



# Baptist HERALD



*"Remember the Maine" Monument at Havana, Cuba*



# DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

## ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. J. C. Gunst  
February 9-13 — Missoula, Mont.  
Leadership Training Course.

Rev. M. L. Leuschner  
Sunday, Feb. 6 — Bethany Baptist  
Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
Sunday, Feb. 13 — Faith Baptist  
Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist  
Jan. 30-Feb. 13 — Streeter, North  
Dakota.

Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Evangelist  
Jan. 30-Feb. 13 — Trinity Baptist  
Church, Portland, Oregon.



## SPECIAL DATES

Feb. 4-6 — Annual Session of the  
Executive Committee of the Na-  
tional Y. P. and S. S. Workers'  
Union at Forest Park, Ill.

Sunday, Feb. 6 — Baptist World Al-  
liance Sunday (See Announce-  
ment in Box on This Page).

Sunday, Feb. 13, to Sunday, Feb. 20  
— "National Youth Week" Spon-  
sored by the National Y. P. and  
S. S. Workers' Union.



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Harbor in Cuba and provoked  
the Spanish - American War.  
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on an island in Havana Harbor  
bears the names of the 260 of-  
ficers and men who lost their  
lives in that disaster.

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## AMONG OURSELVES

Four important dates are just  
around the corner! On Sunday, Feb.  
6, the communion offering is to be  
designated toward the Baptist World  
Alliance and its worldwide relief  
ministry. From Feb. 13 to 20 Na-  
tional Youth Week will be held by  
most of our churches in keeping with  
the suggested program of the Na-  
tional Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union.  
Friday, March 4, will be Worldwide  
Day of Prayer for all the women's  
missionary societies. Sunday, March  
13, will be Bible Sunday with Dr.  
Thorwald W. Bender preparing the  
program material to be distributed  
by our Roger Williams Press and Pub-  
lication Society.

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Veninga and in the editorial. The  
women are announcing their plans for  
their Day of Prayer in the article by  
Mrs. John Wobig. The blessings of  
our relief ministry are described in  
the illustrated article by Rev. Otto  
Nallinger. The Indian mission field  
and the missionaries, Mr. and Mrs.  
Reinhard Neuman, are presented im-  
pressively. The spirit of our Semi-  
nary students is graphically portrayed  
in several testimonies. Do not miss  
Paul Gebauer's exciting recital of that  
epoch making event of the arrival of  
the Chaffees in the Cameroons!

## COMING

**Time to Clean House** — The Rev.  
Richard K. Mercer, Jr., the new pas-  
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Newark, New Jersey, will make his  
bow to "Herald" readers with this  
searching message.

**Scripture Memorization in the Pa-  
cific Northwest** — Miss Anne Swain  
will describe her experiences as  
Scripture Memorization worker among  
Pacific Northwest churches and tell  
about the many blessings of this  
memorization program.

**The Youth Service Plan** — The Rev.  
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# Editorials

by Martin L. Leuschner

## Give Youth a Chance

THERE ARE always great possibilities in youth! The greatest discoverers have not been those who have been first to set their feet on a new continent or who have uncovered some gold nuggets in a river bed but those who have believed fervently in the possibilities of some young person and have encouraged and inspired that individual to momentous heights of attainment. Such a ministry starts an ever enlarging circle of influence and blessing which only eternity can fully describe.

John Mark was a timid, homesick, faltering young lad on the Apostle Paul's first missionary journey. Barnabas believed that he deserved another chance. He was so certain of it that he parted company with Paul over this issue. How grateful we are that God gave John Mark a Barnabas to press his hand with encouragement and to inspire him for greater service as we now remember the many accomplishments of the matured Mark in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Every new generation passes through the same turbulent waters. Young people are experimenting with new ideas. They have different ways in doing things. They are trying to express the some truths of life in new moulds and dress. They are often misunderstood and underestimated. Especially in our churches, we are apt to let the older people occupy the positions of responsibility and to push the young people into the background of activity.

National Youth Week, sponsored by the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union to be observed from February 13 to 20, will challenge our churches everywhere to give youth a chance! Encourage them in their witness for Christ and in their eagerness to be of service. Give heed to their suggestions and criticisms and retain that which is good. Let them participate actively in the program of the church. Win their confidence by friendliness and understanding. Let the spotlight of attention fall upon these young people during this week and continue to use them and their services throughout the year.

"He built a house, time laid it in the dust;  
He wrote a book, its title now forgot;  
He ruled a city, but his name is not  
On any tablet graven, or where rust  
Can gather from disuse, or marble bust.

"He took a child from out a wretched cot;  
Who on the State dishonor might have brought;  
And reared him in the Christian's hope and trust.  
The boy, to manhood grown, became a light  
To many souls and preached to human need  
The wondrous love of the Omnipotent.  
The work has multiplied like stars at night  
When darkness deepens; every noble deed  
Lasts longer than a granite monument."

The greatest spiritual discoveries can be made in these youthful lives. God can perform his miracles through those who are consecrated to him. You can be the means of bringing that miracle to pass by leading some young person to the place of consecration or to the heights of inspiration. There is no greater joy in life than to see your own son or daughter or some young person go forth to accomplish great things in God's Kingdom because of the inspiring touch of your encouragement. Let's remember to give youth a chance in all of our churches!

## BIBLE TEXT

"Ye shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8).

These words of the Risen Christ have been the impelling motto of our young people through the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union during the present General Conference triennium. But they also embody the challenge to every Christian whose greatest joy and privilege are found in witnessing to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They express the spirit and program of evangelism.

During the months of January and February 1949 the fourth goal of the Christian Achievement Plan is bringing the truths of evangelism to the attention of our people everywhere. Then emphasis of these two months should be symbolic of the year around ministry of every Christian and church. Give it a major share of your time and attention!

## BAPTIST ALLIANCE SUNDAY

The first Sunday of February is observed as Baptist World Alliance Sunday by Baptist churches throughout the world. On this day you ought to be aware of the ties of fellowship that bind us as twelve million Baptists together in Christ. We ought to help to bear one another's burdens through the ministry of the Alliance. We need to become acquainted with our stirring Baptist heritage and history. This emphasis on Sunday, February 6, deserves to be welcomed everywhere.

The offerings at the communion services held on that day are to be designated for the worldwide work of the Baptist Alliance office. The most important phase of that ministry is the relief program of the Alliance. Your church's contributions should be sent to our headquarters.

## IN MEMORIAM

The homegoing of the Rev. J. J. Reimer on Christmas Day cast its shadow of sadness for many of us upon the happy days of the holiday season. Brother Reimer had pioneered as our missionary in the San Luis Valley of Colorado among the Spanish-American people. He had enlarged our missionary vision and had interpreted more clearly Christ's commission to us as churches. His radiant personality and simplicity of faith in Christ had made him a dynamic example of Christian discipleship. He carried out God's purposes and plans for his life so determinedly and at such utter disregard of his own health and security that people everywhere marveled at his missionary enthusiasms. This faith, by which he lived personality and simplicity of faith in which he died triumphantly. He went to be with the Lord at the youthful age of 38, but his life was filled with good deeds and great accomplishments in Christ's name.

# God Working Through Me

A Sermon on the Theme of the National Youth Week

February 13 to 20, 1949

By the REV. FRANK VENINGA, Pastor of the State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois

"NOW IS Your Chance!" This was said by an elderly speaker to a large attentive group of young people. The coming Youth Week may well be a vital demonstration of your interest, devotion and zeal in Kingdom endeavors. Yes, now is your chance! Your day calls for men and women who are wide awake. In the presence of the world's awful need, the call is for a life of hard, grinding work, of intense, exciting struggle, of heroic sacrifice. God works through such a life.

"Young men shall see visions." Three visions are pertinent. Without these you are simply not at your best. Isaiah, in his wonderful vision (Isaiah 6), gives qualifications for a life through which God works — a vision of God, a vision of self, a vision of service. God was able to accomplish much through this servant of old. He still speaks through him to us.

## A VISION OF GOD

What a day it is when any soul comes face to face with God! It was an epochal moment in the life of God's prophet. The vision was One Who is ever able to bring cosmos out of chaos. There is dignity, power and wonderful glory revealed in the vision as recorded. Isaiah, seeing the Lord, high and lifted up, realized that he must place the Lord first within his heart and above all earthly thrones. This vision became a call, not only to higher living, but to grander service.

In the midst of the terrible Civil War, while the President was bowed with anxiety and burdened with responsibility, one of Abraham Lincoln's little sons suffered an accident while playing on the grounds of the White House, and it was necessary to perform surgery. On one morning the President and the cabinet were assembled. He was sitting there with that sad face that characterized him, and there was a cry in the adjoining room, "I want my father! I want my father!" There was no one present to answer the piteous call, "I want my father!" The President arose and excused himself from the cabinet and said, "Gentlemen, I must

go to that boy. I will return presently." When the human heart cries, "I want my Father," the divine Father responds and comes to that heart with the most tender and prompt approach. What a vision! What a revelation! "Holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of his glory."

## A VISION OF SELF

The next vision caused the prophet to say, "Woe is me, for I am undone." The darkness of his soul, the wrong desires, unclean lips, the selfish impulses all looked hideous in the light of God's glory. Isaiah would never have been the man that he was if he had not had that vision. It was the great crisis that made the prophet. He leaped out into the depths of God.

A vision of a sinful self will call for repentance, conversion and consecration. Consecration, however, does not mean simply to sing, "I'll go where you want me to go," but it means the whole-hearted dedication of one's self to walk in that direction and to do the will of God, whatsoever the cost. Unending are the promises of God to the individual who yields himself unreservedly to his Lord. A new day dawned for Samuel when he listened to the voice of the Lord. Peter could never be the same again after his housetop experience. Paul met Christ on the Damascus road and ever afterwards followed the eternal pathway.

It is not enough to give a testimony, as did the Negro in a camp meeting. He said, "Brethren, I have done about everything that is bad. I have lied and sworn; I have gotten drunk, and I have stolen chickens, but I thank the Lord I have not lost my religion." If you have a religion that permits you to go on in the same old way, avaricious, covetous, lustful, selfish, giving way to appetite, you can put it down for sure that it is not the religion of Christ that you have. You had better get a new vision of self.

"Have thine own way, Lord,  
Have thine own way.  
Thou art the Potter,  
I am the clay."

The iniquity was taken away; the sin was purged. Now the prophet



—Photo by Harold M. Lambert

was ready for a further vision. He was not prepared beforehand, and no soul is ready for service until he has seen the Lord himself, his own sin and has found the remedy that stems from the Christ of the Cross. It is through such a life that God works.

## A VISION OF SERVICE

He who heeds is cleansed and is willing to live an obedient life. He is made a partner with God in bringing redemption's story to others. This task is immense. But why should we hesitate to tackle the seemingly difficult? After all, we are "saved to tell others." Have you heard the story of the Panama Canal builders?

"Got any rivers they say are uncrossable?  
Got any mountains you can't tunnel through?  
We specialize in the wholly impossible,  
Doing the thing they say you can't do."

It is our business as Christians by every possible means in our power to make Christ known to the great multitude of the unredeemed. Christian young people can render a great service in the persuasion of others to open their hearts for the entrance of Christ, Christ the Savior, Teacher, Master, Friend. If we would only talk more about our Savior!

A blind man was made to see through an operation performed in a Christian hospital in China. His first service rendered after restoration of sight was that of bringing five other blind to the hospital where he had been treated. They were walking in single file, the healed man

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The Bruderhilfe Relief Truck (Left) in Germany Which Goes on Many Errands of Mercy in the Name of Christ, and a Familiar Sight (Right) in Germany as Girls Enjoy a Good Meal at a "Bruderhilfe" Relief Center.

# Relief Trips of 25,000 Miles in Germany

A Reliable Report and an Earnest Plea by the REV. OTTO NALLINGER  
of Stuttgart, Germany, Relief Director for the Baptist World Alliance

THE OTHER NIGHT, as I returned to Stuttgart, Germany from a trip, I casually glanced at the mileage reading of our Baptist World Alliance Relief Car and noticed that I had traveled 25,000 miles in six months. When I received the car last April at Bremerhaven, Germany, the mileage read exactly four miles. Since April 1948 and September 1948 our Baptist World Alliance Relief car has been criss-crossing Germany in every direction. Trips to Austria, Switzerland and France have also helped to add to this mileage.

## A TRIP OF 700 MILES

My curiosity to look at the mileage reading was motivated by the fact that on this day I had just completed a 700-mile trip. I had left Stuttgart that morning at 3 A. M. and had traveled 350 miles to a spot in Germany, which I do not wish to mention by name because the mention of names might involve friends who are residing in the Russian Zone of Occupation. We shall content ourselves by calling the place X.

At X I met with members of "Bruderhilfe" (Our Baptist Welfare Society in Germany). I was anxious to learn of conditions in the Russian Zone. We often hear general remarks that conditions in the Russian Zone are much worse than they are in the Western Zones of Germany. That, however, doesn't tell us much.

I was eager to hear something specific and concrete on this point from people who ought to know because they live in the Russian Zone. Therefore I undertook this trip to X and after meeting with "Bruderhilfe" representatives for five hours, I headed my car back to Stuttgart,

traveling another 350 miles before reaching my home in that city at 11:00 P. M.

It was a long and hard trip, but the contacts which I made were worth the effort. Due to obvious reasons, it is not wise for me to mention names of people. My main contact was with a man whom I shall call Mr. A. He begged me not to mention his name in anything I might write. After some conversation with Mr. A, I asked him to give me in writing a description of some of the conditions as they exist in the Russian Zone relative to groceries which are available to the public in general. The following is his report of these conditions:

## THE RUSSIAN ZONE

"The issuing of ration cards is at present varied and very irregular. The reason given by the Russians for this irregularity is the need of groceries for Berlin. There seems to be an attempt on the part of the Russians to make the German population of the Russian zone believe that

they (the Russians) are feeding all of Berlin. Ration cards are only issued as groceries are available in the stores. Only such items appear on the ration card as are in the stores. Because of this the housewife can never know just what she might be able to buy tomorrow. The German population in the Russian Zone must often do a whole month without meat or fat of any kind. In its place they sometimes get a little of a poor grade of cheese which is made from skimmed milk.

"On paper they are to receive seven grams of fat a day. But the German housewife has not received these seven grams for many a day. Animal fat is something which is not even thought of these days.

"Children up to one year of age receive  $\frac{1}{8}$  pint of milk a day and children between one and two years of age receive  $\frac{1}{4}$  pint of milk a day. Anyone over two years of age receives no milk at all.

## BREAD AND EGGS

"Flour received is of a very poor grade. Instead of flour, ground oats is often distributed. When this is not available, seeds of various sorts are ground up to serve as a substitute. Bread contains a large amount of water in order to give it some weight and the flour used for bread is heavily mixed with oats, turnips, and legume.

"Eggs have not been seen by the population for months. Each person received 140 kilogram of potatoes for the winter months. This, in and of itself, is a reasonable ration. But it is not enough in view of the fact that there is hardly anything else to eat.

"During the past harvest season many people went to the wheat fields

to glean the harvested fields in order to find a few kernels of wheat. A day of back breaking effort often results in only a few pounds of wheat. People also went to the harvested potato fields, digging around in the ground for a few potatoes which the farmer might have missed. Many of these people arrived evenings. They slept out-of-doors near the fields all night in order to be first among the seekers when dawn broke on the eastern horizon.

"Special privileges to eat at the Russian - sponsored feeding centers are given only to those who work in highly productive factories and then only those are considered who pledge allegiance to Communism. People who take a stand against Communism can rot in their misery, so far as the Russians are concerned."

So much from Mr. A.

## HUNGER AND MISERY

Some pastors from the Russian Zone tell me that the malnutrition of children in the zone has reached a catastrophic point. I could here report to you story after story which would make your heart bleed for these little ones. I do not wish to burden you with horror and misery. Permit me, however, to tell you of only one request which a pastor, whom we shall call Mr. B, has made. He asked me if the Baptist people of the United States might not find it possible to sponsor a feeding center for children in his area. Reasons given for this request were as follows:

Less and less children came to the Sunday School of his church. Upon investigation, he learned that many of these children could not come because they were simply too weak from undernourishment to walk the distance between their home to the church. In one case, he learned that a mother and two children had done away with themselves because they could not face tomorrow. They preferred to die quickly rather than starve to death slowly. In the Sunday School one of the boys prayed: "Dear God, I wish I could eat enough just once."

My answer to Mr. B was that at present I was unable to make him a promise of a feeding center. I promised, however, that this area would receive first consideration if our Baptist channels of America would send additional food and additional funds.

I think that it can well be understood that it was with a heavy heart that I traveled the 350 miles back to Stuttgart. When I arrived home at 11:00 P. M. that night I was tired from the 700-mile trip plus the five-hour conference. But as tired as I was, I lay awake a long time that night. Half through the night my thoughts were with the people and



Little Hands, Reaching Out Greedily for Something to Eat, Dramatically Portray Europe's Hunger and Desperate Misery.

the children in the Russian Zone. My thoughts were also directed toward the Baptist constituency of America.

## BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

Baptists of America have done a magnanimous job in their relief efforts for Germany during the past months through the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee. I thanked God for all those Christians who in the past have shown their love for Christ so marvelously by helping the hungry, weary and hopeless people in the world. I prayed also that God might somehow make it possible for American Baptists to open some feeding centers for our Baptist churches in the Russian Zone. That, of course, is possible only as God moves hearts

to give for such a cause as this.

It is important to know that Baptists of America have their own relief program in Germany. We are here known as American Baptist Relief. We see to it that Baptist supplies are distributed according to the wishes of our Baptist churches. We assure you that we can get food into the Russian Zone. Our entire ministry of relief is carried on in "The Name Of Jesus." It is my prayer that we may still be able to do much for suffering humanity and that we may do it "In His Name."

Anyone who is interested in helping to bring spiritual and material relief to suffering brothers across the seas should do so through our own Baptist channels and should contact our office at Forest Park, Illinois.



The Rev. Otto Nallinger, (Left), a Director of Relief for the Baptist World Alliance, Shows the Ruins of Essen, Germany to Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, the Alliance President, and Dr. Walter Lewis, Formerly Executive Secretary of the Alliance.



# Called of God as a Missionary

The Personal Testimony of Our Missionary to the Indians on the Montana  
or Bobtail Reserve Near Hobbema, Alberta, Canada

By MR. REINHARD NEUMAN of Ponoka, Alberta

IN 2nd Timothy chapter one we read of the Apostle Paul's appointment as a missionary. It was a joy for Paul to serve his Master in this capacity.

My calling of God is a holy one, not according to my works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to me in Christ Jesus before the world began, but one now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel: whereunto I am appointed a missionary, a Christian teacher of the Indians and a mission worker at large.

To speak of the joy that came with my appointment, I would only scratch the surface. Only those who have had this or a similar experience can understand the joy involved with such an appointment to higher service.

The first trace of possibility of our appointment dates back to August 1948 when the Rev. F. W. Benke inquired of us about our services. We feel that many others have had us on their prayer list also, but the distinctive stages are marked through Mr. Benke's efforts.

While our positive answer was still pending, he moved on with untiring efforts, for he felt sure of God's call in our lives. Finally, after one of his contacts with us we knew that God had flung open wide a door which was irresistible and we relied upon the mercy of Jesus for service.

It was then that Brother Benke presented our names before the Northern Conference Mission Committee for approval. We were indeed thankful to God to hear that the recommendation of the Mission Committee was supported by the General Secretary, the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, and was submitted to the General Mission Committee for approval.

So going through all these stages of appointment, God has used various ones to bring it about. With wonder and amazement and great joy we marvel at the way God moves to perform his wonders.

On September 22, 1948 we received the grand news from Brother Dymmel of our appointment to the Montana Reserve. Both my wife and I were greatly relieved and felt highly honored.

To equip ourselves with the armor of a full-time servant of Christ, it was necessary to free ourselves from the secular work in which I was engaged at the time. We sold our house, so that nothing could possibly tempt us to return. After that transaction, we felt that we were now more than free to be used of the Lord.

Our services began on Oct. 11, 1948. We were somewhat acquainted with the Indians for we had visited the field on other occasions. At first we were unable to enter into the work proper for much had to be done in order to make the living accommodations suitable for our family.

However, our services are outlined as follows: Monday through Wednesday I teach public school in the morning. In the afternoon Mrs. Neuman taught Bible, which I took over after several months. Our pub-

lic school subjects are Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Conversation, Health and most of the recess periods are spent out-of-doors under supervised play, whenever possible.

On Wednesday evening we have choir practice. On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Neuman supervises a woman's meeting. A very good attendance is accounted for at these meetings where the women sew and knit and always finish off with a heart-searching devotion.

The Sunday service begins 2:30 P. M. The order of service is conducted in much the same way as in our churches. Most of the service is delivered through an interpreter. Therefore my messages need to be shorter than those preached in our churches for it takes twice as long to say something through an interpreter. We

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## God's Open Door of Service

By MRS. MILDRED NEUMAN, Wife of the Missionary to the Indian  
Montana Reserve of Alberta, Canada

TRUST in the Lord with all thy heart and lean not unto thy own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy ways.

Christ came into my heart and life when I was only a child. As a young person I endeavored to serve Christ. A great desire to know him better surged through my soul and so I attended the Edmonton Christian Training Institute. These three years were highlights in my Christian life. Time went on, and then I was married. I still loved Christ dearly, but many times I felt I was crowding him out of my life with home and family responsibilities and duties.

One evening in church my husband and I both surrendered our lives to Christ, ready to do his will. There seemed to be no way or means of going at the time, so we put ourselves wholeheartedly into Sunday School and church work. This seemed very pleasant to me, having a nice home and being busy in the church.

However, after every missionary

meeting I felt miserable because I knew I should be doing more for God. There was a battle within me, and one part of me wanted to get out into full-time work and be more useful to God. The other part wanted to stay comfortably at home and do just what I could at home and at church. Finally my prayer was, "Have your way, Lord!"

The Lord opened a door for us on the Montana Indian Reserve. We felt that we must enter if we wanted to lead a victorious Christian life. After much prayer God took away the great desire to have a home of my own. Our home and possessions were sold, my husband's job given up and here we are on the Montana Reserve endeavoring to serve God to the best of our ability.

We are thankful to God, first of all, for the great responsibility. We are also thankful to the North American Baptist Missionary Society for accepting us. We trust, with God's help, to come up to your expectations.

# Our Indian Missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Neuman

An Introduction by the REV. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER,  
Promotional Secretary

MISSIONARIES are wonderful people to meet. Their enthusiasms are heart warming. They are on fire for the Lord and his job for them. They will do anything for the people to whom they are ministering. They are a dramatic example of Christian love in action.

That is a true picture of Mr. and Mrs. Reinhard Neuman, our missionaries to the Indians on the Bobtail or Montana Reserve of Alberta, Canada. They are so eager to be obedient to God's call and so much in love with their mission field that every task is "sweeter also than honey" to them.

## MISSIONARY COUPLE

This is our first missionary couple on the Indian field. God has answered our prayers, and the Indians, especially Chief John Bear, are rejoicing over their ministry. The Neumans are living in the mission house at the back of the lovely chapel, which stands forelorn but like a Gospel lighthouse in the Indian country, eleven miles from the nearest town with only Indian trails serpentine over the prairie and Canadian bush and small trees surrounding them.

The first house was much too small for the Neuman family. They have two lovely daughters, Gloria Ruth, aged five, and Gail Rose, three years of age. So the parsonage was enlarged and additional rooms added. The missionary's house was dedicated on Thursday, Nov. 11, with all the Indians of the Reserve, dressed in their colorful blankets, crowding into every corner of the front parlor and with the brethren William Kuhn, F. W. Benke and Martin L. Leuschner participating in the dedication service. The interpreter was William Standing in the Road, who has recently made his radiant confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

## REINHARD NEUMAN

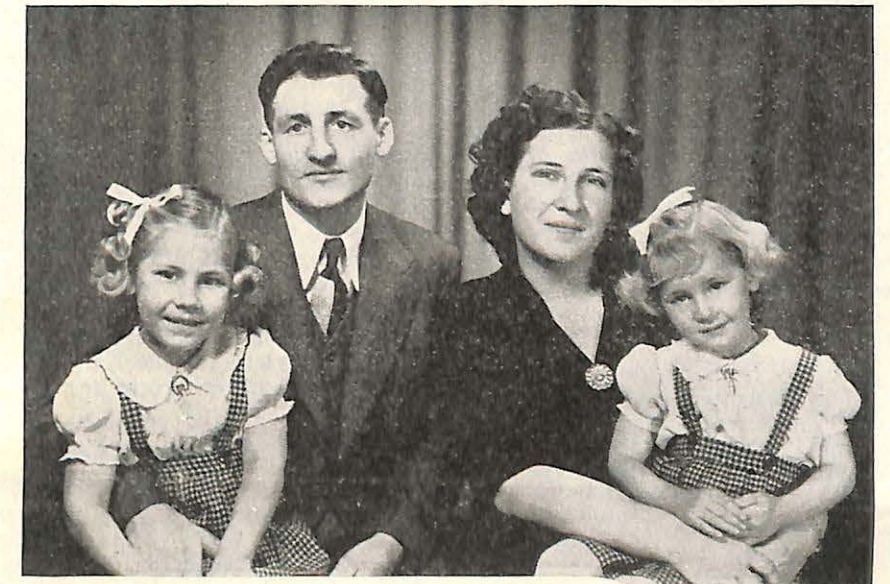
Mr. Neuman was born in Esk, Saskatchewan, Canada on Nov. 17, 1918. He was converted and baptized at twelve years of age. From 1940 to 1942 he attended the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton. There he met Mildred Weisser of Camrose, Alberta, whom he later married on April 7, 1942. Although God was speaking to him about the Christian ministry, he followed the call of his country and enlisted in the Army Service Corps of the Canadian Army. He saw overseas duty for four years in

Italy, Holland, France, Belgium and Germany.

Back in Camrose, Alberta following the war, he served in a woodwork shop. Things were going very well, but he and his wife were not altogether happy. It seemed to them that God wanted them in full-time service, but their circumstances made a seminary training an impossibility

Chris Roth in the United States and call the farm hands to meals. Now as the gift of Mrs. Brown, the mother of Mrs. Neuman, it calls the Indians to the One who is the Bread of Life.

The new Indian choir of eight voices sang several selections and amazed everyone by their fine renditions. Both William Standing in the Road and Fred Little White Poplar



Mr. and Mrs. Reinhard Neuman, Our Missionaries Among the Indians on the Montana or Bobtail Reserve of Alberta, Canada, and Their Two Daughters, Gloria Beth and Gail Rose.

for them. Then God opened the door for them on the Indian Montana Reserve. Their happiness has been unbounded ever since, as their testimonies on the preceding page reveal.

## SERVICE WITH THE INDIANS

A special service was recently held in the mission chapel with the Reverends F. W. Benke, William Kuhn, Karl Koiella and M. L. Leuschner taking part along with friends of the Bethany Church of Camrose. The service lasted for more than two hours and was climaxed with refreshments of delicious sandwiches and hot coffee. Indians and whites sat together and were one great fellowship in Christ.

The bell in the church steeple was dedicated and used for the first time. It used to ring on the farm of Mr.

served as interpreters. Chief John Bear brought a touching message in the Cree language. The elderly John Cattleman prayed fervently.

## THE GOSPEL'S POWER

All the Indians thanked God and the guests for the mission chapel and for the missionary couple. The Indian children expressed their great joy in coming to the mission school. The power of the Gospel was evident in the testimony of young William Standing in the Road who had just made his public profession of faith in Christ as Savior.

Chief John Bear in his address said: "We hope to hear good message every Sunday from God in this church!" These are the glad tidings of the Gospel — "a good message" — which are now being proclaimed among these Indians by our missionaries, Reinhard and Mildred Neuman. God's blessing is with them. That is why they are so happy. And God's people will certainly accompany them in their labors with earnest prayers in their behalf!

## INDIAN PICTURES

More pictures of Missionary Neuman and the Bobtail Indian Reserve appear on page 24 of this issue of "The Baptist Herald."



# Experiences Deepen Convictions

Reflections Upon Last Summer's Experiences

By JOE SONNENBERG of Minitonas, Manitoba, a Seminary Student

EVERY EXPERIENCE, if it is important enough, changes some area of our life. I should like to state how the vacation experiences made in some of our churches deepened my own convictions of those things which are of first importance to me as a theological student preparing for the Christian ministry.

Each student, it seems, during the course of classroom activity, is confronted by some question to which he can find no answer. This is not unusual but it can be expected, for the mysteries of God are deep! During the school year we become familiar with theories and attributes of God which tell us when, why, how, and where God works, but when we see God in action transforming lives our own convictions become more deeply rooted. In that respect the summer work is invaluable to a seminary student.

As a boy from the farm, I remember how delighted I was to investigate the different parts of a machine, but the greatest satisfaction came to me when I saw the machine doing the work it was designed to perform. In like manner as a student I am thankful that I can study the nature and power of God, but the greatest thrill is mine when I see God reveal his power in the lives of young and old. After I behold this greatest of all miracles, the transformation of lives of men, I am constrained to press on toward the mark of the high calling in Christ which has come to me.

## GOD IS REAL!

Sometimes we hear people say that the Christian life is something far removed from the natural and real experiences of men. No one who attends a youth assembly can deny its reality. There you hear young people testify that God is real, and that their lives of faith in him are real. Others come to these assemblies and make such an experience of faith for the first time. One such young man came to our Manitoba camp at Dauphin Lake. He was not a Christian, but found Christ there. This new life became real to him.

Here is how he spoke of his experience in one of his prayers:

"Lord, I thank you that you brought me to this camp, for here I found you. Help me that I might be a good workman in your Kingdom, and in my church at home."

## THE SEMINARY'S RELOCATION

The board of Trustees of the North American Baptist Seminary in an important session held at Forest Park, Illinois on Saturday, Jan. 15, 1949, voted unanimously to proceed with the building plans and relocation of the seminary to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. A more detailed announcement will be made by Dr. George A. Lang, president, in the next issue. Further development in the building program will be described as they are available for the denominational publications.

This is but one example to show how real the life of faith is to our people. There are many others.

What does that do to a seminary student who is preparing for the ministry in these days of uncertainty? What does it do to him when he ponders on the failures of the church, and the seriousness of world conditions? How does he feel when he considers the pros and cons of the Christian ministry? Here I must speak for myself, for the conclusions which I have drawn come from my own experiences.

## THIS IS GOD'S WORK!

First of all, I captured anew the positive assurance that the Christian work is God's work. He is at the head of it, and moves on despite the obstacles in the way. Because God moves on, we move with him. To me, life's highest purpose lies in this conviction, for it gives the value of life a new meaning and certainty.

Nowhere else does one become so aware of people's needs as out on our fields. I was made to realize anew that among our young people there is a desire for assurance and true satisfaction in life. This can only be found in a wholesome faith in God. How can we give them that? One young lady, when speaking of this assurance and true satisfaction, put it this way, and this, I believe, is part of the answer to the question:

"I think the only way we can attain this goal is to have a positive faith in Christ, not merely a faith that can be talked about, but a faith that takes hold of life and actually transforms it. That is what we need."

When I or any student is the listener to such a remark, it goes without saying that our perspective as we prepare takes on a new slant. If anything, it certainly gives one a serious feeling of responsibility even while in preparation. Your uncertainty of

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## SUMMER WORK AMONG THE INDIANS

By MR. LAWRENCE BIENERT, Seminary Student.

A greater zeal for the Lord! That is the testimony of all Seminary students who come back from their summer activities and tell about their experiences. We as students are thankful that we have the opportunity to go out into the different branches of summer work. Some serve churches, some direct youth camps and some help along on the mission field. Whatever work we have done, we all feel that we have come to depend more upon God and less on ourselves.

One of the greatest benefits of our summer work is that we as students get an insight into what lies before us and what is expected of us once we get out into our churches and mission fields. It is always interesting to work among people of a different race, such as the Indians. Here we come into a different environment and meet with different problems. Often we do not stop to think just how other people live. How can we know the needs of these people unless we go out and see for ourselves how they live and think and cope with the world?

Then, too, it is encouraging to see how the work among the Indians is growing and how they are responding to the Gospel. Our little Chapel on the Montana Reserve in Alberta, Canada has been used to God's honor and glory. The Indians appreciate it so much and come to worship in a very reverent spirit.

In was only this past summer on the Bull Reserve that the Indians had a special meeting with the white mission workers. We were all sitting in a large circle on the ground—mission workers, pagans and Catholics—when the Indians themselves, of their own free will, drew up and signed a petition stating that they want to have the Baptist work on their Reserve and want to go to a Baptist church. We all felt that the Lord's work was really going forward as we saw these pagans and Christians sign that petition.

An experience like that shows us that our labor is not in vain and that the Lord still has work for us to do. It fills us with new enthusiasm and fervor for the Lord, and as we come back to school we are more determined than ever to study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen who need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Editor's Postscript—Another brief article by Mr. Robert L. Langdon, a Seminary student, about important spiritual experiences in his life, will appear in the next issue of "The Baptist Herald."

# The Lord Is Thy Keeper

Program Material for the Worldwide Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4th, to be Observed by Woman's Missionary Societies

By MRS. JOHN WOBIG of Portland, Oregon

Opening Hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." 283  
Scripture, Psalm 121.

(Introduction to be read by the leader. Following topics may be given to as many women as is suitable for your society.)

FOR MANY YEARS the churches of denominations around the world have participated in the World Day of Prayer. Ever since Mary prayed that wonderful prayer recorded in Luke 1:46-55, women throughout the world have prayed in secret and in groups. In the nineteenth century groups of women of a number of denominations who had learned to know the power of united prayer began to band themselves together for periods of prayer. In 1890, two strong Baptist leaders, Mrs. H. H. Peabody and Mrs. Helen Montgomery, named a day for united prayer for missions. Thereafter, women workers came together at given times and united their prayers for all missions. It was in 1927 that the Day of Prayers for Missions for the first time became "The World Day of Prayer."

Thus, we the praying women of North American Baptist Churches will again this year join with other praying women in observance of this day. The suggested general theme that has been given for the occasion is "The Lord Is Thy Keeper." The service should not be a time for long addresses, but simply a brief thought on each topic, followed by a season of prayer, making the topic the basis of our prayer.

The prayer meeting is an old institution proved by centuries to be a necessity in the true worship of God. All Christian activity, devotion and achievement are measured by the Christian's prayer life. True prayer will promote revivals, strengthen the believer, and reclaim the sinner. Let us pray to that end as we consider each separate topic.

Suggested Hymn, "My Prayer." 151

## THE NOTE OF ADORATION

In our Lord's model prayer we are called upon, first of all, to "hallow God's name." How prone we are in our prayers to proceed at once to

petition our heavenly Father for favors of every kind. But the opening phrase of our prayer should be one of adoration, praise and magnification of our wonderful Lord. Even we look for a word of praise from our children and others when we feel that we deserve it. How much more the heavenly Father from us! The Psalmist in Ps. 121 and many other Psalms sounds forth this note of adoration. Let us praise God for his keeping power and for his mercies toward us as a denomination, for our glorious heritage and for the many avenues which he still opens up to us, through which we can serve him.

Followed by Hymn, "We Praise Thee, O God." 440

## THE NOTE OF PENITENCE

Penitence is another item that is so often left out of our prayers. We are not always so ready to confess our sins. In John 1: 8-9 we read, "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Let us confess our sins to Almighty God. Surely, all of us have at one time or another sinned in our daily attitudes toward our brothers and sisters. We have also erred through our indifference to those who have not yet confessed Christ as Savior and Lord. We have been so complacent about the sins of society.

Let us pray to God that he take away our pride of position, for too often we place ourselves above others. Let us ask him to forgive us our pride of possession and prestige, for many times we are like the Pharisee who prayed, "Lord, I thank thee that I am not as other men are." And how about our pride of pre-judice? Are we as North American Baptist churches not often a bit clannish? Are we always ready to include those of other nationalities and of lower social standing into our fellowship? God help us to re-think our Christian living and acknowledge our faults to him.

Solo, "If I Have Wounded Any Soul Today." 92

## THE NOTE OF ASSURANCE

Many people lack a real assurance of salvation simply because they do not have a particular type of ex-

perience or special feeling. Like Zacharias of old they ask, "Whereby shall I know this?" For a Christian such a lack of assurance makes him destitute of joy and power. In 1 John 5:13 we read, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life." Two things, fulfilling the condition of salvation by accepting Christ, and to believe God's promise, will bring assurance to the seeking soul.

Then, we also sometimes doubt the future survival of our own denominational enterprise. We often hear it said, "We are in the process of disintegration." Let us pray the Lord to reassure us, to make us hopeful and confident. Let us ask him to dispel the darkness of doubt and give us strong convictions. Let us claim his promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:20.

Hymn, "Standing on the Promises." 169

## THE NOTE OF THANKSGIVING

It is a solemn fact that we all sin in not cultivating more the spirit of thankfulness. We continually pray, "Give! Give!" and do not show sufficient appreciation for what we receive. That hinders the efficiency of our prayers. Here we need to learn from the Apostle Paul. He always found some reason for thanksgiving. Study carefully his great prayer in Col. 1:3-14 and note the things for which he expresses thanks. Let us impress upon our own minds the many grounds of gratitude that effect our own condition. Let us reflect upon the direct blessings of God toward us materially and spiritually, and then in prayer let us thank God for them:

(This may be followed by a season of prayer.) Thank You Lord.

## THE NOTE OF INTERCESSION

This aspect of prayer is always in the foreground. While it is true that no one is saved through the faith and prayers of another, if he does not himself believe, yet there is a place for intercession for others. It is written, "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto

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# What's Happening

● The West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Nebraska has purchased a parsonage for its pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Walter H. Klempe, into which they have recently moved. It is located at 676 West Court, Beatrice, Nebraska.

● The Rev. John Hasel, pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, recently presented his resignation to the church and announced his acceptance of the call extended to him by the Baptist Church of Villa Grove, Illinois. He began his ministry in this church on January 1st. It is a church of the Southern Baptist Convention.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Fred J. Knalson of Underwood, North Dakota, adopted a child on Nov. 23, 1948. The baby's name is Stephen Riess Knalson. He was born on Sept. 12, 1948 and weighed 13 pounds, 6 ounces at the time of his adoption. The Rev. Fred J. Knalson wrote hopefully: "We think he will be either a preacher or a football player some day!"

● The Rev. W. J. Appel of Philadelphia, Pa., the associate pastor of the Baptist Temple of that city, and Miss Betty Reinhold of Brooklyn, New York, a member of the Evergreen Baptist Church of which Mr. Appel was formerly pastor, were married on Dec. 11, 1948 at the Baptist Temple of Philadelphia. They are residing at the address 2039 North Broad Street, Philadelphia 22, Pennsylvania.

● Mr. and Mrs. Clifford A. Gerber of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, members of the Bethel Baptist Church of that city, are anxious to adopt a child. They are recommended as a fine Christian couple by all who know them and especially by their pastor, the Rev. M. Vanderbeck. If any reader can give them helpful information in meeting their request, such a person can write to them at 2705 So. 9th St., Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

● Miss Erika Schmidt of Berlin, Germany, a daughter of the Rev. Paul Schmidt, executive secretary of the Baptist Churches of Germany, has been a student at the Oklahoma Baptist College, Shawnee, Oklahoma since Nov. 15, 1948. She will be studying at this Southern Baptist school at Shawnee for at least a year. She served for some time as the stenographer for the Rev. Otto Nal-

## THE 1949 ANNUAL

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linger, relief director for the Baptist World Alliance.

● Mr. Norman Moore of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Michigan has accepted the call to serve as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Towanda, Illinois near Bloomington, Ill. He began his ministry there on Dec. 1, 1948. He is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Illinois. He and his family have been very active in Benton Harbor's Clay Street Church of which the Rev. William Hoover is the pastor.

● Mrs. G. A. Schneider passed away on Dec. 9th at the Muskegon, Michigan where she resided with her children. Mrs. Schneider was the widow of Professor G. A. Schneider who served on the faculty of the North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, New York from 1908 to 1927. Mrs. Schneider had been suffering for several years with illness. Former Seminary students will remember both Professor and Mrs. Schneider for their genial ways, radiant Christian faith and generous hospitality.

● The Senior Choir of the Bethel Church of Detroit, Mich., conducted a Candle Light Service on Christmas Eve in the church auditorium. Besides the impressive choir numbers directed by Mr. Elmer Wengel, a number of harp solos were rendered by Miss Marilyn Gabert and vocal solos by Mr. Kenneth A. Wintermute. The pastor, Rev. J. Lester Harnish, brought the meditation on the theme, "No Christmas." Mrs. Ben Zannoth accompanied the numbers at the organ.

● Mrs. S. A. Kose, formerly of Detroit, Mich., a member of the Bethel Baptist Church, has moved to Rochester, N. Y., and is now residing at 413 Lake Ave., Rochester 6, N. Y. Her son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Marchand, have announced that a daughter was born to them on Oct. 15 who has been named Beth Carol. Mr. Marchand is pastor of the Baptist Church of Pittsford, N. Y., near Rochester. Shortly before Christmas Mrs. Kose fell accidentally and broke her hip. She is now convalescing at her home.

● Miss Tina Schmidt of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, a member of the Bridgeland Baptist Church, began her studies at the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Illinois in January. She is the recipient of the scholarship aid for the present school year provided by the National Women's Missionary Union. Three other students from our churches are enrolled at the Baptist Missionary Training School. They are Florence Wangner of Philadelphia, Pa., Miss Majeske of Midland, Michigan, and Adeline Zimbelman of McClusky, North Dakota.

● The Montana Reserve Baptist Mission near Hobbema, Alberta was privileged on a Sunday in December when a car filled with students from the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton came and rendered a special service in song, testimony and fellowship. The Rev. F. W. Benke motored with them, and the missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. R. Neuman, were glad to have them dine with them. "We did enjoy their fellowship and hope to see more of them before the school term closes," Mr. Neuman reported. The Indians received them with gladness and were glad to meet those who live across the line and show interest in them.

● Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio retired from active service as a Literary Editor for the Lorenz Publishing Company on Jan 1st. On April 1, 1920 he went to Dayton to become editor of "Der Kirchenchor," a monthly choir magazine published in German. Later as editor of "The Choir Herald," he had a quota of 12 anthems annually but usually he was inspired to double that output. In his scrapbook, Dr. von Berge has eleven librettos for choir cantatas.

Many of our church choirs are still singing Dr. von Berge's compositions with great spiritual blessing. It is hoped that in his retirement, which is so richly deserved, he will still find time and inspiration for a series of articles to appear in "The Baptist Herald."

● On Sunday evening, Dec. 19, a Christmas service in song was held at the Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia, Pa., with appropriate selections by the mixed choir, ladies' ensemble, and the men's chorus of the church, as well as by a men's trio and a mixed quartet. This program was repeated on Sunday evening, Dec. 26. Soloists were Emma Kletke, Arnold Richter and Richard Hoehne. The Misses Dorothy Yahn and Eva Yung rendered a piano-organ duet. A bass quartet played Christmas melodies and Mr. Paul Zabel led the singing of carols by the congregation. The Rev. W. C. Damrau, pastor, gave a brief message. The newly elected Bible School superintendent is Mr. Fred David who has recently come to the church with his wife from the Burns Ave. Church of Detroit, Mich.

● Mr. Fred Stabbert of Tacoma, Wash., a prominent member of the Calvary Baptist Church, died quite suddenly on Nov. 29th after failing to rally sufficiently after a major operation. He served for many years as chairman of the board of deacons and as teacher of the Friendly Bible Class in the Calvary Church and Sunday School. He contributed generously of his time, strength and money for the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was indeed a pillar of the church and a staunch disciple of Christ. The memorial service was held on Dec. 2nd in the Calvary Church with Dr. J. F. Olthoff and the Rev. H. J. Wilcke participating among others. A set of memorial chimes is being installed in the Calvary Baptist Church in his memory. The detailed obituary appears on page 23.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan has announced the appointment of Miss Wilma Sue Griffith of Cleveland, Ohio as Christian Education Director as of January 1, 1949. Miss Griffith was formerly a member of the Hough Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland. She is a graduate of Wheaton College with a B.A. degree in Christian Education. She spent the two years since her graduation teaching Bible in the public schools of West Virginia resulting in some 200 children accepting Christ as their Savior. She comes to the Detroit church thoroughly equipped and consecrated to the challenging task before her. She will serve as executive secretary of the Sunday School, director of youth work and assistant to the pastor, the Rev. J. Lester Harnish.

## The Chaffees in the Cameroons

Activities of DR. LESLIE CHAFFEE, Medical Missionary, and His Family During Their First Month in Africa (December 1948)

By REV. PAUL GEBAUER, Superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission

DR. LESLIE CHAFFEE, your first medical missionary for the Cameroons of Africa, and his family were introduced to this Africa the American way in high gear.

At about 6:00 A. M. of Saturday, December 4th, their ship arrived at Victoria Harbor. By 7:00 A. M. George and Alma Henderson and I were aboard to get the good doctor out of bed. By 8:00 A. M. all formalities with officials had been completed. We had breakfast together on board the ship. Between 8:00 and 9:00 A. M. Douglas, Chaffee's son, was shown the "Jungle" about which he had heard so much, and Sylvia, their daughter, had seen her first African dugout. Douglas had spent his first African pennies on avocado pears in the meantime.

At 9:00 A. M. the Chaffees set foot on the soil of Alfred Saker's Baptist Kingdom by the sea. "The Messenger" of the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan (a Dodge pickup) speeded them to the Henderson home at Victoria. By 10:00 A. M. the Doctor had called on the Senior Medical officer. At 11:00 A. M. we had a brief service of welcome for the Chaffees, and by midday we speeded up the mountain to Soppo to be met by the Goodmans, the Michelsons, the Ahrens, and Myrtle Hein.

Mrs. Kenneth Goodman had made a home for the Chaffees out of the long, glass-enclosed veranda of Nyango Bender's Soppo home. This will be headquarters and the first African home for your people from the west coast of Washington.

On Sunday, Dec. 5, the Soppo Baptist Church gave the Chaffees a typical African welcome. It was full of songs and speeches. "They got the usual basket of halfdead eggs," reported Verna Michelson.

### MISSIONARIES M. KITTLITZ AND LAURA REDDIG

Miss Margaret Kittlitz, missionary stationed at Belo in the Cameroons, sailed from Doula, Africa on January 15th for the United States aboard the "S. S. Pilgrim" of the Farrell Lines. She will arrive in the United States about February 10th for her furlough at home in Waco, Texas and an promotional visit to our churches.

Mis Laura E. Reddig will return to the United States for her furlough about June 1st. Both she and Miss Kittlitz will be on the program of the General Conference at Sioux Falls, South Dakota from August 22 to 28, 1949.

It has also been announced by Paul Gebauer that the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman and their son Larry arrived at Ndu in the African grasslands where they will be stationed as our missionaries.

On Sunday afternoon we held a meeting in which Dr. Chaffee spoke. After that we drove up to the British Residency to have the Chaffees write their names into the guest book of the Resident (the governor of the province). Now they are acceptable, officially and socially, according to British customs.

On Monday, December 6th, Dr. Chaffee was in conference with the medical officers. He heard much in two hours. And in the afternoon he helped his missionaries to find a suitable site for our Victoria school. That was Dr. Chaffee's first official deed for the Cameroons Baptist Mission.

On Dec. 9th the Chaffees sped inland on "The West Coast Express" (Chevrolet Truck). They arrived at the Gebauer home in Bamenda for lunch on Dec. 10th and the next day saw them on their way to Belo. They were given a royal welcome at the Belo station and participated in baptismal services with the Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom in charge. On Dec. 13th they entered the Bansa Hospital grounds to spend a night in their prospective future home.

On Dec. 14th they made important calls on African officials, held a survey of the hospital grounds, and conducted a conference with British officials and the missionaries.

On Dec. 15 the Chaffees met with the Field Council at Ndu. On Dec. 16 they drove from Ndu over Bamenda to the south and returned to Soppo Station on the following day. Dec. 18th was designated for official formalities.

On Dec. 20th Dr. Chaffee began his period of initiation into the management of African personnel, African diseases and British red tape at Victoria hospital. He is a wonderful answer to many prayers and God's devoted servant for this hour of great need in Africa's Cameroons.





—Photo by Herman Siemund  
Forests of Trees Can Be Seen on the Way to Paradise Valley on the Slopes of Mount Rainier, Washington.

# Cloud Across the Sun

A Novel by G. FRANKLIN ALLEE

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## SYNOPSIS

Larry Brantwell, a famous radio-announcer and singer, was told by the doctor that he was through with his radio career because of a bad throat condition. All that the doctor could further suggest was to get out-of-doors, to go logging in the Northwest country. It wasn't long before Larry was on his way to the white-capped Olympics in Washington to begin life all over again at Camp One, of which Big Jim Rand, a bold dynamic leader, was foreman. Larry was injured in an accident and had to recuperate in the nearby town of Sheldon. On Sunday he and his boss, Sam Reese, went to church together. As a result of this friendship Larry was made superintendent and then his relationship with Jim Rand became strange and tense. But both men had hard work to do together because of the danger of fires during a long period of drought in the forest.

## CHAPTER NINE

A PEACE, strange to his life, had descended upon him during those three terrific weeks. He became aware of it one Sunday morning while lying prone on his face on a moss-covered knoll near the little lake in the valley. Whenever they could spare the time, they climbed to the timbered valley, cruised out the timber, and made plans for cutting it and getting it out. Their task of preparing the creek bed in the canyon was nearly complete now, and Jim had gone into town to contact

some of the crew they had lost. By some strange twist Larry's mind swung back to that Sunday when Reverend Martin had read the letter from Bataan. Some of his words stood out like letters of fire in his memory now: "If a man can find peace through losing himself in a common cause, then that same principle applied to your case will operate in a larger and more perfect way. If we abandon self and lay all upon the altar of dedication, completely consecrated . . . fully yielded . . . nothing withheld . . . then, and then only, will we find that peace and contentment for which we all yearn."

Now he could see how right was the pastor's premise. He had doubted it then, but now he believed. His own problems had been completely lost these three weeks, buried in his dedication to the task he had willingly shouldered to save another. Could it be that a full peace could be obtained, and retained, by complete surrender to God and His cause?

Sam Reese—unaware that his new superintendent had donned his logger's clothing again and, with his foreman, was working like one demented, hoping to save his employer from ruin—had flown to Washington. If he could get the federal government to remove its ceiling from the thirty

million feet of fir and spruce upon which he had been bidding, he could still win the day. If the government refused his request, which appeared likely, nothing could save him from ruin. He knew that he had risked too much, reaching out too far on too little capital. The worst of it was that now he had also involved his mother and sister, and if he lost, everything they had would also be swept away in the crash.

Sam spent five restless days in the nation's capital before he was able to secure an audience with an assistant chief of the bureau involved. After fifteen minutes of useless argument with that pompous official of bureaucracy, Sam knew that no hope might be expected from this source.

There remained but one other door of hope. He knew that a certain very powerful lumber corporation, whose name is familiar to everyone in the logging country, had been keeping thousands of sections of virgin, state-owned timber tied up for years simply by making application for the purchase of it and later requesting that the application be delayed until further notice from them, knowing that no small operator would be bold enough to call for a new sale when such powerful interests as theirs were holding the sale of the tracts in abey-

ance until they wanted them. Much of this land, Sam knew, had great quantities of overmature timber on it, and the state auditor was seeking a way whereby these large operators might be forced to relinquish their hold upon it. It was barely possible that the state land commission might be induced to declare some of these tracts, where quantities of overmature timber were known to be standing, open for sale.

With this slender hope, Sam left for Olympia, the state capital of Washington, after he had waited another five days to secure a reservation. But in Olympia what little hope he had entertained was smothered and frozen by the coldness with which his request was received. In desperation he sought out the state auditor and, after laying the situation before him, was sympathetically assured that if there was any way of doing it he would bring pressure to bear upon what he frankly conceded to be an unhealthy, if not illegal practice. "However," he informed the worried young lumberman, "it is a practice that may take considerable time to correct. I have been working on it for some time, but I'll take it up again and possibly make an appeal to the governor or the legislature."

It was a haggard-faced, weary-eyed young man, looking ten years older than he had two months earlier, who slowly ascended the steps of the house on Queen Anne Hill just as the sun dipped low enough to pour its days into the dining room that October evening. He fitted his key into the lock, stepped inside the hall, and called, "Where's everybody?"

There was a flurry of steps on the stairs, and soon Alice had her arms about her brother's neck while she kissed him first on one cheek and then the other.

"Sam, you old vagabond! We were beginning to wonder if you were ever coming back."

"Well I'm here, sis; at least what's left of me."

She stepped back then and looked at him. Puckering her brows and pursing her lips, she said, "Sam Reese! What in this world have you been doing to yourself? You look like a last year's haystack!"

"It's a long story, sis. Where's Mother?"

"Gone to Yakima. Aunt Mary was over, and I persuaded Mother to go back with her a few days. But what am I doing! You need rest and food, not questions, or I'm a cross-eyed duck. Run up and get cleaned up, and I'll stir up some waffles and coffee. I got hold of some real maple syrup today, and some good bacon—believe it or not. You'll have to put up with my stodgin; this is Rose's day off."

Refreshed by a bath and a change of clothing, Sam came down a half-

hour later. But his sister noted with concern how loosely his clothes, which usually fit him well, hung upon him. His face was marked with lines of worry, but it was the haunted, despairing look in his eyes that gave her the greatest concern.

She had gathered some late flowers, and the fragrance of them mingled with the savory aroma of waffles and coffee in the breakfast nook where they ate the pleasant little meal. After two waffles and a second cup of coffee, Sam leaned back a little and said, "Sis, you're a good sort. That was just what I needed."

"Don't I know when a man's stomach is empty his world is wrong?" she said. "Sam, you look as though you've been run through a rock crusher. We got your telegrams from Washington, but I've been terribly worried these last few days. You know it's been a week since your last wire came. How did you make out?"

In a few terse sentences he laid the situation before her and took on his own shoulders all the blame for their dilemma. He said, "I hate to frighten you, sis, but it looks as though we may lose every penny."

The pain, the grief and the shame in his voice and eyes as he said this cut her to the heart. But with a smile on her lips, she answered as quietly and calmly as though they had been discussing the weather bureau's prediction of a light shower on the morrow.

"That doesn't frighten me, Sam. What would be more likely to frighten me is the terribly serious way you take money matters."

"But, sis, can't you see that this is a dead serious business? Don't you understand that our entire world, all our life here and everything we enjoy, will go under if we lose now? I'll tell you, sis, I couldn't take it, that's all! Please don't say anything, but I feel my responsibility toward Mother in this matter to such an extent that I'm desperate, and if it goes this way I—I—may—uh—have an accident. I carry a lot of insurance, you know."

If he had expected her to cry out—to exclaim in horror-stricken tones, or to rebuke him with indignation for his folly, he was in for a surprise. The pupils of her eyes dilated a little; her lips quivered ever so slightly; but that was all. He lowered his eyes, and wondered again at her calm poise, a quality he knew she had not possessed a year ago. Before that she had been somewhat temperamental, excitable and even a bit self-centered. The quietness with which she now received his hinted plan puzzled as well as embarrassed him. He had not planned on revealing this dark thought which had been pressing itself again and again into his mind during these last few desperate

days. But the words had burst forth out of the explosive forces that had been gathering within him during the nerve-racking experience that had been his of late. When Alice spoke, it was as though she had read his mind.

"Sam, is there anything about me that is different from what I used to be?"

"Well, you used to be a lot like me; but now you seem to be like Mother, if that's what you mean."

"Well said, Uncle Sam; well said." When she wished to tease or cheer him she always addressed him thus. "Would you like to know what made the change? That is, if you are right in that assumption?"

"I've been a bit curious about it. But of course I've had my opinion, too. I wish you'd bawled me out, sis, I think I would have felt better about it. I know I'm being foolish."

"I'm not too sure you are, Sam. It's simply been too heavy a load for you to bear alone, and I can't see where you have any scolding coming to you. I'm afraid many of my plans were much less worthy than yours."

"How did you manage to pull out of it, sis? Did Mother's idea have something to do with it?"

"Everything. I learned, or rather, I appropriated, her formula for victory just in the nick of time. I discovered the solution to my problem—when I thought I'd lose my mind after Victor was lost. And let me tell you, Sam, you are not the first one in this family to think of the coward's way out. The solution I discovered was by the route of surrender; not surrender to my temptations, but complete surrender to God—of myself."

"But, sis, for years I've thought you were a Christian."

"Yes, I've been a nominal Christian. But to be completely dedicated—body, soul, mind, spirit and self-interest—in a full abandonment of myself to the Lord, that is another thing. And that is what I had to learn. Had it not been for my terrible sorrow I question if I would ever have learned this secret, for one has to seek it with his whole heart if he hopes to know it for himself. And even then it requires the drawing power of the Holy Spirit to make it possible."

"I know Mother has believed something of this sort for years, but I still can't see what that has to do with our business predicament," Sam said seriously.

Alice looked thoughtfully at him a minute, and, taking another waffle from the grill and putting it on his plate, said, "Eat that."

"Doubt if I can," he said, and she noted a more cheerful note in his voice, "but I'll try."

"No doubt about it in my mind; I've known your failing too long," she replied. "Let me fill your cup."



When he was half through she took up the subject they had left.

"Mother, you know, has for years suffered a deep sorrow. Not only did she have a great loss, but the uncertainty of the situation and the fact that she has never given up hope have made it a continual grief. But she has triumphed over the sorrow and found joy in life by following this method. It is psychologically sound, Sam. When one takes this way out he rises to a plane so high above the problem that it cannot attack with force any more. When self is gone, real pain is gone also. The love of money and business inflicts you with many pains, much suffering, Sam. It is your weakness. And the place of our greatest weakness becomes the point of our greatest triumph when we make God and His cause our all in all."

"But, sis, you don't understand how I feel about this business—" Sam started to say, but Alice headed him off with, "Oh, yes, I do, brother o' mine! I understand a lot better than you think I do."

Sam reached for the syrup pitcher, saying as he did so, "And it was this that changed you from the morbid, brooding person you were a year ago into what you are now? Is this principle powerful enough to meet the grave?"

"Yes, Sam; if you want to know, this is it. And it is sufficient to meet the problem of sorrow, Sam; I know."

"But supposing I don't feel it in my heart to make such a surrender, even though I trust I am a Christian. How can I really want to do it?"

"I can't tell you how to do it, but pray that God may, through the Holy Spirit, enable you to say 'Not my will, but Thine, be done.' I prayed this prayer, and one night when I had reached the limit of myself, He gave me the assurance that my plea had been heard and that He would lead and guide me and solve all my problems. That night I learned to rest in the Lord."

The ringing of the telephone in the library interrupted them. Sam said, "I'll get it."

A few minutes later he was back, his face blanched and drawn. Instinctively Alice knew it was a call from the banker at Sheldon who had been trying all week to reach him.

"It was Mr. Jonas," he said, his voice weak and strained.

"What's wrong, Sam?"

"He's foreclosing on us the first. I guess Hill has won the last round. I understand he's a stockholder in that bank."

He turned away then, and she heard him stumbling slowly up the stairs, the ones he usually took three steps at a time.

Upstairs, at the end of the hall, there was a tiny room, with a window to the west, which was known

as the "secret room." Why it had gained that title no one in the family seemed to know. It was furnished only with a small stand, upon which a Bible always lay, and a rug of Chinese design. It was the sanctuary room of the home, where Sam and Alice knew their mother could be found at certain hours—found but never disturbed. Often when grieved or hurt they had crept into that room to crawl close beside where she was kneeling, to feel her arm encircle them and to find the comfort of a mother's love and prayers. And it was there that Alice went now. The moon came and waned and another day dawned before she left, yet when Sam, with dark shadows under his eyes appeared in the music room where she was playing the piano the next morning, she was bright eyed and as fresh as the morning.

"Sis, I believe you were right about that," were his words of greeting when she turned to see him standing at her side.

"About my conviction?"

"Uh huh," he said through closed lips. "I really went to the bottom of things last night," he added.

"And you know it now, for certain, Sam?" Alice could scarcely keep her voice even as she said this, nor did she tell him that his assurance of salvation and fellowship had been her reward for the vigil of prayer.

He smiled now, and spoke with positive assurance.

"Absolutely. And never before have I realized how much I have been a slave to my greed and ambition. But now, thank God, my selfishness has met its Master!"

"That's swell news, Sam," she said. "I knew it would work if you sincerely tried it out." She was idly and softly running over the keys as they talked, as though to cover any embarrassment he might feel at making his confession, but there was none there until he suddenly lowered his voice and asked, "Do you s'pose you can forget that awful thing I said last night, sis?"

"Oh, sure," she said, her tone implying that his remark was of no consequence. "That wasn't anything serious; you didn't really mean it. Now let's go and eat and be merry. I think I heard Rose pouring the coffee."

The canyon had been cleared and prepared for use as a log chute, although three weeks of terrific toil had taken a heavy toll from the two men. There had been nights when they

staggered in, red-eyed and faint from weariness, to fall fully dressed upon their beds; mornings when it had taken all the will power they could muster—together with the cook's insistent hammering upon the door—to rise and again attack their self-appointed task. But now it was completed; tractors and heavy equipment had been painstakingly taken up to the timbered valley, and behind the dam water was accumulating from the October rains. A few fallers were busy dropping the huge firs in readiness for the bucking crews, and Larry was in Sheldon trying to find enough help to form a full crew. As he conversed with a caterpillar driver and two buckers he had secured, Wordy Jenkins came up and said, "Are you the illustrious and esteemed gentleman who is in the employ of the Reese Logging Company?"

"Yes, sir. I have that most desirable and coveted honor," Larry replied, keeping his face serious despite the grins of the amused workmen.

"Then, according to information reaching your humble and obsequious servitor, our local King Midas, the most able and dishonorable Mr. James Jones, of the Central National Bank, is now in the process of legally acquiring dominion over the Reese interests."

Although he discounted the garrulous old man's information, Larry determined to see the banker and ascertain what truth, if any, was in the statement. Sam had introduced him to Jonas and authorized him to sign pay checks, and with the pay roll increasing as it was now, he would be signing a large number at the end of the week.

A few minutes later he was sitting in the waiting room of the banker's private office suite when a draught of air caught the door separating that room from the other, and the voices of Jonas and another—a voice that sounded familiar to him—drifted to his ears. Without intentionally eavesdropping he quickly learned that they were discussing Jonas' contemplated foreclosure of his mortgage against the Reese interests, and the discovery left him cold. Then to his surprise he heard the other man arguing against Jonas' plan. A moment later the banker's voice flared up in anger and he said, "I don't care; he can walk out without a dime as far as I'm concerned. He shouldn't have plunged as deep as he did. Let him take the consequences; I've made up my mind to do it!"

"Is that your final answer?" the other man asked in a voice suddenly gone cold.

"It is. I'm sorry if you don't agree with me; but I don't feel that we can afford to let this pass. It's a chance to clean up a good sum."

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## God Working Through Me

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at the head of the line, and the other five walking behind, each with a hand on the shoulder of the man in front. This man was rendering service to his fellowmen. How much greater is the restoration of spiritual sight! You may be partners with God in rendering such a service as you lead others to the great Restorer.

Another important service to be rendered is the intergration of the Gospel of Christ in human life. Every phase of life must be Christianized. Your profession and your actions must ever harmonize. You must not only be good, but you must make good. God desires to render the reconciliation of Christianity and life through his disciples. This must be done by the presentation of a large and ample Gospel which will cover all the various modes and forms of human interest and toil, by bringing the world up to the level of Jesus, and not by reducing Jesus to the level of the world. Youth Week calls for definite enlistment in His service.

"Then said I, here am I, send me."

## Experiences Deepen Convictions

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today leaves you with one thing that is certain: Men are seeking God!

In regards to the failure of the church (at least I hear that remark time and again) I have often questioned whether we have not somehow sacrificed some of that faith our fathers and mothers knew. I shall never forget their testimonies in which they told of their childlike trust in Christ, their many experiences of Christian joy. The more I pressed the question, the more undecided I was.

But last summer I had to make a resource in my own thinking. The many testimonies convinced me that faith was alive in our people of today. And to me that is of no minor significance. In this day and age when change is the only constant that we know, when some scientists would tell us that the Bible has lost its usefulness, and that the Christian God of the Bible is dead, when some would even speak of devising a new religion which will satisfy — what can be more important than to see that God is alive and does meet the needs of people in every walk of life!

The evidence of our increased faith is seen, in part, when we prepare to return to our halls of learning after the all-too-short summer months are over. We return with delight, with renewed confidence and zeal, with greater determination. We feel that way because our eyes and ears have seen and heard of the changeless Christ whom we are desirous to serve.

## Called of God

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know that God will bless his Word as we faithfully discharge our duties in Jesus' blessed Name.

Through the week we visit the families on this Reserve and those outside the Reserve when called upon. Into some homes which we enter, we need to take over for no one speaks English nor understands. So with the waving of hands and other queer motions we entertain them, trying to make our visit most impressive and yet not unwelcome. We find that our small medicine kit is a great help as we visit. Many minor things are brought to our attention while visiting and yet, as small as they may be, we are grateful to possess the knowledge to serve in this capacity. Before leaving we always talk about the things of God, read his precious Book and pray together.

Thus the week is spent for God in Jesus' Name!

The doors of opportunity are flung wide open for us on this Indian Reserve. May God ever find us ready to enter and serve in his power, to reach these hearts for the Lord. As we move on, sometimes in the dark, we would put our trust and confidence in the only Refuge, Jesus our Savior and Lord.

## The Lord Is Thy Keeper

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God" (Phil. 4:6).

It is the will of our Father in heaven that we should come to him freely and confidently and make our requests known unto him. A believing heart by prayer and supplication can prevail with God to give another a new heart and faith. Prayer on behalf of others can give them new

courage and strength and can open doors that have refused to open. Let us intercede for the lost, for the leaders of nations, for our entire denominational enterprise in the homeland and on foreign fields, for the larger brotherhood, and for one another. Even though we may have often misused prayer, nevertheless let us continue to make known our desires to God in all things.

Hymn, "Somebody Else Needs a Blessing."

## THE NOTE OF DEDICATION

Jesus said, "Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27). Paul pleads, "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice . . . and be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind . . ." (Romans 2: 1-2).

"To dedicate" means to set apart and consecrate for sacred use. This consecration is not merely to be that of passive resignation, in which the human will is completely subordinated to the divine will, but there is to be also a desire to carry out the divine will. We are often resigned because we cannot help ourselves.

The highest resignation is that which leads us to yield ourselves to God in the full confidence that he knows what is best for us, with the strong desire to co-operate with him in every way to carry out his great designs. What we want to pray for is that our lives become instruments, wholly yielded to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Let us be ready to fill our place of service for him.

Hymn, "I Am Thine, O Lord." (This to be followed by a season of prayer.)

## DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conferences	Dec. 1948	Dec. 1947
Atlantic	\$ 2,174.17	\$ 5,399.90
Eastern	3,338.61	1,700.60
Central	17,749.60	9,611.70
Northwestern	9,069.22	13,650.23
Southwestern	8,699.78	23,381.83
Southern	5,301.96	14,268.69
Pacific	23,167.22	18,880.95
Northern	6,827.68	6,306.21
Dakota	14,053.99	16,678.36
Total for the Month	\$90,382.22	\$109,878.47

## MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING

December 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948	\$ 89,530.87
August 1, 1947 to December 31, 1948	701,630.27
Total required to date	\$708,333.33

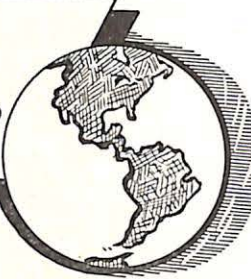
## TOTAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

April 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948	\$348,374.17
April 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947	\$391,099.94

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# REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



## Southern Conference

### Baptist Church of Elberta, Ala. Holds Farewell Reception For Rev. and Mrs. L. Hoeffner

Early in October the Rev. L. Hoeffner presented his resignation to the Baptist Church of Elberta, Alabama to be effective on Sunday, December 26. Farewell messages were brought on that Sunday. The members and friends gave a farewell reception for Mr. and Mrs. Hoeffner on Monday evening, Dec. 20. At that time gifts of appreciation were presented to them.

This community has been greatly blessed by their services. During the pastorate of Rev. L. Hoeffner, 38 persons have been added to the church. God has richly blessed us and it saddened our hearts to have to part. We pray God's most bountiful blessings on them in the future as they labor for the Lord!

Martha Kleinschmidt, Reporter.

## Pacific Conference

### Oregon Association Convenes With the Bethel Baptist Church in Salem

All of the Oregon Baptist Churches were represented in the Fall Association which convened from November 11-14 with the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon. The entire program centered around the theme "Unity of the Spirit." The reports from the churches demonstrated that progress is being made in our work here on the coast. Most churches showed a gain in members through evangelization and baptism. Since the Salem church is without a pastor, Brother Schirman welcomed the delegates to which the Rev. J. Wobig responded.

The Rev. Otto Roth preached the opening message before an attentive audience. Dr. John Turnbull, retired pastor residing in Salem, was our guest speaker on Friday morning, addressing us on "The Unity of the Brotherhood." Miss Twila Bartz spoke to the women's missionary meeting and youth rally on her experiences with the Indians on a reserve in Alberta, Canada.

The new moderator for the coming year is Rev. Emanuel Wolff; vice-moderator, Rev. Otto Roth; secretary, Rev. John Kimmel. A fine spirit of brotherly consideration prevailed in

all the sessions and we herewith wish to thank the Salem church again for their warm hospitality. In 1949 we expect to follow the invitation of the Stafford Church to meet with them.

Fred W. Mueller, Reporter.

## Northwestern Conference

### Evangelistic Meetings and New Car for Pastor at First Church, George, Iowa

When hearts overflow with showers of blessing, they become double joys when shared with others. Prayerfully and expectantly the members of the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa had been awaiting the coming of the Rev. H. Pfeifer for special evangelistic efforts. Mr. Pfeifer is truly a man of God, whose greatest desire is that others may come to know the Christ Crucified. All too soon these enjoyable days from December 5 to 19 came to a close. Eleven persons became new creatures in Christ, while the lives of the Christians were greatly enriched. Our prayer is that all of these converts will unite with the church in the very near future.

Shortly before Christmas, the congregation in utmost secrecy collected money for a Christmas surprise for the pastor's family. When this was accomplished, the telephone rang one day requesting the pastor to come to a certain garage in town. Upon his arrival there, a church committee presented the pastor, Rev. J. J. Renz, with the keys to a new Oldsmobile automobile equipped with the "extras" plus the 1949 license. It is impossible adequately to express the emotions of the pastor and his family as recipients of such a magnanimous gift. We give God all the honor and praise for the harmony and love so prevalent among the members of the church. Humbly we entreat God's guidance for the coming year!

J. J. Renz, Pastor.

### Cornerstone Laying Exercises for the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota

After much prayer and faith, after much giving and working, we of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., reached one of the highlights of our building program to which we had looked forward for a long time with our cornerstone laying exercises on Sunday afternoon.

Although the basement of our new edifice is not completed, we were able to hold our service inside, with the exception of the actual placing of "the

record box" into the cornerstone, which part was observed outside.

We were fortunate and happy to have the Rev. H. G. Dymmel with us for all of the services that day, and Rev. E. A. Finstrom, secretary of the Twin City Baptist Union, for the cornerstone laying service. Mr. Dymmel spoke on "Jesus Christ," Mr. Finstrom used the theme "The Chief Cornerstone" and our own pastor, the Rev. L. B. Berndt, spoke on "Laying Faith's Cornerstone," all three sermons tying in to bring out the great significance of this day.

A few words were spoken by the chairmen of the Construction Committee and Plans Committee, Mr. A. Quiring and Mr. A. Boettcher, respectively. Documents of importance and other papers of record and interest were placed in the copper box to be put into the cornerstone by the deacons of the church, Mr. A. E. Brachlow, Mr. Theodore Hirsch, Mr. Henry Fluth, Mr. A. J. Lang and Mr. Fred Woyke.

Truly, this was a great day for each of us. We covet the prayers of our fellow-Christians as we continue on from this point in our new church location.

Mrs. Caroline Lubbers, Reporter.

### Many Special Programs and Activities at the Pioneer Church of Pound, Wisconsin

On Sunday, Nov. 21st, the choir of the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wis., gave a concert under the able direction of Mr. William Kanstanski which was a blessing to all who attended. Mrs. John Grygo is the accompanist for the choir.

Union Thanksgiving services were held at the First Baptist Church of Pound on Sunday evening, Nov. 25. Choirs for both Baptist churches joined in singing praises to God. Refreshments were served during the social hour following the service.

On Nov. 11 the congregation of the Pioneer Church tendered the Rev. and Mrs. John Grygo a surprise on their 14th wedding anniversary. The decorated table was a feast for all eyes with a beautiful, tiered wedding cake baked by Mrs. Max Fuelle. Mr. and Mrs. Grygo were presented with a lovely lamp and a purse of money.

Our minister, the Rev. John Grygo, was the radio speaker for an entire week in November over a nearby radio station. We can also report the baptism of 13 persons last summer and the holding of a successful Vacation Bible School with 140 children enrolled. The parsonage has been

renovated and a sun porch has been added. Our church building has been painted and a new furnace has been installed. The Sunday School bought 50 new choirs for the church parlors and choir loft. The Ladies' Aid and Mr. Howard Fuelle presented the church with a fine new pulpit.

On Nov. 6th Miss Eunice Barcofske and Mr. Leo Gross were married with the Rev. John Grygo officiating. A dinner for 180 guests was held afterwards in the church parlors. Mr. Gross is the Sunday School superintendent and Mrs. Gross is the president of the Young People's Society. We wish them God's richest blessings on their life's journey together.

Mrs. Emil Adam, Reporter.

### Christmas Vesper Service by the Immanuel Baptist Church Choir of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Immanuel Baptist Church Choir of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, under the direction of Mr. William Penzek, presented an impressive and artistic candlelight vesper service on Sunday, December 19. Standing upon a specially constructed platform the robed choir sang melodies and harmonies which filled the candle-lit auditorium. It was a beautiful commemoration and celebration of our Savior's birth.

The Rev. George W. Zinz, Jr., pastor, gave the invocation and the benediction. Among the anthems sung by the choir were: "The Birthday of a King," W. H. Neidlinger; "The Shepherd's Story," C. Dickinson; "Now the Holy Child is Born," Normandy Folk Song (Marryott); "O Holy Night," Adolphe Adam; "Glory to God," R. Bitgood; "The Shepherd's Vision," Mary Rosa; and "Yuletide Fantasy" by D. Haupt with solo parts taken by Mrs. E. C. Quade and Mrs. Fred Neubauer, sopranos; Miss Edna Wengel, mezzo-soprano; Mrs. Max Erbach, alto; Mr. Max Erbach, tenor; Dr. C. A. Rohrbach, baritone; and Mr. Donald Neubauer, bass. Mr. Neubauer also sang MacGimsey's beautiful "Sweet Little Jesus Boy."

Violin obligato was played by Miss Lillian Rahn, guest violinist, who also played "Adagio, from Suite in G" by Frans Ries, "Intermezzo" by Pietro Mascagni, and "Canzonetta, in A", by G. B. Sammartini. She was accompanied by Miss Eunice Roth, guest organist.

As a prelude Mr. Clarence Kreuger, Immanuel Baptist's new church organist, played "Jubilate Deo" by Alfred Silver. He accompanied the choir during the concert and then closed the program with Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

Mr. Kreuger has studied organ with Mr. A. A. Arneke and with Mrs. Oscar Kierchner as well as harmony and theory at the Wisconsin Conservatory. He has held organ positions at Incarnation Evangelical and Hephatha Churches as well as relief-organist positions in several other Milwaukee churches. Mr. Kreuger succeeds Miss Roth who resigned her duties as church organist last June.

Mrs. George W. Zinz, Jr., Reporter.



The Holmes Street Baptist Church of Lansing, Michigan in an Attractive Winter Setting.

## Central Conference

### Sunday School Contest and Many Blessings at Lansing's Holmes Street Baptist Church

Because joy accompanies growth, we of the Holmes Street Baptist Church of Lansing, Michigan have been rejoicing because of many new scholars and visitors in our Sunday School and services. By enthusiastic participation in a Sunday School contest sponsored by the Central Michigan Bible Conference Association, our Sunday School not only won the contest but received an 86 percent increase in its average attendance over last year.

On Sunday, December 5th, the "Winner" banner was awarded to Mr. E. A. Dachtler, our faithful Sunday School superintendent. It was a thrill

to see 121 scholars above our previous record attendance on Rally Day. Four new Sunday School classrooms are being built to accommodate the new scholars. Not only the smaller children's classes have shown remarkable growth but one of the adult Bible classes now has an enrollment of 60 men and women.

The Holmes Street Baptist Church is also the home of the Lansing Bible Institute. This is a Bible School offering 12 classes every Tuesday evening, including an accredited Teacher Training Course for Sunday School teachers. More than 100 students have been enrolled in the institute since last Fall.

We also took part in the annual Worldwide Missionary Survey, which included 33 churches and Sunday Schools, and enjoyed the ministry of 31 missionaries from all parts of the world. This conference gives us an opportunity to "look on the fields which are white already to harvest" and encourages us to further the particular task the Lord calls upon us to do.

By Rev. Herman Riffel, Pastor.  
Mrs. Rudolph Kwast, Reporter.



The Choir of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin With Mr. William Penzek, Director, in Front Row (Center).



### Dedication of New Hymnals and Parsonage Improvements by Cleveland's Erin Avenue Church

We of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio had the privilege of observing a dedication service for our new song books on Sunday evening, November 7th. The books were given to us by two of our faithful brethren, Paul and Joe Ludwig, in memory of their beloved father who recently passed away in Germany. Special musical numbers together with our pastor's challenging message on "Sing and Smile and Pray" constituted a service long to be remembered.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 24th, we had a very fine and effective Thanksgiving service consisting of testimonies, songs of praise as well as an inspiring Thanksgiving message by our pastor, Rev. Edwin Miller. We went over our goal of \$1500 which is to go towards our Building Fund.

Considerable work has been done in the parsonage amounting to approximately \$1200. Our services are well attended and increasing continually. May the Lord continue to bless, us as a church in the furtherance of his Kingdom's cause!

Bernice Guenther, Reporter.



Dr. William Kuhn With Office Personnel and Friends at the Birthday Luncheon Held in His Honor at Our Forest Park Headquarters.

### Celebration of Dr. William Kuhn's 79th Birthday at the Denominational Headquarters

Birthdays are always important occasions, but a birthday is especially important when it is one's 79th and when the celebrator is Dr. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Illinois. The day was the 9th of December. The place, the Conference Room of the denominational Headquarters Building.

The secretarial staff and the workers in the office, together with the Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Nordland, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Kuhn at a luncheon prepared by the young women who carry the many burdens of the detailed work of the denominational headquarters. Happy fellowship during the meals was followed by brief tributes by the Reverends Frank Woyke, H. G. Dymmel, Martin L. Leuschner and C. B. Nordland. It was the consensus of all who spoke that it had been God's providential

care for our denominational work that had permitted Dr. Kuhn to continue in the work after the last General Conference, for his wise counsel and rich experience have contributed much to the continued strong program which has been carried on by those now charged with administrative leadership responsibilities.

In his own inimitable way, Dr. Kuhn responded to these tributes and congratulatory messages. Reviewing God's gracious leadership in his life all through the past years, he said that God had given him the necessary strength and faith to meet each new day with its many and varied problems. He expressed his confidence in the men chosen to carry forward the work of the denomination and thanked them for the love and thoughtful consideration which they have manifested toward him in the difficult days of readjustment. Then, with deep feeling, he referred to the fact that, humanly speaking, his days in service would be numbered and that before too many years roll by he, too, must face the fact of death.

All who were present were impressed with the thought with which he concluded his remarks. He said, "When one is young he thinks it takes great faith to live, but when one

reaches the age of 79, one realizes that it also takes great faith to die." The following verses, dedicated to Dr. Kuhn, were written by the reporter.

Brash youth declares without a qualm  
It takes real faith to live;  
Strong faith, virile as youth,  
That bravely meets all life can ask  
or give.

"It does take faith to live,"  
More sober middle age would say;  
But courage and experience  
Will help along life's way.

The aged saint is not so sure  
He needs much faith to live,  
The grave looms large and makes him  
cry,  
"Will I have faith to die?"

"Make heaven real, O Lord of Love,  
And when thy call to come above  
Sounds out, time comes for me to fly,  
Give me thy grace, give me thy faith,  
to die."

C. B. Nordland, Reporter.

### Ordination of the Rev. Elmer Strauss at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

Mr. Elmer Strauss of Detroit, Michigan, a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, was ordained into the Gospel ministry on November 26th in the Ebenezer Church. Invitations were sent to many of our churches in the area to sit in council on the same afternoon. Fifteen delegates from seven churches responded to the invitation.

Brother Strauss gave a clear and convincing statement to the council about his conversion, call to the ministry and doctrinal views. He was introduced by the Rev. Arthur McAsh, pastor. The council unanimously approved the ordination.

That evening the ordination service was held in the church auditorium with a large audience in attendance. Those participating were: Mr. H. P. Donner who led in prayer; Rev. H. P. Kayser giving the ordination prayer; Rev. E. Miller extending the hand of fellowship into the ministry; Rev. P. Zoschke giving the charge to the candidate; and Rev. Wm. Hoover who preached the ordination sermon with great liberty and power. Rev. Stanley Geis was secretary of the council and Rev. Wilbur Bloom, Baptist Secretary in Detroit, acted as moderator of the council.

The best wishes of the Lord's people follow the Rev. Elmer Strauss who recently finished his training at Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, Ill., as he continues to witness to Christ. At present he is doing Bible Conference work in various states.

Arthur McAsh, Reporter.

### Bible Study Course and Thanksgiving Service at the Beaver Church of Michigan

We are acquainted with the saying, "Make hay while the sun shines," which reaffirms the words of Colossians 4:5, "Redeeming the time." With winter winds imminent, October and November were busy months for spiritual growth at the Beaver Baptist Church near Midland, Michigan. Last Fall we again began with a Bible study course. Each year our pastor, the Rev. F. Mashner, and the Rev. V. Prendinger of our church at Gladwin, arrange a profitable course in Scripture study which is held three nights a week for two weeks. This year Mr. Prendinger taught Old Testament Symbols in the Light of the New Testament, and our pastor, Rev. F. Mashner, gave a course on the fundamental doctrines of our faith as found in the book of Ephesians.

Following our Bible study course, the Rev. R. Grenz of Alpena was our guest speaker for a week of special preaching services. These meetings were not for the purpose of evangelism, strictly speaking, but were designed for the spiritual enrichment of Christians. To this end, Mr. Grenz brought a series of messages on the Lord's Prayer which proved very effective and beneficial.

Thanksgiving Day was a day of feasting and giving of thanks to God. As we have our family reunions at our homes with our families, so we wanted a time of reunion with all members and their families in church on Thanksgiving Day at a "Love Feast" with a turkey dinner, followed by a service of praise and thanksgiving. The Rev. and Mrs. A. Elsesser of Dayton, Ohio were our guests and served us in messages in music and word. We commenced with a sound religious movie called, "His Bequest." Other features included two appropriate playlets by our Juniors and a Thanksgiving offering of \$200, which was designated toward our Seminary Fund. One adult woman recently entered the waters of baptism and received the right hand of fellowship into our membership.

Marie Rinas, Reporter.

### Dakota Conference

#### Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Aaron Buhler at Harvey, North Dakota

On Sunday evening, Nov. 14, the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, No. Dak., had the privilege of holding a reception for its new pastor, Rev. Aaron Buhler, and family. He is the first full-time pastor of the Bethel Church of this city, which was organized 20 years ago. Throughout these years meetings were conducted regularly from Sunday to Sunday by several members of the church and with the help of some neighboring pastors.

In order adequately to welcome our new pastor and family into our new church and community, we held our reception in the Methodist Church of Harvey with a large attendance. Four neighboring churches and pastors were present and took part in the service. Members and officers of the different branches of the church welcomed our pastor. Our men's quartet and girl's trio also rendered a few numbers to help beautify the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Buhler were then given a chance to speak a few words in response. After the service, we all gathered in the City Hall for refreshments served by our Ladies Aid.

Henry Fuhrman, Clerk.

### Recent Meetings of the Woman's Missionary Society of Turtle Lake, North Dakota

The blessings that we as the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Baptist Church of Turtle Lake, North Dakota have experienced in the past are too many to mention at this time. Even as we look back to these activities, our hearts express gratitude. Under the able leadership of our minister's wife, Mrs. Fred Schmidt, our number had steadily increased to 25 women.

We have engaged in such work as White Cross, the sending of many parcels overseas, donations to the Fellowship Fund, helping newly established churches, the African mis-

Members of the Woman's Missionary Society of Turtle Lake, North Dakota of which Mrs. Fred Schmidt is the President



sion and extending a helping hand wherever assistance is needed. In order to support such worthy causes, we have had baked sales, served lunch at auction sales, and held a bazaar, from which we derived the net proceeds of \$123.46. We have also started a birthday social which takes place every three months in connection with our regular meetings.

On a recent Sunday evening in December we gave a program in the church which consisted of readings, two songs by the members, a trio, and a play entitled, "The Singer's Reward." At the end of our program a collection was received which was donated to the Nurses Training School of the Cameroons.

Mrs. Henry Jessor, Secretary.

### Northern Conference

#### Dedication of Newly Renovated Edifice of Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, Can.

Some time ago it was found necessary to renovate the auditorium of the Central Baptist Church of Edmon-

ton, Alberta, Canada. Many changes in plans were made until it seemed almost impossible to bring these plans to a successful conclusion. But with the untiring efforts of our pastor, Rev. R. Schilke, the plans were approved and Mr. J. Ohlman was placed in charge of the renovation program.

The work was carried out with great enthusiasm and proceeded rapidly with the help of church members. On Oct. 24th the newly renovated church was dedicated to the glory of our God with great joy. We are thankful to God for his protecting mercies during these days. We are also grateful to Mr. Ohlman for his outstanding work and we remembered him with a special gift. Mr. Schilke also worked, almost day and night, to bring the task to its conclusion. The entire work has been paid for by the church members with a substantial balance in the treasury.

A climax of these festivities was reached from Nov. 10 to 24 when the Rev. R. Milbrandt of Medicine Hat, Alberta conducted evangelistic meetings in the church, during which several persons were led to the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior.

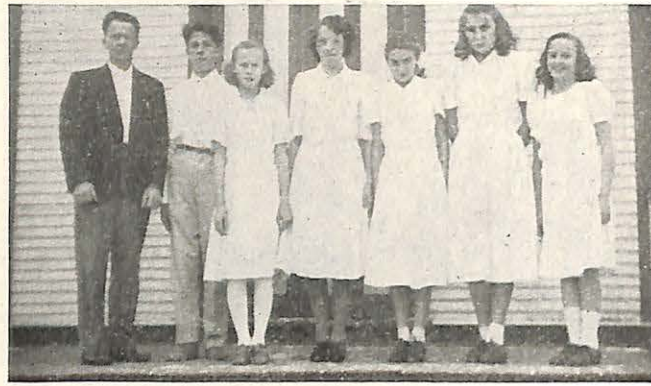
A. Gruber, Church Clerk.



The Choir of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada in the Newly Renovated Church.

Front Row on Platform: (Left to Right) Rev. R. Kanwisher, Springside, Sask.; Rev. Karl Karella, Camrose, Alta.; Rev. R. Schilke, Pastor; Dr. Wm. Kuhn, Forest Park, Ill.; and the Choir Director.





The Rev. W. Reimche of Nokomis, Sask., Can. (Left) and the Six Young People Whom He Recently Baptized on Confession of Their Faith in Christ.

### Baptismal Service and Christmas Programs for Nokomis and Lockwood Churches of Saskatchewan

Sunday, Nov. 21, was a day of progress and of much rejoicing for the Baptist Church of Nokomis, Sask., Canada. Six young people of whom five are from Nokomis and one from Lockwood followed the Lord in baptism. In the morning the pastor, Rev. W. Reimche, spoke on Romans 6:3-4, after which the six persons were buried in the waters of baptism.

The evening sermon delivered by Mr. Reimche was on "Spiritual Growth." Following this message the young converts received the hand of fellowship. The evening was climaxed by the communion service, which was a great blessing to all.

Both of the Sunday Schools of Nokomis and Lockwood rendered successful Christmas programs which helped to make the Christmas season a time of spiritual blessing.

W. Reimche, Pastor.



The Choir of the Ebenezer East Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Saskatchewan With Mr. Fred Batke, Director, in Front Row (Third from Left) and Grace Hoffman, Pianist, (to Left of Mr. Batke); Alice Patzer, Young People's President; and Rev. and Mrs. G. Beutler.

### Musical Programs Presented by Young People and Choirs of East Ebenezer Church

Under the able leadership of Miss Alice Patzer, president of the young people's society of the Ebenezer East Baptist Church of Saskatchewan, Canada, a Rally Program was recently prepared with the cooperation of our mixed and male choirs. This was presented at three of our neighboring churches at Fenwood, Springside and

Yorkton, as well as at our own, during the month of November. It consisted of mixed and male choir selections, numbers by the mixed and male quartets, ladies' trio and soloists, all centering around the theme, "Mother's Last Words," written by Mrs. Melvin Hoffman, with musical accompaniment by our pianist, Miss Grace Hoffman.

Our mixed choir director, Mr. G. Falkowsky, who had faithfully stood by us throughout the year was only able to help us with one presentation, since he left Saskatchewan to spend the winter in a warmer climate. We were glad to have Mr. Fred Batke, director of the male choir, who ably took over the leadership of both choirs, thus helping to make our programs a success.

Our pastor, Rev. G. Beutler, assisted us with timely messages, warming the hearts of our audiences, so that at the close of our tour we were able to send an offering of \$100 to our mission headquarters for the new hospital

unit in the Cameroons of Africa.

On Dec. 4 our young people and choirs also presented this program at the Youth for Christ meeting in Yorkton. On Dec. 17 at a special "Community Christmas Carol Sing," arranged by the Kinsmen Club at the United Church of Yorkton, we participated upon invitation along with eight other city choirs in kindling anew the Christmas spirit in the hearts of God's people through song. Myrtle Fenske, Reporter.

### The Young People's Society of Yorkton, Saskatchewan Presents Program at Three Churches

On Sunday, Nov. 14, the Baptist Young People's Society of Yorkton, Sask., Canada presented its annual program at its home church. On the Sundays following, Nov. 21 and 28, respectively, the program was presented in Rhein and Ebenezer, two neighboring churches.

The programs, which were well attended, consisted of musical numbers, orchestral selections, readings and a dialogue entitled, "Revive Us Again." The pastor, Rev. G. Beutler, brought a short talk on "Building on the Right Foundations." The total offering of \$37.05 was designated toward the missionary hospital building project in Africa.

With the constant support and encouragement of Mr. and Mrs. Beutler, our society has grown continually until we now have a membership of 34 consecrated young people, eager to do their utmost in furthering the cause of Christ.

Eldine Fiege, Reporter.

### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Klein of Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Fifty years ago on Nov. 22, 1898 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Klein of Calgary, Alberta, Canada started their wedded life together. On November 22, 1948 without any knowledge whatsoever of the parents, their seven children planned a surprise wedding supper and a program for them. Due to the health of Mrs. Klein only the children, grandchildren, and an aunt and uncle were invited to this very happy occasion. One of the sons could not be present because of recent illness.

The guests of honor were escorted into the dining room by the youngest daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Erasmus. A lovely corsage of Talisman roses tied with gold ribbon was pinned on the dress of the mother and a boutonniere of yellow chrysanthemums on the coat lapel of the father. A beautifully decorated two-tier golden wedding

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## Obituary

### MR. HERMAN GETZ of Killaloe, Ontario.

Mr. Herman Getz of Killaloe, Ontario, Canada passed away to his heavenly reward on December 10, 1948 at the age of 75 years, 10 months and 11 days. He was born in the township of Hagarty on January 29, 1873. Most of his life was spent in and around Killaloe, Ontario.

He was baptized in the month of April 1890 upon the confession of his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ by the Rev. F. Heinemann. He was later accepted into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Killaloe. His membership was in the First Church during his lifetime, except for a few years that he resided with his family in Rockingham, Ontario.

He was united in holy wedlock on July 1, 1898 to Bertha Meyers. God richly

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blessed them with eight children. The oldest died in infancy, and surviving are: Mrs. Gus Welk, Killaloe; Mrs. Charles Runtz, Arnprior, Ontario; Mrs. Thomas Legrie, Arnprior; Edgar of Killaloe; Gordon, John and Herman at home; eight grandchildren; two brothers, Fred and John, of Killaloe; three sisters, Mrs. Frank Kasten of Baraboo, Wis.; Mrs. Nicholas Kranz of Deacon, Ontario; Mrs. Alex Potter, Killaloe; and a host of friends and relatives.

The services were held in the First Baptist Church of Killaloe. The text was chosen from Job 14:14, "If a man die, shall he live again?" as words of comfort for the bereaved. May God continue to be the comfort and guide to those who mourn until the day when we shall be united together.

First Baptist Church  
Killaloe, Ontario, Canada  
CARL R. WEISSER, Pastor.

### MR. JOHN FRANCIS JAHN of Arnprior, Ontario, Canada.

John Francis Jahn of Arnprior, Ontario, Canada was born on April 14, 1884 in the Township of Sebastopol, Ontario, and was called to his heavenly home on Dec. 17, 1948 at the age of 64 years and 8 months.

He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior in 1909, and was baptized by Rev. E. Kneisler, joined the Sebastopol Baptist Church, and served as Sunday School superintendent for a number of years, besides holding various other church offices. In 1929 he moved to a farm near Braeside, and joined the First Baptist Church in Arnprior, Ontario in which he remained a faithful member until his departure. For the past three years he resided with his daughter, Mrs. Leslie Kauffeldt, in Arnprior.

He leaves to mourn her departure his wife, the former Lena Bloedow of Killaloe, Ontario; and six children, Mrs. Leslie Kauffeldt of Arnprior; Mrs. Duncan Stevenson of Kitchener; Reuben of Braeside; Mrs. Clifford Witmer of Kitchener; Ralph of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Mrs. Sidney Murdoch Schumacher; as well as eight grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

The Rev. A. Jaster and Rev. A. Stelter spoke words of comfort from John 14:1-3.

"Servant of God, well done,  
Thy glorious warfare's past,  
The battle's fought,  
The race is won,  
And thou art crowned at last."

REV. A. STELTER, Pastor.

### MRS. KAROLINE KITZMANN of Rochester, New York.

"In thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Grandmother Kitzmann of Rochester, New York had enough genuine Christian religion to make her happy. Unfortunately some people have only enough to make them miserable. Having an abundance of Christian faith she never doubted the reality of its source. Its substance formed the foundation of her life; its goal, the Father's House. Death was a joyous homegoing.

After a service of 83 years her heart ceased to function on Dec. 9. She had been ill only a week. Surrounded by her loved ones in possession of clear mental faculties, she made the transition from the earthly to the heavenly home. Her children and children's children rise up to call her blessed.

Her birth: January 23, 1866 in Wolynien, Russia. Her conversion: at the age of 17 years; baptism by Rev. Albrecht following which she united with the Baptist Church in Rotschisch. Marriage: to Christian Kitzmann, 1884, who passed away 26 years ago. Migration: to Canada, 1903; to Rochester, N. Y., 1923. Children: Mrs. Martha Huber, Lipton, Sask.; Mrs. Marie Schneider, Melville, Sask.; Mrs. Mathilda Tobert, Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. Anna Schweitzer (wife of Rev. John Schweitzer), Vancouver, B. C.; Bertha and Emma in Rochester, N. Y.; Mr. Carl Kitzmann, also in Rochester, with whom she made her home for many years. Five daughters preceded the mother in death. She was

loved and admired by 24 grandchildren. In this the great-grandchildren will share as they come to know about her. There are now 13.

Since coming to Rochester the deceased has been a loyal member of the Andrews Street Baptist Church. She had a very thorough knowledge of the Word of God and had earnestly tried to live up to its high standards. Her loving Christian spirit and her kindly face will long be remembered among us. At the funeral services the pastor spoke on the words at the head of this obituary. A student quartet sang two of her favorite hymns.

Andrews St. Baptist Church,  
Rochester, N. Y.  
O. E. KRUEGER, Pastor.

### MRS. MARIE KOESTER of Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Marie Koester, nee Neth, was born on May 11, 1867 at Wuerttemberg, Germany and died at the Baptist Home for the Aged in Portland, Oregon on Dec. 22, 1948 at the age of 81 years, 7 months and 11 days. As a young maiden she came to Rochester, N. Y., where she worked as a helper in our Seminary for several years.

In 1888 she was converted and baptized under the ministry of the Rev. Jacob Ritter and became a member of our Baptist Church at Rochester, N. Y. In Dec. 1892 she was united in marriage to Gustav Koester at Erie, Pa. To this union 14 children, eight sons and six daughters were born. From Erie she moved with her family to Detroit, Mich., where she lived for many years. In 1941 she came to Portland to spend the closing years of her life at the Baptist Home. While in Portland she was a faithful member of the Trinity Baptist Church, loved and esteemed by all for her fine Christian life and spirit. Two of her sons have entered the teaching and preaching ministry. Her husband preceded her in death in 1944 and one son, Robert, about three years ago.

She leaves to mourn her departure 13 children: Arthur Koester of Mt. Prospect, Ill.; Edwin of Bridgeport, Conn.; Gustav of Worthington, Ohio; Herbert, Herman, Mrs. Antonette Roth, Mrs. Ella Grams, Mrs. Regina Fry, and Amanda Koester of Detroit, Mich.; Rev. Harvey Koester of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Agnes Race of Beverly Hills, Calif.; Mrs. Edna Watson of Hazel Park, Mich.; and Theodor Koester of Amherst, Mass.; one brother, George Neth of Erie, Pa.; 18 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, besides a host of relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted at Portland at the same time that most of her children gathered for a memorial service at Detroit, Mich. She was laid to rest at Portland. May the Lord give comfort to all the bereaved one.

Trinity Baptist Church,  
Portland, Oregon  
JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

### MRS. ELSIE BADE KAGLER, of Anaheim, California.

Mrs. Elsie Bade Kagler of Anaheim, California was born on August 7, 1870 at Holstein, Germany. At the age of two years she came with her parents to the United States of America, settling in Bellville, Texas. Raised in a Lutheran home, she soon became acquainted with the great hymns of the Church and the treasures of the Scriptures and doctrine. She was married to Mr. Herman Kagler on November 24, 1889. The Lord blessed this happy union with three children.

In the year 1890 in an evangelistic meeting conducted by the Rev. Mr. Kiefer, Mrs. Kagler made the supreme choice of her life, that of accepting Jesus Christ as her personal Savior, and in making him the Lord of her life. Upon her testimony she was baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ by the Rev. L. Vogt, and thereby added to the membership of the Greenvine Baptist Church.

It was in the year 1903 that the Kaglers came to Los Angeles, Calif. Immediately upon their arrival, they became members of the Fifteenth St. Baptist Church. Both distinguished themselves by their love for the Master and his Church, their loyalty in church attendance and the tasks assigned them, and their wholehearted sup-

port of God's ministers. Mrs. Kagler, though not strong physically, became the helping hand of many. Of her it can be said, "She went about doing good."

Coming to Anaheim in the year 1942, the Kaglers preceded to make their spiritual home with the Bethel Baptist Church, where they were received on the first Sunday of October of the same year. She remained a faithful and esteemed member until her departure. Ever since the passing of her husband, her longing, too, was to be with the Lord. The Lord answered her prayers, and on the Lord's Day of December 12 her soul made the entry into the heavenly home prepared for her by our heavenly Father. She leaves her daughter, Mrs. Dora Quast of Anaheim; two sons, Herman of Balboa Island; Marvin of Anaheim; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and one brother, Gus Bade of Benchley, Texas. The Rev. E. Mittelstedt of Los Angeles and the pastor of the church, Rev. P. G. Neumann, spoke words of comfort at the funeral service.

Bethel Baptist Church,  
Anaheim, California  
P. G. NEUMANN, Pastor.

### MR. FRED STABBERT, of Tacoma, Washington.

Mr. Fred Stabbert of Tacoma, Wash., was born in Washington County, Texas on June 24, 1886 to Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Stabbert. His life came to a close most unexpectedly on Monday, November 29, 1948 because of failure to rally sufficiently after a major operation which had been performed a week earlier.

His life was truly that of a saint of God. He gave and dedicated his life to his Master at the tender age of eleven and was baptized by the Rev. Henry Gleiss and then took full part in the work of the Denton Baptist Church. At the age of 19 he with others of his family circle moved westward to Tacoma where he has resided until his death.

On November 12, 1908 he joined hands with Elizabeth Hartung with whom he was able to share forty full years of married life. Just a few days before his death they were able to celebrate this anniversary day with other members of the family group and friends.

Mr. Stabbert was plasterer by trade and during the last 35 years of his life he successfully operated his own plastering contracting business. All those with whom he came into contact knew and respected him as a most sincere Christian business man.

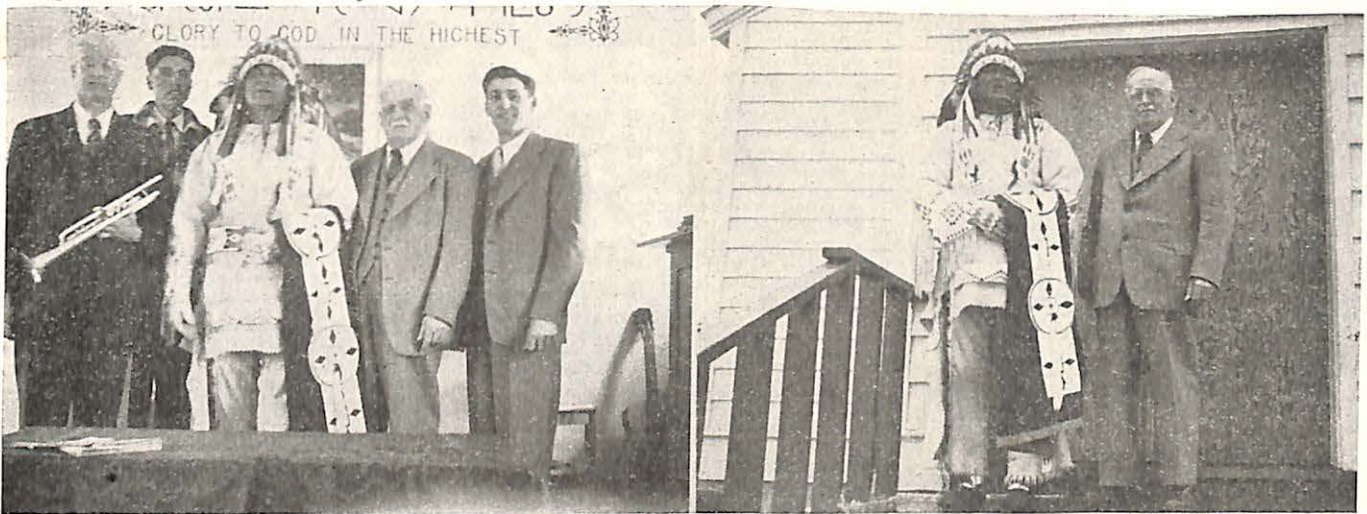
Above all else, he was ever eager to do what he could in the work of the Lord. He was one of the most staunch and able leaders of the Calvary Baptist Church serving in many capacities during the years. He was the able leader and teacher of the large Friendly Bible Class and for many years he was the chairman of the Board of Deacons. Even though he was tireless in the work of the church, he also gave freely of his time and talent to other channels of Christian service. He served on the Board of Directors of Youth for Christ and also the local Rescue Mission Center.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Elizabeth Stabbert; three sons, Clarence F. of Seattle; Alvin of Medical Lake; and Wallace of Tacoma; eight grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Lena Schirman of Alder; Mrs. F. W. Hartung of Tacoma; Mrs. Roy Blanchard of Seattle; and Mrs. Arthur Blanchard of Bremerton; a brother, Edward of Tacoma; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held in Calvary Church on Thursday, December 2, with the following taking part in the service: Rev. J. F. Olthoff of the Calvary Church; Rev. Jesse Leise, Director of Youth for Christ; Rev. C. M. Shaughnessy of the Tacoma Rescue Mission; and the undersigned. Our faith and hope are made known in the promises of God: "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Calvary Baptist Church,  
Tacoma, Washington  
H. J. WILCKE, Pastor.





Leaders of a Special Service in the Indian Chapel (Left) on the Montana Reserve of Alberta, Canada With Rev. F. W. Benke (Left to Right); William Standing in the Road, Interpreter; Chief John Bear; Dr. William Kuhn and Mr. Reinhard Neuman, Missionary; and (Right) Chief John Bear and Dr. Kuhn Get Acquainted With Each Other on the Steps of the Indian Mission Chapel.

### Golden Wedding Anniversary

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cake adorned the table before the honored couple.

After a delicious meal the following program was presented: song by Donna Faye Carr, a granddaughter; recitation by Bruce Erasmus, a grandson; German poem and song by Mrs. F. E. Klein, daughter-in-law; song by Wesley Bettcher, grandson; trio by Ruth and Bernice Bertsch and Florence Klein, granddaughters; poem by Bernice Bertsch; talk by the oldest son, Rev. F. E. Klein of Colfax, Wash., on the subject, "The Value of A Christian Home."

A very attractive Golden Wedding Certificate was then presented by the children to their parents. Later, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bettcher, a happy evening was spent in family fellowship and in singing many of the great old songs of the Christian faith which were often sung by the family in years gone by. Also in this gathering, the parents were presented with gifts of money from all of their children.

Mr. and Mrs. Klein are deeply grateful to the Lord for his marvelous grace which he has manifested to them in such an abundant way during the past fifty years. Through sunshine and shadow, through joy and sorrow, in poverty and need, God has always graciously helped them. Mr. and Mrs. Klein are members of the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

H. Schatz, Pastor.

### Atlantic Conference

#### Sixtieth Anniversary and Christmas Programs at King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut

On Sunday, Dec. 19th, the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., celebrated its 60th anniversary. The day was ushered in with a 16-inch snowfall which began

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at 8 o'clock in the morning and continued all day until late into the night. We feared for the worst, having invited outside guests and two of our denominational leaders to be with us. Both of our speakers considered our church their second home since they found their wives here, and sisters at that! The speaker at the morning service was Prof. Reuben P. Jeschke of our Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., who brought a fine inspirational message on "Builders of the Church."

For the evening service we had invited our sister churches of Boston, New Britain, Meriden and New Haven to celebrate with us, but because of the severity of the blizzard they could not come. They sent their congratulations by telegram and by phone. In spite of the deep snow, about 55 of our own members and friends of the church were present in the evening. At this service our Ladies' Choir sang two fine anthems and the message was delivered by our executive secretary, Rev. Frank H. Woyke, on the theme "Those That Were Building."

The following is a list of the pastors who have served the King's Highway Church since its organization in 1888. (Rev. Wm. Ritzmann, a student of Rochester Seminary, started a Sunday School in 1885 and was later called as pastor.) Rev. Wm. Ritzmann, 1887-1892; Rev. J. Schuff, 1892 to 1894; Rev. J. H. Meyers, 1894-1896; Rev. H. Gelan, 1896-1898; Rev. H. L. Dietz, 1898-1903; Rev. H. Gruhn, 1903-1906; Rev. C. Schenk, 1907-1908; Rev. Wm. Ritzmann, 1909-1912; Rev.

G. Knobloch, 1912-1915; Rev. J. A. Baier, 1915-1920; Rev. L. Baier, 1920 to 1921; Rev. E. Berger, 1922-1935; Rev. D. Meyhoefer, 1935-1938; Rev. A. R. Hahn, 1938-1942; and Rev. George Hensel, 1943—.

Our Christmas programs were held on Sunday, Dec. 26th, in zero weather with a cold, blustering "Northwester" blowing. Although quite a few children were missing because of illness, we still had 110 children and their parents present. The first program was given at 9:45 A. M. by the Nursery, Beginners, Primary and Junior departments under the direction of their superintendents, Mrs. C. Wallace and Mrs. E. F. Blair. The program consisted of recitations, songs and a Christmas presentation entitled, "Stars of Bethlehem," with Judith Wenger as the "Bethlehem Star." Evelyn Zopf sang a solo, "Sleep, Little Christ-Child," and the Children's Choir rendered an anthem entitled, "There's a Song in the Air."

At 11:00 A. M. our Christmas Worship Service was held. The Ladies' Choir sang an anthem entitled, "Gloria." "Tidings of Greet Joy" was the pastor's Christmas theme.

A Candlelight Carol Service, "The Quest of the Christmas Candles," was presented at 4 o'clock in the afternoon by the Intermediate, Young People's and Adult groups. Mary Ellen Daniels took the leading part of the "Spirit of the Christmas Candle." Candles were distributed to the members of the congregation by the ushers. The candlelighters lit the candle of the first worshipper in each pew, and he, in turn, lighted the candle of his neighbor until all the candles in the pew were burning. The following served on the program committee: Mrs. E. F. Blair, chairman; Mrs. C. Wallace, and Mr. Wilbur Foster, superintendent. The organist in the morning was Mr. Robert N. Hallquist and in the afternoon Mrs. E. F. Blair. A special Christmas offering was taken at all these services for our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan and the Philadelphia Home for the Aged.

George Hensel, Pastor.