

Baptist **HERALD**



The Three Brothers of Yosemite National Park, California

Denominational Reminders

OREGON ENGAGEMENTS

Sunday, Nov. 2 (Morning Service)
 Rev. J. C. Gunst—Salem Oregon.
 Rev. H. G. Dymmel—Immanuel Church, Portland, Ore.
 Rev. Edwin Michelson—Trinity Church, Portland, Ore.
 Rev. M. L. Leuschner—Laurelhurst Church, Portland, Ore.

Sunday, Nov. 2 (Evening Service)
 Rev. H. G. Dymmel—Laurelhurst Church, Portland, Ore.
 Rev. J. C. Gunst—Trinity Church, Portland, Ore.
 Rev. Edwin Michelson—Villa Ridge Church.
 Rev. M. L. Leuschner—Immanuel Church, Portland, Ore.

Monday Evening, Nov. 3

Entire Team of the Reverends F. H. Woyke, H. G. Dymmel, J. C. Gunst, Edwin Michelson and M. L. Leuschner at Bethany Church near Portland, Oregon.

Tuesday Evening, Nov. 4

The Rev's. H. G. Dymmel, Edwin

Michelson and M. L. Leuschner at Salem, Oregon.
 The Rev's. Frank H. Woyke and J. C. Gunst at Stafford Church of Oregon.

Wednesday Evening, Nov. 5

The Rev's. H. G. Dymmel and M. L. Leuschner at Trinity Church of Portland.
 Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Laurelhurst Church of Portland.
 The Rev's. J. C. Gunst and Edwin Michelson at Immanuel Church of Portland.

Thursday, Nov. 6

Entire Team at the Salt Creek Baptist Church for Opening Session of Oregon Association.



ALBERTA ENGAGEMENTS

The trip of the promotional team to the Alberta churches from Nov. 9 to 16 has had to be modified. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the brethren H. G. Dymmel, J. C. Gunst

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and M. L. Leuschner cannot visit the churches at this time.

Arrangements have been made to have Missionaries Edwin and Verna Michelson at most of the Alberta churches during that week. Watch for the announcement from your pastor!

RECEPTION FOR STUDENTS IN CHICAGO AREA ON SATURDAY EVENING, NOV. 15, AT FIRST CHURCH OF CHICAGO.

A reception for all students from North American Baptist Churches in the area of Chicago and vicinity will be held on Saturday evening (8:00 P. M.), Nov. 15, at the First German Baptist Church, 749 No. Paulina St., Chicago 22, Illinois under the auspices of the several North American Baptist churches of Chicago and suburbs.

The parents and pastors of such students are urged to send the names and addresses of the students in the Chicago area to Rev. Wm. H. Jeschke, 1725 No. Burling St., Chicago 14, Illinois, immediately. The students from our churches in the vicinity of Chicago are also invited to write to Mr. Jeschke. All students are heartily welcome!

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AMONG OURSELVES

The women of our churches are going places! The National Woman's Mission Union has become so strong and influential that it was placed on the denominational budget a few years ago. Their mission goal for the Cameroons Nursing Training Project had to be set a great deal higher. At their executive committee session held at Forest Park Ill., on Friday, Oct. 10, the women made elaborate plans for their forthcoming ministry. It will be worthwhile for everyone to read the report of that session which appears on page 17 of this issue of "The Herald."

IN THIS ISSUE

The first announcements of the Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Offering to be received by our churches from Nov. 23 to 30 appear in this issue. Everyone will have a glorious opportunity to give toward this worthy cause. Two pages of this issue are chuck full of news, announcements, reports and glad tidings about our Rochester Seminary. There is considerable contrast in the report of the return of the Michelsons from the Cameroons field and the story of the labors of the late missionary Adolph Orthner years ago. The serial story is rapidly coming to a close. Don't miss the exciting chariot race!

COMING

The brethren Frank H. Woyke and H. G. Dymmel will continue the challenge of the Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Offering and will show how everyone can do or give something for this purpose.

Thanksgiving sermons of inspiring fervor have been contributed by two of our younger pastors, Rev. Edgar W. Klatt of the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minn., and Rev. Roy W. Anderson of the Ogder Park Church of Chicago, Ill.

The story of the return of Missionaries Earl and Lois Ahrens from the Cameroons to Tacoma, Wash., following Earl's unfortunate accident in Africa will be exciting reading in the next issue.

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EDITORIALS

Martin L. Leuschner

Something for Everyone!

THIS THANKSGIVING SEASON will show a striking similarity for us as North American Baptists to the old-fashioned "love feast" often held in our churches. Those observances offered something for everyone in the variety of foods and in the delightful programs that followed. That phrase, "Something for Everyone," ought to characterize our fellowship during this important month of November.

The spirit of Thanksgiving is an affair of the individual heart. It is strengthened by group worship, to be sure, but primarily it is the individual's expression of gratitude to God for the blessings which he or she has received. As such, the reasons for our thanksgiving are as numerous as the sands on the shore and as individuals in the group. Everyone reflects his autobiographical background in the testimony of thanksgiving which he brings as an offering to God.

But the remarkable fact is this. Every Christian serving in and through our churches has SOME reason for rejoicing in the Lord. No one can claim that he knows of no reason for being thankful to God. For by making such an assertion, he would deny his spiritual birthright as a child of God's family. There is something for everyone to be thankful for in these days so that we want to ring the bells of rejoicing in our hearts unto the Lord!

This is also true of our responsibilities toward the MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING. There is something for everyone of us to do in this challenging denominational project of ours. It may seem as if the task belongs primarily to people of unusual means whenever the tremendous sum of "a million dollars" is rolled over our lips. The small gift seems so insignificant when compared with the ultimate goal.

This issue of "The Baptist Herald" ought to dispel that notion in a hurry. In these pages you will learn that the Lord has need of every sized gift and that every contribution will be blessed with God's grace to accomplish great things for his service. Our churches and individuals will have to do more than ever before in order to attain the MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING goal. But the small, sacrificial gifts will be equally glorious in the sight of God. There is something for everyone to do and to give in this MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING Crusade of ours.

Equally important is the fact that this is a missionary and denominational advance in which the spiritual effort of every individual will be needed. This is not a drive for money to be stored up against the rainy day. This is not primarily a financial campaign for the erection of buildings and the undergirding of institutions. This is our eager and forward-looking response to Christ's call to go to unevangelized peoples, to witness for him in dark places of the world, to strengthen the spiritual status at home and to complete the unfinished task.

All of this will require the effectual prayers of God's righteous people. It will call for earnest self-searching of every individual's soul in the spiritual discipline of our lives. It will require a growing faith in every heart that we must go forward, regardless of the difficulties involved, so long as the living Christ leads us onward.

In other words, there will be something for everyone to share in the joys and tasks of this spiritual advance of ours.

BIBLE TEXT

"For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Philippians 4:11.

Regardless of circumstances, I can be incomparably happy in Christ. That is a great secret of the contented life which ought to be the possession of every Christian. It was the experience of the Apostle Paul to which he gave utterance in these matchless words to the Philippians.

Contentment is not dependent on the amount of one's riches or the state of one's health or the kind of circumstances in which one finds oneself. These things do help, but some of the richest people are terribly miserable and some of the people who are poor in health are amazingly happy.

Contentment is determined by our spiritual relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ who is the Giver of abiding peace, whose friendship can surround us with glorious sunshine, who never fails us with his bounty of spiritual blessings. Open your heart to these good things of Christ and "therewith be content!"

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FORTY THOUSAND STRONG

For the first time in our denominational history the membership of our churches has risen to a figure exceeding 40,000. This good news has been revealed by Professor O. E. Krueger in compiling the statistical table for the denomination and which will appear in the next issue of "The Baptist Herald," showing our total membership to be 40,120.

In itself, this news is not startling nor epoch-making. It is not a great increase over that of previous years. But it is encouraging to know that there is a definite and steady, even if somewhat small, increase in our membership growth. This fact ought to strengthen our hands in our present program of missionary expansion and spiritual advance. It can certainly be said of us that we are 104 years YOUNG! With joy we acclaim that now for the first time in official statistics we are more than 40,000 STRONG!

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PUBLICATION MONTH

The month of November has been set aside as "Publication Month" in our denominational enterprise. In every church it is expected that the attention of our people will be directed in some way or other to the influential ministry of our Publication Society and to the time for the renewal of subscriptions to our several publications. One of the denomination's bulletins for the month will feature the work of our Publication Society on the fourth page.

The Joy of Giving

A Story, Which Might Easily Have Been a True Story, For All North American Baptist Churches, by DR. WILLIAM KUHN, Assistant Executive Secretary

DURING a period of fifty years a North American Baptist Conference church rendered a blessed and appreciated ministry in the prosperous little city of Wellsville. In the membership there were a number of men and women of sterling Christian character and influence. The church had made for itself a good name in the community. The corporate life of the church bore many evidences of spiritual enlightenment and strength.

It was quite natural that the church had a very high and favorable appraisal of itself. The church was not without missionary interest and was denominationally minded, but it was known to every one that their missionary contributions were not according to their financial ability. Gradually the church had become a closed circle of self-satisfied persons not making any special efforts to win others.

THE CHURCH'S 50th ANNIVERSARY

Elaborate arrangements had been made to observe the fiftieth anniversary. For the elaborate program that had been arranged extending over three or four days, former pastors and prominent denominational speakers had been invited. An aged minister of the Lord, who had been faithful in his service during sixty years of his life, had been assigned as speaker for one evening.

Because of the Christlikeness of his spirit, the honorable service he had rendered, and his deep insight into spiritual matters, he was held in high esteem in that church. Many who knew him intimately said of him as was said of the first martyr, Stephen: "His face was as it had been the face of an angel."

A WONDERFUL SERMON

The church was filled with expectant listeners on that evening. Much to the surprise of every one, he announced his topic as "The Joy of Giving." He based his sermon upon the two texts: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" and "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." The following truths were emphasized by this saint of God with clarity and spiritual power that they were ineffaceably impressed upon the minds and souls of the listeners.

"1. We will do well not to limit 'GIVING' to money. It is much more inclusive. In fact, it covers our entire Christian life. For instance, the dedication of our bodies as a living sacrifice; every type of Christian service; intercessory prayer and also the giving of money. Our entire Christian life becomes one holy 'ministry of giving' variously expressed and always a joyful giving.

"2. In our giving we have the incontestable evidence of the sincerity and genuineness of our discipleship.

"By our giving we extend our personal influence far beyond the bounds of our personal environment. Our influence now reaches into the far places of the earth as helpers in building Christ's church and expanding his Kingdom.

"3. Although we cannot secure entrance into God's eternal Kingdom through our giving, we can most certainly enrich our own eternity through our giving, because we have built into our lives such enduring material as gold, silver and precious stones.

"4. Through our giving we can enter the Golden Land of Promise, spending our lives with the unwavering assurance that we are co-workers of God in his holy enterprise that will last throughout eternity.

"5. God's appraisal of our ministry of giving may not be in accord with our judgment. The Lord said: 'There are many first that shall be last and last that shall be first.' It is a comfort to remember what the Lord said about the Widow's Mite which she had put into God's treasury. If our ministry of giving is for self-glorification, we will have given in vain. Every gift of money, every prayer of intercession and every ministry of loving helpfulness must bear the imprint: 'In Christ's Name.'

A REVITALIZED CHURCH

That aged minister proved himself to be God's spokesman for that hour. The entire audience listened with rapt attention. Although this sermon was delivered without the usual pulpit eloquence, everyone present was convinced that the Holy Spirit had clothed himself with his own ambassador during the delivery of that sermon. For that North American Baptist church in Wellsville that Friday night had been a time of spiritual illumination. The truths about the joy of giving that



—Photo by Eva Luoma

they had often heard before had now been vitalized and had gripped their spiritual understanding and resulted in a resolution of their wills that they, too, would put these truths into actual practice.

After having heard that sermon on "The Joy of Giving" there were no more high-pressure and worldly methods used to secure offerings for the Lord's work. The contributions for the church and for the denominational enterprise increased by leaps and bounds. A delightful and contagious joyful spirit pervaded every ministry carried on in the church. Voluntarily and "hilariously" (that is, "cheerfully") the church accepted every obligation after this spiritual illumination concerning the ministry of giving. That North American Baptist church in Wellsville had been raised to a higher plane in its ministry of giving.

The aged minister who delivered that spiritually enlightening sermon on "The Joy of Giving" on that Friday night may now have been called home to the Father's House, but the truths expressed by him on that occasion are unchanged even today with their divine potency. May they bring to every one of our North American Baptist churches a revitalization in its ministry of giving and particularly in this herculean project of the Million Dollar Offering in two years as was experienced by that North American Baptist Church in Wellsville!

God Honors the Little Gifts of Love

By the REV. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Promotional Secretary

GOD can perform some of his mightiest miracles with the little things of life. That is the glory of the Christian life as talents are multiplied and gifts are magnified in their usefulness because of the divine power to do great deeds with little things laid on the altar of service.

The Lord Jesus Christ used the occasion when a boy brought his little lunch to the Master to reveal one of God's greatest miracles in feeding more than 5,000 people. He glorified the widow's mite as one of the most honored gifts of all in the sight of God. He lifted the importance of a cup of cold water given in his Name to heavenly and eternal value.

THE VALUE OF LITTLE THINGS

Dr. J. C. Masee wrote that "the value of little things is all but incalculable. The greatest events of history have hinged upon incidents so small as to seem insignificant. The fate of the Roman Empire once hung in the balance while Caesar debated whether he would cross the Rubicon. Great steeds are guided by small bits; great ships are turned by small helms; great conflagrations are occasioned by small sparks. Eternal destinies sometimes hinge on small decisions. One word may make two hearts ache or sing all day. A wrong judgment may cause you to lose a blessing, and another to inherit a curse."

God never overlooks the glory of the small gift which is placed on his altar by a heart of loving devotion and thankful spirit. It may seem small and insignificant in a day when we talk and write in terms of a million dollars, but God can accomplish deeds with eternal and epoch making importance by such things.

Consider a gift of \$5.00 which is laid on the altar of God at this Thanksgiving season by someone whose income is limited but whose heart is large toward God. It can pay for the contents of a large relief package of food for some hungry family in Europe. Loving hands prepare the package and send it on its way in the Name of Christ. With emotional fervor it is opened by trembling hands and its contents bring the eternal message of Christ as well as nourishing food to such desperate people. This dramatic miracle takes place over and over again because of the \$5.00 relief gifts by many of God's children!



Ingrid Schedlar of the British Zone in Germany Who Is Being Saved from Tuberculosis by Relief Food Parcels Sent to Her and Her Family

THE STORY OF INGRID

On this page you will see a picture of little Ingrid Schedlar who is the reflection of childlike sunshine. But the following letter from her father is filled with dark sadness because of her illness from tuberculosis. How much a food package can do for this family in these trying times!

"We were as happy as one can be when God gave us our little daughter, Ingrid, six years ago. During the war my wife and child lived in Hamburg while I was a soldier. The Almighty protected us, and all three of us came sound through the terrible dangers of modern warfare. (More than 70 per cent of Hamburg was destroyed and ten thousands perished in one single night).

"The end of the war brought the end of those dangers, but the situation, nevertheless, grew still worse due to the lack of food. We prayed to God to protect us from the dangerous effects of the starvation rations. But we had to discover a few months ago that our little 'sunshine' had fallen

sick from tuberculosis, which disease is mostly due to malnutrition and is now spreading in Germany.

"This is a very dangerous disease already in normal times, but you will certainly imagine what it means to children living on the present German rations. (This week, for instance, we had 3 lbs. of bread, 1 lb. of cereals, no meat, no potatoes, 2 ounces of butter.) There is no lawful way in Germany to prevent children from being hungry. That means there is but little hope that our little daughter will really recover unless we are able to give her some additional food to strengthen her to fight that disease.

"We put all our confidence in our Lord. He will inspire a brother in Christ to be willing to help us to save our gay little girl by eventually acting as the child's 'godfather', as we call it here."

THE MINISTRY OF SMALL GIFTS

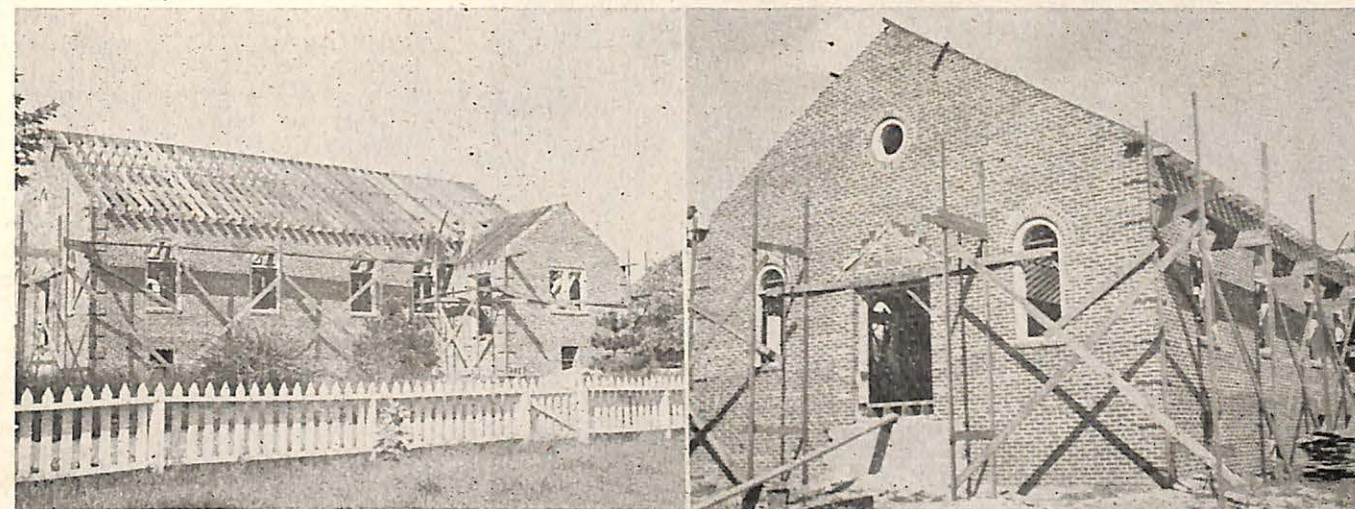
Your small gifts toward the denomination's Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Offering in November will not be despised by the Lord if they represent a sacrificial spirit in your heart. They will be able to purchase and to help distribute Bibles, tracts and Christian literature of all kinds to take the Gospel message to the Spanish-speaking people of the San Luis Valley of Colorado. They will pay for materials used by our missionaries on the Indian field in the schools which are conducted by them.

Such a small sum of \$5.00 will go a long way in the broadcast ministry of Missionary J. J. Reimer in proclaiming the Gospel from the radio station in Alamosa. It will send several subscriptions to our publications thousands of miles across the seas to some interested family in Europe and will scatter its blessings over an entire year.

Last summer I spent a few minutes with the Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke, who was confined to his bed in Sacramento, California. This ambassador of God, who gave many years of his life in influential ministry, is now on the shelf of discouraging invalidism. But his eyes glowed with joy as he told me of a man, who was not so well known to him, who had sent him a small check in his need. The donor of that gift was Mr. C. J. Netting, who a few hours prior to the arrival of the check, had been killed in a terrible accident on his way to the Central

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Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week Will Be Observed by Our Churches from Sunday, November 23, to Sunday, Nov. 30.



The Baptist Church of Elsmere, Delaware (Formerly the East Baptist Church of Wilmington), Now Under Construction as a Symbol of the Program of Advance in Our Entire Denominational Enterprise

Miracles Wrought by the Lord's Money

By the REV. J. C. GUNST, General Secretary of the National Young People's and S. S. Workers' Union

CAN it be possible that there are Christian people who never think of the money which they possess as the Lord's money? From all observances and evidences, there are hosts of so-called Christians who never admit, in word or deed, that what they possess is theirs out of loving generosity and the good grace of God, the Father. Therefore, they never feel obligated to give an account of themselves and their possessions to their Maker and Lord.

On the other hand, great souls, who have lived and passed on, leaving an immortal monument in unselfish service, have been such who have recognized God as the giver of what they have and have given to him his due share. Such spirit and devotion are expressed by such a saint of God, Annie Johnson Flint, in one of her matchless poems:

"All things are mine, for I am His;
Oh, infinite gifts divine!
He gave His Son, His holy one;
And all that He has is mine."

People with a spirit like Miss Flint never have any difficulty being faithful and loyal stewards for their Lord. They readily recognize the fundamental principle in Christian giving. What they possess belongs to God from whence it came. As good stewards they want to administer his gifts and treasures wisely and to his satisfaction.

FIFTY DOLLAR GIFTS

Did you ever stop to think what a gift of only fifty dollars can do for

God's Kingdom enterprise? Someone has said that fifty dollars will go a long stretch for one of our retired pastors, the Lord's servants. In recent months our denomination has revised and enlarged the benefits through the Pension Fund for these retired servants of the Lord. Through the Million Dollar Offering we shall assume a larger share in the support of the Lord's own.

"But listen here," you say. "I am not interested in paying out fifty dollars for any one who is no longer active in the Lord's work." If a Christian feels that way about one who was once an active servant of God, he has never prayerfully and realistically thought this matter through.

Space and time do not permit me to go back and to relate services rendered, under most trying circumstances at times, by these who are no longer active saints of God. It is hardly necessary, on the other hand. Suffice it to say, would it be justifiable to give anyone less than proper assurance to supply daily physical and spiritual necessities, to comfort soul and mind, for one who has spent his youthful energy in sacrificial service for the things of God? Even as moderate a sum as fifty dollars a month will give security and peace of heart and mind over a period of many days. Besides the recipient will see the principles of the Lord Jesus, whom he has served to the best of his ability, put into practice.

In these days many of the Lord's people can think in terms of one hun-

dred dollar bills for the Lord's work. If that is possible, have you ever stopped to think what wonders may be wrought what joy and boundless good your gift can accomplish? This would be the major share of a foreign or home missionary's salary. By giving such support you bring numerous physical and spiritual necessities to the missionary. In turn, the missionary is inspired through such generous giving by a fellow-Christian to almost endless service.

A MISSIONARY'S ACTIVITIES

Let me list a few of the activities a missionary may carry out through generous support on your part. You make it possible for one of God's own to be among people who are without Christ. In that field he can expound and implant the living Word of God which is such a necessity unto salvation. Besides bringing balm to the soul through the message of the Cross, he administers medicine to the painful wounds on a sick body. On the mission field the missionary represents you, a place where you are unable to go. He brings knowledge and the love of God, and light which will dispel superstition and idol worship. He carries out the great commission of the Lord, "Go ye into all the world, make disciples", thus bringing the lost soul into right relationship with the Lord and our heavenly Father.

In this life no one will ever know how many souls are reached, inspired, and won by such missionary zeal and

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many responded with their testimony for Christ. This was a unique service—the first of its kind. It was a service which drew us all close to our Lord and gave us to feel more keenly that we were united by a common faith in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

THE JOY OF SERVICE

There is no greater joy than the joy of service! The quartet was deeply blessed in their ministry to those who were sick and unable to attend the concerts. Their radiant smiles and their glorious hope radiated the inner power they possessed. In moments like this we experienced the "peace that passeth all understanding."

With only one week of concerts remaining we were suddenly faced with illness. Fred Fuchs had contracted an infection and had to be taken to the hospital at Grand Forks, North Dakota. It was very fortunate for us that the pastor of the Grand Forks Church, Rev. Gideon Zimmerman, was a former quartet member for he very graciously consented to pinch-hit for us in our hour of need. Here we certainly had the personal experience that "God specializes in things thought impossible; that he can do what no other power can do." Because of that power, with the loss of only one day, we were able to have Fred back with us and we went on our way rejoicing.

There is a wonderful feeling of fellowship and kinship among our churches. The ministers and lay people took us into their homes and in no time at all we felt as if we had known them for years. We are grateful to all who opened their homes and hearts to us. It is a blessed tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. It is a strong tie that cannot be broken because we have been touched, as a group of believers, "by the load-stone of his love and we ever toward each other move and together move to God."

TODAY'S CHALLENGE

We are grateful to our school for making this trip possible and to our critic, Walter Marchand, for his efforts in making us fit vessels for this service. In traveling through our churches we were aware that God is moving in our midst. We are faced with a challenge! The challenge of consecrated service for Christ! May we always pray together as a denomination—as we did as a quartet:

"Make us a channel of blessing today.
Make us a channel of blessing we pray.
Our lives possessing;
Our service blessing;
Make us a channel of blessing today."



The Seminary Quartet of 1947
(Left to Right: Adolph Braun, John Vanderbeck, Herbert Schauer and Fred Fuchs)

Messengers for Christ

The Story of Our Seminary Quartet's Adventures of the Past Summer
by MR. JOHN VANDERBECK of La Crosse, Wisconsin

"I'll be a friend to Jesus.
My life for him I'll spend."

WITH these words ringing in our hearts we began our summer itinerary. For us it was, truly, a thrilling and joyous realization to know that we were messengers for Christ. We were filled with a deep sense of responsibility, realizing that some soul might be drawn closer to Christ through our ministry.

The members of the 1947 quartet were Fred Fuchs, first tenor; Herbert Schauer, second tenor; John Vanderbeck, first bass; and Adolph Braun, second bass. With a joy in our hearts and a song on our lips we went forward for Jesus' sake.

EIGHTY-THREE CONCERTS

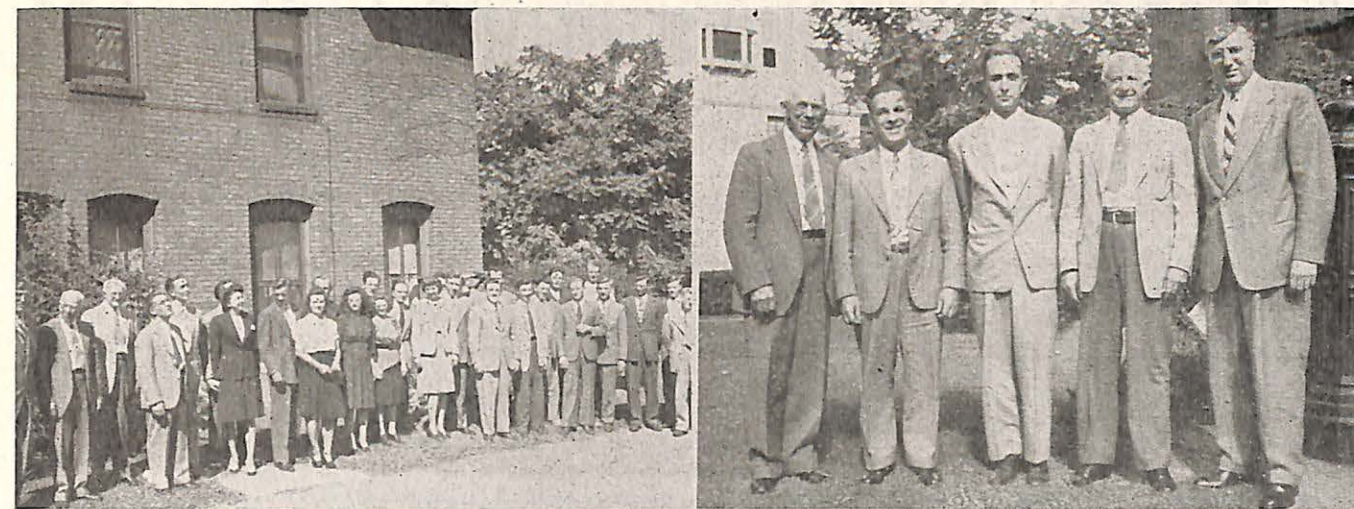
The summer schedule began on Sunday morning, June 1, in the Rock Hill Church of Boston, Mass., and ended on August 29 in the First Church of Corona, South Dakota. This trip gave the quartet the privilege of visiting four of our conferences—Atlantic, Southern, Pacific, and Dakota Conferences, respectively. Eighty-three concerts were given besides the numerous other calls we received to minister to other groups and individuals. Living up to the tradition of former quartets we carried pictures of our group and requests were made for about 2,950 pictures.

Our cup of experiences was filled to overflowing. Only a few of these

experiences can be mentioned. On the fourth of July we experienced in full measure the meaning of "Southern hospitality" as we enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship with the Rev. David Zimmerman and the members of the Immanuel Church of Kyle, Texas. However, our stay in Texas had to come to an end and we heard the call "go West, young men." Turning our Ford westward we crossed the desert and entered the land of mountains and valleys, of lakes and streams, of trees and flowers. After crossing the barren and desolate desert, the Pacific Coast seemed like a paradise.

One morning in August we sang to a radio audience. At this time we were the guests of Rev. N. E. McCoy, the Radio Pastor of Jamestown, North Dakota. We thank God for every opportunity for service. One service which will always be remembered was held in the Carrington Church where the Rev. Arthur Ittermann is the pastor. During the concert we paused for a period of prayer and testimony and

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Will Be Received from Sunday,
Nov. 23, to Sunday, Nov. 30.



The Student Body and Faculty of Our Rochester Seminary (Left) on the Opening Day of School, Sept. 15, 1947, With Several Gazing at a Plane Overhead, and the Seminary Faculty (Right) Composed of Professors George A. Lang (Right to Left), Albert Bretschneider, Reuben P. Jeschke, Thorwald W. Bender and O. E. Krueger

A New School Year at Our Seminary

By DR. GEORGE A. LANG, President of the North American Baptist Seminary

THE HALLS at 246 Alexander Street in Rochester, New York are again resounding with evidence of life. Students have come from all of our nine conferences to bring the enrollment this year up to fifty-six. We have a fine group of students who are consecrated to the Lord and eager to learn his truths. Among them some wish to go to the mission field while most of them feel called into the pastorate.

THIS YEAR'S FACULTY

Our entering class of ten men have had varied experiences and preparation. Three of them are veterans and have served their country in military activities far from home. Two come from our active church in far away Kelowna, British Columbia. Almost all of the men who have come from Canada have had at least one year's training in our Christian Training Institute at Edmonton.

Our faculty also has been enlarged with the appointment of two new professors. Dr. T. W. Bender, formerly of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has succeeded Professor O. E. Krueger in the chair of Systematic Theology and Homiletics. Professor Reuben P. Jeschke, former pastor of the Fourth Street Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio, is professor of English and Christian Education. Professor Otto E. Krueger has been appointed Librarian and contributes to the life of the Seminary in many other ways. The Seminary Glee Club is under the direction of Mr.

Earl Abel, a member of our 1946 Seminary Quartet and student at the Divinity School. All members of the faculty are carrying a full load and are efficiently instructing the classes, which in some cases overflow the classroom.

THE FIRST CHAPEL SERVICE

One of the high moments of spiritual refreshment is our first chapel service of the regular Seminary year. At that occasion ample time is taken to hear reports from our students who have served the Lord and churches throughout the summer. Our hearts were delighted to hear of the spiritual experiences. Some told of work done in the Southern Conference among the young people, Vacation Church Schools and churches. Others told of their work in Chicago, New York and other large cities. The quartet told of their tour to our churches east, south, far west and middle west. Many served country and small town communities. This one could report having been used to lead a soul to Christ and the joy resulting therefrom. That one served in his home church in the Vacation School or while the pastor was at conference or on his vacation.

All had words of joy and triumph in the service of the Lord. We are grateful to our churches who made it possible for our students to labor in their midst. Only words of appreciation and praise for them were voiced in these testimonies. As a Conference we have a great work and a great future. It is still true today as it was in the days of Livingstone, that

our future is as great as the promises of God.

The official opening of the school year took place in the Seminary Chapel on Friday night, September 12th. With the chapel packed and overflowing, new students were presented to the meeting. Professor Albert Bretschneider gave a stimulating address on "The Greater Commands of Christ". Student Roger Schmidt sang a solo and the 1946 Seminary quartet rendered a selection. Professor O. E. Krueger read the scriptures and led in prayer. Words of welcome to the new students were spoken by President Lang, Dale Chad-dock for the student body and Rev. Daniel Fuchs on behalf of the Andrews St. Baptist Church. The evening was terminated with a time of fellowship and refreshment in the school dining room, with the professors' wives as hostesses.

THE SEMINARY'S RELOCATION

In our contacts this summer it was very apparent that our people are extremely interested in the proposed removal of our Seminary to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. This move is followed with the prayers and interest of almost all. Progress has been made along this line. Such an undertaking always takes time and such will be the case here. However, we have already bought a block of property in Sioux Falls a short distance from Sioux Falls College on which our buildings will be erected. Plans are now being formulated regarding

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A Pioneer Missionary in the Cameroons

A Tribute to the late Rev. Adolph Orthner by the REV. H. P. KAYSER
of Detroit, Michigan

SINCE the Rev. Adolph Orthner, a former missionary in the Cameroons, went to his reward on June 10, 1947, it may be fitting that one of his colleagues write a few lines of appreciation about his interesting life.

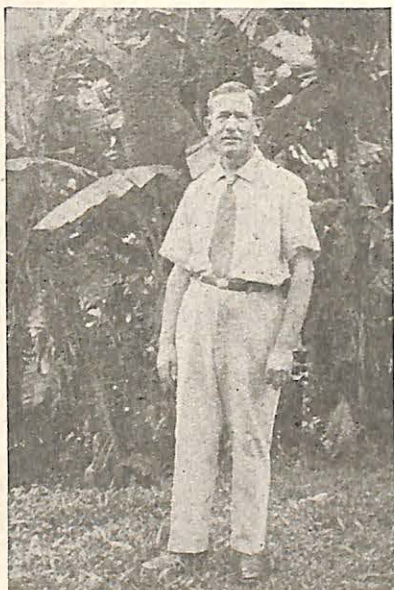
It was in the year 1904 that I met him for the first time at our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y. He had been there already a year. Although he was 18 years of age, he seemed to me to be much younger. During the years of study it happened quite often that we had our classes of instruction together. There was one thing in particular which impressed itself upon my mind about Mr. Orthner as a student. The teacher of the class would be busily engaged in explaining a difficult point on the subject before us. The youthful student was very attentive. All of a sudden his whole face would light up indicating thereby that he understood the professor. Having taken notice of that gleaming face, the teacher exclaimed with great satisfaction: "Brother Orthner has caught the point!" However, some of the rest of us were still in the dark about the matter.

A STUDENT VOLUNTEER

During the years which we spent at Rochester, there was a marked interest in the cause of foreign missions among the student body. Quite a number of students were in close touch with the great missionary movement of those days, the Student Volunteer Movement under the blessed leadership of Dr. John R. Mott. Mr. Orthner and other students were greatly influenced by this movement. The final outcome of this missionary inspiration was that a number of the students decided that foreign missions would be their field of labor. Mr. Orthner made his decision for the Cameroons, West Africa.

Having graduated from the seminary in 1909, and having made a trip to Australia visiting a number of our churches there in the interest of our Cameroons mission, Mr. Orthner later sailed to his chosen field of labor in West Africa. Here in the town of Douala, Cameroons, I had the great pleasure of meeting my friend at the end of the year 1910. We were very happy to see each other in Africa.

Soon arrangements were made that I should have the privilege to accompany him on his return trip to his field among the Banen tribe. This



The Rev. Adolph Orthner While Serving as a Missionary in the Cameroons of Africa

was to be my first experience of travel in Africa. Part of the trip was on water in a canoe, the rest by foot on land passing through the primitive African forest and jungles. Besides Mr. Orthner, we had the honor of having with us the Senior of the missionary group, Mr. Suevern. He was well acquainted with the paths and the customs of the strange land. So he was our guide and took the lead. Being used to traveling in Africa, he sped away in a hurry.

However, with me it was different. It was alright until about noon. But then the new shoes began to pinch, and the feet and legs began to get heavy so that I had to rest now and then. The dark night overtook us, and we had not reached our destination. Mr. Suevern was way ahead of us. However, Mr. Orthner stayed with me until I was rested, and then we made the last stretch to the mission station. I never forgot my first experience traveling in Africa in company with Mr. Orthner.

THE BANEN TRIBE

Here in the midst of mountains our mission station for the Banen tribe was located. It was a beautiful, romantic location. Now the youthful missionary made plans to undertake a trip around the outstations of this large field. One of these stations is still in my mind, namely, Lokat. Here was a large school for boys. During the week the boys came to school, and

on Sundays the natives would come for worship.

One evening while visiting here, Mr. Orthner made arrangements for a meeting. I was to have the honor of talking to the boys. Once before I had had the privilege of preaching to the Douala congregation. But now I was facing a real heathen group of boys. I still remember the text I used on that occasion. It is recorded in Heb. 2:3—"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation?" The boys were very attentive, and Mr. Orthner told me later that quite a few of the boys had become serious about their salvation.

Those days we spent together were blessed ones. Now we saw with our own eyes the great spiritual need of heathenism, and we had the conviction that it was only Christ who was able to save and deliver these African tribes from all the powers of darkness. I was also impressed in those days that Mr. Orthner was happy in his work, and that he was greatly devoted to the task of winning this tribe to Jesus Christ.

As we all know now, after a few years the first World War broke out which was such a calamity to all the mission work in the Cameroons, and likewise to this great field. Missionaries were driven from their field of labor, and so the natives were left to themselves. However, the Lord remained with his people, and we are now informed that this whole mountainous region has been evangelized, and the tribe is praising the saving power of the blood of Jesus Christ. Mr. Orthner was not privileged to witness this great miracle at his first field, but he had the privilege of helping to lay the foundations so that in the coming years the church in those hills and valleys could be established.

THE MISSIONARY'S EQUIPMENT

Having called our attention to experiences both at school and on the field, perhaps it would be interesting to give a short portrayal of the missionary himself. Besides his Christian experience which furnished the basis of his becoming a missionary, the Lord, who called him, also equipped him with a number of fine qualities which proved so helpful in his missionary career.

The first native quality, which was so in evidence when you met him, was his natural friendliness. Thereby

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"It's Good to Be Home Again!"

Greetings to "Baptist Herald" Readers by Missionaries
EDWIN AND VERNA MICHELSON of North Dakota

"Breathes there the man with soul so dead

Who never to himself hath said,
'This is my own, my native land.'

Whose heart within him ne'er hath burned

When home his footsteps he hath turned

From wandering on a foreign strand."

It was July 16, 1947 when we said farewell for a while to our African friends and Soppo Missionaries. If we had to go, this was a good time to do so since the rainy season was about to begin on the second wettest spot in the world.

"PLEASE STAY IN AFRICA"

After having tried hard for a long time to secure passage on a boat to America, we were forced to try flying, and by a miracle of God the door opened to us to fly by way of Paris to New York on Air France Lines.

The natives did not want us to go. They said, "God has sent us many missionaries in the last two years, but we need many more and now you go back home." We said that perhaps God would bless our efforts in America and more young people will be going to the Cameroons before 1947 is finished."

We have learned to love the natives of the Cameroons and felt it would be hard to leave, but once the plans had been made we turned our hearts to "America, it's America for me." We were to take Paul and Judith, our children, to see their grandparents, uncles and aunts for the first time.

THREE YEARS OF JOY

The Soppo Missionaries, even little Amaryllis Dunger, took us to the banana port of Tiko on the mission's new red Dodge "Pickup." At Tiko we boarded a government launch, and after four hours we had taken the first step of our thrilling journey home. We landed at Douala, French Cameroons, where we were to board the plane.

Our boys went with us to Douala. They had never seen a plane in a close up view. Between their regrets to see us go and the new experiences at Douala, they were quite confused. We can see them yet as they carried Judith and Paul to the plane smiling and waving as we left, remembering our promise that we would be back with them to proclaim the Gospel of Light in a continent of darkness.

What joy has been ours to labor for our Lord and Savior in the Cam-

eroons! The past three years have been the fullest and happiest in our lives, and even now we long to return to our field of labor, to which God has called us.

On a slow German Junker plane we flew along the west coast of Africa, sometimes so low that we could almost touch the palm trees. We made many stops (one forced) until we reached Dakar. There on the fringe of the

"Air France" line, or it would have cost a pretty penny to stay there for three days. Our flight from Paris via Ireland and Newfoundland to New York City took 15 hours of flying time. Paul and Judith were thrown five hours off schedule and hardly knew when to eat or sleep. They seemed to take the people and skyscrapers of New York very much for granted.



Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson and Their Family at the Paris Airport on Their Trip from Africa to North America With a Stewardess Holding Judith Ann

Sahara Desert we waited three days for the Constellation hop to Paris via Casablanca.

Dakar is a typical European city set into the heart of Africa. Its markets and increased number of white people reminded us that we were on our way away from Africa. Many Africans wanted to exchange French francs for American dollars at rates not quite approved by the government.

THE CITY OF PARIS

We found Paris quiet and hungry. We were fortunately the guests of the

What a thrill to set foot on the soil of this land of plenty again. We will not soon forget our first wieners and sauerkraut supper. Paul and Judith enjoyed the ice cream very much—and still do. They were good little travelers, giving their parents (and others) very little trouble.

We are grateful to Him who said, "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel." We look forward to the many opportunities to tell of his work among the million natives in the Cameroons.

God Honors Little Gifts

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Conference at Cleveland, Ohio. But the bells of heaven were rung with rejoicing over this small ministry with tremendously great blessings!

As the contributions for the Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Offering pour into the treasury of the Lord, he will honor the small gifts from loving hearts and will accomplish great things in his Kingdom with them. These small gifts will loom large in the ministry of the Million Dollar Offering because

they represent the faithfulness and devotion of so many of our humble people who are eager to be used of the Lord.

"Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean,
And the pleasant land."

That is God's way of using the small gifts of his children in the work of the mighty ages of eternity. It will be the crowning joy of our thanksgiving at this season as poor and rich alike bring their offerings to the Lord in praise for "his wonderful works to the children of men!"

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. Samuel Blumhagen of Portland, Oregon went home to be with the Lord on Sept. 24 after suffering a second heart attack in three days. He was 70 years of age. He served as pastor of several of our Dakota Conference churches, following his studies and our Rochester Seminary. He was a member of the Seminary class of 1910. In recent years he was in retirement.

● The Woman's Missionary Circle of the Baptist Church of Holloway, Minn., presented two plays on Sunday evening, Oct. 3rd. The offering of \$80.13 was designated for the Nurses' Training Project of the National Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. Robert Liebe, secretary-treasurer of the Circle, contributed this news item. The Rev. E. A. Buening is pastor of the church.

● The resignation of Dr. Donald G. Davis as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif., will become effective about Dec. 1st. Dr. Davis will begin his studies at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland about Jan. 1st. He will not know until arriving in Edinburgh whether or not he can earn a degree in the time that he can stay there. His family will be with him during his stay in this Scottish University city.

● On Oct. 23rd the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Landenberger of Gladwin, Michigan left Miami, Florida by plane for Brazil, where they arrived at Rio de Janeiro on Oct. 25. They will spend a number of months in Brazil visiting with relatives and friends, giving illustrated lectures and observing the work of German Baptist churches in that country. He was formerly a pastor of one of these churches of Brazil. Several articles about his experiences will appear later in "The Baptist Herald."

● The Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County near Elmo, Kansas since June, 1946, has resigned and announced that he has accepted the call of the Immanuel Baptist Church near Loyal, Oklahoma. He will begin his pastorate in the Oklahoma church on Dec. 1st. This church has been pastorless for some time. From Nov. 9 to 23 Mr. Blackburn will conduct evangelistic meetings in the Emanuel Church of Marion, Kansas, of which the Rev. J. J. Abel is the pastor.

● The Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, of which the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer is pastor, has announced the purchase of a new building site located at 51st Boulevard and Medford Avenue. The former site was sold some time ago. The church hopes to build its new edifice as soon as circumstances will permit. The 100th anniversary of the birth of the Rev. Mr. Machholz, on Oct. 4th, first pastor of the church, was remembered with a commemorative paragraph in an issue of the church bulletin.

● The Rev. G. P. Schroeder, pastor of the Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minnesota, has resigned with the resignation taking effect on Oct. 12th. He and his family are now residing in Minneapolis, Minn. Mr. Schroeder conducted evangelistic meetings in Anamoose, No. Dak., from Oct. 18 to 31 and will serve in a similar capacity at Karlsted, Minn., from Nov. 1 to 16. He will be available for an evangelistic ministry from Nov. 15, 1947 to February 1948. His address is 2746 Fremont Ave., So., Minneapolis 8, Minn.

● The Rev. Herman G. Kuhl, recently resigned as pastor of the Gace Baptist Church of Union City, New Jersey. He is awaiting the leading of the Lord for the future. In the meantime, he is carrying on at the Grace Church for the present and is serving the Willow Ave. Baptist Church of Hoboken, N. J., as interim pastor. The pastor of the latter church, the Rev. James C. Miller, recently left to accept the pastorate of a Baptist Church in Troy, N. Y. A report of the 80th anniversary of the Grace Church of Union City, N. J., appears among the "Reports from the Field" in this issue.

● The annual Rally Day program of the Plum Creek Baptist Church of South Dakota was held on Sunday, Sept. 21. Large baskets of Fall flowers, ferns and autumn leaves along with some of the fine South Dakota grown vegetables and fruits were artistically displayed on the platform. The program of recitations and reports by the various departments was in charge of the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Walter Juecht. The offering of \$685.40 was given for the local church building fund. The Rev. G. W. Rutsch is the pastor.

● The Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Missouri has called Mr. Arthur A. Voigt of Avon, South Dakota as its pastor, to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Voigt, a farmer of the Avon area and a member of the South Dakota legislature, has served as a lay preacher on many occasions. He conducted evangelistic meetings in the Missouri church in two successful campaigns. Mr. Voigt's pastorate on this field has received the sanction and support of the Central Conference and General Missionary Committees. The beginning of his ministry was on Oct. 5.

● On Sunday, Oct. 5, the West Center St. Baptist Church of Madison, South Dakota had the joy of dedicating a new Hammond Electric organ to the praise and glory of God. The new organ has already added much to the spiritual atmosphere of the church and now enables everyone to worship God in the beauty of holiness more effectively. In the evening an organ recital was given which was greatly enjoyed by a large and attentive audience. "We realize now what we have missed all these years", was the sentiment expressed by the Rev. Henry R. Schroeder, pastor.

● On Sunday, Aug. 31, the Rev. August Kraemer, pastor of the Baptist Church of St. Rose, Manitoba, Canada, had the privilege of baptizing 21 persons on their confession of faith in Christ. This service was held at the Dauphin Baptist Church, 22 miles away, in spite of inclement weather and transportation difficulties. The church observed the Lord's Supper after the baptismal service and welcomed the new members into their fellowship. God's blessings are being experienced in great abundance in the St. Rose Church, as reported by Mr. Herman Pricker, church clerk.

● Mrs. Frank Armbruster of Shattuck, Okla., is recovering from the effects of a Caesarian operation on Sept. 19 which was performed at the Shattuck Hospital. The baby boy lived for five hours before he died. The husband, Rev. Frank Armbruster, bought a small white casket and with some friends of the church buried the baby on Saturday, Sept. 20, in the cemetery beside the church. Brother Armbruster wrote: "Gladly would we

have kept and taken care of the little one but the Lord must have wanted him more than we did. We are satisfied to know that he is in God's care."

● On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 21, the First Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas held an impressive outdoor baptismal service. Eight persons followed their Lord in baptism with the pastor, the Rev. H. L. Smith, officiating. In the evening these persons, as well as six others, were received into the church's fellowship at the communion service. The annual Harvest and Mission Festival was held on Sunday, Oct. 12, with the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as one of the guest speakers. Two weeks of revival meetings will be held, starting on Nov. 23 with the Rev. Fred Ferris of Lorraine, Kansas as evangelist.

● The First Baptist Church of Presserville, Montana, better known as the Vida Church, held special meetings from September 14 to 26 with the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, the denomination's evangelist, bringing heart-searching messages. Although the church could not report much visible success, still there was great rejoicing over one person who found peace with God and everyone present was renewed in spirit and faith to continue in the work that is God's. It was, indeed, gratifying to see the people coming as far as 31 miles every evening during the meetings. A total offering of \$204.42 was laid on the altar of God. Rev. Henry Lang is pastor of the church.

● The Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas held its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 5, with Dr. R. H. Russell, professor of Greek and Hebrew at the Central Baptist Theological Seminary of Kansas City, Mo., as guest speaker. The Reverends J. J. Abel of Marion and L. H. Smith of Durham also brought messages during the day. Musical numbers were rendered by the Strassburg church choir of 30 voices which is directed by the pastor, Rev. Arthur Schulz, and male quartet as well as by groups and individuals from other churches. The offering of \$413 received at the Festival were designated for the denomination's Million Dollar Offering.

● The Glencullen Mission of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon held its cornerstone laying exercises on Sunday, Oct. 5, with the pastor of the Glencullen Church, Rev. John Kimmel, and the pastor of the Trinity Church, Rev. John Wobig, participating. "Sunday School at tendance at the mission has reached the forties", as reported. On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 5, Mr. and Mrs.

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Reports from the Field

Fiftieth Session of the Atlantic Conference at the Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

The fiftieth anniversary of the Atlantic Conference was held from Sept. 10 to 14 at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. A good representation of pastors, delegates and friends found much blessing in fellowship and in the work of the Kingdom. The general theme was, "So Send I You" (John 20:21).

The Rev. H. Palfenier, pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, opened the conference on Wednesday evening with a warm welcome to all delegates and friends. The moderator, Rev. P. Potzner, responded to the welcome. Appropriately, all the business sessions were opened with devotions, conducted by conference pastors. During the "Quiet Half Hour," three inspirational messages were given by Dr. L. Gibson of the Third Baptist Church. The main speakers were the Reverends M. L. Leuschner and F. Woyke, who represented the denomination. The Rev. Wm. L. Schoeffel of our Publication Society spoke on Wednesday evening.

The reading of the church letters revealed spiritual, material, and financial growth, encouragement, desire for an awakening and salvation of souls.

A new mission project has been started. It is a weekly radio broadcast in the German language. It originates in New York City. Our pastors and churches in the vicinity participate in this project. The results are encouraging.

Three new pastors who have moved into the Atlantic Conference were introduced to the conference: A. Lutz of Meriden, Conn.; A. Weisser of New Haven, Conn.; and J. Schmidt of New York City. The conference extended a warm welcome to them.

Various reports were read and discussed. This gave all delegates a greater insight into the work of our denomination. On Friday morning, following his challenging and informative message on Thursday evening, Dr. Leuschner reported on the various enterprises of our common work of love and his findings on his recent trip. The hearts of all were stirred to pray more, give sacrificially, and to follow our Lord all the way.

The meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Union was efficient, inspiring and spiritual. These Christian women are doing a splendid work. Rev. F. Woyke spoke words of greeting and reported of the Christian activity of Baptist women in Germany. The missionary message was preached by Rev. J. Crouthame.

The Rev. F. Woyke presented an informative and heart-warming account of his recent trip to Europe. The eyes of many were opened to the great need and opportunity in Europe today. This stirring message was the climax of the conference. At this service an offering was given for missions.

The Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union banquet was a grand time of fellowship. On Sunday the delegates joined in the worship services held in the two conference churches in Philadelphia. The Young People's mass meeting, held in the afternoon, was addressed by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner. The conference ended in a note of victory in the Sunday evening service with a message by the Rev. John Schmidt.

Throughout the days of conference we were blessed with many musical selections, vocal and instrumental. There were solo selections, mixed quartet, choir, and men's chorus numbers. This good music was greatly appreciated.

Robert S. Hess, Reporter.

Sessions of the Atlantic Conference Woman's Missionary Union at Philadelphia, Pa.

The 40th annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Atlantic Conference took place on Friday afternoon, Sept. 12 in the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. H. Palfenier of the Pilgrim Church bade us a hearty welcome. Mrs. J. Crouthamel of the Fleischmann Memorial Church read the Scripture Psalm 24. She also led the devotions, telling us the life story of Mary Slessor of Calabar, Africa. The roll call disclosed that of the 25 societies of the conference, 16 were represented through 68 members present.

Mrs. Wm. Schoeffel, president of the National Woman's Missionary Union, then told us of the work of the Union as a whole.

Mrs. Helen Sandor gave us a fine report on the work in the Philadelphia Home for the Aged. Miss Laura Auch reported that 11 of our members have gone to be with the Lord whom they loved and served. Mrs. Crouthamel and Mrs. Schmidt each delighted us with beautiful and inspiring solos.

Our Executive Secretary, Rev. Frank Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., who recently returned from Copenhagen from the Baptist World Congress spoke to us briefly on the outstanding work of two German women whom he met while abroad. The collection was increased and \$10.00 sent to Mrs. E. Licht in Buffalo, N. Y.; \$20.00 to the Home for Aged, Philadelphia, Pa.; and the balance to the Million Dollar Offering.

The results of the election were as follows: president, Mrs. John Schlinger, Ridgewood Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.; vice-president, Mrs. C. Peters, First Baptist Church, Elmsmere, Del.; secretary, Mrs. F. Klump, Second Church, Union City, N. J.; treasurer, Miss Marie Hensel, King's Highway, Bridgeport Conn.; program committee, Mesdames H. Kuhl, H. Palfenier, John Schmidt, John Luebeck and Gustav Schmidt.

The Rev. John Crouthamel of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., gave us a very inspiring missionary address, "We Believe in Missions."

Bessie Klump, Secretary.

CHARIOTEER

by GERTRUDE EBERLE



SYNOPSIS

Joseph and Raanah, two slaves in the caravan of Ishmaelite merchantmen, became attached as servants of Potiphar's household. Joseph was unjustly accused and was sent to prison. Raanah rose rapidly in fame until he became a charioteer in Pharaoh's Basilisk Guard. Shortly before the famous Festival of the Pharaohs and chariot races, the news arrived about Joseph's release from prison and his appointment to a responsible position in the land. Raanah was happy about all the preparations for the race when one evening at dinner in the palace a messenger brought a parcel for Raanah. In it he found the grotesque image of the goddess Ishtar which he had thrown away before and which now seemed like a cursed idol in the palm of his hand. One of his former slave friends had secured the image and sent it to Raanah. His face wore a tormented look of despair.

CHAPTER NINETEEN

A PARADE of the gods opened the Festival the next morning. Piety was inherent in the early Egyptians, and this first day would be given over to the worship of their ogreish deities, to feasting, and to athletic stunts.

Although duties kept him active, Raanah carried a feeling of foreboding that did not put itself into words. Many of the images he had seen at Tahpanhes were lined up in this parade. Their eyes seemed alive with evil, and he shuddered. The part they had played in the darkest days of his life would not let him forget Ishtar; but this time, he gloated, he led their parade, and despite his apprehensions, held himself proudly.

"Tis Raanah, the Basilisk Captain! Hail, Raanah!" they acclaimed him as his chariot rolled through widening

lanes of humanity at the head of his troopers, clearing a way for the parade.

The Guard to a man was magnificent in new green-and-gold uniforms. There was a stately rumble to their brightly painted chariots. Yellow banners waived gaily, and the great teams high-stepped with spirit, their green plumes nodding. The clomp of horses' feet, the skirl of lutes, and throb of drums made a heady blend of sound.

Pharaoh rode just behind the Guard in a golden chariot. This day he assumed the role of deity himself. He took precedence over Ptah, god of Memphis, who rode behind him.

But Pharaoh looked no more god-like than the repulsive idols. There was a crafty look in his hard old eyes as they darted here and there among the crowd, sensitive to its acclaim. Because of his short legs he stood low in the chariot, his flabby bloated face rising only shoulder high above the rim, his driver towering above him. He was expensively robed, and the flash of his jewels dazzled the eyes of beholders against his personal failings.

Joseph drove Asenath and Bashia to Lotan Grove in his chariot to avoid the crowded streets. His stall was next to Pharaoh's in the section reserved for princes and nobles. For privacy, each

stall was surrounded by a low balustrade, and all were cornice-crowned and covered with a purple awning, which threw that whole quarter into shade.

Already a throng of dignitaries had assembled, and many bowed affably to Joseph and his ladies; hoping to court the favor of such an influential man; yet all who knew Joseph liked him, and Asenath was a social favorite.

Watching the trio come in, one noble matron whispered to another behind her jeweled fan, "Tis said that Joseph and Asenath have been lovers for years — long before he was sent to prison."

"Ah—do tell!" the other matron raised surprised brows. "And she has been true to him all that time?"

"Yes! Besides, she has turned to his religion. He is a Hebrew, you know — worshiper of a God called 'Jah-weh!'"

"They make a handsome couple. I hope they will be happy."

"So do I, but listen! The lady with them is Raanah's sweetheart."

"Really, how interesting."

The first matron laughed. "It is singular, too. They were separated for years, also. She has just returned from Syria. She was a bondservant, like Raanah, but of good blood. Now she is wealthy. They say the captain has always been wild about her. That is why he never married."

"How romantic! And how lovely she is. Perhaps there will be a double wedding."

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"I am not so sure. You see, the Prince of Bakarrah has an eye in her direction, too."

"Surely, not —." A group of arrivals interrupted the conversation.

Before going to his stall, Joseph and the ladies stopped at the booth of Egibe and Isme-Dagan to inquire about Raanah.

"He is as glum as an owl," Egiba made a wry face. "Wouldn't talk, wouldn't eat any breakfast, though Calah set a plump pheasant beside his plate and urged it on him. They are mighty fine eating with a beaker of wine," Egiba digressed with a wink. "Isme-Dagan and I undressed the carcass. We could not bear to see it go to slaves. But Raanah just went out to the sheds, got his team and drove off." Egiba shook his head dolefully. "I have never seen him so low, except at Tahpanhes."

"Neither have I," Isme-Dagan affirmed.

"Probably he feels better by this time," Joseph said and hurried the ladies away, for he saw that Bashia was distressed.

Stalls and benches around the big amphitheater were rapidly filling, when trumpets announced the coming of the parade. Worrying over Raanah's behavior, Bashia leaned against the balustrade to watch for him as he entered the course. But hope dimmed when she saw him, for his face was stern and morose. He drew his chariot aside for his troopers to lead the parade around the track. When Pharaoh's chariot came up, Raanah led the way to the royal stall, and stood at attention while Pharaoh was assisted to his throne.

The king's appearance was the signal for the people to let themselves go. "Hail, Pharaoh! Hail, Mighty King!" they cried. The little monarch bowed and grinned like some puck in a show. He liked to believe that he was greatly beloved by his subjects.

With his duty dismissed, Raanah gave his friends a swift sign of recognition and drove on. It was easy to see that he preferred to be alone. Hoping he would join them, Bashia looked so disappointed that Asenath whispered the best thing for him would be to keep busy.

After the gods paraded around the course, they were set up in the arena, for it was believed that they also enjoyed the Festival, and many a curious rite was performed before them.

Between games many princes, liking to be seen, paraded before the royal stalls. Hadar drove up in his chariot, and tossing the reins to his charioteer, descended. He made an obeisance to Pharaoh, then let his eyes sweep over the stalls.

He looked very distinguished in his colorful uniform and blue-plumed helmet. His well-knit figure was magnetic

with outdoor virility. Although his bronzed face was handsome in a dark way, his smile could not disguise his ill-natured mouth, and he carried a haughty air.

Finding Joseph and his ladies, Hadar came up the steps toward them. "This is a pleasure I have looked forward to," he assured them.

Their words were interrupted by a herald, announcing that Pharaoh wished the nobles and their ladies to sup with him in his tent. The crowd in the royal section filed out, and begging her gracious permission, Hadar sauntered beside Bashia, attentive and debonnaire, while she prayed that Raanah would not see them together. Her frightened eyes roamed about, but he was not in sight.

Hadar stayed with them throughout the meal, then they excused themselves, and Bashia begged Joseph to help her find Raanah. Her fears were growing with his absence.

Isme-Dagan gave them a clue, and they tracked Raanah to a small tent of the Basilisk Guard. He was seated at a table with his head in his hands, a slice of bread and a goblet of wine untouched before him.

He arose with a mumbled apology and tried to smile, an effort that only briefly chased the sternness from his face.

"It worries me, Raanah, to see you like this. Come with us," Bashia pleaded.

"Come—come, man," Joseph insisted, "you must get out of this mood."

"I am sorry to worry you," Raanah's voice carried a hopeless note, "but any effort that I could make now would be futile. I feel so hopelessly sunk, with a spirit of doom glowing at me. And the ugly faces of those ogres this morning tormented my soul."

"If only there was something we could do!" Bashia stifled a sob. "Words seem so useless."

"They do, indeed," Raanah responded bitterly, "yet I do not know myself what to do. I believe the unfortunate are accounted fools." His face looked weary, almost gray.

"A good night's sleep and some food would help matters," Asenath fixed him with a chiding eye.

"I know that, dear lady, and as soon as I am relieved from duty, I am going home."

"That is right," Joseph said heartily. Bashia wiped her eyes as they fled out of the tent. They could evoke no magic to lighten Raanah's heart, and saw that he preferred to wrestle with his problem alone.

While his friends hoped for the best, the next morning brought Raanah no relief. His ears had caught the rumble of approaching tragedy, and his despair was so deep that he could not rouse himself. This second day of the Festival featured the chariot races. He

would contest Hadar and a dozen other good men and teams, and would need every iota of pluck and strength that heart and body possessed. The betting was heavy.

The grotesque gods were removed to their temples. They could not feel neglected now, for they had shared in the festivities, due honor had been paid them, and their altars were piled with gifts. Having discharged this duty, the people felt free to satisfy their own pleasure.

Raanah and a detachment of the Guard escorted Pharaoh to the Grove. Joseph and the girls had not yet arrived, but the amphitheater was packed, and without the restraining presence of their gods, the crowd grew arrogant and noisy.

A trumpet announced that a race was about to start, and having seen Pharaoh seated on his throne among his cushions and attendants, Raanah whirled his team about sharply. Heleg, the head groom was waiting by the gate. "Please, sir, come to the horse sheds immediately."

Raanah saw that the man was agitated and his own heart, wallowing in dejection, gave a bounce of alarm, then fell back into deeper gloom. He gave the reins to his charioteer, and cut across the grounds to the sheds. Heleg found it difficult to keep up with him and did not explain, nor did Raanah question him. He would know soon enough what had happened.

They found Agal, the trainer, examining the leg of a chestnut that Raanah intended to race that afternoon. It was one of the fastest racers in Pharaoh's stalls, and Raanah had spent much time in training the team.

Agal was swearing racyly to relieve his feelings. "This is the worst trick—" As Raanah entered, Agal straightened up, then spat to give himself time to change from biting cholera to polite words. "I fear, sir, it is pretty bad."

Raanah strode over to the horse. It was a beautiful dark chestnut with reddish mane and tail, and four white stockings on tapering legs as delicate as a wild buck's. That team was Raanah's pride.

The animal snorted and showed the whites of its eyes. "So—Lezar!" Raanah spoke soothingly, patting its shoulder, then let his practiced fingers slide down the leg to its knee, which was badly swollen and painful, for at Raanah's light touch the horse jerked its leg.

"How did this happen?" Raanah's voice was so shaken he hardly recognized it himself.

"I do not know, sir," the groom clipped his words in a worried way. "A short time ago when I made the rounds of the sheds, Lezar was snorting and restless, and I knew something was wrong. He would hardly let me near him to see what it was."

SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST

GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conference	Sept. 1947	Sept. 1946
Atlantic	\$ 691.35	\$ 850.14
Eastern	2,526.56	1,935.61
Central	7,620.95	6,892.08
Northwestern	6,665.72	1,269.69
Southwestern	6,520.51	2,421.15
Southern	2,729.45	1,236.82
Pacific	3,592.26	8,177.48
Northern	706.51	6,406.98
Dakota	3,597.24	5,205.13
Totals	\$34,650.55	\$34,395.08

MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING

September 1 to September 30, 1947	\$33,069.85
August 1 to September 30, 1947	50,405.19
Total Required to Date	83,333.33

TOTAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

April 1, 1947 to September 30, 1947	\$148,768.33
April 1, 1946 to September 30, 1946	133,144.54

"It looks as if the leg had been struck a hard blow. It is a wonder it was not broken," Raanah scowled.

"That is what I think, sir," Agal spoke angrily, "and if you ask me, I think it was one of Hadar's vile tricks."

"But there was no chance for that," Heleg declared. "These horses are guarded day and night. Maybe the other horse kicked him."

"With a partition between them?" the trainer sneered.

"Then some caco-demon bit him," Heleg insisted. "He is acting too skittish, even with a leg like that. Horses are sensitive. They know when an evil spirit is around."

Hearing angry voices and knowing the captain was in the shed, feed boys, harness boys, chariot boys, track boys crowded around, eager to seize every word spoken and to make their own interpretation of it.

Raanah had his own opinion.

"Bring some hot water, liniment and bandages," he ordered. "This leg must be cared for immediately if we are to save the horse." Disregarding his fine uniform he knelt in the straw and worked for some time, tenderly, efficiently, allaying the fears of the animal by his soothing voice. After the leg had been bathed, anointed, and bound, it was evident that Lezar found relief, for he nibbled at the hay and nudged Raanah gratefully.

Agal and Heleg worked with Raanah, the trainer still carking and edgy with anger, the groom with worried eyes. "What will you do now, sir?" Heleg inquired. "The chestnuts were one racing team in a thousand."

Raanah's expression was hopeless. "Yes, but since they are out of the race, I shall use the caperberry span." "But, sir, they are young, they—" Raanah cut him short. The on-lookers were hanging on their words.

"See to it, Heleg, that they are ready." "Yes, sir," Heleg understood.

Then Agal's rage exploded. With a howl he chased the crowd away. "Get out of here!" He emphasized his words with grimaces.

As Raanah walked out of the shed with a perceptible droop to his shoulders, the groom and the trainer gazed after him. "He could not have lost with the chestnuts," the groom said ruefully. "Now, he will have to take mare's-luck to the score. It must be a great disappointment to him."

"I am afraid it is more than that," the trainer nodded knowingly. "He has been acting mighty strange lately. Take my word, something has gone wrong with the captain himself—same as the horse."

When the stable boys scattered, word went with them that one of Raanah's prized chestnuts was injured. Some said that an angry god had smote it; others that a jealous rival had played the scurvy trick. Anyway, the team was out of the race, and that was sufficient omen for superstitious gamblers, and betting on Raanah ceased. Even Egiba and Isme-Dagan recalled what bets they could. They felt they were deserting a cause, but there was no help for it. Greatly perturbed over the turn of affairs, Isme-Dagan muttered something about spirits taking a hand in human affairs, and Egiba berated the tribe of tricky humans.

The news struck Joseph and the ladies with cruel impact when they reached the Grove. Pharaoh heard it and sent for Raanah.

"What is this I hear about one of the chestnuts being injured?" he demanded tersely.

"It is true, Your Majesty," Raanah answered gravely. "The horse's leg is badly swollen as from a blow. We have been unable to find out how it happened."

THE BAPTIST HERALD

Pharaoh's bug eyes glittered. He put little faith in either gods or men, but he knew there was bad blood between Raanah and Hadar. "I might hazard a guess—"

"Yes, Your Majesty, so have many other persons."

"Umph! Double the guards around the horses."

"That has been done, Your Majesty. And I shall race the caperberry team instead. They are the fleetest."

"But they are young—" Pharaoh caught himself. The stalls were unusually quiet. Many persons were straining to hear what was said. Pharaoh's tone turned purposely light. "Well, that will give you a chance to display your horsemanship." Then he leaned closer and said in a whisper that only Joseph and the girls could hear. "Young man, I do not like your mood. Something is wrong, and it sticks out all over you like hair on a dog. Bestir yourself before the race." He waved a hand in dismissal.

Flushed and embarrassed by the rebuke, Raanah did not look at his friends as he turned to leave.

Bashia started forward, but Joseph caught her arm.

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A Pioneer Missionary

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he became the friend of the natives, the chiefs and kings. The virtues of friendliness and sociability made him the friendly missionary. Thereby he was enabled to introduce his great Friend, Jesus Christ, to the natives in Africa.

Let me also call your attention to one more outstanding native quality of his missionary endowment, and that was his spirit of adventure. He liked to move onward and forward. He was not one of those who could enjoy remaining at the same spot for life. He was made to pioneer, not to spend life in the same ruts and routine, but to strike out. This spirit enabled him to leave behind his home, family, and country repeatedly. And the same restless spirit dominated his being when he was in Africa. He would not be limited to the boundary line of a single tribe. He made his way into the territories of a number of tribes in the Cameroons.

It was this very spirit of adventure which struck a path into the land of those much feared Kakas. How our hearts were thrilled when the good news reached us that he had succeeded to open that field which was closed to mission work until then!

Yes, our good brother had made good use of the talents given to him. Africa and America have been enriched by his efforts in behalf of Christ.

A New School Year

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the building which must immediately be constructed. As soon as these have crystallized publicity will be released.

This move is one of the most extensive projects undertaken by our Conference. It will also have a profound influence on our future. The character and development of our training schools will largely determine the character and development of our Conference in the years ahead. We feel that the Lord has led us into a new era of denominational service and opportunity. We would meet these courageously and wisely. We appreciate therefore the continued prayers of our people, as well as financial and spiritual support. We strive for a greater seminary for a greater denomination.

Miracles by the Lord

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evangelistic fervor. No one will ever know the host who have become soul winners by a gift as large as one hundred dollars. No true disciple of Christ would even care to ask questions about it. He will "give as unto the Lord." He will trust the Lord by faith and confidence that in his infinite love and power he will use it where it will accomplish the most good in his Kingdom.

In these days we greatly rejoice over the fact that evangelism is one of the six spiritual goals of our Achievement Plan. Your larger contribution in this Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Offering for 1947 will make it possible to keep a general evangelist in a church and community for several weeks at a time. Because of the contributions of many Christians it will be possible for him to preach the living Word of God, the Bread of Life, to sinsick and lost souls. He will have personal interviews with sinners. He will tell them of God's great love and his saving grace, of his redemption and glorious salvation.

In this Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Offering your contribution becomes an active, living force in the lives of those who have left all to serve HIM. It will sustain those who have worn out their physical strength in active service, yet have some days to live. It will bring new encouragement to our missionaries, your representatives, to go on sacrificing and working in the Name of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus.

His great Kingdom of eternal value is built, expanded, and maintained by his power through his disciples as they do their share of the work now, and always.

We, the Women

Views and News of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

MANY MINDS—AS ONE

"Many cooks spoil the broth" is an old proverb which we homemakers know to be true. At least I, for one, can prepare a meal much better by myself than if I have too many helpers, each with her own idea of how it should be done. But when it comes to planning and organizing the work of the Woman's Missionary Union, then "many minds are better than one."

We found this to be true at the officers' meeting held in our denominational headquarters office in Forest Park, Ill., on October 10. All nine of our officers and committee chairmen were present, from as far distant as New York City and Kansas, giving gladly and freely of their time, because they felt that by discussing all phases of the work together in person much more could be accomplished than through correspondence.

It was a busy day. Beginning at ten o'clock with devotions, we continued the discussion until six o'clock, with time out only for lunch.

We feel it was a profitable day. Some plans and decisions were made which we hope will further the work of our Union, and thus benefit each local society. Outstanding in importance was the decision to PRINT our Union paper, the "Broadcast," instead of mimeographing it, as heretofore. This means that with the first of the year it will appear in a new form — different size and style of make-up. It will be printed by the Roger Williams Press and mailed from there, just as our other denominational publications. Miss Eva

Yung will continue to be its very efficient editor.

It was also profitable from the standpoint of information and inspiration gained through contacts with other leaders. The Rev. H. G. Dymmel, general missionary secretary, assured us of the great importance of our Nurses' Training Project. He is confident that a missionary doctor will soon be found to go out to the Cameroons. And, as Laura Reddig said in her letter which will appear in the November "Broadcast," "there will be patients waiting for him even before he gets his hat off." That means that he will need trained native helpers. The money you are sending in for our \$1,000 goal is already being used to train such helpers.

We are also delighted to meet our newly appointed missionary to China, Miss Leona Ross. She spoke to us at the tea, served at the close of the afternoon meeting, about her eagerness to return to the poor people in China among whom she had worked for 24 years, and told how we as women's groups may be able to help. Watch for further information in the "Broadcast."

And finally, it was a day of Christian fellowship. We were most graciously entertained at luncheon by Mrs. C. B. Nordland, wife of the pastor of the Forest Park Church, and by Mrs. Fred Grosser at tea. Throughout the day, during our discussions and at the moments of sociability about the tables, we felt the bond which unites our hearts in Christian love. Truly, in our devotion to our Lord and to his work entrusted to us, our "many minds are as one."

What's Happening News

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Michael Bertuleit of the Trinity Church celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a brief program at the church. Mr. Bertuleit was a deacon of the church for many years and is now one of the honorary deacons. On Sunday, Oct. 12, Mr. Wobig was the guest speaker at the Harvest and Thanksgiving service of the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, of which the Rev. Ruben Kern is pastor.

After being pastorless since March 31st, the Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Montana rejoiced in wel-

coming the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler into their midst on Sunday, Sept. 21st. On Tuesday, Sept. 23, the reception for the new pastor and his wife was held at the church with Mr. H. Klein, deacon in charge of the festive service. The Kraenzlers were welcomed by the officers of the church and representatives of the Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Society and B. Y. P. U. The Men's Chorus of the church rendered special music. Visitors from neighboring churches also took part. A kitchen shower from members and friends was the climax of the reception that followed. The newly built and modern parsonage is the joy of Mr. and Mrs. Kraenzler and the pride of the church.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Southwestern Conference

Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society of La Salle, Colorado

On Sunday evening, Aug. 31, a program was given by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist Church of La Salle, Colorado, consisting of a song by the group, special selections, some readings, and a play, "He Is Our Peace." The Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Hutchinson, Minn., was our guest speaker.

An offering of \$25.00 was received at our program which is to go to the Camerons' Nursing Home Project. The offerings for all mission purposes totalled \$269.05. For home missions the church basement was painted and we also contributed toward song books. Other missionary contributions were for the Nurses Training School at Soppo, woolen blankets and used clothing for European relief, and Red Cross. There were 286 calls which we made on the sick during the year.

This is our annual program at the close of another year. We as a Missionary Union received many blessings in our work, and specially do we owe our gratitude to Mrs. A. E. Reeh, our president, who has been a faithful worker.

Mrs. Gottlieb Vogel, Secretary.

Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Stark and Family at Okeene, Oklahoma

August 22nd was a joyous day for the members of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., as they welcomed their new pastor, the Rev. R. E. Stark, his wife, and family at a reception. Mr. Wm. Geis, chairman of the board of deacons, acted as moderator for the occasion. Representatives from the various branches of the church and Sunday School spoke fitting words of welcome and expressed their joy that again we have an undershepherd to lead us in furthering the cause of Christ.

The program was interspersed with special musical numbers by the choir, ladies' trio and male quartet. At the close of the program the Rev. R. E. Stark spoke in behalf of his family, acknowledging the hearty welcome.

For eighteen months before coming to Okeene Mr. Stark attended the Dallas Theological Seminary working on his Doctor's degree. Before that he spent 40 months as a chaplain in the army, serving in the European Theater. He had been a minister of the Gospel for 12 years before entering the armed services. He served churches in New York, Pennsylvania and Florida. He graduated from the Houghton College and Seminary in New York



Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gienow of Balgonie, Sask., on Their 55th Wedding Anniversary

and received his Master's degree from Winona Lake School of Theology in Indiana.

Mrs. Stark attended Moody Bible Institute of Chicago before their marriage. They have two children: a daughter, Roberta, and a son, Richard.

Harry H. Geis, Reporter.

The First Church of Dickinson County of Kansas Holds Its Mission Festival

Sunday, October 5, was a day of rich blessing at the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County of Kansas, as we held our Harvest Mission Festival. Many friends were present, including a number of former members. We were especially grateful to have as guests the Rev. and Mrs. Ben Fadenrecht of Westbrook, Minnesota, a former pastor, and his wife, who rendered several musical numbers.

During the Sunday School hour, the pastor, Rev. G. W. Blackburn, brought a short message which was followed by the presentation of promotion certificates to several Sunday School pupils. The main address of the morning was brought by the Rev. Wilmer Quiring of the Ebenezer Church, who spoke on our missionary task.

In the afternoon service, Mr. Fadenrecht led in brief devotions after which a challenging message was given by Dr. P. R. Lange, the professor of Bible at Tabor College, who spoke on "Strengthening our Stakes" as found in Isaiah 54.

In the evening service, a sacred concert was presented by the Male Chorus of Hillsboro, under the direction of Prof. H. R. Hiebert of Tabor College.

Throughout the day the Lord blessed in a wonderful way and we thank him for his goodness to us. We are glad to report that the offerings of the day exceeded \$1000.

Mrs. G. W. Blackburn, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Farewell Reception for Audrey Katzberg by the East Ebenezer Church of Saskatchewan

In spite of a rain storm on Saturday night, Sept. 13, a group of our East Ebenezer Baptist Church of Saskatchewan gathered at the home of Miss Audrey Katzberg to bid her farewell and wish her "God speed" on her journey as she left us to enter the Baptist Missionary Training School at Chicago, Illinois to prepare herself for full time Christian service.

On behalf of the Ladies' Aid, Mrs. Edwin Bohn spoke encouraging words to Miss Katzberg and presented her with a gift and the Rev. and Mrs. G. Beutler thanked her for her kind service in the church choir, Sunday School and Young People's Society.

Our Young People's president, Miss Alice Patzer, then presented Miss Katzberg with a gift from our society, for which she expressed her heartfelt thanks. Although we shall miss Audrey Katzberg in the Lord's work here, we are happy that the Master has called her to greater service.

Myrtle Fenske, Reporter.

Fifty-fifth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gienow of Balgonie, Sask.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gienow of Balgonie, Sask., celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. They came from Ontario in 1911 and farmed in the Balgonie district until 1931. They are now living in Balgonie.

They have 11 children, 16 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. They are both active members in the Baptist church. Mrs. Gienow has been a member of the Ladies' Mission Society for a great many years. Mr. Gienow is 80 years of age and Mrs. Gienow is 75.

They received many congratulatory messages by mail and telegraph and gifts. Their grandchildren presented them with a bouquet of red roses, and the family with a chair. A purse as a gift from the town was presented by the mayor, Mr. Langeon.

Six of the children were able to attend the celebration. They are Mrs. A. E. Smith of Yorkton, Sask., Mrs. A. Hansen of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. G. Rennick, Rouleau, Sask., Sam Gienow of Balgonie, Norman Gienow of Yorkton, and Lawrence of Sedley.

Mrs. Sam Gienow, Reporter.

November 1, 1947

Rosenfeld Young People's Anniversary and Call for New Minister to Golden Prairie Field

The Rosenfeld young people's society of Saskatchewan, Canada celebrated its 30th anniversary last summer, at which the Rev. Henry Schatz of Calgary, Alta., was the guest speaker. In the evening there was a program by the young people consisting of choir songs, recitations and a dialogue. Remarks were also made by Mr. Adolph Jaster who was president of the Rosenfeld young people's society for a number of years. The message was again brought by the Rev. H. Schatz.

Rosenfeld has not forgotten Brother Schatz since he was our minister for eight years. And we must say that they were eight good years full of God's richest blessings. We are sorry to say that we have had no minister here for an entire year.

We always hold our Sunday morning worship services. Our young people are still busy as well as the ladies' missionary society. Yes, with God's help we are going on, trying to do his will. May God grant that we might soon have a pastor here in Rosenfeld, Golden Prairie and Annetal who will herd this flock so that none will go astray.

Mrs. Ben Erman, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Dedication of the Polish Baptist Mission of the Central Church of Erie, Pa.

Sunday, Sept. 7, was a highly inspirational day for the members of the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., for they participated in the dedication of the Open Bible Tabernacle or Polish Baptist Mission located at 501 East 5th Street, which is a branch or mission of the Central Baptist Church of Erie. As such it is affiliated with the North American Baptist General Conference, and is the only Polish Baptist Mission of the Eastern Conference.

The Mission was started during the early part of this year and through the zeal and efforts of the Rev. and Mrs. Kostanowski and Rev. Van Buskirk, its pastor and assistant pastor, respectively and Mr. J. A. Zurn and others of Central Church it has become a thriving church.

The main floor is the church proper, well equipped in every detail with a seating capacity for 175 people. The pastor and wife occupy the upper floor as parsonage and the finished basement will be a recreation center.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed this work among the 20,000 Polish people in this section and the services are well attended. The Sunday School has an enrollment of 42, and 12 persons have accepted the Lord Jesus as their Savior. We at Central Church covet the prayers of God's children for this work in which the Rev. Kostanowski is engaged.

Mrs. Robert R. Eichler, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

The State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., Celebrates Its 95th Anniversary

The 95th anniversary of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., was celebrated in inspiring fashion on Sept. 13 and 14. Anniversary festivities opened with a banquet at Hotel Jefferson, at which Dr. William Kuhn of the denominational headquarters at Forest Park, Ill., spoke.

Dr. Kuhn interlaced his message with flashes of delightful humor, as he pointed out that churches have three classes of members — workers, jerkers and shirkers. Defining each class, he said:

"Workers accept any task given them, and work at it consistently until the job is completed; jerkers work as the spirit moves them, and like a geyser, spurt periodically, then become silent and non-productive. Shirkers are those who just won't do anything. People who work best in any church are those with the right kind of mind. They must be spiritually-minded, cooperative, willing to make sacrifices."

The Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor of the celebrating church, was toastmaster. Music and reminiscences rounded out the banquet program.

Two features highlighted anniversary Sunday, the dedication of the newly-installed chimes, and the anniversary sermon by the Rev. August F. Runtz of St. Joseph, Mich. Impressive dedication rites, in which the congregation participated, were conducted as the church accepted the chimes from Walter Lehndorf, who presented them in memory of his sister, Miss Anna Lehndorf, who, for many years sang in the choir and worshipped in State Park Baptist Church. The chimes were heard for the first time in Organist Walter Broeker's beautiful rendition of "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Welcomed back to our pulpit was the Rev. A. F. Runtz, pastor in this church for 16 years and now superintendent of the Baptist Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich. Present with him in Peoria was his daughter, Mrs. Melba Runtz Petersen.

Anniversary Sunday's activities opened with a special Sunday School program in which all departments were represented, and at which Rev. Arthur M. Ulrich of Moweaqua, Ill., former State Park interim pastor, spoke. The B. Y. F. had as its special speaker Mr. Harold Gieseke of Trenton, Ill., vice-president of the National Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union. Speaking at the final service of the day was Dr. Russell Orr, Springfield, Ill., executive secretary of the Illinois Baptist state convention.

The State Park Baptist Church was founded on Aug. 24, 1852, and is one of the pioneer churches of Peoria. Its present site is its third location. Eight former members of the church have gone into the gospel ministry.

Mrs. Walter E. Kohrs, Reporter.



Dr. William Kuhn (right) of Forest Park, Illinois, was the featured speaker at the banquet at which the State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., opened its 95th anniversary festivities. He is pictured with the Rev. August F. Runtz (left), St. Joseph, Mich., pastor of the church for 16 years, and the Rev. Frank Veninga, present pastor of the celebrating church

Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. John Grygo at Pound, Wisconsin

The Rev. and Mrs. John Grygo and son Roland arrived in Pound, Wisconsin from New York, N. Y., on Aug. 29 to take up the pastorate of the Pioneer Baptist Church. On Wednesday evening, Sept. 3, the church honored them at a reception in the church parlors. Messages of welcome were extended to them. Both responded very graciously with well chosen words, expressing the hope that their ministry would be directed in every way to the glory of God.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 14, the installation service was held at the church with a large audience. The First Polish Church of Pound with its pastor were our guests. Mr. M. Meyers, one of the deacons, was master of ceremonies. The Rev. H. G. Dymmel of Forest Park, Illinois preached the installation sermon. Messages of welcome were given by the pastor of the First Polish Church; Mr. Fred Suhalla for the deacons; Mrs. Catherine Fry for the Sunday School; Mrs. Emil Adam for the Woman's Societies; Miss Lavern Gross for the congregation; Miss Bymer for the youth organization; Mr. Leo Gross for the B. Y. P. U.; and Rev. W. M. Zeckser in behalf of the Gillet church.

The choir rendered two beautiful numbers. The Men's Quartet from the First Polish Church sang, and Mrs. John Grygo, who is a talented musician, favored the audience with a piano number.

The church held its Harvest Festival and Fellowship Luncheon on Oct. 22 with an appropriate program. Mrs. Math. Meyers served as chairman of the program.

Mrs. Emil Adam, Reporter.

Junior Youth Group Organized at the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin

At Bethel Baptist Church in Sheboygan, Wisconsin the need has long been felt for a Junior young people's society. The universal experience in most of our Protestant churches is that the one hour of Sunday School is by far too little to impart the Christian teaching needed in this day.

It was last summer right after our Vacation Bible School that this seed was planted in the minds of the people



Mothers and Children of the Cradle Roll Department of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin, at a Lawn Party

of Bethel Church. Surely, if our children can gain such a wealth of knowledge from two weeks of Bible School, then a continued program from week to week ought to serve the same purpose. A survey was made of all the homes with children of Junior age in them. The time, place and director were selected.

Now our Juniors meet every Friday night from 7:00 to 8:00 P. M. This time was selected because it is "shopping night" in Sheboygan. Thus, parents who wish to go shopping may leave their children at the church during that time. A good response is being shown. The director was an answer to prayer. We were very fortunate to secure Miss Lucille Wagner, a teacher in the Sheboygan County Public Schools and a graduate of Wheaton College. She is one who loves children and loves the Lord.

Mrs. Fred J. Knaflon, Reporter.

Homecoming Rally With Inspiring Program at the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis

On Sunday evening, Sept. 28, the congregation of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., observed a Homecoming Rally. With vacations of the summer ended, the families were well represented and we had a grand Fall homecoming program in which we especially reminded ourselves of our responsibility in the coming year, the Lord willing, to build a new place of worship. The event also honored the return of our last inducted service man, Werner Reck.

The evening's program, led by our pastor, Rev. L. B. Berndt, was opened with devotions after which the choir rendered the beautiful selection, "I Know that my Redeemer Lives." We enjoyed a series of speeches on the topic, "Our Part in Building the

Church," given by the presidents of the various organizations of the church as follows: Mr. Alfred Brachlow, representing the Sunday School; Mr. Melvin Lubbers, representing the Men's Club; Mrs. John Adam, representing the Ladies' Missionary Society; Mrs. Henry Fluth, representing the Dorcas Club; and Mrs. Robert Biesanz, representing the Mary Martha Club. Miss Viola Wall, the Young People's president, was unable to be present, so the pastor spoke a few words representing that organization.

Evelyn Wiens, Reporter.

Sunday School Programs and Dr. Charles W. Koller at Kenosha's Immanuel Baptist Church

On Thursday, Sept. 11, almost 50 mothers and children of the Cradle Roll Department of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., enjoyed a party on the church lawn. The afternoon began with a candy hunt by the youngsters after which recognition was given to the baby with the bluest eyes, curliest hair, the youngest and the oldest. Pictures were taken and games arranged by Mrs. Max White and John Polanin. Harriet Johnson made novel invitations which helped bring about the fine attendance. Mrs. Paul Looker and Mrs. Dan Behr closed the afternoon of fellowship by serving cake and ice cream.

On Sunday, Sept. 21, we had our Rally Day program in Sunday School at which time eight babies were dedicated to the Lord. Our Cradle Roll now numbers 58 which in time to come will make a splendid addition to our Sunday School.

On October 5th we had a great day of inspiration and fellowship. Dr. Charles Koller from the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago was with us and spoke to us in the morning service on "Building with God" and also at the dinner table. Our chef, Paul Munns, and his helpers prepared a delightful ham dinner which was served to about 170 members and friends. A fine program of music and readings was also enjoyed along with the dinner. In the evening, with the church filled to capacity, the very stirring film, "The Man Who Forgot God," was shown which brought to a close a very blessed day and one which we shall long remember. An offering of \$100 was raised on that day for the Seminary.

Mrs. Dan Behr, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Sunday School Rally at the Emery Baptist Church With Mission Offering of \$578

On Sunday, Sept. 28, the Emery Baptist Church of Emery, South Dakota held its annual Sunday School Rally and Promotional Day services with the church filled to capacity, both morning and evening.

The program consisted of a short dedication service for the new babies who were added to the cradle roll, installation of the teachers, and each class was represented with a musical number or recitation.

We were then privileged to listen to Rev. M. Leuschner who was the guest speaker. He spoke to us of the great harvest fields before us in the Camerouns and China. The offering which was taken that morning and which was to go to the Million Dollar offering amounted to \$578.00.

For the evening service Mr. Leuschner showed pictures of the Spanish-American field and of the work among the Indians in Canada.

We pray that the message and the pictures by Mr. Leuschner may be an inspiration for us as a Sunday School to go over the top during the next year in the giving of our material gifts to our Lord.

Esther Olthoff, Reporter.

Rally Day for the Badlands Young People's Association at New Leipzig, North Dakota

On Sunday, Sept. 7th, the Baptist Badlands Young People's Association gathered in the town hall at New Leipzig, North Dakota where the Rev. B. C. Schreiber and his churches served us as host for our Rally Day. A large number of young people came from the various societies in North and South Dakota and Montana.

The Rev. Alex Sootzmann of McLaughlin, So. Dak., gave a very thorough explanation of the Sunday School lesson in the German language, followed by the Rev. David Littke of Plevna, Montana who explained the lesson equally well in English. The Rev. A. G. Rietdorf of Bison brought us a very inspiring message on the opportunities before us as young people. We had Roll Call in the afternoon, and almost every society rendered some musical number in response. Everyone especially enjoyed the fine portrayal of "The Church in the Wildwood" by the New Leipzig society. We were also grateful for having the Rev. E. Kary of Bismarck with us in our afternoon session, and everyone was spiritually uplifted by the message which he brought to us.

Those of us, for whom it was possible, remained through the evening to attend a beautiful wedding in the town church when Miss Ruby Huber became the wife of Mr. Elmer Phol with the Rev. B. C. Schreiber officiating. Miss Huber was the former vice-president of our Badlands Assembly.

Wilma Goehring, Reporter.

Baptism of 30 Converts by the New Leipzig Church in the Cannonball River

In spite of the busy summer season on the farms and the hot, uncomfortable weather, we of the Baptist Church of New Leipzig, No. Dak., have not neglected the Lord's work. We were happy to have a number of guest speakers who inspired us with their presence as well as with their messages. The Rev. J. C. Gunst visited us for the first time in his capacity as young people's secretary.

Rev. Thomas Stoeri, who organized the church some thirty-five years ago, was in our midst again after an absence of many years.

An extensive evangelistic campaign was conducted for three weeks in July. Our denominational evangelist, the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, was with us during this period. His messages were very inspiring, and his Felt-O-Scenes brought the Gospel to us very vividly. Both children and adults were edified by this unusual presentation of God's Word. We are happy to report that thirty-two persons were brought to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, August 10, we were again blessed by our out-door services on the banks of the river. The Rev. B. C. Schreiber based his morning message on "God's Concern for the Individual," and in the afternoon he spoke on "The Most Wonderful Baptismal Service." After the services we gathered on the shores of the Cannonball River to witness the baptism of thirty converts, most of whom were won during our revival meetings.

On Sunday, August 31, a farewell service was held in honor of Clemence Auch who has entered the North American Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N. Y. After the message, which was brought by Brother Auch, the various representatives of the church organizations wished him God's blessings for the future. A fellowship lunch closed the evening.

Carl Okken, Church Clerk.

Pacific Conference

The Trinity Church of Portland Observes Its Pastor's Birthday and First Anniversary

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 10th, after midweek prayer service, the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon celebrated the Rev. John Wobig's birthday and also the first year of his ministry with us.

Our moderator, Mr. Harry Johnson, was in charge of the meeting. Words of recognition were spoken by members of the various organizations.

Mr. Otto Boehi represented the church and presented the pastor with a lovely leather brief case. Mr. Ed. Rocks, our Sunday School superintendent, spoke in behalf of our Bible School and presented him with a tier table from the Sunday School and young people's groups.



The Vacation Bible School Group of Children and Teachers of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif.

The Woman's Missionary Society was represented by Mrs. A. Losli. The women also had a part in the table and presented him with a fern to place on it.

A "National Geographic Magazine" subscription was presented by the choir which was represented by the president, Mr. Melvin Becker.

The King's Sons Class, of which Mr. Wobig is the teacher, was represented by Mr. Kurt Neuman. A leather billfold was given him. Following this, the Rev. Kimmel, our missionary pastor, spoke in behalf of our Glen Cullen Mission Project.

Martha Kepl, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School at Los Angeles' Ebenezer Church With 114 Children Enrolled

The Vacation Bible School of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., was held from July 14 to 25. The enrollment was 114 with an average attendance of 65. The teaching staff consisted of seven teachers under the able supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Tyrell, Mr. Tyrell being our Sunday School superintendent. The teachers were volunteer workers and all responded beautifully and the pupils cooperated well.

We were privileged in having two outstanding women as guest teachers, one of whom was Mrs. C. Jackson from Indiana who taught a class and was in charge of worship. Mrs. Jackson and her husband work together in Child Evangelism in Hammond, Indiana. The other was Mrs. A. Miller, a teacher of Public Health in the public schools. Mrs. Miller had charge of registration and also of a worship period.

Several classes were held in the church, one class in a tent, another under a tree and still another beside the church. However the Lord blesses wherever we are gathered in His name. During these days of study and handwork there were 22 professions of salvation. This was a real answer to prayer since we had been praying that many might be saved.

Friday evening, July 25th, the children presented a fine program at which there was an attendance of 125. There was a good showing in memory work and singing with an excellent display of handwork, which was outstanding in all classes. Following the program, awards were given for perfect attendance and memory work. Three Bibles, one Testament and two scholarships to our summer Bible Camp at Lake Hume were awarded.

Barbara Wunsch, Reporter.



Thirty Young People Who Were Recently Baptized by the Rev. B. C. Schreiber and Received Into the Baptist Church of New Leipzig, North Dakota

Central Conference

Mr. and Mrs. A. Voigt Begin Their Ministry at Mt. Sterling, Missouri

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Voigt of Avon, South Dakota arrived safely on the field at Mt. Sterling, Mo., on Oct. 1st and have moved into the newly built parsonage. Mr. Voigt, a layman preacher, accepted the call as pastor of the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling. On the same night of their arrival, the church met with them for a prayer meeting. On Sunday, October 5, there was a good attendance at both the morning and evening services. In the morning service the church took a unanimous vote and licensed Brother Voigt to preach and to perform the ordinances of the church and was presented the licensing papers. The church is planning to ordain him at a later date.

Mr. and Mrs. Voigt are held by us in high esteem, and not only as a church, but also by the community at large. We truly believe him to have been called by God to be our pastor and to carry on the Lord's Kingdom work in our midst. We rejoice and thank the Lord for all this, because he has answered our prayers.

Brother Voigt will give us full time service every Sunday morning and evening, preaching and on Wednesday night holding a Bible study and prayer meeting. Pray with us that the Lord might continue to do great things at Mt. Sterling, Missouri to Christ's honor and glory.

Ricka Leimkuehler, Church Clerk.

Young People's Retreat for the Bethel and Burns Ave. Churches of Detroit

About ninety young people from Bethel and Burns Avenue Baptist Churches of Detroit, Mich., attended a retreat at Camp Talahi, which was sponsored by the Bethel young people from Sept. 5 to 7.

The main speakers were Rev. Edwin Michelson, missionary, home on furlough, from the Cameroons; Rev. Orville Williams, pastor of the River Rouge Baptist Church, River Rouge, Mich.; and Miss Irene Poe, of MacComb, Ohio, who for the past year has been working among the Jews in New York, and if the Lord leads, will go to India to teach there. Our theme was "Standing in the Gap" and the theme chorus was "Jesus is the Joy of Living."

After registering, upon arrival, and being handed two sheets, a pillow case and a cup and then wending your way up and over the hill, or hills, to the cabins (with the aid of a flashlight) we had a "Get Acquainted" time and devotions, which were led by Rev. Williams. Lights out at eleven—plus!

In our Saturday morning assembly we heard from all three of our speakers, interspersed with special musical numbers. In the afternoon was Free Time to do whatever we pleased. It

being a nice day mostly every one was down at the lake either swimming or sun bathing. In the evening a bounteous banquet dinner was served—thanks to our cooks—and later on in the evening a consecration service, led by Mr. Williams, which was held in the dining hall around the fireplace. The "heart to heart talk," given by Mr. Williams, overwhelmed the campers and the solemnity of the meeting was noticed as each one parted to the cabins.

On Sunday morning Miss Irene Poe gave the Sunday School lesson and Rev. Edwin Michelson brought the message in the worship service. After a delicious dinner we gathered together for a Singspiration before leaving for home.

Mildred Wolfe, Reporter.

Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. R. Schreiber by Chicago's First German Baptist Church

During the time from June 22 to August 17, Mr. Vernon Link, a student of the Rochester Seminary, served the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., preaching in German and English. He was also active in the different branches of our church, and did much visitation work, cheering our old and sick members. In appreciation for his faithfulness, the B. Y. P. U. arranged a farewell gathering on Friday, Aug. 17. A fine group attended, wishing Mr. Link God's blessing upon his further studies and ministry.

The long anticipated day of welcoming our new pastor and his family had its fulfillment on Thursday, Sept. 4, when we as a church and as a big family of North American Baptists welcomed the Rev. Robert Schreiber and his family. Although the sky poured showers of rain, our auditorium was filled with a host of members and friends to receive showers of blessing. The chairman, Mr. Weber, welcomed this fine gathering. After our organist and choir director, Mr. Herbert Pankratz, had played "Prelude in F" by Bach, "Lead On, O King Eternal" was heartily sung by the congregation and scripture and prayer followed. The choir rendered Spinney's "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains" and "Preiset unsern Gctt" by Mozart very effectively.

The greetings from our denominational headquarters were brought by Rev. Frank Woyke and Rev. Helmuth Dymmle, and Mrs. William Zoch read two poems. Our seven sister churches united their words of welcome, in order to save time, by having Rev. William Jeschke voice their greetings. Rev. Paul Allen, secretary of the Chicago Baptist Association, shared in our celebration, and greeted Mr. Schreiber, welcoming him into this new circle. A vocal solo by Mrs. Carl Orth, Jr., preceded the words of welcome extended to our new pastor from representatives of our local church. The Christian Fellowship Chorus blended their voices in "Bless the Lord, O My Soul", after which Dr. Wm. Kuhn gave the address of the evening in his own delightful way.

Then Mr. and Mrs. Schreiber responded most heartily for all the sentiments expressed.

Erich A. Wuttke, Secretary.

Atlantic Conference

Liberty St. Church of Meriden Holds Reception for Rev. and Mrs. August Lutz

On Friday evening, Sept. 26, the Liberty Street Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn., held a reception for its new pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. August Lutz and family, formerly of St. Bonifacius, Minnesota.

Greetings were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lutz by the Rev. Gustave Friedenbergh, Rev. Alfred Weisser and Rev. George Hensel who welcomed them into the New England Conference. Mrs. Harry Woodworth presented Mrs. Lutz with a bouquet of red roses from the ladies' organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Lutz were welcomed to the city and church by our deacons and local representatives. Vocal selections were rendered by Mrs. Clarence Korn and Mr. Arthur McCarthy.

The Rev. August Lutz started his ministry in the Meriden church on August 24th. A surprise food shower had filled the pantry and frigidaire in anticipation of their arrival.

Lydia Stockburger, Clerk.

Festivities of the 80th Anniversary of Grace Baptist Church, Union City, N. J.

Beginning Sept. 30th, and continuing to October 3rd, the Grace Baptist Church of Union City, N. J. observed the 80th anniversary of its founding. The Rev. John Schmidt, former pastor, reminded us on Sept. 30th that Paul was a lover of the church, a great builder of the church, and that he held it in high esteem. The following day, a simple prayer meeting was held by the present pastor, the Rev. Herman G. Kuhl, on "The Great Essential" referring to the Holy Spirit. On Thursday, Oct. 2, the Rev. Philip Potzner was the speaker at the Woman's Missionary Society's 66th anniversary. His topic was "The Handmaidens of the Lord". Other handmaidens of the Lord were mentioned besides Mary, the mother of our Lord, and every Christian woman was urged to submit herself to the Lord for the blessing of the world around us.

October 3rd found the people gathering for the anniversary dinner which our ladies had prepared! Members, officers and former friends were gathered about well filled tables to do justice to the efforts of our ladies. Mr. Potzner and Mr. Schmidt recalled the days when they began their pastorates, and some of the incidents that stood out in their ministry in our midst. The various organizations of the church then brought their birthday gifts for the church.

H. G. Kuhl, Pastor.

OBITUARY

MR. HAROLD R. BUCK of Streeter, North Dakota

Mr. Harold R. Buck of Streeter, N. Dak., was born on January 2, 1917 at Streeter. At the age of 21 he came to know Christ as his personal Savior. In 1937 he married Miss Emilie Wolf. His first companion soon passed away. In 1941 he married Miss Adeline Buck, to which union one child was born. He fell asleep suddenly on September 13 to enjoy the glory of the Lord. He leaves to mourn his departure his widow and son, his mother, two sisters and one brother. At the funeral the Rev. F. Alf officiated, assisted by the Reverends S. Graf, G. E. Splinter and Theo Frey.

Streeter, North Dakota
Frederick Alf, Pastor.

MR. ALBERT E. SALZMAN of Kankakee, Illinois.

Mr. Albert E. Salzman of Kankakee, Ill. was born in Limestone Township on January 26, 1869, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Salzman, and passed away on Sunday, September 28, 1947.

In June 1887 Mr. Salzman was baptized and joined the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee. He was married to Miss Amelia Witt on October 24, 1893 at Medaryville, Indiana and the couple returned to Limestone Township where they farmed until 1941 when they retired and moved to Kankakee.

Brother Salzman was a faithful member of the Board of Deacons of Immanuel Church. He was also active in the Farm Bureau, the School Board and other community interests. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Amelia Salzman; three sons: Ernest A. of Danville, Albert F. of Kankakee, and Arthur W. also of Kankakee; two daughters: Mrs. Fred Russell of Detroit, Michigan, and Miss Ruby Salzman, a missionary in the Cameroons Baptist Mission at Ndu, British West-Africa. There are also two brothers: William F. of Kankakee and George R. of Belle Plaines, Iowa; two sisters: Mrs. Emil Seedorf and Miss Alma Salzman, both of Kankakee; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters. One grandchild, Rex Salzman, preceded him in death having given his life in the service of his country.

The funeral services were conducted from the Immanuel Baptist Church with the Rev. Frederick Y. Lower officiating. Miss Gaynell and Miss Carol Lane sang, "Someday, Twill Not Be Long" and Mr. and Mrs. Lower sang, "No Disappointments in Heaven."

The following tribute was written by Mrs. W. T. Edwards:

He loved the church, and always bore his share
Of all its duties ever day by day.
He held its precepts as his guide through life.
His privilege to walk and work and pray.
He loved the Lord and testified his grace.
The Word he daily read for strength anew.
And loving, working, praying in his zeal
He loved his neighbors as he helped them too.
He loved his family and reared them true
To all the good, the way, the truth, the life.
And honor followed them and gave him joy
To see them work where heavendom is rife.

Then who shall count the blessings of a life
Thus consecrated to the Lord for good?
Or say how many souls were touched or healed
Because he went on doing what he could?
Immanuel Baptist Church,
Kankakee, Illinois
Frederick Lower, Pastor.

MR. CHARLES WM. BLUMENSTOCK of Teaneck, N. J.

Mr. Charles William Blumenstock of Teaneck, N. J. was born May 13, 1866 in New York City, and died on Aug. 16, 1947, aged 81 years, 3 months, and 3 days. He was married to Miss Julia Schuetzle in 1906 in Union City, N. J. He was baptized by Pastor Anshuetz on March 28, 1909 and united with the church of which he was a member 38 years. He had but one son, Charles, Jr.

He worked in a box factory for a time. Later he was a volunteer fireman. Most of his life was lived in West Hoboken, now called Union City. He was a plain Christian brother, making no great claims for himself. He suffered much from asthma for 22 years. He read the New Testament and Psalms a great deal. He found comfort in the ever-abiding presence of Christ.

Surviving is his wife, Mrs. Julia Blumenstock; his son, Charles, Jr.; his daughter-in-law, Eleanor; 2 grandsons, Robert and Richard; and 2 sisters, Miss Anna and Miss Jennie Blumenstock. Many beautiful tributes showed the love and esteem in which he was held. Psalm 103 served as a word of comfort.

Grace Baptist Church,
Union City, N. J.
Herman G. Kuhl, Pastor.

MRS. JULIA LITKE of Union City, New Jersey

Mrs. Julia Litke was born in Russia on Nov. 9, 1861, and died in Medical Centre Hospital, Sept. 14, 1947, aged 85 years, 10 months, and 5 days. She married in Russia, and had quite a struggle, emigrating finally to Germany, and after some years to America.

Her husband died in the old country, leaving her with a large family. She was converted under the preaching of the Word and was baptized by Pastor Hartwig.

Mrs. Litke joined the church in Union City, N. J., and became an active member of the Woman's Missionary Society. She was always first in church, and constant in prayer meeting. She was a great prayer warrior, and she will be missed in our meetings. She knew her Bible and loved her church and pastor.

Surviving her are her 2 sons, Frank E. and Arthur; 4 daughters, Miss Agatha Litke, Mrs. Donnetta Bakarich, Mrs. Helma Sgombik, and Mrs. Marie Pesci; 5 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. The undersigned brought words of comfort from the Word.

Grace Baptist Church,
Union City, N. J.
H. G. Kuhl, Pastor.

MRS. ALBERT F. JOHNS of Oak Park, Illinois

After an illness that had incapacitated her for a large part of the past year and a half, Mrs. Albert F. Johns of Oak Park, Ill., went home to be with the Lord on September 23.

Mrs. Johns was born December 13, 1873 in the city of Chicago, Ill., and after her marriage in 1899, removed to the western suburb. Though not actually a charter member of the Forest Park Church, she was one of its oldest members and one of its most faithful and loyal supporters. It is difficult to think of any department of the church in which she did not have a long and vital interest. She was the capable president of the Women's Missionary Society for 22 years. During this long period of service she was largely responsible for directing the activities of the women of the church at such times as the church entertained the various groups that meet

"Forever with the Lord!"
Amen! So let it be;
Life from the dead is in that word —
'Tis immortality.

"Forever with the Lord!"
Father, if 'tis thy will,
The promise of that faithful word
E'en here to me fulfill.

in Forest Park in connection with our denominational enterprise.

For 20 years she was active in the affairs of the Old People's Home in Chicago. She was associated with the Girl's Home for 10 years as treasurer and latterly as president. During a similar period she served as a member of the Board of the Children's Home at St. Joseph, Michigan.

Her life was characterized by a living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and her love for him and for his work led her to give unstintedly of her time, her strength and her means to make possible their strong continuance. Only sickness or absence from the city could keep her away from the church she loved.

She will be sorely missed by loved ones and friends, but again we can rejoice even in loss in the knowledge that for her "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."

The service conducted by the Rev. C. B. Nordland, was held at the Dreschler Funeral Home in Oak Park. The message was brought by Dr. William Kuhn and vocal solos were offered by Mrs. Herbert Gnass.

Surviving are her beloved husband; two sons, Ralph and Harold; a sister, Miss Selma Bartusch; two brothers, Alfred and Howard Bartusch; and two grandchildren, Gordon and Barbara.

Forest Park, Illinois.
C. B. Nordland, Pastor.

REV. SAMUEL BLUMHAGEN of Portland, Oregon.

The Rev. Samuel Blumhagen of Portland, Ore., was born in Ciucurova (Tschukurova), Rumania on May 7, 1877 and passed on to his eternal home on Wednesday, Sept. 24, 1947 at his home in Portland at the age of 70 years, 4 months and 17 days, after an illness of only a few days. His parents were the first Baptists in that place in Rumania and the meetings were held in their home until a church was built.

In 1898 he came to this country with his parents at the age of 21 years and settled near Anamoose, N. D., where they took up a homestead. Since ten other families settled there at the same time a church was established, which now is our Martin Church of North Dakota. At this place he was converted to the Lord Jesus and was baptized by Rev. R. Fenske.

In the year 1901 he married Anna Betscher, which union was blessed with four children, while one child died in infancy. Mrs. Blumhagen also passed away in 1910, which created a difficult situation for him. In 1911 he married Augusta Hahn, which union was blessed with one daughter, Bertha, who with her mother sorrows but trusts in God and his promises.

In his early manhood he was a farmer until he felt the desire to become a minister of the Gospel, and so he went to our seminary in Rochester in 1907, which place he left in 1910 to become pastor in Turtle Lake, N. D. He served there from 1910 to 1913, when he followed a call to Beulah, N. D., where he stayed until 1925, and then moved to McIntosh, S. D., where he was pastor until 1933.

Because of a breakdown of nerves, he had to retire from active service and was never able again to take up the work which he loved so much. He moved to Portland, Oregon where he united with the Immanuel Church and for a time served as deacon and also as teacher of the Bible class. Many were the problems that came upon him and his wife from then on, but they held on in faith, and God helped them out of all difficulties.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Christian; and two daughters, Mrs. Amanda Hueske and Bertha Blumhagen.

Now the time of his suffering is over and he rests with the Lord whom he loved and served. His body rests in the Rose City Cemetery until the day of resurrection. His pastor, Rev. Otto Roth, and Rev. Reschke, a personal friend of the family, spoke words of comfort, while Rev. John Wobig invoked God's comfort upon the family. The brethren Wobig, Wagner, Frank Friesen, B. J. Friesen, Savage and Kimmel acted as pallbearers.

Immanuel Church,
Portland, Oregon
Otto Roth, Pastor.

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but Whom Does It Protect?"*

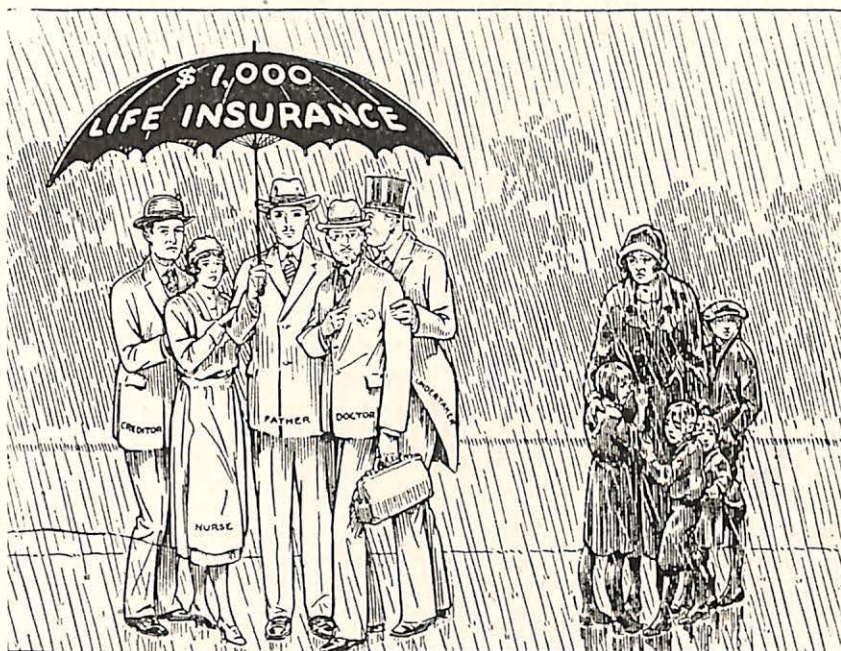
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