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# Christmas Poetry

**WHOSE EAR IS TUNED**  
By Elizabeth Kendrick Holt

The mirth of Christmas time may come  
To peasant as to king;  
For beggar as for gentleman,  
The Christmas chimes may ring.  
But only he whose ear is tuned  
To every human cry,  
May hear the angels' gloria,  
Or Mary's lullaby.

—The Baptist Standard.

**A COLLECT**

By Margaret Bradt Southmayd

O God!  
At this Christmas season  
Give to the Church . . . Wisdom;



"When the Wise Men saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."  
Matthew 2:10.

To the Rulers of Nations . . . Vision;  
To the women of the world . . . Patience;

To the man of the world . . . Steadiness;  
And to all who bow before thee  
Holiness like of the Christ-child.  
—Christian Herald.

**CHRISTMAS LONGING**  
By Margaret Bradt Southmayd

I wish, that I might go again  
To Bethlehem  
To worship Christ the King.  
I never really left my home,  
But on last Christmas Eve  
I heard the chimes and something  
Leaped within my heart and  
Brought the Christ so close to me  
I felt that I had bowed before  
A shining Child at Bethlehem.  
—Christian Herald.

**A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS**

Our Father,  
We love the Christmas time,  
The fun of surprises,  
And the joy of giving.  
May thy love  
Come to all those  
With whom we have tried to share.  
Join us in a circle of friendship,  
With thy children everywhere,  
Who celebrate the birthday of Jesus  
This night. Amen.  
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A joyous and blessed Christmas to every "Baptist Herald" reader! That is the heartfelt wish of the business manager, Brother Baumgartner, and of myself as editor to you. Your many letters and expressions of goodwill, your prompt renewal of subscriptions, and your splendid contributions of reports and articles are a source of great encouragement to us. The Christmas festival reminds us of the spiritual tie that binds us together in Christ's Name and for his service. With the joy bells of Christmas ringing in our hearts, let us go forward to make 1950 a banner year for our beloved denomination.

### IN THIS ISSUE

Christmas is a time when we think of OTHERS because of what Christ has done for us. That is the Christmas spirit of this issue beginning with the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke's sermon and the special features. At Christmas you will remember the children at our St. Joseph Home and enjoy the Rev. A. F. Runtz' article in this issue. You will hear carols in many different languages as you read Mr. Dymmel's article about Austria and the story of Standing on the Road on the Indian field. You will thank God for our young people and church workers and be challenged by the report about a workers' conference at North Freedom, Wis.

### COMING

**God's Glory Across My Life** — Dr. William Kuhn, an 80 year young saint of God among us, will have a memorable article in every issue of next year's "Baptist Herald" with the story of his remarkable life and ministry.

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**Arise, Go Thy Way!** The New Year's sermon by the Rev. John E. Grygo of Pound, Wis., will be the opening of the portals to new spiritual adventures for you in 1950.



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## Editorials by Martin L. Leuschner

### O Little Town of Bethlehem

**H**AVE YOU EVER MARVELED that Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judaea? Have you ever wondered why God chose this little town for the greatest event of the eternities? The glory of Christmas is the gift of God to all mankind in the coming of Jesus Christ into this world. That truth is all important. But the glory of this revelation of God is enhanced by the setting of the first Christmas in Bethlehem known as "the least among the princes of Juda."

The little town of Bethlehem symbolizes the common touch of God's revelation in Christ Jesus. God was "made flesh and dwelt among us," among the least of people in little Bethlehem. His glory was first revealed to lowly shepherds on nearby hills. A manger was the only place where the Christ-child could lay his head. That confirms the truth of Scripture that "though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor" (2 Cor. 8:9). Only his birth in the little town of Bethlehem could impress that truth upon our souls that he was "made in the likeness of men."

The little town of Bethlehem also symbolizes the all-inclusiveness of God's revelation. In being born in the least of the towns, in visiting the lowliest of the low, in coming to save the chief of sinners, Christ and his Gospel invitation were to be for ALL. The angels proclaimed the "good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people" (Luke 2:10).

God's revelation in Christ, focused on Bethlehem on that first Christmas Day, enriched the world. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son" (John 3:16). Christ's ministry was to all people. "For the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth" (Romans 1:16). Because of this, the Christmas festival is universally observed with its carols and message echoing to the far places of the world.

The birth of the Christ-child in the little town of Bethlehem found everyone unprepared for this greatest event of human history. It had been foretold by the prophets. His coming was announced by the angel. The people of Israel were waiting for the Messiah in a general sort of way. But when the glory of God's revelation actually shone over the little town of Bethlehem, the inkeeper closed the door of his inn to Mary and Joseph, the people were sound asleep, the shepherds on the hills were frightened by the strange phenomenon in the skies, and Christ's birth for Bethlehem was the most unexpected thing for the town.

So it often is for us with all of our foolish ways. We covet God's blessings for ourselves, we pray for his guiding hand over us, we believe in his Second Coming, we need him in all of our walk, but when HE actually comes to reveal himself to us, we are so unprepared. Our darkened lamps of faith have no oil.

O, that the little town of Bethlehem might symbolize the little corner of the world in which you live. There in your heart is Christmas, where God reveals himself in Christ Jesus.

"We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel."

#### BIBLE TEXT

"For mine eyes have seen thy salvation." Luke 2:30.

There are many people who celebrate Christmas with eyes that see not and with ears that understand not! Christmas is the story of Christ's coming into the world to save the people from their sins (Matthew 1:21). This true Christmas glory is revealed only to those who by faith have seen the King of glory, the Christ-child, the Savior of the world. That was the testimony of Simeon in the temple, who was just and devout, with the Holy Spirit upon him: "For mine eyes have seen thy salvation." That is also the testimony of great hosts of people today for whom Christmas is not a mere celebration of exchanging gifts, putting up tinsels and decorations, and having good things to eat, but a spiritual festival of coming to see "what the Lord hath made known unto us" in Bethlehem (Luke 2:15).

#### NEW LITERATURE

The 1950 Bible Reading Calendar, attractively prepared with illustrations and reminders about our own mission fields, is now ready for distribution. The Rev. J. C. Gunst and Mrs. Florence E. Schoeffel have written a brief challenge to the young people and women of our churches, respectively, to use this leaflet in their departments. Ask your pastor for a copy or write to the headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois with your requests.

Three new pictures of the Cameroons missionaries, Myrtle Weeldreyer, Berneice Westerman, and Laura E. Reddig, have been prepared and added to the "Missionary Picture Packet" which is available for \$1.00. If you have already bought a packet, write to headquarters at Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., and ask for the three new packet pictures and they will be sent to you without charge.

#### SEMINARY CAMPAIGN

The Seminary Building Fund Campaign for \$225,000 will soon be under way. Posters and leaflets are now being prepared for distribution to our churches later this month. The Seminary Solicitors for the various conferences are meeting in Sioux Falls, So. Dak., on Dec. 14 and 15 for detailed instructions. A new Seminary film in color for promotional purposes is being prepared. Contractors for the new building at Sioux Falls have made remarkable progress and a spirit of optimism and rejoicing pervades the atmosphere at our Sioux Falls Seminary. Earnest prayers and intensive preparations characterize the activities of those who are planning for this great Seminary drive. You too can have a part in these plans by considering your share in the project.

# God's Revelation at Bethlehem

We are as important in God's sight as those connected with the story of Christ's advent into the world and his ministry on earth. "Seek, and you will find."

By the Rev. PAUL F. ZOSCHKE  
of the White Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

**"LET US GET OVER** to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." Luke 2:15 (Revised Standard Version).

When the God of heaven came down to earth nineteen centuries ago something very unique happened. And when the God of heaven comes down to the heart of man today something very unique still happens. Bethlehem in its significance was historic and is contemporary. Bethlehem as an experience was geographic and is spiritual. It was a stupendous act when the Anointed of God visibly entered our human realm. The entry of the living Christ into the human heart is still a mystifying experience. This event we like to think of as a fusion.

What is a fusion? Webster defines "to fuse" as: "to liquefy by heat, to render fluid; to unite or blend, as if melted together." Fusion is "to act or operation of melting or rendering fluid by heat, as the fusion of metals."

Applied to religion it would suggest the "melting" or "liquefying" of humanity so that it could be poured over a new mold and be remade. It also suggests, and particularly for our thought here, the blending of the human with the divine nature, which means the implanting of eternal life into mortal man.

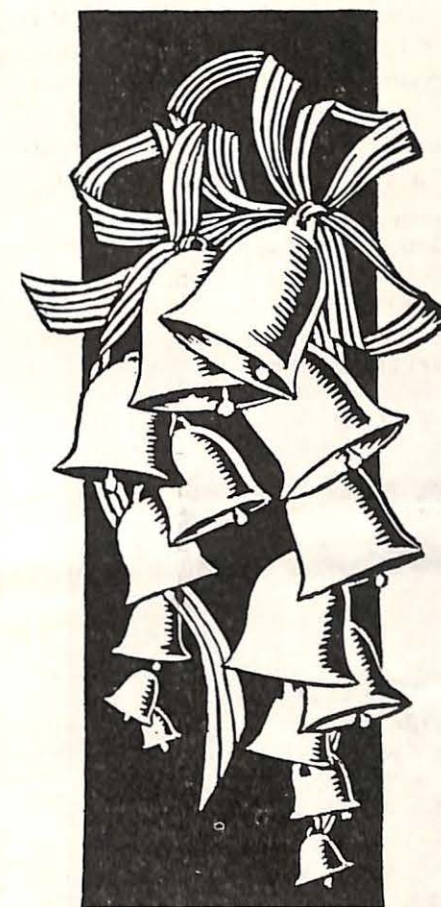
The Christian is truly a creature of two worlds, the earthly and the heavenly. He is temporarily on the scene of the former but essentially at home in the latter. This is the significance of Bethlehem to all who will come with fervency of spirit.

"Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

#### ANNUNCIATION TO MARY

First, let us look at the experiences of Mary and Joseph, apparently two very common people.

"The angel Gabriel was sent from God . . . to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, . . . and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you! . . . Do not



Christmas Bells Ring Out Their Glad Tidings, "Christ is born in Bethlehem," at This Season of the Year

be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, . . . you will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; . . . The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

Just think of what such an announcement must have meant to Mary who was so highly regarded by God. The coming of the first "blessed event" to any couple is a mystifying experience. But to this fine young woman came a heavenly messenger with information that she had been

chosen by God to be the mother of the Messiah so long awaited by every devout Jew, and that in such a supernatural way. How her soul must have thrilled at this honor! Here was to be born not a king or a great prophet, but the very Anointed of God.

But to the mystery of the divine annunciation came also the horror of social and ethical complications. This secret could not be shared with the family and relatives, neighbors and friends. Who would believe it? Was not the Promised One to come with power and pomp. Furthermore, God would never choose anyone out of despised Nazareth. No, this story would be looked upon as a fantastic scheme to cover up her moral misstep. Such transgressions were punished with death by stoning. What should she do?

Perhaps Joseph was more perturbed about the social complications than Mary. He had not had the divine visitation partly to calm his fears. Responsibility for Mary's fate was devolving upon him. "But as he considered this, behold an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'"

Who of us can appreciate the fervent heat of their emotions in pondering such visitations and experiences, melting their natures until they could be blended and fused with the divine? This is the work of celestial wisdom and powers.

#### SHEPHERDS OF THE FIELD

"And there were shepherds."

"And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And the angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said unto them, 'Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all people; for to

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# The Gospel and the Children's Home

How splendid it is that so many of our church people "keep the children of our Home in their hearts" and give them such a wonderful time at Christmas! That is deeply appreciated.

By the Rev. AUGUST F. RUNTZ,  
Superintendent of the Children's Home, St. Joseph, Michigan

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER is a God of abundance. He not only gives the necessities of life and salvation, but he also gives a lot of "extras." He gives the "over and above." For instance, as these lines are being written in St. Joseph, Michigan, the woods all about us are exquisite in their beauty. The leaves on some of the trees have turned a vivid red. Others are a golden yellow, and still others are almost purple. All of these mingled with the darker green are a beautiful sight to behold.

as though God took a handful of seeds of various kinds and scattered them over the face of the earth. He wanted to give us not only the necessities, but also the luxuries of life.

## CONCERN FOR THE CHILDREN

In Hebrews 6.9 we read "... And things that accompany salvation." Our heavenly Father has provided a great salvation for us. It is a gift that he gave us. It was an expensive gift to him; it also took all the sufferings of Calvary. But he gave it to us freely. However, he gave us not

selves had first met and received Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Wherever the Gospel is proclaimed souls are saved, which is something glorious.

But always something besides that happens. Our people who now help to keep the doors of our Children's Home open are those who know Christ as their Savior and Lord and have a love in their hearts for him and a desire to do something in his name and for his sake. They have read how he said: "Permit the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." They have read how he took children on his knees and placed his hands on them in blessing.

Ever since those days his followers have not been content with being saved themselves, but they have had a concern for those less fortunate than themselves. That is why we are able to operate a Children's Home. Being saved themselves, our people have a heart for children.

## TWO HUNDRED CHILDREN

Since coming to St. Joseph, Mich., in 1916 over 200 children have been residents of the Home for a longer or shorter period. Many of these were full orphans, having lost both father and mother. Others were half-orphans, with either father or mother living but unable to care for them. So they came here and this became a real home to them.

Here they lived and were cared for. Here they experienced the peace and security of an ordinary family. From here they were sent to the grade schools and then to high school. Here they were fitted to make their own way in the world. Here all of them heard the Gospel message, and many of them learned to know Jesus Christ as their own personal Savior. And so they were fitted not only for this life but also for the life which is to come.

What would have become of these children had it not been for our Home is a question hard to answer. But we are sure of this, that nowhere would they have been given greater opportunities than right here in our Children's Home. For one thing, when a family of children comes to us, they are permitted to stay right here and grow up as a family of



Rev. and Mrs. August F. Runtz, Superintendent and Matron of the North American Baptist Children's Home, St. Joseph, Michigan

It is necessary that trees, in order to live and grow, must have leaves. But it is not necessary that they turn to such lovely colors in the Fall of the year. This is something added, something "over and above," something that God has created to make glad the heart of man.

The same thing can be said about flowers. They are not necessary to life. We do not eat them, neither are we clothed by them. We could live without them. But just try to imagine how much has been added to the joy of living by the presence of beautiful flowers. And flowers are everywhere,

only salvation but the over and above. the "things that accompany salvation." There are more of these than we can name. But only to mention a few, there are the hospitals, Old People's Homes, and our Children's Home.

Yes, our North American Baptist Children's Home is something that accompanies our salvation. It is an outgrowth of our faith in Jesus Christ. Those men in Louisville, Kentucky, who in 1871 were moved with compassion at the sight of so many fatherless and destitute children did something about it because they them-



Five Lively Boys of Our Children's Home at St. Joseph, Michigan Get Ready for a Snowball Encounter on the Front Lawn of the Home

brothers and sisters. This has been the policy during all the recent years.

Many people write and ask us if we have any children whom they might adopt. But, in spite of the fact that some of these requests come from splendid homes, if there are brothers and sisters, we believe that they ought to grow up together as such in the same house. Of course, we do not have the "say-so" with most of the children who are here at present.

Sometimes relatives of orphan children hesitate to send the children to the Home, because they want them near them. But they are placed in various homes. These children eventually grow away from each other and are apt to lose track of one another. Then in later years there comes the longing to meet again their own flesh and blood. All too often the search ends in failure. How much better if they grow up together!

## THEIR SPIRITUAL NURTURE

Then there is a further consideration. Children are not only given physical and mental care but spiritual care as well. This is often omitted in a foster home. Regular attendance at church and Sunday School are assured. But besides this, there is that which is done at home. For instance, the Scripture memory work is carried on, when great passages of the Bible are learned. The older children take part in the devotionals when the superintendent reads a portion of Scripture and a page from the "Sec-

ret Place" and then these children offer the prayer.

All the children, from the oldest to the youngest, individually offer the prayer before the evening meal. Then there are the Bible stories, and the bed-time prayers with little stories or chats or questions and answers concerning life's problems. What we infer is that the child is given every opportunity for a well rounded and useful Christian life.

Sometimes people get the idea that a Children's Home is a dark and dismal place, a sort of half-prison, where children live in fear and under very strict rules, having little or no freedom. We cannot speak for other homes, but we can assure you that the North American Baptist Children's Home is not that kind of a place. This is a HOME, and we try to run it as such.

The children all have single beds

in which to sleep, with usually two or three in a room. There are certain liberties which afford them the opportunity of dressing up their rooms according to their own tastes. Boys usually do not do much of this, but there is one room where the ceiling is hanging full of airplanes. Girls like to fix up their dressers with pictures and knick-knacks.

## CHRISTMAS TIME

The children also have many good times, which in a sense at least help to compensate for the loss of their home life. Many of the children have one or both parents living who are either unable or unwilling to give them a home. All are given the good times which are provided by our friends. There are such things as special trips and outings.

There are also special treats every so often. And the birthday parties! Every child gets a birthday cake with candles on it. The group sings "Happy Birthday" as the cake and the presents are brought in. A number of the Woman's Missionary Societies send gifts to each child.

We must also not forget Christmas! That is the high point in a child's life at our Home. How splendid it is that so many of you "keep the children in your hearts" and give them such a wonderful time at Christmas. Your generous and sacrificial spirit is much appreciated. Yes, God not only gives the necessities but also the luxuries of life. Blessed be his Name!

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# The First Conference of Austrian Baptists

There are now in Austria about one thousand Baptists in two churches, eight stations and some twenty preaching places served by eight mission workers. This is one of our mission fields!

A Report by the Rev. H. G. DYMMEL, General Missionary Secretary

AUSTRIA has been part of our Danubian mission work since the days soon after the close of the first World War. The Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt ably supervised this work on our behalf for more than twenty-five years. But it was and is a hard field; it is one of the citadels of Roman Catholicism.

The members of our church in Vienna, for instance, had to meet as members of a Temperance Society and could attend unmolested only if they were in possession of a card of invitation. Brother Fuchs of Austria related how in the early days prospective visitors of our meetings would be warned that they would have to join the Baptists and sign their lives away with their own blood.

## ONE THOUSAND BAPTISTS

But in the course of the years the Lord has seen fit to raise evangelists and pastors who have proven anew the faithfulness of HIM who is able to raise from the dead. Here and there individuals were seeking for the light and power of life. They joined a "family worship" in homes and eagerly listened to the words of the Gospel that came from the hearts of consecrated mission workers. They

searched the Scriptures with eager hearts and found that immersion is the only true baptism for believers.

So they obeyed and banded themselves together for worship and witnessing. There are now in Austria about one thousand Baptists in two churches, eight stations and some twenty preaching places served by eight mission workers.

These mission workers are imbued with the zeal of single-minded conviction who "know whereof they speak." The Rev. Martin Gigseder, for instance, took the church to the people of Salzburg by appearing in one of the city squares, attracting the attention of the passersby with the renditions of his fine choir and then preaching the Word of Life straight from the shoulder.

But until October 14 of this year the mission workers and the churches had never sat down together for a conference. They knew of each other, but they had had no opportunity of meeting with one another. So when our General Missionary Society voted a small amount for the defrayal of the cost of a conference, the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, our director of missions, invited churches and church workers for a conference.

Thus, it happened that the Austrian Baptists held their first conference from October 14 to 16 in charming Bad Ischl, the summer vacation spot of the former Austrian Emperor. We were presently to be shown the room and the desk at which Emperor Franz Joseph signed the declaration of war against Serbia which started the first World War. The little band of Baptists at their first conference in Bad Ischl declared their intention not to cease making war upon the powers of darkness in the might of their Christ.

## BAD ISCHL

In Bad Ischl is a thrilling little church, shepherded by a young pastor, the Rev. Augustus Hirnboeck. He and his hospitable wife undertook to find lodging and food for twenty delegates. The meals were served in their home and gave occasion for spiritual fellowship as well.

The business sessions were urgent but they bore the stamp of Christ's spirit throughout. Weighty aspects of the future of the work and its organization were analyzed, but in everything Christ's will was fervently sought and prayed for. The sessions drew the brethren together and help-

ed them to see their common and their particular tasks.

## IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS

The conference appointed a mission committee consisting of two lay brethren of Vienna and the pastor of Salzburg. This committee will henceforth make or approve all recommendations for expansion and apportionment of funds. The executive, without pay, of this committee is Mr. Richard Rabenau of Vienna, an astute businessman and son of a minister. He is also to represent the Austrian Baptists on the board of managers of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Rüschlikon, Switzerland.

The conference also voted to employ an evangelist whose proven dedication and ability bid far to usher in an even greater expansion of the Baptist witness. Three consecrated young men of fine, all-around caliber are awaiting permission of the authorities to enter Switzerland for theological studies in Rüschlikon.

New houses of worship are urgently needed and the Southern Baptists have already earmarked money for three such chapels. In Salzburg a Roman Catholic architect donates his valuable services toward a Baptist Chapel which will be not only practical, but beautiful as well, and fit into the overall plan of a new neighborhood.

But the highlights of the conference were naturally the services filled with singing and testimony.

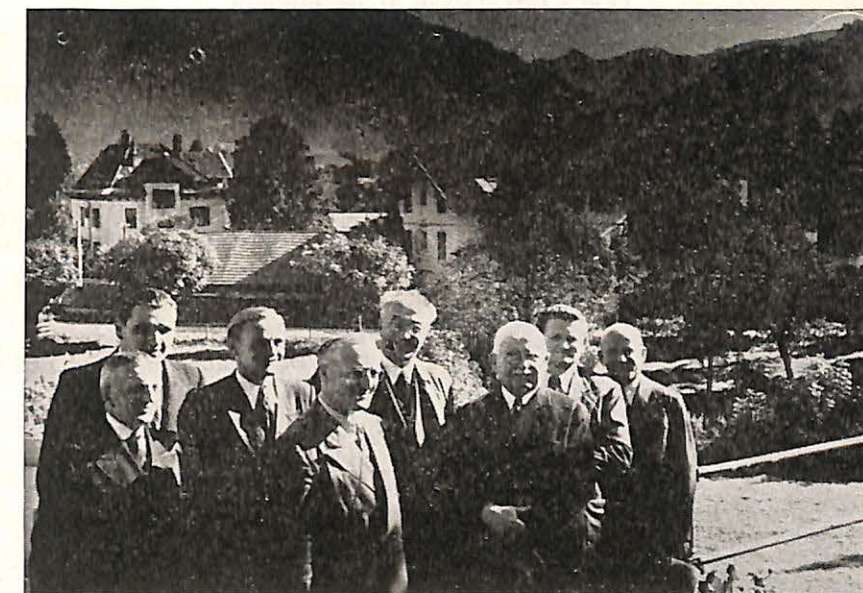
"We do hear them speak the wonderful works of God" (Acts 2:11). These words could have aptly been my own impression as I listened to the testimonies of God's anointed servants, our Austrian brethren.

## BAPTIST TESTIMONIES

The Rev. Arnold Koester of Vienna reviewed with charm and lucidity the historical background of the Baptist movement since the Reformation. The Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt led the choir, played the organ and presided over the climax. The brethren Ostermann, Gigseder, Blatt, Fuchs and deaconess Kaethe Brueckmann as well as some laymen regaled us with choice accounts of their pastoral experiences.

Brother Ostermann told us how in Hütteldorf our barracks chapel has become a wayside chapel for prayer to all comers, even a Roman Catholic priest. Brother Gigseder told the moving story of Mitzi who wanted peace at all cost and begged him to pray with her. As they arose from their knees, she was a transformed person and gloriously witnesses everywhere and leads the seeking to their Savior.

Kaethe Brueckmann, our church missionary for Salzburg and Ischl, related how she had come to a vital faith as she read her Bible. Her parents, however, burned her Bible, beat



Baptist Pastors and Missionaries of Austria With the Rev. H. G. Dymmel on His Recent Visit to Austria

(Left to Right: the Brethren Ostermann, Augustus Hirnboeck, Martin Gigseder, H. G. Dymmel, Arnold Koester, Carl Fuellbrandt, Blatt and Fuchs)

her, wanted to send her to an insane asylum and refused to give her food. But eight years later they, too, believed and parents and daughter were baptized, although they did not join a Baptist Church. More recently a suspicious clergyman placed a gun upon her chest asking whether she had been baptized. When she confessed, she was not allowed to continue her work in his church. Then, Brother Fuellbrandt invited her to labor in the Lord's vineyard with us and she is a radiant witness wherever she goes.

Such a spirit, of necessity, brings fruit unto eternity. It elicited from Dr. Caspar, a professor of theology,

the statement that the Baptists with their way of evangelizing have the only means of attracting the unchurched masses of today.

The conference also fondly remembered the visit of Doctors Kuhn and Leuschner in 1938 and gratefully wished to be remembered to the North American Baptists for the help that they have given to Austria.

Although conditions in Austria are today vastly better than on my visit there in 1947, the cost of living has risen up to a 1000 percent while wages have risen only 300 percent. Therefore our financial help for the Baptist work in Austria continues to be an imperative necessity.



A Part of the Crowd of Austrian Baptists at the First Conference Held With the Rev. H. G. Dymmel at Bad Ischl, Austria



The Winding Trail That Goes Past a Church Into the Snow-covered Alps



## God's Revelation at Bethlehem

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you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger! And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased.' And when the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, 'Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.'

What honor the eternal God showed upon this lowly, dutiful folk on their hillsides to give them the only direct announcement made that night. Fred B. Wyand has remarked that to them God could come only in some direct spectacular way because "they knew little of prophecy, less of history, and nothing of astronomy. Prophecy would have fallen on deaf ears; history would have made no impression on their untutored minds; a new star in the skies would have been unobserved by those ignorant men of the plains."

Perhaps they did not know all of prophecy, but they did know enough to be expecting the Messiah of God earnestly and sincerely. Their yearning for the Lord's Anointed and his deliverance from their oppression caused the fire of expectancy in their breasts to burn brightly. When God fanned these flames with the phenomenal announcement and they actually saw the fulfillment, there resulted the melting of their natures and the blending of the heavenly and eternal with the human and earthly. Thus their newly fused life was cast into a new mold of righteous joy and godly endeavor.

Have you ever expected God to visit your mind and heart in some inexplicable way? The yearning of our hearts for God is the first requirement on our part for Christ's being born in our souls. This yearning our Lord will satisfy in the moment when he sees that it has reached its right fervency.

### WISE MEN FROM AFAR

"Wise men came from the East."  
"Now when Jesus was born . . . behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.' . . . When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw

## THE INNKEEPER'S PRAYER

By Mary Foot Lord

My inn — a caravan, that Child!  
This manger — and that Mother mild!  
Had I but known, my name had been  
Famous throughout the earth — this inn

A shrine to which all men would flow;  
Where'er with pride his room they'd show,

I'd have been called a friend of his!  
But now, O God, I pray for this —  
Thy mercy grant and blot my name  
From inn and town, and hide my shame;

Let not a stone remain as proof,  
That this was where he sought a roof,  
The Son of God — and was denied,  
This manger, his: I slept inside!

—Zion's Herald.

the star they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way."

To know more about these intriguing characters would certainly satisfy a great deal of curiosity. We should like to know some details of their family and national background. Though in Van Dyke's story of "The Other Wise Man" we have many particulars given, yet they are based so largely upon ancient legends and traditions, mingled, no doubt, with some fiction, that one could hardly accept them as reliable historical data.

### AN EXTRAORDINARY SEARCH

But what moved these men to investigate the extraordinary phenomenon as to its special portent? Why apparently had they full knowledge of the sacred writings, even of such insignificant peoples as the Jews of their day? To say it was a philosophical quest is an inadequate answer. Neither is it sufficient to call it a purely astrological research, for they went to Herod to enquire as to the "new born king of the Jews."

Could it be that their spiritual turn of mind gave them an intuition of this divine event of all history, so that settling out upon this journey they provided themselves with the appropriate "gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh?" Might not these men belong to that class of whom Peter said: "But in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him?" Their story appears to indicate an earnest search for knowledge of the living God.

This we know, that they were led

by the Spirit to "the place where the child was." All that happened in their souls we do not know, but we rather surmise that in taking another way back to their own country they also took another way of life. The fervency of their search yielded the satisfaction of their souls' quest.

### SERVANTS OF GOD

"There was a man, Simeon."

"This man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus . . . he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 'Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel.'"

What a divine compliment is here paid to this man. Suppose that God would so single out someone today and say to him, "You will not die before you have seen God's greatest act of all history," wouldn't that promise cause that soul to glow with fervent expectancy? Here was the blending and fusing of Simeon's nature with the divine.

"And there was a prophetess, Anna."

"She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Israel."

### YOU TOO WILL FIND!

So goes the record of men and women for whom the search of God was the element of their beings. Do not say that this joining of the human with the divine was for these historical characters only. Jesus paid John, the Baptist, an overwhelming tribute when he said, "Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist." But then, having all his followers in mind, he added, "yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

We are all called upon to put our faith in the Lord Jesus; and "he who believes in the Son has eternal life." When the Lord's Christ comes into our lives, his divinity is fused with our humanity. Let it be said humbly, in the light of the Lord's statement, we are at least as important in his sight as those connected with the story of his advent or ministry. "Seek, and you will find."

# Grandpa Standing on the Road

The Story of the Homegoing of an Elderly Indian on Our Mission  
Field by Mr. REINHARD NEUMAN of Ponoka, Alberta, Canada

ON SATURDAY, Oct. 15, William Standing on the Road, Senior, from the Montana Indian Reservation quietly passed away to be with God in that eternal Home of bliss and joy. His days of suffering were few which he bore bravely. Death came to him in his own home after a short illness.

Grandpa Standing on the Road will ever be remembered in our circles, for it was he who opened his home and welcomed our first Missionary Twila Bartz to operate a school and to hold services on his yard. He was deeply interested in God's Word and in the work of the missionaries. Not only did he do what he could in a tangible way, but his prayers on our behalf were an encouragement in our work. Gospel meetings and prayer meetings were often held in his home.

He was always ready and willing to pray and to intercede for others. One could not help but observe Grandpa's devotion to God. What joy came to his heart when his son, William Standing on the Road, our interpreter, took Christ as his Savior.

In 1896 Mary Old Woman became his bride. The union was blessed with 12 children, of whom two are living, William Junior, and Betsy Roasting, who was living with him until death.

Missionaries F. W. Benke and R. Neuman visited Grandpa on the night of his departure. At 8 P.M. we spoke to him at which time he was very low. Some of the last words which he spoke were these: "I pray to God." His favorite hymns were, "In The Sweet Bye and Bye" and "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior."

Shortly after 8 o'clock that evening Mr. Benke and I motored to the Bull Reserve to pick up some relatives and the doctor. When we returned, he was already in his eternal home. It was a shock to us, but we thanked God for his life and work. He reached the ripe age of 78 years. William Standing on the Road was the brother of Chief John Bear.

The funeral service was held in the Baptist Mission on the Reserve after a brief service in the house of the deceased. He was laid to rest in the cemetery near the chapel. The funeral



Grandpa Standing on the Road, Sr., of the Montana Indian Reserve and Mission Field, Who Died on Oct. 15, 1949

ral service was very well attended. Indians from near and far were present as well as several families of whites to pay tribute for the last time. The Rev. F. W. Benke, a lover of the Indians, officiated.

We miss Grandpa Standing on the Road, Senior. The seat in the pew which he occupied is now empty, and his absence is keenly felt by all.



Mr. Harold Gieseke, President of the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union

Story About Harold Gieseke's Life and Ministry as General Conference Union President Appears in the 1950 ANNUAL — Price, 50 Cents!

## General Conference Union Youth Week

January 29 to February 5, 1950

Theme for the Week:

"God Designs - - Youth Builds"

YOUTH'S OPPORTUNITY TO:

- A challenge in vital Christian action.
- Demonstrate youth's place in the total program of the church.
- Prepare for better Christian leadership.
- Give a strong Christian witness in the community.
- A larger missionary vision and service.

Plan your program early, thoughtfully, prayerfully!

Present your services gladly, fearlessly, and with spiritual effectiveness.

This year again we prayerfully urge all the youth of our churches to join in a great YOUTH WEEK.

Materials for your YOUTH WEEK programs will reach you by mail. Additional materials and helpful suggestions will be found in the January, February, March Issue of YOUTH COMPASS.



# What's Happening

● The Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ontario, Canada has extended a call to the Rev. G. A. McLean of Grimsby, Ontario to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. McLean began his pastorate in Neustadt on Nov. 6th, succeeding the Rev. Wm. D. Ross, now pastor of the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa.

● It will be of interest to many "Baptist Herald" readers to learn that the Rev. Elmer Zachay, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zachay of Anaheim, Calif., has resigned as minister of the Baptist Church in Blythe, Calif., and has accepted a position as principal of the Pasadena Christian Elementary School at Pasadena, Calif. He and his family will reside in Anaheim, California.

● From Oct. 24 to Nov. 4 the Baptist Church of Springside, Sask., Canada held revival meetings with the Rev. J. B. Kornalewski of Minot, Manitoba as evangelist. "The Lord blessed the meetings wonderfully during those ten days," as reported by the Rev. R. Kanwischer, pastor. A large group of 29 persons accepted Christ as Savior and others rededicated themselves to the Lord.

● The Baptist Church of Baileyville, Ill., held a missionary rally on Sunday, Nov. 20, with Miss Leona Ross, our missionary formerly in China, as guest speaker in the morning service. Rev. H. Saulnier, superintendent of the Pacific Garden Mission, spoke in the afternoon, and the film, "Out of the Night," was shown at the evening service. The Rev. Louis R. Johnson of Chicago, Ill., is serving as the interim pastor.

● Mrs. Pauline Rauschenbusch of Rochester, N. Y., the widow of the late Professor Walter Rauschenbusch, was released from her long illness and was called home of God on Nov. 16th. Several years ago she requested that the regular funeral service be omitted and that instead a memorial service be held. The Rev. O. E. Krueger of the Andrews St. Church of Rochester will bring a brief sketch of her life in the next issue.

● The Rev. W. P. Rueckheim, a former pastor of our churches, celebrated his eightieth birthday on Nov. 20, 1949. His address is Rt. 2, Chardon, Ohio. He still has a deep interest in our missionary and denominational activities.

## NEW PUBLICATION DATE!

With the next issue "The Baptist Herald" will appear bi-weekly with 26 numbers scheduled to be published every year. It will be dated on Thursday of every other week beginning with January 5, 1950. Your copy of "The Herald" will be sent to you from Cleveland, Ohio on the Friday preceding the publication date. You ought to receive your copies regularly on the same day of every other week.

The subscription price of "The Baptist Herald" is now \$2.50 a year with the special price of \$2.00 for those churches that have adopted the Club Plan. With the many wonderful things that are being planned for this year, the editor trusts that the family of readers will grow in numbers and be more pleased than ever with every issue.

On Friday evening, Nov. 11, he attended a program of missionary pictures in the White Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio which were shown by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner. He was called upon for the benediction by the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, pastor.

● The Baptist Church of McLaughlin, So. Dak., held its Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 30, with the Rev. John Reimer of Gackle, No. Dak., as guest speaker. The mission offering amounted to \$642.03. On Sunday, Nov. 6th, Station Selfridge of the McLaughlin Church held its Mission Festival with the Rev. Norman Miller of Hettinger, No. Dak., serving as guest speaker and with a mission offering of \$373. The Rev. Alex Sootzmann is pastor of the church and its station.

● From October 25 to November 4 the First Baptist Church of Fessenden, No. Dak., held a revival campaign. The Rev. Arthur Fischer of McClusky was the evangelist. The Rev. Vernon Link, pastor, reported: "We praise the Lord for his bountiful blessings to us in those days. We had several conversions and several backsliders came back into a true and happy fellowship with their Lord. Besides that the whole church received a spiritual uplift."

● Dr. Arthur A. Schade of Huron, So. Dak., sailed for Europe on Nov.

18 on the "S. S. American Importer" in charge of a consignment of 75 heifers for relief. After arrival in Bremen, Germany, Dr. Schade hoped to spend about six weeks in European countries studying relief distribution, the program for displaced persons, and the recovery program. He is also taking motion pictures of his trip. He also stated that he hoped to visit several Baptist churches in Germany during his European trip.

● On Sunday, Nov. 6, the Rev. Fred Trautner of Beulah, No. Dak., was privileged to receive four new members into the Baptist Church, one of whom came by baptism and three on confession. Mr. Trautner baptized five converts at Hebron, No. Dak., some time ago, of whom one was from the Beulah church. Evangelistic meetings were held recently at Beulah and Zap, No. Dak., by the Rev. Arthur Fischer of McClusky, No. Dak., and the Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Lodi, California.

● The Rev. H. G. Braun of Morrisdale, Pa., passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 15, after a lingering illness of many months. The memorial service was held on Friday, Nov. 18, at the Forest Baptist Church of Munson, Pa., with the Rev. George W. Zinz, Sr., officiating. Mr. Braun served the Baptist churches of Parkston and Tripp, So. Dak., from 1941 to 1949 before his retirement not so many months ago. He was a faithful minister in our fellowship, serving numerous churches since his graduation from our Rochester Seminary in 1913.

● The Union Thanksgiving Day service for the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., and for several other Protestant churches nearby was held on Thursday morning, Nov. 24, at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. The guest preacher was the Rev. Michael Kary, associate minister of the Calvary Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., who is also a graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary. On Sunday, Nov. 13, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, spoke at the morning service and showed missionary pictures in the evening. The Rev. Louis B. Holzer is the minister.

● On Sunday, October 30, the Rev. and Mrs. John Broeder and family of Creston, Nebraska visited with friends of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of El-

mo, Kansas. The Broeders served at the Ebenezer Church several years ago and this was their first return visit since leaving the field. Mr. Broeder spoke at the morning worship service on the subject, "Growing Power." A fellowship dinner in the church basement was enjoyed at the noon hour with the Broeders as honored guests. Later in the afternoon a program of several musical numbers was presented. The Rev. Wm. G. Trow is pastor of the church.

● On Sunday, Oct. 9, the Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash., held its mission festival with the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler of Missoula, Mont., as guest speaker. A mission offering amounted to more than a thousand dollars. On Monday evening, Oct. 24, Miss Laura E. Reddig, Cameroons missionary, brought a message and showed pictures of the Cameroons field. From Oct. 25 to Nov. 6, Miss Ann Swain, Scripture Memorization worker, taught a Christian Leadership Training Class with 15 students in attendance. On Sunday evening, Nov. 6, she presented pictures of youth work in the denomination. The Rev. Alfred Foll is pastor of the church.

● From November 6 to 13 the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan had a gracious season of revival under the direction of the Rev. Charles W. Anderson, pastor of the Brookdale Baptist Church, Bloomfield, New Jersey; and Mr. Clyde F. Taylor of Wheaton, Illinois. The average attendance was 284. There were 23 decisions for Christ. The entire spiritual level of the church has been raised to a new high. Since October 9 the morning service has been broadcast over a local radio station WJBK. Recently three 1,000 watt flood lights were placed on the lawn to illuminate the front side of the church. The Rev. J. Lester Harnish is the pastor.

● Special Gospel meetings were held in the Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wis., from November 2 to 13 with the Rev. North E. West of Kenosha, Wis., as speaker. The meetings were well attended and the messages were well received. The spiritual life of many of the church members was deepened and enriched, and at least two converts were won for the Lord. Two features added much to the success of this campaign. On November 2nd the annual Roll Call Service was held, when, during the morning worship service, the church clerk, Miss Jane Specht, called every name on the list. Those who could not answer in person did so by mail. A special offering of some \$200 was received, and the observance of the Lord's Supper crowned the occasion with the heartfelt presence of God. The closing service on Sunday night, Nov. 13th, was greatly enriched by the Ruth Guild Society that presented a festive candle light service.

# The Pilgrim's Guide

Brief Expositions of God's Word

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

## CHRISTMAS NUGGETS

There is no more wonderful time of the year than the Christmas season. At Christmas we naturally think of Jesus. For nearly two thousand years the world has had the Jesus of song and picture and story. This is not enough. There is a great difference between Christmas and Christ. Christmas has become a mere holiday to millions. The real meaning of Christmas is found in John 3:16. Personal love and obedience to Christ will lift mankind out of its distresses. There is no other way.

Several precious truths are self-evident to the Bible reader as he reads the beautiful account of the Savior's birth. But we purpose to take several of these and to bring forth things new and old.

## DECREE — GOD'S WILL

The decree of Caesar Augustus (Luke 2:1-5) to enroll all the Roman empire for purposes of support of the state in men and money was according to the will of God that the prophecy of Micah 5:2 should be fulfilled and that Jesus should be born in Bethlehem. Palestine, then under Roman occupation, was included. Among the people who went to their birthplaces to be registered was Joseph and Mary.

Caesar Augustus may have been annoyed and thought they were puppets to his will, but God makes his-

## OUR APPRECIATION

Throughout the year 1949 the Rev. Robert Hess, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., has prepared a brief spiritual message for "The Pilgrim's Guide" in each issue of "The Baptist Herald." Many readers have turned to this page immediately for blessing and comfort. It has been a source of spiritual joy and strength to many Christian pilgrims.

The editor wants to express the gratitude of "The Herald" family to Mr. Hess for his appreciated ministry. Even though "The Pilgrim's Guide" will not be continued in 1950, the pen of Mr. Hess will be in frequent use in behalf of "The Baptist Herald." Any readers who would like to thank the Rev. Robert Hess personally can address him at 621 Dellwood St., Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

tory according to his will. Today there are decrees and charters, and we often feel that we are pawns in the hands of rulers. We are in a measure, but God is still on his throne and has not changed. His will is being done on earth today.

## MANGER — GOD'S HUMILITY

The lodging facilities of Bethlehem were filled because of the crowds who came to register. Therefore, Joseph and Mary were forced to retreat to a stable where Jesus was born (Luke 2:6-7, 12). The message of the manger is humility and the sacredness of common place things.

This humility of Christ was characteristic of his whole life. He was rich but became poor for our sakes. Now we may have the riches of God's grace. Yes, the King of kings was born in a stable and has forever given grace and beauty to the humble life and common task.

## INN — GOD'S LIMITATION

There was no room for Joseph and Mary in the inn (Luke 2:7b). All the lodging space in the inn had been occupied before they arrived. It was not deliberate action on the part of the innkeeper. Simply no room available. Jesus was crowded out.

To this day, spiritually speaking, there is little or no room for Jesus in the world or in the hearts of men. Santa Claus has taken the place of Christ. God is limited by unbelief and selfishness. Like Martha, many Christians are occupied with secondary things and miss the glory of his Lordship. The world takes too much of our time, money and affection. Jesus has come; many receive him not. But if any unsaved friend will invite him, he will save. If any Christian will yield his life to him, he will fill it with his fulness.

## STAR — GOD'S WITNESS

On the holy night of our Savior's birth there were few earthly witnesses. But heaven was rejoicing and the angelic choir sang an anthem of praise for the shepherds to hear, and the star witnessed to wise men from the East (Matt. 2:9-12). It was a dark night and the star shone brightly and led them to Christ.

Dark is the world's night and we long for the morning when Christ shall come again. Until that day we are his witnesses. We have the responsibility to bring seekers to Christ as the star did. The darker the night the brighter our lights ought to shine.





—M. Lambert Photo

#### SYNOPSIS

For three generations there had been a Mary Arden at the old home on the edge of the village of Ardenville, now called ARDEN, and now the fourth Mary Arden had come back there to live. She was just out of college and had inherited the old Arden homestead. While her father was on business in China and her mother at a fashionable coastal resort, Mary arrived in Arden to spend the summer at the fascinating, lovely old house. The servants were still there, Nannie and Orrin and their daughter Randa. They were the first to greet her with everybody greatly excited!

#### CHAPTER TWO

THEN CAME old Orrin, eagerly, to greet her.

"Oh, my little lady! You have come at last to claim your own. We have been hankerin' after you, my dear! All's right now with an Arden in the old house again!"

They drew her into the living room at last and seated her in the best chair, and flocked around her, as if to show her that now at last they had their own again.

Then, although it seemed early to Mary, it was time to get supper. She remembered that she was in the country now.

"There's some fried mush ready for the griddle," said Nannie.

"Fried mush!" reproved the embarrassed Randa, red showing in her solid square face. "A city lady would not eat the like of that!"

"Oh, but I would. I'd love it," cried Mary. "I always remembered it as

the best thing I ever ate. I've begged our cook to make it for me but she always says she doesn't know how. And once the maid said she knew how, but it didn't taste like yours. Let me have some. It makes me hungry just to think about it. And may I have a glass of milk with it? Do you still have Taffy the cow?"

"We have Taffy's calf — we call her M'lasses," laughed Nannie, "and she gives wonderful milk. Come out in the kitchen an' see!"

"Oh, but mom, don't you want I should set a place in the dining room?" protested Randa, her precise brows and straight hair fairly bristling with disapproval of her mother's informality.

"No," put in Mary. "I want to eat in the kitchen the way we used to do when we had fried mush and wanted it hot off the griddle."

So they went joyously to the kitchen.

The two old people sat there beaming. Their little girl was back unchanged and happy to be with them. This was what they had been wanting but had scarcely dared to hope for, and now that she was here they felt as if they were in a dream.

She insisted that they sit down with her. "I hate to eat alone!" she cried.

So even Randa delightedly succumbed though she was firm about being the one to hop up and tend to the griddle.

They were consuming an enormous amount of the delicious fried mush. The big bowl was almost empty now. Only a few more slices left, and the bowl had been full. Usually it lasted for two or sometimes three days. But oh how good it tasted to them all, enjoying it together, with plenty of Orrin's fresh garden peas and a big dish of fluffy scrambled eggs from their own hens.

And then suddenly the back door opened and a tall young man stepped in with a cheery good evening and set a brimming pail of milk down.

"Got your pans ready, Randa?" he called laughingly, and then suddenly he realized there was a stranger there. A stranger? Or was she a stranger? His merry face fairly shone.

"Mary Arden!" he cried. "As I live! Is it really you, Merry Arden, or am I dreaming?" He came over toward her with a joyful welcome, that matched her own glad look, both his hands extended.

"And you look just like yourself when I went away, the day you and your father came down to see me off and you gave me that farewell kiss! Do you remember?"

Mary's face flamed scarlet and her eyes were dancing.

"It's Laurie Judson!" she exclaimed joyously. "The very same Jud, come home again."

"Yes, and don't I rate a welcome kiss? For bringing myself home alive?"

Mary hesitated an instant, then suddenly lifted her laughing face with lips delicately offered, as she gaily answered, "Why of course," and received in return a courteous, grateful, almost reverent salute. Even the fun was subdued as he lifted his head and gave a quick glance around among the old servants to make sure they had understood, and that there was nothing impertinent in what he had done.

But Nannie and her family had not lived all these years with such people as the Ardens without having developed a discernment beyond most people, and they understood and sanctioned the action with tender smiles.

But suddenly Mary's cheeks grew rosier, and her eyes filled with a gentle wonder. Oh, Mary had been kissed before, even since she grew up, but seldom according to her liking. Brooke Haven had been the last offender in that line, and the memory of his fervent lips upon hers was one of the strong reasons why she had run away to Arden for the summer. And now, what was this that she had done?

Yet study her old friend searchingly as she could she saw nothing offensive in his attitude. There was, instead, a look upon him as if he had received a sudden benediction.

Ah! After all, he was her old childhood friend, older by four years or more than herself. Doubtless he still felt her to be but a child. She had often gone out and helped rake the yard with him when he was earning

# Mary Arden

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and RUTH LIVINGSTON HILL

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money toward his college expenses. No doubt she had only hindered him but they had had lots of fun at it.

He had lived next door to her grandfather, in a rambling, cosy farmhouse that made no pretense at being a mansion; that fact in her mother's eyes would be a terrible drawback to her having anything to do with him. She recalled that her father had spoken of him as coming from a fine family and that his father was a former classmate of her father in college. But of course mother would know nothing of all this. Mother never paid attention to details like this if she chose to put someone out of her "class" as she called it. And somehow Mary felt condemned before her mother, as if by kissing Laurie she had transgressed some law of good breeding, which was about the only law her mother reckoned to be of any great value. She suddenly felt as if her mother had just walked into the room and were looking at her, and it made her self-conscious and silent. Then she became aware that the young man was looking at her earnestly. There was something questioning, almost troubled in his glance and she gave him a lovely smile, as if she had understood his question and were reassuring him.

He turned then to Randa.

"Where are your pans, Randa? Shall I pour this milk into them for you?" he asked pleasantly as if she too were a young woman worthy of attention. Randa appreciated this attitude of his, and gave him back frank friendliness, but only that.

So he carried the pail into the wide cool buttery where the pans stood, and poured the milk for her, and then came back to the kitchen.

"Well, I'm terribly glad, you've come back, Mary," he said, just as if it were only the other day when she'd been fifteen or so and he about to go away to war. "I hope we'll be seeing something of each other now and then. I'm still looking after the cows when I can get down this way for a few minutes. Can I take your bags up before I go? I have classes all this evening."

He gathered up the bags as if they had no weights at all, and Mary took in the broadness of his shoulders, and his fine upstanding figure as she passed him to lead the way up to her room.

Upstairs he put the bags down and stood a minute by the door before Nannie came puffing up the stairs.

"Mary," he said in a low tone, "you aren't angry, are you? You didn't mind that I kissed you, did you? I really meant no disrespect. I forgot you are grown up now and it was just so wonderful to see you again."

"Of course not, Laurie!" She smiled straight back into his eyes.

"I'll be seeing you soon," he said relieved, and went whistling cheerily down the stairs.

Mary, upstairs, stepped softly over to the window and looked out, watching the young man as he walked thoughtfully down to the gate and swung out into the highway.

She was getting a new view of her old-time friend and remembering that merry kiss he had given her which so electrically had turned into a grave tender kiss. Did he realize that? Had he sensed it too, and was that why he had seemed to think he must apologize?

Then as she heard Nannie coming briskly from the linen closet with her arms full of towels, she turned sharply from the window and from her strange unexpected thoughts. This was ridiculous, of course. He was just an old friend, and she would always think of him that way, no matter what, and she must not harbor silly thoughts any more. She must be getting morbid with all she had been through. No, she would just be glad and not think such foolishness any more.

But Nannie had caught a glimpse of her dear Mary looking out of the window at the moonlit lawn, and her quick mind figured out what Mary was thinking.

"That's a mighty fine young man," she remarked casually, as if they had just been talking about him. "Do you know he's that thoughtful for his old friends that when he found out Orrin's knees were hurting him, he just walks all this way down here every night to save him milking. And mornings too, so Randa won't have to do it. That's a lot to do for old friends who are just working folks, and he what he is! There's not many would even remember just old servants. It's a long walk to take twice a day, and him in his good clothes mostly."

"Long walk?" said Mary looking puzzled. "But doesn't he live just next door where he used to?"

"No. Not any more after his father died." Mary had a feeling that Nannie was about to say more in explanation, then thought better of it. "I miss them a lot," went on Nannie after a troubled pause. "Mrs. Judson is a sweet body and was always doing kind things, just like her boy. They live over the other side of the highway in that new development. Orrin took me over the day they moved in. I wanted to take her a loaf of bread and a fresh apple pie I baked. Their house is very small but it's clean and new. I'd think Mrs. Judson would feel terrible cramped after the big rooms at the farm but she don't make no complaint." Nannie's brow puckered again in a little troubled frown but she offered no more information.

"But what's Laurie doing, Nannie? Isn't he working somewhere?"

"Why yes, they say he has a fine job. It's something about a thing

they call radar. Ever hear about it?"

"Oh, yes! I've heard about radar. It's pretty important I guess. A job like that ought to pay well. But Nannie, he said he had to go to a class. Did he mean he's teaching something?"

"No, he's not teaching. He's studying himself."

"Studying! But Nannie, I thought he graduated from college! He'd had two years already when I was here last."

"Oh yes, he went to college, but he didn't get all through at first 'count o' the war."

"Oh, is he trying for a higher degree?" asked Mary with respect in her tone.

"Well, you'll just havta ask him," said Nannie with a satisfied smile. "He mebbe can make you understand. But I'll tell you what I think he has in mind. I think he wants to get to be a preacher, and that's what he's studying for."

"A preacher! You mean he wants to be a minister?" asked Mary in astonishment. "Why, I never knew he was religious."

"Oh yes, he was. Even when he was a boy. Don't you mind how he used to be so conscientious? Nobody ever doubted his word, and you could always trust him. And he didn't swear like the other boys."

"Yes, he was good," said Mary thoughtfully, "but that's not exactly being religious."

"Well, I s'pose not, but then it's a part of it. A person can't be religious and go around swearing and lying and stealing and killing."

"No, of course not," said Mary, "but then Laurie always was so full of fun and laughter. It would seem strange to think of him preaching."

"I don't know's there's anything in the Bible that says a Christian minister can't laugh and be happy," said Nannie, a bit belligerently.

"Well, perhaps not," said Mary. "I never thought about it, but all the ministers I've met seemed rather old and grim. That's the reason I never cared to go to service in college, because the old chaplain was always so severe and lofty. He used to look at us girls as if he saw sins written all over our faces, and I used to go around a whole block to escape having to meet him. I can't think of Laurie ever getting to be old and grim like that."

"He won't!" said Nannie with assurance. "And I can tell you the folks in his chapel where he preaches don't feel that way about him. They're just crazy about him, and are always rushing right to him whenever they have any trouble knowing he always can find a way out for them."

"Chapel!" said Mary in astonishment. "Do you mean to say he preaches now?"

(To Be Continued)



# The Northwestern Christian Workers' Conference

A Report About the Conference at North Freedom, Wis., from Nov. 4-6, 1949

by Miss VIOLA WALL, Vice-president of the Northwestern Conference

Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union

THE NORTHWESTERN Christian Workers' Conference convened in North Freedom, Wisconsin from November 4 to 6. The workers came expecting to receive many helpful and inspiring suggestions. The workers went back to their respective churches challenged to go forth laboring for our Lord.

On Friday evening the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., spoke on "Your Gift to God." We all were given some gift and we are to use that gift — small or great — to further the Kingdom work.

Starting on Friday evening after the keynote message we started our clinics on Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School work. The groups met simultaneously for six clinics on Friday evening and Saturday. Dr. Leuschner discussed and suggested different methods for the making of good Sunday Schools in the Sunday School clinics. Miss Martha Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., challenged the young people to go back to their societies and improve and make changes if necessary to have a thriving young people's society.

Miss Ellen Lehr of Aplington, Iowa led an Open Forum on the national work of the C.B.Y. and Sunday School. We also had an interesting Question Box where everyone who had any questions regarding young people and

Sunday School work could be asked and answered. Dr. Leuschner also showed moving pictures about the General Conference and a reel on some of our denominational buildings such as the Old People's Homes, Bible School in Edmonton, etc. A time of fellowship was enjoyed on Friday and Saturday evenings. These were times of becoming better acquainted with each other.

A half hour "Summing Up Period" of both clinics took place before the closing service of the conference on Sunday afternoon. Miss Leypoldt then spoke on our conference theme, "Saved to Serve." We must begin to serve first at home, then in the church, at work, and in the community.

The ladies of the church served very tasteful meals in the church for the conference attenders. We do want to express our grateful thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Lutz and the church members for opening their homes to us and for the splendid hospitality that was shown.

Another blessed time that everyone enjoyed was the chorus singing around the tables and in between clinics. As the choruses and songs pealed out there went forth an expression of our love for Christ and the joy of fellowship with Christian people interested in furthering the Kingdom of God.

this workers' conference surely received real help in dealing with situations in his own class or school. Every school represented will benefit from the discussions which were led by our able and inspiring Promotional Secretary, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner.

Each clinic was extremely practical, helpful and timely. Though the time allotted was very brief, a surprisingly wide range of subjects of interest and officers was reviewed. Almost every phase of a Sunday School was dealt with, such as: equipment, organization, teacher training, literature for pupils and teachers, promotion of the interest and cooperation of the church and the community, how to give missionary emphasis in teaching, the use of the Bible in the home, in lesson preparation and in witnessing by life and Word, evangelism. Emphasis was put on our denominational goals of Scripture memorization, the gaining of 10,000 new scholars in our Sunday Schools and the winning of at least 7,000 souls to Christ in this triennium.

It was stressed that the primary purpose of a Sunday School is the salvation of all boys and girls, men and women who can possibly be reached, and then helping them to a steady growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. An excellent display of books and teaching materials greatly enhanced the value of the conference.

There is a real need for conferences where teachers and officers can share their experiences and problems. Such a conference is one answer for the teacher or officer who has problems for which he has found no adequate solution. There is also a place at such a conference for those who have no problems. For as we meet, the sharing of experiences, plans and problems can throw much light on our difficulties and add greatly to the enrichment of all. Under qualified leadership, where else could one get so much expert information, and inspiration, as at a conference of workers?

I am grateful to God that it was possible for me to attend the conference at North Freedom, Wisconsin and for all the blessings those hours brought to me. It is my prayer that the fuller understanding of our responsibilities and opportunities, and a broader vision of the field of Sunday School activity may enable each of us to serve the Lord more acceptably and effectively in carrying out his commission to "Go — — teach."

## Guidance for Sunday School Teachers

Observations of the Sunday School Clinic at the Northwestern Christian Workers' Conference at North Freedom, Wis.,

by Miss LENA BARTEL of St. Paul, Minn.

A FINE PROGRAM, splendid leadership, the warm hospitality of the host church and delightful weather all combined to make the Christian Workers' Conference sponsored by the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union of the Northwestern Conference at North Freedom, Wisconsin, from November 4 through 6, a wonderful season of information, inspiration and fellowship for all who were able to be present.

Our hearts were stirred deeply as we were led to think of our privileges, responsibilities and duties as Sunday School teachers and officers. We were reminded of Christ's words, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you,

and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit," that teachers have been given to the church along with pastors and evangelists "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ," and "ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price." What a privilege to be serving HIM, "whose I am, and whom I serve!"

It is certainly worth while for us as Sunday School teachers and officers to pause and to consider our responsibilities, how we may more effectively meet the challenge of the times and accomplish the task God has chosen us to do. Everyone attending the Sunday School clinics at

# Blessings of a Christian Workers' Conference

A Challenge to Christian Workers Everywhere by Miss ELLEN LEHR,

Youth Council Representative for the Northwestern Conference

"TWO DAYS packed full of inspiration, instruction and fellowship," was the way one Christian worker summarized the days spent at the Northwestern Christian Workers' Conference held in North Freedom, Wis. To this I would like to add "incentive" — an incentive to more ardent work for the Master.

The blessings of such a gathering are too numerous to mention. Instruction in the carrying out of the work of our Commissioned Baptist Youth and our Sunday Schools is received from capable teachers and co-workers in our area. Problems are brought out and solutions are suggested through individual and class discussions. We soon learn that our problems are also those of others and varied ways of solving can be found through discussion. Forum periods instruct us in the work of our General Conference Union.

We are inspired as we hear how the Lord has directed our Commissioned Baptist Youth groups and Sunday Schools. Inspiration is also received through worship, instruction and fellowship. Our instructors and co-workers have urged us onward in our work for the Master. We are challenged to even greater efforts for Christ as we are shown how to carry on our tasks more efficiently.

There is nothing finer than fellowship with those interested in the Lord's work. A "new" face is not new for any length of time, for our mutual concern for the work of the Kingdom unites us. Class discussions are carried into smaller group discussions between sessions and during recess periods. Problems are discussed, new ideas aired, solutions are made, and best of all, we are lifted to higher plains as we look out over the vast fields of labor in our own communities and conference areas.

We are given an incentive to labor more earnestly for the Lord in the "field" he has given us. We are united more firmly in a bond of fellowship and unity in purpose — to proclaim Christ — and are brought to a greater realization of the privilege and joy that are ours to work together as North American Baptists in the tasks our Lord has given us.

Our part, as just a small section of our Commissioned Youth and Sunday School Union, seems so insignificant, but as we studied, discussed and fellowshiped together we realized

more than ever that each individual is very important.

Yes, we are challenged to greater service and at the same time realize more than ever that to achieve the goals we have accepted we must let

Christ be in the center of all we do. As laborers in the Master's harvest, we have been inspired to carry on by leaders and co-workers in these gatherings of regional Commissioned Youth and Sunday School workers.



Northwestern Conference Young People and Sunday School Leaders at the Christian Workers' Conference Held at North Freedom, Wisconsin

## Commissioned Youth in Action

Observations of the Youth Clinic at the Northwestern Christian Workers' Conference at North Freedom, Wis.,

by Mr. ARMAND FRITZ of St. Paul, Minn.

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THIS IS YOUR REPORT from the North Freedom Conference! Remember our new name, C.B.Y., Commissioned Baptist Youth. It's the biggest part of the church organization for young people.

Our theme, "Whose I Am and Whom I Serve," and theme song, "Serve the Lord in Youth," are a real challenge to us as young people.

The first questions that were discussed in the youth group were: Why do we have C.B.Y.? Why do we meet for our youth meetings? Our first aim is to worship and serve Christ. Our fellowship and social life together as Christians, our interest in missions and reaching others for Christ all contribute to make C.B.Y.'s a success.

Miss Martha Leypoldt, our youth

instructor, discussed with the group how to carry out a successful youth organization. The different commissioners were named as: Worship, Service, Study, Enlistment, Missions, Vesper Hour and Publicity. The Vesper Hour is the commission which lines up the programs for each Sunday. Publicity was labeled as very important especially when personal. C.B.Y.'s, in looking ahead, should plan for at least three months. It was suggested not to overdo the socials. Try to give as much time in prayer or actual service to Christ as is used for socials.

New recruits are a vital part of our C.B.Y. groups. The suggestions for enlistment were as follows: prepare before you go to enlist young people, next invite new recruits and then follow up. That is very important.



# REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



## Southwestern Conference

### Harvest and Mission Festival at the Dickinson County Baptist Church of Kansas

On Sunday, October 23, the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County near Elmo, Kansas, held its Harvest and Mission Festival. At this time we were privileged to get acquainted with Miss Leona Ross, our missionary from China, who spoke in the morning and afternoon services. The choir furnished special music. The offering was approximately \$170. We are grateful to God for his bountiful blessings.

Even though we are still pastorless, we are glad to report regular church services and that the project of building a new parsonage is very nearly completed. We are earnestly praying for God's guidance in the matter of securing a pastor.

The woman's Missionary Society of the church held a family birthday supper and program on October 6, at which time a missionary offering was given.

Mrs. Milton Jacobson, Reporter.

### Mother-Daughter Banquet Sponsored by Woman's Missionary Society of the Strassburg Church

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas sponsored a Mother-Daughter banquet on Saturday evening, Sept. 17, in the Marion City Building using "Harvest" as the theme. The autumn color scheme was carried out in the table decorations. Women in the community were guests of the society, and altogether 100 mothers and daughters enjoyed the occasion.

Mrs. Wm. Wirth of the Bethany Baptist Church at Vesper, Kansas was our guest speaker. Mrs. Wirth inspired and challenged her audience as she spoke on "Faith, Love and Hope" as three characteristics that exist in the lives of all women. Toasts were given by Mrs. Henry Willems and Mrs. Dennis Seifert. Mrs. Don Dunn sang a solo and Miss Donna Stenzel played a piano number. Mrs. Harvey Kruse was toastmistress, and the executive committee of the Missionary Society had charge of all arrangements.

Mrs. Harvey Kruse, Reporter.

## Eastern Conference

### Recent Events for Rejoicing at the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York

The Bethel Baptist Church of Buf-

## Annual Student Reception at

North American Baptist Headquarters on Monday Evening, Feb. 13, 1950.

All students, who are members of our churches studying in one of the schools in the Chicago area, are cordially invited to the student reception on Monday, February 13, 1950, 7:30 P.M., at the denominational headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill. Come and enjoy this delightful evening with us. A postal card telling us you can come will be appreciated.

Parents and pastors of such students can also assist us by giving information about the names and addresses of such students to whom invitations can be sent. Send such data to Rev. J. C. Gunst, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

falo, N. Y., celebrated its 54th anniversary from Sunday Oct. 30, to Wednesday, Nov. 2, with the Rev. Robert Hess of Bethlehem, Pa., as our guest speaker. His messages from the Word of God were a great blessing to us. We thank God for the spiritual and fitting sermons which Mr. Hess brought to us as a church. We can well sing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," for HE has blessed us in many wonderful ways, during the years that the Rev. Paul Loth has been our beloved pastor.

Our mid-week Prayer and Fellowship Hour has increased in number, also the Sunday evening services. The church auditorium is filled for the morning worship hour. Bethel Church has an active missionary program. Each Spring for the past seven years a week of missionary meetings has been held. This annual conference has been used of God, and we have truly received many blessings, as the different missionaries have spoken to us.

We have sent three young people to the mission field, two to China and one to India. At the present time six young people are in training for full-time missionary work.

Each year a Vacation Bible School is conducted for two weeks. We also hold Visitation Sunday in the vicinity of the church. Most people receive us very kindly, and we have gained a number for our Sunday School by canvassing the neighborhood. Recently the pastor baptized seven adults and one boy. The hand of fellowship was extended to them.

Mrs. John Cappeller, Reporter.

## Northwestern Conference

### First Services by Temple Baptist Church Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in New Building

"This is the day which the Lord hath made." These words can truly be said of the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., on November 13, for on this day we were able to march into our new sanctuary after wandering about in the "wilderness of temporary quarters" for three and one-half years.

The community response to our invitation to attend was most gratifying, for more than a hundred visitors worshipped with us apart from the many friends and former members who were present in force. The pews filled rapidly, chairs were placed in the aisles, and finally the rest of the overflow was ushered into the basement auditorium to enjoy the services over the public address system. Most gratifying, on this first day in the new church, was the fact that thirteen persons indicated their desires to unite with us and still others asked for pastoral visits.

The first unit of our building program averages forty by ninety feet in size, being fifty-five feet wide at its greatest width. We have tried to incorporate in it some of the most modern facilities such as soft green walls in the sanctuary, a "built in" public address system with individually hearing aids for the extremely handicapped. The kitchen is equipped with formica table tops, an automatic exhaust fan, and an electric garbage disposal. A large four-compartment sink will facilitate the washing of dishes. Music is supplied in the church by a fine Connsonata electronic organ equipped with a twenty-one note set of Maas chimes.

Because of the fact that this is a busy season in most churches, we have postponed the official dedication of the new church until January 13-15, 1950 in order that we might invite all friends and former members to join us in the activities of these days. Greetings may be sent through the pastor at 3009 No. 57th Street, Milwaukee 10, Wisconsin.

We thank God for permitting us to bring our building program to a successful completion, and it is our prayer that we may be a credit to him as we help to expand the borders of his Kingdom with a harvest of souls whose lives have been redeemed through his precious blood.

Peter Pfeiffer, Pastor.

## Recent Events at the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa

The First Baptist Church of George, Iowa can look back over the past few months of activity in the Lord's Kingdom. We wish to mention a few of the outstanding events.

In June it was our privilege to have a successful Vacation Bible School with a large attendance of scholars. In August the church purchased a Hammond Organ, which greatly enriches our services. During the month of October, we had ten days of protracted meetings with the Rev. W. Gerthe of Hutchinson, Minn., serving as evangelist. A few younger people responded to Christ's call and the church in general was strengthened by Mr. Gerthe's sermons and chalk drawings. A Harvest Mission Program was given by the Sunday School Classes on Nov. 20th, at which time an offering was taken.

Preparations are now being made for the observance of our Lord's Birthday on Christmas with the younger classes in Sunday School furnishing the program. We pray that the coming year will find us more faithful and will be more successful than the past year.

J. J. Renz, Pastor.

## Fall Rally of the Wisconsin Commissioned Youth Is Held at Watertown, Wis.

On Saturday afternoon, October 29, the young people from various churches throughout the state of Wisconsin met at the First Baptist Church of Watertown for their Fall Rally. The Rev. Jothan Benke opened the meeting with a cordial welcome and short devotional talk.

The business session followed and new officers were elected as follows: president, William Erbach, Bethany Church, Milwaukee; vice-president, David Nasgowitz, Temple Church, Milwaukee; secretary, Joyce Kopf, North Freedom; treasurer, Howard Herzberg, Bethany Church, Milwaukee; advisor, Rev. John Grygo, Pound. We are happy to report that it was unanimously carried to change our name to Commissioned Baptist Youth. After adjournment a delicious supper was served by the host church.

The evening service was opened with devotions led by the Manitowoc young people. The Roll Call followed and each society responded with a chorus or Scripture verse. Our speaker for the evening, Rev. E. M. Wegner of Manitowoc, spoke on a phase of the theme, "Do You Care?"

The Sunday morning services were in charge of the local church. Rev. J. Grygo was the guest speaker, bringing a message on "Come Out."

At the afternoon meeting the devotions were led by the Bethany young people. A fine group from the Chicago area came to worship with us, and it was a joy to renew acquaintances we had made at Camp Ripley. Our officers were installed by Rev. J. Benke, and Rev. Peter Pfeiffer led in the dedicatory prayer. Our guest speaker of the afternoon was Rev. Robert



Mr. E. Meister (Left, Facing Camera) and Rev. Robert Schreiber, With Hand on the Cornerstone, at the Cornerstone Laying Exercises of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

Schreiber of the Foster Ave. Church of Chicago. His message was another highlight of the rally, inspiring the young people to give God our best in everything.

The young people of North Freedom opened the evening service with devotions. Rev. Thomas Lutz of North Freedom brought the closing message, stressing Christ as our example and pattern for life.

Louise Erbach, Reporter.

## Central Conference

### Cornerstone Laying Exercises for the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

The cornerstone laying service for the new edifice of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., at Foster and Meade Aves., was held on the lovely Sunday afternoon on Oct. 16th. Former and present members, old and new friends, composed the crowd of about 300 who gathered for this memorable occasion.

After the opening song by the audience, the very fitting Scripture passage, 1 Peter 2:1-10, was read by the chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Walter Pankratz. Expressing the feeling of every true child of God, the mixed choir rendered the selection entitled: "Lord, I Love Thy Tabernacle," Mr. H. Pankratz directing.

Greetings and words of encouragement were expressed by Mr. J. P. Immel, alderman of the 41st Ward; by Mr. Roland E. Ross, representing North American Baptists; and by our architect, Mr. R. C. Swanson, who also presented to us a word picture of the further progress in the erection of the building. As always, we appreciated hearing the C. F. C. Male Chorus as they sang: "The Church's One Foundation."

Then our pastor, Rev. Robert Schreiber, spoke and our hearts were thrilled as he presented "Christ as the Living Cornerstone." Following the message, a copy of the Bible and church documents were placed into a metal box. After the box had been

sealed, it was deposited in the cornerstone, which bears the inscription: "Holding Forth The Word Of Life" and dates signifying the founding of the church and the erection of this edifice. Then as Mr. Schreiber and Mr. E. Meister, chairman of the Building Committee, applied the mortar, the cornerstone was slowly lowered until it rested securely in its place. Mr. E. McKernan, student pastor of the former Immanuel Church, offered the dedicatory prayer. The Lord had also made hearts willing to help financially, for the special cornerstone laying offering amounted to \$780.

In the morning of that same Sunday we had already been blessed in a special way, for we had as guest speaker the Rev. Bruno Schreiber of New Leipzig, No. Dak. As always, his earnest message was deeply appreciated by everyone. In the evening Laymen's Sunday was observed, with our men's organization in charge of the meeting. Mr. F. Sheriff, executive secretary of the Christian Businessmen's Committee spoke.

Special meetings were held from Sept. 26 to Oct. 6, with Dr. Clifford Lewis, evangelist and world traveler, as speaker. Many truths were impressed upon us anew and souls found their Savior.

Last, but not least, I wish to mention the occasion of our last service at the former First Church building on Sept. 18th. Present and former members and many friends had come to bid farewell to the place of worship, which held many precious memories. The congregation was given an opportunity to share with one another some of those memories of days gone by. Proving their loyalty to the church as a whole, our dear older members did not give way to the sadness of parting, but rather accepted it as God's leading.

Colored movies were taken on this occasion to serve as a lasting remembrance of the place which for 61 years had been the place of worship for our congregation. Moving pictures are also being taken of the erection of our new church edifice, some of which we have already seen and enjoyed.

Mrs. Louise Zoch, Church Clerk.



## A Christian Laymen's Crusade at the Clay St. Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan

For several months, the Rev. Wm. Hoover, the hard-working pastor of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Michigan had been planning for a laymen's rally in his church. The prominence of laymen's service in the life of the church as well as in the denomination as given to this live subject at the session of the General Conference in Sioux Falls, So. Dak., evidently impressed itself upon this virile pastor.

The plans for such a crusade culminated in a series of meetings for the three days of November 4 to 6 and for this occasion he had enlisted 15 men, eight of whom came from Chicago, others from Grand Rapids, Michigan, South Bend, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

Most of them were business or professional men who came eager to witness for Christ. Among them was a musical broadcaster, a singing trio as well as trumpeters. There was something doing during those stirring days, and the name of Jesus was often on the lips of these men as they brought their testimony to the saving and keeping power of the world's Savior.

It was an interdenominational effort, the surrounding community contributing its active laymen. St. Joseph, South Bend, Niles and other nearby towns were represented. There came together Christian men from Bible community churches, Congregational, Free Methodist as well as Baptist churches in delightful fellowship. Lines of demarkation were forgotten for the time.

At the first gathering on Friday evening, Ted E. Engstrom, editorial writer for the Zondervan Publishing Co., gave the main address. He was supported by several of the visiting men in brief heart to heart talks. The high spot was the banquet on Saturday evening when 170 men touched shoulder to shoulder at well-laden tables where, naturally enough, lay women served. It was a time when Christian enthusiasm overflowed and found its outlet in music, song and testimony.

At that time steps were taken to effect a permanent organization of Western Michigan Laymen which would consist of local groups or chapters in the participating churches. This means that such groups in our own churches would carry on for the denominational laymen's league planned at the late session of our General Conference.

On Sunday visiting laymen took the pulpits in the nearby churches. The Clay Street Church was the center of greatest activity with a full house both morning and evening. Mr. Reamer G. Loomis, the leader of the Chicago contingent, gave the main address in the forenoon and Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio in the evening service to large and responsive congregations. This laymen's experiment gave much encouragement of lasting value.

H. P. Donner, Reporter.

## Atlantic Conference

### Annual Sessions of the New England Association at New Britain, Connecticut

The New England Association of the North American Baptist Conference held its 52nd annual convention at the Memorial Baptist Church, New Britain, Conn., on October 8 and 9. This was a time of renewing Christian friendships and of making new ones. However, we were all somewhat saddened to hear that the Rev. G. E. Friedenberg is soon to leave the Memorial Baptist Church after faithfully serving the Lord there for the past eleven years.

The theme of the conference was, "Dare We Be Christians?" Our business session was conducted on Saturday afternoon and the work of the past year was reported. The aggregate membership of the five participating churches showed an increase to a total of 685.

On Sunday morning all the delegates and members worshipped in their own respective churches, with the exception of the Boston delegates, who attended service at the Memorial Baptist Church, where Mr. Friedenberg gave us much food for thought while speaking on "Spiritual Self-Cultivation." Special speaker at the Sunday afternoon Woman's Missionary union meeting was the Rev. Mr. Horner, a Presbyterian missionary home on furlough. He challenged the churches to a greater missionary vision and to work with the zeal, enthusiasm, and love characteristic of some of the African churches.

It was our privilege to have Mrs. George Dunger with us, who along with her husband labored so faithfully on the Cameroons Mission Field during the difficult war years. Mrs. Dunger was an instructor at the Madison, Conn., children's camp this summer.

Speaker at the closing Sunday evening service was the Rev. Alfred Jones, a local minister. He took up the conference theme by speaking on the subject, "Daring Christians All the Way."

Robert M. Atwater, Reporter.

## Southern Conference

### Building Progress and Soul Winning Efforts of the Central Church, Waco, Texas

It is a real inspiration to be looking forward to an anticipated event. That is our joy in the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, anticipating the completion of our new church edifice.

The following is a short description of our new church home. The main auditorium, including the choir loft, the baptistry and two class rooms is 38 by 74 feet, with a seating capacity of 240 people. The Educational Plant is 36 by 78 feet and joins the rear of the auditorium. The outside wall is

of brick veneer. The floor of the church is of rubber tile.

The Sunday School will be well taken care of with 15 classrooms and an assembly room. A spacious kitchen with beautiful built-in features will be the pride and joy of the ladies of the church. The latest cooling and heating system has been installed. The south-eastern part of Waco will be beautified by this house of God, overlooking that part of the city.

We are very happy to report that the old church building has been sold and will continue to be used for religious purposes. With God's blessing and guidance, we hope to be able to hold our first service in the new church with the first Sunday in December, although it is not to be dedicated until Feb. 12, 1950.

We were wonderfully blessed in having the evangelist, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, with us from Oct. 2 to 16. The church felt the special power and presence of the Holy Spirit. The evangelist proclaimed the saving grace of the love of God in Christ Jesus in a heart searching and gripping manner. The church as a whole was wonderfully revived, thanking God for the great riches in Christ our Lord. A number of persons accepted Christ as their personal Savior, of whom seven followed the Lord in baptism on November 6th.

We thank God and our headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., for sending the evangelist, Brother Pfeifer, to us.

J. E. Ehrhorn, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference

### Annual Program of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Rosenfeld Church of North Dakota

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church held its annual program on Sunday, October 16th. Our minister, the Rev. R. C. Schmidt, led in devotions, and our president welcomed the guests.

Then the reports of the secretary and treasurer were read. Besides the group singing, we were favored by a trio, duet and a solo number. A play was given, namely, "The Fifty Dollar Bill," and there also were several recitations. On October 21st the Ladies Missionary Society held its annual fancy work sale.

During the past year under the leadership of Mrs. Wesley Simonson the first part of the year, and Mrs. Bill Arndt the remaining months, we have sent donations to the Crippled Children's Home of Jamestown, the Home for the Aged at Bismarck and to foreign missions. Considerable funds have been used in making improvements in our church and repairing and redecorating our church basement. We also surprised our minister and his wife with a gift of groceries upon their arrival.

Our Missionary Society consists of eight active members. Although we are only a small group, we trust that the Lord will guide us as we endeavor to carry on his work.

Mrs. Bill Arndt, Reporter.

## Dedication of New Edifice of Bethel Baptist Church, Harvey, North Dakota

Sunday, Oct. 23rd, marked a happy day for the people of the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, North Dakota. Friends from the following churches helped in the services to dedicate our newly erected church building: Cathay, Germantown, Carrington, Fessenden, Martin, Anamoose, Rosenfeld, McClusky, Minot, Goodrich and Underwood. Members of the Mennonite Brethren and the Congregational churches of Harvey also were in attendance.

At 10:30 A.M. we gathered in front of the church building. The Rev. Dick Buhler of Winnipeg, Manitoba, a brother of our pastor, Rev. A. Buhler, read a portion of Scripture and led in prayer. Mr. Henry Fuhrman, deacon of the church, then handed the key to our pastor who unlocked the door and everybody entered singing, "We're Marching to Zion."

In the morning service brief messages were brought by Rev. Daniel Klein and Rev. John Kepl, pastors of neighboring churches who frequently served the church of Harvey during the pastorless years. Rev. Arthur Fischer of McClusky brought the dedication sermon.

We were also privileged to have with us Mrs. Karl Gieser of Portland, Oregon, wife of the late Rev. K. Gieser, who organized the little church of Harvey 20 years ago. How happy she was to see the seed that was sown grown to an encouraging harvest! The Ladies' Aid of the church rendered a fine work in preparing two wonderful meals.

For our afternoon and evening services we gathered at the High School auditorium. Brief messages were brought by all pastors present. The Mennonite choir, Martin Men's Chorus and the local church choir rendered special numbers of praise during the day. Miss Christina Buhler of Winnipeg, Manitoba also favored us with two solos during the day.

The church's history was given by one of our only remaining charter members, Mr. Adolph Mayer. Services were conducted all these years in a small church 20 by 24 feet. Since we called our pastor, the Rev. Aaron Buhler, a year ago, our membership has doubled and our attendance has increased.

With fine cooperation by all the members and friends, donating their labor, this new edifice was built at a cost of approximately \$15,000, including the new pews and church furniture. Our dedication offering amounted to \$1896.22 leaving us with a debt of about one-fourth of the total cost.

Without the fine cooperation and the help of the General Council of the denomination, we would have found it impossible to build. Our prayer is that we may continue in Christ's service, enjoying his richest blessings as we have done in the past. We were also privileged to have Dr. Martin Leuschner, our promotional secretary, with us on Oct. 25th, serving us with missionary pictures.

Henry Fuhrman, Reporter.

## Evangelistic Meetings, Service of Rededication and Mission Sunday at Goodrich, North Dakota

For years the need for the improvement of the church basement has been felt by the Baptist Church of Goodrich, No. Dak. By much prayer and persistent instruction on the part of the pastor, the Rev. Henry Hirsch, and a few other members the church decided a year ago to recondition the basement. The achievement is now reality. A wooden floor has been laid,

joining over the material achievement and progress, our hearts are heavy, and we are greatly concerned over the many unconverted people in our church families. It seems as if the Lord cannot break through to give us genuine revival. Pray for us!

Henry Hirsch, Pastor.

## Harvest Festival and Leadership Training Class at Baptist Church, Bismarck, North Dakota

The members and friends of the Bis-



The New Edifice of the Baptist Church at Harvey, North Dakota Which Was Recently Dedicated

the walls are insulated, a new kitchen built, and indoor toilets as well as a new oil-heating plant installed. Those who have seen the kitchen equipment and the heating plant say it is the best they ever have seen. The total expenditure amounted to \$4038. Our house of worship has been rededicated free of debt.

From Oct. 31st to Nov. 6th we had evangelistic meetings. The Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Grand Forks, No. Dak., was the evangelist. Challenging and inspiring messages were brought, and the church was richly blessed by our brother's ministry among us. The mission offering on Sunday amounted to \$540. Just one week preceding this we sent over \$500 to the Old People's

Home at Bismarck. While we are remarking Baptist Church of Bismarck, No. Dak., gathered on Sunday, Oct. 23, to celebrate the annual Harvest and Mission Festival. During the Sunday School hour the children under the leadership of the teachers presented a fine program of songs and recitations. The Rev. B. W. Krentz, who has been serving as solicitor for the Old People's Home, was our guest speaker. In both the morning and evening services he brought us challenging messages. The seriousness of the messages moved the people to lay \$1,109 upon the altar of God that it might be used in the building of God's kingdom.

It was the privilege of the pastor, Rev. Edward Kary, in recent weeks to extend the hand of fellowship to several new members. Among these were the Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Krentz and their son Waldemar. The church is at the present time busily engaged in completing plans for its new building. May God's blessing be upon this undertaking and may his wisdom guide us in this venture of faith.

During the week of October 31 to November 4th the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf of Bison, So. Dak., led us in a Leadership Training Course. Several of the young people took the course for credit. We desire, not only to be workers for the Master, but to be trained and efficient workers. We praise our heavenly Father for these opportunities of service here in Bismarck.

Edward Kary, Pastor.

## The First Watchnight Service for the Indians.

This article with the fascinating story of the Watchnight Service held on the Indian Reserve in 1948 with a beautiful testimony by William Standing on the Road, Sr., who is now "at home," and with several striking pictures appears in the

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## Pacific Conference

### Sessions of the California Association at the Fifteenth St. Church of Los Angeles

The 40th California Association convened with the 15th Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., from Nov. 3 to 6. Miss Laura E. Reddig, our Cameroons missionary, and Rev. Frank Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., were our guest speakers and their messages to us were an inspiration and a time of real spiritual blessing to all attending the Association.

The theme of the meetings was "Christ Pre-eminent in the Life of the Believer." The 15th Street Church of Los Angeles showed real Christian hospitality and self-sacrifice in being host to the Association this year and presented exceptionally fine music in the numbers rendered by their church choir.

The ministers in attendance were: W. W. Knauf of Elk Grove; E. A. Kohfield of Wasco, G. G. Rauser of Lodi, A. A. Weisser of Lodi, Henry Hengstler of Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles, P. G. Neumann of Costa Mesa, and E. Mittelstedt of the host church.

Carl Feldmeth, Reporter.

## Northern Conference

### Young People's Program Presented at West Ebenezer of Saskatchewan and Minitonas, Man.

The Young People's Society of the West Ebenezer Church of Saskatchewan, Canada had the pleasure of presenting its annual program on Sunday, October 2. The church was well filled for the occasion and friends came from far and near to attend the program. Under the capable leadership of Miss Joyce Knoll and our pastor, Rev. R. Kanwischer, the young people presented a fine program consisting of two choir anthems, numbers by a mixed quartet, a male quartet and a ladies trio, as well as a reading, two dialogues and a baritone solo.

On Sunday, November 6, this program was presented at the Baptist Church in Minitonas, Manitoba, where also a large crowd was present. May the Lord continue to use the young people of our churches in his service, and may we be ready at all times to witness for our Master!

Artrude Ziolkowski, Reporter.

### 31st Anniversary Program by the Woman's Missionary Society of Southey, Sask.

A large crowd assembled in the Baptist church of Southey, Saskatchewan recently when the members of the Woman's Missionary Society rendered their 31st anniversary program. A hush fell over the audience as the members, all mothers, filed into the choir loft to the rousing music of "Meine Seele, lobe den Herrn." With zeal, the entire congregation then

joined in the hymns of praise.

Besides the reports given by the officers and songs rendered by the society as a whole, duets, trios, quartets, recitations and readings, a dialogue were delivered. The Rev. E. H. Nikkel brought the festive address.

Other participants were: Mrs. J. Wiers, Mrs. K. Bindert, Mrs. Tina Sauer, Mrs. J. Lang, Mrs. E. H. Nikkel, Mrs. F. Landfried, Mrs. P. Senger, Mrs. H. Friese, Mrs. J. Sturm, Mrs. F. Engel, Mrs. Maria Wagner, Mrs. P. Herz, and two former residents of Southey, Miss D. Zapf and Miss H. Nikkel.

As is customary with the Woman's Society, this program abounding in spiritual food was followed by fellowship around the tables in the church basement as those in attendance partook of the tasty food.

Mrs. Philip Herz, Secretary.

### Song Festival of the Southern Alberta Churches at the Carbon Baptist Church

Sunday, October 30th, was another day which will be long remembered by the Southern Alberta Churches of Canada. This year we gathered in the beautiful edifice of the Baptist church in Carbon, Alberta.

In the morning, Sunday School convened with the different superintendents of our Alberta churches taking part. The Rev. H. Schatz of Calgary gave the message in the morning service speaking on Psalm 97.

The afternoon service under the leadership of the Rev. H. Zepik of Trochu was actually the festival when the mass choir sang "Praise Ye Jehovah" as the opening number. Mr. Robert Neske of Camrose again directed the mass choir. The individual choirs rendered several numbers. We were also favored with selections by three male choruses. The Rev. J. C. Rott of Carbon spoke in the afternoon on Psalm 98.

In closing, the mass choir once again beautifully lifted their voices in praise to our Lord by singing, "Lift Up Your Heads."

Mrs. Lily Ada Weigum, Reporter.

### Building Fund Offering of \$8500 and Evangelistic Meetings at Morris, Manitoba

On Sunday morning, Sept. 25, the Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, celebrated the Harvest and Thanksgiving Festival. The Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, pastor, brought the messages on "Thanksgiving a Duty" based on Psalm 145 and on "God's Place of Abode."

The offering which was the first united effort toward our new church building amounted to approximately \$8500. We thank God for the willingness of our members to sacrifice so that God might come into his own.

In the afternoon the choir rendered a concert of sacred music to an overcrowded church. Mr. Sturhahn used as his sermon, "The Light Shall Triumph." It was a momentous day in the history of our church, a day on which all worked together in perfect harmony; where self was forgotten in an effort toward the building of God's

Kingdom, a house where his Gospel might be expounded.

Then on October 9th our evangelistic services began with the Rev. H. Palfenier as evangelist. God used his servant in a wonderful way, so that six persons found Christ as their personal Savior. On the final Sunday evening when God's presence had manifested itself in a special way, and all who wished to reconsecrate themselves to the service of their King were asked to come forward, very few remained in their pews.

May God bless and keep the newly-converted safely in his hand and may he endow the Rev. William Sturhahn, our pastor here, and the Rev. H. Palfenier, wherever he may go, with holy fire from on high that will sweep all before it and bring sinners to their knees at the foot of Calvary's Cross.

Ida Hoffman, Reporter.

### "YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS" for young people's meetings.

January 1, 1950 — "Happy Birthday, 1950" by Rev. Wilmer Quiring, Carrington, North Dakota.

January 8, 1950 — "Turn on the Light" (Receiving the Light) by Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, Forest Park, Illinois.

January 15, 1950 — "Your Life is a Mirror" (Reflecting the Light) by Rev. Frank Woyke.

January 22, 1950 — "Light Up the World" (Sending the Light) by Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Forest Park, Illinois.

January 29, 1950 — "Know Your Conference Union" by Rev. J. C. Gunst, Forest Park, Illinois.

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## Obituary

EMIL KOLASHEFSKY  
of Madison, South Dakota.

Mr. Emil Kolashefsky of Madison, So. Dak., was born in Jan. 27, 1873 in Warsaw, Poland. He came to this country in 1892. In 1898 enlisted in the Army of the Spanish-American War in defense of his newly adopted country, and saw active service in Cuba. At the conclusion of the war, he returned to Madison and became a rural mail carrier for 29 years until his retirement in 1938.

On Oct. 20, 1899 Mr. Kolashefsky married Mary Hein, which union was blessed with two children, Myrtle and Herman. But this happiness was cut short by the death of his wife nine years later. On March 24, 1914 he married Mathilda Koth. Three children were born in this marriage. As a young man of twenty years, he came to a living faith in Christ and was baptized by the late Rev. W. H. Mueller into the fellowship of the West Center Baptist

Church where he served as faithful member in the Brotherhood, youth organization, Sunday School and as chairman of the Church History Committee, until poor health made necessary his removal to Hot Springs Veterans Hospital in 1946.

During the succeeding years of suffering he remained faithful to the Lord and deeply interested in the work of the denomination. On Tuesday, Oct. 18th, God relieved his servant of all the toils and troubles of this life and took him home to glory. Surviving him are his sorrowing wife; five children, Herman, Mrs. C. R. Longfellow, Walter, Mrs. H. P. Southwick, Helen; and a stepson, Harold Koth; and 15 grandchildren.

At the well attended memorial service, the Rev. H. R. Schroeder, former pastor, and the undersigned spoke words of comfort and resurrection hope.

West Center St. Baptist Church,  
Madison, South Dakota

MRS. ELIZABETH FRERICHS  
of Aplington, Iowa.

Another member of the Baptist Church of Aplington was taken from us when, shortly after midnight, Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1949 our sister in the Lord, Elizabeth Frerichs, nee Sherman, passed away. She was born on July 22, 1895 in Butler County, Iowa, the daughter of the late Henry and Lena Sherman. In 1920 she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior and upon confession of her faith and baptism she was received into the fellowship of the Aplington Baptist Church, of which she was a member. For a number of years she served as teacher in our Sunday School, and also as sponsor of our Junior Young People's group. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, Thee Frerichs, one sister and two brothers. She lived to be 54 years and 3 months old. Cause of her death was Addison's disease, from which she had suffered for a number of years.

Aplington, Iowa  
C. FRED LEHR, Pastor.

MR. CHESTER B. BARTZ  
of Anamoose, North Dakota.

Mr. Chester B. Bartz of Anamoose, No. Dakota, son of Robert and Emma Bartz, was born in Graceville, Minnesota on June 3, 1891. He moved with his parents to Anamoose, No. Dak., in 1898 where they settled on their homestead, three miles east of Anamoose. He received his early education in a school which was conducted in his parents' home. Later he attended school in Anamoose and the Agricultural College at Fargo, No. Dak. Chester Bartz was converted and baptized by Rev. Schmidt and joined the Baptist Church at Martin, No. Dak., in 1906. In 1908 he transferred his membership to the newly organized Baptist Church at Anamoose where he remained a faithful and active member until his departure.

His church and its welfare were among his main interests. His entire childhood and adult life were spent on his farm three miles east of Anamoose, "The Home by the Side of the Road." He devoted a great deal of his time to the welfare of the community and county, teaching public school, promoting music and youth activities. He will be long remembered by the young people who came to know him and whom he so willingly aided.

Mr. Bartz was united in marriage with Ella Mosal on Nov. 23, 1915. Four children were born to them: Fern (Mrs. Jacob Heringer, Jr.) of Anamoose; Clayton of Dickinson, No. Dak.; Twila of Elgin, Ill.; and Nolan, at home. He leaves to mourn his untimely death, his wife; four children; his father, Robert Bartz of Harvey; his brother, Ben of Williston; four grandchildren; his church and a host of relatives and friends. His mother preceded him in death in 1934. He passed away at 3:20 A.M. on Oct. 22 at his home. The cause of his death was heart failure. He had reached the age of 58 years, 4 months and 19 days.

Services were held at the Baptist Church of Anamoose with the Rev. A. W. Bibbel of Anamoose, No. Dak., assisting the Rev. E. Riemer, who officiated. May the Lord comfort the bereaved!

Anamoose, North Dakota  
EMIL RIEMER, Pastor.

MRS. ELIZABETH KIEWER  
of Lodi, California.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kiewer, nee Duerksen, of Lodi, Calif., was born on Dec. 25, 1884 in Russia. As an infant she came to this country with her parents who made their home in Hillsboro, Kansas. Here she spent her childhood years and received her education. On May 25, 1904 she was married to Emil F. Kiewer, her beloved and now bereaved husband. This union was blessed with two daughters, Ruby and Edna. In the year of our Lord 1897 she received the Lord as her personal Savior, was baptized on confession of her faith and united with the Mennonite Brethren Church at Hillsboro, Kansas.

From 1909 to 1924 she lived at Reedley, Calif., and from 1924 to 1944 she lived in Stockton, Calif. During the last five years she lived in their modest new home in Lodi. In 1929 she became a member of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, of which she was a very faithful and consecrated member, even praying for her pastor and church before she passed away. She was a faithful wife, a loving mother and a great counselor for the family and a sincere Christian.

Her homegoing was blessed to witness, because of her wonderful testimony, perfect peace and firm faith in God. The Lord called her unto himself on October 29th. She reached the age of 64 years, 10 months and 4 days. She leaves to mourn, her husband, Mr. Emil F. Kiewer; two daughters, Mrs. Ruby Heinrichs of Stockton, and Mrs. Edna Reimche of Lodi, Calif.; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two sisters, and two brothers. Besides these she leaves her beloved church and many friends. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

First Baptist Church,  
Lodi, Calif.

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.  
HERBERT HILLER, Pastor.

MISS EDNA FLORENCE VOECK  
of North Freedom, Wisconsin.

Miss Edna Florence Voeck of North Freedom, Wis., was born January 21, 1906 in the town of North Freedom and passed away in the Reedsburg Hospital on the morning of November 9, 1949 at the age of 43 years, 8 months and 19 days.

Early in 1918 she accepted Christ as her Savior and on March 31st of that year she followed the Lord in baptism. Her pastor, the Rev. C. Dippel, in behalf of the North Freedom Baptist Church, extended the hand of church fellowship to her. Here she remained a loyal and faithful member until her untimely death. In this church she found a place for her many talents. She was the church organist for over 20 years, taught in the Sunday School, and was active in the young people's work, often seeing to it that some of the young people were able to attend rallies and assemblies. If a song or a poem was needed for special occasions, she employed her talents for the task.

In June of this year her health began to fail. Although not thinking it to be serious, she continued her work in the office of the County Superintendent of School and remained active in the church. On Sunday morning, September 11, her last Sunday in the church, she played the organ, not realizing it was the last service for which she would play. The following week she became critically ill and upon the advice of her doctor was admitted to the hospital. She failed to respond to medical treatments, and after six weeks she submitted to surgery following which she was cheerful and looking forward to coming home. She did go home, but not to her earthly home. God in his wisdom had other plans for her. Thus very quietly on Wednesday morning she departed from this life to be at home with her Lord.

Her sudden departure leaves to mourn her aged mother, Mrs. Katherine Voeck; two brothers, Arthur and Gilbert; one sister, Mrs. Otto Wilzewske; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Before an unusually large audience, who came to pay their last respects to the earthly remains, the pastor spoke words of comfort and hope based upon God's Word from 1 Peter 1:7.

North Freedom, Wisconsin  
THOMAS LUTZ, Pastor.

MR. VERNON HAROLD LUBBERS  
of Emery, South Dakota.

Vernon Harold Lubbers of Emery, South Dakota, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick E. Lubbers, was born on November 18, 1923 on a farm near Emery and died on September 26, 1949 at the age of 26 years, 1 month, 8 days. His father preceded him in death on January 1, 1947, and a brother died in infancy.

Vernon accepted the Lord as his personal Savior at the age of twelve years, was baptized upon the confession of his faith on April 21, 1935 by Rev. G. W. Pust, and accepted into the fellowship of the First Emery Baptist Church, where he remained a loyal member until his death. He was graduated from the Emery High School in 1941.

After the death of his father, Vernon assumed the major responsibility of operating the farm, where he was known as a good friend and a hard worker, always willing to lend a hand where help was needed. In July he was overcome by heat, which weakened his body to the extent that hospitalization was found necessary. After spending a week in the hospital he returned home, but never fully recovered from the ill effects of the heat.

He leaves to mourn his tragic and unexpected death: his mother, Mrs. Minnie Lubbers; one sister, Mrs. Bennie Fauth; his fiancée, Miss Norma Johnson; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Emery Baptist Church on Friday afternoon, September 30, where a crowd of some six or seven hundred people gathered to pay their last tributes to one of the finest young men of our community.

Emery, South Dakota

D. S. WIPF, Pastor.

MR. EMIL MARQUARDT  
of Forest Park, Illinois.

Mr. Emil Marquardt of Forest Park, Ill., was born in Germany on Dec. 14, 1867. Had he lived until December, he would have been 82 years of age. His parents came to America when he was two and a half years old, settling on a farm in La Porte County, Indiana.

The influence of Christian parents and a strong Christian home environment made a deep impress on him as a boy, and it was not long before he accepted Christ as his personal Savior, was baptized and united with the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill. Though the church was a considerable distance from their home, the family were regular participants in the worship services and work of the church. At frequent intervals special services were arranged in a schoolhouse near the home, and thus the influence of the church was felt throughout the home community.

This early beginning of Christian fellowship and life was but the laying of foundations on which Mr. Marquardt was to build his whole life. He never got away from his love for the church, his loyalty to his Savior and his devotion to the whole Kingdom cause. He served as a deacon in the East Side Church and when, about 18 years ago, he and his family moved to Oak Park, Illinois he became a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church and continued his prayerful interest and participation until physical handicaps made a curtailment necessary. His greatest joy was to be in fellowship with God's people and no conversation was complete that did not include in it a word of praise for his Lord and for his church and pastor.

Married on November 26, 1891, he was privileged to enjoy this happy union until March 15, 1947 when his beloved wife was called home. He is survived by three children: Mrs. Otto Safran, Mr. Earl Marquardt and Mrs. Herbert Gnass. A sister, Mrs. Charles Entner, resides in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. There are also six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, all of whom were a source of joy to him.

Of him it can be said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day."

Forest Park, Illinois  
Rev. C. B. NORDLAND, Pastor.





# *Holiday Greetings*

*U*nderlying the superficial observance of the Christmas season is still the true meaning of Christmas. Once a year we may hold for a moment a realization of the promises spoken in the Christmas story—

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