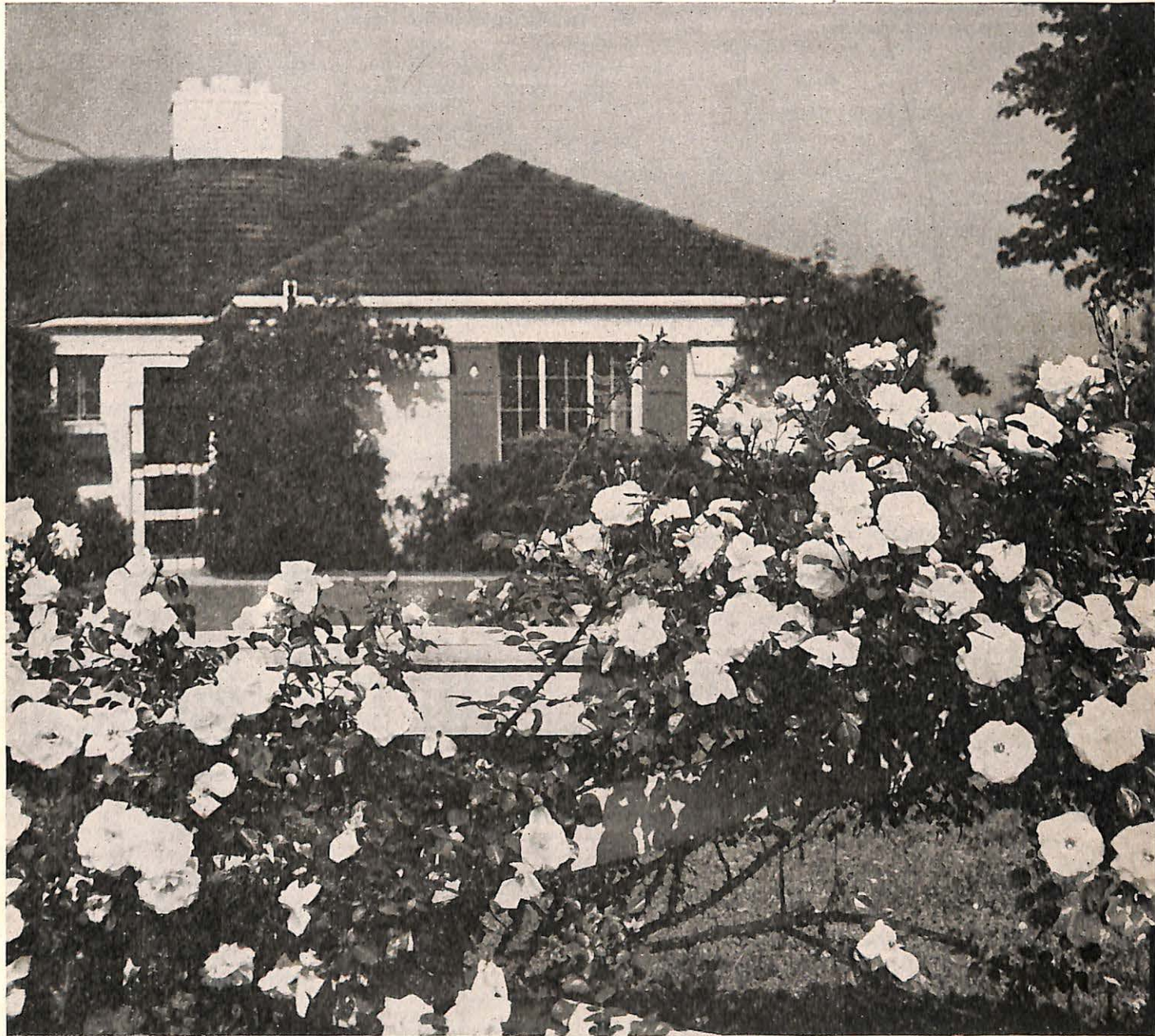


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August 11-15 — Northwestern Conference at Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wis. Prof. George A. Lang, Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, Mr. Harold Gieseke and Miss Alethea Kose, Guest Speakers.

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August 25-29 — Southwestern Conference at Greeley, Colo. (Sponsored by the La Salle Baptist Church). Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens and Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Guest Speakers.

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Mrs. C. A. Gruhn of Missoula, Montana, wishes to express through the pages of "The Baptist Herald" her deep gratitude to the many friends who sent her cards and letters of sympathy in the recent loss and homegoing of her husband, the late Rev. C. A. Gruhn.

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AMONG OURSELVES

We believe in prayer! We would not be true to our faith and calling if this were not so! We ought to continue as "prayer warriors" in behalf of those missionaries who must suffer physically because of illness. The Rev. George A. Dunger's condition is still serious. Missionary Kenneth Goodman at Soppo in the Cameroons is still showing the effects of his recent sickness. The Rev. J. J. Reimer of the Spanish-American mission field is on leave of absence for several months due to a nervous breakdown. Let us also thank God that the Rev. Earl H. Ahrens, missionary, has completely recovered from his back injury.

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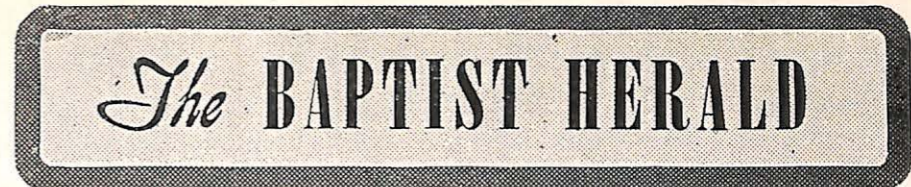
An avalanche of reports and pictures has arrived for this issue. There is more than local interest in those accounts of assemblies, conferences and church events. God is making his wonders of grace and guidance known among our people. Such reports deserve your earnest attention. The article by Rev. O. E. Krueger continues his fine series on "The Christian Church and Its Ministry." God's people need to be aroused about the evils of the liquor traffic. Be sure to read the Rev. N. E. West's article. A sermon by the Rev. Albert Ittermann and a colorful story about "God's Orange Box" help to make this number unusually interesting.

COMING

My Cup Runneth Over With Joy — These words colorfully express Miss Eleanor Weisenburger's first experiences in Africa at a Victoria church service and at the Matengene harvest festival.

Christ's Co-worker in China — The reports from our missionary in China continue to be filled with the accounts of God's answers to prayer and of many spiritual victories. This article by Miss Leona Ross is a stirring missionary epistle.

The Church as God's Family — The Rev. O. E. Krueger makes another inspiring contribution to the Christian thinking of every reader on this important subject of "The Church."



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EDITORIALS

Martin L. Leuschner

"Search Our Hearts!"

NOTHING IS HIDDEN before the Lord. He searches our hearts. He tries us and knows our thoughts. Our lives are as transparent as glass before the omniscient and omnipotent God. For the Apostle John in Revelation 2:23 depicts this searching ministry of the Lord in these penetrating words: "And all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works."

There is something fearful and wonderful about this truth. It all depends on your heart, your point of view, your inner spirit at the time. By searching our hearts, God can see if there is any wicked way in us. It is frightening to be caught in our sins and trapped in our ways, especially if we thought that no one could know anything about them. It is terrible to be judged for our sins, to be placed before a tribunal for our wicked ways. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Hebrews 10:31).

But all of his presupposes the utter absence of grace. "If we confess our sins, he is just and faithful to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). That is a truth expressed to Christians. There's comfort and spiritual joy in those words. Our hearts must be searched and we must be made aware of hidden faults and presumptuous sins, but the fountain of God's forgiving love flows freely for those who open their hearts to his searching spirit and ever abiding grace.

There are other things that cannot be kept from the searching gaze of the Lord of our hearts. How often we fail him in some critical hour and justify ourselves with human excuses. Men may accept our words, but God sees the heart. He knows better! We cannot fool him. We stand accused by our own subterfuges. There are some who, like the man of one talent, stand trembling in the presence of the Master. We have been found out with the entire story of our laziness and lethargy by having hidden that talent in the earth. For such the words of the Master must always be a frightening judgment.

But for others the searching spirit of the Lord only arouses them to renewed activity and devotion for his cause. He prays for us that our faith may not fail. He encourages us to strive toward the prize. He arouses us to greater consecration. He is the Author and Finisher of our faith, to whom we are to look for our example. This too is the ministry of his searching spirit deep into our hearts, which so often have their fitful hesitations and frailties of service.

There is a blessing in the prayer that says with the Psalmist: "Search me, O God, and know my way." For this prayer can lead to a clearer understanding of his truths and a greater awareness of our responsibilities and privileges. "If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god, shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart" (Psalm 44:20). Look well to this timely truth!

BIBLE TEXT

"First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." Mark 4:28.

This is God's order of creation. It is the process of life. It is the story of the coming of God's Kingdom among men. It is the account of all successful work in the Church of Jesus Christ. How patient we must be after we have planted the seed by witnessing to the Gospel of Christ as we await the harvest's glory! How eagerly we ought to anticipate God's blessings, believing that it will come to pass that "the full corn in the ear" will make its appearance in good time. There is spiritual encouragement in these words of Jesus for every Christian worker! Open your eyes to God's plan for the carrying out of all of his purposes.

BULLETINS FOR AUGUST

The material for the back pages of the Church Bulletins for the five Sundays in August has been prepared by the members of our Seminary faculty and by Mr. Alvin Wetter, the president of the seminary student body. Their contributions are uplifting and spiritually helpful. Along with the attractive front cover pictures, these August bulletins will continue to meet with the enthusiastic response of our churches. The price is the same at seventy-five cents a hundred. All orders are to be sent to Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio. The August bulletins will bring the first year of this bulletin ministry for our churches to a most successful close. In September we hope to be able to present even more wonderful bulletins with well edited messages for the enjoyment of all our churches.

NINE THOUSAND CLUB

The South Dakota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union has the honored distinction of having adopted the largest mission project of any young people's group in our denomination. At its recent sessions held in Madison, South Dakota (an illustrated report of which appears elsewhere in this issue) these churches adopted a mission goal of \$9000. Of this sum \$3000 will go towards the salary and field expenses of Missionary Laura E. Reddig in the Cameroons, \$4000 will help defray the passage and some of the hospital equipment expenses of Dr. and Mrs. Leslie M. Chaffee in Africa, \$1000 will be designated for our China mission, and \$1000 for the Spanish-American field. This is a gigantic undertaking with only eleven churches participating. But the faith of these young people is strong and the leadership is in the firm hands of Mr. Maynard Hoekman, president, and Mr. Lu Vern Plucker, project director.

There's a Knock at the Door!

An Evangelistic Sermon by the REV. ALBERT ITTERMANN
of Tyndall, South Dakota

Texts: Revelation 3:20 and Luke 13:25.

NO DOUBT, all of you have seen the picture in which Jesus is standing before a closed door and is knocking. It is a door with old rusty hinges, overgrown with ivy and with spider webs all over the front. The path to the door is laid out with flat stones, overgrown with grass and moss. These are all signs that the door has not been used for a long, long time.

That is the terrible picture of a sinner's heart, closed, grown over with sin and shame, with a hard beaten path of wickedness.

Before this closed door of a sinner's heart Jesus stands, knocking to gain admission. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

THE SINNER'S HEART

Now I know that the application of this text applies to an apostate church and even to some churches in our time which are self-sufficient, like the church of the Laodiceans, which had fallen away from the sound teaching of the Bible. That is a church that denies the virgin birth of Christ and the divinity of Christ, a church that denies the sacrificial death of Christ and the necessity of the blood atonement, the miracles of our Lord and the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Such a church that denies the fundamental teachings about Jesus bars him from that church. So Jesus stands outside. "Behold, I stand — at the church door — and knock." He stands outside until his locks are filled with dew and his head with the drops of the night.

On the other hand, my text applies just as forcefully to a sinner's heart where Jesus stands outside and knocks to gain admission. The devil has taken possession of such a heart and has filled it with darkness, the darkness of hell. He has filled it with corruption, defilement, pollution and uncleanness. But now you hold the door shut. Why? Listen!

Jesus says in John 3:19-20. "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds

may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." That means because his works have been wrought by divine grace, for the Lamb of God has taken away the sin of the world.

Why doesn't Jesus simply open the door? He is almighty! He stands there because the door is locked and the key is inside in the lock.

THE KEY IN THE LOCK

What does the key mean in the lock? It is your free will. Only you can open the door, if you will. Jesus will never force the door open against your will. That is why he stands outside and knocks and calls. He knocks so that you may open the door and invite him into your heart. Listen, "If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him." That is the promise of Jesus.

Who is he that knocks and calls at the door of your heart? "Behold, I stand at the door —." It is Jesus! Jesus! Hear it, oh sinner. It is Jesus, the Son of the living God, Jesus, the only begotten Son, who was in the bosom of God before the world was made; Jesus, who is equal with the Father; Jesus, by whom all things were made, in whom we live and move and have our being; Jesus, who looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners; Jesus, the chiefest among ten thousand.

Yes, he is like the lily of the valley, the balm of Gilead, who, "being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men, and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Why? Listen: "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

A WELL DESERVED HONOR!

On June 7th the Rev. Albert Ittermann was awarded the Bachelor of Theology degree at the commencement exercises of Yankton College, Yankton, South Dakota. It took perseverance and hard work for Mr. Ittermann to earn this degree, especially when one remembers that his seminary school days were from 1910 to 1917. He is pastor of the Danzig and Tyndall stations of the Tyndall Baptist Church of South Dakota. EDITOR.

What would you do if the president of the United States should knock at the door of your house? If you should hear the voice of President Truman, calling you to open the door? Would you not be in a hurry to open the door and to invite him in as soon as possible? I know you would. And yet, what is the president in comparison with Jesus, "the King of kings and Lord of lords." For Jesus you are not in a hurry to open the door and invite him in. Don't you honor and love him? He loves you.

Listen: "I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night." But she sleeps and lets him knock and wait until it is too late! Listen: "I rose up to open to my beloved: but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone. I sought him, but I could not find him."

TOO LATE! TOO LATE!

Today Jesus is still knocking, knocking through the Gospel songs, through the prayers of God's children, through the Spirit of God, through the Word of God and his servant. "Open to me!"

But you refuse to open your heart to Jesus. There is even a time in the grace of God when he withdraws, when it is too late, even if you open your heart to him. Here it is where the second half of my text gives the answer. Listen: "When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know ye not whence ye are." Now the Lord is standing without knocking at your door. If you do not open the door, the time will surely come when you will stand without the door and knock. But too late! The door is shut for you forever.

It will be as in the time of Noah. He preached for a hundred and twenty years and asked the people to repent. But they would not. The day came when the time of grace was over. God asked Noah and his family to enter into the ark, and God himself shut the door. The flood came. When the water rose and lifted the ark, then the people came and knocked at the door crying, "Noah, Noah, open the door." Too late! God himself had shut the door. And all the people, outside the ark perished.

Therefore, my friend, while the Lord is still knocking, will you open the door to him and say: "Come in, Lord Jesus?"

"Into my heart,

Into my heart,

Come into my heart, Lord Jesus;

Come in today, come in to stay,

Come into my heart, Lord Jesus."

The Church and the World

The Second of a Series of Articles on the Church of Jesus Christ by
the Rev. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, New York

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preserved by keeping the salt in the barrel.

The light rays from Arcturus travel forty years to get to us and they do reach us, but they give neither warmth nor sufficient light. If we had no sun in our own solar system, how great would the darkness be, to say nothing about the total freeze-up.

The miner must go into the mine to do his work. He may have to travel miles to get to the face of the mine, and how he is exposed to danger! The harvester must go into the harvest field; the factory worker into the factory. So the church must go into the world to do its work as a redemptive agent. It must come in contact with the world.

SEPARATED FROM THE WORLD

Though in the world the church must do its work in separation from the world. There must be a cleavage, a sharp-cut boundary line. The great tragedy of the ages has been that the world has come into the churches without undergoing any change. Millions of these people had never been chosen out of the world. No matter how terrific the storm rages on the ocean, the ship is all right so long as the ocean does not get into the ship. The ocean may be as placid as glass, but if the ocean gets into the ship, all the calmness will be of no avail.

The Steeple of the Baptist Church of Venturia, North Dakota, Which Has Recently Been Razed to the Ground to Make Way for a New Church Edifice

"These are in the world." John 17:11.
"Ye are not of the world." John 15:19.

THE CHURCH is in the world but not of the world. What a difference between being in and being of the world! Though Jesus said that he had come into the world, he declared emphatically that he was not of the world and that his Kingdom was not of this world. He tried to impress his disciples with the fact that they were not of this world. The church has been called out of the world. It is separated from the world, but it has a task in the world. Several things need emphasis. There are a number of "musts" to be observed.

THE CHURCH'S WORK

The church must do its work in the world. Its work cannot be done by hermits, anchorites and pillar saints, who remove themselves from this wicked world lest they be contaminated. Even Jesus could not save the world at long range; he had to come into the world.

An extreme predestinarian told William Carey that if the Lord wanted to save the heathen, he could do it without him. That may be true, but he didn't. Salt must be rubbed in. When we salted down our beef and pork, father took great care to rub the salt thoroughly into every chunk of meat. The carcass of an ox cannot be

any evidence of rebirth. There has been no surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ. They have never come to know themselves as sinners standing in the need of prayer and the grace of God. They have never experienced the forgiveness of sins. They carry with them into the churches worldly ambitions, worldly standards. However graceful they may be, they have not acquired Christian graces.

A CLEAR PROCLAMATION

The church must go into the world as a messenger coming from God with a clear proclamation of the Gospel. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel unto all nations." That does not mean politics, science, philosophy, education, agriculture. All these have their place. Medical and agricultural missions have opened the hearts of many thousands to the Gospel. It is still true that the Gospel makes little impression upon hungry people.

But a man may have all the degrees that long years of hard study can secure; he may be a politician of great power and a man of fabulous wealth; and yet he can be among the most miserable of men. He has missed the main thing. He has not been reconciled to God. So the message of the church goes out through the ambassadors of Christ beseeching in his stead, "Be reconciled to God."

Jesus did not come to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Nevertheless, he is the Light of the world, and light in itself is a judgment. The rising sun carries on an automatic judgment in the forest where it separated the animal kingdom into light lovers and light haters. The animals of prey seek the darkness while the songbirds seek the light and come to the light. The Christian life on a high plane is a testimony of light condemning the works of darkness. Crimes are of the night. The more light, the less crime!

IT MUST BE "THE CHURCH"

The church must continue to be the church. It is not a mere social club composed of the "right people." It is not a political action committee. It may well open a soup kitchen in the depression. It is not a farm bureau. It is not a literary society. It is not a recreation center, although it may provide for clean invigorating recreation. The church must be "the Church."

The churches have been so anxious for an ever increasing membership that members are received without

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The Story of God's Orange Box

God Still Answers Prayer and Sends His Gifts to the Hungry and Destitute
Peoples of Europe

By LYDIA BREIDENBACH of Berlin, Germany

ONCE a saintly, old woman crossed the ocean. She was rather sick and frail and had to eat a daily portion of oranges to keep fit. Soon the stewardess informed her that the supply of oranges would not last very long. "My heavenly Father knoweth!" was the reply of the believing Christian woman. The stewardess smiled haughtily in return.

The day came when the last orange was eaten, and the boat was still in mid-ocean. "My Father knoweth!" was unwaveringly kept up. Then there was a stop; another boat in some need passed and wanted some help. In return they sent over a box of oranges out of gratitude.

That is the primary story of God's orange box, and here is a supplementary one.

DOROTHY'S HEALTH

Last year the food question became rather serious and alarming for us in Berlin, Germany. For a fortnight we could not buy any bread. We had no potatoes. The rations of fat or butter had been stopped completely. My little friend Dorothy failed in health. Suddenly she had a high fever after all

that excitement, and her whole body ached and was painful. People round about became sick likewise. The children began to die suddenly. It was very sorrowful.

For three days and nights these new problems had tormented me like devils, when I remembered at once the story of God's orange box. At this critical point I met a downhearted lady in the street, and I talked to her about my heartaches, especially that there seemed to be no way of getting some butter for Dorothy. Out of the dark despair of her own heart she snapped at me: "And if you would lay down your life for Dorothy, she will never get any more butter to eat in all her life."

That blow was too much. I walked off, weeping and sobbing as if my heart would break. Then I told Dorothy all about it. And she laughed at me, really laughed at me. "Oh, you poor thing, why are you such an unbeliever? As if the Lord had no more butter for me! He will supply, when there is need for it! He can give it to me in spite of all the skeptics in the world!" Now I remembered God's orange box again. And we went to prayer about these aches, and that I should be freed from those unneces-

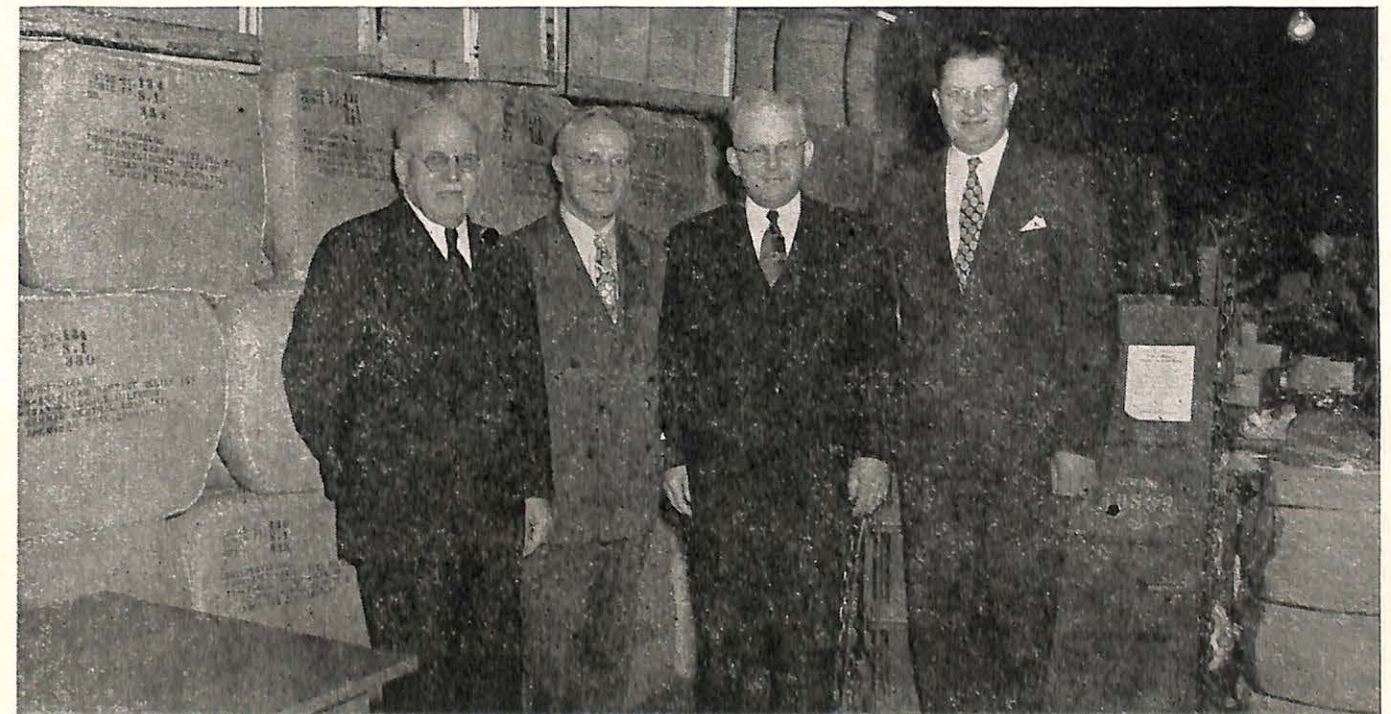
sary torments. Our hearts were greatly comforted. But I was now on the look-out for "the first orange."

THE "ORANGES" ARRIVE

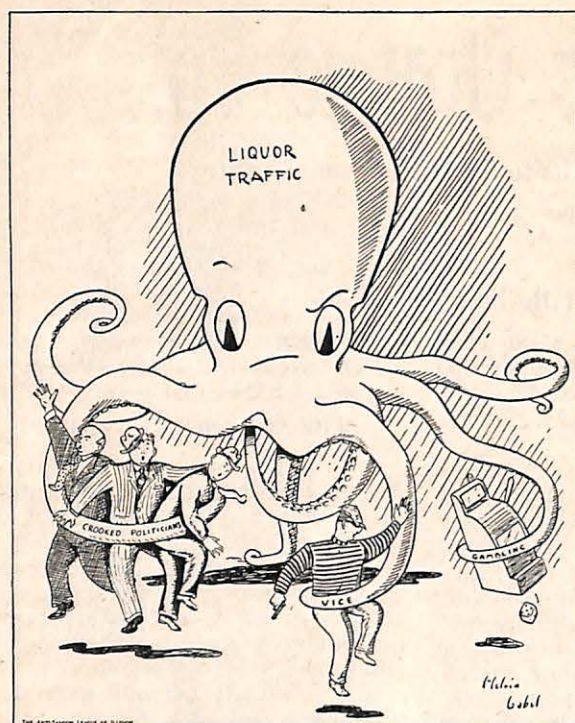
One week later a lady came to us. She sank down upon our coach, fully exhausted. She had walked all the way from Berlin to Potsdam, and was more dead than alive. She shared with thanksgiving our Sunday dinner of cabbage leaves and invited herself for next Sunday again, as the same trip had to be made once more. She then grabbed into her bag and gave us a tin of condensed milk. That was quite a shock. "The first orange" had been given to us.

Three weeks later after church a lady with whom we had scarcely ever spoken, asked us if we had any potatoes. No, we had had none. She looked at us for some time. "You had better come home with me; I have some for you." So we went with her. She made us sit down, and handing us each a glass of fresh milk and a piece of bread, she told us to eat and drink very slowly. Tears were running over our face. "Another orange" had been sent to us.

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North American Baptist Relief Committee — (Left to Right: Dr. William Kuhn, Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Mr. Roland E. Ross and Rev. Frank H. Woyke)



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We Are Not Helpless

Practical Suggestions for the Christian Church in its Fight Against the Liquor Traffic

By REV. NORTH E. WEST of Kenosha, Wisconsin

(The author has made a thorough study of this subject before writing this article. It deserves every Christian's careful attention. Mr. West will welcome any correspondence. His address is 2818—64th St. Kenosha, Wisconsin.)

William T. Ellis, one of "Billy" Sunday's biographers, describes the latter's battle against booze. In every evangelistic campaign he preached against the sins of beverage alcohol and took total abstinence pledges. Every convert was urged to become a "teetotaler," and all Christians were urged to fight the traffic. In eleven of fifteen Illinois towns where he campaigned "dry" victories were won at the next election. Fifteen hundred saloons were put out of business in a single election day in Illinois, largely as the result of his work. This was duplicated in many places, demonstrating what can be done when opposition to beverage alcohol is coupled with a program of aggressive evangelism. It would seem, therefore, that if we want to destroy the liquor evil we must marshal our forces in an all-out evangelistic effort.

ALCOHOL EDUCATION IN THE CHURCH

Another powerful weapon in the battle against beverage alcohol is alcohol education within the church constituency. The Christians of our day, especially the younger people, have been taught little concerning the evil effects of alcohol. Our information on the subject generally comes from liquor advertisements and editorials in newspapers and magazines; information that is biased and which says nothing of the dangers involved. Thus far, little has been done in our generation to present the other side of the picture. But we can do so if we will, and it can be done in a variety of ways.

One method which is especially helpful is the use of periodic object lessons during the opening exercises of the Sunday School. Elmer Wilder has published a series of books containing a great variety of object lessons (order through the Roger Williams Press). Among them are those demonstrating the importance of total abstinence.

Similar materials can be obtained from Miss Dell Bozeman, Woman's Christian Temperance Union, 1730

for criticism. But there are now more than 800,000 chronic alcoholics, men and women so afflicted from the use of liquor that there is little hope of their recovery. And this number is increasing every year. In nearly every community there are three taverns to one church; centers of lawlessness and delinquency.

The divorce courts show an alarming number of marriages broken through the effects of liquor. Accident reports reveal that from one-fifth to one-third of all fatal accidents on the highway involve intoxication. And a large percentage of lost time in shop and business can be traced to the same cause. Further, members of our Sunday Schools, who are induced to become "imbibers", almost always fall away, to walk no more in the midst of saving influences, and thus are lost to Christ and his Church.

But in view of liquor's organized program of advance, and in the light of recognized human weakness, what can Christians do? Are not all efforts useless? Many of us have succumbed in despair, believing that nothing could be done. However, there does seem to be some practical things which any church could do, that would help to turn the tide of battle. We may not be able to destroy all of alcohol's evil effects, but we certainly can prevent further victories.

EVANGELISM TO THE RESCUE

The Christian's strongest weapon in the battle against beverage alcohol is evangelism. Every drunkard converted is a blow at the liquor traffic; and every non-drinker is still another blow.

ARE WE HELPLESS in the face of alcohol's "Blitz-krieg" against Christian teaching and Christian conduct? It would seem to be true to the average Christian as he surveys the contemporary scene. Fifteen years ago beverage alcohol was an outlaw. Its patrons were ne'er-do-wells and indecent hanger-ons of "cheap joints". Those who imbibed did so behind locked doors and in secluded alleys. Although loud in their demands for the return of liquor, they represented but a minority in the midst of a decent citizenry. But now the story is far different.

THE GROWING MENACE

In the thirteen years since beverage alcohol was legalized, the drinking public has grown from a small minority to 50,000,000 persons. A vast group of "distinguished" men and "cultured" women have found alcoholic beverages to be socially acceptable. Children are being taught to drink in the homes; our young men and women are being urged to drink if they would be "popular"; and even our soldiery was carefully indoctrinated into the "grand old art" of drinking like men.

So rapid has been the increase that Americans are now spending more than \$7,800,000,000 annually for such purposes. But grasping hungrily for yet more business, the liquor interests are spending more than \$100,000,000 annually for advertising in order to induce our people to drink even more.

If there were no evil effects from the use of beverage alcohol, the Christian Church might have lesser grounds

Chicago Ave., Evanston, Illinois. These include "Temperance Kits", which demonstrate the nature of alcohol, and "Temperance Charts", which show its effects upon the human body. Children and even adults will never forget the truths so portrayed. Apparently, comparable techniques were profitable in past generations, for temperance societies effectively marshalled the juvenile mind for the temperance cause.

Stimulating literature can also be placed in the hands of those attending church services. The Women's Christian Temperance Union, 189 W. Madison St., Chicago, has a series of Educational Bulletins that is very effective. These can be secured for \$1.00 per hundred, and used as bulletin inserts at the Sunday morning service. Many will read short, thought-provoking discussions of the alcoholic evil, and thus will be prepared to take a more intelligent stand on the whole question.

Another effective means of alcohol education within the church is through the use of "film-slides" or "moving pictures". The W.C.T.U. has prepared a series of sound films that are especially effective. Some are short and could be used in connection with Bible or missionary pictures. Although a few films are available at the Illinois W.C.T.U. Headquarters in Chicago, the majority of them are to be found in the film library at the Y.M.C.A. Building, 19 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Illinois. Undoubtedly a like service could be secured from any state headquarters. Those who see the clearly portrayed effects of alcohol upon the human system cannot continue to ignore their responsibilities. Other effective Temperance Films can be obtained from the Ideal Pictures Corporation, 28 E. 8th St., Chicago, Illinois.

THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY

The church should think in terms, however, not only of educating its own constituency as to the evils of alcohol, but it should cooperate in a program of community alcohol education. Effective programs can be developed within the public schools with diligent encouragement and promotion. The Women's Christian Temperance Union conducts periodic seminars for the training of school teachers and other community workers in the techniques of alcohol education for public schools.

In many instances school systems are giving teachers leave of absence to take this training. If there are Christian school teachers within the congregation, a pastor could well encourage them to take this training, and thus fit themselves for such service. Information regarding these seminars can be secured from Miss Dell Bozeman at the above mentioned address.

Another phase of the church's ministry to the community can be in the



Miss Ruth Schmidt of Rochester, New York

MY PRAYER

By MISS RUTH SCHMIDT of Rochester, New York

Open my eyes, that I may see
The place that thou hast made for me
To fill.

Open my ears, that I may hear
Thy voice, which ever draws me near
To thee.

Open my lips, that I may say
Those things which draw men to the
Way
Of life.

Open my mind, that I may know
Why thou hast ever loved me so —
A sinner.

Open my heart—see all its sham—
And draw me, Lord, just as I am
To thee.

Open my life, that all thy love
May shine through me—show thee
above
To all.

This prayer, in earnestness, I pray
That thou might'st ever have thy way
With me.

nature of an all-out program to secure effective enforcement of the liquor laws now on the statute books. Perhaps few Christians are aware that liquor laws are not being enforced in many communities, but such is a fact.

An official of the Illinois Temperance League, 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, quotes a report of the Juvenile Protective Association of Chicago to this effect: "Of 1300 taverns investigated here in Chicago, 1100 were breaking one or more of the Illinois Liquor Laws". Frequently, it is a case of selling "bootleg" liquor, and of selling to minors. In any community similar conditions are likely to be found. If a church makes it its busi-

ness to discover violations, much can be done through local agencies to improve conditions.

In addition to the matter of struggling for law enforcement is also the matter of local option, according to the respective state laws. That this is still an effective method is evident from the recent experience of the citizens in the Woodlawn area of Chicago. At the last election they were able to close all liquor establishments via the accepted channels of local option through the concerted efforts of the churches in the community.

The churches should not ignore this method in any community, since it was the road followed by temperance leaders in generations past, and which eventually secured national prohibition. Materials for the directing of such an attack can be secured from one's state Anti-Saloon League Headquarters, or from the national office in Washington.

THE CHURCH AND ADVERTISING

A further means of combatting the liquor traffic aggressively is that now being promoted by our sister denomination, the Northern Baptist Convention. This is an Anti-Liquor Advertising Campaign, materials for which are available through the Committee on Social Evils, Box 1872, New Haven 8, Connecticut. They take the form of Radio Protest Cards, Movie Protest Cards, and Protest Stickers to be used in connection with radio, movie, newspaper and magazine liquor advertising.

That this is one of the most vulnerable links in the liquor chain is observable to many. New users and the increased sale of beverage alcohol are dependent on liquor advertising, or the industry would not spend millions of dollars each year for advertising purposes. If public sentiment can be aroused against the promotion of such an evil, to the place where liquor advertising will be prohibited, then a substantial advance will have been made.

At any rate it would seem that all Christians should oppose the advertising of a product that breeds disease, immorality, delinquency, poverty, crime and death. And that an attack at this point is a practical method at the church's disposal is indicated by the ridicule and the opposition to it already coming from the liquor industry.

With the above suggestions in mind, activities in which every church may participate, let it be no longer said that we are helpless. We are not helpless; we can do something constructive to combat the alcoholic evil. By laboring together to evangelize the unsaved, by instructing our church constituency and our community as to alcohol's evils, and by aggressively opposing the liquor traffic in every possible way, we can be sure of some genuine victories.

God's Blessings at Summer Assemblies

Announcements and Reports of Assemblies and Conferences



First Youth Camp for Pacific Northwest Union at Lake Samish, August 23 to 29

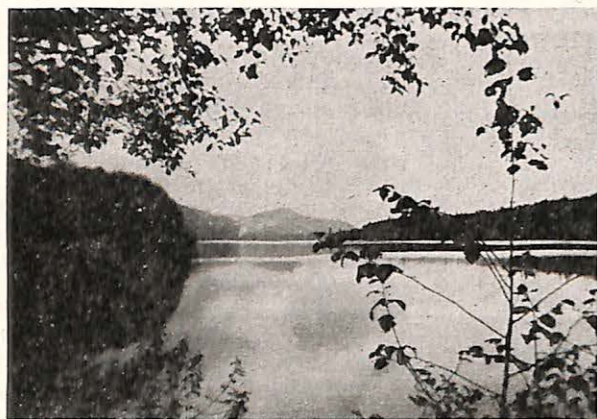
A dream is coming true! Yes, the dream of the Pacific Northwest Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union to have a summer assembly is finally coming true. We have wanted one for many years, but we were told it just couldn't be done. Truly, it seemed impossible. Chief among obstacles was the fact that we are only eleven churches, scattered over the areas of Washington, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia. The variety of occupations provided no common "va-

the children. There will be no age limit.

We feel privileged to know that the Rev. J. C. Gunst and Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, Cameroons missionaries will be in our midst. In addition, Rev. Lloyd Swanson, who is the Moody Bible Institute representative, will show some gospel films.

We know that the lives of many people, especially young people have been changed or definitely influenced by the spiritual experiences of such an assembly. We are looking forward with keen anticipation to the blessings which the Lord has in store for us.

Mrs. Paul Krueger, Secretary.



Lake Samish Near Bellingham, Washington, on the Shores of Which Is Camp Lutherwood Where the First Summer Assembly of the Pacific Northwest Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union Will Be Held



cation time" to insure a maximum attendance.

Some of our young people attended the fine Oregon assemblies, and came back more determined than ever to have one of our own.

This year finds us overlooking these obstacles. The officers of the Union, Archie Bredin, president; Les Miller, vice president; and Rev. F. W. Bartel, advisor are sparing no time or effort.

This year, from August 23-29, we are meeting at Camp Lutherwood, which is a Lutheran camp ground, located on Lake Samish near Bellingham, Wash. This is an unusually beautiful spot. In the immediate vicinity of Lake Samish are three other mountain lakes and a large mountain, which will undoubtedly prompt many a hiking trip. Two thousand feet of shoreline, a five acre recreational field, and a most inspirational campfire circle are other features of this fine camp.

The program promises to be an outstanding one. The program committee composed of Rev. F. E. Klein, chairman, Rev. Rubin Kern, Rev. F. W. Bartel, and Mr. Les Miller, have arranged for two credit courses. These are "The Art of Teaching" which will be under the direction of Rev. J. C. Gunst, and "Outline of Bible History" taught by Rev. F. W. Bartel. An elective course will be included as well as a study and recreational program for

Ninety Children at the Kansas Scripture Memory Camp at Camp Fellowship

Ninety children were registered for the Kansas Scripture Memory Camp which met this year again at Camp Fellowship near Wichita from June 1 to 4. These children earned their way to camp by completing one year's work of the Scripture Memory Course. Classes, singspirations, recreation, devotions, the question box, and evening camp meetings provided a full schedule. One afternoon the children and workers piled into three big buses for a field trip to Wichita.

The Rev. Fred Ferris of Lorraine was camp dean. The Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Illinois spoke at the evening camp meetings and Rev. C. L. Young, our missionary at Saguache, Colorado, led the afternoon devotions. On the last day Mrs. Lois Ahrens from the Cameroons arrived in time to tell the children a story in Pidgin English. Mr. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford again acted as camp manager. Mrs. S. Stalcup of Stafford, Mrs. A. Schacht of Lorraine, and Miss Ethel Witt of Bison were girls' counselors. Mr. Walter Kohrs of Lorraine, Rev. L. H. Smith of Durham, and Rev. Theo. Dons of Ellinwood acted as boys' counselors.

The classes were taught by Mrs. Wm. Wirth of the Bethany Church, Rev.

J. R. Kruegel of the Mt. Zion Church, Mrs. Theo. Dons of Ellinwood, and Rev. A. A. Stackhouse of Stafford on the subjects, "The Greatness of God" and "The Promises of God" based on the children's memory work of the past year. Rev. R. B. Stabbert of the Bethany Church led the singspirations and Mr. Walter Kohrs of Lorraine and Rev. Theo. Dons of Ellinwood directed recreation.

The Kansas Scripture Memory work with its camp program has been used of God to build up our young people in the faith and is helping to provide a trained, spiritual leadership for our churches.

J. R. Kruegel, Reporter.

Sixtieth Assembly of the Kansas Young People at Camp Fellowship near Wichita

The sixtieth annual assembly of the Kansas Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union held at Camp Fellowship near Wichita, Kansas from June 4th to 8th proved to be a spiritual mountain-top experience for those who attended.

Our guest speaker was the Rev. John Walkup of St. Paul, Minnesota. His challenging messages throughout the camp period did much to make our days at camp as successful as they were. We enjoyed several inspirational song services under the able leadership of the Rev. Kendal North, our song leader from Fairberry, Nebraska. Each morning we listened to an interesting Bible study from the book of Philippians brought to us by the Rev. L. H. Smith of Durham, Kans.

Besides these, we were privileged to have with us Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens, our missionary recently returned from the Cameroons. Her presence at camp was a real blessing to us, and her talks enabled us to pray more intelligently for the work on the mission fields, and helped us to realize the need for more workers out there. It was, perhaps, due to her influence that several of our young people vowed before God that they would prepare themselves for work in foreign fields.

A camp council was organized which divided the camp members into four groups. Every member belonged to one of these groups: China, San Luis Valley, Bob Tail Reservation, or the Cameroons. The groups met each morning to decide upon topics for discussion, and later in the morning to pray for the mission work in the field their group represented.

Sunday was our high point day. Dr. F. B. Thorne of the First Baptist Church in Wichita spoke to us in the afternoon. His evangelistic message brought great results. We had several testimonial services, in which the young people seemed very anxious to

take advantage of the opportunity to tell others what Christ has meant to them.

On Monday afternoon, our annual business meeting was held. Our financial goal for the coming year is \$2700, of which \$2,000 will be for missions, \$100 for the "Chronicle", \$400 for general camp expenses, and \$200 for a mimeograph and song books. The following officers were elected for the new year: president, Merle Brenner; vice-president, Virginia Schmidt; secretary, Wanda Scheufler; treasurer, Edith DeWerff, mission promoter, Ramona Schacht; dean of camp, Rev. A. A. Stackhouse; "Chronicle" editor, Mrs. J. H. Kruegel.

On Tuesday noon we left for our homes, each of us determined to serve Christ better in the future.

Wanda Scheufler, Secretary.

Sessions of the Alberta Association at the First Baptist Church of Leduc

The Psalmist said, "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised". This great truth was realized afresh as the Alberta Association met at the First Church of Leduc for its annual session from June 17 to 20.

The theme of the convention was, "Our Christ". A capacity audience was in attendance at the first meeting on Thursday evening. Our mission secretary, Rev. A. Huber of Leduc's Temple Church, brought the message on, "The Majestic Christ".

Having struck the right chord at the outset, it was easy to carry out the entire convention on the same pitch with ever increasing blessing added to the meetings. The theme was followed up on Friday by Rev. H. Zepik and Rev. G. Robinson who spoke on the topics, "Christ the Redeemer" and "Christ the Priest," respectively.

The afternoon was largely given over to the Ladies' Aids who presented a program that was very effective. An offering of \$123.00 was taken for our missionaries in the Cameroons. The evening evangelistic meeting was led by the Rev. C. Seecamp, the local pastor. The Rev. R. Schilke brought the message.

On Saturday morning Rev. H. Smuland and Rev. A. Buhler continued with topics related to the theme, "The Unchangeable Christ" and "The Abundant Christ." In the afternoon Rev. G. Robinson preached on "The Coming Christ". A fine youth rally was planned for the evening at which Rev. K. Korella was the speaker. His topic was "Glorious Recklessness." He urged the young people to complete abandonment to the will of God.

Because of the large number of people in attendance, loud speakers were used on Sunday when the church building proved to be far too small. The Rev. H. Schatz brought a stirring message, appealing to the people to have their eyes fixed on Jesus. The response was seen in the way the people responded when the mission offering was taken. The amount was over \$1,200.00. This was \$200.00 more than last year. The closing message of the



Young People and Pastors of the South Dakota Churches in Attendance at the South Dakota Young People's Conference at Madison, South Dakota

convention was brought by the Rev. J. P. Schultz on the subject, "The Living Christ."

Throughout the convention we were favored with special singing by choirs, duets, trios, and quartets. During the morning worship periods different laymen took charge. An orchestra of the local church brought many inspiring numbers, as well as the band that we were privileged to hear from Wiesenthal on Saturday night. We left with the feeling that "Our Christ" had been glorified, and with a new vision of presenting him to those who know him not.

A. Buhler, Reporter.

South Dakota Young People's Convention at Madison's West Center Street Baptist Church

The South Dakota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union gathered at Madison, South Dakota for their 27th annual convention from June 8 to 11. Everyone enjoyed a blessed time of fellowship and spiritual feasting.

The theme of the convention was "Christian Experience in Practice and Proclamation." We were privileged to have as our guest speakers Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois and Rev. C. L. Young, our missionary in the Spanish-American field of Colorado. The opening message on Tuesday evening was delivered by Missionary Young who spoke on "The Abundant Life."

The daily devotional periods were led by Rev. Peter Wiens and Rev.

EXTRA REPORTS!

Because of the many reports received for this issue, pages 10 and 11 have been set aside for several young people's assembly reports and a further report about the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., appears on page 17.

All reporters are urged to keep their reports brief and to send them promptly for publication.

EDITOR.

Kenneth Nelson. Each devotional period was followed by a prayer service. Mr. Leuschner then spoke to us. Some of his topics were "Our Responsibility to Promote His Kingdom," "Stewardship of Time," and "Stewardship of Talent." Mr. Young used as his topic, "Practical Christian Experience" and stressed the importance of prayer and the use of our Bible.

On Wednesday evening the annual program was given consisting of musical numbers from each society and a short skit by the Madison society. Following the program Mr. Leuschner delivered a short message, using as his topic, "When Jesus Comes." The mass choir, directed by Mr. Wiens, favored us with three numbers on Thursday evening.

The business session of the assembly was held on Friday afternoon. The results of the election were as follows: Maynard Hoekman, president; Bernice Winters, vice-president; Lorraine DeBoer, secretary; Mildred Jucht, treasurer; Rev. Kenneth Nelson, dean; and Rev. Peter Wiens, choir director.

We are happy to report that we surpassed our \$7,000 goal for missions and for the coming year we hope to raise the sum of \$9,000. Luverne Plucker was elected as chairman of the \$9,000 Club.

On Friday evening Mr. Leuschner showed us a number of colored films on the mission work being done in Colorado and in the Cameroons. We do praise the Lord for men and women who have dedicated their lives for full-time service at home and abroad. Our sincere prayers are that many more young people will answer God's call for service.

If plans for a camp do not materialize, then the convention will meet in Emery in 1949.

The members of the Madison church were very hospitable in opening their homes to all the guests so that all were well taken care of. We are all, indeed, grateful to those who had a share in making the convention a fine success.

Lorraine DeBoer and
La Verna Mehlhaff, Reporters.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Wegner of Carbon, Alberta, Canada are very proud to announce the arrival of a son who was born to them on June 28th and who has been named Daniel Merton. This is their first child.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt of Turtle Lake, North Dakota have announced that a baby boy was born to them on June 23rd, who was named David Fred. But after several days on June 25 the child became ill and for some unknown reason died. May God comfort the bereaved parents!

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Billings, Montana has extended a call to the Rev. David Littke, who has served the Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana since 1944. Mr. Littke has responded favorably and will begin his pastorate in Billings with its promising mission field on Sept. 1st, succeeding the Rev. R. Sigmund, now serving as superintendent of the Home for the Aged at Bismarck, No. Dak.

● The Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas celebrated its 70th anniversary on Sunday, June 27, with Dr. William Kuhn, assistant executive secretary, serving as guest speaker. The program of the day was in charge of the pastor, Rev. Fred Ferris. On Wednesday evening, June 9, Mrs. Lois Ahrens, one of our Cameroons' missionaries, brought a message to a very attentive audience in the Lorraine church.

● The Rev. James R. Wyatt of Lorena, Texas, pastor of the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Texas since 1946, resigned on Sunday, June 20, and announced that he had accepted an appointment as missionary of the Waco district for the Southern Baptist Convention. His resignation took effect on August 1st. Mr. Wyatt was a pastor of the Southern Baptist Convention before he became the pastor of the Cottonwood Church.

● The Woman's Missionary Society of Trochu, Alberta held its anniversary program on Sunday evening, May 21st. During the past year the society raised \$801.56 for church and missionary purposes and sent 22 relief parcels to Europe. A total of 157 visits were made to the women of the society and of the church who were sick. Miss Minnie Hoffman is the secretary of the society. The Rev. R. H. Zepik is pastor of the church.

ACHIEVEMENT PLAN

Watch for a full page announcement about the second goal of the Christian Achievement Plan in the next number of "The Herald" Posters with a detailed announcement about this goal will be sent to all pastors in a few days.

● The Rev. F. W. Benke of Edmonton, Alberta served the Baptist Church of Prince George, British Columbia for several weeks in May and June finishing his ministry there on June 20th. Mr. Benke reports that Prince George is a promising bi-lingual mission field. Several immigrant families have arrived there recently and others are expected. Mr. Benke also reported that Prince George is a fast growing frontier town in British Columbia.

● Miss Gwendolyn Brenner, a member of the Fourth Street Church of Dayton, Ohio, was one of the 50 young people of 9,000 entrants who was awarded an educational scholarship at the recent Northern Baptist Convention held in Milwaukee, Wis. She was one of the four winners asked to attend the convention sessions, and her picture appears prominently on the front cover of the June 1948 of "Crusader." She is very active in her home church. Her pastor is the Rev. Alex H. Elssesser.

● On Friday evening, May 28, the Rev. Fred Knalson of Underwood, North Dakota delivered the baccalaureate address at the Underwood High School on the theme, "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God." A Vacation Bible School of two weeks was held in June by the Baptist Church with the closing exercises on Sunday evening, June 13. On that Sunday the attendance was as follows: Sunday School, 81; morning worship service, 105; evening service, 150. The dedication of the new church was held on Sunday, July 18, about which a more complete report will follow.

● The Rev. John E. Hasel, pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, was graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky on May 7th with a Bachelor of Theology degree. He was ordained by the representatives of the Baptist Churches of the Miami Baptist Association of Ohio on April 18th at his original home church, the Ninth Street Baptist

Church of Cincinnati. He has been serving as pastor of the Walnut Street Church since the summer of 1946. He and his wife, Arlena, live at 241 Em-ming Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

● Miss Alma Kludt, formerly of Tacoma, Wash., and for the past several years director of Christian education in the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., was appointed missionary to India by the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society at its recent sessions held in Milwaukee, Wis. Miss Kludt will complete her school work during the next year before going to India. She went from the Calvary Church of Tacoma to the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Calif., for her earlier training. The pastor of the Bethel Church of Detroit, of which Miss Kludt is educational director, is the Rev. J. Lester Harnish.

● For two months from June 27 to August 1st the pulpit of the Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, So. Dak., recently recognized as a new church of the denomination at the sessions of the Dakota Conference, was supplied by Mr. Jacob Ehman of Lehr, No. Dak., a third year student at our Rochester Seminary. The church is located at Second Street and Fifth Ave., N. W., in Aberdeen. About 20 persons have been attending the services. The church hopes to call a full time pastor in the near future. All the services are in English, except the prayer meetings which are held in the German language.

● On Sunday evening, May 30, the Rev. A. Krombein of Eureka, So. Dak., baptized eight persons on confession of their faith in Christ in a service held at the Herreid Baptist Church. These were received into the church's fellowship at the communion service on Sunday, July 11. A Vacation Bible School was held at the Eureka church from May 31 to June 11 with 30 children enrolled. Classes were held from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Mrs. A. Krombein served as superintendent with the following teachers assisting her: Miss Irene Bertsch, Mrs. Royal Diede, and Rev. A. Krombein. The closing exercises were presented to a large audience on Sunday evening, June 13.

● On Sunday, June 13, the Rev. Walter Stein of Ashley, North Dakota baptized 25 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer, denominational evangelist, was

the guest speaker at this service. These converts were the result of special meetings held from May 16 to 26 with the Rev. William Hoover of Benton Harbor, Mich., serving as evangelist. The Central Dakota Association met with the Ashley Church in June with 2000 persons packed into the high school auditorium. The new church building for the Johannesthal mission, 11 miles from Ashley, is nearing completion. It will probably be dedicated early this Fall.

● On Monday evening, June 14, the Faith Group of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, California presented a play, "The Story of Laura Reddig," written by Mrs. Bertha Wolff of the church. This play in seven scenes told the story of the missionary's life from high school to her present ministry in the Cameroons. Leading parts were taken by Mrs. Bertha Wolff, Mrs. Meta Burd-dorf, Mrs. Deborah Krause, Mrs. Eleanor Schmierer, Mrs. Ruth Mauch, Mrs. Minnie Engel and Mrs. Martha Ladner. Following the presentation of the play, a silver tea was held, honoring the birthday of Missionary Laura E. Reddig which occurs on Oct. 21st. The birthday cake was cut by Mrs. Paul Reddig, Laura's sister-in-law.

● The Calvary Church of Tacoma, Wash., held its Vacation Bible School from June 14 to 25 with Mrs. Henry Schmunk as superintendent. On Sunday morning, June 13, the Rev. W. C. Damrau baptized two high school boys. At the evening service the church held its farewell reception for the Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Damrau and their family, at which a silver set for twelve persons and a 8 mm. Revere moving picture projector were presented to them. On Sunday morning, June 20, the Negro musical organization, "Wings Over Jordan," renowned for its national radio ministry, presented an unusual program to the Calvary Church. Mr. Damrau began his ministry in the Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia, Pa., on Sunday, July 11.

● For three weeks in June Mr. Harold W. Gieseke of Trenton, Ill., a vice-president of the National Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union and a student at Chicago's Northern Baptist Seminary, served the Holmes St. Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., in a visitation canvass of the community. With the pastor, Rev. H. H. Riffel, more than 300 calls were made and 75 families were found to be church prospects. A Vacation Bible School was held for one week with an enrollment of 115 children. Mr. Gieseke also took part in the young people's and Sunday School work of the church. On the third Sunday of every month from 8:00 to 8:30 A. M. the pastor, Rev. H. H. Riffel, conducts a radio broadcast over station WILS of Lansing.

Another \$1000 for Bibles

The Ministry of Bible Day Offerings as Reported by REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER, Business Manager of the Publication Society

RECENTLY the Roger Williams Press sent a check for \$1,000 for the purpose of purchasing German Bibles for distribution in Germany. This sum of \$1,000 represents a part of the Bible Day offering which, again this year, was so very generous. All schools and churches which participated are to be complimented for their interest and sacrificial spirit in providing the means for meeting a great spiritual need in Germany.

Thousands of people over there are eager for the Word of God, but because of the dire poverty resulting from the war, they have no Scriptures. Someone has said aptly that there is a real hunger for the Word of God among thousands of people. It should cause the heart of every contributor to the Bible Day offering to flutter with excitement when we remember what the contribution to the Bible Fund can do. Surely, God will lend his blessing upon every contributor and also upon all who receive these Bibles in Germany.

● On Sunday, June 6, the dedication of the enlarged and renovated edifice of the Artas chapel, a mission of the Baptist Church of Herreid, So. Dak. was held with the Rev. H. J. Waltereit of Lehr, No. Dak., as special speaker. An 18-foot addition has been added to the back of the church with an addition of 12 feet at the entrance. A small debt of \$500 remains on the total cost of \$5000, as reported by the Rev. E. S. Fenske, pastor. Mr. Fred Rau, chairman of the building committee, also gave a brief report. The Pollock church building, another mission station of Herreid, has been sold and the nine members of the station will worship at the Herreid church. The old parsonage of the Herreid Baptist Church has been moved to another lot, and a new parsonage, to cost at least \$16,000, is now being constructed alongside the church.

● Dr. A. J. Harms, pastor of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., and radio minister of the "Echoes of Heaven" radio program over CKLW of Detroit, has resigned from his pastorate to devote his time to Bible Conferences and Evangelistic Crusades. His first engagement will be at the Cannon Beach Bible Conference of Cannon Beach, Oregon from August 14 to 20. Dr. Harms's radio messages will be published by Wm. B. Eerdmann's Publishing Company, and will

The Bible Day offering is also used in part for the free distribution of Christian literature in Germany. At the present time, approximately 1500 "Sendbotes" go to Germany each week. Furthermore, as soon as the manuscript arrives from Germany, your Publishing House will immediately print four or five thousand copies of "Die Christenbibel", which is a primer and instruction book for young converts. There is urgent need for this literature in Germany. The Publishing House is not only happy to do this work but also grateful for the opportunity to serve. The cost for this printing will again be defrayed from the Bible Day contributions. So one could go on to describe the many ways in which this offering serves to bring spiritual food to souls wherever God leads us to serve. We attempt to follow his prompting.

Again may we express our sincere appreciation to all who shared in the offering and let us assure you that every effort is made to use this money that it might help to bring "Bread of Life to hungry souls".

be off the press this Fall. Dr. and Mrs. Harms will make their home beginning August 1st at 918 Hawthorne Place, Pomona, California. In considering the resignation of Dr. Harms the advisory board of the church previously voted twice to decline it, but upon insistence of the pastor it was finally accepted with deep regret.

● On Sunday, June 27, the Rev. A. E. Kannwischer, pastor of the Ridgewood Baptist Church of Ridgewood, Long Island, N. Y., since 1937, presented his resignation to the church and announced that he has accepted the appointment by the Department of Justice of the United States government as Protestant Chaplain in one of the federal prisons. His resignation will take effect on Sunday, August 22nd. On Sept. 1st Mr. Kannwischer will begin his service as chaplain at the United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. He will actually assume the position only after a period of three months of "in-service training" at Chillicothe, Ohio. Mr. Kannwischer wrote: "My work will obviously be different in some respects and will take me beyond the confines of our denomination, but since it is a very challenging work, I am prepared to serve my Master therein faithfully. For I am persuaded that God's grace will be sufficient for our every need."



"Alaskan Scene" by William Zimmerman of Chicago, Ill.

Land of Tomorrow

A Novel by CHARLOTTE KRUGER
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SYNOPSIS

The arrival of the government mailboat, "Nushagak," with its husky skipper, Neal Jones, and his first mate, Chris MacKay, was always a big event in the little towns of Alaska, "the Land of Tomorrow." Letters and packages from home were eagerly awaited. But due to a storm, its arrival at Willow Point shortly before Christmas was considerably delayed. Julianna Barrett who had promised to go to Beaver Creek in the "Nushagak" decided to go with Steve Tedishoff in his boat so that she would not miss the Christmas celebration with her friend, Lydia Wilson, the school teacher. Then the two girls went hunting for a Christmas tree even though it looked like a bad snow storm was on its way. The "Nushagak" arrived at Willow just as the snow was falling thickly over the small village.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

DARKNESS had settled over the village early that day. It was three o'clock, but it seemed as if it was evening as the men approached the hospitable schoolhouse apartment.

"What's the matter?" Neal said suddenly. "There are no lights at Lydia's!" He squinted through the thickly falling snow to find the golden squares of her kitchen windows. Instead all was dark.

"Maybe they're at one of the native cabins. Tedishoff's probably," offered Chris hopefully.

They had reached the small porch now. Neal spied the note tacked to the door. "What's this?" It was too dark to read. He handed it to MacKay who had a handy wrist flashlight. He

opened the folded sheet and read aloud: "Dear Chris and Neal—If you come while we're gone, just go in and make yourselves comfortable. We'll be back by noon. Have gone for a Christmas tree." The note was signed by Julie.

"Back by noon!" Neal exclaimed. "Why, it's hours past noon, now!" He regarded his friend in the gloom, his face very serious. "Chris, those girls are in trouble. They're lost or something."

The same fearful realization had swept over MacKay's heart. Julie and Lydia . . . lost in a snowstorm . . . perhaps cold . . . maybe hurt in some way!

He opened the door and threw his mail sack on the kitchen floor. "I'm going down to Molly's to see if she knows anything about this; where they've gone; what direction," he announced. Then he was taking long strides down the hillside in the direction of the Tedishoff home. Neal was at his heels. In a few minutes they had trudged through the deep snow across the village toward the cabin where Molly lived. With relief they saw the lighted windows as they turned up the trail to the door.

The door flew open at the first knock. It was Molly who stood on the other side, her winsome olive face wreathed in smiles.

"Chris MacKay!" she exclaimed

when she saw the tall young man. She did not see Jones at first for he stood behind MacKay in the thickly falling snow.

"Tell him come in, Molly." Chris recognized Cookhouse Mike's voice from inside the room. He stepped inside, out of the snow. Neal followed.

"Hello, Molly," said MacKay. Turning to the familiar form on the cot in the corner of the room, he added "Hello, Grandpa Tedishoff."

The old man seemed delighted with this salutation. His wrinkled old face beamed as he returned the greeting.

"Can't stay," said Chris briefly. "Molly, you wouldn't know where the teachers went for a Christmas tree, would you?"

"Teachers go . . . Christmas tree?" The child evidently did not comprehend. "What you mean?"

"Julie Barrett, you know, your Bible teacher last summer . . . she came to Beaver on Steve's boat. The ladies went out for Christmas trees this morning. You wouldn't know where, would you?"

MacKay's heart began to sink as he realized that the child still did not understand.

"Where is Steve, Molly?" Jones asked the question.

"He go to Nick Andrewvich while ago. Maybe still there," she answered.

"We'll go and ask him, Chris," said

Jones with decision.

Bidding the two good-by, the men strode forth into the snow again. Molly looked forlorn and bewildered, disappointed, as she watched the disappearing forms. She had expected they would at least visit. What had they been talking about? Christmas trees? She didn't know what they could possibly mean.

Steve was at the Andrewvich cabin. He was surprised to see the men . . . surprised and relieved.

"Teacher from Willow worried maybe you get in bad storm," the young Aleut volunteered. "I bring her over yesterday to schoolhouse."

"That's what we've come to ask you about, Steve," returned MacKay. "The two ladies have gone out to get a Christmas tree somewhere. You wouldn't know where, would you? They're not at the schoolhouse apartment."

"You mean . . . nobody home?" The native lad was amazed. "You sure?" he asked.

"We were just there," assured Jones. "They left a note saying they'd gone for a Christmas tree and would be back by noon. It's close to four o'clock now." Chris noticed that Neal's voice was strained and worried. In his own heart he was praying silently. "Dear God, let them be found . . . don't let anything happen to the girls . . . to dear Julie please . . . please . . . please."

Nick Andrewvich looked up from the checkerboard over which he and Steve Tedishoff had been puzzling a minute before when the white men had come in.

"I think I know where they go for trees. Lots of small ones over near Big Bear Creek, close to Copper Mountain."

Jones looked at him hopefully. "Is that over near the cannery?"

"No, other way," informed Nick.

Steve was pulling on his leather jacket and cap. "I go with you," he announced simply. "Think I know the way." Turning to his Aleut companion, he asked, "Nick, you come too?"

"Annie sick . . . might need me. I better stay home."

Without any unnecessary words, the three strode out into the blinding white.

"Snow too deep. Walking no good. We need snowshoes," announced Steve bluntly as he sank to his knees into the freshly fallen blanket of white. A wind was beginning to blow, whipping the snow into drifts.

"We've got a couple of pairs down on the boat," said Jones.

"I get mine. You get yours. Meet you schoolhouse." The Aleut headed for the Tedishoff cabin while the two white men turned toward the "Nushagak."

"I can hardly walk on these things," confessed Jones, a little later, as he

strapped the large awkward snowshoes to his heavy boots.

"Neither can I. But we'll make much better progress with them. This stuff is too deep to walk through. We'd be worn out after a mile of plowing through these snowdrifts."

"After I'm on them awhile, I'm O. K.," Jones added hopefully, optimistic-ally.

Steve awaited them at the schoolhouse. He had brought along a gasoline lantern which he was lighting. In a few minutes the gloom was broken by a large white circle of light in which snowflakes danced and whirled till they hit the glass globe and melted.

In a few minutes they were ready to go. The confident young native led the way, holding the lantern. "They lose way in snowstorm. We find them!" he said courageously and cheerfully.

A cold fear was gripping MacKay's heart as he plodded along behind the native lad. To be lost would be bad enough, but suppose the girls had met coyotes or wolves! Suppose one of them had fallen and broken a bone! Suppose they had grown too utterly weary to continue through the deepening snow and were at this minute huddled together under a drift . . . dead! Many horrifying possibilities rushed through MacKay's mind as he dragged his feet over the pathless white. Julie was in danger! In his heart, Chris knew the young missionary would be greatly troubled if lost, yet not really afraid. He knew her confident trust in her Heavenly Father was too real and wonderful for her to worry. He knew, too, that if she should be facing death at this very moment, she would do so without fear. Words of a text used at a recent prayer meeting suddenly came rushing through MacKay's mind — Paul's confident words: "To me to live is Christ, and to die is gain!" In his heart, Chris knew Julie believed this. Were she to die, she would be in the presence of the One she loved with all her heart and soul. Yes, if Julie died, she would go to be with Jesus immediately. But . . . he didn't want her to die! He wanted her to live! He wanted to care for her, cherish her, have her for his own!

In agony of soul, MacKay began to pray . . . to pray for the safety of the girls . . . to pray for guidance in finding them . . . to pray for strength to bring them safely home. As naturally as breathing, he addressed the Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus. Silently he prayed, the while his snowshoes slipped noiselessly over the white land. They must have covered several miles by now for they had reached the edge of a thick forest of spruce trees. Suddenly the wonderful realization of what he was doing flooded MacKay's soul! He was addressing Julie's God, Julie's Savior, believing with all his heart that He would hear and answer! That was

what the young missionary pastor back in Valdez had preached on a few weeks ago. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and they shall be saved!" He, Christopher MacKay, believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, yes, with all his heart! Then — and the wonderful realization of it almost made him shout aloud — he was saved! He belonged to Julie's Savior! The joy and wonder of it all so thrilled him that he began to whistle as he plodded along behind the others. In his heart was a song! What was it the children sang at the little blue-roofed Sunday School? "My cup is full and running over!"

With a light and confident heart, he stepped ahead beneath a canopy of snow-covered spruces. Not only would he find Julie shortly, but he had found her Savior as well!

"O Julie, why was I ever foolish enough to suggest anything as crazy as this?" Lydia Wilson's voice sounded panicky, frightened. She regarded her friend despairingly through a haze of snowflakes.

It was two o'clock in the afternoon. The girls had taken several hours longer than they had expected would be necessary to get to the grove of small spruces. Heavy snow had begun to fall soon after they had left the schoolhouse, and the going had been hard. Snow was quite deep now.

"We should have taken skis or snowshoes," Lydia said. At each step they sank knee-deep into the snow.

Instead of being home at noon, the girls had just reached the grove of trees by that time. The actual task of cutting down a suitable tree had been quite simple. Julie and Lydia had taken turns with the sharp hatchet. It was a beautiful little spruce, about seven feet tall . . . full . . . symmetrical. They had tied the branches to the trunk so that it would be easier to pull the tree over the snow. For the first hour it had been fun to drag it, but now after the second hour, the snowstorm was increasing in fury; they were becoming very tired and the glamour had worn off. It was sheer hard work.

Julie began to sing a snatch of chorus. "We're on the homeward trail . . . singing as we go . . . going home!" Lydia did not feel like joining her, though she had learned the song last summer when Julie had taught it to her school children.

Three o'clock, and it was already growing dark. Neither girl had brought a flashlight. They had fully expected to be back long before this, while it was still daylight.

"I'm so sorry, Julie, that I ever thought about getting this tree!" Lydia, almost in tears, was apologizing again. "Don't feel that way, Lydia. We'll make it all right. I am trusting that the Lord will bring us home safely. I

am praying as we walk. Don't worry. It won't help any."

Encouraged, Lydia trudged through the ever deepening snow, glad that her missionary friend was courageous and cheerful. She herself felt miserable and could not understand how she had ever been so foolhardy as to set out on such a venture!

By three-thirty, the tree had become a great burden. "Shall we leave the tree and go on without it, Lydia?" Julie wanted to know. "It's all I can do to drag myself through this snow." Some of the cheerfulness had left her voice. In spite of a firm trust in the Lord, she had to admit that she was beginning to wonder when they would reach the edge of the spruce forest. It had not seemed so dense when they had entered it hours ago. Was Lydia sure of the way? Julie hated to express her fears aloud, but she was beginning to worry that they were going in the wrong direction.

"What good will the tree do us, anyway?" Lydia was nearly in tears again. Julie tried to console her, but her own optimism was waning. The seam at the back of one of her shoe-pacs had split, allowing the snow to enter and melt. Her one foot was so icy cold that she could hardly drag it after the other one. However, she did not let Lydia know. That would only make her feel worse.

They agreed to leave the little spruce behind. There was no sense, after all, in trying to drag the tree with them when they could scarcely drag themselves. It had become incrustated with snow and ice and was very heavy now. On they plodded, wearily, one step at a time, sinking deeply into the snow at each step. Julie was wondering if they would never get out of this forest! Silently, she prayed, "Show us the way, Lord; show us the way."

By four o'clock, Lydia acknowledged what Julie had been fearing for the

NEW SERIAL STORY!
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Announcement will also be made of the new serial story to begin soon in "The Baptist Herald."

last hour. They were lost!

"Julie," she said with tears, "I honestly have no idea which direction to take back to town. Everything looks so strange . . . just trees . . . trees everywhere. I don't remember this place at all."

"It looked different to me, too," Julie admitted, "but I didn't say anything." She placed a consoling arm around the government teacher, and begged, "Please, Lydia, don't cry. It'll just make you feel worse, and it won't do a bit of good." Giving her friend a warm smile in the gloom, she added jokingly, "It won't feel very nice if icicles start forming on your cheeks either!"

Lydia was ashamed and had to smile in spite of herself. She wiped the tears with the back of her soaked mitten. Her hands were so cold that she could scarcely feel them.

On they plodded . . . on . . . on . . .

"If only we had some matches, we could start a fire!" moaned Lydia. They had continued in silence for another quarter hour.

"Maybe somebody would see it and come to our rescue," added the missionary hopefully.

"Would anyone be crazy enough to be out on a night like this?" Lydia asked herself, but she did not give words to the thought.

Suddenly a new problem confronted them. Their trudging had brought them to the edge of a steep ravine. Be-

low them lay a deep gash in the spruce forest . . . a dark gaping hole that appeared to have no bottom!

"Julie!" gasped Lydia, "where on earth can we be? I've never seen this place in my life. In the summertime I've often walked over this way, but there was never anything like this. We're far out of the way . . ."

"We'll just have to turn back," Julie announced with firmness. "It's impossible to keep going ahead."

"If only it would clear we could see Copper Mountain and get our bearings," moaned Lydia. A wind was beginning to blow now, whipping the snow and ice into the faces of the young women, making their cheeks sting.

On they stumbled, retracing the trail they had recently made in the deepening snow. It seemed as if they were making no headway. The snow grew deeper . . . deeper. The wind began to whistle and howl more furiously by the minute. Another hour passed. It was after five o'clock now. They had not eaten since their hasty breakfast that morning.

"I'm hungry," admitted Julie.

"So am I. And tired," added Lydia.

They crawled under the shelter of a large spreading spruce to rest for a moment. Here the wind could not reach them . . . nor the icy snow particles. But it would not do to remain here. They became too cold when they stood still. They would have to keep moving.

"Here," said Julie, pulling off one stiff mitten and digging in the pocket of her ski pants. "I almost forgot I had these along." She produced two chocolate bars. Lydia took hers gratefully and with numb fingers began to peel off the wrapper. They ate the candy hurriedly, then pulled on their mittens again and resumed their plodding, a step at a time.

As they struggled through the snow, Julianna Barrett prayed earnestly, fervently. "Please, dear Saviour," she asked silently, "send someone to show us the way home. We're lost. We're tired. We need Thy help." It was not that she feared dying. No, for her death held no fear whatever. But she did so want to live . . . to have more useful years of service for her Master . . . to see more of these humble natives come to the Savior. Somehow, as she trudged along, she felt a quiet assurance in her heart that the Lord would answer. Help would come. How, she did not know, but she believed with all her heart that they would reach home safely.

When next she looked at her watch, it was almost seven o'clock. Nearly twelve hours had passed since they had prepared early that morning for this adventure. Little had they dreamed that it would turn out this way.

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God's Orange Box

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We finished by telling her the story of "God's Orange Box". She got the vision, and through her faithful and unselfish service there could be fed many a weary and hungry guest, knocking at our mission door.

PRAISE TO GOD

The day dawned when we could eat a piece of bread and butter again. After giving thanks to the Giver of all good gifts, we sat there with tears running down our cheeks (eating has become many times rather a tearful business—because of joy and praise), our hands folded as in a solemn prayer meeting, eating that precious piece of bread slowly. When the little bit of butter was finished, we were so happy that we had had it.

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Then there was the day with the seven guests. Two had come for dinner, two more when we were in the middle of supper, and the last three turned up at 10:30 in the evening. While stirring that soup for dinner, there were again some worrying thoughts. Is it really right to share our scanty fat portion with everybody who just comes along, trying to better up the food for others? Were we not in need of our ration ourselves? Especially Dorothy? It was quite distressing to have to think such things.

The Lord was very good. He settled that matter himself on the same day and gave me a quick answer. While sitting down for a cup of tea at midnight, guest No. Seven pushed a small parcel over to my place, and said: "Here is something very precious. I only got it as a present this morning. I want to share it with you and Dorothy." There were 125 grams of butter. How kindly the Lord supplied us out of his "Orange Box."

GOD NEVER FAILS!

After months of life under altered circumstances, we have to confess this with the deepest gratitude and to the praise of our loving heavenly Father. There never has been a day when there was not some sort of fat in our food. Sometimes it was only the quarter of a teaspoon or about four drops of oil, but there was always some little bit. The little oil-cruise never became quite empty. The Lord has always supplied. We praise him! He never was late in sending the next "Orange". He has never disappointed us. Glory be to his Name!

The Church and the World

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That does not prevent it from extending a helping hand to every human need. When Jesus cried, "It is finished," he must have thought of his share in the work of redemption. But the work of getting men reconciled to God has a long distance to go. We are still at it.

The church is not a Savior, but it is a good Samaritan. Jesus went about doing good. The church must follow in his footsteps. We are sometimes discouraged over the fact that in our land we spend an average per person of hundreds of dollars for drinking, smoking and gambling habits, and such paltry sums for church activities.

On the other hand, we must not forget that other agencies have taken over many normal church activities. Every church has a fellowship fund out of which to help the needy. At times there are no needy in the group. During the depression no individual church could take care of all the needy. The government took over. Most of our welfare work is not in the hands of the churches officially, but the bulk of the contributions come from church members. The church had directed the mind and the hand to do such tasks.

We are often told that to keep people interested in the church you must keep them busy, assign them jobs. There are not enough official jobs to go around. Often there are not enough willing workers to man the jobs that must be done. In some churches it is just about impossible to get Sunday School teachers.

Of course, every member has an unofficial job, namely, the high calling to live the Christian life wherever he is every day. Taking that task seriously he will want to come to church every Sunday for fellowship of like-minded people and for inspiration and strength. If he isn't on that job, just coming to church to listen to sermons may become boresome. If people come to church to worship, they will be in their places even if the sermons are not as interesting as the atomic bomb.

A DEMONSTRATION OF THE KINGDOM

Some churches have unusual opportunity and responsibility for community service of one kind or another. Some churches have little opportunity for such work. Our Andrews St. Church of Rochester, N. Y., is one of these. In a one mile radius from Four Corners there are 42 Protestant churches. A total of 55,000 people live in that area. One third are counted as Roman Catholics. A total of 32,000 are regarded as Protestants or Protestant responsibility. Only two per cent of this population is under 18 years of age.

That means that there are about 500 teen age boys and girls and about 600

under 10 years of age. Sunday Schools have all lost in their attendance, many as much as 50 per cent. The children and young people are lucky to live farther from the center of the city! Other social agencies such as the YMCA and YWCA and the Rescue Mission take care of community service. When some of these churches move out of the downtown area, they generally go into communities that are not so well church-ed as in the downtown area.

The church must put on a demonstration of the Kingdom of God in the world. It did that in its early days. Christians amazed the pagans by their manifestation of brotherly love. Although they were just as human and imperfect as are we of our day, they tried very hard to make of each church a miniature Kingdom of God. Every church should be that! If the world is to believe that God sent Jesus into the world, all the churches must present a united front to the world. He prayed: "That they may all be one; as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, that they may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

Northwestern Conference

Immanuel Church of Kenosha, Wis., Celebrates Second Anniversary of Rev. North E. West

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin celebrated the second anniversary of the ministry of its pastor, Rev. North E. West, on Sunday, June 6. The Lord has greatly blessed the labors of both pastor and congregation.

During the pastor's two years 51 new members have been received into the fellowship of the church, bringing the total membership to 151. Thirty-two of the new members have come by baptism; 43 of them are above 16 years of age. The Sunday School has now attained an average attendance of 130 each Sunday, and the Cradle Roll Department has grown from 8 to 74, which provides encouragement for the future.

Giving has steadily increased during this two-year period with a total of more than \$17,000. Of this amount \$3500 were contributed for missions and European relief, and some \$200 were given for the building fund. More than \$4000 have been spent for improvements, and additional plans are being made for expansion.

A united and forward spirit prevails within the congregation. Nearly fifty persons are attending church regularly who were not in attendance one year ago, and souls continue to be saved.

Mrs. Walter Kopf, Reporter.

JUNE CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conference	June, 1948	June, 1947
Atlantic	\$ 800.50	\$ 762.06
Eastern	1,434.05	1,228.15
Central	9,914.63	4,962.22
Northwestern	3,865.64	3,909.44
Southwestern	2,072.47	1,442.15
Southern	1,439.58	853.63
Pacific	2,850.78	5,162.67
Northern	1,532.90	1,732.58
Dakota	6,339.30	3,382.53
Total for the Month of June	\$30,249.85	\$23,435.43

MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING

June 1, 1948 to June 30, 1948	\$ 27,945.31
August 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948	450,391.45
Total required to date	\$458,333.33

TOTAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

April 1, 1948 to June 30, 1948	\$ 97,135.35
April 1 1947 to June 30, 1947	\$107,219.34

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Dakota Conference

Baptismal Service and Farewell Reception by Grace Church, Gackle and Alfred, No. Dak.

After long planning and delay on account of the exceptionally bad winter weather, the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred, No. Dak., had the joy and privilege to invite the neighboring church at Napoleon, No. Dak., and its pastor, Rev. Theo. Frey, to unite with them in a joint baptismal service.

On May 23rd people began to gather for this service beginning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Frey brought the baptismal sermon to an attentive audience. The male quartet and two women of Alfred furnished the special music. The Rev. R. A. Klein, past pastor of the church, was asked to perform the baptismal service for the Grace Baptist Church. Mr. Frey then baptized the Napoleon candidates. It was an impressive service and all went their way rejoicing.

The church of Gackle and Alfred met in the afternoon for a communion service at which time five people joined the church.

On Thursday evening, June 10th, the church arranged a farewell for the Kleins and in connection with that they remembered the family in a special way with a purse, since that happened to be their 20th wedding anniversary. A well prepared program with refreshments was enjoyed by many friends of the church and the Klein family.

After living in Gackle for two and a half years the Kleins have moved to Aberdeen, So. Dak. The Rev. R. A. Klein will continue his work as solicitor and promoter of the Home for the Aged at Bismarck, No. Dak. This home is a Dakota Conference project.

R. A. Klein, Reporter.

Recognition Service for the Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, South Dakota

It had long been the desire of the Dakota Conference Mission Committee as well as of mission-minded individuals to begin a new work in the city of Aberdeen, South Dakota. This dream came true when a number of North American Baptists, who had moved in from nearby communities, united to organize the Calvary Baptist Church. Immediately thereafter, they purchased a church building and moved it to a suitable location, praying that the Lord might add his blessing to their undertaking.

On June 8th a council was called by the church for the purpose of recognizing and accepting the congregation



Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Evangelist (Right), and Rev. E. Gutsche of Corona, So. Dakota (Left), During Evangelistic Meetings at Corona Baptist Church

into the fellowship of our North American Baptist Churches. With the Rev. Walter Stein as chairman, the council heard the wish of the new church and its desire to uphold faithfully the Baptist principles as set forth by our denomination. Testimonies by those closely associated with the new work readily led the council to welcome the Calvary Baptist Church.

A recognition service was held in the evening with the Rev. H. G. Braun, our Dakota Conference mission secretary, bringing the message and the Rev. A. Krombein of Eureka, So. Dak. extending the hand of fellowship. May God bless his work in Aberdeen and give each individual zeal and joy to march forward, to overcome and to win for the Kingdom.

P. T. Hunsicker, Secretary.

Evangelistic Meetings, Vacation Bible School and Other Activities at Corona, So. Dak.

Recently the Baptist Church of Corona, South Dakota finished a two week period of evangelistic meetings with the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, our general evangelist. The meetings were well attended and three young men surrendered their lives to the Lord. Mr. Pfeifer's energetic preaching as well as his masterful presentation of "Feltograph" lectures were received with enthusiasm. "Something new was added" on this occasion, namely, his powerful singing, accompanied by the reporter, Rev. E. Gutsche, and his guitar. It was suggested that the two men go out as a gospel team!

Immediately after the meetings we had a week of Vacation Bible School with a group of Sunday School chil-

dren. The Misses Elsie and Lorain DeBoer and the pastor served as teachers with Mrs. E. Gutsche assisting. Since we were pressed for time we put two weekly periods into one, having classes in the forenoons and afternoons. On Sunday, June 6th, the group rendered a program demonstrating in song, poem, memorization and handwork some of the accomplishments of the week.

Then the B. Y. P. U. rushed on to the annual Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Convention convening with our church in Madison, So. Dak., where the Rev. H. R. Schoeder is the pastor. Mr. M. Hoekman, a member of our church, is the president of the Union and will serve his third term this coming year. Since the originally appointed lecturers could not meet their appointment with our convention, we were fortunate to secure the loyal services of our beloved editor of the "Baptist Herald," Rev. M. Leuschner.

"The summer is not ended and the harvest is not past" for the Corona Baptists, and we are looking forward toward greater work in the Kingdom of God. At present we are canning strawberry preserve for our needy European brethren.

"You have a talent, use it for the Lord. If you do not use it you will surely lose it.

You have a talent, use it for the Lord." E. Gutsche, Pastor.

Southwestern Conference

Mother's and Father's Banquet By Awoik Club of Baptist Church, La Salle, Colorado

Members of the Awoik Club of the Baptist Church of La Salle, Colorado entertained their fathers and mothers on May 28th at the annual Mother's and Father's Banquet, which carried out the Indian theme in all appointments. Program favors were Indian tepees, and spring flowers decorated the dining rooms. Twenty-seven guests gathered at the tables. The address of welcome was given by Irene Croissant.

The program for the evening consisted of the following: vocal duet, "He Whispers Peace," Mildred Schmidt and Evelyn Meyer; talk, "A Little Colony of Heaven," by Rev. A. E. Reeh; song, "Evening Prayer" by Awoik Girls; poem, "Beauty Magic," by Norma Lou Kesser. The program was closed with group singing of favorite choruses. The seven boys of the church who waited on the tables were Jerry Meyer, Roy Schmidt, Eddie Vogel, Marvin Renke, Billy John Scholdt, Roger Reeh, and Robert Croissant.

Frances Meyer, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Vacation Bible School and Junior Department of the Carroll Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas

The Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas held a Vacation Bible School from May 31 to June 13. We had an enrollment of 44 pupils and 12 teachers, with an average attendance of 50.

God graciously blessed us with good behavior and the boys and girls hid many Scripture verses in their hearts. Our songs and choruses were Scripture verses and truths from God's Word set to music, so that the Gospel message was given in song to those who worshipped with us.

We thank God for the services of Mrs. R. Kahle, wife of the missionary to the Jews, who had charge of the music. Mrs. J. Witmer, wife of a Dallas Seminary teacher, who kept from 17 to 21 Primary children interested in lessons from God's Word, and Mr. Herbert Schauer, our Rochester Seminary student, who did a splendid work with the Intermediates, also served the school.

We had the privilege of teaching three children from two Catholic families, the mothers of these expressing their appreciation for what their children had learned. Pray that we may rightly divide the Word, that these little ones may want to live for our Lord and Savior.

The Junior Department of the Carroll Ave. Baptist Sunday School has an enrollment of 35, with an average attendance of 30. We have a faithful group of boys and girls who are missionary minded, and we have a mission project going from time to time.

Since 1946 we have contributed \$121.36 to missions, \$45.00 going to Miss Katherine Dick in Nigeria, Africa. We sent seventeen 41-pound packages of used Sunday School literature and cards to the Cameroons, also made scrapbooks and pictures. With the help of the Ladies' Aid we sent one army foot-locker of canned milk, and another of hospital supplies to the Cameroons.

The children are now learning "The A, B, C's of the Bible" in a Bible drill each Sunday. We ask your prayers that God may continue to bless us, that our little department may grow in spirit and fruitfulness for him.

Mrs. L. S. Elliott, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

\$20,000 Renovation Program Is Adopted by the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa.

A beehive of activity has been the program this Spring for the Temple Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, Pa. For several weeks on the "Day-Off"—Saturday—a number of our men and women, young and old, clad in most becoming work togs and equipped



The Vacation Bible School of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

with buckets, brushes and brooms, worked like beavers to put in the final touches to the renovation of our church. It was a marvelous experience of wonderful Christian fellowship and cooperation where pastor and people put in many hours of hard labor with quite visible results.

Due to a long period of illness of our faithful sexton, Mr. E. Shakespear, a lot of extra duties were taken over by Mr. Judson Hamel to whom we already owe a debt of gratitude for many hours of gratuitous labor spent in behalf of the church. Our ladies of the Missionary Society and church, in general, deserve a lot of praise for their contribution to the welfare of our church. Not only do they furnish most tempting meals as regular church dinners but this time they also bought two beautiful Magic Chef ranges for our newly decorated, modernized kitchen.

An entirely new system of electric wiring and lighting was the first task in our program of renovation. Through the personal service of Mr. David Jackson the entire cost of rewiring was reduced tremendously. Sound-proof ceilings were installed which together with the freshly painted walls enhance the atmosphere of worship in the sanctuary. Hearing aids which had been a project of our Ammoma Class boosted with an additional sum of money by one of our members have finally been connected and are enjoyed by those who find use for them. New

"lantern type" light fixtures complete the "new look" in the sanctuary. Last but not least, a beautiful red carpet has been laid in the sanctuary, and dark gray tile covers the floors of the Sunday School rooms.

This program had been in the making for quite some time. At first \$10,000 were set aside from voluntary contributions to the Sanctuary Improvement Fund. Recently our trustees led by Mr. Adam Yung, and at the suggestion of Mr. Sam Noll, submitted their recommendation of a Renovation Project estimated at approximately \$20,000. Again our people pledged their support. To date \$3,350 have been received and \$7,049 are pledged toward the total. This financial program was a great adventure of faith and God has been good to us in realizing its achievement.

Our church is going ahead. We thank God for the privilege we have of enjoying the devoted leadership of our beloved pastor, Rev. L. B. Holzer, and his wife who for 11 years have been with us in all our paths of joy and sorrow. We're looking forward to celebrating our 85th anniversary this Fall.

Should your path ever lead through the rugged and beautiful Keystone State of Pennsylvania, we invite you to join us in worship on Sunday at 10 A.M. The address is Brownsville Road at Onyx Avenue in Mt. Oliver, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Elisabeth M. Kapteina, Reporter.



Rev. R. A. Klein (Left) of Gackle, North Dakota and Five Persons Whom he Recently Baptized and Received into the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred, North Dakota (The Report Concerning This Baptismal Service Appears on the Preceding Page)

Activities of the Woman's Missionary Society of Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa.

The busy little beaver has competition with the activities and ideas of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Penna. The women meet each month on the first Thursday and follow an organized plan of activities after a devotional consisting of Scripture readings and missionary stories by the vice-president, Mrs. Harvey Meuser.

Small groups of five or six women are formed and meet in various homes to sew cloth bags to be sent to Forest Park for use in food distribution for European Relief. Last year we made over 1000 bags.

Two missionary secretaries were appointed, Mrs. Margaret Baxter and Mrs. Louise Eichler, to correspond with our Cameroons missionaries and, with



Children of the Vacation Bible School at the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Mo., With the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur A. Voigt Standing at Left

the Society's help, to supply whatever they might request. The Society itself has sent thread, pins, tape, soap and many other items along this line while the secretaries have also been sending the articles requested by individuals.

Every November we have our annual business meeting and at that time our mission boxes are opened, which are used strictly for missionary purposes. Our last mission box total was \$88.54. We are quite proud of this since our membership totals only about 30 women. Our monthly offerings are used for missionary purposes at home and abroad.

Our society is affiliated with the Eastern and General Conferences, Woman's Missionary Federation of Erie, Baptist Missionary Union. The ladies also contribute to Erie County T. B. Society, St. Barnabas Home for Destitute Men, St. Joseph's Children's Home, Red Cross, Rochester Seminary, European Relief and our own Bahamas missionaries. Recently the Society presented a set of flags to our Baptist Polish Mission here in Erie.

The able officers are: president, Mrs. J. A. Zurn; vice-presidents, Mrs. H. Meuser and Mrs. M. A. Gibbens; secretary, Mrs. H. Schult; and treasurer, Mrs. F. Siegrist.

Our pastor, Rev. Paul D. Ford, will soon return from the Bahamas where

he has been for several weeks introducing our new missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Blowers to the work. They will replace Mr. Ford while he supplies the Erie Church.

Mrs. K. Louise Eichler, Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. Roger Schmidt by the Temple Church, Buffalo, New York

Sunday, June 13, marked a memorable event at the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y. Pastors and delegates of 16 Baptist churches gathered at 3:30 P.M. to sit in council with Mr. Roger Schmidt for the purpose of setting him apart for the work of the Gospel ministry. The candidate gave a fine, clear and comprehensive statement of his conversion, call to the ministry, and doctrine, and without hesitation the Council unanimously and enthusiastically recommended

Attractive Scofield Bibles bearing the inscription of the Temple Church were then presented by Deacon Wm. Becker to Roger and Walter Schmidt. The feelings generated in this most stirring service found expression in the closing hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee". The Rev. Roger Schmidt pronounced the benediction. The majestic "Coronation March" by G. Meyerbeer, played by the organist, Mrs. Frank Aldrich, brought this memorable ordination service to a close.

The Rev. Roger Schmidt, who graduated from our Rochester Seminary in May, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schmidt, whose older son, the Rev. Walter Schmidt has just begun his ministry at Cathay, No. Dak. Their daughter, Lillian, is the wife of the Rev. Fred Schmidt of Turtle Lake, No. Dak. The Lord has indeed blessed this family and seen fit to unite all children in full-time Christian service. Rev. Herbert Hiller, Reporter.

Central Conference

Vacation Bible School and Children's Day Program at Mt. Sterling, Missouri

From May 17 to 22 the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Mo., held a Vacation Bible School with Rev. Arthur A. Voigt, pastor, as supervisor of the school. The school was conducted both morning and afternoon in order to cover a two weeks course. We had an enrollment of 36 children. They were children from our church and a few from neighboring churches. The children came on time and were eager to be a part of this school.

On the last day of school the children had been told not to bring their lunch, since there would be a surprise for them. At the noon hour a fire was built out on the open church grounds. It was a wiener-roast picnic! That was a happy time for the children.

Mr. Voigt and the teachers did a fine work, using effective methods in giving the children Bible instructions. A number of songs and choruses were taught, which the children sang with pep. Missionary and Bible stories were given. Memory work and some hand work were done in connection with the class lessons. Games were played at the recess and part of the noon hour periods. An interesting closing program of the work accomplished was given on the night of May 24th, with a good attendance of parents and friends of the community. Before dismissal, the children came one by one to the front to receive their Vacation Bible School certificates from Mr. Voigt.

Sunday night, June 13, the Sunday School gave a brief Children's Day program, under the sponsorship of Mr. Herman Lipskoch, Sunday School superintendent. After the program, we were privileged to hear an address by Miss Minnie Granert from a Mountain Mission School in Virginia. Miss Granert was born near Mt. Sterling, Mo.

Ruth Lipskoch and Ricka Leimkuehler, Reporters.

The Beaver Baptist Church of Michigan Takes Good Care of Its Pastor

The Rev. Fred Mashner of Beaver, Michigan writes: The Lord has ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live by the Gospel. If the pastor is God's servant to be cared for by God's people, no argument will be needed to make it plain that the living should be adequate. How encouraging it is to the pastor and his family, when church officers, on their own initiative, act to meet such needs.

Recently, in a Sunday evening service of the Beaver Baptist Church near Midland, Michigan the chairman of the deacons asked to make an announcement. To the surprise of the pastor and his wife, all were invited to the basement "to rally around the pastor's family." After short messages and special music, a love offering of \$223.75 was handed to the pastor in a box. Ice cream and cake followed.

In addition to this great surprise, the church offered to pay for the complete insurance on the pastor's car, and gave him the AAA membership policy. The Sunday School recently installed Venetian blinds in the parsonage. Such thoughtful actions deserve the utmost praise. Since it is with pastors, "ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake," then what helps the servants also helps Jesus.

Fred Mashner, Pastor.

Atlantic Conference

Special Programs and Activities of the West Baltimore Baptist Church of Baltimore, Maryland

In observing Mother's Day on May 9th we of the West Baltimore Baptist Church of Baltimore, Maryland enjoyed a very special and attractive program furnished by our Sunday School. We had three special songs appropriate for the occasion, and the oldest mother of our Sunday School, Mrs. Berge, was presented with a beautiful orchid. She told us that she is 83 years of age. As teacher of the Women's Bible Class and in her daily life she stands ready and willing to carry on for Jesus.

On June 6th our pastor, the Rev. Gustav Schmidt, held a memorial service in honor of the members who have departed from us during the past year to go to their new Home beyond. They numbered 24, and as the pastor brought the service and announced their names a white carnation was placed in a basket filled with ivy. The Rev. and Mrs. Schmidt have served the West Baltimore Baptist Church for a period of 26 years.

The pastor expressed his greatest joy on Sunday evening, June 13th, when he baptized seven believers. These seven bring the total up to thirteen new members since the first of this year. Prior to the baptism our Sunday School, under the direction of Miss Hattie Magner, furnished us with a very interesting Children's Day program.



The Girl's Double Duet of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington With Mrs. W. C. Damrau, Sponsor and Leader, in the Center

A building fund has been created by voluntary subscriptions in order for us to make some improvements in our Sunday School rooms. The members of the Men's Bible Class have cooperated wonderfully in doing the work which is nearly completed. Our Sunday School attendance has increased. Special programs come for every occasion, and we made every effort especially to honor all the fathers on their day, June 20th.

Mrs. Nellie M. Koose, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Girls' Double Trio of Tacoma's Calvary Baptist Church Sings Frequently at Services

The Double Trio of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., pictured with this report, was organized and directed by Mrs. W. C. Damrau. She will long be remembered by the girls for her kindly interest in helping them serve the Lord in this capacity.

Reading from left to right in the picture they are: Dolores Mitchell, Ora Lee Longen, Beverly Heidt, Mrs. W. C. Damrau, Jo Anne Schmunk, Audrey Franzkeit, Gloria Helmrich.

Gloria Helmrich, Reporter.

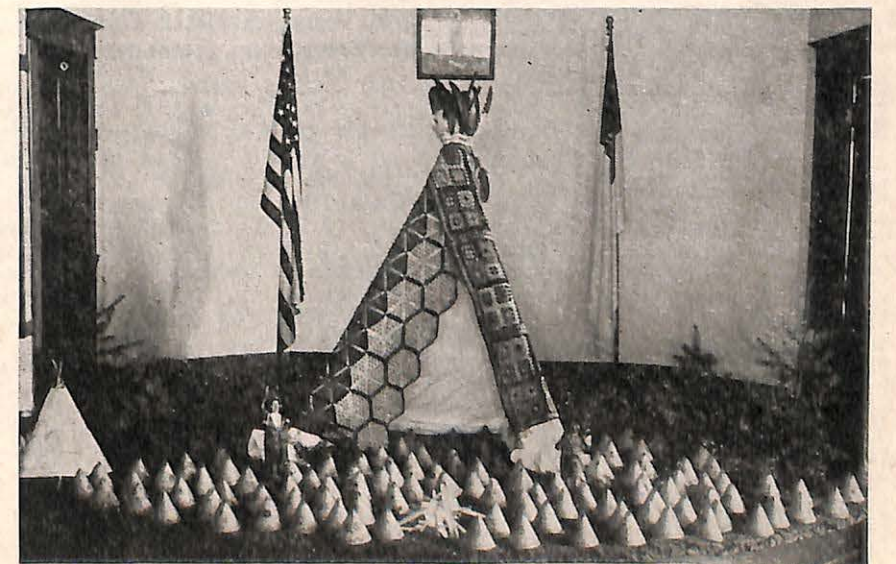
Sunday School of Tacoma, Wash., Contributes \$500 Toward Indian Mission Project

On a recent Sunday the Sunday School auditorium of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., was packed to capacity with an eager and expectant throng. It was the long anticipated day for the ingathering of the Indian Tepee Banks, our love offering for the chapel on the Montana Indian Reserve of Alberta, Canada, which is the Pacific Northwest Association's mission project for 1948.

For the past six months the members of the Sunday School had been placing their savings in an Indian tepee bank or some other original container, so that when this special day arrived a record crowd was prepared, awaiting the opportunity to present their gifts. Beginning with the youngest members of the Sunday School, the roll was called by the chairman, Mr. Alvin Bibelheimer, and class by class came forward, gave a fitting number and deposited their offering at the altar, totaling approximately \$500.00.

The scene was touching and inspiring. The Lord does bless a cheerful giver and we experienced his presence as we were privileged to contribute toward the great cause of saving others.

Esther K. Monschke, Reporter.



A Large Indian Tepee and Many Small Indian Tepee Banks Used by the Scholars of the Calvary Baptist Sunday School, Tacoma, Wash., for Their Mission Project

Anniversary Program and Farewell Reception by Baptist Ladies' Aid, Tacoma, Wash.

We of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington are again happy to report that in a small measure we have been able to carry out the purpose of this society, which is to make known the Gospel at home and abroad, to undergird all missionary efforts with our witness, prayers and gifts, and to promote closer fellowship among our members and friends in the local church. Our present membership is 42 with an average attendance of 27.



Rev. E. M. Wegner (Behind Pulpit), Pastor of the Baptist Church of Carbon, Alberta, and 17 Baptismal Candidates Whom He Recently Baptized

On May 28 we celebrated our 39th anniversary. The main feature on the program was a play entitled, "The Crowns of Life," which the Rev. E. Bibelheimer had translated for us from the German. The offering went towards buying a sterilizer for Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee's work in the Cameroons.

On June 10th we held our monthly meeting at which time Mrs. W. C. Damrau, our pastor's wife, who is leaving us, was presented with an overnight case from the women of our society. Our president, Mrs. F. Klapstein, thanked her for her faithful work with us and wished her God's blessing in her new field.

Mrs. E. Helmrich, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Seventeen Converts Are Baptized and Received Into the Carbon Baptist Church of Alberta

Here are a few highlights of recent activities at Carbon, Alberta. On Sunday, June 6th, we had our second baptismal festival in our new church. Seventeen persons were buried in the waters of baptism by our pastor, Rev. E. M. Wegner, and raised again to a newness of life before a witnessing multitude of some 400 to 500 people. The Lord had given us a most beautiful day of sunshine and God's people seemed jubilant over the spiritual progress that was evident. This baptism service took place in the morning at our Carbon church and the communion service was held at our Zion Station in the evening.

Both the Carbon and Zion choirs

provided suitable music for the occasion. In the morning the pastor spoke on "My Covenant With God" and in the evening on "A Good Conscience Toward God." Both messages were based on 1 Peter 3:21. The majority of these converts had accepted Christ last fall when Rev. A. Buhler of Onoway, Alberta, assisted us with special Gospel meetings. Our prayer is that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The Lord also enabled us this Spring to improve our parsonage considerably by insulating the same with rock wool and also modernizing the kitchen.

Our young people at Carbon and

Zion are going forward with the Lord. The Mother's Day program which the young people presented was a wonderful blessing to all present and particularly to the mothers. The Sunday School is also quite active. The children presented a very fine Children's Day program. Thus every group of the church and also the church as a whole are busy building the Lord's Kingdom.

E. M. Wegner, Pastor.

Northwestern Conference

Baptism of Ten Converts and Vacation Bible School at Watertown, Wisconsin

On Sunday evening, June 6th, our pastor, Rev. R. Woyke, of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wisconsin, baptized ten converts on their profession of faith in Jesus Christ. "Unto What Are Ye Baptized?" was the topic of the message at this service. Sixteen new members were added to the church at the communion service on June 27th. Of this number, ten were received by baptism and six by letter.

A Children's Day program was given before a large audience on Sunday evening, June 13th. "The Greatest Thing in the World" was the title of a pageant given by the Sunday School. The committee in charge consisted of Mrs. Edgar Goetsch, Mrs. Art Krueger, Mr. B. V. Krueger and Mr. Walter Stalker, Sunday School superintendent.

The annual Vacation Bible School was conducted this year together with four other churches of the city during

the two weeks from June 14th to 25th.

Some of the men have refinished the floor of Fellowship Hall of the church. Also new water service pipe for the church was laid by the men recently.

Attendance at Sunday School and the morning worship service has been very fine and often exceeding the total membership.

Roger Norman, Reporter.

Mother and Daughter Banquet at the Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa

On Friday evening, June 4th, the church parlors of the Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa, were the scene of a beautiful Mother and Daughter Banquet, sponsored by the Missionary Guild girls of the church. The decorations were in keeping with the theme, "Our Helmsmen", and carried out in blue and white colors. The center pieces on the tables were canoes filled with roses. An old ship, which was a replica of the "Mayflower," and a beautiful lighthouse added to the beauty of the room.

After a two course dinner, Scripture was read and prayer offered. After a word of greeting to the mothers, several musical selections were rendered. A beautiful poem, "The Master of My Ship," was then read.

Mrs. Sophenia Jurrens, the speaker of the evening, brought a very inspiring message, challenging the mothers with the responsibility of rearing youth under present-day conditions. She compared the hull, the deck and the mast of the ship with the physical, educational and spiritual life, stressing the necessity of Christ as Helmsman to guide us on life's journey.

The offering, which amounted to \$102.00, was sent to our missionary, Miss Dorothy Walker, who is now doing translation among the Quichua Indians in Ecuador, South America. The Woman's Missionary Society as well as Missionary Guild have taken on her support.

Viola Heeren, Secretary.

Ministry of Rev. G. P. Schroeder, Interim Pastor, at Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa

Since the first of the year the Baptist Church at Elgin, Iowa has received many blessings from the Lord. On New Year's Eve we held a baptismal service. This was the last group of converts whom the Rev. P. F. Zoschke, now serving the White Avenue Church at Cleveland, Ohio, was privileged to baptize. There were eleven candidates and during the service Mr. Zoschke and Senior Deacon Carl Hackman led in a brief meditation.

On Sunday, Jan. 25, we had a pot luck dinner and farewell program for Rev. and Mrs. P. F. Zoschke and family. We miss them very much but are happy to hear that they enjoy their new field. They served us faithfully for over thirteen years.

Since Feb. 1 we have been enjoying the inspiring messages brought to us by our interim pastor, the Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Minneapolis, Minn. He has placed chimes in the belfry of our church which are played on Sunday

morning and evening before services.

Our Easter missionary offering amounted to \$163.00 and in the evening an Easter cantata, "The Resurrection Song", was presented by our young people's group. The offering taken amounted to \$54.00 which went toward our mission project in the Cameroons.

Our Junior Choir meets every Thursday evening at 7 o'clock before our mid-week meditation. We have a group of fifteen young people, ranging in ages from 9 to 15 years, under the able leadership of Mrs. Guy Probert.

Our Tabitha Society gave due recognition to Mother's Day by holding a tea on May 13. Each member brought a guest mother and also invited the Mission Society of the church. An inspirational program was presented to the women.

Our Vacation Bible School closed on June 4th. We had an average attendance of 50. On Sunday evening, June 6, the children rendered a program showing what they had learned during the two weeks. The staff of teachers, including Rev. G. P. Schroeder, Mrs. Guy Probert, Mrs. Alfred Baechler, and Mrs. James Sorenson, is to be highly commended for the fine work they did in teaching the children.

Mrs. Mabel Schneider and Mrs. Harry Johnson, Reporters.

Miss Lavona Lee of Buffalo Center, Iowa Leaves For Africa as Missionary

On Friday noon, June 11, Miss Lavona Lee of Buffalo Center, Iowa boarded the train at Mason City, Iowa, beginning the first leg of her journey to Nigeria, thus climaxing a long period of preparation and training. Miss Lee was saved in 1935 and a few years later heard God's call to the mission field. Answering the call she entered the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

After graduation from this school she took a summer school course at the Wyckoff School of Translators in Norman, Oklahoma. She also has finished a two year teachers' training course at the Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls. Immediately following this training she left for New York to spend several weeks at the Sudan Interior Mission home there. On March 9th she was accepted by this board as a missionary to Nigeria.

The church having assumed her support, the ladies of the church helped to prepare her outfit. On April 16th the church held a missionary meeting with the returned missionary, Mr. Morrow, delivering an inspiring message. During this meeting an offering was taken amounting to \$1900, which was one of the two offerings to be taken each year to provide for Miss Lee's transportation and support.

The night before she left the church held its farewell for her with officers of the various church organizations wishing her God's blessing, after which Miss Lee gave a short talk acknowledging her appreciation for all that had been done for her. She also asked the church to remember her in prayer, stating that all would avail nothing if she were not upheld in prayer.

Walter Miller, Deacon.

OBITUARY

MR. AILT EDZARDS

of Emery, South Dakota

Mr. Ailt Edzards of Emery, South Dakota, son of Frederick and Elmdea Edzards, was born on March 9, 1876 in Grundy County, Iowa. At the age of six years he came to South Dakota with his parents who settled on a farm southwest of Emery. At the age of 18 Mr. Edzards was baptized upon the confession of faith by the Rev. D. Valkenaar and accepted into the fellowship of the Emery Baptist Church where he remained a loyal member until death.

On September 8, 1898 he was united in marriage to Anna Brown, and they established their home on a farm near Emery. To this union two children were born, a daughter Dora and a son Arthur. In August 1911 this home was broken when the mother passed away, after they had shared the joys and sorrows of life for the brief span of thirteen years.

In 1914 Mr. Edzards was united in marriage to Mrs. Lydia Janssen, and they established their home in the city of Emery, where Mr. Edzards became an active businessman. After four years, family life was again interrupted when Mrs. Edzards passed away in 1918.

In 1920 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Amelia Triebwasser, and they shared life's duties for 28 years. Mr. Edzards always took an active part in church and community affairs, having served both on the city council and the Board of Education. He continued to take a more or less active part in business until, after a brief illness, he passed away on April 7, 1948 at the age of 72 years and 28 days.

He leaves to mourn: his wife, Mrs. Amelia Edzards; a daughter, Dora Klemm, Yuba City, Calif.; a son, Arthur, Emery; four stepdaughters, Mrs. Eleanor Sheldon of Boone, Iowa; Mrs. Eunice Heitman of Madison, So. Dak.; Mrs. Violet Weeldreyer of Bridgewater; two sisters, Mrs. Geo. Klock, Emery; and Mrs. Frank Dobrovolsky, Niagara Falls, New York; four brothers, John, Hans and Richard of Emery, and Fred of Mitchell; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, April 11, at the Emery Baptist Church with Hofer Funeral Service in charge. Following was the order of service: processional, Mrs. John Terveen; invocation, Rev. D. S. Wipf; male quartet; obituary and message by Rev. D. S. Wipf; special music by Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Rutsch; message and prayer by Rev. G. W. Rutsch; recessional, Mrs. Terveen. Interment was in Emery Community cemetery.

Emery, South Dakota

D. S. Wipf, Pastor.

MR. OTTO JESKE of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On Sunday morning, June 6, Mr. Otto Jeske of Milwaukee, Wisconsin passed on to his eternal reward at the age of 55 years after a prolonged illness.

Born in Poland September 12, 1892, Mr. Jeske accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of fourteen and was baptized by Rev. Luebeck. On March 24, 1913, Otto Jeske and Clara Semek were united in marriage. One week later this young couple left their native Poland for Edmonton, Alberta, where for three and one-half years they were members of the Central Baptist Church of that city.

July, 1916 found the Jeskes leaving Canada to take up residence in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where the family united with the Temple Baptist Church, formerly the North Avenue Baptist Church. Mr. Jeske was very active in the church program up until the time of his death, serving as a member of the board of trustees for the last ten years of his life. Previously he had faithfully served as a member of the church orchestra and church choir.

Truly, one cannot understand why such a useful Christian should have to lay down his task in the afternoon of life, but we can console ourselves in the knowledge that God's way is the best way even though at times it is beyond our human understanding.

Surviving Otto Jeske are his beloved widow and wife for thirty-five years, Clara; two daughters, Gertrude Luedtke and Margaret Jeske; a brother, Arthur Jeske of Edmonton, Alberta; and one sister, Erna Zapf, also of Edmonton.

The verse: "Well done thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," is a fitting and well-deserved final tribute to this life which served his Lord and his church both faithfully and well.

Temple Baptist Church,

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Peter Pfeiffer, Pastor.

MR. JOHN GIECK

of Carbon, Alberta, Canada

Mr. John Gieck, who passed away on Sunday, June 20th, at his home at Carbon, Alberta, was born on May 4, 1874 in the village of Eigenfeld, South Russia. In 1899 he was united in marriage with Miss Katherine Schell, only to part again in 1911 when the angel of death claimed his first beloved wife. The following year Mr. Gieck was married to Mrs. Margaret Neumiller and in 1913 he migrated with his family to North Dakota. In 1920 Mr. Gieck was bereaved of his second wife, and so for the third time he was united in marriage with Mrs. Lydia Rempfer in 1922 who preceded him in death on May 27, 1948.

Mr. Gieck was converted in 1913 and baptized in 1914 by Rev. G. Freigang. He and his family lived near Grainger, Alberta, since 1926 and for the last two years had retired in Carbon, Alberta, where he was a member of the Carbon Baptist Church. For a number of years Mr. Gieck served as deacon in the former Bethel Church and was an active church worker for many years, serving as Sunday School teacher.

Surviving are: five daughters: Mrs. Karl Schuler of Carbon, Mr. Leo Ohlhauser of Turner Valley, Mrs. Clarence Giese of Carbon, Mrs. Ernest Fox of Carbon, Mrs. Harry Renn of Morrin, Alberta; five stepdaughters: Mrs. H. G. Kary of Carbon, Mrs. Kay Becker of Calgary, Mrs. Ernest Wilson of Acme, Mrs. John Becker of St. Helen's, Ore., Mrs. Sam Tetz, Albert, Saskatchewan; two sons: Gust and Walter Gieck of Carbon, Alberta; three step-sons: Emil Rempfer of Carbon, Alberta, Ted Rempfer of St. Helen's, Oregon, Walter Rempfer of Calgary, Alberta; and 32 grandchildren.

Carbon, Alberta

E. M. Wegner, Pastor.

AMELIA WENZEL SCHWEDENER of Elmo, Kansas

Mrs. Amelia Wenzel Schwedener of Elmo, Kansas, was born in Gereswald, Germany on July 23, 1859, and passed away on May 11, 1948 at the age of 88 years, 9 months and 19 days.

At the age of 18 years, she came to America with her parents and settled on a farm near Alta Vista, Kansas. In 1883 she was united in marriage to Sigmund Schwedener, and they made their home on a farm eight miles southeast of Abilene, Kansas along the Turkey Creek. Here she lived for 61 years.

At an early age, Amelia Schwedener accepted Christ as her personal Savior and joined the Baptist church. She remained a loyal faithful member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church until her death.

After the passing of her husband 24 years ago, she continued to live on the farm with her son, Ernie, until her health failed three and a half years ago. Since then she had been making her home with a daughter, Esther, in Elmo, Kansas.

She leaves to mourn her departure, nine children, 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Surviving her also are three brothers and one sister.

Funeral services were held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church on May 13 with the pastor in charge. Rev. Everett Cormack also assisted in the service. The pastor brought a message of comfort from Psalm 116, a favorite passage of Mother Schwedener. She is now at home with the Lord in whom she trusted.

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Elmo, Kansas

Wilmer Quiring, Pastor.

Many Blessings of God in the Baptist Church's Ministry, Buffalo Center, Iowa

Although we of the Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa rarely report through "The Baptist Herald," we are pleased to report that by the grace of God the work in Buffalo Center is progressing. God moves in various ways his wonders to perform and to prove that there is power in the Gospel of our crucified and risen Lord. This conference year the Lord also added to our church such as should be saved. We were privileged to receive six new members into the church through baptism, for whom we praise the Lord.

Each year we have a Vacation Bible School in which our own members help our pastor by serving as instructors. This year we concluded our Vacation Bible School on June 4th. All enrolled pupils were very faithful in attendance to give us almost perfect attendance. The Gospel truth thus implanted in the hearts of our boys and girls will surely bear fruit for eternity.

On June 13th the church held a farewell service for one of our church members, Miss Lavona Lee, who left to serve as a missionary in Nigeria, Africa under the Sudan Interior Mission. On that occasion the officers of all branches of the church gave short talks and the pastor delivered an appropriate message. The church has resolved to give Lavona Lee a helping hand by taking two offerings per year toward her support.

We are happy to note that the contributions toward the work of our denomination, which our church is sending to headquarters, are rising higher each year. We are happy to learn that God is blessing the work of our denomination and we want to do our part toward the great task God has entrusted unto us.

Martin De Boer, Pastor.

Recent Activities and Plans of the Woman's Mission Society, Minneapolis, Minnesota

This is the Woman's Missionary Society of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, broadcasting a hearty "How Do You Do" through the pages of "The Baptist Herald" to the other women's societies which are affiliated with our denominational Woman's Missionary Union. We wish to commend the members of this National Union for their fine work in drawing up the Service Goal Chart in 1946 and in focusing our attention and interest continuously on the missionary and relief work through the pages of our denominational periodicals and the BROADCAST.

We have a membership of 29 women, and last year an aggregate sum of \$236.10 was spent, nine-tenths of it going toward our denominational enterprises, conference dues, White Cross work, and the ministry of spreading cheer through cards, floral and other gifts. Our church is in the midst of building a new church edifice, and our

Society has laid aside \$201.00, as per our annual report March 31, with which to help buy equipment later on.

The groundwork for the coming fiscal year's program has been carefully laid and we are enthusiastically going forward under the "bubbling over" leadership of our president, Mrs. John Adam. The other officers who are prayerfully assisting are: Mrs. L. B. Berndt, vice-president; Mrs. Fred F. Woyke, secretary; Mrs. Peter Adam, treasurer; and Mrs. Abram Wall, flower treasurer. In addition to our usual activities, this year our president is giving an inspirational talk on one goal of the Christian Achievement Plan at every session, although our attention was called to the same last year at various intervals in our meetings, and we were blessed thereby.

We covet the earnest prayers of our fellow-Christians so that we might be kept in the center of God's will.

Mrs. Fred F. Woyke, Secretary.

Special Programs Are Held by the Baptist Church of Victor, Iowa

On Thursday, May 27, the Baptist Church at Victor, Iowa gathered for the mid-week prayer service, which on this occasion was in the form of a farewell reception for Rev. and Mrs. John Broeder and their children Byron, Keith and Marilyn, who were leaving June 1st for Creston, Nebraska. With Mr. Arthur Lang, church clerk, as chairman, a short program was given, experiences of the past three years recalled, and the prayers and best wishes for much success and happiness in the new field expressed.

On Sunday, June 6, the Victor Church people were privileged to have one of their own number, Mrs. Marjorie Hayes Likings, occupy the pulpit. While Mr. Likings completes his studies (interrupted by war duties) at New York University in New York City, Mrs. Likings has been attending the Union Theological Seminary there.

A reception was held on Friday evening, June 11, for the Rev. and Mrs. Dale Chaddock, recently of Rochester, N. Y. who have come to take up their duties in their new pastorate here. Opening the evening's activities was a devotional period. A solo by Miss Phyllis Folkerts was followed by words of welcome from representative church members: Mrs. Lee McAdam, Mr. Clarence Borden, Mr. Harm Folkerts, Mrs. Wm. Salzbrenner and Mr. Arthur Lang.

THE PASTORS' CONFERENCE
at Green Lake, Wis., Was Attended by Almost 200 Ministers and Laymen!

The report and pictures of the conference will be featured in the September 1st issue of "The Herald."

In response, Mr. and Mrs. Chaddock expressed their joy in coming to Iowa for their first field of endeavor since the ordination of Brother Chaddock at St. Joseph, Mich. They are anxious to give forth the Word of Life with all boldness, stressing the corresponding responsibility of the church to uphold them with one accord in prayer. Lunch was served in the church basement for 70 persons. The tables were tastefully decorated and made bright with lovely summer bouquets.

The Chaddocks were also honored with a pantry shower during the course of the evening.

A Vacation Bible School opened on June 21 at the church and continued for two weeks.

Mrs. Merwyn Betz, Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. John Vanderbeck at the Seventh Street Church, La Crosse, Wisconsin

It is always a joyful and impressive experience when a church ordains one of her sons into the Gospel ministry. Such a festive occasion was observed by the Seventh Street Baptist Church of La Crosse, Wisconsin on June 11th after Mr. John Vanderbeck, a graduate of our North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., appeared before an ordination council, presented a clear account of his Christian experience, call to the ministry, and doctrines and was unanimously recommended to the church for ordination.

The ordination service was opened by the Rev. Martin Vanderbeck, pastor of the church, who led the congregation in the singing of several hymns. The Rev. Ben Zimmerman read the Scripture lesson from I Timothy 3, after which the Rev. D. Olson of the First Baptist Church in La Crosse led in prayer. A challenging ordination message was brought by the Rev. Martin Vanderbeck, father of the candidate. The Rev. Edgar Klatt offered the prayer of consecration with the laying on of hands, after which he welcomed the candidate into the ministerial fellowship.

The charge to the candidate was given by Dr. George A. Lang whom we were privileged to have present at the service. The Rev. B. Zimmerman gave the charge to the church. The effectiveness of it all was heightened by several solos and a selection by the Seventh Street Baptist Choir. After an appropriate consecration hymn by the congregation, the Rev. John Vanderbeck dismissed the congregation with the benediction.

Among the delegates and visitors present to bring good wishes and congratulations were the bride-to-be, Miss Edith Glewwe, a talented young lady and an active member of the River-view Baptist Church of St. Paul, and several members from the Ogden Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, which has called the Rev. John Vanderbeck as its pastor. May the Good Shepherd of our souls make our young brother minister mighty as a servant in God's vineyard!

Ben Zimmerman, Reporter.