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# DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

### ENGAGEMENTS

**Rev. Frank H. Woyke**  
Sunday, Sept. 18 — Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn.  
Sunday, Sept. 25 — Aplington, Iowa (75th Anniversary of Church).

**Dr. William Kuhn**  
Sept 26.-Oct. 2 — Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. (Anniversary Program and Dedication of New Church).

**Rev. J. C. Gunst**  
Sunday Morning, Sept. 18 — Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Sunday Evening, Sept. 18 — Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa.

**Rev. H. G. Dymmel**  
Thursday, Sept. 2 — Aplington, Iowa (75th Anniversary of Church).

**Rev. M. L. Leuschner**  
Sunday, Sept. 18 — Ebenezer Church, Elmo, Kansas.  
Sunday, Sept. 25 — Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

**Rev. Jacob Meister, of Berlin, Germany**  
Thursday, Sept. 15 — Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Sunday Morning, Sept. 18 — Immanuel Church, New York, N. Y.

Sunday Evening, Sept. 18 — Second German Baptist Church, New York, N. Y.

Sunday Evening, Sept. 25—Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

### "ONCE IN A LIFETIME" for the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey

The Centennial Celebration of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23. The program calls for a banquet on Saturday night with Dr. Verner I. Olson of Oakland, Calif., speaking; a Centennial Communion Service on Sunday morning, with Prof. Albert Bretschneider of Rochester, N. Y., conducting; a Centennial Rally on Sunday afternoon with Dr. Charles W. Koller of Chicago, Ill., the speaker, and the "first-in the new century" service of dedication at night, with Dr. Harold C. Abbot, present pastor, bringing the message.

### NEW LEAFLETS

1. **Christian Life Program** — A six-page leaflet with information and 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, Myrtle Hein and Esther Schultz.

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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

- October 2, 1949 — "All Aboard For China" by Miss Leona Ross, our missionary to China.
- October 9, 1949 — "The Hero of Babylon" (Life of Daniel) by Rev. H. J. Waltereit, Lehr, No. Dak.
- October 16, 1949 — "A Display of Visions" (Visions of Daniel) by Rev. H. J. Waltereit, Lehr, North Dakota.
- October 23, 1949 — "Viewing and Re-viewing Daniel" by Rev. Adam Huber, Linton, North Dakota.
- October 30, 1949 — "It Happened at Wittenberg" by Rev. Herbert Hil-ler, Madison, South Dakota.

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### AMONG OURSELVES

These words are being written on the return trip to Chicago following the 29th General Conference at Sioux Falls, So. Dak. It was a remarkable gathering for spiritual fellowship, denominational review and missionary activity. All kinds of conference records were broken for attendance, registration, banquets, exhibits and blessings. The editor is already making plans to reserve most of the next issue (Oct. 1st) for articles, reports and pictures about the conference. You can order "The Baptist Herald" for some friend or relative for 15 months for the subscription price of one year, \$2.50, beginning with this superb General Conference number.

### IN THIS ISSUE

It looks like another "travelogue number." In these pages you can travel with Laura Reddig from the Cameroons to the United States. Or you can go South with two of our Seminary students, Lawrence Bienert and Al Lamprecht. You can spend some time in Hamburg, Germany at the Baptist Seminary with a caravan of young people and Adeline Zimbelman. You can go by plane to Edmonton, Alberta for a Jubilee anniversary. Have you ever thought how you can travel by prayer to the far ends of the earth? Read the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger's article in this number, and you will understand!

### COMING

**Darkness or Light** — The General Conference sermon preached by Dr. George A. Lang, moderator, at the Sioux Falls Coliseum on Monday evening, Aug. 22, will be published in full.

**General Conference Reports** — A complete coverage of the General Conference sessions will be brought in the next issue with accounts and observations by ten reporters besides the editor. Election results, important resolutions and human interest items will also be given.

**General Conference Pictures** — Many of the superb pictures taken by Herman Siemund, conference photographer, as well as snapshots of conference visitors by the promotional secretary will profusely illustrate the special General Conference issue.



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### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The General Conference endorsed a recommendation of the Publication Board to issue the Baptist Herald bi-weekly instead of semi-monthly and the Der Sendbote bi-weekly instead of weekly. This change in frequency of publication will go into effect January 1, 1950. By this action both papers will be the same in size and frequency of appearance and also in price.

### IMPORTANT PRICE CHANGE

The new price, effective now on the Baptist Herald is \$2.50 per year in the United States, Canada, and South America, \$2.00 per year in the club plan, \$3.00 per year to foreign countries. The same price applies to Der Sendbote.

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# Editorials

by Martin L. Leuschner

## The Fellowship of Kindred Minds

THE FELLOWSHIP of kindred minds which has as its binding power the Spirit of Christ is like to that of heaven above. That is the purport of the familiar hymn which Christians everywhere love to sing. That was the experience of North American Baptists, several thousand strong, at their 29th General Conference concluded only a few weeks ago at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The next issue of "The Baptist Herald" will bring the detailed report and pictures of the conference. But a number of general observations about the gathering are in order. There is a heavenly blessing when we can come together from far and near and with heart-felt meaning can sing, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." The General Conference is the demonstration of the boundless joys that are ours in this fellowship of kindred minds.

It is a joy to talk about the things of God with others and to listen with spiritual rapture to colorful expositions of his Word. There's joy in hearing the reports of God's victories on mission fields at home and abroad. This joy abides which comes from a closely knit friendship with others in the Name of Christ. All of these blessed and joyous experiences were ours in bountiful measure at the conference sessions.

One of the most remarkable things about the General Conference sessions was our united eagerness to advance in the Lord's business. Such a spirit that catapults us forward and onward for the Lord can only come through a fellowship of kindred minds. That spirit can produce unity of strength and purpose. It can impart vision and grace from above for a great denominational advance.

You will read more in the next issue about the decisions that made the Sioux Falls conference epoch making. They will be seen to be even more decisive for our denomination as the years roll along. But the fellowship of kindred minds that was evidenced as those decisions were reached will always bring joy to many hearts as we remember "the days at Sioux Falls."

There is another observation which can be made at this time. It was the blessing and glory of the 29th General Conference. As the ties of Christian fellowship were bound more closely about us, we saw the effulgent splendor of the magnifying of Christ in our midst. He was honored in the messages and addresses. His Gospel was proclaimed and his Name exalted. His will was the guiding factor in the conference's decisions. It was a Christ-centered conference that found us rallying round the banner of the Cross of Jesus Christ.

## BIBLE TEXT

"O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people" (Psalm 105:1).

The 105th Psalm opens with a call to God's children to make known his deeds among the people, to talk of all his wondrous works. We are to be watchmen on the towers, trumpeting the Good News to others. We are to set the fires of our praise and thanksgiving to God burning high on a hill-top. No one of us is to hide his light under a bushel. No one of us is to be silent about God's wondrous deeds among us. The General Conference sessions at Sioux Falls, South Dakota were like the 105th Psalm, opening with this call and recounting the many marvelous deeds of God and closing with the note, "Praise ye the Lord." May the glow of this spirit light up our churches everywhere!

## RALLY DAY

Vacation days are over! Most of the conference gatherings have been held. It's time to get back to the familiar places in the home church and to launch the Fall program with greater aggressiveness than ever before. Your faithful attendance is desired. Should it ever be necessary for a Christian to be coaxed or cajoled into regular church attendance? Your active participation in the church's program will be welcomed. Surprise your pastor by telling him that you are eager for some task or responsibility in your church! The enthusiastic rallying of the entire group around the Sunday School and church program ought to be characteristic of us at this rally season of the year. It's a good time to be spiritually awake! There's so much work that needs to be done. The laborers for Christ are so few in number. The hour for action has struck!

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

September and October are the months for the observance of our Harvest and Mission Festival. This is one of the happy and fruitful Sunday School programs that is being overlooked or neglected by too many of our churches. Interesting programs and a selected arrangement of program material have been sent to the Sunday Schools by our Roger Williams Press. The purpose of the program and of the offerings is the missionary enterprise of our denominational fellowship. Baptisms on the home and foreign mission fields are a symbol of God's bountiful harvests in our day. Lift up your eyes upon these fields! Observe this colorful program in your church's calendar! Write the headquarters if more information or helpful material should be desired.

# The Call to Prayer

"If my people will humble themselves and pray, and seek my presence, I will listen to them and forgive their sins" (2 Chronicles 7:14)

A Sermon by the REV. A. G. SCHLESINGER,  
Pastor of the Humboldt Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

WE ARE LIVING in momentous days! Confusion, despair and moral decay are noticeable everywhere. There is so much wrong with the world of today. The heart of the world is sick, and from millions of human souls goes up the cry today that Jeremiah uttered years ago: "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician at hand?"

Various remedies have been suggested for the ills of the world from time to time. Some people tell us that more education, a warless world, more religion, or the application of the Golden Rule to modern life, will do it. Now the word of God tells us: "If my people will humble themselves and pray, and seek my presence, I will listen to them and forgive their sins" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

## WHY DO MEN PRAY?

Prayer is an inherent requirement of life. It is everywhere and always an obligation upon all mankind. A God-fearing mother will teach her child to say his prayers at bedtime. Even out on the plains of Tibet, religious tribes-people have the winds turn out thousands of prayers for them each day on their prayer-wheels. Others bow down to the ground several times daily at the call for prayer.

In many Christian homes, the family bows in prayer and devotion at the family altar or at the table. In the religious worship service the minister says, "Let us pray." The disciples of Christ also desired of the Master: "Lord, teach us to pray." Dwight L. Moody said that Jesus never taught his disciples to preach, but he taught them how to pray. We are told that the epitaph on the tombstone of the great Copernicus reads: "I do not crave the gift of St. Peter to preach, but I earnestly desire the grace of St. Paul to pray."

Prayer is the expression of an inner urge of the soul. It expresses the soul's personal relationship with God. In reading the Bible God talks to the Christian, and in prayer the Christian talks to God. Every child of God ought to learn to live by the Word of God and by prayer every day. A Christian cannot live the

abundant life in Christ without constantly being in touch with God. The Bible tells us, "Pray without ceasing."

A Christian who is really consecrated to the Lord should make prayer the biggest thing in his life. "In everything by prayer and thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe it, and it shall be yours" (Mark 11:24). "Casting all your cares upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

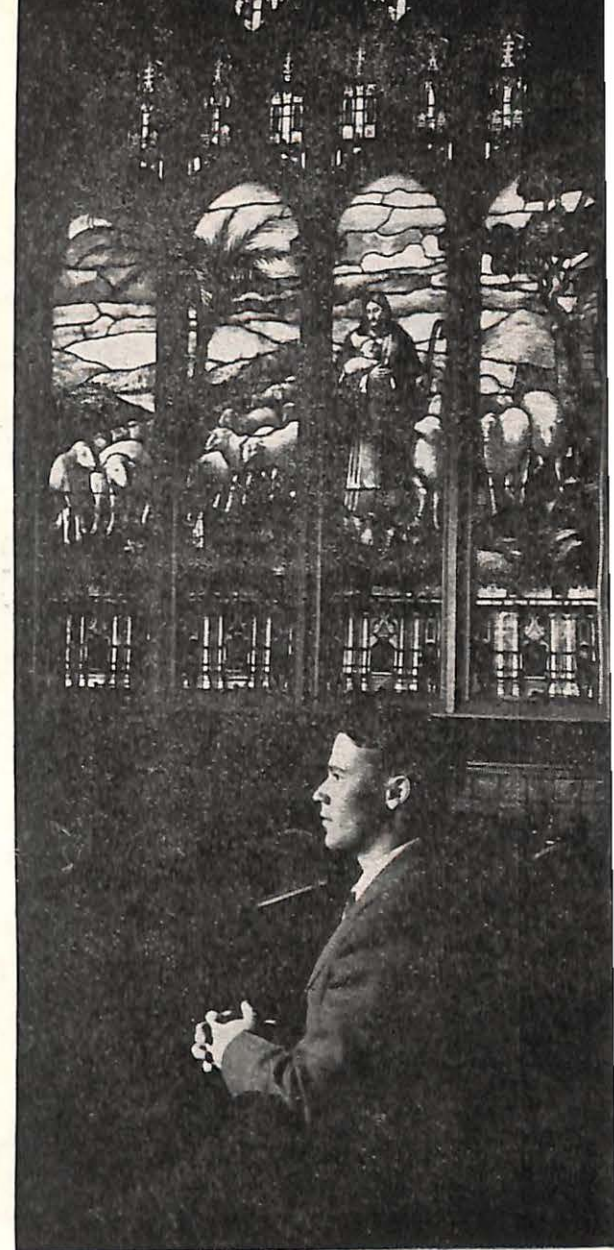
## GOD COMMANDS US TO PRAY

God commands men everywhere to pray. The call to prayer runs like a great mountain range all through the Bible. The Bible would be an utterly different book if all references to prayer were taken out from its pages. Just listen for a moment to some of its calls to prayer — "Call upon me and I will answer thee." "Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver thee." "Whatsoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." "The Lord himself says: 'Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.'" St. Paul exhorts "that supplication, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for all men." Prayer is far more than a mere privilege; it is a duty and a command of God.

The Prophet Samuel says: "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for the people." We do sin against God, ourselves and mankind, if we neglect prayer. So prayer is obligatory, noble, necessary, reasonable and profitable, and will graciously be answered if it is in accordance with God's will.

Our prayers are to God Almighty. He is the one who is all-powerful and well qualified to answer our prayers. His wisdom is divine. His love is unending. His promises are ever sure. His endurance is everlasting. It is wise for us to call upon the Lord at all times. We are to call upon God, and he is faithful and just to deliver us.

Of course, it is for God to determine the way and means of our deliverance. We have a graphic illustration of God's intervention and help in our



—Photo by Harold Lambert

Bible. We are referring to the three young men, friends of Daniel, in Babylon. They had been appointed to high positions of rank in the government, but since they were captives, that brought bitter resentment by the Chaldeans. So by the King's decree, they were to be put to death if they dared to disobey the rules of the land. Those men were in trouble, and they promptly called a prayer meeting.

After they had met in prayer, they said to the king: "We will NOT answer thee on this matter. If it be so our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of thy hand, O King." They were sure of God's help, because they were on God's side. God would deliver them in his own way; that they knew.

That is the way we too must call and depend upon God. We can depend on God's gracious promises that he will answer our prayers. What a shame that so few give God the glory for answered prayers! Let us glorify our Savior by showing our gratitude for his grace and mercy.

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African Natives Put the Finishing Touches to the Foundation of the Kayser Memorial School at Ndu in Honor of the Former Cameroons Missionary, Rev. H. P. Kayser, as Missionary Kenneth Goodman (Center) Views the Unfinished Job

## The Kayser Memorial School at Ndu

The Story of a New Building in the Cameroons as a Tribute to the Rev.

H. P. Kayser of Detroit, Mich., by Missionary KENNETH GOODMAN,  
Stationed at Ndu, Africa

AFTER every hard rain or wind storm we at Ndu cautiously open our doors and peer out toward our old school buildings. Are the walls still up? Have any of the roofs caved in? No, praise the Lord, they are still intact!

That is the condition of our old school unit. The grass and bamboo roofs are staying up only by the grace of God. The walls are in bad condition with many large cracks from the ceiling to the floor. "Why?" you ask. These original buildings were put up only as temporary buildings. The school has grown, the classes have become larger, the teaching staff has been increased, but the buildings have never been replaced.

Just a month ago in the quietness of one Saturday evening, one roof got tired, and leisurely it fell in. Now these two classes have to meet in borrowed rooms quite a distance from the mission station.

### JUST OVER THE HILL

Now this would seem a very dark picture, but we remember the admonition in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "In everything give thanks." Let us look into the ruins of this two room building. The bamboo can be used to repair the fence, the grass (what is good) can go on some other roof, and these sun-dried bricks and the stones can all be used on the new Kayser Memorial School.

The new Kayser Memorial School! Where is it? Look right over there

on that hill. You mean God has given us foresight enough to start a new school unit before these old walls break down or the roofs fall in? Yes, we have felt the Lord's guidance in our endeavor to build the Kayser Memorial School.

The Lord has even marvelously controlled the weather. Usually by now the rains would be such that the laborers could not work on the stone walls. But as the Lord held back the rains for three years during Elijah's time, so he is holding back the rains here at Ndu or is only permitting it to rain after working hours or on holidays. Could we ask for more? We humbly give thanks to God for his merciful kindness, his guidance, and his foresight in the matter of the new Kayser Memorial School.

### A PERMANENT BUILDING

But what is the building itself going to be like? For the Cameroons it is something new — an entire permanent school under one roof. Yes, the finished Kayser Memorial School will have eight classrooms, a garden tool storeroom, a bookshop, an office, and a reading room. The building is designed in a "U" shape. It is to be made of stone, the only building material available at Ndu which will withstand the terrific rains.

Another thing which will be en-

Rev. H. P. Kayser served as a missionary in the Cameroons from 1910 to 1915. He now resides in Roseville, Mich., and is a member of the Burns Ave. Church, Detroit.

joyed is the extra lighting — windows and more windows. The African thinks that one two-foot by two-foot window is plenty of light for a big room. Yes, they have very good eyesight, but with the new Kayser Memorial School their eyesight will be saved, and we hope it will greatly improve the scholastic standards of the school.

### MISSIONARY KAYSER

You ask, "Why the Kayser Memorial School?" The Rev. H. P. Kayser, a former missionary to the Cameroons people, loved these natives enough to set aside a thousand dollars to be used directly for the benefit of his people here. Do you mean to say that the whole school can be built for a thousand dollars? No, indeed! It will take six or seven times that much money. But how can we doubt God's wisdom in urging us on with this building? Has he not provided the necessary building weather, the needed materials, and is he not keeping the school children safe in the old building at present?

Even without a pickup or a truck at Ndu to carry the needed stones and sand, we push on, knowing that God has and will supply the needed material, laborers, weather, and motor transport when and as often as we need it. "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known unto God." Will you join us in prayer that this most needed building may be completed soon?

### Call to Prayer

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What God will do for us spiritually is of much greater importance than if he gives us material blessings. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things will be added unto you." St. Paul says, "I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me." Prayer, therefore, is not a substitute for self-effort. One of the greatest blessings that prayer can bring to us is an inflow of divine power into our lives that will enable us to be stronger and better Christians. So keep on praying and draw freely upon God's resources available to you.

God is your helper and friend. John Bunyan said: "Prayer will make a man cease from sinning, or sin will entice a man to cease praying." Therefore, never give up prayer. In drawing upon God's resources, you are making your prayers really effective. Our lives will suffer if we neglect prayer. God asks us to pray and Jesus assures us that all our needs will be met by the heavenly Father.

If we are to live the victorious Christian life, we must be much in prayer before God. "Watch and pray." There can be no substitute for prayer. "One night of prayer," said Spurgeon, "might make us new men." Tennyson was right when he said, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world has ever dreamed."

### GOD STILL ANSWERS PRAYER

God is still on the throne. The God of Abraham, Moses and the prophets is still the same today in answering the prayers of his children. The Lord has said, "Call upon me and I will deliver thee and thou shalt glorify me." In Acts 12:5 we read: "So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was praying earnestly to God for him." Here is Peter in prison, with 16 soldiers to guard him. What can he do? What can the little group of Christians do? There is only one thing they can do. They can pray! Prayer always wins.

Certain conditions must be met by us before God will fulfill his promises to answer our prayers. In the Scriptures we find that Christ has promised, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." Thus it is evident that if we ask anything which is unworthy of Christ, God cannot answer our request.

Close fellowship with Christ and his teaching is another condition we must meet. "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Jesus also says, "Again I say unto you, that if two of you

## Dental Equipment for Africa

The Story of a Generous Gift by a Christian Friend  
as Reported by the REV. G. K. Zimmerman of Grand Forks, No. Dak.

OUR newly purchased hospital in the Cameroons has opened its doors for service in God's Kingdom in more ways than were possibly anticipated. This may especially be said after the generous contribution of a complete Dental Unit with X-ray equipment and laboratory equipment which was made by Mrs. Mabel Janders, formerly of New York City and now of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Mrs. Janders became acquainted with our church in Grand Forks when she attended the Union thanksgiving services which were held for the first time in the Grace Baptist Church in the newly purchased building. Shortly thereafter she inquired whether we could use a complete Dental Unit on some mission field. After inquiry through our Mission Headquarters, we accepted the complete unit until it could be prepared for shipment to the Cameroons. We believe that it has been the guidance of God since we now have our doctor and also the hospital at Banzo where such equipment can be used very effectively.

The original cost of the equipment, as stated by Mrs. Janders, is approximately five thousand dollars. Since her husband had provided sufficiently for her needs, she wanted this unit to be placed in memory of her husband, Dr. Janders, that it might continue to serve mankind. Mrs. Janders especially desired to give it to a Baptist fellowship since a Baptist lady was very thoughtful of her during her bereavement.

This has, indeed, been a very timely gift which will serve unto the glory of God among our brethren in the Cameroons. God in his loving way will also bestow his blessings upon the one who out of love and concern for the welfare of God's people gave so generously.

We of the Grace Baptist Church are also happy for the fact that we were used of God in bringing this equipment to our mission field in the Cameroons. It has been one among several rich blessings that we received at our new location. We pray that God will continue to use us in the service for Christ and his Kingdom.

## Immigration of German Refugees

An Important Announcement by Our Fellowship Committee Through  
Its Secretary, DR. WM. KUHN

Persons living in Germany or Austria and hoping to immigrate either into the United States or Canada belong to one of the three classes: German Nationals, Displaced Persons known as D.P.'s, or German refugees known as Volksdeutsche. As many of our members had the same German ancestry as these so-called German immigrants, known as Volksdeutsche, it is only natural that our members are primarily interested in the immigration of these "Volksdeutsche" friends and relatives.

It has proved to be unfortunate that although the original immigration law made ample provision for their immigration, no Volksdeutsche immigrants could come, because the State

Department had not given an official interpretation of the descriptive phrase, "persons of German ethnic origin." Since the State Department has now explicitly stated who is of "German ethnic origin," the doors for the immigration of German refugees are now open.

Many of our members will now doubtlessly be interested to assist their "Volksdeutsche" friends and relatives to emigrate to the United States. Complete instructions for the procedure that must be followed and the regulations that must be met for the immigration of German refugees can be secured by writing to Fellowship Fund, Immigration Department, P. O. Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be given them by the heavenly Father.

Obedience to God's will is also necessary if we would have an effective prayer life. As we live a Christ-centered life, God in his infinite wisdom will answer our prayers most abundantly.

Let us rededicate ourselves to life-service and unceasing prayer, for the bringing in of the Kingdom of Christ in our churches, in our country, and to the ends of the earth. Let us say it with a deep desire and passion of our hearts:

"Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee!"



# Two Canadian Students Invade the South

Reports by Seminary Students, Al Lamprecht and Lawrence Bienert,

About Their Summer Experiences in the Southland

## INSPIRATION IN THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

By AL LAMPRECHT

SOMETIME in the dead of night of May 27th, the surging "Eagle," a streamlined train, bore me across the last outlying state and into THE STATE OF TEXAS. At the same time the "Humming Bird" sped Lawrence Bienert along to his Alabama field. Like a steed who quickens his pace on the last lap home, so the throbbing train seemed to accelerate through the lifting fog and across rolling plains dotted with the native Mesquite trees, changing to fertile flats sown "raw on raw" with cotton, corn, maize and more cotton.

In the twilight we approached the Rio Grande Valley, the fruit-basket of the South. Tall sentinel palms silhouetted the evening sky. Watchmen they are, guarding the Southern frontier.

The first people met and the first events in a new land are long remembered and become clothed with a certain significance. As I walked from the Donna railroad station to the hotel, drooping with suitcases, a Mercury suddenly made a U turn in the middle of the street and stopped beside me. "Looking for somebody?" the man asked. I was looking for our Donna church and its pastor. "That's the one; that's the student from Rochester," spoke out his wife.

Such frankness and openness are characteristic of all our Southern people. Etiquette is inborn rather than studied. A total stranger will greet another or raise his hand in passing and yet expect no response. Theoretically, the South has racial distinction; practically, it is not obvious.

The young people love the out-of-doors and participate in vigorous, physical sports. Hard and long they play; like veterans the youngsters strike at the ball. In the afternoons they will round up a group and go swimming, and sit with that clean, scrubbed look in the revival meetings at night.

Often a church volleyball team will meet the group of a neighboring church under a lit-up court. Toe to toe they will battle and afterwards "rib" one another over huge semicircles of ice cold watermelon. Then from a united group flow the strains of "Living for Jesus, a life that is true . . . O, Jesus, Lord and Master, I give myself to thee . . . I own no other Master . . . My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ for thee alone." Since the youth encamp-

ment at Latham Springs, that song has a particular significance for many.

A word must be said about unique Louisiana where levies wind across thirsty, lettuce-green, rice fields. Here water stands almost knee high, kept at this level by belching pumps driven by purring diesels. The hunting of the blue-heron is a favorite sport of aspiring young marksmen. Shots need not be spared, for these Mowata farmers have oil wells in their backyards as a sideline. In the machinery shops, oil pumps are displayed for sale as gang and plows are in Nokomis, Saskatchewan.

But all these scenes and experiences would be empty and void if our God did not give meaning to them all. It's thrilling to realize that he who made the deep blue-violet in the valley, the starry heavens, the harmonizing sunsets, every needle on every cactus, and who made every grasshopper leg so that when properly touched it will jerk off, he is our heavenly Father. How it inspires us to work for him!

## BLESSINGS IN THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

By LAWRENCE BIENERT

It certainly was a great blessing to have been able to work in the churches of our Southern Conference during the past summer. We had often heard other students tell about the blessed experiences in working with our people in the South, but you can never really appreciate the full meaning of such a report until you yourself have had the same experiences.

This past summer has been a glorious one, and one which we will look back upon with pleasant memories. To have been able to visit our churches in the South was worthwhile in itself, but fellowshiping with God's people there was a priv-

## SEMINARY NEWS!

All news and important developments pertaining to our North American Baptist Seminary will be published in "The Baptist Herald" as soon as they are available. The very important resolutions passed by the General Conference at Sioux Falls, So. Dak., will be announced in the next issue. Pray earnestly that God might have the preeminence in all of these important decisions!

ilege and a blessing which cannot be adequately described in words. The warm welcome and hospitality at every church made us feel as though we were in our own home churches.

Our main work was with the children in Vacation Bible Schools and then, too, we had the joy of conducting revival meetings at some of the churches. We realized more than ever that we in our own strength can do nothing, but as Paul said in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Working with children can be one of our richest experiences in life. We can then understand more fully the words of the Master when he said, "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Everywhere we found children who love the Lord as their personal Savior. Then, too, there were others who were as yet without Christ, and what a challenge and blessing it was to bring the Word of God to them!

Helping along with and conducting revival meetings brought new inspiration and zeal to our own hearts. To see lives transformed and to see the joy of their salvation was enough to praise God for his goodness, mercy and saving power.

Among our many mountain-top experiences there is one that stands above all others, and that was the Young People's Encampment at Latham Springs, Texas. There the young people gathered from the north, east, south and west for a time of Christian fellowship and spiritual refreshing. And what a time of refreshing that was! It was an inspiration for us to teach the young people, and also to listen to the message from God's Word each evening.

The event that will remain imprinted upon our minds is the one prayer and testimony meeting which lasted until after 11:30 P. M. The presence of God certainly was felt that night as person after person got up to witness for his Lord and to give his life fully and completely to him. From there the young people went to their own churches ready to work for their Master, taking with them the spiritual fires that burned so brightly at the Encampment.

We wish to thank all those who have remembered us in prayer for we have felt God's presence as we worked in the various churches. To our people in the South we say a hearty "Thank you" and may God continue to bless you!

# Back Home Again!

Greetings to All "Baptist Herald" Readers by One of Our First Missionary-Nurses at the Bansa Baptist Hospital

By MISS LAURA E. REDDIG of Cathay, North Dakota,  
Our Missionary in the Cameroons, Africa

WHAT A JOY it is to be home again and to feel the warm handshake and to see the friendly smiles of people I have not seen for almost five years! All through this short year at home, there will be hundreds more to meet and greet as I travel around visiting our large Baptist "family." It will be a real privilege and joy to meet you and say, "Thank you," to all of you. For in the past years we have been "workers together" and I shall be happy to share with you the spiritual victories experienced in the Cameroons. Surely, we can all sing: "Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

## FRENCH AIRWAYS PLANE

It would have been a real joy and very restful to have travelled home by boat with Margaret Kittlitz in January, but with Bansa Hospital coming our way, I felt God wanted me to stay and help there in Africa. Therefore, I had to take a very fast and not so restful trip home by plane.

Early on June 16th, the Rev. Paul Gebauer took me from Bansa to Bamenda where I got on our "Pacific gift," our red Chevrie truck, for the trip to the coast. From Bansa to New York, over 8400 miles were covered by truck, launch and plane. The French Airways plane left Douala at 6 A. M. with 18 passengers aboard, seventeen of whom were men. Just before leaving I was handed a farewell telegram from Mr. Gebauer with the message: "Psalm 91." Knowing that the missionaries were praying for my safe trip home, and trusting the Lord in all things, I looked forward to a fine trip. It was wonderful, and I sang part of the way home, for the plane covered up my song nicely.

## OVER MOUNTAINS AND DESERT

Mt. Cameroons from the air looked even more majestic than it does from Soppo. With rain and clouds we landed at Lagos to wait for the plane on July 3rd. The second plane of the trip was a British Overseas Airways plane, and about twenty-eight passengers got on at Lagos. We flew over the Niger River, the forests and palm trees of Nigeria, and on into the

desert-area around Kano.

The noon sun almost wilted us as we ran into the Kano airways house for lunch. A signpost at Kano showed air-mileage to cities all over the world. Native compounds at Kano looked like little cake decorations or tiny mushrooms in the sand. The Sahara Desert looked like the ocean with its waves of sand. Large areas of bare rock were seen, and only an occasional scrubby plant.

"Would you like to come up into the nose of the ship?" asked the plane's master. So just as the sun was setting, I spent almost an hour right in front. All the different gadgets and knobs and wheels and dials were explained to me, but I told the master that I'd need a few more lessons. We were going 280 miles per hour, using 280 gallons of gas per hour (one gallon per motor) and flying between 7000 and 8000 feet in altitude. (Day is dying in the West.) The sunset sky was real pink and very hazy.

When the sun was gone, we could see nothing but this pink dust-haze . . . no sky, no land . . . just pink. God seemed very near in that beauty. When the first two stars came out, the pilot got his location and the plane continued to ride with its automatic controls. (Jesus, Savior, pilot me!)

## FROM TRIPOLI TO LONDON

A delicious bacon and liver breakfast at Castle-Benito in Tripoli at 1:00 A. M. was served by dark skinned Arabs. A few spare moments allowed for writing a few cards and letters so that Tripoli stamps might brighten a corner in some collector's albums. Then to "bed" on our lean-back chairs as we flew across the Mediterranean. At 5:00 A. M. we had our British tea just as the sun rose all rosy-red between layers of clouds over the Mediterranean Sea. (God who touchest earst with beauty.)

(When morning gilds the skies.) What a beautiful morning as we flew over France! Then across the English Channel and into London. The Fourth of July! England does not celebrate the loss of its former colony! I spent many hours with Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Martin, Baptist friends



Miss Laura Reddig, Missionary Nurse, and One of Africa's Many Patients Who Has Come for Help to the Bansa Baptist Hospital

from the Cameroons, who are studying in London. I saw several points of interest in that large and famous city.

I saw no war-reminders in London, but gas rationing still had people going places on bicycles. Going through the London traffic, one man carried a ladder and paint pail. I saw an interesting Colonial Exhibit which showed Nigeria and the British Cameroons among other British Colonies. Before leaving London, the Airways loudspeaker at Victoria called for me. I was asked to give the full address, including street number at Cathay, North Dakota. I had difficulty convincing the Londoner that there are small towns where you can get mail without having street numbers.

A short flight brought us to Prestwick, Scotland where a delicious supper awaited us. So close to the land-of-the-midnight-sun, it was still quite light at 11:20 P. M. After being okayed by British customs and passport officials, we got into our larger, pressurized plane and headed into the night and across the Atlantic.

## ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

Breakfast in Gander, Newfoundland on July 5th brought us bacon and eggs which looked like baseballs as compared with Cameroons eggs. Then over Nova Scotia and on into New York! What a surprise to come up to the immigration building at La Guardia Field and hear: "Welcome

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# 50th Anniversary of Edmonton's Central Church

A Report of the Anniversary Festivities at the Central Baptist Church,  
Edmonton, Alberta, by the REV. RICHARD SCHILKE, Pastor

THE DAYS of June 12 to 15 will long linger in the memory of the members and friends of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta as one of the great highlights in the history of this church. The preparation and carrying out of this program lay largely in the hands of the local pastor, the Rev. R. Schilke, who also edited for this occasion a fiftieth anniversary book. This book contains the history of the church, statistical report of the membership and finances of former years as far as this was available, photos of the various ministers and families and of the missionaries of the church with a respective article from each one of them, photos of the three church buildings, the various organizations of the church, a present membership list, a Jubilee Program, and congratulations and best wishes from all business organizations in the membership of the church.

## FORMER MINISTERS

All former ministers of the church were invited to be present at this festive occasion. They readily responded and also brought their wives along. Only the Rev. August Rosner could not come because of the illness of his wife. Two years ago we had still hoped that the Rev. Abraham Hager, founder of this church, might live until this Jubilee, but the Lord saw fit to take him to the heavenly festivities.

On Sunday morning, June 12, the Jubilee program began. The Men's Chorus under the direction of Mr. Emil Zielke sang two fitting songs, and the Rev. August Kraemer brought the morning message. In the afternoon meeting the orchestra of the church under the direction of Mr. Englb. Wilchinski brought fitting music to the enjoyment of all. This orchestra had a part in most of the meetings.

In this afternoon meeting the report by the church clerk, Mr. A. Gruber, and the church treasurer, Mr. P. Schroeder, were given. The roll call of the charter members followed. Only two were able to be present, and of these only one, Mrs. Minnie Falkenberg, a daughter of the late Rev. Abraham Hager, is still a member at this time. Mrs. Falkenberg responded with a brief history of the beginnings of the church. Of great interest was the unveiling of a large picture of all the ministers and mis-

sionaries of the church. At this moment Mr. Albert Layetzke sang, "Jesus, Rose of Sharon."

Congratulations were extended by the Alberta Baptist Association through Dr. C. H. Seecamp, by the Baptist Union through Rev. F. W. Haskins, by the Baptist City churches through Rev. S. D. Trites, and by the denomination through Evangelist H. Pfeifer who happened to be present that afternoon. The Men's Chorus and the Mixed Choir sang, and Dr. J. E. Knechtel brought the Jubilee message on the theme, "Humanity's Quest: Christianity's Response."

In the evening service the mixed choir under the direction of Mr. Karl Zielke gladdened the hearts of all through special singing, besides a ladies' trio composed of the Misses Frances, Della, and Agnes Pahl, and a solo by Miss Ruth Zielke. Miss Inez Wahl, our church organist, beautified every service with music on the Hammond Electric Organ. Greetings were brought by the Ministerial Association of the city through Rev. R. S. Faulks, and by the city council through Alderman Parsons. Rev. Chas. F. Zummach brought the message on the theme, "More Than a Prophet."

## ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

For Monday before the evening service the church had arranged for a banquet. Over 140 guests were present. At this occasion Mr. Philip Hager, a former son of this church, recited a humorous recitation, and Miss Alice Stuermer sang, accompanied on the piano by Miss Freda Stuermer, both former members of this church.

Deacon A. Fender read Scripture and Deacon S. Yeske led in prayer at the service which was a review of the first 25 years of the church. For this occasion a special choir had been organized under the direction of Mr. J. Lentz which consisted of singers of that period of 25 years. This choir sang three songs. Experiences of the church life pertaining to those 25 years were related by Deacon L. Benkie and by the Rev. Chas. F. Zummach. Greetings from neighboring churches were brought, and Dr. J. E. Knechtel brought the message.

Tuesday evening was a review of the second 25 years of the church. The Men's Chorus and the Mixed Choir served with special songs. More greetings from neighboring churches followed, and experiences of the

church life pertaining to these second 25 years were related by Mr. Alfred Zielke, Rev. August Kraemer and the local pastor. Three members of the church were given special recognition in the form of gifts: Mr. L. Benkie for 23 years of service as deacon, Mrs. L. Benkie for her faithfulness as a member of the choir for more than 30 years, and Mrs. D. Kirsch for her faithfulness as Sunday School teacher for more than 30 years.

Wednesday night gave us a look into the future. The Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Con Schroeder gave us a glimpse of the singing church of tomorrow. Challenges were brought to the young people through its president, Gerhard Schroeder, to the Sunday School through Mr. Con. Schroeder, and by the Alberta Baptist Tri Union through its president, the Rev. K. Korella. Mr. Wilbert Wilchinski, a Sunday School scholar, gave a chalk drawing, and Dr. T. W. Bender of Rochester, N. Y., brought the message of the evening on the theme, "The Greatest Thing in the Church."

## HISTORICAL DATA

The church records of the first 15 years of its history burned in a fire at the office of the church clerk in the year 1913. All statistics pertaining to those years are thus not available. What we have of the history pertaining to those years we have taken from a letter by the late Rev. Abraham Hager written in the year 1938, to which Mrs. Minnie Falkenberg added much information from her memory.

On June 19, 1898 Mr. Hager preached his first German sermon in Edmonton to a small group of German-speaking people, mostly working girls. On Sept. 8, 1898 he rented the Indian Methodist Chapel at the corner of 101st Street and 100th Avenue. This little log building served as a meeting place and as his dwelling. Here he organized the church in the summer of 1899 with 17 members. Shortly after that Mr. Hager bought two lots at the corner of 97th Street and 104th Avenue with \$150 borrowed money. The first church building was erected and on Nov. 24, 1901 it was dedicated. Twice it had to be enlarged, until in the year 1912 the present brick building at the corner of 96th Street and 106th Avenue was erected at a cost of \$44,000.

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The Rebuilt Baptist Seminary of Hamburg, Germany as It Appears Today. These Buildings Were Both Bombed So That Only the Walls Remained. The Baptist Youth Training Center Is Housed in the Building at the Left

# Baptist Fellowship at Hamburg, Germany

A Brief Report About the Baptist Caravan in Germany

by MISS ADELINE ZIMBELMAN of McClusky, North Dakota

I COULD WRITE many pages about the week which I recently spent from July 18 to 25 with our friends in Germany. Never before have I experienced such an unusual and thrilling fellowship as here at Hamburg. During this past week the eleven of us have been sharing together in work, study and play with fifteen German boys whose homes are in various parts of Germany. Several of them are refugees from the Russian Zone. One of them came last week from the Russian sector of Berlin and he has really many things to tell us about the struggles of the Baptist young people in his home church.

We were very happy to learn that many of the German friends studied English in school and so we have no great difficulty in conversing together. We are all doing our best to get some speaking knowledge of German because there are times when we will be meeting people who cannot speak English.

The work of the girls has been to help in the kitchen. In the past week we picked many Johannes berries which have been made into jam. This week we will be helping in the building itself, as the boys have been doing during the past week. They have had the feeling that we are not strong enough to do this type of work and it has taken us an entire week to prove that we are not so "frail" as we may appear to be.

Every day one hour is spent in studying the Bible and applying its

message to the problems of youth today. During this hour we have had enlightening discussions under the leadership of the Rev. Hans Rockel, the leader of the Youth Training Seminary here.

For several days we had in our midst the Rev. Hans Arndt, the Youth Secretary of Baptist work in Germany. We are very grateful to him for the many things he told us about Baptists in Germany during the past years and now. We will be better able to do a worthwhile service during the weeks to come because of the hours spent in discussion with Mr. Arndt.

Aside from the fellowship with one another as a group, we have also had many visitors from the University, from a Deaconess Home, and from many churches of Hamburg and neighboring towns.

We worshipped together in one of the reconstructed Baptist churches, since many were bombed. We were very cordially, I should say, enthusiastically, received. I was very happy to bring the people of this congregation your greetings and to express to them your continuing interest in them. It gives us a feeling of thanks to you when someone we meet opens his coat to show an American label or a friend points to her shoes and

The next article by Adeline Zimbelman about the Baptist World Congress at Stockholm, Sweden will appear on Oct. 15.

says they came in a package from America.

It gives them great joy and encouragement to know that the American friends really have a great love and interest in what has happened and is happening in Germany. There were tears in the eyes of many as we sang an American hymn in the service yesterday, for to them it seems impossible that young people should want to come so far to work with them.

Again, I say, it is not in ourselves that this has become possible, but only because of the great love of God for mankind and because he must work through us that this project in Hamburg had become a wonderful and thrilling reality!

## Back Home Again

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home, Laura!" Louise, Daphne and Amaryllis Dunger, with her sister, two Eastern ministers and two ministers' wives made my welcome home warm and real, and New York City celebrated the day with 100 degrees of warmth.

Oh, it's good to be back, and I thank God for the privilege that has been mine to serve him in the Cameroons! He has never failed, and I know I shall be counting the days until I shall return to my work among the black friends of Africa. I am praying that I may in some measure show my gratitude to God for his goodness and that, while I'm home, I may be used of him and for his glory.



# What's Happening

● The Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa entered a church float in the centennial celebrations parade held by Elgin from August 18 to 21. On Sunday morning, August 7, the Rev. Louis Johnson of Chicago, Ill., formerly pastor of the East Side Church, served as guest speaker at the Elgin church. New oil furnaces have been installed in the church. The Rev. Arthur Ittermann is the pastor.

● A son was born to our Cameroons missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider, on August 13 at Bango. These missionaries are stationed on the Warwar field. Their boy has been named Evan Gilbert. This is their first child. The news has also been announced by the Rev. and Mrs. Leslie P. Albus of Trenton, Illinois that a son was born to them on August 16 who has been named Jerome Theron.

● Sunday, July 31, was a momentous day for the members and friends of the Calvary Baptist Church of Billings, Montana because of the baptism of six young men and women by the pastor, the Rev. David Littke. Among these baptized converts there were two couples. The church is continuing to grow in this enterprising mission field at Billings.

● The dedication of the new Baptist parsonage at Herreid, South Dakota will be held on Sunday, Oct. 30, with the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, denominational evangelist, serving as guest speaker. The Rev. E. S. Fenske, pastor, has announced that elaborate preparations have been made for this impressive service in the beautiful and spacious new parsonage.

● The Rev. J. G. Rott began his ministry at the Baptist Church and Zion Station of Carbon, Alberta on July 1st. A reception was held for him and his family on Sunday evening, July 3, with the Rev. H. Schatz of Calgary serving as guest speaker. Vacation Bible Schools were held for two weeks respectively in Carbon from July 11 to 22 and in the Zion Church from July 21 to 29. There were 52 children enrolled in each of the schools.

● Copies of the poem, "What's Best for Me?", written by the Rev. C. B. Nordland of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., which appeared in the July 15, 1949 issue of "The Baptist Herald," are now available free upon request of Mr. Nordland at 209 So. Harvey Ave., Oak

Park, Illinois. These special copies have been beautifully prepared as gift copies by our Roger Williams Press in Cleveland, Ohio.

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● The Rev. Edward Kneisler, a retired minister in the Home for the Aged, Portland, Oregon, passed away quietly on August 30th at the age of 86 years. His pastorates were in the Rabbitt Hill Church of Alberta (1902-4); Lyndock and Sebastopol Church of Ontario (1904-1916); New Castle, Pa. (1916-1923); Pawtucket and Providence, Rhode Island for several years. He was a member of the Laurelhurst Church of Portland, Ore. His pastor, Rev. Fred W. Mueller, has prepared an obituary for the Oct. 15 issue of "The Herald."

● Miss Minnie Schulte of Forest Park, Ill., a sister-in-law of Dr. William Kuhn, was called home after many years of illness on Sept. 3rd. Dr. Kuhn brought the memorial message at the service on Sept. 6 on her favorite Bible text: Isaiah 43:1. The Rev. C. B. Nordland, pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church, was in charge and brought the obituary which will appear in the Oct. 15 issue. The Rev. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, offered the prayer at the memorial service. Miss Adelaide Klatt, church missionary, sang several selections.

● The Rev. Benjamin Graf of Detroit, Mich., for many years (1911 to 1929) the pastor of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church, was called home of God on June 3rd after a protracted illness both at home and at the hospital. He died at the age of 84 years. Since his life was a blessed benediction to countless numbers of people in the United States and the Cameroons of Africa where he served as a missionary from 1895 to 1896, Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, pastor of the Burns Ave. Church, has prepared a memorial article which will be published in the Oct. 15 issue of "The Baptist Herald."

● On Sunday afternoon, Aug. 7, a baptismal service was held by the Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana at the town plunge at which two converts were baptized by the Rev. G. Beutler, pastor. Mr. Bob Hepperle of the Plevna church, a Junior student at our Seminary, spoke in English and the local pastor in German. A program was presented by the Plevna young people at Vida, Montana on August 21st featuring the dialogue, "Just As I Am."

● The Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., enjoyed the musical program presented on Sunday evening, July 31st, by Mr. Egon Grapentin, Canadian radio and concert violinist who comes from the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta. He also thrilled the 1200 people in attendance at the young people's banquet during the General Conference sessions at Sioux Falls, So. Dak. On Sunday morning, August 25, he offered several selections in the worship service at the West Center St. Baptist Church of Madison, So. Dak.

● The Sunday School of the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Delaware sponsored a Vacation Bible School from June 13 to 24 with an enrollment of 75 scholars. Offerings amounted to \$30.00 which were distributed for various missionary and local purposes. On Sunday evening, June 26, a special recognition service was held at which time an interesting exhibition of the handcraft and memory work was given. Twelve teachers took part in this fine work of instruction. The Rev. Christian Peters is pastor of the church.

● From July 5 to 15 a Vacation Bible School was conducted by the Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., reaching the 100 mark, with an average attendance of 88. The boys and girls presented a fine program to a large audience on Sunday evening, July 17. The daily mission offerings amounted to \$37.65. The following assisted the pastor, Rev. W. W. Knauf, in conducting the school: Mrs. Ed. Neher, Mrs. Gus Van Lengen, Mrs. E. Meyer, Mrs. W. W. Knauf, Mrs. Frank Venninga, Mrs. Edwin Schuh, Phyllis Knauf, Lenora Wolff and Arva Dell Mantz. On July 28 the Gospel Harmonizers of our Rochester Seminary presented a program at the church. A large audience was delighted and blessed by their fine renditions.

## Reflections on Gratitude

By BOB ROBERTSON

of Spokane, Washington.

WHAT WINGS are to the eagle, gratitude is to our lives.

Lacking a sense of gratitude to God for creation and the privilege of joining in the constructive work of the world, we are but unthinking manikins dangled from the ends of strings and swayed by every whim of circumstance.

The heart which does not feel the warm thrill of gratitude is like a ship becalmed on a motionless sea. Though it stays afloat, it makes no progress and soon becomes as remiss and idle as the sea itself.

Failure to feel and to acknowledge gratitude casts a shadow of doubt upon the intelligence. For every blade of grass and every flower gratefully follow the sun across the sky as naturally as they grow. Even the leaves of the forest and the myriad woodland voices lend their chant to the lark's song of gratitude.

The higher we climb up the mountain of human achievement, the more humble and grateful to God we should become. We should be humble that we were given to qualities which made the climbing possible, grateful for the strength and determination that forced us on.

Without the silver flute in his throat the nightingale would be forced to fly with the crows. Dispossessed of his fleetness the stag would fall easy victim to his slowest enemy. With the loss of their genius or talent, the honored and acclaimed soon would be forgotten.

When we think to live without gratitude, we are like contestants without a goal, builders who labor without a plan.

The artist who catches the spirit of beauty in the net of his imagination and places it on canvas is never able to do full justice to the picture which lives in his mind. Nor did the poet ever live who could express his choicest thoughts. The finest essence of truth and beauty eludes the most inspired pen, baffles the most skilful brush.

And yet, through simply feeling and expressing gratitude to God, the simplest and humblest among us can attain life's most exalted condition, a state of grace. This is a state of which we are not deserving, but which is given as a distinct favor through God's mercy as distinguished from his justice.

Through the open doorway of gratitude the way leads directly to earthly happiness and eternal bliss. For only to the extent we are grateful for the opportunity are we able to appreciate the beauties and possibilities of life, sense the glory of immortality.

## The Pilgrim's Guide

Brief Expositions of God's Word

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

A STUDY of Genesis 4:1-17 illustrates how rapidly sin spread after that first act of disobedience and defiance against God. One is amazed at the swiftness with which the events of human history occurred in the chapters following the record of creation. We are shocked to find at the very door of Paradise false worship, bad character, irresponsibility and murder. How awful is sin!

Here in verses 1 and 2 we have recorded the first birth in the history of the world. Whether or not Eve supposed Cain to be the promised seed (Gen. 3:15) that would bruise the serpent's head is open to question. If so, Cain was a very bitter disappointment to her. Her words are likely an expression of acknowledgement and thanksgiving. Cain and Abel may have been twins. Cain was the first born, in either case. Though they were brothers in flesh, yet they were a contrast. They differed in character, religion, occupation, and their end was different. It is stated that Cain was a farmer and Abel was a shepherd.

### THE FIRST OFFERINGS

Without doubt, Adam and his family regularly offered offerings to God (Verses 3-7) and were divinely instructed in the same. These offerings, of which we have first mention in our text, were of two parts. One was a thanksgiving offering to God as the giver of all good things. The second was a sacrifice offering in recognition of God's holiness, a confession of sin, and faith in the promised One.

Cain's offering consisted "of the fruit of the ground" which was a mere thankoffering to God as the Giver of blessings. He represents that group of people who refuse to believe in the necessity of a vicarious sacrifice. They do not feel the need of the atonement of Christ; they rely on character and morality. This position is not "modern" but is as old as Cain. The New Testament declares that Christ died for our sins and there is no forgiveness, no acceptance by the Father except through his shed blood and faith in it.

In addition to the thankoffering, Abel brought a sacrifice offering by which he acknowledged himself a sinner and expressed faith in the coming Deliverer. This embodied a sense of sin and a plea for pardon (Heb. 11:4). Probably God showed

his acceptance of Abel's offering by miraculously consuming it with fire.

When Cain saw that Abel's offering was accepted and his was not, instead of humbling himself, he flew into a rage. God was ready to hear his confession, but he would not repent. Notice the patience and grace of God in his warning to Cain. Cain is informed that he would be accepted also, if he would do right.

That the warning of God went unheeded is evidenced in the first murder (Verses 8-10). Cain invited Abel to walk in the fields where he killed his own brother. This act was the fruit of a hating heart. God declares, "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer." Beware of fits of jealous hatred.

It is supposed that this first murder was a result of a religious argument in the field. Many millions have died because of bigotry and religious intolerance in the name of God. The spirit of this world is a constant and bitter enemy of the Spirit of God. Brethren, how often an unnecessary debate over an unimportant religious point has broken fellowship, split churches, and grieved the Holy Spirit! God help us to manifest the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23; 6:1-3).

### THE FIRST FUGITIVE

In response to God's question concerning Abel, Cain lied (Verses 11-17). He tried to cover up his sin with the words, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Nothing is hidden from God; he wanted a confession of sin and repentance. This Cain refused to do to his own loss. Others, like Cain, give this answer to evade responsibility for sin or service.

As a result, the ground would not give its full reward for labor, and he was to be a fugitive and a vagabond without a dwellingplace of comfort and security. Cain now showed sorrow, not for his sin, but for his punishment. He would now live alone with his guilty conscience. It was his sin and unwillingness to repent that drove him away from God's presence and blessing.

Fearful of retaliation, the Lord put a mark upon Cain. Without doubt there were many people on the earth already. In fact, Cain may have been a married man. What this mark was no one really knows. Possibly his face took on the characteristics of his character and people shunned him. Therefore, "we should love one another, not as Cain, who was of that wicked one."





—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. But 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 and his wife were led to Christ as their Savior. Then one day Jill told her husband that she was to have a child. It also seemed best for them to leave their dog Tawah elsewhere. Jill wanted to say goodbye to the dog alone. "Maybe I can make him understand a little," she said.

## CHAPTER SEVEN

TAWAH was stretched on the back porch, where a stiff lake breeze was lifting his ruff pleasantly. Nose flattened to his paws, he was sniffing every sweet secret odor from the woods and marsh, delight running through him in ripples. When Jill sat down beside him, his tail bumped the boards gently.

"This is it," Jill said, blinking fast to keep back the tears. "This is it fella! We're leaving now, and you've got to stay here. You've had a grand

time today. Just keep on having fun, Tawah, and don't grieve your heart out."

The dog caught the hidden misery in her voice and instantly that soundless whimper quivered in his throat.

"Be happy here, Pal," Jill whispered, dropping her cheek for an instant against the satin hair between his ears. "This is where you belong. Be a good dog —" She couldn't go on. It was foolish she knew, to have so much affection for a mere animal. And yet loyalty like this could not be purchased with gold. Her heart lifted itself in a quick silent prayer to her new-found Friend, and instantly there was sweet peace in her soul. Even when Tawah's pleading puzzled whimper followed her, she walked away bravely with her chin held high. She had learned her first great lesson. There is nothing too small in the lives of God's children but what His ear is always open and His great heart of compassion always quick to answer.

The apartment was strangely unfamiliar without Tawah. Chad, sensing Jill's loneliness, was forever try-

ing to make up for the dog's absence by bringing home little gifts, white asters for the table, a box of her favorite candy, a pair of downy house-slippers.

Once he asked anxiously, "Jill, are you sure you're all right? It seems to me you look awfully pale lately."

"Of course, I'm all right," she laughed, denying the nagging ache deep within her. "It's only that your son is such a precocious child —"

Chad's kiss was eloquent, "I know how trying these last weeks must be for you, Sweetheart. Boy, but I'll be glad when it's over and we've got the little rascal right here in his basket!"

"So will I," Jill murmured, thankful that Tawah's name hadn't been mentioned. But the first of October brought a letter from her mother which struck cold fright to her heart. The message explained that Tawah had been restless for days and that suddenly he had disappeared. "Your father thinks he may show up in a day or two," her mother wrote, "but I'm convinced he has headed for you. For a while he

thought you might be back, but lately the truth has been dawning on him. You'd better keep a lookout for him."

How could a dog find his way across one hundred and fifty miles of strange country? It was against the state law for dogs to run at night. Even if, by some uncanny instinct, he managed to head in the right direction, there was always the danger that he might be shot by wary officers who were constantly on the lookout for sheep killers. And food, where would he obtain nourishment for the punishing miles?

Like a bewildered child, Jill went to her knees with this fear, pouring it all out to her Lord in halting half-sentences and stumbling inarticulate phrases, "I suppose it's silly to pray about a dog and I'm not asking Thee to bring him through alive. Just — just don't let him suffer. Please, dear Lord. Please give me assurance that Thou wilt do this . . ."

But Jill was to find that her faith was about to undergo a testing. Her new Friend was asking that she trust Him. But Jill, being but a young babe in Christ, found that fear was crowding out her confidence in her Lord. Peace was momentarily swallowed up in acute anxiety. By the time Chad came home, she was crying helplessly like an overwrought little girl.

She heard his steps in the hall — eager and quick and full of purpose — and then his voice shouting her name.

"Jill, Jill! Come here and welcome the conquering hero!" he stopped short in the open doorway, his face going slack with surprise. "Hey, Sweetheart — what goes? Baby?" he demanded sharply.

Jill shook her head. "It's Tawah," she sobbed, thrusting her mother's letter into his hand. "He has run away. He's likely trying to find his way here . . ."

"Well, I'll be jarred!" Some of the color ebbed from his face. "That's bad. Maybe if we have a notice broadcast by the state police . . ."

"Oh, that's a wonderful idea!" Jill gasped in relief, catching his arm in both shaking hands. "Give a description of him, and his license number . . ."

"Sure. They'll pick him up in no time. Don't worry, darling." He smoothed back her soft tumble of hair and kissed the sweet, tear-bathed face. His eyes were troubled, but behind the anxiety was a hint of eagerness. "You almost scared the good news out of me," he added.

For the first time since the letter from her mother arrived, Jill was able to push her fright from her. "Good news?" she repeated. "What good news, Chad?"

"You are looking at the foreman of the new west extension," he said, and laughed when her mouth fell agape with amazement.

"Chad!" She flung both arms

around him. "Oh Chad! I can't believe it!"

"Neither can I," he admitted, his eyes humble and glad. "And it really is a miracle. I wasn't in line for this promotion, but the fellow who was, had another offer only yesterday. This didn't just happen, Sweetheart. We are told in the Word that if we acknowledge God in all our ways, that He will direct our paths. Well, since I've been saved, I've been acknowledging Him before all my associates, and in everything I've done. And He just kept His part of the bargain, as He always does — praise His name! He has directed my path, and here I am foreman, just like that. Isn't it marvelous?"

She couldn't answer. Tears of happiness crowded her throat. Together they dropped to their knees to express their gratitude to their Maker. Chad began with the glorious challenge of the 98th Psalm, "O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvelous things . . . The Lord hath made known his salvation — his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen . . ." When they rose from prayer, the glory of the Lord lingered near.

Jill looked at Chad with shining eyes, "It — it will mean a raise, won't it?"

"It will mean more than that. It'll mean we can leave this sparrow's nest for a place of our own in the country!"

Jill was crying and laughing, both at once now — and murmuring the thought that was suddenly uppermost in her mind — "And Tawah can be with us again!"

"And how!" Chad kissed her joyously, grabbed his hat and bolted for the door. "Reward offered for big red collie, answers to the name of 'Tawah,' thought to be little gifts, white asters for the table, a box of her favor — — — — —" and was gone, sprinting down the hall like a boy.

But the police broadcast failed to bring the anticipated response. A few false clues filtered in, a dog answering to the description had been seen late at night running in a pasture near Jackson, a red collie had been picked up in Grand Rapids. But neither proved to be their Tawah.

The days dragged. Eager hope thinned to a nagging dread and dread to a kind of apathetic hopelessness. Jill tried valiantly to hide her pain. Chad, acutely conscious of her anxiety, did everything in his power to make things easier.

"There's a place on the north side of town for sale," he told her one night, his tender eyes searching her face. "A fellow at the plant told me about it. Shall we drive out and take a look at it?"

It took all her Christ-given courage to answer him with an enthusiastic smile. All day, in imagination, she

had followed Tawah. Perhaps, even now, he was crouching in some cold ditch, his great heart breaking with loneliness, his body gaunt with starvation, that faint, sobbing whimper dying in his throat.

"Let's start now," Jill said feverishly, pushing back her plate of untouched dinner. She knew she was grieving the beautiful Person of the Holy Spirit by her lack of faith and confidence, but she couldn't seem to conquer her fear and be at rest in the Lord. "Let's go now!" she repeated. "I'll wash the dishes later."

Chad drew her to him, his mouth unsteady with sympathy, "Darling, darling! I can't bear to see the misery in your face. Oh, you've tried to hide it, but I know how much you love that pup! I'm praying too, Honey. I know God will work it out somehow. Maybe not just the way we would plan it, but in His own good time and in the best way. Can you believe that, my dearest?"

"I'll try," she whispered. "I'm so ashamed of my little faith, Chad — so ashamed. Pray that I can meet this test triumphantly — for I know it is a test. And I don't want to fail my Savior."

"We'll pray together," Chad whispered unsteadily.

The house north of town was everything a young wife dreams about, spacious rooms, gracious windows, a stone fireplace.

"Chad, it's perfect!" Jill breathed. "Perfect!"

"Then we buy it."

"It will cost a lot."

"Not too much. We'll increase our tithe, of course, for the more the Lord gives us, the more we should return to him. We can return fifteen or twenty per cent of our income and still have enough to pay for this little home in time. Our son will need space to grow in."

They stood at the front windows, arm in arm, watching the autumn twilight darken into night. A young moon climbed shyly over the treetops, spilling a thin radiance over the open fields. Jill thought, for one startled instant, she saw the form of a dog silhouetted against the purpling sky. "Tawah!" she whispered soundlessly. "Where are you — where are you?"

As though he guessed her thoughts, Chad pulled her against him gently. "We'll buy a dog for the boy," he said softly. "There's plenty of room for one out here."

"But not a collie, Chad! Never!"

His only answer was a kiss against her brow, unsteady with understanding and the complete unity of his love.

They moved into their new home the last of October, and Jill tried valiantly to be very gay about it. Chad had built fires and hung curtains, and the rooms were already smiling and friendly. It took only a week or





Twenty-one Converts of the Baptist Church of Lehr, North Dakota Whom the Rev. H. J. Waltereit (Rear) Recently Baptized

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two to finish settling, and then everything was in rediness, the panda in the nursery, the little chest full of waiting garments, a blue bassinet at the foot of their bed.

Their baby was born on the fifteenth of November, a chunky lad with a lusty pair of lungs and Chad's winsome blondness. From the moment the nurse put him in her arms, comfort seeped deep into Jill's heart.

"My son," she whispered, kissing the rose satin cheek. She was no longer the elfin child Chad had married. She was now a grave, sweet woman, matured in a few hours of travail and the reality of her motherhood. "My son. How I thank God for you. You already belong to Him, but what a joy it will be to bring you up in the joy and understanding of the Lord Jesus!"

Chad spent every evening at the hospital, often going without dinner so as to get there by nursing time. His awed delight put a lump in Jill's throat.

"Glory but he's little. Lookit him grab my thumb, will you! Got a grip like a fighter!" And then they would laugh together because this joy was shared and infinitely precious. Their son!

Chad came for Jill and the baby on the Sunday morning little Dave was

two weeks old. He had pillows and a blanket in the car, and insisted that Jill lie down all the way home. There was a strange kind of exuberance in him that she naturally attributed to the fact that he was taking his "family" home.

"You act like a kid on Christmas," she laughed at him.

"I feel like one!" he retorted and joy was a full tide in his voice.

He drove close to the back porch and lifted her out. "I can walk," she assured him happily, but he didn't put her down. Instead, he carried both her and the baby through the kitchen door and on into the sunny living-room.

It was just as he lowered his precious burden gently to the davenport, that Jill heard a sound which almost stopped her heart, a muted whimper as haunting as a memory.

"Tawah!" The name came from her lips in an unbelieving cry. And then Chad stepped aside and a great hairy body flung itself in delirious joy against her knees.

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Twilight shadows were moving in across the tattered woodland. Stars winked remotely in a frosty sky. A church bell on a hilltop dropped golden notes against the stillness. And



The Orchestra of the Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ontario, With the Organizer of the Orchestra, Rev. Wm. D. Ross, in the Back Row (Seated, Center)

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within the warm, sweet rooms, contentment lay like a hollowed benediction.

Flames leaped against the stone fireplace and in their flickering glow, Tawah slept deeply, his classic head flat on his paws, his massive body relaxed and at rest.

Watching him, Chad said softly, "You'll get tired of hearing me tell young Dave about that dog's intelligence. I expect to brag about it for the rest of my life, Mrs. Garrison. That's some dog, we own!"

"Tell me about it again!" Jill commanded, nestling closer into the warm curve of Chad's arm. With her soft hair falling around her shoulders, she looked almost too young to be a mother and yet there was tender wisdom in her eyes. "Just where was it you found him?"

Chad grinned, "Sitting in the middle of the fish pool, watching the door and the street. The janitor said he had been there for hours and nobody could get him to budge. He wouldn't eat the meat they offered him, and he growled if they came too close."

He was in command of the situation, and he knew it. But how he had traveled all that distance, how he found his way, how he kept from starving, that's a real miracle. What a glorious, prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God we have, Darling. You can't tell me it wasn't His compassionate hand that brought the dog back safely! The Word tells us that He knows when even a sparrow falls. He was only testing your faith, Sweetheart. Indeed He is able to do 'exceeding abundantly above all that we are able to ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.'"

Jill's eyes were misty with happy tears, "Oh, it's so wonderful to be a Christian, to know that our Father cares even about small problems and little heartaches. I pray I'll never doubt Him again."

"Amen," whispered Chad. And then after a poignant interval he added, "A man offered me two hundred dollars for Tawah yesterday, but I just laughed. I told him a man didn't sell one of his family."

A log broke in the fireplace, sending up a shower of confetti sparks. Little Dave cried out in his sleep, and instantly Tawah was on his feet, ears alert, body tense with question. The sound came again, plaintive, insistent, and quietly the great dog padded across the room and laid his head across the basinet. After a moment the feeble cry ceased and Tawah, satisfied, flopped to the floor and once again slept deeply.

Chad, with his lips against Jill's fragrant hair, whispered whimsically, "Look at him, will you? I guess we'll have to find a new name for him. 'Tawah — son of thunder' no longer fits him. How about 'Shamahama' — guardian of the cradle?"

THE END

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



### Northwestern Conference

#### Special Service at the Concord Baptist Church Located Near Watertown, Wisconsin

On Sunday, July 31, the members of the Concord Baptist Church of Wisconsin came together for a morning worship service in the redecorated church building. It was newly painted on the outside, and repapered inside, as well as decorated with beautiful cut flowers which added to the worshipful beauty of the morning.

The Sunday School was opened by the superintendent, Albert Mundt. Mr. Sidney Boltz served as the organist of the Sunday School and church services. The message was brought by Mr. David Goetsch of Watertown, Wis., reading from Genesis 35:1-15 and calling us to go back to Bethel as Jacob did where God blessed Jacob. Our special number in song was given by Mr. Walter Wenzel, "Something for Jesus."

After the closing prayer we gathered for a picnic lunch and Christian fellowship with over 40 people who had come to meet with us on that Sunday. Bakertown (as the church is sometimes called) has joined in the battle for the Lord, trusting in Jehovah that the victory shall be ours!

D. Goetsch, Reporter.

### Dakota Conference

#### Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Germantown Baptist Church

Sunday evening, July 10, marked another milestone in the history of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Germantown Church near Cathay, No. Dak. That evening our society observed its 52nd anniversary. We praise God for his continued blessings! The neighboring churches of Cathay and Fessenden were invited, so God's house was well filled with guests. The meeting was in charge of our worthy president, Mrs. D. Klein. The musical portion of the program consisted of a piano solo by Eldon Seibold, a duet by Mrs. R. M. Streibel and Mrs. Emil Martin, and a duet by Mrs. Elmer Burgstahler and Mrs. E. V. Seibold. The male quartet of our church composed of Messrs. C. K. Seidel, E. E. Broschat, Paul Broschat and Emil Martin also favored us with a number.

Our guest speaker was Dr. A. A. Schade of Huron, South Dakota, ex-

### 75th ANNIVERSARY AT APLINGTON, IOWA FROM SEPT. 22 TO 25

The Aplington Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa expects to celebrate its 75th anniversary from Thursday, September 22, to Sunday, September 25. We cordially invite friends and former members to participate in this Diamond Jubilee either in person or by letter. Kindly address all communications to the pastor, Rev. C. Fred Lehr, P. O. Box 147, Aplington, Iowa.

cutive secretary of the South Dakota Council of Churches. Dr. Schade brought us an interesting message about his work and his trip to Japan with a consignment of goats. He also showed a film of the trip. This has been a commendable project to promote peace and good will. The offering of the evening was \$58.03. After the program refreshments were served in the church parlor.

In June 1947 our society celebrated its 50th anniversary, so this financial report is for the biennial 1947-1949. We took in \$750 and paid out \$400 for benevolent purposes, of which \$250 were given for general missions. Up to 1948 we carried on an extension ministry of relief, having sent 84 packages to Europe.

We have eighteen active members. The other officers are: vice-president, Mrs. Herman Edinger; treasurer, Mrs. Harold Kessler; birthday treasurer, Mrs. C. K. Seidel; pianist, Mrs. R. M. Streibel. With God's grace we shall continue to strive to be a unit of service in his Kingdom.

Mrs. E. V. Seibold, Secretary.

### Recent Special Events at the Ebenezer Church, Lehr, North Dakota

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr, No. Dak., enjoyed several interesting and special events during the month of July. First, the "Seminars" from our Rochester Seminary paid us a much appreciated visit. Besides their fine singing and testimonies, our church especially enjoyed their ability to express themselves in the German language.

Only two days later we were privileged to have our colporteur, the Rev. H. Renkema, and family with us. They rendered a very fine ministry in our midst, bringing the possible services of our Publication House closer to everyone.

July 17 was a high point in our experience because we had the joy

of baptizing 21 converts, most of whom had been won during our meetings in June. Some of them had been converted earlier. We held our service in the Wishek Baptist Church. The Rev. E. J. Faul, pastor of the church at Wishek, was our guest speaker for the occasion. A picture of the candidates accompanies this report.

Two weeks later on July 31 we extended the hand of fellowship to 22 new members in connection with our communion service in the evening. It was a special day for our church also for another reason because we had a beloved former pastor who retired from Lehr, the Rev. E. Broeckel of Bismarck, as guest speaker for all our services. On Aug. 14 we welcomed another guest speaker, the Rev. Wm. Kahlert, who also spoke to the B. Y. P. U. in the afternoon and showed slides in the evening.

The pastor's wife, Mrs. H. J. Waltereit, was very pleasantly surprised on her birthday by gifts of money from our two Ladies' Aid Societies plus her expenses at the General Conference at Sioux Falls, as well as a gift of clothing from the Kings' Daughters.

We rejoice over the manifest blessings of God in our midst as well as the growth in membership of church and B. Y. P. U. May we be found faithful in laboring for him!

H. J. Waltereit, Pastor.

### Southern Conference

#### Annual Birthday Social of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Kyle, Texas

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas held its annual birthday social in the church basement on Wednesday evening, August 3rd. Four large spacious dining tables, each accented with one of the four seasons of the year, were laden with delicious food.

At the conclusion of the meal, the Rev. David Zimmermann, our pastor, had charge of the devotional program in which he spoke very fitting words. Then a varied program followed, two numbers for each season. The success of the social was accredited to a great extent to the able planning of Mrs. David Zimmermann, who also acted as mistress of ceremonies, and to Mrs. Adolph Wiegand, program chairman. The entire church joined the women in celebrating the occasion.

Mrs. Kurt Lengefeld, Reporter.





The Bethel Heights Baptist Church of Gatesville, Texas Where the Southern Conference Recently Convened and Some of the Conference People (Right) on the Saturday Afternoon Outing

### Southern Conference Sessions at the Bethel Heights Baptist Church, Gatesville, Texas

The delegates and visitors to our Southern Conference at the Bethel Heights Baptist Church of Gatesville, Texas from July 20 to 24 could, indeed, sing joyfully and truthfully: "I'm living on the mountain, underneath a cloudless sky, Praise God! I'm drinking at the fountain that never shall run dry; O yes, I'm feasting on the manna from the bountiful supply, for I am dwelling in Beulah Land," because the weather was ideal and the program was excellent, while the welcome and the hospitality of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Nelson and the congregation at "Bethel Heights" was cordial and genuine.

The theme was "The Christ of Christianity" and the motto was Heb. 3:1, while the entire program centered about the epistle to the Hebrews. The keynote address, on the opening night, was delivered by our new moderator and mission secretary, Rev. Arthur Schulz of Crawford, on the general theme, "The Christ of Christianity" based on Heb. 12:1-4.

The business session of Thursday morning was opened with an appropriate devotional led by Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn on Acts 27:23, while the conference business was transacted under the capable leadership of our past moderator, Rev. R. W. Seibel of Waco, Texas. The downward trend in our membership and especially in our giving during the past year is cause for deep concern and humility.

The following messages on the epistle to the Hebrews revealed to us some of the many truths contained in that wonderful epistle. Rev. K. E. Nelson spoke on "Christ the Better Revelation," Heb. 1-3; Rev. W. H. Buening spoke on "Christ the Better Rest," Heb. 4; Rev. Wilfred Helwig spoke on "Christ the Better Priest," Heb. 5-7; Rev. David Zimmerman spoke on "Christ, the Mediator of a Better Covenant," Heb. 8-10; and Rev. J. O. Zillen spoke on "Let Us Go On Because of Him," Heb. 13.

We were greatly blessed and helped

by our two summer workers, the students Lawrence Bienert and Alfonz Lamprecht of Rochester, N. Y. The highlights of the entire program were unquestionably our "trio" of guest speakers: Miss Althea Kose of Chicago, Ill., and Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., and Dr. Jacob Meister of Berlin, Germany.

Those were days of celestial fellowship in the homes, the dining room and the church, of our ever-living and constantly interceding Christ at Gatesville. To the genial pastor and the friendly congregation we unanimously say "Thank you!" The Lord willing, a year hence, we shall meet in Waco, Texas.

David Zimmerman, Reporter.

### Sessions of the Woman's Missionary Union During the Southern Conference at Gatesville

The conference theme, "The Christ of Christianity," prevailed during both sessions of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Conference as they met in the Bethel Heights Church of Gatesville, Texas on Friday, July 22. Mrs. Walter Hill, president of the Union, presided over both sessions in a very efficient manner.

At the business session in the

morning the following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Walter Hill, Kyle, Texas; vice-president, Mrs. Edgar Bieber, Mowata, La.; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Raymond Engelbrecht, Waco, Texas; alternate council member, Mrs. Kenneth Nelson, Gatesville. The letters and reports of the various societies revealed that White Cross Work and European Relief had been promoted by all societies. A total of \$1,858.19 was given for home and foreign missions during the year by the eleven societies in our Union. The business of the Union was dispensed in less than the allotted time and in view of this fact Miss Althea Kose of the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago spoke to the Union in an informal manner.

The afternoon meeting was well attended and Mrs. Kenneth Nelson extended a warm welcome in the name of this host society. The new pastors' wives, Mrs. Kenneth Nelson of Gatesville and Mrs. J. O. Zillen of Cottonwood, were made to realize they were one of us through the words of welcome by Mrs. Hill. Candles were lit in memory of four members who had gone to their heavenly reward in a very impressive memorial service led by Mrs. Jake Hodel of Crawford.

The ladies chorus sang two numbers and the Gatesville Society presented the drama, "Lift Up Your Eyes and Look Unto the World," which made a deep impression upon all. Miss Althea Kose was again introduced to the group by Mrs. Hill and she spoke to us on "The Privileges That Are Ours as Women in Kingdom Work." Our women were encouraged through this very inspiring address.

Dr. Jacob Meister of Berlin, Germany arrived in Gatesville in time to speak briefly on conditions in Europe. We were indeed happy to have him appear on the program. The offering of \$68.26, together with \$130.35 in the treasury, was designated one-half for the Bansa Hospital and one-half for the North American Baptist Seminary.

Mrs. Raymond Engelbrecht, Reporter.

### Central Conference

#### Vacation Bible School at the Ogden Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

"There shall be showers of Blessing" might well have been the song of the workers in the Vacation Bible School which was held in the Ogden Park Church of Chicago, Ill. We had been looking forward to having this school for quite some time and through the blessings of God it was the largest school held in the church for many years. Each day we were happy to see new children being brought into the school to learn of Christ and to take part in the various activities.

For the first time we introduced religious slides, film-strips and movies into the program of the school and they were followed with eager enthusiasm by the children. It was truly a wonderful experience to see the accomplishments wrought through the efforts of our fine teaching staff, and to know that the Word of God was being presented to the children that they might make decisions for Christ.

In spite of a heavy rain the church was filled for the closing program. It was then that we could see that "our labors were not in vain" but that much had been accomplished in the hearts of the children.

The best tangible evidence of the success of the Vacation School was noticed the following Sunday when a number of new faces were seen in our Sunday School through the work of the previous two weeks. We are truly thankful for all the blessings which God has showered upon us and we are confident that through him we can accomplish even greater things.

H. John Vanderbeck, Pastor.

#### Ground Breaking Service for the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

The Ground breaking service for the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., was held on Sunday afternoon, July 31st. A delightfully cool day, with the sun shining brightly in a beautifully clear sky, put gladness into the hearts of all who came from near and far to witness this festive occasion.

A crowd of 200 people lifted up their voices in joyful songs of praise unto God. Psalm 48 was read and we were led in prayer before the Throne of grace. With deepest feeling and keen appreciation of the privilege which was theirs to participate in this memorable event the mixed choir rendered the anthem, "Praise the Lord Eternal" by Schuetky and the men's Christian Fellowship Chorus sang, "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee" by Bach, both groups singing under the direction of Mr. Herbert Pankratz, organist and choir director.

Our architect, Mr. R. C. Swanson, presented to our mind's eye a picture of the church, describing its construc-

The Rev. Robert Schreiber Breaking Ground for the Foster Ave. Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., With Messrs. Walter Pankratz and E. Meister Looking On



### Pacific Conference

#### Calvary Baptist Sunday School of Tacoma, Wash., Observes "Seminary Sunday" as Project

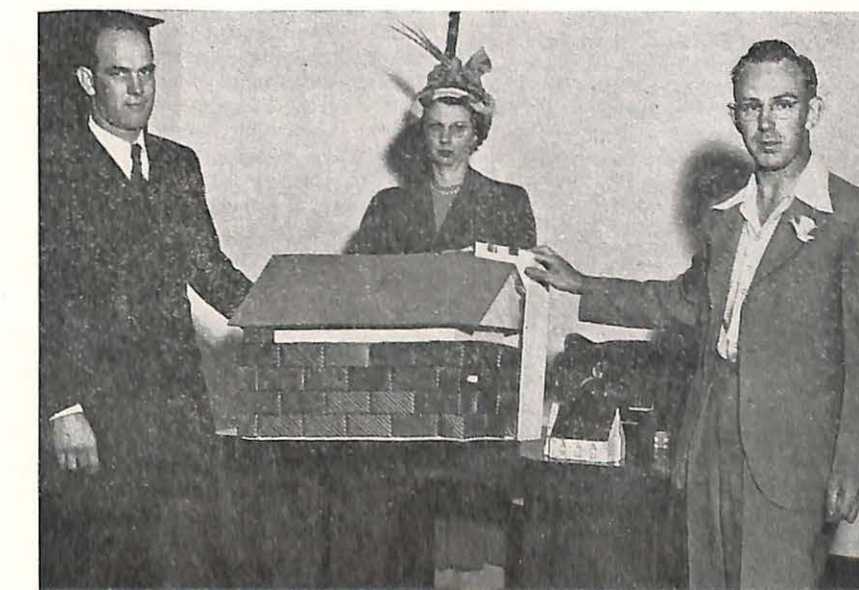
On Sunday morning, June 19th, the Calvary Baptist Sunday School of Tacoma, Washington observed "North American Baptist Seminary Day."

A month preceding the drive, the project committee had erected a miniature building with red cardboard bricks placed all around it. These individual bricks were made like little banks. The banks were distributed several weeks prior to the day assigned to the Sunday School scholars. A feature that must not be omitted is that a good slit was made in the roof of the building for the adults who would like to contribute larger sums.

Other than announcing each Sunday "The Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union's Project," we had mailed post cards to our church members three weeks preceding.

The results were gratifying and our goal as Sunday School and Young People's Union has been met.

Elsie O. Blandau, Reporter.



The Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington Promotes "Seminary Sunday" (Left to Right: Mr. D. Bullock, Miss Lucy Ahrens, Sunday School Superintendent, and Mr. M. Dingfield.)



### Many Recent Activities and Programs at the Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Montana

With thankful hearts we of the Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Montana reflect on the rich blessings which have been ours during the past few months. On a recent Sunday evening, the Woman's Missionary Society under the leadership of Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, president, held its annual program. A German dialogue and an English dialogue, "Three Knocks in the Nights," were some of the features of the program.

On May 6th all the women and friends of the church attended a splendid Mother's and Daughter's Banquet, which was greatly enjoyed by all participants. Our Easter offering amounted to \$117. We were also able to extend the hand of fellowship to several new members. In the evening under the leadership of Mr. Herbert Schmautz a cantata, "Rise, Glorious Conqueror," was effectively rendered by our large choir.



Children and Teachers at the Vacation Bible School Conducted by the Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Montana

Early in June a successful Vacation Bible School was held with 43 children enrolled. The school was divided into three departments with the following persons serving as teachers: Mrs. A. Neuhaert, Mrs. W. Tag, Mrs. E. Hochhalter, Mrs. Charles Hess, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler. A most enthusiastic and cooperative group of children absorbed all they could of the Bible knowledge imparted to them by their teachers. Besides Bible study, the daily schedule included periods of constructive memory work, singing, varied stories, handwork and a daily missionary offering designated for the hospital at Cameroon to be used by Dr. Leslie Chaffee in his ministry to the native children.

On Sunday, June 12, a demonstration program was held in the church auditorium. This gave the parents, who faithfully sent their children to school, and others who helped to make the school a success, an opportunity to see and to hear what the children had learned. We covet the prayers of our fellow-believers for our work here in Missoula.

J. C. Kraenzler, Pastor.

### Sessions of the Pacific Conference at the Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, British Columbia

The Pacific Conference met with the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver,

British Columbia from June 22 to 26. These days were packed with Christian blessings and fellowship from the time of our arrival until our leaving for home. The Rev. G. G. Rauser of Lodi, Calif., was moderator.

The theme of the conference was "The Church, One Body in Christ" (Romans 12:5). The opening address on "Unity in the Church" and the various themes, from which all the ministers took their topics, came from this chapter. The topics were: "Pray for One Another," "Discipline in the Church," "Worship Together," "The Church and the Sunday School," "Our Juniors Work in the Church," "Evangelism in the Church," "Love One Another," "The Church and Stewardship," "Training for the Church's Ministry," "Remembering One Another," "Be Ye Kind One to Another," "Men's Work in the Church," "Training Lay Leadership," "Forgive One Another," "Music and Singing in the Church," "The Church Officers' Duties," "Young People at Work" and "Our Loyalty to the

Church." The speakers were all very interesting and showed they had given much prayerful thought and study to their topics.

The church letters, which are always interesting, were this year more so than ever. All of the churches have gained and some have gained, if not in numbers, in Christian spirit. A number gave exceptionally good reports in financial giving. One celebrated its 25th anniversary, and one told of "God's ten acres" from which all receive blessings, the church as well as its members. We are glad that there are baptisms and that our church is growing. The guest speaker of the conference was Dr. T. W. Bender of our Seminary at Rochester, N. Y.

The outing on Saturday afternoon was a nine hour boat ride up the "Inland Passage." It was on a very fine ship and the young people did everything possible to give the guests a good time. We had a very fine program with good singing. The snow-covered mountains were truly beautiful. The guests thank the host pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. R. Kern, for making us feel so much at home. We also thank the church and the choirs for their beautiful singing and the homes for their hospitality.

Mrs. Otto Boehi, Reporter.

### Oregon Baptist League Assembly at Twin Rocks Attended by 175 Young People

A grand time and innumerable blessings were the reward of the 175 young people who attended the Oregon Baptist League Summer Assembly at Twin Rocks, Oregon. As in the past, the atmosphere of this camp has been one to challenge the spiritual growth of our young people.

We were very proud of those who composed our teaching staff. We were privileged to have Dr. George A. Lang of Rochester, N. Y., as our special guest instructor along with Miss Margaret Kittlitz, who imparted to us experiences, problems and triumphs in their particular phases of the extensive work of our Lord here on earth. Dr. Lang taught "Co-Workers With God" and his Open Forum topic was, "Why Belong to a Church or Denomination?", together with Vesper topics, "Man's Natural Condition," "Growing in Grace" and "The Demands of Discipleship." Miss Kittlitz used as her topic, "Looking at Our Neighbors" and her Open Forum topic was "Why Missions?", together with Vesper topics, "The Experience of Conversion," "The World and I," and "Finding God's Place for Me."

The balance of our teaching staff consisted of Rev. R. Woyke, Salem, "Portraits and Problems of Life"; Rev. O. Roth, Immanuel, Portland, "St. James Says"; Mrs. Wm. Glaske, Trinity, Portland, "Christ First"; Miss Bernice Pohl, Trinity, Portland, "On the Trail of a Musical Note"; Mrs. E. Knopf, Laurelhurst, Portland, "Pulling the Peeps from the Pipes"; Rev. John Kimmel, Glencullen, Portland, "Sharpening our Talents"; Rev. Frank Friesen, Bethany, "Consecration for Service"; Rev. Leland Friesen, Stafford, "Why Youth Assemblies?"; "What Does it Mean to Worship?"; and "What are Channels for Youth Evangelism"; and Rev. F. Mueller, Laurelhurst, Portland, "How Conserve What We Have Learned?"

Recreation was most ably supervised by Rev. E. Wolff of the Salt Creek Church and Mr. W. Schmitke, of the same church, who provided us with the following exhilarating sports: swimming on the beach and in the Natatorium, afternoon hike, wiener roast on the beach.

Assisting with the Juniors were the following: Ernie Bauder, Trinity; Miss Esther Schmitke, Trinity; and the various ministers' wives. Mrs. A. Grenz of Trinity Church, Portland acted as camp nurse.

With the conclusion of the assembly for 1949, several of the officers' terms have expired, as follows: vice-president, Delbert Delzer; secretary, Florence Schmunk Bauder; and "Handclasp" editor, Martha Schmunk Miller. In their places the following have been elected: vice-president, Howard Roth; secretary, Margarie Bauman; "Handclasp" editor, Evelyn Schaer, who, together with president Bill Jenne, treasurer Luella May and dean, Rev. John Wobig, form a most able group to guide the League.

Florence Schmunk Bauder, Reporter.

### Showers of Blessing for the First Baptist Church of Colfax, Washington

We of the First Baptist Church of Colfax, Wash., are very happy to report that the Lord has been giving his blessing to our work in an abundant way. There are signs of growth and progress in every branch of the church. Last Fall we had a successful evangelistic campaign in which people from a number of other churches, as well as ours, were reached. Souls were saved from sin. Backsliders were reclaimed for Christ. The power of these services showed itself in all of our services.

When showers of blessings come, then it sometimes seems that misfortune and tragedy can also strike. We had two fires in the church building last winter. Fortunately there was adequate insurance to cover all the damage. All the interior had to be redecorated and the floor had to be done over. This summer we also had the outside of the church painted. Now it looks more beautiful and inviting than before. We are grateful to the Lord that the building was not destroyed by the fire.

A great surprise came to the pastor, Rev. F. E. Klein, and his family this spring when members and friends of the church presented him with a new car. It was a thrill that cannot be expressed in words to drive a new auto out of the garage with a clear title. We were greatly humbled by this act of kindness. We sincerely hope and pray that we will be worthy of such love. We want to serve our Master more faithfully and unselfishly than ever before. May we always abound in the work of the Lord, for we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord!

F. E. Klein, Pastor.

### The Pacific Northwest Assembly Is Held at Lake Retreat in Washington

"Training for Service" was the motto of our Pacific Northwest Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Assembly held at Lake Retreat, Kent, Washington from July 11 to 17.

Monday, the first day of camp, was a very busy one. Young people arrived from all directions. At our first evening service, our dean, Rev. F. E. Klein, gave us a welcome, followed by instructions for the following days. We heard a very challenging message from Dr. George A. Lang of Rochester, N. Y., who we were privileged to have in our midst for the week. Following the evening service we had a "get acquainted" period and everyone began to feel right at home.

The young people had the opportunity to attend two classes. "The True Functions of the Sunday School" taught by George A. Lang and "New Testament Studies" by Rev. Philip Daum. The Juniors and intermediates were very fortunate to have as their teachers, Miss Ann Swain and Mrs. F. W. Bartel — who taught "Bible Heroes" to the Juniors and "The Meaning of Church Membership" to the Intermediates, respec-



Young People and Teachers at the Pacific Northwest Assembly Held at Lake Retreat Near Kent, Washington

tively. Later in the day the young people met to hear Dr. George Lang bring us an interesting discussion on "Present Day Cults and Isms" while the Juniors and Intermediates had a period of nature study with Rev. F. W. Bartel.

Recreation began at 2:00 o'clock. There were organized games for each group. The bell rang at 3:00 o'clock and this meant swimming and boating for all groups alike. Each evening an inspiring message was brought to us by one of our pastors. After the evening services, everyone enjoyed a snack at the "Snackery" and then met down at the lake for a Campfire Service. This was a wonderful time of quiet worship and fellowship.

The latter part of the week brought still more excitement. Miss Margaret Kittlitz, missionary, came to join us. She brought us many challenging messages and was truly an inspiration to all the young people. Sunday at the closing morning service seven young people came forward to take Christ as their personal Savior. We are very happy, indeed, for these young people and we rejoice in the Lord for them.

Last, but not least, we wish to mention the wonderful work that Mr. and Mrs. Al Bibelheimer contributed to the assembly as well as the cooks for their generous service to us. We want to congratulate the dean, Rev. F. E. Klein, upon his work. May we always keep in mind our key verse, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

Miriam Kaiser, Reporter.

### Atlantic Conference

#### First Vacation Bible School Held by Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia, Pa.

During the days of July 25 to August 5 the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., conducted a Vacation Bible School, which drew many children from the neighborhood surrounding the newly located church. It was the first time in the

history of the church that a Vacation School had ever been held.

We had an enrollment of 84 children with an average attendance of 53. The teachers, assistants and pastor, who very willingly gave of their time, were rewarded by the interest and cooperation shown by every child. The Beginners Class, having an enrollment of 30, was taught by Mrs. Lillian David, who was assisted by Janet Sandor. Mrs. Ruth Schweitzer, Mrs. W. C. Damrau, and a few others. The Primary Class was taught by Mrs. Helen Pfeiffer, assisted by Ruth Stahl. Miss Edna Witzke, assisted by Dolly Willing, served as teacher for the Junior Girls Class. Mr. Wm. Reeh, one of our deacons, willingly taught the class of Junior boys. The class of Intermediate Girls was taught by Mrs. Elda Esenwein.

Mr. Harry Mittelstedt, another of our deacons, assisted the boys and girls in the handwork, and our pastor, the Rev. W. C. Damrau, was the superintendent of the school. Mr. Fred David, a student at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, was assistant superintendent and taught the Intermediate boys. Jeanne Nolte was the pianist and secretary during the first week, and Dorothy Yahn during the second week.

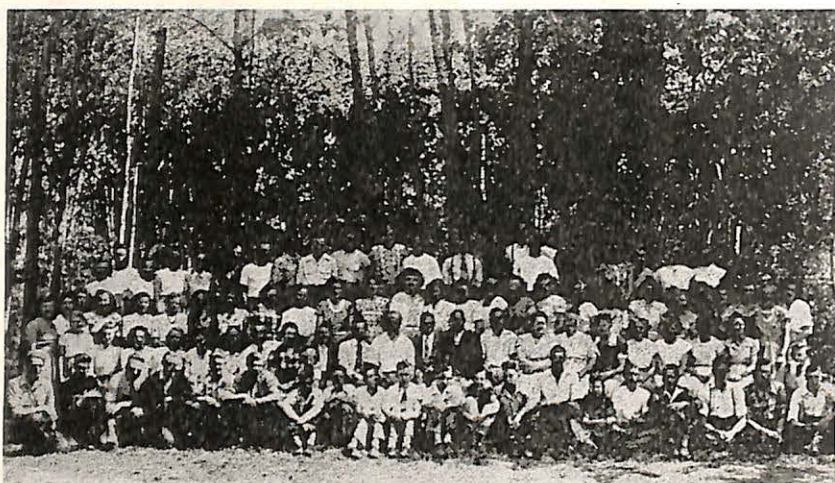
The men brought the children who live at a distance in their cars. A mission offering, amounting to \$56.52, was collected during the two weeks. Each day a treat for the children and teachers was furnished by some members of the church, and on Saturday, July 30, a large group of children was taken by the teachers and assistants to see a Major League Baseball Game.

On Friday evening, August 5, the children gave a program illustrating the work they had covered, and the handwork and workbooks of each child was displayed. Many parents and friends attended this program and witnessed the awarding of certificates to the boys and girls having perfect attendance, and prizes were also awarded to those having the neatest workbooks and handwork.

The Lord has blessed, and as a result many of the children are now attending our Sunday School.

Jeanne Nolte, Reporter.





Young People, Ministers and Teachers at the Alberta Tri Union Assembly Held at Sylvan Lake Camp, Alberta

### Atlantic Conference Ministers' Retreat at Young People's Cottage, Bradley Beach, New Jersey

The ministers of the Atlantic Conference received their annual invitation to hold their retreat at the cottage of the Young People's Fellowship of New York and Vicinity at Bradley Beach, N. J. The invitation was accepted with joy and anticipation, and many of the pastors and some of their wives and families enjoyed fellowship and relaxation from June 27 to July 1. The program committee, with Rev. John F. Crouthamel, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pa., as chairman, planned a very interesting spiritual program.

Each pastor participated at some time under the general theme of the conference, "Baptists, Their Message and Mission." Some brought inspirational and devotional messages in the morning and evening sessions, while others were assigned specific topics in keeping with the general theme. On four mornings, at the rate of two-a-day "spiritual vitamins," numerous topics were presented with ensuing discussions.

The following ministers were those who enjoyed the hospitality, good food, and spiritual and physical recreation at the Baptist Cottage which is under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Neuschaefer: Assaf Husman, John Crouthamel, Jr., John Schmidt, J. Hammond, Herbert J. Freeman, Gustav Schmidt, Robert W. Cook, Herman Kuhl, Richard K. Mercer, Norman Klann, Frank Orthner, Christian Peters, W. C. Damrau, Emil Gruen, Thomas Rowell, John F. Niebuhr, and Julius Kaaz, and occasional visitors.

The weather was cool, but the fellowship was warm. All enjoyed themselves and were thankful to God and the young people for such a privilege. Even Fun Night, with all co-operating with the willingness and freedom of youth, will not be forgotten as all who attended this retreat advance enthusiastically in the work of the Kingdom of our blessed Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Robert W. Cook, Reporter.

### Northern Conference

#### Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, Canada

The First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, Canada held its Vacation Bible School from July 4 to 8. Our total enrollment was 92 children with no less than 86 present daily. Since our pastor, Rev. C. H. Seecamp, could not be with us, the school was supervised under the capable leadership of Miss Cecilia Priebe.

The Beginners' Class was taught by Helga Fischer and Lorraine Lessing. The children learned "The Creation Story." Work books with suggested activities corresponded with each lesson. To help the little children get a clearer understanding of God's Creation, the flannelgraph method was also used. The Primary class was taught by Lorraine Grabia and Joyce Hammer. They studied "God's Family." Their handwork consisted of cutting and pasting into their work books.

The Juniors were taught by Bernard Fillenberg and Eleanor Roth. They studied "God's Time." Their handwork consisted of the making of a "Time and Talent" game, lapel pins and clock plaques. The Intermediate class was taught by Mr. and Mrs. Ardon Frederick. Their theme was, "What Is God Like?" During their work book period they answered questions concerning "The Whys of Young People." For handwork the girls made plaques, while the boys made blackboard or flannelgraph stands to be used in the church.

On Sunday, July 10, our closing program was held. The handwork and work books were neatly displayed in the church basement. Our supervisor, Miss Cecilia Priebe, was in charge of this meeting. Each teacher was responsible for the presentation of his or her class. The offering of this evening was sent to the Montana Indian Reserve to be used for mission work there.

Helga Fischer, Reporter.

### Many Young People Attend the Alberta Baptist Tri Union Assembly at Sylvan Lake

The eighth annual assembly of the Alberta Baptist Tri Union was held on our own grounds for the fourth time. Our camp is nestled among stately trees on the shores of Sylvan Lake near Red Deer, Alberta.

Misses Esther Kaiser, Ruth Unger, Meta Stober, Madeline Buckles, Verda Sheeler and Mrs. Reinhard Neuman were teachers at the Junior camp, which was held from July 11 to 17. The Senior camp was held during the following week from July 18 to 24. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude to all our leaders for their self-sacrificing work on our behalf. Especially we would like to thank our president, Rev. K. Korella, and our deans, Rev. R. Schilke (Junior) and Dr. C. H. Seecamp (Senior).

We were privileged to have as our guest speakers, the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, our general mission secretary, and the Rev. J. C. Gunst, general secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. Mr. Dymmel taught "Philippians" and "Protestantism." Mr. Gunst taught a course on "Being a Christian Leader or Teacher," and also brought inspiring messages.

Afternoons were spent in recreation such as boating, swimming and softball. The evening services will stand out in our memories as times when we felt more than ever the sweet presence of our living Savior. Fireside meetings were a time of praise and thanksgiving, in which we shared with one another some of the blessed experiences we had had with God. Another source of inspiration was a beautiful scene painted for our camp by Miss Violet Hein. This picture and the words inscribed upon it, "His Grace Is Sufficient," spoke peace to our souls.

Officers elected for this coming year are: president, Dr. C. H. Seecamp; vice-president, Rev. H. Zepik; dean, Rev. H. Smuland; secretary, Miss Verda Sheeler; treasurer, Mr. Lorne Strohschein; Sunday School director, Rev. R. Schilke; young people's director, Rev. J. J. Rott; music director, Mr. Robert Neske; pianist, Miss Clara Seecamp; associate pianist, Miss Deloris Weidman; host Clarence Weiser; camp nurse, Phyllis Warner.

We have set as our objectives this coming year: completing the beach, purchasing a piano and a stove, repainting the buildings, and giving ten percent of our total income to mission work. Through the kind services of Harry Klapstein, all necessary brushing has been completed. We now need only sand to finish our beach at the camp.

For his closing message, Mr. Gunst spoke on Proverbs 3:6, "In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths." He challenged us to yield our lives completely to Jesus. As a result of attending this camp many of our young people know the peace and joy of a life fully consecrated to God.

Faye Strohschein, Reporter.

### Eastern Conference

#### Ministry of the Orchestra of the Baptist Church at Neustadt, Ontario, Canada

The orchestra of the Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ontario, Canada is serving the Lord with musical arrangements at many of the church's meetings. It was organized in March 1948 by the Rev. Wm. D. Ross, our former pastor, who is now serving the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa.

The orchestra, which is shown in the accompanying picture, is composed of Moody Derbecker, June Helwig, Gertrude Voelkel, George Derbecker, Phyllis Voelkel, Maurice Gostick, Inez Derbecker, Marian Derbecker, Leslie Helwig, Lynn Helwig and Ruby Hahn. All but the last two are in the picture. Mr. Leslie Helwig is the director.

On Sunday, June 26th, the Rev. Wm. D. Ross was in charge of the morning service and supplied his former pulpit. The orchestra supplied the music for a brief song service and played an arrangement of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The picture of the orchestra with Mr. Ross was taken at that time which will be found on page 16 of this issue.

Leslie H. Helwig, Reporter.

#### Welcome to Pastor's Bride and Polish Baptist Brethren at Erie's Central Church

Echoes of wedding bells and the odor of orange blossoms were in the minds of the members and friends of Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., recently when a "welcome home" reception was held for the pastor, Rev. Paul D. Ford, and his bride on their return from an extended wedding trip to Canada and the Bahamas Islands, the latter being the location of Mr. Ford's 25 year ministry as a missionary.

Mrs. Ford is the former Eleanor Zeigler, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. D. Zeigler, Boiling Springs, Pa. The marriage was performed by the bride's father in the United Brethren Church, Carlisle, Pa., on June 13th.

The tea table with its traditional bridal decorations was presided over by Mrs. Merle Gibbens and Mrs. A. Probst. Highlight of the evening was the presentation to the happy couple of a cash love gift by Mr. J. A. Zurn on behalf of the church.

At the business meeting on July 27 the church accepted the Open Bible Tabernacle, which is a mission composed of Polish Baptist brethren, as a mission of the Central Baptist Church. These Polish brethren have been unofficially the church's mission for some time. Their pastor is Rev. Frank Kostanowski. A short time ago they again received new converts who signified their burial "with Him" in a solemn baptismal service in the Central Church, rendered even more impressive by the beautiful organ music provided by the talented fingers of Prof. A. B. Mehnert.

Mrs. Robert R. Eichler, Reporter.

## Obituary

### MR. OTTO F. SCHROEDER of Pratt, Kansas.

Mr. Otto F. Schroeder of Pratt, Kansas son of Edward R. and Anna Groth Schroeder, was born on a farm south of Lorraine, Kansas on June 10, 1894, and died at Pratt, Kansas on July 24, 1949, at the age of 55 years, one month and 14 days.

Mr. Schroeder accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior in his early teens and was baptized by the Rev. Samuel Blum. He remained a member of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine until the family recently moved to Pratt, Kansas.

On December 19, 1919 Mr. Schroeder was united in marriage to Miss Viola Melchert. Two sons and two daughters were born to this union. The family engaged in farming in the Lorraine community for several years.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Baptist Church in Pratt, Kansas on Wednesday morning, July 27, with the Rev. Earl Riley officiating. The body was then taken to the Lorraine Cemetery where the Rev. Fred Ferris, pastor of the Lorraine Baptist Church, and a former pastor, the Rev. Pieter Smit, officiated at the graveside services.

Lorraine, Kansas

FRED G. FERRIS, Pastor.

### MR. AUGUST NASGOWITZ of Pound, Wisconsin.

Mr. August Nasgowitz of Pound, Wis., our custodian in the Pioneer Baptist Church, was born August 16, 1870 in Russia. As a young man of eighteen, he was baptized by his father and joined the church in Toprischa, Wollynia. Three years later he came to this country and settled in Pound, Wis. On Jan. 5, 1897 he was married to Miss Martha Heisel. Three sons and five daughters came along throughout the years. On July 21 we saw him for the last time in our village. That was before noon time. At 12:45 P. M. he suffered a heart attack and was called home to be with his Lord. The words of our Savior, "I go to prepare a place for you," brought us comfort and cheer at the funeral services. Our sister Nasgowitz, her children and we, too, knew from his own lips that he was ready to meet his Lord at any time. It was therefore only natural that he should have died with a smile and radiant face. Are we ready, too?

Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wisconsin

JOHN E. GRYGO, Pastor.

### MR. JOHN HULSEBUS of Sumner, Iowa.

Mr. John Hulsebus was born in Flachsmeier, Ostfriesland, Germany on May 19, 1865. As a lad of 18 years he placed his trust in the Savior, was baptized by the Rev. L. Schmidt upon confession of his faith, and united with the local Baptist church.

### 50th Anniversary, Edmonton

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The ministers since Brother Hager's pastorate have been as follows: Rev. J. E. Knechtel, 1912-1914; Rev. Abraham Hager (second pastorate) 1915-1916; Rev. Chas. F. Zummach, 1916-1922; Rev. Aug. Rosner, 1922-1924; Rev. Aug. Kraemer, 1926-1940; Rev. E. P. Wahl, 1940-1943; and the present pastor, Rev. R. Schilke, since 1943. In Miss Elizabeth Heide (1922-1924) and in Miss Myrtle Hein (1941-1944) the church had its only two missionaries.

In 1914 the membership of the

In 1911 he made his way with his family to America, where they settled in Columbus, Nebraska. Membership was transferred immediately to the Baptist Church in Shell Creek. Mr. Hulsebus visited Germany in 1918, but returned to Nebraska in 1923. In 1940 he accompanied his two married daughters with their families into the region of Sumner, Iowa, where they became charter members of a newly-organized Baptist Church. Mr. Hulsebus was an esteemed teacher and leader in the church, and "witnessed a good confession" before all men.

His wife and nine children preceded him in death. Mourning his absence are two daughters, Mrs. Lentje Junker in Germany and Mrs. William Lalk of Hawkeye, Iowa; an older brother, Bernard, of Columbus, Nebraska; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

In place of a larger array of floral pieces at the funeral, various money gifts were designated for relief goods to the daughter in Germany and for the work of foreign missions. The Rev. Arthur Itterman assisted the undersigned at the funeral services.

Sumner, Iowa

WILLIAM JESCHKE, Pastor.

### MRS. MARTJE LANDHEER of Buffalo Center, Iowa.

Mrs. Martje Landheer, nee Van Gerpen, was born at Jennett, Ostfriesland, Germany on March 21, 1866 and died on August 2, 1949 at Buffalo Center, Iowa after having attained the age of 83 years, 4 months and 12 days.

At the age of 16 years she came with her parents to the United States and resided in the parental home at Florence, Illinois. Shortly after her marriage she established her home at Alden, Iowa where she lived on a farm until 1919. Then she moved to Buffalo Center, Iowa where she resided the rest of her earthly life.

In 1886 the departed was united in marriage with Mr. Lubke Landheer. This union was blessed with two sons and six daughters, of whom one daughter preceded her in death. In 1943 her husband also preceded her in death.

In 1897 the deceased was baptized upon the confession of her faith in Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and with her husband united with the Baptist Church in Aplington, Iowa. Later they joined the Baptist Church at Buffalo Center, Iowa where they remained faithful members until their sojourn on earth ended. On July 31 she suffered a heart attack which caused her quietly to fall asleep.

She is survived by two sons, five daughters, seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, two brothers, four sisters, besides many other relatives and friends who mourn her departure. Funeral services took place in the Buffalo Center Baptist Church, conducted by the undersigned, using Hebrews 11:13 as text for the message. A ladies' quartet rendered appropriate songs. Interment was made in the beautiful cemetery at Alden, Iowa beside her deceased husband and daughter. May the Lord console the bereaved!

First Baptist Church,

Buffalo Center, Iowa

MARTIN DE BOER, Pastor.

church stood at 182. Since then a total of 812 members have been taken into the fellowship of the church: 419 through baptism, 287 through letters, and 106 on confession of faith. The present membership stands at 434. Since 1910 the expenditures of the church amounted to \$225,481.31. Of this \$192,643.15 was spent locally and \$32,838.16 went for missions.

In looking over the past, the pessimist speaks of many dark moments, but the optimist speaks of many victories. The fact cannot be denied that the church has had a steady growth throughout the years. The Lord still has a great work for us.





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