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ENGAGEMENTS

- Rev. Frank H. Woyke
 Sunday, Sept. 11 — La Crosse, Wis. (Dedication of New Church Edifice.)
 Sunday, Sept. 18 — Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn.
- Rev. Martin L. Leuschner
 Sunday, Sept. 11 — Fredonia, North Dakota. (Dedication of New Berlin Church.)
 Sunday, Sept. 18 — Ebenezer Baptist Church, Elmo, Kansas.
- Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist
 August 31-Sept. 12 — Prince George, British Columbia.
- Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Evangelist
 Sept. 4-16 — Bison, South Dakota.

CONFERENCE GATHERINGS

- August 29-Sept. 5 — Atlantic Conference Young People's Assembly at Denton Lake, New York. Miss Laura E. Reddig and Prof. R. P. Jeschke, Guest Speakers.
- August 28-Sept. 2 — Chicago and Wisconsin Young People's Assembly at Camp Ripley, Wisconsin. Miss Leona Ross, Missionary and Miss Martha Leypoldt, Guest Speakers.

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LEAFLETS

1. **Christian Life Program** — A six-page leaflet with information and pictures announcing a spiritual challenge to every North American Baptist and a far-reaching goal for 1949-1952.
2. **A New Look at the Belo Field** — A six-page leaflet about the Belo Mission Field in the Cameroons, Africa.
3. **A Good Look at the Soppo Field** — An eight-page leaflet about the Soppo Field in the Cameroons, illustrated with new pictures, and prepared by Rev. Edwin Michelson, Miss Myrtle Hein and Miss Esther Schulz.

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 Thursday Evening, Sept. 22 — Sermon by Rev. Richard K. Mercer, Jr., Newark, N. J.
 Friday Evening, Sept. 23 — Missionary Address by Miss Laura E. Reddig, Cameroons.
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AMONG OURSELVES

This issue announces the completion of the Million Dollar Offering with the total of \$921,091.02 raised during the two-year period up to July 31, 1949. We can raise our voices in praise to God and gratitude to our people, even though the flags of victory cannot be raised. Considering the times and trend of economic events and in the face of a tremendous building program now being carried on by most of our churches, this achievement of raising almost nine and a quarter hundred thousand dollars is notable, indeed. The honor churches in the Million Dollar Offering will be announced in a forthcoming issue.

IN THIS ISSUE

This number ought to place a great spiritual burden upon your heart. The sermon by the Rev. W. J. Luebeck emphasizes the need of the living reality of Christian love for men. The goal of 7000 baptisms for our conference is described in the editorial. The tiring trek by Missionary Ganstrom brought the Gospel to hundreds of Africans. The mission fields in the Cameroons and among the Indians ought to be nearer to our hearts than ever after reading this issue. Immigration doors are opening up again. Oh, the needs of such a time as this as they come into view because of the reading of this issue of "The Herald."

COMING

A Call to Prayer! This sermon by the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger, preached at the Central Conference will also emphasize the Christian Life Program which is now being launched in our churches.

Memorials in Africa — The Kayser Memorial School, the new bronze tablet for the Bender Memorial Church and the memorial gift of dental equipment for the Bansa Hospital will be colorfully described in forthcoming articles.

The Baptist Seminary in Hamburg — Miss Adeline Zimbelman reports about the Baptist caravan at Hamburg, Germany with the latest picture of the rebuilt Baptist seminary there.



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Editorials

by Martin L. Leuschner

Seven Thousand Baptisms

THE APOSTLE PAUL believed in high and lofty goals which he set before himself. Because of such goals, he wrote to the Philipians: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." A goal is a challenge to expend our best gifts and utmost strength in attaining a certain objective. As a spiritual stimulus in the Christian life, a goal can have the blessing and approval of God upon it.

For the first time in our denominational history, a definite objective in baptisms has been announced for North American Baptist churches during the triennium of 1949 to 1952. The goal looms high above us as a difficult but not impossible objective to attain. A total of seven thousand baptisms is the announced goal for our churches! But already our pastors and churches and the General Conference, assembled a few days ago at Sioux Falls, have warmly welcomed the evangelistic emphasis and objective in baptisms for our conference during the next three years.

Every member of one of our churches is being asked to enroll in the Christian Life Program, first of all. This calls for a deepening of the Christian life and a disciplining of the individual spirit. A new six page leaflet, first distributed at the General Conference, describes the program more in detail.

The attainment of the evangelistic objective of seven thousand baptisms ought to be the fruitage of the Christian Life Program. A real revival must always begin with consecrated Christians. Every church will have to intensify its evangelistic efforts. Every individual must become aflame as a soul winner. We must be tireless co-laborers with Jesus Christ, as the Lord adds daily such to his Church as are saved by his grace. There must be boldness of faith and spirit in every heart as we believe that this goal can be reached and as we press toward the mark!

You will soon be aware of the blessed results of this denominational goal. The spiritual fires of your own heart ought to burn more brightly as you watch the total number of baptisms in our churches constantly grow as these baptisms are announced in our publications. Each year the baptisms from every church will be published compared with annual average of the past few years. This means that every church should now accept the challenge to try to win and to baptize more converts than ever before.

The percentage of increased baptisms must be about fifty per cent in every church if the goal is to be reached. Only then can we record seven thousand baptisms for the next triennium. Does it sound difficult? Not at all, if you really believe in evangelism and in the saving power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

BIBLE TEXT

"And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following" (Mark 16:20).

The Gospel according to Mark ends with this descriptive and dramatic verse. It shows how the disciples went forth to serve their Lord because he was their Companion to work with them and to confirm the word with marvelous signs. That same spiritual parallel ought to describe the return of our General Conference delegates and visitors to their respective churches and fields of labor. It is still the same triumphant Christ and Risen Lord who goes before us and who works with us. He is exceedingly eager to confirm the preaching of his Word and the witnessing to his Gospel with evidences of great power. Oh, that the end of our General Conference might be the beginning of the mighty acts of God's people as they go forth to serve the living Lord with the faith that Christ's light must triumph!

WELL DONE, MARGARET!

No one has worked harder during the past summer than Miss Margaret Kittlitz, one of our Cameroons missionaries, in visiting churches, conferences and youth assemblies. She accepted every assignment with a full measure of devotion and responded enthusiastically to almost every request made for her. Certainly, her furlough has not been a rest or vacation for her, thus far.

But Miss Kittlitz can be delighted over the spiritual results of her summer's labors. She has given our people a new and more vivid insight into our Cameroons mission field. Her personal devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ has lighted many fires of consecration in the hearts of young people. She has won new friends for the Cameroons and many friends for herself. We, of the headquarters staff, have marveled at the prodigious output of her untiring efforts for Christ and our mission.

STUDENT SUBSCRIPTIONS

A plan can now be announced, following the approval of several denominational boards, whereby "The Baptist Herald" is being made available to full-time students in schools away from home for a period of nine months at bargain subscription rates. Such a subscription costs only one dollar (\$1.00) for the period from Oct. 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950. Families and churches can order as many subscriptions as they desire for their students, or individual students can place their orders for themselves by sending their money and the school address to our Roger Williams Press in Cleveland. Students at our Seminary and the Christian Training Institute of Edmononton are eligible for these special subscriptions. Send your orders promptly! See the advertisement in this issue. Act immediately!

The Greatest Loss

The greatest loss for us would be to have a church with all its societies and activities without the compassionate spirit of Christ

By the REV. W. J. LUEBECK of Cleveland, Ohio, Editor of "Der Sendbote"

"Now it is hid from thine eyes."

A NORWEGIAN missionary, a father of four children, and his wife were on their way to a lowly post in the interior of China. One morning, at their usual devotional hour, the missionary tore the leaf from the calendar to read the text to his family. It was on December 14, 1939 as he read, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord."

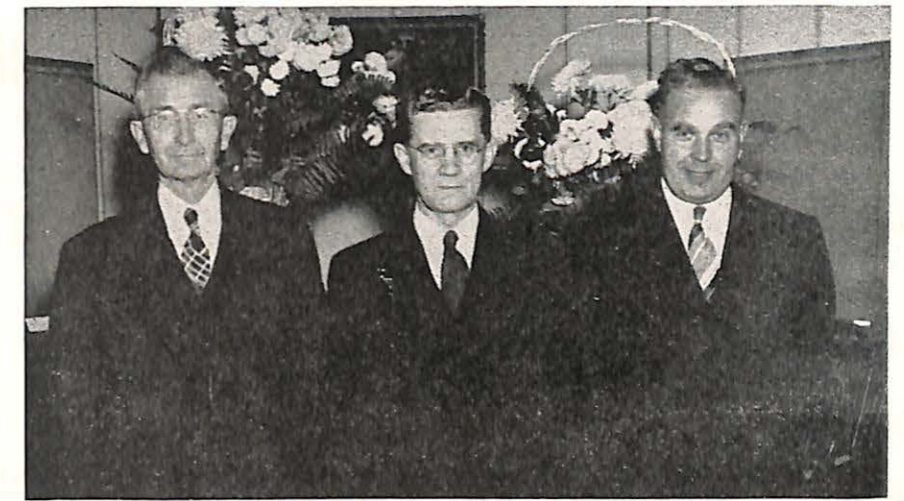
He became thoughtful, applying this word to their lives. He added that they must submit to the thoughts of the Lord whatever they might be. Hardly had he spoken these words, when a heavy explosion shook their house. A Japanese war-plane had bombed the place. The husband was struck and killed. Only one wall remained standing; it was the one on which the calendar was fastened.

His wife, now a widow, took that loss and became submissive to the will of God. It was a great privation to her, because through it life became harder and harder than ever. However, her children grew up and loved the Lord.

But such an experience, as painful as it was, is not the hardest loss. The greatest loss would be if we should lose our heavenly reward, lose it by being satisfied with a false Christian life. Our alleged good deeds may burn up like wood, hay or stubble, and what is left may be mere admission, missing the higher life of eternity. There are things we should know.

THE BEST KNOWLEDGE

Therefore, let us consider that the best knowledge is always hidden. When man is born he has to come to know the things that are in existence. A person may hear and read of the Niagara Falls. However, as long as he has not actually seen them and felt the thrill of the falling waters, the



Rev. W. J. Luebeck of Cleveland, Ohio, (Center) Editor of "Der Sendbote," at Ashley, North Dakota for an Anniversary Celebration, With Rev. W. H. Buening of Waco, Texas, (Left), a Former Pastor of the Ashley Church; and Rev. Walter Stein (Right), the Present Pastor

Falls are in reality hidden from his eyes.

After three years of teaching and endeavoring to win the people of Israel for the spirit of God, and not only for his Law, Jesus entered Jerusalem as their king and intercessor. He stopped and reflected. As he saw the city, which was destined to be a lighthouse for the whole world, a noisy, bargain haggling city, he wept over it and said, "If thou hadst known the things which belong unto thy peace, but now they are hid from thine eyes."

The natural stage in a nation's life is a white sheet of ignorance. As long as Israel had its Pharisees as teachers, Israel was not responsible for its deadened religion. However, Jesus had come, according to his own words, to preach recovery of sight. Then the former white sheet was written upon by their attitude toward the higher truth. Israel knew the latter of the law but not its spirit.

Jesus taught and practiced the spiritual side. As the switchman, he explained that the object of God's love is MAN and not the law. He preached restoration from sin by belief in the Redeemer and his forgiveness. He said that the law was to keep men safe, but that in failing cases, God's spirit endeavors to restore life. "Go ye and learn what that meaneth; I will have mercy and not sacrifice, for I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance" (Matt. 9:13). The Israelites heard the message, but refused to change their mode of doctrine. They were satisfied with the law that condemned the transgressors and excluded the sick from social life.

Then a deplorable thing happened. Since they refused to accept the well-meant and life-containing corrections through Jesus, their eyes became dimmed as one who looks into the sun without protection. Willingness and our heart's desire for the full truth are our protection. Finally Jesus, in

the length of time and under his best endeavors, had to proclaim at the end of his teaching period, "Now it is hid from your eyes."

GENUINE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Many centuries have since passed. Christian churches have come into existence. They claim to be Christ's followers, having accepted the spirit of Christ which the people of Israel refused. The spirit of Christ is a revolutionary spirit. It penetrates all phases and all stages of life. It is in constant fermentation because there is no period of rest in it. As soon as we dogmatize Christianity, it becomes stagnant and turns into a pharasaical religion which prescribes certain things as more valuable. It is our task to uphold that constant flow of genuine Christian life. If we give room to the Holy Spirit, he will lead us in all the truth.

Therefore the apostles admonish us to "search the Scriptures" (John 5:39). There is only one place of authority, whither we can go with assurance, and that is Jesus Christ. To wander about, looking for more improved human opinions and dogmas, is opposition to the spirit of Christ. Reborn men are born of the truth and should know that Jesus said, "I am the truth." Therefore, we cannot enter the way of tradition nor speculation, but have to search the Scriptures in order to find the spirit of Christ.

If we emphasize a certain theology, follow a certain routine of life which stabilizes the Christian life in dogmas and modes of confessions, the spirit of Christ cannot work. He has to knife through the crusts of human endeavors first. If this period of lingering and resisting is too expanded, a coat of film will fall upon the truth. Then people no longer see the things as they are, but as the world looks upon

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Sixteen Days in a Missionary's Life

The story of an important missionary trek on the Belo Field in the Cameroons which would have been impossible if it had not been for your prayers and sacrificial giving

By the REV. S. DONALD GANSTROM, Missionary Stationed at Belo, Africa

DID YOU realize that from April 13 to 28 — a period of sixteen days — you who share in this ministry did a very important work for the Lord here in the Cameroons? Of course, every day you share with us in this work, but there are times when our work, yours and ours, is just a bit more important than otherwise.

At this special time we made a trek covering one-third of your Belo Field. We climbed to some of its highest and coldest points of approximately 5,500 feet down to its lowest, hottest plains. To get to one old church we climbed straight up, like walking up a fire-escape on a skyscraper for two hours. To other stations we traveled up and down over rolling hills and through deep ravines, crossing through swift streams. This means much walking and climbing that cannot be done on a horse. Even our shortest treks of one to two hours makes one a bit tired. The longest trek of over five hours (approximately 15 miles) makes you know you have done a day's work — especially with two small children with you. The circumference of the area covered is approximately 125 miles.



With Great Excitement African Natives Play the Wooden Xylophone at a Dance in the Streets of a Cameroons Village

In this area we contacted eight established churches, one being the oldest in Belo Field. An established church is one of ten members or more that has been organized, having chosen one or more deacons and having been given the power of an independent Baptist Church according to Baptist practices.

VISITING THE CHURCHES

Then six new chapels were also visited. A chapel is a new work just started that has only new converts who are attending instruction classes preparing them for baptism and church membership. These places are a joy to any worker's heart — eager young people seeking to live a new life in Christ or perhaps strangers in a strange area who have established a nucleus fellowship and are holding forth the Light.

Even greater still God gave us opportunity to visit two unevangelized areas. One was an area where a church has never been and the other had a church of another faith that failed because they did not preach for conversion.

On our visits we try especially to bring anew the story of salvation and

then words of encouragement and challenge to strive for a greater and more abundant life in Christ. This is not done in the same way at each church or chapel. We try to have a few conversations with the church teacher, a deacon, or other Christians so as to feel out the needs. Then seeking the leading of the Holy Spirit, we attempt to meet these needs as well as possible.

PREACHING THE GOSPEL

The problems are no different than yours at home — what to do with backsliders; how to encourage more giving, more faithful attendance and work, etc. In one place we found only five Christians remaining on the roll. Two had gone as traders, and so would be absent six to nine months out of the year. The village head had compelled the church teacher to be his scribe with the result that the people have been stopped from even entering the church to hear the Gospel.

Several pagans came to the church compound upon our arrival. I asked them pointedly if they came to hear the Gospel. They replied, "No, only to see the 'white man' and his children." We held a meeting at once and invited all to stay. Some did but their hearts were as hard as Pharaoh's. The three Christians who remain there face a problem as great as Moses did. Will you pray with us that God will lead them in their witness in this dark village.

At the chapel stations we preached the Gospel pure and simple, using the flannelgraph to a great extent. These places remind us of Paul and his work as he called his converts "babes in Christ." Satan tries his hardest in these places to devour the young ones as he stalks them like a lion. One station named Atin has five Christians who recently were baptized and over twenty converts in the instruction class learning to walk as new Christians, "desiring the sincere milk of the Word."

The unevangelized areas are the places of joy. One is named Metang, where a church teacher from another older church has been going for over a year holding small meetings in the

houses as he would be permitted. As we visited there, we were overjoyed to find five new converts who were on fire for the Lord in their new experience. They are appealing to us to see the Chief to get permission to build a chapel there.

A MISSIONARY'S JOYS

There is never a dull moment when one is on trek unless it is because you are shut in an account of rain. The biggest joy is that of personal visitation in the villages when you have reached the church. Visits will be made to village heads, Christians, Inquirers, the sick, and backsliders.

One visit stands out on this trek. We walked in the midday sun for half an hour to an old mammy's hut. She is the mother of our Belo Station foreman and was converted only a year ago. I witnessed her baptism about three months ago, and she surely has been a happy person in her new way of life. As we came to the mud hut, she gave out a loud exclamation of joy and seemed to find no end to her happiness over the fact that we should think of her. You've visited with dear saints who have been that way and you know the joy it gives you to have shared your Christian love with them.

The above mentioned Metang was our first stop at a new work. Here we see a future center of a great area that has been neglected by us because of the lack of native workers. The Catholics have a small school in a nearby village and plan to do intensive church work. To us this is even a greater challenge than an untouched

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pagan village. Many times when a new work opens up, they are the boys and girls who attend meetings and usually your first converts are among those of Intermediate age. But not so with Metang! The five who were baptized on April 10th of this year are three grown men and two women. At once we see this will make for a stronger witness in this village. Too often the excuse is: "This white man's religion is for children."

Another future church area is that of one of Satan's strongholds in the

Ndop Plain, a vast area of some 37,000 people. We have a new church at a main village here on the motor road that leads to Ndu and inland from this new church is a village called Bamunkumbit. The village head is an uncle to one of our school teachers, and it is through the witness of this teacher that we have been able to visit this place.

The village head wrote to me inviting us to come and talk about bringing his people this new teaching. The

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Native Women Get Ready to Dance Around a Large Drum in the Street of an African Village. Such Scenes and Places Are a Common Sight to the Missionary on a Trek Through the Cameroons

The Greatest Loss for the Christian

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them, and finally, the time may come when Jesus will have to say regretfully, "Now it is hid from thine eyes."

THE BEST CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE

To see religion as the Lord looks upon it is the best Christian knowledge. He is striving for the soul's peace, "the peace that passeth all understanding." We see the missing interest and the unfit representatives. Jesus looks at human souls. He is the great potter who fashions a broken soul into a vessel of beauty and usefulness. Such vessels are not irreparably broken. Broken lives are usually willing and desirous to follow God's voice. God has never looked for the opportunity to use the sword of judgment. He is not willing that any should perish but that they turn from their evil ways. He is touched with our infirmities.

So also should his Church be characterized by **COMPASSION** on people that can be won and spiritualized. We are so earthbound and materialistic that we are only moved when we hear of a blinded veteran, of orphans or hungry men and women. These make us reach for a handkerchief. But when people are crippled by sin, we believe that they deserve isolation.

Jesus is the father of compassion. If an earthly prince, the Prince of Wales, was able to visit the disabled veterans and, while tears came to his eyes, kiss the cheeks of an especially mangled man who was so hideous that no one was permitted to see him, how much more is our Lord out to visit hideous souls in self-condemnation! He came to seek that which was lost.

75th Anniversary of Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., from Sept. 28 to Oct. 2

The 75th anniversary of the founding of the Pilgrim Baptist Church (formerly the Second German Baptist Church) of Philadelphia, Pa., will be celebrated from September 28th to October 2nd, 1949. All former members of the church are cordially invited to participate in the festivities or to send greetings for this occasion.

Walter C. Damrau, Pastor
254 Higbee Street
Philadelphia 20, Pa.

WHY DO WE NOT SEE THE TRUTH?

1. We do not take time. Our mind is filled with impressions, with tasks for the future, with family affairs and obligations to our friends and neighbors. But most of all, it is because of our heart's hardness that we do not dwell on the highest things. Therefore, it would be advisable for us to read the Scriptures for a few minutes the first thing in the morning, so that God's Word has an opportunity to speak to us.

2. A false estimation of the Christian truth. Everybody is inclined to take that for truth which all Christians believe. The elders of Israel were so firmly persuaded that the pharisaical way contained life, that they would not even think of changing their religion — to consider Jesus' way. People count their good deeds in general and are lulled into a belief that everything is all right with them.

3. Others hold their leaders as mediators. They take for granted that

they possess heavenly knowledge, that God has given them enlightenment instead of those who are not able to see the truth as clearly. They suppose that for that reason there are gifted persons, persons with power and influence, beings whom God has appointed. But that is an easy way to get rid of responsibility. Everybody has to search the Scriptures for himself and to compare them with the teachings and explanations of others, and the Holy Spirit will then show them the truth. If we hide ourselves behind human fixed methods, the truth will be hid from us.

THE CORE OF CHRISTIANITY

The Jewish people believed that the core of their religion was to please God through the fulfillment of the commandments and they did not worry about the people who failed to keep the commandments. Then Jesus came and explained that God is worried about MEN whom he created that they might live. He said that all the methods, teachings, ceremonies and church activities must help them find the way of Christ. God is concerned about men, and not so about his glory. The glory and praise to him are natural, like the birds of the air, but the condition of man is unnatural and therefore deplorable. God strives to restore human lives. For this purpose the world is sustained and the Redeemer sent, and so also the Word of God and the Holy Spirit given. For this purpose God suffers in patience, and Christ serves as the great Physician. "A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench!"

Christ-likeness consists in assisting our Lord in his endeavors to bring about this restoration. Every broken life that is restored through our efforts makes a jewel in our crown. The unity of the church is erected if we are bound together by love to help each other in the spirit of recovering the sight of God's will. The vacation of the church is the royal priesthood of God's children. The oneness of mind consists in brotherly and pardoning love, by the bond of humility, through mutual sympathy and service, having the common goal not to be a hindrance in anyone's life.

The greatest loss for us would be to have a church with all its societies and activities without the compassionate spirit of Christ, to praise God in worthy words and ceremonies and to lack the living reality of Christian love for men. Paul said, "For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. To the Jews I become as a Jew, to the weak I as weak, that I might gain the weak. I made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the Gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you" (1 Cor. 9:19-23).



Joe White, an Indian of the Bull Reserve, is about to be baptized by the Rev. Karl Korella, with four Indians of the Montana Reserve, Alec Mackinaw, John Curry, William Standing on the Road, and Henry Strawhat, waiting to be baptized.

Indian Testimonies for Christ

Indian Converts on the Bobtail Mission Field Give Their Testimonies for Christ as Recorded and Abbreviated for Publication by MISS META STOBER, Mission Worker Among the Indians for the Summer Months

MRS. JOHN CURRY

I am very glad that I took Jesus in my heart. I have asked him many times to forgive my sins. My desire is to live for Jesus, be kind to others and to be a loving mother.

ALEC MACKINAW

When these people came here to the Reserve and taught the Word of God, I realized then I was not saved. I pray and try hard to be a good Christian which I am supposed to be. I know I was a sinner. I was not a Christian. I was on the wrong road. I prayed for forgiveness of my sins and that I might do good for other people. I gave my heart to Christ so that he make his home in my heart. I pray that I could save at least one person. I want to go through the waters of baptism.

WILLIAM STANDING ON THE ROAD

I was a very bad boy for ten years. Never go to church. One day I got struck on the road with the sins deep in my heart. I was very bad. One time I went to church. The preacher was talking about me there, so I went out. When I got stuck I remembered the words he was saying. I knelt down and asked Jesus to come into my heart and to forgive my sins. He did and now he gives me great joy.

MR. LOUIS STRAWHAT

When I was at Calgary I talked with one of the missionaries there. That man there told me to be good and do work for Christ. Today that is why I give myself to Christ. I heard the words that they said this night. That is why I want to give my heart to Christ. That is why tonight I stand for Christ. I hope everyone will take Christ on this Reserve.

MRS. JOSEPHINE STRAWHAT

I am very glad and ask that Christ make his home in my heart. I hope that he give me more blessing for the big day coming tomorrow to go through water baptism. Thanks to the Almighty One who starts the new life.

HENRY STRAWHAT

When I took Jesus in my heart, I was very glad. From that day I know he was my Savior, I did not want to go on the wrong path. I hope that I will take the right road always.

MRS. ALEC MACKINAW

(Testimony brought by her husband) She told me that not long ago she wanted to go through water baptism. She wants to bring her children to God so that they will live the right way too.

JOHN CATTLEMAN

Today is the best day which I live. I know there is no other One whom I want for my Savior. I went to Edmonton with some of the people to ask for a church. The reason I went to ask for a church, I wanted the people to learn more of the Lord. Today I ask God while I am living on earth to enlighten my life. I will serve the Almighty as long as I live.

MRS. JOHN CATTLEMAN

(Testimony brought by her husband) She gave her heart to Christ and wants to follow him and live the right way for the Lord.

JOE CATTLEMAN

(Testimony brought by his brother)

He wants to follow Christ and go through the waters of baptism. He has prayed for Jesus to come into his heart. He knows that Christ is his.

JOE WHITE

I have not got very much to say, dear friends. It is very good while you are living on earth. There is only one God to serve. He created everything and gave us life. When Mr. Benke came up to our Reserve, I was one of the first to be there. I want to serve Christ. He is my Savior.

JULY CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conferences	July, 1949	July, 1948
Atlantic	\$ 1,446.72	\$ 468.32
Eastern	1,463.99	2,261.75
Central	7,053.71	6,812.51
Northwestern	7,247.33	4,986.36
Southwestern	5,273.48	2,968.24
Southern	1,613.22	1,191.67
Pacific	6,267.92	4,285.11
Northern	5,295.87	2,700.84
Dakota	6,697.32	2,319.46
Total for the month	\$42,359.56	\$27,994.26

MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING

July 1, 1949 to July 31, 1949	\$ 40,344.86
August 1, 1947 to July 31, 1949	921,091.02
Total required to date	\$1,000,000.00

TOTAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

April 1, 1949 to July 31, 1949	\$141,963.79
April 1, 1948 to July 31, 1948	\$123,046.63



CHILDREN'S PAGE

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES CONTEST

Here are parts of some well known Bible verses. You are to write them out in full, giving book, chapter and verse. Those sending in a correct list will receive a small reward. Send your list to Mrs. R. Schilke, 10860-96 St., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

1. I am the bread of life.
2. Jesus wept.
3. Whereas I was blind, now I see.
4. It is finished.
5. Behold, the Lamb of God.
6. Will ye also go away?
7. I will come again.
8. We have found the Messiah.
9. He must increase, but I must decrease.
10. I am the door.



Clifford and Dianne Schilke, Children of Rev. and Mrs. Richard Schilke of Edmonton, Alberta, Enjoying Dianne's Birthday Cake With Its Three Big Candles

11. My Lord and my God.
12. Peace be unto you.
13. I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness.
14. Come and dine.
15. Whatsoever he saith to you, do it.
16. Peace I leave with you.
17. Ye must be born again.
18. If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink.
19. Woman, behold thy son.
20. All things were made by him.

LITTLE THINGS COUNT

By DELORES ELLIS

The twins, Betty and Bobby Swallow, had helped their mother with the supper dishes, and now they were in the living room listening to a radio program. They each had a footstool

and were seated side by side in front of the radio. Laughing heartily together, they were enjoying the story very much.

Do you like to listen to the children's programs? Well, these twins did very much. Perhaps the reason they liked them so well was because they always heard them together. Almost everything they ever did was together, for their brothers and sisters were several years older than they. Betty and Bobby were real pals!

As their mother came into the room, Bobby eagerly looked up to tell her something he had just heard. But Mother had on her coat and hat! "Oh, Mother!" he cried, jumping up and running to her. "Where are you going?"

answered, as they ran to put on their coats. When they came back Mother put some pennies into their hands, and away they went to the store. When they reached the store, Mother went into the telephone booth to make her call, and the twins looked around to see what they would buy with their pennies.

Betty went over to look at the big boxes of candy which were lined up in a row. She looked into each box, trying to decide what she would buy. The chocolates looked good, but she knew she would not get very many of them for five pennies. So she looked and looked, trying to pick out something she would like.

Five pennies looked very big to Betty and Bobby. Their father had been out of work for a long while, and had found a position just a short time before. It was quite a treat for the twins to have even a few coppers to spend.

Betty paused before the box of peanut brittle. The box was almost empty, and some of the peanuts had fallen off the candy into the bottom of the box. Stooping over, Betty picked out a small handful of these loose peanuts and started to eat them.

"Betty! What are you doing?" cried Bobby in a shocked voice.

"Just eating some of these peanuts," Betty answered. "Take some. They're good. Mr. Wright doesn't care, I'm sure." Mr. Wright was the storekeeper.

"I know he does, too," returned Bobby very sternly. Leaving Betty, he hurried over to his mother and told her what his sister was doing. Mother finished her call and then came back with Bobby to find Betty still eating peanuts.

"Betty, what are you doing?" Mother turned her girl about to face her. Betty looked up guiltily. "They're just the ones that have fallen into the bottom of the box," she replied. "Mr. Wright doesn't care if I eat them." Mother looked down sadly at her and reminded her, "Betty, haven't I told you that you must never take anything, however small it is, that does not belong to you?"

"Yes," Betty answered, and then she began to cry. "But Mr. Wright doesn't care."

"You don't know whether he cares or not," her mother answered. "You didn't ask him, did you?"

Betty shook her head and cried some more.

CHILDREN'S PAGE EDITOR

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Board Session of Our Children's Home

A Report by MR. HAROLD W. GIESEKE of Trenton, Illinois

Taking hold of her arm, her mother said, "Now come with me, Betty. You must tell Mr. Wright that you're sorry for what you have done. Then you can pay him for the peanuts with one of your pennies."

Bobby began to cry, too, because anything that hurt Betty hurt him. But Mother caught her at the door and led her up to Mr. Wright, and told him all about it.

"I can't take her money," the storekeeper told Mrs. Swallow. "A little thing like that doesn't matter. I would have just thrown the scraps out anyway."

"This is not just a little thing," returned mother firmly. "You must take the penny. Betty and Bobby must be taught that it is wrong to take anything that does not belong to them."

Bobby was waiting for them just outside the door, and he gave Betty a stick of the candy he had bought. He did his best to cheer her up, and before long they were both laughing and talking.

But do you think Betty forgot all about it so soon? Indeed she did not! The next night she went to church with her mother. As the minister talked of the sins of people, and of how those sins grieved God, Betty saw she was a sinner and needed to be forgiven. When the invitation was given she knelt before the Lord, and weeping and praying she told the Lord Jesus all about her sins. And he forgave her for every one, and she became a true follower of the Good Shepherd. —The Junior's Friend.

16 Days on A Trek

(Continued from Page 7)

people of this village area are "pagans of the pagans." There is no common law against immorality as there is in most villages. There is a great lot of palm wine and the ground is so rich and productive that they worship it. It may take years of preaching here before the hearts of these people will be softened. But through this Christian teacher we have found the door opening and we praise God for it.

YOUR SHARE IN MISSIONS

This whole trek would have been impossible if it had not been for your prayers for us daily and your sacrificial giving to this great work. As you see, of the sixteen places visited six represent a new work and two future work. These eight places must have good church teachers (preachers) and they need mission lighthouses from which to preach. As you so often do in the States by erecting a new chapel in a new section of the city, so your money is used here. For these places and workers your prayers are needed.

AMID BLOOMING tulip-trees set on the spacious lawn, surrounded by the beaming faces of thirty happy children, the Board of our Baptist Children's Home at St. Joseph, Michigan met on June 7 for its annual session. Twelve of the Board's seventeen members were able to be present to enjoy the gracious hospitality of our hosts, the Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Runtz, and the staff.

The Rev. Frank H. Woyke, the denomination's executive secretary, came from Forest Park, Illinois, and there were several guests, among them the Rev. Thomas Stoeri, former pastor of the St. Joseph church. Mr. Walter W. Grosser, chairman of the board, presided ably and Rev. A. F. Runtz reported a year of real progress.

THIRTY CHILDREN

At present there are thirty children in our Home, ranging in age from four to seventeen years. One ex-G. I. is back to finish some schooling. Twenty-one of these are 12 years old or under. Four are full orphans; seven are half-orphans; six from two families have both parents living, but the mothers are very ill; two are from Germany; eleven came from homes broken by divorces. But here at St. Joseph all of them are one big, happy family with "Dad" and "Mother" Runtz and "Grandma" Trice!

The children have been in good health during the year and have been spiritually blessed as well. They take an active part in the work of our St. Joseph Baptist Church and its various organizations. Four of the girls were baptized on the Rev. L. H. Broeker, pastor, on Easter Sunday.

We are thankful to the Lord for the Home's excellent physical and financial condition. The outside woodwork gleams with a new coat of paint. There is a new automatic clothes-dryer in the basement for rainy washdays. The grounds and garden are beautifully kept. If you are visiting or touring near St. Joseph, don't fail to drop in for a visit! This summer two young people are helping at the Home to give Brother Runtz an opportunity to visit

Then as we traveled these sixteen days, we found lack of interest in many places by the Christians. Some are slipping back into paganism. One, Robert, an old Christian in our Tongo Area, a former pillar in the work and a deacon, is now taking to drinking heavily and playing with the juju (native magic) again. For these it is your share to make intercession before the thrown of grace.

conferences and Mrs. Runtz a chance to recuperate from an operation.

EXPENDITURES OF \$20,300

In its last fiscal year our Children's Home expended \$20,300. This includes heavy expenditures for needed repairs. A total of \$9,400 of its income came from our denomination; \$4,400 were paid in by parents for the children's support; interest and legacies supplied another \$3,900. Many of our churches and organizations have helped with gifts of eggs, canned goods and other supplies, especially at Christmas and Easter. These gifts are welcomed and deeply appreciated. This is our Home — to be used and to be kept!

The Board selected its nominees to be elected at Sioux Falls, voted its thanks to retiring members Walter W. Grosser and Mrs. N. B. Neelen, and elected Mr. Richard H. Mulder of Parkersburg, Iowa as its new chairman. Mr. Herman Siemund of Chicago was reelected secretary.

EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS

One always comes away from a visit to St. Joseph with a note of thankful praise in his heart:

Thanks for Mr. and Mrs. Runtz who represent us so faithfully in this labor of love;

Thanks for their helpers who work so sacrificially;

Thanks for these wonderfully fine, healthy boys and girls;

Thanks to the members of the local board from St. Joseph and Benton Harbor who meet faithfully each month between annual sessions;

Thanks to our church friends who give the money and supplies to keep our Home going;

Thanks to our heavenly Father who makes it all possible!

Here North American Baptists are putting their faith to work. We not only "visit the fatherless" but provide a loving, Christian home for them. "Whoever receives this child in my name," says the Savior, "receives me, and whosoever receives me receives him who sent me." For such a reward — could we do less?

Your share is also in giving praise and thanks to God for the advancements and new opportunities that he is opening for us, for calling young people of our conference to give of their lives to this work, for laying upon the hearts of six more native young men to go into the ministry, who are new preparing to go out to such places as Metang to preach God's "Wonderful Words of Life."

What's Happening

● The Baptist Church of Chancellor, South Dakota has called Mr. Hugh Bronstedt as its new pastor to succeed the Rev. Peter Wiens. Mr. Bronstedt is of Norwegian ancestry. He has been serving as evangelist and pastor in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. He began his ministry at Chancellor about July 1st.

● It has been announced that the Rev. D. S. Wipf, pastor of the Baptist Church of Emery, South Dakota, and Miss Elsie Olthoff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Olthoff of Emery were married at the Emery Baptist Church on Monday, August 1st. The Rev. B. F. Taylor, pastor of the Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, So. Dak., officiated at the service.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Dale Chaddock of Victor, Iowa have announced that a daughter was born to them on July 2nd who has been named Myrna Lynn. This is their first child. Our missionaries on the Indian mission field near Ponoka, Alberta, Mr. and Mrs. Reinhard Neuman, have also announced the birth of a son born on July 10 who has been named Conrad Reily. This is their third child.

● The Rev. H. G. Braun of Parkston, South Dakota, who had served the Parkston and Tripp Baptist Churches since 1941, presented his resignation on June 1st to be effective on July 31st because of ill health and upon the advice of the physician. He is slowly recuperating from a recent operation. At present he and his wife are residing in Morrisdale, Penn., where letters and cards can reach them.

● The Rev. F. I. Reichle of Fresno, Calif., wants to thank all of his friends who remembered him with greetings and letters on his 80th birthday on July 13th. He received more than 125 letters and cards. Mr. Reichle is still quite well and able to teach a class of men in the Baptist church of Fresno where he and his wife attend the services. Mr. Reichle is an 1899 graduate of our Rochester Seminary, fifty years ago.

● On Saturday evening, August 6, Miss Dorothy Abel, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Abel, and Mr. Martin J. Kurka of Breckenridge, Minn., were married at the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis. The Rev. J. J. Abel officiated with the Rev. J. G.

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Benke of the Watertown Baptist Church assisting. Mr. Kurka served in the Signal Corps of the Armed Forces for 30 months and will be a senior at Sioux Falls College this Fall.

● The Emanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas held its Pentecost Festival on Sunday, June 5. The services were in charge of Rev. J. J. Kroeker, pastor, who also spoke at the morning service. Other speakers were the neighboring ministers, Mr. Henry R. Baerg of Durham, Kansas and Rev. L. Funk of the Strassburg Church. About 300 people attended the services which were also enriched by musical selections rendered by the Durham, Strassburg and Marion young people.

● On Saturday and Sunday evenings, July 30 and 31, the Rev. Theo. W. Dons of Ellinwood, Kansas preached in the Calvary Gospel Mission at Halstead and Madison Streets in Chicago, Ill. He also preached in the German service of the Forest Park Baptist Church on Sunday morning, July 31. The 70th anniversary of the Baptist Church of Ellinwood will be held on Sunday, Oct. 16, prior to the sessions of the Kansas Association from Oct. 17 to 19 which will also convene in

Ellinwood. Dr. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., will be the guest speaker at both occasions.

● Dr. Thorwald W. Bender has tendered his resignation to the president and board of trustees of the North American Baptist Seminary as a member of the faculty to become effective on Sept. 1st. He has accepted the call to the pulpit of the Baptist Church of Mount Morris, Michigan, a church of the Northern Baptist Convention. Dr. Bender served as a teacher of our Seminary faculty for two years. We regret this decision by him which takes him beyond our denominational fellowship but we wish him God's blessing in the field of service to which he has been called.

● Dedication of the new chime amplifying system of the Baptist Church of Randolph, Minn., was held on Sunday, June 26. The electrical equipment was the gift of the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Legler. The sound system was the plan conceived by the Rev. Ben Zimmerman and his people with six reflex trumpets, each having a power of 25 watts and facing in all directions, located at the top of a 70 foot tower built with two former windmills. In favorable weather the chimes and church music played from this tower can be heard for four miles.

● The Ridgewood Baptist Church of Ridgewood, New York has announced that the Rev. Paul Wengel of Adrian, Michigan has accepted its call to become its pastor. He served formerly as the minister of the church from 1920 to 1929. During the month of August he is supplying the pulpit of the church. He will begin his pastorate at the Ridgewood Church on Jan. 1, 1950, succeeding the Rev. A. E. Kannwischer. Brother Wengel is well known in our conference having also served as pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan before going to Adrian. He has been a member of most of our denominational boards. We welcome him and his family back into our fellowship with sincerest greetings.

● The First Baptist Church of Hebron, No. Dak., held a dedication service for its large edifice on Sunday, July 10. The country church was moved to Hebron and added to the building

there. The cost of moving and rebuilding totalled \$10,672.11 which was paid by the church in full. There were also numerous improvements in the parsonage at a cost of \$734.17. The Reverends E. S. Fenske of Herreid, So. Dak., Bruno Schreiber of New Leipzig, No. Dak., and Fred Trautner of Beulah, No. Dak., were present and participated in the festive program. The large missionary offering was designated for our denominational enterprise.

● On Sunday, July 10, the Rev. Alfred R. Weisser tendered his resignation as pastor of the Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., to be effective on August 31st. He also announced soon thereafter that he had accepted the call of the Baptist Churches of Parkston and Tripp, So. Dakota where he will begin his ministry in September. He will succeed the Rev. H. G. Braun in the South Dakota churches. Mr. Weisser has served the New Haven church with great devotion and much success since 1946. A farewell reception was held by the honor of Mr. and Mrs. Weisser and Central Church of New Haven in family on July 27.

● The Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon held a Vacation Bible School under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Russel, assisted by twelve teachers and helpers. The school opened on June 13th with an attendance of 38 children and closed on June 24th with an attendance of 83. The climax of the Bible School was a program held on the closing night, June 24, when 78 children marched to the platform to sing songs and choruses and to recite memory work. The parents and friends were then invited to the various class rooms to see the handwork completed in the school. The Sunday School of the church is growing under the able leadership of the superintendent, Mr. Robert Delzer. The Rev. F. W. Mueller is the pastor of the church.

● At Lorraine, Kansas the Rev. and Mrs. F. G. Ferris and family held open house for the members and friends of the First Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, July 10. The occasion marked the completion of five years of ministry of Mr. Ferris at the church. It also gave those who attended an opportunity to see the remodeling and redecorating that the trustees have been doing at the parsonage during the past months. The wives of the trustees assisted in serving the more than 160 persons present. An impressive baptismal service was held at the church on Sunday evening, July 17, at which time the Rev. F. G. Ferris baptized eight boys and girls, a part of the group who had received Christ as Savior during the Vacation Bible School in June.

The Pilgrim's Guide

Brief Expositions of God's Word

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

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AFTER SIOUX FALLS, WHAT?

THE TWENTY-NINTH General Conference held at Sioux Falls was a mountain-top experience for a multitude of North American Baptists. This great convocation was one of blessing, fellowship and vision. It was good for us to be there, but we can not stay on the mountain because there is work in the valley. In thinking about this, the writer believes the Lord led him to select a passage of Scripture (Mark 9:2-29) most appropriate to this problem.

MOUNTAIN-TOP OF VISION

Peter, James and John were chosen to go with Christ to the top of a mountain to witness his transfiguration (Verses 2-8). They were astonished the wonderful things they saw and heard. It was an unforgettable experience of vision and blessings. They saw the glory of Christ. The fulness of the Godhead was shone through the human nature. This glory was not upon him from without, but came from within.

They heard how glorious the death of Christ was in the eyes of heaven. The topic of conversation concerned his decease. The Father's testimony of his Son showed that the law and prophets had to give place to Jesus who alone was the Life, the Truth, and the Way to the Father. Elijah who represented the prophets and Moses who represented the law gave place to Christ. It meant the abolition of the Old Testament institutions.

Seeing Moses and Elijah greatly strengthened the disciples' belief of a future state and the resurrection of the body. Elijah was translated and did see death. Moses was raised again as a pledge of the resurrection. Both bodies had the same appearance. Therefore, all glorified saints are the same whether translated or whether resurrected from the dead.

The testimony of the Father was a confirmation to their faith in Christ. The command to hear and obey him must have crystallized their faith forever. During his trial and death, it was their flesh and not their faith that failed in that hour of fear, discouragement and misunderstanding.

How beautiful is the picture of Christ touching the disciples who had fallen to the ground in fear! He said, "Arise, and be not afraid." When they looked up, the scene had changed

and they saw Christ only. Yes, we have reason to fear a holy God, but Christ died for us and arose for our justification; therefore, may we see "no one anymore, save Jesus only."

MOUNTAIN-SLOPE OF FELLOWSHIP

When Peter saw that Moses and Elijah were ready to depart from the mount, and realized this glorious scene was to come to a close, he wished to keep them longer so as to enjoy their company (Verses 9-13). Then the Father said, "This is my beloved Son: hear ye him." We can not stay on the mount indefinitely with friends, but there is One with whom we can have fellowship at all times.

This mountain-slope experience was necessary for instruction concerning John the Baptist and witnessing. He cautioned them not to tell immediately about the abolition of the ceremonial law because it would only irritate the Jews and do more harm than good. After his resurrection would be the most opportune time. In God's will there is a time and place. Zeal when not tempered with knowledge can be harmful to the cause of Christ.

MOUNTAIN-VALLEY OF SERVICE

They left the mount, walked down the slope and into the valley. Immediately, they came face to face with the hard realities of human contention, weakness and suffering (Verses 14-29). A great multitude was waiting and in their midst a father and his demoniac boy, and the other disciples who were trying to defend themselves against critical arguments of unbelievers. What a change from that scene on the mount! God gives the mountain-top experiences that we may be better prepared for the sacrifice and service of the valley.

In a few minutes the whole story was told. The disciples could not cure the demoniac boy and an argument as to their authority and power followed. After a word of rebuke to all because of their unbelief, Jesus healed the boy. Later, the disciples asked why they could not heal the boy. The reason: lack of faith, prayer and fasting (literal: also a symbol of sacrifice). Could it be that the reason for some of our failures is the same? North American Baptists, it is from Sioux Falls to our prayer room and from there into the valley of service and sacrifice until we meet again or until Jesus comes!



—Photo by Eva Luoma

Tawah, Son of Thunder

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

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

Chad Garrison married Jill Macon, who was a heart-catching slip of a girl, a picture to take any man's breath away. She was also very much attached to Tawah, a beautiful, big collie dog. One day the dog saved Jill's life when a terrifying cramp seized her while swimming. That settled it! Chad promised to keep the dog with them in their tiny apartment in the big city. Through their deeply religious neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. David Briggs, Chad was led to Christ as his Savior. Then one day Jill told her husband that she was to have a child. Chad was very happy and said that their child would have the grandest mother and by that time she too would have accepted the Lord. Jill was puzzled at those words of her husband and bleakly resented them. The sense of separation grew. One hot summer night Chad exploded over the dog in the same house with them. "It's like being in the same cage with a lion," he shouted out.

CHAPTER SIX

"NOT exactly!" Jill said, thinking Chad was jesting because, since his conversion, he had been so patient. "He does a lot of prowling, but beyond that there's no similarity between him and the king of beasts. There might be if we had him clipped."

But to her dismay, Chad didn't smile.

"It's not so funny. This is just the beginning of a beastly summer. It was bad enough last year when you were well and we had only had a few weeks of it. This summer it's going to be unbearable and I don't mean maybe!"

There was a dull pressure at the base of Jill's skull and the heat moved in her stomach like nausea. "What do you expect me to do about it?" she asked sharply.

Chad lifted his empty water glass and stared hard at it. She could see he was fighting his temper and the conflict was hot in his face. "I don't suppose you'd ever consent to taking him to your folks for the summer?"

"I'll take him and stay there with him, if that's what you want!"

Chad's fingers closed on the glass until she thought it would crush to bits. The line of his jaw was white beneath the flesh. "You needn't take that tone," he said harshly. "Why can't I learn that where that dog is concerned, you'll never listen to reason! I should think you could see the poor beast is suffering. This is no

place for a dog, especially in hot weather."

"I know it," Jill admitted irritably, "but what's the use of nagging about it all the time? You know he won't eat when he's separated from me..."

"He'd learn to after a few days," Chad said grimly, "and he'd be a mighty sight more comfortable than he is here. I don't see —" He caught the expression on Jill's face and stopped short with a muttered ejaculation. "What's the use," he ended savagely, getting up and flinging himself out of the apartment.

Tawah thrust his nose gently against Jill's palm, whining softly. She looked down at him through a blur of tears. "I wonder if you know what a bone of contention you are?" she whispered. And then she was weeping stormily, her head pillowed against his shaggy ruff.

She didn't hear Chad's return, and was startled when his arms went gently around her. He lifted her against his shoulder, whispering unsteadily. "Forgive me, Sweetheart. I had no right to speak to you like

that. The devil got the better of me for a minute there. I've asked the Lord to forgive it and He has. Will. you?"

Jill swallowed a sob. Chad's humility was genuine and very tender. It made her feel small and mean and completely in the wrong. And because there was sharp conviction in her soul, she pushed him away with the violence of a distraught child, "Oh, don't be so noble!" she choked. "It was as much my fault as yours — probably more. Please forget the whole thing."

But it wasn't as easy at that. It's the small irritations in life that often wear away resistance and cause the ugliest sores. Tension grew with each punishing week until, despite his resolution and oft-repeated confession of sin, Chad was quarrelling with Jill over the dog, bitterly and often. He felt defeated in his Christian life, and spent many sleepless hours. Sometimes he spent the evening away from home, coming in late without explanation, his face stormy with conflict. Sometimes he tried reasoning, but Jill was physically miserable and increasingly stubborn. A painful gulf widened between them.

And then, one sultry noon, Chad burst into the apartment, his face gray and drawn, "Chad, what is it?" Jill demanded. She had been resting on the lounge, but she stood up quickly, her soft tumble of hair falling about her shoulders, her eyes wide in frightened question.

Chad closed the door and stood with his back to it, breathing heavily, great beads of perspiration standing out on his upper lip, his hands clenched hard against his sides.

"Get hold of yourself, Honey," he said in a hoarse, unnatural voice. "You've got to be very strong and brave in the next few minutes."

"Something — something has happened to my folks?" she whispered, lifting her chin a little against the expected blow.

"No, not that!" He passed a dazed hand across his eyes as though to shut out some recent, never-to-be-forgotten horror. "It's Dave!"

"Dave?"

"He was killed at the plant a few minutes ago."

"Chad, oh dear God!"

He made a strange, helpless gesture with his hands. "Can you tell Nina?" he asked, his face working as though he wanted to cry and couldn't. "They have taken him to the Baker Funeral Home, and somebody has to break the news to her."

Automatically Jill picked up the little sweater she had been knitting and stared at it sightlessly. Blue for a boy — Dave at Baker's Funeral Home — blue for a boy — Nina stirring up a cake maybe or putting a salad to chill for Dave's dinner — blue for a boy — blue for a boy. Jill checked the hysteria that was rising

in her; checked the mad merry-go-round of her thoughts. Somehow she must think clearly. Somehow she must be strong. For the first time in her life she felt the crying need of a Power greater than herself. Someone to lean on. She tucked the knitting into a corner of the davonport. Her fingers were steady.

"I'll tell Nina," she said clamping her teeth to stop their chattering. "You'd better sit down, Chad. You look ready to faint."

"I'm all right." For an instant he caught her hard against his shoulder. "Shall I go with you, Honey?"

"No. I think it will be easier alone."

He kissed her forehead and let her go. As she closed the door, she saw him drop to his knees and bury his quivering face in his arms. The knowledge that he was praying helped her suddenly. Chad knew God. Chad could pray. If she only knew Him too... The thought knifed through the pain in her, bringing a small gasp of agony.

She could hear Nina singing when she turned the knob of the opposite apartment; a sweet, merry little melody that Dave was especially fond of — something about "the sunshine of His Presence, brings a Glory to my day." She heard the sound of the door closing and called, "Is that you, Jill?"

"Yes." For an instant the breath was shallow in Jill's lungs and the floor tilted like the deck of a ship. She clung to the hall table until the sickness passed and Nina's questioning face appeared in the kitchen door, "Are you all right?" she demanded sharply, dropping a dish towel and coming toward Jill quickly.

"Yes. It — it was just a touch of dizziness."

"You're as white as a ghost. Sit down and I'll get you some water."

"No, Nina, please!" Jill caught the other woman's strong little hands and held them so hard that she winced. Repeating what Chad had said to her, she whispered, "You've got to be strong and brave in the next few minutes —"

Jill felt the startled fright come into Nina — a stiffening of the slim body — a quickening of her breath — a tension in the brown fingers. But only her eyes asked the question.

"It's Dave," Jill said, almost soundlessly. "He — he had an accident — down at the plant."

Nina's hands dropped away from hers and settled like frightened birds against her breast. "Dave?" she repeated oddly, in a toneless voice. "Not my Dave?"

"Oh, Nina darling, you've got to be so brave and..."

"He's dead, isn't he?" Nina interrupted softly, yet the emotion behind the question was like a blast of gunpowder. It vibrated in that still room and rocked Jill back on her heels.

"He's dead," she admitted and stood ready to catch Nina if she fainted. But she didn't. She backed away a little, her face turning a putty gray. "Where is he?"

"At the Baker Funeral Home."

Nina backed away another step, her brown eyes wide and staring. Her composure was somehow terrifying. One hand plucked aimlessly at the ruffle on her fresh blue dress. A pulse in her throat fluttered wildly. "Dead!" she said, and then she laughed, a sliver of sound, like madness in the night.

"Nina — stop it!" Jill caught her and shook her violently. "Cry, Darling — cry! Cry!"

A shudder convulsed her and she struck Jill's hand away, "Don't touch me!" she panted, her lips pulled tight against her teeth in agony so terrible that Jill cringed before it. "Don't you dare touch me!" And then pointing a shaking finger at Jill she whispered starkly, "Why couldn't it have been you? You don't love Chad anyway! You'd be satisfied with Tawah! You've never cared about Chad's happiness. Why couldn't it have been you!"

And then suddenly she was weeping, great racking sobs that seemed to be tearing her heart from her body. Chad came in then, walking with the confidence of recent prayer. He put an arm across Nina's shoulders and said brokenly, "I can't help you, Nina. But there is One who can. Our Lord has promised to give you grace for every need, comfort for every sorrow. Lean heavily on Him now for His arms are strong..."

Nina nodded. Other people were coming into the apartment now, but before she turned to meet them, she gave Jill one last eloquent look. Her eyes were already begging forgiveness. "I shouldn't have said that, Jill!" she murmured dazedly. "I guess I don't know what I'm saying. You — you understand."

"Oh yes, Darling, yes!" Jill assured her. And then, as Nina didn't need her anymore, she slipped back to her own apartment.

There was much for Chad to do, especially during that first merciless evening, and he was gone until nearly midnight. During those slow, painful hours, Jill paced the small rooms, facing the inquisition of her soul. Over and over she heard Nina's strangled voice whisper, "Why couldn't it have been you? You'd be satisfied with Tawah! You've never cared about Chad's happiness."

Was the accusation true? Had she allowed her loyalty for Tawah to ruin her married life? She knew the answer, but she fought the knowledge stubbornly, as she had been fighting the evergrowing conviction of her sinful condition before God. Aloud she paraded a dozen anguished excuses. She reminded herself of the dog's heroism. She reviewed his acts of faithfulness. She argued his de-

votion. But always, at the close of each passionate defense, came the accusing echo of that grief-stricken question, "Why couldn't it have been you?"

Chad, she was bound to admit, had been wonderfully patient about Tawah, especially since his experience at the lake. Considering the luxury in which he had been raised, Chad had accommodated himself to cramped quarters and the stern demands of a swing shift with admirable gallantry.

"Suppose it was Chad instead of Dave," she whispered aloud. "Suppose I had to live the rest of my life without my husband. Suppose . . ." It was significant that, when Tawah thrust his head against her arm, whining his puzzlement, she pushed him away with an absent word of command, and continued to fight her mental battle.

It was close to midnight, that her pacing brought her into their tiny bedroom, where Chad's Bible lay open on the table. Already it was well marked, with verses he had found especially helpful, carefully underlined in red. Almost feverishly, Jill picked up the Book. She climbed into bed and propped herself up with pillows. In her butcherboy pajamas, with her round dimpled arm bare, she looked more like a troubled child than an expectant mother. With trembling hands, she turned the pages at random until her seeking eyes fell on the boldly marked passage, "Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgement, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow." This didn't concern her, Jill thought, but the next verse leaped out at her like the sudden flashing of a neon sign, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red as crimson, they shall be as wool." She knew a sudden terrible yearning. She felt the awful burden and ugliness of her sin. She read the verse again, whispering each word. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." Could that mean her, she wondered fearfully. Her body was bathed in an icy sweat. In some strange way she even felt guilty of Dave's tragic death, of Nina's awful loss. She bowed her head, crying out in desperation the first thing that came into her mind, "God, be merciful to me a sinner!"

Instantly it was as though a tangible weight had been lifted from her crushed young heart. There was an influx of wonderment, of breathless joy, of glowing vital warmth. Quivering now with bewildered happiness, she turned the pages to the latter part of the book. And from the fifth chapter of John's gospel a message,

underlined in challenging red, met her brimming eyes, "Verily, verily I say unto you, He that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

"He that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me . . ." Jill whispered. Then with a sob that came straight from the travail of rebirth, she flung herself from the bed and onto her knees. With tears streaming down her cheeks she sobbed, "God, I believe! Oh Father, I do believe. I've believed for a long time, but I was too stubborn to accept Thee as Lord and Savior of my life. Forgive me, Christ, and come into my heart. Make me a child of Thine, even as thou hast accepted Chad . . . Oh, I thank Thee for saving me . . . I thank Thee . . ."

It was as simple as that — as beautiful. Instantly she knew herself to be a new creature in Christ Jesus. Old things had passed away, and there in the quiet room, she had been reborn into the family of God through faith in the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ.

It was only a moment later that she heard Chad's step in the outer hall, and the weary fumbling of his hand on the knob. "Why, Honey, I hoped you'd be asleep," he began, his haggard eyes touched with a tender concern. And then he saw her glowing transformed face, and his voice faltered, "Jill, what is it, what has happened?"

"Chad, Chad!" She ran to him across the dim room, stumbling like a child in the access of her joy. "Oh, Chad, I've found the Savior! He came into my heart just now! I'm all new inside. Oh, I love Him so . . . and I love you so . . ."

She caught his face between both her palms and drew it down to hers. Love of him was suddenly greater than life, stronger than death. Finding the beautiful Person of the Lord Jesus had opened the floodgates of her heart and taught her the true meaning of tenderness, "Oh, my husband, I've been such a fool, such a blind, pitiful, selfish fool. God has forgiven me. Will you?"

His muscles went hard with surprise. Then the slow dawn of joy spread across his exhausted face. His eyes kindled to the light that only the indwelling of Christ can bring, "Jill, sweetheart, sweetheart. Oh, thank God my prayer is answered. You've found my Christ!" That was all he said then, but it was enough. They spoke the same language now and there was no need for elaborate expression. They were one flesh, united, not only in the holy bonds of matrimony, but in the glorious Body of the Lord Jesus. As of one accord they dropped to their knees before the Throne, mingling their tears of joy and thanksgiving. And remembering

with tender pleading Nina's sorrow.

It wasn't, however, until Labor Day that they eventually took Tawah to Jill's people. She had had to manage it very adroitly, so that Chad wouldn't guess the exquisite pain the decision had cost her. Because he wanted to believe it, she was finally able to persuade him that she was willing to part with the dog.

"There just isn't room for him and the baby," she kept repeating stanchly, given the courage for this unselfishness by the Spirit that now dwelt within her. "He belongs with my folks." And Chad was eager to agree.

So, that Labor Day weekend, they took Tawah back to his old haunts.

At first he was like a boy fresh out of school. He galloped for miles along the edge of the surf, tossing bits of driftwood into the air, rushing at derisive seagulls, barking in a perfect frenzy of joy. He explored many a favorite rendezvous, ears back, noose leveled into the wind, tongue lolling in vast enjoyment. He swam, he rolled in the sand, he capered in circles, like a foolish, overgrown pup.

Chad, watching him from the welcome shade of the grove, said with satisfaction, "This is where he belongs, Honey. Look at him! Did you ever see an animal show happiness any plainer? He must have suffered untold misery in that apartment."

"Yes," Jill admitted, watching the dog streak down the beach in the wake of an impudent sandpiper. "Yes, I know he was miserable." She did not allow herself to finish the thought, but deep in her heart she knew, of course, that he would be even more miserable without her. When he discovered that she had abandoned him, the joy would run out of him like quicksilver, and his feet would be lead. His food would remain untouched and he would watch the road with the bewildered patience of the dumb beast who cannot understand desertion.

Chad's eyes came down to her face, tender with question, "Are you quite sure you're willing to leave him, Jill?"

"Quite sure!" she answered steadily, remembering Nina's bloodless face and her lips whispering, "You'd be satisfied with Tawah. You've never cared for Chad's happiness."

But when the hour of parting finally came, she needed all the new courage of her Christian faith to stem the crumpling of her will. "I'd like to say goodbye to him alone, if you don't mind," she requested, not quite meeting Chad's probing eyes. "Maybe I can make him understand a little . . ."

"Sure," Chad said, kissing her cheek. "Just remind him what a swell time he's had today. And you might remind yourself of it too, Sweetheart," he added gently.

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REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



Central Conference

Baptismal Service and Vacation School by Round Lake Baptist Church of Michigan

Summer days are busy days in Gladwin, Michigan. This is not only true in the harvest fields but also in the work of our Round Lake Baptist Church. We held a successful Vacation Bible School from May 31 to June 10, with an average of 27 scholars and five teachers. The closing exercises were held on June 19 in conjunction with the Children's Day program.

On Sunday, July 3, we held a baptismal service at beautiful Pratts Lake. Eleven persons followed the Lord according to his command. It was a perfect summer day and many visitors came to witness this impressive outdoor service. In the evening at the Lord's table these new members were received into the membership of the church.

The women of the church have acquired a new refrigerator for the parsonage as a permanent fixture. We are grateful for all the love shown to us as pastor and wife and pray that we may see more of the miracles of his grace in Gladwin.

Victor H. Prendinger, Pastor.

Ordination Service for Rev. Alvin Wetter at Clay Street Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.

An Ordination Council called for the purpose of recommending that Mr. Alvin Wetter be set aside for the Gospel Ministry, convened on June 20 at the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Michigan.

It was organized by the choice of Rev. L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Michigan as moderator, and Rev. John Vanderbeck of Chicago, Illinois as clerk. Representatives to this council were sent by the following churches: Foster Avenue Church, Chicago; East Side Church, Chicago; Ogden Park Church, Chicago; First Church, St. Joseph, Mich.; Baptist Church, Dowagiac, Mich.; and the Clay Street Church, of Benton Harbor, Michigan. Following the roll call of churches the pastor of the Benton Harbor Church, Rev. Wm. Hoover, read the action of the church in calling this council and presented Alvin Wetter to the council.

In the council sessions Brother Wetter gave a very clear and worthy statement of his Christian experience, his call to the Gospel ministry and his statement of doctrine. The council was unanimous in its recommendation to the church that they proceed with the service of ordination in the evening.



Rev. Victor H. Prendinger, Pastor of the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich., Baptizing Eleven Converts on Sunday, July 31st

The evening service was very impressive. Mr. Broeker presided in the service, and Rev. Robert Schreiber of the Foster Avenue Church in Chicago delivered the ordination message which was very stimulating to the hearts of all who attended. It was a novel and beautiful portion of the service to listen to Rev. G. Wetter, father of the candidate, bring the charge to the candidate. It is truly a blessed experience for a father to see his son enter the service of Christ.

This sacred service was brought to a close as our newly ordained servant of the Lord, Rev. Alvin Wetter, gave the prayer and benediction. We wish our Brother God's richest blessings as he begins his pastorate in the Spring Valley Church of South Dakota that he may truly be a blessing and inspiration to his congregation.

H. John Vanderbeck, Clerk.

Dakota Conference

Evangelistic Meetings and Baptismal Service at Baptist Church McLaughlin, South Dak.

We of the First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, South Dakota were privileged to have the denominational evangelist, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, from June 26 to July 10. His biblical messages, proclaimed with ardent zeal, were uplifting for the congregation and the many visitors from other churches as well. Eleven persons accepted Christ as Lord and Savior, and two men rededicated their lives to God.

Our children had the grandest time during the evangelistic meetings. How eagerly they watched Mr. Pfeifer when he showed them the most important events in the life of Christ

on the "Scene-O-Felt," and at the same time our evangelist made the way of salvation so plain that even a child could not err. Saturday afternoon was entirely devoted to the children, when they enjoyed singing choruses and watching the evangelist who showed the "Gospel-ship" scene.

On Sunday afternoon, July 10, after an appropriate message by Rev. Henry Pfeifer, seven of the new converts and three others were baptized by the local minister, Rev. Alex Sootzman, in the Oak Creek. This event was followed by the Lord's Supper during which the hand of fellowship was extended to them and also to another brother. Our offering during these meetings was \$488.93 which has been sent to our headquarters.

In May and June the stations McLaughlin, S. D., and Selfridge, N. D., held their Vacation Bible Schools with each station having twenty-five pupils. Alex Sotzmann, Pastor.

Vacation Bible School at the West Center Street Church, Madison, South Dakota

The West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison, South Dakota held two weeks of a Vacation Bible School from June 6 to 16. The Rev. Herbert Hiller, pastor, was the superintendent, with Mrs. Hiller, Miss Florence Backhaus, Mrs. Lester McCain and Mrs. E. J. Dirksen assisting as teachers and Miss Betty Krueger as secretary. The total enrollment was fifty children with an average attendance of 38.

The missionary theme was carried out during the two weeks with a missionary story being presented each morning and an offering given by the children each day which totaled \$22.50. Gifts of food were also brought by the children for foreign relief.

The opening exercises, led by Mr. Hiller, consisted of the flag and Bible salutes, a song period, the missionary story presented by a teacher, the offering and prayer. The children then went to their respective classes for an hour of study.

On the afternoon of our closing day of Bible School an exhibit was prepared to show the handwork and notebooks after the program held that same evening. An inspiring program was presented by the children demonstrating their many accomplishments during the preceding weeks. At the program an offering was given which brought our total mission offering to \$66.17. This was sent to an orphans' home in Europe. Two large food parcels were also sent to this same home, the food having been donated by the children.

Betty Krueger, Secretary.

Baptismal Service and Vacation Bible School at Baptist Church, Mercer, North Dakota

We of the Baptist Church of Mercer, No. Dak., have recently experienced wonderful spiritual blessings. On Sunday, July 10, we witnessed a baptismal service when eight persons were baptized by our pastor, Rev. Fred Schmidt. We are thankful to the Lord for the ministry of Rev. Walter Stein of Ashley, No. Dak., who helped our pastor in evangelistic meetings last November.

We also held one week of Vacation Bible School at our church in which 53 children were enrolled. Rev. and Mrs. F. Schmidt taught the Juniors and served as song leaders. Mrs. Emanuel Bauer helped with the Primary Department and Mrs. Miller with the Beginners. We also held a program before a large congregation on the following Sunday evening.

Mrs. Emanuel Bauer, Reporter.



The Newly Dedicated Edifice of the Baptist Church of Medina, North Dakota, With Mr. Vernon Alf, Son of Rev. and Mrs. F. Alf, on the Front Steps

Ten Converts are Baptized and Received Into Plum Creek Church of South Dakota

On Sunday, July 10, the congregation of the Plum Creek Baptist Church of Emery, So. Dak., with many visitors and friends gathered at lovely Lake Hanson for their morning worship services. The Rev. G. W. Rutsch, pastor, gave a clear picture of "Baptism According to Scripture," after which he walked into the clear waters with ten converts who openly confessed Jesus as their personal Savior and joyfully testified to that effect by following Christ's example in baptism. On the following Sunday, as the church gathered around the Lord's table, these converts received the hand of fellowship and were heartily welcomed.

The much needed renovation of the church building with additional class rooms, improved kitchen and dining room facilities that are now underway will enable the members of our church to carry on the work of the Lord much more effectively.

G. W. Rutsch, Pastor.

Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Dickau at Venturia, North Dakota

A reception was held on Sunday, July 17, for Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Dickau at the Baptist Church of Venturia, No. Dak. The prelude was played by Audrey Schnabel. Mr. Theophil Haas gave the message of welcome. Scripture was read and prayer offered by Rev. H. J. Waltereit of Lehr, followed by a vocal solo by Howard Breitling. Mr. Waltereit gave the installation message and sermon.

A vocal trio of Hulda and Irene Docktor and Linda Bertsch sang preceding the welcome talks given by representatives of the organizations within the two churches of Venturia and Bertsch. These talks were given by Mr. Sam Bender and Mr. Gottlieb Breitling as deacons of the church, Lillian Haas for the B. Y. P. U., Mr. Edward Miller and Mr. Gottlieb Bertsch for the Sunday Schools, Mrs.

comed our new pastor and his family. Two special musical numbers were also included in the program. Each member of the family then responded with "Thank you," and Mr. Galambos brought a short but inspiring message, in which he expressed his thanks to God for his guidance, making it possible for him and his family to have a home, after having been refugees in Europe for a number of years.

With the help of God we are looking forward to many blessings as we work together as a church with our new pastor.

Emanuel E. Klein, Clerk.

Dedication of the New Edifice of the Baptist Church of Medina, North Dakota

On Sunday, July 24, the small group of Baptist people of Medina, North Dakota along with many visiting friends from the churches at Streeter, Gackle and Alfred, Jamestown, Bismarck, Napoleon, Hebron and Ashley gathered happily before the newly erected church building waiting for the door to be opened. The Rev. G. Ittermann, a former minister, spoke the Word of God, and after a prayer we entered the church with hymns of praise and rejoicing.

About 42 years ago the first house of worship was erected in Medina. This old building was sold for \$900. A new edifice was built with over 1000 hours donated labor at a cost of approximately \$8,718. On the dedication morning we had a debt of \$2,900, but this amount was reduced by three offerings during the day to \$2,292.

After the Sunday School at which Rev. G. Ittermann and Rev. John Reimer spoke and the Alfred male quartet brought selections of praise, the dedication service began. Our main speaker for the day was the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, general mission secretary from Forest Park, Illinois. The choirs from Streeter and Medina beautified the services with music. The Medina Ladies' Aid did a fine work in preparing some wonderful meals for the day. The young people helped at the tables.

In the afternoon a mass meeting was held in the Town Auditorium. The pastor of the Congregational Church with his male chorus brought testimonies to our God. The student pastor of the Evangelical Brethren Church spoke encouraging words. The Alfred male quartet, a trio and a duet from Ashley beautified this service with music. The Rev. H. G. Dymmel gave an inspiring message.

The closing service was held in our church with a loudspeaker in our basement. The Rev. Theo Frey gave the German message and the Rev. John Reimer the English message. Our choir of 35 voices rendered two anthems.

We also appreciated a letter of congratulation from our own church son, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, and a leather pulpit Bible presented to the church by Evangelist H. Pfeifer and the financial help by our General Missionary Society and Central Dakota Vereinigung. Without this encouragement and God's blessing it would have been impossible to erect this edifice.

Frederick Alf, pastor.

Pacific Conference

Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. P. G. Neumann by Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.

It was with deep regret that friends and members of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., learned of the resignation of the pastor, the Rev. P. G. Neumann, who after four and one-half years of loving and faithful service has left us to take charge of the new First Baptist Church at Costa Mesa, Calif.

His farewell sermon entitled, "The Apostolic Benediction," was given on Sunday evening, July 10th, at which time a special love offering for him was taken. With sad hearts, representatives of the various church organizations expressed their appreciation for the guidance and help of Mr. and Mrs. Neumann and presented them with gifts as tokens of their love. The church choir sang our pastor's favorite number, "My God and I."

We pray that God will guide and bless the Neumanns in their new field and bring them much peace and happiness.

Mrs. Mae Beat, Reporter.

Choir Concert and Vacation Bible School Are held at Paul, Idaho

Under the capable direction of its pastor-conductor, the twenty-three voice choir of the First Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho gave an inspiring concert on Sunday evening, June 19th. The guest soloist, Mr. Milton J. W. Lippert of Waco, Texas, also participated in a trio with his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Lippert, with whom he spent the weekend before returning to his work as veteran's administration instructor in Waco, Texas. Selections by the choir, men's chorus, ladies' chorus, a ladies' quartet, the trio and the soloist together with a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Renz composed the greatly enjoyed program. The offering was designated for the building fund of the church.

Beginning the following morning and concluding on Thursday evening, June 30th, with a demonstration program, a Vacation Bible School convened in the Paul public school building from 9:00 to 11:45 A. M. The average attendance was sixty-two. Members of the faculty were: Mrs. J. J. Lippert, Paul, Idaho (Beginners); Martha Lutes, Los Angeles, California (Primaries); Ann Swain, Forest Park, Illinois (Juniors); and Virginia Mason, Hawthorne, California (Intermediates). Both Miss Lutes and Miss Mason, sent out by the Fuller Foundation for Heavenly Sunshine Bible School work, participated in the Sunday services of our First Church at Paul. After graduation from Bible School in Portland, Oregon, Miss Lutes plans to do orphanage work in China while Miss Mason will continue her studies in college. There were several professions of saving faith in the Lord Jesus as Savior during the nine school days.

Ann Swain, Reporter.



Choir of the First Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho With Its Director, Rev. J. J. Lippert, at the Extreme Right

Fortieth Anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society at Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., was recently privileged to celebrate its 40th anniversary. After the prelude by Mrs. Edward Stabbert and congregational singing, Mrs. H. J. Wilcke led in devotions. Our president, Mrs. Fred Klapstein, then welcomed the guests. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read. Our two charter members, Mrs. A. Helmrich and Mrs. F. Freiheit, gave brief talks. Mrs. Freiheit, almost 92 years and also the only living charter member of our church, concluded her talk by reciting the 91st Psalm in German and the 23rd Psalm in English. Two trios were rendered by Mrs. Albert Werth, Mrs. Al Klapstein, and Mrs. C. Scheidelman; and Mrs. Henry Schmunck, Mrs. Emile Helmrick and

the secretary. A reading by Mrs. J. Klapstein and a duet by Mrs. E. Dingfield and Mrs. F. Hartung followed. Our pastor, the Rev. H. J. Wilcke, spoke a few encouraging words.

A short playlet was given entitled, "Oil Lamps Lifted" by Pearl Dorr Langley. Those taking part were Marilyn Heit, Mrs. Otto Stolz, Mrs. E. Bibelheimer, Mrs. E. Helmrich, Mrs. N. Heit and Jeanette Heit.

We were privileged to contribute towards the spreading of the Gospel to missions in India, Bulgaria, China, South America, Japan, Jewish work, lepers and Africa, as well as for various mission causes locally and in our own country. Above all, we were privileged in remembering these missions in prayer, and we have the promise, "that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them by my Father in heaven."

Mrs. F. Stabbert, Secretary.



Members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., With the President, Mrs. Fred Klapstein, in Front Row, Seated, Fifth from Right

Vacation Bible School at the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon

Instead of the combined Vacation Bible School with our Glencullen Mission as in former years, the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon held its separate school this year. We had an enrollment of 69 children at the Trinity Baptist Church with an average attendance of 62.

The teaching staff was composed of members of the church who willingly and faithfully sacrificed time and talents for a successful school. Our pastor, the Rev. John Wobig, was dean. The pupils of the school raised \$19.00 for missions through their daily offerings.

A display of handwork was also given after the program. Those present at the program expressed their appreciation for the accomplishments of the school. Refreshments were served after the program by the Dorcas Guild of the church.

Martha Kepl, Reporter.



Children and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School at the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, With the Rev. John Wobig, Principal of the School, at the Front of the Group

First Vacation Bible School Held by Baptist Church of Chilliwack, British Columbia

After much planning and praying the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church of Chilliwack, British Columbia arranged to hold its first Vacation Bible School from July 4 to 8 at which the record attendance was 57 children.

We had four classes for Beginners, Primary, Junior and Intermediate children. Teaching these classes were: Miss Inez Schiller, Mrs. E. Schinkel, Mrs. F. Schroeder, Mrs. Helmut Riemer and Miss Agnes Rinas. As we were trying to cover a two-week's course in one week, we were kept busy with Bible study, Scripture memorization, handwork and singing, but we still found time for recreation. Three hundred Bible verses were memorized during this time.

On Sunday, July 10, the closing exercises were held in which we tried to show the parents by answering quiz questions just what had been done.

All too soon our school came to a close and the teachers almost felt like saying with the children, "We wish it would last longer." We know that the Lord was with us, and we are confident that the work done will not be in vain.

Agnes Rinas, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Many Activities of the Calvary Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Killaloe, Ontario

The name of the Calvary Baptist Ladies' Missionary Society of Killaloe, Ontario has not been seen in "The Baptist Herald" for many years, but we have been very busy in the Master's service. We wish to report a few of our recent activities.

Last year Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was here and showed us some very fine missionary pictures. He returned later and showed us the pictures of our beautiful maple trees

to each meeting. Into it would go our birthday money and special donations for use in sending gifts to our missionaries at Christmas time; (3) To have each member draw a card with name, address and birthday of a missionary to be remembered especially on her birthday with card, letter or gift.

At our annual business meeting held in June the following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Melville Kuehl; vice-president, Mrs. C. Weisser; secretary, Mrs. Gordon Buder; treasurer, Mrs. Walter Wilkie; and pianist, Mrs. Charles Rhodie.

Eva Weisser, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Oklahoma Scripture Memory and Reading Camp at Roman Nose Park for 87 Children

Excited over the prospects of another Scripture Memory and Reading camp, 87 happy children and young people from our Oklahoma churches were on hand Tuesday evening, July 19, to register at Roman Nose Park near Watonga, Oklahoma.

Our dean of camp, Rev. John Heer, and numerous helpers had everything well prepared. Each morning we were drawn closer to God as all would gather in different prayer groups out in God's nature. After prayer there were memory drills and class periods.

We were fortunate to have Mr. Harold Gieseke, vice-president of our National Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union, and Miss Ellen Lehr, president of the Northwestern Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union, with us as guest instructors. Mr. Harold Gieseke was in charge of the young people; Mrs. George Neubert, Mrs. J. J. Reimer, and Rev. George Neubert were in charge of the Juniors; and Miss Ellen Lehr, Mrs. Mallie Hason and Mrs. Ray Blake taught the Intermediate classes. All classes centered around the camp theme, "God's Love in a Sinsick World" (John 3:16).

The afternoons were devoted to recreation such as swimming, baseball and hiking. Evening services were in charge of Rev. J. Wesley Blackburn at which time testimonies, choruses and challenging messages were given by our guest speakers and pastors of the Oklahoma Association. We are thankful to God for the two persons who were led to Christ during the days of camp.

Not only were our spiritual needs supplied but also our physical needs were well taken care of. Due to the fact that our food supervisor, Mrs. John Heer, became seriously ill just before camp, Mrs. J. W. Blackburn and Mrs. George Neubert were appointed to take charge of meal planning, and they with their helpers kept us abundantly supplied with nourishing meals.

We were grateful for the many blessings of camp and all too soon the time came again to part. Perhaps the attitude of most of the children the last day of camp could be summarized in the remarks made by several: "Camp just ends too soon!"

Viola Schanz, Reporter.

Interesting Institute Held by the Oklahoma Young People at Ebenezer Church of Shattuck

Threatening weather did not dampen the spirits of the Oklahoma young people as they met together in the Shattuck High School Auditorium, with the Ebenezer Baptist Church as host, for their Institute from May 26 to 29. Miss Margaret Kittlitz, missionary, who brought a number of challenging messages, spoke on the opening night. Rev. John Heer led the various song services, and the Institute theme of "Missions" was emphasized from the very first session when Miss Kittlitz related a number of interesting experiences which glorified the Lord and his power to save and to answer prayer.

Three classes were held on Friday with Mrs. Ray Blake teaching the Juniors, Miss Kittlitz the young people, and Rev. George Neubert the adults. The classes emphasized the need of "Missionary Praying," "Missionary Giving" and "Missionary Going." The afternoon session closed with a round table discussion on missionary problems. On Friday evening we had a very interesting report by Miss Kittlitz about the work on the African field.

Saturday forenoon was given over to the business session, and the following officers were elected: president, Roland Meyer, Ingersoll; vice-president, Archie Dehn, Loyal; secretary, Joan Hass, Ingersoll; treasurer, Roy Kretz, Shattuck; editor, Betty Longhofer, Shattuck; advisor, Rev. G. Neubert, Bessie; and Scripture reading director, G. Wesley Blackburn, Loyal. The Youth Rally on Saturday evening was very enjoyable. Miss Kittlitz showed some of the pictures which she had taken in the Cameroons, and Rev. John Heer brought the message.

Sunday began with Sunday School after which Miss Kittlitz brought a message on "Motives for Christian Service," a great message on the missionary call. In the afternoon Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn spoke. In the evening another challenge was brought by Miss Kittlitz which sent us away rejoicing in the Lord and conscious of the great task which is ours.

G. Wesley Blackburn, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Central Saskatchewan and Alberta Association and Tri Union at Medicine Hat, Alberta

The days from June 29 to July 3 will long remain in the memory of delegates and friends of the ten churches comprising the Central Saskatchewan and Alberta Tri Union and Association. All sermons and talks were centered around the theme, "Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord," based on Matt. 20:1-15.

Our guest speakers, whose messages were indeed uplifting, were Rev. Jacob Meister from Berlin, Germany; Rev. H. G. Dymmel, our general missionary secretary; and Rev. E. P. Wahl of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.



Officers of the Central Saskatchewan and Alberta Association and Tri Union in Front of the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta
(See Accompanying Report for Names of the Officers)

We were all inspired afresh to go back to our respective churches and to labor for our Master with renewed vigor and a greater determination, for the harvest truly is great but the laborers are few.

The accompanying picture shows the newly elected officers of the Association and Tri Union: (Front row, left to right) T. Hoffman, Mrs. I. Faszer, Rev. I. Faszer, Fred Pahl, A. Unrath, Erna Frank, Lorraine Biffart; (Back row, left to right) Mrs. R. Rapske, G. Schatz, A. Jaster, H. Martin, C. K. Biffart; (in wheel chair) Mrs. Fred Pahl; (missing from picture Ed. Strauss).

Mrs. R. Rapske, Reporter.

Large Attendance and Inspiring Services at Northern Conference Held at Springside, Sask.

The 46th Northern Conference was held at Springside, Saskatchewan from July 6 to 10. One hundred and fifty-five delegates from 35 churches were present. A large tent was erected besides the church for all public meetings. The conference theme, "Mature Christianity," was based on the Sermon of the Mount.

The opening sermon by Rev. D. Fuchs and a number of devotional half hours were devoted to the theme. Rev. R. Schilke, president of the conference, ably conducted all the business sessions. Dr. C. H. Seecamp is the new president-elect. The Mission Committee now consists of the brethren J. B. Kornalewski, H. Schatz, R. Schilke, R. Kanwischer with Wm. Sturhahn as its secretary. Our general missionary secretary, Rev. H. G. Dymmel, and Rev. Jacob Meister of Germany were our special guests and greatly enriched the program by their contributions. Brother Meister gave a report about the Baptist work in Germany, spoke at the Schwesternbund meeting and gave the missionary sermon on Sunday morning. The evening services of an evangelistic character were conducted by the brethren

H. Smuland, C. H. Seecamp and H. G. Dymmel. Rev. E. P. Wahl brought the closing message on Sunday afternoon.

With the exception of two evening services, all services and conference sessions were held in the German language. Choirs and a brass band of the entertaining churches, under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. R. Kanwischer, brought fine contributions. There were also musical items by the C. T. I. Gospel Jubileers and others. A mass choir, conducted by Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, sang on Sunday afternoon.

Springside provided fine hospitality for the many visitors. About 400 meals were served twice daily and on Sunday this number was doubled. A wonderful spirit of fellowship and brotherly love in Christ Jesus prevailed throughout the conference.

Hugo Lueck, Reporter.

Twenty-five Converts at Evangelistic Meetings Held at First Church, Leduc, Alberta

A successful evangelistic campaign for two weeks in June was enjoyed by the members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta. The Rev. H. Pfeifer, evangelist, brought heart-stirring messages which drew the people to the house of God to hear more of God's wonderful love.

God was able to use his servant mightily in our community. Twenty-five persons found salvation in Christ and twelve others rededicated their lives to him. All of us were drawn closer to the Lord and were given a greater desire to labor for our Master until he comes. We had an average attendance of about 400 persons until the closing night when the church auditorium was filled to capacity with an attendance of over 600.

The boys and girls were not the only ones to enjoy the fine Felt-O-Scene lessons which Mr. Pfeifer brought each evening before his message. Our prayers go with our denominational evangelist as he labors for the Master.

Martha Ohlmann, Reporter.

Saskatchewan Youth Rally Is Held at the West Ebenezer Baptist Church

On Sunday, June 26, a large number of Christian friends gathered for a Youth Rally at the West Ebenezer Church near Ebenezer, Sask., combining five of our churches of Saskatchewan.

The morning service commenced with the Sunday School session under the leadership of the local superintendent. Several leaders and visiting ministers taught the lesson.

During the worship service which followed, the mass choir of Spring-side and West Ebenezer rendered two numbers in song. Rev. Henry Schumaker of Fenwood, Sask., and Rev. C. F. Zummach, visiting minister from Peoria, Illinois, brought the morning messages.

After everyone had partaken of lunch, we again assembled for the afternoon service, with Mr. Harold Gerhardt, young peoples' director for the Tri-Union, as chairman. The Springside Brass Band was in attendance and served with several numbers.

We proceeded with a lively song service with Louis Hoffmann leading, after which Alice Eichhorst read the Scripture and led in prayer. The East Ebenezer mixed choir supplied the choir numbers for the afternoon service. The chairman called on the young people's leader from each church to report on the activities of their societies.

The speakers for the afternoon were Rev. S. Wittaker of the Briercrest Bible Institute of Caronport, Sask., and Mr. James T. McNair, president of the Saskatchewan Tri-Union. Mr. Wittaker related some of his thrilling experiences in Europe and told about the conditions among the young people there.

Artrude Ziolkowski, Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. Isadore Faszner of Golden Prairie, Sask., at Edmonton

On June 16 an ordination council met at the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta to examine Mr. Isadore Faszner for the ordination into the ministry of the Gospel. The service was opened by Rev. R. Schilke, pastor of the ordaining church, and temporary chairman of the council. After Scripture reading and prayer by Dr. T. W. Bender, the council proceeded with organization. Eleven churches were represented by thirty-three delegates. The denominational workers, Dr. T. W. Bender, Rev. E. P. Wahl, and Rev. C. F. Zummach were given delegate rights. The Rev. E. P. Wahl as chairman and Rev. R. H. Zepik as clerk were elected.

The candidate, having been introduced by his father, proceeded to give his testimony of his conversion, call into ministry, and his statement of doctrine. These were given very concisely and clearly. After a period of questioning the council retired for further deliberations. It voted to recommend the candidate to the church

for ordination. The committee for arranging the service was Rev. E. P. Wahl, Rev. R. Schilke, Rev. R. H. Zepik, and the candidate. The service was on Sunday evening, June 19.

Rev. R. Schilke was chairman of the service. The Scripture, Psalm 73, was read by Rev. E. P. Wahl. The mixed choir brought a message in song, "I Am Amazed," after which Rev. C. F. Zummach led the congregation in prayer. A male quartet sang, "Lead me to Calvary." Dr. T. W. Bender brought the message, "Sighing, Singing, and Seeing for the Minister of God." "What Shall I Give Thee, Master" was sung by the choir. During the ordination prayer given by Rev. F. W. Benke hands of praying ministers were laid upon the candidate as he was separated unto the service of the Lord Jesus Christ, who has called him.

The charge to the candidate was earnestly and sincerely given by Rev. E. P. Wahl. The charge to the church was given by Rev. C. F. Zummach, who used the word "cooperation" to make it simple, yet plain. Rev. Henry Schatz extended the hand of fellowship and welcomed him into the ranks of the ministry.

After the closing hymn, "O Happy Day," by the congregation, the Rev. Isadore Faszner dismissed the congregation with the benediction.

R. H. Zepik, Reporter.

Southern Conference

A Tribute to Mrs. Johanna Scherwitz, Charter Member of Central Church, Waco, Texas

A mother in Israel has passed on to her reward in the homegoing of Mrs. Johanna Scherwitz of Waco, Texas, (see Obituary by the Rev. Roy Seibel on page 23), and as the last charter member of the Central Baptist Church of Waco her mantle has fallen on other shoulders to take up where she left off.

Her burial could have been none other than the coronation of a courageous, heroic woman, who belonged to the temple builders of God, who worked with one hand and held the torch of faith and righteousness in the other.

She came into my life in 1910 while I was a student in Baylor University at Waco. Her home was a rendezvous for the youth of the church family at that time. Under the greatest difficulty she reared a lovely Christian family. No task was too difficult or sacrifice too great for the Kingdom work. After our pastor, Rev. A. Becker, retired, we had no parsonage. She was the first one to set the goal by offering \$50.00 toward another parsonage. Her little "cruze" was meager but never dry. Her faith in God replenished it marvelously.

Her calm, restful personality radiated her source of strength, and a benediction comes to all of us, scattered far and wide, who call to memory this Christian mother and friend.

Marie Heusi Hey, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings and Vacation Bible School at the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Texas

God blessed us wonderfully at the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas during two recent weeks of revival meetings and five glorious days of Vacation Bible School held in July.

Mrs. Ted Nehring was principal of our Vacation Bible School. Mr. Ralph Hansen and Mrs. W. B. Marstaller taught the Intermediates; Mrs. Lynn and Mrs. J. O. Zillen taught the Juniors; Mrs. Ben Stade served in the Primary department; Mrs. Frank Purczinsky was the teacher of the Beginners; and Mrs. Melvin Krause taught the Cradle Roll. Mr. Walter Gummett, Mrs. Claud Kincannon and Mrs. David Guderian were in charge of the woodwork. Our enrollment was 108 with an average attendance of 96 children. Rev. J. O. Zillen brought the thirty minute closing period. Nine boys and girls gave their hearts to Jesus.

Fellow-Christians and friends came from far and near to our revival meetings. Our pastor, Rev. J. O. Zillen, brought stirring and heart searching messages each evening. Mr. Lawrence Bienert of our Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., led us in our song service. Mr. W. B. Marstaller was in charge of the special music. Many rededicated their lives. At the closing service on Sunday evening, we also had our baptismal service at which time one adult and three children were baptized.

Mrs. Clifton Kraemer, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Victory Service and Rededication of Bethel Baptist Church Edifice at Sheboygan, Wisconsin

The Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin celebrated a great victory on Thursday evening, July 14. The occasion was the dedication of the remodeled and redecorated church. Dr. M. Vanderbeck, pastor, preached his first anniversary sermon on the preceding Sunday. As the people came to rededicate the building, they saw a basement of which they might well be proud, newly remodeled and redecorated, besides a new oil furnace with a heavy blower, new wiring, a newly redecorated auditorium, the church and parsonage, both painted on the outside. What a victory accomplished under the guidance and the blessings of God!

The program started with a delicious supper served by the women of the church. The inspiration was led by Dr. Vanderbeck. Mr. Francis Guenther was the toastmaster. Different selections were rendered. Mr. Ottar Rohrstaf sang a solo, as well as Mrs. Kenneth Osbrink. Mr. Kenneth Osbrink and Mrs. Ottar Rohrstaf rendered piano solos, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schulze sang a duet, and Mrs. Grade, Mrs. Paul and Mrs. Dirksee sang a trio. Rev. Frank Fisher, Mr. Frank Schulze and Mr. Donald Vasselos, at the special request of the

MRS. ARTHUR HUBER of Lodi, California

Mrs. Paula Huber, nee Bloesche, of Lodi, Calif., was born in Coitax, Washington on June 2, 1910. In her early childhood she moved to American Falls, Idaho with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. P. Bloesche, where she lived until 1926 at which time she came to Lodi, Calif. In 1936 Miss Paula Bloesche was married to Virgil Wil- son, who was suddenly taken from her side through an auto accident in 1945. This first union was blessed with two daughters. In 1947 she joined hands in marriage with Arthur Huber, her loving and now bereaved husband. One daughter was born to them, Carrol Marie, now seven months old.

Our departed sister accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Savior in 1925 when she was 15 years old. She was baptized on the profession of her faith by Rev. G. E. Lohr, and received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Lodi of which she was an active and a faithful member until the time of her death.

She passed away in the hospital in Winnemucca, Nevada after an automobile accident, the cause of which can not fully be determined since Mrs. Huber was driving at the time of the accident, returning from a visit to North Dakota. She reached the age of 39 years, one month and five days. She leaves to mourn her departure three loving children, Mr. Arthur Huber; Mrs. P. Bloesche; her parents, Rev. and Hermann of San Jose, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Ruth Bechtold, Niles, Calif.; and many relatives and friends.

The men of the church didn't want to be left out, so they planned a Father and Son banquet for May 20th. They also met in the church dining room. Mr. Lloyd Way acted as toastmaster and Rev. Ray L. Schlader, our pastor, led the singing. It was their privilege to have Dr. Warren Filkin, professor of Christian Education, at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary as speaker. Our pastor received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Carroll College at Waukesha, Wisconsin on May 23rd.

We, too, were happy to have the Seminars from Rochester, N. Y., with us on Wednesday evening, June 8th. We pray the Lord may continue to bless them as they labor for him.

For many years the men of our church have felt the need of a movie projector in our ministry. A fund was started early this year in one of the Brotherhood meetings, and with the help of other societies in our church a 16 mm sound movie projector was purchased. It was dedicated to the service of our Lord on Sunday evening, June 12.

This year our Vacation Bible School was held from June 20 to 30. There were 85 children enrolled, with an average attendance of 68 and 13 teachers and officers. Two films were shown and each day we had a special number by various talented pupils. Seven children accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

The Lord has been blessing our midst with new members. On Sunday, May 8, two young men were baptized and a young woman taken in by letter. A father, mother and daughter joined our church by letter on June 19. They came to us from Toronto, Canada.

Mrs. Myron Dudek, Reporter.

MRS. CAROLINE MASSIRER of Crawford, Texas

Mrs. Caroline Massirer, nee Althof, of Crawford, Texas was born on May 4, 1876 in Austria. She entered into her heavenly rest on July 23, 1949. For almost two years she was bedfast. Her days of suffering were many, but she bore them bravely. Death came to her as a liberation, for she knew her Lord and knew where she was going. Even though she reared a large family, she always found time to attend church and to read her Bible. Her daughter, Lydia, who so faithfully ministered to her needs, often read the Scriptures to her.

During the year 1889 she came to America and settled down in the vicinity of Crawford, Texas. In 1890 she was converted to a living faith in Christ. That same year Brother Sydow baptized her upon confession of faith. A year later she became a charter member of the Canaan Baptist Church to which she belonged until her departure.

On January 7, 1897 she became the bride of Adam Massirer. The union was blessed with a number of children of which nine are still living. She was a sweet and loving mother to them. She lived to see them all profess faith in Christ as Lord and Savior. Her favorite Bible passage was Psalm 23. Her favorite songs were, "In the Sweet By and By" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

She leaves her husband, Adam Massirer; her two sons, John of Lorena and August of Crawford; seven daughters, Mrs. Arthur Kippen of Gatesville, Mrs. C. W. Williams of Dallas, Mrs. S. E. Eiselstein of Dallas, Mrs. Willie Gauer of Crawford, Miss Lydia Massirer of Crawford, Mrs. John Luning of Crawford, and Mrs. Alfred Weber of Crawford; three sisters, Mrs. Philip Massirer, Mrs. Charlie Mammon, and Mrs. Henry Bietendorf; and 19 grandchildren, all of Texas.

It was a large funeral service held in the sanctuary of the Canaan Baptist Church, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Canaan Baptist Church, Crawford, Texas

ARTHUR SCHULZ, Pastor.

MRS. JOHANNA SCHERWITZ of Waco, Texas

Mrs. Johanna Scherwitz, nee Schweissinger, of Waco, Texas was born on November 7, 1860 in East Prussia. After a lingering illness she went to be with the Lord on July 13, 1949 at the age of 88 years, 8 months, and 6 days.

Mrs. Scherwitz came to the United States in 1887, and in 1889 she was united in marriage with John Charles Scherwitz. The young couple made their residence in Waco, Texas, where Mrs. Scherwitz resided until her death.

Mrs. Scherwitz bore a wonderful testimony to her Lord and Savior during the course of her life. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior as a child of ten years of age and was baptized soon afterwards. When the Central Baptist Church of Waco was organized in 1890, she was one of the nine charter members to become affiliated with this little church. For a period of years she had been the only living charter member.

She remained faithful and true to this church until the Lord called her home to be with him. She was active and interested in all organizations of the church. Mother Scherwitz was always present in the church services until it was physically impossible for her to do so. This grand saint in the Lord was an inspiration and help to countless souls. Although the Lord has taken her from us, her prayers will still continue to bear fruit for eternity.

Her husband and one son, Walter, preceded Mrs. Scherwitz in death. She leaves to mourn her passing two sons and three daughters:

Arthur, Robinson, Texas; John of Houston, Texas; Mrs. Lydia Achterberg of Lavernia, Texas; Mrs. Minnie Lengfeld, Chicago, Illinois; Martha Scherwitz of Waco, Texas; one brother, Mr. F. A. Schweissinger, also of Waco, Texas; and 11 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

"We mourn but not as those who have no hope."

Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas

ROY W. SEIBEL, Pastor.

The charge for all obituaries is at the rate of five cents a line. The bill will be sent to the minister unless other instructions are sent with the obituary. EDITOR.

Inspiring Program and Resolutions of the Northwestern Conference Held at Jeffers, Minn.

The 69th annual convention of the Northwestern Conference met from July 6 to 10 at the country church of Jeffers, Minn. The church had been redecorated recently and, with the genial welcome of its pastor, the Rev. Arthur Odens, and the hospitality of his gracious people, created an immediate atmosphere of "at-home-ness" for the assembled delegates. Pastors were particularly well represented and gave ready support to the boast of this regional conference that the fraternal spirit among its ministers cannot be rivalled in any other conference!

The theme of the program, "He That Winneth Souls is Wise," looked toward the next triennium with its great emphasis on evangelism. The messages, of which titles and messengers can be listed only, showed careful preparation and were well delivered. Rev. Frank H. Woyke spoke to the conference and to many friends and relatives of his boyhood near Jeffers, at two evening services on the subjects: "Builders of the Church" and "Secrets of Spiritual Success." Speakers in the devotional periods were the Reverends George Zinz, Lawrence Wegner, Ralph Lutter and Elmer Buening. Rev. M. DeBoer led in the memorial service, and the Rev. John Grygo was the Saturday evening banquet speaker. Other messages were: "Pray, Prepare, Proclaim, Produce" by Rev. Howard Johnson; "Four Facts Regarding Soul Winning" Rev. Thomas Lutz; with a closing challenge to look to "Worldwide Missions" by Rev. J. J. Renz.

Miss Margaret Kittlitz, missionary on furlough, brought much valuable information on recent developments in the Cameroons, and was also the featured speaker on the women's program. An innovation to the usual program was a panel discussion on the conference theme (conducted on the "Town Hall of the Air" order) with Rev. G. Zinz leader, and Reverends C. F. Lehr, N. E. West, and John Grygo, participants. Rev. A. Bernadt was the morning Bible teacher, giving a winsome commentary on the first two chapters of 2 Timothy. Also visiting the conference were the Rev. A. F. Runtz, who spoke and showed pictures of the Children's Home of which he is the hard-working superintendent, and the Rev. Herman Renkema with his splendid book display and efficient service for Roger Williams Press.

The Rev. T. Lutz was the able moderator in the business sessions and led the conference in a very acceptable and pleasing manner. The reports from the churches indicated progress and a warm enthusiasm in the work of North American Baptists. There was a feeling on the part of many, however, that, in the face of the many "tugs" upon our churches from various undenominational sources today, a new emphasis might well be sounded forth in regard to the individual's and the church's indebtedness and importance of loyalty to the denomination.

This was expressed in the resolution

are widely missionary societies are large sums from our churches, whereas we as a North American Baptist family have embarked upon a large and God-ordained missionary enterprise, and whereas the Apostle Paul teaches that every Christian should provide FIRST for his own family (see 1 Tim. 5:8), be it resolved that we encourage our churches to seriously consider the allocation of at least 75 per cent of their missionary monies to North American Baptist projects."

The resolution committee also expressed its joy in the securing of the Cameroons Bansa hospital "in response to the mandate of our churches," commended our missionaries for their outstanding work, and pledged the conference's continued prayer for and support of this challenging work. Another commendation was directed to Dr. Leuschner for the splendid missionary and promotional literature sent to the churches, and recommendations included that of urging the organizing of local branch Sunday Schools and Vacation Schools in neglected communities, and a strong encouragement to help transfer at least one Displaced Baptist family into every North American Baptist community.

Rev. William Jeschke, Reporter.

Young People's Sessions and Elections of the Northwestern Conference at Jeffers, Minn.

The North American Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Northwestern Conference had its annual banquet on Saturday evening, July 9, in Jeffers, Minnesota.

We had the annual business meeting and election at this time. The new officers for the coming year are: president, Roger Norman, Watertown, Wis.; vice-president, Viola Wall, Minneapolis, Minn.; secretary, Ruth Potratz, Sumner, Iowa; and treasurer, Wallace Kehrein, Milwaukee, Wis. This year we sent the Sunday afternoon offering and an amount out of the treasury for the Bansa Hospital in the Cameroons.

Our banquet speaker was the Rev. John Grygo of Pound, Wis., using "Don't Do It" as his topic. It was an inspiring and heart searching message for every Christian. One of the thoughts in the message was that every Christian should do everything possible to further the Kingdom of God. A men's quartet from the First Baptist Church in Jeffers sang three very lovely numbers, and Mrs. Odens played on the Solovox.

On Sunday afternoon, July 10, the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union was in charge of the service. Several numbers were sung by several of the young people from Jeffers, and Mrs. J. G. Benke of Watertown, Wis., sang, "The Lord Gave Me a Song." The Rev. J. J. Renz of Iowa spoke on foreign missions using our theme, "Fishers of Men."

Viola Wall, Secretary.

for Lutz charge

After by a member we began our by Mrs. J. G. Benke of Wisconsin. We have Miss Margaret Kittlitz speaker of the afternoon. She us on an imaginary trip to the village of Belo, her African home, where visited a number of her Christian friends there. After the message, Mrs. L. B. Berndt of Minneapolis, Minn., favored us with a vocal solo.

A skit, portraying the problems and duties of a Christian missionary on an Indian reservation was given by the Holloway Society. Mrs. Lehr of Burlington, Iowa then read the names of those of our number who have gone to be with the Lord during the past year.

Immediately following our program, our annual business meeting was held. The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. J. G. Benke, Watertown, Wisconsin; vice-president, Mrs. Ralph C. Lutter, St. Bonifacius, Minnesota; secretary, Mrs. Behr, Kenosha, Wisconsin; treasurer, Mrs. Adam Woyke, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mrs. Eleon Sandau, Reporter.

Memorable Father's Day Service and Vacation School at Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

Father's Day, June 19, will long be remembered by many of us in the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. At a special service in the evening, our pastor, Dr. John Leyboldt, baptized two fathers who had recently come to this country. The service was conducted in the German language and favorite German hymns were sung by the congregation and the male chorus. A "love feast" followed in the church's dining hall at which time testimonies were given by the newly baptized and also the members of their families who belong to our church. It is a blessed assurance to know that salvation is for all who believe, whether we are in the days of youth or in the sunset of life.

Our Vacation Bible School was held from June 20 to July 2. We can truly say it was an enriching experience to work with these boys and girls. Our total enrollment was 117, and our average daily attendance was 88. The offerings, designated for Bibles for the Cameroons, amounted to \$55.00. Our school was directed by our pastor, Dr. John Leyboldt, assisted by 21 teachers and workers in the four departments. The various groups took part in the closing exercises on Friday evening, July 1. After the program, the parents and friends viewed the exhibits of handwork and enjoyed refreshments in the dining-room.

Mrs. Fred Abitz, Reporter.