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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● Mr. Arthur A. Voigt of Avon, So. Dak., a representative in the South Dakota Legislature, was the guest speaker at the Alliance Church of Vermillion, So. Dak., from March 7 to 10. For 15 years he also has been the president of the Council for Christian Education in Bonhomme County, South Dakota and has had many opportunities for public service. He is a member of the Avon Baptist Church, of which the Rev. Peter Geissler is the pastor.

● On Friday evening, March 29, the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas held a social in honor of its returned Service Men. Nine of the 13 men were able to be present and about 125 members and friends were in attendance. Mr. Herbert Ekrut, the Training Union director, was in charge of the program of games. Vernon and James Ekrut, returned Service Men, besides Herbert Ekrut, are sons of the former pastor, Rev. H. G. Ekrut. A brief message was given by the pastor, Dr. C. H. Seecamp, and prayer was offered for the men still overseas. The Cottonwood Church regularly sent literature and friendly reminders to more than 25 of its members and friends in the Service during the war.

● The marriage of Miss Helen Laufer of the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Okla., and of Mr. Ralph Geis of the First Baptist Church of Gotebo, Okla., was solemnized on March 8 in a candlelight ceremony at the Salem Church. The Rev. Menno Harms, pastor, officiated. Both of the young people are prominent in the activities of the Oklahoma Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union. The young couple will make their home on a farm near Gotebo, Okla.

● Evangelistic meetings were held at the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wis., from March 24 to 31 with the Rev. L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Mich., as the evangelist. Mr. Charles Haube, a "Youth for Christ" leader of St. Joseph, Mich., served as the song leader at the meetings, and was in charge of a special "Youth Night" on Saturday, March 30. This program also featured a sound motion picture, "The Man Who Forgot God." The choir of the church rendered special musical numbers. Dr. T. W. Bender is the pastor of the Immanuel Church.

● Dr. John F. Olthoff has resigned as pastor of the Bethel Church of Salem,

Oregon which he has served for more than 10 years. His pastorate will come to a close on June 16, but Dr. Olthoff will continue to serve the church until a successor has been secured or after the General Conference in August. Dr. and Mrs. Olthoff plan to go to Emery, South Dakota where they will make their home for the present. Wherever the Lord can use Dr. Olthoff as interim pastor or otherwise, he will follow the Lord's leading, so long as he is able to serve.



Mr. James C. Ekrut and the former Miss Edna Fredrich of Cottonwood Baptist Church of Texas, prominent Southern Conference Youth Leaders, on their wedding day on March 10. (See Accompanying News Paragraph)

● The Rev. and Mrs. William Jeschke of the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois have announced that a son was born to them on April 10th who has been named William David. Mrs. Jeschke is the former Miss Elsie Rose Dons, a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Theo W. Dons of Ellinwood, Kansas. Word has also been received that a son was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Lorenz Michelson of Berkeley, Calif., on March 3, who has been named Steven Keith. Mr. Michelson will receive his B. D. degree at the commencement of the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School in May.

● The Rev. Melvin A. Pekrul of Southey, Sask., Canada, a graduate of the Rochester Seminary of 1944 and more recently a student of the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School in Berkeley, Calif., has accepted a position with the San Francisco Bay Cities Baptist Union as director of Christian Education for that area with 16 churches in the process of establishment. He will direct the activities of Leadership Training, Vacation Church Schools,

Week-Day Religious Education, student counseling and the Baptist Youth Fellowship program. Mr. Pekrul will receive his B. D. degree in May from the Divinity School and will take further summer courses leading to the Master's degree.

● Mr. James C. Ekrut, the youngest son of the Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Ekrut, and Miss Edna Fredrich, both of the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Lorena, Texas, were married on Sunday morning, March 10, after the worship service at 12 P. M. with Dr. C. H. Seecamp officiating. Mr. Ekrut was honorably discharged from the U. S. Air Force on Feb. 17. Mrs. Ekrut served as secretary of the Southern Conference Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union from 1944 to 1945. At the wedding ceremony Miss Dorothy Laughlin was the maid of honor and Mr. J. C. Fredrich served as best man. Mr. and Mrs. James C. Ekrut are making their home in San Antonio, Texas where he is employed in aircraft engine service.

● On the successive Sundays, March 24 and 31, Chaplain Paul Gebauer was the guest speaker at the services of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif. He also addressed the B. Y. P. U. on "Europe's Youth." Mission Sunday was observed on March 31st, when an offering was received for the work of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer, whom the Lodi church is supporting in the Cameroons. Mrs. Gebauer accompanied her husband on the trip. On Sunday evening, March 3, the church surprised the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Felberg on the occasion of their 18th wedding anniversary. A brief program and reception was held by the church for them after the evening service with Mrs. Edwin C. Wolff as program chairman.

● On Sunday, March 24, the young people of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas had charge of the morning and evening services with messages by the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, home mission secretary, at both services. Several musical selections were rendered by Arthur Kruse, soloist; Bernadine Staebler, Helen James and Betty Melchert, trio; and Mrs. Edward Stoebler, organist. Mr. Delmar Wessler, president of the B. Y. P. U., presided at both meetings. The offering of more than \$700 will go towards the mission projects of the Kansas Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union and Southwestern Conference, supporting Miss Alma Siewert in Africa and the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Reimer in Colorado. The Rev. Fred Ferris is the pastor.

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Coming

HOME AGAIN IN THE PHILIPPINES

The return of Milton Meyer, the oldest son of the martyred missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Meyer, to Capiz on the island of Panay and to the retreat of Hopevale, where his parents were killed, is a stirring missionary saga of modern times. The entire story will be brought in two issues with many interesting illustrations.

REFLECTIONS OF A RETURNING SERVICE MAN

Dr. E. Milton Staub, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Elmer Staub, who was formerly a lieutenant in the United States Navy, looks at the Church with the eyes of a returning Service Man. As one of four brothers in the Service, he is well qualified to write on this important subject out of the large fund of his experiences.

THE POST-WAR WORLD

From the Rev. William Hoover in Denmark on the European continent, from Chaplain B. W. Krentz, formerly in Tokyo, Japan, and from others have come many reports, brief articles and observations about the condition and needs of the post-war world. We MUST listen to these men who are watchers on the high towers of the world of today!

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EDITORIAL



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The Baptist Trek to Tacoma

EVENTS are moving rapidly for a great General Conference in Tacoma, Washington from August 19 to 25, 1946! The program is unusually interesting with special features that will long be remembered. Young people will be there in large numbers to find that the sessions have been geared to their needs and desires. The elections and conference resolutions will be especially important, requiring the earnest decision of every delegate. Returned chaplains, outgoing missionaries, retiring denominational leaders and recent travellers in war-ravaged Europe will appear on the platform as outstanding speakers to stir our hearts and challenge our minds with the gospel of Christ for a desperately needy world.

The Calvary Church of Tacoma, with the Rev. W. C. Damrau as pastor, will prove to be superb hosts. Their spirit of thoughtfulness and hospitality is known for many miles around. Even in 1937 on the way to the General Conference in Portland, Oregon the members of the church presented flower corsages to all the women on the special conference train during the Tacoma stop-over. They are making every effort to arrange for the hospitality, entertainment and comfort of the conference visitors on a high plane of efficiency. It's worth a trip to Tacoma to see these grand people of the church in action!

The First Baptist Church of the city, where the conference will be held, is opening its doors wide to us with a generous Christian welcome. Its pastor, Dr. Walter Macoskey, a former member of the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., is delighted over the prospect of the conference meeting in his church. Even the city of Tacoma will provide facilities for sightseeing that will make those days mountaintop experiences of joy. We hope that "The Mountain," as Mt. Rainier is widely known, will be on her best behavior of shining glory during those conference days.

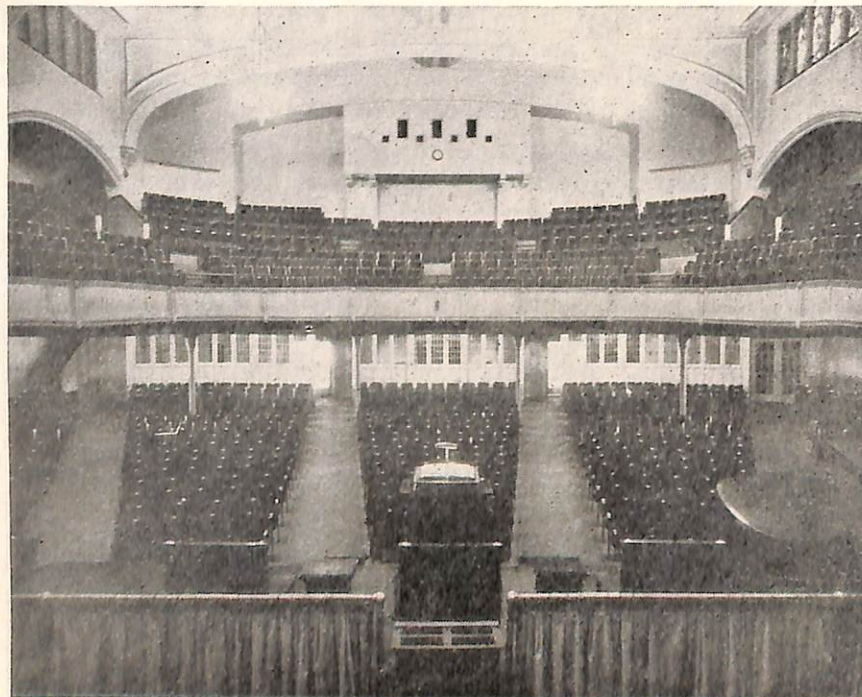
The Baptist trek to Tacoma will soon begin! Many will go by car, taking in some of America's glorious sights along the way for their first post-war vacation trip. A host of them will travel by train and plane from all directions of the compass. Even the special conference train will probably be crowded to capacity for the trip.

This is the opportunity of a lifetime for you! There in Tacoma you can combine the thrills of memorable conference sessions, breathtaking vacation delights, and grand fellowship with Christian people in a never-to-be-forgotten week from August 19 to 25! There's room for you also in the great Baptist trek to Tacoma!

The General Conference Program

Tentative Program for the General Conference at Tacoma, Washington
from August 19 to 25, 1946

- Conference Theme: "Hitherto . . ." (I Samuel 7:12), "Henceforth . . ." (John 15:15-16), "Inasmuch . . ." (Matthew 25:40).
- Monday, August 19, 1946**
- 7:30 P. M. Opening Service, greetings and choir number.
- Message by the Moderator, Dr. George A. Lang, President of the North American Baptist Seminary.
- Dramatic Pageant by Calvary Baptist Young People.
- Closing Prayer by Dr. W. Kuhn.
- Tuesday, August 20, 1946**
- 9:00-9:30 A. M. Devotional by Rev. F. Friesen of Portland, Oregon.
- 9:30-9:35 A. M. Organization.
- 9:35-10:10 A. M. General Council Reports and Presentaiton of Important Resolutions.
- 10:10-11:45 A. M. Reorganization of the Conference and Discussion.
- 11:45-12:15 P. M. Quiet Half Hour by Prof. O. E. Krueger.
- 12:30-2:45 P. M. Ministers' Luncheon and Other Luncheons.
- 3:00-3:15 P. M. Devotional by Rev. David Zimmerman of Kyle, Texas.
- 3:15-3:50 P. M. Publication Society Report.
- 3:50-4:00 P. M. Musical Interlude.
- 4:00-4:30 P. M. Children's Home Report.
- 4:30-5:10 P. M. Homes for the Aged Report (10 minutes each).
- 7:30 P. M. Evening Service—"Fellowship Fund Night." Returned Chaplains as Guest Speakers.
- "The Macedonian Calls of Europe."
- Wednesday, August 21, 1946**
- 9:00-9:30 A. M. Devotional by Rev. H. G. Braun of Parkston, So. Dak.
- 9:30-10:40 A. M. General Missionary Society Report.
- 10:40-11:45 A. M. North American Baptist Seminary Report.
- 11:15-11:45 A. M. General Conference Business.
- 11:45-12:15 P. M. Quiet Half Hour by Dr. Herman von Berge.
- 2:00-2:15 P. M. Devotional by Rev. Wilmer Quiring of Elmo, Kansas.
- 2:15-4:00 P. M. General Conference Business, Reports and Elections.
- 4:00-4:30 P. M. "How I was Led to the Lord." Brief Testimonies by the



A View of the Pulpit and Auditorium of the First Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington Where the Sessions of the General Conference from August 19 to 25, 1946 Will Be Held

- Reverends J. J. Renz, A. Huber, V. Savage, R. Grenz, F. Veninga, and J. Grygo.
- 7:30 P. M. Evening Service—"Christian Education Program." Program by the North American Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., and the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta.
- Thursday, August 22, 1946**
- 9:00-9:30 A. M. Devotional by Rev. Arthur Kannwischer, New Kensington, Pa.
- 9:30-11:00 A. M. Conference, Business and Elections. Report by Resolutions Committees.
- 11:00-11:15 A. M. Fraternal Greetings by other Baptist Groups and Representatives.
- 11:15-11:45 A. M. Message by Rev. Wm. Hoover on Conditions in Europe.
- 11:45-12:15 P. M. Quiet Half Hour by Rev. Samuel Blum.
- 2:00-4:00 P. M. General Conference Woman's Missionary Union program. Inspirational Program and Tea (Program to Be Announced by the Woman's Union)
- 7:30 P. M. Evening Service—"Home Mission Night. 75th Jubilee of the Children's Home, St. Joseph, Michigan. God's Blessing on the Spanish-American Field of Colorado and Among the Cree Indians of Alberta. (Speakers To Be Announced.)"

- Friday, August 23, 1946**
- 9:00-9:30 A. M. Devotional by Rev. L. Johnson of Chicago.
- 9:30-10:00 A. M. Unfinished Business.
- 10:00-10:30 A. M. "Prayer Life and Family Altar" by Rev. T. W. Bender of Milwaukee, Wis.
- 10:30-11:45 A. M. Unfinished Conference Business.
- 11:45-12:15 P. M. Quiet Half Hour by Dr. W. Kuhn.
- 2:00-4:00 P. M. National Young People's and S. S. Workers' Union in Charge of Program. Business Meeting and Election.
- 4:00-4:30 P. M. "How I Was Called Into Christian Service." Brief Testimonies by Reverends J. Kuehn, H. Pfeifer, B. Schreiber, R. W. Seibel, R. Kern, and G. Zimmerman.
- 7:30 P. M. Evening Service—Inspiring Young People's Rally. National
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The Evergreen Vacation Land

The Story of Tempting Tours
Around Washington State
Prepared by
Miss ELFRIEDA GUDELIUS,
a Reference Librarian in the
Tacoma Public Library



Majestic Mt. Rainier Near Tacoma, Washington, Showing the Flower-Carpeted Fields of Paradise Valley

Pass and offers the tourist similar breathtaking scenes.

A WASHINGTONIAN is apt to use superlatives when talking about his State. Within the boundaries of Washington the visitor may see Grand Coulee Dam, the world's greatest engineering feat of all times; Lake Washington Pontoon Bridge, the world's longest floating bridge; Olympic National Park, the country's newest park area located on the Olympic Peninsula in "America's last Frontier;" not to forget Mount Rainier, with the largest single glacial system in the world, not excepting the Swiss Alps.

Mount Rainier, or Tahoma, "The mountain that was god," as the Indians called it, lies in Tacoma's backyard. The old-time residents still call it Mount Tacoma, but more generally it is just known as "The Mountain." From its snow-covered crest to its flower carpeted meadows it offers a variety of ever changing vistas. No two views are the same. The spectator beholds a different scene from Paradise Valley on the south side, than from Yakima Park on the northeast corner.

The road to Paradise Valley, a three hour motor trip, leads through majestic virgin forest, past roaring waterfalls, and over a bridge across the mouth of Nisqually Glacier. From Paradise Inn trails branch out in every direction, urging the nature lover and hiker to explore on foot, to examine more closely the many flowers blooming throughout the tourist season, beginning with the nodding avalanche lilies which make their way through the snow and blend with it, and ending with the blue gentian and penstemon which may be seen in late August. Or one may halt to listen for the call of the whistling marmot, or watch the antics of the chipmunks, and the daring of these camp robbers, both of which are always present at any picnic party.

The road to Yakima, or Sunrise Park, branches off at the top of the Chinook

take us to Victoria, British Columbia, a "bit of Old England" transplanted to North America. One day may be well spent in visiting nearby Fort Lewis and McChord Field, the former one of the largest permanent military posts of the country, and the latter an army air base. A trip to Puyallup Valley should also be included in this itinerary.

On the way to Victoria we might stop over in Seattle at least one day to take in a few of the many points of interest that Tacoma's friendly rival to the north has to offer. If possible, we should make a tour of the University of Washington Campus; visit the arboretum, a 260 acre tract, designated to make use of every type of plant and shrub that the climate will support; and ride across the Lake Washington Pontoon Bridge.

After a good night's rest, we are ready to take the 7:30 A. M. boat to Victoria, B. C. The four to five hour trip furnishes us with scenery rich in contrast—snow covered mountain ranges in the distance and deep green forests near at hand. To the board

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The State Capitol Building at Olympia, Washington, Situated Near the Towering, Snow-Covered Olympic Mountains

"LILIES OF THE FIELD"

The following quotations are taken from an article on "Gladiolus of Palestine" and written by Ulysses R. Perrine of Whitmore Lake, Mich.: "Palestine gladiolus have grass-like leaves, and I believe it is safe to assume that our beloved gladiolus are assuredly the 'lilies of the field.'" From the International Standard Encyclopedia: "The Hebrew and Greek versions (of the lilies of the field) very likely include the beautiful gladiolus."

Here is another quotation from a gladioli expert who made an extensive study of these flowers and who has traveled in Palestine and Jerusalem: "About gladiolus in Palestine, two varieties of gladiolus grow wild there, some of them beautiful and original in their outward appearance." Another quotation from one who has authority: "It is only logical to conclude that Jesus had in mind the grain fields overtopped with the royal-colored gladiolus."

These above quotations leave little doubt in our minds that gladioli were among the lilies which Jesus used as illustrations for his sermon, and this fact alone should give us more interest in these flowers. We can imagine him in those days, walking among the lilies, touching them gently and lovingly, selecting one or two, perhaps the loveliest ones, to emphasize his sermon. These silent but eloquent masterpieces of God's handiwork are still witnessing for Christ and continue to bring cheer and gladness to all of us.

"GLADS" BECOME MISSIONARIES

We know that men and women missionaries, boys and girls, even children can go out and testify for Christ, but Mr. Lang has proven that flowers have brought men and women closer to God. He has made hospital visitations his particular vocation and has permission to visit the sick patients whenever possible. How they appreciate colorful blossoms!

A printed leaflet with appropriate Scripture verses accompanies each bouquet, so in this way God's Word is given out with the flowers. Where human personalities sometimes fail, these sweet blossoms open doors, and cold reserves are forgotten. Flowers are taken to several hospitals and Old People's Homes, but on the north side of our city we have a hospital of "incurables." These are the sad and pitiful cases and they are Mr. Lang's special interest.

Here are men and women hopelessly crippled with arthritis, muscular sarcosis and nervous disorders, some young, some lonely and others unfortunate old people who have been confined to their beds for years. Many of these poor people confess that they never had a visitor; some have never had flowers brought to them. How we wish that you could see the joy in their

faces! They look forward to these Sunday afternoon visits.

"Glads" normally bloom only a few weeks, but to lengthen the period of blooming, early blooming varieties are planted first and then new plantings are made every week. Some bloom in sixty-five days, others in one hundred and ten days. Blooming can also be lengthened by planting various sizes, the medium bulb blooming ten days or so later than the large bulb. Prize-winning varieties are planted, giving God only the best. We wish you could hear what some of the patients say of these blooms, many giving God the glory.

"THE GLADS" AS SERMONS

Special tracts of typewriter-type size are used, since the patients complained that the type of the average tract was too small to read. Trying to limit the tract almost exclusively to Scripture passages makes it available to everyone and to all denominations. Catch phrases of an appropriate nature on the outside as "Only God Can Make a Tree—or a Flower," "God's Masterpieces," "Things Really Precious," etc., are given with the flowers. Often a whole ward is given flowers in individual vases—and all gladly take the flowers and the spiritual "vitamins" with it.

There are many ways of contacting patients in a hospital through some friend who has been ill in the hospital and who has become acquainted with others in the ward, and has come to know some nurses and orderlies who can often help in finding needy souls as well as such who are appreciative. Mr. Lang has found that even the general hospital will give the names of people who have very few or no visitors. How appreciative they are to have someone stop at their bedside to help them in their "why's," yes, to help them to find Jesus, their Savior and Friend, which, thank God, has been experienced.

Gladiolus and other flowers as a hobby are interesting, but as a vocation—as a means of spreading the gospel—that is a ministry which only too often is overlooked. As he often tells the patients, flowers are "vitamins" to the eyes and senses, but to make it lasting, "vitamins" for the heart and soul are so necessary. This opens the way for a word of Scripture, either by word of mouth or in print, which renews the patient's faith in a loving God in spite of circumstances, and which also shows the unsaved the message of salvation—the "heart rest" in Jesus.

In catching this vision and entering this work, each flower plant or gladiolus corn is planted with a breath of prayer for the Spirit's guidance and blessing as he teaches us the compassion of the Lord Jesus for the sick in body, and even more so, the sick in soul.



Rev. L. B. Berndt, Pastor (Left) and Mr. Albert J. Lang (Right) of Minneapolis, Minn. With a Bouquet of Gorgeous "Glads" from Mr. Lang's Garden

You say there are no miracles? A miracle is performed each time a bulb is planted. It is a constant marvel how God can take a dirty, brown bulb and transform it into a lovely, exquisite "thing of beauty."

"Only God can make a tree," and only God can make a flower. An atheist is led to admit there must be a God to create such magnificence. "A fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." Only a fool would utter such statements after studying one of God's masterpieces, the regal gladiolus.

FLOWERS IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE

One cannot visualize a church service without music, and we cannot imagine any church service or special occasion without flowers. It is a beautiful picture and a glory to God when our sanctuaries are beautified with baskets and vases of colorful blossoms. Our church has become conscious of the ability to praise our Creator from early Spring until late Autumn through having many varieties of lovely flowers each Sunday, contributed by various members. Nothing could serve as more fitting decorations for God's house than these gorgeous specimens of his handiwork.

The sick and the aged of the church, who are unable to attend, are not forgotten. So once again these silent messengers go out to scatter more sunshine in the name of Christ.

The first bulbs of gladiolus were

THE GLADIOLUS

Here is a flower that is related, of all things, to the Roman gladiators. This plant was christened "gladiolus" because the leaves that enclose brilliant spikes of flowers were supposed to resemble the gladius, or sword, that the gladiators carried in the arena.

brought to this country from England around 1844. Through experimenting and hybridizing we now have two thousand and more good varieties, but only about 450 are considered present day "prize winners." Some of the names are just as picturesque as the flowers themselves. Here a few to stir your imagination: "Snow Princess," "Star of Bethlehem," "Pearl Necklace," "Golden Goddess," "Dream of Beauty," "Golden Chimes," "Wings of Song," "Gloaming," "Smiling Maestro," "Blau Schoenheit."

The gladiolus named "Muralis" has a lily-like fragrance. It was originally found near Victoria Falls, Africa, in the lower Nile Valley. This variety has been hybridized with others so that we now have several varieties which have a faint perfume.

COLORFUL VARIETIES

Many of the new varieties are unusually lovely with rare combinations of coloring. They are "like samples cut from fine silk damask." These are descriptions of their colors: "Brilliant salmon, scarlet with creamy throat, deep ruby red, apricot pink, orange of a tangerine skin delicately flecked with crimson, mahogany with blotches of scarlet, lemon yellow with ruffles of coral pink, deep salmon with scarlet blotch, ruffled shell pink with lemon yellow throat, deep rose red with black center, pure white with rose edge, cream with green center and rose markings, deep plum red brown with lighter center, violet blue with white center and darker blotch, light bluish grey smokey."

Jesus is God's perfect Masterpiece. He is "the Lily of the Valley, Rose of Sharon." This is written only with the desire to show that if your hobby is consecrated to the Lord, it will not only be a blessing to yourself and to others, but it will fulfill the command of the Lord, "Go ye . . .!"

"Rescue the perishing, care for
for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and
the grave."

"Inasmuch"

Mother's Day, May 12, 1946

Shatter all our dull complacence,
All around us want and blight.
When we tuck our dimpled children
Into safe, soft beds at night.

Grant us swift and stabbing visions
Of small bodies thin and worn—
And of helpless fathers, mothers,
Till our hearts are ravaged, torn.

Lights and joy for us, and music?
Millions hunger. Can we feast?
Lord God, make our own bread bitter
Till we share it with thy least!

Bertha Gerneaux Woods.



Photograph by Mr. Herman Siemund of Chicago, Illinois

Masterpieces in God's Service

The Story of Mr. Albert J. Lang and His Gladioli Prepared by
Mrs. JOHN ADAM of Minneapolis, Minn.

"CONSIDER the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin, and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." (Matt. 6:28-29.)

Jesus was a lover of God's great out-of-doors. He loved everything created to make this world beautiful. When he felt the need of communion with God, he went to the Garden of Gethsemane, there to kneel in the darkness and find comfort beneath the old olive trees.

He went often to the mountains, there to find peace and strength from the perplexing problems of the day. The solitude of the desert places called him often; there he wrestled with Satan and conquered various temptations. He loved to read and to preach by the lake side. He loved to use simple, everyday things to illustrate his sermons such as mustard seeds, sparrows, birds of the air, grapes, thorns and thistles, corn and wheat, lilies of the field.

Did you know that the lovely, tall spikes of myriad rainbow-colored gladiolus which we raise in our gardens of today are now definitely

known to be among "lilies of the field," mentioned by Jesus in Matthew 6? Do you know when we obtained the first bulbs in this country, and do you know how many varieties we have today? Have you ever smelled the fragrant type of "glads"?

These questions and many others are answered by Mr. Albert J. Lang, a brother of Dr. George A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., and a member of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn. For years, Mr. Lang had a hobby of raising flowers, but for some time now he has made the raising of gladiolus his specialty. This fascinating hobby not only has been a pastime, but Mr. Lang has been led to consecrate his entire field of 15,000 "glads" to God, and definite plans for the presenting of flowers are made only for the praise and honor of the Lord.

This article was written solely for the purpose to show in a small measure how this unique hobby has been blessed of God and how "glads" are used to witness and to open the door for the gospel, hoping thereby to inspire others to similar undertakings to the glory of God.

In Honor of Mother

For the Observance of Mother's Day, May 12, 1946

This is Her Day

By GRACE NOLL CROWELL

This is her day—though every day is hers,
Brimmed as they are with urgent tasks and deeds:
The glad young mother who must daily meet
Small children's constant needs.

This is her day: the mother who has seen
Her children grow like young corn in the sun:
Tall, straight, and clean; who takes a keen delight
And pride in every one.

This is her day—the mother now grown old,
Who folds her hands, and slowly rocks her chair,
Who nods and smiles across the gathering dusk
At a child who is not there.

This is their day, the mothers of the world—
And the whole nation pauses as it should,
To honor them who know the poignant pain —
And joy of motherhood.
"The Watchman-Examiner"

Mother's Day, May 12

It is well that our readers should have their memories refreshed concerning the origin of Mother's Day. As we understand it, the day was first suggested by Miss Anna Jarvis, of Philadelphia, Pa., and it was she who suggested that the white carnation be selected as the emblematic flower for the day. In May, 1914, the United States Congress passed a resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

"WHEREAS we honor ourselves and the mothers of America when we do anything to give emphasis to the home as the fountain head of the State; and

"WHEREAS the American mother is doing much for the home, for moral uplift and religion, hence so much for good government and humanity. Therefore be it

"RESOLVED: (1) That the President of the United States is hereby authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the Government officials to display the United States flag on all Government buildings, and the people of the United States to display the flag at their homes or other suitable places on the second Sunday of May, as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country:

"(2) That the second Sunday in May shall hereafter be designated and known as Mothers Day, and it shall be the duty of the President to request its observance."

Scripture Quotations

Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Exodus 20:12.

"My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother." Proverbs 1:8.

"Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old." Proverbs 23:22.

"But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart." Luke 2:19.

"And Jesus stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." Matthew 19:49-50.

"She stretcheth out her hand to the poor, yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

"Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

"She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

"Many daughters have done worthily, but thou excellest them all."

Proverbs 31.

Love of Our Mothers

Love of our mothers, living yet,
In cradle song and bedtime prayer,
In nursery rhyme and fireside lore,
Thy presence still pervades the air:
Love of our mothers, priceless gift,
Our grateful hearts thy praise uplift.

Love of our mothers, tender love,
The fount of childhood's trust and grace,
O may thy consecration prove
The wellspring of a nobler race:
Love of our mothers, priceless gift,
Our grateful hearts thy praise uplift.

Love of our mothers, guiding love,
For youthful longing, youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way
Thy providential care without:
Love of our mothers, priceless gift,
Our grateful hearts thy praise uplift.

Love of our mothers, Christian love,
O living truth beyond our creeds,
Still serve the home and save the church,
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds:
Love of our mothers, priceless gift,
Our grateful hearts thy praise uplift.
Arthur Bardwell Patten.

Alma Mater

The oldest university
Was not on India's strand,
Nor in the valley of the Nile,
Nor on Arabia's sand;
From time's beginning it has taught,
And still it teaches free,
Its learning, mild, to every child—
The school of Mother's Knee.

"The oldest school to teach the law
And teach it deeply, too,
Dividing what should not be done
From what each one should do,
Was not in Rome or Ispahan,
Nor by the Euxine Sea;
It held its way ere history's day—
The school of Mother's Knee.

The oldest seminary where
Theology was taught,
When love of God, and reverent prayer,
And the Eternal Ought
Were deep impressed on youthful hearts
In pure sincerity,
Came to the earth with Abel's birth—
The school of Mother's Knee."

The oldest—and the newest, too—
It still maintains its place,
And from its classes, ever full,
It graduates the race,
Without its teachings, where would all
The best of living be?
"Twas planned by Heaven, this earth
to leaven
The School of Mother's Knee.
Priscilla Leonard.

The Youth of Our Churches Speak

"Youth Page" Edited by Rev. J. C. GUNST, Youth Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting of the National Union

The Executive Committee of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union met on April 27 and 28 in the new office building of the North American Baptist Headquarters, Forest Park, Ill. An overall working program for the National Union and final plans for the youth and Sunday School activities on the General Conference program in Tacoma, Wash., were formulated. A report of the developments and activities of the Executive Committee sessions will appear in full in the pages of THE BAPTIST HERALD in the near future.

Good News For All Young People's Leaders

Attention all readers. Be on the alert! Coming Soon! YOUTH COMPASS!

No young peoples' organization or youth leader in our General Conference can afford to miss the very first issue of YOUTH COMPASS which will be ready in August and will make its first appearance at the General Conference. This entirely new and comprehensive young people's Quarterly will be a real inspiration to every youth leader. He will find the YOUTH COMPASS a great inspiration with the best Bible, missionary and Christian life study materials.

It will contain the best in worship program suggestions and numerous other helps for the many varied youth activities in the church. In every way the YOUTH COMPASS is unique for young people's meetings and best suited for your work in our churches.

The National Scripture Memory Course Grand Award Goes to WILLIAM BENJAMIN KEPL of Martin, No. Dak.

ONLY somewhat over a year ago the National Scripture Memory Course got under way in our churches. At this time it is with great joy that we can report that about one thousand boys and girls throughout our denomination are enrolled in this fine project. More gratifying reports of progress made in this work are coming in every day. Already we have issued in excess of five hundred awards to boys and girls who have completed the first year in memory work.

A most encouraging report about the memorization program has come from the Dakota Conference from our church at Martin, North Dakota. It was



William Benjamin Kepl of Martin, North Dakota, the First Winner of the Grand Award of the National Scripture Memory Course

thrilling, to say the least, to hear that a boy from that church has already completed memorizing all listed Bible verses in the nine courses and has earned the Grand Award.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the Union members and all the other Scripture memorizers, William Benjamin Kepl of Martin, North Dakota, who has been the first pupil to complete all courses and has met the requirements for the National Scripture Memory Course. The picture of the boy accompanies this article.

William Benjamin is fourteen years old. He is now a freshman in High School. Last summer he was baptized by his father, Rev. John Kepl, and received into the church. Being that he is fourteen years old, he made a special effort to learn all the Bible verses listed in the National Memory Course in order to get the Grand Award. The National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union takes great delight in presenting the first grand award issued to William Benjamin. The colorful picture of Warner Sallman's "Christ At the Door" is already in Williams' possession. This is merely a recognition on our part for the fine achievement by William in mastering the 776 Bible verses.

We feel confident that such a rich and valuable treasure hidden away in heart and mind will bring forth unnumbered blessings for William. Not only his own life, but the lives of his comrades, friends, and the many people he will be privileged to contact in life will be greatly enriched by his wit-ness. Congratulations on being the first to accomplish the memorizing of

all courses outlined!

Every boy and girl enrolled in the Memory Course should be greatly encouraged in their work after learning about the achievements of William Benjamin. It goes to show that it can be done. We are looking forward to seeing any number of boys and girls completing the course every year.

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE GRAND AWARD

Every boy and girl who enrolls in the Scripture Memory Course should always start in that course which corresponds to his or her age. For example, a boy or girl nine years of age must start with the Fourth Course. Only one course per year is required to be completed until all nine courses are learned. Upon presenting the record at the end of the year the National Union will give an annual award.

Every boy or girl, however, who wishes to earn the Grand Award must go back and memorize the previous courses. All courses must be completed before the Grand Award is granted. No one is to receive the Grand Award until they are fourteen years of age, as in the case of William Benjamin Kepl, who serves as a good example.

The General Secretary of the Union depends on the conference sponsors for accurate information with respect to covering the courses by each boy and girl from time to time. Our records here at headquarters will only be complete if and when we get them from the conference sponsors.

NATIONAL UNION YOUTH AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The program committee of the General Conference has been most generous this year in giving a large share of the conference program time to the young people's activities. That being the case, we trust that a large representation of young people from each of the nine conferences can attend the General Conference sessions at Tacoma, Washington from August 19 to 25, 1946.

Highlights for all young people's activities at the General Conference will be as follows: grand Christian fellowship and spiritual inspiration for all. Friday evening a thrilling and inspiring conference young people's rally with heart stirring messages in testimonies, singing, musical selections and the best in vocal numbers. A full day recreational and inspirational Outing to Mount Rainier on Saturday with a vesper service at Paradise Park that you cannot afford to miss. There will

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We Spend Our Years

By CHARLOTTE KRUGER

A Christian Novel

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SYNOPSIS

Heather Allison went to Vermont, "the land of green mountains," where her uncle, Anthony Morrison, soon made her feel at home in his lovely mansion. She found friendly people in the little church and discovered a new joy in helping the Fletchers whose house had burned to the ground. The widower, Jim Fletcher, even proposed to her. She also met Jonathan Kent, a young missionary to Africa. In her strange bewilderment Heather returned to New York, where letters from her Vermont friends followed her, which made her feel lonelier and more miserable than ever.

CHAPTER NINE

At two o'clock that afternoon Virginia Hansen, one of the girls from the office, arrived at the studio apartment. The two girls had planned a trip to Central Park and the Planetarium for the afternoon. Virginia's fiance was in the army and she was delighted to have this opportunity of spending the afternoon with Heather. Heather, in her loneliness, was just as grateful for Virginia's pleasant company.

The sun was beating down with terrific force as the two young women stepped out onto the sidewalk. There were little tar bubbles on the sticky cobblestone streets . . . bubbles that made snapping sounds if you popped them with your toe. An Italian flower vendor was standing at the curbstone near the apartment selling roses. Within a few minutes they reached the entrance to the subway lines. They descended the steps into the cool damp air that smelled of cement. In an in-

credibly short space of time, a north-bound train whisked them from the Village to Central Park. It was much cooler here, and the grass and trees were a welcome sight to Heather.

The lecture at the Planetarium was very interesting. When the girls emerged from the darkness after it was over, they had stiff necks and had to blink hard to adjust themselves to the brightness out-of-doors. They were silent as they walked up the sloping pathway and crossed the street to the lagoon. A few minutes later, seated in a shady nook above the miniature lake, Heather was suddenly startled to hear Virginia's voice break the stillness.

"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained, what is man, that thou art mindful of him?"

Heather stared at her blond friend.

"Heather," Virginia was saying, "I couldn't help thinking of that verse while we listened to that lecture. Isn't it wonderful to think that God is mindful of us?"

"Why, Virginia . . . was that . . . was that . . . were you quoting from the Bible?" Heather looked at her friend with puzzled eyes.

"Yes, honey. Why?" The Scandinavian girl's pale blue eyes looked straight into Heather's deeper ones.

"I didn't know you were . . . religious . . . that is . . . I didn't know you were interested in . . . in the Bible."

"To tell you the truth, Heather, I don't know awfully much about it . . . that is, not yet. But the little that I do know, I love . . . especially now since I've come to know the Lord Jesus myself. While you were away this summer, honey, the most wonderful thing happened to me." There was a seriousness in Virginia's clear blue eyes as she spoke. Heather watched her intently, weighing every word, and as she did so, she wondered. Yes, she had sensed a difference in Virginia. She was not the same girl she had been last April when Heather had left for Vermont.

"Just two months ago yesterday it happened, Heather." Virginia had picked up a little dry twig that lay in the grass at her side and was nervously breaking it into tiny bits as she spoke.

"Two months ago I had come to the place where I realized something was going to have to happen to me if Arnold and I were to be meant for each other . . ."

"Arnold?" There was a question in Heather's voice.

"My fiance," explained the blond girl with a smile. "That's right, you've never met him, have you?" Here she looked down at the tiny sparkling stone on her left hand. Heather looked at it, too. In a way she was glad now that Gerald had never had enough money to give her a diamond before he went into the army. It would be just another painful reminder. Besides, the awful pain of losing him was growing less of late. Perhaps if she were wearing his ring, it would be much harder to forget.

"He's a grand fellow, Heather," Virginia continued, "so clean-cut and wholesome. I hope you can meet him some day."

"I hope so, too," Heather said honestly, while in her heart she was thinking a fellow would have to be exceptionally fine to deserve as grand a girl as Virginia Hansen.

"When Arnold went into the army at the beginning of the year, he met a chaplain who, it seems, took a personal interest in him. Before long the language in his letters began to change. It seemed strange to me to hear Arnold mention God and Christ because . . . well . . . because he never used to while he was here. We never talked about things that one would call 'religious.' But when a man gets into the army he begins to think differently, Heather. He begins to think more seriously. He begins to think of eternal things. Then one day I had a letter from Arnold, and it was such a strange one . . . yet such a happy one. He told me in it that he had taken Christ as his Savior from sin, that he had perfect peace in his heart because he was right with God and that he had no fear at all about going out to an actual battlefield some day soon." There was a brave look . . . a courageous look in Virginia's eyes as she spoke. Then she continued, "After that his letters began to urge me to do the same thing . . . to accept Christ. But, Heather, would you believe it, I didn't know how to go about it."

There was such a frank earnestness

in Virginia's manner that somehow Heather could not help but admire it. Her usual resentment when addressed upon the subject of the Lord was absent today. She listened eagerly.

"For a few Sundays," Virginia was now saying, "I went to various churches . . . seeking something, but no one seemed to be able to help me. Then one Sunday night just two months ago I went to another church . . . one that Arnold's friend recommended. There I heard just exactly what I needed, Heather. The struggle that had been going on in my heart for the two months since Arnold had been away was all over. I had a real experience with God that night . . . and things have been different ever since. I saw the reason why God sent His Son into the world, Heather, and the realization that God loves me has made me rejoice every single day since then."

There it was again . . . that allusion to the love of God! Heather's eyes were slightly moist as she listened to Virginia. She kept her head lowered and plucked at some grass to keep her friend from noticing.

Virginia saw the tears, but she was careful not to let Heather know. Somehow she felt she must be very careful how she presented the truth to her friend. Perhaps she had said too much already, and she did not want to do that at this first opportunity. The Lord would provide other times . . . of that she was sure.

That evening two hungry girls climbed the two steep flights of stairs to the Village apartment. They prepared their supper together and it was such fun . . . broiling the chops, fixing the fresh carrots and string beans, cutting up the apples and celery and crisp lettuce. It was almost like having Judy back again. Heather was so grateful for companionship tonight.

"I like it here," Virginia blurted out impulsively while they were eating. Her eyes wandered about the cozy room. On the walls Heather had placed two of her choicest paintings . . . one a seashore scene with a lone sailboat. She had done it the summer she and Judy had spent a few weeks down at Virginia Beach. The other was a plump blue vase filled with deep pink flowers which were known by the tragic name of "bleeding hearts." Mother used to prize that picture especially. There was the green studio couch, the two brown chairs, the old walnut secretary filled with inviting-looking books, and over in one corner the lovely baby grand piano that Judy and Heather had worked for together. It was their prize possession. Both of the sisters had spent enjoyable hours over that keyboard. How often they had sat together on the shining piano bench and played duets! It had been an investment that had returned worth while dividends in pleasure to the girls. Not only that, it had been a necessity for Judy's vocal practice.

"Why don't you stay with me then, Virginia?" Heather's eyes were serious as she regarded the blond girl across the table from her.

"You really mean it?"

"Yes, really . . . I'm serious." Then Heather went on to explain, "You see, when Judy left for California Beth Harris took over and I don't know whether she'll be back any more. She was away on her vacation when I came back to the city unexpectedly, and she didn't leave any of her things here. I have the feeling she doesn't expect to return."

"Oh, but suppose she does plan on returning? I'd be in the way then!"

"I could find out by calling up her office I suppose. They can probably tell me where I might write to her. Then we could wait until she replies. That she won't be back for the rest of July, I'm certain. Why don't you stay with me, Virginia?" Heather was actually excited. "Yes, honey, you must stay," and there was a tone of finality in her voice. "I'll call up the office the first thing tomorrow and find out where Beth is . . ."

"Tomorrow's Sunday, honey chile," and Virginia's eyes twinkled as she said it.

"Sure enough . . . 'tis," and the two girls laughed heartily at their almost childlike eagerness.

Heather persuaded Virginia to stay with her that night. It was easily arranged, for there was no one expecting her except the matron of the business girl's home where she had lived since she had first come to New York.

Some hours later, half asleep, Heather mumbled, "Virginia . . . is your beau's last name by any chance 'Jensen'?"

"Yes, it is . . . but . . . but how did you know?"

"That's a big secret . . . I'll tell you some other time." Heather smiled in the dark. She had suddenly remembered the clean-cut young corporal who had been so friendly to her the day she had gone to Uncle Anthony's. Yes, he would be just the type of young man for Virginia. Even from that brief and casual contact she could tell he was a sincere and wholesome person.

They were silent for several minutes. Virginia's voice was first to break the stillness.

"Heather . . ."

"Uh-huh."

"Do you have two hats?"

"What do you need two hats for, may I ask?"

"Well, I don't happen to have one along with me. Tomorrow's Sunday, you know, and we'll need hats when we go to church."

The month of July passed. August followed with its hot, sticky days interspersed here and there with thunder showers.

Virginia Hansen had moved in with Heather as soon as the girls had learn-

ed from Beth that she didn't expect to return. It was an ideal arrangement, for both of them enjoyed having each other's companionship. Their work at the office was such that they rarely were together save for the hour at noontime. Virginia's happy spirit was just what Heather needed, and as the days went by she found herself getting to be more and more like her old self before tragedy had come into her life.

Then, too, Heather was actually looking forward to the weekly trips uptown to the friendly church where Virginia took her. Almost without being conscious of it, Heather began to join in the singing at the services. The rich harmony of the beautiful old hymns gave her a satisfied feeling. It was the first time in many months that she had sung. In the Vermont church her eyes had followed the words in the book, but she had felt no desire to sing. Virginia loved to hear the rich contralto voice at her side. It was deep and resonant . . . with a quality of pathos. In her heart she was thinking of the wonderful way the Lord could use that voice if it were yielded to Him! She longed for the day when Heather would give her heart to the Lord. That she would do it soon, Virginia was confident. Already she began to detect a softening in Heather's attitude. Besides, had she not claimed her salvation from the Lord? And didn't He have power to answer prayer? Virginia's faith was real . . . fervent and sweet. She knew the Lord could and would come into Heather's life in a real way.

There were regular letters from California and Vermont. Judy seemed to be getting on famously, though Heather could read between the lines that at times there were qualms of conscience because of the fast mode of life in Hollywood.

Uncle Anthony's invitation was still open. She could return to Vermont whenever she felt so led. He raved about his gorgeous new shades of zinnias, and the wonderful and luxuriant blossoms on the phlox. Heather could just imagine how exquisite would be that little Eden in Vermont at this time of the year.

Jim Fletcher's house had recently been completed and he and the youngsters had left. Maria Strauss had helped him make the place cozy and livable. How she hated to see them go . . . not only because she had come to love them, but also because it made her family so small, with only Herr Toni and her Fritz there to enjoy her cooking. Occasionally there was a little note written by Maria tucked in her uncle's letter. How Heather treasured them! The English was poor . . . the spelling was often unique . . . but those notes were Maria herself. Heather's heart warmed within her whenever one of them arrived.

There had been one letter from Jonathan Kent since Heather's return

to New York. It had been merely a friendly note . . . expressing his regret that he had been unable to say good-bye personally, but that he hoped some day to see her again. A little leaflet containing the story of an African boy's conversion had been enclosed in the letter. Heather read it and wondered. Yes, Jonathan, with all his talents and education, firmly believed it was worth while to go to Africa to tell those people about God. It was true, they didn't have the same opportunities people here in America have to hear about Him. Besides Jonathan had so often quoted to her that Bible verse . . . something about going into all the world and preaching the Gospel to every creature. She remembered how he always emphasized the "all."

It was the nineteenth of September, a beautiful autumn day. Heather stepped out of Marozzi's store with her weekend supply of groceries. Virginia had gone on ahead to the apartment. On Saturdays there was always a letter from Arnold and she was eager to have it.

At the top of the two steep flights of stairs, a jubilant Virginia waited her. "Heather, honey!" she fairly shouted, "wait until you hear the wonderful news!" The halo of blond hair made her pretty face a delightful picture. She was breathless with happiness.

"I can't wait," Heather mocked in a desperate tone. "Tell me right away . . . quick . . . before I perish." Then she dropped the bags of groceries on the studio couch and prepared herself for the "wonderful" news.

"It's Arnold, hon," Virginia's face was radiant. "He's been made a sergeant . . . and . . ."

"Good."

"Oh, but that's not half of it."

"Tell me more then."

"Well, he expects a furlough within a few months and then he'll be going on to Officer's Training school . . . and maybe . . . maybe . . . oh, here's the most wonderful news of all."

"The suspense is killing me," Heather giggled.

"Please don't die yet," chuckled her roommate, "at least not until you've heard the news."

"All right . . . but please hurry."

"It's this . . . Arnold may be stationed right near here, in which case we might be able to get married!" Her voice literally sang.

"Do you really mean it?"

"Uh-huh, honestly. Won't that be wonderful, Heather? Tell me you're happy for me," she exclaimed, giving Heather a sisterly hug.

"Oh, I am, Virginia . . . you know I'm happy to see you happy, honey."

"Won't he look handsome in his uniform?" Virginia was thinking aloud. "Do you think I should have a church wedding? Should I wear white . . . or do you think a suit would be nicer?"

The girls talked long into the night,

even after they were in bed. The afternoon had been spent looking through magazines and dreaming about Virginia's wedding.

The remainder of September passed swiftly . . . then October . . . and now it was the first of November. The last bedraggled leaves dropped from the trees in Washington Square; some fluttered down into the deserted fountain that in the summertime was filled with happily splashing youngsters. Each year the Square went through the same cycle. The old red brick houses on the North side, the apartments on the South and West and the University buildings on the East looked through glassy eyes, year after year, upon the same scenes. In January and February there would be snow and sleet that would crust the gnarled old trees and the statue of Garibaldi with an icy coating. In March there would be driving rains, dank pavements and cold penetrating winds. In April there would be more rain and the grass would begin to freshen into new green. Early May would see the tulips poking their curious heads above the soil in the flower beds. In June the warm sunny days would lure the apartment dwellers to lounge around on the park benches. In July lantanas and petunias would have replaced the tulips in the gardens. August days would find scores of laughing children playing in the fountain. In September the flower beds would burst into flame with salvias and cannas. In October and November the leaves on the trees would turn yellow and brown and then drift to the ground, only to be raked into heaps and burned by the men who pushed their little white carts around the park picking up debris.

It was to be different this year, however. The government was forbidding the use of all outdoor lights on Christmas trees because of the war. At regular intervals there had been blackouts, and each month found New Yorkers more war-conscious than the month before.

In December Uncle Anthony's letters began to urge Heather to come to Forreton for Christmas, and to bring Virginia along. Arnold Jensen, Virginia's fiance, was still stationed in New England and was unable to secure a furlough for the holidays. Under the circumstances, Virginia was delighted to accept the invitation.

There was much excitement as the girls prepared for Christmas. Saturday afternoons were spent in the shops and large department stores, picking out suitable gifts. Heather chose a beautiful lifelike doll for Ruthie Fletcher, and a shiny sailboat for Billy. For her Uncle Anthony she selected a wonderful volume on the habits of the birds of the North American continent. For Maria Strauss she chose a lovely blue woolen sweater . . . just the thing to wear in the house on crisp winter days. Fritz was to have soft grey kid

gloves and a white woolen scarf, and Jim a reproduction of Sallman's famous painting of Christ. She had heard him mention that he admired this manly conception of the Savior, and she felt sure he would be pleased to have a copy of it to hang in his new house. For Virginia she selected a lovely navy blue purse.

It was with real anticipation and eagerness that the two girls boarded the train on Wednesday, the twenty-third. Mr. Siegel had consented to their being away from the office until Tuesday of the following week.

In her heart Heather wondered whether she would see Jonathan Kent during those brief days. She longed to see him again . . . to see the friendly smile steal over his tanned face . . . the twinkle in his hazel eyes . . . the wavy brownish-blond hair . . . the strong yet gentle hands that had ministered to the physical needs of hundreds of suffering Africans.

The vacation was all that Heather had expected it to be . . . save for one thing. Jonathan Kent was away on special meetings for his missionary board and so she did not see him.

Uncle Anthony and the Strausses were jubilant. Not only did they have their Heather back with them for a little while, but this other dear girl as well. Then on Christmas Eve they had the unexpected thrill of having Herman walk in for a brief furlough. They were all in the big house singing Christmas carols when the door suddenly opened and a tall handsome blond soldier walked in, shouting "Merry Christmas, everybody!"

Maria Strauss was too excited and happy to say much. She flung her plump arms around her tall boy and said, "Ach, the Lord He is good to send you home! Now if Franz were here yet, too, it would be like heaven!"

The Fletchers, too, were at the big house for the festivities. Ruth and Billy were beside themselves with joy at seeing Heather again. A struggle raged within her heart when she thought about what might have been and what might yet be if she only said the word. Jim seemed happy in a quiet way. He said little as he watched Heather. She seemed so much more contented than last summer when she was here. He wondered if she had given her heart to the Lord.

On Christmas day they all attended a wonderful service at the old stone church. It had snowed during the night and Forreton was a perfect picture to behold. The evergreen trees were covered with ermine, and every branch and tiny twig of the tall maples was outlined in sparkling white.

The remaining days passed all too rapidly, and before they realized it, the two girls were standing at the Forreton station waiting for the train to take them back to New York.

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The General Conference Program

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Young People's Union, Sponsor. Guest Speaker, the Honorable Premier E. A. Manning of Alberta, Canada. Musical Selections — Service Men's Testimonies.

Saturday, August 24, 1946

ALL DAY OUTING TO PARADISE INN ON MT. RAINIER. Lunch and Box Supper Served at Longmire and Paradise Inn. Evening Vespers. The National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union in Charge of the Program.

Sunday, August 25, 1946

9:45 A. M. Sunday School.

11:00 A. M. Morning Worship Service. Calvary Baptist Church, Rev. Arthur McAsh of Detroit, Mich., Preacher.

First Baptist Church, Rev. John Leypoldt, D. D., of Milwaukee, Wis., Preacher.

Guest Preachers at Other Churches to Be LISTED

3:00 P. M. Great Missionary Rally. Commissioning of New Missionaries.

7:30 P. M. Evening Service, Dr. George A. Lang, Moderator, in Charge. Recognition Service.

Installation Service.

Consecration Message by Rev. C. B. Nordland of Forest Park, Ill.

Special Features

Song Leaders, Rev. J. Walkup and Wm. Sturhahn, Announcer, Mr. H. Schmunk.

Programs and Daily Bulletins, Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Editor-in-chief.

Prayer Room Leaders, Rev. F. W. Klein and Rev. John Kepl.

Exhibits, Rev. M. L. Leuschner.

Registration fees, \$1.00 for the full week; 50 cents for the week-end.

The Young People Speak

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be a never-to-be-forgotten missionary rally on Sunday afternoon with a commissioning service for a number of new missionaries.

Each and every day of the week will be filled with thrilling experiences where, in addition to a unique regular conference program, there is to be a Get-Acquainted Evening, Sunrise Service, Noon Luncheon Meeting for Sunday School superintendents and young people's presidents, Fellowship Luncheon for Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union officers and workers, Regional Union officers' Supper Conference and a Fellowship Breakfast for all young people.

Since the distance from some local conferences to the General Conference at Tacoma, Washington is so great, we encourage those Conference Unions, where the distance will be over a thousand miles, to share in the expenses of the Conference Union Council Member or representative, who may plan to go to the General Conference. Every Conference Union representative should, by all means, plan to attend the General Conference.

Are You Planning A Vacation Bible School For 1946?

At this time of the year our pastors and church leaders are, without a doubt, making definite plans for Vacation Bible Schools. Last year we had reports from 78 churches where Vacation Bible Schools were conducted. This, indeed, is a very good record of schools held, but we were concerned about the many other churches in

which no such Bible Schools were functioning or no reports were made to the office.

This is the time of the year when church leaders will want to make plans for a large school for 1946 with a well staffed Bible School and the best suited materials for the pupils. Order all your material from the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio, but order early. You can also get sample copies of the various materials available by asking for them at our Publishing House.

Many of our Vacation Bible Schools will want to make good use of the National Scripture Memory Course material with special emphasis on the memorization of God's Word at that particular time. If at this time the National Scripture Memory Course is not a regular feature in your Sunday School, the Vacation Bible School is an excellent time to introduce the Memory Course.

A great number of our churches, where there is a fine Junior Society, have not yet become acquainted with the Junior Union Quarterly and Junior Leader material which is available through our Publishing House at Cleveland, Ohio. The supplementary mission material about our own mission fields as well as other mission materials, recommended to be used with each Quarterly and Leader, is available in a separate form at a nominal cost per copy. It may also be ordered at a yearly subscription rate.

The material is being prepared by Miss Martha C. Remus, our Junior Editor, who is a member of our Forest Park Baptist Church. She is deeply interested in missions and has worked a number of years with boys and girls.

The Evergreen Land

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side of the boat lies the Olympic Peninsula; to the starboard side the mainland, with the Cascades reaching up into the clouds. Farther north we pass Whidbey Island, the second largest island within the United States. As the boat steams into Juan de Fuca Straits we get a distant view of the San Juan Island group, a favorite summer resort place with many Puget Sound residents. The trip across the Straits sometimes is a little rough, but not enough to make anyone seasick.

Arriving at Victoria, we are whisked passed the customs, and now are on our own. If we want to return by the night boat, we have just time to take one of the many arranged tours sponsored by the Victoria Tourist Bureau, but if our pocket book and inclination allow, we might stay over a day or two, and "do" the city and surrounding country at our leisure.

Still another interesting trip to take is the one north to Seattle's scenic hydro-electric plant at Diablo Dam, lying in the heart of the Cascades. We go by car as far as Rockport, where we board the bright, yellow coaches of the train which carry us to Diablo and Ross dams.

If at all possible, the visitor should include on his schedule a tour to Grand Coulee Dam for a two-fold purpose. First, of course, to see this mammoth structure of concrete and steel, acting as a storage basin for 82,000 acres of water, 151 miles in length. Secondly, to catch a glimpse of the State of Washington east of the Cascades. You will marvel at the sudden and abrupt change in scenery. The vegetation changes as soon as car or train cross the high passes—Snoqualmie, Stevens, or Chinook, and travel down on the east side. The preponderance of evergreen trees gives way to open forests of broad-leaved deciduous trees. The country changes color. No longer is it carpeted in green. The grass is brown and dried up from lack of rain and the sun's heat. Then you go through miles and miles of flat, sagebrush country. Beginning at Soap Lake, the rock formations start, which formerly were the bed of the mighty Columbia River, and they will fill you with awe and wonder.

We hope that all those who plan to attend the General Conference at Tacoma, Wash., from August 19 to 25, 1946 will have an opportunity to make at least one of the tours outlined. Washington is a mecca for the tourist and the State government has made the most of the natural beauty which surrounds us here by building wide highways, thus making most of the beauty of nature easily accessible to all those who wish to take advantage of it.

But whether you care to "take in" any or none of these trips, we want you to come to Tacoma. Remember the date, August 19 to 25!

Training for the Christian Ministry

By Mr. ALVIN C. FOSTER, a 1946 Graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, New York

SINCE THE FALL afternoon in 1942 when I first climbed the familiar steel steps of our Seminary in Rochester, New York, I have enjoyed the experiences of Christian friendship and fellowship which have filled the weeks and years of my seminary life. These years form the processing period in the life of the minister-to-be.

During this time the call to the ministry, which has been just a hope, becomes a reality through the careful training and guidance of a consecrated faculty. Proper methods and study are united with the inner yearning to serve Christ, giving the graduate a firm foundation upon which to begin his active ministry. Many hours of classes and study and considerable discussion form the seminary life which is such a pleasant memory as one is standing upon the threshold of the ministry. These many phases of training live as vivid realities because they have been such a vital part in making the years spent in preparation enjoyable ones.

When the student first consecrates his life to the fuller service of Jesus Christ, he has a burning desire to bring

SEMINARY NEWS
The commencement exercises of the North American Baptist Seminary will be held on Sunday, May 12. The three graduates of the 1946 class are Alvin C. Foster, Theodore F. Krause and Walter Schmidt, Jr.
Gifts for the Seminary Endowment Fund can still be sent to headquarters. It is hoped that the goal of \$150,000 will be reached by the time of the General Conference in August 1946.

to others the joy and freedom of having Christ as Master and Friend. In the classroom and in the experiences in local church activities, the student acquires a fuller, more complete knowledge of Christ with which to fulfill this desire. He finds joy in carrying out the instructions of Jesus so that his life might be more Christ-like. And as his spiritual life is moulded after that of the Master, it is accompanied by technical skill in pastoral work, making the student ready to accept in full the Great Commission.

Along with the study hours and classes are the various phases of Christian fellowship which are so im-

portant in ministerial training. The daily chapel service is the spiritual uplift of the morning, and student participation makes it a rich experience for professor and student alike. Especially so is the prayer and testimony chapel service each Friday which is filled with the praises and petitions for a more Christ-like life.

Another phase of Christian fellowship are the literary societies, Germania and Philomathia. In the programs of these societies are included devotional services, lectures and talks by religious and community leaders, and the development of student speaking which is the aim of the societies. The Seminary Glee Club also attracts the students and trains them as they sing the praises of the Gospel as they present their testimony in song in Rochester and out-of-town churches. This organization has recently finished a season of seven concerts, three evening services, and musical participation in several other programs.

These and many more activities fill the years at Rochester with rich experiences and memories. They all combine to give the student not only spiritual, technical and practical training, but teach him the lesson of living together in Christian brotherhood. As my years at Rochester draw to a close I am thankful for the training and experience which have aided me in giving my life to the fuller service of Jesus Christ.

March 25th, was highly appreciated by the many friends of the institution. It is, indeed, a marvel what these young people have accomplished in the line of singing as they rendered some of the finest and most difficult anthems with outstanding effectiveness.

Many of the students come from small churches and rural areas, where they hardly ever get a chance to hear a good choir and far less to participate in the same. Therefore, it means much to the development of these young people to receive also this special training at the C. T. I. in choir work. Mr. Robert Neske, the chorus director of the school, has rendered another year of splendid service at the Christian Training Institute.

On Tuesday, March 26th, the services during the day were held at our Central Baptist Church of Edmonton with many friends of the school from outside of the city present. In the evening, it was "Mission Night" and in order to offer seating space for all who wanted to attend, the McDougall United Church, which has a seating capacity of 1500, was the place of meeting.

Dr. W. C. Smalley, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Western Canada, brought a brief message on Home Missions and the graduating class presented the play, "Better Than

Gold." It was a marvel how effective and realistic the cast presented this informative and inspiring play. Special thanks goes to our headquarters at Forest Park, Illinois for the loan of the splendid costumes used in the play.

On Wednesday, March 27th, a large group gathered at 9:30 A. M. for the Prayer Hour when four of the C. T. I. graduates brought before the audience the special needs and inspired us to pray for home missions, foreign missions and the Bible School. "Faith of Our Fathers" was the theme for the second hour of this forenoon service, inspiring all present to build on the solid rock of the Lord Jesus Christ.

At least 300 people gathered for the afternoon meeting, which was opened by a short concert by the first brass band of the school. Under the leadership of the Rev. F. W. Benke, they made excellent progress and their playing was highly appreciated by all who heard them. Twelve young men, who at one time studied at the Christian Training Institute, were drafted for military service in the years past. It was of great interest to listen to some of these boys telling us in the afternoon service of their experiences while in the service of the land and what the Bible School training meant to them in those trying days.

Again for the evening service on Wednesday, we gathered at the McDougall United Church. This was a special night, when 10 graduates received their diplomas. The great pipe organ inspired the large audience numbering about 1200 and made ready for the special event. The student chorus filled the 100 seats in the choir loft. The Rev. R. Kern, secretary of the C. T. I. Governing Board, presided. The mayor of the city of Edmonton brought the greetings.

Student Fred Heffke had been chosen to bring the valedictory and did honor to his class with the message and the rendition of the speech. The class felt honored to have Dr. Wm. Kuhn, the general secretary of the North American Baptist General Missionary Society, bring the commencement address. The president of the School, Rev. E. P. Wahl, presented the diplomas to the graduates calling special attention to the class text, Phil. 3:14, and the motto, "Press Onward."

The 1946 Yearbook, "The Promotor," was ably edited by the Rev. R. Kern of Calgary, Alberta. A sufficient number of copies was printed for their distribution at the General Conference at Tacoma, Wash., in August.

And so another school year has passed, and we are looking into the future with hopes of having more room by Fall to accommodate our students so that better and more effective work can be done through this institution of Christian training. Our prayers follow the students that God may use them mightily in whatever work they may do.



"Busy Marthas" of the Woman's Mission Union of the Connors Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., Preparing Clothes for Relief Shipments to Central Europe

Sisters of Mercy in Detroit, Mich.

A Report by the Rev. H. P. KAYSER of Roseville, Michigan

SOME TIME ago my wife came home full of enthusiasm. "You should have seen what I saw this afternoon," she exclaimed. Anxious to hear what it might be that interested her so greatly, she began to tell the following story.

"This afternoon I visited the Woman's Mission Union of the Connors Ave. Baptist Church in Detroit. The ladies met in the basement. How surprised I was when I saw what kind of a program this union had arranged! It was not a program as you usually find it in such a meeting. This union for some time has a real practical program in operation.

"On this afternoon there were about 40 women together. Each one of them has a definite task to perform. Some women have the task of cutting the various parts needed for a layette. Others are busy sewing at machines, of which there were over a dozen. The rest of the women are seated in groups, in which some are sewing, others are crocheting, still others are busy embroidering in order to make these various articles as neat and as beautiful as possible.

"And let me tell you there is no disorder. Over each group is a woman of ability in charge, and Mrs. Wm. Hoover, the pastor's wife, has the duty of managing the whole group. The entire gathering gives the impression of a small factory. Each week these women come together. They start at 10 A. M. and stay till 5 P. M. No time is wasted; a great deal is accomplished. At this time there are 50 layettes finished, all of new material. Each lay-

ette contains 60 pieces, all of which a baby needs when it is brought into the world. Not only is provision made for the babies but also for children from 6 months up to 8 years of age."

So we see that these women have really a heart for the children. These are sisters of mercy, and the union is one that practises mercy. Does not our Savior stress this very thought in his Sermon on the Mount when he exclaims: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy?"

What is the motive that leads these women to be so zealous to sew for these impoverished Germans? Many of the members of the church have close relatives abroad, from whom they receive occasionally information about the terrible conditions in that country. So it is quite natural that the whole church is deeply affected by this extraordinary distress. And for that reason it is easy to understand that the energetic pastor of the church, the Rev. Wm. Hoover, should also be deeply moved by the prevailing spirit among the members so that he could not be inactive in the matter but had to do his utmost to bring to realization the glorious vision of his church.

Now in spite of the many hindrances, it was finally possible for Mr. Hoover in company with the leading men of the Youth for Christ International to fly to Europe on March 18. May the Lord accompany these brethren on their many experiences and dangerous journeys, and may he richly bless this new enterprise of great faith in behalf of saving the youth of that continent.

Commencement at Edmonton

A Report by Rev. E. P. WAHL, President of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta

NOTHER year of Bible School work at our beloved Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta has come

to a close. Three days of special events marked the closing exercises. The Sacred Concert, rendered by the student chorus on Monday evening,



1946 Graduates of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta (Left to Right): Eldon Janzen, Ardon Fredrick, Lynda Rempel, Edith Spletzer, Bertha Seeman, Myrtle Janzen, Vera Mantay, Hilda Fried, Willy Mueller and Fred Heffke

South Dakota's Five Thousand Club

The Story of a Mission Project and a Promotional Tour to South Dakota's
Eleven Association Churches by Rev. Martin L. Leuschner

Like the apostolic church at Rome, the eleven churches in the South Dakota Association have a "faith that is spoken of throughout the whole world." (Romans 1:8.) Last summer the South Dakota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union adopted a mission project goal of \$5000. The sidelines were soon filled with scoffers who thought that it couldn't be done.

But these South Dakota young people are made of hardy spiritual stock. Their leaders and pastors have a burning missionary passion. Their president, Mr. Isadore Kranzler, and his committee swung into action and authorized a missionary tour of the churches by Mr. Harold B. Lippert of Tripp, South Dakota, director of "the 5000 Club" and the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, the denomination's promotional secretary.

From Sunday, March 17, to Monday, March 25, these two representatives visited each of the eleven churches, equipped with missionary literature, exhibit material and pictures, data and facts about the present needs of the Cameroons field, and, above all else, with a zealous faith that "the impossible" might be done with Christ!

Mr. Lippert left his farm for the days in charge of his wife and young sons and donated the use of his car for the trek. The Chrysler motor in his Plymouth car burned up the mileage as 1700 miles were covered in those ten days without a single mishap or delay. Best of all, Mr. Lippert donated his entire time and expense charges to the mission cause.

Everywhere the people were eager to hear the latest news about our missionaries, the needs of the Came-



Three Former Presidents of the South Dakota Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union

Mr. Arthur Voigt (Right) of Avon, S. D., President from 1921-1931; Mr. Charles Voigt (Center) of Avon, S. D., 1939-1942 and 1935-1939; and Mr. Harold B. Lippert (Left) 1942-1945

rooms, and plans for greater missionary expansion. They were stirred and challenged until they laid offerings of \$1703.95 upon the altar of Christ. They dedicated themselves to this cause of the Cameroons until they said over and over again that this work of the Lord Jesus Christ in Africa cannot fail or be retarded, regardless of the great cost involved. They proved by their deeds that the high goal of \$5000 for their mission project was well within reach if God's people have a mind to give and to work!

Services on Sunday, March 17, were held in the Baptist churches of Parkston, Tripp and Avon. In spite of rain

and bad roads, the attendance was encouraging and the response was inspiring. During the week the tour included the Plum Creek, Chancellor, Spring Valley and Unityville churches. Pastors and people opened their homes for hospitality. Conferences were held with important leaders. The services with God's people were great missionary rallies.

On Friday evening, March 22, a program of missionary pictures was presented in the Tyndall Baptist Church to a large congregation of people from the Tyndall, Danzig and Avon churches besides other friends. Missionary Lubbers of India was present with his children and added to the blessings of the evening with a brief message. On Saturday evening, March 23, a great "Youth for Christ" meeting was held in the city auditorium of Emery, South Dakota, attended by more than 500 people. The Reverends Arthur Ittermann and G. W. Rutsch of Emery are general chairman and publicity chairman, respectively, of Emery's "Youth for Christ" movement. Mr. Leuschner was one of two featured guest speakers on the program.

Sunday, March 24, found the two missionary representatives in the Center Street Church of Madison and the Ebenezer Church near Wessington Springs. At both places the audiences were large and the response more than enthusiastic. The women of the Wessington Springs Church also held their anniversary program on that Sunday evening and made it a two-fold missionary blessing.

The climax for the trip came on Monday evening, March 25, on the closing night of the series of meetings at Corona, South Dakota. There at this pastorless church the people came with hungry hearts for the messages and challenge. Their offering of \$500 was the largest of the entire trip but their assurances of prayer support for the Cameroons work were even more worth while.

Other outstanding offerings of the trip were those at Madison with the sum of \$401.58, at Chancellor \$250.00, at Wessington Springs \$146.00, and the little church of Tripp with 14 active members in the B. Y. P. U. \$91.64. It must also be said that the churches of Emery and Avon, South Dakota have each given to "the 5000 Club" through their Sunday Schools and young people's societies more than \$1000, and all other churches are rendering a large, monumental service.

What have been the results? They

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Mr. Harold B. Lippert (Right) and His Plymouth Car With Rev. Fred Trautner of Unityville, South Dakota

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Anniversary Program and Activities of the Woman's Missionary Society of Paul, Idaho

The Ladies Mission Society of the First Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho celebrated its fifth anniversary on March 3rd with a program consisting of a dialogue, several readings and musical numbers besides the reports from the secretary and treasurer. The contributions of the past year amounted to \$449.56. Our hearts are thankful to God for his guidance.

The Ladies Society helped with the finishing of the interior of our church, and when the church bought the parsonage we redecorated the interior. We are also glad to have Rev. and Mrs. Emil Riemer with us, since they have been a great help to us in a short time.

We meet every first Thursday evening in the home of one of the women. We have gained five new members in the past year which brings our membership to 17 members. Officers for the coming year are as follows: president, Mrs. E. Riemer; vice-president, Mrs. P. Schaub; secretary, Mrs. Hilda Kundert; treasurer, Mrs. Ida Renz.

Our motto for the coming year is: "Let us not grow weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." (Gal. 6:9.)

Mrs. Art Kundert, Secretary.

Musical Program and Service Men's Banquet of Los Angeles' Fifteenth St. Church

On Sunday afternoon, March 10, everyone received a blessing from the musical program at the Fifteenth St. Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif. The choir rendered a sacred concert which was different than any previous one. The anthems sung were the nine favorites voted upon by our choir members. Our director, Rev. E. Mittelstedt, announced the songs and the order in which they were chosen.

The three top favorites were "My God And I" by I. B. Sergei, "Beside Still Waters" by B. Hamblen, and "O Divine Redeemer" by Gounod. The concert consisted also of numbers by a ladies' duet and male quartet, and piano and vocal solos. Evelyn Walrath, choir soloist, sang two beautiful selections. The choir was made exceedingly happy by the large attendance of members and friends of the church.

We are thankful to our Lord and Master for the increase in our church membership. The hand of fellowship has been extended recently to eleven new members, and nine others were welcomed on Sunday morning, April 7. A father and his three children were baptized by our pastor, Rev. E. Mittelstedt, on Sunday, March 24. Three returned Service Men have also answered Christ's call to follow him.

Sunday, March 31, was a day which shall always linger in our memory. We had the privilege of giving a "welcome home" banquet for all returned and active Service Men and Women. The dinner was served under the auspices of both the Ladies' Missionary Society and the B. Y. P. U. The decorations were carried out in patriotic colors. A beautiful "V for victory" sign had been made up which consisted of 51 white candles, each candle representing a Service Man.

After dinner, an inspiring program was enjoyed by all. William Wolff spoke of his interesting experiences in Europe while Harold Smith gave an account of the Pacific area. The program was climaxed by a solemn but impressive roll call and pantomime that will never be forgotten. Bert Mehling gave a dramatized reading, during which a soldier and a sailor sat quietly before an open hearth as their thoughts brought back memories of their overseas experiences.

We are proud of our Service Men and Women, and are thankful to God that we can have them in our Christian fellowship again.

Mrs. Esther Johnston, Reporter.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Activities of the Newly Organized Woman's Missionary Society of Holloway, Minnesota

The ladies of the Holloway Baptist Church of Holloway, Minnesota met at the parsonage of the Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Bunning on February 27th to organize a Woman's Missionary Society.

Those who were elected to hold offices in this new organization are as follows: Mrs. Gerhardt Pust, president; Mrs. Roy Giese, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Liebe, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. E. H. Bunning, program chairman; Mrs. Burt Mulvilhill, White Cross chairman.

The women have already accomplished some White Cross work in the first two meetings that were held by mending, sorting and packing a large assortment of clothes contributed by the church for the needy people in Europe. They also sewed and completed 15 little girls' dresses to be sent along for the needy in Europe.

The society observed the World Day of Prayer on Friday evening, March 8, at the church by rendering a very interesting program and praying for quiet and confident minds, loving hearts and active good will and peace on earth.

Mrs. Robert Liebe, Secretary.

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The Woman's Mission Society of North Freedom, Wis., Celebrates Its 65th Anniversary

The 65th anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wis., was the occasion for a splendid program given on Thursday evening, April 4. Due to the illness of our faithful president, Mrs. Martha Lange, the vice-president, Mrs. Ben Pawlisch, presided. Reports and roll call took place.

Several musical numbers were rendered and greatly enjoyed, including a solo by the Rev. Thomas Lutz, "The Stranger of Galilee;" a duet, "If You Could Know" by the Brilliot sisters; and an accordion solo, "The Light of the World," by Shirley Seils. A mission offering was received.

A play, "My Mother's Bible," written by Mrs. Florence Schoeffel and rearranged for present times by Mrs. T. Lutz was presented. This play depicted the story of a perplexed young mother of today, who was led to consecrate her life to God through the spirit of motherhood. Those in the play were Mrs. T. Lutz, Mrs. Otto Wilzewske, Mrs. D. Seelye, Erna Getschmann, Mrs. T. Getschmann, Mrs. J. Gaetske, Mrs. W. Stieve, Mrs. Bob Fairvre and Carl, Dehyle Pawlisch, Laverne Kaney and Mrs. W. Wilzewske.

Remarks by the Rev. Thomas Lutz concluded the program after which a social time with refreshments was enjoyed in the dining room, with the Abelman Mission Society and many other friends as our guests.

Mrs. T. Lutz, Reporter.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Dedication of the Remodeled Parsonage of the Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas

On Sunday afternoon, March 31, the First Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas dedicated its newly remodeled parsonage which had been badly damaged by a fire last September.

Pastor and friends of our neighboring churches had been invited to take part in this service. The Rev. Arthur Schulz of the Strassburg Church brought a fitting dedicatory message. Mr. Harvey Kruse, also of Strassburg, sang the number, "Bless This House." Our pastor, the Rev. L. H. Smith, who had been supervisor and carpenter-in-chief of the building project, gave a brief summary of the work and stressed God's wonderful grace and leading hand in it. A ladies' trio sang an appropriate number which was followed by the dedicatory prayer by the Rev. W. Wiebe of Tampa.

After the benediction by Mr. Schulz everyone present was given an opportunity to view and inspect the interior of the new home.

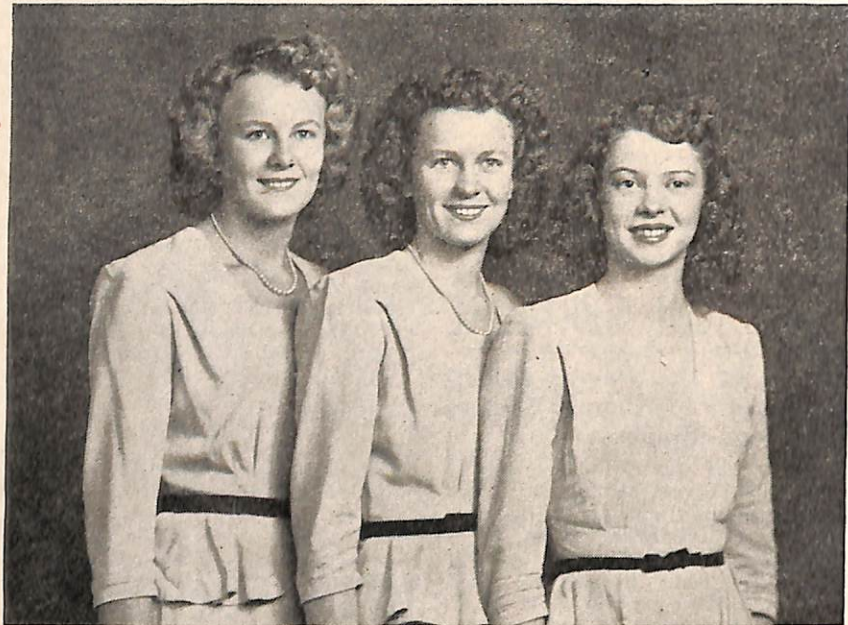
Mrs. Jack Geis, Reporter.

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

"The Evergreen Trio" of Brooklyn, New York Renders an Effective Ministry of Song

We at the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York would like our friends who read "The Baptist Herald" to know what a fine job our "Evergreen Trio" is doing as the girls witness very effectively for Christ through the medium of song.

The girls (left to right) are: Grace Appel, Helen Appel, and Gloria England. As you can see from their happily smiling faces, in addition to having lovely voices, the girls make a very pretty picture, especially in these dresses, which were made especially for the trio by Mrs. W. J. Appel.



"The Evergreen Trio" of the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York (Left to Right: Grace Appel, Helen Appel and Gloria England)

The trio is very popular in and around Brooklyn and New York. In addition to singing for our own church services, young people's meetings and special gatherings, the girls have rendered their ministry at many other places, including the annual rally of the Young People's Baptist Union of Brooklyn and Long Island at the Baptist Temple; the First Baptist Church of Rutherford, New Jersey; the Fifth District Young People's Rally at the Ridgewood Baptist Church, and the annual rallies of the Young People's Fellowship of New York and vicinity.

Grace and Helen are the daughters of our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Appel. Gloria is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank England. Mr. England is our choir director. We share with Gloria her happiness in her marriage, which took place in April, though we sincerely hope that the young couple will not find it necessary to leave New York.

Ruth Tipton, Reporter.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Evangelistic Meetings are Conducted at Isabel, So. Dak., By Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Klein

On Sunday evening, March 10, the Rev. Daniel Klein, the Dakota Conference worker, closed a very successful series of evangelistic meetings of two weeks at the German Baptist Church of Isabel, South Dakota. Fine messages full of inspiration, challenge and conviction to both the saved and unsaved were delivered every night to a record breaking crowd. Christians were revived and sinners were saved.

Mr. and Mrs. Klein sought to reach both young and old. A special sermon was delivered to the High School students on the topic, "The Game of

treasurer, Betty Bintz, librarian; Marilyn Kranzler and Jimmy Hoop, ushers. Our B. Y. P. U. group ranges in age from 12 until they are married. We have 25 members at present. Our meetings are held every other week on Sunday at 6:45 P. M. Our programs consist of musical numbers, Bible quizzes, talks, etc.

We have contributed to the building fund of our church, the Bender Memorial Trek, and the Youth Fellowship Crusade. In the past year we have grown spiritually as well as in numbers.

Under the guidance of our president, Emanuel Wolff, and our pastor, the Rev. E. W. Klatt, we are looking forward to a year full of work for our Lord and Master.

Eleanor Dutt, Reporter.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Sessions of the South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association at the Elberta Church

The South Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma Association met at Elberta, Ala., from Feb. 28 to March 3. A challenging message was given on the opening evening by Rev. David Zimmerman of Kyle, Texas after a welcome by the Rev. L. Hoeffner, local pastor.

Messages during the association were brought by the following brethren: Rev. W. Helwig of Dallas, Texas, "His All Sufficient Grace" and "The Needs of Our Denomination;" Rev. Ralph Mulder of Donna, Texas, "His All Sufficient Blood" and "His All Sufficient Power;" Rev. David Zimmerman, "His All Sufficient Presence." Devotional messages were given by Mr. Adolph Hill of Kyle, Texas and Mr. John Heilmann of Mowata, La.

The business session was held on Friday morning with the following elected officers: Rev. David Zimmerman, moderator; Rev. Ralph Mulder, secretary-treasurer. The Quiet Half Hour was conducted by the Rev. W. Helwig, and the Rev. Ralph Mulder brought the message on Friday evening. Saturday afternoon was spent on an outing to the beach at Pensacola, Florida.

The Sunday School hour was devoted to brief messages and testimonies from the various churches concerning other Sunday Schools. The message on missions at the worship service was brought by the Rev. W. Helwig, Southern Conference mission secretary, based on Rev. 3:8. The mission offering amounted to \$119.82.

There was a fine group of people for the afternoon youth rally. The message was brought by the Rev. R. C. Mulder of Donna on the subject, "The Five Crowns of Reward." The Rev. David Zimmerman delivered the closing message based on Titus 2:11 at the evening service.

The conference was well enjoyed by all those present. The fellowship was very fine throughout the meetings. We can say that it was good to have been there!

Ralph C. Mulder, Reporter.

The Ministry of the Youth Choir of the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Texas

The youth choir of the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Lorena, Texas was organized in October 1945 with an enrollment of twenty members between the ages of 12 through 18. The choir is directed by Mr. W. B. Marstaller, who is leading our young people in a great way. Mrs. Adolph Braun is the pianist.

Through the combined efforts of our young people, we are receiving great blessings in the song services rendered by them. They also thereby learn to be of great help in the adult choirs as the years go by.

In the accompanying picture, the following can be seen: (left to right, front row), Doris Ann Gummelt, Hazel Lampert, Grace Wedemeyer, Dorothy Laughlin, Rowena Henkel, Dolores Lampert, Bobbie Laughlin, Clara Seecamp, Shirley Nehring; (back row), Mrs. Adolph Braun, Walter Gummelt, Jr., James Braun, Jerrold Wedemeyer, Claud Kincannon, Jr., Thomas Lee Lampert, W. B. Marstaller.

On Easter Sunday evening, April 21, the church choir rendered the cantata, "Gethsemane to Calvary" by John S. Witty, with most of the members of the youth choir in the church choir. The Rev. C. H. Seecamp is the director of the church choir.

Mrs. Herbert Ekru, Reporter.

Sessions of the North Texas Association at the Hurnville Baptist Church

The annual meeting of the North Texas Association convened with the Hurnville Baptist Church of Henrietta, Texas from March 22 to 24. The general theme was "Going Deeper in our Knowledge of Christ."

In the opening meeting on Friday evening, the Rev. J. H. Wright, supply pastor, spoke words of welcome which caused everyone present to look forward to days of fine Christian fellowship. Rev. C. H. Seecamp, moderator, responded gratefully to this welcome. Rev. R. W. Seibel of Waco brought the opening message, "Meet Thy God."

Devotionals were led by Mr. Adolph Hill of Kyle, who spoke on Matthew 6:1-13 and Rev. J. H. Wright of Henrietta on Phil. 3:10. The various reports from the churches showed signs of effective work with good results. Rev. D. Zimmerman, guest speaker, led us in the quiet half hour as he spoke on the "Balm of Calmness."

Topics under consideration during this time were in harmony with our general theme. Rev. W. Helwig spoke on "Going Deeper In Our Devotional Life;" Rev. R. Schreiber, "Going Deeper In Bible Study;" Rev. R. W. Seibel, "Going Deeper In Christian Service." The closing message on Saturday was brought by Rev. C. H. Seecamp, using Psalm 1, "The Godly Man Shall Prosper."

Sunday began with the Sunday School under the direction of the local superintendent, Mr. John Hoeffner. Several short messages of interest were brought during that hour. The morning worship was centered about missions. Rev. D. Zimmerman brought



The Youth Choir of the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Lorena, Texas With the Director, Mr. W. B. Marstaller, at the Extreme Right

the message based on Matt. 23:16-20. The offering amounted to \$100.00.

On Sunday afternoon the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union had charge of the service. Their program was divided into two parts. A very fine musical program was presented with the local president, Mr. Victor Hoeffner, presiding. After the musical program, Rev. W. Helwig brought a message on

"Youth's Challenge." (I Kings 22:3.) With the closing service on Sunday evening, the entertaining church began a series of evangelistic meetings with Rev. R. Schreiber of Crawford serving as evangelist.

God's presence was felt throughout these days.

W. Helwig, Reporter.

OBITUARY

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

Mr. FRANK ADAM of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. Frank Adam of Minneapolis, Minn., was born in Bessabotwka, Russia, on September 11, 1895. In 1920 he emigrated to America, making his home in Minneapolis. He was married to Wilhelmina Boike, on September 23, 1923. God blessed this union with one daughter who preceded the father in death. The departed was converted and baptized in 1923 and joined the Faith Baptist Church, of which he was a member until death. Mr. Adam died of Carcinoma of Larynx on March 12, 1946. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, father, sister, five brothers and a host of relatives and friends. May the Lord bless and comfort the bereaved!

Faith Baptist Church
Minneapolis, Minn.

Lewis B. Berndt, Pastor.

Mrs. CHARLOTTE WILZEWSKE of Ableman, Wis.

Mrs. Charlotte Karoline Wilzewske, nee Bork, of Ableman, Wis., was born in Badenburg, Prussia, Germany on December 18, 1856 and died in Ableman, Wis. on March 25, 1946 at the age of 89 years, 3 months and 7 days.

At the age of 11 she came to this country with her parents and settled in Baraboo, Wis., where she lived until 1903. Then she came to live in North Freedom, Wis. Here she remained until 11 or 12 years ago, when, due to a bad fall, which handicapped her during the rest of her life, she went to live with her daughter in Ableman, Wisconsin.

For some time she had been unable to attend the services of the church, and this was a great disappointment to her. She was happy in her Lord to whom she gave her heart at the age of 20. At this time she was also baptized into the fellowship of the North Freedom Baptist Church by the Rev. Otto Zeckser. To

this church she remained loyal until her death. She was a cheerful Christian, an inspiration to all who visited with her. One could not help but see the love of Jesus shining through her personality.

In 1880 she was united in marriage to John Wilzewske, who preceded her in death. Three children were born to this union, one of whom, Edwin, also preceded her in death. Her passing leaves to mourn one daughter, Mrs. Edith Voock, and one son, Otto, 11 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

North Freedom, Wisconsin
Thomas Lutz, Pastor.

Mr. AUGUST HEIN of the Lyndock District, Ontario

It pleased the Lord to call our dear brother August Hein of the Lyndock District of Ontario on March 27 out of this world of suffering into the eternal glory and happiness. The deceased was born in Germany on November 11, 1863 and was brought to Canada in his infancy. He was a resident in the Lyndock District of Ontario for many years.

As a young man he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and soon afterwards was baptized and received as a member of the Lyndock Baptist Church, to which he was very faithful and true to the end. For many years he occupied the position of trustee. Fifty-six years ago he married Miss Minnie Kuehl and God blessed their union with 12 children, 4 of whom preceded him in death. He himself died on March 27, 1946 at the age of 82 years, 4 months and 16 days.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Hein; 7 daughters: Mrs. Martha Beckett, Eganville; Mrs. Mildred Paulh, Saskatchewan; Mrs. Elsie Felhaber, Killaloe; Mrs. Margaret Webber, Saskatchewan; Mrs. Wilma Webber, Saskatchewan; Mrs. Angalla Kauffeldt, Quadeville; Mrs. Irma Carkner, Alberta; one son, Joseph of Kinburn; three brothers, John of Killaloe; Joe of Saskatchewan, and Henry of North Bay; one sister, Mrs. Ferdinand Kuehl of Sebastopol; 40 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren; and many relatives and friends.

Rev. J. Kuehn, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. A. Stelter and Rev. C. Weisser, officiated at the funeral service held on Friday, March 29.

Lyndock Baptist Church
Ontario, Canada

Rev. J. Kuehn, Pastor.

What's Happening

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● Chaplin Otto Nallinger returned to the United States and received his honorable discharge late in April. He rejoined his family in Rochester, N. Y., where he hopes to spend most of May at the address: 67 Mervin Ave., Rochester 9, N. Y. He will resume his duties at the Salt Creek Church near Dallas, Oregon on June 2nd. He has been on leave of absence from the church during his years of service as a U. S. Army Chaplain. His articles about his experiences with the forces of occupation in southern Germany will appear in later issues of "The Herald."

● On Sunday morning, March 24, Chaplain Frank H. Woyke was the guest speaker at the King's Highway Church of Bridgeport, Conn., and related some of his experiences and impressions of his work after 26 months of service abroad. On Wednesday evening, May 1, the church will hold a reception for its returned Service Men with Mrs. Elroy Blair as the chairman of the committee on arrangements. In February the Rev. George Hensel, pastor, was pleasantly surprised on his birthday at the close of the church's business session by being handed an envelope with a birthday gift by Mr. R. J. Dittrich in behalf of the church. The young people likewise presented a monetary gift to Mr. Hensel, through their president, Mr. Wilbur Foster. A lighted cross was recently presented to the church by the Sunshine Society which has been installed and is now rendering a wonderful ministry.

**GENERAL CONFERENCE
NOTICE**

Notice About Available Hotel Rooms and Hospitality at the Tacoma General Conference Will Appear in a Forthcoming Issue!

Plans Are Being Made for a Speedy General Conference Train from Chicago to Tacoma!

South Dakota's 5000 Club

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have been amazing and gratifying. Our denominational headquarters have already received the total sum of \$4200.23 from these eleven churches for "the 5000 Club." All of this is the united effort of Sunday Schools and young people's societies in addition to the churches' mission gifts. Pledges and promises to the extent of more than a thousand dollars are still outstanding and the Union itself will make further contributions until its convention meets next June in Westington Springs. South Dakota has virtually gone over the top already!

These promotional experiences reveal the heartening fact that the people of our churches are willing and eager to support any work on foreign and home mission fields, however large and difficult it may be, if they are confident that God has opened the doors and called them to the task. We can go forward resolutely in our missionary crusade as a denomination with God's people like that!

Do You Know That...?

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



The Armenian Orthodox Church believes that the political ambitions of the Vatican are materially handicapping the progress of real Christianity.

It never occurs to a boy of 18 that some day he will be as dumb as his father.

Protestant ministers are only four-tenths of one percent of the men in this country, but 11 percent of the men in "Who's Who" are minister's sons.

Hitler in "Mein Kampf" said, "In combatting the Jews, I am fighting the battle of the Lord."

72 percent of the Rotarians have an income of more than 7,000 dollars annually.

More than one million earthquakes a year are recorded at the California Institute of Technology.

The Emperor of Japan is reported to be studying Christianity and may become a Christian.

Joubert said, "Kindness consists in loving people more than they deserve."

It is said that American colleges often express freedom of religion on the campus by making the campus free from religion.

There are in America twice as many places where liquor is sold as there are churches, and three taverns for every two schools.

The Benedictine Abbey of Monte Vergine, near Naples, exhibits as a relic, "milk of the Virgin Mary."

William James says that religion can be a dull habit and also an acute fever.

Pennsylvania has more churches than any other state in the Union.

Psychology tests given to the men in the American Army in the past war showed that the chaplains were second only to the engineer officers in intelligence.

Oliver Wendell Holmes claimed: "You needn't fear to handle truth roughly; she is no invalid."

Connecticut was the first state to pass a speed law in 1901 restricting speed to 12 miles an hour within city limits.

Remember there has never been an overproduction of kind words.

Kindness always pays, but it pays most when you don't do it for pay

If you want your neighbor to know what Christ will do for him, let him see what Christ has done for you.

The fact that you are always harping on something is no indication that you are an angel.

MARCH CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conference	March	March
	1946	1946
Atlantic	\$ 853.15	\$ 724.20
Eastern	796.77	536.40
Central	2,220.95	3,209.11
Northwestern	1,407.23	1,843.03
Southwestern	1,314.57	3,336.11
Southern	2,373.73	928.04
Pacific	5,646.35	4,537.57
Northern	964.54	1,913.60
Dakota	3,788.40	1,664.76
Totals . . .	\$19,365.69	\$18,692.82
Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies		
March 1946	\$ 8,702.23	
March 1945	2,993.81	
Total to March 31, 1946 ..	\$255,076.39	
Seminary Endowment Fund		
March 1946	\$ 241.00	
March 1945	2,211.01	
Total to March 31, 1946 ..	\$104,429.08	
Christian Training Institute Building Fund		
March 1946	\$ 192.50	
March 1945	552.36	
Total to March 31, 1946 ..	\$20,656.34	