was dedicated with a special musical program rendered by Mr. George Shuler of Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Howard Johnson, the pastor's wife, is the organist of the church. Mrs. Louis Johnson of the East Side Church of Chicago, Ill., visited relatives and friends in Steamboat Rock recently and sang at the Sunday evening service on June 2.

● From May 27 to June 1 a Vacation Bible School was held at the Baptist Church of Sidney, Montana with morning and afternoon sessions for the 32 children. Five teachers served on the school's staff. Shortly before and on Easter Sunday, the Rev. Otto Fiesel baptized 15 converts and received 8 others by confession and letter into the church, bringing the membership up to 65. Mr. Fiesel has been serving twice a week and more recently once a week with messages and personal counsel at a nearby German War Prisoners' Camp with its more than 500 men last year and with 355 men until July 1, 1946. He found the men very responsive to the Gospel message and many of them eager to return to the United States.

● Professor Frank H. Woyke, of our Seminary faculty, formerly U. S. Army Chaplain in England and Germany, is devoting the three summer months on an extended tour to our churches, conferences and young people's assemblies under the auspices of our denominational headquarters. By July 15 he had visited the areas in North Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota and visited a number of churches in Cleveland and Dayton, Ohio and Detroit, Mich. He will visit other churches in the Central Conference before going to Morris and Winnipeg, Man., Canada for Sunday, July 28. In August he will be in many of the Northern Conference Churches and in Vancouver, B. C., before attending the General Conference sessions at Tacoma, Wash.

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LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT IN THE CAMEROONS

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SOUL WINNING FOR JESUS' SAKE

This message by the Rev. J. J. Lippert of the Greenvine Baptist Church of Texas presents the familiar subject of evangelism in a new, attractive and inspiring manner and, as such, will be read with much benefit by our readers.

PAGE OF POEMS

By popular request another page of poems which have been contributed by readers of "The Baptist Herald" will appear in the next issue. These contributions, although not perfect specimens of poetry, have found a very enthusiastic response among our readers.

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EDITORIAL

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"Inasmuch!"

THE ONE word, INASMUCH, brings us face to face with the living Christ on every avenue of life. As we raise a cup of cold water to parched lips or go to the aid of a beaten man on the Jericho Road or bring good cheer into another's life in the Name of Jesus, we find the figure strangely changing its form until the Master himself stands before us. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto ME."

It is especially appropriate that this word, INASMUCH, will be the central thought in the three-fold motto of the General Conference to be held at Tacoma, Washington from August 19 to 25. So many hands are stretched out to us across the seas pleading for help. Three former chaplains will picture the misery and horrors of life in European countries on Tuesday evening of the conference. Every word that will be spoken will be another stroke of the brush that will paint the picture of Christ before us with such vividness that this word, INASMUCH, will trumpet its message loudly into our ears.

Thereby we shall know that no ministry is ever too menial, for it makes us co-laborers with Christ. No Christian work or service rendered in behalf of another can ever be "beneath us," if we see this picture of Christ in it. A golden halo is cast upon it and it becomes a ministry of high honor as it performs a double service of helping another and of magnifying the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then it also dawns upon us that no ministry is ever too insignificant, for it helps God in the saving of precious souls for eternity. When we help another through the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies or through the ministry of healing in Africa's hinterlands, we are preparing the way for the entrance of the Gospel into such lives.

That is what the Apostle Paul meant by saying that no Christian labor of love is ever rendered in vain, for it glorifies the Name of Christ. It may appear to be hardly worth the effort by all human standards, but in God's great economy, it fulfills its important and eternal destiny, because Jesus Christ is thereby magnified.

INASMUCH is a very big word! Its spiritual importance far transcends our finite thinking. For even as we render the service and breathe the prayer, "For Jesus' Sake," a glory shines and blesses it. "Lord, grant us more such blessings as we contemplate this conference motto, INASMUCH!"

Churches With the Old Time Power

A Provocative Message for the Consideration of the General Conference in Tacoma, Wash., by Mr. H. P. DONNER of Cleveland, Ohio, Former Business Manager of Our Publication Society

THE PRIMITIVE church came into existence at Pentecost, a few days after the Lord's ascension. It became the type after which all New Testament churches were to be modeled. The type was authenticated by divine revelation. The model was fixed for all time.

The genius of this new creation was its spiritual life. The believers were baptized into one body by the Holy Spirit who came into our age at that time to indwell and dominate the church of which the Lord Jesus, resurrected and ascended on high, became the Head. No power on earth has authority to change the type. There is to be no deviation from the established form throughout the Christian era, the era in which we live which is the era of the church.

A comparative study may help us in a reorientation of our modern conception, for it is crystal clear that our churches are in a state of lapse, that they find themselves retrogressing, that they are embarrassed with many compromises. There has been a loss of spiritual power through which failure our churches in the aggregate have fallen far short of their destined mission in the world. Times and customs change, but the church of the redeemed stands inviolate in its divine characterizations. The universality of its pattern is the miracle of our age.

THE LOST ART OF PRAYER AND FASTING

Let us now examine somewhat closely that primitive type, marking details which reflect numerous digressions.

Prayer found in the early church was its highest exercise. Prayer was urgent; it was impelling; it was, above all else, the prayer of faith, earnest, importunate, appropriating from the hand of God the thing desired. In extremities the church resorted to prayer. Power fell when the church prayed.

Charles G. Finney of the nineteenth century, that prophet of evangelism, a man who wrestled with God in prayer by the hour, told the pastor of the church he occasionally attended while in his unregenerate state, that he did not want the church to pray for him because their prayers were never answered. How like much modern praying; how unlike the early church!

The art of fasting, almost unknown to us was the practice of that day. The bridegroom had withdrawn and then the disciples fasted. So definitely

separated from physical desires, they could press through into the very Holy of Holies, catch the ear of the One seated on the throne and hear his voice. His directions were received and in obedience to his will they went forth to conquer the pagan world. If we could only fast, we too would conquer. When will we assay to do it?

THE LENTEN "SEASON"

The emaciated term, "lenten season," was unknown then. That was born in sacramentarianism in a time of apostasy of a somewhat later century. And now we are going back to that day embellishing a lifeless ceremony, devoid of power. This is religion in the realm of psychology rather than the expression of the heart—the substitute for genuine worship. At that time the church founded its preaching on the atonement of the cross but victoriously proclaimed the resurrection of the crucified Savior with exultant joy. This was the current message to Jew and Gentile alike. It was not hidden under a bushel and only exploited on what became later known as Easter Sunday. The "Easter" message dominated every season of the year and recruits to the faith were accordingly won from day to day.

We are lapsing into ritualism at a rapid rate being scarcely aware of the trend. What has a Baptist church to do with Lent if it lays claim to New Testament authority for its existence? The baptism of those who were being saved was a daily practice, for they were added to the church thus constantly. This was due to spiritual spontaneity. The preaching of the gospel brought immediate results.

A catechetical method of preparing people, and especially youth, through weeks of instruction so that they may be persuaded to unite with the church in a baptismal ceremony on Easter Sunday was wholly unknown in the apostolic day. Mass baptism of subjects, who were thus prepared in anticipation of Easter, did not belong to that age. The churches, consequently, were spared the heartache of an unregenerate membership bringing worldliness in its wake which could only obstruct the sovereign freedom of the Holy Spirit and becloud their witness.

PAGAN CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

The New Testament does not reveal that the "candlelight service" was then known. Where does it, indeed, hail from? The early Christians walked in

the light and in that light they fellowshiped with one another and that fellowship was with the Father and with the Son. There was cleansing in that union. They needed no light of the candle. Let us abolish the empty innovation. Yet, let us discard all ritualistic leanings.

The tendency of our day does not seem to stem from the days of the primitive church. It stops short of that early vital period. It intrigues itself into the later development of ecclesiasticism verging on the brink of the dark age that enveloped the earth. One of its characteristics was the surplice of the priest and the chorister. These robes covered a multitude of sins. They were not known to the virgin church at Jerusalem, neither at Antioch.

What are they doing for us? Why are our choirs hastening to adopt this medieval symbol of decadent spirituality? We are drifting away from the simplicity of early Christian life. May the day never dawn when our pastors don the sacerdotal robe in imitation of the clergy of neighboring churches that are sunk in Laodicean smugness. And yet, that would only be the concomitant of the vested choir!

While unhesitatingly accepting the New Testament as the rule of faith and practice, we are today falling far short of obedience to its authoritative principles. We seem to be unaware of their existence. The admonition not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers was binding them, and is today. It made for a desired purity in the life of the church. Neither a Christian man or woman dared marry an unbelieving mate. No brother was engaged in a business partnership with an individual not of the faith. Such unions, contrary to this commandment, would have meant disaster to the fellowship. The question of divorce was settled for all time through the divine interpretation of the Master and the complementary statements of Paul. There could then be no doubt as to the believer's course in the early church.

There has been no abrogation throughout the Christian era and disregard incurs God's displeasure. Thus, it was in the matter of worldly fraternities. Even if that type of social organization dated back to Solomon, there was no place for it in the church of the first century because of the unequal yoking of persons diametrically opposed in the things of the spirit. The brotherhood was confined to the circle of believers.

When the leaders of that day met in serious deliberation of great principles involving, for instance, the introduction of the faith to the Gentile world, they met as brethren on equal basis. Not any one was distinguished as a "Doctor of Divinity" with consequent differentiation. Even if Paul or Luke had earned scholastic recognition, the respective degrees were subordinated to the spirit of love which ruled among them. How disconcerting it would have been to have one or two of their number be referred to as "Doctor" whereas the term "brother" was applied to all others. Not the slightest suspicion of inferiority of standing was permitted to infiltrate their councils. We know how Paul regarded the emoluments of his earlier career.

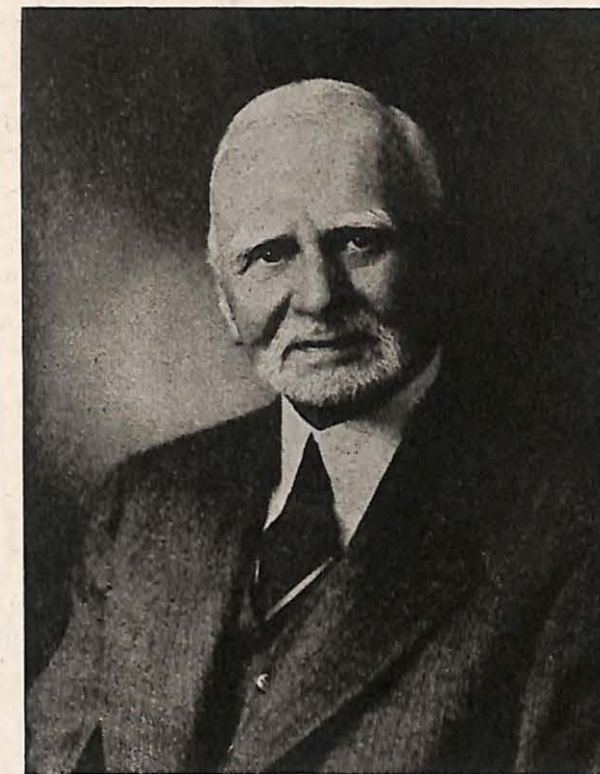
WORLDLY TIES AND DEGREES

That same spirit has been manifested in more modern times. When the University of Scotland offered the doctorate to John Paterson Struthers, though of great learning, he humbly declined the honor. It should be well known that the modesty of our own August Rauschenbusch, one of our pioneers, prevented him from accepting such distinction though well endowed with scholarship.

Will the reader, please, be patient with this recital which is outlined for the very definite purpose of revealing to our churches the general trend to ritualism whence our free churches made their departure after the dark ages that had enveloped Christendom, to show, furthermore, the vast retreat from the dominating life of the primitive church. If it be true that there has been retrogression, if we have drifted away from the apostolic groundwork, if we have sacrificed power, if then our spiritual life is low, if our witness has been dimmed, then the all absorbing question is, What can be done about it? Will it be possible to return to the primitive type, or will it not? If the desire of our people be strong to return to our "first love," where will the motivating force come from?

HOW CAN THESE THINGS BE?

There is only one answer. We are too impotent by individual or collective efforts to bring it about. No action of church or conference will avail without the impact of the Holy Spirit whose presence is still here, hovering over our churches to descend upon them in power when way is made for his reception. He it is who must bring the revival. This must be a revival of Pentecostal power so that fire from heaven shall fall to consume the dross, to cleanse each one of our churches from its unrighteousnesses and the things that have crept in that do not conform to the original type given by



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revelation. This would mean repentance and confession as well as a consuming devotion to the Master who reigns over the church.

Again the question must be asked, How can these things be? The way must be prepared and again there is only one recourse. The only hope is to pray it down from heaven. There must be fervent, prevailing, believing prayer. Such prayer cannot be offered except the Holy Spirit become the intercessor in the heart of the believer. But, we inject, it is hardly likely that a revival of such power can be experienced with such revolutionary ends as described herein. It would, indeed, be a bold request. But did not the writer of Hebrews prove our right to "draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help in time of need"? Heb. 4:16.)

SPIRITUAL REASSURANCES

This is our encouragement; it is reassuring. To similar unlikely conditions in the past God has responded. Recall the decadent condition in England in the eighteenth century when God raised up the Wesleys and Whitefield. Remember America in the middle of the nineteenth century when Charles Finney sent out the trumpet call to repentance and how our nation came to its knees. Do not forget the revival that came to Wales only a few decades ago when everything melted before the Holy Spirit's conscious presence. Past history emboldens us to cry to him in faith.

Another source of reassurance is the evidence that the Holy Spirit has not withdrawn his motivating presence from our own composite group, for there have been genuine manifestations of his guidance in our denominational affairs as witnessed by the spontaneous response of numbers of our churches to the missionary challenge as well as by the compelling desire to give aid to war torn countries of our world. There are other indications in the spiritual virility expressing itself in not a few of our churches as also in our collective effort. These are heartening facts that should drive us to earnest, expectant prayer. If there could be found only one or two or three in each one of our 266 churches who might experience an inner urge to unite in spirit and in truth in importunate prayer, the Sovereign God would hear!

CHALLENGE FOR THE CONFERENCE

How glorious it would be if our General Conference in session in Tacoma in August would be overwhelmed by a spirit of prayer that would rend the skies, ascending like a cloud of incense to the most holy place! If such longing came upon the conference there might issue from that representative body a proclamation of a day of fasting and prayer, yes, of fasting like that of the primitive church on the eve of a great offensive against the principalities and powers in high places, against the forces of the prince of the air!



The Rev. Hugo Zepik, Pastor of the Baptist Church of Golden Prairie, Sask., Canada, and His Stations Goes to the Church Services in an Open Sleigh at the Height of Winter (Right) and Happily Watches as a Caravan of Sleighs Approaches the Church for the Services

The County Pastor in Action

Glimpses Into the Ministry and Mission Field of the Rev. HUGO ZEPIK of Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan, Canada

"HELLO, stranger! Where must I turn to get to the highway going northward?"

"Go to the end of the street; then turn left. Thank you!"

"Now, if all is well we should be getting to Journey's End in about an hour, and, honey, I suppose you are not too angry about it."

"Not so fast there; the top of the car is too close to the floor for such roads as these."

"Yes, I feel that way about it myself."

"Now what has happened?"

"It seems to me that we are stuck in the mud."

"But there is no mud on this hill."

"Right you are, honey. No mud, just wet gumbo!"

"Gumbo? What is gumbo?"

"Gumbo is a very heavy soil, which when it is dry becomes quite hard, and when it is wet is so slippery—so slippery that I shall have to get out to do the pushing while you do the driving."

"Cooperation is a wonderful thing. We got out of that very well."

"Look! A sign, 'Journey's End,' turn to the right."

"Here we are at last. Is this the end or is it the beginning? Do trade and commerce end or begin here? Which is which?"

SIZE AND METHOD

"Please, Brother, tell me where and how far it will be to the churches that I shall serve."

"Well, Pastor, you live beside this church which we will call church B. From here to church A it is eleven miles this way. To church C it is eleven miles that way. Belonging to these churches are members who live five miles farther. It will be a very nice little drive of thirty-two miles to

pay them a visit. You will soon learn that to make two calls to the farthest members could mean a trip of sixty-four miles."

"Something else, Brother. What are the roads like? How is travelling?"

"Good and bad. When they are good, they are bad for dust; when they are bad there is no dust. When they go from bad to worse, then they are really bad. There are times when you will have to push, times when you will have to shovel, times when you will just have to walk for help, and times when you will not even get started."

"When roads are 'worse,' then how do I travel?"

"Old Faithful, the stand-by."

"What is Old Faithful?"

"Giddup, gee."

VISITING THE CHURCHES

Church A stands alone in the open country. Its partner for many years, the parsonage, has been dismantled and rebuilt in the little town at the end of the railroad. This church is the oldest and the largest of the three. Here the generation of pioneers has come to its last lap of service. The younger generation is slowly but surely taking over. All the organizations are at work, although somewhat weakened

THE AUTHOR

The Rev. Hugo Zepik has a large mission field to serve. Church A (which he describes in this article) is the Rosenfeld Church organized in 1911. Church B is the Baptist Church at Golden Prairie, Sask. Church C is the Annetal Mission Station. Mr. Zepik's experiences are typical of those of many of our rural pastors. God bless them for their untiring efforts!

The next article in this series will tell the story of "The Small Town Pastor in Action." It will be by the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt of Burlington, Iowa. It will appear in the August 15th issue of "The Baptist Herald."

by the withdrawal of a number of members who organized the new church B in the town of Golden Prairie.

In the winter when travel is almost impossible much of the work suffers. But there is a will to do, and when roads are passable again there will be a full program for all organizations. Limited schooling and lack of training make it hard for many to do that which they know should be done. This church has done a good piece of work in the past.

Church C has always been a station of the former. Alone, it stands in the open country not only as a place of worship for God's children, but as a memorial to the pioneers who have been laid to rest in the little cemetery just behind it. The edifice and congregation are the smallest of the three. There was a time when the little house was filled and many stood outside.

Now it is not so. Many of the young people who found employment and made their homes in the cities are not there to take up the work as the pioneer stock lays it down. In spite of the fact that it is a very ambitious group, which is able to care for itself in the pastor's absence, there is a dark monster with nails, board and hammer ready to close the doors at the first opportunity.

GOLDEN PRAIRIE, SASK.

The little town in which church B is located has come into existence only recently. It is important as a farmers' business center. Its population consists for the greatest part of retired farmers. It was the country pastor's first major task to get the church organized, make arrangements for the recognition of the same, and to complete arrangements for the dedication of the new church and parsonage, all to take

place within two weeks after his arrival. Here there are wrinkles to be smoothed, low places to be filled, and high places to be cut down, which like the church and parsonage lack completion. Sunday School, Young People's Society, Ladies' Missionary Society, and choir are all taking up their duties.

The preceding paragraphs have been a description of the country pastor's field of action. In the following paragraphs we shall see him at work as the tasks may be.

Visitation. Reference to distance has been made. The most difficult are the hospital and sick calls. Hospitals are 30 or 90 miles away, which would not be so bad if road and weather conditions would permit. An hour of snow-drifting may close roads for several days. For six weeks the pastor's car stood in the garage; the roads were closed.

Even when he can travel he can not make many visits. There are two reasons. One is distance; the other the insistence of the people. "You come so seldom that you might just as well stay to have supper with us." So he stays. "He"—perhaps, "they" would be more correct, because the ladies like to see the wife of the pastor. After supper he gets cream, butter, eggs, chicken, milk, sausage, kuchen or some other necessity of life and is sent on his way homeward with a song of gratitude in his heart.

Special Events. It is always a special event when the country pastor is present for the Sunday services. It seems to be a sin "Extra Ordinaire" not to attend church when the pastor is present. They hear the pastor only 12 or 24 times a year; so why should they call on an outsider to be the speaker at their special program? The country pastor feels honored for this privilege. Is their pastor ever a special speaker elsewhere? Not too often or they might just as well consider themselves pastorless.

Supplies and Materials. This has always brought the pastor many hardships. Pastors in or near cities have the advantage of going to some supply center to pick up the material they want. Not so with the country pastor. He sends for his, and when it arrives, it is not at all what he wanted, so he must return it and reorder. So the material finally arrives when the occasion for which it was meant is long past. Often the making of a few changes will make once used material serve a second time. Sometimes the only way out is for the pastor himself to write the material needed.

News and Information. It is always a great day for the country pastor when "The Baptist Herald" arrives. It provides him with the news of the denomination and the information that he must have if he would serve well the charge that he has accepted. How can he serve the denomination if he knows

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not what is being done? How may he become acquainted with other pastors with whom he works? How? By reading "The Herald" or "Der Sendbote." So when the country pastor reads the publications, he reads them for all they are worth. "By their fruits ye shall know them," is from the Bible. "By their articles ye shall know them," comes from the country



Dedication of the New Building of the Baptist Church of Golden Prairie, Sask., Canada Before the Doors Were Opened for the Festive Crowd of Worshippers

pastor. And where can he find a publication that will provide him with better fruit than "The Herald" or "Der Sendbote" imparts?

Fellowship. Whenever you see the country pastor going around looking as though he has lost something, then you can be quite certain that he is looking for fellowship. He spends months on his secluded or remote field without even seeing another pastor. Only those who have served such fields will understand how much it means to get together with a fellow-pastor, even if it be for only a few hours. If your country pastor is looking for fellowship send him to the conventions, associations and conferences where he will be sure to find it. Having found it, he will be a better pastor than ever before.

Travelling. On a December Sunday a church member went with the country pastor to his country charge. It took two hours to drive and shovel the eleven miles. Exhausted on his arrival, it was his good pleasure to bring a message on the Prince of Peace. Actual filling of the gas tank revealed

that it required six gallons of gas to make the return trip.

Recently the country pastor officiated at a funeral, which required the pastor to take a thirty-two mile sleigh ride.

Returning from a sick call the pastor was obliged to lie on his stomach in order to put chains on his car that he might get home. It was dark, his fingers were numb with cold, and the place where he lay was far from comfortable.

Method. "If you could be here every Sunday, then we would really do something," are words the country pastor hears often. It is not possible to be in three places at the same time nor is it possible to do efficient work in three places at the same time. The best the country pastor can do is to give himself to the ministry of the Word, (Acts 6:4), advising, guiding and instructing those whose lot it is to do the work.

His classic model is that of the shepherd who leads the sheep to green pastures and still waters, where the sheep must do the actual grazing and drinking. If they fail to do so, they and not the shepherd will suffer. Nor does the good shepherd send his wife after the lost and strayed. That he does himself. If it is a habitual straying he may break its leg so that while it is in this helpless state it might forget its wanderlust. This country pastor has not broken any legs yet, but he believes that that might be a cure for many. Those who think nothing of running after the world would feel ashamed if seen limping after it.

The Joy of Service. No pastor is happier than the country pastor when souls are won. This is his greatest joy and is often his greatest encouragement. The country pastor is still a necessity in the spreading of the Gospel. He may not be the most popular among the pastors, but he is very popular with his Master. The greatest compliment given any pastor was given by Jesus to the country pastor, John the Baptist.

More Than a Million Dollars!

An Important Announcement for the Denomination by Dr. WILLIAM KUHN, Executive Secretary of the General Council

DURING the 34 months from August 1, 1943 to May 31, 1946 our churches contributed exclusively for our denominational enterprise the unprecedented total sum of

\$ 1,062,320.13

It will be informing and interesting to study the following table which gives the actual amounts received by each of the affiliated societies during the 34 months.

Home Missions	\$127,793.28
Foreign Missions	101,089.43
Aged Ministers and Relief	37,349.97
Ministers Pension	41,643.53
Roger Williams Press	16,689.29
Children's Home	35,796.05
Rochester Seminary	62,877.92
Y. P. and S. S. W. Union	20,917.14
Homes for the Aged	

Philadelphia	4,800.09
Chicago	4,800.09
Portland	4,800.09
Bismarck	4,800.09
Denominational Reserve	77,031.84
Administration Expense	39,895.42
Denominational Expense	33,982.21
Budget Fund—Spec. Allocat.	22,462.15

Total Budget Contributions \$636,728.59

Contributions for Special Projects

Chapel Building	\$ 9,240.04
Fellowship Fund	267,980.49
Bible Day—To Roger Williams Press	9,513.27
Edmonton Institute Building Fund	23,102.88
Centenary Offering	4,301.81

\$1,062,320.13

OUR RESPONSE TO THIS ACHIEVEMENT

1. We resolve not to utter one word of self-praise or self-glorification, but rather in deep gratitude and overflowing joy we join in a "Hallelujah Chorus" acknowledging that God has poured out upon us the grace of giving and during the past years we have exercised this grace more abundantly.

2. We are satisfied to place this more than a million dollars into the Lord's hand knowing that he will record every gift and acknowledge the same publicly in HIS DAY.

3. Being co-workers of God in establishing his church and extending his reign, our individual and corporate influence now reaches far beyond our local community into the far places of this world.

4. This achievement of giving to the Lord during these 34 months more than one million dollars proves con-

clusively what we as a united and devoted people of God can do, and it opens up to us higher heights toward which we should aspire.

5. In many of our churches there may be those among our membership who have not yet caught the vision of being faithful stewards of their money in supporting Christ's cause. Such members should be won by love and patience and our own example to reach a higher standard of giving.

6. We will all do well to subject ourselves to a searching self-examination as to the motives that prompt us in making our personal contributions and to be sure that our giving is correctly proportioned to our ability. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," and our giving should never be for self-glorification but all "in the name of Jesus Christ."

SPECIAL OFFERINGS AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

This is an innovation. Never before has the General Conference been in need of such large contributions as now. Besides our large family budget, we have the special projects: the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies, Seminary Endowment Fund, Edmonton Institute Building Fund and the Came-

rooms Sacrifice Offering.

Monday, August 19—Missionary and Benevolent Offering. Goal \$10,000.

Tuesday, August 20—Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies. Goal \$15,000.

Wednesday, August 21—Seminary Endowment Fund. Goal \$10,000.

Thursday, August 22—Home Missions Offering. Goal \$10,000.

Friday, August 23—Edmonton Institute Building Fund. Goal \$5,000.

Sunday, August 11 to September 15—Cameroons Sacrifice Offering. Goal \$30,000.

All money contributed to the Cameroons Sacrifice Offering from Sunday, August 11, to Sunday, September 15, in order to meet the special needs on our Cameroons field will be over and above the budget allotment. Prepare yourself by prayer and counsel before going to the General Conference in Tacoma, regarding your own and your church's participation in order to reach these accepted General Conference goals.

Many of our members who because of certain circumstances must remain at home can, nevertheless, with their own sacrificial love gifts help together with others to reach this General Conference Sacrifice Offering of \$75,000.

Next Baptist World Congress 1947

An Important Announcement by Dr. W. O. LEWIS of Washington, D. C., General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance

THE EXECUTIVE Committee of the Baptist World Alliance in session at Washington, D. C. on May 19, 1946, the president Dr. Rushbrooke of London in the chair, received and unanimously accepted a cordial invitation from the Baptist Union of Denmark to hold the Seventh Baptist World Congress in Copenhagen in 1947. The dates fixed are July 29th to August 3rd, both inclusive.

The general subject of the Congress will be "The World Responsibility of Baptists," and a committee has been appointed to prepare and publish a detailed program as early as possible.

This will include certain normal features such as the Roll Call of Nations, the President's address, the General Secretary's report, and the official sermon. A commission appointed to consider the "functions, responsibilities and relationships" of the Alliance will also present its report.

Sectional meetings which have proved useful in the past will again appear in the program. Among them are meetings for (1) Young People (2) Women (3) Laymen (4) Foreign Missionaries and officers of mission boards (5) Language-groups. A conference on Baptist history may also be held.

It is understood that post-war conditions, especially relating to the improving of international peace and the establishment of religious liberty will demand attention, and that reports on Baptist contributions to relief and reconstruction will have their place.

The Danish Baptists have suggested as registration fees for members of the Congress: From America, \$5.00; from Britain, 1 Pound; from European lands, 10 Danish crowns.

Only persons certified as regular church members in good standing by a responsible officer of the Convention or Union with which their church or mission is connected will be enrolled.

The Gospel Harvest in Japan

Observations by Chaplain B. W. KRENTZ of Los Angeles, Calif., Before His Recent Return to the United States

WHILE in Yokohama, Japan from November 20 to January 28 I had some very enjoyable experiences with men of my unit and also with Christians in the community. It was my privilege to have my chapel built outside the camp proper and it was therefore made accessible to the children in the neighborhood, of whom there was an abundance.

I arranged a Christmas program for the unit. Upon suggestion, the men contributed candy bars from their rations to be made into small gift packages. During the afternoon of the 24th I counted 80 packages. In order to be absolutely certain that no youngster would be disappointed I invited only 45 children to the program. To my chagrin, upwards of 200 had lined up in front of my chapel one whole hour before program time. At the sound of the bugle the entire congregation marched into the room with a seating capacity of about 150. But Japanese children, like their ancestors, sit on the floor and so we could accommodate them.

My men sensed the predicament in which I would be when the distribution of gifts would take place. They scouted around in the barracks and kept coming with boxes and boxes of gum and candy. They worked like

beavers while the program was carried out. We had carol singing by our men, several numbers by our officers, some instrumental numbers by members of the battalion and the "Christmas Story" in Japanese by a Japanese Christian lady of the Methodist Church. When the nearly 200 youngsters, ages 8 to 12, filed past the Christmas tree, each had both hands filled with candy and a picture of Christ by Sallman.

Next Sunday we started a Sunday School with 75 children enrolled in four classes. Meanwhile, I had found two Baptists in the neighborhood and with the one Methodist lady we had our lessons in Japanese. I taught them the chorus, "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know," and they in return taught me to sing in the Japanese language "Glory to His Name." When I received my orders to report to a group of QM battalions at Kobe on the last Sunday in January there were many tears in the eyes of soldiers and Japanese. About 40 of the teen age group of children expressed their desire to accept the Lord Jesus Christ. The beautiful thing was that you could hear them sing all over the neighborhood, "Yes, Jesus loves me; The Bible tells me so." I have now a Japanese New Testament in the Romaji print thus enabling me to read it, even though I do not understand all the words. But

I could teach the Lord's prayer to the Sunday School in Yokohama and they mastered it in three Sundays.

The Baptist Church in Kobe here has been entirely destroyed. The few members who are faithful met in the home of its pastor. I addressed them briefly on a recent Sunday. Fortunately, I learned how to talk while squatting on the floor. It helps when you have to wait for the interpreter to translate the sentence.

I had a fine group of Christian fellows in my congregation, ranking from privates to one major. They worked hard on translating the peppy choruses into Japanese. When that was completed we sang, "I Will Make You Fishers of Men" in two languages. We had about 65 choruses to be translated. Until then the Japanese had to sing them in English and much of the meaning was lost to them. It helped though, because they memorized several of the shorter choruses, and then we had trouble with our electric lights. So I picked up my TROMBONE in the dark and started with, "Every Day With Jesus Is Sweeter Than the Day Before." We sang until the lights were fixed. Then I preached.

There is only trouble with these Japanese people. They want long sermons and services; so we begin at 6:30 P. M. and close at 8:30 P. M.

Japan is ripe for a Gospel harvest. Many of the young people have only a vague idea of Buddhism and no idea of what Christ means to the world. They are all eager listeners.

THE LORD IS AT WORK IN JAPAN

A Testimony by JAY HIRTH, a Member of the First German Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

We are having some fine times in our chapel work here in Japan and especially in our "Youth for Christ" meetings. The "Youth for Christ" movement is mainly for the Japanese, and the Lord has truly blessed us in it. Many Japanese have accepted the Lord as Savior at these meetings.

A Sunday School was also started here by some of our young Japanese Christian leaders. The attendance has gone up to 188 in seven short weeks since it was begun. Please pray for us here and for our work among the G. I.'s and Japanese that we can win many for the Lord.

If you can help get us some New Testaments for our Japanese friends who want them very badly, my buddies and I would be glad to give them to the Japanese. We can use as many as can be sent to us. (Miss G. Remmler, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois will be glad to receive any personal contributions for this need by securing the Testaments and sending them to Jay Hirth, Editor.)

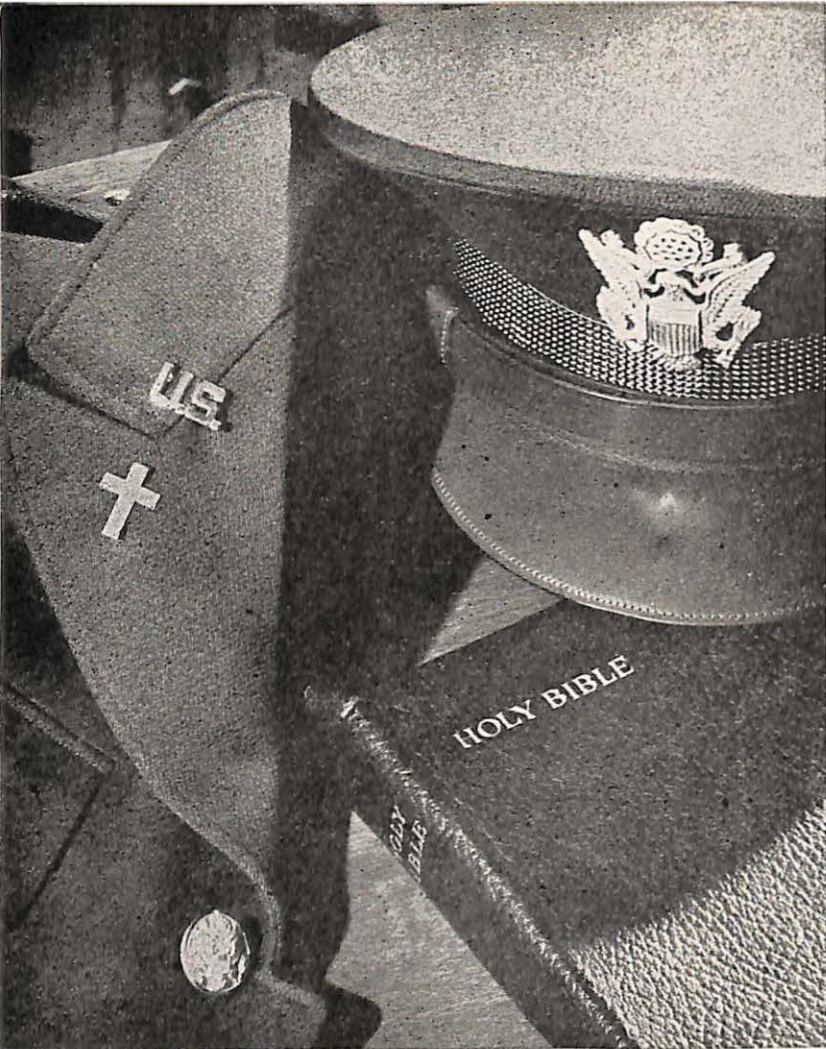
God's Open Doors in Korea

A Brief Report by Chaplain VERNON P. JAEGER Written on April 28, 1946 in Seoul (Korea)

DURING the past month my duties have taken me over much of that portion of Korea which our troops are occupying. In many places I have met with Korean pastors and church leaders. To put it mildly, there is quite a state of confusion among the church people as far as their organization is concerned. The Japanese just prior to their defeat and surrender had declared previous denominational organizations dissolved by official decree. They then superimposed their own united organization, appointing the leaders who were to head this organization. When the surrender came, this united organization "lost face" among many Koreans so that for practical purposes there now is no organization. Efforts are being made to bring some kind of order out of all this chaos. I believe some progress is being made.

Mission properties are badly deteriorated. No repairs have been made for years and in addition much of the property was used for other than its original purposes and badly abused during the war years. All the Koreans I have met are very anxious for the missionaries to return. Clearance has been given for the return of an original group of 18 former missionaries. It is hoped arrangements can be completed for more to follow soon.

Here in Seoul we held a big community Easter sunrise service on the hill where formerly stood the National Japanese Shinto Shrine. That property is now in the hands of the Christian churches for the purpose of a music conservatory and a museum of Christian relics. Korean churches and army chaplains took part in these impressive observances.



A Chaplain Looks at Germany

Observations by the Former Chaplain OTTO NALLINGER of the Third Infantry Division, Now Pastor of the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Near Dallas, Oregon

IT IS MORE than a year since I first crossed the borders of Luxembourg into Germany. Our trucks rumbled along the German highways, through little ghost towns and destroyed cities until we reached Zulpich, Germany just outside of Cologne.

Zulpich, like most towns in that area, is almost completely destroyed. We set up in this town and remained there about three months.

It is here where I made my first contacts with a few German people. When we first arrived, only a few civilians could be seen in town. They had fled to secure places. The front was just a short way off. But as the front moved further east, the people started coming back into their cities and little towns. Some walked, others came on their bicycles pulling little carts behind them which were filled with their sole possessions. Others again came on ox carts and horse drawn wagons. A few tractors were seen pulling two and sometimes three wagons behind them. Some were pulling and pushing their few belongings in little handcars.

They were old men and women and children with sullen faces which seemed without hope and joy. The roads were lined for miles by this caravan which passed in review day after day for months. I can honestly say that I have never seen a worse mass of humanity than that which was formed by these defeated people. On the whole,

their faces showed no hate. They were docile and listless. They portrayed a "care not" attitude. They simply lived from day to day, come what may. During the day they traveled and at night they rested wherever they could lay their tired bodies. Sometimes they found old buildings and at other times they found some hastily erected or remodeled shelters, but for the most part they simply slept under God's great roof.

A LISTLESS, DEFEATED PEOPLE

As one observed them it appeared that these people had become void of feeling. They simply sought to make the best of their plight.

Our little town sprang back to life as the people returned. Many found their homes utterly destroyed. Others found part of their homes standing. They used what rooms they could and called them their home. Others had to live with neighbors. In the beginning they did not have much time to think. They were busy locating places in which to live and finding food for themselves.

Slowly, however, their minds began to function again. This area, where we were stationed at the time, is known as the Saar. Here the people are predominantly Catholic. My first contacts with the Germans was therefore with those of the Catholic faith.

You must also bear in mind that the non-fraternization policy was still in effect at this time. My contacts were therefore limited primarily to members

of the clergy at this time with whom I had to come into contact on official matters. We had taken over a former insane institution which was owned and run by the Catholic Church of that town. They still had about 400 patients when we set up our headquarters there.

The Catholic priest was a slightly built and kindly gentleman. I had many conversations with him on religious as well as secular matters. On the whole he well exemplified the first reaction of the German people toward us and their losing the war. The war was still in progress but everyone knew, including the Germans, that it was only a question of how much longer the German soldier could hold out.

The priest's reaction toward the allies winning the war was very favorable. He told me again and again how glad he was that the "Nazis" were finally being defeated and put out of power. I believe that his reaction was sincere and quite natural because of his experiences with the Nazis.

EXPERIENCES IN STUTTART

In the last days of the war and the early days of the Armistice the Germans (that is some of them) regarded us as liberators. At least this is the impression they sought to convey to us. Many of them were sincere, others did it out of fright and a great many were opportunists who thought it would be to their benefit to adopt this attitude.

One of my many trips took me to Stuttgart in southern Germany which at that time was occupied by the French. We were one of few Americans in the city and everywhere we went we found people anxious to know if the Americans were coming. They showed great disappointment when they learned that we didn't know.

From Stuttgart we went to Trossingen to buy an accordion from the Hohner factory. Here I found the manager of the factory quite pleased to see us and very anxiously looking forward to the coming of the Americans. He apparently expected favors from the Americans which they did not have nor expect from the French.

In a later contact with this same man I learned that his attitude had changed considerably. He was still under French occupation and will be for good and seems to be glad of it. He has learned that the Americans did not come as liberators and that as far as the denazification policy is concerned they were more thorough than the French. He seemed to be glad that his own area was being occupied by the French and not by the Americans. This was probably due to the fact that in the American zone he would not have been able to function as manager of the factory.

Another illustration may show why the early reaction was favorable. On one of my trips from Alsey, Germany, which is located in the Pfalz, to Bad Neuenahr I had to travel along the left bank of the Rhine River. I was not quite sure as to which Rock along the beautiful Rhine Gorge was the Lorelei. I could only guess. I guessed well. Upon seeing a protruding Rock which I thought might be the legendary Lorelei, I stopped and asked a passerby for a verification of my belief. I learned that the Rock which I had picked out was in fact the Lorelei. The elderly man of whom I had made the inquiries said: "Yes, that is the Lorelei," and with moistened eyes added: "Now we can sing the song of the Lorelei again also." It appears that the powers-to-be had made this song "Verboten" because the author had been a Jew.

SINGING THE "LORELEI"

At a later opportunity I tested to see whether or not the story of the old man was true. When the army issued orders that occupation troops interest themselves in the German youth, I became quite active in this work. It was in the city of Scharndorf, Wuerttemberg that I met with about 200 German boys and the leaders of that city. After the meeting the local Buergermeister suggested that the group sing some German folk songs.

After they had sung a few numbers I asked them to sing the "Lorelei" but learned that they were unable to do so because the youth had never learned the song. Some had not even heard about it. It was absolutely unknown

to them. Some of the older ones knew it and started out to sing it very hesitatingly, but their enthusiasm increased as they sang along. One could easily see that a little fear was still in their minds as they began to sing and that they no longer needed to fear to sing this song and as the full realization hit them that they were absolutely free and could sing to their hearts' delight they let forth in full volume.

I will now tell you something of what I consider the second attitude of the German people. After the shooting stopped, I came to Alsey, Germany with my unit. This town is located in the Pfalz area. From there we went to Ludwigshaven and thence to Bad Kreuznach. From Bad Kreuznach to Verdun, France and then to Rheims, supposedly on our way to the Pacific to take up the struggle against the Japanese. The sudden end of the war in the Pacific left us stranded in Rheims, France. We were sent back to Germany and this time located in the city of Darmstadt.

Immediately I noticed a new phase in the attitude of the German people. The non-fraternization policy was no longer in effect. The occupation troops and the German civilian population came into closer contact with one another. This resulted in both happy and unhappy consequences.

EXCUSES AND HOSTILITY

Some Germans learned to know and respect the Americans. Others again began to belittle them. The early fear was gone. The Germans became bolder and showed that boldness in various ways. It happened to me more than once that as I walked along the sidewalk of Darmstadt or Heidelberg or some of

the other cities that the German civilians coming toward me would willfully refuse to step aside. Many of them, it seemed, found delight in making the American troops step off the sidewalk into the street in order to let them pass. This occurred so often that the Army was forced to issue a directive stating that Americans will not step into the street to let German civilians pass. The German is, of course, by nature a proud person and his pride has been severely dealt with through the losing of the war. Slowly they now began to show their hurt.

A closer contact with the Germans came about when we received our orders from the 7th Army to organize and conduct a Youth Program. I was at that time with the 100th Division located in the city of Schorndorf, Wuerttemberg. We started out to work with the youth in Schorndorf and more or less attempted to make the organization of that city a model after which other towns could be organized. We contacted the Buergermeister and the local pastor. Both greeted the program with enthusiasm. But even here we met with some hostility.

Chaplain Buckley, the Catholic chaplain of our Regiment; Chaplain Hill, a Southern Baptist; and my co-worker in the Regiment and I called upon the local Evangelical pastor in order to discuss the youth program with him. We were anxious to learn his point of view and to have his suggestions. Our conversation with him was very delightful and cordial.

However, one of his daughters, who served tea for us, found it necessary to give voice to her immature ideas on the subject whenever she thought she had found a good opening to drop a



—Acme Photo
Potsdamer Strasse, the Busiest Thoroughfare in Berlin, Which Leads to Potsdamer Platz, Comparable to New York's Times Square, is Still Filled With People—But They Are Hungry They Are Gunned and Shattered Beyond Repair



The Statue of Bismarck Surveys the Ruins and Human Misery in Devastated Magdeburg, Germany as a Result of the Catastrophic Ravages of World War No. 2

cutting remark. Some of her remarks which were most irritating were something like the following:

"I don't think that the young people will welcome a program sponsored by the Americans. They don't trust you." She always spoke as though it were some of the other young people who felt that way when in reality it was she herself who thought along these lines. Again she would say:

"The Amies are not better than the Nazis were." Or she would counter with the words: "The young people don't respect the American soldiers for they know from our own men, who are returned soldiers, what poor fighters the Americans are and how they ran away from a little danger. If our soldiers had had the necessary equipment, the Americans would never have won the war."

These were the remarks of a teen age girl. I would judge that she was about 19 years of age. The remarks are important from the point of view in that they show us what is going on in the mind of the youth of the German population. Defeat is too humiliating for them. They must find an excuse for it.

MARTIN NIEMOELLER

The German people are now in the third phase. It is the phase of making excuses. The former elements are still present but this third characteristic is becoming more noticeable every day.

Opinions are being expressed that Hitler had done some good, that he wasn't as bad as he is made out to have been, that the Nazis had done some good, and the people were pretty well off under their rule. Excuses are made for the concentration camps and

the Jewish persecution which cannot be denied, so excuses have to be found for these activities. Excuses are also found for the presence of the Displaced Persons who are constituting a major economic and political problem at the present time. Excuses are made for the war and justifications for it are found.

This is done directly at times and sometimes through satire and straightforward jokes. In some cases, this attitude of making excuses is already turning into a hostile attitude.

The first time I heard Martin Niemoeller speak was in Stuttgart. Here he gave voice to the sentiments which were to be the basis of most of his addresses throughout Germany. The gist of his message is that the German people as a whole and the church in particular are to blame for the war and not only "Die bösen Nazis."

Although not willing to admit collective guilt of the German people for the war, the gist of his message nevertheless is that the German people and the church are greatly responsible for what happened in Germany. It is his contention that the church stood against Hitler only after she herself was being attacked by the Nazis. Prior to this the church did nothing, although it clearly saw the wrongs which were committed by those in power. The church in his opinion, should have spoken out against Hitler much sooner that it did. He blames himself for not having spoken sooner against the Nazis. He did not take a stand against them until 1935 when the church and he himself were attacked.

It is because of this attitude that Niemoeller is attacked by many churchmen and by a good many people. Recently when he came to Marburg

to deliver an address at the University of Marburg, the student body staged a demonstration against him, showing their disapproval of his attitude and giving concrete evidence of their own attitude that they are no longer apologetic but rather willing to make excuses for Germany's wrong doing, and some go still further in disclaiming any blame for the war whatsoever. They even go so far as to say that the Allies are to blame for the war.

"ACHT UND ACHT!"

Recently it has been noticed that a number of people greet one another with the words: "Acht und acht." No one seems to know the significance of this greeting but it is believed that it stands for "Heil Hitler," because the eighth letter of the alphabet is H.

Little secret groups are being organized having various aims. One such group is the "Edelweiss." It is an organization of young men who pledge themselves against the Displaced Persons and seek to do harm to those German girls who associate with our American troops. They are very hostile and must be dealt with severely. The significant thing is that it shows a very definite trend of thinking on the part of the youth in Germany and it clearly marks out our task there. The war is a long way from being over.

In addition to all of this, it must be stated that there are some very hopeful signs in Germany. It is not true as some would have us believe that there is no such being as a good German. There are good Germans there and I have met a great many of them. They sincerely seek the confidence of the Americans and the Allies and are honestly working toward a future relationship of good will between Germany and the other nations.

Our relationship with the German churches is very good. Unfortunately, it cannot be said that the church was entirely free of Nazism and National fanaticism. But on the whole the churches of Germany, both Catholic and Protestant, were the only organized body which took a passive stand against National Socialism. Today, although not without spot, the church can hold its head high and it need not be ashamed of itself. People are turning to it more and more and the church at present has a great opportunity in Germany. It is my opinion that we must get behind the church with all our strength so that its full ability can be exploited for the welfare of Germany and the world as a whole.

The Germans are not an irreligious or anti-religious people. Both Catholic and Protestant services are well attended everywhere. If I may be so forward in saying it, I believe they are better church attenders than our own people are in the States, and at present there is greater hope here in Germany of a genuine Christian faith taking root than there is in the United States.



The Executive Committee of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington, With the Reverends W. C. Damrau and Virgil Savage at the Extreme Left

A Church With Courage and Determination

The Story of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington by Miss ELIZABETH AHRENS

IN DESCRIBING the Northwest, Bruce Bliven recently wrote, "There is more of the feel of the pioneering West in this part of the country than anywhere else—even Texas. California today seems a little rich, elderly and tired; the Northwest is still young, poor, and determined to go places."

The above probably describes us well. We may be young, poor, inexperienced, but we are determined to go places for God and his Kingdom, and this same spirit activated the first few believers who had a part in the humble beginnings here in Tacoma in 1897.

THE EASY BEGINNINGS

Mr. G. Schunke came to Seattle and Tacoma, Washington from Oregon in 1897, not knowing where he might find German believers. Arriving in Tacoma, he was approached by a man on the street who asked him whether he held a partnership in an Alaskan gold mine. Mr. Schunke replied that he was a share-holder in the richest gold mine in the world, drew forth his Bible, and revealed his purpose for being in this vicinity. This stranger then gave him the name of a man who had the reputation of being a great church worker, and from this man the name of a German family was obtained. These people opened their home, invited others, and the Gospel was preached to a little group with hungry hearts.

In the fall of 1897, a women's society with 13 members was organized. The beginning of the work appeared very promising, but it soon came under un-

wholesome influences and suffered great injury.

On February 26, 1899 the First German Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington was organized with seven believers. Of these charter members, Mrs. F. Freiheit is still a member of the church. The Rev. C. E. Kliever became the first pastor.

THE FIRST PASTORS

By January 23, 1900 eight more members had been added either by baptism or letter. On this date, with a total membership of 15, the church bought its first building property. In November 1901 the reconditioned building was formally dedicated and the church was recognized by the Pacific Conference of German Baptist Churches, and in June 1903 the church for the first time entertained the Pacific Conference.

That same year the Rev. C. E. Kliever resigned, and in June the Rev. G. Eichler became the undershepherd. During his ministry here the church experienced a healthy growth and various improvements were made on the property. Mr. Eichler resigned in February 1906 and the Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke accepted the call which was given him.

Toward the end of 1906, the church building which had served them these years and which saw them grow from a handful to nearly 50 members, was sold for about \$7000 and a new one erected, the present edifice.

Early in 1909 a missionary, Miss

Augusta Johnson, was called from the Chicago Training School to help with the work. She served for about 3 years and made some lasting contributions.

PLANS FOR ENLARGEMENT

In February 1912 Mr. Wuttke laid down his work. He was followed by the Rev. R. A. Blandau, and God was with him. It was with a sad heart that the church family accepted his resignation in January of 1920, due to ill health.

On April 1, 1914 the church became self-supporting, and that summer the Pacific Conference met for the second time in Tacoma.

The years passed and by 1919 the congregation was confronted with the fact that the church building was becoming too small for its ever growing membership. So by 1921 remodeling and enlargement plans were undertaken, the cost of which was about \$12,000.

The Lord continued to bless and to add to the membership. On February 24, 1924 the congregation celebrated its 25th anniversary. From the small beginning, it had grown to a church of 175 members. In 1926, the growing Sunday School classes needed rooms. So an annex was built costing \$2500.

During the summer of 1926, the Rev. Martin Leuschner, then a student at the Seminary, served a few months because it was necessary for the pastor, Mr. Wuttke, to have a complete

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REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Project of the B. Y. P. U. of Springside, Sask., for the Church Building Fund

We certainly can thank God for the many blessings that we of the Baptist Church in Springside, Sask., have had in our young people's meetings. It was our privilege to render an Easter program on Sunday, April 21, in the Springside Town Hall. All of our young people took an active part in it. The program consisted of songs by the mixed and male quartets, orchestra selections, recitations and songs by the male chorus. This male chorus has been recently organized and is serving in the morning services every second Sunday while the mixed chorus serves on alternate Sundays.

The play, "As Easter Dawns," was splendidly presented by a large group of our young people. This play had a very interesting message.

We were also privileged to render this program in three of our neighboring churches in the interest of our building fund. These four offerings amounted to the large sum of \$385.00. We are indeed thankful to all those who gave so willingly for this cause. May God richly bless the work of our pastor, the Rev. Reinhold Kannwischer, and of our church with a bountiful harvest.

Vera Mantay, Reporter.

The Alberta Convention at Olds Raises Almost \$700 for Missionary Purposes

The Alberta Convention, convening with the Reed Ranch Baptist Church at Olds from June 13 to 16 proved to be a great blessing to all present.

Our theme, "The Kingdom of Heaven," was of exceptional interest, having the various parables of Jesus that deal with the Kingdom as its basis. We have learned to understand the meaning of "The Kingdom" a little better as every parable used illustrated it from a different angle.

The convention was well attended, although we did have some intermittent showers which made it difficult for some people to attend. The Sunday services were, of course, the highlights of the convention. The Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton spoke on "Revive Thy Work, O Lord" at the morning service. This being a mission service, the offering taken for various projects amounted to nearly \$700. At the closing service in the afternoon the undersigned challenged the Christians to heed God's call for more laborers in the vineyard of the Kingdom of God. Thus, a happy get-together of God's children ended and everybody went his way rejoicing.

E. M. Wegner, Reporter.



Twenty-one Children, Young People and Adults Whom the Rev. Stanley Geis of the Linden Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., Baptized on Easter Sunday

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Thirty-three New Members Are Received Into Detroit's Linden Baptist Church

The accompanying photo shows the results of a week of revival services, which were held from April 14 to 21 at the Linden Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan. There are twenty-one in this group, who followed their Lord in baptism on May 5th. It was certainly a day of rejoicing for the Linden Baptist Church when these people were saved. We trust that they will remember this time in their lives, and continue always to follow their Lord.

The spirit of our revival continues to be with us. On June 2nd nine other persons followed their Lord in baptism. Two members were also received into the church by letter and one by confession. This makes a grand total of thirty-three new members. The blessings of our Lord are manifesting themselves through our good pastor, the Rev. Stanley Geis.

Our prayer meetings are enjoying a capacity attendance, most times exceeding sixty to seventy members. We are looking forward to a "Two Hundred Membership by Christmas." What a wonderful Christmas present that would be for the Lord's Birthday!

William Hausen, Maderator.

Four Troubadors for Christ Visit Our Churches in Ohio, Michigan and Illinois

In October of 1945 four rusty voices from a summer of disuse got together at our Seminary in Rochester, New

York and tried to do a little singing. To say the least, it was rusty! Call it mental telepathy, if you will, but our getting together was rather unique. The four of us thought of the same thing while we were out on our holidays, and when we met in the Fall we told each other of our plans, and in turn said, "That is just what I was thinking of all along." Each one thought of the same thing, involving the same people.

The hours of rehearsals that followed were hours that will never be forgotten. At times it seemed that it was useless. Nothing seemed to harmonize, and the hours of preparation that crowded in on an already heavy schedule seemed almost too much. As we look back to these hours of seemingly unfruitful toil we have been repaid in blessings a hundred fold.

The 17th of May found us making hurried last minute preparations before leaving on our tour for the summer. Our first concert was given in the Erin Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio. There at Cleveland we had the privilege to visit the Publication House and to see how the "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote" are printed and how the books and periodicals are taken care of.

The Central Conference was the first conference that we toured, visiting nineteen churches and making a number of sick calls on the shut-ins bringing them a short message in song. Several of our churches are launching out on a large building program. These churches find the need for larger class room space and larger auditoriums to take care of the growing church family.

In Detroit, Michigan, at the Burns Ave. Church we had the opportunity to share the joys with the church as it welcomed the Service Men home by giving a banquet in their honor. The quartet sang several numbers and the message was given by Mr. Earl Abel of the group.

While in Chicago we made it a point to visit the new building where our denominational headquarters' offices are housed. The new building that has been purchased gives one a fine picture of progress. The spacious, well-lighted offices make it a joy for the staff in which to work. The large conference room where the meetings are held also makes a fine auditorium, and as we sang for the staff we hoped it would make their day of work a little lighter. Here, too, we saw how a helping hand is given to the needy, as willing, voluntary workers come to sort and bale clothes for the needy in Europe.

As we travelled through the states of Ohio, Michigan and Illinois and saw so many beautiful scenes in nature, we were reminded again and again of the great God whom we serve and a desire wells up in us to serve him better day by day.

R. Dickau, Reporter.

Annual Business Meeting and Rally of Chicago's Sunday School Teachers' Union

The Sunday School Teachers and Workers Union of Chicago and vicinity held its annual business meeting on April 2nd at the Bellwood Baptist Church, after a delicious dinner graciously served by the church. The present officers, including Mr. Herman Siemund, president, and Mr. F. A. Grosser, vice-president, were reelected. Out of the Union's income for the year, disbursements were made to the denomination's Bible Memorization work, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Friederichsen, missionaries to the Philippines, and Greater Chicago Evangelism Work, leaving also a balance in the treasury. After all business matters were disposed of, Dr. Palmer of the Judson Baptist Church gave an inspirational message on Sunday School methods.

On May 19th at the Forest Park Baptist Church the Sunday School Teachers and Workers Union sponsored its 19th Sunday School rally, attended by approximately 400, despite the heavy rain, and represented a goodly percentage of the Sunday School memberships of the First Church, Grace Church, East Side, Bellwood, Forest Park, Immanuel, Ogden and Humboldt Baptist Churches. The Humboldt Park Sunday School had the largest attendance in relationship to its membership and won a beautiful American flag, and the East Side Church won the inter-Sunday School contest that ran for eleven weeks by a big lead, proving a progressive and positive advance over the other schools.

Mrs. Paul Friederichsen gave an impressive and artistic chalk talk with colored lighting that produced a rich tapestry-like effect. She drew three scenes based on the hymns, "The Ninety and Nine," "Ship Ahoy" and "There Was a Green Hill Far Away," accompanied by Mrs. Carl Orth, who sang the hymns beautifully.

The Sunday School Union has completed its fifty-fourth year of activities and service to our Chicagoland churches.

M. Kleindienst, Reporter.

Many Impressive Services Have Been Held at Kankakee's Immanuel Baptist Church

The work in the past year in the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., has gone steadily forward and, while there has been no great increase, still we have seen the Spirit of God working in the lives of men and women. The Rev. Fred Lower has had the distinction of being elected president of the Kankakee Ministerial Association. Our Ten-Weeks Loyalty Campaign was proclaimed very successful inasmuch as the attendance at our evening services was increased. Mr. Lower went to great efforts to bring interesting messages and several special feature services were held. Several more people have commenced tithing as a result of the emphasis laid on stewardship in these services.

As a special feature of our annual business meeting, the church honored Mrs. Fred C. Krueger on her 80th birthday anniversary with gifts, cake



Mrs. Paul Friederichsen, Missionary in the Philippine Islands, and Her Finished Chalk Talk Picture Following Her Message to the Chicago Sunday School Teachers and Workers' Union at the Bellwood Baptist Church

and all the trimmings. Frankie Lower recited a poem and Mrs. W. T. Edwards read a poem she had composed in her honor. Mrs. Emil Seedorf brought greetings on behalf of the deacons.

As a part of the annual Children's Day services held on June 9th, four young ladies of the Junior Department were baptized by Mr. Lower. They are the Misses Marilyn Campbell, Marianne Stewig, Shirley Unger and Reva Jean Williams. The setting, consisting of a picture of Christ praying, set up on an easel against a velvet background with two spot-lights on it, was very impressive. The choir sang an anthem and the Misses Marianne Stewig and Shirley Unger each sang a song in connection with the service. It was in the form of a series of tableaux based on the Lord's Prayer. Mr. Lower sang the "Lord's Prayer" at this service.

The Women's Missionary Society recently heard Mrs. Anderson, a missionary from Africa, who presented us with a clear challenge to heed Christ's call.

Miss Esther Salzman is now in China as a missionary and Miss Ruby Salzman is on her way to Africa. Ruby Salzman served our church in several capacities before her departure, teaching in our Sunday School and Daily Vacation Bible School. These talented people are missed on their departure for the foreign fields but we know it is God's will.

Alice M. Luhrs, Church Clerk.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Sessions of the Northern North Dakota Association at the Calvary Church of Carrington

The Northern North Dakota Association was held in the Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, No. Dak., from

June 6 to 9. The entertaining church and the local pastor, the Rev. Alfred Weisser, had put forth much effort to have everything in readiness for the association. So the visitors and delegates felt welcome right from the beginning. We also had fine weather.

The association began on Thursday evening with the Rev. A. J. Fischer bringing the opening message. The theme of the convention was: "The Life in Christ," based on Gal. 2:20. The first message was entitled, "Outliving the Inliving Christ." The other sermons during the evenings were delivered by Professors Frank Woyke and A. Bretschneider. Prof. Woyke spoke on his experiences as a chaplain in Europe, and especially in Berlin. Professor Bretschneider spoke to a large audience on Saturday on the topic, "He Shall Be Like a Man." Their other messages also proved a real blessing to us. Both men served us ably on Sunday.

The other topics were well presented by the local pastors. Rev. John Kepl developed the theme, "THE LIFE IN CHRIST—A Life in Faith;" Rev. R. A. Grenz, "THE LIFE IN CHRIST—A Life of Obedience;" Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, "THE LIFE OF CHRIST—A Life of Peace;" and Rev. G. W. Pust, "THE LIFE IN CHRIST—A Life of Love." We also heard from the experiences of Rev. D. Klein, who serves the Dakota Conference as a missionary, and from Rev. C. M. Knapp, who is our superintendent of the Old Peoples' Home in Bismarck. The brethren A. W. Weisser, John Kepl, G. W. Gerthe, and Thomas Derman were elected to serve us as president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively.

In all of these fine days there were great opportunities for fellowship and inspiration. The total offerings, including that of the Ladies' Missionary program, amounted to more than \$1,000.00.

A. J. Fischer, Reporter.



Officers of the Kansas Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union (Left to Right: Miss Frances Mehlinger, Mrs. Arthur Schultz, Mrs. Wm. Wirth, Rev. Fred Ferris, Mr. Paul Kohman)

Anniversary Program of the Tabor Ladies' Missionary Society of North Dakota

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Tabor Baptist Church at Mercer, North Dak., held its anniversary program on Sunday evening, May 19th. The program was opened with words of welcome by Mrs. Schiller, president. There were three readings and four musical numbers. We also presented the dialogue, "Die Lebenskrone." The Rev. Karl Gieser from Bismarck, No. Dak., who was visiting our church that Sunday, addressed the Ladies' Aid following the program.

We, as a mission society, meet on the second Sunday of each month if the weather permits. We took up the national project chart and made all our points. We donated gifts of money to the Red Cross, Old People's Home, Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies and Seminary Endowment Fund.

Mrs. Emil Meyer, Secretary.

The South Dakota Young People's Convention Held at the Wessington Springs Church

Hundred fold blessings were bestowed upon us of the South Dakota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union as we met at the Ebenezer Church near Wessington Springs, So. Dak., from June 4 to 7 for our young people's silver anniversary convention.

We were very happy and fortunate to have Mr. Milton Wedel, Rev. Paul Coulombe and Rev. P. G. Neumann from Anaheim, Calif., and Rev. H. G. Dymmel of Forest Park, Ill., with us. Mr. Neumann and Mr. Dymmel were our instructors. They gave inspira-

tional messages and valuable instruction.

The Juniors were given an opportunity to attend classes under the direction of Mrs. Isadore Kranzler and Mrs. Arthur Ittermann of Emery.

The spirit of music was prevalent throughout the whole convention. A large group participated in the mass choir, singing to the honor and glory of God.

On Thursday evening after the showing of the film, "The Man Who Forgot God," a dedication service was held. Nine young people dedicated their lives to the service of the Lord. Many fine testimonies were given. It certainly was a Silver Anniversary Convention. To Christ be all the honor and glory for the many blessings.

Le Verna Mehlfaff, Reporter.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Revival Services in Moffat, Colo., Conducted by Evangelistic Party from Anaheim, Calif.

Revival services were held in Moffat, Colo., from May 22 to June 2, which resulted in 28 converts and about 16 or 17 reconsecrations. The men of God who conducted the series of meetings were the Rev. P. G. Neumann, the Rev. Paul Coloumbe, and Mr. Milton Wedel of Anaheim, Calif. These men are great prayer warriors, which also accounts for the success. Among the 28 converts was also a 17 year old Spanish boy, who was also baptized by the Rev. J. J. Reimer on Sunday afternoon, June 2. Seven others were baptized by the Rev. P. G. Neumann. The father and brothers

of the Spanish boy make it very hard for him because of the stand which he took for Christ. Another Spanish boy of about 12 years of age also was won for Christ during these meetings by the 17 year old boy.

About six services were also conducted by these men with Mr. Reimer in charge. Two services were held in Center over the loud speaker, and two for the Bible School in Saguache, conducted by Mr. Reimer. Another two services were held in the evening for the Spanish people. We want to thank all our "Baptist Herald" friends for their prayers and ask for their continued prayers for the work in the future.

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

Oklahoma Young People's Institute at Ingersoll Considers its "Christian Responsibilities"

The Oklahoma Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Institute was held from May 23 to 26 at the Bethel Baptist Church of Ingersoll, Okla. The theme of our institute was "Our Christian Responsibilities," and for our text we used Titus 2:15. We had "Count Me" as our theme song.

The meetings were well attended by the six churches of the association. We were especially thankful to God for providing such wonderful weather and for the hospitality of the host church.

The Rev. H. G. Dymmel of Forest Park, Ill., home mission secretary, was our guest speaker. The messages which he gave were very inspiring and everyone received a blessing from them.

The officers elected for the coming year are: president, Mr. K. M. Reising of Bessie; vice-president, Mr. Bonnie Schantz of Gotebo; secretary, Miss Betty Longhofer of Shattuck; treasurer, Miss Evelyn Schmidt of Bessie; advisor, Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Okeene; Scripture memory director, Rev. Alfred O. Thornton of Loyal; Scripture reading and camp director, Rev. John Heer of Shattuck; editor of "the Oklahoma Echoes," Francis Meyer of Ingersoll.

Our financial goal for next year is \$600, of which \$200 will be for the Scripture Camp, \$200 for the Camerons Advance, \$100 for a moving picture projector and screen, and \$100 for the Seminary Endowment Fund. Our financial goal for the past year was \$500, and we went over that goal \$200. We plan to have our Institute at the First Baptist Church of Bessie next year.

Evelyn Schmidt, Reporter.

A Part of the Crowd at the Oklahoma Young People's Institute Held at Ingersoll, Okla.



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Ordination of the Rev. Charles Zoschke at the Mt. Zion Church of Kansas

At the request of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas a group of Christian brethren and ministers assembled on May 31st at 2:30 P. M. to consider the advisability of setting apart Mr. Chas. Zoschke to the Gospel ministry.

The council was constituted as follows: moderator, Rev. Fred Ferris of Lorraine; clerk, Rev. L. H. Smith of Durham. The roll call showed that the following churches were represented: Bethany, Dickinson County, Durham, Lorraine, Stafford, Strassburg, Junction City, First Baptist of Ottawa.

An oral statement of the minutes and request of the Mt. Zion Church were presented by the clerk, Mr. Chas. Zoschke, Sr. The candidate was then heard as to his conversion, his call to the ministry and his statement of faith and questioned in regard to the same. The Council then unanimously agreed to the ordination of Mr. Chas. Zoschke. The following served at the ordination service that evening: ordination sermon by Rev. M. D. Thompson of Ottawa, ordination prayer by Rev. F. E. Klein of Stafford, charge to the candidate by Rev. J. R. Kreugel of the Mt. Zion Church, charge to the church by Rev. C. Donavon of Hinkson, welcome to the ranks of ministers by Rev. L. H. Smith of Durham.

The Rev. Charles Zoschke pronounced the benediction at the close of this impressive service.

L. H. Smith, Clerk.

Highlights of the Kansas Young People's Convention at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga

The fifty-eighth annual convention of the Kansas Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union was held at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga near Junction City, Kansas from May 27 to 31. Those four days were filled to overflowing with an abundance of God's richest blessings.

We were privileged to have the Rev. Howard Johnson of Steamboat Rock, Iowa as our guest speaker, who spoke each morning on "The Practical Side of Christianity." On Monday and Tuesday evenings heart-warming messages were brought to us by Mr. Johnson.

We were also happy to have the Rev. H. G. Dymmel with us on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Tuesday he spoke to us on the topic, "My Son, Give me thy Heart" and on Wednesday he led a discussion on "The Danger of Mixed Marriages," which was greatly enjoyed by the young people.

Each morning we had "Doctrinal Studies" by the following capable ministers: "The Rapture" by Rev. J. Kreugel; "The Second Coming" by Rev. L. H. Smith; "Hell" by Rev. W. W. Knauf; and "Heaven" by Rev. Arthur Schultz. Another highlight of camp were the daily prayer bands. During these times we were drawn closer to God and our Christian lives were made much stronger by our fellowship together in prayer.



The New Parsonage of the Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minnesota

Each afternoon we had our planned recreation led by Merle Brenner. During these periods various games were enjoyed such as boating, softball, volleyball, tennis, swimming and shuffle board. On Thursday afternoon a hike was enjoyed by the young people. On Tuesday night after the evening service a scavenger hunt was planned to the delight of the young people. On Wednesday night a camp fire social and wiener roast were enjoyed by the campers.

Every day in late afternoon we enjoyed numbers on "The Expressional Hour." It was quite a treat to hear those young people use their talents to give praises to their Lord. Wednesday evening we were pleased to have the Christian Laymen's Crusade with us. The singing and preaching of these men was a real inspiration to us.

On Wednesday afternoon our annual business meeting was held. The following officers were chosen for the new year: president, Paul Kohman; vice-president, Merle Brenner; secretary, Frances Mehlinger; treasurer, Delmer Wessler; dean of camp, Rev. Fred Ferris; dean of women, Mrs. A. Schultz.

Frances Mehlinger, Secretary.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Baptismal Service and Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church, Randolph, Minn.

On Sunday evening, May 12th, the Rev. Ben Zimmerman, pastor of Randolph Baptist Church of Randolph, Minn., had the joy of baptizing five candidates upon confession of their faith in Christ. Four of these candidates, 2 boys and 2 girls, took their stand for Christ during the winter months after a series a special meetings had been conducted by the pastor. Instructions on the Christian life were given these and other young people of the church prior to the baptism. Since we do not have a baptistry at Randolph, this baptismal service was

held at the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minn.

Two weeks of Vacation Bible School were held from June 10 to 21. This school was held in cooperation with the local Methodist Church. This year it was our turn to conduct it.

A general church renovation project is also under way. Most of the labor is being donated by members. On July 5 and 7 the church celebrated its 70th anniversary with festivities.

Mrs. Ben Zimmerman, Reporter.

The New Northside Baptist Church Parsonage at Hutchinson, Minn., is Completed

After the usual periods of waiting for lumber and other materials, the parsonage of the Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn., has finally been completed. This has brought great joy to the members of the church and the pastor, the Rev. G. P. Schroeder.

In July, 1945 the old building was torn down and plans were made to reconstruct the dwelling. Since it was nearly impossible to get good lumber, much of the old material was salvaged. One day in July was set aside as "Work Day at the Parsonage" with all ages participating.

The Ladies Aid, armed with hammers, crow bars and pinchers removed nails from the old lumber, while the younger people piled and sorted the lumber. The men assisted with the building. Since most of the labor was donated by church members, this item was kept very low in our total cost of the building.

The new home contains three bedrooms, a bathroom and dining room, living room, study with built-in-cabinets, and kitchen. A watersoftener was installed in the basement. The total cost was about \$3000, most of which has been paid already. About \$2000 were given by the members of the church for the building fund.

The dedication services for this building are planned for the near future.

Mrs. A. Krueger, Reporter.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Anniversary Program of the Ladies' Missionary Society, 15th Street Church of Los Angeles

On May 29th, the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., presented its anniversary program, marking a new year. Beautiful vocal numbers were presented by the church choir, ladies' trio, choir soloist and the male quartet. A missionary play was presented by three of our young women. Our greatest joy was having two of our own missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Dilworth, with us on that Sunday, who are on furlough from Africa. Mr. Dilworth gave a heart searching message on the blessedness of being a missionary in the land of Africa and of God's faithfulness to his children as they labor among their people in Geita, Tanganyika, East Africa. The offering of \$145 was designated for our two missionaries and the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies.

In our monthly devotional meetings we are reviewing the book, "These Glorious Years." How grateful we as North American Baptists should be for the great work that has been entrusted to us and how zealously we should follow in the paths of consecrated duty laid by our forefathers.

The "Shut Ins" are visited regularly and much sunshine is spread through cards and written messages, and as we remember one another as "Secret Pals." A total of \$550 was received for the treasury throughout the year. It was used for missionary work at home and abroad and a portion for our church building fund.

Mrs. Edmund Mittelstedt is our president; Mrs. Ruth Wetzler, vice-president; Mrs. Ruth Baer, secretary; Mrs. Ida Jesch, treasurer; Mrs. Elsie Walrath, pianist; Mrs. Edith Hufnagel, White Cross chairman. Our membership is composed of 39 women.

Ruth Baer, Secretary.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

The Ordination of the Rev. Vincent Sprock at an Impressive Service in Houston, Texas

The ordination service of Mr. Vincent Sprock was held on May 26th. The West 14th Avenue Baptist Church of Houston, Texas had invited a number of churches to consider the ordination of Mr. Sprock.

The ordination council was organized with the Rev. R. L. Hollems, pastor of the above named church and pastor of the candidate, as moderator; and Mr. Mace Ham of Houston as clerk. The conversion of the candidate was then heard, in which he stated the fact that his father was instrumental in leading him to Christ at a Wednesday evening prayer service. His public confession, however, followed somewhat later when the Rev. Wm. Barsh conducted evangelistic

meetings in the church which at that time his father was serving.

When Vincent Sprock related his call into the ministry, he told us of his struggle of ten years against entering the ministry, since he knew so much of the struggles of the minister's life. After finding no peace nor rest and after much prayer, he came to his mother one evening, and there down on their knees they prayed through to victory. Then peace of mind and soul was his. Lastly he presented his doctrinal views and the missionary program of the church to the satisfaction of the council.

The candidate was then recommended to the church for ordination which followed immediately after the examination. By special invitation the undersigned of the Greenvine Baptist Church was a member of the council and offered the ordination prayer, which was followed by the laying on of the hands by all ministers present.

It was touching, indeed, when the Rev. G. Sprock, the father of the candidate, presented the Bible to his son, giving the charge saying: "My dear son, my brother in Christ, my brother in the ministry, search the Scriptures. Teach and preach the Bible. If you will neglect to read the Bible you will be conscience stricken."

The sermon for the occasion was preached by the Rev. William Barsh of Houston. The Rev. Vincent Sprock, pastor-elect of the Hager Memorial Church of Prince George, British Columbia then dismissed the congregation with the benediction. The bride-to-be, Miss Victor Justin, a talented young lady and an active member of the Temple Baptist Church of Houston, was asked to take her place beside the Rev. Vincent Sprock, when the audience marched by for congratulations.

J. J. Lippert, Reporter.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Sessions of the Eastern Conference and Young People's Convention at Pittsburgh, Pa.

The 96th Eastern Conference combined with the 23rd conference of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union from May 29 to June 2 at the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa. The hymn writer H. F. Hemy wrote: "Faith of our fathers living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword." Those who were privileged to attend these two fine conferences were truly led to believe that the spirit of "Our Fathers" still lives. In spite of the acute shortages of food, we were well nourished in respect to physical and spiritual things.

Our church in Pittsburgh must sincerely be congratulated upon the fine preparations they made for the conveniences of their guests in their homes and at the refreshing tables in the church basement. Their pastor, the Rev. Louis B. Holzer, and his wife must not be forgotten for their untiring efforts to make the conference a joyous one for their guests. Space will not permit to refer to all the inspiring messages given by our own immediate

pastors and the brethren from the other Pittsburgh Baptist churches.

The theme, "THE WILL OF GOD—OUR SANCTIFICATION," was the plan which was used to build the program of this memorable conference. The material was gathered on the basis of the motto, "Strive for peace with all men, and for the consecration without which no one will see the Lord." (Hebrews 12:14.) The pastors of the conference and our general workers, Prof. O. E. Krueger, Rev. J. C. Gunst, Rev. William Schoeffel, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, erected the monument, while Rev. L. B. Moseley of Pittsburgh lighted the torch with this challenging address, "TAKE THE LEAD."

Truly, we sensed the presence of the beloved Son of God, but Pittsburgh is not our dwelling place; it was only our Mount of Inspiration. We had to wend our way back to our respective churches and duties, filled with greater zeal.

Carl R. Weisser, Reporter.

Young People's Society of Buffalo's Temple Baptist Church Elects New Officers

On Thursday, June 6th, the Young People's Society of the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., held its annual business meeting for election of officers. The following were chosen: president, Richard Heckler; vice-president, Wray Bensching; secretary, Norma Kemnitzer; treasurer, George Hartman, Jr.; song leaders, Calvin Hartman and Roberta Kemnitzer; counselors, Mrs. Robert Kemnitzer and Emil Schweissing; social committee, Robert Heckler and Gertrude Baumann; and reporter, Carolyn Kemnitzer.

We hope to accomplish much during the coming year with these new officers and shall try to be more active in the church than during past years.

One of our projects this year will be to raise money for the support of Miss Twila Bartz, our denominational missionary in Canada, which is the aim of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Eastern Conference, decided upon at our last conference in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Carolyn Kemnitzer, Reporter.

Sacred Concert at the Temple Church of Buffalo, N. Y., Is a Wonderful Success

Of all the recent activities of the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., our annual Sacred Concert on Sunday, May 19, was the crowning one. A full house and an appreciative audience listened with rapt attention to the spiritual feast as presented in song and music.

The guest artists were Miss Martha Gomph, harpist, and Miss Ann Slick, violinist, both of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, who favored us with six beautiful selections and also accompanied the audience in the singing of the closing hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," played as a harp solo and one of the three beautiful choir anthems.

We as a church are exceptionally fortunate in having both a very efficient and talented choir director and organist in Mr. Arthur Mueller and Mrs. Frank Aldrich. To them and to

the untiring efforts of our pastor, the Rev. Herbert Hiller, we owe the great success of this concert.

Besides the harp and violin renditions, a piano solo was masterfully played by Mr. Alfred Wessel. A saxophone solo delighted our hearts, played by Harold Fabu, accompanied on the piano by his mother, Mrs. Fabu, and Dr. Paul Trudel favored us with two numbers on his musical saw.

Mr. Herbert Brunner's two tenor solos were greatly enjoyed by all, especially "Come Unto Me," by Mendelssohn, which was accompanied by piano and organ. He and Mrs. Herbert Hiller, whose voices blend so harmoniously, also favored us with a fine duet.

"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" was again sung, by request, by two sisters, Mrs. Norman Stumpf and Mrs. Everett Becker, whose voices we always enjoy hearing. The Kemnitzer sisters, Carol, Norma and Roberta, favored us with one of their sweet and harmonious trios, "Softly and Tenderly," by Thompson. Our Male Quartet, consisting of Messrs. Arthur Mueller, Otto Mueller, Alfred Wessel and Walter Schmidt rendered a very beautiful number, "Christ Promised Me," by Wilson. Mrs. Fred Hall recited most impressively an inspiring reading, "My Patch of Blue," which was a sermon in itself.

Louise L. Trudel, Reporter.

:: OBITUARY ::

Mr. FREDERICK WILLIAM BART of Lansing, Michigan

Mr. William Frederick Bart of Lansing, Michigan was born on September 29, 1880 in Poland. At the age of 22 in March 1902 he came to the United States where he was later married. Mr. and Mrs. Bart lived in Lansing for the past 44 years, and became charter members of the Holmes Street Baptist Church in its organization.

Mr. Bart served his Lord in the church in many offices. After a year's illness he passed away to be with the Lord on May 15, 1945 at 7:45 A. M. Loved ones who mourn his passing are his wife, Mrs. Minnie Bart; one brother, Mr. Christ Bart of Detroit; one daughter, Mrs. Bernice Lohmeier of Warren, Michigan; and three grandchildren.

Holmes St. Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich.

Herman H. Riffel, Pastor.

Mrs. MAGDALENE ENGEL of Cathay, North Dakota

Mrs. Magdalene Engel, nee Quashnick, of Cathay, No. Dak., was born on June 9, 1870 in South Russia. At the age of 13 she came with her parents to America settling at Mound City, South Dakota. In 1888 she was united in marriage to Mr. John Engel. They resided there nine years, then came to Wells County to farm in the Germantown Township and east of Cathay, No. Dak., and then they lived 15 years in the town of Cathay. After the death of her husband in 1938, Mrs. Engel lived alone for 2 years, spent one year on the Pacific Coast and since then made her home with a daughter, Mrs. Joe Sheard.

Mrs. Engel was converted to God and baptized in her young womanhood. She was a faithful child of God, a member of the Baptist Church and Ladies' Aid Society of Cathay.

She was called to her heavenly rest on June 10, 1946, at the age of 76 years and 1 day. She leaves to mourn her departure: one son, four daughters, eighteen grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

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Cathay Baptist Church

R. A. Grenz, Pastor.

Miss FLORENCE E. KESSLER of Martin, North Dakota

Miss Florence E. Kessler was born on August 21, 1925 near Anamoose, No. Dak., where she grew up and attended the grade school and also the church and Sunday School. In 1940 she moved with her parents near Martin. She was a pleasant girl, willing to help whenever needed. She worked at various places and lastly at Havre, Montana in a cafe.

Her death occurred following a fire accident while on her way home from work shortly after midnight. While she and her boy friend were walking, they were

invited into a car by a third friend who went in the same direction and in whose car a gasoline can exploded which caused the accident. She was rushed to the hospital at Havre, Mont., where she received treatment. In this condition she turned to the Lord in prayer for mercy and confessed Jesus as her Savior to those surrounding her in her last hours. She died on Monday evening, June 10, in faith to God, and reached an age of 20 years, 9 months and 20 days.

She is bereaved by her sorrowful parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kessler of Martin; 5 sisters and 4 brothers.

The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, June 16, in the Martin Baptist Church. Rev. K. Gieser of Bismarck spoke words of comfort in English and Rev. J. Kepl of Martin in German.

Martin, North Dakota

John Kepl. Pastor.

INFORMATION FOR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The news from Tacoma, Wash., about the General Conference preparations are very encouraging. There are hotel and housing facilities sufficient for 1500 people. The special dinners and banquets will be great occasions for memorable fellowship. Week-end visitors will be welcomed and their needs amply supplied.

SUNDAY DINNER TICKETS

A delicious turkey dinner will be served on Sunday noon, August 25, in the Fellowship Hall of the same building where the morning conference session will be held. Only 1000 tickets at \$1.25 each will be available. These tickets can be bought by General Conference delegates and visitors in advance. This service will be especially welcomed by week-end visitors. Send your orders for tickets and checks or money orders (Canadian remittances will also be acceptable) at \$1.25 per ticket to Mrs. J. Yost, c/o Calvary Baptist Church, 2007 So. J St., Tacoma 3, Wash. The tickets will be held for you at the General Conference headquarters in Tacoma, Wash.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S BANQUET

The young people's banquet on Saturday evening, August 24, will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Masonic Temple building for about 900 people. Tickets for this occasion at the rate of \$1.25 per person can also be secured in advance, if desired. Please send your requests to Mrs. J. Yost, c/o Calvary Baptist Church, 2007 So. J St., Tacoma 3, Wash., and state which tickets are desired.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

There are approximately 245 hotel rooms available. The price of these rooms runs from \$2.00 per day, double room, to \$6.00 a day for double room. All of the hotels are within walking distance of the First Baptist Church. A sufficient number of hotel rooms, except in the headquarters hotel, are still available.

PRIVATE HOMES

There will be rooms available in private homes of those of other churches, for which a nominal payment of \$10.00 for two people and \$7.00 for one person for the week will be expected.

Send your requests for reservations and all the necessary information to Rev. Virgil R. Savage, 110 Chehalls St., Tacoma 5, Washington.

A Church with Courage

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rest due to a heart ailment. Mr. Leuschner quickly won the hearts of the young people and has always been a close friend.

PROFESSORS HUSMANN AND LANG

In June 1928 the Rev. A. Husmann, now professor at our Rochester Seminary, became the pastor. His wholehearted, warm adaptability brought joy and blessing to the people. During his pastorate, the Sunday evening services were conducted in the English language, and he was the first to represent the church over the air. Due to Mr. Husmann's special musical ability and his capable direction, the appreciation of church music was brought to a high level.

During this period there was a healthy, steady growth in every department. Fifty were added to the church by baptism and 44 by letter and confession.

Mr. Husmann resigned on April 8, 1934, and Dr. George A. Lang, new president of our Seminary and present moderator of the General Conference, began his pastorate. During his ministry he joyously preached Christ as the Savior and Satisfier of men.

A special event, to be remembered, was Sunday, August 8, 1937, as the occasion of entertaining over 100 guests en route to the General Conference convening in Portland, Oregon. Mass services and a fellowship dinner were held in the church, followed by a scenic trip to Mt. Rainier.

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

After four years of harmonious activities and fruitful labor, Mr. Lang concluded his activities and the Rev. W.

C. Damrau, present pastor, succeeded him on December 1, 1938. Since then, 154 members have been added to the church and the present membership is 292.

In February 1944, we were able to open a mission, known as the Portland Avenue Chapel in one of the city's War Housing Projects, and since July of that year the Rev. Virgil Savage and his wife have labored unceasingly in that area, building up a fine work, especially among the youth.

At the present time the Calvary Church is again engaged in a building program. A new Sunday School department for Beginners is being built, also several other classrooms so that each class may have adequate and pleasant meeting places. A new heating plant is being installed and the building is being repainted. The total cost of these additions and improvements will be near \$8000, and will be debt-free on completion.

WELCOME AS MAY FLOWERS

Now we are looking forward to the week of August 19 to 26, 1946, when we will have the privilege of entertaining in our city and church and homes the delegates and guests of the 28th General Conference of the North American Baptists. This may be a gigantic undertaking; and we already told you we are young, poor and inexperienced, but since we have the spirit of determination to go places, we heartily invite you!

You will be as welcome as the flowers in May. We want to share the blessings which this conference and the fellowship of God's children brings, and we pray that all that takes place at these meetings will indeed glorify God's holy Name and give us all new courage and determination to build his Kingdom.

Do You Know That...?

Column Edited by the
REV. A. R. BERNADT
of Burlington, Iowa



Students at the University of Wisconsin answered a questionnaire about their religious faith in college; and 56 percent said they were unchanged, 24 percent said they were strengthened, 13 percent weakened, and 7 percent lost their faith.

The man who had gone to the dentist's office claimed he didn't have a good time because he was bored to tears.

Four atomic bombs such as were dropped on Japan would equal in explosive power all the bombs sent against England during the war.

It was said that her mouth was so small she had to use a shoe horn to take aspirin.

It is more complimentary to be "high-minded" than "broad-minded."

She claimed to have a cedar chest which was wonderful because all he had was a wooden leg.

A proposal that salaries of clergymen in the Episcopal Church be equalized on the basis of marital status, number of children, and length of stay in the ministry, was voted down in Michigan recently.

He bragged about his uncle having his face lifted by having a rope placed about his neck.

An advertisement which boasts of less nicotine and throat irritation is still admitting that it contains some nicotine and throat irritation.

She was a perfect photograph of her father and a pretty good photograph of her mother.

It is said that Hungarian pastors are allowed to preach whatever they want to preach by the Soviets, just so long as they do not attack Communism.

He had a head just like a door-knob because any woman could turn it.

It is much better to stumble toward a better life than to make no step at all.

She promised him that if he died she would visit his grave often because she had to pass by the cemetery anyway on her way to the hair-dressers.

When you are in the right, you can afford to keep your temper, and when you are in the wrong, you cannot afford to lose it.

Two things are inevitable, death and taxes; the only difference is that death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets.

The editor of this column received more than 20 letters from all over the country from those who had comments to make about the page he edited in "Secret Place."

The man claimed he went into the Air Service because his friends told him he was no earthly good.

In the past 40 years more than 2200 companies were formed to make automobiles, and only 18 are left.