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Hurricane Ridge in the Olympic Mountains of Washington

DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. H. G. Dymmel
 Sunday, June 19 — Hutchinson, Minnesota.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
 Sunday, June 5 (Morning and Afternoon) — Fifteenth Street Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Sunday Evening, June 5 — Anaheim, Calif.

Rev. M. L. Leuschner
 Sunday, June 12 — Services on the Bobtail Indian Reservation, Hobbema, Alberta, Canada.

Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist
 June 5-19 — Creston, Nebraska.

Rev. H. Pfeifer, Evangelist
 May 30-June 12 — First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta.

JUNE CONFERENCES

(More Dates Will Be Announced in Next Issue)

June 10-14 — **Kansas Young People's Assembly** at Camp Fellowship near Wichita, Kansas. **Miss Margaret Kittlitz**, Guest Speaker.

June 15-19 — **Central Dakota Association** at Bismarck, No. Dak. **Dr. A. S. Felberg** and **Rev. Jacob Meister**, Guest Speakers.

June 16-19 — **Northern North Dakota Association** at Goodrich, No. Dak. **Prof. R. P. Jeschke** and **Rev. Jacob Meister**, Guest Speakers.

June 16-19 — **Alberta Association** at Central Church, Edmonton, Alta. **Dr. T. W. Bender** and **Rev. C. F. Zummach**, Guest Speakers.

June 21-26 — **Southern Conference Young People's Encampment** at Latham Springs, Texas. **Rev. J. C. Gunst**, Guest Speaker.

June 22-26 — **Manitoba Home Builders' Retreat** at Lake Dauphin, Manitoba. **Rev. Martin L. Leuschner**, Guest Speaker.

CHILDREN'S DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 1949

Our churches and Sunday Schools will observe Children's Day on Sunday, June 12th. The programs and recitation material were distributed by our Publication Society several weeks ago. The offerings of this day are to be designated for the Chapel Building Fund of the General Missionary Society. Send such offerings to Headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

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June 22-26 — **Minnesota Young People's Conference** at Buffalo Bible Camp, Buffalo Lake, Minn. **Prof. R. P. Jeschke**, **Mr. Harold W. Gieseke** and **Miss Margaret Kittlitz** (June 26 only).

REV. JACOB MEISTER'S ITINERARY

Sunday Morning, June 5 — First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.
 Sunday Evening, June 5 — Elk Grove, Calif.
 Monday Evening, June 6 — Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.
 Wednesday Evening, June 8 — Salem and Salt Creek Churches of Oregon at Bethel Church, Salem, Oregon.
 Thursday Evening, June 9 — Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash.
 Friday Evening, June 10 — Bethany and Ebenezer Baptist Churches of Vancouver, British Columbia at the Ebenezer Church.
 Sunday Morning, June 12 — Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.
 Sunday Evening, June 12 — Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.
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AMONG OURSELVES

Many important decisions will have to be made by the General Conference delegates assembled at Sioux Falls, So. Dak., from August 22 to 28. Three votes to be cast by the General Conference will be exceedingly important. The delegates will be asked to vote for or against the relocation of our Seminary at Sioux Falls. The board of the Publication Society is requesting the General Conference to vote on the proposition making both "The Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote" bi-weekly publications. Another important vote will affect the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta in order to make it another cooperative society in our denominational setup.

IN THIS ISSUE

There's much that is NEW in this number of "The Herald." The new minister at Marion, Kansas, the Rev. John Kroeker, is introduced with a fine, timely message. New plans for the denomination will be seen in the reports about the annual sessions of the Publication Board, General Missionary Committee and General Council. The Lebanon Baptist Church is beginning a new chapter following its recent Centenary Jubilee. It is also something new for "The Baptist Herald" to be an active member of the Associated Church Press and for its editor with the Rev. J. C. Gunst to have his picture taken with President Truman in the rose garden of the White House.

COMING

A Song in the Night — Missionary George Henderson colorfully describes Victoria village in the Cameroons on Easter Sunday morning where our living Hope in Christ was demonstrated by many Christian natives.

The Word of Life Hour — Jack Wyrzten and "The Word of Life Hour," known to every Christian in New York City, will be interpreted for the benefit of our readers by Mrs. Maria Arnold Frommelt.

Mixed Marriages, a Problem — This difficult and important message will be brought by the Rev. Fred J. Knalson of Underwood, North Dakota as a problem to be faced and solved by our churches.

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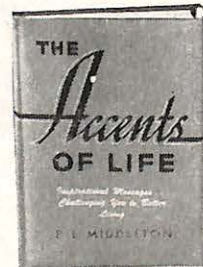
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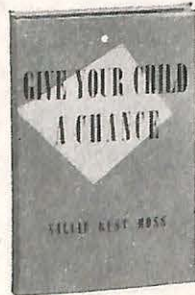
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Editorials

by Martin L. Leuschner

Life's Timetable

RAILROAD TIMETABLES are interesting things. They can sometimes baffle and perplex even a seasoned traveler. Again they can intrigue and fascinate the would-be wanderer as he envisions the far away places with their bewitching scenery and beckoning delights. They can also preach a heart searching sermon if you study them in the right way.

The irreducible fact about a timetable is that of trains going somewhere. They are bound for some destination. That is definite. Those "far away places" give color and romance to the drab figures of a timetable. Life's timetable confronts us with this same fact. It is the ultimate for every one of us. Life is not a merry-go-round of purposeless activity. We are bound for some distant shore, for some far away land. How important it is for us to know where we are going! How concerned we ought to be about that destination beyond this earthly pilgrimage!

But it is also true that there are many uncertainties about a timetable. Any traveler has to contend with the baffling events of schedules. He is at their mercy. He hopes to arrive at a given hour, but he is never absolutely certain about the exact time. He can be merely hopeful. In that same spirit we must accept life's timetable. There is nothing definite about the schedule of events for you or for me. In a humble spirit we can hope for the best. Our times are in God's hands. But the uncertainties of each day confront us when we hold life's timetable in our hands!

Probably the most important thing about this sermon preached by a timetable is the need of making choices. There are so many ways of going and so many trains to select that everything depends on what you choose for yourself. You can go to opposite points of the compass as you board the train of your choice. You will soon arrive in the scenic mountains of the Northwest or the arid deserts of Arizona as a result of your choosing. It is just as simple and as crucial as that!

Life's timetable emphasizes the need of right choices. Jesus said: "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go in thereat" (Matthew 7:13). Those decisions made for Christ and for his way of life will determine our peace and contentment now and assure us of eternal life forevermore. But "every man decideth which way his soul shall go."

Life's timetable tells a story far more important than the arrivals and departures of railroad trains. It reveals the glory of a life which conforms to the schedule and purposes of God. Such a life is priceless, worth more than all the wealth of the world, for it is deathless and the joys of a heavenly eternity can never be counted or weighed. It is God's gift to you as you accept the truths of his Word and choose his Way for your walk of life.

This is the sermon packed into a timetable in your hand, determining the eternal destiny of your soul!

BIBLE TEXT

"Let love be without dissimulation." Romans 12:9.

This is a word for the month of June during which both Children's Day and Father's Sunday are observed. The love of the home ought to be spontaneous, joyous, sincere. All relationships of the home should be without pretense, sham or hypocrisy. That is the meaning of these words of the Apostle Paul: "Let love be without dissimulation." A mutual confidence and trust in one another will lead to intimate ties that can bind the entire family into an understanding group in which each one is considerate of the needs of the other. Blessed are such homes in which this spirit of love without dissimulation reigns, because the love of Christ motivates every thought and action!

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CHILDREN'S DAY, 1949

Sunday, June 12, has been set aside as Children's Day to be observed by our Sunday Schools and churches everywhere. The programs feature a song for children composed by Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, a suggested order of service and the story of "A Chapel in the Canadian Bush" about our Indian mission field. The offerings are to be designated for the Chapel Building Fund of our denomination. They should be sent to North American Baptist Headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. Let the children's voices resound as the joy bells ring on this Children's Day and as the Gospel is proclaimed by the little ones of our churches!

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MUSICAL AMBASSADORS

Two quartets from the North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, New York will tour our churches from one end of the continent to the other during the summer months. Both quartets are exceptionally fine, according to all reports and will undoubtedly find an enthusiastic hearing in those churches which they will visit. The Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta is to be represented this summer with a mixed quartet and a trio. One of these groups is in the midst of its extensive trip at present to churches in the United States and Canada. Both schools will also have some of these musical ambassadors at the General Conference in Sioux Falls next August. May God use these young people mightily as they impart blessings to others through their songs and as they honor their schools and their Lord through their musical ministry!

God's Treasure in Earthen Vessels

The Installation Sermon Preached by the REV. JOHN J. KROEKER
at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion Kansas

TREASURE IN EARTHEN VESSELS

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us" (2 Cor. 4:7).

WE are earthen vessels! This was Paul's humble conception of himself. Paul likened himself and his fellow-workers in the Gospel to fragile earthenware pots, unattractive in themselves, but valuable for what they contain. "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise. And God hath chosen the weak things of the world, to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence" (1 Cor. 1:26-29).

THE GREATEST LIBRARY

The Bible was not written by the Egyptians or the Grecians or the Romans. Although the greatest library of antiquity was in Alexandria, and the most distinguished philosophers were from Athens, God passed them by and chose people from one of the lesser nations of the world to perform the greatest literary service of all time.

Moreover, they were not a literary people, but a pastoral people without literary ambitions. They were men untaught in the learning of their day. Such were Hosea, the herdsman, and Peter, the fisherman. To choose such as these, God passed by the greatest minds of antiquity. He passed by Herodotus the historian, Socrates the philosopher, Cicero the orator, and Virgil the poet. Why? Because they were not listening. They were such magnificent vessels that their efforts would be toward themselves.

Hence, we have peasants and common people whose fragile earthenware pots were chosen to hold the priceless truth of salvation. "Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not" (2 Cor. 4:1). This indicates our present possession of the Gospel truth. Jesus said, "Ye are my witnesses," and thus every born-again child of God is a minister in Christ.

We have been excusing ourselves because we lacked so much, when the very things we lack may be our advantage. Moses had to spend forty



Rev. John J. Kroeker, Pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas

years in the desert unlearning the forty years' training of Egypt. What you can do is not necessarily measured by what you are in yourself, but rather by what you have in the way of a treasure.

WE ARE WEAK

As a vessel we are weak and limited! "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God" (2 Cor. 3:5). Having received this ministry in earthen vessels, the parisheners will come in contact with its weakness.

In Jeremiah 18:3-6 we read: "Then I went down to the potter's house, and behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying, O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel."

We are but the clay in the hands of God. The Lord has a great problem with us to make a vessel of glory unto himself. The reason for the clay to be marred in the hands of the potter is because there are foreign elements in the clay which must be removed if the clay is to be pliable.

Israel had a stony heart and thus could not be moved by the love of God. Many times we find foreign elements in our hearts and we have no

time for God nor love for our fellow-man. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness. This requires self-denial and abandoning ourself wholeheartedly to God. Only then can we become what he wants us to be.

VALUE OF A CLAY VESSEL

The value of a vessel lies in the service it renders. The Lord said to Ananias in Acts 9:15 "Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel." The Lord has chosen us, you and me, dear Christian friend. That is a great privilege. What infinite grace has been bestowed upon us all because God loved us so!

The value of a vessel lies in the treasure it contains. God is the giver of all good and perfect gifts, and the greatest gift of God to mankind is his only begotten and beloved Son. The gift equal to the Son is the Holy Spirit. "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal" (1 Cor. 12:4-7). Every believer upon a genuine conversion experience receives gifts. The purpose of these gifts is declared to be, not for personal pleasure, advantage or profit, but for the edification of the whole body, the Church of Christ.

The value of a vessel lies in the glory that it bestows. The vessel, although of clay, has a unique value. "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:20).

THE GLORY OF GOD

What is the treasure about which Paul is speaking? Paul considered himself a clay vessel and the treasure was "the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord" (Phil. 3:7-8). This was a knowledge based on experience, and it is the experience of every believer. To know Christ as your Savior is the power of God unto salvation unto them that believe.

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The Lord Was at Hand!

Highlights in the Annual Business Sessions of the General Missionary Committee and General Council Recently Held at Forest Park, Illinois

By REV. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Promotional Secretary

IT IS almost like living through a cyclone to attend the annual sessions of denominational committees and the General Council at our Forest Park headquarters. You are literally swept off your feet by the score or more committees which are scheduled for those days. Important business matters come up so quickly for the consideration of the committee members that you sometimes lose all sense of direction. As one member remarked toward the close of long hours of discussion in the exchange of many views: "This is certainly no picnic to be at these meetings."

SIXTY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

More than sixty pastors, laymen, women, professors and general workers attended the sessions of the General Missionary Committee, General Council and several other committees during the days of April 25 to 29 at Forest Park, Illinois. Some of the committees that met during those days were: Committee on Education, Church and Parsonage Revolving Loan Fund Committee, Pension Fund, Finance and Investment Committees, three or four committees of the newly organized Pastors' Fellowship, and Committee on the Status of the Christian Training Institute. Hundreds of decisions had to be made and scores of resolutions had to be worked out for the more efficient ministry of our denominational enterprise.

In the midst of this hectic pace and hubbub there was one still small voice that could be heard. The words were read by Dr. George Lang as the basis of his devotional message in opening the sessions of the General Council: "The Lord is at hand" (Phil. 4:5). The Lord was at hand in guiding the committee members to reach difficult decisions with ease, to launch out on greater enterprises with faith, to plan for the years ahead with vision.

BANSO BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The most tremendous decision of the General Missionary Committee was the adoption of the Banso Baptist Hospital in the grassland interior of the Cameroons at a rental of two shillings a year (forty cents in American money). This former government hospital of twenty beds among 150,000

inhabitants and of a doctor's dwelling will be the center of our enlarged activities under the consecrated leadership of Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee. Our missionaries in Africa heartily endorsed the project and the General Missionary Committee enthusiastically approved it.

But this action will mean a budget for the Cameroons Mission Field of \$125,000 of which \$25,000 will be largely designated for the Banso Hospital and the necessary building improvements and additions. That is the largest sum for the Cameroons Mission Field which has ever confronted us. We can go forward in missionary service only as our people everywhere support this program with their gifts and prayers.

The Rev. L. B. Holzer of Pittsburgh, Pa. was elected moderator of the General Missionary Committee with the Rev. Fred Ferris of Lorraine, Kansas as vice-moderator. Important appropriations for the home mission pastors were made upon the recommendations of the local conference representatives. Our two evangelists, the Reverends Henry Pfeifer and Herman Palfenier were re-appointed. The gravity of the missionary picture in Europe and China was recognized by the committee. The possibility of further advance among the Mexicans of Colorado was envisioned with support to be granted to the Rev. Aurelio Hurtado at Taos, New Mexico and among the Indians of Alberta with more aggressive missionary work to be undertaken.

VISITATION TEAM TO AFRICA

The continued illness of missionary George A. Dunger gave the brethren much prayerful concern. A decision was reached after considerable deliberation which will not permit Brother Dunger to return to Africa until the Doctor pronounces him to be in good physical condition but which will also provide him and his family with some financial support in these trying days. The Missionary Secretary will make a more definite announcement about this decision in a forthcoming issue.

The visitation trip to the Cameroons field by the General Missionary Secretary and by one of the pastors on the committee was approved. The pastor's expenses will be borne en-

tirely by the church which he serves. His name will be announced as soon as the news is released for publication by the local church. The trip will be made to the Cameroons in November, 1949 and will continue through January 1950.

Both the General Missionary Committee and the General Council took action to place the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta on the denominational budget as a co-operating society. Under this new arrangement to be approved by the General Conference at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the School will participate in the budget, will be represented on the General Council and will be governed by a new Board of Directors from Canada and United States to be elected at the General Conference sessions. This plan has the hearty endorsement of all committees involved as well as that of the president, the Rev. E. P. Wahl.

SEMINARY RELOCATION

One of the most important decisions of the General Council affected the relocation of our Seminary. In view of some disconcerting reports about the loss of accreditation by Sioux Falls College, the entire subject of our Seminary relocation was reopened. After a great deal of discussion which included alternative plans, the intricate problems involved and the possibilities of later accreditation by Sioux Falls College, the General Council voted to reaffirm its conviction that the Seminary ought to be relocated in Sioux Falls, that the Seminary Board meeting in May should also express its views in some resolution about the Seminary relocation in the light of recent developments and that the General Conference convening in August should vote on the proposition whether or not to build a new Seminary edifice in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. That will be a critical and momentous vote at the General Conference next August!

The Christian Life Program with its proposed spiritual goals and an announced objective of 7,000 new souls by baptism during the next triennium (1949-1952) was given a fervent endorsement by the Council. Leaflets about the Christian Life Program will be ready for the General Conference



—Photograph by Mr. Herman Siumund
Some of the Members of the General Missionary Committee and of the General Council and Its Committees in Attendance at the Annual Sessions Held at the Forest Park Headquarters

at Sioux Falls and detailed publicity will be given to the program in due course of time. The resolution of the Central Conference regarding a doctrinal statement for all missionaries and leaders of co-operative societies was overwhelmingly turned down after some discussion by the Council. Plans for another Pastors' Conference and for a Laymen's Conference to be held at Green Lake, Wisconsin in 1950 and 1951 were approved.

The proposed budget for the next triennium totals \$400,000 of which \$300,000 will be allocated to the co-operating societies and which is the same as during the last triennium and of which \$50,000 will be for the ministry of relief through the Fellowship Fund and \$50,000 for the relocation of our Seminary. This will be worked out more in detail by the Finance Committee at its session in July.

MARGARET KITTLITZ, SPEAKER

On Thursday evening, April 28, the public meeting held at the Forest Park Baptist Church was attended by many friends of our churches of Chicago and vicinity. The brethren on the committees were introduced individually, and together they harmonized in the singing of an uplifting selection directed by the Rev. William Sturhahn of Morris, Manitoba. The Forest Park choir under the leadership of Mr. William Krogman rendered an inspiring anthem.

The principal speaker was Miss Margaret Kittlitz of Waco, Texas, our missionary in the Cameroons, who is now at home on furlough. She "saluted" the congregation by extend-

ing the Christian greetings of Africans and fellow-missionaries. Her heart-touching message depicted "Prayer Answers in the Cameroons" as she related how God has wonderfully answered prayers in Africa, not only in the great things but also in the most insignificant little things of life. She described the medical work which we have now undertaken through the doctor and missionary nurses as "love in action."

She pleaded earnestly with her listeners to consider the needs of the Cameroons, "There are so many of them!" But her spiritual challenge was clear and concise. "If you are

going to pray, you must also be willing to do." If Margaret holds our audiences everywhere as spellbound and moves them spiritually to action as she did in the Forest Park church then her visitation trips to our churches this summer will be a triumphal tour for the Cameroons and for Christ!

Those were momentous days at the Forest Park headquarters during which we definitely felt that the Lord was at hand. The genuineness of that faith will be revealed in the days to come as the Lord adds his blessing to all that was decided and resolved by our denominational representatives.

The Gospel's Power Among the Indians

A Glowing Report from the Montana Indian Reserve
by MR. REINHARD NEUMAN, Missionary

"The Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth to all generations." Psalm 100:5.

The Montana Baptist Mission near Hobbema, Alberta touched off a spiritual spark when on Wednesday, April 13, six young people accepted Christ as their personal Savior during a school session in the afternoon. The result was that on April 24 during a Sunday afternoon service seven mothers came forward, knelt at the altar and claimed Jesus Christ as their Savior. The mothers ages are from 21 to 65. They are certainly not too young and not too old for the Lord Jesus to save.

Because of the hunger for the truth of the Gospel among these Indians, the missionaries asked whether the Indians would favor a Bible study and prayer meeting once a week. This was welcomed most enthusiastically.

The meetings are being held weekly on Tuesdays at 8 o'clock in the evening. The Indians are busy clearing some of the acre on which the church is standing to be prepared as a garden for the missionaries. Our plans are to plant spruce trees around the acre and to have it fenced in. A fire guard will also be made. Mr. and Mrs. R. Neuman are the missionaries on the Indian Reserve.

A Busy and Blessed Day at Cleveland

Report of the Annual Session of the Publication Board and Celebration of Mr. H. P. Donner's 88th Birthday by DR. T. W. BENDER, Board Secretary

DO YOU NEED someone to come to your church to "sell" our denominational work? Invite Brother H. P. Donner! You should have heard him on Friday evening, April 22nd, when the Publication Board together with the people of the Erin Ave. and the White Ave. Baptist Churches in Cleveland, Ohio, celebrated Brother Donner's 88th birthday anniversary.

Mr. Harold B. Johns, chairman of the Publication Board, conducted the service. Dr. Herman von Berge, an honorary member of the Board, brought the congratulatory message. The Girls' Trio from Erin Ave. Church sang. The women of White Ave. Church served refreshments. And the birthday child spoke a "piece."

and were able to be with us. Even Brother Donner, who served as the manager of the Publication House for so many years, was with us for a little while in the afternoon.

This Board, under the alert and congenial guidance of Mr. Harold Johns, brings to its work a grand spirit of hearty Christian fellowship. Those who have a necessary interest in the affairs of the Publication Society, our editors and general workers, are made to feel at home and are encouraged to express themselves freely, although they are not members of the Board and do not initiate motions or vote. Whatever action results comes out of the free discussion and exchange of views of the manager, Board members, editors, secretaries, visitors, and even letters that

since it is about equal to what the Publication Society did not receive from the share of the budget it had reason to expect. A letter from Mr. Arthur Schwerin, chairman of the Finance Committee, admonished the Board to operate even more economically in the next year since all of us must cut our pattern according to the cloth.

MISSIONARY OUTREACH

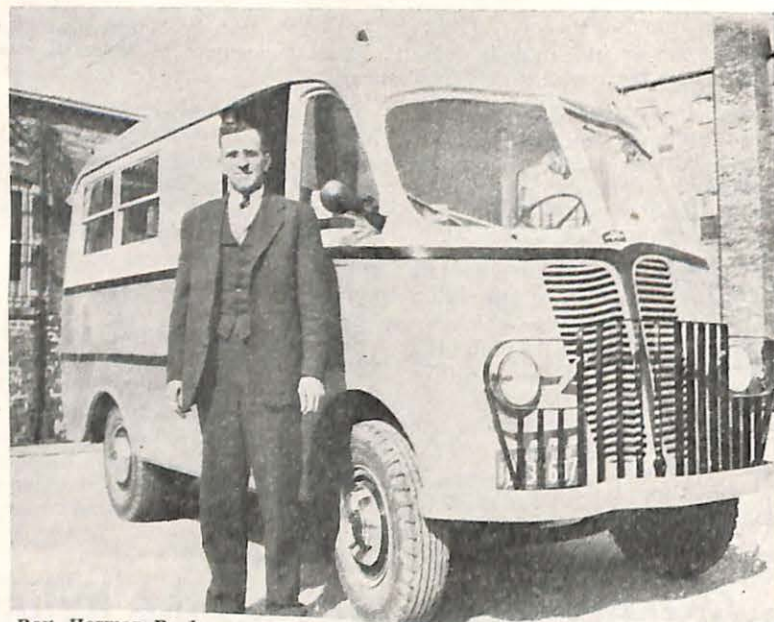
The matter of meeting expenses within the budget allotment given the work of the Publication ministry is not only a question of curtailment of expenses, but also of expanding business. With an increase in volume we are better able to absorb operating expenses. Operating expenses have been cut to the bone already. Now we are out to expand business! You will soon receive announcements of new club rates, students' subscriptions, and other plans to give you a chance to help us expand in our missionary outreach.

Another courageous step forward may be seen in the appointment of a colporter and field representative of the Publication Society. The Board voted a year ago to fill this post again and authorized our manager to ask the Lord for a man and then to go and get him. God pointed out the man and we have him: Rev. Herman Renkema, formerly of Baileyville, Illinois. Brother Renkema served our church at Baileyville for many years.

He resigned this pastorate to launch into this missionary field of distributing Bibles and Christian literature for the salvation of souls and the strengthening of our denominational ties. God bless him as he rolls down the highways of our land in that splendidly equipped Bookmobile which he purchased at his own expense for this job! Give him a Christian welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus!

GIVE US YOUR ORDERS!

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Rev. Herman Renkema, the Colporter and Field Representative by the Publication Society, Beside His "Bookmobile" Which He Will Use on His Visits to Our Churches

I wish you could have heard it! Here was the spontaneous overflow of a heart that loves our fellowship without reservation, the shameless sharing of enthusiasm for the ever expanding outreach of our denominational witness, the beautiful poise of a keen mind yielded to the Author of history and prophecy!

BUSINESS SESSION

This birthday observance came at the close of a hard day's work. It was the day of the annual session of the Publication Board. All members of the Board were present. Local pastors, the general secretaries and our editors had also been invited as usual

some of you are good enough to send us. This makes for mutual confidence and full understanding.

Of course, there were the reports of the business manager, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, and the editors, Rev. W. J. Luebeck and Rev. M. L. Leuschner. Rev. J. C. Gunst also made a report for his organization. At the time of the General Conference some of these reports will, no doubt, be available in printed form. We may say, however, that the financial report, prepared as usual by Mr. Roland Ross, our denominational comptroller, showed a deficit for the year of \$2200.

This deficit indicates our declining missionary receipts at Forest Park



Friends of the Lebanon Baptist Church of Wisconsin in Front of the Edifice Before the Centenary Jubilee Program (Left), and the Nine Members Enrolled in the Lebanon Baptist Sunday School (Right)

Lebanon's Hour of Glory

The Story of the Centenary Jubilee of the Lebanon Baptist Church of Wisconsin by the REV. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of "The Baptist Herald"

THE LITTLE Lebanon Baptist Church of Wisconsin has had its hour of glory! On Sunday, April 24, this Baptist Church of seven members near Watertown, Wisconsin celebrated its one hundredth anniversary. In a blaze of spiritual glory the old historical church was filled to overflowing with about 175 people who had come from many miles to attend this service.

God gave glorious sunshine for the occasion which bathed the old stone church, built in 1866, in shining brightness. Motion pictures in color were taken of the event for the denominational record. The church auditorium was decorated with sprays of flowers, anniversary wreaths and a rugged cross that towered high behind the pulpit.

SECOND CENTENARY JUBILEE

This is the second church in our denominational fellowship which has reached its centennial milestone. For a while it appeared as if this church would not quite make it. The membership has been dwindling for many years because of local conditions. The nearby Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., has received many of the Lebanon's members. But the family of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krueger has faithfully remained at its post to keep the doors of the church open until at least the Centenary Jubilee.

Every Sunday morning the ten members enrolled in the Sunday School meet to study God's Word and to worship in the old church under the leadership of Mr. Arnold Krause,

superintendent. Occasionally a service is held with the supply pastor, Rev. Don Wilson of Oconomowoc, Wis., bringing the message. In this way the church with its historical and memorable associations is not forgotten but remains a sort of shrine to keep alive the great events of yesterday!

The founder of the Lebanon Baptist Church was the Rev. William Edward Grimm, a stalwart servant of God who had felt the persecution of Baptists in Memel, Germany and had found refuge in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He baptized 16 converts on April 8, 1849 and organized the church. He was accustomed to make long trips on foot to visit the early churches and to strengthen the faith of God's people. He preached about once a month in the Lebanon Church until its first pastor, Rev. Rudolph Haab, arrived. This first minister received \$200 as his annual salary, the free use of the parsonage besides wood for fuel and eleven barrels of flour!

PASTORS OF THE CHURCH

The church has had an illustrious succession of pastors. Letters were read at the anniversary celebration from almost all of the living ministers. It was remarkable how these men looked back with fond memories and heartfelt appreciation to their Lebanon ministries. The names of the pastors follow: Reverends William Paul, H. Nagel, John Miller, L. Glaeser, H. J. Mueller, F. I. Reichle, P. C. A. Menard, William Schmitt, Otto Lohse, H. J. Glaeske, T. W. Bender, and Valentine Wolff. In all the years

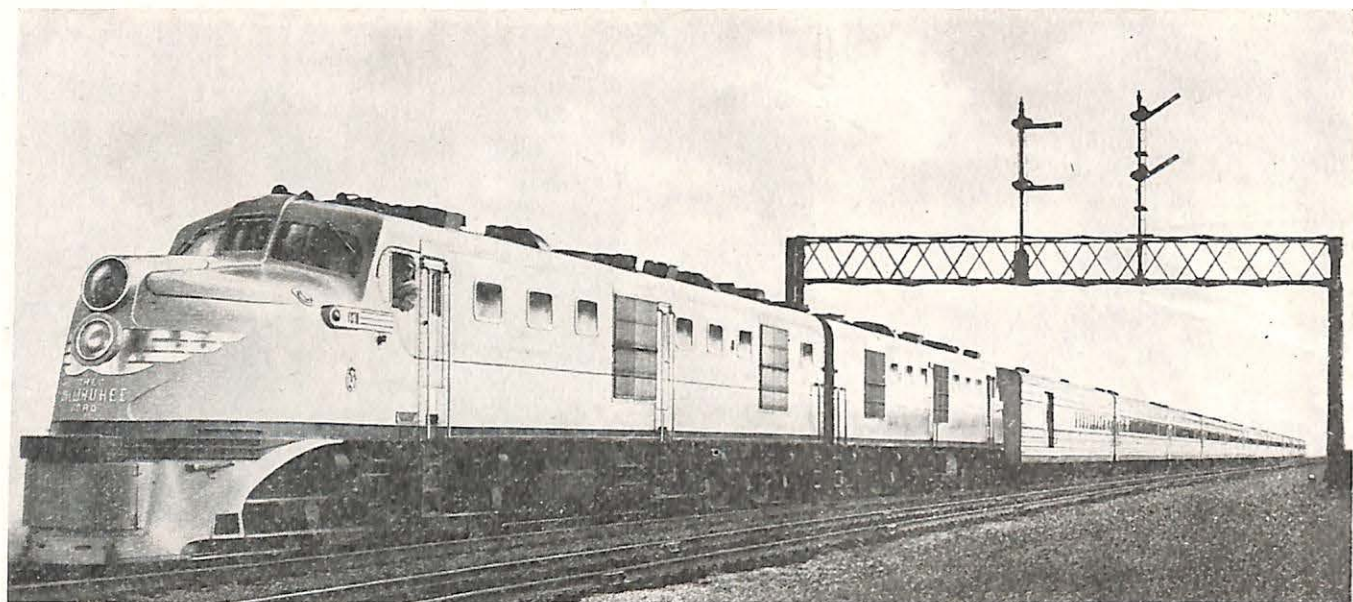
of the past century 485 names have been on the church list.

It was thrilling to sit in the old church and listen to the strains of the historic organ played by Miss Edna Verch of North Freedom, Wis. Mrs. Henry Krueger read the greetings from former members and pastors. Mr. David Goetsch, who was converted in the Lebanon Church, spoke for the Watertown Church. The Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald", spoke for the denomination besides taking pictures of the historic event. The Rev. Don Wilson, supply pastor, brought the anniversary address on Rev. 3:8. Throughout the entire service the German words of Scripture, on the wall behind the pulpit, "Fuerchte dich nicht; glaube nur" ("Fear not, only believe"), were lifted high in the thoughts of the festive audience. How this persistent faith of the little band was crowned with glory at the Centenary Jubilee!

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS

The church has made large contributions in outstanding lives and personalities to the Kingdom of God. Some of those who are sons and daughters of the Lebanon Baptist Church are Mrs. John Otto of Winnipeg, Manitoba; Mrs. Lydia Jaeger of the Bethany Church, Kansas; Mrs. Tillie Platt of the Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Lena Jaeger of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Thorwald Bender of Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. Helga Bender Henry of Los Angeles, Calif.; Miss Erica Bender, former mission-

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One of the Many Fine Trains Operated by "The Milwaukee Road"

Special Trains to Sioux Falls

Announcement About the Conference Train Leaving from Chicago and Special Pullman Cars on "The Columbian" Leaving from Tacoma, Wash., Via "the Milwaukee Road"

THERE WILL BE a foretaste of the good things at the General Conference to be held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota on the special Conference train, leaving Chicago, Illinois on Sunday afternoon, August 21. "The Milwaukee Road" is arranging for a wonderful train with coach and standard Pullman facilities with air conditioned equipment and with two diners, if necessary. That announcement ought to be the alluring invitation to several hundred Conference delegates and visitors to plan their trip so as to join the Special Train.

ALL ABOARD!

The train will leave the Union Station at Chicago, Illinois at 5:00 P. M. on Sunday afternoon, August 21. The departure time at Milwaukee, Wisconsin will be 6:40 P. M. and at Madison, Wisconsin at 8:40 P. M. (All these schedules are Central Standard Time.) The train will arrive in Sioux Falls about 9:30 A. M. on Monday morning, giving the Conference visitors ample time to get settled in the city and to register before the opening service on Monday evening.

A number of program highlights are planned for the trip to Sioux Falls. Brief evening services will be held on Sunday evening in the coach and Pullman sections of the train with the Rev. North E. West of Kenosha, Wisconsin and the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt of Burlington, Iowa speaking in these

sections, respectively. Mr. Harold W. Gieseke of Trenton, Illinois will serve as train announcer and will conduct a short singspiration and devotional later in the evening. The entire train will be reserved exclusively for delegates and visitors going to the Sioux Falls General Conference.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

Mr. W. M. Van Buren of the Milwaukee Road has made detailed arrangements for this Special Conference Train. Letters have been sent to the pastors of those churches where members and friends might use the train. Each of the pastors has received a number of reservation cards upon which the type of accommodation desired can be checked. You can have a choice of lower or upper berth, section, compartment or drawing room in the Pullmans or a coach seat. These cards are self addressed and are to be returned to Mr. V. L. Hitzfeld of the General Agent Passenger Department. You will receive your reservation for the Pullman berth on the Special Train promptly.

We are also endeavoring to arrange for individual reservations in the coach section. If this is done you will receive your reservation for your coach seat. Then you can purchase your railroad ticket and Pullman reservations with the local railroad agent who will take care of your complete tickets. If your pastor does not have the necessary reservation blanks or if

you should like to have more information about the Special Train, please address your inquiries to the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

There will also be a Special Conference Train on the return trip leaving Sioux Falls about 10:00 P. M. after the closing service on Sunday evening, August 28. The only regularly scheduled trains leaving Sioux Falls for Chicago depart before 5:00 P. M. This special arrangement will be welcomed by hundreds of our Conference visitors. Further information about the return trip will be announced later in the pages of the "Baptist Herald." But you can plan now to stay through the Sunday evening service, be assured of your reserved berth for that night, and then plan to be in Chicago by noon of the next day.

CARS ON "COLUMBIAN"

We are also making arrangements for several special Pullman cars to be attached to the "Columbian" of the Milwaukee Road leaving for Sioux Falls, South Dakota from Tacoma, Washington on Friday evening, August 19. These Pullman cars (both standard and tourist, if there are sufficient reservations) will be reserved exclusively for our General Conference visitors and delegates. By traveling on the "Columbian" of the Milwaukee Road, our people from the Pacific Coast will save the cost of a hotel room for one night since special

arrangements are to be made to bring these cars to Sioux Falls on Monday morning, August 22 at no extra cost to the passengers beyond that of the regular Pullman fares.

The "Columbian" will leave Tacoma, Washington on Friday evening, August 19, at 8:45 P. M. (Seattle at 10:30 P. M.) and will arrive at Aberdeen, South Dakota on Sunday at 3:55 P. M. Later, arrangements will be made for Sunday services and devotionals on the train. From Aberdeen the Pullman cars with our people will be taken to Mitchell, South Dakota, arriving there at 7:40 P. M. on Sunday evening. Passengers can secure their Sunday evening supper in Mitchell and attend church services if they so desire. The cars will be put on a siding and will later be brought to Sioux Falls for arrival on Monday morning, August 22, at 10:40 A. M.

HENRY SCHMUNK

Those of our people who desire such accommodations on the "Columbian" should use the reservation cards which are being sent to the pastors of our churches on the Pacific Coast and along the line of the Milwaukee Road as far as Aberdeen. Please return them to Mr. M. P. Burns at the address given on the card in Tacoma, Washington. The same instructions regarding the purchase of tickets apply to these reservations. Be sure to make your reservations first and then purchase your tickets through your local railroad agent. Mr. Henry Schmunk at the address, 1745 So. M. Street, Tacoma 3, Washington, will be glad to answer any questions or further inquiries about this train and will serve as our contact man with the passenger agent in Tacoma.

Special Conference Trains going to Portland, Oregon in 1937 and to Tacoma, Washington in 1946 were highlights in the experiences of those who were privileged to be passengers. People still speak about their adventures on those trips. This Special Conference Train of the Milwaukee Road to Sioux Falls, South Dakota promises to be more delightful and exciting than ever.

Do not delay in making your reservations! Get in touch with us if more information is desired! But be sure to join the hundreds of North American Baptists who will hear the welcome announcement, "All aboard for Sioux Falls on the Special Conference Train!"

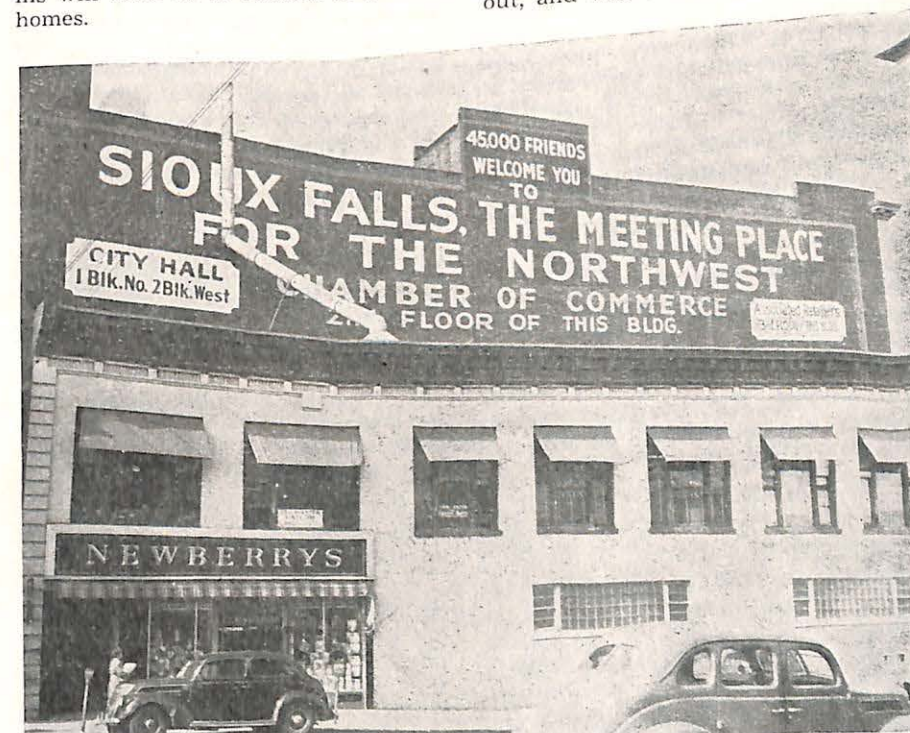
Registrations for the General Conference

An Important Announcement by MR. ARTHUR SCHWERIN,
Box 308, Burlington, Iowa, Registration Chairman

Registration business for the General Conference at Sioux Falls, South Dakota from August 22 to 28 is good. Considering the fact that this is still months before the conference I would say that the applications received are way ahead of expectations. Before this letter can appear in print, all of the available cabin space in tourist camps will have been taken. So many people have asked for cabins with cooking facilities that the supply of these is already exhausted. As soon as the few remaining cabins have been allotted, people requesting cabins will have to be housed in private homes.

the people get there, they can go through the formality of registration in the minimum of time and with the least fuss and bother. It is, therefore, important that the reservation blanks be filled out completely. When one blank takes care of several people, the names of all people in the group should be listed. Or if there are children, the number and ages should be given.

If this is not done, some of the good people are going to have to wait while the details as regards housing, badges, etc., are being taken care of. These forms all require a lot of time to make out, and will tend to slow up the en-



The Welcome to Sioux Falls, South Dakota Painted in Large, Bold Letters on One of the City's Downtown Buildings

We have taken over all of the housing facilities in the city of Sioux Falls for the week of August 22nd and guaranteed payment for them. Therefore, it is important that I know just when people expect to arrive. Incidentally, the question of whether they are coming by train, bus or auto is important in making room assignments.

As you know, I expect to have all lodging assignments, badges, etc., in readiness by August 22nd so that when

the procedure. It is my hope that we will have everything so well organized that registration will be a joy and a pleasure, instead of a long tiresome and tedious period of standing around and waiting.

If everyone will co-operate by filling in their reservation blanks completely and giving additional information or details where needed, it will serve to expedite matters all along the line.

ALL SIGNS POINT TO RECORD BREAKING CONFERENCE

at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, August 22 to 28

Advance Registrations Now Total About a Thousand. People Everywhere Are Talking About the Conference. Important Decisions Will Have to Be Made by the Conference Delegates.

The Program Is Being Acclaimed as Unusually Promising. Young People's Banquet Is Being Planned for 1400 People. A Packed Coliseum of 3500 to 4000 People Is Anticipated for Several Sessions.

What's Happening

● The Rev. Ralph C. Mulder, pastor of the Central Valley Baptist Church of Donna, Texas since 1944, recently resigned. His plans for the future are not known at the Forest Park headquarters. The church is prayerfully considering the choice of a successor to serve as pastor.

● The Rev. Lyman Church recently resigned as pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Sheffield, Iowa after a ministry of five years. He is retiring to the farm which he bought some time ago and will also be engaged in business in a local store in Sheffield. Later, he hopes to enter the evangelistic field if God leads favorably. His address will remain Sheffield, Iowa.

● The Rev. Peter J. Wiens, pastor of the Baptist Church of Chancellor, South Dakota since 1945, recently resigned and announced that he had accepted the call of the First Baptist Church of Sibley, Iowa. This is a former Northern Baptist Convention Church. Mr. Wiens is beginning his ministry on the new field on June 1st.

● On April 20th work was begun at Herreid, South Dakota on the new \$18,000 Baptist parsonage to be built adjoining the church. This nine-room house will be finished about Sept. 1st, according to the Rev. E. S. Fenske, pastor. On Sunday evening, May 8, the young people of the church were in charge of a special Mother's Day program with Mrs. E. S. Fenske in charge.

● On Sunday, March 13, the guest speaker at the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., was Chaplain Vernon P. Jaeger, a friend of the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Damrau. Chaplain Jaeger is a grandson of one of our pioneer pastors and has made frequent contributions to "The Baptist Herald." The guest speaker at the Palm Sunday evening service on April 10 was the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, general missionary secretary.

● The Rev. G. Edward Friedenber, pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church of New Britain, Conn., baptized 15 persons on confession of their faith in Christ on Palm Sunday afternoon, April 10, and received these and five others by letter at the communion service held on Sunday, April 24. The Men's Club dinner was held on April 28th with about 50 men and their

wives in attendance and with Mr. Otto Wunsch, the club's president, in charge.

● Sunday, May 1st, was an important day for the Sunday School of the Arthur Street Baptist Church of Spokane, Wash. With the reaching of the 100 mark in Sunday School attendance, colored motion pictures of the school in action were taken. The guest speaker at the morning service was the Rev. J. E. Halbert, a former pastor of the church. The Rev. F. W. Bartel is serving as the aggressive pastor at present.

● On Sunday, April 10, the Rev. R. Schilke, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, baptized eleven converts and received these and several others at the communion service held on Good Friday. The pastor reported: "The Lord has blessed us in that we have taken 25 new members into the church since the beginning of the year." The church is celebrating its 50th anniversary from June 12 to 15. The Rev. Charles F. Zummach of Trenton, Illinois, a former pastor, will be one of the guest speakers at that occasion.

● On May 14 Miss Carolyn Stassen of St. Paul, Minn., and the Rev. Theodore Krause, the associate pastor of the Underwood Memorial Baptist Church of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, were married at the Riverview Church of St. Paul, of which the former Miss Stassen is a member. The Rev. E. W. Klatt officiated at the service. Mrs. Krause was formerly secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. Mr. Krause is a graduate of our Rochester Seminary in the class of 1946. Their present address is 1926 No. 84th St., Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Emil D. Gruen of Brooklyn, New York have announced that a son was born to them on April 17th who has been named Martin Earl. This is their second son. Mr. Gruen is a member of the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn and is serving as field evangelist for the American Board of Missions to the Jews. His article, "Palestine, the Powder Keg of the World," which appeared in the March 1st issue of "The Baptist Herald" has now been published in pamphlet form under the

title, "What Next in Palestine?" It is available at five cents a copy.

● The Bethel Heights Baptist Church of Gatesville, Texas completely remodeled its church edifice recently. The roof was re-shingled, walls painted, auditorium walls and ceiling covered with celotex and Sunday School rooms painted. A new double door entry way and hall with native rock-veneering porch and steps were also made. The cost was about \$1500 with all labor contributed by members. Splendid cooperation and fellowship were enjoyed, especially since the ladies of the church served lunch each afternoon. The Rev. Kenneth E. Nelson is the pastor.

● At the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., the Sunday morning worship services at 11 o'clock in the German language are always better attended than the evening services in English. On Easter Day the morning service was attended by 127 people while 74 worshippers were counted in the evening. The adult class of the Sunday School has an enrollment of thirty, the class being taught in German and having an average attendance of twenty-five since the first Sunday in January of this year. The Rev. Assaf Husmann is the pastor.

● On Easter Sunday evening, April 17, the Rev. Frank Veninga of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Illinois baptized seven converts and received them into the church on Sunday, May 1st. The Easter offering amounted to \$600, of which \$300 went towards the denomination's missionary enterprise and the rest to the church's building fund. Recently a children's dedication service was held with six children dedicated in the impressive ceremony. The Sunday School participated in the Sunday evening service on April 24 with the film, "In His Steps," shown at that time.

● On Easter Sunday, April 17, a number of unusual baptismal anniversaries were commemorated in the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill. On Easter Sunday 70 years ago in 1879, Mrs. Magdalena Krueger, a well known pioneer of the church, was baptized. On Easter Sunday 60 years ago, Mrs. Emil Seedorf was led into the baptismal waters by the pas-

tor of the church. On Easter Sunday 50 years ago, Mr. Ed Woodrich was baptized on confession of his faith in Christ. The Rev. Fred Lower is the present pastor of the Kankakee Church.

● On Easter Sunday evening, April 17, the choir of the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., rendered the cantata, "The Easter Triumph," with the Rev. E. W. Klatt as director. The pastor received four persons by letter at the Good Friday communion service, baptized two converts on Sunday, April 24, and received four other members on Sunday, May 1st. On Mother's Day evening, May 8, "The Searchlights," a group of women of the church, had charge of a special Mother's Day program with Mrs. Frank Klass, president, in charge. On Thursday and Friday evenings, April 14 and 15 of the Passion Week the guest speaker at special services was the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald."

● Rev. John Walkup, formerly pastor of the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, was the special speaker in revival meetings which were held in the Minnetrista Baptist Church at St. Bonifacius, Minnesota from March 28 to April 3. The meetings were exceptionally well attended, in spite of a heavy snowfall. The Rev. Ralph C. Lutter, pastor of the Minnetrista Church, was the song leader, assisted by his wife as the accompanist. Mr. Walkup's Spirit-filled messages on Christian living were a great blessing to all. There were a number of hands raised indicating a desire for consecrated Christian living for their Lord and Savior. Special music was presented by Mr. Walkup and local church talent.

● A Mission Workers' Conference was held on the Montana Indian Reserve of Alberta from April 1 to 3. Those participating were Meta Stober of Winnipeg, Manitoba; Bernice Kern of Millet, Alberta; Maggie Fisher of Medicine Hat, Alberta; Leonard Maier of Medicine Hat, Alberta; and Rev. F. W. Benke, who was in charge of the meetings. During those three days the program consisted of special singing, study of the Cree language, testimonies, Bible reading and discussion of the Word of God, lantern slides and prayer meetings. The Indian interpreters were a great help to "the pale faces" through the Cree studies. This is the way you say "Baptist Church" in Cree: "O see ka ha ta kaoo o ya me heywee ka mick." The conference was held in the Indian chapel and in the missionaries' living quarters, having as its theme, "Wait on the Lord" (Ps. 27:14).

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, No. Dak., held a Sunday School contest during March and

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The Pilgrim's Guide

Brief Expositions of God's Word

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

MEASUREMENT OF FAITH

THE apostle James was a very practical Christian. Perhaps that is one reason why one seldom hears an exposition of this epistle. The book is not contrary to the books of Paul. James does not place works above faith, but demands a faith which produces works. Consequently, there is no collision with the apostle Paul.

James and Paul present different aspects of the same truth. Paul argues against those who rely on mere works for salvation, while James speaks to those who believe that when one has the correct faith it doesn't matter very much how he behaves. Paul says works are good when they are the result of faith. James says faith is valid only when it produces good works. Therefore, there is harmony in the New Testament as to faith and works. Our text, James 1:26-27, deals with the marks or measurement of one's faith.

PURE RELIGION

The word, "religion," may be used to mean various ideas and beliefs, rites, worship of gods, superstition and Christianity. The term is used too generally. We ought to be specific in the use of the term. Often we see a church bulletin state, "Try religion." Since we are Christians we know it means Christ and his Gospel, but to multitudes it means a religion. The world is cursed with too many religions and isms, but too little of Christ and his Gospel, the true religion.

It is in this sense, Christian religion, that James uses the words, "religion" and "religious." He is writing to Christians and takes for granted a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. For we are saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. James especially refers to the outward religious service of Christianity, which is an expression of faith. Therefore, this "pure religion" is the true Christian religion in its two aspects of faith and works.

POSITIVE RELIGION

A vessel that is filled with pure water does not have the capacity to hold anything else, unless some water is displaced. The Christian who is filled with the Holy Spirit does not give room to the world, the flesh and the devil. His testimony and life are occupied with the Kingdom enter-

prise. His is a positive religion, expressing itself in a consecrated life of Christian service.

James declares that to visit the widows and orphans and to make provision for their needs is positive Christianity. Throughout the Bible God singles out widows and orphans as special objects of his care. Perhaps this is a type of all works of mercy and love. Christian faith is not only believing but living.

This is an age of materialism and irresponsibility. People are certain of what the government, the world, and God owes them, but they are wilfully blind and ignorant to what is owed God and mankind. Unfortunately, some Christians are in this category. Yes, we are our brother's keeper! We are responsible as God's light, salt and witness. We must love "in deed" as well as "in word" if others are to see our good works and glorify our Father. To do otherwise is contrary to Christ and our new nature.

PASSIVE RELIGION

This statement was written in the front page of a Bible: "This book will keep you from sin; sin will keep you from this book." If we are fully occupied in Christ's service it will keep us from a worldly or questionable life. If we live an unsundered life, it will keep us from acceptable Christian service. Jesus says, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Apostle John says, "Love not the world." Apostle James says, "With jealous watchfulness keep unstained from the world." This is passive religion, and a necessary aspect of our Christian faith.

Yes, there is Christian liberty, but no such thing as Christian license. We are not our own to do as we please. We have been bought out of bondage at a terrible cost, the life of God's Son. The body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. None of us can live unto ourselves. We either are a blessing or a shadow. There must be a difference in the conduct of a Christian and a non-Christian.

With Paul, may we pledge ourselves to this high standard: "If what we do causes a weaker Christian to sin or a non-Christian to perish, we will not do that thing as long as we live." We cannot hope for victory and blessing unless we dedicate ourselves to personal purity, and bear in our bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus.

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—Photo by Herman Stemund
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. As a result of a friendship with the boss, Sam Reese, Larry was made superintendent and later discovered a way of putting the logging company back on its feet financially. He also found joy in surrendering to Christ as a result of a preacher's sermons. At the church services Larry came to know Beth Linden, a singer in the choir. But she seemed to be interested in Major Banks of the Air Corps. Then came the long distance call from the National Broadcasting Company offering him a contract for a program similar to the one he had previously conducted. This was great news for Larry!

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

THE Valleys, foothills and mountains were immersed in the rich mellow light of a full moon as Larry drove toward Sheldon Friday night. He had been delayed by an error in the time-keeper's accounts, and the hour was late, too late, really, for him to hope to complete all of the arrangements for the dinner, but some of that could wait until the morrow. He had planned to see Bethel that evening, if possible, and reveal his love for her.

Doubtless it would avail him nothing, but it could no longer be withheld. Even if she did love him — which many times he had felt she did — there was still Banks and his wealth with which to compete. Banks he had discovered, was Banker Jonas' nephew and heir, and could offer her much more comfort and security than she could hope to know as the wife of a logger and it was in the guise of a logger that he intended to offer his love to her. Some strange impulse dictated that he should not allow his prospects as a radio artist to affect her decision; let her learn of that afterward. If she made a decision in his favor, let it be for love and love alone. She had first known him as a logger; if he won her it would be in the same role.

Sheldon City Limits. Speed limit 25 — a sign beside the road declared as Larry slowed up behind a small coupe proceeding leisurely toward town. Ignoring the sign he had started to pull around the coupe when his car caught the sound of a siren and he applied the brakes and drew back behind it again. Then the red light of a police car followed by an ambulance, flashed around the corner. Both cars swept past with screaming sirens, while the heavy ambulance cut in

close to the car ahead and forced it to the brink of the shoulder. He saw it jerk quickly away, like a frightened animal, and then the right wheel dropped over the end of a culvert. Slowly, easily, it swung around into the ditch and rolled over on its side against the sloping bank of the cut.

Larry skidded his own car to a stop, set the hand brake and, leaping out, ran to the overturned car. Standing upon the upper side of it, he jerked and pulled at the door until it finally yielded to his insistence. The driver lay in a small huddled heap against the opposite door. Noting it was a woman, he dropped to his knees and, as he reached inside the car for her, said, "Are you hurt, miss?"

The girl moved slowly, as though recovering from a stunning blow, and said, "No; not much. That is — I guess I'm just scared. But my head hurts some."

She had moved enough by this time so that he could lift her out with one sweep, exclaiming, "Beth Linden! Beth — it's you."

Afterward he could not remember exactly how it happened, try as he would, but he knew that he had her in his arms and was whispering solicitous phrases and words of love. And whatever fears he might have previ-

ously entertained about her feelings, and any he had at that time about her safety, were set at rest by the strength in her arms as they encircled his neck and brought his head down until his lips met hers.

"Beth, I love you so, and I was so frightened when I saw it was you there in the car. Tell me you're all right, dear."

"I'm fine, Larry; just parred up a little, and scared most to death—or, I was."

"Then you might as well go on and tell me you love me, dear."

"Larry Brantwell, I love you with all my heart. How's that?"

All at once he was conscious that they were not alone. Another car had stopped, and a grinning highway patrolman approached and said, "No one hurt? Everybody happy?"

"Happy is right!" Larry said as Bethel, blushing prettily, slipped out of his arms and turned to stand beside him, still clinging to his arm.

"Any charges to lodge against anyone, Miss Linden?" the patrolman asked, surveying the overturned car.

"No; it was all my fault. The ambulance frightened me and I drove too close to the shoulder."

"Which one?" the patrolman said, grinning wickedly at Larry.

"Not 'too close,'" he said, winking back. "Distance perfect on one."

The patrolman assured her he would radio for a wrecker to bring her car on into town and they proceeded in Larry's car.

An hour later he found the pastor in, and as he outlined his plans for the dinner he heard a story that had been locked for many months in the secret archives of the minister's memory, a story that sounded like one out of a mystery thriller. While they were talking, the telephone rang and Mrs. Martin called her husband to the instrument. Five minutes later he came back into the room, his face haggard. In a voice that quivered he said, "The ambulance that frightened Beth was going to the home of one of our prominent citizens. Banker Jonas shot himself a little while ago. The ambulance got there too late."

"Suicide! What could have caused him to do such a thing?"

"The bank examiners were here today, and from what Mr. Hill just told me I gathered that Jonas has been playing too deeply. Hill said he didn't think Jonas had enough assets to clear his liabilities. This will leave Tommy without a dime. It's bad in every way. Very bad!"

The venetian blinds had been closed to exclude what little light might creep in from the deepening darkness of the cool spring evening, and only a few tall candles on the table emitted their fitful yellow gleams into the cavernous gloom of the East Room of the Vance Hotel. This was the way Larry had

planned it, and he smiled to himself and then down into Bethel's happy, upturned face as they stood near the door waiting for the guests to arrive. "Do you think they'll be able to recognize each other in this?" he asked.

She pressed his hand and said, "I'd be able to recognize you."

He stooped and placed a quick kiss on her lips and said, "By that, maybe."

Captain Havelly was the first to arrive, pushing the door abruptly open and stalking in as though this were the deck of his ship and he about to give orders for sailing. Larry had time for only a few words of instruction: "I'll give you the signal. The doctor tells us he has been coming back, and a slight mental shock might do the trick." Then Reverend Martin was ushered in. At a word from Larry the minister took charge of the captain and Jim Rand, who had followed him in. A few minutes later Mrs. Reese, Alice and Sam came down from their rooms. Larry introduced them to Bethel, and she, taking charge of them, directed them to their places at the table, where they were seated opposite the others. No introductions were offered, and a tenseness prevailed in the semi-darkness of the big room. All seemed to sense that something unusual was about to take place. They spoke in voices scarcely above a whisper, much as a group might do when calling on an extremely sick person.

A waitress whispered in Larry's ear. "Everything's ready, and we're keeping Mr. Hill waiting, as you said, sir. Shall we serve now?"

"Yes. Bring on the first course, and send Mr. Hill in as soon as it's on the table."

He was excited, but happy. Everything seemed to be working out perfectly. Yet he knew he was playing a game that could have disastrous results. It was dangerous, but the end for which he was working seemed worth the risk.

Two waitresses in black and white uniforms glided into the room on noiseless feet, their deft, silent movements betraying the fact that they knew this was to be no ordinary banquet or dinner. Tall water glasses were filled, salads were set in place and fruit cocktail served. Then the waitresses as silently vanished. Larry nodded; the pastor, Captain Havelly and Jim Rand took places opposite Alice, Sam and Bethel, while Larry took the place at the head of the table and offered brief introductions.

The door opened then and the hotel hostess ushered Hill to the table and held a chair for him to sit opposite Mrs. Reese, where a tall vase of lilies had been purposely placed to shade his face from what little light the candles were shedding in that direction. While he was being seated Larry took special care to occupy the attention of Mrs. Reese, who was seated on

his left. Then he acknowledged the lumberman's greeting and apology about being tardy. He said, "Mr. Hill, I want you to meet these friends; but keep your chair, please."

Hill turned full toward him then, and he could scarcely refrain from expressing alarm at the man's appearance, viewed in the dim light as it was. He looked haggard and almost frightened, as though some fierce forces had taken hold of his emotions to arouse fear, and even bewilderment.

The dinner proceeded smoothly and quietly, with the efficient dining-room help serving each course without intermission or confusion. The pastor purposely monopolized Hill's attention, in a low voice discussing with him the tragedy of the banker's death. Larry maintained a steady flow of conversation with Mrs. Reese, while Sam, Alice, Bethel and Jim formed a group at the other end of the table, with Bethel carrying on her part well. The meal was over in much less time than would ordinarily have been required for such an event, and they were still lingering over their dessert when Larry nodded and the chapel organist came in, took her place at the grand piano, and began playing the prelude of Larry's radio theme song, A Memory. Bethel slipped from her place beside Jim Rand, picked up her violin, which had been previously tuned with the piano, and in a moment the sweet plaintive notes of the instrument joined with the piano accompaniment.

Every guest sat quiet and tense, as though this was the climax of all events of the evening. Larry saw the lumberman lift his gray head quickly, as though it were jerked upward forcibly, and then hold it rigid in that position while his face became the playground for what seemed like every emotion a highly sensitive and intelligent man might know—fear, hunger, pain, yearning, loneliness, terror, joy. He seemed to have forgotten where he was, his company, everything present, and to have been plunged into some long-forgotten past where he had lived in a different world. His slender white hands opened and closed spasmodically. His eyes stared unseeing into the semidarkness of the high-ceilinged room. His breast heaved and he shuddered as though from a cold draft.

The violin faded, and with a crash the pianist launched out into the melodic thunder of The Storm. The room seemed to tremble and rock beneath the violent impact of rolling thunder, so powerfully did the music impress itself upon the imagination of the listeners. The flash of musical lightning streaked across the hearing of the diners. Then the violin began again, pouring out the wailing of the tempest and the screaming of the storm demons. In the dim glare of the candles the effect was vivid and real-

istic beyond description. Hill's breathing came in heavy gasps as the surf pounded on a rocky headland and the thunder rolled in to punctuate every brief interval. Then, with one last roll of thunder and sighing of the wind, the music broke off abruptly and only the deep breathing of the listeners broke the following silence.

It was time for the climax. Larry reached for the vase of flowers that kept Hill's face in the shadow and had hidden him from the Reese family seated across the table. This was the signal agreed upon, and Bethel flicked a switch, suddenly flooding the room with a great blaze of light. A full minute passed in which not a word was spoken by anyone. Hill, blinking from the sudden glare of the lights, shifted his gaze from the ceiling and his eyes came to rest on Alice's face. He closed them once, and then opened them to stare again. Larry thought it was as though twenty years had abruptly rolled from his face, as wonder, comprehension, and then joy, broke across it. A sound from Mrs. Reese caused him to turn and he saw her slowly, calmly reach out with both hands toward the gray-haired lumberman. But both his hands were against his temples, pressing in fiercely as he slowly turned toward her, and then said, "Marie! Where have you been?"

"Waiting for you, Henry; always." His voice was thick and unnatural, like the voice of one just aroused from a deep sleep. "It's been a long voyage — a terrible storm hit us. I see it all coming back now, so clear and plain. That music just now seemed to bring it back — me hanging onto a timber in that awful sea — the terrible roaring of the surf — then that old beachcomber's cabin. I've been trying for weeks to find the way back, but couldn't. Now it seems to be clearing up, and my headache is easing, too."

Mrs. Reese, apparently forgetful of the others looking on, said, "It's been a long, long wait, Henry. But I've always known you would come back somehow, sometime; you promised — remember?"

She came around the table to his side. He rose and took both her hands in his and they stood there looking into each other's face, each gazing at the changed features and hair of the one separated so long. Soon he said, "It's coming clearer all the time now. I've known you must be somewhere, all these years — seemed to see you at times, but I just couldn't remember, and lately I've been afraid I was going insane because it was as though I could see you there by the fireplace with a picture of a desert hanging above it; is there some place like that?" She nodded, looking up into his dark eyes as though unable to speak, and he re-

sured. "And little Sam — and Alice. They've grown. But they're the same."

She tried to speak then, but, choked with emotion, words died in her throat, and she could only beckon to Alice and Sam to come.

A few minutes later, when the first shock of surprise began to wear off and they were all seated again, the minister arose and said, "Twenty-two years ago a beachcomber searching among the heaps of debris a heavy storm had strewn along a rocky strip of the Oregon Coast found the almost lifeless form of a man, half buried by broken pieces of lumber and wreckage of a ship. Old Pete Hill — that was the old man's name — carried the storm's victim to his shack and nursed him back to life after three months' effort, but not to memory. For the man we have known as Henry Hill these years could not even remember his own name, so he adopted the surname of his saviour, Hill. His Christian name he found in a small Testament he had carried in a case in his shirt pocket, which was all he had to link him with the past—that and his apparent knowledge of lumber and logging. So with his skill as a woods worker and his covenant of consecration which he had found outlined on the flyleaf of his Testament, he set out to find himself. In the timber he found his fortune, and through the words in his New Testament he found spiritual strength and solace. And I feel it would be no more than right for me to add right here that it was he who pointed out for me, his pastor, the way to triumph, even while he suffered a mental anguish that I suppose none of us can understand or comprehend. There you have the story in a nutshell, and no one in this group could be happier tonight than I, for there have been few people in this world who have meant as much to me or been more worthy of love and respect than Henry Reese, alias Hill. And now I wonder if he feels like saying a word for himself?"

The gray-haired lumberman rose somewhat shakily, and in deeply reverent tones said, "Thank God for this hour!"

Everyone bowed his head then, wordlessly rendering worship, and soon Reese continued. "I've had a feeling all these years that sooner or later, here in these mountains, I would find my way back to yesterday, that God would move aside the clouds that have hidden the sun from me. And He has. For months now the name of Reese has had a strange fascination for me; so I've been trying in secret to be a financial godfather to Sam, knowing something of the problems that have been confronting him — even to seeing that timber was made available to him. But I couldn't have told you why I felt that way. Nor

can I tell you of the awful uncertainty and the pain of mind that belong to a man who has lost his identity. I still can't quite put both pictures together — some of the things since I came to be Hill are dimming out now — but I hope I will soon be able to reassemble the jigsaw puzzle. Little Sam — and Alice — how you've grown! What wonderful children I have! Alice, I thought you were your mother when I first saw you there. You're what she was back there when I went away. It doesn't seem possible. It's as if I were trying to put two dreams together — as if I were two different persons. Marie, you haven't married?"

Mrs. Reese shook her head negatively and said, "How could I, Henry, when I knew you would come back someday?"

It was an hour later, after all explanations had been given, and they were discussing how the change could be made — back from Hill to Reese — that Larry rose and said, "Would you folks mind if I sing a verse of that song which played such a part in bridging the gap of memory for my friend?" As he spoke he nodded in the direction of the man he had known as Hill. A chorus of affirmatives answered his question. He went to the piano and, as the accompanist touched the keys, he sang, "Within my heart I hold a fadeless memory, the dearest memory I know . . ." and continued to the conclusion of the first verse. The surprise, almost unbelief, on the face of Bethel set up such a tide of merriment within him that he paused laughing, and she exclaimed, "Larry Brantwell! You old fraud! Why didn't you tell me who you were?"

"I had reasons, my dear; reasons I will explain later on. Will you accompany me with your violin?"

She came haltingly, still dazed and confused by the discovery, and played a subdued accompaniment that blended perfectly with the rich quality of his voice. At the end of the second verse he held up his hand and, imitating the tone of an announcer, said, "Ladies and gentlemen: by previous arrangement and according to a signed contract with the National Broadcasting Company this program will be resumed over its station and affiliated stations, beginning two weeks from next Monday — which will allow time for a short honeymoon for Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brantwell. Mrs. Grace George, our pianist for the evening, will be the accompanist for the singer and the violinist in the program. The wedding will take place tomorrow at three, and you are all hereby given a most cordial invitation. And now may I, in the words of my friend here, say 'My clouds have been moved aside to give me back the face of God once more.'"

(THE END)

The Pilgrim's Guide

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The question is asked, "Do not other religions and some non-Christians manifest a positive and passive religion?" Yes! False religions and non-Christians may perform acts of mercy and live good lives, but the motive and influence are different. The Christian lives and works for Christ's sake, with an eye single to his glory. It is because we are redeemed, and not an effort to be redeemed. The power is the Holy Spirit, and not the energy of flesh and goodwill.

No false religion or non-Christian can equal the works, mercy, influence, service and practical philanthropy of the Christian church. Furthermore, one reason why some nations, individuals and false faiths manifest a degree of goodness and mercy is because of the influence and message of the Church. Jesus says: "Ye are the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world."

In these verses under consideration, James maintains that faith which cannot be measured by works of love and mercy and a separated life is not free, pure or sincere. What religion have we? Has our faith led us to consecrate ourselves to Christ and his service?

Lebanon's Glory

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ary in the Cameroons; and many prominent members of our churches in Milwaukee, Manitowoc and Watertown, Wisconsin. It was also remarkable that the offering at the Centenary Jubilee, designated for the Million Dollar Offering of the denomination, amounted to \$100.00. That too added luster to the glory of Lebanon's Centennial!

There have been wonderful chapters in the history of this church. On Sunday, March 8, 1885 the Rev. H. J. Mueller baptized 21 persons in the Rock River near the Henning Farm at Pipersville, Wis. With the temperature below zero, the members had to cut a hole in the thick ice for the baptism of the candidates. Singing praises to God, the candidates followed their Lord on this memorable day.

So also the colorful hour of the church's Centenary Jubilee will long be remembered. It was seen how our labor of love in Christ's Name is never in vain. The greatness of yesterday's events in the church was reviewed. The steady, even though sometimes flickering, light of the church's witness today has not gone out! This was Lebanon's hour of glory at this unique Centenary Jubilee which is now inscribed in delibly into the pages of history!

God's Treasure

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"For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established." (Romans 1:11). Paul wanted Christian faith to prosper there. Not that he might profit; not that he might enjoy his visit; but that he might impart something. In the ministry of Paul every life was a potential receiver. The gift that he wished to impart to the Romans was a gift of grace, a favor received without merit. This gift of grace was the gift of God, "eternal life."

Paul carried with him something precious, both for saint and sinner. He lived to give. This word, "impart," here is never used of gifts that one man gives to another, but of that which only God can bestow. For God so loved that he gave his Son.

What a wonderful gift to receive from the Giver of all good and perfect gifts! This places us in debt to those who have not yet heard of Jesus Christ.

A PRESENT POSSESSION

This treasure is a present possession and a future hope! "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels," that indicates the present tense. Now in this life we possess this great treasure. We read in 1 John 5:12, "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

However, it is also the future hope of every believer. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). Our knowledge of Christ is limited, but our hope



—Photo by Ewing Galloway
LIFE'S PILGRIMAGE

"On God for all events depend;
You cannot want when God's your friend,
Weigh well your part and do your best;
Leave to your Maker all the rest."

—Cotton.

is that he who hath begun a good work in us will perform it unto perfection. And in glory we shall have a full knowledge; for we shall know as we are known. This is our future hope!

APRIL CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conferences	April, 1949	April, 1948
Atlantic	\$ 3,609.86	\$ 2,366.87
Eastern	1,253.36	1,969.15
Central	9,593.54	9,798.40
Northwestern	11,889.49	6,484.90
Southwestern	6,698.42	5,932.86
Southern	1,359.07	1,608.76
Pacific	9,364.93	10,939.22
Northern	1,733.83	2,266.55
Dakota	5,893.92	6,451.39
Total for the Month of April	\$51,396.42	\$47,818.10

MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING

April 1, 1949 to April 30, 1949	\$ 49,563.85
August 1, 1947 to April 30, 1949	828,691.08
Total required to date	875,000.00

TOTAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

April 1, 1949 to April 30, 1949	\$49,563.85
April 1, 1948 to April 30, 1948	43,867.25

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



Dakota Conference

Dedication of Bulletin Board for the Grace Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota

The outdoor bulletin board of the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, North Dakota was donated by the children of the late Rev. Frank Balogh in honor of his memory. This board is electrically lighted and the cross at the top of the board flashes on and off at regular intervals.

The Rev. Frank Balogh served as pastor of this church from April 1925 to December 1936. That length of service proves in itself the effective work which he did here. He went to be with the Lord on January 24, 1937. His previous pastorates had been Rankin, New Jersey; Homestead, Penn.; Chicago, Ill.; Chancellor, So. Dak.; and Hebron, No. Dak. His children are: Louise, Mrs. Busemann; Elizabeth, Mrs. Joe Werre; Marie, Mrs. Fred Kranzler; George, Charles, and William Balogh.

The bulletin board was presented to the church by Charles Balogh in the name of the family. The Rev. Gideon K. Zimmermann, pastor, received the board on behalf of the church.

Mrs. Orville Feickert, Reporter.

Easter Program Presented by the Young People of the Calvary Church, Billings, Mont.

On Sunday evening, April 17, the young people of the Calvary Baptist Church of Billings, Montana held an interesting Easter program, under the direction of Mrs. David Littke and Mrs. Herman Fuchs. The church was filled to capacity and the program was enjoyed by everyone. We had two plays, "Greatful Hearts" and "The Children of the Way," presented by some of the younger children. We also heard several recitations and the story of the song, "The Old Rugged Cross." The main number for the evening was the pantomime, "The Cross of Christ," rendered by eight intermediate girls dressed in white gowns.

The Rev. David Littke, our pastor, organized a Junior choir which is doing splendid work. This choir rendered a song for the Easter Sunday services. The young people have been quite busy since we took up the work of the point system. We also had a business and committee meeting on April 12 and several programs were outlined, among which is the "Question Box" which is always interesting and helpful to all.

Mrs. Herman Fuchs, Secretary.



The New Bulletin Board in Front of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, No. Dakota

Annual Birthday Program of the Woman's Missionary Society, McClusky, North Dakota

The annual birthday program of the Ladies' Aid of the Baptist Church of McClusky, North Dakota was held on April 7, to which the members and friends graciously responded. A short program was given by the women to an appreciative audience. Our president, Mrs. A. J. Fischer, had charge of the program, which consisted of a trio number, a double duet selection, and several songs by the group. We were also happy to have had two songs by the male quartet. The Rev. Henry Hirsch of Goodrich, No. Dak. was the guest speaker for the evening, who brought the very timely and inspiring message.

Following this program the friends and members of the society retired to the basement of the church for a fellowship hour around the tables. Each of the twelve tables was beautifully decorated to correspond with some important event in each of the twelve respective months. The ladies served the birthday cake and ice cream, and a special offering was taken at each table.

The women are doing a good work for the cause of Christ. Recently the society purchased an automatic electric range for the parsonage. We also extend many other deeds of love to the needy, the aged, and those who need our love.

Lydia Wahl, Reporter.

"Fall in Line for Sioux Falls!"
29th GENERAL CONFERENCE
at Sioux Falls, South Dakota
August 22 to 28, 1949

Spring Rally for the Northern North Dakota Young People at Grand Forks

April 30th and May 1st were two days of joy and Christian fellowship for the young people of the Northern North Dakota Young People's Association. The annual Spring Rally was held at the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, North Dakota. The theme of the rally was "He Lives" with the same title for our theme song.

The banquet which was held in the church parlors on Saturday evening marked the commencement of our rally, which was served by several members of the church. Emanuel Wolff, president of our association, presided and roll-call was also taken which was answered by a skit, song or Bible verse by each society represented.

At 8 o'clock we assembled in the sanctuary of the church and Eleanor Dutt, president of the Grand Forks B.Y.P.U. led the evening service. The Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, guest speaker at our rally, showed us two rolls of films, one being on the Cameroons of Africa and the other of the Pastors' Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

The Sunday morning worship service began at 11 o'clock with Luverne Michelson, vice-president of our association, in charge. We were privileged to hear the fine choir of the Grace Baptist Church and also special numbers from our different societies. Dr. Leuschner's morning message was "Inspiration for Youth."

The afternoon service began at 3 o'clock with Dorothy Wolitarsky presiding. We were favored with special musical numbers and Dr. Leuschner brought the afternoon sermon on the topic, "Life Evermore." We were very happy to have Dr. Leuschner with us and his wonderful sermons were an inspiration and challenge to those who were so fortunate to attend this great rally.

The officers of the association held a meeting to make further plans and arrangements for our assembly to be held at Lake Bentley from July 2 to 9. Dr. Leuschner and Professor R. P. Jeschke of Rochester, N. Y., will be with us for that week and we will also have Miss Margaret Kittlitz, Cameroons missionary, with us for a couple of days. We are looking forward to our assembly with eager anticipation and for a week of Christian fellowship and spiritual upbuilding.

Dorothy Wolitarsky, Secretary.

Activities of the Dorcas Society of the Baptist Church, Wishek, North Dakota

The Dorcas Society is a very active branch of the Baptist Church of Wishek, No. Dak. Recently it celebrated its 25th anniversary. Throughout the years we as a society have striven to help wherever help was needed. We have contributed to missions abroad as well as to home missions.

Part of our meetings have always been devoted to the study of some topic which is educational as well as spiritual. At our Easter meeting in May, Mrs. Ervin Faul, our pastor's wife, gave us a very interesting and timely report.

Our mothers were remembered again on Mother's Day and our 1949 money making project is the compiling of a birthday calendar, which will go on sale sometime during the coming winter months. We continue to pray that God will bless our group and that through him great things may be accomplished!

Mrs. Vernon Herr, Reporter.

Two Easter Plays and Baptism at the Northside Church of Sioux Falls

The young people of the Northside Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, So. Dak., presented two plays on Friday evening, April 15th. The one play, "The Symbol of a Cross," was a story based on the life of the carpenter who made the cross upon which Christ died. It was cast by a group of High School and Grade School students. "The Way of Life" was a story about the soldier who was stationed as guard beneath the cross at the time of the crucifixion. It was cast by a group of the older young people. The offering for the evening was designated for the Million Dollar Offering.

On Tuesday, April 19th, both casts went to the Chancellor Baptist Church to share the plays with the women of the Missionary Circle and their invited guests. On Easter Sunday we had the joy of witnessing three people who followed the Lord in baptism.

Our youth groups have been encouraging. We now have the two groups meeting every Sunday evening. Just a short time ago God blessed marvelously in providing a piano for the use of the Senior group. We are ever grateful for such gifts.

Berneice Westerman, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Leadership Institute Is Held at the Evergreen Church of Brooklyn, New York

"Teaching is cooperating with the learner in a friendly and helpful way, in the Christian spirit." This is one of the many nuggets of wisdom which the teachers and other interested members of the Evergreen Baptist Sunday School of Brooklyn, New York garnered at the Leadership Institute which was held on six consecutive Monday evenings from March 7 to April 11.



Members of the Dorcas Society of the Baptist Church, Wishek, North Dakota

Mrs. C. E. Lunn, wife of the pastor of the Richmond Hill Baptist Church, taught "How to Teach in a Church School," and Rev. L. H. R. Haas, minister-in-charge of the Alden Terrace Baptist Church Extension Project taught "A Brief Survey of the New Testament." These courses guided, enriched and stimulated the 35 participants to such an extent that it was unanimously agreed that we would take one or two such classes each year.

After the final session, we gathered together for fellowship and presented our teachers with a small token of our deep appreciation, for we knew we had been sitting at the feet of those who sat at the feet of God. The picture shown on this page will be cherished by us as a reminder of a deep spiritual experience. Although we in the Evergreen Baptist Church are without a pastor at the present time, we are looking ahead and upward under the leadership of our faithful superintendent, Mr. William Ehrhardt.

Ruth Tipton, Reporter.

Central Conference

Recent Inspiring Events at the Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Mich.

From March 21 to April 1, the Rev. S. H. Houbolt served as evangelist in the Round Lake Baptist Church near Gladwin, Mich. He is pastor of the Centerline Baptist Church of Detroit. The spirit of God was felt in all

the meetings and people never tired of coming again.

The Biblical messages of Brother Houbolt were preached with liberty and power, supported by much prayer, and the result was that eight people were gloriously saved. Four others from our neighbor churches also found the Lord, many came forward with tears, confessed their backsliding, and were restored. Some of our young people felt the call of God to special service.

We found it expedient to extend the services for a third week, which was more in the nature of Bible teaching to strengthen the believers.

We also observed Youth Week by giving our young people a prominent place in the Sunday services. On Monday we attended the Gladwin County Christian Youth Fellowship Rally. On Tuesday we had a special youth meeting in our church with Rev. S. H. Houbolt as speaker. One young person was converted. On Thursday the young people's society held a party at the parsonage.

On Easter Sunday morning it was our great joy and privilege to have our general mission secretary, Rev. H. G. Dymmel, in our midst. We were greatly blessed by his informative and inspiring messages. In the evening the newly formed choir rendered the cantata, "The Prince of Life" by Hal-dor Lillenas. Our Primary children also helped to make the Easter service an unforgettable experience. The Easter offering of Church and Sunday School was designated for our Cameroons Mission.

Victor H. Prendering, Pastor.



Members of the Evergreen Baptist Sunday School of Brooklyn, N. Y., Who Attended the Leadership Institute With the Instructors

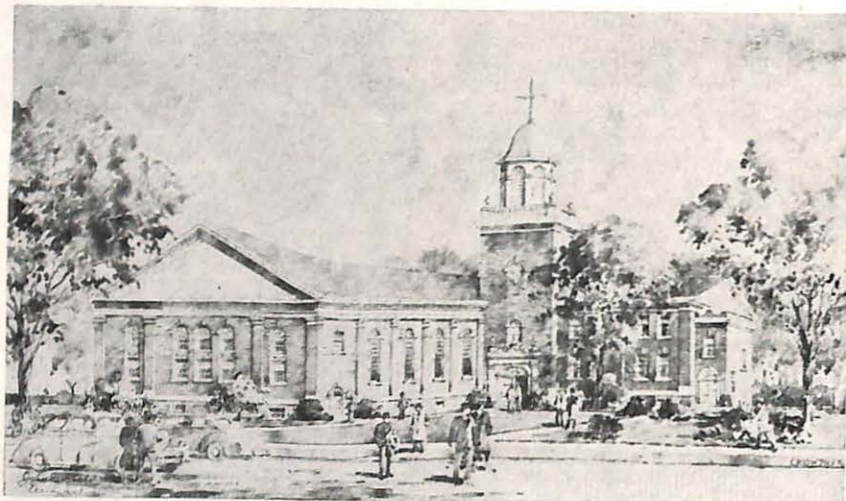
Highlights of Central Conference at Burns Ave. Church, Detroit, Michigan, June 23 to 26

Thursday, June 23: 7:30 P. M. — Opening Service: "The Call to Repentance," L. H. Broeker.

Friday, June 24: 8:00 A. M. — Ministers' Breakfast at Bethel Baptist Church. 8:00 A. M. — Ministers' Wives' Breakfast. 9:30-11:00 A. M. — Devotional and Business. 11:00-11:30 A. M. — "The Call to Prayer," Rev. A. G. Schlesinger. 11:30-12:00 A. M. — "The Call to Faith," Rev. William Hoover. 1:30-2:30 P. M. — Woman's Promotional Hour. 1:30-2:30 P. M. — Special Men's Hour. Speaker, Dr. Wm. Kuhn. 2:30-3:30 P. M. Joint Inspirational Hour in Charge of Woman's Union. 3:30-5:30 P. M. — Reports and Conference Elections. 7:30 P. M. — Worship Service, "The Call to the Word of God," Rev. C. B. Nordland.

Saturday, June 25, 9:00-11:30 A. M. Devotional. Unfinished Business. 11:30-12:00 A. M. — Message, "The Call to Discipleship," Mr. James Barnes. 6:30 P. M. — Young People's Banquet. Speaker, Rev. Edwin Miller.

Sunday, June 26, 9:45 A. M. — Sunday School. 11:00 A. M. — Worship Service, Rev. H. G. Dymmel. 2:30 P. M. — Final Service, "The Call to Evangelization," Rev. J. Lester Harnish.



The Architect's Sketch for the New Edifice of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit Lays the Cornerstone for New Edifice

Easter Sunday afternoon marked the laying of the cornerstone for the new Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan. With a large crowd gathered for the ceremony, historical documents of the church were placed into a copper box and sealed within the cornerstone. The Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, pastor, placed the first trowel of mortar upon the stone followed by other officials of the Building Board: Mr. Otto Nitsch, Building Board chairman; Mrs. Meta Glanz, architectural chairman; Mr. Emil Witt and Mr. Herman Skubick, co-builders of the new edifice,

Songs of victory were sung by the crowd as Mr. Irvin Draewell, deacon board chairman led the singing and Mrs. Dorsey played the organ with Herb Gerhardt assisting with the cornet. The Rev. Wilbur Bloom, executive secretary of the Detroit Baptist Missionary Society, represented the Baptists of the city.

The church is of Colonial architecture and designed to seat 600 persons. It is set among the trees on a 4½ acre site at 21001 Moross Road near Harper Ave. in Detroit. Ground was broken for the building last October and the congregation is expected to worship in its new church this coming Fall.

The Lord has blessed in many ways in the construction of our new church, for which we praise him. In this new neighborhood of Detroit, the Ebenezer Church will continue to hold forth the Word of Life.

The whole day on Easter Sunday was busy in our church beginning with a fine sunrise service at 7:00 A. M. followed by a breakfast in the basement; Sunday School and morning service with fine crowds and the presence of Christ felt among us. After the ceremony of the cornerstone laying, a large congregation met for the evening service when the choir rendered portions of Handel's "Messiah."

Mrs. D. Ortland, Reporter.

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To be held at the Burns Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, June 23 to 26.

If you are coming:

*Please address all correspondence to Mr. Norman Wolfe, 5481 Burns Ave., Detroit, Mich.

*Please make your reservations NOW.

*Please pray that the Holy Spirit will be with us in power, so that our lives and our churches may be spiritually strengthened.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT BURNS!

Pacific Conference

Easter's Bountiful Blessings at the Bethany Baptist Church Near Portland, Oregon

Easter is truly a blessed time of the year and our services at the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Oregon on that day were filled with many blessings. Our Sunday School presented its Easter program during the regular Sunday School hour, during which all classes participated. It is really thrilling to hear what the little ones have to say for their Lord. We were very pleased to have a record attendance for our Sunday School.

The Sunday morning message was delivered by our pastor, Rev. Frank Friesen, on the subject, "The Gospel and the Witnesses to the Resurrection," which was a very inspiring message and proved a great blessing to everyone.

The choir had charge of the Sunday evening service and presented an Easter Musical under the direction of Melba Schaer, our choir directress. There were several other musical selections besides the choir numbers. We also had special treats on Mother's Day with special choir music. The Rev. Frank Friesen conducted evangelistic meetings at Odessa, Wash., beginning with May 9.

Evelyn Schaer, Reporter.

Passion Week and Easter Sunday Services at Anaheim and Costa Mesa, Calif.

The churches of Anaheim, Calif., united for Passion Week Services on Good Friday at the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim. Ministers of our city spoke on "Personalities Around the Cross." Songs of glory in commemoration of the resurrection were rendered by the various choral groups of the churches. These services were held from 12:00 to 3:00 P. M. during the week.

A sunrise service for the Bethel Church was held together with the new mission church members at Costa Mesa. Special musical numbers were sung by the young people of the Anaheim church and the Costa Mesa Mission. The Rev. P. G. Neumann, pastor of the Bethel Church, spoke on the theme, "They Cannot Take My Lord Away." A waffle breakfast hour followed with members and friends of both churches gathering for the "breaking of bread."

Morning worship at Bethel Church on this beautiful Easter day opened with the organ preludes, "Easter Memories" and "Easter Prelude," played by Miss Esther Leuschner and the choir. Anthem, "Hail, the Easter Morn." "Christ Triumphant" was the sermon theme preached by the Rev. P. G. Neumann. The evening hour of worship included baptismal services and a beautiful Easter cantata of 14 songs entitled, "The Song of Triumph."

Mrs. Mae Beat, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Dedication of New Edifice for Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn.

Sunday, April 10, was an eventful day in the ministry of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., and in the lives of its members and friends. Palm Sunday was selected as Church Dedication Sunday, with services in the morning and evening, as well as a special afternoon service. The Rev. Frank Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker.

A number of pastors were able to represent their churches at the afternoon service to bring heart-warming congratulations and greetings. Numerous other wires and letters were also read from friends who could not be at the service in person.

Truly, the Lord has blessed us in our Building Program and we look forward to serving him better in our new location.

Mrs. Caroline Lubbers, Clerk.

Annual School of Religion at Burlington, Iowa With Rev. A. R. Bernadt as Dean

The annual School of Religion for Sunday School teachers and Church workers was held at the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa for six consecutive weeks and found 277 persons enrolled for the ten courses that were offered. More than 100 units of credit were granted to those who completed the assigned work. While the school was an inter-Church affair it was interesting to note that 92 Oak Street Baptist teachers and workers were in the student body. Everyone felt it was the finest school we have had in the last ten years. It was my privilege to set it up and serve as dean as I have done for the past seven years.

The Easter services were the largest services we have had at our church in our eleven-year ministry, for every available chair and seat was taken with the children sitting on the floor in the front of the church and many being obliged to sit on chairs and the stairway in the hall. We received 38 persons into our membership during this Easter season with 26 coming by baptism. The annual communion service on Holy Thursday was also one of the largest we have had in recent years.

Alfred R. Bernadt, Pastor.

Pastor's Resignation and Young People's Rally at Baptist Church, Sheffield, Iowa

The Rev. Lyman Church, who has been the pastor of the Baptist Church of Sheffield, Iowa for a little over five years has resigned his pastorate. Mr. Church has rented a home in Sheffield and is retiring from the active ministry. He is the owner of several farms in the vicinity of Sheffield and he plans to spend some time on these. He has also accepted a position with a local store. After a period of rest



Dr. Finstrom, Executive Secretary of Twin City Baptist Union (Left to Right); Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference; and Rev. L. B. Berndt, Pastor of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., at the Dedication of the New Church Edifice

from the ministry, he plans to enter evangelistic work.

At the quarterly business meeting of our church, it was decided to sell two \$500 War Bonds which were purchased during the war and to send this money to our denominational Headquarters to be used for foreign



The Homebuilders Sunday School Class of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., With Mr. E. C. Quade, Teacher, in Front Row, Center

missions. Realizing that this day of grace might soon close, we decided it best to get this money to work saving souls.

On May 2nd our young people held a Young People's Rally in the church. Some 200 persons attended representing nine different societies. Rev. Merle Booth of Bondurant, Iowa was the speaker. He presented a powerful message using as his text the ques-

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tion of Jesus to his disciples, "Will ye also go away?" He then asked where we would go if we did leave Jesus and showed that only in him could true satisfaction be found.

Henry P. Stover, Reporter.

Activities of the Homebuilders Class of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Under the executive leadership of Mr. Lyle E. Albrecht, president, and Mr. Arthur C. Wiles, vice-president, the Homebuilders Sunday School Class of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin (pictured above) is enjoying another fruitful year. Regular Sunday morning Bible study under the capable leadership of Mr. Emil C. Quade, teacher, and Mr. Monroe H. Roth, assistant teacher, has sown seeds of truth which inevitably blossom forth into acts of love and service. Each Sunday morning, under the devotional leadership of Mr. Raymond Rohrbach, a different member of the class is given an opportunity to direct the class in a ten-minute devotional period.

Highlighting the year's activities, a one-act play, "Between Two Worlds," was presented by the Homebuilders on March 27, in cooperation with the six-weeks' School of Missions conducted by the pastor, the Rev. George W. Zinz, Jr.

Welfare work, directed by Mrs. Ervin Rothenmaier, included four relief

boxes sent to Europe, donations to the Christian Center, to Green Lake Young People's Fund, to the Salvation Army Christmas Fund, to the Polio Fund, and to a missionary in Africa. Ten new tables were made by the class and presented to the church in April.

Under the direction of Mrs. Walter Groechel and Mrs. Roy Krueger, flowers were presented not only to those of the class who were ill during the year but to the church for use in the worship services. Social affairs, including a progressive dinner party and a Church Fellowship Supper sponsored by the Homebuilders, were planned by Mrs. Edith Abad, Mr. Arthur Freigang, and Mr. Wiles. Average class attendance is 33, according to Mrs. Groechel, class secretary-treasurer.

Penny Zinz, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Evangelistic Services are Conducted at the First Baptist Church of Bison, Kansas

From March 27 to April 10 special evangelistic meetings were held at the First Baptist Church of Bison, Kansas. The Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Powers of the Fuller Evangelistic Foundation conducted the services. Mr. Powers is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute and Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill. He is assisted by his wife who is also a graduate of Moody's and a very accomplished musician. Mr. Powers is a marvelous Bible teacher and evangelist, and he is being used greatly of the Lord in this work.

We are rejoicing over one person who made a public confession of faith in Christ as Savior, and we are praying that the seed which was sown shall yet bear fruit for eternity. That many blessings were received by all who attended was revealed to us by the fact that many people of other churches attended nearly every service. Our hearts were convincingly challenged by the soul stirring messages from God's Word.

Harold H. Fischer, Pastor.

with occasional help from his members, is building an adobe church. He and his wife are untiring in their efforts, only regretting that they must spend time and strength to earn a living and to support their three fine children. Mr. Hurtado has been in the San Luis Valley of Colorado several times to help the late Rev. J. J. Reimer, who had a great interest in the work at Taos. The Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Young are also interested and allowed us to use the mission's microphone with which messages were broadcast in different parts of Taos.

Taos is a well known art center, with many smaller towns close to it. The population is about three-quarters Spanish, and there is a hunger for the truth of the Gospel. The Pueblo Indian Reservation is situated at the edge of Taos. Please pray for the Hurtado family and the Lord's work there.

A. D. Schantz, Reporter.

Dr. R. O. Laessig Guest Speaker at Woman's Missionary Union Program at Okeene, Okla.

On Sunday evening, March 20, the Woman's Missionary Union of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Oklahoma rendered its anniversary program. A piano organ duet, "Beautiful City," was the prelude played by Mrs.

fessor of Russian and German Languages at the Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee, Okla. Dr. Laessig had been sent to Africa from Germany and thus in 1940 he was interned, not to return to the mission field for ten years. By God's grace, he was released after a short time and is witnessing for his master in America. His love of God's work and passion for lost souls was an inspiration to all who were present.

Mrs. Harry Geis and the Misses Esther and Leonora Weber then favored us with a trio, "Come Unto Me." While the offering was taken, designated for Nurses' Training School Project in the Cameroons, Mrs. Graalman and Mrs. Dumler played a piano organ duet entitled, "The Slumber Song."

Mrs. J. C. Cagle, Secretary.

Northern Conference

Twenty-two Persons Baptized at the McDermot Avenue Church Winnipeg, Manitoba

Easter Sunday will be remembered in the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba for some time to come. Twenty-two persons followed their Lord and Master in baptism. This was the largest group of candidates who were baptized on one day for a number of years.

The pastor, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, led the evening service in a highly creditable manner. A hushed congregation of nearly 600 members and friends viewed the proceedings, which, although quite informal, bore a very stately atmosphere. The choir presented an Easter concert climaxed by the baptismal service.

Evangelistic meetings were held during the last two weeks in March. Guest speaker was the Rev. R. Milbrandt, dean of the Baptist Haven of Rest at Medicine Hat, Alberta. His topics were timely and so well presented that twenty-three souls were saved. The real acid test of an evangelistic meeting is the number of adults among the converts. We were, happy indeed, to see that about one-half of the converts were young adults, while the rest were mostly boys and girls in their later teens. Services were held in German throughout the first week and in English during the following week.

The Lord has been most gracious in answering our prayers. May his work progress until he comes to claim his own.

John F. Luebeck, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Sessions of the North Texas Association Held at the Cottonwood Baptist Church

The North Texas Association met with the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas from March 23 to 25. "Go — Stand — Speak" was the

missionary theme that challenged the churches to a greater vision of their God-given task. In his keynote address based on the word, "Go," Rev. Kenneth E. Nelson declared that "Go" was not only the keynote of the association but also of the entire Christian life.

Encouraging reports from the various churches revealed progress which was evidenced through increased church membership and attendance, a strong financial program, and improvement in church property. These advances are indications of God's favor and grace abiding upon his churches. The new officers for the coming year are: moderator, Rev. Arthur Schulz; vice-moderator, Rev. Kenneth E. Nelson; secretary-treasurer, Rev. Roy W. Seibel.

In the missionary forum Rev. Roy

Seibel presented our returned missionary, Miss Margaret Kittlitz, who gave an informal but very informative and inspiring report on our missionary work in the Cameroons. Her greetings and testimony served to bring the delegates and visitors very close to their fellow-Christians in Africa.

The need of foreign missions was further emphasized by Miss Fumiko Uechi, Japanese missionary student of Baylor University. She gave a stirring account of the growth of mission work in the Hawaiian Islands, her homeland.

Home missions also had a vital part on the association program. The panel discussions on "Missions in the Sunday School" by Rev. Roy Seibel and "Missions in the Training Union" by

on Dec. 11, 1946. They were blessed with seven children: Mrs. D. Lavender, British Columbia; Mrs. S. Gienow, Mrs. B. Edmonds, Balgonie; Mrs. H. S. Mang, Saskatchewan; Mr. Wm. Paul, Regina; Mr. H. A. Paul, Port Arthur, Ontario; Mr. Cecil Paul, McLeon, Sask.

He was an active member of the Baptist Church of Edenwold. He leaves to mourn his departure seven children, 11 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, 6 brothers, one sister and a host of relatives and friends. Services were in a chapel in Regina and burial was in the Regina Cemetery. The Rev. S. S. Harrop, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Regina, spoke words of comfort to the bereaved. Pallbearers were his three sons: William, Harry and Cecil, and his three brothers: Charlie, Joe and Fred. May God continue to be the comfort and guide to those who mourn until the day when we shall be united together!

Balgonie, Saskatchewan.

Mrs. S. Gienow, Correspondent.

MR. CHRIST J. HERR of Wishek, North Dakota

Mr. Christ J. Herr of Wishek, North Dakota, was born on March 22, 1882 near Tripp. With his parents he moved to North Dakota and spent his life in the Wishek district. Here he learned to love his Lord and accepted him as his own personal Savior. Upon the confession of his faith in Jesus Christ, he was baptized on June 14, 1901. He remained faithful unto death.

On February 7, 1904 he was united in marriage with Lydia Koth, who died in 1920, leaving him with four children. Later in the same year he was married to Elizabeth Preszler, and to them one daughter was born. He took part in all church activities, and served as deacon in the Wishek church for many years. As a local business man he was director of the Herr Mercantile Store for 29 years, until he retired in 1943 due to illness.

On April 6, 1949 he died of a heart ailment in the Bismarck Hospital, having reached the age of 67 years and 14 days. He leaves to mourn his departure: his wife Elizabeth; three sons, Ernest and Vernon of Wishek, Clarence of Brooklyn, N. Y.; two daughters, Mrs. Adena Banks of Lynd, Minn.; Mrs. Vivian Hanson of Minneapolis, Minn.; seven grandchildren; two brothers, Gottlieb and Edward of Wishek; two sisters, Mrs. Christina Koth of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Katherine Human of Salem, Oregon; besides many other relatives and friends.

The undersigned officiated at the burial service and spoke on Job 19:25, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth." May the bereaved look to the great Comforter Christ for consolation!

Wishek, North Dakota.

Ervin J. Faul, Pastor.

REV. JACOB PETER SCHULTZ of Olds, Alberta, Canada

Rev. Jacob Peter Schultz of Olds, Alberta, Canada was born to Rev. and Mrs. Peter Schultz on March 29, 1885 while they

lived at Mountain Lake, Minnesota. The family moved to Langham, Sask., Canada, where the father homesteaded in 1902. As a youth of 18, he accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized and received into the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church. In 1907 he was united in holy matrimony with Anna Schultz. God saw fit to bless them with seven children, two sons and five daughters.

Having finished his high school at Rosethorn Sask., he attended Normal to prepare himself for the teaching profession. He stayed with this work for thirty-six years serving in districts near Dalmeny, Sask. But his heart was restless till he followed the call of the Spirit to become a minister of the Gospel. He was ordained into the ministry in 1914. During his teaching career he was active in the Lord's service in preaching the Gospel, in directing choirs, in personal evangelism, and evangelistic campaigns. The latter were carried on during the summer vacation period, in both western Canada and the United States.

Roy Seibel, Reporter.

In 1945 he retired from the teaching profession and accepted the call of the Reed Ranch and Torrington Baptist Churches near Olds to become their pastor. Here he spent the last and most blessed years of his life. He made an indelible impression upon these churches through his simple life of prayer and sincerity of purpose in every task performed.

On January 23, 1949 he became ill with pneumonia, and though he rallied from it, a heart condition aggravated by asthma claimed his life. It was on April 13 that he bade his loved ones a last farewell before he entered the presence of the Lord. Of his last testimonies we quote: "I have no merits of my own. My work counts for nothing. My righteousness is in Christ alone through his blood, and that anchor holds." Another: "My physical breathing is getting more difficult, but not so with my spiritual breathing."

Memorial services were held at the Reed Ranch Baptist Church on Good Friday, April 15. The Rev. H. Schatz of the Bridge-land Baptist Church of Calgary was in charge. He was assisted by Rev. Traub of the nearby Pentecostal Church, and Rev. R. H. Zepik of the Trochu Baptist Church. Special numbers were given by members of the churches he served and by Rev. and Mrs. Traub. The body was taken to Dalmeny, Sask., where it was laid to rest on Monday, April 18.

Mourning his departure are his wife, Anna; five daughters, two sons, three sons-in-law, two daughters-in-law, 15 grandchildren, six brothers, three sisters, a host of friends, and the churches he so faithfully served.

It was my privilege to become acquainted with the deceased, and to have opportunity to labor together with him. He belonged to those from whom come our spiritual heroes.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13.

Olds, Alberta, Canada

R. H. Zepik, Correspondent.



Twenty-two Young People and Adults Who Were Baptized by the Rev. Daniel Fuchs and Received Into the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Evangelistic Meetings in the Spanish Baptist Church at Taos, New Mexico

It was my privilege to help with revival services April 4 to 10 for the Spanish Baptist Church of Taos, New Mexico. The evangelist was Rev. Robert J. Brown, the 22 year old pastor of the Berean Baptist Church of Santa Fe, New Mexico, who speaks Spanish fluently. Meetings were held in a rented hall, which was filled every night. Thirteen persons professed to accept Christ, and several have done so since then.

The pastor, Rev. Aurelio Hurtado,

O. G. Graalman and Mrs. Herman Dumler preceding the song service. Mrs. Harry Geis read the Scripture lesson and led in prayer. Then our president, Mrs. Alex Priebe, welcomed our guests.

This was followed by the secretary's annual report. A special number, "Not One is Forgotten," was sung by the Ladies' Chorus. The highlights of the evening was the very uplifting and interesting manner in which our guest speaker, Dr. Robert O. Laessig, related his experiences while serving as a missionary in the British Cameroons from 1936 to 1940.

At present, Dr. Laessig is a pro-



Religious Editors at the Associated Church Press Conference Surround President Harry Truman (Center, Front Row) in the Rose Garden of the White House Grounds With Editors J. C. Gunst and Martin L. Leuschner to Right of Group (Second Row)

The Associated Church Press

A Report About Its 30th Annual Meeting at Washington, D. C.,
by DR. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of "The Baptist Herald"

OUR PUBLICATIONS, "The Baptist Herald," "Der Sendbote" and "Youth Compass" have gained added prestige by becoming actively identified with the Associated Church Press. From April 20 to 22 the Reverends J. C. Gunst and Martin L. Leuschner attended the 30th annual meeting of the Associated Church Press in Washington, D. C. with profitable results.

About 75 to 80 other representatives from almost all religious and denominational groups in the United States and Canada were present. Dr. William B. Lippard, editor of the Baptist publication, "Missions," was the able and genial moderator. As the aggressive president for the past two years, he brought a timely keynote address about the effective measures already initiated by the Associated Church Press.

The conference is a time for fellowship and mutual acquaintance by editors and business managers of various Christian publishing houses. It affords these leaders an insight into some of the latest developments in the publishing field of today. Dr. Herman F. Burns of the Southern Baptist Board showed how to improve the church press as he evaluated the various publications critically and made constructive suggestions as to their improvement.

The sessions provided us with much

inspiration for broader horizons and a wider outlook. Mr. Francis H. Russell of the United States Department of State spoke on "The Church Press and American Foreign Policy." Mr. Glenn Archer delivered a fiery address on "The Church Press and the Separation of Church and State." A symposium dealt with "Church Press Circulation in Time of Inflation and Deflation." Dr. Charles A. Wells, Baptist cartoonist, illustrated his message on "The Church Press and Suppressed News." The final address of the conference was given by the Honorable Paul Howard Douglas, United States Senator from Illinois.

On Thursday noon, April 21st, the members of the Associated Church Press met the President of the United States, Harry Truman, in the president's office at the White House. The introduction was graciously made by Dr. Edward H. Pruden, the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., and the president's pastor. After each one had shaken hands with the president, the official picture of the group (see accompanying photograph) was taken in the adjoining Rose Garden of the White House garden.

Then President Truman gave us this testimony: "You know, the President has to be very careful that he goes to church for the purpose of worshipping God and not for the purpose of

being a circus. I go to church because I want to go and because I think I ought to go. The First Baptist Church treats me just the way I want to be treated."

"The Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote" have active memberships in the Associated Church Press. "Youth Compass" will probably join during the year. Attendance at this annual meeting by our representatives gives not only greater recognition to our publications but also enables us to think in terms of further improvements and editorial changes that will be pleasing to our readers. The ministry of "The Baptist Herald" ought to be strengthened immeasurably because of its editor's participation in the thought-provoking sessions of the Associated Church Press.

What's Happening

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April, called "An Attendance Chain." An unbroken chain of paper links was hung on the wall of the church, signed by Sunday School scholars with their pledge to be present. The contest came to a close on Palm Sunday, April 10, with more than 120 persons present. Mr. Ben Edinger is the superintendent. A Union Good Friday service was held on April 15 at the Baptist Church. The program centered around the theme, "It Happened at Calvary." The Rev. Wilmer Quiring, pastor of the Baptist Church, spoke on "The Enemies of Christ." One of the church's young men, Perry Pepple, who spent the past school year at the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta spoke about his experiences at C.T.I. at the young people's meeting on Sunday, April 3rd.

● The young people of the Baptist Church of Bismarck, No. Dak., recently gave musical numbers and a play entitled, "The House on Sand." Miss Violet Nies, president, was in charge of the program and Mrs. Edward Kary directed the play. On a succeeding Sunday evening the group went to Turtle Lake, N. Dak., and presented the program there. At both occasions the young people had most appreciative audiences. The offerings that were taken went toward the building fund of the Bismarck church. The church also held very fine revival meetings during the Easter season. The Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta, brought the messages. During the meetings there was much prayer and the people were urged to do a lot of Bible reading from day to day. The testimonies every night revealed how the people responded. On Sunday, May 8, the Rev. Edward Kary, pastor, had the privilege of baptizing eleven persons. There are several others who have indicated that they want to join the church by letter and experience.