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# HERALD



*"Let us go into the house of the Lord" Psalm 122:1*

# DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Rev. H. G. Dymmel**  
January 2-7 — Lehr, North Dakota.  
January 9 — Venturia, North Dak.

**Rev. M. L. Leuschner**  
Sunday Evening, Jan. 2 — Baptist Church, Bellwood, Illinois.  
Friday to Sunday, Jan. 7-9 — Sidney, Montana.  
Sunday, Jan. 16 — Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa.

**Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist**  
January 16-28 — Odessa, Washington

**Rev. Henry Pfeiffer, Evangelist**  
January 3-17 — First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Jan. 2-7 — Week of Prayer—Program Prepared by Dr. A. Dale Ihrie and Published in Dec. 15, 1948 issue of "The Baptist Herald."

Jan. 14 — Last Day of Class Sessions for First Semester at Our Rochester Seminary.

## FRONT COVER

The front cover picture shows the attractive and worshipful entrance into the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, California, of which the Rev. W. W. Knauf is the pastor. The building was dedicated less than a year ago on Feb. 15, 1948.

From Oct. 28 to 31 the California Association held its annual sessions at the Elk Grove Baptist Church, about which a report appears elsewhere in this issue. During this conference the front cover picture was taken by the editor of "The Baptist Herald."

## SAFE ARRIVAL

The Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson and their children arrived at Victoria in the Cameroons of Africa on November 25th. They are again stationed at Soppo.

Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Chaffee and their children Douglas and Sylvia arrived by boat at Victoria on December 4th. There are now 24 of our missionaries in active duty in the Cameroons!

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## AMONG OURSELVES

During the first eight months of 1949 strenuous preparations will be made for the great General Conference to be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. At those sessions decisive decisions will be made affecting our entire denominational enterprise. Much thought and prayer by our people ought to go into the making of those decisions. "The Baptist Herald" will be happy to open its pages for an open forum in which our ministers and laymen will be welcome to contribute articles of 800 words or less discussing denominational policies, our churches and work so long as they are constructive in their approach and suggestions. This Open Forum is for YOU!

## IN THIS ISSUE

FAITH that looks confidently to God for guidance and that faces the future with the expectation of greater things can be written large over this issue of "The Herald." The sermon by the Rev. Edwin Miller of Cleveland, Ohio and the Bible exposition by the Rev. Robert S. Hess of Bethlehem, Pa., radiate this faith. That same spirit has characterized the dedication of the new C. T. I. building at Edmonton and the breaking of ground for our new Seminary edifice in Sioux Falls. It is the secret of our continued denominational advance, even with our Church and Parsonage Revolving Loan Fund.

## COMING

**The Africans Celebrate** — A baptismal service and the dedication of a new school house at Mbem in the grassland interior of the Cameroons is colorfully described by Ida Forsch.

**Decisive Decisions** — The Rochester Seminary students, Joe Sonnenberg, Walter Sukut and Robert L. Langdon, bring their testimonies concerning decisions that have changed their entire course of life.

**Our Indian Friends** — Miss Minnie Kuhn of Leduc tells about her experiences on the Bobtail Indian Reservation as the first of a series of articles concerning our missionary advance on this field.

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# Editorials

by Martin L. Leuschner

## "Thy Will Be Done!"

"**THY WILL BE DONE!**" That is a great prayer with which to enter the New Year. It is a motto to hang upon life's wall throughout 1949. It ought to undergird every New Year's resolution which is made. It will assure the outburst of glory upon the pages of every day that lies ahead.

This prayer should be more than the recital of memorized words if it is to be a blessing throughout this year. It must be the actual partnership with God which is consummated by our complete surrender to his Spirit as we say, "Thy will be done!" We are then laborers together with God. Even more, it is then "God who worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13). Only by means of such a partnership, established on this sole basis, can we grow spiritually and successfully meet every test of the year 1949.

This prayer can assure us of peace and contentment for the year ahead. We shall go astray if we rely upon our own whims and desires. That has only too often been seen sadly in the pages of our autobiography. We shall miss the mark if we look to educational institutions or political governments or worldly-wise philosophers for their solutions of the problems that lie ahead. They are in the same boat of confusion and chaos with us.

Those who have lived by this prayer, "Thy will be done," have reached the greatest heights of inner, abiding happiness. Their pilgrimage can be described as a golden avenue which has cast its radiance upon all who passed that way. This prayer was the new year's resolution and the daily resolve of Dr. George W. Truett of Dallas, Texas until at the memorial service held for him at the close of a fruitful glorious ministry it was seen on almost every flower wreath and heard in every message of tribute. In fact, Dr. Truett's sermon on the text, "Thy will be done," is still widely known because of his three unforgettable points that 1) God's will is always safe; 2) it is always right; and 3) it is always best.

We shall not fail at any task if we have taken God into partnership and have been assured of his blessing by praying, "Thy will be done." Leslie D. Weatherhead in his thought-provoking little book, "The Will of God," calls attention to a sentence at the end of the book of Job which emphasizes this thought: "I know that thou canst do all things, and that no purpose of thine can be restrained" — or, as Moffat translates it, "Nothing is too hard for thee." We must believe that if we have made this prayer the motto for the new year.

His promise is enough: "My grace is sufficient for thee." Paul's claim is shared by us: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." The outcome of the year 1949 must be a victor's crown with such a motto before us!

Pray this prayer humbly on your knees at the outset of the year. Lift it high as the motto for the days ahead. Clasp it to your bosom as the most priceless spiritual treasure, as you pray: "Thy will be done!"

### BIBLE TEXT

"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ" (Romans 1:8).

That is a good way to begin! It is a good start for the new year. The song on our lips at the outset of a day will somehow echo throughout the hours. Thanksgiving brings us closer to God and establishes an intimate fellowship with him. This also applies to the new year: "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ."

On the threshold of 1949 we are impelled to look back upon the experiences of yesterday and with thanksgiving praise God for his bounty of goodness. As we offer our prayers to God for the year ahead, we can anticipate his blessings with thanksgiving. "Surely, goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life."

### THE PILGRIM'S GUIDE

With this issue of "The Baptist Herald" a new department appears which ought to prove most inspirational for our readers. A brief Bible exposition will be prepared for each number by the Rev. Robert S. Hess, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. It is entitled, "The Pilgrim's Guide." It will usually appear on page 13 of each "Baptist Herald" number.

Brother Hess was formerly pastor of the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Boston, Massachusetts. In 1945 and 1946 he served as a United States Army chaplain and saw overseas duty in Europe. His message on "The Spiritual Resources of the Pastor" at the Green Lake Pastors' Conference last July was greeted enthusiastically by his fellow-pastors. We have every reason to believe that this exposition, "The Pilgrim's Guide," will become one of the most eagerly awaited messages in every issue of "The Herald."

### "BAPTIST HERALD" CHANGES

There is much that is new about this issue of "The Baptist Herald." The front cover has an entirely new appearance that is both the latest word in publication style and very attractive. New designs have been prepared for all the departments of the paper. The artist is Mr. Paul Knecht of Cleveland, Ohio who has given unusual personal attention to this task after many conferences with the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner and Mr. Emil Winkelmann of the Cleveland office and the editor. We believe that the new dress will be acclaimed by most "Baptist Herald" readers and will enhance the publication's ministry for outward attractiveness during its 27th volume. The editorial in the next issue will give a pre-view of the many fine articles and spiritual messages to be published in 1949.

# Blue Prints for the Year 1949

A New Year's Sermon by the REV. EDWIN MILLER, Pastor of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

**ANOTHER CHAPTER** has been written in the diary of your personal life. Thumb back through the pages of your diary to January 1, 1948, and read rapidly on to December 31, 1948. One over-all impression which you may receive is that the experiences of 1948 brought you much disappointment, sorrow and distress. And with anxiety and fear you almost dread to begin writing, "Chapter 1949."

### GOD'S PREPARED PATHWAY

The Bible teaches that God never desires to lead you through stormy waters of fear and anxiety, but he delights to lead you "beside the still waters" and "in the paths of righteousness." Sometimes God sees best to place you in the midst of a great storm, where the waves beat into the ship, until you are forced to admit your helplessness and to cry, "Master, carest thou not that we perish?" Then the Lord delights in saying, "Peace be still", and the winds cease and there is a great calm. The by-product of such an experience is worth more than the experience itself. It is the means of increasing your faith and encouraging you to walk in God's prepared pathway.

Should you be disobedient, God may lead you along a difficult road.

A splendid Biblical example of this is in Exodus 13:17-18. "And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt; But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea."

The journey to the promised land, by way of the land of the Philistines, was a short and comparatively pleasant one. But the Lord, in his wisdom, knew that Israel would prove unfaithful and disobedient if they took the pleasant and easy path. Therefore, God led Israel through the dangerous wilderness of the Red Sea. Perhaps God feels that the hard and rough way is the best for you. Your 1949 chapter may bring you face to face with a Red Sea experience. It may permit you to taste of the bitter waters of Marah. It can cause you to suffer hunger, and it may engage you in many dangerous battles. But in the midst of each of these experiences, you can pass through triumphantly, as did Israel, if you heed the four simple instructions of Moses.

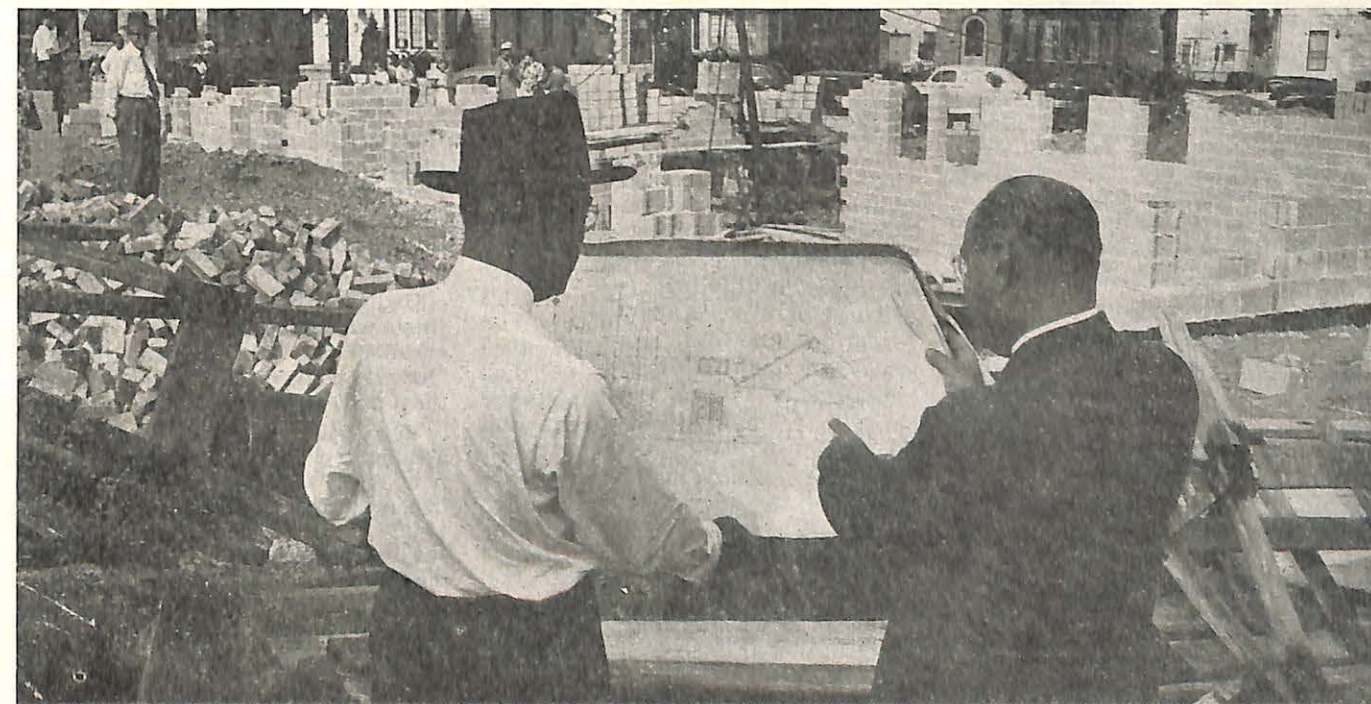
After God had judged Pharaoh and the Egyptians the tenth time by slaying all the first-born, Pharaoh finally

consented to let Israel go and said to Moses, "Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the Lord." Immediately the six hundred thousand Israelites with their children started on foot for the Promised Land. They journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, then to Etham, and finally encamped "before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baal-Zephon."

### FEAR NOT!

In the meantime, Pharaoh's heart was hardened and he and "the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them." When the Israelites saw the great army of Egyptians coming in the distance, "they were sore afraid." They "cried out unto the Lord" and accused Moses of murder. Stricken with panic, fear, and confusion, six hundred thousand men kept crying against Moses and kept arguing that it would have been better if they had remained in Egypt as servants, than to die in the wilderness.

In this crucial moment, when destruction seemed inevitable, when all Israel was in confusion, Moses remained calm, stood alone, and shouted courageously with a clear, confident



The Rev. Peter Pfeiffer (Right) and the Architect Look at the Blueprints for the New Church of the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin With the Foundations and the First Stones of the Edifice in the Background

Suddenly a triumphant shout pierced the air, "Stand still!" It was the commanding voice of Moses. From his desert experiences, Moses had learned that God reveals himself not to those who, with childlike confidence, have learned to "be still and know that I am God."

It is only when we cease fearing that we commence thinking. It is only when we "stand still" that we are able to stand fast. Dark clouds of discouragement and despair may be fast approaching you. Circumstances may be such that you know not where to turn. The Satanic Pharaohs may press you into a state of nervousness and restlessness until you are ready to throw up your hands in utter defeat.

In such a moment, God would have you stand still and think. Remember how wonderfully God has brought you through difficult years gone by. Recall his many promises for your encouragement as you begin the new year. Renew your faith in God.

#### SEE GOD'S SALVATION!

Moses was confident that in this new experience God would again prove himself faithful. To be sure, Moses did not know God's exact mode of deliverance, but he was assured of the fact of deliverance. With courage and faith, Moses challenged his people with these mighty statements: "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you today . . . The Lord shall fight for you!"

A Young Pine Tree Covered With Snow in Front of the Christian Training Institute Building at Edmonton, Alberta

voice: "Fear not! How is it that ye have no faith? Did not the Lord say, 'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: and I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God; and ye shall know that I am the Lord your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage; I am the Lord'" (Ex. 6:8-8).

Should God see fit to permit such an experience to enter your life in the new year, remember it is no occasion to be anxious and fearful. It is no time to argue with God or men. It is an opportune moment to pray and to trust. God assures you that he "will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

#### STAND STILL!

Panic stricken, the Israelites sought escape from the cruel, bloodthirsty, fast approaching Egyptians. They ran forward only to be blocked by the Red Sea. They scurried to the left and to the right but could not penetrate the dense forests. Behind them they could see the cloud of dust approaching with the mighty Egyptian army. Everyone was excited, nervous and restless.

Moses recognized that upon the basis of God's promises in Exodus 6: 6-8, God must deliver his people in this crucial moment, or prove himself a liar. Certainly, it seemed impossible! To expect salvation when destruction seemed inevitable appeared both ridiculous and contrary to all human reasoning. Yet, in the midst of unbelief, criticism, and seeming impossibilities, Moses believed God! In his spiritual maturity, Moses could believe that "with God nothing shall be impossible."

Through past experience Moses knew the truthfulness of Jeremiah's classical passage, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Moses and Israel were about to witness another great and mighty act of God.

Your experiences in 1949 may prove to be as trying to you as the Red Sea experience was to Israel and Moses. But in the midst of imminent danger and defeat, God says: "Fear not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord." Multitudes of enemies are lurking about seeking your destruction. Victory over them is guaranteed only when you trust in your Captain, the Lord himself. Should you surrender to your enemies because they

seem too powerful for you, you make it impossible for your Captain to bring deliverance.

Remember the words of Moses to Israel in Deuteronomy 7:17-19, 21, 23: "If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them? Thou shalt not be afraid of them, but shalt well remember what the Lord thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt; The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand and the stretched out arm, whereby the Lord thy God brought thee out; so shall the Lord thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid."

#### GO FORWARD!

Precious moments flew by rapidly. The enemy kept nearing the Israelite encampment. Deliverance must come quickly. How will it come? Who will perform it? Is there not something we can and must do? So reasoned the Israelites. Suddenly, Moses' voice pierced the whisperings and murmurings of Israel, "Go forward!" Instantly the people moved forward. But salvation was still not a reality. A few more steps forward would bring them into the depths of the Red Sea. Certainly, God was testing their faith, and teaching them to walk step by step in faith.

Suddenly Israel's sadness turned to gladness, their fear to confident courage, and their murmurings to songs of praise. As Moses' foot was about to touch the waters, he lifted up his rod, stretched out his hand over the sea, and they saw the waters divide, forming a perfectly dry path in the midst of the sea.

Immediately the children of Israel hurried into the prepared path. The Egyptians pursued, but were instantly destroyed when Moses again stretched his hand over the sea, and the waters returned to its natural place. "And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians; and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord." What a tremendous demonstration of faith!

Had the Israelites not gone forward, they would certainly have experienced defeat rather than deliverance. God was convinced of their faith when they moved forward and honored it.

You will undoubtedly experience similar trying circumstances in the new year. God leaves you this word of encouragement for the year of 1949: "I will redeem you with a stretched out arm." But you, too, must do your part. You must go forward! You must go forward in faith!

To the disciples Jesus commanded, "Go ye! . . . and they went . . . and the Lord working with them." To you Jesus says: "Fear not, stand still, see the salvation of the Lord, and go forward!"

## Church and Parsonage Revolving Loan Fund

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An Important Statement by the  
REV. FRANK H. WOYKE,  
Executive Secretary



The New Edifice of the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Under Construction in November 1948

SINCE THE END of the war, many of our churches have undertaken extensive building programs. Often the old church building had become so inadequate that a new structure was desperately needed, or else it was essential to make extensive repairs. The housing shortage made it imperative for many of our churches which formerly had not owned a church parsonage to acquire one in order to provide a home for their pastor.

In all of these undertakings the churches usually were in need of financial assistance. The Chapel Building Fund, administered by the general missionary society, was intended primarily for use in connection with the development of missionary fields and consequently proved totally inadequate to meet the needs of our churches. This meant that it became necessary for our churches to seek financial help from other sources.

After the many years of loyal support which these churches had given to our denominational program, it seemed that they were deserving of more direct support on our own part. After praying about and discussing this matter for many months, we finally decided to initiate the establishment of a Church and Parsonage Revolving Loan Fund. This Fund was to assist our churches in their building programs, not only out of gratitude for past support but also in order to help them strengthen their future program in their own community.

In view of this urgent need faced by many of our churches, our General Council took action last Spring to es-

tablish a Fund to be known as the North American Baptist Church and Parsonage Revolving Loan Fund. A sum of approximately \$80,000 was set aside from our denominational reserves to be used for this purpose. Recognizing that this amount is far below our needs, plans have been made to enlarge the Fund until it reaches a total of \$150,000.

It was stressed that the Fund is to be used to assist as many of our churches as possible. In order to make sure that the money will not soon be exhausted, it is to be strictly a revolving loan fund. This means that loans must be made on a businesslike basis, with proper security provided and with a program of repayment agreed upon. A fair rate of interest is to be charged in order to cover operating expenses, to offset possible losses, and otherwise to maintain the fund.

In this way, those churches which have already received loans will be making other loans possible as they make payments from time to time.

Our fund is being administered by the following committee: Edwin H. Marklein, chairman; Frank H. Woyke, secretary; Arthur Schwerin, H. G. Dymmel, Fred Grosser, Roland E. Ross and Paul Zoschke.

The chairman of our Loan Fund Committee, the genial former president of our National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, is a loan specialist of many years experience. We are grateful for the willingness of our gifted laymen who serve our denomination in this manner, often at a sacrifice of much time and means.

It will be recognized by everyone

that a definite order of procedure and well-defined policies are necessary if such a fund is to be properly administered. With this in view the following policies have been developed.

- 1 Procedure.
  - a. All churches wishing to make application for loans should write to the Rev. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, P. O. Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.
  - b. By mutual agreement between the Loan Fund Committee and the General Missionary Committee all requests for loans of \$3,000 or more should be directed to the Church and Parsonage Revolving Loan Fund rather than to the Chapel Building Fund of the General Missionary Society.
  - c. As soon as these requests are received, application blanks will be mailed to the churches for completion. It is understood that no commitments can be made by the executive secretary at this point.
  - d. When the completed application blanks are received, they will be forwarded to the chairman of the Loan Fund Committee. He will submit the request to the committee members for a vote and will notify the church of the decision that has been reached.
2. General Policies.
  - a. All documents, legal and otherwise, essential for the proper negotiation of the loan will be required.
  - b. In view of the limited funds available and the many

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The New Educational Unit of the Christian Training Institute, (Left), Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Which Was Recently Dedicated; and the Student Body of C. T. I. (Right) During the First Week of the School Term

## The Christian Training Institute of Edmonton

Impressions of the Bible School and Its Student Body Received at the Dedication of the New Building

By DR. WILLIAM KUHN, Assistant Executive Secretary

NOW THAT the second building unit of the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta has been erected, these two buildings, standing side by side, can be considered as a beautiful denominational monument. They proclaim that the North American Baptists have made ample provision to give to their young people Christian training courses, so that they may become intelligent and devoted Christians and may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In the exterior architecture the two buildings are very much alike. Neither building has any artificial adornment, but the solidity and the practicability of the structures is an expression of the spirit dominating this institution.

In this new unit we find the kitchen with all modern conveniences. There is also a walk-in large refrigerator for the storage of perishable food. We were glad to see a quarter of beef hanging on one of the hooks. The boiler room with its gas burning furnace, heating the two buildings, is also in the new unit. We were astonished to be able to step into that well equipped laundry and see it in action. Everything in this laundry is modern and strictly up-to-date.

During those dedication days we were present in that spacious dining room, filled with young people, who are all endowed with a good appetite. Although we never had our breakfast in this dining room, we were told that two of the male students baked the breakfast muffins, and everyone

agreed that they were very fine. The commodious and large chapel is also in this unit.

We had been informed that the women's dormitories are also on the second floor of this new building. Our innate modesty told us that we as men could not dare to enter this "forbidden precinct." After going to the office of "Dean of Women" we were taken in charge by Miss Esther Kaiser and when we reached that second floor, Miss Kaiser sang out which could be heard in every room: "MEN ON SECOND," "MEN ON SECOND." Here was evidence of a good system, and it pleased us.

### THE PRAYER ROOM

While passing through the corridors, we noticed a room bearing the sign, "Prayer Room." Here is that sacred room where the individual student can have undisturbed communion with God. The students often sing: "Take time to be holy; speak off with the Lord." This room affords place and opportunity for intimate communion with God. This Prayer Room in the new building of the C. T. I. is a strong declaration on the part of the management that prayer has the place of major importance in this Christian Institute, and they are making provision for the cultivation of this prayer habit.

Our two very imposing and practically arranged buildings in Edmonton do not of themselves guarantee a good institution. The personalities of the faculty members, the type of the student body and, more than anything

else, the spirit that dominates every detail of the entire life of the school, whether it be the administration or the classroom or the fellowship in the student body or the recreation periods, this is the force that gives character to this institution. While visiting the C. T. I. during those days of dedication, we saw many evidences to prove that the Holy Spirit has been given a large place in determining the affairs of the school.

The first glimpse that we had of the entire student body was when they were assembled as a group in the First Baptist Church of Edmonton for the dedication service. How our hearts were thrilled to see that group of young men and young women keenly interested in participating in and profiting by those Christian Education courses. In the evening at the Central Baptist Church the freshmen were presented to that large audience by coming to the platform, giving their names and their churches.

During Monday and Tuesday we became more intimately acquainted with the student body as they were assembled morning, afternoon and evening. It speaks well for the serious-mindedness of these young people to come to Edmonton for one, two or three years in order to receive that truly Christian education. Although most of these students come from rural churches, they lack nothing of culture, and as far as talents and mental endowments are concerned, they belong to that class that has been bountifully blessed by the

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## "Arise Therefore . . . and Build!"

The new \$85,000 building of the Christian Training Institute now provides the greatly needed space and facilities for the student body of almost 100 young people and for the Bible School's blessed ministry

By REV. E. P. WAHL, President of the Christian Training Institute

NOW SET your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the Lord God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the Lord" (Isaiah 22:19).

In lovingkindness the heavenly Father directed his children at all times in the building for eternity. However, before the children are ready to build for God, their heart and soul must be determined to seek God.

Mighty structures are being erected for worldly purposes. The god of this world is doing a tremendous business in building fascinatingly, attractively and elaborately. It is dazzling to the mind and it makes millions drunk to fall down and worship him. God's people cannot stand idly by. They are greatly disturbed, and with a greater fervor and more love for the Master they WILL BUILD.

The grace of God permitted us as a denomination to build the new unit of our Christian Training Institute at Edmonton. It was no mean undertaking but it pleased the Lord to give us this part in his great program. How inspiring it has been to observe our people unitedly carrying out this project! From Texas in the south to the Peace River District in the north, from the Atlantic to the Pacific our people heard the orders: "Arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the Lord God."

Today we rejoice in having the fine concrete, steel re-enforced structure completed. Our most sacred possession, our young people, shall be brought more and more "into the house that is built to the name of the Lord." With a consecrated youth of today mighty things shall also be achieved in the days to come. We have made an investment; the Lord himself will pay the dividends.

In these days of high costs and shortages of the various building materials, it was nothing less than a miracle to carry out such a building program at all. Repeatedly our only avenue of help was found through prayer and waiting upon the Lord. Often we would plead with God to keep us close to his heart that

we might hear more distinctly what his will might be in the matter. As we now look back, we marvel anew over the lovingkindness of our heavenly Father revealed so mightily in the building of the new Bible School unit.

The new building has given us the much needed dining hall space. Our former dining room was much too small but it now makes a splendid library. We at the school never knew how badly we needed a library. Today it is the most occupied place in the school during study hours. Quietly the students spend hours in the same preparing their lessons, searching for more light and better understanding of their respective subjects.

An added classroom has also made the work at the school more effective. Graduates have presented the school with a set of maps which are available for the different Bible studies, church history classes and mission study. In the new building we now have a beautiful chapel with a comfortable seating capacity for 150 persons. Besides gathering here daily for devotions, the larger classes hold their sessions in the same, and chorus singing as well as other music practices take place in the sanctuary. The

chapel is therefore in use the greater part of every school day.

On Sunday forenoon the students gather here for a Sunday School hour and Sunday morning worship service. The three music studios in the new building are much in use by students who are taking piano lessons and voice culture. Miss Erna Schwanke, our piano teacher, and Mr. Robert Neske, the vocal instructor, are kept on the jump all day long helping these young people to the fullest extent possible. As yet our music studios have not been made sound-proof. This has been very disturbing, both for student and teacher, and often making it next to impossible to do justice to the work.

Twenty dormitory rooms have been made available in this new building. The greater number of our women students find housing in these rooms. There is also a room set aside as a sick room. We prefer to use it as guest room. The two women teachers, Miss Esther Kaiser and Miss Erna Schwanke, occupy a special room arranged for them in the new building. The reception room bids our visiting friends welcome. It has been neatly furnished by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Northern Conference.

The new building comprises a basement, ground floor and upper floor. It is heated with steam unit, and natural gas is used as fuel. The color schemes throughout the building are well chosen and have a soothing effect upon the occupants. We as a group of God's people have reason to be proud of our new building of the Christian Training Institute and do praise God for giving us a share in erecting the same.

## The C. T. I.'s Dedication Festival

A Report of the Dedication of the New Educational Unit of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton by the REV. M. L. LEUSCHNER

THE CHRISTIAN Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada reached another milestone in its illustrious history on Sunday, November 7th, when its new \$85,000 educational unit was dedicated unto the Lord. The student body of 93 young people celebrated this occasion with great rejoicing, and hundreds of friends of the school filled the churches to their utmost capacity for the festive programs. It was also the crowning climax in the life of the Rev. E. P. Wahl, president, whose fondest hopes had now been realized and whose prayers had been answered in the spacious building for the school.

The dedication program was held on Sunday afternoon in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church of Edmonton with about 850 people in attendance and with the Rev. R. Schilke, chairman of the governing board, presiding. The Scripture passage was read and prayer offered by the Rev. Karl Korella of Camrose. Representatives of the province of Alberta brought congratulatory addresses. The Honorable A. J. Hooke spoke for Premier Manning and Alderman A. Bisset represented the city of Edmonton. Mr. Wahl gave a comprehensive report about the construction of the new building.

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Dr. George A. Lang, President of Our Seminary, as He Calls the Service for the Ground-breaking Ceremonies to Order at Sioux Falls, South Dakota (Left); and the Seminary Building Committee With the Architect (Right) as They Turn Over the Sod During the Impressive Exercises

## The Seminary's Ground Breaking Exercises

The Story of the Latest Developments in the Seminary's Building Project  
and of the Ground Breaking Exercises at Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
by the REV. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Promotional Secretary

SOME OF THE FINEST things of life have been attained only after much patience and perseverance. The wonderful temple at Jerusalem had to wait for the reign of Solomon before it could be constructed. Jacob was compelled to labor for fourteen years as a servant of Laban before the hand of Rachel was given to him in marriage. Adoniram Judson preached for seven years in Burma before the first Christian convert was baptized. But later, as a sequel to this story, 2222 converts were baptized on the Telegu field during the same day to establish a record for baptisms in 24 hours.

We have reason to believe that these incidents find a modern parallel in the story of our North American Baptist Seminary. For years we have talked about the Seminary's relocation. From 1944 through 1946 the denomination raised almost \$150,000 towards the Seminary Endowment Fund. During the past two years plans were consummated for the relocation of the Seminary to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Suitable property for the new building was purchased.

### CONTRACTS FOR THE BUILDING

The Building Fund Committee was appointed and an architect prepared suitable sketches. In spite of some unavoidable delays, the building program seemed to be moving ahead encouragingly. The architect finished his designs according to the suggestions of the Building Fund Committee

and these were presented to the several contractors for bids. Every assurance was given that, if the contracts were reasonable, the construction could begin immediately so that the new buildings could be dedicated at the time of the next General Conference.

But God leads us often into the school of experience where we have to learn the lesson of patience and the art of overcoming disappointments. Members of the School Committee met with the Building Committee and some of the members of the Finance and Investment Committees of the denomination on Saturday, October 23, to learn about the estimated bids of the contractors. To everyone's dismay they were several hundred thousand dollars beyond the maximum sum provided for the building fund by the Finance Committee. Everything was done in the course of a lengthy discussion with the architect, Mr. A. McWayne, to find some satisfactory alternative plan or some other way by which the construction work could begin immediately. This was found to be impossible and the inevitable action had to be taken.

The architect has been instructed to revise his building plans so as to permit a maximum of about 280,000 square cubic feet at a cost not to exceed \$300,000, including the architect's fees, but not including \$50,000 for the removal expenses and the furnishing of the building. This means that the foundations of the building could not be laid last Fall but will have to wait until the Spring of 1949 for further

developments. This has brought deep disappointment to Dr. George A. Lang, president of the Seminary; to Mr. Arthur Schwerin who has been contact man with the architect; to Mr. Richard Mulder, chairman of the Building Fund Committee; as well as to everyone else who has been interested in this building project.

### ENCOURAGING FACTORS

But there are still definite encouraging factors. God is still in this project. Let us never forget that! Difficulties in the way are like stumbling blocks that can be made into steppingstones that can lead to greater heights of blessing. The Seminary building will be constructed as planned with modifications. The General Conference will be held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota from August 22-28, 1949 as arranged. Although it may not be possible to dedicate the finished building of the Seminary at that time, it will be a thrill to see the building as far as the construction has progressed and to hold a Saturday afternoon service on the Seminary grounds. The practical suggestion has been made that temporary provisions for the Seminary be found in the city of Sioux Falls which could be used until the new building can be occupied by our school.

In the midst of this picture, shrouded with the clouds of disappointment and upset plans, the brightest ray of inspiration and certainty has been the ground breaking ceremony held on the Seminary's new property on Tuesday, September 28.

The enthusiasm of about 200 people and pastors from nearby churches lifted that service to unique heights. The confident note that this project was willed of God was sounded in messages and prayers. The ground was hallowed unto the Lord in this solemn and sacred ceremony. Everyone felt that we had now set our hands to the plow and that we could not look back nor turn back if we are going to be faithful to our God. The spirit of these exercises ought to be a great encouragement to our Seminary leaders and people, in spite of difficulties that may now seem to be in the way.

### GROUND BREAKING EXERCISES

It was a beautiful warm September afternoon. A note of expectancy was in the air as Dr. George A. Lang gathered the host of people around him and motion pictures were taken to record this memorable event for our churches. About 50 students from Sioux Falls College who have been identified with our churches were released from classes for the afternoon to join their president, Dr. Ernest E. Smith, at the gathering. Several men had even come from McLaughlin, South Dakota, 370 miles away. The Rev. and Mrs. Dale Chaddock had driven with a family from the church at Victor, Iowa since early that morning long before daybreak in order to be present. Another family of one of our churches was traveling through the city on their return from vacation and were present for the exercises. Everyone was there with a heart that was gladly expecting great blessings, and they were not disappointed!

The singing of the gathering led by the Rev. Albert Ittermann rang out exultantly over the field. The Rev. Peter Geissler read the Scripture passage and led in the opening prayer. Dr. Lang brought a comprehensive report of the events that led to the decision to locate the Seminary in Sioux Falls. The Rev. Frank H. Woyke spoke about the denomination's share and concern in this program of relocation. The Rev. Martin L. Leuschner left his motion picture camera long enough to assure the gathering that this was the prelude to greater things in our denominational program to be climaxed at the 1949 General Conference. Dr. Smith of Sioux Falls College brought the greetings of the nearby sister school and of pastors in the city.

The architect, Mr. McWayne, described the actual building plans and showed where the new structure would be located. Mr. Arthur Schwerin and Mr. Richard Mulder spoke for the Building Committee and described the spirit of faith in which this work had progressed. The prayer of dedication was offered by the Rev. J. C. Günst, young people's secretary.

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President George Lang Assisted by the Rev. Frank H. Woyke Prepares a Shovel-Full of Earth to Take With Him to the Rochester Seminary Following the Ground-breaking Exercises at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Then the actual digging in the ground breaking exercises began. The first shovelful of earth was turned over by Dr. Lang, president of the Seminary. Members of the Building Fund Committee, the denominational secretaries and the pastors who were present followed him. In a spontaneous outburst of enthusiasm some of the lay members and pastors asked for the privilege of turning over the sod if they made contributions of \$25.00 to the Seminary Building Fund. In a few minutes the sum of \$325.00 had been placed into the hands of Mr. Arthur Schwerin and a big hole had been dug in the ground! The many ministers who were present stood with Dr. Lang at this sacred spot and shook his hand warmly with the assurance of their support and prayers of their people for this work of God. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer, evangelist, pronounced the benediction after which the people still lingered and dwelt upon the exciting things which they had witnessed during the afternoon.

The ground breaking exercises were impressive and memorable for their abiding assurance. The Seminary has

a large place in the interest of our people. Never forget that fact! The response of the South Dakota churches to the announcement of this service was amazing. The building venture is a step of faith which has the blessing of the Lord Jesus Christ. One could sense the presence of God that seemed to break through into the service like the coming of dawn. This period before our General Conference is the time to build with the united support of most of our people and with the door of assured success opened by God himself.

### ABIDING ASSURANCE

The ground breaking exercises were held at an opportune hour to give us this undergirding which our faith needs in this tremendous Seminary program. There are still difficulties in the way and plans still have to be made before the actual work can begin. But the inspiration of these exercises and the glowing faith of the people who stood in the semi-circle of that service and the over-arching glory of God will strengthen our hands to finish the task which has been begun so valiantly in hope and prayer!

# What's Happening

● The Rev. and Mrs. John Hasel of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, have announced that a son was born to them on November 10th who has been named David Eugene. This is the first child in their family.

● From Dec. 6 to 10 our Seminary in Rochester, New York held a Missionary Convocation with the Rev. George A. Dunger, one of our Cameroons missionaries, delivering lectures about Africa to the members of the class on missions and on Friday, Dec. 10, bringing several missionary addresses to the entire student body. A public meeting was also held on Friday evening when Mr. Dunger brought another missionary message. He also held personal conferences with students throughout the week.

● At the recent session of the Texas Baptist State Brotherhood Convention held in Houston, Texas, the young men's quartet of the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena won first place in the contest for quartet singing. A total of 5000 Baptist men were in attendance at the convention. The quartet consists of Messrs. Walter Gummelt, first tenor; Jerold Wedemeyer, second tenor; Louis Wedemeyer, Jr.; first bass; and James Braun, second bass. The Rev. J. C. Zillen is pastor of the Cottonwood Church.

● The Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan has extended a call to Dr. A. Dale Irie of Bellwood, Illinois to which a favorite response has been given. Dr. Irie, who has served the Bellwood Baptist Church since 1943, will begin his pastorate in Detroit about Jan. 15. At the Burns Ave. Church he will succeed Dr. A. J. Harms, now of Pomona, Calif. Dr. Irie prepared the program material for the denomination's observance of "The Week of Prayer" which was published in the last issue of "The Baptist Herald."

● The Baptist Churches of Golden Prairie and Rosenfeld with its Annental Station of Saskatchewan, Canada have extended a call to Mr. Isador Faszer, a Senior student at our Rochester Seminary. He has responded favorably and will begin his first pastorate on this Canadian field about June 1, 1949 following graduation. He will succeed the Rev. Hugo Zepik,

now of Trochu, Alberta. Mr. and Mrs. Faszer will live in the parsonage located in the town of Golden Prairie. They served this field as student workers in the summer of 1948.

● On Sunday, November 14, a dedication service was held at the Randolph Baptist Church of Randolph, Minnesota in recognition of a renovated basement. Among other improvements a new heating system was installed and removable partitions were constructed so that the basement can either be used as a Sunday School with five classrooms or as a dining hall in two rooms. Guest speakers bringing challenging messages at the morning or evening services were Mr. Harold Gieske, Miss Ellen Lehr, and Rev. J. C. Gunst. The Rev. Ben Zimmerman is pastor of the church.

● The Baptist Church of Prince George, British Columbia, Canada could use about five dozen German hymnals for congregational singing and quite a number of German choir books, according to the pastor, Rev. Paul Hintze. If any churches can supply "Evangeliumslieder" or "Evangeliums - sänger" books or such choir books as "Zionslieder", "Saengerbote", "Grosse und Kleine Palme", "Geistliche Choere", they are asked to get in touch with Rev. Paul Hintze, Prince George, B. C., Canada and inform him what books can be sent. Such a ministry will be deeply appreciated.

● On Sunday evening, Nov. 21, a Harvest and Mission program was presented by young people of the Carroll Avenue Church of Dallas, Texas, featuring the play, "Mud Walls." The offering went towards the mission project of the Southern Conference Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union. The Rev. Ray F. Kahle of Dallas, Texas was the speaker at the Thanksgiving service on Wednesday evening, Nov. 24. On Saturday evening, Nov. 20, Mr. Stanley L. Helwig, oldest son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. Helwig, and Miss Evelyn Jepson were united in marriage at an impressive service held in the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church. They are residing in Dallas following a honeymoon trip to New Orleans, Louisiana.

● On Sunday evening, Nov. 28, a special Thanksgiving program was

held by the State Park Church of Peoria, Ill., at which the parsonage mortgage was burned. Mr. Harry Defenbaugh, chairman of the board of trustees, was in charge of this ceremony. "Newcomers Night" was observed on Wednesday, Dec. 1st, at which many of the 61 new members received into the church during the past 3½ years of the Rev. Frank Venninga's ministry were guests of the church. On Sunday morning, Dec. 19, the large church choir made its first appearance in beautiful new robes and singing the cantata, "King All Glorious."

● The Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke of Elk Grove, Calif., passed away early on Thursday morning, Dec. 2, after a lingering illness of several years. His daughter, Theo, reported that he had had a restless night, but that he had finally fallen asleep during which he went to be with his Lord. On the Pacific Coast he served as pastor of the following churches before his retirement: Bethany Church near Portland, Oregon; Calvary Church of Tacoma, Wash.; Second Church of Portland, Oregon; and Fifteenth St. Church of Los Angeles, Calif. He leaves to mourn his homegoing his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Naomi Neher and Miss Theo Wuttke, and a great host of friends in the denomination. His pastor, the Rev. W. W. Knauf, was in charge of the service.

● Evangelistic services were held for two weeks from Oct. 25 to Nov. 5 at the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta with the Rev. R. Kern of Vancouver, British Columbia serving as evangelist. Eight persons professed faith in Christ during the meetings. On Oct. 17 the Harvest and Mission Festival program was held with an offering of \$678 for missions besides \$58 from the Clover Lawn Mission. On Oct. 28 the Woman's Missionary Society held its anniversary program with Mrs. C. H. Seecamp, president, in charge. On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 14, Dr. C. H. Seecamp baptized 15 converts at a joint baptismal service with the nearby Wiesenthal Church. Nineteen new members were received into the Leduc Church on Sunday morning, Nov. 21, at the communion service. The parsonage has recently been remodeled and running water installed at a cost of about \$2,000.

● On November 7 the Baptist Church of Baileyville, Illinois held its second annual missionary rally. This was an all day meeting with dinner being served by the church. It was the church's privilege to entertain three missionaries home on furlough from Africa and to hear their experiences and the Gospel preached by them. Rev. John Banderschie of Grand Rapids, Mich., delivered the morning and evening messages. Miss Amamda Heeren, missionary home from Ethiopia, spoke to the children's department during the Sunday School hour and also to the congregation in the afternoon. Miss Geraldine Highnote, also from Ethiopia and now attending Wheaton College at Wheaton, Illinois, spoke to the adults during Sunday School. Rev. T. White brought an inspiring message in the afternoon.

● A Mission Festival was held by the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin from Friday evening, Dec. 3, through Sunday, Dec. 5. The Rev. M. Vanderbeck, pastor, was in charge of the services which were well attended by members and friends of the church and on one evening also by members of the nearby Baptist Church of Manitowoc. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, brought appropriate messages and showed many missionary and denominational pictures. Special musical numbers were rendered by individuals and groups as well as by the church choir, accompanied by the new Hammond organ. The Bethel Sunday School is supporting a native Christian worker in the Cameroons. The offerings of the Mission Festival as well as of the Sunday School towards the African worker amounted to \$205.

## BAPTIST WORLD CONGRESS at Cleveland, Ohio July 22 to 27, 1950

Baptist World Alliance Headquarters report that the Administrative Committee of the Alliance at its meeting on November 30th decided to accept the invitation from Cleveland, Ohio to hold its next World Congress in that City in 1950. The dates fixed are July 22 to 27, inclusive. The president of the Alliance, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of the Third Baptist Church of St. Louis, Missouri, will preside. Of the seven preceding World Congresses, two have been held in the United States, Philadelphia in 1911 and Atlanta in 1939. At the latter Congress some of the sessions were attended by more than fifty thousand people. In Cleveland delegates are expected from nearly all the more than sixty countries throughout which the sixteen millions of Baptists are scattered.

# The Pilgrim's Guide

Brief Expositions of God's Word by the REV. ROBERT S. HESS  
of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

IN JEREMIAH 18:1-10 we read the story of the potter and the clay. The scene is in the potter's workshop in Jerusalem. It is one of a list of eleven object lessons found in the book of Jeremiah. God sends the prophet to the house of the potter that he might get an object lesson on the will and work of God.

He observes the work of the potter as he made a vessel on the stone wheels. He notices its marred condition, and then watches closely as the potter remakes the vessel according to his will. God put a new meaning into this common affair of life, and the prophet received a sermon for the people.

We see a threefold message in the prophet's sermon. First, it represents the "house of Israel"; second, it represents God as the sole Sovereign; third, it represents the Gospel message.

**THE "HOUSE OF ISRAEL."** The potter is God; the clay is Israel. The clay was dug out of Egypt and brought into Canaan by the potter. God had delivered them from their original shameful condition. Through disobedience and apostasy the people became a spoiled vessel. His creation got out of shape. It failed the Maker's purpose. The Babylonian captivity was predicted by the prophet, but he foretold their restoration and final salvation. The potter remade the vessel. It was never completely lost to him.

**GOD THE SOLE SOVEREIGN.** The potter is God; the clay is any nation or people. God has the authority and the ability to form nations so as to serve his own purpose, according to justice and their conduct towards him. The Jews thought God could not cast them off, no matter what they did, since they were God's elect people.

But as the clay is in the potter's hand, so is man in God's hand. Man is dependent upon God. God is not a debtor to any man. During these days of trouble and fear among nations and peoples, it is a great comfort to know that God is on his throne and that he is our Father. He has a definite plan for this world and his children. His will shall be done on earth as it done in Heaven.

**The GOSPEL MESSAGE.** In this phase of our study we see the Gospel

message. The potter is God; the clay is man. First, man in the state of generation; second, man in the condition of degradation; third, man in the state of regeneration.

**GENERATION.** "He wrought a work on the wheels." This is a picture of man in his original state. Man as created by God was holy and innocent. He had intimate fellowship with God. Undoubtedly, Adam and Eve experienced perfect and full happiness. Man was God's greatest work of creation because he made "man in his own image" and likeness.

It would be a blessed thing if we could stop with this picture, but we must look at the tragic history of man.

**DEGRADATION.** "And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter." Here is the story of man's fall and life. Just as the potter's work got out of shape because of some defect, so is man out of order in an ordered universe because of sin. It is the present condition of man. He is no longer holy and innocent. He is a sinner, exposed to the grave and Hades. It is to the glory of God that his mercy endureth forever in that man is not cast off and forgotten. Man is "in his hand"; the just and unjust are recipients of his faithfulness and goodness.

Just as the potter had to knead up the clay afresh, so God has had to re-new man spiritually.

**REGENERATION.** "He made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make." He did not endeavor to repair it; he re-made it. God does the renewing by the Holy Spirit in man, but man must yield to his hand in order to be "born again." The regenerating Spirit of God is able to restore fallen man into something like the image of God, with the assurance that he will be fully redeemed through Christ in the next life.

Sinner friend, can God do with you as this potter? He is willing and able if you will yield to Christ. Christian friend, can God do with you as this potter? Out of the same mass of clay the potter may make a cup for the table and a utensil for the kitchen. Both are equally necessary to the owner. Are you willing to be the kind of a vessel God wants you to be? The greatest mission in life is not home-mission, nor foreign-mission; it is submission!



—Photo by Herman Stiemund  
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. Later Larry met Sam's mother and was impressed by her happy and easy life, free from care and worry. Sam offered him a job as superintendent which only added to the confusion in which Larry found himself.

## CHAPTER SEVEN

ALTHOUGH Larry did not even admit it to himself, he had been growing more nervous and tense by the hour since the physician had told him he must go to Seattle, a trip he was confident would renew all the old pain. When he could shut out the memory of his triumphs and defeat he found some measure of release from the nervous tension, the crushing sense of frustration and the disappointment that haunted him, like a beast of prey upon the track of its unhappy victim. But in every idle moment it would come back upon

him like a flood, and now the old familiar sights and sounds of the city drove it home with more force than he had anticipated.

The future lay dark and unpromising before him. To be a lumberman was farthest from his desires and plans. He had taken to that rough work only on the recommendation of the doctor and in hope that it might offer some curative value. But even this seemed a vain promise, for needlelike pains were jabbing at his larynx as he boarded a bus to ride out to the Reese home after receiving treatment for his shoulder injury. If he were to yield to Sam's request and take the position of superintendent—a place he felt totally unqualified to occupy—he would find himself sewed up in the enterprise so that he might never get away from it again. Though it was a fascinating and profitable business, it was not to his taste to become a professional logger. It represented rough, hard toil, dangerous living, weariness of body that slowed the mind. Yet it had been that very toil, that same weariness of body, that had dulled the agonizing, gnawing pain of his mind and had lent him a measure of peace out there among the quiet woods, even though that

peace had been only temporary.

He glanced down at his hands, which were just now shedding their heavy callouses and regaining their softness. To go back to the woods meant to don once more the heavy caked boots, the water-repellent canvas pants and the heavy woolen shirt of the logger—unless he accepted the position of superintendent, and that offered no strenuous work such as he needed. To continue a logger meant constant association with men whose educational advantages and cultural training had been nil. It also meant danger, for he knew that during the war the percentage of casualties among the loggers had been higher than among military personnel. It meant giving up all those fond dreams he had cherished during his three years with the Red Cross overseas, and all the music and vocal training back of that. And in the end it offered nothing.

Out there, in that place of forgotten men, one could live, work and die without having made more than a hundred acquaintances. And to what end and purpose was life if one lived unknown, died unsung and went to a nameless grave? What value, Larry reasoned, was there in living, if, after one was gone, his name oc-

cupied no place in the annals of time and he went down to obscurity like the common run of men? Even though Larry believed himself to be a Christian, still he could not reconcile himself to the prospect of being unknown in life and forgotten in death.

He thought, If I even had a family, some brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces—cousins even—to think of me now and remember me after death, it would be bearable, but there is no one, and when I am gone no one will remember; the place where I have lived will be an empty space as though I had not passed that way. That, he knew, was the real cause of his mad thirst for fame. It was not that he wanted money; in fact, he cared little either to spend or to accumulate it. Nor did he crave the place in society and the prestige that came with renown. But to go down into obscurity—that was unthinkable, and try though he would he could not reconcile himself to that possibility. Others could have their luxurious homes, their wealth, their ease, comfort and pleasure; to be known, to have his name on his lips of men everywhere, to have his reputation live on after he was gone—that was the desire that burned in Larry's heart like a fever and ran like fire in his blood.

To him there was no fear like the fear of obscurity, of being just another human being among the millions. This it was that at the first hint of failure had made his nerves tense and robbed his voice of its smooth mellowness. With the growing raspiness of his voice, his fear had mounted until the final outcome had been the doctor's "I'm sorry, Mr. Brantwell."

"Fourth Street West," came the almost unintelligible bark of the bus driver.

In the spacious dining room of the Reese home the table had been arranged so that the diners who were to sit at the four places would have an unobstructed view, through the long west windows, of the Olympic Mountains, behind which the sun was sinking. Larry noted the fourth place with vague interest as he came from his room. There was an air of quiet refinement throughout the home. Among the furnishings of the living room two things particularly caught his attention—a number of large oil paintings of extraordinary quality, and a row of low bookcases filled with attractive titles by well-known authors.

A Chinese girl brought a large bouquet of flowers from the garden and placed them on the table. She was attractively dressed in a neat black dress, and wore a small white apron and a lace-trimmed cap. Though she evidently occupied the position of a



Guest Speakers at the Dedication Services Held by the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta With Rev. E. P. Wahl, President, at the Exertme Right

maid in the household, there was nothing servile in the erectness of her head and her straightforward look as she noted the visitor.

"Good evening," she said in perfect English, smiling slightly and turning to leave.

From the music room, which was reached by way of the dining room, there came the sound of a piano, soft-pedaled and subdued, then a woman's voice singing, "It takes the storm cloud to make the rainbow." The voice was not of exceptional quality, but there was in it something sincere, earnest and grateful — as though it was the song of one who had endured the storm and discovered a rainbow. Another voice joined in, then, singing the alto part; an older voice which Larry recognized as Mrs. Reese's.

When the singers came to the end of the verse, he heard the older woman say something in a low voice, and the other exclaimed, "He is? Mother! Why didn't you tell me? Think of me singing where he could hear me!"

When Mrs. Reese came in, Larry was standing before a desert landscape painting, admiring the delicate shading and the artist's careful attention to detail. He sensed, rather than heard, her entrance, and as he turned she asked, "Do you like that?"

"It's beautiful; and so real. I like desert scenes very much—that is, if they're in pictures," he said, smiling and moving a chair toward her significantly.

She said, "You take that; I'll sit over here by the window. It's my regular perch. My husband's weak-

Several Articles About the Dedication of the New Christian Training Institute Building Appear on Pages 8 and 9 of This Issue.

ness was his intense love of landscape paintings, and that was his favorite. I've seen him stand, almost by the hour, studying it. He was raised in the cattle country and never seemed to get it entirely out of his blood."

"And you've kept it all these years! Sam has told me about his being lost at sea."

"Yes, he was; and I've let that painting hang there in exactly the same spot since the day he went away. I've left it there purposely, I suppose. I still hope, you see."

Larry said, "I see." Even though he did not comprehend the strength of a hope that could outlive these years of silence, living on against the certain knowledge that there was nothing for which to hope. "How long is it since he was lost?"

"Twenty-two years this coming fall. Sam was five then. My daughter, Alice, was born the following April. Maybe you heard her singing in there a few minutes ago?"

Her half-quizzical, half-amused smile, and something in her eyes, reminded him of her son, and he knew she, too, was weighing, analyzing, searching him. He answered, "She has a nice voice. And that was a beautiful song. It was new to me."

"I thought perhaps you—" She checked herself abruptly, and he had the feeling that she had been warned about making any reference to his former profession. She went on, rather lamely. "I didn't know but that you might have heard Sam mention it. It is a beautiful song, and one that Alice has proved in her life. I might tell you this before you meet her, for we seldom allude to it in her presence; her husband was shot down while trying to help protect a crippled bomber on its flight back across the English Channel. He was a fighter



pilot. I've never seen two young people more suited to each other, or more ideally happy than they were before he was inducted into the Air Force. When the news of his death came, it nearly killed her. Then she became morbid about it and I was afraid for her mind. But she found a way, and now she seems quite reconciled."

Sam came down just then and they went in to dinner, where the Chinese girl and Alice were putting the finishing touches to the table. Although she was clear-eyed and had a lovely complexion, Alice might not have been considered especially beautiful, but there was about the younger woman the same steady poise and attractiveness which Larry had noticed in her mother.

Mrs. Reese said, "Alice, this is Mr. Brantwell; Mr. Brantwell, my daughter, Mrs. Price."

Larry acknowledged the introduction, and then, glancing from one to the other, he said, "Mrs. Reese, it isn't very difficult to judge what you looked like a few years back, nor to understand why that fine-looking husband—whose picture you just showed me—was so attracted."

The younger woman blushed prettily. Mrs. Reese smiled and Sam, winking in his direction, said, "You aren't far from right, Larry, my boy. Two lovelier and more gracious ladies would be hard to find, sez I."

"Unless — Sam — unless —" Alice said meaningfully.

"Oh, yes. Unless—" he returned. "By the way, she's coming over tonight. I'm to pick her up in the jeep, after supper." Larry had learned that in Sam's parlance all cars were "jeeps."

The conversation was bright and cheerful throughout the meal, with considerable gay banter between Sam

and his sister, Alice chaffing him about being lovesick, and Sam laughing it off with the sudden springing laughter that was one of his most attractive characteristics.

Larry observed that Mrs. Reese had the same charming way of laughing quickly and then suddenly coming in with a keen bit of wit, although her laughter was more subdued and her witticisms contained less than was satirical. He discovered also that she had a way of keeping the conversation steered away from two subjects—war and business—which were evidently taboo at their table.

There was, however, a subject unforbidden—one that appeared to be always welcome, unaffected and easy—and that was religion. Although there seemed no evidence that they ever deliberately injected the topic into the conversation, Mrs. Reese and Alice were as much at ease and as natural and poised in speaking about God, personal experience in Christ, and the victories and problems of the Christian, as they were when discussing the latest book, the weather, or a flower. Nor were they insistent or bigoted in their attitude, but allowed the conversation to swing freely away again whenever it drifted into another channel. Sam usually took part in the conversation when some phase of religion or church life was the subject, but Larry noted that his usual vivacity seemed lacking at such times.

To their visitors this attitude toward religion, and especially such vital and personal experiences as they discussed, was altogether new and refreshing. Although he could not completely follow the trend of their thought, and could not enter into some of their discussions, the subject intrigued and interested him. His religious education had been left largely to the church services, the

minister and the Sunday-school teachers. In his father's home regular reading of the Bible and prayers had been as much a part of everyday life as were eating and sleeping, but there it had stopped. Around his parents a rigid wall of cold aloofness arose when personal religion was discussed. At church they were rapt, earnest listeners and sincere worshipers, but in the home or among them as individuals, religion was a subject extremely difficult to approach.

After dinner Sam excused himself and left to bring his fiancée over for the evening. Alice pressed her mother into a chair before the fireplace, when Sam had started a small fire, and went to help the maid clear the table. Larry said, "She's like you, Mrs. Reese. And if that picture is a good likeness of your husband, Sam is like his father. Am I right?"

"Right about Sam, anyway. I suppose you would be a better judge about the other than I."

"I know she must have suffered greatly. But her poise and self-control are wonderful. How does she do it?"

"The secret is one I discovered years ago, and which I passed on to her," Mrs. Reese said, smiling in her quiet way. "It carried me through the dark valley, and for her it was a benediction. We despaired of her mind for a few months after she had suffered her loss, but she learned this secret, which is a spiritual one, in time to save herself."

Larry discerned that she was unobtrusively endeavoring to open the way to reveal something to him. He waited a moment, looking up at the desert painting above the mantel. Then he spoke.

"Does Sam share this secret?"

"Not exactly. He knows what it is, even though he has never entered into it himself. Sam is so—well, almost—money-mad. He worries me a little. I'm afraid it will take an awful loss to teach him. His father was the same way; but when we lost our second child, he learned this truth, and it meant a way out for him."

"Is it a truth anyone can share, and gain by knowing?" Larry asked, feeling a strong desire to learn more of this mysterious principle that could work such wonders in one's life.

"Yes, if they have a strong enough desire. But it isn't experienced when sought for deliberately; that is, when one seeks it with any personal or selfish motive."

"Didn't your husband seek it in order to be cured of his money-loving tendencies?"

"Yes — and no. He saw where that tendency was leading, and desired a cure. But he traveled a different road that he had planned to arrive at his destination. Or maybe

I should say the road he finally chose led him to a destination he had not known existed. And the same was true of Alice."

A loud blast of the car horn outside proclaimed Sam's arrival and interrupted the question Larry wanted to ask, "Could that secret be revealed to me?"

Sheila Lee was a striking girl, decidedly blonde, with large, innocent blue eyes and a cheerful face. The contrast between her and Sam was outstanding, yet Larry instantly divined a strong attachment. It was also evident that she was well liked by both Sam's mother and his sister.

The evening passed pleasantly. They played games, and when the Chinese girl brought in a tray of iced drinks, Mrs. Reese said, "Mr. Brantwell, I'm sorry, but I don't believe we introduced you to Rose Lang. Rose, this is Mr. Brantwell."

The girl curtsied gravely and in perfect English said, "It is such a pleasure to me."

When she had gone back to the kitchen, Alice said, "Rose is one of the family here. Her father was cook on the ship Father went away on, so when her mother died shortly afterward, Mother sort of illegally adopted her. She plans on going to China to do missionary work when she completes her work at the U next spring."

(To Be Continued)

**Do You Know That ... ?**

By Rev. ALFRED R. BERNADT.

*What this country needs is a new kind of money that would be easier to save than to spend.*

Words might have wings, but what some speakers need to do is keep them down to earth.

*The sign in your front yard might well read, "Please, I want to be a-lawn."*

Some people are always stewing about something, for if they aren't fussing about this country being in the red, they are fussing about the Reds in the country.

*A flood is said to be a river too big for its bridges.*

A safety slogan might well be: "So drive that your summons will not come before your time."

*Spilling salt might be bad luck, but spilling the beans is much more dangerous.*

The breezy and brawny Westerner thought his friend was a suspicious sort of fellow because he always counted his fingers after the Westerner shook his hand.

# In the Refiner's Fire

Two Open Letters Reflecting Upon an Actual Experience and Showing Forth the Glory of the Christian Faith

By MR. E. ELMER STAUB of Detroit, Michigan

"But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10). Two letters tell their own stories—the first from an elderly Christian to a young father in the hospital, seriously ill and with grave doubts as to his recovery; and the second, the latter's answer. (Both parties are well known in "Baptist Herald" circles.)

Dear .....

What a siege you are experiencing. You doubtless are thinking—as I did after my heart attack eleven years ago, which put me in bed for three months and kept me home for eight months—"What did I do to deserve this?"

Many times since then I have seen that we do not learn lessons in times of prosperity; but only in times of stress and distress do we meet up with the realities of this thing we call "life."

Our personalities, individualistic, determined, and hopeful are anxious to go ahead and develop—to fill our niche in the business world, to take care of the needs, and even luxuries, of our families; and "if time permits" to do something for our fellowmen and "search after God." Because that order of thinking "puts the cart before the horse" we need to be shaken out of it. So the experiences change you, and millions of others, including permanent invalids, who use these experiences as challenges to reexamine life.

Some years ago in making an address, I said, "It's not what life does to us, but our attitude toward what life does to us, that is important." Mr. B., who was there, said it was one of the most impressive things he had ever heard. I didn't agree with him at the time, but I do today, because I have found that fact to be the determining factor between success and failure, in matters of tragic experiences, loss of loved ones, business losses, misunderstanding friends, and deep temptations.

We must ruthlessly put aside all inclinations towards self-pity, fear, pessimism, and the other negative approaches. We must remember that it is always darkest before dawn, that sunlight always follows shadows; that despair and hopelessness are never permanent; that Christian character is on the anvil

being beaten into shape for the Master's use in this world that demands understanding through experience before we can help the other fellow; and we must transform into action the Christian faith that theretofore has been a matter of the heart primarily.

The first morning after my heart attack, ..... poked a letter through our front door in which he quoted Psalm 27:14—

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."

You will soon be on your feet again. Meanwhile, I am sending something to remind you that we think of you often and include you in our prayers.

Sincerely,

**Second Letter**

Dear .....

On the same day that your letter came to the hospital, I received one from my oldest girl..... Her letter was very simple and began—

"Dear Daddy: I know you are going to get well, because we prayed for you."

Such is the faith we need; and surely I needed it at that moment. If ever anyone felt the power of the prayer of others, I surely felt it at that time. Now I know what it is to testify to the saving power of Christ.

Your letter was indeed a tonic and I have read and reread it many times. Do you know—I wonder how I ever got along doing so little! It is not "What did I do to deserve all this." Rather it is — "What didn't I do to deserve all this." Experiences do make a change! I feel now I have a great responsibility, but it is first to the Lord, and next to the other challenges of life.

It is wonderful to live, and now I've got to live all over again and tell others of the joy of living in Christ.

Sincerely yours,

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out."

(Romans 11:33)

**NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE**

Conferences	Nov., 1948	Nov., 1947
Atlantic .....	\$ 2,045.64	\$ 1,229.38
Eastern .....	743.30	2,012.23
Central .....	4,884.20	4,734.64
Northwestern .....	10,059.41	3,590.89
Southwestern .....	19,371.98	11,309.25
Southern .....	1,944.30	515.50
Pacific .....	3,960.21	6,701.20
Northern .....	5,735.56	7,448.53
Dakota .....	10,111.79	20,791.13
Total for the Month .....	\$58,856.39	\$58,332.75

**MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING**

November 1, 1948 to November 30, 1948 .....	\$ 58,265.52
August 1, 1947 to November 30, 1948 .....	612,099.40
Total required to date .....	666,666.67

**TOTAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED**

April 1, 1948 to November 30, 1948 .....	\$258,843.30
April 1, 1947 to November 30, 1947 .....	285,465.56

# We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union  
By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

## AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL WOMEN

Dear Friends:

What an interesting day I spent at the Fofest Park headquarters office on Saturday, November 27. About twelve of us met to plan the program for the General Conference at Sioux Falls, So. Dak., next August. One who has never had a hand in it has no idea of the work involved in putting on a conference. The planning is only the first step — yet what a big job that was.

Since I was the only woman in the group, the chairman appointed me as secretary. I believe I used the eraser end of my pencil almost more than the point, for what seemed a good idea one moment was rejected when something better was suggested. By evening, though, we had a skeleton outline of the full week's program, day by day.

Striking and challenging is the theme chosen, "The Light Will Triumph!" How often, as we look about at the spiritual darkness in the world today, do we wonder if the light that Jesus brought will be able to penetrate, or even if it will be put out. But in searching the Scriptures we are assured that, indeed, the Light will be triumphant. We as women, concerned as we are in spreading the Light through our missionary activities, will gladly carry out this thought in our own program.

Our big day will be Thursday of the conference week. We will begin with a breakfast business meeting. The men on the committee teased me by saying that they wondered if the women will be able to get through talking in time for the regular morning conference session. But we'll show them that we can be business-like when necessary! Our time for fellowship will come later that day, after the program meeting in the afternoon.

However, we will have much important business to transact. In fact, this conference will be the high-point of our Union work for the coming year, and, we hope, a milestone in our history. We will choose a new project to replace the Nurses' Training Project of the past triennium, which you have so loyally supported. Our Goal Chart will be revised, so as to be more practical and useful in our local societies' work. From this conference on, we believe there will be renewed interest and greater enthusi-



Mrs. Florence Schoeffel, Secretary of the General Conference Program Committee, With Dr. John Leypoldt, Chairman, at the Right, and Rev. O. E. Krueger, Former General Conference Moderator at the Left.

asm on the part of all women of our churches in the Kingdom work as carried on through our missionary societies.

I do hope that many of you women are already planning to go to Sioux Falls, South Dakota for that great conference from August 22 to 28, for there will be many interesting features, and a well-balanced, stimulating program seems assured. It is not too early to start saving our pennies for that rewarding trip.

And now, I want to wish every one of you a most blessed and "Happy New Year." It is natural that we look forward to the outstanding "mountain-top" experiences in the future, but my wish for you is that each day may be a milestone of spiritual achievement and victory in your own lives. As we live and work in the "valley," these days and months preceding the "big event," may we have an inner peace and sense of God's presence and guidance in our daily tasks.

Yours in the Master's service,  
Florence E. Schoeffel, President.

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Article about the National Woman's Union, "E Pluribus Unum," by Mrs. Florence Schoeffel.

Full Page of Women's Pictures Entitled, "We, the Women," by Miss Eva Yung.

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## The C. T. I. of Edmonton

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Lord. There is no lack of musical talent, pianists, song leaders, soloists, trios, quartets and choruses among them.

Every student is expected to memorize one new Scripture verse every day. We were glad to see that during those day sessions every student came to the chapel with his or her own Bible. At the C. T. I. the students are introduced into the truths of the Bible more than any other textbook. Without any hesitation, we can say that the C. T. I. is a healthy conservative Bible School. This institution is strengthening the spiritual life of each individual.

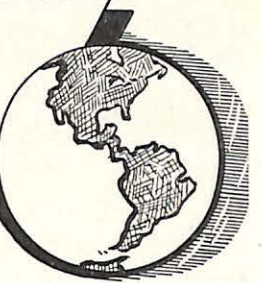
Every young man or young woman attending the C. T. I. for one or more years becomes the recipient of many blessings. These blessings come through the instruction given in the classroom, or through the fellowship of the students with one another or through that Christian atmosphere that pervades the entire institution. A number of the graduates of the C. T. I. have heard and accepted the call of God to become full-time Christian workers, either as pastors or missionaries, and have gone to our Rochester Seminary for further training. Many of the C. T. I. students will return to their own home churches and because of their spiritual enlightenment and growth will be able to lead their own local churches to higher planes of Christian living.

As we review the growth of the Christian Training Institute, we think of those days when the young people's institute met in very primitive places but their enthusiasm carried them through. Then we think of the first unit of the C. T. I. that was built with such dauntless faith and where soon the attendance outgrew the facilities. Now we can rejoice in this latest new building.

During all these many years we have the indisputable evidence that God has been with us. He has given to some of us these visions through his Holy Spirit. By faith the seemingly insurmountable obstacles have been removed, and the denomination has provided the necessary funds.

Now the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton has become one of those divinely appointed channels for carrying streams of blessing, not only into the churches of the Northern Conference but also into the far places of this world. For the future we are trusting "him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think according to his power that worketh in us. Now unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end."

# REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



## Dakota Conference

### Dedication of Enlarged Building of Tabor Baptist Church, Mercer, North Dakota

On Sunday, Nov. 14, the Tabor Baptist Church of Mercer, North Dakota reached another milestone in its history. The well-known statement that "life begins at forty" has manifested itself in the life of our church. Although our Tabor Church had its beginnings about forty years ago, we were privileged to observe a rededication service in connection with our enlarged church building.

More than a year ago the Tabor Church building was moved eleven miles into Mercer, only ten miles from Turtle Lake. A large addition was built to the church, including a castle tower. The inside of the church has been completely redecorated. There was great joy and enthusiasm among the members and friends in making the church into an attractive house of worship. Greater still was the encouraging results in greatly increased attendance. The average attendance has been at least twice as large as that of the membership.

We are grateful to the Rev. Walter Stein of Ashley, who assisted us in evangelistic meetings during November. During these meetings ten persons were led to accept the saving grace of Christ. There was great rejoicing among us. While Brother Stein was with us, we had our church dedication services on Sunday, Nov. 14. Rev. W. Simonson, pastor of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church, kindly assisted in the services of the day. We are also grateful to the male quartets of McClusky and Turtle Lake for their singing. The women of the church likewise had made ample provision for the appetites of all as we assembled about the tables in the basement for our evening meal. For all these bounties of God's grace we are very grateful.

Fred Schmidt, Pastor.

## Pacific Conference

### Young People's Sessions of the Pacific Northwest Association at Tacoma, Wash.

Boundless blessings were ours during the days of the sessions of the Pacific Northwest Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, held

October 23 and 24 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Tacoma, Washington.

Saturday night's business meeting was preceded by a period of Christian fellowship around a bountiful banquet table. Lively chorus singing as well as several special musical numbers added to the festivity.

Officers serving the group are: Archie Bredin, president; Miss Ellen Rappuhn, vice-president; Miss Violet Carlan, secretary; Alvin Bibelheimer, treasurer; Miss Artrude Daum, editor of "The Reporter"; advisors, Rev. F. W. Bartel and Rev. H. J. Wilcke. Herbert Schmautz was elected to represent the Pacific Northwest Association on our National Council.

The group adopted the project of raising \$2,000 toward the building and furnishing of rooms for our new Seminary at Sioux Falls, So. Dak.

We look ahead with keen anticipation to the doing of greater things in God's Kingdom. Plans were made for an even finer summer assembly, for advance in Scripture Memorization, for the employment of Youth Service in our churches during Vacation Bible Schools and other endeavors.

Ruth Blandau, Reporter.

### Sessions of the Pacific Northwest Association at the Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash.

The Pacific Northwest Association, comprising the six churches in Washington, four in British Columbia, one in Idaho and one in Montana, met for its annual session from October 20 to 24 in the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Wash. The veteran pastor, Dr. J. F. Olthoff, and the new pastor of the church, the Rev. H. J. Wilcke, extended words of cordial welcome, which the good people of Tacoma abundantly proved during the succeeding days. All of the pastors of the churches were present, and by the end of the week a large representation from our churches had registered.

The general theme of the association was "The Preeminence of Christ." From the opening sermon by the Rev. H. J. Wilcke to the closing message by the Rev. F. W. Bartel, this great theme was in the foreground. Such topics as: "Christ as our Intercessor, our Savior, our Lord, His Humility, the Author and Finisher of our Faith, the Head and Glory of the Church and as the World's Greatest Need," were ably presented by the various speakers. The Calvary Church choir enhanced all of the evening and Sunday sessions with appropriate anthems. The Women's organization came into their own with a program on Friday afternoon, and the Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union with a banquet on Saturday evening and the rally on Sunday afternoon.

The church reports were most encouraging, and they together with the enthusiastic spirit witnessed of the vivacity and spiritual depth of the Kingdom work in the association. The election of officers resulted with Rev. H. J. Wilcke, moderator; Rev. F. W. Bartel, clerk; and Mr. Paul Krueger of Colfax, Wash., as treasurer of the association. The blessing of Christian fellowship and the edification of God's Word are still our foremost privileges.

J. C. Schweitzer, Reporter.

### The Oregon Baptist League Banquet and Rally at the Bethel Church of Salem

On Saturday, November 13th, the Oregon Baptist League held its Fall Rally banquet in the parlors of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon. The parlors were packed and the food was wonderful. Each church in Oregon was very well represented at the banquet.

After the dinner, announcements were made by President Bill Jenne, the Bethany quartet rendered two musical numbers and we had as our guest speaker Rev. Henry Barnet, of Villa Ridge Church, Portland. The topic for the evening was "Election Returns," and aside from being most timely, he reassured us as to the most excellent qualifications of the Christian's candidate, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and why we should cast our lot for him.

The League then formally adopted as its project for the year 1948-49, the furnishing of two dormitory rooms in our new Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, at a cost of \$1,000 each. This, truly is a young people's project, and it was adopted unanimously.

At the Sunday afternoon rally, we were privileged to have as our guest speaker Miss Twila Bartz, home missionary to the Indians in Canada, who gave her testimony and informed us as to her experiences among those to whom she was witnessing. The Immanuel girls' trio furnished the special music, and it was a joy to listen to the beauty of the new Salem organ together with the piano played by Mrs. E. Schaeer. The song services for both meetings were led most ably by Mrs. E. Knopf, formerly Eileen Reimer.

Florence Schmunk, Secretary.

### Mission Offering of \$1,026.58 at the California Association Held at Elk Grove

The 39th California Association met with the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, California from Oct. 28th to 31st. The theme for the meetings, introduced by the Rev. W. W. Knauf, pastor of the host church, was "The Believer, His Life and Walk."

These days were indeed a time of fellowship and real blessing for all attending. We were privileged to have the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois and the Rev. Ray Dugger of Sacramento, Calif., as guest speakers.

The officers for the coming year are as follows: moderator, Rev. W. W. Knauf; vice-moderator, Rev. G. G. Rauser; secretary, Mr. Carl Feldmeth; and treasurer, Mr. David Weigum.

The association offering amounted to \$1,026.58, half of which will go toward the support of Dr. Leslie Chaffee, Camerons missionary, and the other half towards the Seminary Building Fund through the Million Dollar Offering.

Carl Feldmeth, Secretary.

### Atlantic Conference

#### Seven New Members and Guest Speakers for the Second Church, New York, N. Y.

We, of the Second German Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., are indeed thankful to our heavenly Father for his many wonderful blessings with the addition of souls to his Body, the Church of Christ. Seven new members were added to our membership, five through baptism. The youth rallies held in our city every Saturday have stirred the hearts of four of the above mentioned and thus made their hearts right with God.

During the past few months we have had the privilege of having the Reverends W. J. Luebeck of Cleveland, Ohio, editor of "Der Sendbote," J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., young people's secretary; Dr. Kuhn, director of relief; and Dr. and Mrs. Leslie M. Chaffee with their children, Camerons missionaries, in our midst. All of them proved to be a great blessing to us and we wish them God's blessing as they continue their important work.

Our Lord has blessed and increased our young people's society, both in size and spirit, for which we are especially thankful. The new president of the young people's society is Daniel Nicolai, and the treasurer is Eddie Schairer. These, together with the secretary, Ellen Schneider, were recently elected after the Rev. John Schmidt, pastor, had baptized and received them into the fellowship of the church. With the help of the Christian Achievement Plan, we ask God's further blessing in helping others.

Ellen Schneider, Reporter.

### Northwestern Conference

#### Anniversary and Birthday Program of Woman's Missionary Circle of Randolph, Minnesota

The Woman's Mission Circle held its annual birthday and anniversary meeting on Oct. 10 in the form of a dinner for members and friends of the church, following the morning service.

The church's dining room and tables were beautifully decorated for the occasion with autumn colors. The fellowship and food were enjoyed by everyone.

We were happy to realize \$68.00, which was the result of the mission barrels and a miniature white church, into which contributions were placed at the dining room entrance. This is our contribution toward the Nurses Training Project in the Camerons.

For the program in the afternoon, a religious picture, "Beyond Our Own," was presented by the Hospitality House from Minneapolis. Several solos and an impressive talk by the Rev. D. Peterson followed.

We pray for God's guidance that we may be willing and faithful to do the work which he has entrusted to us.

Marie Lufi, Secretary.

#### Visit to County Infirmary Patients by Women of Milwaukee's Temple Baptist Church

On Thursday, Nov. 20, the women of the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., made their annual visit to the County Infirmary, bringing cheer and spreading the Thanksgiving and Christmas spirit to the many aged, sick and bedridden patients there. Our women look forward to this day and it is greatly appreciated by all. The patients were served with plates attractively arranged with homemade cookies, fruits, candies and coffee.

The singing of hymns, Christmas carols and a message from our pastor, Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, helped to make the afternoon more pleasant for those less fortunate than we are. Many of our ladies made bedside visits and distributed literature.

After the visit all of us went to the home of Mrs. N. B. Neelen, as has been the yearly custom since 1912, where a dinner was efficiently served by the helpers to 51 people. Among our guests were Dr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Schade of Huron, So. Dak., and Rev. John Craig. Dr. Schade, who has recently returned from Japan, entertained us with illustrated pictures of Japan. Mr. Craig of the Milwaukee Christian Center also had interesting pictures of the fine work being done for the entire community around the center.

Lillian Efflandt, Reporter.

Have You Seen the  
1949 ANNUAL?  
It's the talk of the denomination!

#### Dedication of New Organ and Baptism of Four Converts at Sheboygan, Wisconsin

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 8, we, the members of the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., had the great pleasure of dedicating our electric Hammond Organ, for which we had been praying and working for a long time. This was preceded by the fellowship dinner for members and friends of the church, which was prepared by the ladies of the church.

Our organist, Mrs. Ottar Rohrstaff, played an organ prelude which was followed by a song service, led by the Rev. M. Vanderbeck, our pastor. Mr. A. M. Damkoehler, a representative of the Hammond Organ Sales Department of Milwaukee, Wis., favored us with several numbers, demonstrating what can be accomplished with the instrument.

This was followed by the Scripture reading and dedicatory prayer by Mr. Vanderbeck during which time Mr. Damkoehler played soft music. Lucile and La Verne Wagner favored us with a duet with Mr. Osbrink at the organ. Next Mr. Osbrink, organist at Wheaton College, favored us with several sacred melodies with Mrs. Osbrink at the piano. After several special selections, the Rev. Frank Woyke delivered the dedication message on the text, Psalm 150:4.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 14, the Rev. M. Vanderbeck had the joy of baptizing four adults upon confession of their faith. It was a beautiful service. We thank God for all the newly won converts. May we ever grow in our faith and be true to him who gave his life a ransom for our sins!

Mrs. Martha E. Nass, Church Clerk.

#### Christian Workers' Conferences Sponsored by the National Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union

Nothing which the National Union has attempted has more promise of practical usefulness in the Kingdom enterprise than the Workers' Conferences recently held. Most recent ones have been held in Kansas and in Minnesota. These were conferences wide in scope. Bringing together key Sunday School workers and young people's leader for a busy week-end, these conferences give specific help in the field where you need it.

Experienced advisers share their knowledge, which you may carry home to try out in your school and society. Besides there is the usual fine inspiration and the unmatched North American Baptist fellowship. Our goal is a workers' conference in every local conference, perhaps every year, once the value of such a meeting has been demonstrated to your group.

With fine summer assemblies and such a fall or spring "training week-end," all our work should grow and prosper. The Lord needs leaders that are trained and consecrated.

Harold W. Gieseke, Reporter.

#### Christian Workers' Conference for the Northwestern Conference Area at St. Paul, Minn.

The Northwestern Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union met at the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., on November 12, 13, and 14 for a Christian Workers' Conference.

The Workers' Conference was the first to be held for the Northwestern Conference. It was an inspiration and blessing to everyone of the workers that attended.

We were privileged to have the Rev. J. C. Gunst and Mr. Harold Gieseke as the young people's leaders, and the Rev. D. Chapman for the Sunday School work. Each department had its own discussion and lecture periods. Many profitable suggestions were made to better the work in our Sunday School and young people's groups.

Mr. Harold Gieseke brought a challenging message on Friday night, the opening service of the conference. Mr. Gunst spoke at the consecration service on Sunday afternoon. This service was a blessed one as many of the workers dedicated or reconsecrated their lives for the service of our Lord and Master.

We are truly and prayerfully looking forward to another conference where Christian workers may come together and study the work of our churches.

Viola Wall, Secretary.

### Southwestern Conference

#### The First Christian Workers' Conference of the Southwestern Conference Area at Lorraine

The first Christian Workers' Conference of the Southwestern Conference was held at Lorraine, Kansas from November 5 to 7. Over 120 Sunday School and young peoples' workers from Oklahoma, Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas met together to discuss common problems and to help one another by sharing experiences.

The Rev. J. C. Gunst of our National Union presided over the clinic for Sunday School workers while the Rev. Robert Schreiber of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago was the specialist in charge of the young peoples' clinic. After an hour of diagnosing a definite problem, the groups would meet together in open forum for consultation. Here the specialists would be joined by the local pastors and by Dr. Ernest E. Smith, president of Sioux Falls College. Dr. Smith's keen analysis of these problems as well as his sincere appeal to the workers in the general assemblies were high points of the conference.

Ailments brought into the clinics included the planning of young people's programs, putting young people to work in the church, the place of visual aid equipment in our educational program, teachers' difficulties, monthly workers' conferences and similar



Women of the Philathea Class of the Humboldt Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., Who Took Part in the "Hat Parade" With Their Novel Hats During the Church's Fall Fellowship Supper

problems. The Reverends J. C. Gunst and Robert Schreiber are to be commended on their prescriptions which the local workers took home, hoping that they will prove effective remedies when applied.

Other features that added to the occasion were the periods of quiet devotion and prayer together and the fellowship hours after the day's work when the Lorraine young people served refreshments and Mr. Gunst showed pictures of our missionaries and workers in other conferences. On Saturday evening at about the hour we knew our missionary doctor, Dr. Leslie Chaffee, and his family were sailing from New York we united in prayer for them.

Mention must also be made of the gracious hospitality of the Lorraine people and their pastor, the Rev. Fred G. Ferris. On Sunday morning, guests were invited to visit the various departments and classes in their Sunday School and see their educational program at work. The conference closed on Sunday afternoon with Mr. Gunst and Mr. Schreiber summing up the program and a period of quiet consecration for the workers before they returned to their respective fields of service.

Mrs. Wm. Wirth, Reporter.

### Central Conference

#### The Humboldt Baptist Church of Chicago Holds Its Annual Fall Fellowship Supper

On October 22nd, the Humboldt Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill. held its annual "Fall Fellowship Supper." Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois was the speaker. The Philathea Class of the church sponsored the supper. Mr. Herman Siumund took pictures of the group during the "Hat Parade," one of which accompanies this report. Mrs. H. Krenz was recitator for this presentation.

With Mr. Siumund was his charming wife. Mrs. M. L. Leuschner also

favored us with her presence. Everyone enjoyed the fine food and fellowship, and last but not least, the pictures of the Pastor's Retreat at Green Lake, Wisconsin, shown by Dr. Leuschner.

The church has organized a Men's Society and is looking forward to do greater things for the Lord. The Rev. A. S. Schlesinger is pastor of the church. Mr. Paul Stier is the Sunday School superintendent.

W. C. Lautenbach, Moderator.

#### Eightieth Birthday of Mrs. Louise Jansen of Kankakee, Illinois on Thanksgiving Day

Mrs. Louise Jansen of Kankakee, Illinois, for many years a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church, celebrated her 80th birthday on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, at a reunion of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A delicious turkey dinner was served to 24 guests, topped off by a musical cake.

During the afternoon a musical program was given by the grandchildren including piano selections and group songs. Mrs. Jansen received many lovely gifts and cards from friends and relatives. The decorations featured a horn of plenty which contained a branch with oranges from the orange orchard in Anaheim, California belonging to Mr. Max Leuschner.

Those present were Mrs. Louise Jansen, Miss Eleanor Jansen, Miss Irma Jansen, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Seedorf and son, Elmer, from Kankakee; Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Jansen and daughters Sally and Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Freitag, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Griffiths and daughters, Donna and Sharon, Mr. Leon Donlin of Chicago, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Jansen, son Frederick and daughter Donna from Sycamore, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sohl, Fred's daughter, from Champaign, Illinois; and Mrs. Kenneth Dickson of Havre, Montana. A son Robert and family from Eugene, Oregon were unable to be present.

Eleanor Jansen, Reporter.

## Southern Conference

### Reception by the Cottonwood Church of Texas for the Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Zillen

On Thursday evening, Nov. 4th, members and friends of the Cottonwood Baptist Church, Lorena, Texas assembled at the church to welcome their new pastor, the Rev. J. O. Zillen, his wife and son Bobby. We were glad to have friends from our neighboring churches, Golinda, Waco and Gatesville, present.

The song service was directed by Louis Wedemeyer, Jr. The Rev. W. Edwards of Golinda read the Scripture passage and led in prayer. The youth choir sang the beautiful song, "Rejoice Ye in the Lord." Words of welcome were extended to all present by Mr. W. B. Marstaller, chairman of the Board of Deacons, who was in charge of the program. The address was given by Rev. Reuben Nelson of Gatesville.

Mr. Marstaller extended words of welcome in behalf of all the organizations of the church to the pastor and his family. Mr. and Mrs. Zillen responded, expressing their thanks for this hearty welcome. We were then favored with a song by the Young Men's Quartet.

We are thankful to our Lord for answering our prayer in sending us a shepherd. May God continue to bless us as we work together!

Mrs. Clifton Kraemer, Reporter.

### The Christian Training Institute's Dedication Festival

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The two guest speakers were Dr. William Kuhn and Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, both of Forest Park, Ill. Dr. Kuhn spoke in German, and Mr. Leuschner delivered an address on "The Building Beautiful." The prayer of dedication was offered by Dr. Kuhn. Musical numbers by a trio, instrumental group and male quartet, consisting of Bible School students, enhanced the beauty of the program.

There were also other festive events in and near Edmonton on that Sunday which were a part of this memorable program. Dr. Kuhn spoke at the radio service over station CFRN from 8:30 to 9:00 A. M. Dr. Kuhn and Mr. Leuschner addressed services held in the Temple Church and First Church of Leduc, the Bethany Church of Camrose and the Central Church of Edmonton. Open house was held at the Christian Training Institute on Sunday afternoon following the dedication service for all to admire the new building.

The dedication program was continued on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 8 and 9, in the new chapel of the school with a seating capacity of 150. Christian greetings were brought by the Rev. Elmer Stelter of the Mo-

### Evangelistic Meetings and Organ Dedication at Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas

The Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas united in ten days of evangelistic meetings from Oct. 27 to Nov. 7 with the Rev. J. R. Wyatt, evangelist, who blessed us with the stirring and challenging messages. Rev. Jimmie Robinson led us in singing praises to God. During these days we rejoiced to see nine persons converted through Christ's saving power. Three others came by letter and one by statement. Eight of the candidates were baptized at the Sunday evening service on November 21 by our pastor, Rev. Roy Seibel.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 14, we dedicated a new electric organ. This organ is a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Doye and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Doye, dedicated in memory of their loved ones.

The Sunday School gave its Mission and Thanksgiving program on the morning of Nov. 21. A number of recitations were given by the different classes of the Sunday School and a playlet, "The Festival of the First Fruits," was presented. We were reminded of everything for which to give thanks. To close the service our pastor, Rev. Roy Seibel, brought us a few thoughts on "Thankful Thinking."

Mrs. Laurence Kraemer, Reporter.

ravian Church, the Rev. J. Wingblade of the Swedish Baptist Conference, Principal G. H. Villet of Alberta College, Rev. George Edwards of the Edmonton Ministerial Association, and the Rev. R. Schilke of the Alberta Baptist Association. The missionary conference in the afternoon was addressed by Dr. Kuhn and Mr. Leuschner.

Pictures of the denomination's mission fields at home and abroad were shown in the evening, followed by a stirring message by Dr. Kuhn. The program of messages and pictures was continued on Tuesday morning and afternoon, with both of the denominational secretaries participating. Visiting ministers such as the Rev. H. Schatz of Calgary, Karl

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## Obituary

**MR. VERNE E. FAUL**  
of Tacoma, Washington.

Verne E. Faul of Tacoma, Wash., was born in Harvey, N. D., on November 25, 1920. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Faul, of whom the father preceded his son in death. In his sixteenth year he was converted and was baptized. He entered the service of his country by joining the American army, seeing overseas duty for over three years in Sicily and Italy. During his army days he was stationed for some time in the Tacoma sector and proved his religious inclinations by joining into the working program of the local Calvary Baptist Church.

It was here that he also reestablished a former acquaintance with Miss Ethel Bentz, with whom he joined hands in wedlock on January 21, 1945. One child, Karen, now 14 months old, had brought rich joy and happiness into the home. Mr. Faul will truly be missed in the fellowship of the church here. His sudden death occurred on October 18.

The funeral service was held in the church with the pastors of the Calvary Church taking part. Rev. J. F. Olthoff led the service and the undersigned based his message of comfort on 2 Timothy 1:12.

Calvary Baptist Church,  
Tacoma, Washington

H. J. WILCKE, Pastor.

### APPRECIATION!

Dr. Paul Trudel wishes to express his sincerest thanks to all who have remembered him in his sorrow with kind expressions of sympathy.

Korella of Camrose, R. Kanwischer of Springside and Robert Jaster of Valley View were in charge of the various services at the chapel or brought brief devotional messages.

On Tuesday evening, November 9th, the newly decorated and remodeled auditorium of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton rang with the joyous singing of hundreds of young people participating in the "Song Festival" of the Northern Alberta churches. The mixed choirs, male choruses, orchestras and combined mass choir under the direction of Mr. Robert Neske, a member of the C. T. I. teaching staff, praised the Lord with rapturous and inspired singing. The Rev. Karl Korella, director of the Alberta TriUnion, ably introduced the various numbers of the program. Mr. Leuschner brought a brief message on "The Song of Victory." This note of rejoicing was sounded with dramatic fervor by the mass choir's closing selection of thanksgiving unto God.

But all of this was only the beginning of another school term for the Christian Training Institute. The new educational unit is now rendering its valuable services for the student body and is carrying out the noble purposes for which it was dedicated unto the Lord!

**RONALD WILLIAM DOHMS**  
of Fenwood, Saskatchewan, Canada

Funeral services were held at the Fenwood Baptist Church of Fenwood, Sask., Canada for Ronald William Dohms, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dohms of Fenwood. Death occurred on Wednesday, Nov. 10, after a serious illness. The funeral was held on Friday, Nov. 12. Our love and sympathy go out to those who sorrow in this time of bereavement.

Fenwood, Sask., Canada.

H. SCHUMACHER, Pastor.

**MR. GUSTAV F. LOSS**  
of Saint Joseph, Michigan.

Mr. Gustav F. Loss, one of the elderly members of the First Baptist Church of Saint Joseph, Michigan, was buried from that church on Saturday, November 13th. Brother Ross was born in Harderhof, Koenigsberg, East Prussia of Germany on July 11, 1867, where he spent the first 20 years of his life. He came to America, where he became a citizen in 1887, settling first in Bloomington, Illinois. After a brief sojourn there, he moved to Chicago, Ill., where he united with the First Baptist Church, of which the Forest Park Church was then a mission. For 26 years he was a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church. On October 8, 1890 he was united in marriage to Augusta Treichel with whom he enjoyed 58 years of married life. They were blessed with six children; three sons and three daughters, all of whom with his widow survive him. Eight grandchildren rejoiced his heart.

Brother Ross accepted Christ as his Savior under the ministry of the Rev. Heinrich Bernike, by whom he was baptized in Koenigsberg on Easter Sunday of 1883. After a six-year residence in New Buffalo, Michigan, he came to Saint Joseph. He was a member of our Clay Street Church in Benton Harbor and the First Baptist Church in Saint Joseph, where he served on the Board of Deacons for many years. Brother Ross made plans for his own burial service, and in selecting his own funeral text chose Job 19:25-27. The undersigned, his pastor, at the burial service, characterized him as a man of Christian faith, Christian fortitude, and Christian firmness.

Saint Joseph, Michigan

L. H. BROEKER, Pastor.

**MRS. SOPHIE MARTIN**  
of Carbon, Alberta, Canada.

Mrs. Sophie Martin, nee Leno, of Carbon, Alberta, Canada was born in Russia on December 29, 1876, and passed away in her home in Carbon on November 18, 1948, having attained the age of over 71 years. Our sister accepted the Savior in 1899 and upon confession of faith and baptism by Rev. S. Kaschinski was received into the Baptist Church in Russia. On July 5, 1901 Mrs. Martin and her husband, Christof, were united in holy matrimony, and in the same year they left for their now home near Turtle Lake, North Dakota.

In 1923 the family came to Canada and lived on the farm near Carbon, Alberta, and since 1938 have had their home in the town of Carbon. The deceased leaves to mourn her departure her beloved husband, four sons, six daughters, 22 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two sisters. The children are: Otto, Carbon, Alberta; Reinhold, Long Beach, California; Gustav, Redland, Alberta; Rudolf, Carbon, Alberta; Elizabeth (Mrs. Ed. Martin), Carbon, Alberta; Alvina (Mrs. Cliff Bryngelsson), Los Angeles, California; Lydia (Mrs. Art Sigmond, Carbon, Alberta; Pauline (Mrs. Andrew Mortimer); Frida (Mrs. Ben Lang), Calgary, Alberta; Hilda (Mrs. John Grose), Rosebud, Alberta. One daughter preceded her mother to the realms beyond.

Mrs. Martin will long be remembered by her many Christian friends since she was always a willing worker in the Ladies' Missionary Society and a faithful member in the church. May the Lord, who is "the way, the truth and the life," comfort the bereaved and grant our sister life eternal in the heavenly home above.

Carbon, Alberta, Canada

E. M. WEGNER, Pastor.

**REV. ALBERT KNOPF**  
of Kiowa, Kansas.

Rev. Albert Knopf of Kiowa, Kansas, our brother in the Lord, was born July 22, 1887 at Lublin, Poland and passed away November 7, 1948 at the Masonic Hospital, due to an acute heart attack, at the age of 61 years, 3 months and 15 days.

When a young boy of five years of age, he came to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Four years later in 1896, he accepted the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior, and was baptized by the Rev. W. H. Mueller. In the same year 1896, he came to Cottonwood, Texas, from Canada and remained there until 1900. Then he went to Bessie, Oklahoma. Six years later in 1906, he entered the German Theological Seminary at Rochester, New York and was graduated in 1912.

Soon after his graduation from the Seminary he was united in holy matrimony with Miss Katie Schuman. To this union four daughters and four sons were born. One daughter preceded him in death in her infancy. Also soon after his graduation from the Seminary he came to Bessie, Oklahoma and was there ordained into the Gospel ministry. He then served the following churches: Southey, Canada; Ebenezer West, Canada; Southey for the second time; Shaker Square, Cleveland, Ohio; Cottonwood, Texas; First Baptist Church, Dillon, Kansas; and Bethel Baptist Church, Cherokee, Oklahoma.

Brother Knopf, while in the ministry of the Gospel, served as one of God's faithful servants for over 27 years, until he was compelled to retire from active service, due to his illness. But during all the years that followed he was never completely confined to his home, for he never ceased to keep the fine spirit of devotion for his Lord, and was always at his place at the church. His passing to his heavenly reward is mourned by his beloved wife, three daughters, four sons, five sisters, and one brother, as well as nine grandchildren and many relatives and friends.

The funeral services were held on Nov. 10 at the Bethel Baptist Church, Cherokee, Okla., under the leadership of Rev. John Heer, with the Rev. Frank Armbruster and Mr. Herbert Meyer assisting.

Bethel Baptist Church,  
Cherokee, Oklahoma

JOHN HEER, Pastor.

**MRS. PAUL TRUDEL**  
of Buffalo, New York.

Mrs. Louise Trudel, nee Laube, of Buffalo, New York, was born on April 19, 1882 in Grossbetteltingen, Germany. When she was eight years old, her parents, John and Wilhelmina Laube, brought her to Buffalo where she attended the Spruce St. Baptist Church. At the age of 15, she came to experience Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized by the Rev. F. Hoffman. For more effective service in the Lord's work, Mrs. Trudel took up studies at the Chicago Baptist Missionary Training Institute in 1908 and served as home missionary of the Buffalo Baptist Association for five years.

In 1915 she went to Germany to marry Dr. Paul Trudel. This happy union was blessed with twins, Ruth and Arthur. The Trudel family returned to Buffalo in 1921, and here Mrs. Trudel unfolded a very active life as devoted wife, loving mother, faithful Sunday School teacher, young people's leader and church worker at the Spruce Street, now Temple Baptist Church. Her cheerful spirit searched every situation for life's brightest rays. Her Christ-enlightened mind fixed on abiding values. Her believing heart found enjoyment and inspiration in God's saving truths, ever praying and working for spiritual harvests. All these graces plus her sweetness of disposition, her kindness, helpfulness, and childlike trust in God won her the love and esteem of hosts of Christian friends. In this fullness of life she continued even to the end of her days.

Little did anyone realize when she attended church on Sunday morning that she was so near her heavenly destination. For next morning, Monday, November 22nd, a cerebral hemorrhage terminated her earthly life at 66 years and her triumphant spirit took its flight to glory. She

now rests from her labors, sees her Savior face to face and is reunited with her son Arthur who preceded her in death in 1930. Midst a profusion of flowers in the crowded Temple Church, an impressive memorial service was held on Wednesday, November 24th, with the Rochester Seminary professors, the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner and the pastor speaking words of comfort.

Left to mourn the unexpected departure of Mrs. Trudel are: her bereaved husband, Dr. Paul Trudel, chairman of the Rochester Seminary Trustee Board, bacteriologist at the J. N. Adam Memorial Hospital, Perrysburg, N. Y., and the University of Buffalo; her daughter, Mrs. Henry Wiesbauer of Denver, Colo.; two sisters, Mrs. Elmer Hames of Buffalo and Miss Wilhelmina Laube of Perrysburg; three brothers, Charles A. and Christ Laube of Buffalo and G. Fred Laube of Rochester; many nieces, nephews, relatives and a host of friends. May the Lord comfort these bereaved hearts with the blessed hope of a happy reunion in Heaven!

Temple Baptist Church,

Buffalo, New York

HERBERT HILLER, Pastor.

**MR. HENRY MARKS**  
of St. Paul, Minnesota

Mr. Henry Marks was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on Aug. 25, 1883 and died in the Mounds Park Hospital of St. Paul on Monday, Oct. 25, 1948, at the age of 65 years as a result of a hemorrhaging ulcer. All of his life he attended the Riverview Baptist Sunday School of St. Paul and was converted at an early age. He was baptized by the Rev. E. Tilgner at the age of ten, and became a member of the Riverview Baptist Church. On June 30, 1909 he was united in marriage to Emma K. Hirt. To this union two children were born, Roger W., and Marion, now Mrs. Stanley Ernst.

Brother Marks was active in many organizations of our church and our denomination. He was the president of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union from 1922 to 1925 as well as president of the State young people's union for several years. He also served on the General Finance Committee, the board of the Baptist Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich., and at the time of his death he was a member of our Publication Board of the Roger Williams Press. At the 1948 convention of the Baptist Life Association he was re-elected to the presidency, which office he had held for twelve years. He was also a member of the Twin Cities Baptist Union.

He was also active in many civic groups in the city and state. Having attended the St. Paul College of Law, he was admitted to the bar in 1905 and had practiced law ever since. This did not keep him from being active in religious and civic groups. He was president of the Forest Cemetery Association and the Municipal Softball Association of St. Paul. He was a member of the Mounds-Midway Hospital Board. He was the past president of the Riverview Commercial Club, of the Minnesota State Cemetery Officials Association, of the Twin Cities Cemetery Association, of the State Bar Association and the Ramsey County Bar Association. For many years he served as moderator of the Riverview Baptist Church and Sunday School teacher.

There is no doubt that he is already greatly missed in both religious and civic circles. His spirituality and wisdom seasoned all of his activities. He was a lover of children, and befriended them always. Our loss is heaven's gain. He was a child of God, a Christian brother, a true friend, a humanitarian, an untiring laborer. He lost his life in the service of God and man, and as a result he has saved it for time and eternity.

Surviving are his wife; a son, Dr. Roger W., of St. Paul; a daughter, Mrs. Stanley S. Ernst of Detroit, Mich.; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Stassen and Mrs. Wilmer Miller of St. Paul; a brother, Walter of St. Paul, and five grandchildren. May the Lord comfort the bereaved!

Riverview Baptist Church,

St. Paul, Minnesota

EDGAR W. KLATT, Pastor.

**GOD'S WORD AND YOU**

By HAROLD R. SCHRODER  
of Avon, South Dakota

Take the world but give me Jesus;  
How lightly these praises we sing;  
And how carelessly we read his  
message  
In which he reveals our Savior and  
King.

We've a story to tell to the nations!  
May we listen and obediently read;  
He will reveal his way and bless us  
As in faith his commandments we  
heed.

Will you yield and accept Jesus as  
Savior?  
He transforms, and maketh all things  
new;  
Then trust and obediently go for-  
ward;  
His will he makes known if we do.

The Bible, the Book of all nations  
Read with care, with thought and a  
prayer;  
Not snapshots but time exposures  
Will reveal what God has implanted  
there.

Carefully read and claim every  
promise,  
Each word, each chapter, and each  
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**Revolving Loan Fund**

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churches requesting loans, it is the policy of our committee not to make loans in excess of \$10,000 to any one church. Exceptions to this general policy may be made by unanimous vote of the committee.

- c. In general, loans will be made at an interest rate of 4% annually.
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e. Loans will, in general, be made for a five year period.  
f. Adequate security for every loan approved will of course be necessary.

These rules, according to which the Loan Fund will operate, are not in any way intended to make it difficult for our churches to obtain loans. Everyone will agree, however, that definite procedure is essential for the proper operation of such a fund. We wish to emphasize that all members of our Loan Fund Committee, as Christian brethren, will consider every application prayerfully and will attempt to serve our churches in a truly impartial spirit. If it should not always be possible to grant the entire request of every church, let us remember that there are many churches to be served and that we can render the best service if all churches are given impartial and equal consideration.

Already a number of loans have been negotiated and other applications are being received. May God bless this newest undertaking of our denomination for the upbuilding of his Kingdom.



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**SATURDAY:** Youth Night (Banquet, if desired).

**SUNDAY:** Young people in complete charge of the evening service.

Complete information is given in the January, February, March, 1949 YOUTH COMPASS, which includes a detailed outline for each evening's activities and suggestions for the evening service to be presented by the young people.