



Baptist HERALD



The Happy Trio of the Ambassadors Gospel Team

DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. J. C. Gunst
 Sunday Morning, April 16 — Elsmere, Delaware.
 Sunday Evening, April 16 — Jamesburg, New Jersey.
 Sunday Morning, April 30 — East Side Church, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. Martin L. Leuschner
 Sunday and Monday, April 30 and May 1 — Bethel Church, Sheboygan, Wis.

Rev. Herman Palfenier
 April 12-23 — Laurelhurst Church, Portland, Oregon.
 April 24-May 7 — Salt Creek Church, Dallas, Oregon.

ANNUAL SESSIONS

The following annual meetings of the denominational cooperating societies and committees will be held at our Headquarter's Building, Forest Park, Illinois.
 Saturday, April 22 — Publication Board.
 Monday, April 24 — Committee on Education.

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 25-26 — General Missionary Committee.

Thursday Morning, April 27 — Various Denominational Committees.

Thursday Afternoon and Friday, April 27-28 — General Council.

Thursday Evening, April 27 — Public Meeting at the Forest Park Baptist Church.

CONFERENCES ON EVANGELISM

New England Area

Place — Meriden, Connecticut.
 Dates — April 14, 1950.
 Committee — Rev. George Hensel, Chairman; all other pastors of New England.

Guest Speakers — Rev. Robert Hess of Bethlehem, Penn.; General Worker, Rev. J. C. Gunst.

Delaware Association

Place — Elsmere, Delaware.
 Dates — April 18-19, 1950.
 Committee — Rev. Robert Hess, Chairman; Rev. John Crouthamel, and Rev. W. C. Damrau.

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Guest Speakers — C. B. Nordland of Forest Park, Illinois; General Worker, Rev. M. L. Leuschner.

New York and Vicinity

Place — Immanuel Baptist Church, New York, N. Y.

Dates — April 20-21, 1950.

Committee — Rev. Richard K. Mercer, Chairman; Rev. A. Husmann, Rev. Paul Wengel.

Guest Speakers — Rev. C. B. Nordland of Forest Park, Illinois; General Worker, Rev. M. L. Leuschner.

VISITATION TOUR OF MISS MYRTLE HEIN

Sunday, April 16 — Kelowna, B. C., Canada.

Tuesday, April 18 — Spokane, Wash.

Wednesday, April 19 — Colfax, Wash.

Thursday, April 20 — Odessa, Wash.

Friday, April 21 — Tacoma, Wash.

Sunday, April 23 — Morning, Bethany Church, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Evening — Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Tuesday, April 25 — Chilliwack, B. C.

Friday, April 28 — Immanuel Church, Portland, Oregon.

Sunday, April 30 — Morning, Salt Creek Church, Dallas, Oregon.

Evening — Salem, Oregon.

Tuesday, May 2 — Startup, Wash.

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AMONG OURSELVES

The Conferences on Evangelism are reporting "the best news" that has been heard in our churches for many months. Almost without exception, these conferences have been wonderfully successful in imparting blessings and training in soul winning to those in attendance. The groups have not been large but they have included numerous church leaders. Many people are expressing sincere regret in not having attended, after hearing about the inspirational meetings. These conferences, almost 30 in number, are one of several emphases on the message, methods, and objectives of EVANGELISM now being presented to our churches.

IN THIS ISSUE

Evangelism as the Good News of the Gospel is featured in this number. The Rev. H. Palfenier, our evangelist, proclaims its message. The Ambassadors Gospel Team of Philadelphia demonstrates its power. The Rev. W. G. Gerthe of Hutchinson, Minn., describes its challenge. Mrs. Kenneth Goodman pictures its outreach on the Cameroons mission field. Dr. Wm. Kuhn illustrates its glory in his own type of preaching. The women have made it the objective of their societies. Its message is on our lips these days; its spirit in our churches; its truths central in this issue of "The Herald."

COMING

Christian Workers — This message of challenge and inspiration will introduce the Rev. Robert Zimbelman as the new pastor of the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Pages from the Solicitors' Notebooks — Several of the Seminary Solicitors have made some interesting observations about the interest of their conference people in our Seminary Building plans as evidenced in their generous contributions.

Greetings from Africa! The first report from the Cameroons by Miss Berneice Westerman is a dramatic recital of her experiences and observations that will thrill the reader's heart and will not soon be forgotten.



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For Mother's Day

GOOD PROGRAM MATERIAL

1. HONOR THY MOTHER — A collection of poetry, recitations, prayers, etc. This booklet advertised last year and was well received by those who used it Price — \$35

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Editorials

By Martin L. Leuschner

My Father's Walk With God

EVERY ONE OF US with Christian parents can be proud of the spiritual legacy that has come to us through their training and influence. But in a special way I am grateful to God for my father whose homegoing occurred on Tuesday morning, March 14. For he was a symbol of many of our pastors who have labored faithfully in little corners of God's vineyard and have been zealous in the Lord's work in spite of obstacles and hardships.

My father served little churches most of his life. The churches at Waco, Texas and Spokane, Washington had less than fifty persons in membership during his pastorates. The church at Lodi and Anaheim, California were quite small while father served them as minister. In Los Angeles he led the Fifteenth Street Church in its imposing building program years ago, but during his second pastorate the membership of the church had dwindled considerably.

God never despises the little things of life. Lincoln said God must have loved the common or "little" people for he made so many of them. It is inspiring to see a minister of the Gospel, like my father, who can always rise to great heights and see the tremendous possibilities for eternity in the little corner of service to which God has called him.

I always admired the sincere and unaffected humility of my father. He never cared to sit in the seats of the ruler or to hear the trumpets of fame. As far as I know, he never attended a single General Conference of our denomination in the forty-eight years since his ordination. It never occurred to him to spend the money for such trips. He never knew what it meant to have a two thousand dollar salary. He was content with the place that God had arranged for him and over which God let his "shekinah" of glory shine.

Enoch was a favorite Old Testament character of his in sermons and theological discussions. My father believed and preached the Second Coming of Christ with fervent power and frequent repetition. Like Enoch of old, he hoped that he would not have to taste of death. God decreed otherwise, but like Enoch "before his translation (homegoing) he had this testimony, that he pleased God" (Hebrews 11:5). As a profound student of God's Word, as a lover of people, as an enthusiastic herald of the Gospel, my father had the testimony of God's good pleasure deeply treasured in his soul. This is every minister's greatest reward and joy!

My father was intensely evangelistic. In a quiet, thorough, emphatic ministry he was a faithful soul winner for the Lord. He sat with the tramp on the back steps of the house talking to him about the Gospel and he presented the claims of Christ to every passerby. His prayers were passionate pleas that showed his concern for others.

There are many in these days who can thank God for the blessed ministry of the Rev. Max Leuschner of Anaheim, California. I can bear tribute to him for his influence as father upon me. Like many of our faithful ministers and like Enoch of old, "he had this testimony, that he pleased God."

BIBLE TEXT

"Now then ye are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (2 Cor. 5:20).

Our citizenship is in heaven. We have been redeemed with the incorruptible things of God in Christ Jesus. We have become ambassadors for the Most High God on earth. He has need of us. He must depend on us to present his truths to others. That is our evangelistic ministry as witnesses for him and his Gospel. An earnest message must be proclaimed to all: "We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." For this task we need earnestness of spirit, fervency of zeal and divine grace. For this evangelistic ministry our prayer should ever be:

"Speak thou thy living Word to me,
That I thy messenger may be,
Indwelt by love and power divine,
To preach that precious truth of thine."

EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCES

More than half of the Conferences on Evangelism have already been held. Three more are scheduled for the remaining days of April. A total of twenty-eight conferences have been planned for all of our church areas. The attendance has been encouraging, although not exceptional. This was not expected since the conferences were planned for the church leaders and pastors. But they have been wonderfully successful in impressing the need for personal soul winning upon every church leader, in challenging our people with the blessed privileges of witnessing for Christ, showing the all-inclusive program of evangelism in which our denomination is now engaged. These Conferences on Evangelism are already the greatest blessing of God for us in this year 1950!

ANNUAL SESSIONS

The important week in April is almost here! The annual denominational sessions are scheduled for the days of Saturday, April 22, to Friday, April 28. Scores of representatives of the General Council, General Missionary Committee, Publication Board, Committee on Education and other smaller committees will meet at our Forest Park headquarters to deliberate upon important matters affecting their respective societies and the denomination at large. It is always a source of great encouragement and of spiritual power to know that the churches at home are remembering these sessions in prayer and anticipating the reports about the meetings. Great decisions will undoubtedly be made during these days!

Seven Thousand Souls!

This is the Church's task in evangelism — to be soul winners through the Gospel by the grace of God

By the REV. H. PALFENIER, Denominational Evangelist

"FOLLOW ME and I will make you to become fishers of men." This was the challenge of our Lord to his first disciples. And nobly did they respond to that challenge when they had entered fully into the knowledge and power of Christ by the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. To the laying down of their lives they were true to that commission, never faltering nor wavering. Those who followed them caught the torch of soul winning out of their dying hands and held it aloft in such a way that the light of the Gospel of the grace of God in Christ unto salvation illuminated the century in which they lived.

This task has come upon us, who have followed in their train. We too are to be soul winners through the Gospel by the grace of God! We read of revival fires springing up all over the land. May it be blessedly true and may we as North American Baptist Churches catch the vision and the fervor of it and translate it into true effective evangelism in every church of our beloved denomination.

It was indeed a great and holy hour when at our General Conference in Sioux Falls we determined to win at least 7000 souls during the next three years. What a challenge and what a task!

How shall it be accomplished? In the following may I suggest some of the things which must be found in our midst as fundamental necessities. It is not my aim to point out that the Gospel must be preached by the pastor or evangelist, or that the Holy Spirit must be present in power to convict of sin, of righteousness and of judgment to come. All would be in vain if that were not so! Rather I want to call attention to three essentials which must enter in and be held by every local church or combination of churches that would win the lost to Christ.

Based upon my years of experience as pastor and evangelist, and founded on the Word of God, there must be, first of all, consecration.

SINCERE CONSECRATION

Listen! "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and

will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Thus spoke God to his people of old and thus does he say to us in our day, his people. God cannot go contrary to his Word. It was ever thus and will continue to be so in the realm of the Kingdom of God and the winning of souls. The vessels of the Lord must be clean! The flame of evangelism cannot burn brightly unless the lamps of our daily walk and conversation be trimmed and cleansed of all filth and dirt.

How the channels of blessing and power are stopped and the onward march of God's people is retarded and delayed because of "sin in the camp." Sins of commission and of omission, sins of wilful disobedience to the will of God! Backslidden church members who live in sin and even lead the unconverted on in sin. Dancing, drinking and gambling, and even outright immoral practises are found within the ranks of members of the church. What heart-breaking stories one could tell! Oh, the shame and sorrow of it all! Many a pastor breaks down under this burden of the sins of his people. Israel could not go on to conquer until sin was judged and put away. Neither can we! The greatest soul winning force of all is the blameless life of the believer!

PREPARATION FOR EVANGELISM

This means the enlistment of the whole church with all of its branches and activities. The church must be geared to the winning of souls. From the pastor down to the lowliest member of the church there must be co-ordination and co-operation. All must have the vision of what the true task of the church is, namely, the salvation of souls through the Gospel and the instrumentality of the church aflame with zeal and devotion to this sacred task. Let there be no haphazard spirit of indifference, the "let-George-do-it" type.

When special evangelistic meetings are to be held in a church, it is often the case that no adequate preparations have been made. This goes much further than simply the distribution of advertising matter concerning the meetings or the coming of the evangelist although some think that this is all that matters. There must be prayer-believing, interceding prayer for the souls of the lost one in the



—Eva Luoma Photo
As the Springtime Clothes a Tree With Beauty, So a Heaven-sent Revival Can Bless and Transform a Church and a Denomination Into the Glory of the Lord

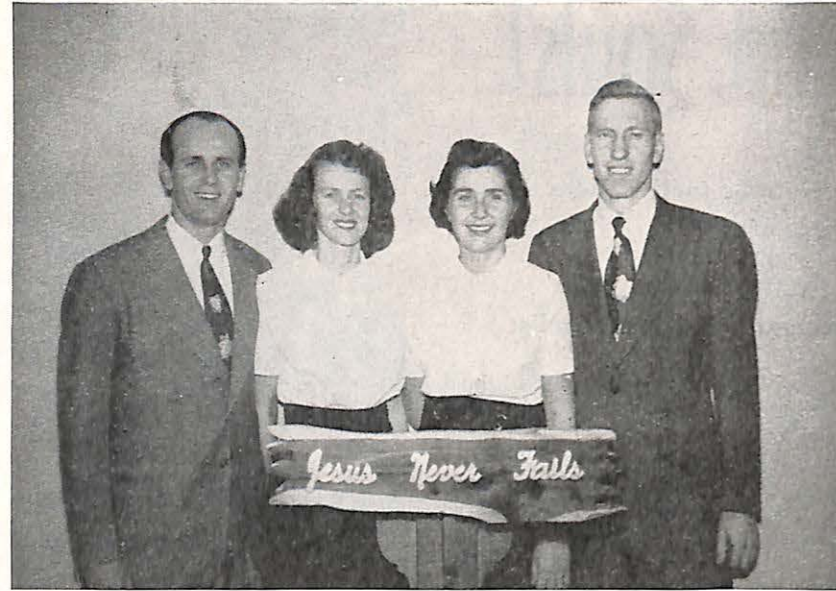
community and in the families of church members. A prayerless church does not win souls. But where there is Spirit-wrought prayer, the Lord answers prayer, even where this seems impossible. Prayer changes things! It does more; it moves the mighty arm of God to perform miracles of grace in behalf of his people who come to him in prayer claiming his promises.

PRESENCE AND PERSONAL WORK

Some years ago, when we were holding special meetings in a church, four sons of a family were saved. The fifth son was not at home, but working some hundreds of miles away. One evening the father of those boys came to us and said: "I'm so glad that the Lord saved all of my sons who are at home, but I'm concerned about the one not at home. How wonderful it would be if he too could be converted." I told him that God was still able to answer prayer and that if we prayed believingly, God would honor our prayers.

On the last evening of the services, during the song service, the door of the church opened and in walked this son and a friend of his. Both responded to the altar call and were saved that evening. What joy in that family and among the angels in heaven!

There should be a holy determination on the part of members of the church to be present during the meetings. Too many of our people are



The Quartet of the Ambassadors Gospel Team
(Left to Right: Mr. Samuel Appel, Miss Helen Appel, Mrs. Samuel Appel and Mr. Paul Laub)

"program Christians," that is, they come when they are on the program either in song or some other special duty, but for the rest they are not interested. It is good when there are those who are willing to sing and to play and thus give the needed ministry of song and music by which souls are touched and won. It is altogether wrong when the pastor is forced to ask from the pulpit: "Is there anyone here who wants to sing a solo or play for us?" This happens sometime. But let all who are not hindered either by sickness or work be present. Then it will convince the unsaved that people are vitally interested in them and the work of the church and be drawn

into the church and come under the preaching of the Gospel of grace.

What shall we say of the necessity of doing personal work? Time would fail us if we tried to enumerate the value of this. But how little of that is done in the life of so many Christians. "No one careth for my soul" is the cry of many if we had but ears to hear and to heed it. The personal concern and touch are needed in soul winning! That truth is brought home to us wherever we go. But so many Christians do not know how to do this or do not care to know it.

The leaven of worldliness has permeated their souls and lives in such a measure that they are unwilling and

EVANGELISM

The religious interest that begins in an inner circle and gradually spreads itself among church members, impressing them with a sense of responsibility for their fellow men, clarifying their spiritual perceptions, and reanimating their devotion to Christ, affords the conditions of a genuine revival. Anyone who has had much experience in building a fire on the warm ashes of an old one, has discovered that the mass of material—paper, kindling and logs—will smoke and smoulder long before it bursts into flame. Sometimes one fears that it will not burn at all, but try the experiment of throwing a lighted match into that smouldering mass, and you will be surprised at the suddenness with which the whole bursts into flame.

That represents the condition of many of our churches. They are smouldering, not burning. A single spark of the divine fire will transform them. A revival among our church members must precede a work of grace among the unsaved. It is a good thing that this is so. It would be pitiful for new-born children of Christ to find themselves in a cold and careless church. That is one reason why the results of many great central tabernacle meetings are disappointing. The churches in which the converts have to find a home are in no wise prepared to receive them. As well put a new-born babe out on a vacant lot and expect him to thrive as to put new-born souls into some churches and expect them to develop a strong spiritual life. In the nature of things a revival among Christians is antecedent to a work of grace among the unsaved.

—The Watchman-Examiner

unable to show the way of salvation to others. A man came to us at one time and said that his hired man had asked him how he could be saved. When we asked him what he had told him, he said that he had told him to go to the preacher and he would tell him. When asked why he did not tell him how to be saved, he said: "I didn't know how to tell him." Yes, this man was a member of the church. How sad it is when professing Christians are so indifferent and so ignorant concerning the way of salvation that they are unable to lead others to Christ! May the Evangelistic Conferences throughout our denominations be used of God to instruct our people how to be personal soul winners!

BLESSED ANTICIPATION!

By anticipation we mean that not only is the church to undertake great things for God, but that it must also expect great things from God, believing that it is God's will that none should perish but all come to the knowledge of the truth, and that it is in line with that desire of God to save the lost and therefore has a right to believe that God is going to honor his Word and do according to the riches of his grace in Christ Jesus in the salvation of souls and the upbuilding of his Kingdom. Let us have faith in the wonderful promises of God and that the minute we step into line with them, God will set all the forces of heaven and earth into motion to bring about the desires of our heart.

When we cast out the net on "the right side of the boat," the Lord will take care of the fish and bring them into the net of salvation. Let us believe that with all our hearts! This air of expentancy does wonders. It instills a spirit of joyous waiting upon the Lord, ready to see the wonders of the unveiling of her grace and power in the midst of his people. It helps to bring conviction upon the unsaved and confidence upon the faltering believers. Let us therefore go forth in the spirit and power of the Gospel, believing that it is the power of God unto salvation unto all that believe.

"Come, let us sing together
Of all his love and grace,
In all the world to gather
The lost of Adam's race.

"Come, let us love the lost ones
For whom the Savior died,
And make of the the found ones
Bright jewels in the light.

"Come let us tell the story
So tender and so true,
Of cross, and death, and glory;
And love beyond degree.

"Come, let us work and labor
Until the setting sun,
When Christ our Lord and Savior
Will say to us: "Well done!"

The Ambassadors Gospel Team

The story of a talented team of Christian young people who are bringing the Gospel in a novel and inspiring ministry to the churches of the Atlantic Conference

SOULS AGLOW with the tingle of a great spiritual experience, a young Philadelphia pastor and his wife headed their car eastward from Sioux Falls, South Dakota following the 1949 General Conference sessions. Every succeeding day of their first General Conference had been a step from glory to glory. What a magnificent week it had been! What a hoard to be treasured away in the secure chests of memory? Mile after mile slipped by with scarcely a word being exchanged between them. Silent thanksgiving was the language with which to say "good-bye" to Sioux Falls.

A DYNAMIC CHALLENGE

And yet as this couple sped toward Denton Lake, New York for the final days of the Atlantic Conference Summer Assembly, they were aware of a restlessness of mind and heart. The challenge of Sioux Falls was too great to be delighted in for its own sake. You simply didn't reminisce about something that had shaken your soul in the same way you remembered a romantic sunset!

Sioux Falls was more than a precious memory! It was a dynamic, impelling every North American Baptist to some form of positive and adventurous service for Christ! Christ had called every church to a tremendous enterprise capped by an objective of 7,000 souls in the new triennium. Seven thousand souls for Christ! Who could rest snugly during the next three years with the weight of that responsibility on every North American Baptist heart? And as they came in sight of Denton Lake's pines and silver birches, the couple knew that here they would begin a search for their place in our denomination's noble evangelistic effort. They prayed that God would chart the way from there.

Soon they were part of the holy fellowship that has come to be synonymous with Denton Lake. How good to greet old friends! How good to learn of new plans and promising developments in young lives. What a pleasant surprise to discover that another young couple was planning to come to Philadelphia for study at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary! Quickly the conversation swung to



Rev. John F. Crouthamel, Jr., Pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., the Evangelist and Violinist for the Ambassadors Gospel Team

enthusiastic, spontaneous plans for fellowship and deepening friendship, now that the couples were to be near neighbors in "the City of Brotherly Love." With concern they shared the housing problem involved in moving from one city to another! Then a burst from the blue! The third floor of the Fleischmann Memorial Church's parsonage would make a splendid apartment. Perhaps it could be arranged!

TALENTED YOUNG PEOPLE

Of course, it could! And it was! Thus in September of 1949 Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Appel, Miss Helen Appel, Rev. and Mrs. John Crouthamel came together to live under the spacious roof of 4017 North 9th Street of Philadelphia.

This quintette soon discovered that they shared many common interests. Each one of them was a fine musician. Sam and Jane Appel were accomplished flutists and possessed good voices. Helen Appel could make a cello sing and had a sweet alto voice. Margery Crouthamel's love was the piano, and she had a pleasing singing voice. John had once been a serious student of the violin but had given it up during seminary days. Why not dust it off? Soon casual evenings

around the piano began to stretch into the small hours of the morning. The parsonage ran with music and song that had a note of promise and better things to come.

Then, one day, Sam Appel brought home a new buddy from the Seminary. How glad we were to meet Paul Laub, an ex-GI, and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa. Paul was a happy addition to the "round the piano huddle," for he had a fine tenor voice and played the cornet quite well.

Six weeks went by, and it was becoming increasingly evident that this fine bouquet of talent had not been casually thrown together. This was not some caprice of flighty fortune! The six young friends were almost simultaneously fired with the conviction that God had brought them together in this happy and fortunate situation with a purpose which they were obliged to discover.

Then it was that the Rev. John Crouthamel saw clearly that the inspiration of Sioux Falls and the restlessness of heart that had led to a prayer for divine guidance in a share of the denomination's evangelistic crusade had resulted in this band of young people coming together. God had answered prayer. He had created a Gospel Team which with hard work and consecrated determination could be used to bring the Gospel in a novel and inspiring fashion to the churches of the Atlantic Conference.

GOD'S AMBASSADORS

Thus, the Ambassadors Gospel Team was born! The Fleischmann Memorial Church gave the group its complete blessing and agreed to release its pastor on occasion to preach in sister churches. The denominational secretarial staff encouraged the team to launch out on faith and promised its prayer support. In a few short weeks the Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia, the Calvary Church of Bethlehem, the Andrews Street Church of Rochester, the First Baptist Church of Wilmington and the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg opened their doors for campaigns. It is expected that when other churches learn of the willingness of the team to come

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Let's Take the Gospel Downtown

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

By the REV. W. G. GERTHE of Hutchinson, Minnesota

YOU HAVE often read the familiar verse found in the last chapter of Mark: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." But have you noticed what it said about the early Christians in the last verse of that same chapter? "And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." Jesus told the disciples to "go and preach the gospel." They did, and the Lord worked with them.

It is true that we often ask the Lord in many prayers to bless this or that program, or that party, or to let us enjoy the fellowship around a tasty church banquet. But deep down in our hearts we are not always so sure that the Lord is interested in what we are doing. Russell H. Conwell said that the only business of the Church is the winning of the souls of men.

find fault, but for our churches to reach beyond their doors in their own communities with the message, "Christ died to save sinners."

THE MESSAGE IS IMPORTANT

The message that "Christ died for the ungodly" is the most important message we can possibly give to our community. Tell me, dear church member, how many drunkards, harlots, castaways, discouraged and despondent people have been to your church lately? If they ever came, a "you should know better than to come here" look would many times have made them think twice before ever coming again. And yet the message of salvation is for all, including such who have fallen.

You may say: "Well, let them come to our church. The doors are always open, and they can hear the Word there any Sunday of the year." Don't

want to experience a joy in your own life or in the life of your church, that will make you come back for more, then "take the Gospel downtown." Take it into the shops and stores, into the streets and parks, into the outlying communities and neighboring towns.

TAKE IT DOWNTOWN

Last summer, in answer to prayer, the Lord showed us in Hutchinson, Minnesota, the need in this community for the message of God's saving love. With his help and guidance, some tracts, a large sign on top of the car, and a mobile sound equipment, we "took the Gospel downtown." I wish it were possible to share with you the numerous experiences of finding receptive hearts, but looking back upon the work of last summer, here is what happened, by the grace of God.

Several thousands tracts were given out. Over 25,000 (and probably more) were reached with the Gospel message in twelve different communities. God moved the hearts of Christian friends to help pass out tracts, give testimonies and help with the expenses. Saturday night found us in the town square in the midst of the Saturday night crowds, and the many attentive listeners proved that it was not in vain. The Rev. Fred Knalson from Underwood, North Dakota, the Rev. Ralph Lutter from St. Bonifacius, Minnesota, and others participated on various Saturday nights. We know that the Lord's promise, "My word shall not return unto me void," is definitely so.

YOU CAN DO IT!

There may be some Christian who may come and say, "I don't believe in that sort of thing," but after observing a lost soul asking for help from Jesus, and another crying out from the multitude of her sins, discouraging remarks will not mean much. If you really "love to tell the story," be your talents ever so simple and weak as far as you are concerned, and if you want to experience the feeling of "the Lord working with you," then start working now.

Whether you do it as a church or as individuals, ask God to show you how

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The Car of the Rev. W. G. Gerthe of the Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minnesota Which Is Used in an Evangelistic Ministry at the Town Square of Hutchinson

Can we expect the Lord's blessing upon our "church activities" when the objective is not the preaching of the Gospel and the winning of the souls of men?

It is simple enough to criticize the numerous non-church evangelistic undertakings and radio broadcasts. We may disagree with them, but we cannot deny that God has blessed them with many true conversions and consecrations for full time service. Why? Because they have followed the command of Jesus to "go and preach to every creature."

The answer is not to continue to

expect the unsaved to flock to your church, for the Bible tells us that the "gospel is hid to them that are lost." They cannot see it. Jesus knew that and for that reason he said: "Go and preach the gospel to every creature." There is a difference between "taking the Gospel to them that are lost" and looking for some "nice" people to add to the membership list, to help fill the pews and to pay the parson.

Religious broadcasts reach into many homes, but that is not enough. Your newspaper will tell you at a glance that the need is great. If you

The Annual Missionary Conference in Belo

On our mission field in the Cameroons of Africa, the evangelistic goal has also been set for 7000 baptisms during this triennium along with other important missionary objectives

Report by MRS. KENNETH GOODMAN of Ndu, Cameroons, Africa

"HALLELUJAH, What a Savior!" the strains of this wonderful hymn still ring in our ears as we remember fondly our annual Missionary Conference at Belo. Once a year all of the missionaries on the field leave their own stations and gather to give thanks to God for his harvest of souls during the year and to join together in planning the work of the coming months.

This year we met at Belo just three days after Christmas. The Schneiders (Mildred, Gilbert, and little Evan, four and a half months old) had to travel four days by horseback and the Ahrens (Lois, Earl, and chubby little Billy, seven months old) had to travel two days by horseback before they even reached Ndu. How good it was to see them! Although our stations are only thirty to fifty miles apart, we only get to see one another once or twice a year, and we miss that sweet fellowship which you at home enjoy with your speedy, safe transportation.

EN ROUTE TO THE CONFERENCE

The next morning early, very early, before daybreak, Ndu Station was astir. Breakfast at 5:00 A.M. with two bright babies! As the sun came over the hill we were all bundled,

packed, loaded and on our way to Belo asking the Lord to give us a safe journey. Up over the steep hills and bad roads, the mission truck crept with eight missionaries and three children — Larry Goodman, Billy Ahrens, and Evan Schneider, plus our camp beds, clothes, food, lamps, etc., all sandwiched in every available space. During the early part of our journey we snuggled up in our jacket sleeves and down in our collars and under blankets to keep warm as the cold wind whipped into our faces. However, as the day wore on, the sun provided the necessary warmth and we began to shed our extra clothing.

After a short stop for a picnic lunch we pushed on to Belo. Soon we could see Don Ganstrom waving to us from the top of Belo hill and by the time we had actually reached the station and turned around, the Belo Staff — Don, Verna, Norris and Glennis Ann Ganstrom and Eleanor Weisenburger — gathered officially to welcome us.

Just an hour or so later we all assembled at the sound of the coastal pickup to greet Alma and George Henderson and Esther Schultz. Then as the sun was setting, the Bansa Hospital troop arrived with the Chaffees — Doc, Edna, Douglas, Sylvia and pretty little, six-months old Marjory Ellen — plus Hilda Tobert. Next

morning the Gebauers — Paul, Clara, Ann, and Butch — plus the Brethren Dymmel and Ferris arrived to make our conference complete.

FELLOWSHIP IN PRAYER

Each morning before our sessions began, we enjoyed a time of fellowship in song, sermon and prayer to prepare ourselves for the business of the day. How easy the actual business rolled along as we first set our hearts right during our devotional hour!

Many were the blessings of our gatherings around God's Word in prayer and in song. Our male quartet — Dr. Chaffee, Earl Ahrens, Gil Schneider, and Ken Goodman — will long be remembered for their rendition of "Hallelujah, What a Savior" and "Jesus Paid it All" and the mixed quartet of Lois Ahrens, Mildred and Gilbert Schneider and Ken Goodman for their number, "On the Jericho Road." The family duets also added much to special numbers. Ah! And that Sunday morning in the native church when all (22 strong) sang together, "Wonderful Grace of Jesus." Nor could we forget the violin solos of Earl Ahrens and the excellent help at the portable organ by Alma Henderson, Ruby Salzman, Lois Ahrens,

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Our Cameroons Missionaries and Their Families at the Belo Conference Being Led in the Singing of Songs by the Rev. Kenneth Goodman as They Were Photographed by the Rev. Paul Gebauer, Mission Superintendent

Finding My Own Type of Preaching

As God himself has given to each minister his particular endowments, we are happy to know that God never limits himself to the use of any particular type but uses every type according to his own sovereign purpose

By DR. WILLIAM KUHN in the Eighth Article of a Series on
"God's Glory Across My Life"

IF WE WERE to hear every one of our more than two hundred active pastors preach on the same text, we would be convinced that not two of these preachers would produce a sermon of exactly the same type. They might emphasize the same truths, but each minister would produce a sermon fashioned according to his own personal type.

Years ago I discussed this difference of type with one of our professors and I sought his explanation. He said: "Every preacher chooses his own type for himself." Although I had a very high regard for the good judgment of that professor, I could not accept his explanation. Speaking for myself, I never did intelligently consider the different types of sermon and then finally chose that type which has become my own. I am more inclined to believe that my type of preaching is determined by my temperament, my mentality and the state of my soul life.

MASTER PREACHERS

Some may think that the seminary where you receive your training determines the type of your preaching. To be sure, the seminary gives each student the direction of his thinking and the emphasis upon certain truths, but the seminary does not have a definite type of preaching which it can impart to its students. While at Rochester, New York, I sat under Professor H. M. Schaeffer, Professor J. S. Gubelmann, Professor A. J. Ramaker and Professor Lewis Kaiser. Each of these teachers had his own type of sermon, and their students had a wide diversity and no uniformity of type.

The preachers we hear and the sermon literature we read all make their definite contributions to our development. When I would read or hear sermons by such masters as Dr. Reuben Torrey, Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, Dr. F. B. Meyer, Dr. George Truett, or our own Prof. Lewis Kaiser, then I have always been conscious of being in the presence of a master preacher. Some outstanding characteristics of each preacher have challenged me. From the one it was his deep insight into God's truth, from the other, the convincing power of his argument,



Dr. William Kuhn (Right, Standing) and Mr. H. P. Donner (Seated) With the Rev. J. H. Merkel of Los Angeles, Calif., on a Promotional Tour by the Denominational Visitors About 1914

from the other, the winsomeness of his presentation, and from still another the simplicity of his style. All these characteristics have fascinated me and at the time have convinced me of my own deficiency. Then I would be encouraged and inspired to excel with my own endowments.

My own conviction is that no preacher establishes his own type of preaching at once and with finality upon entering the ministry. For a while his peculiar talents, although still dormant in his soul, stretch out for clearer expression. Like a seed that has germinated and brought forth a plant and the plant has blossomed, so also is the course that many preachers follow in developing their own peculiar and personal type of preaching.

It is undeniable that the audience to which a preacher ministers from the pulpit also affects the type of his preaching. While serving as pastor in Philadelphia, Pa., I had in my congregation a lady who usually sat six

benches from the platform. She was unsightly in appearance, misshapen in her body, with cross-eyes and a deformed mouth, and she would sit bent forward with open eyes and open mouth catching every word that the young preacher would utter.

"THE COMMON PEOPLE"

While sitting in my study and meditating on my sermon for the coming Sunday morning, I would often see Mrs. Fraenk sitting before me and waiting expectantly for every word. Then it would often flash through my mind, that I must say this so that Sister Fraenk could understand it. Now I would not give the impression that all our members were like Mrs. Fraenk, but it is true of them as was said of the church at Corinth: "They were not many wise and not many noble" and not many highly educated, nor belonging to an aristocratic stratum of society, but all belonging to that greatly beloved group known as "the common people." There I learned to become a preacher of the common people.

SIMPLICITY IN PREACHING

No one has ever charged me with having preached a learned sermon, nor an abstract sermon. It has always been a strong encouragement for me when someone has said to me: "You were here about ten years ago and at that time you preached on such a topic."

In our correspondence from Germany, we often receive the announcements of the sermon topics which are used in the revival campaigns held in certain churches. There is not one minister among our 264 active pastors who would ever choose those topics for revival sermons, but then the German audiences are so very different from our American audiences, and the type of those revival sermons is determined by the type of the German audiences.

It was in the year 1897 under the gracious leading of God's providence when I came into possession of nineteen volumes of Charles Haddon Spurgeon's sermons. After having become pastor of the Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, I found these volumes in a dusty bookcase. Nobody claimed them and no-

body was using them. Thereupon I appropriated them to myself and put them into my own study. I read volume after volume more avidly than if they had been the most fascinating novels.

I was sitting in my study at the feet of the Prince of Preachers. In every sermon he opened for me new vistas of glorious truth. He led me into the fuller acquaintance of and more intimate fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ. He taught me how to find the best explanation for a text in the immediate context. Under his ministry I became enriched with the knowledge of hitherto unknown spiritual truths. Although I never tired of reading volume after volume of this great preacher's sermons, I never took any of his sermons to my own pulpit. Neither my mind, nor my spirit, nor my soul was large enough to contain a single Spurgeon sermon.

PREDESTINATING GRACE

I had never read a sermon on God's predestinating grace as Spurgeon preached it. Although Spurgeon was an avowed Calvinist, he closed many of his sermons by quoting Mark 16:16: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Although our finite minds cannot harmonize God's predestinating grace with man's freedom of will, there is no contradiction with God. The difficulty lies in our limited comprehension.

In later years there was a brief period when I could not read a Spurgeon sermon with joy and profit to myself. The reason must have been in my own mood. Otherwise I cannot account for this change. In later years and even now before retiring for the night, I often read a Spurgeon sermon, and that remains with me during the hours of sleep and unconsciousness.

If I am not mistaken, it was in the year 1922, when the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt and I were making a European tour that we had a few days to spend in London, including a Sunday. On that Sunday morning we went to Spurgeon's Tabernacle for the morning service. The morning was rainy and the main floor of the auditorium was but scantily filled with people. In the first balcony, where we sat, very few of the seats were occupied.

On that Sunday morning the preacher had a very good sermon. For his text he had chosen Hebrews 11:27: "He (Moses) endured, as seeing him who is invisible." He read Moffat's version of this text: "After having seen the King, he never flinched." The preacher of that morning must have found it very difficult to preach to that sparsely filled tabernacle. During the preaching service I could not dismiss from my own mind the feeling that the preacher of that



Dr. William Kuhn in an Earnest Moment of Dynamic Preaching from the Pulpit of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

morning was trying to bolster up his own faith by that sermon. Many of us ministers have often done the same thing, and it is perfectly in order for the workman to eat the first fruits.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

In the afternoon we attended a preaching service in Westminster Abbey. For the evening we went back to Spurgeon's Tabernacle. There were more people in the first balcony than in the morning, but the other balcony was completely empty. After the preaching service, the church observed the Lord's Supper. All those participants were requested to find seats on the floor of the main auditorium. Brother Fuellbrandt and I were sitting in the first gallery when an usher came to us and asked if we did not wish to participate in the communion service. We said that we would if we would be invited.

Then that usher, after looking us over, said: "Well, you look all right." We were surprised to be declared "worthy" to participate in the Lord's Supper after such a superficial investigation of ourselves. We expected something different from an usher in Spurgeon's Tabernacle.

In one of Spurgeon's sermons he speaks of "fencing" the Communion Table. That means to declare the conditions that all participants in the Lord's Supper would have to meet. Evidently that usher had not heard of "fencing" the Communion. After being declared "worthy," we went downstairs and partook of the communion. This was very simple and very similar to what we have in our own churches, only that they had the general cup instead of the individual cup. But it was all done in remembrance of him

who loved us and gave himself for us.

If we had attempted to appraise the waning influence of Spurgeon's ministry by considering those empty balconies in Spurgeon's Tabernacle on that Sunday morning, our judgment would have been wrong. The thousands and, in all probability, the tens of thousands of all those who through Spurgeon's ministry have entered the narrow gate into the Kingdom of Heaven must be taken into account. The influence of Spurgeon's sermons as they were read in many private homes and in small meetings of small groups of saints without a regular pastor must also be considered.

Many have heard and heeded Spurgeon's call for workers in Christ's vineyard and thereupon have become ambassadors of God. By reading the masterpieces of sermonic literature by this prince of preachers they have become better preachers, workmen who need not be ashamed, who have received the approval of God himself. I gladly confess that I belong to that class of those who have been greatly benefitted by the preaching ministry of Charles Haddon Spurgeon.

GOD'S INEXHAUSTIBLE SUPPLY

Those of us, like myself, with a certain type of preaching limit ourselves in our choice of texts and Scriptural truths. As I left the active pastorate to become field secretary, I looked at that two-volume, interleave Bible which I had constantly used during the seventeen years of my Philadelphia pastorate. Some pages and even certain books of that interleave Bible were well-thumbed and even worn to shreds through much

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What's Happening

● Mr. Fred David, formerly of the Burns Ave. Church of Detroit, Mich., and at present a student in the College Division of Eastern Baptist Seminary of Philadelphia, Pa., has accepted a call to become the student pastor of the Union Church of Lavallette, New Jersey. Recently Mr. David has served as the superintendent of the Sunday School in the Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia.

● The Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Montana was recently elected president of the Evangelical Ministerial Fellowship of the city for the ensuing year. Among other projects for the city of Missoula, the fellowship has placed calendars in each hotel in the county, listing church addresses and service hours for the benefit of tourists. Union meetings were also sponsored by the fellowship for Good Friday afternoon and Easter Sunday morning at a sunrise service.

● The Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, Canada has extended a call to Mr. Joseph Sonnenberg of Swan River, Manitoba, a Senior student at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, So. Dak. He has responded favorably to the call and hopes to begin his first pastorate at the Camrose Church about June 15 following graduation from the seminary. Mr. Sonnenberg will succeed the Rev. Karl Korella, who is now serving as pastor of the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church near Leduc, Alberta.

● On the evening of March 1st the edifice of the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Nebraska was totally demolished by a mysterious explosion. The event was announced nationally with articles and pictures by the Associated Press. Further details are given by the pastor, the Rev. Walter H. Klempel, among the "Reports from the Field" in this issue. Providentially, no one was in the church at the time, even though a choir rehearsal had been scheduled for that hour. Plans are under way to rebuild the church as soon as possible.

● The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia conducted a "Youth Crusade" from Feb. 26 to March 5 with the Rev. F. E. Klein of Colfax, Wash., preaching every evening as evangelist. The meetings were planned especially for young people with the large church



The Rev. and Mrs. George A. Dunger and Their Daughters, Daphne and Amaryllis (Left and Right), as Photographed by Missionary Laura E. Reddig at Hartford, Conn.

choir singing at all of the services. There were also children's object lessons and special musical features. The meetings were well attended and a number of decisions for Christ were made. The Rev. Rubin Kern is pastor of the church.

● Miss Myrtle Hein and the Rev. M. L. Leuschner were guests of the Rev. and Mrs. George A. Dunger at their apartment in Hartford, Conn. on Wednesday, March 15. The Cameroons mission field was largely the topic of conversation. Mr. Dunger is completing his work this semester at the Kennedy School of Missions on his Ph.D. thesis. He is engaged otherwise in private tutoring and not in teaching at the school, as previously announced in "The Herald." Mr. Dunger reports that his health has improved greatly.

● Miss Margaret Kittlitz sailed for the Cameroons of Africa on March 28 on the Barber Steamship Line's boat, "Hopeville," by way of Lagos. She spoke at the Baptist Church of Applington, Iowa on Sunday, March 19, and in Bethlehem, Pa., and New York City before her departure. Her home church, the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, accorded her a warm and hearty farewell. At least four weeks and possibly five weeks will be required before she hopes to arrive in the Cameroons to take up her min-

istry as a missionary nurse at the Bansa Baptist Hospital.

● The Baptist Life Association has appointed Mr. David Baer of Los Angeles, Calif., as its National Field Manager beginning with Jan 1, 1950. As soon as possible he will establish his headquarters in the home office at Buffalo, N. Y., and work out from there. Mr. Baer has been regional manager for the Life Association on the Pacific Coast. This announcement of Mr. Baer's advancement was made by Mr. W. B. Morton, the association's secretary. Mr. A. H. Lueders is the president. The Baptist Life Association has a featured advertisement on the last page of "The Baptist Herald" in quarterly appearances.

● The Sunday morning service on Feb. 19 of the Liberty St. Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn., was broadcast over station WMMW in Meriden. The program was sponsored by the Friendly Circle composed of women. Further church services on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, and every 13 weeks thereafter, including Labor Day Sunday and Universal Bible Sunday will also be broadcast with the Rev. August Lutz, pastor, preaching. On Sunday, March 5, Mr. Lutz brought the message in the Italian Baptist Church in the city in one of the pre-Easter Union services held by the five Baptist churches of Meriden.

● The Woman's Missionary Society of the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church of Alpena, Michigan, held its annual birthday meeting recently in the church parlors. Red and white colors were used for the decorations. All songs, duets and solos, reading and message were centered around the theme, "Spiritual Birth and Physical Birth." Guests were the members and friends of the Men's Brotherhood. Individual cup cakes were lighted with candles and birthday songs were sung when the offering was received for missions for the North American Baptist General Conference. Mrs. Arnold Kirschner was chairman of the evening's activities.

● On Easter Sunday, April 9, the Rev. Gustav Schmidt, pastor of the West Baltimore Baptist Church of Baltimore, Maryland for the past 28 years, presented his resignation because of failing health and the need of an extended period of rest. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt have witnessed some

remarkable changes in the church since the beginning of their ministry in Baltimore in 1922 and are thankful for the steady growth that the church has had. During the 2nd World War they and their daughter Margaret as well as members of the church ministered spiritually to a great number of German prisoners of war at a nearby Prisoners of War Camp. Mr. Schmidt will supply the pulpit of the West Baltimore Church until June 30th or until another pastor has been called successfully.

● A happy time of fellowship was enjoyed when the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas held its annual Fellowship Supper on Monday evening, February 13. Among the 300 people who sat down together were eight ministers and wives from neighboring towns. Following the delicious meal, the Rev. D. Keucher, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Eldorado, Kansas, brought the challenging message, "Church on Fire." In addition there was spirited group singing, and several numbers were rendered by the Lorraine male quartet. The occasion marked the return from Africa of the church pastor, the Rev. Fred G. Ferris.

● The newly organized Calvary Baptist Church at Corn, Oklahoma recently held a reception program at which time they welcomed their first pastor, the Rev. L. H. Smith, and family. The evening's activities were opened with a seven o'clock fellowship dinner, after which a program of special music and readings was given. The welcome was extended to the family by Sunday School superintendent Dungan. A very generous grocery shower was brought to the reception and in addition a frozen foods locker was rented and filled with meat. The new church is in the process of building its place of worship which is of brick construction. The walls are almost half built. The congregation is now worshipping in the Corn school building. The membership of the new organization now stands at sixty-five.

● The Ambassadors Gospel Team, composed of Helen Appel, Margery Crouthamel, Jane Appel, Paul Laub, Sam Appel, and John Crouthamel, have gone on the air with a weekly radio broadcast every Sunday from 6 until 6:30 P.M., over station WJMJ, Philadelphia, Pa. These devotional programs offer splendid gospel music and feature the message of Mr. Crouthamel, pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church. This team, inspired by the Christian Life Program's goal of 7,000 souls for Christ, is available for evangelistic campaigns in the Atlantic Conference area, and can perhaps work out activities outside of this area during the summer months. All churches interested may address the Ambassadors at 4017 No.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR PASTORS, YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKERS, AND CHURCH LEADERS

By Dr. A. DALE IHRIE of Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Friends in Christ:

As a minister who is vitally concerned about the spiritual lives of our young people, may I make a few comments about our denominational young people's magazine, YOUTH COMPASS? You may not agree with me, but that is your Baptist privilege. I will state these reactions in consecutive order.

1. We do need to have a young people's publication of some kind. Our group has tried to have successful meetings from time to time without using a quarterly, and they always return to the conclusion that they cannot get along without one. Furthermore, there will be no denominational unity among our youth if they are all using something different.

2. We do need to place such a publication in the hands of each and every individual in each group. Psychologically, there is no real sharing of the youth programs if every individual does not possess his own booklet. The practice of only ordering enough for the leaders or ONLY as many as are necessary for one meeting, with the idea of passing them around each week will never work. It gives the impression that "we are not ALL part of the program, just those who are speaking." Hence, a low level of interest.

3. We do need a quarterly that is doctrinally sound, with content material on a high level, and geared to the practical needs of youth today.

4. The "passive" type of meeting will not do for our youth what needs to be done. When the boys and girls merely come and listen, or are merely "entertained by a visiting speaker," they are not being trained themselves.

9th Street, Philadelphia 40, Pa. An article about the Ambassadors is featured in this issue of "The Herald."

● On Tuesday evening, Feb. 7, the new Hammond organ with Maas chimes, costing \$2500, was dedicated by the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Delaware with the Rev. Christian Peters, pastor, offering the dedicatory prayer. Mr. Collins H. Driggo, an accomplished organist of Philadelphia, Pa., presented the organ recital with Mr. John W. Anspach, Sunday School superintendent, in charge. Miss Margaret Peters is serving as

We need a quarterly that is set up on the basis of active participation, not passive relaxation. When the young people themselves conduct the program and present the material, the meeting is not always "scintillating" but it is always profitable, informative and educationally constructive.

IN VIEW OF THESE FOUR THINGS I PERSONALLY BELIEVE:

1. That the Youth Compass ought to be placed in the hands of every individual young person in every North American Conference Church.

2. That the Youth Compass is excellent, not only for use as program material for the young people's society, but as some of the finest writing available on subjects which are vital to our young people in this era of history.

Every article is of lively interest and of spiritual significance, so that it can be used as a magazine for personal reading which cannot be duplicated. The idea that the Youth Compass is for program material only is false. Even though the articles are used in the youth group, they are of such comprehensive nature that no single group meeting will extract all the good out of them.

3. That if the young people cannot afford to sustain the expense of our youth publication by themselves, each church ought to see that it is made available to them all. The cost is low; the value received is high. Remember, that as our youth go, so goes our denomination. This particular publication is crucial to our future together.

4. That if the YOUTH COMPASS is properly used, it will prove to be the best and most profitable investment your church can make. It meets every major requirement for a youth publication. If you are not using it now, you ought to begin.

Sincerely yours,
DALE IHRIE, Pastor,
Burns Ave. Church,
Detroit, Michigan.

the regular church organist. A sunrise service was held in the church on Easter morning, April 9, with the Sunday School in charge. Every Saturday morning from 10 to 12 A.M., a Community Christian Kindergarten is held for about 25 children conducted by Mrs. Christian Peters, Mrs. Albert Shoemsmith, Mrs. Harvey Volk and Miss Margaret Peters. In June 1950, the Rev. Christian Peters will have reached the 10th milestone in his ministry of the Wilmington and Elsmere church, now established in its worshipful and spacious edifice in the Elsmere suburb.



—Photograph by Harold M. Lambert

The Arden house on the old homestead stood a little back from the road, so sweetly pleasant and cosy, yet spacious in the lovely setting of trees and lawn

Mary Arden

A Christian Novel by GRACE LIVINGSTON HILL
and RUTH LIVINGSTON HILL

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SYNOPSIS

For three generations there had been a Mary Arden at the old home on the edge of the village of Ardenville, now called Arden, and now the fourth Mary Arden had come back there to live. She was just out of college and had inherited the old Arden homestead. While her father was on business in China and her mother at a fashionable coastal resort, Mary arrived in Arden to spend the summer at the fascinating, lovely, old house. She loved everything about ARDEN. She even felt that way about the place when she went back to be the maid of honor at Floss Fairlee's wedding, and again met Brooke Haven, a former suitor of hers. She disliked his making love to her and resented his clever maneuver of announcing their engagement at the wedding rehearsal and in the early edition of the morning newspaper without her consent. She knew that she could not marry this man, even though he took their marriage for granted. That was when she made up her mind to go to Arden!

CHAPTER TEN

Arden! What made her think of going there, anyway? She searched her subconscious memories, clipping off day after day, until at last she came upon the very day and time when she felt she had begun to wake up to what was going on. It was

when Aunt Cora was there visiting. Not that poor old Aunt Cora had the slightest power to influence Mary in her romances. No, but Mary had been left to entertain her one afternoon until her mother should return from her bridge club. Desperately after a half-hour of desultory cropping about on the bare prairie of common interests, Mary had seized her old photograph album. Aunt Cora had settled her spectacles upon her thin Roman nose and looked down through the bifocal part at the small snapshots that Mary tried to make interesting to her. Aunt Cora had not discovered much to interest her, except as she gave a sniff or two when she came on the pictures of some modern bathing suits.

But the snapshots had done something for Mary Arden that nothing else could have done. Those pages that showed snaps she had taken that summer at Arden were the ones that Mary had lingered over. They brought back all the sweet simple joys of that

time that seemed so long ago now. The dear old house, the swing that carried one out over the brow of the hill, the little canoe down on the creek. And then there was one that had brought a sweet tingling thrill. Strange that it should! It was a picture of Laurie Judson. He was on one knee beside his canoe, smiling up at Mary as she had snapped the picture, with that joyous light in his eyes that she remembered with a sudden lift of the heart. It was the end of the summer. They had been about to take one of those delightful rides up the stream and down, through the lanes of yellow leaves that lay like a priceless rug on the polished still water; they would glide under soft sweeping pine branches that smelled oh so sweet as they snatched at a needle or two in passing and let the perfume steal out; then they would climb nimbly out, tie their craft, and, near a little fire Laurie would build, they would eat their picnic supper. Mary remembered her happy anticipation of that ride. And she recalled with another little thrill how gently and courteously Laurie had helped her out of the boat that day when they returned, and how deeply he had looked into her eyes as he stood there on the little landing slip, with a tender wistful farewell without words because he was going away to war. Of course she had been young, scarcely sixteen then, and not supposed to know her own mind. Laurie had been older, by nearly four years. But the memories of him were sweet clean memories. Laurie had never taken advantage of her as this man Brooke Haven had done. Yet Laurie had had more chance, and more right, if he had cared to be that kind of man. For she had known him summers, for years. And he was of a beloved next-door-neighbor family. That counted in Arden.

Yes, thought Mary as she still stood there at her window looking out into the hot night, it was that day, when she saw Laurie's picture again that she realized afresh what a man can be, and ought to be. It must have been then that she came to her senses. She was not conscious of having compared the two men that day, but the manliness, and the clean brave strength of Laurie Judson had swept through her being like a breath of fresh air that cleared her mind and heart.

Oh, to be back in Arden right now. Why had she ever come up here to the city again? What as mess had been stirred up. Yet she had thought she was doing her duty to come in answer to her mother's insistence. She wondered whether it really was right to try to obey someone's else whims continually, even a mother's? That problem was one she must ask Laurie about some day. He was a preacher, he ought to know. Probably he'd have to say obey.

At any rate, she made up her mind that now she had responded to her mother's call, and also pleased her friend, she would get right back to Arden as fast as any vehicle could carry her. But how was she to manage that?

How she wished now that she had brought her car so that she could just slide right out of the house after the wedding, and start off alone unnoticed. But she did not have the car.

There would have to be a valid reason she could give to Mrs. Fairlee for running off soon. For she had no intention of staying even one minute more than was absolutely dictated by the minimum of courtesy. She was quite sure that Brooke Haven would make some further attempt to entice her. The fact that he said nothing on the way home last night was no indication that he was accepting her verdict. He had not accepted it in the afternoon, had he? And he would not now. He simply did not consider others, only himself.

Having decided that she would get back to Arden, Mary felt a little easier in her mind and undressed quickly, even managing a little wan laugh at herself to think that here she was, apparently engaged to a millionaire, and planning to run away from him like a silly romantic kid.

She lay a long time planning her course of action for the next day. When at last she fell asleep it was nearly dawn.

And just a few hours later as Laurie strode downtown to get his bus out to the plant, he stopped at the corner newsstand and bought a paper. Propped in the rack near the paper of his nearby city were papers from other cities and his eye caught the name of the city where Mary Arden lived. With a little quickening of interest he threw down another nickel and picked one up. He had visited her city, though not her house, more than once, and would be not too unintelligent about its local news.

He found himself scanning only hastily the front page political news, and without realizing that he was looking for a certain name, turned over the pages until he came to the notes of society doings.

There at the top of a column was Mary Arden's lovely face! Laurie's heart beat a little faster as he pulled the paper closer to read every word that was printed about her. Then almost a groan escaped him there in the crowded bus. He was too late! She belonged already to that unspeakable cad. That insolent fellow who had come and tried to claim her yesterday. The chump had been right then, in saying she was the girl he was going to marry! Laurie crushed the paper in his big hands and turned his hot despairing gaze out the window lest someone should see the suffering in his soul.

Mary detoured the storm that would have made havoc of the breakfast table, by sleeping too late to have anything but a cup of coffee in her room. The wedding was to be at noon, so she had to dress quickly.

She knew exactly how trying her mother could be after she had seen the announcement in the papers, and she had no heart to try to reason with her. She had made her plans and hoped to be able to carry them out without any horrible scenes.

When she woke it was nearly eleven o'clock. She rang for Hetty and asked her for coffee and the morning paper.

"Oh, yes! Miss Mary," simpered Hetty in a meaningful tone of voice. "Of course, you'll be wanting to see it this morning!"

Then Hetty knew! She had seen the announcement, or else her mother had told the servants, with how much elation Mary could very well surmise. Or stay! Did Hetty simply mean that the news of Floss's wedding would be printed this morning, with all the items concerning the wedding party and its garments. Perhaps, oh, perhaps that was why she had spoken in that silly tone of voice. Was there just the least possibility that the awful thing had not happened and last night had been a dream?

Then Hetty returned with the steaming coffee daintily served, and an unctuous smile on her face as she nodded to the newspaper neatly folded on the tray, with the cut of Mary's lovely face at the very top of a column.

"We're all very happy for you, Miss Mary," beamed the servant, "And we hope you will have many happy years with your handsome bridegroom." Hetty was obviously proud of her little speech, which she had carefully prepared down in her kitchen, with the critical aid of the cook and chauffeur.

But Mary froze.

"Hetty!" she said sternly, "this is a terrible mistake. The papers had no right to print this for it is not true. Mr. Haven and I are not engaged, and I don't ever intend to be engaged to him! I shall appreciate it if you will correct the rumor wherever you have opportunity."

Crestfallen and shocked, Hetty started to withdraw.

"And Hetty," added Mary, "I shall dress alone this morning. Please see that no one at all disturbs me. Ask Henry to have the car ready in half an hour, please."

"Yes, Miss Mary." Hetty's deflated voice was barely audible and she closed the door noiselessly and hastened below stairs to give out the latest news note in the servants' quarters.

The first thing Mary did was to repack the little bag she had brought with her from Arden. She clicked it shut and placed it far back in her

closet behind some long dresses.

Then she went to her desk and wrote a note to her mother. She would not have time later.

Dear mother: I am sorry not to say good-bye to you properly, but I am very much upset by the trick that was played on me last night and I am anxious to get away. Please do not try to call me back. I shall no doubt get my balance again one of these days but it has been horrible.

Mary.

She was conscious that it bore no loving message, but just now she was not feeling very loving toward anyone. Perhaps later she would be able to forgive and forget. She did not know of course just what part her mother had taken in the whole scheme, or whether she had helped it on, but she had certainly known of it from what she said yesterday. Mary would not blame her mother in so many words but it was not easy to think kindly this morning of anyone who had had anything to do with Brooke Haven's plan.

For Floss's sake she would go through with the wedding, although it meant bearing looks and glances from everyone there, pleased glances, to be sure, for all of Floss's crowd seemed to think there was no one like Brooke Haven.

"Well, I agree with them!" she muttered angrily to her powder puff. "There is nobody like him, and it's a mighty good thing there isn't."

But oh, how those glances would change to indignant scorn when they heard her denial of the engagement. For deny it she would. Every chance she got. If she stayed to the reception, as she practically was forced to do as maid of honor, she would have to meet every one of those people in that awful line and tell them, with Brooke Haven standing there beside her. Oh, how could she get through this unspeakable day!

She had already looked up the trains last night. There was one at one thirty, the only one that would get her to Arden before midnight. The only plane left before noon and that would not do. Could she possibly get away in time for the train?

She glanced at the little electric clock on her bedside table. Eleven twenty-five! Henry had been waiting ten minutes. Well, he was good natured, and he had nothing else to do. But she was supposed to be at the bride's house at half past.

She slid into the filmy blue dress, pulled up its tiny zipper, and hastily tied the big taffeta bow sash. Adjusting could come later. The girls would all fuss over each other anyway, and fix her up. She was not conscious that she was utterly lovely, no matter whether she was properly adjusted or not, and that her carefree naturalness was a part of her charm.

Giving a fluff to her hair she snatched up her little bag that contained all the necessities for last minute touches, and fairly tore down the stairs.

But she knew all the time that her mother would be waiting down there; that Hetty and Henry had been questioned carefully as to her schedule.

It was just as well. Better let her mother know how she felt now, before she got to the Fairlee's house.

Mary drew her mother hastily into the library.

"Mother," she spoke in a tense, firm voice, although so quietly that Hetty, listening outside, could not make out more than a word or two, "that notice in the paper must be corrected. It is not true! Brooke Haven and I are not engaged and never will be. I would like you to correct it every chance there is, today. Good-bye, I'm late. Henry will be right back for you."

Without waiting for her mother's astonishment and chagrin to find words, she flew out the door and into the big family car.

As she sped along the familiar streets they suddenly seemed alien to her. She found herself imagining how she would tell the people who lived in each of these big houses they passed, and how each one would react. She made haste to tell even Henry, in tones that tried to be matter-of-fact, as though this thing were merely a mistaken rumor about a war or a strike being over when it really was not. Poor Henry stiffened in the chauffeur's seat and took it properly, with only a "Yes, Miss Mary." But he would have done that even though he hadn't heard it already mouthed in the servants' quarters.

Then came the problem of telling the excited wedding party. Oh, what a long task this was that was set before her! How could anyone be so cruel as to put another person in such a position as this. The thought of how she would treat Brooke Haven she pushed away from her. She simply would not waste a thought, even of anger on him now. Her main aim was to get through the next two hours and get away home, home to Arden. There she felt she would like to bury her head like a child in her pillow and cry herself to calmness.

Somehow Mary got the truth into the confused and bewildered minds of Floss and her friends. She tackled the first one she met and made her step aside to a comparatively quiet corner. Her serious face startled the girl into listening.

"Betty," said Mary, "you've just got to listen to me! You were all too added last night to hear what I said. Brooke Haven has pulled a trick on me. We are not engaged, and don't expect to be! Is that plain? Because I shall have to depend on my friends to straighten this out. Please, Betty, tell everyone you know. It will be a

scandal, I know, but I'm sure I did nothing to bring it on, and I'm perfectly furious."

The astounded girl gasped and stammered, thinking only of the immediate crisis. "But Mary, won't you even be in the wedding? What'll we all do-o-o?" she wailed.

Mary gave her a little shake. "Of course, Betty, don't be so stupid. I'll go through with the wedding for Floss's sake. But I want the lie corrected. Do you understand?" Mary was so solemn and so insistent that the little bridemaid was fairly frightened. She nodded in an awed way and fluttered off to try to get the ear of some other merrymaker to tell her astonishing news.

When it finally got around Mary was conscious of the whispers and looks in her direction as she stood at the mirror and fussed with her hair and her bouquet.

Then at last her father's daughter rose up in her and turned to them all maids and bridesmaids, and laughed. "You don't all need to stand and talk about me, girls. I'm not an object of fear, or even pity. Just please accept the fact that Brooke and I are not going to be married, and correct the thought in anybody's mind. Now, let's see if Floss is ready."

Cheered to find their old Mary as ready as ever to join their fun, they flocked around her, but Mary in spite of her forced smile felt tired, tired down to her very heart. Would this never end so that she could get away?

The wedding march seemed endless, and the service, which Mary had always before enjoyed hearing, seemed a cruel chain, slowly binding, binding till the last prayer was said and the padlock was snapped shut. How, she wondered, could any girl even be willing to promise all those things? How could she be sure enough of any man to trust him like that? For all her life? Oh, of course, there was divorce, it was common enough among the circle in which Mary moved. But she always had despised people who couldn't stick to their vows, or who hadn't known their own minds well enough not to get into something they couldn't finish. Now she was not sure. If by any chance a girl had married a man such as she now believed Brooke Haven to be, a man who would pull a dastardly, dishonorable trick on a girl he pretended to love as himself, what would be right? Should she still try to stick it out? Mary's very soul shrank with horror at the thought, but her honesty made her admit that, yes, she would feel that having promised, a girl ought to stick it out, that is — with practically no exceptions. But oh! how careful Mary meant to be before she ever made any promises like that to any man.

Then she found herself in the receiving line, receiving almost as many good wishes as the bride. To each

gushing congratulator she turned her most cordial smile, frosted albeit with dignity, and shook her pretty head, explaining that there had been a mistake in the papers, there was no cause for best wishes. And Brooke Haven stood stonily by her side. When the guests turned to him for confirmation or denial of what his problematical fiancée had told them he raised his black eyebrows and ironically answered, "That's what Mary says," and shrugged. Most people went away still mystified. And Mary grew more and more indignant. She did not converse with Brooke, and he made no attempt to speak to her.

The heat of the day and the long standing in line began to make her head swim. At last she felt she could take it no longer. The line of guests were only the stragglers now, and a few close friends who were making the tour twice over. She glanced at her little jeweled watch. Oh! Five minutes after one. Could she try for that one-thirty train?

Without a word of apology or warning to Brooke Haven she turned to the usher on her side, whispering, "I feel faint, Bill. I want to lie down. No, don't send anyone with me, I'll be all right in a minute or two. They'll soon be going out to the dining room now and I'll feel better when I get a cup of coffee or something. Close up the line, will you, please? And don't say anything."

She slid out behind some palms. But instead of going up stairs she made her swift way out to the kitchen where she surprised the staid Henry with his arm around the Fairlee's second maid. He turned crimson but came to attention at once.

Mary smiled. Perhaps she would have to use pressure, for Henry was most loyal to Mrs. Arden, but she would surely have Henry on her side now!

"Will you take me home right away, please? I don't feel well and I want to lie down."

"Oh, yes, miss. Shall I call your mother?"

"No, Henry, don't disturb her now. It's nothing serious. I guess I'm just too tired. Come on, quickly."

Back at the big house she sent Henry speedily back to the Fairlee's.

"Here's a note for mother," she said as she gave him the one she had prepared. "If anyone asks about me just say I felt faint and wanted to lie down. Otherwise don't say anything at all. Thank you, Henry."

As soon as she heard the car start down the street she called a taxi. She was going to take no chances with Henry taking her to that train.

In ten minutes more she was at the station and had her ticket. She had not even waited to hang up her blue maid of honor dress. Hetty would do that later. She had moved as silently about her room as possible and got out

We, the Women

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

The vice-president of the Woman's Missionary Union for this triennium is the capable and energetic Mrs. Jeanette Stein, wife of the pastor of our church at Ashley, North Dakota. Serving the Dakota Conference Woman's Union as president in her second term, she has shown qualities of leadership which fit her for this large task.

Mrs. Stein was born at Ebenezer, Saskatchewan, Canada. She received her college and normal school training in Canada, and taught school four years before her marriage. She was converted and baptized at Ebenezer in 1934 under the ministry of the Rev. A. Rosner.

We are happy to introduce her to you by means of her lovely picture and her article, which is timely and to the point.

GOAL VII — "EVANGELISM"

By Mrs. WALTER STEIN of Ashley North Dakota.

What can we as women do with regard to Goal VII, Evangelism," on our Project Chart? Shall we leave our homes and families and become missionaries? But we cannot all preach; we haven't the gift for this work. Is there then nothing that we can all do? Yes, there is something very definite and very important which we can do in the great work of winning souls. We can pray, we can have faith in God to answer our prayers, and we can testify.

Prayer: "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). Prayer is the

of the house, she devoutly hoped, before any of the servants knew she was there. She had taken her own front-door key with that in mind.

But now that she was ready ahead of time for the train she began to get panicky for fear her absence would be discovered and a search made for her. If only the train would come and take her before they could discover where she was. They might make a hue and cry for her after that; her disappearance might even get into the papers, but she felt that that would not matter so much now. After all that had been in the papers about her, a little more could be no worse. But her mother might suspect where she had gone and follow her here to the station and make a terrible scene if she refused to come back! Her tired confused brain finally wound itself into such a turmoil of fretting in the few

greatest power that a Christian possesses. It is the right hand of evangelism. Prayers of individuals or small groups have been the direct cause of many a revival.

The evangelistic sermon preached by John Livingstone at the Kirk of Shotts, where nearly 500 persons were converted, was preceded by a small group prayer meeting which continued through the night. The human sources of many other revivals have often been traced to some poor, sick person, praying at home for years. The first Goal on our chart calls for daily devotions. What a wonderful opportunity for us especially to remember to pray for lost souls at this special occasion every day.

Faith: "And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee" (Luke 5:20). The man referred to in the above quotation was one who had been stricken with palsy. He was entirely passive and offered no petition for himself. It was their faith that was rewarded.

Should not this fact encourage us to make intercession for others? In the 15th chapter of Matthew we read of a woman of Canaan who came to Jesus to ask him to heal her sick daughter. His answer was: "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt."

Testimony: "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did" (John 4:39). Many Samaritans believed because of the testimony of this one woman. Many peo-

minutes left that she noticed a little girl looking at her strangely. She must present a woebegone picture, the child had such troubled pity in her glance. Then all at once she laughed. It was funny, after finding that her plans had worked out so well up to this point, for her to get herself into a perfect stew because they might fail now. She smiled brightly back at the little girl who slowly returned the smile with a sigh of relief although it was tinged with bewilderment. The child was plainly wondering how a grown-up who had obviously been in such desperate straits a minute ago could laugh it off and look gay without anything happening to change the situation. She stared at Mary a while then looked away and gave up the riddle.

But Mary had been jolted out of her depression, and for the first time in



Mrs. Walter Stein of Ashley, North Dakota, the Vice-president of the National Woman's Missionary Union

ple have come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through the testimony of a friend or neighbor. We should be living testimonies of that which we profess to believe, for actions speak even louder than words. If every Christian would be a daily, living testimony of the love of Jesus, how easy it would be to persuade others to come to Jesus too!

When there's nothing you can say,
Don't forget you still can pray.

Still in faith look up and know,
Your God wants it to be so.

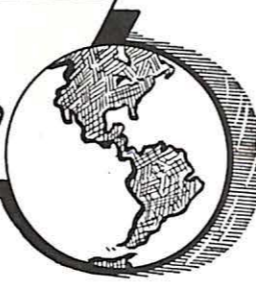
Gladly testify each day,
Of God's love along your way.

God will understand and hear,
Pray to him and do not fear.

two days she took a deep breath. The train pulled in just then and she got in and found her seat. Now she was almost happy. She was going back to Arden. Going back home! Strange, that it should seem like home to her more than the place where she had been brought up and lived most of her life. Was it just that she was selfish and liked it because it was her own? No, she thought not. Perhaps it was that the life there was the kind she had always subconsciously yearned for. Simplicity. Sincerity. Friendliness. The clean clear sunshine and breezes. The wholesome smell of the fresh hay from her own fields. No ugly emulations rearing up their lustful heads to make bitter the sweetness of boys' and girls' good times. Oh, she supposed the striving and coveting and the jealousies must be there in

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REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



Central Conference

Revival Meetings Held at the Holmes Street Baptist Church of Lansing, Michigan

Two weeks of profitable evangelistic meetings were held in January at the Holmes Street Baptist Church of Lansing, Michigan by the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, denominational evangelist. Mr. Pfeifer brought some heart-stirring messages from the Word of God which drew many people to the church.

We are happy to report that the Lord greatly blessed the messages of Brother Pfeifer in his ministry among members and friends. Everyone experienced a definite spiritual awakening, and we were able to see nine persons saved for the glory of the Lord. The following Sunday 13 converts were baptized, and 23 were received as members. An effective highlight connected with each meeting was the use of a Felt-O-Scene picture relative to his message.

Our prayers go with our denominational evangelist as he continues to labor for Master.

Bette J. Kuhn, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Recent Activities of the Central Baptist Church at Erie, Pennsylvania

The Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., has been very active during the fall and winter season. The Ladies' Missionary Society held its annual meeting and the program was presided over by the vice-president, Mrs. Harvey Meuser. Our report of the chart work was very encouraging.

We have a fine choir which was recently reorganized by the leader, Prof. A. B. Mehnert, with Mr. Leslie Crago as president. The choir was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. John A. Zurn at a lovely dinner at the Y.M.C.A.

The annual church meeting held in the church parlors in January was preceded by a dinner served by members of the Philathea Class. The election of officers was followed by reports of the various societies. It was conducted by the moderator, Mr. Merle H. Gibbens. Mr. J. A. Zurn was elected moderator for the coming year.

We participated in the United Evangelistic Meetings in co-operation with the churches in this area, resulting in a deeper spiritual life and bringing us in closer fellowship with

Christ. The regular meetings in our own church have been well attended and the gospel message is being proclaimed in the fullness of the Spirit by our pastor, Rev. Paul D. Ford.
Mrs. C. W. Knobloch, Reporter.

Northern Conference

The Baptist Young People's Society of Yorkton, Saskatchewan Presents Annual Program

On a recent evening the Baptist young people's society of Yorkton, Sask., Canada presented its annual program. Our president, Mr. Arthur Fiege, opened the program with the singing of a few familiar hymns after which the secretary and treasurer read their reports. We then heard some special numbers by the young people and a very interesting message by our minister, Rev. John Engel.

A cantata entitled, "Emmanuel Forever," was then presented under the direction of Mr. Ed Biffard with Miss Lorraine Grunert at the piano. The Rev. Engel then lead us in closing prayer.

We are indeed thankful for the Rev. and Mrs. John Engel who have recently taken up their work here and it is our prayer that our society may continue to labor in the Master's vineyard with their help and guidance.

Mrs. A. Eckert, Reporter.

Meetings and Activities of the Young People's Society of Golden Prairie, Sask.

We as a Young People's Society in Golden Prairie, Sask., Canada are an active group. We have a monthly meeting on the first Monday of every month in which we have a devotional period, business session and a study period. During the study period we have been studying "The False Cults." Among some of the projects that we have undertaken have been the purchase of a Tract Rack, Bulletin Board and Book Shelves.

On February 12th the young people rendered a missionary program which consisted of special numbers and a few readings. The offering was sent for Mr. Reinhard Neuman, missionary on the Montana Indian Reserve.

The young people also are in charge of the opening of the Sunday evening services which are in English. Following the introduction the Rev. Isador Faszer brings inspiring messages. For these evening services the church is well filled. In addition to these introductory services on Sunday evenings, the young people have a regular program which takes up the entire evening.

Officers elected for the new year are as follows: president, Barbara Unrath; vice-president, Albert Unrath; secretary, Verna Jaster; treasurer, Shirley Unrath; and pianist, Clara Heller.

We are certainly thankful to have the Rev. and Mrs. Isador Faszer helping us in our work. May the Lord continue to use the young people in his service and may we be ready at all times to witness for our Master.

Miss Verna Jaster, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Conference on Evangelism for Our Washington, Montana, and Idaho Churches at Colfax

The First Baptist Church of Colfax, Washington with the Rev. F. E. Klein, pastor, was host to a blessed Conference on Evangelism on February 16th and 17th. The opening devotional periods were led by the Rev. A. Foll of Odessa and the Rev. Ralph Wood of Pullman, respectively. Two additional periods were set aside for prayer.

Our guest speaker, the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, denominational evangelist, brought the messages and led the discussions as outlined in our leaflet on Evangelism, with the exception of "Preparing the Church for Evangelism" which the Rev. F. W. Bartel of Spokane, Wash., presented.

Highlights of the messages: The purpose of these conferences is to awaken our churches to their responsibility of soul winning. Soul winning must be first in our lives. We must not minimize the task of winning seven thousand souls in three years. We must make Christ known and accepted. The mind of Christ is the heart of Evangelism. Our motive must be to glorify Christ. Things that will promote revival and soul winning — allowing the Holy Spirit to control, prayer, Bible, prayer lists, program of visitation, special study course for church on evangelism. Things that will hinder Revival — sin in our lives, bazaars in the church, weddings during special meetings, all diversions.

The evening service was enriched with a solo by Mrs. John Lewis of Colfax and with Mr. Pfeifer bringing the message. The women of the church served us excellent meals and entertained us overnight in their homes. These blessed hours passed only too quickly and we returned to our home churches with a fire burning in our hearts for revival.

Mrs. F. W. Bartel, Reporter.

Youth Week Activities and Installation of C.B.Y. Officers at Bethel Church, Missoula, Mont.

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." During the Christmas season the Commissioned Baptist Youth Society of the Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Montana was very busy. Together with the choir we sang Christmas carols for shut-ins, at the hospital, county jail, convalescent homes, and for sick people. On Christmas evening our choir rendered a cantata, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," directed by Mrs. Ray Bennet.

On the closing Sunday evening of Youth Week, Mr. Randolph Johnson of Minnesota gave a very inspiring talk on the topic, "God Designs — Youth Builds." On Feb. 22 we gave a delicious elk banquet from which we realized over \$100. This money went for the support of our mission project of the C.B.Y. of the Pacific North West Union.

On Sunday evening, Feb. 26th, an impressive installation service was conducted by our pastor, the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, at which time the following officers, who were elected in a previous business meeting, pledged their loyalty to Christ in assuming their God given task as leaders for the C.B.Y. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: president, Mrs. Leo Kramer; vice-president, Miss Violet Edinger; secretary, Miss Violet Karlin; treasurer, Ervin Wornath; and reporter, Mrs. Ed. Junkert. So we continue to pray that God might give us grace to do great things for him in the coming year.

Mrs. Ed. Junkert, Reporter.

Annual Lincoln-Washington Banquet at the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington

It was cold and wet outside, but inside around the gaily decked tables there was laughter, fun and good fellowship. What was the occasion? None other than the annual Lincoln-Washington banquet, Feb. 22, of the young people of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash. Tradition has made this a festive holiday, and with patriotic colors and decorations, from the beginning to the end, this was a big day.

Mr. Wallace Stabbert, the president of the C.B.Y., was the genial toastmaster. His quick wit and humor kept the program running smoothly. The very delicious ham dinner was cooked by our ladies, and young people did the serving under the direction of Anita Franzkeit and Elaine Lang.

To get the ball rolling, Mr. Henry Schmunk led us in the singing of choruses. Stunts from various Sunday School classes came next. "A Typical Day in School" was given by a group of Junior High students. The dignified King's Daughters became "The Old Maid's Club" seeking advice from Dorothy Dix. More laughter and fun when several of our married gentlemen acted like women singing, and also when a certain "maestro" favored us with a piano selection.

Music enhanced the program, and a string quartet composed of Ben Yost and Mrs. C. Shockley, violins; Edward Stabbert, cello, and Rev. H. J. Wilcke, bass, made their first appearance. Also noteworthy was a brass trio composed of Peter, Weldon and Douglas Yost. The "Harmonettes," a group of young girls, sang several numbers.

Our speaker was Rev. R. Bodin from the Harvard Covenant Church of Tacoma. His was a most interesting speech, and as we walked in the sacred halls of Lincoln's Monument and went into the Mt. Vernon home of our first president, we realized that freedom is a sacred heritage. As we were led in the closing prayer by our pastor, the Rev. H. J. Wilcke, we felt it was an evening worth while, and realized again that Christian fellowship is very blessed indeed.

Marie Schmunk, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Sunshine Society, Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa, Observes Anniversary and Sponsors Program

The Sunshine Society of the Baptist Church of Parkersburg, Iowa observed its 25th anniversary on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 16th. The society was organized by the older ladies for the younger women of the church in the building which later was destroyed by fire. The first meetings were held in the homes of the twelve members. When the second church was built in 1932, all meetings were held in the church parlors.

Mrs. Heit Huisinga told of the origin and growth of that first society which now has a membership of nearly 45 women. She also explained the motto of the society, "Working for His Kingdom." Mrs. Bob Stickley was in charge of the lesson program.

A beautiful cake bearing 25 candles, a gift of Mrs. Paul Abkes, was lighted by the four charter members who are: Mrs. John Eckhoff, Mrs. Heit Huisinga, Mrs. R. H. Mulder and Mrs. Bert Heerts.

On Friday afternoon, Feb. 24, the women of the Sunshine Society of the Parkersburg Baptist Church sponsored the World Day of Prayer meeting for all churches of Parkersburg. Prayer was offered for the nations and leaders by Mrs. Nicklaus (Congregational Church); for foreign missions by Miss Conn (Methodist Church); for home missions by Mrs. Van Horn (Congregational Church); for local churches by Mrs. William Huiman (Baptist Church); for our homes by Mrs. Harry Church (Methodist); and for revival by Mrs. Blair (Baptist Church).

Special numbers were rendered by Anna Mae Engelkes, Mrs. William

The front cover picture shows the trio of the Ambassadors Gospel Team now conducting evangelistic meetings in the Atlantic Conference churches. An article and other pictures appear on pages 6 and 7 of this issue. EDITOR.

Heerts and Marilyn Hobbs. The guest speaker was Mrs. H. G. Dymmel of Forest Park, Ill., who spoke on the theme, "Stop, Look and Listen." Girl Scouts served as ushers for the meeting.

Mrs. Louis Dreyer, Reporter.

Inspirational Programs at the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin

The Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin has had some great times together recently which we have greatly enjoyed. First of all, we had Family Night with the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill. The families of the church turned out very well and a program was rendered, including musical selections. Mr. Gunst brought the message of the evening, "Christian Education That Affects the Home and the Church." It was a wonderful night.

Then on February 26 we had another treat. A baptismal service was held and three men, heads of families, united with the church and confessed their faith in Christ. That night we also had with us Miss Laura E. Reddig and it was a pleasure hearing first hand news of the marvelous work that is being done in the Cameroon's mission field in Africa. We also took an offering for the Seminary that night and altogether we had to say that we felt the presence and the power of God.

Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Blessings and Tragedy at the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Nebraska

A Christian Leadership Training Course was held at the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Nebraska from February 24th to 26th. The Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., was the principal speaker. The Sunday School teachers and officers were 100 percent in attendance. The Shell Creek and Creston churches were also invited. All Sunday School teachers and officers of the host church participated fully. The cooperation was excellent and the services were a great blessing to all.

Just a few days before Mr. Gunst's visit, the Rev. Theo. W. Dons of Ellinwood, Kansas presented the Seminary Building Fund program to the church. There was a very hearty response in cash and pledges.

On March 1st at 7:25 P.M. the church was totally demolished by a terrific explosion. The blast could be felt a mile and a half away. God in his providential mercy saw that no one was in the building at the time of the explosion. One thing and another detained the choir members, and not one of them was early. Had the blast occurred two minutes later, some of the choir members would have been within the church. We thank our Heavenly Father that there was no injury or loss of life.

Walter H. Klempel, Pastor.

Dakota Conference

Meetings of the Gamma Phi Literary Society at Our Seminary, Sioux Falls

The Gamma Phi Society, one of two student organizations of the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota was organized on December 1, 1949. The following officers were elected to serve for the school year of 1949-1950: president, Leland Schantz; vice-president, Fred Sonnenberg; secretary, Heinz H. Grabia; treasurer, Lawrence Prast; and faculty advisor, Professor Reuben Jeschke.

The society name, Gamma Phi, taken from the Greek word, "grammataphloi," means "lovers of learning."

The Preamble, which states the purpose of the Literary Society, in the Constitution reads:

"For the promotion of interests in public speaking and debating, for the cultivation of ability in all forms of original literary, cultural and spiritual subjects, for the fostering of school pride in intellectual pursuits, and for the promotion of fellowship among its members."

Meetings are held every first and third Friday of each month in the Rose Room on the Sioux Falls College campus.

Heinz Grabia, Secretary.

Baptism of Ten Converts in the Tyndall Baptist Church, Tyndall, South Dakota

Sunday, January 1st, was a memorable day in the history of the Tyndall Baptist Church of Tyndall, South Dakota. On that day the entire church came together in the Tyndall Station Church for a baptismal service. The church was filled with members and visitors. With joyful hearts, we opened the service with songs, and after a brief message on "Baptism," the Rev. Albert Ittermann, pastor, baptized ten young people. These were girls and boys and a young married couple, who together stepped into the waters and made their confession of faith and then were baptized.

After the baptism, the church gathered around the Lord's Table for the communion service. The newly baptized members were dedicated to the Lord and received the hand of fellowship. Another person came into the fellowship by letter. Most of the new members accepted Christ during our evangelistic meetings in October, when the Rev. John Riemer, pastor of Gackle, No. Dak., was our evangelist for two weeks.

In January the Rev. Herbert Hiller came to us to solicit for our Seminary Building Fund. He received \$1,221.00 for this purpose. But checks continued to come in every week thereafter. The extra gleanings amount almost to \$500.00. May the Lord bless all the undertakings of our denomination, especially our Seminary.

Albert Ittermann, Pastor.

Atlantic Conference

Evangelistic Meetings at Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa., by the Ambassadors Gospel Team

The members and friends of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., will long remember the mountain-top experience in which they were privileged to share from February 22nd to 26th. It was a wonderful blessing to have with us during those days the Ambassadors Gospel Team from whom, through the medium of music so beautifully rendered by an instrumental quintet, a mixed quartet and a ladies trio, testimony by the individual members of the Gospel Team, and the inspiring messages by the Rev. John Crouthamel, evangelist, we came to know our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ more intimately. It was indeed a time of feasting and we were filled with its wonderful goodness. Four Junior Intermediates were led to claim Jesus Christ as their own and many rededicated their lives to Christ. The presence of the Lord was felt by all those attending the meetings and we know the results will have far reaching effects.

We of the Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia are looking forward with anticipation to the many blessings which we know are in store for us. Under the leadership of our pastor, the Rev. Walter C. Damrau, the ministry in our new location has been going forward at a good steady pace and we praise the Lord for his many blessings.

Ethel Zabel, Church Clerk.

Eleven Converts Baptized at Joint Baptismal Service in Philadelphia, Pa.

The Fleischmann Memorial and Pilgrim Baptist Churches of Philadelphia, Pa., sealed a new era of co-operation and Christian harmony on March 5, as they united for a joint baptismal service in the Fleischmann Church edifice. In recent days both churches have been working in a closer fellowship than ever before, and this splendid fraternal spirit reached a marvelous climax as together they rejoiced in the harvest which God has given them in their respective areas of the city.

A great throng of people crowded the historic Fleischmann Memorial Church to capacity. Both the main sanctuary and the large adjacent Bible School auditorium were packed, with every auxiliary chair taken and people standing. The rafters shook with songs of praise and adoration. The Ambassadors Gospel Team provided special music for the evening, and several recent converts as well as some seasoned veterans of the Cross thrilled the assembly with their testimonies. The Rev. Walter C. Damrau, pastor of the Pilgrim Church, brought a stirring message on "Unconditional Surrender," and the Rev. John F. Crouthamel of the Fleischmann Church extended an invita-

tion to the unsaved to accept Christ. Twelve adults and young people raised their hands to indicate their willingness to open their hearts to the Lord Jesus.

During the baptismal service which followed, both pastors shared the pool simultaneously. Pastor Damrau immersed six converts, and Pastor Crouthamel five. The Pilgrim choir sang the glad hymns of Zion during the impressive service. Before the service was closed both pastors were disposed to extend a call for those who had raised their hands to come forward in an act of open confession of Christ. To our joy eight responded, among them a mother of one of the young persons baptized, and Brother Damrau's own son! The tears of joy which flowed provided a new fountain of inspiration from which both congregations will draw for many years to come!

John F. Crouthamel, Reporter.

Leadership Training School for Two Philadelphia Baptist Churches at the Pilgrim Church

Surely, one of the most marked evidences of an awakened consciousness to the need for trained leadership in a church is the promotion of Leadership Training schools. Such an interest was manifested by both the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church and the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Philadelphia in a Leadership Training School held in the latter church from March 6 to 10.

Since we were eager to have as instructor one of our denominational men, plans for the school were made many, many months ago. How fortunate we were to have had with us our energetic and seemingly tireless promotional secretary, the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, who taught a class on "Improving Your Teaching." A second class on "Winning Others to Christ" had as its teacher the Rev. J. Crouthamel, pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Church. A third class was taught by Pilgrim's pastor, the Rev. Walter C. Damrau, on "Old Testament Law and History." We wish that space permitted our giving you the gist of some of the courses taught, but the titles alone will allow your imagination to run away with you.

The three classes were taught simultaneously in two sessions of forty-five minutes each. Between sessions we assembled for fifteen minutes of singing, prayer and the showing of moving pictures of our mission fields. How thrilled we were to see the very latest Cameroons pictures, showing our general missionary secretary, the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, and the Rev. Fred Ferris as they became eye witnesses to what the Lord, in cooperation with our missionaries, is doing there. More than that, we had in person for part of the week Missionary Myrtle Hein, recently returned from Africa and veritably "spilling over" with things to tell.

We were happy to have had the fellowship and participation of our sister church in this week of training. Although we had hoped for a much larger school, disagreeable weather

and considerable illness reduced the average attendance to some forty each night. There is no question as to the value that the school had for present and potential leaders of our two Philadelphia churches. Many enthusiastic expressions were heard throughout the week as to the significant contribution one or another of the courses was making upon the individual, so much so, that those in attendance unanimously favored having another school in the fall of this year. We are heartily in accord with the saying: "A well-trained leadership does make a difference!"

The words of 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God . . ." bring a constant challenge to those of us who would make our lives count for the most.

Eva Yung, Reporter.

Annual Rally and \$1000 Gift by Young People's Fellowship of New York Area

The annual rally of the Young People's Fellowship of New York and vicinity was held on Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22, in the Ridgewood Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y.

In the afternoon a business session was held at which time there was a re-election of officers. The yearly report of the treasurer and secretary were read and it revealed to us the progress which we were able to make through the guidance of our Lord. The trustee's committee related to us the changes that had taken place at our Bradley Beach Cottage. The kitchen was renovated and new equipment had been purchased in order to make the Cottage a more desirable place to stay during the summer. As has been the custom in the past, the ministers were again invited to spend a week at the Cottage to hold their annual retreat.

The outstanding matter of business was the recommendation made by the trustees that the Fellowship give \$1000 to the Seminary Building Fund. This suggestion was enthusiastically received and unanimously passed. We praise the Lord for having made it possible to give this gift to aid in the work of his Kingdom.

Following the business session the Rev. Robert W. Cook of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, N. J., brought the devotional message. His words of inspiration showed us how we might "sanctify ourselves through the truth."

The Ridgewood Church provided for a dinner and the fellowship around the tables was enjoyed by all. The meal was excellent and it certainly helped to make the occasion a memorable one. Following the dinner the evening rally was held.

The officers elected during the afternoon were installed by the Rev. Robert Zimbelman and thus our president Mr. Victor Prendiger, along with the other officers will endeavor to serve the Lord for another year in the Fellowship with the aim of attaining greater heights. As guest speaker for the evening the Rev. Thomas Lawrence, dean of the National Bible Institute, gave a challenging and heart



The Newly Dedicated Bulletin Board of the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware Announcing Special Services With Miss Myrtle Hein, Missionary, and the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

warming message. His theme, "What Think Ye of Jesus?", led us to ask ourselves as to what we would answer if we were to come face to face with the question. We are making plans for rallies and other events and pray for the spiritual leadership to carry them out.

Trudy Krinke, Reporter.

Days of Abundant Blessings at the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Delaware

In reviewing the past several months at the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Delaware we find every reason for being grateful to our heavenly Father for the many blessings received. During the summer we were permitted to erect a fine lighted Bulletin Board in front of our church, which serves as a silent minister to invite the people of the community to our services. A fitting dedication service was held to present it to the Lord's work.

Shortly before Christmas a new Hammond Organ was installed which adds much to the attractiveness of our worship services. Just after New Year our church pews arrived. They were quickly assembled and placed in order by our ever-ready workers of our Men's Fellowship.

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 7th, a very impressive dedication service was held in which both, our new organ and pews, were committed unto the service of the Lord. At this time an organ recital was given, with Mr. Collins H. Driggs of the Jacobs Brothers Music Company of Philadelphia as guest organist. Mr. Driggs has long been acclaimed by music critics as the leading exponent of the Hammond Organ.

Our Sunday School too is still on the upward trend and we now have another addition to our active group. This is a Community Christian Kindergarten, held every Saturday morning from 10 to 12 A.M. The objective

is to give busy mothers an opportunity to do their shopping, while their children receive fine religious training along the line of Bible stories through flannelgraph, choruses and handcraft.

Christian Peters, Pastor.

THE AMBASSADOR'S TEAM

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that available dates will go quickly.

The Ambassadors stand willing to serve any denominational church within striking distance of Philadelphia, and they will be happy to correspond with any congregation desiring full information concerning their ministry. It is their prayer that God will use them to the utmost, and that their example will serve to inspire other talented young people in other Conferences to band together in an evangelistic effort which will bring an announcement of VICTORY and 7,000 souls in 1952.

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you can "take the Gospel downtown" in your own community. Whether your community is large or small, there are neighboring towns and villages that will anxiously gather around if someone brings them the "Good News." We hear many say that these are the "last days." So let us get busy as churches of our denomination, for "God is not willing that any should perish." Let us take the Gospel to every creature. Let's do more than "keep going." Let's "take the Gospel downtown."

"And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them."

MARY ARDEN

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Arden as well as anywhere else, but at least she did not have them to battle with, not yet, anyway.

There were Nannie and Randa, and good old Orrin. They plodded faithfully on, apparently satisfied with their life of service, doing their simple work as well as they could, interested in their little church.

Their church. Ah! That seemed a good, sweet place to go to. How glad she would be to get back to it. Would there be any answer there to all her problems?

Would the tall strong gentle young pastor of that little chapel be able to tell her anything that would help her particular situation? Or was his preaching just theories that would not stand practice like those of the kindly white-haired cleric at college?

At any rate, she experienced the keenest longing to get back to that tall young pastor, to sense his great strength as she walked a country road beside him, to watch his merry smile and rest in the carefree joy of him. Would he be there when she returned? Or would he be away perhaps, at some business or religious conference, as he had been for a day or two when she was there before. Her heart sank and she realized how much she counted on seeing him. Yet what a mystery he was! How little she really knew about his private life. When she had been a young girl she had not thought to inquire further than that he was coming over the next day for a picnic, or that they were to go canoeing Saturday. Now she began to realize what a stranger to her he actually was. If her mother, for instance, should discover his existence, and ask about him, what could she tell her, beyond the fact that he lived next door and that he had been in the service? Only that he was tall and very muscular, and extremely good-looking, according to her point of view, and that he was a preacher! A preacher! What would her mother have said to that! Oh, a distinguished scholar in a great city church, well, perhaps her mother would not have objected to a friendship with such a one. But a country preacher, who cared enough to do that on the side, and hold down a regular job besides, apparently a very humble one. Well, her mother did not know of him, and she would take good care that she did not until Mary had had time to learn more of him herself and decide whether she cared to go on with the friendship. Although there was something in her heart now that told her that there had never been a friendship in her life that she did care about as much as this one. It seemed the one fine jewel of her social contacts thus far.

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MISS AUGUSTA PIMPER
of New York, N. Y.

Miss Augusta Pimper of New York, N. Y., our beloved sister in Christ, was born on December 27, 1875 in New York, N. Y. In her youth she accepted the Lord Jesus as her Savior and was baptized by the late Rev. Walter Rauschenbusch into the fellowship of our church. For sixty years she remained a faithful member, was active in the Sunday School, the Woman's Missionary Society, and the New York Baptist Home for the Aged. She took a great interest in our denominational work. Her delight was in the things of God and in the fellowship of his people. Her personality was humble and pleasant. The words of the Apostle Paul can also be applied to her: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day."

After a full year of illness the Lord called her home to rest on January 13, 1950 at the age of 74 years. At the beautiful funeral service, attended by relatives and friends, a duet, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," was rendered by two ladies, and the pastor gave a message of comfort on the text: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish" (John 10:27-28).

Miss Pimper is survived by four sisters: Mrs. Emma Lauterbach, Mrs. Elizabeth Ortlieb, Mrs. Lydia Winter and Mrs. John Ficken; by four nieces, Edna, Gertrude and Harriet Lauterbach, and Mrs. Madeline Ellis; and by one nephew, Mr. Arthur Winter. As Christians we say, "Auf Wiedersehen," in the Father's House.
Second German Baptist Church,
New York, N. Y.

JOHN SCHMIDT, Pastor.

MRS. ISABELLA WAGNER PEPPLER
of Carrington, North Dakota.

Mrs. Isabella Wagner Peppeler of Carrington, N. D., was born on March 4, 1888 at Edenwald, Sask., and passed away on February 11, 1950 at the Jamestown Hospital after complications set in, following surgery.

She was united in marriage to Fred Peppeler on June 3, 1909 at Regina, Sask., and moved to the Carrington community where they established their home on a farm.

As a young girl she received Christ as her Savior and became a member of the Baptist Church of Regina. Following her marriage she transferred her membership to the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church near Carrington. Mother Peppeler was always active in the church and had a great love for it. She served as Ladies' Aid president for many years and was busy with other church duties. Later, on moving to Carrington, she continued her active Christian work at the Calvary Baptist Church to which she belonged until her death. Her interest was in people and she had a cheering word and a helping hand for all. The strangers of the church were welcomed by her, the sick were visited and the distressed were helped. She was a servant of Christ and certainly receives the commendation, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Besides her husband the following children survive her: Mrs. Elmer Okert (Millicent) of Jefferson, Oregon; Mrs. Glen Krause (Ann) of Riverdale, N. D.; Betty of Fargo; Delford and Frederick of Carrington. Surviving also are six grandchildren; three brothers, Edwin of Elmhurst, Ill., Robert of Regina, and Martin of British Columbia; and her mother, Mrs. Sophia Wegner of Bismarck, N. Dak.
Services were held on Feb. 15 in the nearby Federated Church in Carrington to accommodate the host of friends. The pastor brought words of comfort using the text, Rev. 14:13.

Carrington, North Dakota
WILMER QUIRING, Pastor.

THE BAPTIST HERALD

MR. OLIVER J. SCHREPEL
of Madison, South Dakota.

Mr. Oliver J. Schrepel of Madison, South Dakota, was born near Madison on March 8, 1896, and died unexpectedly of a heart attack at the early age of 53 years, 11 months and 16 days on February 24th. At the age of 15, he came to a living faith in Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized by the Rev. Hack into the fellowship of the West Center Street Baptist Church, of which he was a faithful and active member, supporting God's work and the preaching of his Word with unflinching interest, prayer, conviction and a joyful spirit, always loving the Lord and his people.

On May 6, 1931 he married Jennie Dirksen with whom he lived in happy matrimony. Their marriage was blessed with three children who were the joy and pride of his life. It was a severe blow to this happy family when he was suddenly called into heavenly glory. Left to mourn Brother Schrepel's untimely death are his wife, Jennie; the three children: James, 17 years; Joyce, 12 years; and Donna, six years; three brothers: Ed Schrepel of Minot, N. Dak.; Fred of Gary, So. Dak.; and Milton of Madison; six sisters: Mrs. J. Kutcher, Mrs. Robert Backus, Mrs. D. McGowan and Miss Olinda Schrepel, all of Madison; Miss Mary Schrepel of Sioux Falls; and Mrs. Gilbert Krause of Brookings, So. Dak.; and many other relatives and friends.

Brother Schrepel was an upright man, respected and loved by everyone, a devoted husband, a good father and provider, a successful farmer and a fine Christian. He will be missed by his family and by his church.

At one of the largest memorial services in the history of the church a male quartet sang "Precious Promises" and "We Are Going Down the Valley," and the pastor using as his text, "There is But One Step Between Me and Death" (1 Sam. 20:3) spoke earnest words of admonition and of comfort.

West Center Baptist Church,
Madison, South Dakota

Rev. HERBERT HILLER, Pastor.

MR. PHILIP KAMMERER, Sr.
of Elk Grove, California.

Mr. Philip Kammerer of Elk Grove, Calif., was born on June 2, 1875 in Russia. In 1889 he came with his parents to the United States, settling at Eureka, So. Dak. In the year 1897, he was united in holy wedlock with Miss Christian Morlock, with whom he shared life's joy and pain until 1935, when death separated them. The union was blessed with 14 children, two of whom have preceded the father in death. Since 1908 he has been a resident of the Elk Grove community with the exception of the last few years of his life which he spent in Lodi with his youngest daughter, Mrs. Esther Woehl.

In his youth he made a profession of Christ as his Savior and became subsequently a member of the Baptist Church in which fellowship he was active, especially during the beginning of the church at Franklin, Calif. He had a definite part in the erection of the church building there and became one of its charter members. In later years of his life he became disassociated with the church and, as far as we know, never identified himself with any other church.

On Friday, February 24, he passed away at the Stockton Hospital after an extended illness. Those of his loved ones who had intimate contacts with him during the last years of his life state that he affirmed his faith and his readiness to go.

Those who survive him are his six sons: Philip, Solomon, Jack, Ed and Gideon Kammerer of Elk Grove and George Kammerer of Chico, Calif.; six daughters: Mrs. Lena Kantdt, Mrs. Lydia Wolff, Mrs. Maggie Balliet of Elk Grove, Mrs. Barbara Perring of Palo Alto, Mrs. Bertha Nies and Mrs. Esther Woehl of Acampo; three brothers: Jake Kammerer of Lodi, George Wageman of Elk Grove and John Wageman of North Dakota; one sister, Mrs. Lydia Wacker of Elk Grove; 26 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove by the pastor of the church.

Elk Grove, California
W. W. KNAUF, Pastor.

April 13, 1950

MISS MATHILDE W. DE BECK
of Aplington, Iowa.

Here in Aplington, Iowa we were deeply shocked to learn that one of our own church members, Miss Mathilde W. De Beck, was one of those carried to their death in the crash of a Northwest Airlines passenger plane in a blinding snowstorm in Minneapolis, Minn., the night of March 7, 1950. Miss De Beck had just concluded 30 years of service in Federal Government Service, teaching in Federal Indian Schools for 25 years, and working during the past five years in the Pentagon Building in Washington, D. C. She was on her way to Rochester, Minn., to make her home with one of her sisters when she was taken so suddenly.

Miss De Beck was born in Aplington, Iowa on December 5, 1887. Here she grew to womanhood and, upon the completion of her training, returned to her home town to teach school for several years prior to entering government service. In 1904 she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior, was baptized upon the confession of her faith and united with our church with which she remained affiliated until her homegoing at the age of 62 years and 3 months.

She leaves to mourn her untimely death two sisters, one brother, other relatives and friends. Her earthly remains were brought to Aplington where funeral services were held in our church on Saturday, March 11. The Rev. H. Lohr of Parkersburg assisted the undersigned in these services.

Aplington, Iowa

C. FRED LEHR, Pastor.

MRS. ELISABETHA GIESER
ZIEGENHAGEL
of Lehr, North Dakota.

Mrs. Elisabetha (Gieser) Ziegenhagel of Lehr, N. Dak., was the daughter of Frederick and Rosine Wolf, nee Rott. She was born at Paulthal, South Russia, on January 20, 1877. In 1892 her parents emigrated to the United States and settled in the Berlin district of McIntosh County, North Dakota. As a girl she was converted, baptized and became a member of the Berlin Baptist Church. On January 10, 1896 she was married to Frederick Gieser, living with him in happy marriage until his death on Nov. 14, 1933. God blessed this union with seven children, two of whom, Henry and Theodore, died in infancy. They also adopted a nephew, Jacob. In 1914 they moved to Danzig, N. Dak., and became members of the Wishek Baptist Church. In 1927 they moved to Ashley and joined the Ashley Baptist Church.

After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Gieser remained alone for several years, living at Ashley until 1946, when she moved to Eureka, So. Dak., and joined the Baptist Church there. On May 16, 1949 she was married to Fred Ziegenhagel of Lehr, N. Dak., consequently joining the Lehr Baptist Church. In all of these churches she was an active worker, doing her part especially as a member of the various Ladies Aids. During these last few months she seemed to be in very good health. Her death on Feb. 19, 1950 came very suddenly and unexpected. She reached the age of 73 years and 30 days.

The following are left to mourn her passing: her husband; one brother, Henry Wolf, Jamestown, N. Dak.; one sister, Friederike Bentz, Houston, Texas; two daughters, Kathrina Kautz, Artes, So. Dak., and Emelia Eisenbeis, Lodi, Calif.; four sons, Fred F. Gieser, Eureka, So. Dak., Jacob, Longview, Texas, Gottlieb Enderlin, No. Dak., Arthur, Denver, Colo.; twelve grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and five stepchildren.

The funeral service took place in the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr, N. Dak., with the undersigned speaking words of comfort based on John 14:1-6.

Ebenezer Baptist Church,
Lehr, North Dakota

H. J. WALTEREIT, Pastor.

REV. WALTER P. RUECKHEIM
of Chardon, Ohio.

Rev. Walter P. Rueckheim of Chardon, Ohio was born in Germany on November 20, 1869, and was reared by Christian parents in the Methodist faith. As a youth of 20 years, he sought his fortune in America. Coming to Cleveland, Ohio he attended

and was graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea. On September 27, 1899 Mr. Rueckheim was married to Carolyn Templehagen. Into their home six children were born, one of whom, Mildred, returned in infancy to the heavenly home. On December 8, 1932 his beloved wife and mother of the family passed to her eternal reward. After several years Mr. Rueckheim was married to Mrs. Grace Churchill.

As minister of the Gospel Mr. Rueckheim served Methodist churches in Goshen, Indiana, Milwaukee and Baraboo, Wisconsin, and Berwyn, Ill. Then he became rather intimately acquainted with the Grosser family of Forest Park, Ill., and became interested in and a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church. After coming to Cleveland, Ohio he was employed in the Roger Williams Press and ordained to the Baptist ministry on September 27, 1924 in the former First German Baptist Church on Griswold Avenue. Mr. Rueckheim then served Baptist churches in Alpena, Mich., and Kenosha and Pewaukee, Wisconsin. After his retirement he lived in Chicago, Illinois; Needles, California; and Chardon, Ohio.

On Tuesday, February 28, having gone to the mail box to post some letters, Mr. Rueckheim was struck by an automobile and died a few hours later. He is survived by his beloved wife, Grace; five children: Ruth, Mrs. John Wiers of Earl Grey, Sask., Canada; Marion, Mrs. Phil Theines of San Diego, California; Arnold of Needles, California; Betty, Mrs. Harvey Funk, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Walter, Jr., of Chicago, Illinois; eleven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and three stepchildren.

Another career has been written in personal and church annals. Called of God into his service, Mr. Rueckheim rendered a varied ministry with all fidelity and diligence. Now the faithful servant has been called to his reward. May the memory and blessing of his service long remain.

White Avenue Baptist Church,
Cleveland, Ohio

PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Pastor.

MRS. JULIA BERGER
of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Mrs. J. Berger of Bridgeport, Conn., the widow of the late Rev. Emil Berger, who served the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn. from 1922 to 1935, passed away on March 8th after an illness of four months accompanied by much suffering. She was in the hospital for most of this time but returned to the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. Blair, one week before the Lord called her. Uncomplaining and with great patience she bore her cross and longed for her eternal home.

She was born Dec. 12, 1870 in Bay City, Michigan and came to Rochester, N. Y., with her parents. Here she was converted and baptized into the fellowship of the Andrews Street Baptist Church by Prof. Lewis Kaiser in December of 1888. On May 14, 1895 she entered the bond of wedlock with the Rev. Emil Berger and continued with him as a devoted life-partner and as a helper in his ministry at the churches at Meriden, Conn., Jersey City, N. J., La Crosse, Wis., Indianapolis, Ind., and Bridgeport, Conn.

The Lord blessed their marriage with six children, two sons and four daughters, of whom Alvin met with an accidental death in 1935. In May 1944 God called her husband to his reward after a prolonged illness. Our sister served the King's Highway Baptist Church as president of the Woman's Missionary Society for 17 years and maintained an active interest in the welfare of the Lord's work unto the very end.

She is survived by one son, Harold of Milwaukee, Wis.; four daughters: Mrs. Walter Luft of Meriden, Conn.; Mrs. E. Blair, Mrs. R. T. Wegner and Mrs. E. Zissell, all of Bridgeport; and 14 grandchildren. The many floral tributes and the large attendance at the service gave evidence of the high esteem in which the de-

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parted was held. The last rites were conducted by her pastor who spoke on 2 Tim. 4:7-8 and was assisted in the service by Rev. A. Lutz of the Liberty St. Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn.

King's Highway Baptist Church,
Bridgeport, Conn.

GEORGE HENSEL, Pastor.

REV. MAX LEUSCHNER
of Anaheim, California.

Rev. Max Otto Emil Leuschner was born on Feb. 19, 1872 at Mühlberg/Elbe in the province of Saxony, Germany. His parents were devout Lutherans and his upbringing was in the fear of the Lord. Daily family devotion was faithfully practiced and the blessings of God were sought for each day's tasks.

In Jan. 1892 he, together with his younger brother and a friend, emigrated to the United States and settled in the vicinity of Kankakee, Ill. The following year, Feb. 1893, while in Chicago he surrendered his life to Christ, became a born-again Christian and was baptized by immersion into the death of Christ by the Rev. Jacob Meier of Chicago, Ill. That same year he went to St. Louis, Missouri and while there read the life of Missionary Steffens. The reading of that book brought a desire into his own life for missionary work in the service of the Lord. In 1896 while again in Kankakee the Spirit of God spoke to him very convincingly to surrender his life to God for full-time service and to enter the Christian ministry. His church in Kankakee thus sent him to our seminary at Rochester, N. Y. for training, where he spent six years in intense study, 1896-1902.

After graduation from the seminary, he was ordained into the Christian ministry by his home church in Kankakee, Ill., in May of 1902. There he also found the person who became such a wonderful helpmate to him in his ministry throughout his life and who so faithfully and lovingly ministered unto him in his prolonged illness, Emma Seedorf, whom he married on June 9, 1902. Three children were born to them in whose lives his devout Christian influence continues to make itself felt: Martin L., of Forest Park, Ill., editor of "The Baptist Herald" and promotional secretary of the North American Baptists; Paul of Anaheim, deacon of the Bethel Baptist Church; and Esther of Anaheim, church organist.

Mr. Leuschner served the following churches: Waco, Texas, 1902-1904; Los Angeles, Calif. (15th St.), 1904-1911 and again 1926-1932; Spokane, Wash., 1911-1912; Lodi, Calif., 1912-1916; Anaheim 1916-1925: The Lord blessed his ministry in a wonderful way, many souls were led to the Lord, and always the glory went to God. In 1932 he retired from the active ministry, but never from the service of his Master. He made his home near Anaheim, Calif., and continued to exert his influence for his Master's cause. This church will never forget him for his prayers, for he had power with God. His presence will be greatly missed.

For more than two years Brother Leuschner had been quite ill, and since the turn of the year was bound constantly to his bed. On Tuesday morning, March 14th, the Lord quietly called him home to his heavenly reward. During his last weeks he suffered intensely. His age was 78 years, 23 days. He leaves to mourn his loving wife; his three children (mentioned above); one grandchild, Ronald Leuschner; one brother, Arthur of Chicago; and one sister, Mrs. Lena Peterson, of Kankakee, Ill.; and a host of friends and spiritual children.

Funeral services were held at the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., on March 16th. The following ministers participated in the service: Rev. H. Hengstler of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Los Angeles read the Scripture; Rev. P. G. Neumann of the First Baptist Church of Costa Mesa led in prayer; Rev. O. R. Schroeder of Anaheim brought a brief message based on Rev. 14:13; and the undersigned brought the main message based on Ps. 116:15. A mixed quartet sang, "It Is Well With My Soul" and "Abide With Me."

May the Lord comfort the sorrowing hearts. We shall miss him, but we also know that his influence will continue to work for good.

Bethel Baptist Church,
Anaheim, California

R. SCHILKE, Pastor.

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- Rising Through the Dust — the story of the Christian church in China by Archie R. Crouch. 1948.
- Homiletic Thesaurus — Matthew, by Harold Ellingsen. 1949.
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- Notes on the New Testament: Hebrews — by Albert Barnes. 1949.
- The Book of Exodus — an exposition by Charles R. Erdman. 1949.
- Broadman Comments on the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching — Uniform series. 1950.
- My Sermon Notes on the Lord's Prayer — by Rev. William P. Van Wyk. 1949.
- Of Another World — the origin and character of Christ's church. 1949.
- The Cities of St. Paul; their influence on his life and thought; The Cities of Eastern Asia Minor — by Sir W. M. Ramsay. 1949.
- Flagellant on Horseback — the life story of David Brainerd by Richard Ellsworth Day. 1950.
- The Nature of Man; his world; his spiritual resources; his destiny. Edited by A. William Loos. 1950.
- St. Paul the Traveller and the Roman Citizen — by Sir W. M. Ramsay. 1949.
- Children's Missionary Library by Vernon Howard:
Book 1 — David Livingstone.

- Book 2 — Hudson Taylor.
- Book 3 — Adoniram Judson.
- Book 4 — Mary Slessor.

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MY TYPE OF PREACHING

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use, while the pages of other portions of the Bible were almost immaculately clean and gave evidence of not having been handled. That two-volume, interleave Bible declared loudly where I had browsed during those seventeen years for my sermon material.

Although each preacher may be limited in the choice of his texts by his own particular type of preaching, there is nevertheless an inexhaustible supply of truth for the preacher of every type. As God himself has given to each minister his particular endowments, we are happy to know that God never limits himself to the use of any particular type but uses every type according to his own sovereign purpose.

With these tens of thousands of preachers of the Gospel in every type of sermon, I apply the words spoken by the Apostle Paul to myself and say: "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry."

THE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

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and Brother Dymmel. As our voices in music harmonized, so did the concluding days of our conference.

As our hearts were lifted heavenward by the music, so much more did we drink of the Word as it was expounded by the Rev. Fred Ferris. As our devotional hour was brought to a close by the prayers of many of us for guidance, we felt evermore that we could rightly say with the Psalmist, "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised."

Now as we look back on our time at Belo, we are again refreshed in spirit for the work that is ahead. Daily we can thank the Lord for our blessings. One especially sweet time of our conference was the testimony and prayer service on New Year's Eve which ushered out the old year and ushered in the new one. Many were the tears of gladness that washed our faces in those precious minutes as God's goodness was made known.

It seemed that the streams of blessing never ended at any time during the conference. At our Missionary Service on Sunday we were brought very near the Lord Jesus in our communion service administered by the Rev. H. G. Dymmel and the Rev. Fred Ferris. Our offering of over \$235 was designated to the Seminary Building Fund with a prayer that the good seed (the offering) might bear fruit (helpers) for us out here.

Wherever missionaries are gathered, there is always a time of fun as well as fellowship. Three times a day we gathered at one long table to feed "the physical men" with the delicious food so ably planned by Verna Gangstrom and Eleanor Weisenburger. Not always was it a quiet time, but you can be sure it was a jolly time even to the crowning of Ida Forsch as queen for twenty-four hours.

As the conference came to an official closing, we gathered in one complete circle, joined hands, and sang:

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

"When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again."

Whether we are able to meet again in this world, the Lord in heaven only knows, but we do know that we shall meet "some golden daybreak" at the feet of Jesus.

FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Feb. 1950	Feb. 1949	Feb. 1948
Atlantic	\$ 6,581.89	\$ 4,095.19	\$ 1,667.99
Eastern	3,290.95	863.67	1,030.36
Central	7,265.08	3,664.64	5,090.58
Northwestern	9,557.31	3,449.46	3,031.39
Southwestern	10,588.24	2,081.34	2,247.85
Southern	4,014.03	304.30	777.43
Pacific	4,417.83	3,562.95	10,002.11
Northern	2,658.23	913.82	645.60
Dakota	14,495.42	3,271.55	3,776.15
Totals for All Purposes	\$62,868.98	\$22,206.92	\$28,269.46
Less Seminary Building Fund	47,716.89		
Totals Other Contributions	\$15,152.09		

BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS

For the month of February, 1950	\$14,545.44
For the month of February, 1949	20,981.41
For the month of February, 1948	24,900.37

BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1949 to February 28, 1950	\$376,493.19
April 1, 1948 to February 28, 1949	402,443.27
April 1, 1947 to February 28, 1948	461,716.02

BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium

August 1, 1949 to February 28, 1950	234,529.40
August 1, 1948 to February 28, 1949	279,396.64
August 1, 1947 to February 29, 1948	326,675.06