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IN THIS ISSUE

The Christmas message is featured
in this issue with a memorable sermon
by the Rev. Rubin Kern, an original
poem by the Rev. Herbert Koch, a
missionary account of the Mexican
Christmas celebration and greetings
from the headquarters' secretaries. The
three pages of colorful articles about
the Cameroons mission field will help
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will get off to a good start with the
publication of the article, "Christ Can
Make All Things New," by the Rev.
Daniel Fuchs, the new pastor of the
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"Spanish-American Glimpses" will
open the window of information upon
our Colorado mission field and intro-
duce our missionaries, the Rev. and
Mrs. C. C. Young, to our readers.

"Land of Tomorrow," the new Chris-
tian novel by Charlotte Kruger, the
author of the story, "We Spend Our
Years," will begin in the next issue.

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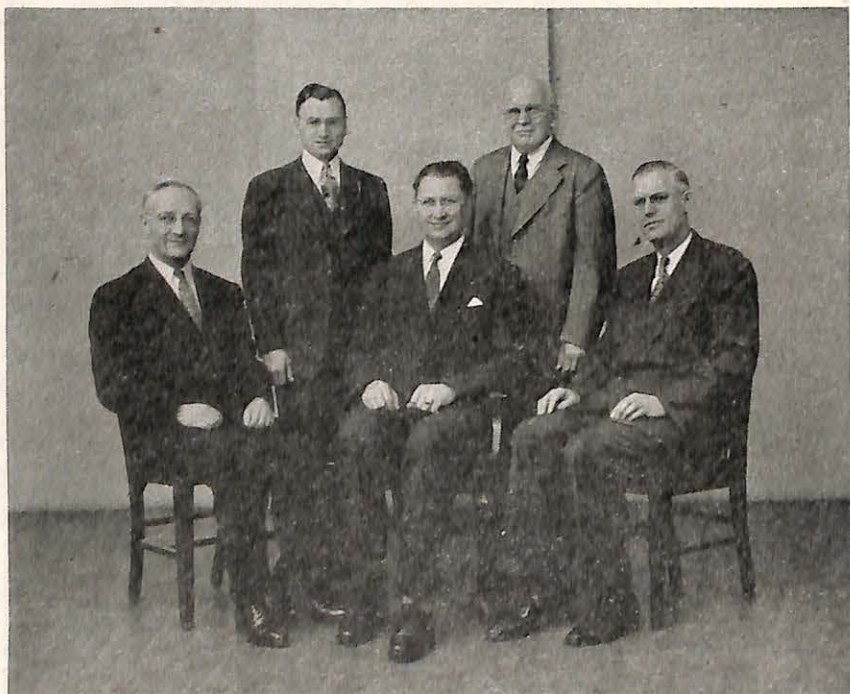
The Christmas Spirit

THE GLORY of Christmas will always be found in the things that are intangible and invisible. Christmas toys will delight many children, and the brightly decorated trees in our homes and churches will cheer our hearts. There will be the usual rush everywhere to send greeting cards and presents and Christmas goodies to others. But all of this is not really Christmas!

The true Christmas festival begins in the heart. It is the kindling of a spiritual fire in a soul which can say in faith's devotion: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift!" It is this spirit that dwells within, which prompts one to rejoice, to sing carols, to give gifts to others, to decorate trees and homes, all of which is the overflow of a grateful and loving heart. This Christmas spirit can never be bought, since it belongs to those precious intangible values of life which can only be received by receptive hearts upon faith and trust.

No human eyes will look upon the form of Jesus at this season of the year. No tangible words of his will be heard. No photographs of him will be taken. No news reports about him will appear on the front pages of our newspapers. But at the center of every true Christmas observance will be the actual, living Person of the "Lord Jesus Christ." His Spirit will reign triumphantly over every celebration that embodies the real meaning of Christmas.

The Apostle Peter expressed this truth in those familiar words of tribute concerning Jesus Christ, "whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."



General Secretaries of the North American Baptist General Conference
(Left to Right: Reverends H. G. Dymmel, J. C. Gunst, Frank H. Woyke, William Kuhn and Martin L. Leuschner)

FRANK H. WOYKE,

Executive Secretary

Through the centuries, Christmas has become the symbol of joy and gladness in all the world. Many will not receive Christ as Savior, but will instead seek their merriment in artificial stimulants and in riotous living. Christians will find their joy in the deeper meaning of Christ's coming — in the assurance of God's love toward men. May this season find us all singing from the bottom of our hearts: "Joy to the world, the Lord is come."

WILLIAM KUHN,

Assistant Executive Secretary.

Since the first birthday of the Christ-child in Bethlehem, our world has been richly blessed through his coming, and yet the final consummation of his world-ministry lies in the future. Christmas 1947 will be happy by observing the following:

Pray God for a fresh personal spiritual illumination of the divine mystery of his coming.

Resolve to carry the good news of his coming to those living in ignorance and in the shadow of death.

H. G. DYMMEL,

Missionary Secretary

Peering into the veiled year 1948, we earnestly desire at Christmas to be abundantly gifted with assurance of Christ's sufficiency. We find such assurance in Matthew 28:18 and 20, "All power is given to Me. Lo, I am with you." No one can ignore his presence and his power! Therefore, my soul, go forth in his strength, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might, and the year 1948 will be another A. D., another year of the Lord.

J. C. GUNST,

Young People's Secretary

For another year God's bountiful grace and love has been showered upon his people. Our contacts made with Christian leaders in many churches, in youth groups and conferences, have greatly enriched our lives and have inspired us for greater service. To all Christians and leaders everywhere we herewith extend a most hearty Merry Christmas.

M. L. LEUSCHNER,

Promotional Secretary

Christmas is a time for the exchange of greetings, for the proclaiming of good tidings of great joy. The evangel of Jesus Christ can never be kept to ourselves. The gifts of God must always be shared with others. Like the angel of old on Judea's hills and the shepherds who went to Bethlehem, we want to proclaim the Christmas tidings and wish all "a blessed and joyous Christmas!"

The Gospel We Cherish

A Personal Testimony of the Gospel of Christ by the
REV. REUBEN P. JESCHKE, Professor of English and Christian Education
at Our Seminary

OUR GOSPEL is a glad message which we seek to preach and to teach. That truth we sought to emphasize in two previous articles in THE BAPTIST HERALD. To have said that much, however, seems to invite at least one additional expression. This concerns the spirit in which we feel and believe the Christian Gospel in our own lives. We might entitle such a testimony, "The Gospel We Love" or, as stated above, "The Gospel We Cherish."

When something does not mean very much to us we find it fairly easy to describe its place in our lives. Its importance can be related to a limited number of facts. But when we seek to explain the significance of something which matters more than anything else, something to which every part of us seems to cling, then words become a poor vehicle, indeed.

THE TOUCH OF GOD

Perhaps, then, the simplest way is to think of certain great moments in our lives, moments made great because the good news of the love of God touched our lives in some transforming manner. That will be the pattern of my remarks here.

I can still remember clearly the joyous sense of release, of inward cleaning and peace, which came to me when as a youth I accepted Christ. I dared believe that to receive and follow him in humble faith would make my life acceptable to God. To make known the redemptive power of that Gospel has since become the very purpose of my whole life. To the jailor Paul said: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Even so do we cherish the Gospel because we have found it to bring the free grace of God into our lives.

I can recall when for the first time I read the story of the crucifixion. Hot tears rolled down my cheeks because it seemed so utterly cruel to kill so

"Sing the song of Great Joy that the angels began,
Sing the Glory of God, and of Good Will to Man." —Whittier.

good a man, and so brutally. With greater maturity came also the realization that Christ is more than a tragic martyr. Faith now received him as the Father manifest in the flesh, the Word of God which was from the beginning. He identified himself with us that through him we might know and be reconciled with God. To accomplish such a task in a sinful world nothing less than the free gift of himself would suffice.

CHRIST DIED FOR US

Dr. John M. Moore of New York's Madison Avenue Baptist Church some twenty years ago wrote a little book entitled, "Things That Matter Most," in which he put the matter thus: "Because it was not a temporary following that Jesus was seeking, but a permanent transfiguration of men and of society, he was not content till he had found a way of redemption radical enough to accomplish a moral and spiritual revolution. There was no other way to do this, but the way of the Cross." In that both the divine love and the divine judgment are reflected.

The familiar words of Isaiah, spoken in anticipation, express still better the need which made such a supreme act necessary: "He was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Many a communion service has reminded us: "He died for me."

Who cannot remember a worship service, or an occasion of prayer, perhaps, when the presence of God was

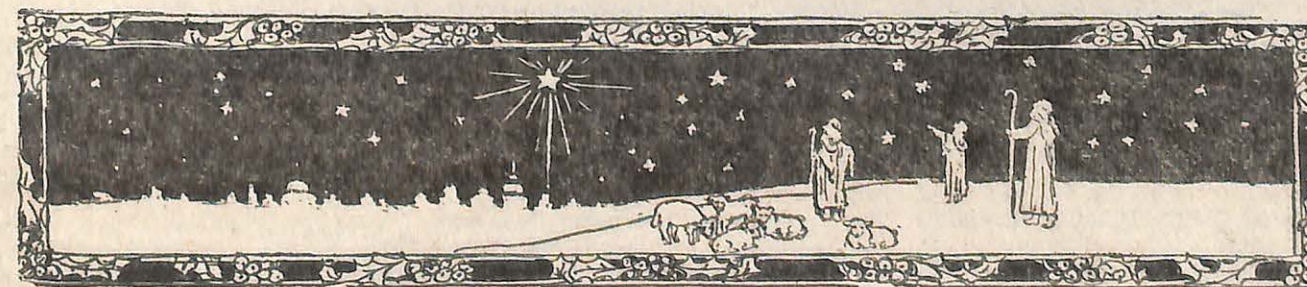
so real as to seem almost tangible? I can particularly remember one such service, and the hymn that stands out is the familiar, "I Need Thee Every Hour." But that is precisely the glory of the Gospel. We may have him with us every hour. He has said: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

He is the Master of my thoughts, of my choices, of my memories, of my associations, of my whole spirit. As I permit him to do so he illumines with a divine glory every innermost recess of my life. Inexpressible riches are mine because he who was rich became poor, "that through him we might be rich."

"HE FIRST LOVED US"

One reason for which we cherish this Gospel of ours is the manner of its expression through Christian fellowship. Man by nature is a social being; he seeks the companionship of his fellowmen. But he is also selfish, desiring chiefly to satisfy and enrich himself. In true Christian fellowship this spirit is somehow transcended. Its meaning lies not in private benefits sought, but in mutual joys shared. And from it there rises the inspiration which helps us toward the perfection for which Jesus asked. The fellowship of the saints brings its present satisfactions, and it undergirds us with courage to continue the task. Such a faith with such a spirit elicits my deepest affection.

Experiences such as these "point up" our Gospel and its personal meaning to each one of us. We cherish the message and we cling to him who embodied it in his words and deeds. Nothing less than a complete faith in and devotion to him who is our Lord will do. Without that inward commitment our words of belief are mere "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal." Or, to put it very simply as a state which we share together, we love HIM because HE first loved us.



The Wonderful Name

"His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace," Isaiah 9:6.

A Christmas Sermon by the
REV. RUBIN KERN,
Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist
Church, Vancouver, B. C.,
Canada

name, "Jesus," "for he shall save his people from their sins." His name was divinely given. He was the Emanuel, "the God with us."

Yes, even farther back than that! The beloved prophet Isaiah, as he longingly looked into the future revealed the God-given secret of his heart in that he proclaimed: "AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE."

Imagine, this child received his name many, many years before his birth! That seems strange. Even the sex of the child is determined. That seems surprising. But stranger still, and more surprising and significant is the fact that his name was suited to his character, his ideals and his nature. He lived up to that name in every minute detail. It wasn't his name that made Jesus wonderful; it was Jesus who made his name wonderful!

IN SELECTING a name for their child, parents will frequently go to every extreme of trouble, invite every possible suggestion and consult every known relative and friend from "Granny" to grocer. One likes this; the other that. One criticizes this name; the other that. Somehow, perhaps by the process of elimination, or by drawing of lots, a name is chosen to the dislike of all who participated. One cannot ask to choose a name to fit the nature or characteristics of the child, because one does not know. The daughter may be named Grace and live a life of total disgrace; or Faith and yet be completely faithless. The longed for son may be named Victor and yet his life may be a life of utter defeat and failure.

How different it was in the life of the Christ Child. Prior to the child's birth, when the angel appeared to Joseph telling him of that which should come to pass, he left with him the

Let us behold this divinely foretold name of the Savior of men. What is it that is so wonderful in Jesus as Counsellor? To me he is a wonderful counsellor because he understands me. Certainly, that is true for every child of his. He knows your life and mine better that we know ourselves. As I go to my best friend with a problem, asking his counsel, he may say, "How can I give advice, since I do not know the future of your life?" That does not appear to me as being very wonderful.

But, as I ask counsel of Christ, I am aware of the fact that, since he knows the destiny of my life, he is able to give guidance. He knows the mysteries and secrets of our lives. He knows the content of good and of evil. He knows because he is the "All-wise God."

His counsel is not only wonderful in that he knows the condition of our lives, but also in that he provides that

which is best. With Christ as counsellor, the same affliction in two separate lives may be treated and cured with two very different prescriptions of medicine. As the wise father seeks counsel with one son by using the rod and with the other for the same act of disobedience through a loving word of advice and admonition, so Christ as Wonderful Counsellor guides one with his "mighty hand" and the other "with his eyes." His love and righteousness are manifested to us not only in that he gives us what we want but, far more, in that he gives us what we require, or perhaps even in that he withholds from our lives that for which we ask.

MIGHTY GOD

Jesus is mighty in a different way from that which we as humans might consider being mighty. He is not mighty as a military strategist or leader. He is not mighty as a politician. He is not mighty as a scientist, or as a financier, or any professional man. He is not mighty in any of these fields because his mission is not found therein.

We dare not forget that his name is not mighty man but Mighty God. As such he is fighting the battle for truth. His strategy is righteousness. His battle is financed with love. His purpose is salvation. His victory is everlasting life. He is not only mighty in himself, but he fills his followers with that same zeal and bravery. He reinforces their lives against all temptation. He is a Mighty God.

EVERLASTING FATHER

There is something very permanent, secure, yes, something very intimate to this portion of the name of Christ. It makes us feel that we belong to him; that we are a part of him. There is warmth in the very thought of Jesus being an Everlasting Father. This is an affirmation of what the Psalmist said: "From everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."

Again it is proven that Jesus is an Everlasting Father when the Apostle Paul states that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." He is an Everlasting Father in that he is the life-giver. He is an Everlasting Father in that he provides for our needs. He is an Everlasting Father in that he demands spiritual and moral decency and obedience from his children.

He is an Everlasting Father in that through his own mercy, grace and love he makes us his heirs. He puts us into the position where his glory and majesty and power are transmitted to our lives. It places us into the position of which Paul speaks to the Romans: "The Spirit itself beareth witness with

CHRIST IS THE LIGHT

By MRS. M. ZURBRIGGEN

of Sumner, Iowa

To break the bondage of yesterday,
To free the sin imprisoned soul,
To light in human hearts the torch,
A searing, flaming light of love,
Which turns to glorious day
The darkest night — —
For THAT the CHRIST was born!

our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children then heirs of God — and joint-heirs with Christ." So as Everlasting Father, he is able to give everlasting life.

PRINCE OF PEACE

He is not the president of peace, nor the Earl nor the Duke. As peace-giver he is top ranking. He is the Prince! With him it is not a matter of trying to force peace upon the people of this earth. Neither is it something that he is withholding from man for some future date. It is his gift to the world now.

In his parting address to his disciples he stated very clearly: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." As the Prince of peace he was proclaimed long before his birth. As the Prince of peace he was heralded by the angels: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace . . ." As the Prince of peace he will return. If only man would take up that peace that he as Prince has left for us, instead of trying to invent a suitable substitute!

You are in rags. You are cold and hungry, almost freezing and starving to death. Stores and wholesale houses are full of food and clothing. Your bank accounts are choking with cash. In one minute you could be clothed and fed. But, no! Instead you purchase a rifle, ammunition and traps and venture on a hunting trip to provide food and clothing. In your effort you freeze and starve to death.

No one would be as foolish as all that, you say. Well, that is just about what men and nations are doing today. We are killing to live, working for retirement, fighting for peace, while at our side in our contradictory effort peace and righteousness, love and grace are abundantly provided. In the act of snatching at the reflection, we are losing the reality, and with it the reflection also vanishes.

So, may we individually as also corporately accept the reality of that Wonderful Name, so that we can say without a shadow of a doubt: "I know a name, a wonderful name, that wonderful name is Jesus."



The Children of the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Gunst in the Midst of Last Year's Christmas Glory

(Left to Right: Sarah Lou, Jarene and Jimmy Gunst)

CHRISTMAS COUNSEL

By REV. HERBERT L. KOCH
of Manitou Springs, Colorado

This Christmas raise your voices
In a protest strong,
Thwart the evil choices
Of the Christless throng.

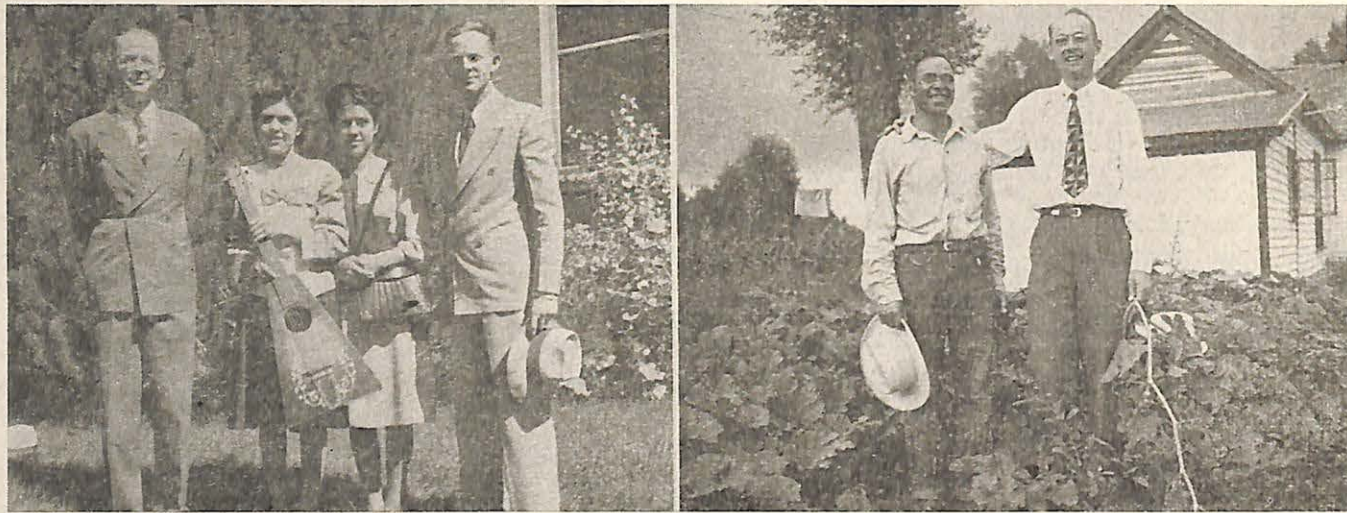
This Christmas do much giving,
Let your hearts expand;
Ease fear and misgiving
Abroad in every land.

This Christmas have compassion
For the starved and poor,
Victims of war's passion;
Help them to endure.

This Christmas, oh, be grateful
For the "Gift of Gifts";
In this age so hateful
Love is the power that lifts.

This Christmas pray that peace
Rule the hearts of men,
That all wars might cease
And Christ soon come again.

This Christmas give to Christ anew
All you are and hope to be;
Let him all your life renew,
With his spirit full and free.



Rev. J. J. Reimer (Left) and Rev. C. L. Young (Right), Missionaries to the Spanish-Americans of Colorado With Two Christian Girls of Salido, Katie and Sally Lavato, Who Take Part in Programs; and Tomaz Benitez and Missionary Reimer in a Garden Patch at Del Norte, Colorado

The Christmas Celebration in Mexico

A Story and a Challenge by the REV. J. J. REIMER of Monte Vista, Colorado, Our Missionary to the Spanish-Americans in the San Luis Valley

"YE WORSHIP ye know not what; we know what we worship." John 4:22.

It is December 24th in San Juan, a small rancho in Mexico. The warm winter sun is casting its last golden rays upon the little adobe village as it slides behind the distant mountain peaks. It is all quiet on the winding street, which is really only a donkey trail. Except for a lone burro standing sleepily in the middle of the "street" and a couple of undernourished goats climbing the wall of a crumbled adobe house, the village seems lifeless.

But the smoke that pours out of a hole on top of the flat huts speaks of life within. And indeed these Mexican "homes", so dead in appearance with only a few cactus plants to alleviate their desert surroundings, are surprisingly full of life within. There are little chocolate colored boys and girls with only a few rags hanging on their bodies, playing on the dirt floor.

"NO ROOM FOR YOU!"

A barefoot mother is sitting next to her grinding stone clapping away at the tortillas which with frijoles are the basic diet of the large peon family. There is an air of expectancy within these huts and little brown faces are beginning to peep out of the "doors" which are really just openings in the adobe walls. They are all eagerly looking toward the south end of the rancho. What are they expecting to see?

Here they come! Out of the door of the last hut at the end of San Juan village comes a young couple, gayly dressed in colorful Mexican fashion. They are Antonio and Jesucita. Together they go from door to door asking permission to enter. "We have no room for you," comes the reply again and again until they have come to the last house. Here they are welcomed with a cordial welcome, such as only Latins know how to give.

The inside of this hut (or rather one room) has a festive appearance with crape paper decorating the ceiling and a decorated table in the middle of the room. They are Christmas decorations such as we may hang on a tree, sprinkled with dulces (candies), oranges and other fruits covering the festive table. In the middle of the table is a small empty manger.

And now Antonio and Jesucita (her full name is Maria de Jesus—"Mary of Jesus") step up to the table. With accompanied ceremony Jesucita takes an image, the size of a doll, from the lady of the house, laying it tenderly into the empty crib and covering it up with a small blanket. This ceremony is called "Acostar el Nino Jesus" (putting to sleep the baby Jesus).

Antonio and Jesucita represent Joseph and Mary and the little image, of course, the Christ Child. As Joseph found no room for Mary in the inns of Bethlehem, so Antonio finds "no room" for Jesucita until finally they are welcomed into the home that has made elaborate preparation for this Christmas festivity. Money has been

saved the hard way from the meager earnings of Salvador (Savior) Garcia, the head of this home, to make this fiesta possible.

Of course, none of the inhabitants of this village know anything about the historic events of the birth of our Savior as recorded in Luke 2. Their attention is entirely focused on the little dead image and the traditional ceremony in which this "Nino Jesus" is laid to sleep on the 24th of December and taken up again on the 6th of January. The couple that has been chosen to lay to sleep and to awaken again the baby Jesus become by virtue of this ceremony the compadre and comadre (god-father and god-mother) of the man and woman of the house where the ceremony takes place.

SPIRITUAL DARKNESS

Now it is January 6th, in the evening. The house of the Garcias is crowded with friends. After a long wait, finally Antonio and Jesucita arrive. They now represent the wise men from the East. Bringing with them presents, they ceremoniously uncover the image, "awakening" it and worshiping before it as the wise men worshiped the Christ Child.

Then Mr. Garcia steps into the picture. He has a large bola, a paper sack filled with sweets and fruit in his hands. He tosses the bola up in the air. With a bang it bursts open on the head of some one in the crowded room and the "goodies" are scattered all over the floor. Now the room is turned into a mad-house, as both

young and old rush for their share of the delicacies which they probably haven't tasted in a year or more. Thus the great feast has ended except for the postlude, which at all feasts is drinking and dancing and all that accompanies these vices.

Poor Mexicans, kept in ignorance, superstition and poverty by idolatrous Rome! Truly they "know not what they worship".

Tomaz Benitez, just a few years back, was among these who had never seen the true light of Bethlehem's Star. Guided by an invisible star as the wise men of old, he came to the San Luis Valley at the same time that we came here as North American Baptist missionaries. Through a Bible which we gave him with the compliments of our Publication Society, Tomaz gradually came to the light. After his baptism in our Spanish Baptist Church at Saguache, Tomaz grew rapidly in the grace of Christian living.

As I write this, Tomaz Benitez has again set foot on the soil of his beloved country in Mexico. His friends and relatives will hardly recognize him. He went away bound with chains of sin and vice, called by his own father, "El Diablo," (the devil). He returns a free man, a "saint" with the torch of the gospel light in his outstretched hand.

His farewell words in the church at Saguache were these: "Pancho Villa taught us Mexicans to sing 'For the banner of Mexico we live or die'. If my Mexican countrymen were willing to live or to die for the banner of Mexico, how much more should we be willing either to live or die for the banner of our Savior Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us."

Truly Tomaz now knows whom he worships. He can say with great assurance: "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." Indirectly Tomaz is our missionary to the people "south of the border" who "worship, they know not what." Shall we back him with our prayers, so that through him others may find the true Christ of Christmas?



The Buildings of the Haven of Rest (Left) at Medicine Hat, Alberta; and Guests and Personnel of the Haven With Mrs. R. Milbrandt, Matron, in White Uniform at Right

The Baptist Haven of Rest

The Story of Our Fifth Home for the Aged Located at Medicine Hat, Alberta by REV. R. H. ZEPIK, Secretary of the Board

AT THE 1947 SESSIONS of the Northern Conference action was taken to begin a Home for the Aged for that conference. The most possible and likely place was Medicine Hat, Alberta where two opportunities presented themselves. The Rev. R. Milbrandt, general worker in the Northern Conference, was authorized to look into the matter, and, with the board elected by the conference, to proceed to found such a Home if possible.

After much correspondence and many conferences with the Council of the city of Medicine Hat, "if possible" became reality early in September of 1946. The Officers' Staff Quarters at the Medicine Hat Training Field of the R. C. A. F. was purchased. We have expressed our thanks to the city council for its support in getting this property, and then to grant such a substantial discount on the original purchase price.

Renovation work began immediately. Most of this work was done by the members of our Grace Baptist Church, but many friends of the city and many from other fellowships came and laborer together in such a faithful manner that it was possible to dedicate the "Haven of Rest" on Nov. 24, 1946. Before a week had passed the "Haven" was operating with seven guests entered.

Saying all this briefly in one paragraph may lead one to thinking that it was accomplished through the mere whistling of a pleasant tune. Such was not the case. Have you tried to furnish a bedroom in your home? Think of what was involved in furnishing completely a home for fifty guests and staff.

Here too we must say something about the treasury of the new institution. The report at that time read something like this:

Cash on hand	none
Investments	none
Deficit	none
Vouchers	one Promissory Note

bearing the signature of Jesus Christ. (John 14:14. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it.)

This was the source of the treasury supply from the beginning, and, together with the fees charged the guests, has been the resources on which the Haven operates.

Due to the fact that not all the buildings desired were to be had, temporary arrangements had to be made for kitchen, dining room and laundry. This has made it very difficult for the staff to work; nor has the rapid coming in of guests brought relief. The "Haven" is now in need of more room. Since May it has been filled to capacity and now has a waiting list of more than fifty.

Only recently the good news had been received that other buildings would be made available to the Haven. This would then provide ample kitchen facilities, dining room, chapel, and reception parlor; also staff quarters and additional room for guests. This, of course, will require time, labor, material and money, because as these buildings are they are of little use.

To Rev. and Mrs. R. Milbrandt goes the credit for the rapid development of the Haven. They labored untiringly, and without special remuneration. Nor has their task diminished or their zeal abated. As Mr. Milbrandt spends most of his time in Conference work, Mrs. Milbrandt has borne the responsibility of Haven management. The staff employed stands second to none.

The Provincial authorities of the Old Age Pensions, and the Department of Health have given their highest praise to the Haven.

Achieving the Goal of Christian Training

A Presentation of the Sixth Goal of the Christian Achievement Plan, Now
Also Known as the Christian Service Plan, by MR. HAROLD J. PETKE
Portland, Oregon

EVERYONE realizes the values of training. The athletic coach insists upon it. In times of war, a nation lays great stress upon the thorough training of its fighting forces as an absolute necessity.

"In the warfare that is raging for the truth and for the right," as one song writer describes the work of the Church of Christ, the "soldiers of Jesus Christ", (II Timothy 2:3), likewise, are admonished to be "good soldiers." A GOOD soldier is a TRAINED soldier. In the church, a GOOD worker is a TRAINED worker.

Since Christ provides the world's only hope of lasting peace, it behooves every church to assume its full share of responsibility in making the Gospel of Peace known. To do this effectively requires careful training of leaders and workers, keeping in mind that in God's Kingdom-building enterprise there is work for everyone.

It is very good to "teach" children and young people in Sunday School once a week, but that is entirely inadequate. A church without a training program beyond that of the Sunday School is a church that finds it necessary to overload a comparatively small number of qualified people with more responsibilities than can be properly discharged.

The solution to the rather common complaint of "too few workers" lies in the adoption of an effective training program. While some churches do have a training program or "Training Unions" covering every age group, in many smaller churches the young people's society provides the nucleus for vital Christian Training classes.

Active teachers in the Sunday School as well as other church workers should continually "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed..." (II Timothy 2:15). Such training, too, should be a regular part of every church program every year.

In any training program, actual practice is of utmost importance. In this way hidden talents are discovered and developed. Training of future church officers can be provided in the young people's society which can not be provided effectively in any other way. In the young people's society, youth learns how to accept responsibility and learns the importance of faithfully discharging assigned duties.

Service to others is a very important phase of Christian training, for only by serving others in the name of Christ



"This is my Father's world,
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring;
God reigns, let the earth be glad."

can one learn the joy of serving God. Herein is the stimulant for greater usefulness, in that experience alone can prove that the greatest happiness is found only in bringing happiness to others. Therefore every Christian Training program should provide service opportunities and responsibilities in the spirit and Name of Christ.

Opportunities for full-time Christian service are unlimited to those who yield their lives fully unto Christ. For such, intense training is also a prerequisite in order that the things of eternal value may be dealt with as efficiently and effectively as are the passing things of earth.

If the current motto of our National Union is to bear fruit, Christians, both young and old, must be thoroughly trained as "good soldiers of Jesus Christ." Remembering that we are "Saved to Tell Others," let us seek the training that will help us tell others convincingly, both in word and in deed.

FOR US TO KNOW

By Rev. J. C. GUNST, General Secretary of the National Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union.

With this article on "Christian Training" from our former National Union president, Mr. Harold J. Petke, we bring the concluding contribution

to a series of articles by our national union executive committee members. As general secretary I wish to thank each one of these officers for his excellent work and splendid cooperation in bringing the Christian Service Plan to the attention of our people. We sincerely hope that many have read all five of these articles and have derived spiritual inspiration as well as information for their own benefit. May your thoughts also have been stimulated for ideas which can create new activities in your local group.

In a later issue of "The Baptist Herald" an article on "Personal Discipline" will appear. Lately a change in our spiritual goals has been realized in the combining of the Christian Service Plan with the denominational Christian Achievement Plan. This has been done for the sake of simplicity and uniformity of these fine goals in our promotional efforts. In emphasizing the spiritual goals from now on, it is important that we include the goal on "The Christian Home". This will give our Christian Service Plan six goals rather than the five previously stressed. With renewed interest and zeal these six goals should be brought to the attention of our constituency.

It is not too early for our pastors, Sunday School superintendents, and young people's presidents to be thinking about some special study courses for leadership training during the next few months. May we then remind you of our Christian Leadership Training Curriculum leaflet available at our headquarters office. This leaflet lists sixty-six courses from which you can make your selection of a course.

For every course completed on Bible Study, Evangelism, The Art of Teaching, Sunday School Administration, Personal Christian Living and many others, a certificate of credit will be issued by the National Union. After four such certificates have been earned on basic study courses, an attractive diploma will be issued. Through this procedure we have but one purpose in mind, to give assistance toward better trained teachers and leaders in our local churches in the Lord's work.

Your requests for further help in arranging a strong Christian training program in your church will receive our prayerful attention. "Trained leaders for a better church program" should be the motto of every Sunday School and young people's society in our churches.

December 15, 1947

Thank You - God and Friends!

A Message of Appreciation by the REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER,
Business Manager of the Publication Society, Cleveland, Ohio

ON THE EVENING of August 12th, I was suddenly stricken with a heart attack and as a result the next seven weeks were spent in a hospital. This is now my fifth week at home at the time of writing, and it probably will be many more weeks before my full time can again be given to the work at the Publishing House.

Just what does an experience of this kind mean? It has meant very much and it is my wish to tell "The Baptist Herald" readers about it with the hope that it will strengthen their own faith in the goodness, loving care and grace of God. Then I also wish to take this means of expressing my sincere gratitude for the hundreds of letters and cards which came from all parts of our great land. These messages which all expressed the definite assurance of prayer for recovery meant more than anyone knows. They shall always be cherished.

It is a very comforting experience to know that people are praying. It gives one the assurance that somehow God will lead all things for the best. At this time I wish to thank everyone who remembered me in prayer. God was good to give me so many praying friends and for this I would thank him too! It was indeed a marvelous experience to know first hand what the power of prayer is.

The other great experience was a verification of something I have talked and preached so frequently, and repeatedly seen in my ministry. I refer to the grace and power of God in the human life. At the hospital I had the best which medical science could offer. After seven or eight days, the first signs of improvement were noted and I expressed my gratitude to the doctor.

It was then that he told me this. "You were at the end of the road and there was nothing we could do but to stand by and watch what God would do with you. One night he turned your path just a bit and started you on another road. From then on he showed us what to do. Give him all credit for it certainly belongs to him".

How true this is in life! We must always remember the power and grace of God and trust him. He has given us a marvelous medical science but as my doctor stated, it can go only so far. The rest is up to God, and I want to publicly thank him for his saving grace and power manifested in a time of sickness.

Very frequently we take so much for granted and forget the part God has in our life. All my life I have learned to trust Him day by day in all experiences of life and He has never failed. He who has never failed us in the past will certainly take care of us in the future.

A word should also be said about the untiring efforts of the doctors and nurses. One could quickly sense that with these people it was more than a job or profession. It was a "calling" to help someone in need. The great amount of work and devotion so frequently given at the hospital was crowned with the manner in which my doctor gave full credit to the power of God.

Mrs. Baumgartner joins me in expressing our gratitude to Almighty God, to the hundreds of friends who prayed and sent messages, to the employees of Roger Williams Press for the splendid manner in which they

"I don't know what the future holds,
but I know WHO holds the future."
Selected.

carried on, and to the Board of Trustees of the Publication Society for their helpful consideration. Indeed, an experience of this kind gives one many reasons to think, thank and to trust.

We, the Women

Views and News of the National Woman's Missionary Union
By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

CANDLE IN THE WINDOW

It is a pleasure to drive through the residential sections of our city on a crisp, clear winter evening, and to view the lovely Christmas decorations on almost every home — the colored lights, the wreaths, the Christmas trees, and most predominant of all, the lighted candles in the windows. Usually it now is an electric candle, but for many years old-fashioned, tallow candles were used for this purpose.

There is an old legend which says that if a lighted candle is placed in the window of a home on Christmas Eve, the Christ Child will enter that home on that night. Perhaps that is why the custom of using candles in our window decorations has persisted to this day. But I wonder if the Christ Child would find a welcome in every home, should he attempt to enter there this Christmas Eve. So much of our Christmas planning and preparation is done with no thought of the One whose birthday we celebrate.

How may we best welcome the Christ Child into our homes this Christmas season? By letting the spirit of

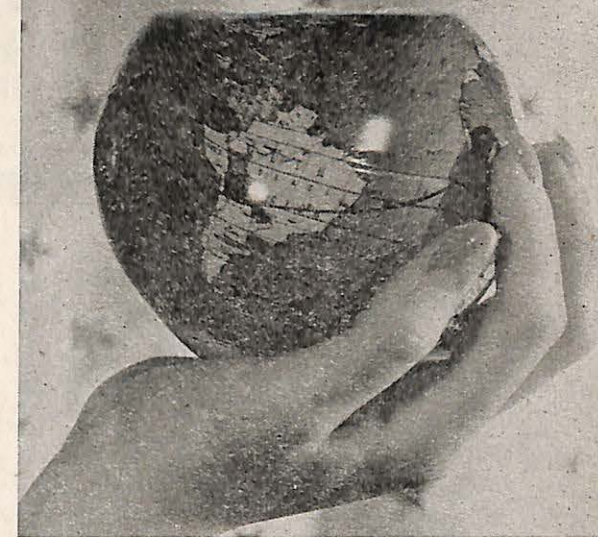
true, unselfish love prevail in all our relations with our family and friends; not letting the hustle and bustle usual to the holiday season rob us of the peace and calm which should at all times reign in our homes.

We can also welcome the Christ Child in a very real way by giving to these less fortunate than we are, from whom we do not expect anything in return. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

There is a great truth in this line from Shakespeare: "How far that little candle throws its beam! So shines a good deed in a naughty world."

Best of all, we can welcome the Christ Child by giving presents, not only to our family and friends, and to the needy, but also to Him, who most of all is entitled to a gift on this, his birthday. What shall we give him? Our loyalty and devotion, our very selves. Nothing less is worthy of him.

Will there be a candle burning in your window this Christmas Eve? And will you be expecting the Christ Child to enter? How will you welcome him?



WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. Walter H. Klempel resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church of Creston, Nebraska several months ago, effective Sept. 15th. Mr. and Mrs. Klempel have been attending the University of Nebraska since that time. His new address is given elsewhere in this issue.

● Evangelistic services were held in the Baptist Church of Onoway, Alberta from Nov. 4 to 13 with the Rev. J. P. Schultz as evangelist. The blessings of God were evident, and seven persons confessed their faith in Christ as Savior. The Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor, further reported that "many Christians were also led to search their own hearts."

● On Monday evening, Dec. 1st, Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio, former business manager of the Publication Society, traveled by United Air Lines via Chicago and San Francisco to Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands. He is planning on spending several months there with his daughter, Lois, and her husband. His address will be 1801 Hunnewell St., Honolulu, Hawaii. We wish him a pleasant and sunny stay in picturesque Hawaii!

● The Baptist Church of Underwood, North Dakota held its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Nov. 9, with the Rev. A. J. Fischer of McClusky, No. Dak., as guest speaker. The offering amounted to \$826. Mr. Fischer wrote that "the church at Underwood is one of our newest churches, having been recognized in May, 1947. It has great possibilities. The newly erected parsonage is about ready for use, and the church is waiting anxiously to welcome a new pastor and family."

● On Thursday, Nov. 6, the young people's group of the Baptist Church of Trenton, Illinois organized "The Trenton Youth Fellowship" with a combined group of young people from the Methodist Church. This will provide for greater strength in numbers for both of the small groups. The officers include the following from the Baptist Church: Lester Ranz, vice-president; Clifford Ranz, treasurer. The Trenton Youth Fellowship will cooperate with both Baptist and Methodist National and associated organizations.

Land of Tomorrow

by CHARLOTTE KRUGER

A Story of Exciting Romance in Alaska by the Author of "We Spend Our Years," Which Appeared Several Years Ago in "The Baptist Herald."

"The Land of Tomorrow" is a land which one cannot forget. Young Chris MacKay discovered that, and, having learned to love the Alaskan mountains and forests, he could not rest until he returned to them.

After the war Chris went back — not only to the mountains and the forests, but to love and dreams and the joy of salvation in Christ Jesus. On the steamer that pushed steadily to the northland he met Julianna Barrett, who was going to Alaska with the message of salvation. Chris heard that message and learned to love the gracious girl who brought it.

Steve Tedishoff, "Cookhouse Mike," Molly, Lydia Wilson — these, too, found life strangely rich after they had met Julianna, and for them also the "Land of Tomorrow" became the land of hope. Theirs is a story told unforgettably in this novel — a novel strong with the strength of tenderness.

LAND OF TOMORROW will begin in the next issue of "The Baptist Herald." It will win your heart and start the New Year off right for you!

Another Zondervan Book.

● On Sunday morning, Oct. 26, the Rev. Louis B. Holzer of the Temple Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., baptized six persons on confession of their faith in Christ. On Sunday, Nov. 16, the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, general missionary secretary, was the guest preacher at Temple Church. During November the church prepared for the Preaching

Mission which was held from Dec. 2 to 7 with the Rev. William D. Ross of Neustadt, Ontario as the messenger.

● The Rev. Rudolf Klein has resigned as pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred, North Dakota and has begun his services as a representative of the Baptist Old People's Home of Bismarck, North Dakota. His responsibility will be to collect funds for the new building program. The basement foundation has already been laid on the new property of the Bismarck Home in a beautiful location within full view of the imposing North Dakota Capitol building.

● Mr. Kenneth Goodman of Wasco, Calif., a student at the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill., who with his wife is an appointee for the Camerons mission field of Africa, appeared before the permanent ordination council of the Chicago Baptist Association on Dec. 4th. On Saturday, Dec. 13, the ordination service for Mr. Goodman was held at the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill. A more complete report about the service will appear later. The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman and their son will sail for Africa in January 1948.

● On Sunday, Nov. 6, the Carroll Ave. Church of Dallas, Texas used its new heating system for the first time. During the morning service a prayer of dedication for the completed unit was offered by the pastor, Rev. W. Helwig. It is reported that the church now has one of the most modern heating systems in the city. During the preceding week the church surprised its pastor on his birthday by assembling at the church annex and holding a program in his honor. He was also presented with a check as a gift from the church.

● The Mission Festival of the Baptist Church of Sawyer, North Dakota was held on a Sunday in October. The Rev. A. J. Fischer of McClusky, No. Dak., brought the message. The offering of more than \$800 was unusually large since the church consists of only a few members. The Rev. Oliver Ringering, president of a Bible School in Minot, No. Dak., is serving the church on Sunday mornings, but, as Mr. Fischer pointed out, "they need a resident pastor with more shepherding of the flock."

● The Rev. John Wahl, who served the Esk and North Janson churches of Saskatchewan, Canada, during the summer months, has accepted the call to become their pastor. A report about the dedication of the Emmanuel Church of Jansen will soon appear. Mr. Wahl and his family told about their experiences as refugees from Yugoslavia in the June 15, 1947 issue of "The Herald." Over the Thanksgiving holidays, Mr. Wahl visited with his family in Rochester, N. Y. He hopes to bring them with him to the Esk field early in 1948.

● The Rev. Herman Palfenier, pastor of the pilgrim Church of Philadelphia, Pa., since 1941, recently resigned and announced his acceptance of the position as one of our denominational evangelists tendered him by the General Missionary Committee. Mr. Palfenier hopes to begin his services as evangelist on Feb. 1, 1948. He and his family will reside in Manitowoc, Wis., until a more permanent residence can be secured. All requests for the evangelistic services of Brother Palfenier should be sent to the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, general missionary secretary.

● On Sunday evening, Nov. 2, the Rev. F. E. Klein, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Colfax, Wash., had the joy of baptizing five persons, including two Sunday School scholars and a couple that came from another church. These five and six others, who were received by letter and confession of faith, were given the hand of fellowship at the communion service on Nov. 9. Mr. Klein wrote: "It was a great day for the entire church. The favor and blessing of the Lord are upon our labors here."

● On Sunday, Oct. 12, the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver, B. C., Canada held its Sunday School rally and Thanksgiving services. The school was in charge of the forenoon rally. The evening Thanksgiving service was led by the pastor, Rev. Rubin Kern. The Rev. John Wobig of Portland, Oregon was the guest speaker at both services. On October 29th Missionary Edwin Michelson visited the church. On November 2 the church observed its 20th anniversary. Three services were arranged for the day. At the forenoon worship the Rev. Frank Woyke brought the anniversary message. The afternoon was given to greetings, reports, memorial service and rededication. The evening service opened an evangelistic campaign of two weeks with Rev. R. Milbrandt as evangelist. The church was seated to capacity at all three services. The meetings with Mr. Milbrandt proved a great blessing to the church with four conversions and quite a number of rededications. The missionary offerings amounted to more than \$1200.

Beside the Still Waters

Devotional Nuggets of Truth by Dr. JOHN LEYPOLDT, Pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

AT CHRISTMAS time millions greet each other with the familiar words: "A Merry Christmas!" This well known greeting is used by Christians and non-Christians alike. It has a hollow, superficial ring to it. It would be more scriptural, more in keeping with the true Christmas spirit, for Christians to say: "A blessed Christmas."

The Christmas season is a time of joy for young and old. The birth of the Christ-child was ushered in with a message of great joy. "But the angel said to them: Put away all fear; for I am bringing you good news of great joy — joy for all the people. For a Savior who is the Christ is born to you today, in the town of David."

But the Christmas message has an even deeper note than that of joy. It is the note of peace. Christ, the Prince of peace, was born into a sinful, troubled world. Man's soul was hungry for peace. Where was this peace to be found? Not among the wise Greeks, proud Romans or even the religious Jews. The world was out of tune with God and with one another. Man had tried again and again to restore harmony, but had failed.

Therefore God had to step in. Man needed someone who was more than man to help him in his helpless con-

dition. Therefore the incarnation of Christ was an urgent necessity. God alone through Christ could give peace and make peace.

Christ is the Prince of peace. He promised peace to all who come to him (Matt. 11:28).

Again and again he said: "Go in peace" (Luke 7:50; 8:48). His last will and testament was one of peace (John 14:27). His fast words on the evening of his resurrection day were: "Peace be unto you" (John 20:19). His main mission was that of a Deliverer from sin. When the burden of sin has been removed, there is peace.

At this Christmas season there will be homes in which the Christmas joy will be lacking, because there is a vacant chair. A loved one has passed beyond the veil. But even bereaved Christians can have the Christmas peace, that peace which passeth all understanding. Christ's virgin birth, his matchless life, his vicarious death and his glorious resurrection have made him our source of peace. "He is our peace" (Eph. 2:14).

This Christmas gift of peace is not for a day or a year or even for a lifetime. It is for eternity. Have you received this precious gift? It is for all who believe (Romans 5:1).

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased" (Luke 2:14).

Pointed Paragraphs

By Rev. C. B. NORDLAND of Forest Park, Illinois

¶ The hill of comfort is the hill of Calvary; the house of consolation is built with the wood of the Cross; the temple of heavenly blessing is founded upon the riven rock — riven by the spear which pierced His side. No scene in sacred history ever gladdens the soul like Calvary's tragedy.

—Spurgeon.

¶ We have regretfully observed Christian parents feverishly working to make known to others their children's intelligence. It is a matter of pride, we admit, to have a bright child. But is it not inconsistent to Christian principles to exploit the mental alertness of our children?

—Sunday School Times.

¶ There is not an instance in which Christ appears to have proposed his own private, separate good as the end

either of his actions or sufferings. He lived and died to show us that the cross means that redemption is a ministry of service to mankind in the name of God, whose love is long-suffering and who is not willing that any should perish. In his redemption there is no separation between faith and good works. A redeemed soul means a good life.

—Watchman-Examiner.

¶ Holiness is a Trinity consisting of theory, experience, and practice. If we give this Trinity a proper emphasis, we will produce a well-balanced Christian that will be an asset. If we unduly stress any one of these we will produce something else. If we unduly stress theory, we will produce formalists! if we unduly stress experience we will produce fanatics; if we unduly stress practice, we will produce Pharisees.

—Protestant Voice.



Missionary Laura E. Reddig Bringing Some Bible Stories to an Interested Group of Children in One of Africa's Grassland Villages

A Missionary Trek Through Mambila

Missionary PAUL GEBAUER Introduces Missionaries Gilbert and Mildred Schneider to their New Field in Mambila, Far Back in the African Grassland County

EAST OF WARWAR mission stations stands a hill. It stands across the meandering river. God made the hill for those who have to cast off excess weight. It is just one of the many spots in Mambila made for Missionary Gilbert Schneider to recover the normal pounds of his youth. He is succeeding, I am happy to report.

Up this hill, east of the station, the Schneiders and I puffed one foggy morn. "Sanu, Sanida", one Mambila greeted Mildred. To get blessings wished upon you so early in the day is good. To be known by name is still better. The Schneiders have their name taking root in this nameless land.

TREKKING ADVENTURES

In return, the Schneiders have collected enough native phrases to reply and to carry on a modest conversation. At the end of each trek day Gilbert sat down to collect more words of the dialects, as they change from place to place. If he keeps that up, he will be the sole authority on the Mambila dialects. The momentum of the beginning means much. The

Schneiders show a very good beginning.

We trekked together for two weeks, together to see Warwar mission field as it is today. We did it hastily to gain the overall view, useful for the beginner. Every day we hit another settlement, another dialect, another chief, another restcamp for the night. Every day I did the same. I introduced the two to the chiefs and elders as the new missionaries to the Mambila. Optimistically I promised that they would stay among them for a lifetime. Everywhere we receive the same grunts of approval, the customary fowl, the usual collection of doubtful eggs, fufu for the carriers, and the promise of better hospitality on the next visit.

Thus we crossed the Mambila land of green hills and the endless horizon. We began at Bang. The same old rascal of a chief of 12 years ago greeted us. Preserved in his own dirt and cunning he represents the Africa that does not change. He dishes out the same dying fowl, the same aging eggs, the same neglected quarters, with the same old smile of long ago. He promised much and did little. In re-

turn Gilbert Schneider shot him a guinea fowl with the promise of high water and floods, if he would not mend his ways. There is a church near his compound. There is hope!

We went to Tamnyar, the spot of the endless view. Clouds covered it. Most of the time we had to stay indoors. But the Mambila people came to stare at the brand new missionaries. The chapel we had here long ago is gone. That offers the Schneiders a brand new start.

AFRICAN CHIEFS

The blind chief of Vakudde has aged. He clings to the high hills of the forefathers. His people are slipping down from their hills to settle in the fertile valleys. Youth tires of climbing, of carrying uphill wood and water and food. But the old ones stick to the ancient places of warfare and sacrifice. With them will go law and authority, orderliness and a way of life. What takes the place? The Church of God; none else!

The chief of Warwar has died and with him much of the opposition to

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Half an Arm, But a Fuller Life

The Story of Bokwo and of God's Marvelous Grace as Told by Missionary

LAURA E. REDDIG

BOKWO was brought to Mbem one noon just as we finished lunch. His parents brought him from their home in the hot lowlands of Mbaw area in our Kaka field. One of the dispensary helpers said to me: "This sickness is bad too much." When I saw it, I agreed with him.

The lower half of his left arm was gone, and the upper half was swollen to about five inches in diameter, with an old dirty piece of dead bone sticking out of a large ulcer which covered a good half of his upper arm. Never have I seen anything so hideous! How could the poor boy live with all that poison in his body?

You might ask, just as I did: "Why didn't his parents bring him sooner?" The snake bit him in the early part of December, but this was five months later! Why didn't they bring him sooner? Well, they didn't! It was too much bother, and besides, a sick child does not change the plans of the parents very often or very much. If they are working on their farms, they will not stop, no matter what, until they get the corn planted or harvested, or until they finish what they are doing. Here is how it all started!

Bokwo is about thirteen years old. He was bitten by a snake early in December of last year and the wound bled a lot. To stop the bleeding the people tied a rope around the arm near the shoulder. This was left on for three full days. (When one puts on a tourniquet in First Aid, it must be changed or removed every 20 minutes). When the rope was finally taken off, the whole lower arm began to swell and became necrotic.

Soon the lower arm hung with just a small tendon attached to the upper arm. Some kind soul cut that off, and thus relieved the boy of this loathsome and now entirely useless part of his arm. The swelling continued in the upper arm until part of the bone was seen from the outside. The farm work being finished for a time, the parents decided to bring him to the mission.

The boy was as thin as a rail. His parents were told that they must take the boy to Bamenda at once. They were to leave the following morning. Before that following morning arrived, the father had run away, saying he had other work to do and would not have a chance to go to Bamenda. The mother couldn't go alone with the boy,



Bokwo, Who Was Saved from a Horrible Death by the Ministry of Our Missionary-nurse, Laura E. Reddig, and Who Is Now Eagerly Learning About Jesus Christ at the Mbem Mission Station

so we knew that if the boy was to get any help at all, we would have to give it to him.

Oh, he looked so frightened, and so sick. He told us later that he knew he just came here to die, so he wasn't even troubled about what we might do for him. Instead of being taken to Bamenda the next day to the doctor, Bokwo was given an anesthetic. The dead bone was removed and the month old dirt was removed from the ulcer. Next day when Bokwo saw his clean arm, he began to take courage and feel he still had a chance.

Daily the arm was dressed. Daily Bokwo got his big cup of Ovaltine and milk and tonics to help build him up. Very quiet and shy, he would still show he really was grateful for all that was done for him. His mother was with him for a while, but she too got tired of waiting for the arm to heal and went back home, leaving Bokwo to shift for himself. When she came back several weeks later, she went so far as to admit her boy was much better, and even expressed her gratitude for the care we gave him.

We tried to point out to her that it was God who had helped us to help

her boy, and that God was now helping to heal his arm. The mother now wanted her boy to return home with her, so that he could carry water for her. We knew this would never work, for the arm was not healed as yet, and from the care these people gave Bokwo before, we knew he would only get worse again. Finally she agreed to let him remain at Mbem, though she did not see why he couldn't come home to help her now.

We've had lots of fun talking with Bokwo, and he feels honored when we find some little odd job around the dispensary for him to do. He is a bright and happy boy. Just to see his big smile almost melts your heart. We have decided that we must try to keep him here and help him to a useful life. He is very glad that when school opens, he will be allowed to go. Even though he is a bit old for starting school, he will be given this opportunity. He wants to become a follower of Jesus, and he is so grateful to God for having helped him to recover from his long and painful illness.

He asked for permission to go home and talk with his parents. They are not Christians, as their words and actions have certainly shown. Perhaps the boy, whom they neglected, will yet help to bring them to Jesus, and to show them that life is more than just eating and sleeping. We know that if Bokwo becomes a Christian, he will want to help his people. Who knows what paths of service will be open for this half-armed boy? Surely, he is already experiencing a fuller life, and a deeper meaning to life than he ever dreamed possible before.

Soon Bokwo will take off the last little dressing on his arm, but the mark of his parent's neglect will ever remain with him. They would never have done as they did, had they been Christians. As pagans, filled with fear and superstitions, they need take no responsibility for the lives of their children. For if they die, didn't some witch eat them, or some bad spirit kill them? And there are so many parents like the parents of Bokwo.

As Bokwo finds a richer and fuller life now, may God use him again in helping others to find in Jesus, their Life, their Light. Yes, Bokwo has but half an arm, but already he is finding new values which are far greater than half an arm could ever be.

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Our Mission Schools in Africa

Important Observations and Convictions by Missionary IDA FORSCH,
Now Stationed at Mbem, Kakaland

AFTER observing our mission school at Ndu, Ruby Salzman took me for a two day trek on horseback to visit some of the out schools in her area. We had ridden for an hour and it began to pour with rain. Regardless of raincoat and raincap, I was drenched. We stopped at a village to warm up a bit. Several natives made a fire in one of the houses around which we sat trying to get warm. The rain had stopped and by the time we reached our stopping place our clothes had begun to dry.

of credit needs to be given to these teachers and their tireless efforts.

After supper we had planned to have a meeting with all the school teachers. Mr. Towang asked Ruby to play her accordion for some people who had gathered at his house. They wanted to hear the music. We went to Mr. Towang's house and Ruby began to play. In a few minutes the house was packed with mothers, children and young people. We began to sing songs that were familiar to them. For more than an hour we had a sing-song.



Some of Our Women Missionaries in the Cameroons of Africa
(Left to Right: Laura E. Reddig, Ruby Salzman, Myrtle Hein, Hilda Tobert, Mildred Schneider, Esther Schultz and Ida Forsch)

This trek was my first experience in going up steep and rocky hills on horseback. It seemed unbelievable that a horse could carry us up those steep hills and down again. My heart gave several fast beats as we went down the hills but, seeing Ruby stay on her horse, I knew that I could do it also. One can overcome quickly the fear of travelling up and down those narrow and rocky paths.

At Ntumbaw we were warmly welcomed by the teacher-in-charge, Mr. Towang. I was greatly impressed by the fine Christian spirit of Mr. Towang and his management of the children during the singing period. How I admire our native Christian teachers as they continue their teaching in overcrowded rooms with so very little equipment. I wonder if ANY of our Christian teachers at home would be willing to teach under the conditions of these native teachers. A great deal

Then we asked the teachers to come down to our place of abode (which was one of the school houses which had been cleared of benches so that we would have a place to stay for the night.) They wanted to sing some more. For another half hour and more we sang while Ruby played. How they love to sing the gospel songs and choruses! It thrilled me to see the eagerness of these teachers to learn more of the gospel songs.

Hilda Tobert stayed at Ndu where she is now stationed while Laura Reddig and I began our trek for Mbem. There is no road leading to Mbem. All cargo must go by carriers while we trek on foot or horseback. It is a beautiful sight to see a long row of carriers winding along the narrow paths going up and down the hills with their cargo on their heads.

On the second day of our trek we reached Mbem. Many of the school

children and the teachers came out to welcome us with their singing and the beating of the drums. How happy these people are when the missionaries arrive. As our arrival was on a Saturday, not all the children were present to welcome us. So the entire school had the special welcome for us the following Monday. At 1:30 P. M. the entire school with the teachers came marching up to the mission house. Each child carried a bundle of firewood as a gift for us. The school band led the procession, and what a beautiful sight it was!

I wish that I could make it real to you how anxious the boys in this area are to secure an education. One day all of the grade six boys with their teacher came up to the house begging that grade seven be taught at the Mbem school next year. There is still such a shortage of teachers and school buildings, not even mentioning equipment and books.

A young chief has come to us begging that a school might be opened in his area. He has a suitable plot chosen for the school buildings and gardens, and he has the names of the children who are ready to attend as soon as the school is opened. He is extremely anxious that the children in his area should have an opportunity to receive an education. We have asked that girls should be on the list of those children who will attend if a school is opened. He is willing to send girls and will send his own as an example to his people.

What a wonderful opportunity for Christian training in getting these children to attend our Mission Schools! Christianity is never separated from school life in our Mission Schools.

Since we have been at Mbem, Laura has taken me out on a week's trek to visit some of the outschools in our area, the Kaka area. Having only one saddle and one horse, we have had to take turns in riding. One must learn to adapt oneself to all situations when it is necessary, even that of the means of transportation.

We may not have all the comforts of the home life or all the modern methods of transportation, but there is a great deal of joy in living and travelling as we do when we realize the cause for that it is being done. The people out here are most interesting. They are a jolly people and laugh very readily and heartily. The opportunities of service are countless and what a joy to be able to help a little in this great work.

It is wonderful to see the completely changed lives of those who are Christians and to see how their pagan superstitions have been replaced by that of trust in the Master, Jesus Christ. Continue to pray for this work for the fruits of the harvest are already showing greatly.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE



A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

"Oh, mommy, I wish I had a nice, soft, cuddly doll like Janie. Maybe if Uncle Jim hadn't got killed in the war, I'd have one, too. He was so good to me, wasn't he, mommy?"

"Yes, he was, dear. And I'm sure he'd want you to have a nice doll. But Christmas is not far off. Perhaps you will get one then. We'll wait and see, Chrisie."

And as Mrs. Maloney looked at her little Christabelle so crippled from polio, tears came to her eyes as they had so many times. She didn't see how they could possibly get her a doll for Christmas because there had been so much expense for the doctors and her husband was only able to work about three days a week. But as she went about her work, she talked to the One who had never failed her and who she knew could help her in this need.

"Dear Lord," she prayed, "I thank thee that thou dost love little children and that thou art interested in their every desire. Surely there can't be any harm in Chrisie's having a nice doll, so, Lord, put it in someone's heart to give her a soft, cuddly doll. Thou hast never failed us, so I thank thee now for what thou wilt do."

In her heart she knew that God would see to it that her dear little daughter would have the doll she so herself wanted, and each day she found God would eagerly waiting to see how Meanwhile in a school a few blocks away a teacher was making a suggestion to her class: "I think it would be fine if each of us would choose something from our toys that is in good condition and bring it to school. Then on Friday afternoon, instead of having a party, we'll go and deliver our toys to some children in our community who are sick or poor so they will have a happy Christmas, too."

The children enthusiastically approved and each was thinking hard what he might be able to bring. That night Jean went into the closet where she kept all her playthings. Her dolls were all lined up and they looked so pretty, since mother had just washed and ironed all their clothes. She certainly wasn't going to give away any of her dolls. And she could not give away any of her doll furniture or her doll house. Nor her roller

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skates. Nor her ice skates. Nor her dishes. Oh, maybe her telephone. No, that was her last present from Aunt Ada.

What could she give? Then she noticed her jumping rope hanging on the hook. She had hardly used it and it was just like new. That would be it!

Another boy said: "We don't have

very many toys at our house but I had a nice truck which my father made, so he give it a new coat of paint and I brought that."

The teacher said: "I'm sure we'd all like to tell what we brought but we'd better go now before it gets too late." So she gave each one the name of a child to whom they could take their toy.

As Jean walked away from the schoolhouse she looked at the name she was given — Christabelle Maloney. She wondered what kind of girl she was and what was the matter with her. She began to feel ashamed that she had brought only a jumping rope, and



The Beautiful Statue in White Marble of Christ Blessing the Children in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, California

Friday afternoon, there was a great deal of excitement in the schoolroom. The teacher gave the children an opportunity to tell what they had brought if they wanted to.

One boy said: "I brought my construction set because I thought maybe some boy who couldn't get around very well could get a lot of fun out of this set."

A girl said: "I brought my nicest doll, because mother said since God gave his best, we ought to give our best when we celebrate Jesus' birthday."

Another girl said: "I was sick last Christmas and I wanted a doll house so much but daddy couldn't get me one, so I felt very bad. Now I have one and I'm going to share it with some other little girl. It's not very big but I had a lot of fun with it."

she walked slower and slower as she thought about it. All at once she started to run, "I will do it," she said, and she hurried to her house. She grabbed her baby doll, wrapped it in a blanket and started for the address where Christabelle lived.

Christabelle was so happy. The doll was just what she wanted. How she loved it! And her mother smiled brightly as she said to Jean, "I asked God to give my little Chrisie a soft, cuddly doll and now he has used you to answer my prayer. I'm sure he'll make your Christmas very happy because you have been so generous."

And on Christmas morning as she opened her gifts, Jean agreed that this was the happiest Christmas she'd ever had. She could enjoy her own gifts so much more because she knew she had made one little girl very happy.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Northern Conference

Philologus Society Is Reorganized at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta

Another school term has begun for the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta and with it the activities of the young people's organization are under way. On November 4 the Philologus Society, as our organization is called, held its election of officers. The following came into office: president, Cecilia Priebe; vice-president, Bernard Fillenberg; assistant secretary, Doris Riemer; treasurer, Robert Hoffmann; pianist, Ruth Grabia; assistant pianist, Lorence Falkenberg; ushers, Gottfried Harr; Milton Sauer, Rhinart Radant and Edward Ertmann.

With more than 100 students attending the school, we are looking forward to blessed times as we try to praise God and learn more of him. The members of the Philologus Society have been divided into seven groups, and at our semi-monthly meetings one of the group takes charge, in this way giving each student an opportunity to take part. We have the following groups: Devotion, Drama, Education, Missionary, Music, Search the Scriptures and a Young People's Night.

Knowing of the blessings which students have received in past years, we trust God for even greater blessings in this coming term.

Oiga Mueller, Secretary.

Organization and Recognition of the Swan River Baptist Church of Swan River, Manitoba

On Saturday, Oct. 18th, delegates from seven churches and their ministers gathered in the English Baptist Church of Swan River, Manitoba, Can. for the purpose of officially organizing the new church.

After the usual preliminary opening service led by Rev. J. Kornalewski, the council organized itself with Rev. A. Kraemer as chairman and Rev. R. Kanwischer as clerk. Mr. Kornalewski then represented the Swan River group of Christians before the council and gave the reasons for their desire to organize as an independent church. He also gave a brief statement as to the doctrinal views of these brethren. After a short deliberation the council voiced its approval and advised that the organization be carried out.

The evening service was held in the same church with a capacity attendance. Rev. A. Kraemer led the service. Rev. A. Milner, who was one

of the pioneer workers in the Swan River field, gave a very interesting report how the work was begun and had grown so that it is now a church with some eighty or more members. Rev. John Wahl then brought an inspiring message based on 1 Cor. 3:9. After the message Rev. G. Beutler offered the dedicatory prayer and asked God's blessing upon the newly organized church. Rev. R. Kanwischer then spoke words of recognition to the church and welcomed her into the ranks and fellowship of churches of our Northern Conference. The Swan River Choir and a ladies trio also brought some appropriate messages in song. May the Lord bless this promising church with its many and great opportunities to serve our Master!

R. Kanwischer, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Thirteen Young People Are Baptized and Received Into Minneapolis' Faith Baptist Church

It was a joy, indeed, for the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., on Sunday, Oct. 19, to witness a scene in which thirteen young people stepped into the baptismal waters and confessed to the world their faith in Jesus Christ as their own personal Savior. The candidates were Geraldine Wiebe, Phyllis Wilkins, Patricia Woyke, Dorothy Wall, Donovan Wall, Arthur Ruths, Shirley Ruths; Audrey Pust, David Pust, Rosella Orsch, Blaine Fluth, Lois Boike, and Earl Boettcher.

Sunday evening of November 2 was designated as "New Members Night" when the hand of fellowship was extended to these thirteen and also to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bloyer who were received into the church by letter. Our pastor, Rev. L. B. Berndt, brought a message entitled, "Members of Christ's Body," after which we observed the communion service.

We are happy that the Lord has seen fit to bless our congregation with these who are newly born into his Kingdom, for with the new converts will come new life into the church and family of believers.

Evelyn Wiens, Reporter.

Profitable Sessions of the Minnesota Young People's Leadership Retreat at Hutchinson, Minn.

The Minnesota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union held its second "Leadership Retreat" at Hutchinson from October 10 to 12.

The Rev. J. C. Gunst spoke to the Sunday School workers, and the Rev. Thomas Lutz of North Freedom, Wis., taught the young people's workers.

Our theme was, "For we are laborers together with God" (1 Cor. 3:9a). The opening message was brought on Friday evening by Mr. Gunst. On Saturday, classes were held on "How to Plan a Young People's Meeting," and "Teachers' Training." The other hours were spent very profitably in discussing the problems in our particular societies.

On Saturday evening a delicious banquet was served in the Franklin Street Church, at which time Miss Ellen Lehr spoke in behalf of the Northwestern Conference Young People's Union and Rev. Thomas Lutz brought the message. On Sunday afternoon the Rev. J. C. Gunst brought a very challenging missionary message.

Each of us who attended these sessions went home knowing that we had received something that would help us in our further service for our Lord.

Arline Richter, Secretary.

Wisconsin Young People's Fall Rally at the Bethel Church of Sheboygan

The Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin was the host to the Wisconsin Baptist Young People's Fall Rally on October 25th and 26th. A brief business meeting opened the rally on Saturday afternoon. A number of important decisions were made. Invitations for the Spring Rally from Wausau and Manitowoc were received. Since the Manitowoc invitation was received first, it was decided to accept its invitation for Spring, and have the Fall Rally in Wausau next year.

The Rev. Frank Woyke, executive secretary, spoke at the evening service on some of his experiences and observations of youth in Germany and other European countries which he visited on his recent trip to Europe. After the evening service the Sheboygan young people took us to the Kiwanis Field House for games and refreshments.

The Rev. R. Woyke and the Rev. N. E. West taught the large young people's class at the Sunday School service which was in charge of Francis Guenther, superintendent. The Rev. John Grygo brought the morning message. On Sunday afternoon the Rev. Frank Woyke spoke on the rally theme, "Youth and the Future." Prior to this service the group took a scenic drive through Sheboygan and to its many fine parks. The Rev. William Schweitzer of Waupun brought the message at the closing service on Sunday evening, also speaking on the theme.

Attendance ran well over one hundred people and a fine spirit seemed evident by all. The Rev. Fred Knaason and his people did a fine job of entertaining the rally.

Roger Norman, Reporter.

The Rev. and Mrs. George W. Zinz Are Welcomed to Milwaukee's Immanuel Church

On Thursday evening, November 6, in spite of a drizzling, driving rain the auditorium of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin was well filled to welcome its pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. George W. Zinz, Jr. A fine program was presented, with Mr. H. E. Wichtel, chairman of the Board of Deacons, in charge.

Members of the Temple and Bethany Baptist Churches and their pastors, and friends responded to our invitation and shared in the festivities of the evening. Greetings were extended by Dr. John Leypoldt, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church; the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church; and Rev. T. Knudson, of the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention, interspersed with two numbers by our choir, "Angel Voices ever Singing" by Bortniansky, and "Sanctus" by Gounod.

The guest speaker of the evening, Dr. Wm. Kuhn, ass't secretary of the North American Baptist Conference presented the address of the evening in his own masterful manner. He stated that Mr. Zinz came to us "with a great heritage, having been born and reared in a garden of God, a truly Christian home, which served him as a rich background."

Mr. H. E. Wichtel then extended the hand of welcome to Rev. and Mrs. George W. Zinz in behalf of the Immanuel Church, to which Mr. Zinz gave his response somewhat in this fashion and in part: "I had a speech all prepared for this occasion, but after seeing this fine audience, and hearing such gracious remarks, I am simply overwhelmed and somehow my speech has gone with the wind, and perhaps it is just as well, but Mrs. Zinz and I do want to thank you all for the kindness shown us since we arrived in Milwaukee." Mr. Zinz then pronounced the benediction, and the audience adjourned to the church dining room where they were served with refreshments.

M. H. Roth, Reporter.

Evangelistic Services and Baptism of Thirteen Converts in Aplington, Iowa

It was a privilege to have Dr. F. D. Whitesell of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, Ill., here in Aplington, Iowa for a week of evangelistic services. Dr. Whitesell began his ministry in our midst on Sunday, October 12, and closed his services on the following Sunday night. From the very first service until the last we were conscious of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our services as well as in our visitation work and the Lord richly blessed the efforts put forth in reviving his own and in bringing souls to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to a happy readiness to follow him all the way.

In a special young people's rally on Saturday evening a number of young people indicated their readiness



The Rev. and Mrs. Otto Roth (Second and Third from Left in Front Row) of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon With Their Sons and Daughter and Several Children-in-Law

to lay their all upon the altar and to enter full-time Christian service. On Sunday, November 2, it was our privilege to baptize thirteen of those who had accepted the Lord, and to welcome them into the fellowship of our church at the communion service following the baptism. Great was the joy of our people as a number of those for whom earnest prayer had been offered for so many years, now at long last openly confessed the Lord and aligned themselves with God's people. Two of those baptized are boys from our Sunday School, 11 and 14 years of age, while the rest were young people and young married people ranging in age from about 19 to 45 years.

C. Fred Lehr, Pastor.

Pacific Conference

Reception by the Salt Creek Church of Oregon for Rev. and Mrs. E. Wolff

On Sunday evening, November 2, a large group of members and friends of the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Oregon gathered at the church to welcome their new pastor, the Rev. Emanuel Wolff, and family. The Wolff's had arrived from Cleveland, Ohio on October 29 to begin their ministry here.

Mr. D. T. Bartel, chairman of the board of deacons, led the meeting. The Rev. R. Wm. Elmer of the Evangelical United Brethren Church of Dallas extended greetings from the Dallas Ministerial Association, and the Rev. J. R. Turnbull, who very faithfully served as interim pastor, gave words of advice to our minister and the church. The Rev. G. G. Rauser offered words of welcome from our neighbor church in Salem.

Representatives of the church, Sunday School, Young People's Society and Ladies' Missionary Society welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Wolff to our church and musical selections were rendered by the choir and a girls' sextet.

At the close of the program Mr. and Mrs. Wolff responded very graciously to the hearty welcome given them.

Luella May, Reporter.

Tenth Anniversary of Rev. Otto Roth's Ministry in Portland's Immanuel Baptist Church

There have been numerous mountain-top experiences in the Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon. The "Team" of our denominational leaders who brought us messages in word and picture were a great blessing to us and inspired us to make greater sacrifices in making known the love of Christ to those who still do not know him. The Team visiting the church consisted of the Reverends H. G. Dymmel, M. L. Leuschner, J. C. Gunst and Edwin Michelson.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 2, after the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, our promotional secretary, had shown some of our latest missionary pictures, the entire audience was invited to the social room of the church. Our pastor, the Rev. Otto Roth, and his family were asked to places at the front of the room.

After an enthusiastic song service, a number of the officers of the church expressed their appreciation of the work done by our pastor and his family during their ten years of faithful ministry in Immanuel Church.

There has been spiritual progress as a result of faithful preaching of the Word. A total of 124 members have joined the fellowship of the church, 60 through baptism. There have been material blessings too. Many improvements have been made on the church building and parsonage.

Mrs. Roth has been untiring as the president of the Woman's Missionary Society and as teacher of an adult class. Mrs. Doris Roth Sims, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roth, has been our very able organist for more than five years, and the sons, Howard and Otto Roth, have done much to beautify our services with their God-given voices.

Church attendance continues very well and the desire of Immanuel is to continue in the spirit of Christian fellowship and cooperation of pastor and church for the purpose of the salvation of souls and the advance of Christ's Kingdom.

Mrs. J. A. Hoelzer, Reporter.

Young People's Sessions at Pacific Northwest Convention at Colfax, Washington

Mountain top blessings were showered on all who were privileged to attend the Pacific Northwest Convention held at Colfax, Wash., from October 22 to 26.

The highest points of interest for the young people began on Saturday afternoon when a grand hike was arranged for all in American fashion. We went hiking in cars — twenty-five of them winding their way up the circling road to the top of "Steptoe Butte" where we overlooked the State of Washington in its fall beauty.

This was only a foretaste of grand times for the young people for that evening. As we walked into the beautifully decorated high school, we were captivated by the clever, artistic way the tables had been decorated for the banquet. Miniature trucks of the kind we had been able to send to the



The Rev. Arthur A. Voigt of the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Mo., and Six Young People Whom he Recently Baptized

Mission field were placed on the tables. A happy Christian atmosphere prevailed among the 200 young people throughout the evening.

Special musical numbers featured the Colfax Brass Quartet; solo by Leni Friesen of Bethany, Vancouver; Colfax Ladies' Sextette; and the Kelowna Male Quartet. We were privileged in having with us Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park who, at the close of the elections showed an interesting reel of pictures on "Young People of Our Denomination." We were also very happy to have two foreign missionaries in our midst, Rev. Edwin Michelson and Mrs. Lois Ahrens from the Cameroons. The speaker of the evening was the Rev. J. C. Gunst, our National Young People's secretary. Our very efficient and never tiring president, Esther Blandau, did much to make the evening such a success.

The Sunday afternoon program proved a great blessing to all. Responses by the 11 churches represented were given. Installation of the newly elected officers took place after which the new president, Archie Bredin of Kelowna, took the chair. Mr. Leuschner gave a challenging and inspiring message that will long be remembered by those of us who heard him.

The blessings received by us who were able to attend this wonderful convention have inspired us to do greater things to further Christ's Kingdom in the days to come.

Ida Bredin, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Fiftieth Anniversary Program of the New England Association at New Haven, Conn.

The New England Baptist Association celebrated its 50th anniversary in conjunction with the 50th annual meeting at the Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., on Saturday and Sunday, October 11th and 12th.

On Saturday morning we held an annual business meeting at which statistical reports from the five member churches were read. The reports showed a membership in the five

and professor at our Seminary. The officiating pastors were Rev. Alfred Weisser of New Haven and Rev. G. E. Friedenbergh of New Britain.

This Saturday afternoon service was highlighted by reports from Mrs. Julia Berger, wife of the former pastor of King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Rev. Emil Berger, Mr. Julius Kamens, oldest member of the Liberty Street Church, and our guest speaker, Dr. Herman von Berge who was also celebrating his 50th anniversary in the ministry, having started his ministry in New Britain, Conn. The speakers all mentioned the hard, faithful labor of those having the first vision of a New England Vereinigung. The main purpose of these conventions was to fellowship together and encourage one another in the work of God.

Saturday evening the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union had a banquet with Rev. Edwin Michelson as speaker telling us of his work in the Cameroons.

On Sunday we again enjoyed hearing Rev. Edwin Michelson speaking at the Ladies' Missionary Union meeting and Dr. H. von Berge's sermon at the morning worship service and his anniversary address in the evening.

As in the past 50 years, this conference ended with everyone going back to their churches strengthened in their Christian faith because they had worshiped together with other fellow-Christians and left with a feeling of having attended a family reunion.

Milda O. Hotchkiss, Reporter.

Central Conference

Baptismal Service and Pastor's Reception by the Pin Oak Creek Church, Mt. Sterling, Mo.

It was a blessed occasion for the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Missouri when the following six persons were baptized on confession of their faith by the pastor, Mr. Arthur A. Voigt, in the beautiful Gasconade River near Mt. Sterling on Sunday, Oct. 19. From left to right they are: Mary Rikard, Rachel Lipskoch, Fred Heidbrink, Lillian Hollandsworth, Eugene Hollandsworth, Mr. Voigt, and Warren Rikard. They were extended the hand of church fellowship at the next Lord's Supper; when also those coming by letter had the hand of church fellowship extended to them.

A large crowd of members, former members and the entire Mt. Sterling community gathered in the church on Monday night, Oct. 20th, for a brief program of song service, Scripture reading, prayer, and special songs by the children, and various ones giving expressions of welcome to the new pastor and his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Voigt spoke a few words and gave a duet. Then they led the way to the parsonage, which is on the church grounds, where the crowd was welcomed and given an opportunity to go through the new parsonage.

Ricka Leimkuehler, Church Clerk.

"Crusade for Christ Through Evangelism" at Dayton's Fourth Street Baptist Church

In an endeavor to revitalize and strengthen our spiritual life, the Fourth Street Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, under the leadership of our very able pastor, the Rev. Alex El-sesser, participated in a Crusade for Christ through Evangelism.

October was designated as Loyalty Month. Through a visitation program, with Mr. John Tapper as chairman, three team chairmen and 14 teams, we were able to contact our entire membership. Each member was urged to attend church regularly throughout the month. All this was done prior to October.

Each Sunday of the month had a special purpose. On the first Sunday, World Wide Communion was observed. On the second Sunday emphasis was given to young people and their part in the church. October 19th was designated as Family Sunday. On this day all families sat together and recognition was given the Haller family who had three generations represented, with 100 percent attendance. Also, a Child Dedication Service was held on this day. The fourth Sunday was set aside as Visitor's Day and everyone was urged to bring a friend.

As a fitting follow-up to this successful month, the first week in November was Spiritual Emphasis Week. Meetings conducted by the pastor were held every evening. The general topic was "Becoming Aware."

From the added strength and faith gained through this program, we feel that our Crusade is not over but has just begun.

Marguerite Knorr, Reporter.

Reception for North American Baptist Students in the Chicago Area at the First Church

On Saturday night, November 15, about 75 young people gathered in the lower auditorium of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill. The occasion was the reception for North American Baptist young people who are attending schools and colleges in the Chicago area.

Approximately 30 of the more than 40 such students accepted the invitation extended to them on behalf of the ministerial fellowship of Chicago and vicinity. From New Jersey to Washington, from Saskatchewan to Kansas they had come to Chicago area schools in order to prepare themselves for full-time Christian service. This is certainly an indication of the zeal for the work of the Lord which fills the hearts of our youth.

Several choruses were sung to begin the evening's festivities, and then all participated wholeheartedly in the games led by Mr. Carl Orth. Greetings were extended by the pastor, Rev. Robert Schreiber, in behalf of the host church, by Rev. C. B. Nordland in behalf of the ministerial fellowship, and by Mr. Walter Pankratz and Mr. Harold Gieseke in behalf of the National Y. P. and S. S. W. Union. The Rev.



—Photo by H. W. Ziehl
Ten Living Charter Members of the Burns Ave. Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, Who Were Able to Attend the Golden Jubilee Celebration on Oct. 23rd

J. C. Gunst led us in a brief period of devotion, after which refreshments were served by the First Church youth groups.

We are happy to have these consecrated young people in our city. Some of them have already found places of service in our churches, and we hope that others will be enlisted. To all young people planning on attending schools in this area, we extend a cordial invitation to visit our churches.

Robert Schreiber, Reporter.

Fiftieth Anniversary Jubilee of the Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan

After many weeks of preparation and our Prayer and Fast Day on Sept. 28th, the time for our Jubilee came. On Oct. 22, 23, 24 and 26th, we, the members and friends, of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., celebrated the 50th anniversary of the church. At each meeting the church was filled to capacity and the splendid programs, under the able leadership of our pastor, Dr. A. J. Harms, were a blessing to all.

Wednesday evening was Neighborhood and New Members Night. Our neighbors were given the usual welcome with the congregation singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," after which Dr. Harms greeted our former pastors who were present. Rev. V. Prendergast, pastor of the Round Lake Baptist Church, read the Scripture and led in prayer. Mr. Fred Potz showed us colored slides of the various churches within one mile radius of the church. Special music was brought by the Men's Glee Club under the direction of Mr. Stanley Ernst.

Charter Members Night on Thursday, which brought back many memories, was enjoyed by all. Of the 82 charter members only four of them

are still members of the church, namely Mr. Richard Ernst, Mr. Oscar Zeidler, Mrs. Louise Mielke and Mr. Christian Russell. Due to illness the latter two were unable to be with us. Mrs. O. R. Ernst presented each of these charter members with a white Bible.

Greetings were extended from our Mission Churches, the Centerline and the Ambassador Church, by Rev. S. W. Houbolt and Rev. O. Battishill, respectively. Reminiscences from our former pastors, who were present, were an inspiration to us. Rev. P. C. Menard, who now lives and labors in Cincinnati, Ohio, served the church for a short period in 1910 and resigned because of illness in his family. Also present was Rev. P. G. Neumann, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, California. The Male Chorus and the German Choir brought the special music during the evening.

Friday evening was set aside as Denominational Night. Rev. E. Gilmore, a Rural Bible Teacher in Wayne, Michigan, who is supported by our mission, read the Scripture and led in prayer. Greetings were then brought from the Connors, Ebenezer and Bethel Baptist Churches of Detroit by their pastors. We also heard from Dr. W. Bloom of the Detroit Baptist Union. The closing message, a very fitting one too, was brought by our own Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill. Special music was rendered by the Chorus Choir, under the direction of Mr. Egon Teichert, and a vocal duet by Mr. and Mrs. A. Thom.

Rev. P. G. Neumann brought the message in both the morning and the evening services on Sunday. The Chorus supplied the music at both services. Our Jubilee was brought to a close with the ordinance of baptism at which time Dr. A. J. Harms baptized five adults.

Mildred Wolfe, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Ordination of the Rev. Harold Fischer Into the Gospel Ministry at Bison, Kansas

On October 27th an ordaining council convened at the request of the First Baptist Church of Bison, Kansas to consider the advisability of setting apart Mr. Harold Fischer to the Gospel ministry.

The council elected Rev. L. H. Smith to serve as moderator and Rev. Arthur Schulz as clerk. The following churches were represented on the council: Bison, Dickinson County, Durham, Ebenezer, Ellinwood, Lorraine, Marion, Mt. Zion, Stafford and Strassburg.

Helen Lohse, Reporter.



Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church, Corona, South Dakota

After the clerk of the local assembly had made his report to the council, the council proceeded with the examination of the candidate. This examination took three specific directions: the candidate's Christian experience, his call to the ministry, and his view of Christian doctrine. After considerable probing and questioning, the council retired to another room for deliberation.

The council decided to approve of proceeding to ordination. The following brethren served at the impressive ordination service: song service by Rev. W. Quiring, Scripture by Rev. J. R. Kruegel, ordination sermon by Rev. L. H. Smith, ordination prayer by Rev. T. W. Dons, hand of fellowship into the ranks of the ministers by Rev. J. J. Abel, charge to the candidate by Rev. W. Quiring and charge to the church by Rev. J. R. Kruegel.

The Rev. Harold Fischer closed the service with the benediction.

A. K. Schulz, Clerk.

Dakota Conference

B. Y. P. U. of McIntosh, So. Dak. Helps With Church Repairs and Plans Mission Program

The building of the Baptist Church of McIntosh, South Dakota is now being repaired. The basement, which had partially caved in, and also the interior will be remodeled as soon as we can get the material. Our B. Y. P. U. has contributed \$100 towards

this purpose. About a year ago we contributed \$50 and the Ladies' Aid also gave \$50.

The young people's society meets twice a month. The second Sunday is always reserved for Bible Study. The Juniors are given tests along this line in which they have received good marks. The fourth Sunday is largely for music and missions.

We are now preparing a mission program at which the offering will go toward the Bender Memorial Trek. We are also working on a Christmas cantata, besides the regular Sunday School program. We have 18 enrolled in the Scripture Memorization work.

It is our prayer that God may continue to bless this work, and that many souls may be saved.

Harvest and Mission Festival With Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Speaker, at Napoleon, No. Dak.

Sunday, October 19, was a day of great blessing for our church in Napoleon, North Dakota. It was a great pleasure to have the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, our Mission Secretary, as our guest preacher at our Harvest and Mission Festival. In the morning he spoke on being "Rich in God." The afternoon message was really heart searching for from his heart's conviction he spoke on "God gave his only begotten Son", according to Romans 8. In the evening he reported on his experiences in Europe as well as at the Baptist World Congress.

Our church was privileged to offer our Lord a mission offering of \$1103.50.

We had other blessings on this day since the 27th wedding anniversary of our Sunday School superintendent and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Grenz, and as well the 16th wedding anniversary of our pianist and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Grenz, were also celebrated on this day.

Julius Grenz, Church Clerk.

Annual Program of the Woman's Missionary Society of Corona, South Dakota

On Sunday evening, October 26, the Woman's Mission Society of the Baptist Church of Corona, South Dakota held its annual program consisting of musical numbers, readings, and a play, "Three Knocks in the Night." The pastor, Rev. E. Gutsche, gave a talk on foreign relief. The offering for the evening was \$197.11 which was designated for general missions.

Our society with 22 in number is divided into four groups with five or six in a group. Each month one woman takes charge of the devotionals which is followed by a session of prayer.

Our mission boxes are turned in twice a year. The one offering goes to denominational headquarters and the other stays at home for general expenses. Besides these two offerings, we have given to the Fellowship Fund, our Seminary, Nurses Training School in the Cameroons and general missions. Our offerings have amounted to \$398.83.

With the cooperation of the Rev. and Mrs. E. Gutsche the society has been packing and sending food and clothing to an adopted minister's family in Germany. These are packed on other nights than our regular meetings. The contents of these packages came as gifts from individuals. Just recently we packed and sewed 22 packages of 22 pounds each which were sent off for Christmas. Thus far we have packed 69 packages besides those that individuals have sent.

The officers of the society are: president, Mrs. John Groneweg; vice-president, Mrs. Otto De Boer; treasurer, Mrs. Leonard De Boer; secretary, Mrs. Elmer Schulte; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Harry Schulte; pianists, Mrs. Herman Poppin and Mrs. Elmer Harms.

Mrs. Harry Schulte, Reporter.

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A Missionary Trek Through Mambila

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our work. We have a new beginning among his people, friendly toward our efforts.

We went to Kabri. The chief I met first 12 years ago has been gathered to his forefathers. His compound has turned into a ghost town. One lonely man keeps the death watch. Rain and sunshine do away with the huts. The forest returns to claim its own. Sacred pots are forgotten and go to pot. Sacred symbols have fallen to the ground. A new generation shuns this place of decay. And another generation offers its opportunities to us.

Titong, the place upon a hill, is slipping into the valley. The present generation forsakes the ancient places. A new age is dawning. And this young generation does not care for the hospitality extended by the fathers. The restcamp lacks the orderliness of old. Food comes in very reluctantly. The hut for the Schneiders had to be covered while they were occupying it. Mambila is slipping in more than one way.

CHANGES EVERYWHERE

We did not miss Mayo Daga, the Hausa market and abomination of the north. Through this place, like a spider's web, all traffic to and from the north must pass. Every carrier needs food and shelter and water and wood. Thus the Hausa exist and prosper without doing much of their own. The restcamp is shaded by trees that came from Mbem mission ten years ago.

Roses and pineapples dream their dreams under eucalyptus trees, where once upon a time a brave Englishman attempted a garden for his lonely evenings. He died at Crete. His men from Crete I helped liberate from a Nazi camp in Bavaria. With them I wept while reading the ancient song: "When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream..." One, not among them, had roses waiting for him at Mayo Daga. Today they cheered Mildred Schneider who put one into her dark hair. Next year they may cheer some other wanderer. In vain they wait for their master.

Over slippery trails we rode to Kuma and Mbaso and Gubin and Ntem and Gembu. Everywhere change is apparent. No longer do men hide while we pass. They come out to salute the strangers. No longer do they hide their wives and children in the bushes. They show them. No longer do they leave food by the wayside as a silent welcome to our carriers. And no longer are the restcamps in orderliness and readiness.

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The Mambila are taking their place under God's sun and they are dazed by the process.

The blessings of the west have come to the green hills of Gembu. A well-ordered prison compound graces one hill. A treasury building ruins another. A perfect dispensary building thrones on a third hill. An attempt of an English cottage perches on another mountain. And in the valley down below the Donga meanders and floods and does not mind the passing changes round about it.

Crossing the Donga Mildred lost her one and only wrist watch. Gilbert lost one of the ducks he had brought down. Ndika lost his home-made breeches. Thus we paid tribute to the mighty stream before we came back to Warwar Mission.

THE WARWAR FIELD

Warwar is well planned. Its location is perfect. The old hut of the Dungers is gone. New buildings arise. Gilbert has put ten acres of land under cultivation. It is an amazing sight. Upon a rich hillside terraces of sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, sugar cane, yams, rice, vegetables, corn, maize, plantains, bananas, and raffia palms begin to prosper. Young men of Warwar are amazed and work hard to see the miracle completed. Gilbert Schneider plans and manages on a grand scale.

Greater tasks are creeping up on him from beyond his terraced farms. This Mambila land has been neglected. For almost ten years we have been in this land. We lost the momentum of the beginning. The war retarded our growth. What we now have of churches and Baptists is very small and the result of the faithful work of Evangelist Robert Jam. He left for his own land. The burden of a new beginning falls upon the shoulders of the Schneiders. Pray that their enthusiasm for the cause of Christ may not wane but increase. Hard years are ahead of them. Share them with them through prayer and faith.

Twenty years ago Adolf Orthner walked through this land. Today young Oregonians take up a task that should have been done so long ago. Let us finish the task. The harvest is at hand!

:: OBITUARY ::

MISS EMILIE B. WILLUWEIT
of Dayton, Ohio

Miss Emilie B. Willuweit of Dayton, Ohio passed away to her Eternal Home on Saturday evening, September 6th. After a period of prolonged illness, she found rest in the eternal care of her Savior. She was 74 years of age.

Emilie B. Willuweit came to America from Germany while yet a young person. Early she found her way into the fellowship of the Fourth Street Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio. Here she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and made known her faith through baptism. Even as she served her Savior, she found her way into our hearts. Serving her Savior Jesus Christ was considered her reasonable service. With whatever words of appreciation or kindness we may speak of her, her life and sincerity spoke a testimony more eloquent than our words. Patient in tribulation, she was always willing to share with others her happy experience in Christ.

The funeral service was held on the ninth day of September, with the pastor of the church officiating. The many floral tributes told of the high regard in which she was held by many friends. She was survived by two brothers, Julius and Ernest; a sister, Mrs. Pauline Hamer; nephews, nieces, and numerous other relatives and friends.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from this time onward. Yes, says the Spirit, let them rest from their labors, for what they have done goes with them." Rev. 14:13.

Fourth Street Baptist Church,
Dayton, Ohio

Rev. Alex H. Elsesser, Pastor.

MRS. BERTHA KLUDT
of Tacoma, Washington

Mrs. Bertha Kludt, nee Eckert, of Tacoma, Wash. was born in Russia on Feb. 19, 1895. She came to Canada as a child. At the age of 12 years she accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized by the Rev. F. R. Mueller, and united with the church at Leduc, Alberta, Canada.

On November 4, 1914 she was united in marriage to Mr. Edward Kludt. The Lord blessed this happy union with five children, one son and three daughters. Her husband passed away seven years ago.

In 1917 she came to Tacoma with her family and was welcomed into the fellowship of the Calvary Church. Mrs. Kludt held offices in the various organizations during these years and at the time of her departure was treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society. She was, indeed, a faithful follower of the Lord, loved by all who knew her, and regular in her attendance at the church services, even to the last night of her earthly pilgrimage.

Her blessed life, with that of her youngest daughter Beverly, who lived with the mother, came to a sudden and tragic end at the early hours (about 2 to 3 o'clock) of October 30, 1947 when a prowler entered their home and killed both mother and daughter. We cannot understand why our heavenly Father permitted this horrible death, but we take comfort in the blessed conviction that He knows, and that our sisters have entered into their rest and are now at home with the Lord.

The large funeral service was held in the Mellinger Funeral Church of Tacoma. Mr. H. Schmunk and Mr. P. Yost offered two vocal duet numbers. The undersigned's message was based on 2 Cor. 5:8 and the Rev. W. C. Damrau's on John 11:25-27.

Surviving are her three daughters: Alma, missionary in Detroit, Mich.; Doris Hutchinson, Tacoma, Myrtle Dingfield, Seattle; and one son, Arthur, Puyallup, Wash.; her aged mother, Julia Benke; two brothers, Emil and John; six sisters, Auguste Priebke, Mary Stuermer, Amila Khun, Lydia Benke, Molly Schalin, Adina Falkenberg; and six grandchildren.

May the Lord comfort the bereaved with the blessed hope of an eternal reunion in heaven!

Calvary Baptist Church,
Tacoma, Washington

J. F. Olthoff, Associate Pastor.

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