



Chief Woyke Surrounded by Mandan Indians

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WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

● A splendid opportunity presents itself for a qualified optometrist or optician to take over a large practice in Trenton, Illinois, 30 miles east of St. Louis, Mo. Trenton is a small town with good schools and churches. For further information apply to Rev. Chas. F. Zummach, pastor of the Baptist Church, or to Dr. C. H. Gieseke, Trenton, Illinois.

● Chaplain Edwin Kraemer of the U. S. Army, whose articles have frequently appeared in "The Baptist Herald," is now stationed at Albrook Field, Panama, in the Canal Zone. He is a spiritual son of the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Texas. His new address appears on page 18 of this issue as well as a report of the Southern Conference sessions at Kyle, Texas which he and his wife were able to attend before going to Panama.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois has extended a call to Mr. Edward D. McKearnan, a student of the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, to become its pastor. He has accepted the call and is now serving the church while studying at the seminary. He succeeded the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger, now pastor of Chicago's Humboldt Park Church.

● The Baptist Church of Trochu, Alberta, Canada has extended a call to the Rev. Hugo Zepik of Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan to become its pastor, whose article, "The Country Pastor in Action," appeared in the July 15th issue of "The Baptist Herald." Although Mr. Zepik has been on the Golden Prairie field only since 1945, he has felt God's leading in the matter and has accepted the call. His pastorate in Trochu will begin on Nov. 3rd, succeeding the Rev. C. Rempel, now of Venturia, North Dakota.

● Word has been received by cablegram of the safe arrival in Africa of Miss Ruby Salzman of Kankakee, Ill., one of our new Cameroons' missionaries. She arrived in Victoria on August 6th where she was met by Miss Lillian Jacobsen. The two missionaries then went to Buea and to the Soppo mission field, where Miss Salzman is to teach and to render missionary service. An account of her sailing from New York City to Africa appeared in the August 1st (Page 8) issue of "The Baptist Herald."

● A Vacation Bible School of two weeks was recently held at the Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn., with an enrollment of 41 children from 4 to 15 years of age. The four teachers who were in charge of the school were Mrs. Gertrude Schroeder, Miss Audrey Fratzke, Mrs. Irwin Jordan and Mrs. Arnold Krueger. An interesting program was given by the pupils on the closing Friday evening, portraying the work they had done and expressing their love and loyalty to Christ. The Rev. G. P. Schroeder is pastor of the church.

● On the return trip by train from Tacoma, Washington, to Philadelphia, Pa., the Rev. and Mrs. Julius Kaaz went from one car to another to change seats. At that time the train lurched unexpectedly, throwing Mrs. Kaaz to one side which resulted in the breaking of her hip. She was taken to a hospital in Pueblo, Colorado and later transported by ambulance to the St. Joseph's Hospital in Denver, Colorado. She will probably be in Denver for some time, where cards or letters will reach her in care of Mr. H. Kaaz, Box 821, Denver, Colorado. This is the address of her son who lives in Denver.

● A Vacation Bible School was held at the Baptist Church of Overstone, Manitoba from July 29 to August 2 under the leadership of the Rev. F. W. Bartel of St. Joseph, Mich., general evangelist, and student pastor Vernon Link, assisted by the Misses Myrtle Janzen, Eleanor Zilkie and Agnes Edinger of Morris. The school's enrollment reached 42. One of the highlights of the school was the course taught by Mr. Bartel on "The Way of Salvation." At the closing decision service 20 of the pupils signed their names, showing their willingness to take Christ as their personal Savior, as reported by Miss Freda Edel.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Herman C. Wedel are serving as superintendent and director of the physical and religious work of the Volunteers of America Children's Home in Los Angeles, Calif. The Home houses 78 children from 2½ to 12 years of age and a staff of 15 persons. Mr. and Mrs. Wedel have served in this capacity since Feb. 1943 at this Home with its attractive grounds in East Los Angeles. The Volunteers of America, founded by Commander Charles Booth, is celebrating its 50th anniversary year in 1946 with increased missionary work

in the reclaiming of human lives. Mr. and Mrs. Wedel are members of the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., although they attend the nearby Calvary Baptist Church of Los Angeles.

● On Wednesday evening, Sept. 11, the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wisconsin held a recognition reception for its pastor, the Rev. Roy L. Schlader, and its church organist, Mr. Alfred Hilker. In August Mr. Schlader had reached the five year milestone of a very successful pastorate, and Mr. Hilker has been organist for many years. Mr. Charles Meier, church moderator, was in charge of the service. The pulpit supplies in August and early September during the pastor's absence were Dr. Arnold Schultz of the faculty of Chicago's Northern Baptist Seminary; Dr. Hyman Appleman, evangelist; Rev. Wm. Schobert of Michigan; and Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, the denomination's promotional secretary.

● The Rev. Erich Gutsche, pastor of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., since 1937, has announced that he has resigned his charge and has accepted the call extended to him by the First Baptist Church of Corona, South Dakota where he hopes to begin his pastorate on November 1st. On this new field he will succeed the Rev. R. A. Klein, now of Gackle, N. Dak. Mr. Gutsche served the Benton Harbor church in both languages, was teacher of the Men's Bible Class and conducted the Male Choir. The systematic visitation program he pursued during these years proved to be very successful. Mrs. Gutsche also had been active in various capacities in the life of the church.

● At the call of the Second Baptist of George, Iowa on September 1st, forty-one delegates from sixteen Baptist churches gathered to consider the propriety of setting aside Mr. Keith Austin of the George church to the Gospel ministry. The Rev. Ray Allen, pastor of the church, called the meeting to order, and presented the candidate for ordination. The Rev. Peter Wiens of Chancellor, South Dakota was chosen moderator and the Rev. A. M. Williams of Luverne, Minnesota as clerk. Mr. Austin gave a splendid account of his conversion, call and doctrinal beliefs. Dr. G. C. Weiss, president of the Gospel Missionary Union, brought the ordination message. Mr. Austin left in September as a missionary to South America under the Gospel Missionary Union.

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Coming

COORDINATED EFFORT

The Rev. Frank H. Woyke as the new executive secretary will have a very important message in the next issue for every "Baptist Herald" reader. His will be the first of many articles to be contributed by him in which he will announce his plans as executive secretary and make definite requests of our denominational family.

90 YEARS OF DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

One of the highlights of the General Conference program was the Recognition Service, Honoring Dr. William Kuhn, Professor O. E. Krueger, Rev. Samuel Blum and Mr. H. P. Donner and bearing tribute to the 90 years of denominational service rendered by them. This address by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner will appear in the next issue.

TWENTY-FIFTH JUBILEE YEAR

During the next few months important announcements will appear about the colorful plans for the anniversary year of 1947 for "The Herald." It will be a larger publication of 24 pages with many pleasing changes and decided improvements besides numerous outstanding features. Watch for these announcements!

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EDITORIAL

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"Saved to Tell Others"

THE MOTTOES adopted by the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union in recent trienniums have taken hold of people's hearts like a spreading prairie fire. The words, "For Jesus' Sake," were used so widely during the past several years that they burned like lighted torches in the hallway of our denomination.

Now the young people are enthusiastically on their way to impress another motto on the spiritual tempo of our churches. It's a testimony and a song and a challenge—all combined into one phrase: SAVED TO TELL OTHERS. In the carrying out of this motto, the wondrous grace of Jesus, which is experienced in salvation, is bound up with a vital, winsome witness for Christ. Such a spiritual partnership must produce results in a fruit-bearing Christian ministry.

We must be frequently reminded of the fact that we have been saved for many purposes, the most important of which pertains not to ourselves but to the spiritual welfare and eternal destiny of others. It is unthinkable that a person can be saved and at the same time not be concerned in the least about others. As soon as one COMES to Jesus to receive his gift of salvation, he also GOES to all the world to tell the Good News of the Gospel to others. That is the supreme purpose of the blessings of eternal life for each one of us.

This young people's motto, SAVED TO TELL OTHERS, will remind all of us frequently throughout the next triennium of the challenge of the recent General Conference at Tacoma. In those sessions the need was recognized for a more aggressive missionary work to be undertaken by our denomination, for a more fervent and vitalizing evangelistic ministry by our churches, for a more radiant and determined witness by us as individuals. As Christians we are to be catapulted into the world with our testimony and service for the Gospel. We are to tell others what Jesus Christ means to us until we shout it from the housetops and sing of it all day long and give it forth like the fruit of a tree.

You will want to learn this appropriate chorus, if you do not know it already. Surrender yourself to its lilting melody, as the words of the motto stick to you and your life becomes the living expression of this great truth.

We're saved, saved to tell others of the Man of Galilee;
Saved, saved to live daily for the Christ of Calvary;
Saved, saved to invite you to His salvation free;
We're saved, saved, saved by His blood for all eternity."

The Hour of Beginning Again

The Closing Persuasive Message of the General Conference at Tacoma, Wash., by the Rev. C. B. NORDLAND of Forest Park, Illinois

THIS HAS BEEN a good conference. Interest has been sustained throughout its sessions. Momentous decisions have been arrived at. Changes in our organizational structure have been effected. New leaders have been chosen. In every respect it has been an important conference, and the effect of that which has been done here will be felt throughout our denomination for many years to come.

told of their experiences in Europe and not be moved to the very depth of his soul? Who could journey with Dr. Lewis of the Baptist World Alliance or our own Brother Hoover who have so recently left the stricken areas and, having seen in mind's eye the tragedy, the heart-break and sorrow of a suffering people, remain unmoved. To the task of relief and rehabilitation, especially in those areas in which we have so deep an interest, we must give

one-eighth of one percent of its population is Protestant.

A DAY FOR FAITH

Ours is a world that has largely turned from the church as a source of inspiration and guidance. The feeling is general that the church is impotent in the face of crises. Not only do men charge that the church has failed, but they believe that Christianity has failed and they act as though God himself were dead. Not long ago some one said, "Some say that these are hard days for faith in God. But just because of that these are great times for faith in God. History records that the most powerful faith in the world was born when faith was difficult."

This is a great day for faith. Here, in this great conference, we have been able to live on a high level of faith, but as we go out into the world we must resolve that with the help of God we will maintain our faith on that same high level and face our world with the ever deepening conviction that we have been called into being for such a day as this.

There are many things the church must say to our world, but time permits me to mention only three of them. You will please add to the list, expanding it so that it will help you to meet YOUR world and its needs.

GOD'S AUTHORITATIVE WORD

First, the church must know and declare the Bible to be God's authoritative Word. There is a wealth of truth in the story of the Negro woman who had applied for a teaching position and was asked to give in writing her conception of teaching. She wrote: "You've got to know things you are going to teach. You can no more teach what you don't know than you can come back from where you ain't been."

Perhaps, the reason we have had so little success in convincing others that the Bible is God's inspired Word stems out of the fact that we have not given ourselves to devoted reading of that Word and unwavering belief in its teaching that God has a plan for our world and that in spite of seeming contradictions God is working to that plan and is using even the machinations of men to carry his plan forward.

A friend of mine, born in the deep South, tells how he went back to the old home town on a visit and tried to find the Negro lad through whom he had been led to Christ while they were playing together on the plantation of

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Some of Our Cameroons Missionaries Look Over the African Curios in the Exhibit Hall With the Colorful Mural Picture in the Background (Left to Right: Mr. and Mrs. George Henderson, Rev. George Dunger, Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider, Miss Esther Schultz, and Mrs. Clara Gebauer)

There have been hours of inspiration and joyous fellowship, but most of our time has been spent in setting up the machinery to carry through the challenging plans that have been adopted. Now we come to the closing session and soon by plane, train and car we will be going on our several ways, out into the world from which we have been separated for a week. We will undertake to accomplish the great objectives set before us. It is well, then, to think of what we are going to say to a world like ours.

A PICTURE OF THE WORLD

What kind of a world is our world? We had better rediscover that before we attempt to deal with it. We know it is a world torn by the ravages of war. Who of us could sit and listen to the messages of the several chaplains who spoke earlier this week as they

ourselves in continued unselfish endeavor.

It is a world of continued strife, a world in which nations still seem bent on waging warfare and in our atomic age are even now preparing for a still more terrible war than that through which we have so recently passed. Internal strife in our own nation between capital and labor, classes of men, races and creeds make us realize how far we are from having found the solution to our many and varied problems.

Even the most casual contact with people reveals that ours is a world marked by cynicism on the part of a people who have become embittered, disillusioned and disappointed. It is a world that is at once both materialistic and pagan. It is startling to note that in the great nation of China only



The Baptist Mission and Parsonage at Saguache, Colorado (Left) Is a Busy Place When the Spanish-American Children and Adults and Friends (Right) Come to Sunday School to Learn of God's Word and of Jesus Christ as Savior

The Gospel Voice in Colorado

The General Conference Message by the Rev. J. J. REIMER of Saguache, Colorado About the Spanish-American Mission Field in the San Luis Valley

THE VOICE of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

This is the sole purpose of our Spanish-American Mission in the San Luis Valley of Colorado, to prepare the way of the Lord into the hearts of the Christless brown strangers within our gates. Into the spiritual wilderness of the rich, agricultural San Luis Valley it is our privilege to cry out the message of redeeming love. It is our constant policy to reach every willing hearer by every means available.

Several thousand Spanish-Americans have heard and read God's Word in their own Castilian language or else in English. Many at this moment are studying God's Word and considering a stand for Christ. We must patiently wait for their decision. Some have taken the step, seven having been baptized into Christ's death. Two young girls are preparing to go to a Bible School to prepare for Christian service.

How we thank God for these Christian girls and several adults, too, who are now helping us witness for Jesus Christ. It would thrill you to hear their report to us of their experiences with their Catholic relatives, and how they learn to use the Sword of the Lord in their dealings with these blinded people. They, as well as we, encounter much opposition and ridicule. But we don't mind, so long as we get results.

We have had the joy of spreading out the Gospel news from Saguache to six different towns and are longing for the day when we shall have enough

help to carry on regular services in all these places and many more. Thousands of Mexicans are hungry for the Bread of life from our Valley, which is at the tip of the Rio Grande, on and down along this great river to the Mexican border and even deep into Old Mexico itself. The challenge of God to our conference in this decade is: "Give ye them to eat." In the San Luis Valley there are more than 10,000 Spanish-speaking people in 25 towns.

At a recent funeral service I noticed a new woman drinking in the words of life. I could see by her expressions that she was hungrily starved for the Bread of life. Just the other Sunday, for the first time, after entering the waters of baptism, she was among those who stood to partake of the bread and the cup in remembrance of her newly found Savior and Lord. What a changed expression was on her face! It was the expression of one whose hunger has been satisfied.

Now Mrs. Espinoza is busy, trying to win others. Recently she brought Mrs. Sanches, a Catholic neighbor, to the services and then kept her over night, because Mrs. Sanches' family had locked her out. These people live in Villa Grove, and through them a door has been opened to us to hold regular services in this small village, 18 miles from Saguache.

In La Garita, another small village in the opposite direction, a saved schoolteacher, who formally still holds to the Catholic church, taught a real Bible School after the closing of his grade school of 54 pupils. His material was Eggermier's Bible Story Book and the Bible. Help us pray for Jerry

Archuleta that he may come all out for Christ.

In Center, a town planted amidst potato and pea fields, I met a gray-haired Spanish grandmother when first I came into this Valley, and left several good books and a Bible with her. Today she reminds me of Mary when she sits drinking in the Word when I can find time to visit her in her neat little adobe home. She has already thrown away her images and is ready to follow the Lord in baptism as soon as we can place a worker in "Little Chihuahua," the Spanish section of Center. The door is open; all we need is the worker.

Recently our Missionary Society called the Rev. J. Hernandez, a Mexican Baptist pastor from Colorado, to work with us. Having already accepted the call, Mr. Hernandez was led to change his mind and did not come after all. We are praying now for another worker, and believe that God will send us the man of his own choice in his own time.

In the establishment of this new phase of missionary enterprise under our conference, your missionaries have encountered fierce opposition from many directions.

First of all, we moved into a town in the northern tip of the Valley that was spiritually dead. The spirit of modernism had cast its deadly shadow upon this community of cattle ranchers and their hired hands, and churches which once were filled with cow-boys who rode in from the range stood lonely and forsaken when we moved into Saguache. Sports, business, clubs and

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Open Doors at the Tacoma Conference

A Report of the General Conference Continued from the Last Issue of "The Herald" by the Rev. M. L. LEUSCHNER

EVERY VISITOR to the General Conference at Tacoma, Washington from August 19 to 25 was impressed by the many open doors which are now before us as a denomination. The profound conference joys of fellowship and the stirring summons to service can only be understood in the light of these open doors and the places to which they lead.

NEW MISSION FIELDS

New mission fields have been delegated to us. The Macedonian calls from brown and red skinned people have been heard. God has opened the doors. The conference messages by the Rev. J. J. Reimer of Saguache, Colorado on "The Gospel Voice Among the Spanish-Americans of Colorado" thrilled the large audience on Thursday night with the story of the redeeming power of the Gospel in the hearts of these Mexican people. His address is published in this issue of "The Herald."

Equally heart stirring was the account of "God's Open Doors Among the Cree Indians of Alberta" as the Rev. F. W. Benke, dressed in the regalia of an Indian chief, told of our first missionary efforts on the Bobtail reservation in Alberta. Miss Twila Bartz, the first missionary to the Indians, was introduced and brought a brief testimony.

The entire conference week was saturated with this challenge of missionary doors opening to us everywhere. The climax was reached, however, on Sunday afternoon at the inspiring "Youth and Mission Crusade." The young people gave the right zest of enthusiasm to the meeting by their singing and the dramatic presentation of their youth mission projects totally \$42,500.

THE COMMISSIONING SERVICE

This was followed by the commissioning service for our new missionaries and workers. It was the largest of such services ever held in our denominational history, another indication of God's open doors for us. Eight missionaries for the Cameroons of the African continent were presented to the large audience in the auditorium of the Temple Theater with its seating capacity of 1800 people.

Among these was Mr. George Henderson of Toccoa Falls, Georgia, who was appointed as one of our Cameroons missionaries during the General Conference days, and who on Sept. 28 became the husband of Miss Alma Siewert, another Cameroons mission-



Rev. John Walkup of St. Paul, Minn., (Left) and Rev. William Sturhahn of Morris, Man., Canada (Right), the Song Leaders of the Tacoma General Conference

ary. Mrs. Louise Dunger and Mrs. Clara Gebauer, who could not be present, were also remembered in the commissioning prayer offered by Dr. William Kuhn, the retiring general missionary secretary.

The missionaries who will be in Africa soon to join the twelve already there are Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer, Rev. and Mrs. George C. Dunger, Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider, Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson and the Misses Esther Schultz and Ida Forsch. Miss Twila Bartz, the missionary to the Indians on the Bobtail reservation in Alberta, was also commissioned for that new field.

The Rev. William Sturhahn, the denominational appointee for our relief program in Europe, and Miss Mary Leyboldt of Milwaukee, Wis., and Miss Adelaide Klatt of Camrose, Alberta, the new secretaries at our denominational headquarters in Forest Park, Illinois, were also in that impressive group of 12 young people who received the commissioning challenge brought by the Rev. L. B. Holzer, chairman of the General Missionary Committee.

THE QUIET HALF HOURS

The attendance at the daily sessions of the General Conference was exceptionally large. The importance of the business matters and elections and the unique nature of the Quiet Half Hour messages helped to swell the crowds. On four successive days the brethren

FRONT COVER PICTURE

The Rev. Frank H. Woyke, the new executive secretary, is shown with some Indians at Mandan, North Dakota on his return trip from the General Conference.

O. E. Krueger, H. P. Donner, Samuel Blum and William Kuhn, who have already retired or will soon step aside from their active denominational positions, brought devotional messages that reached a new height of spiritual power for our General Conference. The address of Prof. O. E. Krueger on "The Balm of Gilead" will be published in the next issue.

On Sunday evening before the closing conference message by the Rev. C. B. Nordland of Forest Park, Illinois, these four men in high denominational prestige were honored with a message of tribute by the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, which will also be printed in the next number of "The Herald."

GRAND FELLOWSHIP

Long to be remembered about the Tacoma conference will be the open door that led to the grandest fellowship ever experienced at a General Conference. It was superb, a foretaste of heavenly reunions. The representation of ministers of our churches from near and far was exceedingly high. The thirty-three pastors of our churches, who were in attendance at a General Conference for the first time, were introduced to the congregation on Thursday evening.

The outing on Saturday to Mt. Rainier was the perfect embodiment of the spirit of fellowship experienced throughout the week. God provided a beautiful day with "the Mountain," rising 14,408 feet high, in clear view all day long. The caravan of 165 cars with about 850 people stopped frequently along the way to view the waterfalls, ice glaciers, deep canyons and the mountain itself until the place of our picnic abode was reached. There seated on the carpet of grass and wild flowers with the snow and glacier-covered mountain towering above us, we ate the box lunches provided for us. Listened attentively to the worship service conducted by the Rev. E. W. Klatt of Grand Forks, No. Dak., and revelled in the delights of incomparable Christian fellowship. Yes, that was a mountain top experience for a General Conference crowd!

MANY GOOD THINGS

Other denominational doors were also opened wide. The institutions of our North American Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., and Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta with their ever increasing student bodies and ever widening denominational influence were put into the limelight at the Wednesday eve-



At Paradise Valley Many Pictures of Conference Groups Were Taken (Left: Elizabeth Reddig, Alice Kaaz, Virginia Lee and Esther Leuschner) With Mt. Rainier in the Background, as Well as During the Mountain Worship Service With Rev. E. W. Klatt of Grand Forks, No. Dak., as the Speaker, (Right), With Grand Fellowship Enjoyed by All, Such as Experienced by Prof. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., and President Charles W. Koller of Chicago, Ill. (Center)

ning conference program. Greetings were brought by Dr. George A. Lang, Seminary president, and Rev. E. P. Wahl, the Institute president. The seminary quartet and the institute's trio contributed musical numbers. Dr. H. Theodore Sorg of Newark, N. J., lifted the "Christian Education Evening" to a high level of spiritual inspiration and provocative thought in his address on "What Is Ahead for the Church?"

A Conference program is always filled to overflowing with good things. A number of our pastors spoke on the very interesting and personal subjects: "How I Was Led to the Lord" and "How I Was Called Into Christian Service." Missionary George A. Dunger brought a graphic picture of Africa and its needs in a half hour message. Dr. Thorwald W. Bender of Milwaukee, Wis., delivered a timely address on Friday morning on the topic, "The Efficiency of the Holy Spirit." Miss Ann Swain, the Scripture Memorization worker for the Dakota Conference, told about her successful work in the Southwestern Conference and her hopes for the new ministry in the Dakotas. The 75th anniversary of the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michi-

gan was fittingly observed with an historical address on Wednesday night by the Rev. A. F. Runtz, superintendent, and with the distribution of a fine 12 page historical brochure about the Home.

BOOK AND EXHIBIT ROOMS

The Publication Society also opened new doors in a larger ministry at the conference. The Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, business manager, and the Rev. William L. Schoeffel of the book department arranged for a splendid display of books, literature and cards in the Conference Book Room. A record breaking business to the extent of more than \$1600 was transacted, including the sale of several hundred copies of the new book, "Religion in the Ranks." The reports of the Publication Board, the book announcements by the business manager and the goodwill attained by the Society through the Book Room tell their own story of a Publication Society that is going places in its ministry.

New features of the General Conference at Tacoma included the large and colorful Exhibit Hall with hundreds of pictures and a score of exhibit booths depicting the various

phases of our denominational enterprise. A large mural photograph of an African scene overlooked a fascinating exhibit devoted to our Cameroons mission field. The Woman's National Union, the Young People's and S. S. Workers' Union, the other denominational cooperating societies and the Baptist Life Association were well represented with pictorial and informative exhibits.

A "General Conference News" bulletin of four pages was printed daily with two thousand copies distributed free to visitors and delegates. Many of these were sent home to friends who could not attend the conference. This was something "new," prepared and edited by Mr. Henry Schmunk of Tacoma, Wash., and the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Herald," assisted by the secretaries, Mrs. Lillian Edwards and Miss Lucy Ahrens.

The many open doors of the General Conference describe the bright promises of God for our denominational enterprise and the fervent faith with which our churches envisage the future. Because of those open doors, we go forward with resolute courage to expect great things of our God in the tomorrow.



What a Thrilling Experience It was on the Saturday Outing to Mt. Rainier With Young People from Chicago's First Church (Left) Revelling in the Flowers and Mountain View and With the Food Committee (Right) of Tacoma's Calvary Baptist Church Serving 800 Box Lunches to Hungry Adventurers!



General Conference Visitors in Front of Tacoma's First Baptist Church, Such as Dr. and Mrs. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio (Left); Prof. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., and Rev. Walter Stein of Ashley, No. Dak., (Right); and Mr. Lester Bertsch, the Christian Training Institute Trio and Mr. William Miller of Alberta, Canada (Center)

General Conference Impressions and Observations

Glowing Testimonies by Several of the 1164 General Conference Visitors
at Tacoma, Washington from August 19 to 25

A CONFERENCE OUT OF THIS WORLD

By Rev. GEORGE W. ZINZ Jr.,
Pastor of the Central Baptist Church,
Erie, Penn.

Four words describe fully my reaction to the General Conference as a returning chaplain, namely, "Out of This World."

After having been away from all denominational fellowship for three years, one becomes somewhat starved, and then to sit in on and to enjoy every minute of a most successful conference—it was "glorious."

Several things impressed me most vividly. One of these was the spirit present throughout all of the sessions—cordial, congenial, Christian.

Another was not only the planning but also the presentation of the program—pleasing, pointed, practical. Then, too, one could not help but feel the leading of God in all of the business deliberations—cautious, concerted, constructive.

I would not have missed these sessions for anything in the world. It was as though I had stepped from darkness into light.

A GRAND TIME AMONG CHRISTIANS FRIENDS

By Miss CAROLYN J. STASSEN
of St. Paul, Minnesota, the Newly-elected Secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union.

The week I spent attending the General Conference at Tacoma, Wash., was one of the most pleasant vacations I have had. The time passed only too quickly while traveling on the Special Train, seeing old acquaintances and making new friends.

One of the meetings that meant a

great deal to me was the Youth Rally on Friday evening. The musical talent on the program was excellent, and I appreciated every minute of it.

We had two wonderful opportunities to worship together out-of-doors; once at the Young People's Sunrise Service at Point Defiance Park and again at Paradise Valley in Mt. Rainier National Park. I attended both of these services and will remember them for a long time.

Now that I am home in St. Paul, Minn., again, I shall have pleasant memories of this General Conference for some time to come, and also I will be looking forward to having a grand time among Christian friends at the next one.

IMPRESSIONS OF MY FIRST ATTENDANCE AT A GENERAL CONFERENCE

By Rev. ROY B. ANDERSON,
Pastor of the Ogden Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

It is said that first impressions are always lasting. The General Conference at Tacoma, Wash., has left lasting impressions on all, but especially upon my wife and myself who have attended for the first time.

Though I have always been a member of one of our churches, it has never been my privilege to attend a General Conference.

One might think that one has an adequate understanding of the work of our denomination by reading or hearing about what we are doing. At our General Conference, however, one is made to feel the extent of the work of North American Baptists. At Tacoma I saw and heard evidences of the progress our schools were making. I understood to a greater degree the extent of our home missionary endeavor.

Foreign mission fields were brought to us so vividly that we understood even more the vital part which our giving and prayers have in the spreading of the Gospel.

When we gathered for a S. S. and Y. P. workers luncheon, 350 strong, we realized that the local Sunday School or young people's society, small as it might be, was not alone in its service for Christ. The reports, the lively business sessions, the inspirational addresses, the exhibit room as well as the book room, and the fellowship of old friends and new, have sent every delegate back to his home church impressed with the fact that his denomination is a definite participant in the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom.

A JOB WELL DONE AT THE TACOMA GENERAL CONFERENCE

By Rev. Wilmer Quiring,
Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Elmo, Kansas.

My expectations were high as I patiently awaited the arrival of the General Conference special train at Minneapolis, Minn. Not only was I looking forward to a grand conference, but also to the unique experience of riding on a train with only our own people on board.

On boarding the train, I began to see some of my expectations realized. Many acquaintances were renewed, new friends were made, and the contagious conference spirit soon entered my soul. It seemed to be a pre-conference session, and many blessings were ours as we swiftly traveled toward our destination.

At Tacoma we found the conference days packed with many interesting events. Each day seemed to have more

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A Stop at the Falls to View the Rainbow on the Way to Paradise Valley and the Slopes of Mt. Rainier During the General Conference

(Left to Right: Rev. George Hensel, Bridgeport, Conn.; Rev. A. G. Rietdorf, Beatrice, Neb.; Mr. Ernest Hildebrand, Stafford, Kansas; Rev. E. Bibelheimer, Tacoma, Wash.)

After Many Days

A Christian Novel

by JOYE HOEKZEMA

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SYNOPSIS

Dr. Christopher Matthews, Chief-of-Staff at Cass General Hospital, had a brilliant mind and skilled hands, but—so people said—no heart. He knew how to mend broken limbs but he considered broken spirits of no importance. He fell in love with Jane Lee, a nurse and a consecrated Christian, and asked her to marry him. She knew that he was grieving the Spirit of God, but she consented. Now there was no stopping him. He wanted to get married in June—next Sunday. "Then we can run off for a short honeymoon and . . .," he said.

CHAPTER THREE

"Chris Matthews! Is there no stopping you once you're started?" Jane gasped, putting a trembling palm across his lips. "I have to work Sunday—remember? And besides, you've never met my family, and I haven't met your mother. No, Chris, don't kiss me again. How do you expect me to think!"

"I don't! Just love me. That's all I'm asking for just now." After that she gave up trying to be sensible, but at last she drew reluctantly away from the warmth of his shoulder and straightened her hat.

"As much as I hate to mention it, Doctor, it's past midnight, and I have to work tomorrow."

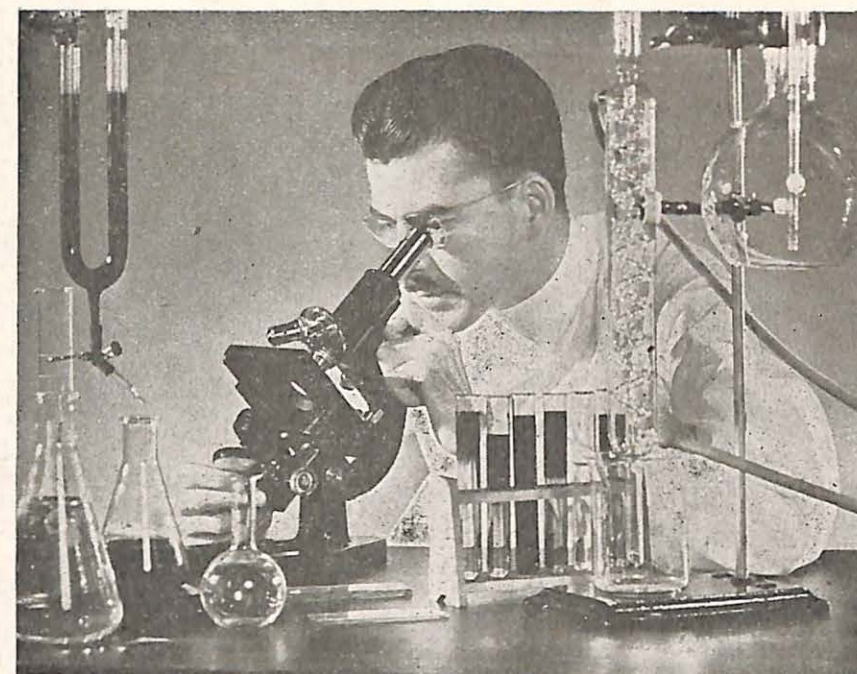
"A situation that will be remedied shortly," he said with grim satisfaction. "Next Sunday we're getting married."

Jane laughed. "I won't argue with you tonight, lover, but of course we aren't getting married next Sunday. A girl has to have time to get ready for the great event of her life!"

He considered. "July then?"

"If Sormagg can spare me. I'll ask her for a few days' leave."

"What do you mean—a few days? You're quitting for good," he stated



—Photo by Ewing Galloway

firmly, pulling her against him for another brief caress.

For a moment she thought he was joking. Chris knew how short of help they were at Cass General, especially during the hot summer months when children's diseases, such as infantile paralysis, filled the wards.

"You'll have to share your wife for a while, I'm afraid, Mister," she said lightly. "You have no idea how efficient I am. Wait and see. I'll keep you comfortable and still keep my job! Will you be surprised!"

"No, you won't!" He spoke sharply now, with a hint of his old coldness. "My wife isn't going to work. That's final!"

Jane stared at him. "But why, Chris? You know how badly I'm needed."

"They can do well enough without you," he retorted doggedly. "I don't want you in the hospital."

Something about that last statement rang a sharp bell in her mind. It was a little more revealing than Chris had intended it to be. So he didn't want her in the hospital. There could be only one answer to that. He didn't want her around to observe his conduct toward his patients. He was tired of her criticism, and he meant to stop it. He meant to take her away from the work she loved, not because he cared how she felt about it, not because he actually needed or wanted her undivided attention, but only because she had become his sharpest critic.

The hands she clenched in her lap were cold and trembling. The Voice of her Friend whispered gently. "You see, Jane, misery is already developing as a result of your promised union with this dear prodigal. Give it up

before it is too late!" But she chose to ignore the Voice. "Are you afraid to have me there?" she asked thinly.

"Afraid?" His head came up quickly, almost arrogantly.

"Yes—afraid!"

"Why should I be?"

She drew a shallow breath. Again the Voice within her bade her break away from this allegiance, but she turned a deaf ear. "You're afraid because you know what I think about your unfeeling attitude toward the patients. You want me to get out of the hospital so you can go your blind, stubborn way without interference. You . . ."

"Of all the stupid nonsense," Chris interrupted violently. "I suppose you'll be telling me next that I asked you to marry me so I could get rid of you?"

"Well, in a way, didn't you?" she asked perversely, denying the grieved Spirit within her. "Oh, I know you love me in your strange refrigerated way, but you've made up your mind that I'll be a lot less nuisance to make up to the patients for your lack of sympathy."

"Listen, you feather-brained little idiot. I . . ."

"You're bound you won't change." Jane did not heed his interruption. She knew she was doing a great wrong, but she was driven by a human rage that she resisted only feebly. "You enjoy harboring old memories and brooding over past wrongs. You have deliberately turned yourself into a cold automaton. There's a verse in the Bible that reminds me of you, Chris, a very familiar verse. Let me quote it to you and see if you don't recognize yourself. 'Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as

sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.' As sounding brass. Do you hear? That's just the way you are—sounding brass! Do you imagine I'll marry a man like that—now or ever? I thought perhaps love might soften you, but I might as well hope to warm the north wind!"

With a savage twist of his hand, Chris switched on the car lights. His face was white and set. "I'll take you home," he said harshly. "As you remarked a minute ago, it's past midnight!"

Oddly enough, Chris' cold fury had a strangely neutralizing effect on Janet's hot anger. She felt it fade to half-frightened resentment and then to panic. Disobedience brought a sense of bewilderment and acute hurt, as it always does to a child of God. She was appalled by what she had just said. What right had she to sit in judgment on Chris? She herself was refusing to follow the dictates of her new nature. If she was going to be stiff-necked and marry Chris in spite of the warning, it was her duty to help him, not to hurl bitterness into his already cynical soul.

It is strangely easy to argue oneself into believing a desired action is right. Because of her deep love for Chris, Jane was slowly convincing herself that she was an instrument in the hand of God, to change him from his prodigal condition. It wasn't difficult to find a fitting bit of Scripture: "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

A sob caught in Jane's throat. Chris had been sinned against so bitterly. Surely it was her duty to help him! If he was God's child, as old Toby had declared, then he was responsible only to his Master, and she had no right to judge him. Human emotion made her repent—not of her decision to marry Chris, but of her sharp and perhaps unreasoning flare of anger. Painfully she wondered why she had thus deliberately poured salt into his wounds.

Perhaps she had misjudged his motive in wanting her to leave the hospital. At any rate, Toby was right about not quarreling with him. If her love was to change and heal him, she must wait patiently and pray.

Before he could start the motor, she put both hands imploringly on his arm. "Chris, I am so sorry—so terribly sorry. Why do I say things that hurt you, when I love you so much? It was wicked and wrong of me, and I'll have to ask forgiveness of my Lord before I can sleep tonight."

Under her fingers she felt his muscles knot. "Love me? That's a good one! You're not trying to tell me that you love a—a piece of sounding brass!"

"Don't, Chris! I had no right to talk like that. I not only grieved you

when I did it, but I grieved my Lord as well. Be generous and forgive me," she pleaded. "You know I love you. You must know it after all these weeks. But I'm so pitifully human. I know just what Paul the apostle meant when he said, 'For the good that I would I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do.' If I didn't love you so much, I wouldn't lose my temper and say the things I do. Don't you see, lover?"

"They say the female gnu sometimes turns on her mate and tears him to pieces—another way of expressing deep feminine affection, I suppose?"

"Chris!" Jane didn't make the mistake of weeping. She realized that past experience must have taught him to mistrust and despise a woman's tears. Instead, she sat very still, gripping her hands hard together in her lap and wondering if her hasty speech had brought a final break between them.

Then he did one of those abrupt, astonishing things that made him such an intriguing conundrum. He turned violently and pulled her into his arms.

"All right, tear me to pieces! I ought to be able to take it by this time! If that's your way of loving me, then I'll grin and bear it. But the verdict remains the same!"

"You mean about my quitting the hospital?"

"Yes."

"All right, if that's the way you want it," Jane said with gentle dignity. "I'll tell Miss Sormagg the first thing tomorrow that I'm quitting the first of September."

"September?"

"September! I can't leave while the other girls are having their vacations. Besides, it wouldn't be fair to your mother or to my family to get married in haste."

"I suppose you're right," he agreed reluctantly. "Will you go home with me on your first week-end off? I've never told you much about my mother. It's because—well because our home and mother herself are so different from the life I live now. You'll understand what I mean when I take you to her."

"My family will be just as strange to you," Jane murmured, nestling thankfully against his shoulder.

"Maybe—but you've pictured them so vividly that I feel a kinship for them already," he mused. "There's the one you call Robin—six years old and all legs and arms, with a tooth missing in front. Then there's Cade. Let's see. He's eleven and wants to be a baseball player when he grows up. Dale is the oldest and quite grown up. I'd judge—fifteen and already earning his own clothes. I met your father once, of course, and he's pretty swell. Now I want you to meet all the family I've got. But she's pretty wonderful."

"I'm sure she is," Jane whispered, and suddenly she was walking on the tips of rose-tinted clouds and all the world was glorious and wonderful, except the shadow of her disobedience.

Two weeks later Chris drove her to his home. He was a gay, charming companion all the way, and the miles sped by with unbelievable swiftness. Before noon they entered the elm-bordered streets of a small town. They passed wide green lawns, a fountain and a public square, and then stopped at a house that reminded Jane of a nestling dove—white amid sheltering hedges—a gentle, friendly old house with patient eyes looking toward distant hills and beside it a fragrant old-fashioned garden.

"This is home," Chris announced with simple pride. "Mother will be sitting on the side porch, rocking a little and watching for us."

"How can you know that?"

"I know Mother." He laughed.

As they rolled to a stop under the quaint portico, a voice, bird-sweet and treble-clear, called, "Chris—my boy, my boy!"

A Dresden-like figure appeared under the lacy tendrils of the honeysuckle. Jane knew that she would never forget this first glimpse of Chris' mother. Her dress was the color of the lavender haze across the hills, and there was a thin white scarf across her shoulders. Her hair was as white as the honeysuckle blossoms above her head, but her face was as rosy and eager as a child's. Her eyes were the soft blue of delphinium, and now they were awash with happy tears.

"Mother!" Chris swung her off her feet and kissed her until she blushed like a girl.

"Have you no respect for age?" she chided, laughing and crying at the same time. "Put me down and introduce me to this lovely girl—your bride-to-be, of course?"

"This is Jane, Mother. It took me a long while, didn't it, to find the right mate? But I've won the finest woman in the world!"

"I can believe that! You're so welcome, my dear," she said softly, opening her arms to Jane as if she were already a daughter.

"Thank you, Mother Matthews," Jane whispered, unexpected tears filling her throat. "It's sweet of you not to resent me."

"Resent you? Why should I resent you, my dear? Haven't I been praying for years that Chris would find a sweet Christian girl for a wife? It's not fitting for a man to live alone!" She laughed, brushing away her tears valiantly, and taking each by the hand. "Come in now. I have dinner all ready. You call it lunch in the city, but it's still dinner to us out here."

"I smell ham," Chris said, and then with a long sigh of content, he drew both women into his arms for an in-

stant. "The two grandest girls God ever made—and both of them under one roof!" he declared with satisfaction. "What more could a man ask for?"

Mother Matthews looked at Jane and smiled. For an instant their hearts met, in silent communion. They shared a common love and the sharing drew them close in a new bond of understanding.

It was Mother Matthews, too, who showed her Chris' old room—the room that was so eloquent of the boy who had once lived there. Birds' nests and a stuffed owl, tennis rackets and a baseball glove, college pennants and an ornate pipe lettered in Greek—Jane noticed them all. Chris' mother led the girl across the threshold, her face tender.

"I just wanted you to see his old room, Jane, so that you could catch a glimpse of the boy he once was—the boy who cracked a collarbone collecting those birds' nests and who ran ten pounds off his lank frame winning that ball glove. There used to be so much joy in him. I'm glad he has found you. He—he needs to laugh again. He has been so driven by work lately, that, well, he isn't like he used to be." But she hid the anxiety in her eyes the instant Chris appeared.

"You must show Jane our lake," she told him briskly. "Chris bought all the land around it so that I could have it all to myself. He bought me a canoe, too. Imagine a woman of my years paddling around a lake just any time she wishes..."

"What do you mean—a woman of your years?" Chris teased tenderly. "You handle a canoe like an Indian. I believe you spend half your time on that lake, don't you, Meg?"

"Not during the day. I'm too busy," she protested. "But I do paddle around a lot at night. I can think best out there and do my best praying, too. God walks upon the water then." She turned to Jane, smiling. "Perhaps you are familiar with this poem:

God walks upon the water. I saw
Him in the flight
Of wild geese winging south at
morn, and when the night
Came running eager down the stair-
way of the trees,
God called my heart to rest with
whispering of leaves.

"That's lovely," Jane murmured, beginning to understand why Chris is a great man. For an instant Meg Matthews had let her glimpse the shining beauty of her heart.

The day passed so swiftly that there was not a moment to get more than a glimpse of the gleaming bit of blue lake below the house. Soon it was time to start back.

"I don't want the best nurse at Cass General going to sleep at her job tomorrow," Chris teased, "so I'd better get her home. I told you she was a

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very special kind of person, Meg," he added.

"Indeed you did, and you were right," Mother Matthews said, kissing Jane warmly. "You must bring her again soon, Chris."

"After I visit her family," Chris grinned. "She won't marry me until we are all well acquainted. You've no idea what a strong mind my little sweetheart has!"

"A strong mind and a wise heart," Meg Matthews whispered, kissing her again. "God bless you, child."

Chris failed to head for the hospital. Instead, he swerved the car into a lane which led toward the private lake.

"It's too beautiful a night to waste," he said abruptly, and there was a strange new note in his voice that made Jane catch her breath. "I was just thinking that a speedboat ride would be fun. At the end of this lane I've got a little boat that knows how to do tricks in the moonlight. I haven't used it since last year, but the caretaker keeps the motor in running order just in case. How about it?"

"It sounds like fun, but if I go to sleep on the job tomorrow, you can deal with Sormagg." Jane laughed. Jane sat close to Chris and felt the craft quiver like something alive. A sharp excitement raced through her. She laughed aloud.

"Like it, sweet?" Chris asked, pulling her to him.

"Oh, I love it!" she gasped, lifting her face to the sting of spray and the warm wind and the darkness. "It must be better than flying."

Her closeness did something to Chris. His arm around her was suddenly taut. He guided the boat into a cove where a giant willow made a deep shadow. He switched off the motor and they drifted idly in the silence, broken only by the lisp of waves against the bow.

For a moment Chris was silent. Then he began to speak slowly, painfully, as though each word were being pulled by sheer physical force from the inner cockles of his heart.

"Darling, there's something I want to tell you—something that I find very difficult to put into words... It's about that prodigal son business..."

Jane's heart missed a beat. She sat very still, hardly daring to breathe. Chris, holding her hand in both of his, continued haltingly.

"My mother has never guessed the bitterness I've harbored in my soul these past years. She thinks I'm the same lad who went so cheerfully away to school. Of course, I'm not the same—I probably never will be. But

at least I've come to the place where I'm tired and sick of eating spiritual husks. What was it that first prodigal said, Jane?"

Tenderly Jane repeated, "I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee."

"That's it—that's it exactly," Chris exclaimed and now his voice was shaking. "I've come to the place where I'm ashamed of the barrenness of my own soul. I shouldn't have held out so long against the dictates of my conscience. Jane, help me to arise and go to my Father! Are you sure there is complete forgiveness for such a sinner as I have been?"

Jane, weeping with joy, whispered, "Oh, Chris, beloved, of course there is complete forgiveness for every sinner who repents. Remember First John 1:9: 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'"

He nodded slowly. His big hands gripped the steering wheel fiercely. "I believe that," he said hoarsely. "I've always believed it. But it's another thing to come to the place of confession. I've been stubborn and bitter so long, Jane. I'm not sure I can rid my soul of this thing even yet. It's hard to explain. I want to change. I want to be the kind of man you want me to be—the kind of man my mother thinks I am. But I'm not sure..."

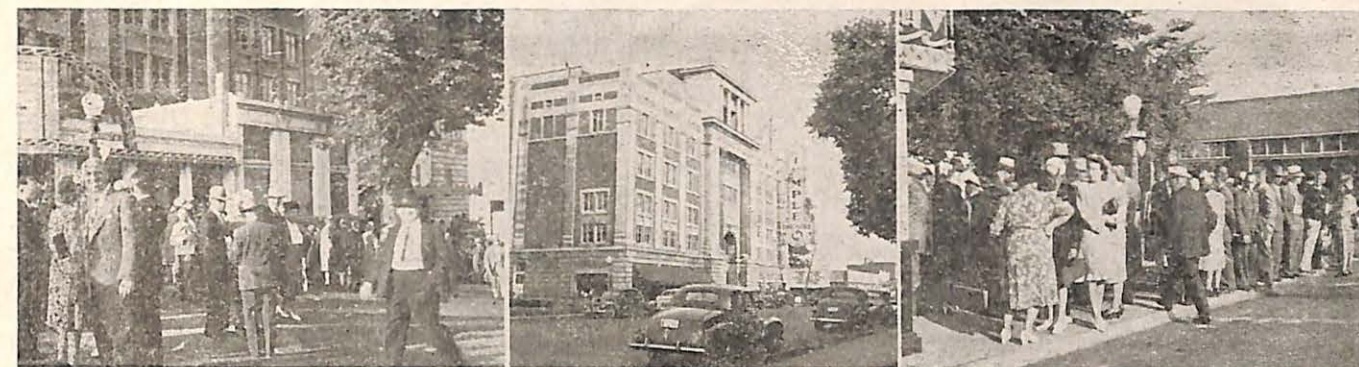
"You can never overcome this thing by yourself, Chris," Jane interrupted gently, drawing his troubled face against her shoulder. "Our wonderful Lord doesn't expect you to. When the prodigal came to the place where he was willing to arise and go to his father, you will remember that the Father met him when 'he was yet a great way off' and 'had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.' The love of the Lord always meets the returning sinner 'a great way off,' and there is always tender compassion and yearning love and complete forgiveness."

Chris groaned. "I know that everything you say is true, Jane, yet I can't seem to take the first step. I'm in chains—chains of bitterness and stubborn hurt and... I can't explain it even to you, dearheart. Only be patient and keep praying for me, won't you?"

"Without ceasing," Jane promised brokenly. "And with faith, believing! Oh, Chris, if you could only trust Him. He will give you victory—He will lead you 'in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.' Won't you confess your sin to Him right now, lover, and allow Him to remove your burden?"

Chris drew away from her a little. There was bitter conflict in his tormented heart. "I can't, Jane, not tonight, not right now. But soon... yes... soon..."

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On Sunday Afternoon After the Inspiring Youth and Mission Crusade Rally in Tacoma's Temple Theater (Center), the General Conference Session of Fellowship, Discussion and Conversation Was Continued on the Sidewalks and Curbsides of Adjoining Streets (Left and Right)

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than its allotted 24 hours. This was true, not because the time passed slowly, but because so many things were accomplished.

The conference gave one the feeling of a large family reunion, and each one felt that he was a part of the family. We went away from this Conference, not only feeling that a job had been well done, but also thanking God for this fellowship we have in Christ Jesus.

A GREAT TURNING POINT IN OUR DENOMINATION'S HISTORY

By Miss ELLEN LEHR of Aplington, Iowa, President of the Northwestern Conference and Iowa Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Unions.

Our General Conference this year is one which will go down in history as a great turning point in our denomination. Much has been done to bring about a more unified program and it is to be done "For Jesus' Sake."

As we listened to the reports of the phases of the work of our denomination, we could see that much has been accomplished. We have been challenged to greater sacrificial giving as we listened to men who know conditions as they are in Europe today and we began to realize the spiritual and physical needs of the people, especially of those in Germany. We rejoiced as we were told that we will have a supervisor for our relief work in Germany.

As we listened to the messages given during the conference sessions, we were brought closer to Christ and to the work of his Kingdom. We realized anew that it is only through him that we can "move" forward as a denomination.

On Sunday afternoon we rejoiced as more missionary appointees were presented and commissioned to greater service of our Lord. We were cheered by the fact that we will be sending more new workers to our enlarged work in the Cameroons, to our home mission fields and to Europe.

A DEMONSTRATION OF CHRISTIAN HARMONY AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

By Rev. WALTER C. DAMRAU, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington

Another milestone in the history of our great denomination is past. The 28th General Conference is part of that record. It hardly seems possible that this great gathering, for which we had prayed and worked much, has passed so swiftly. The impressions, which will continue to linger, are many and varied.

Among the things I shall always remember are the wonderful spirit and the consecrated enthusiasm of the members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma. They responded willingly and gladly to the call to serve on committees, to open their homes to our guests, and to share with them what they had. Even the last minute cancellation of two large blocks of housing didn't dampen their enthusiasm, as they made room for more guests in their homes and canvassed the neighbors for spare rooms.



Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio Gazing at "the Mountain" Through Binoculars During the Saturday Outing of the General Conference

The messages of our retiring denominational workers will long be remembered, as well as the many fine contributions of many others to the program. Above all, there shall linger in our memories that fine brotherly spirit which prevailed during the business sessions. In a world filled with strife and jealousy when brother is fighting brother, this demonstration of unity and brotherly consideration was all the more remarkable. The spirit of the conference motto surely found ample expression. Truly, "hitherto the Lord hath led." HE will lead on.

The Gospel in Colorado

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parties, the theater and, above all, the dance and the saloon have taken the place of church life in Saguache.

Consequently, we not only lack Christian fellowship with the white people, but we receive much opposition from them for mixing with the "Mexicans." On the other side we are hated by the fanatic Catholics among the Spanish people, who frantically hold back those Catholics who have a desire to be saved.

Again, when new Catholic families become interested, the Spanish Adventists in town go after them and try to win them for their church. They are experts in confusing the minds of those who have opened their hearts to the Word of God. A few Russelites add their bit to confuse these poor souls, who are longing to come to the Light. All of this confusion provides the priest with the strongest of all arguments as he repeats: "The Protestants are divided; the Catholics are one under one head at Rome. You had better play safe and remain in the church of your fathers. By changing from one religion to another, you may well lose your souls."

But, in spite of all the opposition, we feel that the Lord will win for us. In fact, it may well be that these forces of opposition will contribute to a final victory, because we have this promise, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." Romans 8:37.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

Vacation Bible School With 33 Children at the Pilgrim Church, Jersey City, N. J.

A Vacation Bible School was held at the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, N. J., from July 8 to 19. Sessions were from 9 to 12 A. M. The enrollment was 33 with an average attendance of 22. We used Scripture Press material with very good results. We had six teachers and helpers, as follows: Mrs. Anna Leeb and Gloria Munning, Beginners' Dept.; Mrs. Fred Heinrich, Primary Dept.; Mrs. E. Munning, Juniors; and Mrs. Alfred O'Neill, Intermediates. The pastor, the Rev. Evert Munning, led the morning and closing devotions and gave a flannelgraph lesson.

The closing exercises were held on Friday night and a good time was had by all. Prizes were given for attendance and memory work. A short dialogue, "The Old Rugged Cross," was featured. A flannelgraph lesson similar to those of the morning sessions was given by Mr. Alfred O'Neill. There was a recitation by the children of the various groups.

The offering each day was taken for the American Mission to the Lepers, and with a contribution from the Sunday School of \$6.00 this amounted to \$40.07. We are all grateful to the Lord for the privilege that was ours to have a part in this great work.

Evert Munning, Pastor.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Vacation Bible School For 51 Children Is Held at Venturia, North Dakota

The First Baptist Church of Venturia, No. Dakota held a Vacation Bible School from July 8 to 12 with morning and afternoon sessions for 51 children enrolled. The children were di-

vided into four classes with four teachers in charge, who were Rev. C. Rempel, Hylda Dockter, August Bertsch and Frances Hoff. Mrs. C. Rempel taught the choruses and led in group singing, and Audrey Schnabel served as pianist.

Since our church has no classroom space, we were able to make use of our Public School which was very practical for class sessions. For the group singing, continued story and object lessons we met in the church.

On Friday evening, July 12, the children gave an interesting demonstration program for the benefit of a large congregation of parents and friends.

Frances Hoff, Reporter.

Busy But Happy Days for the Plum Creek Church of South Dakota

It has been a very busy time for young and old in the Plum Creek Church area near Emery, South Dakota. Not only has everyone worked hard, early and late, to harvest the golden grain that God has again so graciously permitted to grow and to ripen on our fields, but the young people found time somehow to study and rehearse for an interesting program which was given to a capacity crowd in our church on Sunday, July 28. The Camerons Mission offering at this time was \$68.75.

The Rev. Fred Trautner and a goodly number of his people of Unityville, So. Dakota joined us in an outdoor baptismal service at Lake Hanson on Sunday, August 4. It was a most impressive sight when Mr. Trautner with his five candidates and the Rev. G. W. Rutsch with 4 candidates walked into the baptismal waters hand in hand while the large attentive audience sang songs of praise and rejoicing.

On Sunday evening, August 11, the young people of our church gave an all musical program in the Unityville Baptist Church. The program consisted of vocal and instrumental numbers including selections by a 13-piece orchestra. The mission offering for Unityville at this time was \$37.00.

Darleen Rutsch, Reporter.

Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society of Goodrich, North Dakota

The members of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Goodrich, North Dakota celebrated another anniversary on Sunday, August 4th, when we presented a missionary program to a large congregation under the able leadership of our president, Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler. Our program consisted of a vocal solo, several musical numbers by ladies' trios, a recitation, several short talks by some of our guests and our minister, Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, and two songs by the Missionary Society.

We had 12 tables prepared at which our guests were seated according to their birthday month. For roll call each table had to respond with a song, short talk, Bible verse or musical number. Each guest gave an offering according to age, and our offering amounted to \$57.78.

As a Missionary Society we meet once a month and follow a planned program. We study several Bible books and one Missionary book each year. We took up the National Project Chart and made all our points. We donated gifts of money for missionary work at home and abroad, and a portion of it for our own church fund.

Mrs. Wm. Engel, Secretary.

Fifty Children at the Vacation Bible School at Herreid, South Dakota

A successful Vacation Bible School was conducted in Herreid, South Dakota from July 8 to 12, with an attendance of 50 children. Classes were held in the forenoon and afternoon.

The daily schedule began at 9:30 A. M., with the children marching into church and giving salutes to the United States and the Christian flags, and also to the Bible. A brief worship service was then led by the pastor, the Rev. E. S. Fenske, after which the children went to their classes.

Our teaching staff was composed as follows: Mrs. E. Quenzer and Mrs. A. Berndt, the Beginners; Mrs. E. Bollinger, the Primary class; Mrs. E. S. Fenske, Juniors; and Rev. E. S. Fenske, Seniors. From 3 to 4 P. M. daily singing was taught by Mrs. Fenske with Mrs. R. H. Ackermann assisting at the piano. The children learned many Bible verses, choruses, prayers and Bible stories. The Bible stories were illustrated on a flannelgraph board by Mrs. Fenske.

On Sunday evening, July 14, the school gave a fine program which was greatly appreciated by a large audience. Handwork which had been made by the children was displayed on a large table.

As teachers we are glad that we have had the privilege of sowing the seed of God's Word into the minds of these children. Our school motto was: "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

E. S. Fenske, Pastor.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Interesting Vacation Bible School Is Held at Lashburn, Saskatchewan, Canada

Even in the for North the children love to gather around God's Word and to hear stories of Jesus. From July 16 to 26 we of Lashburn, Sask., Canada had the joy of teaching 30 children in a Vacation Bible School.

Mr. Fred Ohlmann was the director and taught "Israel's History" to the Intermediates. Mrs. Fred Ohlmann taught "The Animated Life of Christ" with flannelgraph to the Juniors and Miss Hilda Fried taught the Primary Department. We commenced our day's program at 9 A. M. The teachers took turns in leading the devotional periods every morning.

Many were blessed at the closing program. The sad part of the evening was that the building was too small for the people who wanted to attend. Nearly all men listened from windows and doors.

Mrs. Fred Ohlmann, Reporter.

Chief White Feather at the Vacation Bible School in Southey, Saskatchewan

A Vacation Bible School was enjoyed by the teachers and 35 enrolled pupils at the Baptist Church of Southey, Sask., Canada from July 8 to 12. The opening exercises on the first morning consisted of a colorful parade through the streets of Southey. The Rev. and Mrs. H. Smuland and Chief White Feather led the children who carried the banners, "Jesus Loves the Little Children," "Welcome to Vacation Bible School," "Youth for Christ," also the Canadian and Christian flags. Choruses were sung during the entire parade to the glory of God.

The Primary class, under the supervision of Misses Ethel Berkan and Ruth Huber studied the creation story. This was taught by means of flannel talks, stories and Scripture memorization. Each pupil had a workbook in which he colored pictures to correspond with each phase of the story.

Under the guidance of Mrs. H. Smuland and Miss Viola Galenzoski, the Junior class centered their studies on the land of Palestine. The features of the land, the customs, manners, food and clothing of the people proved to be a very interesting study. While the boys were building model sail boats, the girls dressed up clothes pins to represent shepherds of the Holy Land.

Parents and friends were present at the commencement program on the following Sunday. Every student took part in this fine program.

Everyone interested was invited to visit the school during the week. Besides parents and friends, we were glad to welcome our Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Harold Gerhardt; our pastor, Rev. H. Smuland; and Chief White Feather. We were privileged to have the Chief with us for he was a great inspiration to us through word and song.

Viola Galenzoski, Reporter.



The Rev. Frank Armbruster (Rear) of Edenwold, Sask., Can. and Nine Baptismal Candidates on the Shore of a Lake

Enrollment of 86 Children at the Vacation Bible School of Morris, Manitoba

Whenever a thrilling experience is enjoyed, we automatically speak about it all the time and to everyone—and thus it is that we are giving this report concerning our Vacation Bible School at Morris, Manitoba to "Baptist Herald" readers.

After weeks of prayer and careful planning, we gathered on Monday morning, July 22, for the first of ten sessions. We were really amazed that even on this first morning we had an enrollment of 51 children, a number exceeding the final total of any previous year. This number grew by leaps and bounds until it reached 86 by Friday morning. The highest attendance was 74 and the average 67.3. There were 46 of the first 51 children with a perfect attendance.

The Rev. F. W. Bartel, the principal, taught a very valuable course of study on "The Way of Salvation," this being the heart of the school's program. There were ten other members on the faculty, who heartily joined in storytelling, memory work and handwork for the various classes. An outstanding accomplishment was Mr. Vernon Link's success in the Junior and Intermediate department in Memory Work.

The climax of the week was reached on Friday afternoon at the Decision Service, during which 38 individuals stepped out in their own childlike way as far as they understood, and turned for the need of their lives to the love of God. Members of the teaching staff were Rev. F. W. Bartel, Mr. Vernon Link, Mrs. S. Hoffman, Misses Agnes Edinger, Lydia Rentz, Bernice Stober, Lea Konrad, Ruth Boggs, Eleanor Zilke, Helen Paschke, and Myrtle Janzen.

Myrtle Janzen, Reporter.

Dedication of New Church at Davin and Baptismal Service at Edenwold, Sask.

On Sunday, July 28, Christians and friends from far and near came to Davin, Sask., to help us of the Edenwold Baptist Church to dedicate the new church to the glory of God. The day was beautiful and the attendance good. At 9:30 A. M. a short service was begun in front of the church with the Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of our Bible School in Edmonton, and the local ministers, the Rev. Frank Armbruster, taking part. The door was then unlocked allowing the people to enter the new church.

The procession was led by Mr. Wahl and the local minister. They were followed by the head men of the Davin Church, who in turn were followed by the members of the mass choir. Lastly, the members and friends of the church entered. The mass choir began the service by singing, "There's a Royal Banner." Mr. Wahl spoke at the three services that day.

The meals, served in the basement of the church, had been well prepared, were promptly served and were enjoyed by all. Even considerable was left over. Mr. Wahl's messages were inspiring as well as challenging to all present. The morning and afternoon messages concerned the Christians at the church, while the evening message was a very evangelistic challenge. The spirit of God was present and brought conviction to hearts.

Although the Davin group is small, their unity, zeal, enthusiasm and cooperation are outstanding. Building material was and still is hard to get but they went at the task with a will and determination which overcame all obstacles under the guidance of the Spirit of God. The church as it now stands is free of debt.

Mrs. Frank Armbruster, Reporter.



A Happy Group of Pupils and Teachers at the Vacation Bible School in Southey, Sask., Canada, With Chief White Feather, a Christian Indian at the Left.



Children and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School at Herreid, So. Dakota With the Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Fenske in the Rear Row, Right

Male Chorus of 24 Men at the Baptist Church of Springdale, Sask., Canada

We of the Baptist Church of Springdale, Sask., Canada are indeed thankful to God in that we have the Rev. R. Kannwischer and his wife working on our field. They are devoted to the work which they have undertaken. Recently a male chorus was organized and it has already been a great blessing in our vicinity.

The choir consists of 24 members with the Rev. R. Kannwischer as the director. The chorus serves in the morning church service every second Sunday while the mixed chorus serves on alternate Sundays. We are able to render special numbers at our young people's programs. It also has been our privilege to attend the Northern Conference held at Minitonas, Manitoba in July and on that Saturday evening we rendered several numbers in the service.

May God richly bless the work of our pastor as he continues to work here!

Vera Mantay, Pianist.



The Newly Organized Baptist Men's Chorus of Springdale, Sask., With the Rev. R. Kannwischer, Director, at the Left (Front) and Miss Vera Mantay, Pianist, at the Right

Alberta Tri Union Assembly at Their Own Camp on the Shore of Sylvan Lake

The young people of Alberta met for their fifth annual assembly at Sylvan Lake from July 22 to 28. What for years was only a vague dream, now was reality. This year the camp was "our own," purchased and equipped with our money, time, and labor. Already the cost has exceeded \$6,000.

The activities began each day with a devotional period led by Miss Twila Bartz, our newly appointed missionary to the Alberta Indians. The remaining forenoon hours were spent in class instructions: "Indian Missions" by Rev. F. W. Benke, "Sunday School Work" by Rev. E. P. Wahl, and "The Second Coming of Christ" by Dr. George Lang, president of our seminary at Rochester. These courses were helpful and answered the many "why's" of the young people.

The evening hours found them gathered under the huge assembly tent to share heart-stirring addresses brought by Dr. Lang. He challenged them to "expect great things from God—attempt great things for God." This was followed by a fireside service at the waterfront under the leadership of Miss Ida Forsch, our appointee to Africa.

On Saturday morning we had our business, resulting in the election of the following officers: dean, Rev. R. Schilke; president, Rev. R. Kern; vice-president, Rev. K. Korella; secretary, Harriet Weisser; treasurer, Herbert Link; pianists, Verda Schieler and Mrs. E. Wegner; young people's director, Rev. G. Robinson; Sunday School director, Rev. A. Schultz; musical director, Robert Neske.

On Saturday night Miss Bartz led the young people in a consecration service, urging them to re-dedicate themselves or to consecrate their lives for definite service to the Master's call. A large number responded.

Sunday brought the assembly days to a glorious climax. Many visitors from far were present and shared in

the service. Among them were the Reverends John Mueller from Pennsylvania and Fred Mashner from Wisconsin. The Sunday School was led by Cecilia Priebe, with Miss Ida Forsch and Heinz Grabia, a prospective seminary student, bringing brief messages. Rev. R. Schilke delivered the morning message and spoke very challenging on the theme, "A Divided Heart."

The assembly closed with the camp "Dedicatory Service," led by Rev. A. Huber, with Dr. Lang bringing the message on Gen. 20:17, "This is none other than the house of God." The dedicatory prayer was given by Rev. R. Kern, assembly president. The mass choir rendered selections at both services.

Inspired, proud and with gratitude in their hearts that this is "their camp," the young people went home, praying and anticipating even greater blessings in the year to come.

Cecilia Priebe, Reporter.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The Beaver Baptist Church of Michigan Celebrates Its 50th Anniversary

The Beaver Baptist Church near Auburn, Mich., had the joy of celebrating its 50th anniversary on July 20th and 21st.

The celebration was opened with a fellowship supper which was held in the church on Saturday evening. At the opening service which followed the supper, our new Hammond Organ was used for the first time and Rev. Victor Prendergast of Gladwin brought a fine dedication message. The play, "The Lost Church," was given by our young people.

Our services on Sunday included the Sunday School hour under the leadership of our superintendent, Fred Armbruster, at which time the visiting pastors spoke, and roll was called of Sunday School members who were present in the services of 50, 40, 30 and 25 years ago. We are happy that each call received a response.

The guest speaker for our worship service was Dr. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Illinois who spoke on "The Church Glorifying God," choosing his text from Ephesians 3:21. It was indeed a fitting topic, for without God the church would not have endured.

On Sunday afternoon reports were given from the seven branches of the church telling of the organization, growth, accomplishments and activities of the various departments. Mrs. Ebert, our church clerk, read letters and telegrams of congratulations and regrets from pastors who could not attend. Miss Esther Schultz, who is our missionary to the Cameroons, spoke on the topic, "On This Rock," at which time she also expressed the joy in being able to enter the mission field under our banner. At the close of the meeting, booklets on the history of the church throughout the fifty-year period were given as souvenirs to all those present.

The closing service on Sunday evening also had its highlights. A memorial service was held under the leadership of the Rev. Henry Sellhorn, in memory of all those who left the church in the past fifty years to enter into their heavenly reward. Dr. Kuhn gave the closing message taken from the text Philippians 4:19.

We were favored with special selections from our choir, a men's quartet and duets. As a special treat, we had Donald Witt from Detroit with us who rendered several numbers on his violin. Guest pastors who took part in the services were Rev. Adolph Orthner and Rev. Rudy Orthner, along with the above mentioned. God was especially good to us on Sunday in providing a beautiful day which helped us to attain an attendance of 275.

We as a church are grateful to our pastor, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, who did much in helping to make this celebration a joyous event. He is a faithful worker in our community and is ever striving to lead his church to higher ground.

Luanna Majeske, Reporter.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

A Foretaste of General Conference Joys at Vancouver's Ebenezer Baptist Church

On Sunday, August 18, we of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., Canada had a day filled with blessings. It was really a taste of the General Conference at Tacoma, Washington.

Starting the Sunday right, in Sunday School we had many visitors from all parts of Canada and the U. S. A., who were on their way to Tacoma and honored us with a short visit. The morning service was in the hands of the Rochester Seminary Quartet, which rendered a very fine program. In the afternoon the Rev. Wm. Hoover of Detroit, Michigan gave us a good picture of the work done and to be done for the suffering people in Europe.

In the evening before the message, we had a roll call of visiting ministers in our church and, after being so long without a regular minister, we had the pleasure of counting eleven in our midst. Rev. O. Patzia of Winnipeg read the Scripture and led us in prayer after which Professor Frank Woyke, an ex-chaplain of the U. S. A. Army, carried us in thoughts to postwar Germany, which all led to the one truth, that God has been merciful with us here and that we cannot but do our utmost to help our brethren in this time of sorrow and want.

After being without a permanent pastor for over a year, we can say that the almighty One has been with us during this time and sent us Dr. and Mrs. John Olthoff from Salem, Oregon to be with us till October. The Rev. R. Kern of Calgary, Alberta has accepted our call to become our minister, and we are praying that God may use him to glorify his name and bring souls to our Savior.

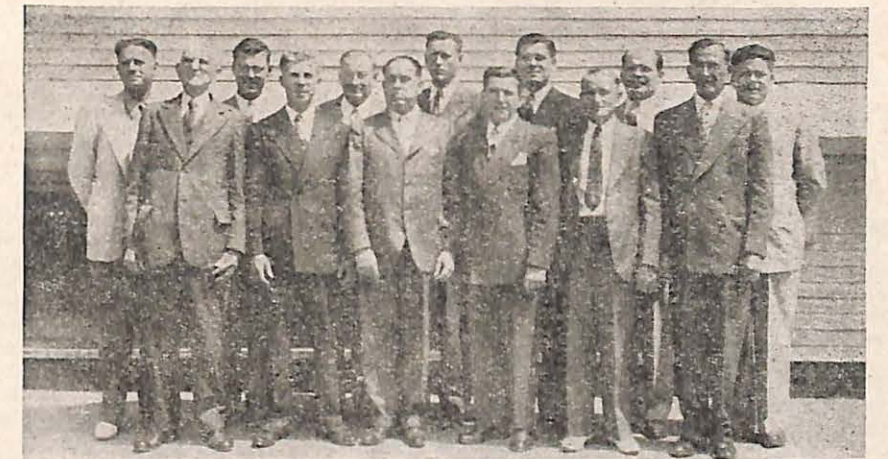
A. Klassen, Church Clerk.

Outstanding Faculty at the Oregon Baptist League Assembly at Camp Arrah Wana

From July 25 to August 1 the annual Oregon Baptist League Assembly again took place at Camp Arrah Wana in the beautiful mountain setting near the slopes of Mt. Hood. There were 145 attending full time and about 70 attending part time or visiting for one day.

Our president, James Billeter, and our dean, Rev. Leland Friesen, with the help of an excellent faculty worked endlessly to make this year's camp one of the most refreshing weeks of Bible study and recreation.

The faculty consisted of Rev. A. Husmann who taught the classes, "Will Baptist Principles Prevail In America" for the young people, and "Paul, God's Man for a Critical Age" to the Senior High group. Rev. Paul Gebauer and Rev. Gilbert Schneider taught "A Winning Witness" and "The History of Missions" to the young people's and the Senior High group. Another Senior High class was taught by Rev. Frank Friesen entitled, "Is



Members of the Boards of Deacons and Trustees of the Fifteenth St. Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., With Rev. E. Mittelstedt, Pastor, Third from Right (Front Row)

the Bible God's Word?" Miss Eva Krenzler was the Junior High instructor. The titles of her classes were "A Trip to Palestine," and "Christian Living." The Juniors taught by Miss June Reischke had "Bible Heroes" and "The Missionary Hour" as their classes.

Open Forum for the Senior High and young people's groups was led by Dr. Milliken. The week's theme for these meetings was "Jesus and the Problems of Life." During this time each day the Juniors did handwork under the guidance of Miss Krenzler and Miss Reischke.

Much of the enjoyment of the camp was due to the planning of Vic Loeuwen, who was musical and recreational director. Recreation consisted of hikes, softball, swimming, a scavenger hunt and an amateur night. The camp was divided into two groups, the "Army" and "Navy," which furnished much competition throughout the week in the various activities. A fine group of counselors administered to the spiritual needs of each person and they also conducted the tent devotions each evening before "lights out."

We give thanks to God for the ones who accepted their Savior at this year's camp, and pray that all who attended will ever remember the words of the camp theme song, "I Surrender All."

Grace Voth, Secretary.

Sixtieth Anniversary Celebration of the Fifteenth St. Baptist Church of Los Angeles

On August 9 and 11 the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California had the privilege to celebrate its sixtieth anniversary. These significant days were filled with spiritual food as well as happy times of Christian fellowship with God's people. The motto for our Diamond Jubilee, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," stood out in large letters on a sign over the pulpit. This, together with other appropriate and artistic signs were made by Harold Smith and helped to make the church more decorative for this auspicious occasion.

We were sorry that due to illness, our former pastors, the Rev. Max Leuschner and the Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke, could not be in our midst. Their faithfulness as they served our church

will ever be remembered. We were happy, however, to have the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as our guest for this joyous occasion.

Friday, August 9, was Church Family Night under the leadership of our faithful pastor, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt. Everyone gathered around the tables informally to enjoy a varied program which consisted of music and talks by the heads of the various departments. Mr. August Freudenberg, an honorary deacon, gave an interesting history of our church. This report showed the conscientious efforts of our forefathers as they carried on the work of our Lord. Mr. Leuschner brought us an inspiring message on "Our Church of Tomorrow." In closing, the choir sang "My God and I" by I. B. Sergei. Refreshments were served by the Ladies' Missionary Society.

Sunday, August 11, was filled with many blessings. During Sunday School our charter member, Mrs. Margaret Schulze, was honored. She was presented with a corsage of flowers by the youngest member of the church, Darlene Wolff. A Cameroons Sacrifice Offering was taken at this time amounting to \$100.

At the morning worship we were again privileged to hear from Mr. Leuschner. He spoke to us on the words found in Isaiah 51:6 on the theme, "The Things That Never Change." After the sermon, a dinner was served under the auspices of the B. Y. P. U. and Ladies' Missionary Society. All out-of-town friends were invited to stay as guests of the church.

The church was happy to see such a large attendance at our closing meeting in the afternoon. The music rendered by our soloist, trio, quartet and choir was truly a blessing. The choir under the able direction of our pastor, Mr. Mittelstedt, sang two beautiful selections, "May Now Thy Spirit" by Schuetke, and "Everyone That Thirsteth" by Macfarlane. Greetings were given by the Rev. P. G. Neumann of the Bethel Church of Anaheim, and by the Rev. H. F. Hengstler of the Ebenezer Church of Los Angeles.

The closing message was brought to us by Mr. Leuschner. His inspiring and challenging words will ever live in our hearts. We have accepted the challenge here in this church!

Mrs. Esther Johnston, Reporter.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Study Course and Evangelistic Meetings at the Hurnville Church of Texas

The Hurnville Baptist Church of Henrietta, Texas was privileged to have Mr. Theodore Krause, a graduate of our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., as our guest from August 4 to 17. Mr. Krause was one of the two summer workers in the Southern Conference.

The days of August 5 to 9 were devoted to a Baptist Training Union study course. The school was divided into three classes as follows: "When Do Teachers Teach," taught by Mrs. John Kasanek; young people, "The Life of Christ," taught by Mr. Krause; Juniors, "The Junior and His Church," taught by Rev. W. E. Liss. The average attendance was thirty-five.

During the following week Mr. Krause conducted evangelistic meetings which were well attended. On Sunday, August 18 the Rev. W. E. Liss, pastor, baptized five converts.

Dorothy Moser, Reporter.

Sessions of Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union of the Southern Conference at Kyle

The regular sessions of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Southern Conference was held at the Immanuel Baptist Church at Kyle, Texas from July 24 to 28.

On Friday evening, July 26, special numbers were rendered by the different churches, followed by a most inspiring message by Chaplain Edwin Kraemer of the Panama Canal Zone, a son of our Cottonwood Church.

In the absence of the president, Edwin Gummelt of Waco, Mr. Raymond Engelbrecht, council member, presided at the annual business meeting, which was held on Saturday morning, July 27. The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Julius Hill, Kyle; vice-president and dean, Rev. R. Schreiber, Crawford; secretary, Christine Oster, Henrietta; treasurer, William Benton, Jr., Dallas; editor of News, Mrs. C. Marsteller, Waco; associate editor, Dickie Gummelt, Waco; Scripture Memory chairman, Mrs. Gus Koch, Gatesville; council member, Raymond Engelbrecht, Waco; members-at-large, Granvil Rost, Greenville, John Lengefeld, Mowata, La., and Herbert Schaub, Gatesville.

The grand sum of \$2440.55 was given for our mission project, the Danubian missions and conference summer workers, during the past year.

For the coming year our new project is as follows: the first \$100 for a mimeographing machine and equipment for the use in editing "The Young People's News;" \$650 for summer workers, and \$1500 for the Christian Training Institute Building Fund in Edmonton, Canada.

On Sunday afternoon we were again favored with special numbers from the various churches and Mr. Ted Krause, one of the summer workers from the Seminary, spoke on: "It Pays to Serve Jesus." (Matt. 6:19.)

Mrs. Wilburn J. Worley, Secretary.

Woman's Missionary Union Sessions of the Southern Conference at Kyle, Tex.

The annual business session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Conference was held on Friday morning, July 26, at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas.

The vice-president, Mrs. J. J. Lippert of Greenville, was in charge. Ten unions were represented with 30 delegates and many visitors. Mrs. August Rosner of Mowata, La., was welcomed into the union. We have 238 members; 1719 books of the Bible were read during the past year; 1600 pounds of clothing were collected and sent to Europe; and a total of \$2,250.12 had been contributed.

The newly elected officers for the coming year are: president, Mrs. J. J. Lippert, Greenville; vice-president, Mrs. Edgar Bieber, Mowata, La., and Mrs. Walter A. Hill of Kyle as secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Robert Schreiber of Crawford was elected as our representative at the General Conference in Tacoma.

At the afternoon session the local president, Mrs. David Zimmermann, extended a most hearty welcome to all present. Mrs. W. B. Marsteller awarded the banner to the Greenville Union for being the high-point union of the year. An impressive memorial service with Mrs. Leon Moser in charge was given by the Hurnville Union. A play, "The Open Windows," was presented by seven members of the local union, which proved to all present that it pays to give the tithe to the Lord. At this time Prof. O. E. Krueger brought a challenging message on "Bread and Butter" based on Neh. 8:9-12.

An offering of \$107.55 was received at this service, plus \$123.50 received for missions from various unions during the year, making a total of \$231.05 which was designated as follows: two-thirds for the Fellowship Fund and one-third for the Cameroons.

Mrs. Walter A. Hill, Reporter.

Sessions of the Southern Conference at the Immanuel Church of Kyle, Texas

The Southern Conference met with the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas from July 24 to 28. For the first time in several years the young men of our churches were privileged to take part in the sessions of the conference. We were deeply grateful to God for the fact that these boys are now once again taking up the work which they loved so dearly but which they had to leave for a time.

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We were privileged also in having Prof. O. E. Krueger and Chaplain Edwin Kraemer with us, and their messages helped immensely to maintain that devotion and sincerity which characterized all the sessions. Prof. Krueger's series of three devotional talks on "The Faith of Jesus" and the Sunday morning address on "The Balm of Gilead" will long linger in our memories and help us to reveal Christ's faith in our relationship to God and to our fellowmen. It was a solemn moment for us as ministers and ministers-to-be when at the conclusion of the Sunday morning message we were called to the front of the auditorium and commanded to faithfully bring the Balm of Gilead to needy hearts.

Theodore Krause and Edward Link, two students from our Seminary at Rochester who have been working in our churches during the summer months, were present with us and enriched our meetings with song and word. The Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, which has been supporting these two boys this summer, has again set aside \$650 of its project for this year for the same purpose. Their help in our churches has been deeply appreciated. In addition to this sum the young people pledged to raise \$100 for a mimeograph machine and equipment, and \$1500 for the building fund of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton.

The Woman's Missionary Union also reported a successful and blessed year, having contributed \$2468.67 for various phases of the Lord's work.

Two new pastors were welcomed into our conference fellowship, namely, Rev. A. Rosner of Mowata, La., and Rev. Walter Liss of Hurnville, Texas. We rejoice with these churches in the coming of these under-shepherds.

All the messages of the conference were Christ-centered, for they were all based on the "I Am's" of Jesus, and "the Changeless Christ" was again and again brought to our attention.

We would express our sincerest gratitude to the members of the Immanuel Baptist Church and their pastor, Rev. David Zimmermann for their hospitable spirit shown to us as delegates and friends. May the Lord richly repay them for their kindness and sacrificial spirit.

Rev. Robert Schreiber, Reporter.

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:: OBITUARY ::

Mrs. THERESE FRIES of Anaheim, California

Mrs. Therese Fries, nee Uri, of Anaheim, Calif., was born in 1864 in Vienna, Austria and died on August 27, 1946 at the age of 82 years. In 1888 she emigrated to America and became a resident of the United States for 58 years and of Anaheim for 40 years. In 1889 she was converted and baptized in New York by Rev. John Rutmeier. The same year she was married to Mr. Hugo Fries, who preceded her in death eight years ago. This union was blessed with 4 sons and one daughter, of which one son and the daughter died in their infancy.

Our deceased sister was a loving mother and grandmother, a true child of God, a loyal member of her church and a friend of us all. Her memory remains a blessing. During her last days she had a pleasant home with her son Harry who with his family cared for her in a most loving way. She is survived by three sons: William, Fred and Harry; five grandchildren; and one great grandchild. May God bless and comfort them all. In the absence of our pastor, the undersigned officiated at the funeral service.

Bethel Baptist Church,
Anaheim, Calif.

O. R. Schroeder, Officiating Minister.

Miss SELMA BRAIER of Minitonas, Manitoba

Miss Selma Braier of Minitonas, Man., Canada was born on August 15, 1927 in Russia. She was the second child and only daughter in the family. In 1928 her parents came to Canada and settled in the Minitonas district. Here she lived with her parents until her death.

In 1941 she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior and was baptized on June 2 by Rev. R. Schilke. She was always ready to serve her Lord. In the young people's society and the choir, she not only served as treasurer, but was

always willing to help in any way she could. She also taught in the Sunday School and was a member of the Girl's Club.

As she neared the completion of her second year in High School her health failed. After a time she went to the Yorkton Hospital, where she seemed to improve for a time but then grew weaker, until she went to be with her Lord on July 13. She reached the age of 18 years, 11 months, less two days. She leaves to mourn her parents and her only brother Seferin.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, July 18, in the First Baptist Church. Rev. F. Mueller of Portland, Oregon spoke words of comfort in English and Rev. J. Kornalewski, pastor of the church, spoke in German.

Minitonas, Man., Canada

Lydia Hart, Reporter.

Mr. HENRY GIESEKE of Trenton, Illinois

Mr. Henry Gieseke of Trenton, Illinois passed away on August 30th, aged 81 years, 7 months and 14 days. He was born on Feb. 16, 1865 in Platendorf, Hannover, Germany. In 1887 the family came to America and settled in Trenton, Illinois, where he engaged in the shoe business and lived until his death. Early in life he was baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist Church in Germany and was one of the prime movers in organizing the present Baptist Church in Trenton in 1902, which he served with undivided loyalty and unstinted devotion until his death as secretary, treasurer, trustee and deacon.

In 1912 he was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Abbau of Bloomington, Ill. Two children were born to this happy union: Harold, the new vice-president of our National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, and Catharine, who with her mother was killed in an automobile accident in 1931. In 1937 he married Miss Edna Wilkinson, who survives him.

Mr. Gieseke was a devoted husband, a successful business man, and a devout

Christian, whose life spoke louder than his words. He accepted the principle of Christian stewardship in its broadest terms, and many of his gifts to the cause of the Kingdom of his Lord were never publicized. His passing will be sorely felt, not alone by his family and friends, but mostly by his church in Trenton, which he loved and served so loyally. At a largely attended funeral service the pastor spoke on II Kings 13:14, a verse which expressed the feeling of all of us.

Trenton, Illinois

Chas. F. Zumach, Pastor.

Mrs. HERMAN J. WEIHE of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Mrs. Herman J. Weihe, nee Mary Gut-hard, of Milwaukee, Wis., was born near Saline, Michigan on April 5, 1863. Her mother led her early in life to Jesus as her Savior. When in her teens, she lived with relatives in Cleveland, Ohio where she was employed by our Publication Society. The Rev. J. Merkel baptized her into the fellowship of the First German Baptist Church of Cleveland. Later she moved to Milwaukee to live with her sister, Mrs. Karl Bickel. Here she united with the First, now Immanuel Baptist Church. She was one of the charter members of the Bethany Church.

On January 1, 1885 she was united in marriage with Mr. Herman J. Weihe. After a lingering illness she passed away on August 23, 1946. The funeral service was conducted in the absence of the pastor by the Rev. M. A. Simonsen of the Evangelical Church on August 26. Mrs. Weihe chose Isaiah 54:10 as her funeral text. She is survived by her bereaved husband in his 91 year, two daughters, one son, one sister, and a host of friends.

She was a faithful wife, a true mother and a devoted Christian. She lived for others. The daughters rendered a loving and sacrificial service to their mother until the Lord called her home. May the God of all comfort be their support!

Bethany Baptist Church,
Milwaukee, Wis.

John Leypoldt, Pastor.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR OCTOBER

Oct. 1-3, 1946

South Dakota State Convention at the Spring Valley Baptist Church.

(Centennial Assembly in Meetings)
Theme: "Holding Forth the Word of Life."

Speakers: Miss Ann Swain, Rev. Daniel Klein, Mr. Harold Lippert, Rev. C. B. Nordland and Local Pastors.

Oct. 7-9, 1946

Iowa State Association at Sheffield, Ia. A Cordial Invitation Awaits Everyone.

Speakers: Dr. Ketchum, Waterloo, Ia.; Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, Forest Park, Illinois, and Local Pastors.

Oct. 11-13, 1946

Badlands Association and Sunday School Convention at Billings, Montana
Guest Speaker: Rev. H. G. Dymmel, General Missionary Secretary.

Messages by All the Local Pastors.

Thursday, Oct. 17, 1946

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Hour of Beginning Again

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my friend's father. Search proved futile, but it was suggested that he call on Elder Brown for further information. When he found him rocking on his porch and had identified himself, he got the information and then asked about the old man's activities. "Are you still preaching, elder?" "No," replied the elder, "I've given up preaching and am lecturing now." "But, elder, are you winning any souls?" "No, cain't say as I am." "But elder, it was your preaching that won Sam, and Sam led me to the Lord and I won my brother and now I am in the ministry. Don't you think you ought to go back to preaching?" Said Elder Brown, "Guess I'd better go back to preaching."

However profound may be the philosophy of men, however wonderful may be men's intellectual attainments, however vast may be the field of man's research, however great may be the provision for the enlightenment of men's minds through better and higher educational institutions, this truth must be forever recognized. There is no help for men to free them from the bondage of sin, there is no balm for the broken-hearted, there is no answer to the searching inquiry of dispirited souls, there is no revelation of God adequate to meet man's quest for that beyond himself, except that which is found in the written Word, the Bible, and in the living Word, the Incarnate Son of God, foretold in that written Word, confirmed by history and experienced by those who have learned the fine art of simple faith.

But the church must also show the way. It must itself be an advertisement of the truth it proclaims. It is idle to call upon the world to change its course if the church has not already done so. The Word of God abounds in

exhortations to this end. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above . . . set your affection on things above, not on things of the earth." "Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." "Epistles . . . known and read of all men."

THE EXAMPLE OF THE CHURCH

We must confess that the church has not been characterized in recent years by lofty faith, holiness of life and true sacrificial endeavor. We are put to shame as we see those who promulgate error giving themselves unstintedly to the proclamation of a gospel that is not THE Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The youth of one such movement gives itself for a whole year to world-wide travel at its own expense to herald its concept of the world's needs to an eagerly waiting people.

And all the while the church sits back in complacency, bordering on complete indifference, seemingly little concerned that souls are headed for destruction for the want of those who believe fervently enough in the things of God to order their lives by his teachings and, having gone all out for Christ, be able to say to all the world, "Come, follow me as I follow my Lord and Savior."

Then, too, the Church must provide an incentive to living to a world that seems to want to die. Such an incentive is to be found only in the message committed to the church to be proclaimed to all the world. That it works is demonstrated from the changed lives of those who have come face to face with Christ.

Well may we glory in so transforming a message as this. Happy, indeed, is the lot of that people entrusted with so glorious a message and privileged

to see it in its matchless outworking. Fortunate and blessed are those who come into touch with men and women who by precept and example have become signposts to the wanderer along life's roads pointing the way to Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

THE TEXT—2 COR. 12:14

Now, in closing, may I give you my text? It is a phrase found in 2 Corinthians 12:14—"I seek not yours, but you." You see the church is YOU. What I have said in a general way applies to each of us as individuals who make up the great Church of Christ. Here is a great privilege, but with it comes great responsibility. It cannot be discharged by our generous gifts to the various enterprises of the church. It is not a matter of things. It comes back to the absolute necessity of a greater measure of yieldedness to the God of our entire beings. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, that ye present your bodies . . ." With what measure we surrender completely to him will be determined what God can do for us and through us for the world. God help us if we fail the world in this, its crucial hour.

In this great auditorium each of us may find the altar at which, if we will, we may kneel to renew our covenant with God. Here we may say those things to him that ought long since to have been said. From this place, having met him again face to face, we may go out into the world with all of its needs with the assurance of his presence and the abundant supply of his power which will enable us to face the world undaunted and unafraid. This hour can become for us the hour of beginning again and the launching of an effort for God, the effects of which will be felt for generations to come. God grant that it may be so.

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