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Northern North Dakota Young People at Lake Bentley

DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Evangelist
August 14-21 — North Side Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, So. Dak.
Rev. Jacob Meister of Berlin, Germany
Wednesday Evening, August 17 — Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill.
Thursday Evening, August 18 — Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa.

CONFERENCES AND ASSEMBLIES

August 22-28 — General Conference at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
August 29-Sept. 5 — Atlantic Conference Young People's Assembly at Denton Lake, New York. Miss Laura E. Reddig and Prof. R. P. Jeschke, Guest Speakers.
August 30-Sept. 3 — Chicago and Wisconsin Young People's Assembly at Camp Ripley, Wisconsin. Dr. George A. Lang and Miss Martha Leypoldt, Guest Speakers.

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Luncheon, Young People's Officers and Leaders, Thursday, August 25 \$1.25
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Upon arrival in Sioux Falls, go directly to the Coliseum. That is where the registration office will be located, and all meetings will be held there.

At the registration desk you will receive your Conference badge, a large packet containing hymnal, reports, notebook and other valuable items. Here you will also receive final instructions concerning your lodging reservations.

We are confident that God has rich blessings in store for us at Sioux Falls.

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AMONG OURSELVES

The second of a series of seven new leaflets about the Cameroons mission field will be ready for the General Conference sessions at Sioux Falls and will be included in every visitor's conference packet. It is called, "A Good Look at the Soppo Field." Most of the material of the eight pages has been prepared by the Rev. Edwin Michelson, missionary in charge of the field. Extra copies of the leaflet can be secured by individuals or churches by requesting them of the headquarter's office, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

IN THIS ISSUE

This number is a spiritual sightseeing sojourn. The Rev. Charles F. Zummach takes the reader with him to our Canadian provinces and churches. Mrs. Frommelt introduces the reader to the Word of Life Hour conducted by Jack Wyrzen in New York City. Miss Adeline Zimbelman describes a Baptist caravan to Europe. The editorial challenges the reader to "Come and See!" the General Conference at Sioux Falls. That is also the truth of the sermon by the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Grand Forks, No. Dak., to live by God's will in all of life's changing events. You will travel far and well in this issue!

COMING

"A 16 Day Trek in the Cameroons" — This missionary article written by the Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom of the Belo Field is filled with missionary information, colorful accounts and human interest anecdotes.

"The Indians Give Their Testimonies" — The inspiring testimonies which the ten Indian converts gave before their recent baptism on the Montana Reserve were recorded by one for the missionary workers.

"The Prophetic Significance of Zionism" — This will be a significant message on a timely subject by the Rev. Frederick J. Berger, dean of the Baptist Bible College at San Francisco, Calif., who is widely known in our Pacific Conference churches.

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Come and See!

THERE is no real substitute in life for experience. You may read the most colorful description of a place or look at the most vivid pictures of the object, but you have really not made it your own possession until you have seen it with your own eyes. Personal experience is the foundation stone of all true knowledge.

"Come and see!" This was the challenge to Nathanael, as Philip told him about Jesus of Nazareth of whom Moses in the law and the prophets had written. Nathanael had his doubts whether any good thing could come out of Nazareth. "Don't take my word for it," Philip said. "Come and find out for yourself." Nathanael came to Jesus and found "the Son of God, the King of Israel" (John 1:49). He could say even as the Samaritans did in John 4:42, "Now we believe, not because of thy saying; for we have heard him ourselves and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

"Come and see!" That has always been the invitation of the Gospel of Christ. There is no substitute for your coming to the Cross and there by faith seeing the Light and having the burden of sin rolled away from your heart. No one else can do that for you. You cannot receive this truth by second hand methods of reading about it. You yourself must come and see! But what joy and blessedness are yours as you become an eyewitness to this wonderful truth that Jesus saves and redeems.

"Come and see!" This is the basis of all abiding spiritual convictions. We are taught many things by our parents, elders, preachers and leaders. Such religious information is vital and worthwhile. But only as these data of Scriptural information become vitally ours in experience are they moulded into strong and firm convictions. We must make them our own after having come and having seen the truth and known it to be God's revelation to our hearts.

"Come and see!" These words also have a stirring message for our General Conference sessions soon to be held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. You have read a great deal about the program in the pages of our publications. Some of the members of our church have spoken glowingly of the conference anticipations. But it is very different to be able to say, "I too was there," after having heard the invitation to come and to see for yourself.

There is nothing quite like the General Conference fellowship of kindred minds this side of heaven. New friendships are established which add color and glory to the rest of life. Memories are etched upon the scenery of your days which nothing can ever erase from your knowledge. There are experiences of Christian truth in the fulness of inspirational hours that seem to open God's windows of heavenly revelation. But all of this must be seen and experienced by you. It cannot be done from an armchair at home. It will be the experience of those who take to the road and actually attend the Sioux Falls General Conference.

It is still time to fall in line for the conference at Sioux Falls, South Dakota from August 22 to 29! It will be a grand conference! Come and see!

BIBLE TEXT

"The churches of Christ salute you. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all" (Romans 16:16 and 24).

This is a glorious greeting for the delegates and visitors at the General Conference which will soon convene in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. It recognizes the tie which binds us together in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. It emphasizes the source of our strength and denominational unity in the grace of Christ. It attributes all honor to his matchless guidance. It stirs us to greater zeal for the Lord as we salute one another with encouraging words. It calls upon the peace of God to fill our souls. It is indeed a wonderful word with which to open the epochmaking days of the 29th General Conference at Sioux Falls.

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HOMEBUILDERS' CAMP

One of the first summer camps with recreational features and a spiritual program for young parents and their children in our denomination was conducted recently by our Manitoba churches at Lake Dauphin, Manitoba. A report about this Homebuilders' Camp appears among the "Reports from the Field" in this issue. It is to be hoped that similar gatherings will be held elsewhere for the benefit of our younger families. These parents are still largely young people but they are prevented from attending the youth assemblies. At a "Homebuilders' Camp" they and their children are able to enjoy a spiritual camp and vacation in a fine blending of many delights. The Manitoba group has blazed a trail that ought to become a great highway of blessing for our churches!

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SEVEN THOUSAND!

The Christian Life Program for our churches during the next triennium will be launched at the General Conference sessions in Sioux Falls and the important goal of 7000 baptisms during the years 1949-1952 will be announced. This evangelistic goal will be stressed in our churches during the next three years in ever increasing intensity and with a challenging variety of spiritual methods. The threefold truth of the Christian Life Program in receiving the Light, reflecting and spreading it, will be described in a colorful six-page leaflet to be distributed among the conference visitors and later made available to all of our churches. In order to reach the goal of 7000 baptisms by 1952, every church and each individual will have to be earnest soul winners, giving constant emphasis to this all important mission of the Christian life.

August 15, 1949

Living by God's Will

It is the will of God that we do justly, and love mercy and walk humbly with our God

By REV. G. K. ZIMMERMAN, Pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota

THEN said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me), to do thy will, O God." Hebrews 10:7, Psalm 40:7.

It must have been very difficult for the Jew to understand that the will of God is more than burnt offerings and sacrifices. We also ought to understand more fully what the will of God is for us, because often we also believe that our sacrifices of time in attending worship services and our sacrifice of offerings for the work of the Kingdom of God are doing in full the will of God. That is what the Jews thought was sufficient with the result that many went hungry and cold. There were those who were begging for mercy but who never received mercy because sacrifice and offerings were all that one needed to do to be a doer of God's will. So they thought!

It was the will of God that his Son Jesus Christ should be about his Father's business, that he should be baptized, that he should be tempted in the wilderness and that he should teach men to be soul winners. "Jesus saith unto them (disciples) My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." It was also the will of God that Jesus overcome the world, even the death of the cross. Christ had to go the way of the cross because of men's sins.

The Word of the Lord through the prophet Micah, "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God," probably serves best in giving us the key points to the question before us. These points of emphasis by the prophet Micah were most completely endorsed by the Son of God in his Sermon on the Mount.

TO DO JUSTLY!

Jesus said, . . . except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:20). The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Corinthians clearly states: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God?" Following this verse there is a long list of those who are unrighteous. Among this list we read that thieves are not to inherit the Kingdom of God.

We who belong to a church may pass over that particular unrighteous trait and say, "It isn't for me." But were not those also members of the temple to whom the prophet Malachi spoke when he said: "Will a man rob God?" . . . ye have robbed me, even this whole nation in tithes and offerings." How guilty we are of needing extra time to do things which we cannot do during our regular hours of work at our jobs!

Then there is time that we need for pleasure. We know that our jobs would soon be lost if we were constantly to take some of that time, so the fact remains that we "rob God" of time that belongs to him. Likewise, we know of our tithes of material blessings. When we need extra things we rob from God and use it for ourselves. It is the will of God that we do justly and not that we be thieves in his Kingdom.

Because of our unrighteousness, many tragedies occur around about us. In the midst of tragedy we often say, "It must have been the will of God." It may have been God's will under the circumstances of man's unrighteousness and sin but certainly not God's intentional will. Several examples may help us to understand this more clearly.

TRAGEDIES OF LIFE

First, let us look upon the persecutions of the Christians by Saul. It was indeed not the intentional will of God that these Christians be killed off by this persecutor. It was God's will and it is his will today that Christians live and that they proclaim the message of salvation through Christ. But under the circumstances of rage, anger and sin of men, God calls upon us to die for our faith and our conviction.

Secondly, there comes the report from our mission fields that very many children in Africa, China and India die before they are one year of age. It is certainly not God's intentional will that these children die without having these blessed opportunities of life here on earth. But it is our neglect of sending our missionary doctors, to whom God has revealed the care of the body, that God must call these individuals out of this life at

least before their years of life on this earth of "three score years and ten" are lived.

Thirdly, we may look to something that happens here at home. The cause of death to the majority of people in our nation is attributed to a very few major diseases. God has the answer for man that men, women and children need not die from such causes so early in life. Just as God has revealed to men how a minor operation for an appendix can save lives with that ailment, so does God have the answer for cancer and heart diseases. God has the answer but man has refused to bow down and allow God to speak to him.

One of the greatest saints who bowed down before God to learn the secrets of God's creation was the Negro scientist, George Washington Carver. As he met with his Lord every morning he said, "Lord, tell me what the peanut can be used for." He waited upon God and he received the answer that it may be used for more than three hundred different purposes.

LOVE MERCY!

The teaching of Jesus announced: "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." Jesus not alone taught this great truth but he was constantly showing mercy unto others. Let us look at our opportunities to "love mercy." There are our neighbors, not merely the one who lives next door to us or a mile down the road but that neighbor who lives within our own church parish. Many of these neighbors are on their way to eternal death because of sin and transgression. Can you believe that it is God's intentional will to let people go on their way in sin and transgression? Of course you don't believe that because we have the command of

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Back to Canada After 27 Years

A Descriptive Report and Interesting Observations About a Recent Trip
to Alberta and Saskatchewan by the REV. CHARLES F. ZUMMACH
of Peoria, Illinois

"Lives there a man with soul so
dead,
Who never to himself hath said:
'Tis is my own, my native land!"
Whose soul within him ne'er hath
burned,
As homeward he his steps hath
turned
From wandering on a foreign strand."

SOMETHING like this mood of the poem came over us as we stepped off the train in Edmonton, Alberta on June 10th after an absence of twenty-seven years.

Several months before we received a letter from the Rev. R. Schilke, pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Edmonton, inviting us to be the church's guest at its 50th anniversary.



Rev. and Mrs. Charles F. Zummach of Peoria, Illinois at the Grave of Their Daughter, Who Died in Yorkton, Saskatchewan on July 2, 1913 (Left) and a Picnic at Edmonton of Alberta Pastors and Their Wives (Right) With Guests and Mr. and Mrs. Zummach

This seemed too good to be true. For years we had cherished the hope that some day it might be possible for us once more to visit Canada, the field of our labors from 1913 to 1922. This seemed like a dream come true.

GREETING OLD FRIENDS

It is difficult to record the feelings that overcame us as we were greeted by old friends whom we had not seen in twenty-seven years and once again to enter the church where we had been privileged to labor for six years from 1916 to 1922. Many changes have taken place since then. All of the old saints have passed away and many new faces have taken their place. But the sadness of not being able to see them again was amply compensated by the joy of seeing those who were

young in those days now occupying leading positions in the church and to behold their children employing their talents in the service of the Lord and his Church.

Our years in Edmonton were eventful ones crowded with incidents and issues of far reaching consequences. They were war years, which made it doubly difficult for a German church. But this very fact offered us an opportunity for service which otherwise would never have arisen. Many were the occasions on which we were able to be of service to our Canadian countrymen.

In 1916 the church faced a crisis and was threatened with disintegration. Economic distress, coupled with darkening war clouds, hung over our heads.



The mortgage company threatened to foreclose and to sell the church building. Many members had left for other parts, partly for economic reasons, and partly because they feared to become involved in the brewing storm. To those who remained and stood by the ship, this generation owes a debt of gratitude that mere words can never express.

At this point mention must be made of the intervention of the General Missionary Society. That this aid, which saved the situation, was forthcoming, is largely due to the sympathetic understanding and the statesman-like vision on the part of Dr. William Kuhn, the general secretary of the Society at that time. I want to bear witness to the fact that for us, both as a church in Edmonton and as

a denomination, "there was a man sent from God" whose name was William Kuhn, and who was "called to the kingdom for such a time as this." The Edmonton church today with its far reaching ministry is a living monument to his faith and wise leadership.

TWO PIONEERS

Mention should also be made of two pioneers of our work, both of whom had a large part in the development of our work in Alberta. I refer to the Rev. F. A. Mueller, that rugged individual whose faith in Edmonton never faltered even in our darkest days, and the Rev. Abraham Hager, that scholarly and saintly soul, the St. Francis of his day, who was as much misunderstood by most of us as was St. Francis by his generation. Both of these men deserve a memorial as a tribute to their faith and labors.

Outstanding in our memory during the years of our ministry was the great spiritual quickening in 1917 under the leadership of the late Rev. H. Schwendener, our denominational evangelist. As a result of those meetings we baptized 43 converts during that winter, many of whom occupy places of leadership in the church today or are active in Baptist churches elsewhere.

Of the celebration of the 50th anniversary itself we need not speak. Another will report on that auspicious event. Suffice it for us to say that the church did a magnificent job of it under the capable leadership of its pastor, the Rev. R. Schilke. For us, however, it was the most glorious experience of our lives, and we shall never forget it: the meeting of so many old friends, and the many acts of kindness shown us during our visit. It is no exaggeration to say that we were literally overwhelmed with kindness which made both of us, my wife and myself, feel very, very humble.

Physically the church as well as the city have undergone many changes in the course of the past ten years. The church itself has been remodelled to meet changing conditions. It is now by far the finest Baptist Church in the city, and one of which both the members and the denomination can well be proud.

The city of Edmonton is in the midst of a "boom," which defies description and which must be seen to be appreciated. This is largely due to the discovery of the immense oil deposits in



The Rugged Crags of Mt. Eisenhower, Formerly Castle Mountain, in the Canadian Rockies of Alberta, Canada

that part of the province and the influx of American capital. It impresses one like a fast growing boy whose clothes are bursting at every seam. An air of prosperity prevails everywhere, and one marvels at the rows of late model automobiles lining the streets for blocks around the church. What a contrast to our day, when there were just two model T Fords belonging to members of the church.

THE TRAINING INSTITUTE

Outstanding in the impressions of our stay there was the visit to the Christian Training Institute. This Institute, with its two splendid buildings, marks the realization of a dream cherished for many years. That it was finally realized is largely due to the vision, faith, courage and self-sacrifice, coupled with wise leadership, on the part of the president, the Rev. E. P. Wahl. He has proved himself to be not merely a prophet, but "a prophet plus."

One can only say, upon viewing the buildings: "This is of the Lord and a marvel before our eyes." No wonder Dr. John Knechtel of Chicago summed up his impressions of it in these words: "I feel like a man from whose eyes the scales have fallen." It is truly a magnificent achievement and a tribute to the faith, courage and sacrificial spirit of the Baptists of Western Canada and of our denomination.

But the Institute still lacks much by way of equipment. For the boys' dormitory there should be new beds, and for each room a chest of drawers, a good study table and a bookcase. These are sorely needed to replace the cots and the boxes now being used. For the girls' dormitory there is need for new beds and chairs, and for each room a dresser, study tables and bookcases. The library, too, needs books.

May we appeal to our retiring pastors and the widows of pastors who have been called home to donate their libraries to this institution. As "second hand books" they are worth very little, but in Edmonton they could serve a useful purpose. Nothing has ever been done for our work in the Northwest that equals or surpasses what the Christian Training Institute has done for and means to our young people in Western Canada.

Our next stop was at Yorkton, Saskatchewan and the two Ebenezer churches, where we were privileged to labor from 1913 to 1916. Here we made our first friends in the Canadian Northwest, many of whom who were young then, are still living and active in the church, and who like the good people of Edmonton literally overwhelmed us with kindness. Here we buried our oldest little girl in 1913, whose grave we re-visited after these many years. Of course, the years have also wrought many changes there. None of the older saints remain, but the younger generation, many of them no longer young, have bravely "followed in their train."

Physically a tremendous change has also taken place there. From penury to plentitude, from simplicity to modern conveniences, from horse and buggy to late model automobiles, from horse power farm implements to tractors and mechanized farm equipment, from scattered sand huts or crude log buildings to modern homes, from dirt roads to modern highways, this is the epic of the Canadian Northwest in a single generation. For the pastor it has meant a change from a salary of \$600 per year, out of which he was compelled to keep a team of horses, buggy, cutter, robes, etc., preaching three times every Sunday and driving thirty-six miles in all sorts of weather and over all sorts of roads, to a salary

of \$2400, a modern parsonage and an automobile. What a story!

Certainly, these immigrants who went there at the turn of the century with nothing but stout hearts and willing hands have justified the confidence of the government which opened its doors to them, for by their frugality, thrift and industry they not only have become well-to-do themselves, but they have transformed a desert plain into one of the richest spots on earth.

CANADIAN ASSETS

In closing, may we sum up our impressions of our work as North American Baptists in the Canadian Northwest. First, our people, although they have prospered materially, have lost none of their fine friendly spirit of hospitality which has always characterized them. Nor have they lost the spirit of enthusiasm and devotion to the Lord's work. The Northern Conference, once considered a liability to our denomination by many, has become one of its greatest assets. This is true in terms of money and personnel.

One is saddened, however, by the reports that so many of our churches in Canada are without pastors. This is largely due to the fact that most of our young men from the Seminary in Rochester, even those who hail from up there, prefer pastorates in the United States after graduating. We feel that many of them are making a mistake and will live to regret it. Short and uncertain pastorates are a detriment to any Church. Twenty-seven years ago, for compelling reasons, we left Western Canada, but judging by conditions as I view them now, I can truthfully say that if I were a young man again, I would ask for no greater opportunity to serve my Master than that offered a young man in the Canadian Northwest.

The Word of Life Hour in New York

The Story of Jack Wyrzten and His "Youth for Christ" Meetings in Metropolitan New York by MRS. MARIA ARNOLD FROMMELT of the Second German Baptist Church, New York, N. Y.

"THE LORD hath given me a tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary" (Isaiah 50:4).

It may truly be said of Jack Wyrzten, the director of the Word of Life Hour in New York City that God has given him a tongue to speak to the weary and to call them away from sin and darkness to the saving power of Christ. In these days when so much is heard of the failure of organized religions, we ought to be double thankful to God that he is still providing men who are not afraid to claim the whole truth of the Bible.

Jack Wyrzten, who is now thirty-six years of age, probably never dreamed in his earlier life that he was ever going to preach the Gospel. But there is every indication that God appointed him to do a special mission in New York City and the rest of the states among young and old, although his aim is to reach young people, first of all.

JACK WYRTZEN'S CONVERSION

Starting out as an insurance man, Jack lived the life of a worldlying, only concerned with the temporal things in life. There happened to be a young man among Jack's friends, who had found the Lord Jesus during a Watch Night service in Calvary Baptist Church of New York City. His friend (his name is George), after having experienced the miracle of the new birth, testified to his buddy Jack of this wonderful incident. Jack was far from accepting any such thing in his own life, in fact, he put up a strong resistance. On one occasion he tore up the Gospel of St. John, which George had handed to him.

However, Jack gave in one night and promised to visit an evangelistic meeting with George. The work of the Holy Spirit and George's prayers brought Jack to the place where God could speak to him. He came to see his lost condition, and God overpowered him that same night in his bedroom so that he had to yield to the Lord Jesus Christ.

This strange occurrence in Jack's life left him rather a puzzled man. He wondered very much how it all was going to work out in his everyday life. It needs much grace from God and nurture in the Scriptures and prayer to start a new born babe in Christ to take his first steps outside the house. In order to learn more about the first

rudiments of the Christian walk in life, Jack and several of his intimate friends began to dig deeply into God's Word, spending a good deal of time in prayer.

We can readily see how very necessary it is for a new convert to follow the same rules applying to physical growth to his spiritual life. This means Bible reading, praying and witnessing. This is exactly what our young friends did. They soon started out to conduct street meetings. There were always people among their listeners who were ready to receive the Lord Jesus into their lives, and so it happened that their group expanded.

"CHRISTIANS BORN AGAIN"

Jack felt right along that he needed the guiding hand of a good Bible teacher in order to push down into the inexhaustible mines of Holy Scripture. Thus it was that the Lord led him to find what he needed. His circle had started out with four young men, but soon they counted a considerable number of members. In observing the fundamental rules for advancement, growth inwardly and outwardly resulted. Now there existed the desire to identify themselves with some typifying name, and as a result they called their group, Christians Born Again, and later on, Youth for Christ.

Anyone who wanted to join this group had to experience the new birth according to John 3:3. It is remarkable how the Lord blessed their laboring for his Kingdom. Their foremost aim was to seek the Lord's will and then they acted accordingly. Thrown completely upon the mighty hand of the Lord, they learned that God was always there to accomplish what they were not able to do. They went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them (Mark 16:20). That included hospitals, jails, penitentiaries, reformatories, bars and taverns, any place and to anybody who was willing to listen.

There has never been a necessity of altering God's rules and regulations in regard to the effectiveness of Gospel presentation. How true it is, even today, as we read in Isaiah 55:11, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not turn me void, but shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." The blade of the sword has still its old-time double edge, and needs only to be used in faith by men who know

and count upon its Originator to do his part. It is the disciples' part to preach; it is God's part to do the work.

FROM TIMES SQUARE

Today the fruit of Jack Wyrzten's ministry practically extends over the whole world. Who has not greatly enjoyed listening to Jack's broadcasts given over WHN on Saturday nights at eight o'clock? How familiar is the phrase, "From Times Square, New York, we bring you the Word of Life on the air," followed by the theme song, "Sing Them Over Again to Me Wonderful Words of Life." Sometimes it seems that the entire invisible world of light is joining in this triumphant broadcast.

Jack possesses the sound mind of a well balanced businessman. Somehow he received the talent to take matters into his hands and steer them into the channel of constructiveness. There is so much logical reasoning in the way he handles Biblical truths. He is a firm believer in putting first things first, and follows the scheme of absolute Biblical symmetry. Philippians 2:16 is one of Jack's outstanding mottoes: "Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain." How would a Christian ever find out what step to take next if it were not for the blessed advice given in Scripture to wait on the Lord and have him open new ways when old ones have been blocked?

Sometime after Jack and his prayer warriors had tried to do some broadcasting over a small station in Brooklyn, the station itself discontinued. Somehow it had been a training for our radio pioneers to prepare for a real broadcast. Jack Wyrzten would have loved to have gone to the foreign fields to spread the Gospel of Christ, but the Lord wanted him here. It is not only that our churches have greatly benefited by his ministry, but the foreign fields also derive many blessings through his ministry here at home. He has won scores of young people for the task of going to the foreign fields and to work as missionaries.

When Jack finally obtained the privilege to broadcast over the powerful station, WHN of New York, many obstacles had to be overcome. He fought many a battle before the throne of grace, humbling himself before God, simply leaning on the Lord's guidance, and being willing to be completely

broken for the purposes of winning souls to Christ.

Jacks' heart was set on reaching New York's multitudes on Broadway and Times Square on Saturday nights, when so many people just don't know what to do with themselves and are apt to run into all kinds of mischief. After Jack had received the contract with WHN, the Gospel Tabernacle of the Missionary Alliance permitted him to use their auditorium for broadcasts. Millions of people throughout the states and neighboring countries have since been privileged to listen to the blessed news.

THE GOSPEL'S BLESSED NEWS

Jack just keeps on telling the world about its lost condition and points them to the Savior. His messages are dynamic, always resulting in a great soul harvest. After the broadcasts the meetings continue with prominent speakers, and one has the privilege to listen to some of the greatest Bible authorities from all over the world. Topics from anything and everything in the Bible and everyday life are thus discussed. After-meetings deal with the new converts and able consecrated Christians give sound advice in order to cast the anchor into Biblical ground. Rich and poor, learned and unlearned have been brought to know more about Jesus Christ and to take him into their lives, Jack has taken his radio family to practically every famous auditorium in New York City. One summer the meetings and broadcasts were held in the well known Carnegie Hall. From there they moved to St. Nicholas Arena, mainly used for athletic purposes otherwise. Good old Town Hall has seen great crowds gather around the Word of God under Jack's guidance. Very often those huge halls were not big enough to take care of all the people. In order to give everyone a chance, several rallies have been held in Madison Square Garden with its capacity of 20,000 people. Firemen locked the doors one hour before starting time because of the thronging crowd. God has won inestimable victories in those enormous gatherings.

YANKEE STADIUM RALLY

Jack Wyrzten and his radio staff are on the road, day in, day out, conducting meetings and broadcasts all over the country. They have gone to the British Isles, Scotland, Canada and foreign fields, never getting tired of telling the old, old Story. Even the United States Military Academy at West Point has had a chance of gathering around Jack's testimony. With much joy in his heart he called the attention of the cadets to the Bible with a response that has been wonderful.

One of the largest Christian rallies which the world has ever seen took place on June 19, 1948 when about 40,000 people gathered in the famous

A Baptist Caravan to Europe

By MISS ADELINE ZIMBELMAN of McClusky, No. Dak., a Student of the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill., in the First of Several Open Letters About Her Summer's Experiences in Europe

AFTER MANY weeks and months of hopes, doubts and eager anticipation, I stood with forty-three other Baptist young people along the rail of the "S. S. Marine Tiger" watching the skyline of New York City slowly disappear.

Yes, it was really a thrill to be on the ship at last, sailing towards Europe, first visiting London, England and then going on to Hamburg, Germany. I felt a peculiar sense of responsibility and of inadequacy for the task to be accomplished.

We had nine days on the ship during which time we attended language classes, discussion groups and lectures, attempting to equip ourselves to do our best in the many challenging opportunities which will confront us.

As the days went by we became acquainted with one another, and also

Yankee Stadium. The choir was composed of 4000 people, and those of us who were there will never forget the "Hallelujahs" from the song, "Man of Sorrow," ringing through the Stadium from 4000 voices. The response to the message was overwhelming, when 1100 people stepped forward to confess Christ as their Savior. Prayer warriors from all over the world had joined in preparing for this meeting. The blessing of God was definitely visible, even when the threatened storm was postponed until one minute after the meeting was over.

Jack Wyrzten's whole establishment is full of variety. There never seems to be a dull moment. His office staff carries out a great work in keeping in touch with the new converts to lead them on in true Christian living. They also attend to the needs of a number of missionaries who are supported by the Word of Life Hour. There is the job of arranging the weekly schedule for broadcasts and meetings. The Word of Life Hour's Bible School is open from September to June in the National Bible Institute. A selected group of able teachers conduct classes where participants may receive a wholesome knowledge of the Bible.

with the plans for the summer. The forty-four young people are going into four different groups. Caravan No. 4 and Caravan No. 6 will be traveling across many countries and doing many things. Project No. 3 will be working in France and Project No. 4, of which I am a member, will be in Hamburg, Germany.

We will be living with young people from Germany in the Baptist Seminary at Hamburg, working together in the rebuilding of a Youth Training Center which will give German youth the opportunity to prepare for better Christian service.

From August 2 to 9 all of us will be attending the Youth Congress of the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Stockholm, Sweden. What an opportunity to share and to learn as 3000 young people from many nations join in planning and discussing the advancement of Christ's Kingdom around the world!

After Stockholm we will return to Germany to participate in two weeks of young people's camps and assemblies in southern and western Germany. The last three weeks in Europe we will be visiting Switzerland and France. We will return to New York on September 27, leaving Le Havre, France on Sept. 17.

What a summer! Again I say, "Thank you," to the many friends who have made this wonderful experience a reality. Everywhere I go I will carry your greetings, taking to our English, Swedish, German, French and Swiss friends the friendship and love that Jesus Christ has given to us.

One of the latest additions to the Word of Life Hour body is the Word Of Life Hour Camp located on Schroon Lake in the Adirondack Mountains. Young people up to the age of thirty find valuable Christian fellowship.

Many a stray sheep has been brought to the sheepfold on that beautiful country spot, and some have been baptized in the lake. The Word of Life Hour Inn accommodates people over thirty and is open all year round. This is just a sketch to show how the Word of Life Hour family constantly grows, and every one is invited to participate in the joy over the Lord's blessings and leading.

We are so glad for the ministers in our own denomination who appreciate the labor that Jack has done among our young people. We have had the joy to receive members into our churches in the New York area and to baptize young people who found the Lord in Jack's meetings. "Render therefore honor to whom honor is due" (Romans 13:7). Let us help to support this marvelous work of the Word of Life Hour with our prayers, for it is our Lord's business.

Conferences and Assemblies in the Dakotas

Reports from the Field of Young People's Assemblies and Conference

Sessions in North and South Dakota

Young People's Sessions at the Dakota Conference Convening at Aberdeen, South Dakota

The Dakota Conference Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union met for their annual meeting on June 25 and 26 at Aberdeen, South Dakota. Praise and thanks be to God for the many blessings which were bestowed upon us.

Officers to serve for the following year are: president, Mr. Jacob Ehman, Rochester, N. Y.; vice-president, Miss Nadine Krause, Aberdeen, So. Dak.; second vice-president, Mr. LeRoy Schauer, Aberdeen, So. Dak.; secretary, Mavis Rott, Ashley, No. Dak.; treasurer, La Verna Mehehoff, Tripp, So. Dak.; music director, Helen Lohse, McIntosh, So. Dak.; evangelism chairman, Rev. Fred Knalson, Underwood, No. Dak.; Leadership Training chairman, Rev. A. G. Rietdorf, Bison, So. Dak.; Bender Memorial Trek chairman, Mr. Harold Lippert, Tripp, So. Dak. The goal for the Bender Memorial Club was set at \$12,000.

The Sunday afternoon program was sponsored by the young people and Sunday School workers under the leadership of the president, Charles Voigt of Avon, So. Dak. Two selections were rendered by the mass chorus, "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" and "Ivory Palaces," with Mrs. Herbert Hiller of Madison, So. Dak., as soloist. The chorus was directed by Mr. Vernon Alf. Dr. A. S. Felberg of Rochester, N. Y., the speaker for the afternoon, gave a very inspirational message.

La Verna Mehlhoff, Reporter.

Sessions of the Dakota Conference Woman's Missionary Union at Aberdeen, South Dakota

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Dakota Conference held its annual program at the Civic Auditorium at Aberdeen, So. Dak., on Friday evening, June 24, with Mrs. Walter Stein, presiding. The song service was conducted by Mrs. A. Huber. Mrs. F. Knalson read the Scripture passage. Prayer was offered by Mrs. A. Fischer. "He Will Hide Me" was sung by a women's chorus directed by Mrs. Otto Fiesel.

A complete report of the afternoon business meeting and a resume of the achievements of the various societies of the Union were given by Mrs. E. Gutsche. The report showed 104 new members gained and at present a membership of 1220. The total income was \$33,167.03. The Bertsch-Venturia Union was awarded the banner, having attained the highest number of points throughout the year.

The local society favored us with a song, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." A recitation, "God Sends the Fire," was given by Mrs. G. W. Rutsch. The

FRONT COVER PICTURE

The front cover picture shows the large group of about 125 young people of the Northern North Dakota Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union at their wonderful assembly held at the Baptist Camp at Lake Bentley near Drake, No. Dak. A detailed report about the assembly by Dorothy Wolitarsky appears on this same page. The picture was taken by the photographer, Mel Alma of Drake, No. Dak.

eight new ministers' wives were introduced and welcomed by the president and then they favored us with a song, "Safe Am I." The memorial service was conducted by Mrs. A. Krombein. Words of comfort were spoken and nine candles were kindled, two blue candles designating the two ministers' wives, Mrs. E. Broeckel and Mrs. D. Wipf while the seven white candles represented the other departed women. Other numbers were an accordion solo by Mrs. A. Buhler and a dialogue entitled, "Tired of Missions," by the Herreid society. The missionary offering amounted to \$240.83.

An impressive installation service was held for the new officers by Mrs. Florence Schoeffel. They are as follows: Mrs. W. Stein, president; Mrs. C. Rempel, vice-president; Mrs. R. A. Klein, secretary; Mrs. J. V. Terveen, treasurer. Mrs. Florence Schoeffel, the president of the National Woman's Union, delivered a stirring and challenging message on "Putting Christian Love Into Practice." The women's chorus sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd" in closing.

Mrs. E. Gutsche, Secretary.

Wonderful Days at the Northern North Dakota Young People's Camp at Lake Bentley

The week at camp passed altogether too quickly for the young people of the Northern North Dakota Young People's Association. The annual assembly was held at Lake Bentley from July 2 to 8 with approximately 125 young people registered. Lake Bentley, including the lake and the camp grounds, covers a territory of about 200 acres and is located two miles west of Drake, No. Dak. The camp is equipped with boys' and girls' dormitories, a large kitchen and dining hall, buildings for class sessions, and a chapel. This was the second year that our association met at this camp. "Beside Still Waters" was the theme chosen for the assembly, the scripture text was taken from Psalm 23, and our theme song was "He Leadeth Me." How typical our lives are to the waters of the lake. Just as the waters be-

come restless and at times even raging, so it is with our lives when there is that inward battle for peace and quietness which comes only when the storms are past and we become quiet before him and know that he is our God!

One of the highlights of the assembly were the vesper services held every evening beside the lake. The 7 o'clock vesper service marked the opening of the camp on Saturday evening. Rev. Fred Knalson, pastor of our church at Underwood, was in charge of these services.

Our week there was a busy but a happy one. At 7 A. M. the large bell would peal forth which meant it was time to "roll out" and at 7:30 the gracious cooks had a bountiful breakfast (as were all the other meals) prepared for us. Our morning devotions were held in the chapel with ministers from our churches presiding.

We were privileged to have Dr. M. L. Leuschner and Prof. R. P. Jeschke as our Senior instructors. Dr. Leuschner taught a course on the "Devotional Life of Young People" and Prof. Jeschke had a very interesting class on the "Problems of Youth." The Junior instructors were Miss Luverne Michelson of Martin and Miss Arlis Suckert of McClusky. Mrs. Aaron Buhler of Harvey was the music instructor. Miss Margaret Kittlitz ("Kitty") was with us for two days and although her stay was short, she related many interesting incidents and experiences of her work in the Camerons as a missionary.

The afternoons were spent in rest, study and recreation. There was volleyball, croquet, basketball, horse-shoe, and some very interesting softball games and also swimming and boating. Our lifeguards this year were Money Wolff of Grand Forks and Ronald Derman of Anamoose. Our nurses were Betty Klein of Bismarck and Darlene Pfaff of Harvey.

The evening services began at 7:30 P. M. and our speakers for these were Miss Kittlitz, Prof. Jeschke and Dr. Leuschner. On Thursday evening Dr. Leuschner showed us two films, one being of the mission work in the Camerons and the other of our Indian mission in Canada. After several of the evening services we had a bonfire and gathered around for a time of fellowship.

Our annual business meeting was held on Friday afternoon and the new officers for the coming year are as follows: dean of assembly, Rev. A. Buhler, Harvey; president, Milton Derman, Anamoose; vice-president, Bud Wolitarsky, Turtle Lake; secretary, Joyce Wahl, Harvey; treasurer, Ronald Derman, Anamoose; registrar, Bill Kepl, Martin; dean of women, Mrs. Vernon Link, Fessenden; dean of men, Rev. Walter Schmidt, Cathay. Dorothy Wolitarsky, Secretary.

Wonderful Spirit at the Badlands Youth Assembly Held at Plevna, Montana

With a flourish of welcomes from friends, new and old, the Badlands Young People's Assembly opened on Monday, June 27, in Plevna, Montana. Rev. Henry Lang, dean of the assembly, led the opening service and introduced the ministers, teachers, and officers to the entire assembly. That evening the Plevna Choir furnished the special music, the audience sang heartily and the Rev. E. P. Wahl of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, preached. For the following evenings, he and Professor R. P. Jeschke of the North American Baptist Seminary alternated in bringing the messages. In response to the evangelistic appeal given on Thursday evening by Mr. Wahl, two persons accepted Christ and a number of dedications for full-time Christian service were reported.

Special music in the evening services was furnished by the various societies climaxed with the Senior and Junior choirs under the leadership of Rev. Gottfried Beutler and Mrs. Dave Will, respectively. The Assembly Male Quartet, composed of Leo Brockel, Richard Huber, Robert Hepperle and Willard Auch, rendered several numbers throughout the assembly.

The assembly was not all play for there were three classes which met three times daily, taught by Rev. E. P. Wahl, Prof. R. P. Jeschke, and Mrs. Dave Will. Mr. Wahl taught a class on "Living Abundantly," and Mr. Jeschke on "You Can Teach." For the younger children of the assembly, Mrs. Dave Will taught a class on "Living for Jesus."

The recreational periods were crowned by an excursion to the Medicine Rocks, located about 40 miles southeast of Plevna, on Thursday afternoon. This furnished the sunburn, sore muscles and a lot of humor for the Youth Banquet, which was held on Thursday evening in the Plevna church basement.

Mr. Clemence Auch, the past president of the assembly, presented the new officers in an impressive consecration service on Friday morning. The new officers are: Robert Hepperle, president; Lorraine Bertsch, vice-president; Mildred Rietdorf, secretary; Meraleen Huber, treasurer; Alice Auch, dean of women; Rev. Norman Miller, dean of men; Ted Hepperle, recreational director; and Rev. Henry Lang, dean of the assembly. Rev. E. P. Wahl, gave the consecration sermon and the consecration prayer, thus ending the most wonderful assembly ever!

Mildred Rietdorf, Reporter.

Convention of the South Dakota Young People's Union at Swan Lake Christian Camp

The 28th annual convention of the South Dakota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union was held at Swan Lake Christian Camp near Viborg, South Dakota from July 5 to 10. The Lord richly blessed us as we assembled together for our first



Young People, Ministers and Teachers at the Badlands Young People's Assembly Held at Plevna, Montana

camp in cooperation with the General Baptist Churches of that area.

Each day was begun with early devotions at which time different young people took part. For our class teachers we were privileged to have four challenging speakers: Miss Martha Leypoldt of Forest Park, Illinois; Mr. Harold Gieseke of Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago; Rev. Val Hauck, national youth director for the General Baptists of America; and Rev. John Walkup of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The courses taught had to do with youth leadership, the areas of our life where God should have complete control, and lessons on the Trinity and the second coming of Christ.

Our daily chapel periods proved very interesting at which time we were privileged to hear inspiring messages from the different pastors. Musical numbers were rendered by various different young people. Each afternoon we had planned recreation.

The evening messages were brought by our evangelist, Rev. John Walkup. Following this our campfire services were held. These proved very inspirational as we sat around the campfire singing choruses and hearing the testimonies of the different young people.

On Friday afternoon our annual business meeting was held. The following officers were elected: president, Miss Minnie Peters; vice-president, Miss Lucille Wipf; secretary, Miss Lorraine DeBoer; treasurer, Miss Bernice Winters; dean, Rev. Herbert Hiller; choir director, Mrs. Herbert Hiller; and \$9,000 Club Chairman, Mrs. Maynard Hoekman. To Christ be all the honor and glory for the many blessings we received.

Lorraine DeBoer, Reporter.

Great Days for the Central Dakota Young People's Assembly at Jamestown College

It was with joyful hearts and a great deal of anticipation that approximately 150 young people of the Central Dakota Baptist Churches assembled on the College Campus in Jamestown, North Dakota for the annual Young People's Assembly from June 28 to July 3.

Three courses were taught, plus a special course for the Intermediate young people. We were privileged to have a splendid group of instructors in our midst, who were: Rev. A.

Huber, pastor of the Linton church, Linton, North Dakota; Dr. T. Bender, a professor in our seminary, Rochester, New York; Don Hamm, representative of Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Harold Gieseke, vice-president of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, Chicago, Illinois. Also with us was our African missionary, Miss Margaret Kittlitz, who spoke to us about the need of our missions in Africa and who made the African natives more real with her vivid descriptions of how they work and act.

Recreation, sports and swimming were in charge of our recreational director, Rev. C. Rempel of Hebron, North Dakota. On Friday we had our picnic in the Jamestown Park and on Saturday we had our banquet in the dining hall with Wishek in charge.

Our spiritual life was greatly strengthened by the different devotional groups and prayer bands. Our devotional groups consisted of singing, testimonies, Scripture and prayer. After that groups of ten or eleven young people gathered in different rooms and formed prayer bands where we had individual prayer. These were a blessing and enjoyed by all.

Highlights of the assembly were our out-of-door services between the two dormitories on Wednesday and Thursday evening and out in the park on Friday evening, also our last meeting on Sunday afternoon when we had installation of the new officers and dedication service.

New officers for the coming year are: president, Esther Krombein, Eureka, So. Dak.; vice-president, Correnne Stading, Hebron, No. Dak.; secretary, Deloris Ehman, Lehr, No. Dak.; treasurer Don Vietz, Hebron, No. Dak.; dean, Rev. A. Huber, Linton, No. Dak.; Journal editor, Caroline Barbie, Bismarck, No. Dak.; recreational director, Rev. E. Faul, Wishek, No. Dak.; and musical director, Vernon Alf, Streeter, North Dakota.

The assembly was a time for fun, singing, playing games, and meeting other young people. But it was also a time for more serious things, a time when minds were steered into deeper channels of thought by inspiring sermons and prayers and young souls were dedicated anew to the Lord. Truly, we also would say with Peter of old, "It is good to be here."

Deloris Ehman, Reporter.

What's Happening

● The Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa held its Vacation Bible School from May 31 to June 10 with 76 scholars enrolled. The closing program was held at the Sunday morning worship service on June 12. The B.Y.P.U. was in charge of a special Father's Day program on that same Sunday evening. The Rev. Arthur Ittermann is the pastor.

● On Sunday, July 10, the Rev. Alex Sootzmann of McLaughlin, South Dakota baptized ten converts in the nearby river. These converts were the result of evangelistic services held earlier for two weeks by the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, denominational evangelist. The love offering of the church for missionary purposes amounted to \$485.50.

● On Sunday, July 10, the Rev. Frederick Alf, pastor of the Streeter and Medina Baptist Churches of North Dakota, had the joy of baptizing a family of parents and their daughter and of receiving these and another person into the fellowship of the Streeter church. On Sunday, July 24, the new church edifice at Medina was dedicated with impressive services which were attended by capacity crowds. An illustrated report about this dedication will appear later.

● On Sunday, July 10, the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., held its first service in its new church home. The festive joy of that Sunday is described in a report from the church that appears among the "Reports from the Field" in this issue. The Sunday also marked the first anniversary of the Rev. W. C. Damrau as minister of the church. The address of the new church location is 6000 Rising Sun Avenue, Philadelphia 20 Pennsylvania.

● It can now be announced that the Rev. Fred Ferris of Lorraine, Kansas will be the minister who will accompany the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, general missionary secretary, on his visitation trip to the Cameroons mission field in Africa beginning with November 1949. Mr. Ferris will travel at the expense of the Lorraine Church. As the mission secretary of the Southwestern Conference for several years, he has had an intense interest in our foreign mission field in Africa.

● On Sunday evening, June 26, the Rev. A. A. Stackhouse, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford,



Miss Adeline Zimbelman of McClusky, North Dakota, a Student at Chicago's Baptist Missionary Training School, Who Attended the Baptist Youth Congress in Stockholm, Sweden and Is Engaged in Baptist Work in Germany This Summer

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Kansas baptized five converts on confession of their faith in Christ. The newly elected president of the Woman's Missionary Society is Mrs. Mary Bill and of the King's Daughters group is Mrs. Pearl Fritzeimer. The Rochester Seminary quartet, "The Gospel Harmonizers," presented a program of sacred music at the Stafford Church on Wednesday evening, July 6.

● The farewell reception by the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, California for its pastor, Rev. P. G. Neumann, was held on Sunday evening, July 10, following his closing message to the church on the theme, "The Apostolic Benediction." Mr. Neumann served as pastor of the church for almost five years. A time of fellowship and testimony was spent by the church and its pastor in the lower auditorium, during which a love gift was presented to Mr. Neumann with the best wishes of the church.

● The retreat for ministers of the Atlantic Conference churches was held

at Bradley Beach, New Jersey from June 27 to July 1st. The program centered around the theme, "Baptists, Their Message and Mission." Evening messages were brought by the Reverends John Crouthamel of Philadelphia, Pa., Herbert J. Freeman of West New York, N. J., Herman Kuhl of Union City, N. J., Julius Kaaz of Philadelphia, Pa., and Thomas Rowell of Clifton, N. J. Other ministers participated in the full program and lively discussions held daily.

● On Thursday evening, July 14, the recognition service for the newly organized Baptist Church at Costa Mesa, California was held at Costa Mesa. The church building was dedicated on May 8 (as reported in the July 1st issue of "The Herald"). On July 14 the ministers and messengers of the California Association met to recognize this new group as a regularly constituted church of our fellowship. The service in the evening was under the leadership of the Rev. P. G. Neumann, who, according to newspaper accounts, "has taken charge of the new church organization and building program at Costa Mesa and with his family will soon move to that community."

● On Wednesday, June 1, the Junior Baptist Youth Fellowship of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., gave a very interesting play entitled, "The White Cross Box." The Junior Mission material of March 1949 published by the Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union was used as a basis for the play. The Juniors had gathered together some of the items mentioned and the interest was so marked that a great many more items were added, enabling the group to send a very large box to the Cameroons mission and also a box to the Spanish-American mission in Colorado. The missionary spirit was aroused in this very fine presentation, showing what these gifts can mean to the missionaries on the field.

● Mr. Lawrence Bienert of Leduc, Alberta and Mr. Alfonz Lamprecht of Camrose, Alberta, both students at the North American Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., spent almost three months from May to August in the Southern Conference churches, serving in the churches and at the young people's encampment and Southern Conference sessions. From July 27 to August 7 they held a Vacation Bible

School at the Hurnville Baptist Church near Henrietta, Texas and also conducted a week of evangelistic meetings. This was the first visit of both of these Canadians to Texas, and, according to reports, they enjoyed it immensely and were a blessing to the churches.

● From June 26 to July 3 a team of three ministers conducted special meetings at the Elm Creek Baptist Church of Texas, which is located about 30 miles from San Antonio. The Rev. Kenneth E. Nelson of Gatesville, Texas served as principal of the Vacation Bible School during the first week with 25 children enrolled. Evangelistic meetings were held during the second week with the Rev. Roy Seibel of Waco, Texas bringing the messages and Mr. Lawrence Bienert of our Rochester Seminary bringing the special music. There were six conversions. This was the first Vacation Bible School ever held at this church. The church with a membership of about 40 is served about four times a year by the Rev. David Zimmerman of Kyle, Texas.

● The new baptistry of the Central Valley Baptist Church of Donna, Texas was dedicated on Sunday, June 5. The baptistry was a memorial gift of Mrs. Dick Terveen in memory of her departed husband. On the same Sunday five converts were baptized by the Rev. Richard Mulder, former pastor of the church. Mr. Mulder has been residing at Saltillo, Mexico for the past few months, studying Spanish. He will be available for evangelistic meetings and Bible and missionary conferences in the future. His membership will remain with the Donna church. At the Vacation Bible School held from May 30 to June 10 eighty-two students were enrolled. Mr. Alfonz Lamprecht, one of our Rochester Seminary students, was in charge of the school.

● The work of remodeling the basement area of the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., which was begun in 1942, is now virtually completed at a cost of about \$20,000 according to the pastor, Rev. Ray L. Schlader. Provision has been made for a large recreation room which also serves as an assembly hall for the Junior department of the Sunday School. The kitchen has been modernized and the dining room enlarged to accommodate 150 persons. A sound proof nursery was added as a gift memorial of the late Mrs. Herman Schacht. In memory of Mrs. Ruth Meyer, wife of Dr. Frederick Meyer, Baptist martyrs in the Philippines, Mrs. August Schacht gave the church an intercommunication system and loudspeaking chimes for the church tower. A new set of pulpit furniture for the Sunday School chapel was dedicated in memory of Corporal Earl Winfred Walker who lost his life in the recent war.

The Pilgrim's Guide

Brief Expositions of God's Word

By the REV. ROBERT S. HESS of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

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THE WASHING OF FEET

IN JOHN 13:1-17 we have recorded the touching account of Christ washing the feet of his disciples. When we Christians put aside our ideas about faith and works which occupy so much time and energy and often produce nothing but contention, and put into practice the teachings of this beautiful portion of Scripture it would immediately result in unity, spirituality and fruitful service. We pray that this will be our experience at Sioux Falls this month. In this study, we will observe four great truths: 1) Demonstration of Love, 2) Demonstration of Humility, 3) Demonstration of Cleansing, and 4) Demonstration of Example.

DEMONSTRATION OF LOVE

This ministry of our Lord occurred just before his trial and death (Verse 1). We could understand and sympathize if he would have taken the remaining hours to be alone, but his love and concern for the disciples were of such a quality that he considered himself last. He thereby showed his love to his disciples, and through them to us.

His love proved to be limitless, all embracing and constant. This included Judas Iscariot. These dear disciples were his family, his school and his friends. He willingly bore their weakness. His affection was theirs as long as he lived, after his resurrection and forever in spite of their lack of knowledge, failures and forgetfulness. Christ proved his love to them by washing their feet as the woman (Luke 7) revealed her love to him. Oh, if our love for one another were like his!

DEMONSTRATION OF HUMILITY

Our Lord, knowing he would soon depart, and knowing of their personal ambitions for honor, desired to show them that true greatness consisted in voluntary humility and condescension. (Verses 3 to 5.) Some suppose that contention grew out of the order of their seating around the table and he hoped to give them this unforgettable lesson of humility.

While supper was being prepared, he arose, dressed himself in the manner of a servant and proceeded to wash the feet of the disciples. In washing the feet of Judas he shows how to act toward enemies. Fully conscious of his deity and heavenly

glory (V. 3), he humbled himself by doing the work of a servant. Only the great, the Christian who realizes his relationship to God and his coming reward can afford to be humble. Those who are without the riches of his grace must guard the little vain glory they receive in this life. That is all they have. Remember, "all that glitters it not gold."

DEMONSTRATION OF CLEANSING

The disciples had often seen the humility of Christ, but Peter was amazed at this act of condescension (Verses 6 to 11). From a sense of deep reverence and self-unworthiness he objected to have his feet washed. The Master to wash his feet? When he understands that this washing is a symbol of spiritual cleansing, he asks, from a real sense of his sinfulness, for complete cleansing.

There are two cleansings mentioned here, showing us the need of spiritual washing. The one takes place at the beginning of the Christian life when one receives complete forgiveness from sin as a guilty state through the merits of the shed blood of Christ and faith in it. It is a once for all experience.

The other cleansing, described as that "of feet" is a daily cleansing (1 John 1:7-9). This is illustrated by the custom of washing the feet after walking from a bath to the house. These cleansings from sin are found in Christ, the Savior. Oh, the tragedy of blindness that sees only a crude historical Roman crucifixion and misses its real meaning. To this group the cross has no spiritual meaning.

DEMONSTRATION OF EXAMPLE

In verses 12-17 Christ gives us the general meaning of this washing. The great truth is the need of doing his works after him. Some groups hold to the literal example, but generally it is believed to be symbolic. Possibly the literal act would help us all to overcome pride. But the act without true humility is as bad as not literally doing it.

Christ has given us the example. We should be ready to bear the weaknesses of our brethren, to do lowly acts for others and to prefer others instead of ourselves. To the degree that we do this, we follow his example. True happiness, true Christ-likeness are not in knowledge, but in doing his works after him. We know these things; blessed are we if we do them!



—Photo by Eva Luoma

Tawah, Son of Thunder

A story in seven installments of a beautiful collie dog which changed the course of life for two young people

By JOYE HOEKZEMA from the book, "Swift to Answer,"
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SYNOPSIS

Chad Garrison was in love with Jill Macon, who was a heart-catching slip of a girl, a picture to take any man's breath. But she was also very much attached to Tawah, a beautiful, big collie dog. The two young people made plans for an apartment in a three-room housing project but there was no place for Tawah, according to Chad. But one day the dog saved Jill's life when a terrifying cramp seized her while swimming. That settled it! Chad promised to keep the dog with them! They were married and moved with the dog into a tiny apartment in a big city. One evening they were invited to the apartment of their neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. David Briggs, who were deeply religious. Later Dave and Nina Briggs invited them to their cottage at Birch Lake. This was grand except for Jill because their dog Tawah couldn't go along. One evening at Birch Lake the four of them were in a small boat out on the water when Dave conducted evening devotions by reciting the 46th Psalm.

CHAPTER FIVE

THERE was a poignant hush. Then, from her end of the boat Nina spoke and there was the awe of the Divine in her clarion-clear voice, "That was the 46th Psalm, wasn't it, Dave, or a part of it. I'd like to quote from the New Testament: John 8:45, 47 and 48

— "And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God, heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because we are not of God."

Jill had never before listened to such phrases. She had no idea what they meant but the last sentence struck through her being like a lance thrust, "He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God." She shook the water from her fingers and folded them tightly in her lap. Of course she knew Dave and Nina had been quoting from the Holy Bible. Were the words foreign to her because she was not one of God's children?

It was Chad who voiced her startled question. He spoke impulsively and yet with characteristic honesty, as though he had thought along this same line before.

"Of course, I know you and Dave are Christians . . . you have been very outright in your testimony. But, well,

I'm not very religious. I never cared much about such things, to tell the truth, until I met you two. But I've been watching you and watching Dave at the shop. I might as well admit I know you've got something I haven't. What is it?"

"It isn't a 'something,' it's a 'Someone,'" Dave answered, and there was a deep quiet happiness in him that enriched the timbre of his voice. "We have the Lord Jesus Christ. We both met Him one winter five years ago, at a special meeting in our church. We came to realize that before God we were sinners and needed a Savior. So we just accepted His gift of the Lord Jesus and became children of God."

Chad laughed but there was no humor in it, "You make it sound simple, fella, but I must be dumb. I don't seem to understand . . ."

"I'm not very good at this sort of thing," Dave interrupted humbly. "I've wanted to speak to you before, Chad, but there just didn't seem to be any opportunity — or maybe I was a coward. Accepting Christ is so

simple any child can do it. In fact, Christ Himself said that except we become as little children, we cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. In other words, we must have a child-like faith and just accept God at His word. You believe in God, don't you?"

"Of course!" Chad answered earnestly, even eagerly. "I guess only fools and the feeble-minded have ever denied the existence of God."

"Do you believe that the Bible is God's Word, His revelation to man?"

"I suppose so. But I don't know much about it," Chad admitted doubtfully. Jill was listening so tensely that her body ached.

"The more you study the Word the more you will realize that it is not a man-made document," Nina chimed in breathlessly. "From Genesis to Revelation it has a beautiful unity and completeness of thought that becomes more amazing as one studies."

"Be that as it may, it's the quality of your lives that has interested me," Chad admitted candidly. "As I say, I've watched you. I've seen the consistency of your living, the fine upright way you meet life, and I've thought often that I'd like to know your secret."

Dave's voice was thick with unshed tears, "You make me ashamed, Chad — ashamed that I haven't talked to you about things of the Lord long before this. As I just said, becoming a Christian is too simple that many folks just won't accept it. They are bound there must be something hard and difficult that they themselves must do, in order to inherit Eternal Life. But you see God wanted man's love and his dependence and his obedience so much that finally, after the human race had sinned itself into a state of complete rottenness, God sent His only Son into the world, as a baby, that through Him all the world might have redemption."

"You mean we're all automatically saved from our sins because Christ came?" Chad demanded doubtfully.

"Oh, no. It's true, Christ died for the ungodly, and on the cross He bore the sins of the entire world in His perfect body. But there is one thing every individual must do in order to make this gift of God's a personal gift."

"And what's that?"

"Accept it," Dave explained gently. "I told you I couldn't explain this very well, but let me quote you a verse from the third chapter of John, 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life.' Now you can just put your own name in that place where it says 'whosoever' and you'll get the whole idea. 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that Chad Garrison, if he believes on him, should not perish but have everlasting life.' You see, fella, it's just that simple. God

offers the supreme sacrifice of His Son. It's a free gift. But it doesn't become yours until you accept it."

There was a long throbbing silence. In the marsh along the edge of the lake, bullfrogs awoke and challenged the night with their bass chorus. A fish splashed in the moonlight, sending out silver ripples into the molten path. The stars seemed almost to sing in the canopy above.

"Let me get this straight," Chad's voice was husky now, as though the travail of his spirit in rebirth was an exquisite agony, "You mean the Bible assures us that if a man, like me, believes in Jesus Christ, he will have everlasting life?"

"Believes with the heart and accepts the Presence of Christ into his heart. Yes!" Dave said unsteadily. "I mean that if, right now, here in this boat, you will bow your head and confess that you are a sinner before God and ask the Lord Jesus to come into your heart and have full dominion there, you can be saved this instant. You have to take the first step on faith. Take God at His Word and venture forth on His promises. He has promised to save you and He cannot lie. He, Jesus, said in Revelation 3:20, 'Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.' Do you believe that, fella, that the Lord Jesus stands at your heart's door? I think you do. I think you have heard Him asking to come in for a long time now. How about opening the door and inviting Him inside?"

Again the silence of great emotion settled over the gently rocking boat. Jill found herself bathed in a cold sweat. She was trembling. She waited for Chad's reply as though the destiny of her own soul depended upon it.

Chad cleared his throat twice before he answered and then his voice was but a hoarse whisper, "I'd — I'd like to have your Savior. I know I'm a sinner and I'm willing to confess it. How do I begin?"

"Just say, 'Lord, I'm a sinner. Save me by thy blood and come into my heart as thou hast promised,'" Dave instructed brokenly.

Wonderingly, falteringly, Chad repeated the simple, childlike prayer, and then suddenly the flood gates of his soul were opened and he was weeping, the unashamed tears of repentance and of exultant happiness. Jill could see the outline of his bowed head against the sheen of stars. Suddenly she was frightened — so frightened that her teeth chattered. Nina was murmuring softly —

"Jill, darling, won't you too accept the Lord Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord?"

Jill shook her head. She was scarcely conscious of that violent gesture of denial because of the strong be-

wildering conflict within her. She wanted to follow her husband into this new experience, but a counterforce, sinister and black as the waters beneath her, closed the door of her heart and brought to her trembling lips a bewildered cry of protest: "I don't think people should rush into anything like this. I think they should study and enter the Christian life intelligently! It should be a process of growth, it seems to me?"

"A baby can't begin to grow normally until it is born, can it?" Nina reasoned simply. "You must be born into God's family before you can grow. Then we are told to study to show ourselves approved unto God. We are urged to eat the meat of the Word after we have first drank the milk. But Jesus said 'Except a man be born again, he cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven.' Birth comes first, Jill. Won't you join Chad tonight, and right here, now, accept Christ as your Savior and experience the joy of being a new creature in Him?"

"No!" Jill repeated thinly, and now there was a strange panic in her. She wanted to run, she wanted to escape. She didn't want to listen to another word. "No!" Her voice was shrill. "You've got to give me more time. I won't be rushed into anything . . ."

There was a moment of eloquent silence, and then Dave began to pray, very tenderly, very reverently, and the Spirit of God moved His wooing love. Jill, because she was rebellious, shook with fear. She knew that something beyond the ken of ordinary human experience was transpiring. She felt its beauty and its mighty scope without either being a part of it or comprehending it. She felt isolated and so alone that she wept inwardly, the unshed tears splashing backward against her heart, hot, bitter thrusts of pain. She sat rigidly, her small hands gripping the seat, her eyes staring sightlessly at the sweeping arc of sky, her flesh shivering with the terror and nostalgia of soul.

When they returned finally to the hotel, Chad wisely refrained from forcing his new-found faith and happiness upon Jill. But she knew, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that out there on the starlit lake, Chad had undergone some mystical change. Nina had called it "rebirth." Perhaps it was, she thought, watching the sweetness and glow of her husband's face. Certain it was, that the strong boyish face was different than it had been hours before. She couldn't quite name it, but there was a radiance to the eyes, a gentleness to the mobile mouth, an undefinable something that made her both envious and lonely. She wanted to fly into his arms and cry out her fears, to ask him to explain it all to her questioning heart. But a contrary impulse locked her lips, and even caused her to rebuff him when he kissed her good night.

The next day, when they returned to the city, the kennel owner met them at the door with a grave face, "That dog of yours," he began, and fear broke out on Jill in sudden sweat. If anything had happened to Tawah she would never forgive Chad, no matter how sorry he was. "I'm afraid you'll think I haven't treated him very well. But he wouldn't eat or drink a mouthful. In fact, I doubt if he has moved more than two feet from the spot where you left him. I'm jarred if I ever saw a dog like him. He has watched the road constantly."

Jill didn't wait to hear any more. The savage lump in her throat dissolved into stinging tears. "Tawah!" she sobbed, pushing past the kennel owner. "Tawah — here — here!"

But the great dog had already heard her and was lunging against the wire and barking his joy. When the gate was unlocked, he crept to Jill as though he expected some chastisement, and thrust his head far beneath her arm. She knelt beside him, like a brokenhearted child, and looked up defiantly at Chad, "I'll never leave him again!" she whispered thickly.

She expected a sharp reply, but Chad dropped to his knees beside her, a grave contrition in his manner that she knew instinctively was caused by more than merely her misery and Tawah's suffering, "I'll never ask you to leave him again," he promised gently. "I shouldn't have been so selfish, Honey. Will you forgive me?"

Jill's fingers trembled. For an instant she even forgot to stroke Tawah. She was looking into Chad's eyes, where there were unshed tears and something else, something that divinely combined tenderness with pleading, and the unselfish love of this man who had so recently been made "a new creature in Christ Jesus."

But it wasn't until they were safe in the privacy of their own apartment, and Tawah was wolfing food, that the last of Jill's bitterness melted away. Chad, watching the second plateful disappear, grinned crookedly, "There must have been a powerful vacancy in his insides," he said. And then suddenly he turned to Jill, his eyes again warm with that new contrition, "Sweetheart, can you forgive me for being such a selfish beast?"

She was in his arms instantly, held so close that the stepped-up rhythm of his heart shook her a little. He rumpled her hair hungrily, pain still lingering in his eyes. "We might have crowded the pup in somehow. I — I would have, if I had to do it over again. I want you to believe that, Darling."

That half-frightened wonder was in her again because the change in him was so apparent, "I — I believe you," she stammered, hiding her face against him. "It's all right, anyway. I was foolish to want to take him. Oh Chad, I do love you!"

Very gravely he took her chin in his palm — "And I love you, Jill — more now than ever before! I'm — I'm so inexperienced at this sort of thing that I don't exactly know how to put it into words. But since last night, I accepted Christ as my Savior, the whole world seems different. Nothing is commonplace anymore. The dawn this morning, the landscape as we drove back, you . . . all things precious, I keep saying over and over, 'My Lord made that and that . . . My Lord made you, my beloved wife —' It's all so wonderful. . . ." He stopped abruptly, color deepening in his sensitive face. "You don't follow me, do you, Honey? I sound a little crazy to you, don't I? But believe me I'm more sane than I've ever been before in my life. Living makes sense now. I've got such happiness as I've never known before. I'm headed some place — heaven — Oh Jill, sweet, let's read the Bible and pray together. I want you to know Christ too!"

Jill withdrew herself doubtfully from his embrace. "I'd rather not," she said in a small frightened voice. "Not yet, Chad. Please . . ."

His smile brought the ache of tears to her throat, "I won't rush you, my darling, but neither will I ever be completely happy again, until you have joined me in the glorious experience of rebirth. There's just nothing like it. I know I have passed from death into life. I feel new and clean and washed inside. But I know too, that I won't be perfect. I'll fall into temptation, most likely, and grieve the Holy Spirit. But it's so wonderful to know that now I have a Savior, who, if I confess my sins, is faithful and just to forgive them."

Jill turned away blindly. The stubbornness in her own heart frightened her.

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It wasn't until the following March, that she made the joyous discovery that she was to have a child. Chad, she was sure, was even more excited over the prospect than she was. When she told him, he was at first filled with consternation. She looked too young for motherhood, a sun-tanned child, with the mysterious sweetness of childhood still clinging to the bloom of her ripening maturity. He gathered her into his arms with an exclamation of passionate tenderness, "Oh, my dearest — my dearest," he whispered, unashamed that she saw the tears on his cheeks. "I didn't mean for you to be burdened like this quite so soon."

"Then you aren't glad?" Jill asked fearfully, lifting her face to peer at him.

"God bless you — of course I'm glad!" he laughed huskily, pulling her head back against his shoulder. "It's only you're so young."

"I'm twenty," she declared stoutly, giving him a misty smile. "By the time our baby arrives, I'll be twenty-

one. Maybe I won't be a very good mother, but he'll have a smart daddy."

"Stop ribbing me," Chad said, excitement making his voice suddenly shallow. "Our youngster will have the grandest little mother a kid ever had. Because, Jill honey, by that time, you will have accepted my Lord. I'm going to have faith about that. Our family is going to have Christ as its head and our baby is going to be dedicated to God even before he is born."

Even in this moment of exquisite joy, Jill's heart crouched beneath the quiet words of assurance. She didn't want her unborn child dedicated to God. Or did she? There was such bewilderment in her, that she wasn't sure what she wanted. Chad's eyes followed her as she turned away.

The next day he came home lugging a mammoth panda under one arm, and bundle of blue and pink yarn under the other.

"What on earth are those for?" Jill wanted to know, lifting her flowerlike face for a kiss.

Chad's grin was boyish and oddly shy. "The panda is a kind of hint to Tawah that he's going to have a rival by and by. And the yarn," his eyes twinkled suddenly, "the yarn is to furnish you with the proper paraphernalia. Don't women in your condition always knit?"

"You goon!" she laughed, hugging him. "The panda may educate Tawah, but I doubt if even that pretty yarn can inspire my clumsy fingers."

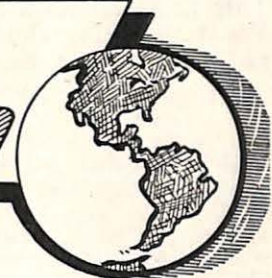
Nevertheless, she did learn to knit under Nina's skilled direction, and the spring days fairly tumbled over each other, so full were they of new interest and excitement. There was only one flaw. Beneath her new-found happiness was a dull ache, a yearning, a sense of incompleteness. Time and again she remembered Chad's tender words — "Our youngster will have the grandest little mother a kid ever had. Because, Jill honey, by that time you will have accepted my Lord." Each morning and night Chad read his Bible and knelt quietly by his bed in earnest worship of his Maker. And each day, in spite of their united joy over coming parenthood, the sense of separation grew. Jill knew he was praying for her and she both rejoiced in it and bleakly resented it. She was at a loss to understand herself.

And then came June, and with it a heat wave and the first acute discomfort of the summer. Once again the old argument over Tawah reared its head. The dog paced the narrow quarters, his panting breath constantly irritating the airless quiet, his toenails making a vexing sound against the bare boards.

"I should think that dog would drive you crazy!" Chad exploded one night, as they were finishing a weary meal in the breakfast nook. "It's like being in the same cage with a lion."

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REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



Eastern Conference

Sessions of the Ontario Convention at the First Church of Killaloe, Ontario

The Ontario Convention held its sessions from June 30 to July 3 at the First Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario. The general theme was based on the texts: "I am the light of the world" and "Ye are the light of the world." On Thursday evening a hearty welcome was given by Rev. C. Weissner, pastor of the churches of Killaloe, followed by the response by Rev. A. Stelter. The opening sermon was given by Rev. A. Stelter, based on, "While ye have the light, believe in the light" (John 12:36).

The two morning devotions were led by the young people. On Friday morning Miss Bertha Kuehl, a missionary in northern Ontario and of the Lyndock Church, was in charge, and on Saturday morning Mr. Gerald Kuehl of Arnprior delivered his inspiring message. The election of officers resulted as follows: Rev. Stelter, chairman; Rev. John Kuehn, vice-chairman; Rev. C. Weissner, secretary; and Mr. Mack Kuehl, treasurer.

The convention had the privilege to have as their guest speakers, Professor G. A. Lang of our Rochester Seminary and Rev. W. J. Luebeck of Cleveland, Ohio, editor of "Der Sendbote." Besides the above mentioned sermons, the quiet hours were led by these guest speakers.

Very encouraging for the young people is the fact that the convention has taken a special interest in the camp project at Round Lake. A special offering was held on Sunday evening to help the young people to pay for the property. With this offering and the extra efforts the young people of the churches have made during the last year, the debts will nearly be covered.

Our mission offering of the convention amounted to \$134. This sum was designated for our general mission fund. Next year, if God so wills, we shall meet in Arnprior, Ontario. May the merciful Father in heaven make his Light to shine upon his people here and everywhere!

A. Stelter, Reporter.

Central Conference

A Great Variety of Activities at the Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Michigan

"Total attendance in Sunday School 368." That was the report of the



Junior Choir of the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich.; With Mrs. Doyle Barkmeier, Director, in Back Row (Extreme Right) and Mrs. Blanche Newton Hill, Organist, at Extreme Left

Sunday School secretary recently at the Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich. Since December on only two Sundays the attendance has been less than 300. The Sunday School has purchased a bus to take care of its enlarging attendance.

The Woman's Missionary Society recently entertained the children from our Baptist Children's home for a Sunday. They also chartered a Greyhound bus and visited the denominational headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., the Western Old People's Home, the Home for the Aged at Maywood, Ill., and other places of interest.

During recent months our church has been enriched and the appreciation of the denomination increased by having as speakers at different times Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Dr. William Kuhn, Rev. H. G. Dymmel and Rev. C. Lengefeld.

On a Sunday in June the Junior choir of the church gave a recital of both vocal and instrumental numbers. This was under the capable leadership of its director, Mrs. Doyle Barkmeier. We cooperated in a city-wide Vacation Bible School held in a public school building, and one held in our church under the auspices of the Rural Bible Mission.

The coming year 1950 marks the 90th anniversary of the church, since it was organized in 1860 by the Rev. W. E. Grimm. In 1950 the present pastor, Rev. L. H. Broeker, also enters upon the 15th year of his pastorate with us.

Mildred J. Pschigoda, Church Rep.

The 69th Annual Sessions of the Central Conference at Detroit, Michigan

The Central Conference met for its 69th annual session with the Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan from June 23 to 26. Twenty-one of our 30 churches were represented by 77 delegates, with a total

registration of delegates and visitors of about 125.

The program had been built around the theme, "The Call of the Master," based on the Scripture text of John 11:28, "The Master is come and calleth for thee." The various topics under this theme were: "The Call to Repentance" by Rev. L. H. Broeker, "The Call to Prayer" by Rev. A. G. Schlesinger, "The Call to Faith" by Rev. William Hoover, "The Call to the Word of God" by Rev. C. B. Nordland, "The Call to Discipleship" by Mr. James Barnes, "The Call to Evangelization" by Rev. J. Lester Harnish.

The speaker at the Saturday evening banquet of the Young People's and S. S. Workers' Union was Rev. Edwin Miller, who brought an effective message on the topic he had chosen in keeping with the conference theme, "The Call to Purity," using the experiences of Daniel as illustration throughout. The message at the Sunday morning worship service was brought by our general missionary secretary, Rev. H. G. Dymmel. Because so many delegates and visitors are homeward bound on Sunday, the afternoon service was jointly arranged with the Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union as the final assembly of the conference, with Rev. J. Lester Harnish speaking.

The digest of church letters showed that our churches had contributed \$63,599.73 to our denominational missionary budget while \$54,711.96 were given to other missionary groups. Our membership of 6,790 of last year suffered a net loss of 379, due mainly to the fact that several churches had severely pruned their lists, reducing the present membership to 6411.

The officers for the ensuing year are Rev. Fred Lower, moderator; Rev. Stanley Geis, vice-moderator; Rev. Fred Mashner, recording secretary; Rev. Richard A. Grenz, statistical secretary; Rev. Herman Riffel and Mr. Arnold Kirschner to the conference mission committee; Rev. Arthur McAsh, mission secretary; Rev. Arthur McAsh and Mr. Harold Gieseke, representatives to the General Mission Committee; Dr. A. Dale Ihrie and Mr. H. P. Donner, representatives to the General Council.

Two innovations were inaugurated in these sessions. The ministers and their wives had breakfast together and then separate fellowship and inspiration on Friday morning in the Bethel Church, and Friday afternoon the men had a separate men's program under the leadership of Mr. F. A. Grosser during the early part of the woman's program and then joining the latter for their speaker, Miss Kittlitz.

Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, Reporter.

Thirty-seven Children Attend Vacation Bible School at Mt. Sterling Baptist Church

Beginning June 6th, the boys and girls in the vicinity of Mt. Sterling, Mo., were privileged to attend one week of Vacation Bible School at the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Mo. The school had an enrollment of 38 children. The school was divided into three departments. The Beginners were taught by Mrs. Herman C. Lipskoch and Mrs. Fred Heidbrink, the Primary children by Rachel Lipskoch and Mrs. Bill Rikard, and the Juniors by Mrs. Mac Johnson. Ricka Leimkuehler gave flannelgraph stories for all classes. Ruth Lipskoch was secretary and pianist. The pastor, Rev. Arthur A. Voigt, was the leader and general assistant.



Children and Teachers at the Vacation Bible School Held by the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Missouri

The children were eager to learn of the Bible. The daily schedule of the week included periods of memory work, singing choruses, story telling and handwork. On the last day the children were given a wiener roast which was enjoyed by all.

On Sunday evening, June 12, the children presented a program. The church was filled for this occasion. This program gave the parents and friends an opportunity to see and hear what the children had learned. They also had a display of the handwork they had done.

Ruth Lipskoch, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia Occupies Its New Edifice and Celebrates Pastor's Anniversary

It is doubtful whether a single member of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., would have ventured one year ago to predict that on July 10th the Pilgrim Church would celebrate a double festivity. This date marked a two-fold cause for thanksgiving and rejoicing, for it was on this Sunday that the first worship service was held in the new church building, and this was also the first anniversary of the Rev. W. C. Damrau's ministry at Pilgrim Church.

The earnest prayers, the endless planning, the untiring work and sacri-

ficial giving of time, talent and funds by the members and pastors, especially during the past few months, have changed to reality the dream of the Pilgrim congregation for many years. Although the building is only about ninety percent completed, the almost phenomenal speed with which it was made ready for occupancy was reason for thanksgiving and praise in the heart of every member of the church present at the opening service. "... They perceived that this work was wrought of our God" (Neh. 6:16).

The church service followed the usual order, but every part of it took on new significance in the new sanctuary. Because so many of the members had shared in the actual work of putting the main auditorium into condition for holding services, it was with a feeling of more than ordinary

satisfaction that many participated in the program. It was gratifying to see a goodly number of visitors from the neighborhood who had come as a result of the visitation work done by the pastor and by Mr. Fred David, a student at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, working under the denominational Youth Service Plan. A congratulatory letter from the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Union City, New Jersey and several floral greetings added to the festive air which made the first service in the new church edifice a long-to-be-remembered one.

Ida J. Draeger, Church Clerk.

Southern Conference

Summer Encampment of the Southern Conference Young People at Latham Springs, Texas

With the words, "For Me To Live Is Christ," as our theme, the days of June 21 to 26 marked the week of the Summer Encampment of the Southern Conference Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union at Latham Springs, Texas. Besides the rain we had, God blessed abundantly in many ways. Our attendance reached 234 with an average of 100 attending the camp. The attendance banner was awarded to the Central Baptist Church at Waco, and the mileage banner to the

Central Valley Baptist Church at Donna, this making their third consecutive year in winning the mileage banner.

Among our numerous privileges, the Rev. L. H. Smith, evangelist from Denver, Colorado and the Rev. J. C. Gunst, National Young People's Secretary of Forest Park, Ill., were our guest speakers. We were all impressed and greatly inspired by their messages. We were also fortunate in having Alfonz Lamprecht and Lawrence Bienert in our midst, who served in the classes as well as leading the group in singing. Another special blessing was having the Rev. Arthur Schulz as our camp dean and Mrs. Clara Monschke as the dean of girls.

Our teaching staff consisted of Rev. J. C. Gunst, young people's class; Lawrence Bienert, Intermediate; Mrs. J. O. Zillen and Alfonz Lamprecht, Juniors. The evening messages were brought to us by Mr. Smith. Every day was filled with many activities. We began our day by having "Prayer Bands." These "Prayer Bands" were a source of blessing to the encampment. They were divided by ages and each group was named after a foreign mission field.

As the climax of the encampment on Friday night after the evening message, we had a testimonial service at the campfire. This was a great and stirring event to all at the camp. Several were saved and many rededicated their lives, and a few surrendered to full time service for the Lord.

Sunday brought a blessed week to a close as Mr. Gunst brought a consecration message and all those who had been saved or had rededicated their lives or surrendered to full-time service went forward to make known their decision. When we left, all felt that God had blessed us in a great way.

Eunice Terveen, Secretary.

Southwestern Conference

Recent Events and Ambitious Plans at the Baptist Church, Creston, Nebraska

Recently it was our privilege as the Baptist Church of Creston, Nebraska to have the Rev. H. Palfenier, our general evangelist, for a series of meetings. Although there were no professions of conversions, there are other signs which indicate that these meetings were a blessing to the church.

We also held a Vacation Bible School of two weeks. This was the first one of its kind in our church. Miss Lois Scheffer, Mrs. Darold Mohrman, Mrs. John Broeder, and Rev. John Broeder served as teachers. We hope this is the beginning of an important work in our church.

Now we are looking forward to the remodeling of our church basement so it can be used for various church activities. We began the work last Fall but, due to the severe winter, the work was postponed. Now as we have time we want to do as much as we can to complete what we have started.

John Broeder, Pastor.

Home Builders Class and Recent Events at Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas

In the accompanying picture we of the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas wish to present our Home Builders class, of which our beloved pastor's wife, Mrs. Anna Dons, is the teacher. Not all the members of the class were present when the picture was taken but it is a fair presentation of our group.

A little more than a year ago the need for this class became apparent and in that period of time it has proved its worth in our church life. Not only does the class back the spiritual program of the church but it also promotes fellowship and co-operation. Although our teacher was laid up with a severe injury sustained while in Chicago which necessitated the use of a wheelchair for quite some time, the members of the class insisted that she be taken to church and teach from the wheelchair.

The Vacation Bible School of our church proved to be a success, despite the fact that many children were prevented from coming due to a measles epidemic. A corps of eight teachers worked together harmoniously and efficiently. Ten of our Scripture memorizers accomplished their assigned task and were old enough to attend camp. Mrs. August Kruger accompanied them.

We are still busy as a church changing things around on our church grounds. The landscaping has not been accomplished as yet. A new garage has been erected and an old building torn down. A new baby grand Knabe piano was bought and installed recently for which we held a dedication service. Our services are well attended and so is our Sunday School. Another healthy sign of our church life is the well attended prayer service at which many young people are present. The Rev. Theo W. Dons, our pastor, will soon begin his sixth year in our midst.

Harold De Werff, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Pacific Conference at Vancouver

The theme for the Pacific Conference held this year in the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., was "The Church — One Body in Christ" (Romans 12:5). Members of the Woman's Missionary Union who were in attendance realized anew the privilege, duty and blessing that are ours as members of the Body of Christ.

Our business meeting was held on Friday afternoon, June 24th, with Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, presiding and Mrs. Otto Boehi as secretary. The following members were elected to serve next year: president, Mrs. John Wobig, Portland, Ore.; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Rudolph Woyke, Salem, Ore.; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Rubin Kern, Vancouver, B. C.; 3rd vice-president, Mrs.



Members of the Home Builders Class of the Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas of Which Mrs. Theo. W. Dons Is the Teacher

Edmund Mittelstedt, Los Angeles, Calif.; secretary, Mrs. F. W. Bartel, Spokane, Washington; and treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Kroesch, Anaheim, Calif.

We again had the privilege of an evening program. The women contributed special numbers and the choir from the entertaining church thrilled us with their music. Dr. T. W. Bender of our Seminary was in our midst. As our guest speaker he spoke from the text of 1 Peter 1:13, his theme being, "Braced Minds." Minds today are filled with confusion and Dr. Bender urged us to brace our minds with two important facts. First, Christ's death bringing us life eternal. Secondly, Christ's return bringing us glory.

A fine offering of \$158.00 was received. This together with our dues will be divided equally between our Nurses Training School in the Camerons and our Seminary.

Mrs. F. W. Bartel, Secretary.

One Hundredth Birthday for "Grandma" Henrietta Lange at Tacoma, Washington

On Sunday, June 19, the members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., were privileged to congratulate one of its members on her 100th birthday. The birthday child was "Grandma" Henrietta Lange. The years have dealt kindly with her. She is still able to knitt, crochet and read — all without glasses. Her memory is exceptionally good, and she is still

able to come to church almost every Sunday morning. She is an inspiration and an example to us all.

"Grandma" Lange and her family came to Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Canada from Germany in 1906. Later they removed to Oregon, where they attended the Salt Creek Baptist Church. Mrs. Lange now lives with her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Dingfield, here in Tacoma. Of the three sons and six daughters born to her, the six daughters are still living, one in British Columbia, the others in the United States. All of them, as well as a goodly number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren helped to celebrate her birthday. At the banquet which was "Grandma" Lange and all of us were over seventy adults present.

The short birthday program was opened with a few fitting remarks by our pastor, the Rev. H. J. Wilcke. Our Sunday School superintendent, Miss Lucy Ahrens, next presented the birthday child with an orchid — a gift of the Sunday School — and read a very appropriate poem, based on Ps. 92:12-15. A quartet, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmunk, Mr. Edward Stabbert and Mr. Peter Yost, sang a number entitled, "Die Heimat." "Grandma" Lange and all of us were very moved by it.

We pray God's richest blessings on the remaining days of her earthly life, and only hope that God may find us as faithful as long as we are pilgrims here on earth.

Elfriede Gudelius, Reporter.



Mrs. Henrietta Lange of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington on the Occasion of her 100th Birthday With Her Six Daughters, Including Mrs. Oscar Dingfield of Tacoma (Third from Left, Back Row) With Whom She Is Living

Dakota Conference

Welcome Reception at Hettinger, North Dakota for Rev. and Mrs. Norman Miller

On Sunday, July 3, an all day service was held at the Grace Baptist Church of Hettinger, North Dakota. At the morning service the Rev. Norman Miller, our new pastor, gave his personal testimony.

A dinner was served in the church basement for all the guests.

In the afternoon a welcome reception was held in honor of our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Norman Miller. The Rev. A. G. Rietdorf of Bison, So. Dak., was guest speaker. Words of welcome were spoken by Mr. Gottlieb Beck in behalf of the deacons, Mr. Philip Ketterling in behalf of the Sunday School, Mrs. Fred Fuchs in behalf of the Woman's Mission Society and Miss Doreen Schneider in behalf of the B.Y.P.U.

We were very happy to have with us our former assembly president, Mr. Clemence Auch of Mott, No. Dak., who welcomed them into the Badlands Assembly. The Rev. B. C. Schreiber of New Leipzig spoke appropriate words of welcome, and a poem entitled, "A Preacher's Wife," was read by Mrs. B. C. Schreiber. Two numbers were sung by the local choir and special music was also rendered by the Bison and New Leipzig churches.

May God's richest blessings rest upon our new pastor as he continues his work on his new field.

Doreen Schneider, Reporter.

Sessions of the Central Dakota Association Held at Bismarck, North Dakota

It was indeed reason for rejoicing when we of the Central Dakota Association could again gather as God's children in harmony and fellowship at Bismarck, No. Dak., from June 15 to 19, greeting many old as well as new pilgrims during these days. After the conventional preliminaries, Rev. Adam Huber of Linton, No. Dak., with an inspirational message showed us the "Christian in Action." For a devotional next day Rev. F. Alf of Streeter, No. Dak., spoke on the "Difference of Twins" Jacob and Esau being symbolic of the two pathways in life. After a message by Rev. Fred Trautner of Beulah, No. Dak., Rev. E. S. Fenske of Herreid, So. Dak., showed us the necessity of a consecrated life. Prof. A. S. Felberg of Rochester, N. Y., closed the forenoon session with a consecration service, speaking on the eternal securities of the believer.

The afternoon session began with a devotional by Rev. E. Faul of Wishek, No. Dak. Rev. Otto Fiesel of Sidney, Mont., followed with a discourse on Christian giving. In the evening the Rev. Jacob Meister of Berlin, Germany gave a report on conditions in Germany during and after the late war as he had seen and experienced them.

On Friday morning, Rev. Henry Lang of Wolf Point, Mont., spoke on personal evangelism and Rev. W. Stein of Ashley, No. Dak., on mass

evangelism, showing that both were scriptural and effective if applied with earnestness and zeal. Mr. Meister closed the forenoon session with a period of meditation and consecration.

Rev. A. Krombein of Eureka, So. Dak., opened the afternoon meeting with a song service whereupon Rev. A. Sootzman of McLaughlin, So. Dak., showed us how we might go forward with the spiritual conditions in Germany. In the evening the Ladies' Missionary Union gave its program at which Prof. Felberg was the speaker.

Saturday was devoted to Sunday School work. Rev. R. Sigmund of Bismarck, No. Dak., led a discussion on "The Pastor's Relation to the Sunday School" and Mr. Felberg showed us how we might increase our Sunday School attendance. Then Rev. Edward Kary of Bismarck, No. Dak., spoke on "Securing Suitable Teachers" and in closing Dr. Felberg led a consecration service. The afternoon was given over to a Sunday School Clinic, conducted by Mr. B. F. Heitzman, which proved very interesting. In the evening a brief message followed by a sound film was very effectively presented by the Rev. P. T. Hunsicker.

On Sunday morning a Sunday School was conducted at which Rev. C. Rempel of Hebron, No. Dak., spoke in German and Rev. Theo. Frey of Napoleon, No. Dak., in the English language. A worship service followed in the interest of missions with Prof. Felberg as the speaker. The sessions came to a close in the afternoon with the local minister in charge and Dr. Felberg again bringing the message. We certainly had a wonderful time of refreshing and fellowship and look forward with anticipation to the time and place when we shall meet again next year.

David Littke, Reporter.

Sessions of the Central Dakota Woman's Missionary Union at Bismarck, North Dakota

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Central Dakota Convention met on Friday, June 17th, at Bismarck, North Dakota for its business session. Mrs. Ted Frey of Hebron, No. Dak., led devotions, and Mrs. Fred Alf of Streeter, No. Dak., president, presided at the business session. Twenty-four societies were present with 54 delegates. In the past year two new societies were added to our organization, those at Aberdeen, So. Dak., and Billings, Mont. During the past year 49 new members were won in the various groups and four were taken by death. At present we have a membership of 620 women. 2241 sick calls were reported, and 493 packages were sent to Europe.

The new officers are as follows: Mrs. Ed. Kary, president; Mrs. Ed. Fenske, vice-president; Mrs. A. Krombein, secretary; and Mrs. C. Rempel, treasurer.

The evening program was well arranged and presented. Musical numbers included a piano solo by Mrs. Ervin J. Faul of Wishek, No. Dak., and songs by the Felicity Group of Venturia, No. Dak. and three women from Billings, Mont. The memorial

service was led by Mrs. O. Fiesel. Two interesting readings were given on missions by women from Gackle, No. Dak., and Medina, No. Dak. Prof. A. Felberg of Rochester, N. Y., was our guest speaker, bringing a message on "Women According to the Bible." The offering at this meeting was \$178.

Mrs. Albert Krombein, Secretary.

Northern Conference

Sessions of the Manitoba Association and Triunion at the Whitemouth Baptist Church

The Manitoba Association was opened on Monday evening, June 27, at Whitemouth, Manitoba with Mr. F. Ohlman, pastor of the church, bringing greetings of welcome to the visitors. The Rev. J. B. Kornalewski of Minnetonka responded and the Whitemouth choir sang, after which the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn of Morris brought the opening message on "God as Life's Refuge."

The Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., led in the consecration service on Tuesday morning following the short business session. Reports from the field were very encouraging with an increase in baptisms and an increase in our churches through immigration which has given us numerous mission opportunities in our Canadian provinces. The ordination of the Rev. Fred Ohlman took place in the evening with Rev. M. L. Leuschner bringing the ordination message.

June 29th saw the opening of the Tri Union. Fifty-five delegates were present. The reports given by the three directors of the different branches were a fine synopsis of the general trend of God's work done in the Sunday Schools, Young People's Societies and choirs. The Rev. August Kraemer gave a detailed account of the founding of the newest addition to our field of activity, the Summer Assembly at Lake Dauphin. Mr. Kraemer was also in charge of the quiet half hour and in his own quiet and yet persuasive way he brought home to us a message that told for his Master.

At the business session the following officers were elected: president, Rev. Daniel Fuchs; vice-president, Rev. J. B. Kornalewski; secretary, Ida Hoffman; treasurer, Paul Bergstresser; Young People's directress, Miss Lynda Rempel; music and song director, Rev. William Sturhahn.

On Thursday morning the Rev. D. Fuchs addressed the audience on "Youth Problems" with "Stewardship" as the feature problem. For the afternoon the Whitemouth young people had prepared "a scavenger hunt" followed by a wiener roast in the beautiful grove of Mr. Henschel.

The climax was reached in the evening program when the Mass Choir sang under the leadership of the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn; the Whitemouth young people presented the heart-stirring dialogue, "The Singing Woodchopper;" and Mr. Leuschner brought the message to the audience on the text, "Exercise thyself rather unto godliness" (1 Tim. 4:7).

Ida Hoffman, Reporter.



The Assembly Building Belonging to the Manitoba Tri-Union on the Farm of Mr. Alex Geertsema at Lake Dauphin, Manitoba (Left); and Parents and Their Children Who Attended the Homebuilders Camp at the Assembly Grounds as the First Venture of Its Kind for the Tri-Union

Manitoba Homebuilders Retreat Is Held at Beautiful Lake Dauphin Camp

Happy and all too soon past were the days of June 22 to 26 spent at the beautiful Twin Bays Beach at Lake Dauphin, Manitoba where the Manitoba Homebuilders held their retreat. Away from every daily care, we were ushered right into the sanctity of God's beautiful out-of-doors where Heaven was the dome and the Infinite engulfed his little flock of searchers after truth in veritable realms of halcyon quiet and peace. Even the daily program, which consisted of devotions, lesson periods, discussions, dramatics, volley ball, fishing, boating, swimming and evening worship services, was not one bit crowded and was delightfully informal.

We were very fortunate in having the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois with us as a teacher. We were pleased at the way he took the "roughing it" with the rest and with his willingness to share these experiences with us. Mr. Leuschner brought the Camerons home to us in a course on "The Call of the Camerons" and by moving pictures.

The Rev. Daniel Fuchs of Winnipeg gave a series of lectures on "Problems of the Homebuilder." Lively discussions followed each one of the lectures. All of the pastors present, Reverends M. L. Leuschner, Wm. Sturhahn, August Kraemer and Daniel Fuchs, took an active part in them.

The Rev. Wm. Sturhahn of Morris was the camp director. In his own, able way he directed this camp according to the varied needs of the campers and made a grand success of it, all, of course, under the guidance of the Great Director and Keeper without who we would be nothing.

We pray that God might make our Homebuilders Retreat a place to which each of those who attend can look back to as THE PLACE in which God revealed himself as the one great Homebuilder who has made Home a refuge and a sacred sanctuary, through the walls of which the outside world cannot enter.

Ida Hoffman, Reporter.

Welcome Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. R. Rapske at Medicine Hat, Alberta

Some months ago the Rev. E. Faul and his family left the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta to serve as minister in North Dakota. During this time the church carried on as best we could without a servant of God, but the road wasn't an easy one, although we are very grateful to Rev. R. Milbrandt and his wife who so faithfully served when in need. In the chain of activities of Sunday School, church services, young people, choir and radio work, a link was missing, our pastor. But we praise God for his wonderful leading in bringing to us his consecrated servants, the Rev. R. Rapske and his wife.

On June 19th, as was God's guiding, we were privileged to welcome our pastor and his wife into our midst. Many blessings were bestowed upon the church starting with Sunday School and morning worship, which was broadcast from the church, Children's Day program in the afternoon and our Sunday Home Hour Broadcast at 4:30 P. M.

At the Welcome Service the choir rendered the selection, "I Was Glad." Mr. Milbrandt from the Baptist Haven of Rest brought the welcome message. The deacons of the church, Mr. John Hoffman and Mr. Paul Stober, extended a hand of welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Rapske. Lorraine Biffert and Caroline Herman then rendered a duet. As representatives of the various organizations, Isabel Schatz from the choir, Charlie Biffert for the young people and Ted Hoffman as Sunday School president spoke a few words of welcome asking assistance in each department. The Ladies' Aid, represented by four members, rendered a selection, "I Am Happy in the Service of the King." Mrs. Klinger, president of the Ladies' Aid, presented a gift to our pastor and his wife.

An opportunity was then given to Mr. and Mrs. Rapske to speak a few words to the congregation.

Caroline Herrmann, Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. Raymond Dickau, Seminary Graduate, at Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada

On Monday afternoon, June 27th, the Pleasant Prairie Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alberta convened for the examination for ordination of one of her sons, Mr. Raymond Dickau, who is a graduate of our seminary at Rochester, N. Y. Although he had accepted a call from the Baptist Church at Venturia, N. Dak., it was the candidate's desire to be ordained in his home church where his friends and brethren, who influenced his life and moulded his character, could participate in the memorable celebration.

The examination of the candidate was both impressive and gratifying. After relating his conversion experience and his call to the Christian ministry he presented his doctrinal views clearly and explicitly. The council for examination, consisting of twenty-one members representing nine churches, under the chairmanship of the Rev. R. Schilke of Edmonton, was extremely pleased with Mr. Dickau's testimony and statement of faith.

The ordination service took place in the evening of the same day. The beautiful auditorium of the Pleasant Prairie Church, decorated with flowers, was filled to capacity with both members of its own congregation and friends from neighboring churches. The service was led by Rev. Geo. Robinson, pastor of the ordaining church, and the following brethren participated in the ordination program. Rev. Fred W. Benke, a friend and former pastor of the candidate, delivered the ordination sermon on the theme, "Do A Good Job." Rev. C. H. Seecamp led in the ordination prayer. Rev. R. Schilke and Rev. Geo. Robinson, respectively, gave the charge to the candidate and the charge to the church, and Rev. Karl Korella welcomed the young minister into the ranks of the servants of the Lord. Two vocal solos were rendered impressively, "Have I Done My Best for Jesus" by Miss Irene Sommers, and "If Jesus Goes With Me" by Mrs. Donald Dickau.

Karl Korella, Reporter.



Children in Attendance at the Vacation Bible School Held by the Baptist Church of Mound Prairie, Minnesota

Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. G. Beutler by Ebenezer East Baptist Church

Sunday, June 12, brought to a close the five and a half year ministry of the Rev. and Mrs. Gottfried Beutler with the East Ebenezer Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Sask. After Mr. Beutler's message a farewell reception was given in honor of the Beutlers.

Mr. Alvin Bohn, one of our deacons, took charge of the program. Mr. John Hoffman and Mr. Gerhardt Falkowski as deacons spoke in behalf of the church; Mr. Sam Katzberg in behalf of the Sunday School; Mrs. Ed. Bohn in behalf of the Ladies' Aid; Mr. Ed. Bohn for the choir; and Mr. Benny Dreger in behalf of the young people. Mr. John Falkowski, the church secretary, also spoke words of thanks to the Beutlers. Our program which helped to beautify the service consisted of various numbers by a male quartet, ladies' quartet, duets, readings and choir selections.

As a token of love and appreciation the church presented the Beutlers with a set of silver flatware. They also received a number of other gifts. The Beutlers then expressed their thanks, and their daughter, Anita, rendered a beautiful piano solo entitled, "Meditations."

Mrs. Melvyn Hoffman, Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. F. H. Ohlmann of Whitemouth, Canada During the Manitoba Association

The ordination of a Christian minister is always a memorable service, for it is a colorful announcement for the fact that the Holy Spirit has set aside a young man for the preaching of the unsearchable riches of the Gospel. The ordination of Mr. F. H. Ohlmann at Whitemouth, Manitoba on Tuesday evening, June 28, during the Manitoba Association was such a happy occasion.

The ordination council was organized in the afternoon upon call of the Whitemouth Church, which Mr. Ohlmann has served since Dec. 1, 1946. The Rev. Wm. Sturhahn of Morris and Mr. R. J. Stober of Morris were elected chairman and secretary, respectively. Mr. Ohlmann gave a clear and concise description of his conversion experience, call to the ministry and doctrinal views. A letter of commendation from the Mennonite Bible College of Winnipeg, from which Mr. Ohlmann had re-

ceived the diploma of graduate of theology on June 21st, was read. The council recommended unanimously that the church proceed with the service.

The Tuesday evening meeting was set aside for the ordination exercises. The Rev. A. Milner of Winnipeg read the Scripture passage. The Rev. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., preached the ordination sermon. The ordination prayer was offered impressively by the Rev. Daniel Fuchs of Winnipeg with the laying on of hands by the ministers. The charge to the candidate was given by the Rev. J. B. Kornalewski of Minitonas, followed by the charge to the church by the Rev. August Kraemer of St. Rose. The welcome into the ranks of ministers was brought by the Rev. William Sturhahn of Morris. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. F. H. Ohlmann.

Mr. Ohlmann studied at our Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta from 1941-42 and from 1944-45.

Martin L. Leuschner, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Mountain-top Experiences at the Mound Prairie Baptist Church of Minnesota

Five blessed days were spent at the Vacation Bible School during the week of June 27 to July 1 at the Mound Prairie Baptist Church of Minnesota. Seventeen were in attendance during the week. The three teachers who conducted the school were Miss Minnie Anderson of Houston, Minnesota; the student pastor Eleon Sandau, and his wife. A Program was presented by the school on Friday evening for the parents and friends. We feel that it was a profitable week, especially since one of the children was led to a saving knowledge of Christ.

On Monday, July 4th, the traditional annual homecoming was observed at the church. A program was presented by the children of the Sunday School at 11 o'clock following which we were favored by a challenging message from our guest speaker, Rev. Edgar Klatt of the Riverview Baptist Church in St. Paul, Minn. Following the program all gathered out on the church lawn under the large, wide-spreading elms for a delicious picnic dinner.

Mrs. Philip V. Senn, Reporter.

Father's and Son's Banquet and Seminary Quartet Program at Pound, Wisconsin

A recent Father's and Son's Banquet, held in the newly decorated basement of the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wisconsin, was a thing worthy of thorough enjoyment. Our men came from far and near, and others from various churches of our greater area. We craved for wholesome fellowship and got it! We longed for a special manifestation of His presence and had it. We were fed and entertained and preached to and enjoyed it! The Martha of New Testament times has also many good sisters in our church. Well, they took it upon themselves to feed the hungry! The pastor of the church, Rev. John E. Grygo, was the toastmaster and what could he have done if his brethren had failed him! They did not, and that made it so wonderful.

After the meal came the program with its attractive features. We sang a few old Gospel hymns. Mr. Arnold Long of Menominee, Michigan led us in prayer. Mr. Reuben Graetz of the Pioneer Baptist Church read a portion of God's Word. Besides that, two men's quartet numbers were rendered by the Male Quartet of the Section Eight Baptist Church, and one number by the Male Quartet of the Pioneer Baptist Church. Mr. Willard Carlton of the First Church gave a fine flute solo. Our visiting ministers brought hearty greetings. Rev. Henry Schielke of the First Baptist Church, and Rev. Owen Harley of the same church brought personal testimonies. Rev. Elmer Hoff of the Full Gospel Tabernacle of Pound joined them and Rev. Carl Conrad of Youth for Christ made us feel good, too. Mr. Gilbert Abhold spoke in behalf of his pastor, Rev. Warren Thompson, Section Eight Baptist Church — a worthy substitute.

Oh yes, our laymen can give impromptu speeches too! Mr. Howard Fuelle of the Pioneer Church, addressed the sons, Mr. Harold Anthold also of our church, addressed the fathers and Mr. Emil Will of the First Church, addressed the grandfathers. Ah, but we can be very formal! Mr. Matt Meyers of the Pioneer Church and president of our brotherhood, gave the assembled hosts the glad hand of welcome — no wonder, everyone of the speakers felt so free and so grand. And when our banquet speaker, Rev. V. E. Gowdy of Oconto, Wis., arose, the ground was well prepared for his timely and beneficial message. His topic, "Be diligent," was well underscored by the fine delivery and deep spiritual content!

On the following evening, June 14, our upper room was a crowded sight. It rained all day, but the people came! They came to hear our "Seminars." Yes, they came and were not disappointed. Our brethren made a fine and grateful impression upon the large audience. We liked their songs and their testimonies and above all, their modesty and sincerity. I felt well to know that they were OUR boys! And what's more, we gave this quartet the greatest offering ever!

John E. Grygo, Pastor.

Special Programs in June at the Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

The month of June was a very active and therefore a blessed one for the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minn. Our pastor, Rev. E. W. Klatt, used the theme, "The Ever Present Lord," for the sermons of the month, basing his thoughts on Matt. 28:20.

On Sunday evening, June 12, we had as our guests the C. T. I. Harmonettes of Edmonton, Alberta who very ably testified for the Lord in word and song.

On Sunday morning, June 26, we were privileged to have Rev. Jacob Meister of Berlin, Germany as our guest speaker. Through his informative message we have become better acquainted with the needs of fellow-Christians in Germany. The same Sunday evening the "Seminars" of our North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., and our missionary, Miss Margaret Kittlitz, served us, bringing greetings and songs that were uplifting.

Our Vacation Bible School was one of the best we have ever had with all day sessions from June 27 to July 1. A program was presented by the attending scholars on the closing day. Miss (Rev.) Ethel Ruff, director of the Hebrew Mission Work of our city, was the teacher and director with a number of our members as teachers. Ida Glewwe, Reporter.

Living by God's Will

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God, "Jesus came to draw all men unto himself." But how shall they hear about a way to eternal life without one who witnesses to that great truth and hope?

Many of us who belong to church are comfortably worshipping God each Sunday and listening to the lovely and sweet music as the choir and pastor take their places. Then we sing the songs, and often we are completely unconscious of the message in word that we sing. We listen to the reading of Scripture and then settle down for the sermon. At this point we may say with the Apostle Paul, "and many sleep," because the commands of God are not obeyed, no matter how often they are repeated from the pulpits. It is God's will that we prepare ourselves so that we may lead others to Christ the Redeemer. It is God's will that we be a "light;" that we be "the salt of the earth." It is God's will that we be filled with a compassion for the lost.

There are hundreds and thousands who are members of the Kingdom of God who have never led a soul to Christ. The failure of this, I admit, has been two-fold. We as pastors have often failed in instructing and leading our flock as Jesus instructed and led his disciples to be soul winners. Then too there has often been the failure on the part of those in our flock to be willing to be led and to be used of

Obituary

MR. MARTIN SELZER of Dallas, Texas

Mr. Martin Selzer of Dallas, Texas was born in Altfratant, Bukowina, Austria on June 5, 1873, and passed away on June 29, 1949 at the age of 76 years. As a youth of thirteen years he came to the United States, settling in Texas. In 1890 he was converted and baptized by Rev. J. Sidoro, and united with our church at Crawford, Texas. After farming in several localities he moved to Dallas in 1918 and at once affiliated himself with the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church where he remained a faithful and respected member until death. His wife, nee Theresia Porth, preceded him in death on May 13, 1940. He leaves to mourn his departure: six daughters, two sons, one sister, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, besides a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held from his church which he loved dearly on Friday, July 1st. One of his favorite verses Phil. 1:21 was used for comfort and consolation.

Carroll Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

W. HELWIG, Pastor.

MR. J. E. JOHNSON of Chancellor, South Dakota

Mr. John E. Johnson of Chancellor, So. Dak., was born in Aplington, Iowa on April 19, 1881 and passed away in a hospital in Sioux Falls, So. Dak., on June 7, 1949. In 1900 he was baptized by Rev. O. Olthoff and united with the Emery Baptist Church of Emery, South Dakota.

He was united in marriage to Gesina

Terveen on Oct. 26, 1905. This union was blessed with eight daughters, one preceding him in death. Because of ill health he moved from Emery to Colorado, hoping to get relief through the change of climate. However, in 1939, he came to Chancellor and resided here since that time. He was a faithful member of the Chancellor Baptist Church until the end.

He is survived by his wife, seven daughters, eight grandchildren, one brother and three sisters. Rev. P. Wiens conducted the service, assisted by Rev. D. S. Wipf, Rev. B. F. Taylor and Mr. Hugh Brostad as soloists.

First Baptist Church, Chancellor, So. Dak.

P. WIENS, Pastor.

MR. RHEINHOLD BONNETT of Beulah, North Dakota

Rheinhold Bonnett of Beulah, No. Dak., son of Adolf Bonnett and Christine (Miller) Bonnett, was born in Beulah on Sept. 8, 1917. His parents settled in Beulah in the Spring of 1914. He lived here until Autumn of 1932 when the family moved to Killdeer. His father died on Nov. 6, 1939.

After his father had passed away, Rheinhold went out to Washington in the Fall of 1940. He was sent overseas in the Fall of 1942, and saw action in the North African and Sicilian Invasions, Italy, Anzio and in the Riviera Beachhead in Southern France where he later was killed.

He leaves to mourn his departure his mother, Christine Bonnett of Jamestown; nine sisters and brothers, Mrs. Carl Becker of Oakland, California; Mrs. John Strauss of Bluegrass, No. Dak.; Mr. Albert Bonnett of Baker, Montana; Mrs. Phil. Hartwig of Beulah, No. Dak.; Mrs. Gust Bickel of New England, No. Dak.; Mrs. Carl Becker of Bluegrass, No. Dak.; Alton Bonnett of Washington; Amanda Bonnett of California; Rueben Bonnett of Moberg, So. Dak. Beulah, North Dakota.

FRED TRAUTNER, Minister.

It is an impression that has had lasting effects upon my own spiritual life. The spirit of the Lord is present in mighty power when brethren dwell together in unity praising and singing hymns unto the Lord. WE HAVE LOST THIS IN OUR DAY.

Finally, our prophet Micah said, "What doth the Lord require of thee . . . to walk humbly with thy God." Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth."

This sudden increase of wealth in our own day has produced the most miserable conditions for the spiritual life of many people. People have become their own gods. Why should they go to church when they have a beautiful home of their own with push-botton mechanisms all over the place and a bank roll big enough to make some of us take arithmetic all over again. They have all their needs to satisfy "the lust of flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life." But what sin-sick souls they have! Is it the intentional will of God that these perish or is it because of their sin of pride and lusts that the Lord must see many of them on their way to the "lake of fire."

These conditions of our day, the unjust, the unmerciful, the proud, ought to move the most comfortable Christian in the Kingdom of God to a fuller consecration and rededication to Jesus, the Son of God. It is the will of God that we do justly and love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

As a boy I used to have the privilege to go with my parents as they went with other families visiting in the community. These visits in the homes were not just "a Kaffeeklatsch." Rather they were spent in singing hymns and reciting Bible passages. I am told that the little country church grew to what it was because of this home visitation evangelism.



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