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*Missionaries' Children Look Out to Sea in Africa*

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# DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

## SUMMER CONFERENCES

August 16-20 — **Northwestern Conference** at Parkersburg, Iowa. Rev. E. P. Wahl, Rev. H. G. Dymmel and Mrs. Walter Stein, Speakers.

August 20-26 — **Chicago and Wisconsin Young People's Assembly** at Camp Ripley, Lake Ripley, Wis. Miss Hilda Tobert, Missionary, and Rev. J. C. Gunst, Speakers.

August 20-27 — **Oregon Youth League Assembly** at Twin Rocks, Oregon. Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Gannstrom, Speakers.

August 23-27 — **Southwestern Conference** at Greeley, Colorado. Rev. E. P. Wahl, Rev. Martin L. Leuschner and Mrs. William L. Schoeffel, Speakers.

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## THE LIGHT OF THE DAY

By REV. C. B. NORDLAND  
of Forest Park, Illinois  
I walked the streets in the light of the moon  
Seeking to find the way,  
And the Voice of God fell upon my ear

### SIXTEEN PAGES

This issue has been abbreviated to 16 pages. The reason for this can be read on the next page "Among Ourselves." The August 31 number will have the usual 24 pages, and with inspiring articles, complete news and colorful pictures will report the sessions of the Baptist World Congress held from July 22 to 27 at Cleveland, Ohio.

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Saying, "Walk as you would in the day."

When my heart reached out toward the coveted prize,  
And I said, "None will know, but me,"  
Came the Voice once more: "Enter not that door,  
None may know, but I can see."

And I answered back, and we talked at length  
'Bout the right and the wrong of man's way,  
And in patient love came the Voice from above,  
"You must walk in the Light of the Day."

"There are souls of men that depend on you,  
And your trust you must not betray,  
Let your step be firm and your life be true,  
Walk at night in the Light of the Day."

And my heart made answer: "O Lord, forgive,  
That I thought I could have my way,  
I would be all thine, and my life would live  
In the light of that Perfect Day."

"So, help me O God, and the strength provide  
As I live, labor, love 'long life's way,  
That I may not drift with the world's swift tide,  
But may walk in the light of the Day."

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## AMONG OURSELVES

This issue feels pretty thin. Yes, it has been abbreviated to sixteen pages. It's the only time that this will occur in 1950. The same plan for the succeeding week only will go into effect for "Der Sendbote." As a result, our printing employees at our Publication House will be able to have their vacations without unduly disrupting our operations. Several reports will have to be held up for one issue and the usual number of articles has had to be curtailed slightly. But we shall be back on schedule with the Aug. 31st number that will feature the Baptist World Congress with pictures and reports.

## IN THIS ISSUE

There are "travel adventures" ahead for every interested reader of this number. The eventful career of the disciple and missionary, Peter, is described by the Rev. Fred R. Lemmert in his sermon. Miss Ruby Salzman takes you into the grassland country of the Cameroons, Africa. Dr. George A. Lang is your guide on a trip to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to the new seminary buildings there. The editor meditates upon his experiences on "The Daylight" around Mount Shasta in California. Lots of reports will open windows of news upon our denominational territory everywhere. So get aboard, and let's go places in the reading of this issue!

## COMING

**Baptist World Congress** — The impressive sessions of the Baptist Alliance meeting in Cleveland, Ohio with thousands of Baptists in attendance will be reported as completely as possible with news, articles and pictures.

**Impressions of America** — Brief interviews with the members of the Baptist team from Germany and the reports about their visits to some of our churches will appear in the forthcoming number.

**The Harvest of Souls** — In preparation for the denominational and missionary emphasis at the Harvest Festivals to be held in our churches, especially in the rural areas, Miss Hilda Tobert has prepared a fascinating article about our medical missions on "The Harvest of Souls."



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## BIBLE TEXT

"Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10A).

This is a favorite Bible text for me. It is a good word to be brought back into frequent remembrance. It fits for such troubled times as these. It is appropriate for every season of the year. It is God's word to you and to me for every hour of life.

Quiet times should be the experience for most of us during the month of August. For some they are the highlights of wonderful vacation trips. The slackening of the daily routine brings such quiet times to others. There are other great hearts who seek out these times for quiet meditation because of the deep spiritual needs of their souls. But all of them must find and know the reality of God's grace and goodness in such times of stillness if the blessing of these experiences is to abide with them. "Be still and know . . ."

## A CHRISTIAN HOBBY

It's lots of fun keeping up with some intriguing hobby. It brings rest to weary minds and fills the heart with fascinating interests. Some people love to collect things from buttons and stamps to seashells and china. Others are constantly creating things on the side, such as trying a hand at painting or writing inspirational poems or engaging in dramatic arts. Still others find their hobbies in contacts with people as a result of a great deal of walking or travel.

It would be interesting to find out to what extent the Christian witnesses for Christ with his hobby. It can be the means of making contacts with many strangers and winning their confidence and friendship. It can preach an effective sermon in many ways. Some evangelists have turned their knowledge of rocks into famous sermons on rocks. Many stamps have a unique religious value. Other hobbies have a bearing on Christian truths. Give this some attention in days to come! Let your hobby witness for Christ and for your convictions!

## INTERCEDING

I dreamed the Savior came to be  
My Guest awhile;  
My home was hallowed by his word,  
His gracious smile.  
At evening in the chamber there  
He went alone;  
I listened breathlessly to hear  
An undertone  
That thrilled my very soul because  
It held my name!  
Oh, was it all an empty dream?  
Nay, just the same  
As if within that little room  
I heard him pray,  
He brings my need before the Father  
Every day.

—Opal Leonore Gibbs.

# The Eventful Career of Peter

An exposition of Acts 11:4-17 which demonstrates that a spiritual church or a praying Christian is bound to have an eventful career

By the REV. FRED R. LEMMERT, Pastor of the Seventh Street Baptist Church of La Crosse, Wisconsin

PEOPLE, in general, like to have something happening. There is nothing quite so boring and monotonous as an uneventful day or week. I believe this true of most people. As a young boy on the farm, I know that nothing irked me so much as to have a hot summer afternoon when I was too young to work and it was too hot to play.

It is no doubt true that many young men and women feel that their home or their community has nothing startling for them. So they set out for more adventure. It is certainly true that young and old alike in the average church today like to have things moving. They want to have something to do and to see things happening.

## SPIRITUAL VISION

It is my conviction that a spiritual church or a praying individual is bound to have an eventful record. What do I mean by an eventful record? Well, take the experience of Peter with Cornelius, as an example. It indicates four blessings that a spiritual church may expect.

Going back to verse five of Acts 11, we note that one of the blessings which Peter received was a spiritual vision. You remember when Peter was in that sea-coast town of Joppa, on the roof of Simon the Tanner's house, when he was praying, that he saw a vision of a sheet filled with all kinds of animals being lowered from heaven, which taught him that the Gentiles were equal heirs with the Jews of the gift of salvation.

This vision gave Peter a proper concept of God. "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Peter received a proper concept of God's Word that day. After this experience he did not doubt God's power to reveal himself to his people. Many people believe in the existence of God, but doubt the Bible as being his word. Peter had a lot more sense than many people today. Some would say that he had a bad dream from having eaten too much. Others would say that they have a special pipe-line from heaven and then proceed to establish a new denomination on its strength.

I am a firm believer that if one takes John 7:17 honestly, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the

doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself," he will know and understand God's will. I know that Peter's vision cannot be explained on the basis that he had a bad dream from having eaten too much, because he had not as yet had dinner. He was on the roof-top praying while dinner was being prepared.

Peter not only received a proper concept of God's Word but also of God's saving power. If God is able to change the status of unclean animals, is he not able to change men? Any man? Some social workers who minimize God's saving grace say that it is no use trying to change individuals. But there is no use trying to change society unless one first changes individuals.

The man who disregards God's power to save or change lives is behind time. Many people are like Peter unaware of what God has done. God had cleansed the unclean animals that hitherto had been forbidden. Perhaps you know of outstanding cases where God has wrought his work of grace and power, cleansing some downcast sinner and housing made a new creature of him.

Dr. George S. McCune used to tell of a phrenologist who studied the

scalp of a converted gangster. He read quite a story in the lumps and bumps on the man's head, but he was unaware of what had been done on the inside of the man because of God's power to change a whole life. There is too much preaching today which does not take into consideration God's saving power! Of what use is a church if we do not believe that?

## GOD'S SAVING POWER

There are two extreme positions about God's saving power. Some think they are too bad to be saved; others think they are too good to need saving. That leads me to say that Peter learned another lesson about the nature of God. He learned anew and in a deeper way about God's plan. Verse 14 of Acts 11 indicates that Peter found out how a Gentile could be saved. He had to learn, as did Jonah, that God's love and plan included more than Jews.

Here was a case where God clearly signified that it was his plan to include Gentiles as well as Jews. It is our duty today to realize that we have a duty to get the Gospel out farther than our own doorstep. It must go to EVERY man, woman and child.

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Young people of the Seventh Street Baptist Church, La Crosse, Wis., gather in the church sanctuary with their pastor, Rev. Fred R. Lemmert, (right), before going on a Gospel team trip

## Editorials by Martin L. Leuschner

### Rugged As a Mountain

THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC streamliner is climbing a steep grade through mountainous country, as this editorial is being written. The large train windows frame the spectacular picture of Mount Shasta in all of its rugged and majestic glory. Slowly the train makes a wide circle around the foot of the old volcanic peak until the train passengers can see it from virtually all sides. There it is—this towering white mountain—to impress its enthralling message on every one who has eyes to see and ears to hear.

"Rugged as a mountain"—that is Mount Shasta's sermon. That sounds like some of the mountains described in the pages of the Bible. Throughout all ages people have been impressed by the awesome grandeur of mountainous heights. Their eyes have been lifted heavenward and their lives have become more rugged as a result of intimate fellowship with these mountains. A man is dwarfed into such insignificance by the towering heights above him that he is overpowered by the awesomeness of the scene.

A peak like Mount Shasta is also a reflection of the greatness of God. More than anything else, the ruggedness of the Creator's handiwork is seen in the snowcapped mountains. "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God" (Ps. 90:1). God's face can be seen in the mountain's glory. He has left his imprint as the almighty and omnipotent God in towering peaks.

Such heights rise with convincing power over all the puny arguments of skeptics. The very rugged creation of God's mountains can never be matched by the atheist. A peak like Mount Shasta has had within it explosive forces and creative powers that have been beyond man's ability to master. Such is the greatness of our God and Creator reflected in the ruggedness of the mountain!

Mount Shasta is also the picture of timeless glory. When you look up at a mountain, you are confronted by the ages of long ago. Indians first saw this peak many years before the white men discovered it. As with God, so a thousand years are but as a day for a mountain. People come and go in the short span of generations. But the winter snows fall for centuries upon the unchanged face of the mountain. It stands among all the ruins of man's civilization as a symbol of the things that are timeless and eternal. For they point to the truths of God and the realities of the Spirit that will never pass away, even when the mountains and the earth are no longer. Remember that when you see the ruggedness of a mountain like Shasta.

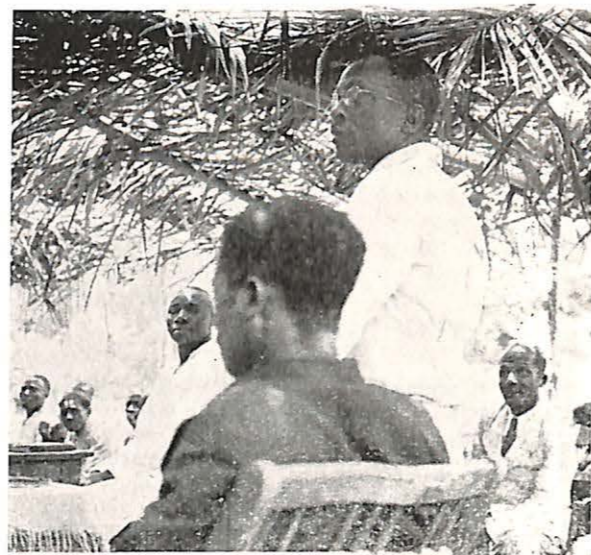
A soul needs the vista of mountains from spiritual cleansing and inspiration. Things are seen in their right perspective when you lift up your eyes to the heights with awesome wonder. You begin to understand more fully the greatness of the omnipotent God. You are confronted by the timelessness of God's truths and the abiding glory of divine realities.

It has taken the train several hours to encircle Mount Shasta. That has been a blessing, for the mountain continues to preach to my heart. Oh, that my soul might be as spiritually rugged and serene as Mount Shasta, towering above all that it surveys!

# Fruits of the Gospel

The story of Thomas K. of Mbem, a shining light for Christ in the Cameroons, who is now studying for the ministry at a Baptist Seminary in Nigeria

By MISS RUBY SALZMAN, Missionary-teacher in the Cameroons of Africa



Some of the fine Christian workers in the Cameroons as "fruits of the Gospel" are leading this important out-of-door conference in Africa

WE WERE approaching the close of our first teachers' meeting in the New Year. We were discussing the changes in personnel in the teaching field and reporting on what was happening to our workers in the Evangelism Field.

"Do any of you know Thomas K. of Mbem? He's going to Ogbomoshia for pastors' training."

"Oh yes," spoke up our Standard V teacher. "He is my boy." That phrase means something quite different out here. Often our school teachers take on a little boy who had no other means of support in school, and financially he does become "my boy."

## NOBODY CARES!

The teacher went on with the story. "I was teaching in Mbem at the time the Gebauers were at that station. One day I noticed one of our little boys lying on the ground and crying while the other children were out working in the garden. 'Why are you crying?' I asked him. 'Because I'm hungry and have no food.' I took him to my house and gave him something to eat."

"The next day I went to see the Court Clerk of Mbem who was keeping this boy in his house. I asked him about little Thomas and he told me that Thomas was not his boy and was not related to him. But he told me that if I wanted him to go to school, I could go and talk to his father. The next day I went with the little boy to visit his father who, of course, said he could not afford to put the child in school."

"However, the father was not too interested in the boy. Had he been a girl, the parent could have looked forward to getting dowry when the marriageable age was reached, but a boy is only trouble since the father has to pay dowry to get a wife for him. In the end, the father told me I could take the boy and put him into

school. I brought him to the station and kept him in my house. He showed keen interest in the work and especially in the Bible study.

"He continued to stay with me, and I provided funds for him to go on even while I went on to the Teachers' Training Centers. When he went home with me on holidays, he would sit around the fire with my younger brothers and tell them Bible stories. At one time he complained about not having a Bible, so I gave him the one that Miss Reddig had given to me. Even as a young boy he was interested in church work, and asked me if I thought he should go into teaching of the Word of God in the churches."

"When he graduated from Standard School VI in December, 1946, there was an opening for him in the teaching profession in the schools, and he asked me if I thought he should go into teaching. Would it hinder him in his work for the Lord? I advised him that it was probably a steppingstone toward the work he wanted to do."

## TEACHING AT MBEMBE

The following month Thomas began his teaching career down in Mbembe area where the going was hard. Since there was no church teacher stationed in that village, the teacher had to take over the work of the church on the Sunday when the evangelist was off to another village. The response of the people was not what we had hoped, and he had to live right in the midst of all the dirt and filth. For two years he labored there, another teacher joining him the second year.

I quote from a letter that he sent me in September 1947. "... for it is difficult to keep a new teacher at such a great distance where it is hard

for visitors to be visiting. In fact, this is not the exact job God wants me to do for him. What I wrote for when we were writing for our applications is the job. If not, I could not have been receiving much trouble here. I am also always troubled in my thoughts for this, to be well trained and to be able to bring out the real way of spreading Christianity. Allow me to inform you that I regretted to hear from you of the large amount of salaries teachers are to have nowadays. I beg to say I am not for money but for life everlasting. I will be delighted to know where I will be trained and date of starting."

## A TESTIMONY

Our own Bible School was just getting started at that time, and had not yet gained prestige in the eyes of our natives. Several other teachers were interested in Bible training, but they all wanted to go over to Nigeria to a recognized school. Thomas was no exception, and because we could give him no hope of going there, he continued on in the teaching field for another year.

In August of 1948 the following note came to my desk from him: "I, T. B. K., a sinner, have given my life to Christ Jesus, to die a cruel death of whatever trouble comes in his Name. When I die, of the few things I have, three-quarters belong to the Church of Christ (Cameroons Baptist Mission) and one-quarter belongs to my family and wife if a wife is mine."

You can imagine my reaction to such a paper, for never before had a native sent me such a document. I wondered at the time if he were slowly going mad in that place, or if he were in some serious trouble with the Mbembe people.

Later in the year I asked my teachers to send in compositions that I might help them in correcting their

English. One of the subjects I gave them was on, "How I Became a Christian." I pass on to you as "Baptist Herald" readers the composition which Thomas submitted.

"I was brought up in a poor family of men, women, boys and girls totaling seventeen members. My father was and still is a faithful man in heathen worship and is also the leader of our family. Our family, though large, has only two Christians out of these seventeen. I am the second one that has been baptized.

"At the age of twelve I had my admission in Cameroons Baptist Mission School, Mbem in 1939. There I met with a company of men, women, boys and girls agreeing to one exact and true God. I was very much attracted with the true God's Word and the sweet songs praising his Name. I joined in contact with them. I started discovering good and bad. I was as a new man when I came in contact with the congregation, for I was made blind by Satan who caused me not to see good, made me deaf, unable to comprehend any good talk, and made my hands and feet not to be swift.

"As time went on I became more and more interested in church and school matters. Of all the sermons that were taken in the church, one of them made me to be weary always in my play, sleep and school. It was taken in the book of John 3:3, 7 which says that without a new birth no one will see the Kingdom of God. Before that I had learned in the school in E.C.L. lessons (Education in Christian Living) in Matthew 24:29-31 that in Jesus' second arrival, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will come down from heaven, all the people in the world will have sorrow, and that, after these have taken place, Jesus will appear. As I stayed long, I dreamed that Matthew 24:29-31 was taking place and I was sad in my dream for John 3:3-7 had not done. When my dream was over, I said within myself that I must do what John tells me. Then I joined the group of Inquirers and became a Christian."

## A SEMINARY STUDENT

Shortly after the writing of these compositions Thomas came in again to speak about Bible training. This time I told him that he could not hope to go on to Nigeria before he had had a year in our own Bible School. This seemingly made him see our school in a different light, and by the end of the year he came in to tell us that he was ready to go to Belo for the coming year. We did not contact each other during that year, but reports came back that he was at the head of his class.

Just before he left Belo, he told Missionary Ganstrom that he was ready to go back to his own people at Mbem as a church teacher, but he

# Seminary News Flashes

Latest News About Faculty Appointments and New Buildings of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

By DR. GEORGE A. LANG, President

ONE OF THE TASKS of the Board of Trustees of the North American Baptist Seminary at its annual session in May was the appointment of two new professors to the faculty. Calls were extended to the Rev. Herbert Hiller of Madison, South Dakota and to Dr. Ralph E. Powell of Chicago, Illinois. Both of them have responded favorably and will assume their responsibilities on the faculty with the opening of the Fall Semester at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

## REV. HERBERT HILLER

The Rev. Herbert Hiller will fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Dr. Albert S. Felberg to accept the position of general denominational evangelist. He will have the Chair of Old Testament. Besides the Old Testament courses, he will also teach Evangelism and Missions. Mr. Hiller is a graduate of our Seminary in the class of 1934. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has been the successful pastor of a number of our churches, the last one being that of the West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison, S. Dak.

## DR. RALPH E. POWELL

Dr. Ralph E. Powell is a member of our Bellwood Baptist Church near Chicago, Illinois, where he served most acceptably as pastor for a short time. He is a graduate of the Northern Baptist Seminary, where he received his B.D. degree in 1946. At its last commencement in May he received the degree of Doctor of Theology in the department of theology. For the past three years he has been on the faculty of the collegiate department of Northern Seminary and has taught courses in Christian Education and Sacred Music. Dr. Powell received his Ph. B. degree at Loyola

did not want to accept any salary from the Mission. If his people felt that he was doing any good among them, they would not let him go hungry and would provide him with the necessary food and clothing.

Word of his sincere attitude spread among the missionaries, and even the delegates from home were impressed. It was small wonder that at the Missionary Conference it was voted that he should be sent immediately to the

University in Chicago. He is also a musician and has held positions requiring such ability. He has served successfully as assistant pastor and as pastor in several churches in the Chicago area.

The coming of the Rev. Herbert Hiller and Dr. Ralph Powell to our faculty increases its strength and also the development of our curriculum. Thereby the faculty again reaches its full number of five full-time instructors. New courses can be added to the number that are already offered.

## NEW BUILDINGS

Progress is steadily being made in the construction of our new buildings. The exterior brick work is completed and the interior work is being pressed. We are pleased and enthused as we look at the beautiful structure. It was thought at first that we might look to October 1, 1950 as the possible date for the dedication of the new buildings. Because of several delays, however, the building will not be completed by that time. We therefore look to the first part of November as the time for the dedication and one hundredth anniversary celebration. No definite date can at this time be given, but watch the denominational periodicals for the announcement of the definite date and plans.

It is still our hope that the Fall Semester will begin on September 13th and that arrangements can be made for such an opening. Each student and prospective student, however, will be personally contacted by mail if a change should be necessary. Other young men and women who plan to study in preparation for Christian service as pastors or missionaries are asked to write for further information to the Registrar or the President, Box 457, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. We are pleased to send our catalog to any one who may be interested.

Southern Baptist Seminary in Nigeria. What will be the outcome of this adventure in the Lord is hard to say, for the best of them fall very easily into temptation. However, we feel that with the prayers of the missionaries on the field and of the people at home ascending to the Throne of grace in his behalf, he will run with patience the race that is set before him. Pray with us that his faith will not fail.

# What's Happening

● On Sunday morning, July 9, the Rev. Rudolph Woyke, pastor of the Bethel Church, Salem, Oregon, baptized seven converts on profession of their faith in Christ. He preached on the topic, "I Would Be True" at this service. On Sunday morning, Aug. 6, these seven and four others were received into the fellowship of the church at the communion service.

● On June 16 and 17 the young people of the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union of Chicago and vicinity held their annual retreat and pre-assembly retreat at Camp Watervaliet, Mich. About 40 young people attended. Plans for the camp at Lake Ripley, Wis., from Aug. 20 to 26 were announced. Officers for a two year period were elected. They are Ed Wolf, president; George Salzman, Jr., 1st vice-president; Red Lindberg, 2nd vice-president; Wm. Wright, treasurer; Arlene Anderson, secretary.

● Mr. Walter E. Howen of Lodi, Calif., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Howen, received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at graduation exercises of the University of California at Berkeley, Calif., on June 16. Dr. Howen and his wife, the former Gerry Dingfield of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., and their two children, Larry and Marilyn, have their home in Lodi, California, where they are members of the Temple Baptist Church. On July 1st, Dr. Howen began an internship at the San Joaquin General Hospital, French Camp, Calif.

● The Rev. Albert Itermann, whose resignation at the Tyndall Baptist Church of South Dakota was announced in the July 20 issue of "The Baptist Herald" is available for evangelistic meetings, for an interim pastorate, or for special services. His address in Yankton, S. Dak., is announced on page two of this number. On Sunday, July 2, he and the Rev. J. C. Gunst, as former pastors of the Baptist Church in Wishek, N. Dak., brought the messages dedicating the new \$90,000 church edifice in Wishek, as reported elsewhere in this issue.

● The Rev. George W. Zinz, Sr., pastor of the Forest Baptist Church near Munson, Pa., was recently elected moderator of the Clearfield Baptist Association composed of 17 Baptist churches in Clearfield, Cambria and Jefferson Counties of western Pennsylvania. The annual meeting of the association was held in the First Baptist

Church of Reynoldsville, Pa. Mr. Zinz also had the honor of presenting diplomas to the graduating class of the Cooper Township High School in June. He is the vice-president of the Board of Education in the township.

● Evangelistic meetings were held at the Baptist Church of Whitemouth, Manitoba, from June 19 to 30 with the Rev. Daniel Fuchs of Winnipeg, Manitoba, serving as evangelist. The challenging and spirit-filled messages stirred many hearts to live closer to the Lord and several persons were saved. A baptismal service was held by the church on Sunday, Aug. 13, in which the Rev. Fred Ohlmann, pastor, baptized several converts. The Prayer and Service Society of the church held its anniversary program on June 10th. A native missionary in the Cameroons of Africa is being supported by the society.

● The days of June 4 to 14 were days of spiritual enlightenment for the Rosenfield Baptist Church of rural stirred many hearts to live closer to the Anamoose, N. Dak., as the Rev. John Reimer of Gackle, N. Dak., served as evangelist. During these days the Christians were led into a better understanding of God's Word and one young mother was brought to the Lord Jesus Christ. The annual Sunday School and church picnic was held on July 4 with the Rev. Aaron Buhler as guest speaker. A happy time of Christian fellowship was experienced by all in attendance. The Rev. R. C. Schmidt is pastor of the Rosenfield Church.

● About July 12 Mr. Arthur Schwerin of Burlington, Iowa underwent a major surgical operation at the University Hospital of Iowa City, Iowa. He has made a wonderful recovery and is now at his home in Burlington, Iowa. Mr. Schwerin is the chairman of the finance committee of the denomination. He has also served effectively as manager and director of the Seminary Building Fund campaign and as the chairman of the Committee on Hospitality and Arrangements for the 1949 General Conference at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

● The Rev. Marvin Bostow has succeeded the Rev. Harry Friesen as pastor of the Baptist Church at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, beginning June 26th. Mr. Bostow has been a member of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., and has attended the Northwestern College for three years and

the Northwestern Bible School for four years in Minneapolis. He was ordained at Max North Dakota in 1946. He served the Community Baptist Church at New Prague, Minn., for 23 months. His wife is a former president of the Kansas C.B.Y. and S.S. Union.

● The West Baltimore Baptist Church of Baltimore, Maryland, has called the Rev. E. H. Grose of Baltimore as its pastor to succeed the Rev. Gustav Schmidt. He began his ministry in the Baltimore Church on July 23rd. Mr. and Mrs. Grose have three sons, two of them serving as ministers. One of the sons still goes to school. A farewell service for the Rev. and Mrs. Gustav Schmidt, after 28 years of faithful service in the church, was held on Sunday morning, July 9, at which many expressions of appreciation and gifts were extended to the Schmidts by representatives of the church. For the present Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt are enjoying a rest in their trailer house as they go from place to place.

● On Tuesday evening, July 4, the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, held a social gathering in the church annex to express its appreciation to the Rev. and Mrs. W. Helwig for their ministry during the past 8½ years. With a deacon in charge, a program was held in which words of appreciation were expressed by representatives of the church and a fine envelope was given to Mr. and Mrs. Helwig. Mr. Helwig is engaged temporarily in a business venture in Dallas, but he will be happy to follow the Lord's leading and assume another pastorate if such a door should open to him "within the next year, or even sooner."

● Mrs. Albert J. Ramaker of Rochester, N. Y., was "called home" by the heavenly Father on June 26th after a lingering illness with considerable suffering. She was 86 years of age. She was widely known throughout our denomination as the wife of the late Professor A. J. Ramaker of our Rochester Seminary. Her winsome ministry to seminary students through several generations will be remembered as a memorial to her. Her pastor, the Rev. O. E. Krueger, has prepared a wonderful tribute to her which appears on page 23 of this issue. It deserves to be read with prayerful gratitude by every "Baptist Herald" reader.

● On Sunday, July 2, the Rev. E. Gutsche, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak., had the joy of baptizing 13 persons into the death of Christ. The candidates were the result of conversions in homes, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School and revival meetings. The scene of their public testimony was an open air meeting on the shore of Big Stone Lake, S. Dak. In the evening the pastor extended the hand of fellowship to the newly baptized and to a woman who was received by experience, whose husband and two sons were among the newly baptized. Recently the annual week of Vacation Bible School was observed with 32 children, four teachers and the pastor as superintendent. On July 6 the church enjoyed a concert, given by the "Gospel Harmonizers" of our seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

## SPECIAL REPORT

### Ordination Service for the Rev. Herbert Schauer at Ashley, North Dakota

With joy-filled hearts we as neighboring churches assembled at the Ashley Baptist Church of Ashley, N. Dak., on July 2nd for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Herbert Schauer into the ministry of Jesus Christ. The host pastor, the Rev. W. Stein, opened the afternoon meeting with songs, Scripture (Titus 2) and prayer. The afternoon meeting was for the purpose of examining the candidate, and at which time he gave a clear, concise and convicting statement of his conversion, call to the ministry, and his doctrinal beliefs. The council was overjoyed at his statements and wholeheartedly agreed to recommend Mr. Schauer to the church for ordination.

The evening service was set aside for the ordination service. Mr. Victor Priebe, a student at our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., led the song service. Scripture, taken from 2 Cor. 2:14-17 and 3:1-8, was read by the Rev. R. Dickau, and the Rev. J. C. Gunst led in the opening prayer. Prof. R. P. Jeschke of Sioux Falls brought the ordination sermon, speaking on "A Spokesman for God." The Rev. W. Stein offered the ordination prayer.

This was followed by the different charges. The Rev. A. Krombein gave the charge to the church. The Rev. W. J. Luebeck gave the charge to the candidate, and the Rev. Theo Frey welcomed Mr. Schauer into the ranks of the ministry. Mr. Schauer's home church presented him with a beautiful Bible, Mr. H. Gehring, the elder deacon, making the presentation. Mr. Schauer responded with words of gratitude. The Rev. R. Dickau then presented the candidate with a certificate of ordination.

With the singing of another hymn, the service concluded with the Rev. Herbert Schauer pronouncing the benediction. Mr. Schauer is the new pastor of the Dickinson County Baptist Church, near Elmo, Kansas.

R. Dickau, Pastor.

## C. B. Y. and S. S. U. Herald News

Appears Every Issue To Keep You Up-to-date on North American Baptist Youth and Sunday School Activities



Rubin Herrmann, (left) and Walter Hoffman (right) of Sioux Falls Seminary and Medicine Hat, Alberta, who are working in Southern Conference churches this summer.

### YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

August 27 — "Parables of Jesus" (Completing a Bible Study in Mark) by Rev. Ray L. Schlader, Racine, Wis.

September 3 — "Do I Have To?" by Rev. Adam Huber, Linton, North Dakota.

### A DUO DOWN SOUTH

Down in Texas in July, your Herald News reporter met the team of Herrmann and Hoffman. Ruben Herrmann and Walter Hoffman, whose smiles greet you at the head of this column, are the two Sioux Falls Seminary students who are working in the Southern Conference this summer under the Youth Service Plan of the denomination. For several years now, our Southern Conference young people's organization has asked for two Seminary students to spend the major part of the summer in their twelve churches.

Smallest in numbers, our Southern Conference is wonderfully aglow with spiritual enthusiasm, and, accordingly, the project has won more friends every year. For this summer, President Lang of our Seminary recommended Rubin and Walter, who have just completed their sophomore year in college and will be Juniors in the seminary next fall. Both come from our church at Medicine Hat, Alberta.

At school, they are members of an all-Canadian quartet, "The King's Stewards," which has already proved a great blessing to Sioux Falls and vicinity and will tour our churches next summer.

Rubin and Walter carry on a varied ministry. They sing solos and duets beautifully and are adept at leading congregational singing. They have taught in Vacation Bible schools, conducted community visitations, revival meetings, study courses, and regular church services. Together they attended the young people's encampment at Latham Springs, Texas and the annual Southern Conference sessions at Waco, Texas, blessing both these large gatherings with their music and testimony. Nearly everyone down South has heard them and everybody rates their ministry as "tops," a rating in which your reporter wholeheartedly shares. With their splendid predecessors in this summer ministry, Rubin and Walter have forged strong bonds of love and loyalty which link our Southern Conference to the seminary and denomination.

Mr. Milton Lippert of Waco, Texas, Southern Conference council member and national vice-president, arranged the boys' schedule, in cooperation with local pastors and churches, and the Conference CBY raises \$800 for this unique project, and amount which covers the students' expenses and helps other summer workers throughout the country.

You are asking the question already: Why couldn't we have two students in our part of the country? The answer is, Probably you could. Why not make some plans in your group and write Rev. J. C. Gunst about the possibilities for Summer, 1951.

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### MORE GOOD NEWS

About 300 persons were present for the Saturday night youth rally at the Northern Conference held in Leduc, Alberta, from July 5-9. On the closing Sunday afternoon there was a great tent meeting of all delegates, visitors and young people. One young person accepted Christ and seven more stepped out for full-time service.

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South Dakota young people report a fine camp at a new site, Lake Herman near Madison, S. Dak., with about 90 young people in attendance for the week. The Ganstroms and the Rev. J. C. Gunst were the instructors. They propose to raise \$5000 of the \$8000 Dakota Conference "Cameroons Crusade" mission project.

# 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 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. As far as she was concerned, the wedding was off! On the train back to Arden, she thought happily of the old house and of friends, and especially about the tall, strong young pastor of the little Ardenville chapel. The next Sunday morning she heard him preach a simple but dynamic Gospel sermon. It was a thrilling service for her. At the beauty parlor, Sylva, the hair dresser, talked about Laurie as "a good for nothin' fellow" of years ago. One evening she carried out a prearranged plan by phoning Mary while Laurie was with her and asking her why she had taken away her date for the night. Laurie left soon thereafter for Sylva. Mary Arden went to her bedroom disillusioned with Laurie and with life. Even God seemed to be farther away than China.

## CHAPTER NINETEEN

SUDDENLY Mary flung herself down on the bed and sobbed into her pillow. Great shaking, heart-broken sobs that made no sound because they were too deep. It seemed that she was utterly alone. There was no one to go to. This dark place she had come to in her life was full of terrors and uncertainties and she must tread it alone. Would she ever get through it?

A long time she lay, letting her grief have its way. Her thoughts were in a riot of confusion. She kept hearing Sylva's coarse sneering voice demanding her "boy friend." Laurie Judson and Brooke Haven seemed to be one in her mind because of their deceit. She pictured Laurie at a night club or roadhouse dancing close to Sylva, and she felt like screaming. She was whirled ruthlessly round and round in a torrent of bewilderment. She did not hear when Orrin closed and locked the front door for the night. She wandered for hours in the maze of her own wonderings and reasonings.

At last in her despair and utter helplessness, feeling the need of someone outside of herself to rescue her from the frightening torrent of her distress, she cried out in her heart, "Oh, God, if you really are my Father

now, if all this that I have learned is true, help me now!"

Then from somewhere in the depths of her memory came sounding words that she had heard, words from the Bible, spoken in Laurie's little chapel last Sunday evening by an old man with weatherbeaten face, but a look of peace shining from him, as he prayed in response to Laurie's request. His voice had been so confident in its quiet praise that Mary had raised her head a mite and glanced out of the corner of her eye to see who this was that knew God so well and had such cause for praise. His white hair was thin, his collar was frayed but clean and stiff with starch, his hands were worn with work, but his heart was glad. She seemed to see him now as the words he had spoken came back to her:

"And we praise Thee, Lord, for the way our Savior measured all the deep waters in our path and brought us through. We know He always will! He'll never leave us to drown in them!"

Ah! That must be wonderful assurance, to know that as the old man knew it. And where else had she heard something like that? These words seemed familiar. "He'll always bring you through." Of course! Those were dear Mrs. Judson's last words to her the other day as she left the house. And she had given her some other advise, too, a warning.

Mary forgot to sob out her sorrow while she tried to recall what Mrs. Judson had said. It was something to the effect that the devil was going to put trouble in her path, and that God might actually allow it in order to test her faith. Strange, that trouble should come so soon. It was almost uncanny, after Mrs. Judson's warning. Could this thing that had happened to her possibly have anything to do with the step of faith she had taken last week? Most of the people she knew would mock the idea. But it was reasonable to suppose, if any of the Bible was true, and if she really was allied with God now in a new way, that whatever enemy of God there might be would try to hinder her progress.

"He will try to make you think that all this is not true," Laurie's mother had said.

In a sort of fright Mary sat up on her bed. That was just exactly what she had been tempted to do this last hour, to throw aside all that Laurie had taught her and Laurie's mother had taught her, and all she had read in the Bible, because she had found a weakness in one of her teachers. Laurie himself had said that nobody, not anybody was just right.

Then came the same disturbing little thought to Mary: "Perhaps he was trying to excuse his own sins in that way."

But she had read enough in the Book for herself now to know that "All have sinned" was God's word, not simply Laurie's.

At last she got up and went to her bathroom and washed and dried her eyes. Then she took the little red Testament from her pocket that she had slipped there when Randa came to call her to the phone, although it gave her a new pang to remember that it was Laurie's and its place was always in his vest pocket nestled close to his heart. She shook her head trying to throw off such thoughts.

"I will read and read, and read," she said to herself, "till I come to something that I can understand and be guided by."

The soft little book opened easily, yielding to her hand. She leafed over the pages, reading a verse here, a verse there, most of them those that Laurie had marked with a red pencil. "Oh, God, show me! Give me some word from You. I'm so alone!"

Then she turned again, and this time several pages slid by and she saw a long verse marked heavily in red.

"Beloved," she caught her breath. It was as if Laurie had sent that message to her — oh no, how foolish and confused she was — is was God's word, not Laurie's. She read the word again and dwelt on it, it was so comforting. "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you as though some strange thing happened unto you." Mary's eyes opened wide and she sat amazed scarcely ready to go on farther; the verse spoke her own situation so plainly. "Think it not strange" — she had been thinking it so very strange that all this should come to her! "Fiery trial." Oh, how fiery no one but God could know. To have her almost lifelong ideal smashed in an instant as hers had been and to be left alone to face the scorching fact! Oh, this Book knew about things like that!

Then she read on, breathlessly, eagerly, half thinking to find her own name and Laurie's there, and all the details of her life!

"But rejoice —" Rejoice! How on earth could she rejoice in what gave such frightful pain?

"Rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings —" Par-

takers. She was not alone in this, then. Some One had been through suffering like this before. She knew enough to realize that not a soul that ever lived had gone through such sufferings as the Son of God went through. Then in some way she was being permitted by this thing to share in the mystery of what He went through. He had known what it was to suffer alone. He had promised never to leave His own alone. In a vague way Mary could see that as she stood with Jesus Christ in this trial, trusting Him in spite of everything, she was being given the honor of sharing what He went through. Oh, she could not have stated as a theological doctrine the reason for the suffering of God's children, but it thrilled her to think that she might have some part with Him by standing true to Him in this trial.

She looked down at the Book again. "— that, when His glory is revealed ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

Mary could not understand much of that last part. The glory seemed a long way off to her. But she did realize that God had joy and brightness and glory waiting somewhere at the end of all this.

There was a recent date written in Laurie's hand on the margin of the verse. Had Laurie, too, been subjected to a fiery trial lately? A testing? And would God bring him through? Perhaps that was the reason for the sadness she had noticed on his usually merry face. She had not the slightest suspicion that Laurie's trial might have anything to do with her.

After that when the thought of Sylva came again she put it away from her. Let God work that out for Laurie and bring him through!

"And He has promised to bring me through!" she said aloud, wonderingly. She took a deep breath and laid the little book down reverently. "I guess that ought to be enough to rest on."

It was long past midnight but for the first time she realized that she was very tired. She undressed swiftly and crept into bed with more peace in her heart than she had had all the evening.

But she was wakened early in the morning by another telegram. This time it was not from her mother.

As Laurie walked swiftly the long half mile to Sylva Grannis' house he tried to forget for the time being the girl he had left. He was still puzzled over her summary flight up the stairs before he had scarcely started away. Even though she might have been hurt at his leaving her she would not normally have left him as she did. But he had an errand to do now and he must be prepared. So he tried to fix

his mind on some Bible verses that would make simple and plain the way of salvation for a dying soul. But nothing seemed to come to his mind but the scornful hurt look in Mary Arden's beautiful eyes.

At last he asked his Heavenly Father for help in this coming situation, whatever it might turn out to be, and mounted the three steep little steps up to the house. He could see a dim light upstairs. That must be where the sick girl was. He wondered what had taken her so quickly. He knew Sylva Grannis, that is, he had seen her about town ever since he was a boy. He had never liked her. Yet here she was calling on him as a messenger of God to point the way to Him. The old thrill came over Laurie as he realized the warmth that could come into his heart toward a seeking soul, even though he did not like her personally. What a miracle that he found himself willing and glad to give up his coveted time with Mary Arden in order to help this poor lost one across the border. How marvelous that God had chosen him to do it!

Such were Laurie's exalted thoughts as he rang the bell and pushed open the door.

There was Aunt Carrie popping up right at the entrance.

"Miss Grannis sent for me." He motioned upstairs. Aunt Carrie nodded to him to go right up. With serious mien he mounted the stairway.

He thought he heard a rustling sound and hurrying tiptoed steps as he neared the door where a dim crack of light showed. Perhaps Sylva was sick enough to have a nurse. But when he tapped and went in there was no one in the room except Sylva, and she was lying quite still in her bed, as if she were too weak to turn at his coming.

She was clad in a most revealing black lace nightgown. Her shoulders and arms were much too plump and fleshy for a sick or dying person, but of course a heart attack might have seized her suddenly. Laurie could not help noticing how coarse her skin was and how fat and pudgy her arms. But he discarded the passing thought as unworthy of his errand.

For several seconds Sylva lay without opening her eyes, to let her visitor take in the full effect of what she considered her appeal.

Laurie was beginning to wonder whether he should waken her, or whether he had better step out and come some other time. She did not look so very near to death, he thought. But the light was dim and he was not skilled enough in such cases to be sure.

Just at the psychological moment Sylva slowly opened her eyes.

"You've — come — at — last!" she breathed faintly.

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## AN EVENTFUL CAREER

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Not only did Peter have the blessing of a new and clearer vision but he also had the blessing of divine guidance. Note in verse 12 that it says, "And the spirit bade me go . . ." Just as the praying man has an enlarged vision, so he has the privilege of being guided of God. To have God clearly guide one on important or little matters takes the monotony out of life. To go to a Gentile house and to eat as well as preach was an entirely new experience for Peter.

You will also find that if you let God guide you daily, he will make your life eventful. They may not be spectacular events, but they should not be despised. It was because Paul was guided by God that he did not go up into Asia, but came over into Macedonia and opened up Europe for the Gospel. The words of Proverbs 3:5-6 are true today. "Lean not to thy own understanding, but in all thy ways, acknowledge him and he shall direct thy ways."

"We entered into the man's house," we read in verse 12. These were open doors of service for Peter. That is what every spirit-led servant of God seeks. It was not only the homes of those people, but into the hearts of his hearers that Peter entered. What we are all praying for is that we may see these doors as they open, and then go in.

We are not left in this world to be administered unto, but to minister and to pour out our lives in service. If any Christian looks around he will find more doors of opportunity than he can ever possibly enter! Certainly, every Christian wants to see doors of service open to him and also to find a fruitful harvest of souls.

A fruitful ministry crowned Peter's consecration. Verse 15 indicates the fruitfulness of his work, "And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning." What does a fruitful harvest depend upon? First of all, it depends upon a clear and faithful preaching of the Word. It is God's Word and that only that he has promised to bless. Second, it depends upon the working of the Spirit in the hearts of the hearers. To elaborate on this somewhat, one can say that it will depend to a great extent upon the measure of our zeal and hard work, on prayer and faith, on love and patience, and on the cooperation and faithfulness of God's people.

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## WORTH QUOTING

"I do not know of anything that America needs more today than men and women on fire with the fire of heaven; and I have yet to find a man or woman on fire with the Spirit of God that is a failure." — D. L. Moody.

# REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



## Pacific Conference

### Vacation Bible School for One Week at Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

The Vacation Bible School of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., was held from June 12 to 16. Our total enrollment was 101 and our average daily attendance was 88. The offerings during the week for the Cameroons amounted to \$22.70.

Our school was directed by our pastor, the Rev. John Wobig, assisted by nine teachers in the five departments. Lydia Anderson served as secretary and Jordyce Moeckli as pianist. Since we tried to cover a two-weeks' course in one week, we were kept busy with Bible study, Scripture memorization, handwork and singing, but we still found time for recreation.

On Sunday, June 18, the closing exercises were held in which we tried to show the parents just what had been done by answering quiz questions. After the program the parents and friends viewed the exhibits of handwork. It was an enriching experience to work with these boys and girls and we are confident that the work done will not be in vain.

Martha Kepl, Reporter.

## Eastern Conference

### Baptismal Services and Special Events at Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa.

The Central Baptist Church in Erie, Pa., has had a very blessed time during the past few months. We engaged in evangelistic meetings during April and eleven persons were baptized at that time and many of our young people re-consecrated themselves in the service of the Lord. At a recent service five more converts were baptized, one being from the Open Bible Tabernacle.

We had the pleasure of entertaining the convention of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Eastern Conference over Decoration Day. The Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom and the Rev. J. C. Gunst brought inspirational messages. It was a fine conference with everyone enjoying the fellowship. At the banquet on Saturday night, John Crow was the toastmaster and Les Crago led the singing, followed by an inspirational message by Mr. Gunst.

The souvenirs which were given to each guest were made by our young people and the Rev. Paul D. Ford. They were shell favors made up of



Leaders and winners of the Sunday School attendance contest held by the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, N. J.

Right to left, back row: Elmer Muller, Sunday School superintendent; Joseph Balogh, contest director; Joseph Mingoia, asst. contest director.

Front row: Carol Harris, Robert Steinke and Nancy Steinke, contest winners.

hundreds of tiny shells. The centerpiece at the speakers' table was an elaborate affair made by Mr. Ford, consisting of all kinds of sea life to shells.

The Central Baptist Church is growing spiritually and in members. Our Vacation Bible School had an enrollment of 63 children in attendance, staffed by nine teachers.

Mrs. C. W. Knoblock, Reporter.

## Atlantic Conference

### Successful Sunday School Attendance Contest at Walnut St. Baptist Church, Newark, N. J.

Because joy attaches itself to growth, we of the Sunday School of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey, have been rejoicing over the many visitors who have been with us at our sessions.

With the able leadership of our superintendent, Mr. Elmer Muller, an attendance contest was begun on March 12th. Every member from the Primary Class through the Teen-Agers was given an airplane. The pilot then named the plane, and it was placed on a runway, to take off on its tour of the Baptist fields around

the world. To advance, a point system was devised giving one point for each of the following: attendance, on time, perfect class attendance, memory work and visitors. Some of the Baptist fields visited were: Forest Park, Ill.; Green Lake, Wis.; Cameroons; Providence, R. I.; Burma, etc. A five-minute talk was given by Joseph Balogh concerning the work at each stop.

On May 8 we were just a few pupils short of doubling our attendance of a year ago. On June 11, Children's Day, the winners were announced. First prize of a week's vacation at Percy Crawford's Mountainbrook Girls Camp went to Miss Carol Harris of the Junior girls' class. Second prize, a Kodak camera, went to Robert Steinke of the Intermediate boys' class. Third prize went to Miss Nancy Steinke of the Junior girls' class. She received a pair of roller skates. The names of their planes were, "Jesus Saves," "Gospel Crusader" and "Happy Flyer," respectively.

The winner brought eighteen visitors to Sunday School, six of whom have become regular members. A fifteen per cent increase in attendance was recorded. Each person who participated in the contest received a "Certificate of Recognition," a prize pencil, and their own airplane. Our theme song for the contest was: "Christ Will Our Pilot Be."

Joseph Balogh, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference

### Sixty-one Children Enrolled in Vacation Bible School at Hebron, North Dakota

The Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., was privileged to conduct a very successful Vacation Bible School from June 5 to 14. We had done a lot of planning in advance and were very happy to enroll 61 children. This was one of the largest attendances in Hebron for many years.

Our teachers were: Mrs. Frey, Mrs. Fehr, Mrs. Klein and Miss Stading. Mrs. Sailer and Mrs. C. T. Rempel were in charge of the music and singing. The Rev. C. T. Rempel served as supervisor. On Sunday evening this school came to a close with a program in a more than crowded church.

We hope and pray that the seed sown during these days may result in the salvation of all the children in attendance and also in the extension of the Kingdom of God.

C. T. Rempel, Pastor.

### Festive Dedication of \$90,000 Baptist Church Edifice at Wishek, North Dakota

It was a glorious occasion for the members of the First Baptist Church of Wishek, N. Dak., to dedicate their new edifice to the glory of God on Sunday, July 2. Only through the grace of God, humble prayers and unwavering faith were our dreams, which began with the building of the basement church in 1935, realized.

The church was completed at an approximate cost of \$90,000. The style of architecture is contemporary with a beautiful tower and steeple 70 feet high. The entire building is finished in brick. The main entrance is 16 by 18 feet. Next to the entry is the rotunda with a stairway leading into the church. The main part of the church or the sanctuary is 46 by 76 feet and has a seating capacity of 300. The choir loft can seat 32 singers. The inside walls are of plaster and all the windows are of amber glass as are the 25 foot high amber glass windows in the entry.

A recessed baptistry has a mural as a background and heavy velure drapes in front. The large window above the baptistry facing east has an art glass window with a picture of the "Good Shepherd." The pulpit and other furniture are of matching oak. The church has nine different classrooms, a downstairs auditorium, a mothers' room, a completely modern kitchen and two washrooms with ceramic tile on both walls and floors. It also has a complete set of Schuler Carillon Bells with amplifying system and hearing aids.

Five of our neighboring churches and their pastors were our guests for this dedication service. The Rev. E. J. Faul, pastor of the church, welcomed the different pastors and friends and led in the dedicatory prayer. Appropriate music was rendered by the choir and ladies chorus. Miss Dorothy Michaelson, who is a C.B.Y. member, gave an appropriate musical reading. In addition to this, the Rev. Albert Ittermann favored us by singing two of our favorite selections.

The Rev. A. Ittermann of Yankton, S. Dak., and the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., both former pastors of our church, were the guest speakers. Both pastors brought challenging messages which inspired us with greater determination and zeal to work for our Master in winning souls for Christ.

Approximately 900 people attended the morning and afternoon services and a total of \$4,314.94 was received to be applied on the church debt. The friends and members of our church enjoyed lunch and supper served in the basement of the church by the women.

The church was beautifully decorated with large bouquets of seasonal flowers. Truly, the new edifice is an imposing structure, and we are thankful to God for it.

Mrs. Vernon Herr, Reporter.

### South Dakota Young People's Assembly at Camp Lakodia Near Madison, South Dakota

The days from June 27 to July 2 passed much too quickly for those who attended the South Dakota Commissioned Baptist Youth Assembly held at Camp Lakodia near Madison South Dakota.

Each day was begun with devotions around the flag pole. Three class periods were scheduled each day, besides our daily chapel and evening services. In the senior department, two of the classes were taught by Rev. J. C. Gunst, our national youth secretary. The topics were "Making Disciples," and "Teaching Our Youth."



The newly dedicated \$90,000 Baptist Church edifice at Wishek, North Dakota

The other class was taught by Rev. Herbert Hiller. He led us in a study of "The Christian Life," based on the book of Romans. The Junior department was under the direction of Rev. Alvin Wetter, assisted by Mrs. Hugh Bronstad.

Our chapel services were directed by Rev. B. F. Taylor and Rev. Hugh Bronstad at which time many of our young people took part. We were privileged to have the Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom with us for the weekend and were challenged toward a greater missionary endeavor by the messages presented at our chapel services and also at our evening and Sunday services. One of the highlights of our camp were the campfire services held each evening. At this time, we gathered together to sing choruses and many young people in open testimonies consecrated their lives to Christ.

On Friday afternoon we held our annual business meeting at which time the following officers were elected: president, Miss Lorraine DeBoer, Corona, S. Dak.; vice-president, Miss Lucille Wipf, Emery, S. Dak.; secretary, Miss Donna Jung, Madison, S. Dak.; treasurer, Miss Sena Plucker, Chancellor, South Dakota; dean, Rev. B. F. Taylor, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; choir director, Mrs. Herbert Hiller,

Madison, S. Dak.; and chairman of "Commissioned Crusaders' Club," Mr. Maynard Hoekman, Corona, S. Dak. The Lord richly blessed us and we are looking forward to next year when we will again be able to gather together for another blessed week of fellowship with Christ.

Lorraine DeBoer, Reporter.

### The Dakota Conference at Sidney, Montana, Considers "Evangelism, our Conference Challenge"

The Dakota Conference of the North American Baptists responded to the invitation given by the Baptist Church at Sidney, Montana, by convening there from June 21 to 25. There were 108 delegates, and 40 out

of 55 churches were represented.

Sidney is a fine progressive town located in the fertile, irrigated valley of the Yellowstone River. The Chamber of Commerce in Sidney offered the use of its wonderful High School Auditorium for the services of the conference. The Rev. Otto Fiesel, pastor of the local church, and Mayor Ball of Sidney welcomed the delegates and friends.

The conference theme was "Evangelism, Our Conference Challenge." The theme was divided into subjects dealing with methods and means of evangelization. The special speakers for the conference included the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt of Austria; Prof. A. Bretschneider of the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; and the Rev. H. Palfenier, our denominational evangelist. Mrs. Thomas Lutz of North Freedom, Wis., the National Woman's Union treasurer, spoke at the women's meetings.

We pray that the subject of evangelism with all the phases so nobly presented by these speakers and the conference pastors will result in a great ingathering of souls during the days that are ahead. The business sessions were under the direction of the moderator, the Rev. A. Krombein of Eureka, S. Dak.

H. Renkema, Reporter.







The start of the Vacation Bible School parade from the Grace Baptist Church of Sheffield, Iowa, into the downtown streets of the community in which the children and teachers eagerly participated.

## Northwestern Conference

### Vacation Bible School at Baptist Church, Sheffield, Iowa, With 126 Children Enrolled

To the tune of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," a parade of scholars marching uptown announced the opening of the Vacation Bible School of the Grace Baptist Church of Sheffield, Iowa. Held from May 29 to June 9, with an enrollment of 126 children, the school had a high average attendance because of a successful canvass made of the entire community beforehand and because transportation was provided by teachers and church members.

Messrs. Jacob Ehman and Walter Sukut, students of our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., ably assisted in the teaching ministry, besides nine local teachers and helpers. Scripture Press material was used throughout the departments. A goodly number of children accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

The closing program given on the last Friday evening demonstrated to the many parents and friends something of what had been accomplished during the two weeks of Bible instruction, memory work, singing and handicraft in each department.

Our pastor, the Rev. H. Smuland, directed the school. The Rev. Ethel

Ruff of Edmonton, Alberta, whom we were happy to have serve us in the capacity of evangelist each evening of the first week, was also of great assistance and blessing to the school.

Mrs. Harry Niehouse, Reporter.

## Southwestern Conference

### Annual Program of the King's Daughters' Society, Emmanuel Church, Marion, Kansas

On Sunday evening, May 7th, the King's Daughters' Society of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas, presented its annual program to which the sister churches, Durham and Strassburg, were invited.

The Rev. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois, presented through his film projector the latest activities of the missionaries in the Cameroons, West Africa and Canada.

Our Society sponsors several mission projects during the year, one of which is the support of the native teacher, David Williams, in the Cameroons. We have also made sun-suits and quilts for the Bansa Baptist Hospital in Africa.

Following the program, members of the King's Daughters' Society served tea from a beautifully appointed table.

Miss Marie Meier, Secretary.



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Refreshments are being served to members and friends of the King's Daughters' Society at its anniversary program in Marion, Kansas

## One Hundred and Three Children at the Kansas Scripture Memory Camp

The Kansas Scripture Memory Camp was held at Camp Fellowship, 17 miles southwest of Wichita, Kansas, from June 5 to 8. Our very capable dean, Rev. J. R. (Jack) Kruegel, was on hand for the first arrivals and maintained splendid leadership of the camp throughout the three days and nights spent there.

The supper hour of the first evening found all of the 1950 campers registered and housed. The total enrollment reached 103. The girls were in the majority with 63 and the boys numbered 40. The official staff, other adult workers and teachers totaled 31, thus bringing the total camp to 134.

Mr. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford was on the job again as camp manager with the usual efficiency which has characterized his office since the beginning of Kansas Scripture Memory Camps. Mrs. William Wirth of Vesper, our faithful registrar and "general camp factotum," registering, housing and showing that "motherly" oversight of all the youngsters with their hurts, bruises and homesickness in her own inimitable way.

Six classes were held each morning according to age and courses of Scripture Memory work completed. The following pastors served as teachers: Harold Fischer, Bison; John Wood, Vesper; Henry Baerg, Durham; William Trow, Elmo; John Kroeker, Marion; Loyal Funk, Marion (Strassburg); and Theo. Dons, Ellinwood.

One phase of our camp program which contributed to the spiritual emphasis of the entire group was the unique private devotional periods. There were three during the day at 9:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M. and 9:30 P.M. Each camper received a mimeographed sheet after each meal which served as a guide for his meditation and prayer. At the given time sacred music was played over the loud speaker sending everyone to his cabin for devotions.

Merle Brenner of Mt. Zion and Bob Hildebrand of Stafford provided a well organized program of recreation. Walter Kohrs of Lorraine and his boys took the award offered each day for the neatest cabin.

Each afternoon at four o'clock we enjoyed "Indoor Fun" hour. During this time Rev. Fred Ferris of Lorraine showed Christian films and moving pictures of our Cameroons mission field which he took while in Africa this past winter. Mr. Ferris told us many interesting and challenging things about the great work that our missionaries are doing there.

Inspirational messages were given by our own ministers. Following the message each evening and the final activity of the day was a camp fire meeting where all the camp gathered for chorus singing and testimony. This furnished an appropriate climax of the day's activities and sent us to our cabins with the feeling that our fellowship for the day had been enriched because of that higher fellowship with God.

Aaron A. Stackhouse, Reporter.