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## ENGAGEMENTS

**Rev. Frank Woyke**  
Sunday, Sept. 5 — Bethel Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.

**Rev. H. G. Dymmel**  
Sunday, Sept. 12 — Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

**Rev. Herman Palfeniér, Evangelist**  
September 7-19 — McLaughlin, South Dakota.

**Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Evangelist**  
August 25-September 5—Wessington Springs, South Dakota.



## SEMINARY EVENTS

Thursday, Sept. 9 — Opening of Fall Term, North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.

Thursday evening, Sept. 16 — Formal Opening of the Seminary (Public invited) with Address by Dr. T. W. Bender.

Third Week, Sept. — Ground Breaking Exercises for the New Seminary Building at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Dr. George A. Lang in Charge.

## NEWS FLASH!

On August 10 Mrs. George A. Dunger and her two children arrived in New York City from Africa. Read Mr. Dunger's "Open Letter" on page 17.

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### AMONG OURSELVES

The ordination of Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, our newly appointed medical missionary for the Cameroons, on August 31st at the Bethany Church of Oregon has unusual denominational importance. It was the expressed wish of Dr. Chaffee that he become an ordained Christian minister in order that he might be an evangelist first and foremost in his missionary service in Africa. The approval of the denominational secretaries was granted. All of our churches rejoice over the fervent and evangelical testimony of this medical missionary and evangelist for Africa as they join the Bethany Church near Portland in asking for God's great blessings upon Dr. and Mrs. Chaffee.

### IN THIS ISSUE

The big news concerns the Pastors' Conference held from July 26 to August 1 at Green Lake, Wisconsin. In this number you will read the story of this successful retreat. You can share the observations and impressions of several of the ministers and laymen in attendance. You will delight to see the pictures of the Green Lake Conference. (More will follow in the next number.) Even the scholarly missionary article by George A. Dunger (pages 14 to 16) carries with it the spirit of the Pastors' Conference since it was prepared for but not delivered at that retreat. This issue is largely devoted to that inspiring Pastors' Conference!

### COMING

**A PLANNED REVIVAL** — The Rev. H. J. Wilcke, who will begin his pastorate in the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Wash., in September, makes some striking comparisons between a revival in Samuel's day and at the present time.

**A VISION OF THE BURNING BUSH** — In this second and concluding article, Missionary George A. Dunger presents the undertaking of foreign missions as the joint responsibility and action of churches at home and on the mission field.

**PICTURES OF THE PASTORS' CONFERENCE** — More pictures of the Pastors' Retreat taken by Mr. Herman Siemund and by the editor will appear in the next number.

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# EDITORIALS

Martin L. Leuschner

## September's Splendor

SEPTEMBER has a splendor all of its own to show to God's children. A mysterious brush seems to sweep over the trees and bushes everywhere until the entire scene is ablaze with autumnal colors. God is the Master Artist at this season of the year who takes all of nature and makes of it a canvas for his loveliest picture.

During this month our Sunday Schools are accustomed to hold their Rally Day programs. There is spiritual splendor in the rallying of people together for the inauguration of new activities and the launching of new plans in the service of Christ! The summer vacations are over; the time for going forward has come! It's a splendid time to be "up and doing" in the Church of Christ.

In our denominational life the page opens up a new chapter in the history of our Seminary. September's splendor will be seen at Rochester with the unveiling of one of the largest student bodies in recent years and of a full-sized faculty of five professors as Dr. A. S. Felberg joins the other teachers. The public exercises on Thursday evening, Sept. 16, with the address by Dr. Thorwald W. Bender ought to sound the note of glowing promise and high expectation for the Seminary's last residence year at Rochester before relocating in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

There is a golden glow in the many harvest festivals held in our churches during September and October. With thankful hearts for good harvests, expressed in generous missionary offerings and symbolized by heart-warming services, God's people come together in large numbers to give evidence of their stewardship unto the Lord of their lives. All of the harvest glory of fields of golden grain and of hearts of shining spiritual splendor is depicted in these festivals.

But the greatest glory of all will be the return of missionaries to the Cameroons of Africa and of the possible sailing of Dr. and Mrs. Leslie M. Chaffee as medical missionaries to Africa, if circumstances will permit. Plans are being made for the departure of the Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens and of the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson and their families in September or as soon thereafter as possible. They are eager to return to the mission field that is so dear to them. The needs of Africa are calling for their services. As the handkerchiefs of fond farewell are waved to the missionaries and as they leave our shores for Africa, the greatest splendor of all will be God's benediction and his accompanying blessing upon them.

There is the unseen splendor of September to which our physical eyes will not be opened. Prayers will ascend to the throne of God's grace and answers to prayer will strengthen many hands. The arms of faith will lift heavenward in planning for great undertakings for our churches and mission fields. These things of the Spirit definitely belong to the beauty of God's revelation in human hearts.

September is before us! It can be a month of promise. It ought to be a time of great beginnings. Such is the spiritual splendor of September!

### BIBLE TEXT

"Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it," Psalm 90:17.

All the beauty of God is unfurled in these words. The work of our hands has significance only as it is service in his Kingdom. That implies that we belong to his family, that we are co-workers with him. Such a relationship is established only by faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, by opening one's eyes to the beauty of God's revelation of grace and truth in the Only Begotten Son. Unto such, who have beheld this glory and who go forth with the beauty of this benediction upon their service, God gives power and strength and establishes their work eternally and gloriously. Let this beauty of the Lord our God be upon us always!

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### CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

We have had remarkable evidence of the sweet wonders of Christian fellowship during the past summer months. The conferences and assemblies have been grand occasions for this fellowship. The outstanding feature of the Pastors' Conference at Green Lake was the rich opportunity it afforded for Christian fellowship. We feast upon these blessings and count ourselves to be among the most blessed on earth because of these spiritual relationships. But we need to remind ourselves that such fellowship is always centered in Christ. Without him, there would be nothing left to give purpose and joy to these relationships. Let us then enjoy the many opportunities for fellowship with others of kindred minds and spirit, but let us always honor Jesus Christ through such fellowship and recognize the tie in Christ that binds our hearts together.

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### FOUR THINGS

More than 25 years ago the editor was given a book of poems by Henry van Dyke and in the reading of that book he made some remarkable discoveries of inspiration for himself. One of Van Dyke's shortest poems became the basis for an important high school treatise. It has not only stayed with me in my storehouse of golden memories, but its truth has grown brighter with the passing of the years. Look at Van Dyke's words, memorize them for your enjoyment, and then forget them if you can!

"Four things a man must learn to do  
If he would make his record true:  
To think without confusion clearly;  
To love his fellow-men sincerely;  
To act from honest motives purely;  
To trust in God and Heaven securely!"

# More Than Conquerors

A Sermon on Deliverance from Temptation  
by the REV. H. R. SCHROEDER of Madison, South Dakota

"THE LORD knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation." 2 Peter 2:9.

A minister was once invited to a large gathering of young people. He wanted to know on what he should speak, and one young man said quite frankly: "Speak on temptation, because that is one of the greatest problems that young people have to face today."

It may be true that young people have to face greater and fiercer temptations today than ever before, but it is also true that young people are not the only ones who are beset by all kinds of temptations. Temptations do not cease when a person has passed his twenty-first birthday. They follow us all through life from the cradle to the grave.

In the story of the first temptation in the Garden of Eden, we read that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil did not stand in some obscure part of the garden, but right in the midst of the garden where Adam and Eve had to see it and pass it all the time. That would imply that we have to face all kinds of temptations all the time.

Some temptations may be peculiar to youth, but older people have their temptations, too. No one is exempt in this respect; no one is even put in a deferred class. Everyone must fight in the front line trenches. Men, women, old and young, business men, men of leisure, even preachers have to meet and to fight temptations almost every hour of the day. Jesus was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. And if he was not spared from being tempted, then we should not expect to fare any better.

### GOD CAN DELIVER!

Since temptations come to everyone, we should be prepared to meet them and to know to overcome them. Our text assures us that God knows how to deliver the godly out of all temptations. Then there must be a way out. It must be possible to overcome each and every temptation. That is a comforting word, but also a real challenge to everyone who wants to be victorious.

This encouraging word comes to us from the Apostle Peter, but, strange to say, he was a man who himself had fallen before many a temptation. He was very impulsive and quick-tempered who could speak and act with-

out thinking. That got him into one trouble after another. He boasted that he would be willing to go to prison, even die for his Master, that he would never deny him, and then that very night he cringed before a maid and protested violently that he didn't even know who Jesus was.

That was the kind of man he had once been like shifting sand, but now he was an old man who had learned his lesson. In the course of years he had experienced many a remarkable deliverance himself. Now he was sure of this thing that the Lord can deliver the godly out of all trials and temptations. At first, he shrank from the thought of suffering. He even wanted to keep Christ from the cross, but afterwards he wrote: "Think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you" (1 Peter 4:12).

Trials and temptations are the common lot of all men. This is the way the Apostle Paul expressed it: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Cor. 10:13). We must not begin to pity ourselves as though we were suffering unjustly or try to excuse ourselves by claiming that we have greater difficulties than anybody else and that no one could expect us to hold out under such a terrific strain.

### THE BLESSING OF TRIALS

We should also realize that there is a wise design in every trial. God orders our lives and often makes the going hard because that is the only way that strength and nobility of character can be developed. If we are without the common disciplinary experiences of life, we cannot claim to be true Christians, for God will chasten every soul whom he loves.

The Apostle James has said: "Count it all joy, my brethren, when ye fall into manifold temptations, knowing that the proving of our faith worketh patience or stedfastness" (James 1: 2, 3). We are apt to grumble and complain at the hardships of life, but the apostle says that instead of murmuring and whining, we should rather count it all joy when we are tempted and tried. We cannot expect to win the crown without fighting, for without a cross there never will be a crown.



A Large Bell at the Mission Inn, Riverside, California

Temptations will prove the quality of our faith. A rope of sand is easily broken, but a chain of forged steel will hold an anchor in the severest storm.

Each temptation that is successfully withstood develops and strengthens the faith which we already have. Courage can only be developed in the midst of danger. Heroes are made on a battlefield and not in the lap of luxury and comfort. If we want to attain unto a full stature of a full-grown man in Christ, we shall have to keep right on fighting and struggling and making sacrifices that are painful. Jesus was made perfect through suffering, and we cannot expect to have an easier time of it than he.

### HOW TO WIN THE BATTLE

But how does the Lord deliver us out of all manner of trials and temptations? Does he do it in some miraculous way without our help, or is there something that we must do, too? It goes without saying that we must do our part and cooperate with God.

In the first place, we must believe that we can be victorious. According to an old saying many a battle has been lost before the soldier left his tent. If we think that we cannot win, we are defeated already. But if we are confident that we can come through with flying colors, then the victory is already more than half won.

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# Our Pastors' Conference Beside Green Lake

A Review of Memorable Days and Blessed Experiences  
by the REV. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Promotional Secretary

YOU CAN hardly imagine anything more like the actual scene of Jesus with his disciples on the shores of Lake Galilee than the Pastors' Conference with two hundred of our men experiencing a closer walk with their Master at Green Lake, Wisconsin. Those days from July 26 to August 1 were so wonderful in every phase of activity that they have already become an outstanding milestone in our denominational history.

great thoughts after those who ministered with God's Word.

Dr. William W. Adams, president of the Central Baptist Seminary of Kansas City, Kansas, expounded the book of Colossians in five "Bible Hours." How he made that New Testament book live anew as he pictured its background realistically, and took apart every word to get at its root meaning and Greek connotation, lifted high the doctrinal truths, interpreting the Apostle Paul with dramatic vividness!

speaker at the Sunday morning Sunday School hour. With scintillating illustrations and with fervent exposition he portrayed the contrast between the thief and the shepherd as described in John 10. Yes, the storehouse of thought was filled bountifully and minds were sharpened keenly and hearts were warmed strangely by the deeply channeled teaching ministry at Green Lake.

Near the beginning of this report, we must describe the spirit of prayer that pervaded the conference. The Chapel Car on the grounds, which was reserved for prayer and meditation, was usually occupied by the men, very often six or seven at a time. After the evening service, while enjoying some refreshments before retiring for the night, the men would sing several choruses and offer spontaneous prayers. The devotional periods conducted by the brethren Louis Johnson, Arthur Fischer, Frank Veninga, Adam Huber and Aaron Stackhouse were "green pastures" of spiritual rest and renewal. There was never sufficient time for all the men who wanted to participate in prayers. The fellowship with Christ in prayer made the ties of fellowship with the brethren that much more wonderful!

## ROOMS AND MEALS

The men were housed in the two buildings, known as the Abbey and the Long House. These were former cow and hog barns on the wealthy estate of Mrs. Victor F. Lawson. But the renovation in the buildings has been remarkable and the facilities are now more than adequate for the comfort of the guests. In spite of the fact that the men had to sleep on double decker beds, six in a room, there were no complaints. With Dr. John Leyboldt as chairman, the Housing Committee distributed the men in such a manner that they could get better acquainted with one another from various parts of the United States and Canada.

The meals were excellent, as the pastors will testify. There was always an abundance of good food to satisfy even the hungriest appetite. Mr. Krueger, the cook, found delight in preparing several German dishes during the week. The pastors, especially the men at the end of the tables, had to help in serving coffee, securing the dishes served in family style, and removing the plates afterwards. But here again the fine fellowship showed itself and the men vied with one another to be the servants of others!

## SPIRIT OF PRAYER

Everyone who spoke seemed to be used by God in making some contribution to the rich learning experiences of the week. Dr. Ralph Walker of Portland, Oregon was the guest



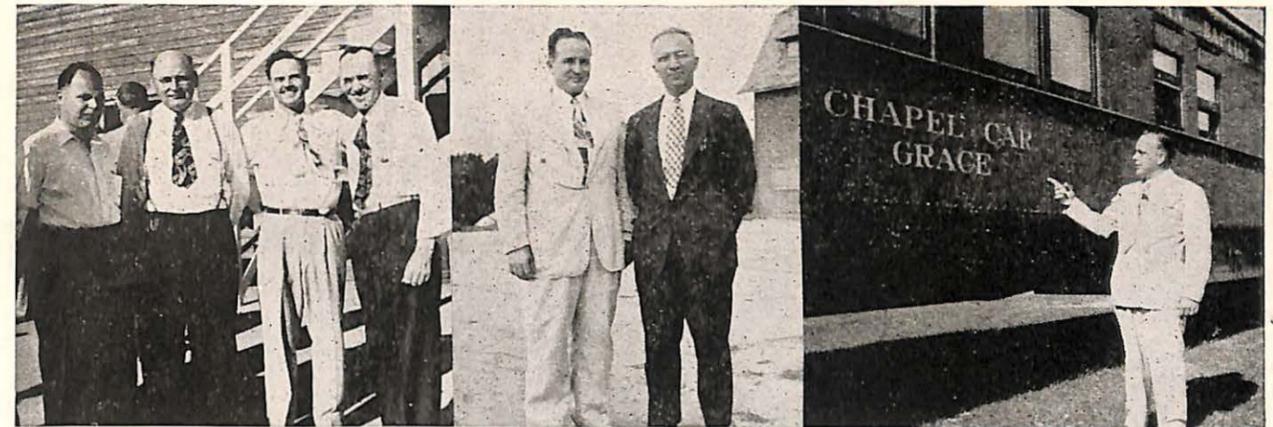
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Looking Towards the Platform in a Striking Interior View of the Abbey, Used for Most of the Sessions of the Pastors' Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin

This conference was like a page from the New Testament. The presence of Jesus Christ was startlingly real, amazingly intimate. The setting of green carpeted hills rolling down to the sparkling waters of Green Lake, like a precious turquoise gem, was entrancing. The crowd of pastors and laymen arriving from all of our nine conferences and from all points of the compass swelled until a capacity of 200 men filled all the available places in the Abbey and Long House and occupied several rooms at the hotel. Then — as in the New Testament times — "Jesus began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, . . . and he taught them many things" (Mark 4:1-2).

## GOD'S TEACHERS

The full conference program was especially a time of teaching, as the Abbey auditorium (see accompanying picture), which was formerly a hayloft, became a seminary classroom and the men took copious notes, used their Bibles and tried to think the



The Brethren A. Sootzman, E. S. Fenske, Arthur Weisser and E. P. Wahl (Left) at the Pastors' Conference; With Missionaries Edwin Michelson and George A. Dunger (Center) Posing for a Battery of Photographers; and Rev. C. B. Nordland (Right), the Official Announcer, Pointing Out the Name of the Mission Chapel Car

The program schedule provided for a certain routine of study and discussion each day. The Pastors' Clinic from 10:30 to 11:20 A. M. daily offered provocative subjects in which the ministers themselves presented their points of view and convictions. These included such themes as "The Challenge of Town and Country Pastors" with Rev. Arthur R. Weisser as chairman; "A Uniform Ordination Procedure for Pastors in Our Conference" with Rev. Fred Ferris, chairman; "Adequate Pension Provisions for Our Pastors" with Mr. Walter W. Grosser, chairman; and "Our Continued Independent Existence as a Denominational Enterprise" with Dr. A. S. Felberg, chairman and to which a fervently favorable response was given. The same hour on Saturday was set aside for a "Question Hour" with opportunity for all kinds of denominational questions to be asked of the leaders and general workers.

## DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

One of the daily highlights was the period entitled, "Looking at Ourselves." Much prayer and study had gone into the preparation for these studies. It was an uplifting and enriching experience for the pastors to look at themselves in the light of God's Word. Dr. A. Dale Ihrie considered "The Minister in His Study." "The Spiritual Resources of the Pastor" were presented by Rev. Robert S. Hess. With the trumpet of humor and the two-edged sword of truth, Rev. O. E. Krueger discussed "Ministerial Ethics." "The Minister as Pastor" was portrayed by Rev. Emanuel Wolff. Dr. William Kuhn brought this inspiring series to a close on Saturday by speaking out of the fulness of 51 years of experience on "The Glory of the Ministry."

The afternoons continued the daily program with a review of the ministry of our denominational societies, in which all departments were represented and the work of our denomina-

tion of today and of tomorrow was graphically and challengingly brought to the attention of the pastors. They really became acquainted with our enterprise by means of this part of the program and by the literature that was generously distributed and the comprehensive exhibit of denominational pictures and posters that was on display.

In addition, the Publication Society had provided for a splendid book room which was in charge of Rev. Wm. L. Schoeffel. This proved to be most successful, not only with the business transactions amounting to \$600, but also with the deepening interest in good books that was awakened in many souls.

The last program hour each day from 2:15 to 3:00 P. M. was of a more practical nature and considered "Ministers in God's Workshop." The various phases of a minister's task were presented and helpful hints given as to its successful completion as follows: "Our Ministry Through Evangelism," Rev. John Wobig, "Our Ministry Through Christian Education," Rev. J. Lester Harnish, "Our Ministry to Laymen," Mr. Walter W. Grosser; "Our Ministry Through World-wide Missions," Rev. Paul F. Zoschke; and "Ministering to Young People," Professor R. P. Jeschke.

## EVENING SERVICES

The evening services were mountain-top experiences of spiritual blessing. The singing of the men was always "tops." The rafters of that former hay barn have probably never heard such singing resounding against the shingles. The song leaders, Reverends Edmund Mittelstedt, Leland Friesen and Arthur Schulz, rendered a masterful ministry throughout the week. On Sunday the Pastors' Chorus, composed of almost 40 voices, sang three anthems under the direction of Mr. Mittelstedt. There were wire recordings made of these selections, and one number had to be repeated.

It was thrilling to hear this chorus sing! In addition, special musical numbers of soloists, quartets and instrumentalists were provided by the Northern Baptist Assembly which enhanced these evening programs.

Two brief testimonies were brought each evening by the pastors which were of such a personal and practical nature that they left the most abiding memories. One man told how he became an expository preacher; another how he overcame a very baffling speech impediment; still another how he achieved victory after several dismal failures. The work of the late Rev. Gustav Lutz, U. S. Army Chaplain, was lauded by one of the speakers, and another told about his experiences with the Alberta Indians. The men who brought such glowing testimonies were the Reverends John Grygo, Robert Schreiber, Kenneth Nelson, John Kimmel, Roy Seibel, Stanley Geis, Fred Mashner, Fred W. Benke and W. W. Knauf.

## MISSIONARY EMPHASIS

The missionary note resounded throughout the week of the retreat. Mrs. Lois Ahrens and Rev. George A. Dunger of the Cameroons mission field and Rev. C. L. Young of the Spanish-American field in Colorado were present all week long and held many conferences with the pastors. Rev. Edwin Michelson, a Cameroons missionary, was able to attend for the weekend. All of these missionaries spoke at the thrilling missionary program on Friday evening. At the close of this service as well as on several other evenings, missionary motion pictures were also shown.

The Saturday night program was an out-of-door vesper service held on a picturesque knoll overlooking a portion of Green Lake. The singing of the men rolled over the adjoining golf course down to the lake. As the sunset colors deepened into the gray twilight and the darkness of the night, the Rev. E. P. Wahl told us about the

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Ministers at the Pastors' Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin Soon Teamed Up for Exciting Games of Croquet (Left) and of Horseshoes (Right) to Be Played During the Recreational Periods

## We, Too, Were There at Green Lake!

Impressions and Observations of the Pastors' Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin

### OUR SPIRITUAL UNITY IN JESUS IS DEMONSTRATED AT THE GREEN LAKE CONFERENCE

By REV. PETER J. WIENS of Chancellor, South Dakota.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Eph. 1:3). These words fully summarize my own reaction to the Pastors' Retreat held at Green Lake, Wisconsin. I would like to reflect on three factors that became precious to me.

First of all was the meeting of many of our pastors. Being now in our work, I have often wished that I knew my fellow-pastors. This wish was fulfilled during these days.

Not only could we become acquainted but we could actually enter into real social fellowship. In these days of strain, this comes as a mighty spiritual tonic. Just to be able to forget all else and to laugh and play together brought to my heart a keen appreciation of the men with whom we are working for the Lord Jesus.

However, the greatest blessing derived came from the spiritual atmosphere and fellowship. The spirited singing, the spiritual unity and the uncompromising loyalty displayed during the week brought great joy to my heart. I appreciated the Bible expositions greatly, and especially the messages of our pastors, missionaries and conference workers, since they are, in a special sense, our co-workers for Christ.

May God help us that we might "possess the land" for him.

### SHOWERS OF SPIRITUAL BLESSING RECEIVED AT THIS FIRST PASTORS' CONFERENCE AT GREEN LAKE

By REV. G. E. FRIEDENBERG of New Britain, Conn.

The thought which led to the planning of the ministers' conference is an indication that there was a great need for such a get-together by the pastors of our fellowship. We needed this conference. Although we are members of a relatively small communion, we were nevertheless strangers to one another. That has all now been changed! Had nothing else been accomplished, meeting one another and living together for a week at the Baptist Assembly at Green Lake was full justification for our conference.

It is true, as has been said, that "fellowship is more than half of life" and at Green Lake we experienced the truth that fellowship in Christ is life itself. The atmosphere, the program and the visiting together filled up a great need in my life. The thirsty land was watered with showers of blessings. The intellectual stimulation which I received during this conference was very valuable. Dr. W. W. Adams and Dr. Ernest E. Smith and other speakers reemphasized spiritual truths that can so easily be forgotten in the whirl of one's daily round.

This conference served to stimulate me spiritually and intellectually. In fellowship with my brothers in Christ my heart has been warmed. I thank God for the privilege of having been at this conference.

### GOD'S PRESENCE WITH US AT THE MEMORABLE PASTORS' CONFERENCE HELD AT GREEN LAKE

By REV. JOHN GRYGO of Pound, Wisconsin.

The Pastors' Conference held during the last week in July, 1948 will go down in the history of our denomination as the most memorable gathering ever held.

The brethren came from the East and from the West, from the North and from the South for this delightful period of inspiration and fellowship. The scenes of welcome were touching, for many men had not seen each other in years. Others met for the first time. A quick look of appraisal, a pleasant word, a firm handshake, and the bond of friendship was established. Very soon thereafter formality was cast aside and brethren began to call each other by their first names.

The song services thrilled our hearts. The very assembly grounds resounded with the praises of the Lord. The messages and testimonies were not only inspiring but also helpful. And how wonderful was the table fellowship! It seemed that there all of us were at our best.

What amazed me was the blessed fact that not one sour note could be heard and not a single long face could be observed, because we knew that throughout our stay at Green Lake the Spirit of the Lord hovered over us.

How grateful we were for the presence of some of our grand old soldiers of Christ and many a promising young prophet of the Lord! As the records were made and the pictures were

taken, we were reminded that some day the Lord, our God, will let us have a marvelous review of all that happened during these great days.

The only sad thing about this assembly was the fact that we had to say farewell to one another. We have become richly inspired and newly consecrated. May the Lord now have better workers in his vineyard. That is my prayer!

### MOUNTAIN - TOP EXPERIENCES AT THE FIRST PASTORS' CONFERENCE FOR NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES

By REV. WILLIBALD S. ARGOW of Erie, Pennsylvania.

It cannot be said, "There is nothing new under the sun," because there is something new in our midst as North American Baptist churches. For the first time in the history of our beloved denomination a retreat for ministers and laymen was held. A more beautiful and suitable location could not have been chosen than the assembly grounds at Green Lake, Wis.

We had looked forward to it and had anticipated a blessed time, and the Lord did not disappoint us. From the first session on Monday evening until the last on Sunday night a spirit, such as seldom manifested, was felt without exception. The Bible studies, the presentation of the different departments of our work, both at home and abroad, and the discussions of the various phases gave us a better understanding and insight into our enterprise.

The prayer of Jesus, "That they might all be one," was truly answered. Never before was there such a spirit of union and harmony in any gathering. Everyone seemed to have come with the prayer and desire that we might feel the presence of the Master. Christian fellowship was cultivated in the large assembly, as well as in the dining room and on the grounds and in the dormitories. The men, having come from all points of the compass, realized they had many things in common, especially their love for the denomination and our blessed-Savior, and the privilege to preach the "unsearchable riches in Christ Jesus." The Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation to all who believe.

Many voiced the prayer of the disciples: "Lord, it is good to be here; let us build huts." But as they could not stay, so we too had to return to our respective fields and duties, but the Christ, who went with them, is with us. It was a foretaste of heaven. No one having been present could return the same. We were inspired to do our very best and pray, "Lord, forgive us that we did not do it better in the past," and ask for another opportunity to prove that we love him and the brethren.

### PASTORS, STUDENTS AND LAYMEN DWELT IN BEULAH LAND AT GREEN LAKE, WIS.

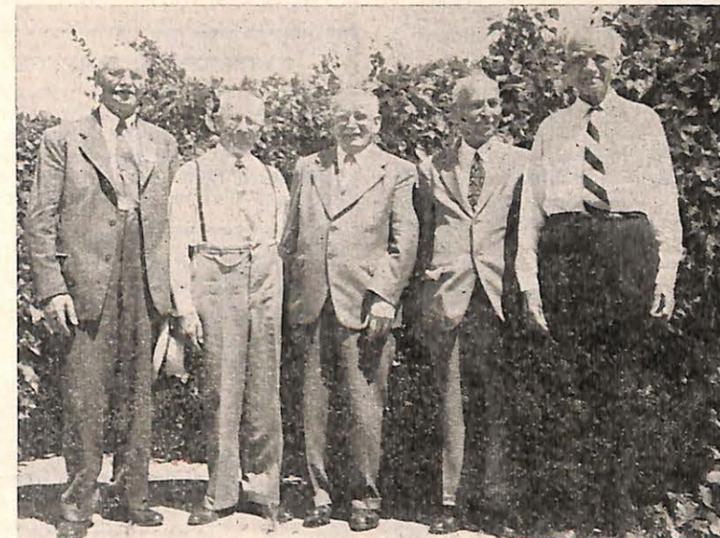
By MR. HAROLD W. GIESEKE of Trenton, Illinois, Student at the Northern Baptist Seminary and Vice-president of the National Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union.

I am writing in the historic Chapel Car "Grace" on the beautiful Northern Baptist Assembly grounds at Green Lake, Wisconsin. It is Sunday, the climactic day of our Pastors' Retreat. I am trying to set down the impressions which crowd my mind. Again

at home!

It has been a mountain-top of "bright hope for tomorrow." New and younger men are going back convinced that our group is deeply loyal to Christ and merits their support. All of us have resolved to be less critical and more prayerful. We are sure of God's place for us.

Yesterday's heritage and today's strength are ours as God's gifts. But his best is yet ahead. For, in the words that flashed before our eyes at all sessions, and in the power of his Holy Spirit still "greater works shall ye do!"



Ministers at the Pastors' Conference at Green Lake, Wis., Who Also Attended the 1901 General Conference at Berlin, Ontario, Canada. (Left to Right: Dr. J. F. Olthoff, Rev. O. E. Krueger, Dr. Wm. Kuhn, Rev. Julius Kaaz, and Rev. H. R. Sellhorn)

and again I say: "It has been a most blessed week with the Lord." Every heart seems to echo it. Although we have been staying in the midst of Wisconsin's rolling hills and on the shores of sparkling Green Lake, spiritually we have been "living on the mountain, underneath a cloudless sky ... feasting on the manna from a bountiful supply." Nearly two hundred of us — leaders, pastors, students and laymen — have indeed been "dwelling in Beulah Land."

The week has been a mountain-top of fellowship. Our pastors are no longer mere names in the denominational directory. I know them personally now. Graciously they have taken us students into their hearts in the same fine spirit that the denomination has made it possible for us to come.

It has been a mountain-top of insight. Never has our own work marched before us in such splendid array. On Friday evening we heard the Rev. C. L. Young of Colorado and three Cameroons missionaries. What a story of unbelievable advance, with God running far ahead of our feeble faith, until we have one foreign missionary for every thousand members

### TREASURES OF BLESSED EXPERIENCES AT THE PASTORS' CONFERENCE AT GREEN LAKE

By MR. MERLE BRENNER of Junction City, Kansas, a student at Ottawa University of Kansas and President of the Kansas Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union.

It is difficult to describe in a few sentences the treasures of blessings experienced during this first Pastors' Conference at Green Lake. It has exceeded all our fondest hopes and expectations. We were all captivated by the beauty of the assembly grounds and we spent considerable time looking about us with open-mouthed wonder. These beautiful resort facilities provided genuine relaxation and enjoyment. One cannot easily forget the afternoon swimming sessions, the speed boat rides, the softball, volley ball, or horseshoe games. In all of these activities there was opportunity for renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

These impressions, however, in terms of longevity and importance, are not comparable to those gained from spiritual insight and inspiration. Here one could see our denomination



—Photo by Herman Siemund  
The Ministers' Chorus Directed by the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt of Los Angeles, Calif., Which Sang at the Sunday Services of the Pastors' Conference at Green Lake

as a working unit. The fellowship proved our joy and kinship in the bonds of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was interesting to meet many of our "Baptist Herald" acquaintances as well as renew old friendships.

Along with fellowship we usually find food. Wisconsin's milk and cream (which are tops) combined with a capable chef wonderfully satisfied our physical appetites. But our spiritual appetites were noted and also cared for. The notable exegete, Dr. Wm. W. Adams, the educator, Dr. Ernest Smith, and our own missionaries, pastors, and laymen served us bounteously with the true and living Bread of Life.

I am indeed thankful and grateful for the privilege of attending this high spot in our denominational activity. The theme, "Ministers for Jesus' Sake," best expresses my own desires and prayers as I returned to my place of service.

These experiences not only have knit us more securely into the bonds of Christ but they have clarified and crystallized the scope and intent of our denominational enterprise. It is with faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and with confidence in the Holy Spirit's leading that we went home from Green Lake expecting great things in Christ's service.

#### AN INSPIRING FELLOWSHIP AND THE VISION OF GREAT RESPONSIBILITIES AT GREEN LAKE

By REV. WILLIAM H. JESCHKE of Sumner, Iowa.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1.) The enthusiastic words of the sweet singer of Israel sum up the expressions, of a consistent impression, heard from many pastors gathered at the recent Green Lake Conference. The maxim of Philip Melancthon, "In essentials — unity; in non-essentials — liberty; in all things — charity," has a true bearing upon this corps of North American Baptist pastors.

It was a thrilling experience to recognize that our men center so solidly

#### PASTORS' CONFERENCE

Another full page of news and pictures about the Pastors' Conference at Green Lake will appear in the next issue besides an announcement how extra conference pictures can be secured.

upon the Scriptures as their infallible source of every "essential," and to feel the unswerving fidelity to the basic and eternal doctrines of the Christian faith. The loyalty to and the delight in the Word of God was evident in the enthusiastic response to its reference and exposition. This group of men, it was easy to see, rejoiced in the privilege of the ministry, and they were anxious to give to it their very best in full dedication and faithful effort.

The attitude of the men coming to us from other schools and churches than our own, to labor in our section of the Kingdom vineyard, left a distinct and encouraging impression upon all. There was a rejoicing in becoming identified with a denomination true to traditional Biblical faith, a spirit of appreciation for a spiritual and aggressive program, with every reassuring indication of loyal cooperation. It is my profound conviction that our people can place their confidence unreservedly in our denomination's every leadership and can thank God for the evangelical body in which we find ourselves, and then give themselves to its work in wholehearted support.

Another impression was that of the consciousness of our responsibility "unto the uttermost part of the earth," our enlarging missionary program, and the earnestness of purpose of these missionaries represented. Without question, our part in the missionary enterprise in the world justifies and demands our existence and faithful functioning as a denomination. The conference at Green Lake was a tremendously worth-while investment in the fostering of a mutual confidence in one another, affording inspiring fellowship toward an even more effective fulfillment of our distinct trust in the Kingdom of God.

#### Our Pastors' Conference

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ministry of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta and the Rev. P. G. Neumann brought a deeply moving consecration message. Silently and reverently the pastors wended their way back to the dormitories.

The services on Sunday emphasized our Seminary and the ministry of the professors. Dr. Thorwald W. Bender challenged all the men with his earnest and heart searching sermon on Sunday morning. Professor R. P. Jeschke deserved the acclaim which he received by the men for his illuminating address on "Ministering to Young People" at the afternoon meeting. Dr. George A. Lang, president, lifted the congregation to the spiritual climax with the closing message on "The Love of Christ" at the Sunday evening service.

#### RECREATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

The ties of fellowship are especially bound by recreation and play. The week's experiences were rich with opportunities for this kind of fellowship. It was a thrill to the editor's heart to walk across the grounds between the Abbey and the Long House and to see fifty or more men engaged in playing horseshoes, croquet, volley ball and baseball as they laughed heartily and called one another by their first names.

The recreational hours also provided opportunities for swimming, tennis, golfing, fishing, boating and hiking. About seventy of the pastors and friends went on a launch boat ride on Green Lake one afternoon in a rather "dampening adventure" which still left their spirits "high and dry." Dr. Luther Wesley Smith took the men on a conducted tour of the entire grounds one afternoon following a very educational and interesting lecture about the history of Northern Baptist Assembly by Dr. Richard Hoiland. The climb up the spiritual stairs of ninety-foot high Judson Tower was made repeatedly by many of the men, from which a wonderful view could be had of the lake and forest covered shorelines. The recreational program was efficiently supervised by the Reverends Fred W. Lower and George W. Zinz, Jr.

The theme of the conference, "Ministers for Jesus' Sake" with the text found in 2 Cor. 4:5 became the spirit of the retreat. "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake." The prominent motto from a previous conference was on the platform and challenged the pastors repeatedly: "Greater Works Shall Ye Do" (John 14:12). The churches of our denomination are to be commended for their marvelous cooperation in making it possible for most

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# Memorable Sessions of Central Conference

Report by Mr. H. P. DONNER, Former Business Manager

Publication Society

THE VIRILE and energetic Clay St. Church of Benton Harbor, Michigan opened its doors and its homes in entertainment of the Central Baptist Conference for its 68th session on Thursday evening, June 24. It being more opportune for the local people, the conference met in the latter part of June in variation from the corresponding days in the warmer month of August. The innovation was well received so that the invitation of the Burns Avenue Church of Detroit, Mich., to meet with them next year was accepted with the designation that the conference be convened from June 23 to 26, 1949.

A large attendance awaited the formal opening on Thursday evening. The Rev. Wm. Hoover, the aggressive pastor of the entertaining church, spoke words of welcome accentuated by a welcoming song by his four little daughters ranging in age from eleven to three years.

The conference theme on which the preaching and the address centered was "Witnessing for Christ through Missions." A fine missionary spirit prevailed throughout the sessions and was kept keenly alive by the presence of our Cameroons missionary, Mrs. Lois Ahrens, home on furlough from Africa and who is moving among our churches inspiring them to deeper devotion to the cause that has gripped her heart.

#### CONFERENCE THEME

This spirit was progressively deepened by the addresses of the days of the Christian fellowship. The keynote was struck on the opening evening by the able pastor of the Burns Avenue Church, Dr. A. J. Harms, who spoke on "The Christ of Missions" in a compelling way to a full and attentive house. It was further quickened by the words of our promotional secretary, Rev. Martin I. Leuschner, that fell from his fluent lips as he presented the claims of the home-mission field with great warmth and strong appeal on Friday evening. This was followed by the showing of a colorful film depicting missionary activities on several Indian reservations.

The theme continued its elaboration in the great Sunday forenoon worship service with the Rev. Robert Schreiber of the historic First Church of Chicago in the pulpit. He portrayed "The Achievements of Modern Missions" in a lucid, informing and convincing way. It was his first appearance at the Central Conference.

Miss Richardson, church visitor of the Burns Avenue church, and Rev. H. P. Kayser, a former pioneer in the Cameroons, led in the devotional hours in the mornings of Friday and Saturday, both of whom had the missionary imperative as basis of their

remarks. Further mention must be made of an inspiring paper on William Carey by Rev. F. Mashner, pastor of the Beaver Church of Michigan, and of a message by Rev. Fred Lower of Kankakee which presented "The Missionary Church" in the light of the New Testament in beautiful portrayal.

With the closing service on Sunday evening came the final challenge from the preacher of the hour, Rev. Stanley F. Geis of the Linden Church, Detroit. His subject was "The Missionary's Qualifications" which he outlined in detail closing with an appeal to the young people present to put their lives into the missionary enterprise.

#### OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

The moderator was the beloved pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Rev. C. B. Nordland, whose presence gave spiritual atmosphere to the conference. He was wise and tactful supported by a good measure of humor. The Rev. V. H. Prendering of the Gladwin Church quietly and without ostentation recorded the proceedings.

The conference statistician was again the departing pastor of the East Side Church of Chicago. He stands out as one of the best secretaries in this field of service that the reporter has known. He did a perfect job, this Rev. Louis Johnson.

The elections on a single-name nomination brought the following results for the year 1948-49: moderator, Rev. Dale Irie of the Bellwood Church; vice-moderator, Rev. Arthur McAsh, Ebenezer Church, Detroit; recording secretary, Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, White Avenue Church, Cleveland; statistical secretary, Rev. Fred Lower, Kankakee, Ill.; treasurer, Mr. F. A. Grosser, Forest Park, Ill.

Newly elected to the missionary committee were the Rev. Robert Schreiber, First Church, Chicago, and the theological student, Mr. Harold Gieseke, who serves as lay member. Rev. Frank Veninga of Peoria becomes again secretary of the conference missionary committee with consequent representation on the General Missionary Committee.

The welcoming of the newly arrived pastors on the field of the Central Conference was a happy occasion. The moderator presented these men with well-chosen words and in a felicitous way. They are Rev. John E. Hasel of the pioneer Walnut Street Church of Cincinnati, Ohio; Rev. Edwin Miller, a son of the entertaining church who comes to the pastorate of the Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland and which is for him his first assignment in our churches; Rev. Otto Patzia who has come from the field of the Northern Conference to Connors Ave. Church, Detroit; Rev. Robert Schrei-

ber who hails from Texas and has assumed the work at the First Church, Chicago; Mr. Arthur Voigt, layman from the church in Avon, South Dakota and honored citizen of the state, who has left his secular calling to become pastor of the Pin Oak Creek Church, Mt. Sterling, Missouri; Rev. P. F. Zoschke, also son of the Benton Harbor Church who has returned to our conference after several years of service in Wisconsin and Iowa.

The women's meeting on Friday afternoon was, as usual, packed with interest graced by the presence of Mrs. C. Fred Lehr representing the National Woman's Union and the captivating Cameroon's missionary, Mrs. Lois Ahrens, who warmed the hearts of the hearers.

The young people's banquet on Saturday evening after a few hours of relaxation on Lake Michigan's beach was a happy occasion. It bubbled over with Christian enthusiasm and was fraught with profit. The young people took over with Leonard Schwenke, master of ceremonies. A total of 349 persons were seated at tables with fruit-belt decorations topping the meal with the traditional strawberry shortcake delectable in this fruit growing strip of the United States. The goal of \$2000 for the African Medical Unit was reported in sight and this group of Christian young people boldly voted a better goal of \$2500 for the new conference year.

#### LOIS AHRENS, SPEAKER

The climax of the evening came with the message, with film illustrations, by our intrepid Lois Ahrens. Our enterprise in the Cameroons took on large proportions. It was a Christian fellowship of young people enjoyed by the older set. There was high enthusiasm without levity, even the song sheet was devoid of non-sensical secular stuff.

The young people's rally on Sunday afternoon brought another opportunity for our youth beautifully alert to the claims of God's Kingdom participating in its extension with characteristic enthusiasm. The newly elected officers of their union were introduced and commissioned by the youthful veteran of Cameroons service, Lois Ahrens. It could be announced that the missionary goal of the past year had been exceeded with the new one well on its way. The impact of the afternoon came with the address of the denomination's promotional secretary, the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner.

This session of the conference was characterized by a beautiful fellowship, a dominating spiritual atmosphere and by Christian harmony in its proceedings. May these characteristics be reflected in the life of the constituent churches during another year of witnessing to the Gospel power.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. Vincent Sprock has resigned as pastor of the Greenvine Baptist Church near Burton, Texas, which was made effective on August 1st. He and his wife have moved to Houston, Texas which is Mrs. Sprock's former home. Their plans for the future are uncertain.

● On Sunday afternoon, July 18, the Rev. R. G. Kaiser, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church at Hettinger, North Dakota, baptized ten persons on confession of their faith in Christ at a lakeside service. It was an occasion of great joy to the church and the visitors who gathered there to witness these open testimonies.

● The First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa has extended a call to the Rev. Arthur Ittermann, pastor of the Calvary Church of Carrington, No. Dak., since 1947. Mr. Ittermann has responded favorably and will begin his ministry in Elgin on Sept. 1st, where he will succeed the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, now of Cleveland, Ohio.

● On Sept. 1st the Rev. Milton R. Schroeder of Albert Lea, Minn., began his ministry at the First Baptist Church of Berwyn, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. Mr. Schroeder was pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., from 1936 to 1943. He is a son of the Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Schroeder of Madison, South Dakota.

● On Sunday, July 4, the Rev. Phil Daum of Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada baptized three young people at an impressive service held in the church and on Sunday, July 18, he baptized a young man and his wife on confession of their faith in Christ. These five converts and two others were received into the church's fellowship on Sunday evening, July 18.

● The King's Daughters Society and the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Wasco, California recently held a joint meeting in the annex of the church in order to honor the mothers of the missionary society. The King's Daughters were in charge and made corsages for each of the mothers, following a supper and interesting program.

● The Rev. Arthur R. Weisser, pastor of the Baptist Church of Wishek, North Dakota since 1945, presented

### Attention, "Broadcast" Readers!

If you have not yet filled out the Questionnaire in the July issue of the "Broadcast," and mailed it to Mrs. Wm. L. Schoeffel, please do so at once. We need this information. Send your reply to Mrs. Wm. L. Schoeffel, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

his resignation recently and announced that he had accepted the call of the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi which dedicated its new building on Sunday, August 15, with the Rev. Frank H. Woyke as guest speaker. Mr. Weisser will begin his pastorate in the Temple Church of Lodi on Sunday, October 10.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Wegner of Wausau, Wisconsin have announced that a son was born to them on July 26th who has been named Vance Lester. It has also been announced that a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ohlmann of Whitemouth, Manitoba on July 27th and named Myrtle. Mr. Ohlmann is serving as pastor of the Whitemouth Baptist Church while finishing his studies at a Bible School in Winnipeg.

● On Friday morning, August 13, commencement exercises were held on the grounds of the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, North Dakota, at which the Rev. J. C. Gunst, national young people's secretary, and the Rev. Edwin Michelson, Camerons' missionary, were awarded the Bachelor of Arts degrees. Mr. Michelson had studied since Jan. 1, 1948 at the university and Mr. Gunst had been enrolled in the summer term.

● Mr. John Engel of Medicine Hat, Alberta has accepted the call extended to him by the Baptist Church of Glidden, Saskatchewan where he hopes to begin his pastorate during September. Mr. Engel attended the Mennonite Brethren Bible College of Winnipeg, Manitoba for two years, and served the Baptist Church of Nokomis, Sask., as interim pastor for the three summer months in 1947. He is married and there are two sons in their family.

● The Rev. Arthur Kannwischer of New Kensington, Pa., pastor of the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa.

since 1941, recently resigned and announced that he had accepted an appointment to the teaching staff of the University of Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh, Pa., where he will teach in the department of philosophy and will be in charge of two sections in logic. His resignation at the church will take effect about Oct. 15. His address will remain the same as heretofore.

● The Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., has bought the attractive dwelling directly opposite the church at 732 Clinton Avenue for Bible School classes and other church purposes. On Sunday, June 27, a total of \$10,000 was pledged towards this project. This marks the first step in the expansion program for the next year, the closing year of the first century of Clinton Hill's history. Dr. Harold C. Abbot is pastor of the church.

● The Baptist Church of Linton, North Dakota has extended a call to the Rev. Adam Huber of Leduc, Alberta, Canada to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Huber has been serving as pastor of the Temple Church of Leduc and of the nearby Rabbit Hill Baptist Church since 1941. In October he will begin his pastorate in Linton where he will succeed the Rev. H. J. Wilcke, now of Tacoma, Washington.

● On July 14 Mr. Helmuth Reimer, son of Rev. and Mrs. E. Reimer of Paul, Idaho and a Rochester Seminary student, and Miss Lyla Bresch of Esk, Sask., Canada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bresch, were united in marriage at the Baptist Church of Esk with the Rev. John Wahl officiating, assisted by the Rev. E. Reimer, father of the bridegroom. Miss Luann Herrndier of Milwaukee, Wis., a cousin of the bride, sang "The Lord's Prayer" and Miss Mildred Bresch sang "Because." Mrs. Reimer is a former student at the Edmonton Christian Training Institute.

● Miss Edna M. Geissler of New York, N. Y., the only daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Peter Geissler of Avon, So. Dak., left New York City by plane on July 31 for Stockholm, Sweden where she attended the International Conference for Social Workers. For five weeks thereafter she visited the countries of Norway, France, Switzerland and England in

the interest of her work. Miss Geissler is the field organizer and solicitor for the American Social Hygiene Association. Her area of service covers the 13 New England states and 9 states along the Pacific Coast and nearby vicinity.

● On Sunday afternoon, July 25, the congregations of the First German Baptist Church and of the Good Shepherd Bible Church (Polish) of Chicago, Ill., held a joint fellowship service in the auditorium of the First Church which has recently been purchased by the Good Shepherd Bible Church. The purpose of this service was for mutual acquaintance, since both congregations will worship in the same building for several years to come. Addresses were brought by the respective pastors, Rev. Robert Schreiber and Rev. Alex Siczko, and special music was rendered before the fellowship supper.

● On Sunday July 25, the Baptist Church of Emery, So. Dak., held a baptismal service at Lake Hanson near Alexandria, So. Dak. The congregation assembled at the lake at 10 A.M. for the morning service at which the Rev. J. F. Olthoff of Tacoma, Wash., brought the message on "Holding Forth the Word of Life." Seven young people were baptized by the Rev. D. S. Wipf, pastor, and received into the fellowship of the Emery Baptist Church at the communion service held that evening. Mrs. D. S. Wipf is seriously ill and the prayers of God's people are requested in her behalf.

● On Tuesday evening, August 31, the ordination service for Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, appointee as medical missionary for the Camerons of Africa, was held at the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Oregon. The ordination council met at the church that afternoon with representatives of the Oregon church present. The council also examined Mr. Henry Barnett, pastor of the Villa Ridge Chapel, a mission of the Bethany church and recommended him for ordination. The message was brought by the Rev. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, before both Mr. Barnett and Dr. Chaffee were ordained into the Christian ministry with the laying on of hands by the pastors present.

● The Baptist Church of Napoleon, No. Dak., held a Vacation Bible School from June 7 to 14 with 47 children enrolled. Miss Ann Swain, Scripture Memorization Worker, directed the school with the following serving as teachers: Mrs. John Zimmerman, Mrs. Theo. W. Frey, Beginners; Mrs. Otto Grenz, Mrs. Jake Streyle, Primary Department; Mr. Walter Sukut, Juniors; Rev. Theo. W. Frey, Intermediates. On Sunday evening, June 13, a

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# Resolution Adopted by the Central Conference

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Whereas the constituents of the Central Conference, believing that the North American Baptist General Conference is composed of Bible believing fundamental, "born again" Christians, and Whereas we realize that it is our duty that we "should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints," and Whereas practically all of the conservative Baptist seminaries and all conservative Baptist groups require that their faculty members and leaders sign a prescribed doctrinal statement, Resolved by the Central Conference in session at Benton Harbor, Michigan, June 24 to 27th, 1948, that we hereby earnestly petition

the General Conference through the General Council to select or to prepare a doctrinal statement of faith that is in conformity with the New Testament and historic Baptist principles, and that the signatures of the following to such a statement be required: the members of the faculties of the North American Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., and of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, the executives of the various co-operating societies of the denomination and executive officers of the General Conference, and all duly appointed missionaries for the foreign and home mission fields of the denomination.

# We, the Women

By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

### THE SINGING LIFE

An outstanding feature of our summer conferences and assemblies is the wonderful, wholehearted singing. Around the evening campfire at a young people's assembly, high on a hilltop or by the seashore, the young voices ring out in Gospel songs and choruses, spontaneously, enthusiastically. At other conference sessions the congregational singing of the grand old hymns of the church tells of the deep-rooted faith of the believer. The singing at the ministers' conference at Green Lake this summer was something unique. My husband wrote me: "One of the lasting memories is the uplifting and inspiring singing — all men — 200 voices — always four-part harmony. It's wonderful; it just lifts one." Yes, music is one of the great blessings of God, that enriches life immeasurably.

As we return to our daily life from these various gatherings, let us try to translate the inspiration of the singing into our daily living. "Let my life sing."

Perhaps you have had the same experience I have had. Often after returning from a "mountain-top" conference session I have thought that now it would be easy to live on a higher, nobler plane. And for a while the glow would linger, and life would be beautiful, no task too hard. But in a few weeks the problems, the petty irritations of daily living would again loom large, and the inspiration

of the conference would "wear off." We must strive to make each day a song. No sour notes of hatred, jealousy or pride can have a part. The sweet, clear tones of sympathy, of love and hope must ring out strong and true.

"Make me too brave to lie or be unkind,  
Make me too understanding too, to mind  
The little hurts companions give and friends,  
The careless hurts that no one quite intends.  
Make me too thoughtful to hurt others so.  
Help me to know  
The inmost hearts of those for whom I care;  
Their secret wishes, all the loads they bear,  
That I might add my courage to their own.  
May I make lonely folks feel less alone;  
And happier ones a little happier yet;  
May I forget  
What ought to be forgotten, and recall  
Unfailing all  
That ought to be recalled, each kindly thing,  
Forgetting what might sting.  
To all upon my way,  
Day after day,  
Let me be joy, be hope. Let my life sing."



The Visit of the Missionaries George A. Dunger and Earl Ahrens (Blurred Figures at Right) at Mbem, Kakaland Calls for a Spectacular Demonstration by the Boys and Teachers of the Mission School to Show Their Heartfelt Welcome

# The Cameroons Baptist Mission Witness

A scholarly presentation and spiritual interpretation of our Cameroons Baptist Mission prepared for the Ministers' Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin and now published for the first time in two installments

By the REV. GEORGE A. DUNGER, Missionary in the Cameroons of Africa  
Since 1938

WHILE MAKING a survey of the Cameroons Baptist churches in Africa at the present time, one fact emerges immediately and strikingly: The Cameroons Baptist Church survived the war successfully.

This fact is a miracle of God's grace because an aggregate of about two hundred church teachers with four thousand church members and about half that number of "Inquirers," together with four main schools and more than twenty "feeder schools" representing approximately two thousand pupils and one hundred teachers, had to be supervised and directed until 1945 by one missionary couple and one nurse. Later they were supervised and directed for some time by two missionary couples and one manager of schools.

Reviewing that situation and the accomplishments of missionary effort both of the home office and field administration, much credit must be given to the native church teachers, evangelists, pastors and headmasters of schools. The task was superhuman in proportion to man's strength. However, it was accomplished by prayer

and in faith and by wholehearted, united application.

Such programs as inadequate housing, large expenditures, lack of transport facilities, lack of trained personnel, both American and native, and — by far the most trying and precarious factor — instability of native political sentiment in the early war years, low spirituality and weak churches throughout the Cameroons had to be dealt with and had to be solved. We at home and on the mission field who applied ourselves to that gigantic task can truly say with the apostle: "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose."

### THANKS BE TO GOD!

We bring praise to our Lord and Master Jesus Christ and honor to God, our heavenly Father, for providing grace, strength, courage, means, faith and love throughout those difficult and significant years. We thank him for dealing with the hearts of people in high office, for re-awakening the home church and mission church in the Cameroons and for enabling

native leaders to share effectively in the great responsibilities of management. We praise him for giving hope, guidance and victory, for proving again the Holy Book of old, the Scriptures, to be the inspired Word of God, a historical record of revelation and a living, contemporary Word, unailing and true.

While it is a fact that the Cameroons Baptist churches survived the war years successfully, it must be stated also that these churches, their members and those who ministered to them as well as the schools and their teaching staffs did not remain unaffected by the aftermath of the war.

This fact is evident when recalling that some believers abandoned their faith; others left the services of church and school. The continued serious lack of trained native leaders — more serious in the churches than in the schools — the lack of Bible training, inadequate supervision of churches brought on a weariness and apathy here and there. Insincerity and shattered confidence helped to spread materialistic tendencies and communist or nationalistic thought, in some cases expression of anti-

white and anti-mission sentiments, and induced complacency regarding the status of the church and the younger generation and absence of a true revival.

As home churches and mission churches on the Cameroons field with missionary commitments, it is necessary for us to face this situation with Christian realism. Whatever the components of this alarming picture may be, we must place our confidence in God, for we must carry forward the task of evangelization and Christianization.

### EVANGELIZATION AND CHRISTIANIZATION

Before mentioning some of the details of the present status on the mission field, we ought to think for a moment of the terms, "Evangelization" and "Christianization."

Evangelization is the proclamation of the Gospel and the establishment of the church. Two steps may be recognized in the process of evangelization. First there is the formation of un-organized churches. There are meetings consisting of a small number of believers who are unable to support their church and incapable as yet of church management. Usually there is an appreciable number of Inquirers who are instructed in the doctrines and ways of Baptist beliefs and life by the church teacher.

Then there is the formation of organized churches. There is an appreciable number of believers who may be spiritually capable of self-support or near self-support. There are deacons, regular church services, regular activities. Organized churches aim at self-propagation and engage in various efforts to strengthen the church.

Christianization is the effort by which the evangelized peoples and churches are guided to the full Christian life by a number of means:

- Church supervision. In the early stages this is carried on by the missionary and the evangelist and later by the evangelist alone.
- Planned activities such as Sunday Schools, young people's groups, women's and men's classes and groups; strengthening of family and church life by organized activities.
- Attempt at self-support, self-direction, self-propagation; establishment and support of approved schools, Bible Schools, seminary, manual and vocational projects.
- Formation of church associations within the tribe, inter-tribal conferences and assemblies and a national Baptist Union.
- Affiliation with other Baptist groups in Africa for the purpose of united planning and



An African Native Is Shown Playing a Primitive Instrument in a Tropical Setting of a Cameroons' Forest

action for the world-wide Baptist Church.

Now let us return to some of the details of the situation on the mission field, always keeping in mind our definitions of evangelization and Christianization and their bearing on these details.

### THE AFRICAN CHURCH FACES THE WORLD

A large proportion of the Cameroons people — and that includes the church members — have undergone experiences during the war and its aftermath which are indelibly impressed upon their lives.

It may be said that the older generation is facing its changing world with more or less stoicism. The younger generation is portraying a state of psychological instability. Their minds are set towards material accomplishments rather than spiritual values, which indicates to us as an

evangelical mission a potential danger of great magnitude.

Everywhere a catalytic process can be noticed. Age-old and in many cases honorable patterns of family and tribal life disintegrate. On one hand, such a breakdown is leading to uncertainty, moral and spiritual indifference and lawlessness. On the other hand, prevailing settings for war lead to intolerance, assertiveness and cynicism. Human lives and divine values are questioned and discounted.

There is a proneness to acquire means, influence, security and prestige by surrendering individual freedom. This is an unhealthy development, for although people may participate in communal and tribal and even, national tasks, genuine spiritual growth is thwarted and finally killed.

Rise of racial feelings and expression of racial tensions and sentiments often barely conceal dislike and hatred of foreigners.

In educated circles anxiety and even the feeling of despair regarding a tranquil future of civilization is spreading. Below the outward humor and apparent carefree attitude of the educated Cameroonian lies fear. It is a fear far more potent and detrimental than that experienced in the old tribal life. There is a sensation of threat to religious and personal liberty.

### SPIRITUAL ADVANCE

Our missionary efforts — evangelization and Christianization and the Cameroons Church — must take into account these features of an existing world if the Church of Christ is to grow spiritually and expand numerically as well as to bring its beneficial influence to bear on surrounding peoples.

The program of approach and advance must encompass both the home church and the mission church. At the center of the program must stand



The Rev. and Mrs. George A. Dunger and Daphne and Amaryllis (Riding in the Carriage) Leave Mbem After a Busy Day of Missionary Work and Visiting



A Native Christian of Gom With a Baby That Has Its Neck Tied Full With Native Medicines Against Disease

the Bible and the Lord Jesus Christ himself. We must affirm anew — by confession and living example — the authority of the Scriptures and acknowledge afresh the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Both affirmation and acknowledgment provide the outline for the program as well as guidance and strength necessary for the task.

Evangelization begins with God's power. This power is continued throughout Christianizing efforts. Preaching must be aligned with action. While preaching concerns the heart and soul primarily, action centers on the needs of suffering man. It takes into account the ignorant and uneducated, the sick and the feeble, the very young and the very old and those who are in want.

Such evangelization and Christianization make men and women take notice. Such interpretation of the Gospel make men and women think. It arouses response. Such interpretation of the Gospel induces men and women to leave ancient habits of thought and life and accept the "Better Way," the only way, salvation

through Christ. Such interpretation makes the church a Family of God.

Although it can be said that our mission and the native church have made noble efforts in advancing their work, it is altogether obvious that so far the great lack of trained church teachers, evangelists and pastors has not been remedied. It is for that reason that no adequate expression of theological truth has been possible and there is no unified concept of the Baptist heritage and the Baptist way of life except in a general and, therefore, only vague sense.

With regard to education it can be stated that the schools have been fortunate because the mission, through the kindness and cooperation of the colonial government and other missions, has trained a number of teachers who are now qualified and certificated teachers. However, the activating power came from the mission and not from the local churches.

It is plain from the foregoing that it is necessary for the Baptist lay members to awaken and to share in the duties and privileges of evangeli-

zation and Christianization. Without the intelligent support by the laity, it is impossible for the church to assume the responsibilities for the training of eligible young men in evangelism, church management, theology and, in the case of schools, education.

It is true that those churches, which consist of a well-informed, evangelistically and educationally strong laity, are the ones which have rapidly grown and have developed self-government and self-support. Others — in which the laity remained dull, self-satisfied and selfish — became self-centered, spiritually defective, stagnant and soon suffered extinction.

This fact opens up an increasingly effective avenue of service and application, namely, providing sufficient and accurate missionary information and education for the lay members, enabling them to participate intelligently in evangelizing and Christianizing projects, as well as to establish functional contacts in this activity between the home and mission church. It is then that the Christian faith will become a common faith and Christian responsibilities common responsibilities. It is then that the task of world-wide evangelization can be realized.

Such a task could be accomplished in this generation if only enlightened and sacrificial believers would fully employ modern technological tools, such as the automobile, the motorboat, the airplane, the radio, amplifying systems, visual and audio-visual apparatus, printing presses and scientific means for mass literacy and mass education. The Cameroons Baptist Christian would joyfully welcome and wholeheartedly cooperate in the plan of rapid, effective, widespread evangelization and Christianization were he fully prepared, spiritually, educationally and economically.

#### A TOTAL MISSIONARY EFFORT

Several aspects present themselves, preparing our Cameroons church members, church teachers and school teachers for and aiding them in the effort of total missionary effort —

1. A program in which not only the home church and mission churches cooperate, but in which the leaders of the mission — both home and foreign — and native share responsibilities in an increasing measure.
2. The training, selection and assignment of personnel
  - (a) for evangelistic work in the unreached areas;
  - (b) For Christianizing work in the already existing organized and unorganized churches; Bible teachers; youth leaders; leaders

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The Chief's Palaver House and Home at Gom in the Cameroons

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### News Concerning the Physical Condition and Family of Missionary George A. Dunger

Missionary Dunger writes as follows in response to the editor's request for a statement:

My doctors have been successful in reducing to a certain degree the tumor-like structure and are confident that, provided no untoward developments occur, this condition can be further reduced by means of additional X-ray treatments to begin sometime in September. Subjectively, I feel much better and I no longer have very severe pain and discomfort. Although the cost of the numerous X-ray treatments had to be paid, which was very kindly taken care of through the Rev. H. C. Dymmel, my doctor stated that I — and for that matter, the Missionary Society — did not owe him a cent. He said that he considered it a privilege to be able to help me. My gradual recovery and the doctor's kindness are answers to prayers, and I thank God for his infinite and marvelous care and goodness to me and to us.

My wife, Louise, and children, Daphne and Amaryllyis, have finally left the African West Coast. Louise's last letter was sent from Dakar, saying that they were expecting to start on their transatlantic voyage. Louise recovered from a very severe attack of malaria, contracted while waiting at Duala for three weeks. Amaryllyis has successfully overcome her whooping cough and Daphne, too, has recovered from her dislocated arm (she fell out of the upper bunk while Louise was ill). We are grateful to God for his never-failing love and help, even in times of physical pain and inward anguish.

I wish to express my thanks to the many sympathetic friends and fellow-ministers throughout our churches who have written to me, evidencing their concern, love and kindness. It is no doubt due to their help in prayer and spiritual support that we are overcoming these ordeals victoriously.

### Atlantic Conference

#### Reception for Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Damrau and Family by Philadelphia's Pilgrim Church

The arrival of the Rev. W. C. Damrau and his family in Philadelphia, Pa., was the occasion for much joy in the Pilgrim Baptist Church. Mr. Damrau began his ministry as pastor of the church on Sunday, July 11th, and an opportunity for extending a welcome to the Damrau family was afforded in the evening service on July 18th.

Representatives of the churches in Jamesburg and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; Wilmington, Delaware; and the Imanuel and Second Churches in New York City, added their good wishes to those of our Philadelphia neighbors, the Fleischmann Memorial and the Alpha Baptist Churches, on that evening. The Pilgrim Church organizations also brought messages of welcome, and special music by the choirs completed the warm welcome, in which even the weather seemed to have a share!

God's guidance in the four months that the Pilgrim Church was without a pastor is cause for thanksgiving and gratitude. His leadership was clearly evidenced many times, when human wisdom failed. The greatest single cause for gratitude is the unification of spirit which made it possible on July 11th to cancel by a sacrificial offering, a deficit of \$3000 in the current expense account which has accumulated over a period of time.

The church looks forward to the future months in anticipation of new blessings which may in turn be shared with the many to whom the Gospel message should be brought in the new community to which the Pilgrim Church hopes to be able to minister in the years ahead.

Ida J. Draeger, Clerk.

### Southern Conference

#### More Than 200 Young People at the Southern Conference Encampment at Latham Springs

With "Jesus Satisfies" as our theme, the days of June 22 to 27 marked the week of the Summer Encampment for the Southern Conference Churches at Latham Springs, Aquilla, Texas. Besides the rain we had, God blessed abundantly in many other ways. Our attendance reached 206 with an average of 100 attending camp. The attendance banner was awarded to the Cottonwood Baptist Church and the mileage banner awarded to the Donna Baptist Church.

Among our numerous privileges, one was having the Rev. Frank H. Woyke with us, who was our guest speaker. We were all well impressed and greatly inspired by his messages. We were also fortunate in having Herbert Schauer and Larry De Boer, Rochester students in our midst, who served in the classes as well as leading in all singing groups. Another special blessing was having the Rev. J. R. Wyatt as our camp dean and Mrs. Claude Kincannon as dean of girls.

The remainder of our teaching staff consisted of Rev. Arthur Schulz, young people's class; Herbert Schauer and Larry De Boer, Intermediates;

Mrs. W. B. Marstaller and Miss Julianne Schmeltkopf, Juniors.

Every day was filled with activities. With classes in the morning and recreational activities in the afternoon, the day always seemed too short. The devotional periods and "singspiration" at the close of the day were always the source of many blessings. Sunday brought a blessed week to a close as "Goodbyes" were waved.

Doris Ann Gummelt, Secretary.

#### Young People's Sessions of the Southern Conference Held at Crawford, Texas

From July 14 to 18 the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Southern Conference met at the Crawford High School Gymnasium with the Canaan Baptist Church as our host.

On Friday evening, July 16, special numbers were rendered by the churches of our conference after which the Rev. H. G. Dymmel brought an inspiring message on "The Way to Fullness."

On Saturday morning, July 17, the annual business meeting was held under the direction of Mr. Vernon Ekert, president of the past year. The following officers were elected for this coming year: president, Mr. Granvil Rost of Waco; vice-president and dean, Rev. Arthur Schulz of Crawford; secretary, Eunice Terveen of Donna; treasurer, Janie Ruth Hodel of Crawford, news editors, Faye Doyle Hill and Julianne Schmeltkopf of Kyle; dean of women, Mrs. Clara Monschke of Dallas; council member, Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht of Waco; members-at-large, Rowena Henkel of Cottonwood, Myrtle Koch of Gatesville, Alvin Moser of Hurnville.

Our total goal of \$2,450 for our project was reached. We praise God for this.

On Sunday afternoon the program consisted of special numbers by different churches and installation of officers. Our guest speaker of the afternoon was Mr. Dymmel. He spoke on "Jesus as our Captain," which was a great challenge to all.

For this coming year we have a \$2,100 project which includes as follows, one room in the Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and summer workers and encampment grounds maintenance. This project started off with a "bang" when an offering of \$229 was given on Sunday afternoon.

We wish to express our appreciation to the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, who brought such inspiring messages at all times. We want to thank the pastor, Rev. Arthur Schulz, and members of the Canaan Baptist church who served us in such a wonderful way.

Doris Ann Gummelt, Secretary.

**Sessions of the Woman's Missionary Union at the Southern Conference at Crawford**

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Conference met for its annual meeting on Friday, July 16, in connection with the Conference held in Crawford, Texas.

Our business session was held on Friday morning, with Mrs. J. J. Lippert, president, presiding. At this time various phases of our work were discussed, and letters were read from ten societies revealing the fact that they were very active. In summing up the reports of these societies, we were happy to note a net gain of nine members during the past year and that some \$1500 had been contributed for all purposes by the 195 members of our Union.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: presi-



Vacation Bible School Group at the Wiesenthal Baptist Church Near Millet, Alberta, Canada

dent, Mrs. Walter Hill, Kyle, Texas; vice-president, Mrs. Edgar Bieber, Mowata, La.; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, Waco, Texas.

The song service and devotional at the afternoon meeting were led by Mesdames Rhinehard and Edgar Bieber, respectively. Mrs. J. J. Lippert then introduced the only new minister's wife in the conference, namely Mrs. Arthur Schulz, who spoke cordial words of welcome in the name of the host society. The Efficiency Banquet and a bennant for record attendance were presented to the Kyle Society, and pennants for Bible reading and for giving were awarded to the Waco Society.

Mrs. W. B. Marsteller of the Cottonwood Church conducted a very impressive memorial service in memory of the seven women who had departed from our midst during the year. The program consisted of two numbers by Mrs. Wm. Schang of Gatesville. The spiring play, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus." We were happy to have the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, general missionary speaker, and conference guest speaker, give us an interesting synopsis of our women missionaries.

The offering at this meeting amounted to \$102 and the union voted to send this amount together with \$98.46 to headquarters to be designated as follows: \$134 for Fellowship Fund and \$66.46 for the Nurses School in the Cameroons.

Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, Reporter.

**Northern Conference**

**Vacation Bible School is Held by the Wiesenthal Baptist Church of Alberta**

On July 5th the Wiesenthal Baptist Church, near Millet, Alberta, began a week of "all day" Vacation Bible School. We had an enrollment of 86 children with an average attendance of 75. After canvassing many of the homes in the surrounding districts and in town, we were rewarded by having many children at our school who do not attend a Sunday School. The enthusiasm of the entire group was an inspiration to the teachers. Some of our members, eager to be of service to the Lord, provided transportation for the children from Millet and other distant places.

approximately \$70,000. The all-masonry construction will begin immediately. Due to the high cost of building, the building of an educational unit will have to be postponed until a later date.

The ground-breaking service was begun with a regular service in the church. At the conclusion of the communion service, the members and friends took to their cars and made their way in procession to the building lots. Mr. George Stauss, chairman of the building committee as well as the board of trustees, was in charge of a most impressive service which was concluded by having everyone present join hands and sing: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

Peter Pfeiffer, Pastor.

**Dedication of Pews and Church Remodeling by First Baptist Church, George, Iowa**

Several months ago the members of the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa deemed it advisable to remodel their building in order that more space might be made available and also to improve the edifice. This work was begun very joyously and accomplished in a short time. When the remodeling plans were made, new pews were ordered which we fully expected to receive soon after the work was completed. The waiting time for the pews drew out into what seemed to us to be "endless months." However, we did not sit idly by. As the remodeling continued, we rejoiced to see the improvements which appeared as the work continued.

Our "special" was the baptistry which was placed several feet behind the platform and which has a beautiful painting of the Jordan River as its background. The painting was a gift from a church family. Other families presented such welcome gifts as pulpit chairs, communion set, light fixtures, and a piano lamp. Some of the church organizations bought a new rug and runners, and Venetian blinds for the auditorium. The cost of the finished labor together with the pews amounted to about \$4000, which has all been paid.

After the arrival of the pews, a dedication service was held on June 22, with the Rev. I. B. Berndt of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis as guest speaker. We enjoyed his timely message. The pastors and members of the Central Baptist Church of George and the Tabernacle were invited guests. Rev. H. Johnson gave a devotional talk and Rev. R. Allen gave the charge to the church by taking a glance into the future. Rev. J. J. Renz, pastor of the church, brought the glad occasion to a close with a short resume of the work accomplished.

We as members feel that the pews enhance the auditorium with a solemn reverence. We give God all the honor and praise for his guidance. May his blessing rest upon the efforts of the church and may the members be spurred onward to greater service.

J. J. Renz, Pastor.

**Pacific Conference**

**Golden Wedding Anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Otto R. Schroeder of Anaheim, California**

The Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, California honored its former pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Otto R. Schroeder on their golden wedding anniversary on Friday evening, May 21. The occasion was appropriately observed in the auditorium of the church which had been built during the 13-year pastorate of Mr. Schroeder.

Miss Esther Leuschner, church organist and daughter of Mrs. Max Leuschner who had played the original wedding march in 1898, played the same traditional "Lohengrin" for the golden wedding program. Mrs. Schroeder, in her wheel chair, came down one aisle with her son, Walter, while the Rev. O. R. Schroeder was accompanied down the other by his daughter, Lois Berger, dressed in her mother's wedding gown of 1898.

The Rev. P. G. Neumann, who presided over the ceremonies, extended greetings from the church. The response was given by the son of the Schroeders, Walter, who represented the children in a beautiful tribute to their parents and expressed words of appreciation to the church for the delightful anniversary observance.

Greetings and elaborate gifts were extended to the Schroeders by the presidents of the various church organizations. The church presented them with a beautiful plant whose fifty blossoms were gold covered silver dollars.

Due to the illness of Mrs. Schroeder she remained during the delightful refreshment hour only long enough to hear Mrs. Leuschner tell some of the highlights of the wedding in 1898.

Following this, Mrs. F. C. Krueger, the only living sister of Mrs. Schroeder, who had come from Kankakee, Illinois with her daughter, Miss Lulu Krueger, to attend the anniversary brought her best wishes to the bridal pair.

On that wedding day, May 21, 1898, a double wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Mengel in the garden of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Kruse of Kankakee. The bride's brother, the Rev. F. P. Kruse and Emma Grote (both deceased), were united in marriage at the same time. It was on the father's 80th birthday.

On May 23, 1948 over 150 out-of-town guests attended the open house and reception given for the Schroeders by their children in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stabbert on whose premises the Schroeders' attractive little home is located. The cottage had on display gifts and relics of both 1898 and 1948 as well as many flowers.

Guests were present from practically every one of the seven churches which the Schroeders had served. The oldest out-of-town guest was Mrs. Julia Kalbfleisch, over 90 years of age. Mrs. Katherine Riswig, 87 years



The Rev. and Mrs. Otto R. Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif., and Their Children (Left to Right: Mrs. Adele Stabbert, Mrs. Otto R. Schroeder, Mrs. Walter W. Grosser, Rev. Otto R. Schroeder, Mr. Walter Schroeder, Mrs. Lois Berger).

of age, of Forest Park, Illinois, had sent her congratulations through a poem she had composed. Concluding the momentous occasion, the Schroeder family gathered in their parents' cottage as Mrs. Schroeder read a poem which she had composed, called, "Appreciation," to them.

All the children were present to celebrate the golden anniversary with their parents: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schroeder of Ontario, California; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grosser of Oak Park, Illinois; Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Berger of San Francisco, California and daughter Norma Jean; and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Stabbert and daughters, Donna and Joan, of Anaheim, California.

**Mission in Costa Mesa, California, a Project of Bethel Church of Anaheim**

The Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., reports that its new project in Costa Mesa city and area, with

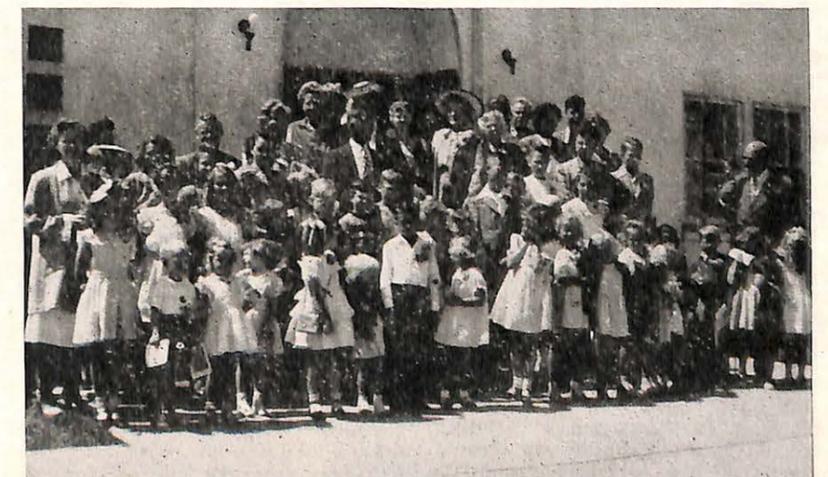
a population of approximately 40,000 and with no Baptist church there, is making wonderful progress.

The work was begun through the vision of our pastor, Rev. P. G. Neumann, and his tremendous and divinely inspired enthusiasm for the salvation of precious souls. The Costa Mesa Church meets in the American Legion Hall in Costa Mesa every Sunday morning. Their prayer meeting is held every Thursday in the home of one of the members.

Mr. Menno Thiessen is assisting our pastor in this encouraging work. The largest attendance thus far has been 73. They have now secured a very fine building site, where in due course of time they plan to build a fine church.

Recently they met to plan for an evangelistic tent campaign to be held in the Fall. We have fine, substantial people in our Costa Mesa group. All are most enthusiastic and expect great things from the Lord. Please remember this missionary enterprise of our church in your prayers.

Ella Sitenhof, Reporter.



Children and Adults in Attendance at a Sunday Morning Meeting of the Baptist Mission at Costa Mesa, California Held in the American Legion Hall

**Dakota Conference**

**Vacation Bible School With 30 Children Is Held at Bismarck, North Dakota**

From June 14 to 27 a very fine Vacation Bible School was held in the Bismarck Baptist Church of Bismarck, No. Dak. Thirty children were in attendance. Again this year Mrs. Betty Singer was in charge of the school,



Children at the Vacation Bible School Held by the Bismarck Baptist Church of Bismarck, No. Dak.

assisted by Mr. Anderson and Miss Jean Wahl. Mrs. Singer and Mr. Anderson have been attending the School of the Bible in Philadelphia, Pa.

Both of these teachers spared themselves no effort in making the school a success. Each morning they drove to various homes to gather some of the children and then took them home again when school was over.

On Sunday morning, June 27, instead of the regular Sunday School, a very fine program was presented by the children of the Vacation School. An offering of \$50.00 was received which was given to the teachers in appreciation for their splendid service. During the school period the children brought regular offerings. This went to the Crippled Children's Home in Jamestown, No. Dak.

We are confident that the lessons learned by the children in these two weeks will not soon be forgotten. May the seed that was sown soon grow into a fulness of Christian living.

Edward Kary, Pastor.

**Birthday Program of Missionary Society and Baptismal Service at Lehr, North Dakota**

On Friday evening, July 9, the Ladies Aid of Lehr, No. Dak., held its annual birthday party and program in the church. Husbands of the society's members and other church members and friends were also in attendance. Mrs. Fred Goebel was in charge of the meeting. Several special songs were sung by the entire group and a dialogue, written by Mrs. H. J. Waltereit, entitled, "Doing God's Will," was given by three women. A two-tiered birthday cake served as the center piece, on which a candle was lighted for each member. A delicious lunch was served to all guests.

A baptismal service was held in the Wishek Baptist church of Wishek, No.

Dak. on Sunday afternoon, July 18. Sixteen persons followed their Lord in baptism. The Rev. Arthur Weisser was our guest speaker and brought a very fitting message entitled, "I will Build My Church." The Rev. H. J. Waltereit, our pastor, baptized the candidates.

Mrs. John Kranzler, Reporter.

**Mission Play Is Presented at Hoffnungsfeld Church, a Station of Eureka, So. Dak.**

The young people of the Hoffnungsfeld Station to the Baptist Church of Eureka, South Dakota gave their annual program in June, and presented a 45 minute six-act play entitled, "A Vision from God." This play was written and directed by our minister's wife, Mrs. Albert Krombein. Seventeen young people took part in this mission play which was very well presented to a large audience in the Hoffnungsfeld country church.



Young People of the Hoffnungsfeld Station of Eureka, South Dakota Who Presented the Mission Play, "A Vision From God."

The young people's choir and men's chorus furnished the music for the evening. Our society consists of 27 members and Mrs. Krombein is our president.

Ruby Flock, Secretary.

**Birthday and Anniversary Program of the Tripp and Parkston Woman's Missionary Societies**

The annual birthday celebration of the Mission Societies of Tripp and Parkston, So. Dak., was held in connection with our annual program this year. It was given first in Tripp and then in Parkston, both times to large and appreciative audiences. After a song by the combined societies, "Let Us Walk in Love," the reports of the societies were given by the secretaries.

Both societies were "Gold Seal" according to the standard set up by our National Union. We sent clothing and food to the needy in Europe, contributed toward home and foreign missions, remembered the sick and shut-ins with flowers and plaques. The Tripp Society bought silver, a stove, cupboards and a carpet for its church. The Parkston Society also bought silver, a stove and other useful things for the church kitchen.

In accordance with the theme of our program on "Stewardship," the Tripp Society gave the dialogue, "Tithen Eggs." The Parkston Society showed us the reward of such service in the dialogue, "The Crowns of Life." The

offering amounted to more than \$100.

We have missed our beloved sisters, Mrs. F. Schneider and Mrs. Fred Lipfert, who have gone to be with the Lord. In a memorial service we recalled the faithful service and the inspiration which their lives had been in our society. Several of our meetings, such as Prayer Day and Thanksgiving, are held together. Our mite boxes are opened at the birthday meeting, and these amounted to over \$125 this year.

Mrs. H. G. Braun, Reporter.

**Central Conference**

**Baptismal Service and Special Programs at the Beaver Baptist Church of Michigan**

"They that gladly received His Word were baptized." Acts 2:41. As the result of an Instruction Class on Membership in the Beaver Baptist Church near Midland, Mich., conducted by our pastor, Rev. Fred Mashner, one hour each week for seven weeks, we are happy to report the gain of eight persons who followed Christ in baptism on Sunday evening, June 13, and who on Sunday July 4, were given the hand of fellowship. We are thankful to God for the faithful working of our pastor and his family, whom we dearly love and whose efforts are bearing fruit.



The Rev. Fred Mashner of the Beaver Baptist Church Near Midland, Michigan and Eight Young People Whom He Recently Baptized.

Sunday, June 6th, marked a day of special blessing to us because of the presence of Prof. Thorwald Bender of our Seminary at Rochester, N. Y. He brought the message in the morning worship service and in the evening he spoke on "Fingertip Faith" at our young people's anniversary program.

Two weeks of Vacation Bible School were concluded with a combined Children's Day and Bible School program on Sunday morning, June 20th. Missionaries Edwin and Verna Michelson were our guests for the evening service. Their challenging message of the power of the Gospel in the Cameroons and of how God is using our missionaries was one of great significance to us. We as a church have a special interest in that field since one of our young people, Esther Schultz, is among the laborers. Our church supports Esther Schultz as our mission project in the Cameroons of Africa.

Marie Rinas, Reporter.

**Rich Blessings and Fellowship at the Michigan Tri-Church Rally at Alpena**

The blessings of the past are still ringing in our hearts as we reminisce about the two days spent in Alpena at the Michigan Tri-Church rally on July 10 and 11. The rally officially opened on Saturday afternoon with three classes. A study course was presented during each class with the ministers from the three churches presenting the lessons. Rev. F. Mashner of the Beaver Church brought a lesson on "The People Called Baptists;" Rev. R. Grenz of Alpena on "Investment in Christian Living;" and Rev. V. Prendinger of the Round Lake Church of Gladwin on "Living Abundantly." All lessons proved most interesting and instructive.

We considered it a great privilege to have as our guest throughout the rally the Rev. M. L. Leuschner who showed films on Saturday evening and explained our denominational work — primarily in the Cameroons field of Africa. Donald Witt of Detroit again thrilled our hearts with his violin playing accompanied on the piano by Carl Witt, Jr. After the evening service we gathered on the shores of Lake Huron and around campfires our hearts were warmed in a service led by Mr. Ruben Thom of Alpena, a student at the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago. After the very inspirational service we all enjoyed a marshmallow roast.

Sunday was a day rich in blessings and Christian fellowship. The Sunday School lesson was brought to us by Adolph Braun of Beaver, a student at the North American Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y. Virginia Schmidt, also of Beaver and a student at the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago, gave a word of testimony. The morning worship service was conducted by Mr. Grenz with music by the Alpena male quartet and choir. Mr. Leuschner brought a message which lifted us to great spiritual heights on the topic, "The Royal Scepter."

After the morning service about forty Alpena young people and rally guests went to the city hospital to minister to the sick. Songs were sung and Donald Witt played a violin number on each of the three floors. Tracts and Christian literature were distributed to the patients. It is a weekly practice of the Fourth Avenue young people to visit the hospital and minister unto the sick.

Sunday afternoon was spent in sight-seeing, visiting, and transacting business. The Rev. F. Mashner brought a fine message on "An Ideal Deacon."

The evening service brought the rally to a close. A consecration service was conducted by Mr. Mashner with Helma Johnson, president, presenting the charge to the newly elected officers. Mr. Bert Braun of Beaver gave a personal testimony. Dr. Leuschner's message on "This Is Life" was a stirring message and concluded with a call for reconsecrated



Officers of the Michigan Tri-Church Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union (Right to Left: Mr. Edwin C. Schultz, President; Mr. Douglas Gross, Treasurer; Miss Marjorie Weinkauf, Vice-president; Miss Laura Pahl, Secretary; Miss Barbara Russell, Pianist; Rev. F. W. Mashner, Dean)

Christian youth to which several responded.

Our project for the coming year is again in accord with the Central Conference Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. We have pledged ourselves to raise \$450 for the Medical Unit.

Mrs. Ruth Braun, Reporter.

**Vacation Bible School Held at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio**

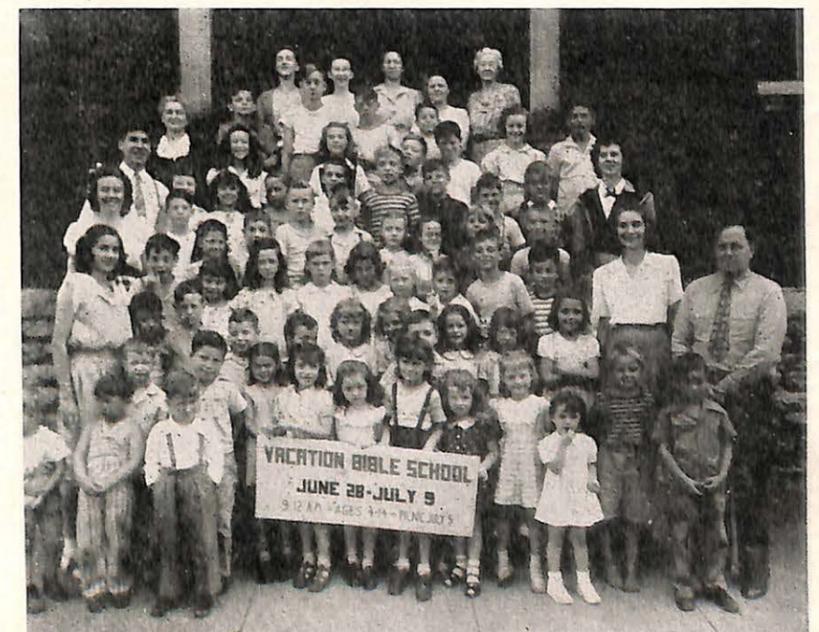
The Walnut Street Baptist and the Asbury-Third Methodist Churches of Cincinnati, Ohio, began the week of Monday, June 28, with a record-break-

ing attendance of 86 children at Vacation Bible School, held in the Walnut Street Baptist Church. The Bible School opened with a parade in which children ranging from ages 2 to 14 participated by waving Christian and American flags, blowing horns, singing, and inviting other neighborhood children to the school.

On July 5 the school sponsored a picnic at the Pillar of Fire Grounds. The Bible School of two weeks closed with Parents' Night on Friday, July 9. The offering given by the children went to aid the colored orphanage Vacation Bible School sponsored by the Council of Churches of Cincinnati. The Rev. John Hasel (left in the accompanying picture) of Walnut Street Church and Rev. Harry Burks (right) of Asbury-Third Church were the leaders of the school, assisted by twelve workers.

Mrs. John Hasel, Reporter.

**NOTICE!**  
Several reports have had to be held over until Sept. 15, 1948 for publication.  
EDITOR.



Children and Teachers at the Vacation Bible School Sponsored Jointly by the Walnut Street Baptist and the Asbury-Third Methodist Churches of Cincinnati, Ohio.

## Welcome Service for Rev. H. John Vanderbeck at the Ogden Park Church of Chicago, Ill.

"In shadow, in sunshine . . ." sang the choir of the Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., (prophetically, perhaps) in honor of the newly-called pastor, the Rev. H. John Vanderbeck.

The welcome service was held on Wednesday, July 30, with a number of representatives from East Side, First, Grace, Humboldt, and Immanuel Churches of Chicago participating in the joyous occasion. The Rev. Eddie Sivertsen, interim pastor for the last three Sundays, also took part.

Mr. Otto Horn, chairman of the board of deacons, presided. The Rev. A. G. Schlesinger, pastor of the Humboldt Park Church, read Scripture and led in prayer. Leaders of the church's six organizations expressed their welcome and pledged cooperation. The girls' trio sang "Faith in God."

Dr. William Kuhn was speaker for the evening. He adroitly compared the union of a pastor to his church with another kind of union, that of a groom and his bride. Choice bits of advice were included, such as a man who has served our Lord over fifty years might well give young Mr. Vanderbeck who is beginning his first pastorate.

The Ladies' Aid committee prepared Kaffee und Kuchen (coffee and cake to the "Yankee" German Baptists) and our Guild Girls served. We of the Ogden Park fellowship hold to God's promise as recorded in Joshua 1:9: "Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee."

Margaret Thompson, Reporter.

## More Than Conquerors

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So do not take all the hard knocks of life lying down! Do not let the tempter rob you of your faith. Do not be a defeatist, but stand up like a man and your chances of winning will be far greater.

The second thing that we must do is to avoid unnecessary risks. Some seem to think that they can play with fire without getting scorched. To play with fire is always a dangerous thing. You never know when it may get out of your control. Instead of inviting temptation, go far out of its way. That isn't acting cowardly; that is the part of wisdom. Avoid evil companions.

They may think it smart. They want to be sophisticated and shock decent people by doing things they shouldn't do. Some delight in reading trashy, vulgar literature or in viewing pictures that are entirely too suggestive. If they continue to follow such a course, they will have no one but themselves to blame for their downfall.

But there is also a positive side to this question. We must open our hearts to that which is good, engage in some helpful service, be busy about

## Our Pastors' Conference

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of their pastors to attend. The spiritual dividends will be returned to you a thousandfold. A reel of motion pictures in color is now being prepared which will be shown in many of the churches in forthcoming months.

A great deal of the success for the smooth functioning of the conference was due to the official announcer, Rev. C. B. Nordland. He also took care of the transportation needs of the men until he had added 704 miles to his car's speedometer during that week. The Rev. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, served as the capable chairman at most of the services. The financial transactions were carried out with precision by Mr. Roland E. Ross, comptroller. The attractive programs for the retreat were printed by the Publication Society. All five hundred copies were taken in a hurry, so that they have already become "a collector's prize."

The memory picture of Green Lake and of the wonderful fellowship of those retreat days are now indelibly impressed upon the souls of those who attended. How that picture, both for its color and challenge reminds one of the words of the song:

"In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word,  
Rise up and follow Thee."

the Lord's work. "Overcome evil with good." "Walk in the Spirit, and you'll not fulfill the lusts of the flesh."

Anyone who is busily engaged in helping others will find that he is helping himself, too. That is the way the Apostle Peter was delivered out of many a trying situation. Jesus said to him: "Simon, Simon, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not, and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren" (Luke 22:31-32). By being concerned about others and trying to save others, he saved himself.

After Christ had risen from the dead, he appeared unto Peter on the shores of the Sea of Tiberias and reinstated him as an apostle, and there he gave him his commission: "Feed my sheep! feed my lambs." Peter would have gone down in defeat if he had not been willing to accept some definite responsibilities.

We too, must be ready to engage in some definite work. We must fall in line with those who work earnestly and seriously for the salvation of others, and as we do that our temptations to do evil will vanish like mist before the sun. The Lord can deliver us, but only as we are obedient to his call!

## "What's Happening" News

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fine closing program was presented to the church. On Sunday, May 29, the Rev. Theo. W. Frey extended the hand of fellowship to 9 new members of whom eight young people had followed the Lord by baptism on the previous Sunday.

● From June 20 to July 4 evangelistic meetings were conducted in the Baptist Church of Elberta, Alabama with the Rev. Philip Potzner of Bethlehem, Pa., a former pastor of the church, serving as evangelist. By means of a loud speaker the services could be heard by many in the vicinity who were not able to attend the services. Several persons responded to the Gospel invitation. On Sunday, July 4, the pastor, Rev. L. Hoeffner, baptized three women at an impressive baptismal service held at Peter's Point, a beauty spot near Elberta. At the communion service held that evening, Mr. Hoeffner received these three converts and two others into the fellowship of the church.

● On Tuesday evening, June 22, the King's Daughters' Society of the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., presented the two-act play, "Polly Put the Kelly On." Miss Georgianna Ehrhardt is president of the society for the next year. The Vacation Bible School of the church was held from July 5 to 16. During the summer months the pulpit of the church is being supplied by Mr. Alvin Wetter of Benton Harbor, Mich., a Senior student at our Rochester Seminary. The Evergreen church has also recommended Mr. Sam Appel for the Gospel ministry and for studies at our Rochester Seminary. Both Sam and Paul Appel, sons of the former Evergreen Church pastor, Rev. W. J. Appel, will be Seminary students at Rochester, N. Y., this Fall.

● The Rev. G. Beutler of Ebenezer, Sask., Canada baptized 13 converts on Sunday morning, July 18, in the waters of York Lake at Yorkton, Sask. The Rev. Arthur Ittermann of Carrington, No. Dak., and the Rev. J. Wenham of the First Baptist Church of Yorkton spoke to the large crowd that had assembled. In the afternoon four of these converts were received into the East Ebenezer Church at the communion service at which the Rev. A. F. Runtz of St. Joseph, Mich., was the special speaker. In the evening Mr. Beutler extended the hand of fellowship to 21 new members at Yorkton, including some of those who had been baptized that morning. The Fonhill Baptist Church has dissolved as an organization and the few remaining members have been received into the church at Yorkton.

## :: OBITUARY ::

### MR. HERMAN FAESNER of Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Hermann Faesner of Detroit, Mich., was born in Warsaw, Poland on Nov. 2, 1876. His parents were John and Elenor Waschnik Faesner. He was converted at the age of nineteen. He came to America and settled in Detroit, Mich. in 1907. He was a member of the Burns Ave. Baptist Church. He married Lena Staub in 1909.

His wife preceded him in death on March 26, 1937. Brother Faesner was an earnest Christian and faithful attendant of the church services. He departed this life on May 29, 1948.

The funeral service was conducted by Dr. A. J. Harms in the Burns Ave. Church. He leaves to mourn his loss three sisters: Anna Mueller and Maria Englert in Europe, and Julia Schmidt, two nephews and one niece in Detroit. His grand-niece sang at the funeral service, "No Night There" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus."

Burns Ave. Baptist Church,  
Detroit, Mich.

A. J. Harms, Pastor.

### MRS. MARY TIMM of Alpena, Mich.

Mrs. Mary Timm, nee Werner, of Alpena, Mich., was born in Germany on April 2, 1875. She migrated with her parents to Russia and was united in marriage to Ferdinand Timm, Sr., on March 2, 1893. The Timm family returned to Germany and established their home near Mr. Timm's birthplace. In 1914 the family came to this country and took up residence on a farm in Ossineke Township in Michigan.

Thirty-seven years ago, after having accepted Christ as her Savior, Sister Timm was baptized by the Rev. D. Kelletat. After coming to Ossineke Township she united with the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church of Alpena where she witnessed for her Lord to the end of her life.

Mrs. Timm passed away late in the evening of June 23 at her home following a year's illness. She attained the age of 73 years, 2 months, and 21 days. Mr. Timm died on January 26, 1948 and a daughter died 30 years ago.

She leaves to mourn her departure nine sons, five daughters, thirty-two grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

Alpena, Mich.

Richard A. Grenz, Pastor.

### MR. FREDRICK YUCH of Galetta, Ontario, Canada.

Mr. Fredrick Yuch of Galetta, Ontario, Canada was born on Feb. 24, 1859 in Brandenburg, Germany, and passed away on July 10, 1948 at the home of his grandson, Vernor Yuch. In 1883 he was married to Alvina Whart, and two years later emigrated to Canada, making his home in Eganville, Ontario. One year later he moved to a farm south of this town where he spent 47 years of his life.

At the age of 28 he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized by Rev. S. Whiton and joined the Lyndock Baptist Church. Being a talented and ardent Christian, the church honored him to serve for a number of years as elder and Sunday School superintendent. In 1932 he and his eldest son Richard moved to Galetta on a farm. Here he joined the First Baptist Church of Armprior, and remained a faithful member until his departure. The eldest son Richard and a daughter Mayme preceded him in death.

Surviving besides his widow are: one son Albert, Kingston, Ont.; three daughters, Mrs. John Wolf of Rockingham, Mrs. Richard Jahn of Armprior, and Mrs. Julius Juhl of College Heights, Alta.; one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Richard Yuch, Armprior, Ontario, Canada and 15 grandchildren.

Undersigned endeavored to speak of comfort to the bereaved based on Ps. 5:8. "We Are Confident."

Armprior, Ontario, Canada

A. Stelter, Pastor.

### MRS. EMMA SCHWEIGERT

of McLaughlin, South Dakota.

Mrs. Emma Schweigert, nee Mayer, of McLaughlin, So. Dak., was born on February 6, 1889 in Ashley, N. D. In 1905 she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ, and on Nov. 5, 1905 Rev. C. Burhof baptized her, and she became a member of the Baptist Church of Jewell, a mission of our church at Ashley, N. D.

On March 3, 1908 she was united in marriage with Mr. Jacob Schweigert. The Lord blessed this union with eight children, of which three passed away in childhood. She leaves her bereaved husband; two daughters: Mrs. Andrew Bertsch and Mrs. Chris Aldinger; three sons: Henry, Theodore and Reuben; nine grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Clara Peterson of Cork, Washington; and two brothers: Emil Mayer of Grand Forks, N. D. and Albert Mayer, Seattle, Washington.

The family lived in North Dakota and Montana and settled finally in McLaughlin, S. D. Mrs. Schweigert served her Lord in the following churches: Ashley, N. D., Bismarck, N. D., Plevna, Montana, and McLaughlin, S. D. She served as president of the Ladies' Aid, as treasurer, and occasionally as Sunday School teacher. She was known as a faithful Christian throughout her life. On July 8th at 7:30 A. M. at the age of 59 years, 5 months and 2 days she went to her heavenly abode to be with her Savior. Blessed be her memory. The Reverends O. Lohse, E. Fenske and the undersigned conducted the funeral service.

McLaughlin, South Dakota

Alex Sootzmann, Pastor.

### MRS. WILLIAM GRAF of Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Mathilde Billeter Graf of Portland, Oregon, widow of the late Rev. William Graf, was born on April 22, 1859 in Birschofszell, Canton Thurgau, Switzerland and went to be with her Lord on May 20, 1948. She emigrated with her parents to America in 1882 and lived on a farm near Oregon City, Oregon. On Dec. 11, 1894 she was married to William Graf and settled on a farm in Bethany, Oregon. Four children were born to this union, three of whom preceded their parents in death.

As a young girl in Switzerland, Mrs. Graf accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and was baptized and received into the Baptist fellowship. She dearly loved the Lord and his work and faithfully supported her husband when he became pastor of the Baptist Church in Startup, Washington in April 1907.

In September 1913 Mr. Graf became the beloved pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church and Mrs. Graf was untiring in her efforts to further the work of the Lord until her husband's death in August 1934. She then entered the Baptist Home for the Aged in Portland where she remained until the time of the death. Her charming and winsome ways endeared her to all the guests and personnel of the Home.

She is survived by her son, Paul W. Graf of Pendleton, Oregon; her foster son, Carl Billeter of Oregon City; two brothers and three sisters. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . . they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Bethany Baptist Church,

Portland, Oregon

Frank Friesen, Pastor.

### MRS. MARTHA LANGE of North Freedom, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Martha Lange, daughter of Karl and Wilhelmina Grosinske, was born in the town of Freedom, Wisconsin on December 28, 1875, and passed away in her home in North Freedom, Wisconsin on July 29, 1948 at the age of 72 years, 7 months and one day.

At the age of 18 she gave her heart to Jesus Christ as her Savior, whom she then followed in baptism and was accepted into the fellowship of the North Freedom Baptist Church by the Rev. G. Engelmann. In this church she remained a loyal and faithful member during the rest of her life. Here, also, she found a place to give expression to her talents, which were varied. She was a member of the church choir, taught a Sunday School class and served as president of the Ladies Mission Society

for many years, besides contributing of her material means for the support of the church in which she loved and for missions, in which she was greatly interested.

On September 14, 1904, she was united in marriage to Mr. Richard Lange, who preceded her in death on December 21, 1941. Together Mr. and Mrs. Lange enjoyed serving God through the church and helping in the community where help was needed. To this happy union two daughters, Wanda and Wilma, were born, but God saw fit to take these children to him very early in their lives. Their love for children moved their hearts to adopt a son, Phillip, who is now teaching in Korea.

During the past few years Mrs. Lange had not been in very good health. In July of 1947 she suffered a slight stroke from which she never recovered. She was taken to the hospital and then brought back to her home, where she remained under the care of a nurse and her sisters until she passed away.

Her passing is mourned by her adopted son, Dr. Phillip Lange and his wife Irene; one grandson, Richard; three sisters: Mrs. O. G. Kleine and Mrs. Burr Dickie of North Freedom, Mrs. Julius Matz of Bismarck, North Dakota; Mrs. Ray Holz, for whom Mr. and Mrs. Lange made a home, a great host of other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death were three brothers and six sisters.

She is gone but not forgotten. Her influence will continue, "and her works do follow her."

North Freedom, Wisconsin

Thomas Lutz, Pastor.

## The Camerons Witness

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for Baptist community centers; women and child welfare centers; leaders for Baptist cooperative societies; sanitary instructors; leaders in Christian Education; leaders in Christian agricultural and rural projects; leaders in vocational training.

### 3. The means for a total missionary effort

- (a) Training of native Christian leaders;
- (b) Bible teaching;
- (c) Literacy campaigns;
- (d) Christian literature distribution;
- (e) Use of scientific aids (radio, visual aids, etc.);
- (f) Establishment of Baptist and Christian councils;
- (g) Larger funds;
- (h) Lay participation.

### 4. Spiritual Requirements

(a) The inner life of the church must be renewed. The church must become the local center of Christian life and action.

(b) The church must become again the vanguard in the fight against ignorance, suffering and sin.

(c) The Baptist home must become again the focal point of consecrated family life in which the children are led to Christ.

(d) Education must become Christ-centered, an effort in which not mere book knowledge is the objective, but fitness for Christian life within the community, a life dedicated to Christ and service for mankind.

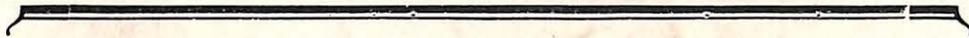
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