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 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 Gansstrom, Speakers.

August 23-27 Southwestern Conference at Greeley, Colo. Rev. E. P. Wahl, Rev. Martin L. Leuschner and Mrs. William L. Schoeffel, Speakers.
 August 28-Sept. 3 — Atlantic Conference Young People's Assembly at Denton Lake, New York.
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AMONG OURSELVES

A few weeks ago the executive heads of our various denominational cooperating societies met in Cleveland, Ohio, to plan for the evangelistic program for our churches during 1950-1951. This will be a continuation of the inspiring program that promulgated the Conferences on Evangelism. A new approach will be announced to the objective for this triennium of 7000 converts to be won for Christ. The challenging theme of Christian stewardship will try to enlist every North American Baptist as a personal soul winner for Christ. Watch for the detailed announcement about this new evangelistic program which will appear soon in our denominational publications!

IN THIS ISSUE

There are many interesting contrasts in this number. The sermons by the Rev. Rudolph Woyke of Salem, Oregon, and the Rev. Hugh Bronstad of Chancellor, S. Dak., are quite different in approach but equally inspiring. God's open doors in the Cameroons are contrasted with the missionary ministry of youthful workers this summer on this continent. The tragic results of the Red River flood at Morris, Manitoba, are described by the Rev. William Sturhahn. The report of the annual session of the Children's Home Board reviews our denominational ministry to little children. There's great blessing in such Christian service, even in a smile, as the editorial emphasizes.

COMING

An Eventful Career — This message about the Apostle Peter by the Rev. Fred R. Lemmert of La Crosse, Wis., will be illustrated with pictures from the ministry of the Seventh St. Baptist Church of La Crosse.

Fruits of the Gospel — Miss Ruby Salzman, who will soon be on her way home from Africa for her furlough, has a wonderful way of telling stories from the Cameroons field, as this fascinating article will reveal to the reader.

Seminary News Flashes — In this brief article Dr. George Lang, president, will announce the latest news about the Seminary faculty, new buildings and probable dedication date. Do not overlook these important announcements.

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Editorials

by Martin L. Leuschner

The Blessing of a Smile

SOME OF THE GREATEST blessings of life come in little packages. You cannot buy some of the most priceless treasures of life with money. There are times when we can exert a tremendous Christian influence with so little effort and with such amazing ease. But only too frequently we pass by these golden opportunities of Christian service.

Have you ever thought of the blessing of a smile? It is the window of Christian testimony through which a soul shows the reflection of the glory of Christ who dwells within. It is the channel of scattering the light of good cheer and spiritual uplift to others. It is the means of warming another's heart that has been chilled by discouragement and despair.

Most of the things which we do in life require some preparation. Not so with a smile! It is one of the most spontaneous expressions of life if it is the natural outburst of the soul. A true Christian cannot help smiling if the beauty of Christ is in his heart.

At a filling station there was this sign: "If you cannot stop, smile as you go by." Someone called this "alert advertising." It is that, but it is also far more. It is the secret of the blessing of a smile in the midst of life's hurried throng with all of its pressure of burdens and tasks, we can show our Christian radiance and joy with a smile.

Dr. William L. Stidger tells the story how one day, as an experiment, and for the sheer adventure of it, he followed a smile all day long for the purpose of writing an article about it for a magazine. He saw a newsboy smile at a man to whom he sold a newspaper. He followed that man down the street, saw him infect ten people in one square, then saw him get on a bus and smile at the conductor. More adventures followed. That businessman was finally told about the experiment in his office by Dr. Stidger. The newsboy was invited for lunch as the guest of the businessman, and the story of the smile was told to five hundred businessmen. "This," said Dr. Stidger, "again started the contagion of smiles on a wider round."

The greatest blessing of a smile is found in its rebound. It can be a spiritual tonic for your own soul. It can lift the horizons of good cheer for your own heart. It can enable you to look at other people with greater sympathy and deeper understanding. It can win a large circle of friends to enrich your life. The blessing of a smile always comes back to its original source, laden with many good things which it has brought with itself on its round of pleasant duty.

Joy takes us to the heart of Christ's message. Rejoicing is at the center of the Apostle Paul's admonitions. A smile should be the most real thing about a Christian, the most natural expression of his outlook on life. There's blessing in a smile, as Christ takes this testimony of our lips and fills it with the glory of his Spirit.

BIBLE TEXT

"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).

A sense of urgency must fill the soul of any person who considers life seriously. That note sounds even more emphatically for the one who is living under orders from the Almighty God. This is the day of grace; this is the hour of opportunity. No one can foretell what the immediate future will bring with it. The night can break in upon us at any time when the words, "too late," will be sounded tragically over us.

This is the divine example of the Lord Jesus Christ. These words of his in John 9:4 must inspire every one of his disciples to earnest, decisive action. This is our best preparation for the uncertain events of the future. "I must work the works of him" who has commissioned me "while it is day!"

SUMMER WORKERS

A splendid corps of youth workers and general representatives of our denominational societies has spread out over the area of our churches for the summer months. They are ministering as workers at Vacation Bible Schools, missionaries on home mission fields, promotional representatives at various conferences, speakers and teachers at all kinds of gatherings, and missionaries from the Cameroons at home on furlough. No corner of our denominational territory has been left untouched by these workers. Their ministry is being rendered under the auspices and at the expense of the General Conference. It is an important part of our general denominational advance. It will undoubtedly be of interest to every reader to see the complete list of the seminary and college students serving under the Youth Service Plan who belong to this company of summer workers. Look for the list on another page of this issue.

HARVEST FESTIVALS

The Harvest Festivals observed by many of our churches are essentially missionary programs. They are the expression of thanksgiving to God for the blessings received in harvests. They should be the inspiration to us to lift up our eyes upon the spiritual harvests of the world. In order to assist our churches in Canada and the Dakotas to emphasize this missionary spirit at these Harvest Festivals, the program material for the Sunday Schools will be distributed among all of our churches late in August or early in September. Missionary articles and program suggestions for these Harvest Festivals will be published in forthcoming issues of "The Baptist Herald."

"The Hour Is Come"

A communion meditation with deep spiritual meaning that leaves the touch of God's beauty and purpose upon the Christian believer

By the REV. RUDOLPH WOYKE,
Pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon

"These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee." John 17:1.

JESUS was very conscious of the time factor in life. All of his activities bore the imprint of a plan and pattern in which the time element played no small part. A few examples will suffice to illustrate this fact.

Jesus had been active in the regions of Galilee for some time. He had fed the multitude of five thousand, had walked on the sea, and had reproved the people for their carnal views. Many turned their backs on Jesus and walked no more with him. Jesus, however, continued his labors there, instead of going to Judea where the Jews sought to kill him.

TIME PATTERN

His brethren, filled with prejudice and suspicion, advised him to go to the Feast of Tabernacles, celebrated on the 15th of September at Jerusalem, where he could work openly among the leaders of his day. Jesus then said to them, according to John 7:8, "Go ye up unto this feast; I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come." He implied that it would be perfectly all right for them to go because they had no purpose or pattern in life.

The world had no quarrel with them because they bore no testimony against it. It was different with Jesus. His life moved according to a definite pattern and purpose and one false move might precipitate the world's fury upon his head before the time.

A while later Jesus made another statement regarding the fitness of a certain time. It was after Judas had plotted to betray and to sell the Lord. The disciples came to ask where he wanted to keep the Passover. He told them, as is recorded in Matthew 26:18, "Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples."

It was here that Jesus spoke the words of our text: "The hour is come." These words were spoken in

prayer and God understood them. He always understands sincere prayer. Perhaps we have not understood the words too well and thus ask, "What kind of hour was it that had come for Jesus and what significance does it have for us and all mankind?" Jesus can best answer that question for us.

HOOR OF SUFFERING

His words indicate that it was an hour of suffering. After Peter's great confession, Jesus instructed his disciples to tell no man that he was Jesus, the Christ. We are further told that "from that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem and suffer many things" (Matthew 16:21).

To Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, who came to Jesus by night, the Lord said, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up" (John 3:14).

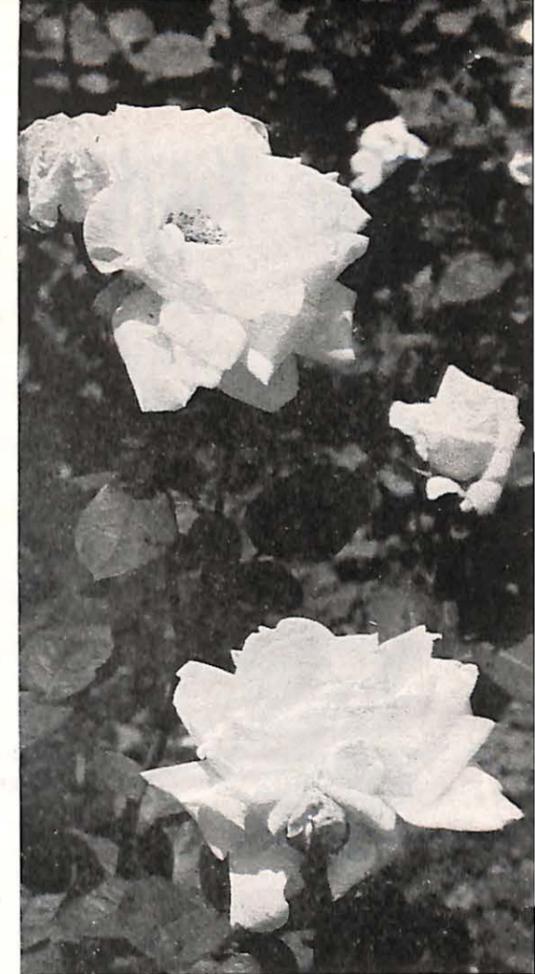
Jesus accepted adversity. He took no short cuts to meet suffering prematurely, but when the time came, he stepped on the scale of suffering with divine confidence and was not found wanting. We must all learn to accept adversity. In this life we are going to meet some suffering.

A man is said to have lost his job. A year later his wife died. The following month his son was killed. He then sat around thinking, "How unfortunate I am! Why did this have to happen to me?" We hesitate to criticize him too severely because most of us would react the same under similar circumstances, but that it not the way Jesus responded to suffering.

HOOR OF DEATH

Jesus indicates also that the hour that had come for him was the hour of death. John comments in the 13th chapter of his Gospel that Jesus knew that his hour had come when he should depart out of this world. Fortunately, we do not know the hour of our departure from this world. Such a knowledge would make suffering more intense. Physicians tell us that death itself is not too terrifying, but the suffering of which death is the result is by no means light.

Hezekiah, the king, was told to set his house in order because his death



—Photo by Samuel Myslis
God's touch brings beauty and glory to every flower and every worshipful service in his sanctuary

was at hand. He bemoaned this fact very much and prayed unto the Lord about it. God graciously added an extension of fifteen years to his life. When Jesus' hour of departure from this world came, no extension was added. When the hour came, the world nailed the radiant and beautiful life of the Lord to Calvary's Cross and he died. When Jesus' hour of death came, he prayed.

HOOR OF GLORY

Jesus would have us know further that the hour which had come for him was an hour of glory. "Glorify thy Son," he said. The wonderful thing about the Lord is that he can turn anything into glory. To suffering and death, Jesus brought glory. He turned the cross into glory for the penitent thief.

Paul says in the fifth chapter of Romans that because we are justified by faith we glory in tribulations. Do we glory or grumble in our tribulations? Suffering undoubtedly has written its mark of glory upon many a face.

Finally, Jesus would have us learn that the hour which had come for him was one of complete salvation of men. "And this is life eternal," he says, "that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom

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The Kind of Preacher the World Needs

A Sermon "Straight from the Shoulder"
by the REV. HUGH BRONSTAD of Chancellor, South Dakota

"And Micaiah said, As the Lord liveth, even what my God saith, that will I speak." 2 CHRON. 18:13.

THESE ARE the Words of a man who didn't mind shooting straight from the shoulder. Neither did he care on whose toes he stepped. He was more concerned with pleasing God than man. He knew that if he preached straight from the Word, it would hurt the feelings of some people. But he also realized that if he didn't preach the Word as it is for men as they are, it would hurt God's feelings.

Some people ask why the world is in the condition in which it is, and what has brought about so much hell and destruction over our country. The only answer I have is that the majority of the preachers have sold out to the devil, and have compromised with the world and are not preaching, "Thus saith the Lord."

MODERNISM'S WEAKNESS

We know that modernism has done much harm and has sent many to hell, not trusting in the Lord. Modernism has no message, for it denies the only hope of the world, a supernatural Bible and a supernatural Christ. It is rooted in evolution and therefore rotten at the source. It denies the corruption of the human heart and the need of blood atonement. It calls weakness what God calls wickedness, and recommends culture instead of Calvary, polish instead of pardon. It has tried to revise the Bible, to streamline the Gospel, to remodel heaven, to explain away the devil, and to aircondition hell. It has no Hallelujah's. It never produced a revival. It has never saved a soul or converted a sinner, never transformed a dope fiend into a disciple or a criminal into a Christian. It is form without power and force, a religion without redemption.

Our churches will never get to first base by imitating service luncheon clubs. We have emphasized programs and propaganda and pep, when what we need most are passion and power. When the love of God is shed abroad in your heart, it will not be necessary to encourage you with picnics and prizes to do the will of God.

Samson may have looked better after he had his hair cut, but he lost his power. The world, the flesh and the devil have given the churches a haircut. Churches have become conformed rather than transformed. The churches have gone to sleep and if we expect to see a change in the present day in which we live, then we will

have to have preachers like Micaiah who wasn't afraid to tell the king what God had laid on his heart, whether it suited him or not.

MICAHIAH'S FEARLESSNESS

Micaiah wasn't afraid to condemn sin and to preach the full Gospel because of someone in the church who might get mad and never come back anymore. He didn't put on his glasses to see who occupied the pews before announcing his text.

Micaiah wasn't afraid of being out of a job because he took dead aim at the influential sinner on the front seat. The patch on his clothes did not make him think that perhaps he had no call to preach. His only anxiety was to please God whom he served and trusted with all his heart.

It was not his habit to sugar-coat and to soft-soap so that there was no power or punch left in his sermons. He didn't care about making a reputation for himself, or getting his name in the headlines as a great preacher or a good mixer. Neither did he lose any sleep because his preaching was not popular.

Jehoshaphat, King of Judah, entered into an alliance with Ahab, king of Israel, against the Syrians. While the former was visiting the latter in Samaria, Ahab proposed a battle against Ramothgilead. Ahab was one of those chaps who liked to move around in the spotlight. He was not particular whether he wrecked the whole "shebang" or not, just so he got off with the goods.

When Jehoshaphat came over the hill into Samaria, he looked as good to Ahab as a fried chicken does to a preacher. "I'll hand him a line and get him to take part of the punishment," thought Ahab. It was one of the first entangling alliances. Jehoshaphat's trouble did not happen all at once. He began to let down the bars gradually. Nothing is more dangerous than to compromise with God's enemies.

DIVINE GUIDANCE

Jehoshaphat fell for Ahab's scheme, for Ahab sweet-talked him, told him how happy he was to see him, asked about the family back home, and finally came to the question saying, "I'm having trouble with these Syrians, and you have come just in time to help me teach them a lesson." Jehoshaphat consented, but proposed that they first inquire of the Lord to learn his will. There was the difference between these two kings. One wanted divine guidance; the other did

not. Ahab cared nothing about God; all he wanted was to advance his own selfish interests. Jehoshaphat was honestly trying to serve the Lord. He didn't want to go into battle unless he knew it was the will of God.

What was true of those two kings is still true of every member of the visible church today. Some want to know God's will; others are not concerned about what God would have them to do. These latter ones are in the church for the loaves and fishes, not because of their love for Jesus Christ. They never pray before they undertake. They never try to find out what God thinks of their lying, cheating, stealing, drinking and gambling.

Let a preacher go into his pulpit and pull the lid off some of their sins, and they are shocked to death. They begin to raise a howl, and want to run the old-fashioned preacher out of town. Let him mention things as vulgar as hell and they are thrown into hysterics and nervous fits. A sermon by a man filled with the Holy Spirit bores them to death. The kind of preaching they want is that which will allow them to go to church on Sunday and then live like the devil through the week without losing their self-respect. They do not mind hearing about the sins of others, but want nothing said of their own low-down ways.

GOD'S PROPHET

"Have you a prophet who will make known the will of God?" asked Jehoshaphat. "A prophet?" said Ahab, throwing out his chest. "Why, yes, we have plenty of preachers." No doubt, old Ahab thought he would leave the impression that he was very religious.

So Ahab sent for his preachers, and it wasn't long before they were all lined up. The leader of this crowd of false prophets was a fellow named Zedekiah. It seems that he had gone to a blacksmith shop to have a pair of horns made to fit his head. With these he gave a performance how he could push the unarmed men into the ground.

Zedekiah said to Ahab, "With these thou shalt push Syria till she be consumed." He advised Ahab to call out his army and send them marching at once.

Somehow Jehoshaphat couldn't feel right about the whole thing. So he turned to Ahab again saying, "Is there not here a prophet of the Lord besides, that we might inquire of him?" "Ah yes," said Ahab, "there is one, but he is a peculiar kind of preacher.

If You Would Lift, My Friend

A Poem by MISS IDA GLEWWE of St. Paul, Minnesota,
a Member of the Riverview Baptist Church

If you would lift,
'Tis not the strength or might you may possess
Or brawn and sheer vitality;
'Tis not the power you would employ,
Or iron grip you would apply
To move the hill's locality.
No, 'tis not the strength in human form
That lifts the soul that is forlorn
Or tossed about and desolate,
Forgetting friend, bemoaning fate.
Mere strength will always fail
To lift aright — and hope prevail.
Great strength and power do have their place,
But rarely does the impress trace
The lines of joy and sweet content,
The look of peace that's heaven sent
Upon the face of man.

If you would lift,
Then you must laugh, but not with scorn,
Nor sneer or scoff or ridicule,
And not a snicker or a grin,
But a laugh comes from within,
Born of the peace of heart and soul,
A laugh that shows its trust in God,
Whate'er the state, whate'er the task,
No matter if the path's rough shod,
It ripples forth, it fills the void
And finds its echo, hundredfold,
Within the heart of man.

If you would lift,
Then you must love, but not strong-willed,
Not prompted by a greed-filled heart
That claims whate'er it meets as mine,
And seeks reward for deeds and time
Spent selfishly; vain words impart
To those who need true love instilled.
Nay, you must meet the deeper needs
Of human hearts with cares and woes,
With love that like the spring o'erflows
To give to all that be a-thirst
A kindly word, a helping hand.
Your love must be a kindling flame
That brightens hearts, that eases pain,
And gives both hope and strength again,
Restores the faith and gives command
Within the soul of man.



—Eva Luoma Photo

A prophet of ability and good in some ways but he is a fanatic."

He continued: "This fellow never prophesied anything good for me in his life. So in order that brotherly love might prevail, and that some very rich, influential and highly connected people might not withdraw their support, I had to have him locked up. But to give you a chance to see for yourself the kind of hot-headed fanatic he is, I will have him brought out." So he sent for him. In a moment the way opened and Micaiah was led before the kings.

Jehoshaphat, no doubt, noted as this faithful man of God walked to the front, that it was with firm, steady

steps. His knees didn't tremble, and there was something in his eye that would make a lion take a second look before he leaped. Micaiah stepped forth like a man who knew he had a message from God. He was not dressed in fine raiment, but there was something about him that convinced Jehoshaphat that this man knew more about God than all the rest of that bunch together.

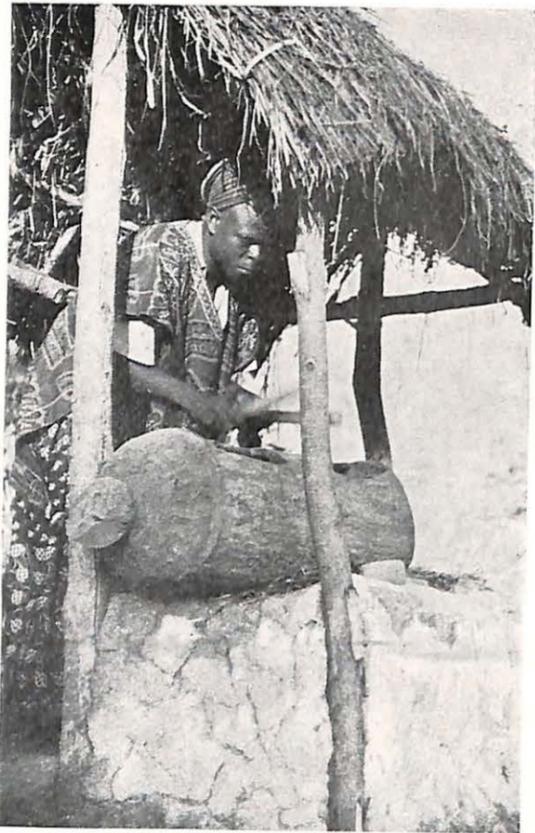
Ahab inquired whether the march on Ramothgilead would be successful. It so happened that the messenger who went to summon Micaiah had told him what the prophets had declared, and had advised him to make his message agree with theirs if he

wanted to have his head stay on his shoulders.

Ahab asked, "How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the Lord?" What he really wanted was a preacher who would tell him it was all right for him to have his own way. Micaiah did not fail to give Ahab the truth as God had given it to him, although he knew he would suffer for it. As soon as he delivered the message, old Ahab ordered him thrown back into the jug.

Then Ahab started out on the forbidden expedition. But getting rid of God's messenger was not getting

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Robert Jam, one of many Christian workers in the Cameroons of Africa, calls the Christian group of a village to the daily morning prayer meeting on the hollowed out "bat drum"

God's Open Doors in the Cameroons

By DR. WILLIAM KUHN,
Former General Missionary Secretary

mission work will always prompt the missionaries to pray for more laborers in that promising field. During the second World War all the German missionaries were removed from their stations and interned in Jamaica, British West Indies, where they spent six years of confinement behind barbed wire enclosures. For all of them these years were filled with excruciating soul agony.

Some of them received the summons to come home to the Father's House. Missionary Johannes Sieber died before leaving the Cameroons and Deaconess Frieda Meier died in Jamaica. At the close of the war the others returned to Germany, while Dr. and Mrs. Robert Laessig with their family came to the United States where Doctor Laessig is now teaching at the Oklahoma Baptist University.

PRAYING FOR RECRUITS

Those vacant mission stations were given to our missionary society by the Custodian of Alien Property. These many vacant mission stations made the call for new missionaries imperatively urgent. It was then decided to bring Miss Laura E. Reddig, our senior nurse, home for this express purpose of winning recruits. For this mission she was qualified better than any other. Her heart was aflame with passion. She knew the dangers threatening those orphaned mission stations. She was deeply convinced of the prosperous future of the Cameroons mission.

In private conversations and in public addresses she pleaded with Spirit-inspired eloquence and with convincing argument that young people, both men and women, should consecrate themselves as foreign missionaries in the Cameroons. She freely described some of the hardships that have to be faced by those working among these primitive Camerooners, who as animists are living in constant fear of evil spirits and without

IN THE YEAR 1929 we had only three of our own missionaries in the Cameroons of Africa in active service, but in the year 1950 we have twenty-five missionaries serving in the Cameroons. That is a miraculous story of expansion in which God has had the major part, using men and women and circumstances as his agents. As we think of this expansion we are convinced that certain situations and definite individuals have made influential contributions.

SPIRIT-GIVEN VISIONS

From the first missionary, the Rev. August Steffens, to the latest appointee God has blessed us by sending out men and women who have followed God's call and who have been happy in their sacrificial ministry. When the Holy Spirit was poured out upon Christ's Church it was prophesied: "Your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams."

When Missionary Bender (on his first trip to Africa) left the pulpit of the Baptist church in Berlin, Germany, the theme of his farewell message had been blazed into the hearts of the hearers: "I shall not die, but live and proclaim the works of the Lord." When after the first World War Bender returned to the Cameroons and found himself amid the ruins of his beloved mission, he set himself to the task practically of re-

alizing that Spirit-given vision of building up again that disrupted work.

Paul Gebauer is another one of those young men to whom the Holy Spirit has given visions for the expansion and strengthening of our Cameroons Mission. Besides seeing these visions, he had the strength of personality and the tenacity of purpose to convert these spiritual visions into practical projects.

Our senior nurse, Miss Laura E. Reddig, is another missionary with these spiritual endowments. While helping the sick in those primitive dispensaries or on those arduous treks, her eyes have always beheld that greater medical ministry which is now being carried on by those six nurses and has reached a consummation in the Bansa Baptist Hospital.

By naming these three missionaries, we would not even wish to intimate that the other missionaries of past days nor those serving now have not beheld some Spirit-given vision. They all are devoted servants of God and, while laboring in their respective fields facing difficulties and discouragements, they are strengthened and challenged to go forward as the Holy Spirit gives them visions of success and victory. The three missionaries we have named have come with their Spirit-given visions to the Kingdom in the mission field for such a time as this.

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any true knowledge of God or of the salvation offered in Christ Jesus.

Miss Reddig stoutly refused to admit that any hardships that she was experiencing as a missionary in the Cameroons should be called a sacrifice. In her judgment she was one of the privileged ones to work as the handmaiden of Jesus Christ in the Cameroons mission. Her passionate plea for more missionaries proved to be contagious and convincing. Quite a number of the missionaries now in the Cameroons were led to consecrate themselves through the ministry of Miss Reddig.

GREAT MISSIONARY RALLY

It was on Sunday afternoon, the closing day of the General Conference meeting in Milwaukee in 1944, when this campaign for new recruits reached a climatic ending. Never before in our history nor since then have we had such a Spirit-dominated missionary rally as on that memorable Sunday.

Although this missionary rally was spontaneous, definite preparations had been made beforehand. The Holy Spirit was present on that afternoon and had manifested his presence to the consciousness of those present. Paul and Clara Gebauer were both there — he in the uniform of the United States Chaplain. Miss Laura Reddig, God's ambassador who had been sent to the United States to win recruits as Cameroons missionaries, was also there.

In the quiet sanctity of that large auditorium without any human spectacular arrangements, that call of God, heard centuries earlier in the holy temple by the young prophet Isaiah, was again sounded forth: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for me?" The cooperative Holy Spirit sent this call with penetrating power into the souls of many young people present and in all sincerity many replied: "Here am I; send me."

As these young people voluntarily stepped out and came forward and publicly consecrated themselves to the Lord for any ministry that he would assign to them, that large audience was visibly moved, so that tears of joy glistened in many eyes. Many of those now serving in the Cameroons were in that group who consecrated themselves on that memorable Sunday afternoon. Many others in that solemn hour renewed their consecration vows in the depths of their inmost being.

WINNING OUR HOME CHURCHES

To our promotional secretary, Dr. M. L. Leuschner, credit is due for promoting the Cameroons mission in the pages of THE BAPTIST HERALD in such a fascinating manner and so persuasively during the years of his editorship. In the young people's assemblies and summer institutes our young people have been made mis-

SKETCHES OF MISSIONARIES

The sketches of our Cameroons missionaries, begun in Dr. Kuhn's previous article, will be continued in the August 17 issue. The present article is a review of God's marvelous dealings with us in opening doors of missionary service into the Cameroons of Africa. Much of this occurred while Dr. Kuhn was serving actively as the General Missionary Secretary. EDITOR.

sionary minded and have accepted missionary projects which have resulted in the giving of thousands of dollars. The contacts between the missionaries on the field and the homeland have always been kept active.

When we consider the founding of the Bansa hospital and the appointment of Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Chaffee, we can only say in deep adoration: "It is the Lord." We accept Doctor Chaffee as a gift from God in answer to prayer. Originally he was not a member of one of our churches, but wherever he and Mrs. Chaffee spoke before going to the Cameroons he was gladly received into our fellowship and love because of his humility and sincerity.

It is not difficult to understand that maintaining our Cameroons mission with twenty-five missionaries on the field, paying for their outfit, passage, housing, salary and maintenance and building projects, demands a commensurate budget. In the early years the Cameroons mission received a budget of about ten or fifteen thousand dollars annually, but today the maintenance of our Cameroons mission requires at least \$100,000.00 annually or more.

All of our Cameroons missionaries have come from our own circles; they are the sons and daughters of our own churches. Because of this intimate relationship our churches and church societies have always willingly supplied the finances necessary to carry on this missionary work so dear to our hearts. When our missionaries return home on furlough they are given the most warm-hearted welcome as they tell of God's miracles wrought through them among the heathen. Our people respond by giving them ungrudgingly prayer help and financial support.

ADMINISTERING OUR MISSION FIELD INDEPENDENTLY

During most of the years of its history, the Cameroons mission was administered by the Baptist Missionary Society of Germany. We were helpers who contributed not only tens of thousands of dollars but men and women from our own ranks. In the course of years the wish that we might have an independent adminis-

tration for at least a part of the Cameroons field was expressed.

To negotiate this change of policy I as the general missionary secretary made a special trip to Germany. As a result of those negotiations the Mbem station in Kakaland and the Warwar station in Mambila were given to us. During the second World War, when all German missionaries were removed from their stations and were interned in Jamaica, our society was put in charge of all the stations of the German Society by the Custodian of Alien Property. The final decision regarding these former German stations will be made by the Custodian of Alien Property in a few years.

During this interim we have been carrying on mission work on these former stations as if they were our own. We have been investing the funds to erect the necessary buildings on each station with the hope that these stations will eventually be given to our Society.

THE HOUR IS COME

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thou hast sent" (John 17:3). This was the hour that made it possible for Jesus to save the lost.

The hour that came for Jesus that day on Calvary has a deep spiritual meaning for you and me. My hour of salvation has come; your hour of salvation has come. We see it in the symbols of the Lord's Supper. The Bread of Life was crucified on a cruel tree; Jesus' blood was shed for the remission of sin. Add faith to that and it spells salvation. Is the salvation yours, my friend? Is it yours?

SUMMER YOUTH WORKERS

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Miss Berniece Kern and Miss Thelma Herr, C.T.I. students of Edmonton, Alta., serving as Indian Mission Reserve missionaries, placed there by the General Missionary Society.

Miss Flora Kramer and Miss Arlene Scheeler, C.T.I. students, serving the Peace River Mission in Vacation Bible Schools.

Mr. Raymond Harsch and Mr. Leonard Fauser, C.T.I. students, serving the Peace River District as Vacation Bible School workers.

Miss Linda Stober and Miss Berniece Paschke, C.T.I. students, serving the Overstone Baptist Church, a mission of Morris, Manitoba, Canada, as Vacation Bible School workers.

Mr. Wolfgang Schmidt, exchange student from Germany, in a visitation program at the Christian Life Camp, Iowa Falls, Iowa and at the Chicago-Wisconsin Assembly, Camp Ripley, Cambridge, Wis.

Youth Workers for the Summer Months

Our seminary and college students who are working in our churches and on mission fields during the summer months under the Youth Service Plan sponsored by the General Council and the C.B.Y. and S.S. Union

List Prepared by the REV. J. C. GUNST, Youth Secretary

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

Mr. Walter Sukut, Seminary student serving the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the Grace Baptist Church, Sheffield, Iowa in Vacation Bible School work, house visitation and preaching ministry.

Mr. Manuel Wolff, college student serving the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York, in Vacation Bible School work, house visitation and preaching ministry.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Meth, seminary students serving the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, North Dakota, and the Baptist Church at Creston, Nebraska in Vacation Bible School work.

Mr. Jacob Ehman, seminary student serving the Grace Baptist Church, Sheffield, Iowa and the Medina Baptist Church, Medina, North

Dakota in Vacation Bible School work and a preaching ministry.

Mr. Clemence Auch, college student serving the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota in Vacation Bible School work and a preaching ministry.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE UNION

Mr. Rubin Herrmann and Mr. Walter Hoffman, seminary students, working at a visitation program for all churches in the Southern Conference in conducting Vacation Bible Schools and carrying on ministry and preaching services.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Mr. Eldon Seibold, seminary student serving the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Nebraska, in Vacation Bible School work, visitation program and preaching ministry.

SAN LUIS MISSION FIELD

Misses Ramona and Janet Schacht,

college students, working among the Spanish-Americans in the San Luis Mission Field of Colorado, placed by the General Missionary Society and conducting Vacation Bible Schools.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Miss Joann Dons, college student, serving the Mt. Sterling Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Missouri, in a Vacation Bible School.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Miss Tina Schmidt of the Missionary Training School of Chicago, Ill., serving the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, in a Vacation Bible School.

Miss Ida Mae Nordland, seminary student, serving the Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa, and First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware, in Vacation Bible School work and church visitation.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Stading, seminary students, serving the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington; First Baptist Church, Colfax, Wash.; Arthur Street Baptist Church, Spokane, Wash.; First Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash.; and the First Baptist Church, Startup, Wash., in Vacation Bible Schools, church visitation program and preaching ministry.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Mr. Willy Muller, seminary student, serving the Cloverlawn Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., Canada, in a student pastorate.

Mr. Edwin Kern, seminary student, serving the Lashburn Baptist Church, Lashburn, Saskatchewan, Canada, in a summer student pastorate.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoffman, C.T.I. students of Edmonton, Alta., serving as Peace River District missionaries in conducting Vacation Bible Schools.

Mr. Richard Garbke, Bible School student, serving the Temple Baptist Church, Telfordville, Alta., Canada, in a student pastorate.

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—Photo by Samuel Myslis

"Give of your best to the Master; Give him first place in your heart; Give him first place in your service, Consecrate every part."

The Red River Flood at Morris

An eyewitness account of the flood damage to the Baptist Church and homes of Baptist members at Morris, Manitoba, Canada

By the REV. WILLIAM STURHAHN, Pastor of the Morris Baptist Church

THE PEOPLE of Morris, Manitoba never dreamed that they would ever be in the center of a national calamity as that of the recent Red River flood. We felt as secure here as people do anywhere in their homes. We had experienced a small flood in 1948, and had been warned that there would be a two-foot increase over the 1948 level. Even the homes on the river banks had prepared for this increase. However, the highwater mark was nearly six feet above that of 1948, and nobody was prepared.

RIISING WATERS

The water rose slowly at first to the edges of the river bed. Then on Sunday morning, April 30, a road dam south of town burst, and within a few hours we were surrounded by the waters. Several brethren came to church early in the morning, not to worship, but to evacuate the church basement. We barely had the job finished when the water broke through the west wall of the basement.

I still hoped that we could keep our house basement dry. Faithfully the pump worked incessantly for three days. On Wednesday night we had to make room for the muddy, cold water in our house basement. On Thursday we evacuated to our good neighbors, whom we considered beyond reach.

Slowly the water crept up our front steps, through the front and back

doors, through the furnace registers, invading our living room, dining room, bedrooms and kitchens. Many things might have been saved if the weather had not turned so bitter cold and stormy.

There were but few boats in town, and boating became a hazard because of big waves. For a week three of our families lived together like Robinson Crusoe's on an island. During a driving rain storm we took our women and children to the station, that they might get onto the last train out of Morris. Everybody wished and prayed that only the bridge north of town might hold out. Already it was covered by six inches of water.

God's hand must have held that train. It took them twelve hours to get to Winnipeg, a distance of forty miles. The Red Cross had most efficiently and commendably made the preparations to accommodate the evacuees. Soon the men also left town. There was nothing left to which to hold, and the food supplies were getting dangerously low. Only three buildings held their floors dry by constant pumping and endurance.

WATER EVERYWHERE

I returned to our home in Morris on May 22nd. The only way to get in was by boat over a four mile stretch from the west. The water had receded below the floor level and had left a finger thick layer of slimy mud in every room, in every crevice,

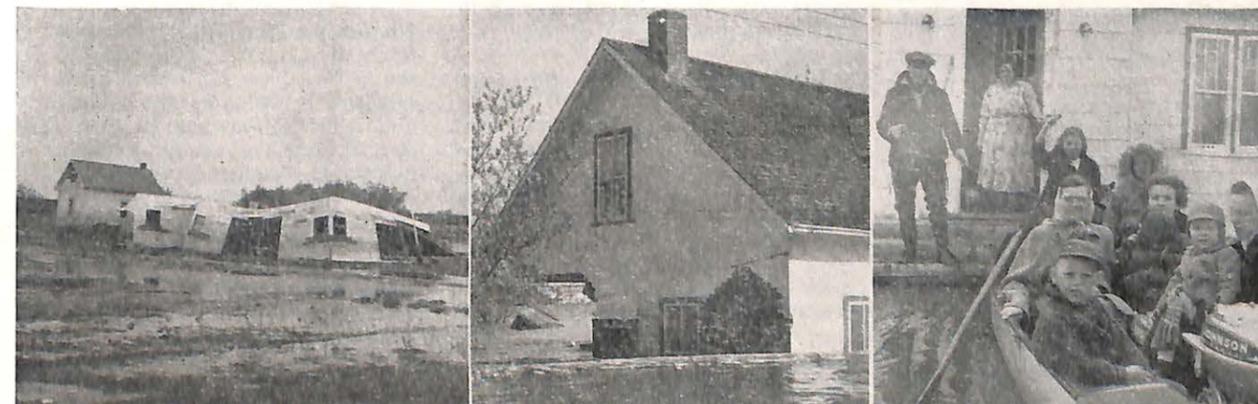
in every wall. A week later the actual damage became visible. Some people had taken no furniture out of their homes, others had raised it, but often the watery fingers had reached up to it and had toppled pianos, refrigerators, stoves, tables, chairs, and beds into a wild turmoil.

Houses, barns and sheds were strewn chaotically over gardens, streets, lawns and highways. Hundreds of telephone and power poles, dashed by the wind and waves, had often thrown their full weight against buildings, literally grinding buildings to pulp. Our church steps were found several blocks away. One piano and organ and chairs were the loss in furniture. Besides that we have the irreparable damage to the house and church foundations.

HEAVY LOSSES

Six of our church families lost their homes completely or found them damaged beyond repair. Our retired pastor, the Rev. J. Rempel, and his family had built a neat little bungalow by the side of the river. The accompanying picture shows all that is left of it. A large barn pounded the new block home of Mr. John Hoffman to pieces. Mr. Sam Myers had renovated and enlarged his home last year, putting all his work and effort and savings into it. The north half of his house is gone completely.

Mr. Fred Edinger found a long light pole stretched comfortably from the (Continued on Page 24)



Havoc caused by the Red River flood in Morris, Manitoba with the home of the Rev. and Mrs. J. Rempel in ruins (left); and flood waters around the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edinger (center) into which a light pole had battered its way into the living room; and the final evacuation of four families (right) with Mrs. Wm. Sturhahn at right and Mr. Waldemar Rempel as pilot of the boat

What's Happening

● The Rev. W. W. Knauf of Elk Grove, California, left New York City by plane of the American Airways on July 6 for Germany. He visited his father, two brothers and one sister at Kassel, Germany, after an absence of 27 years. He also supplied the pulpits of a number of Baptist churches in the area during his visit in Germany until August 1st. He has promised a number of articles about his experiences and observations in Germany for the readers of "The Baptist Herald."

● A Vacation Bible School was held at Selfridge, N. Dak., from May 29 to June 2 with 27 children who eagerly learned and responded to the truths in God's Word and to the love of the almighty God. The two-week course was completed in one week with the presentation of the program on Sunday evening, June 4, under the direction of the teachers. These were the Rev. and Mrs. Alex Sootzmann and Mrs. Albert Walker. The offering received at the program was designated for missions.

● The Baptist Church of Startup, Wash., held a Vacation Bible School from June 12 to 16 with an average attendance of 59 pupils. Miss Esther Kaiser served as director of the school. Six teachers rendered a fine ministry. The closing exercises were held on Friday evening, June 16. On June 2nd the church observed the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Keck with a program in the church that was largely rendered by relatives of the family. Mr. Keck is the superintendent of the Sunday School. The Rev. R. G. Kaiser, pastor, also participated in the program.

● The Rev. Herbert Hiller, pastor of the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, So. Dak., has accepted the appointment to the faculty of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, So. Dak., tendered to him recently by the Board of Trustees. Dr. Ralph Powell of Chicago, Ill., has also accepted the appointment to the Seminary faculty. Both men will begin their ministry with the school's Fall term. Dr. Lang, president, is preparing a statement about the new faculty members for "The Baptist Herald".

● The golden wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Blum of Cleveland, Ohio, was quietly ob-

served by them, their family and friends on Saturday, June 24th. The Pacific Conference in session at Lodi, Calif., sent a telegram of congratulations to them since Mr. Blum had been minister in the conference area at Wasco, Calif., for a number of years. He also served as editor of "Der Sendbote" from 1934 to 1946. Mr. and Mrs. Blum are living in retirement in their home at Parma, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland.

● The 1950 volume of the North American Baptist Seminary catalogues was recently printed by the Roger Williams Press of Cleveland, Ohio. The well edited catalogues were prepared under the supervision of Dr. George A. Lang, president, and Prof. R. P. Jeschke, registrar of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Copies were not mailed this year to the ministers of our churches. But a sufficient supply was printed sending a copy to each person requesting such for his or her information. Send such requests for single copies to the Registrar, North American Baptist Seminary, Box 457, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

● The golden wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. Julius Kaaz of Philadelphia, Pa., was recently observed in the chapel of the Philadelphia Home for the Aged. Mr. and Mrs. Kaaz are now guests of the Home. The celebration had been arranged by Miss Alice Kaaz, a daughter. Many greetings had come from their friends and from some of the seven churches served by Mr. Kaaz as pastor. Afterwards refreshments were served in the social room of the Home. Mr. Kaaz is still serving the Harlem Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., as active pastor as much as health and circumstances will permit.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Emil Lant, formerly of Bonyhad, Hungary and more recently refugees in Germany, arrived in the United States in May to make their home in this country. They and their family are living for the present in Cleveland, Ohio and have been in attendance in the services of the White Avenue Baptist Church. Mr. Lant was one of our missionary supported pastors in the Danubian countries of Europe. The Rev. John Wahl of Esk, Sask., and the Rev. Paul Galambos of Washburn, No. Dak., are two other former Danubian missionaries of ours who are now living in

America with their families and serving our churches.

● On June 16 a Father and Son banquet was held at the Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, B. C., with more than one hundred persons in attendance. The Rev. R. Kern, pastor, served as toastmaster. On Sunday morning and afternoon, June 11, the church's male chorus of 30 voices directed by Walter Gertz presented concerts at the Baptist Church of Chilliwack, B. C. On Sunday, June 18, the Youth Choir of the Ebenezer Church sang at the Baptist Church of Hope, B. C., about 90 miles from Vancouver. This choir of 40 voices is directed by Albert Sauer. The Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt of Vienna, Austria, was the guest speaker at the Ebenezer Church on Sunday morning, July 2nd.

● The June 22, 1950 issue of "The Baptist Herald" incorrectly stated that the Rev. Alfred Lueck had accepted the call of the Onoway and Glory Hills Baptist Churches of Alberta. After this information had reached the editorial office, Mr. Lueck received a call from the Baptist Church of Springside, Sask., Canada as well as from the West Ebenezer Baptist Church nearby, which is served by the Springside pastor. This call has been definitely accepted. Mr. Lueck, who is a brother of the Rev. Hugo Lueck of Edmonton, Alta., has succeeded the Rev. R. Kanwischer, now of Regina, Sask., Canada. He and his family are residing in the Springside parsonage.

● The 50th anniversary of ordination into the Christian ministry on June 7th for the Rev. Otto E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., was recognized by the West Center Street Church of Madison, S. Dak., in which the ordination service was held in 1900. The church sent a lovely bouquet of flowers to Brother Krueger. At the Andrews Street Church in Rochester, N. Y., the Rev. Frank Kaiser, former pastor of the church and a good friend of Mr. Krueger, gave a fitting testimonial address. The Woman's Missionary Society presented Mrs. Krueger, who has stood by her husband as a true "shepherdess" all these years, with a beautiful pin. Mr. Krueger preached his anniversary sermon on "Love, the Keynote of the Gospel" in which he said that "to have had the privilege of baptizing 600 persons and

to have helped many more in their spiritual life gave more satisfaction than the accumulation of \$600,000.00 would have given" him. The Rev. August Liebig preached the ordination sermon for Mr. Krueger in 1900, drawing lessons for the young minister from the leadership traits of Joshua.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., held a Vacation Bible School for children of the community from July 10 to 21 with a staff of 10 competent teachers. The closing demonstration program was held on Friday evening, July 21. The Rev. Richard Schilke, pastor, served as the director of the school. On Sunday evening, June 18, Prof. R. P. Jeschke of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was the guest speaker at the anniversary program of the Woman's Society. On Sunday evening, July 2, Prof. Frederick J. Berger, dean of the Baptist Bible College of San Francisco, Calif., brought the message. Missionary motion pictures of our denominational enterprise were shown at the church on Wednesday evening, June 28, by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill. A program of missionary pictures was also presented at the monthly meeting of the Men's Baraca Class of the church, of which Mr. William Ehrhorn is the teacher, with 40 men and their wives in attendance. This program and social hour following were held at the home of Mr. Paul Leuschner who is the president of the class.

● The thriving First Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif., with 261 members is now officially a part of our denominational family in the North American Baptist General Conference. It was recognized by and welcomed into the Pacific Conference at its recent sessions in Lodi, Calif. (See Pacific Conference report elsewhere in this issue.) On Sunday morning, July 2, the new \$20,000 educational unit alongside the chapel was dedicated with a special out-of-door service. The pastor, the Rev. P. E. Neumann; the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Crane; and others participated in the service, which will be reported at greater length with pictures in a forthcoming number. The dedication message was given at the morning service by the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, who also showed missionary pictures at the well attended and enthusiastic evening service. The average Sunday School attendance at Costa Mesa is about 370. The enrollment for the Vacation Bible School from June 19 to 30 was 250, including 29 workers and teachers. There were 31 decisions for Christ and the offerings amounted to \$116.00.

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

"YOUTH COMPASS" TOPICS

August 13 — "Footsteps of Jesus"

August 20 — "Miracles of Jesus" Beginning a three-unit study of the Gospel of Mark by Rev. Ray L. Schlader, Racine, Wisconsin. Don't miss it!

AS YOU READ —

The California Young People's Assembly will be meeting at Lake Hume, with Rev. and Mrs. Donald Ganstrom among the leaders. Last year, this was our largest assembly. Pray that God may give them an unusual blessing.

North American Baptist laymen and their families will be enjoying wonderful recreation and a spiritual feast at beautiful Green Lake, Wisconsin. If you have never visited the Northern Baptist Assembly at Green Lake you have missed something. Lord willing, our pastors will meet there again in Summer, 1951.

IOWA REPORTS —

Last issue brought news of the Kansas CBY Encampment. Now news has just come from our Iowa Camp, second in the year's long list of camps and assemblies. You will read a complete report in the BAPTIST HERALD soon. Meantime, for your encouragement, the Iowa young people report:

A registration of 101, not counting many visitors. Their \$2500 mission project for Bansa Hospital oversubscribed. \$3250 spent for missionary causes during the year. A new project of \$2500 for the Bible School at Belo in the Cameroons.

A great camp with an all-star list of speakers and leaders that included Rev. Edwin Miller of Cleveland, Ohio, General Secretary J. C. Gunst, Missionaries Don and Verna Ganstrom, Hilda Tobert, and Rev. and Mrs. Asaph Tobert of Nigeria. Congratulations, Iowans!

A NEW WORKER —

Secretary J. C. Gunst has announced that the executive committee of the Conference Union has employed Miss Adeline Zimbelman as Scripture Memory worker for a period of eleven weeks this summer. Miss Zimbelman is a member of our church at McClusky, N. Dak., and a student at Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago. After visiting some of our camps, she will promote our valuable Scripture Memory work among the

Saskatchewan churches before resuming her studies this Fall. Pray for her and this important phase of Conference Union work.

STUDENT VISITOR —

Mr. Wolfgang Schmidt, an exchange student from Germany, attending Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, is visiting some of our assemblies this summer. He was in the Iowa Camp in June, and will attend the Chicago and Wisconsin Assembly at Lake Ripley in August. Wolfgang has been in this country since the first of the year and is anxious to observe American Baptist young people in action. His father, the Rev. Paul Schmidt, is executive secretary of the German Baptist Union. Both attended the Baptist World Congress in Cleveland, Ohio, last week.

NEWS FLASH —

The latest news flash comes from Peoria, Illinois, our Central Conference CBY and SSU reporting. There, project promotor Herb Seipke of Detroit announced that more than \$3000 was received for \$2500 Cameroons Hospital Equipment Fund. In spite of the heat, there was a sparkling good Saturday night banquet with Conference Union president Harold Gieseke as speaker. Dave Penner of Burns Ave. Church, Detroit, is leading our Central Conference Union with lots of enthusiasm. Dave will enter Wayne University School of Medicine next Fall.

WORTH QUOTING —

"The most you can do for Christ is the least you can afford to do." — Dr. Frank H. Leavell.

THE AIM FOR OUR CHURCH —

1. Every member at every service. Psalm 122:1; Hebrews 10:25.
 2. Every member an active member. Gal. 6:9-10.
 3. Every member a praying member. Luke 11:1; 18:1.
 4. Every member a forgiving member. Matt. 6:14-15.
 5. Every member a giving member. 1. Cor. 16:2.
 6. Every member a loving member. John 13:35.
 7. Every member a right-living member. Phil. 1:27.
 8. Every member a soul-winning member. John 1:42; Prov. 11:30.
 9. Every member a Spirit-filled member. Acts 1:8.
- (From the 95th anniversary program of State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois.)



—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 has 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. In the meantime, Brooke Haven came to Arden and even went to church with Mary on that Sunday evening. At the beauty parlor, Sylva, the hair dresser, talked about Laurie as "a good for nothin' fellow" of years ago. She followed him one evening as Laurie went to the Arden house to find out about Mary's relationship to Brooke Haven. She was up to some kind of mischief!

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

EARLIER that same evening Mary Arden had been in her room writing letters when she heard the sound of

voices under her window. Someone was talking to Orrin. She caught the tone of a voice she knew and her heart began a flutter of eagerness. It was Laurie. At last. It seemed so long since he had been up to see her. But probably he was busy and very tired these hot nights when he came home from his work.

She was ashamed of herself for allowing that little glad flutter. She was just like any silly young girl, getting foolish thoughts about a man older than herself! She was of age now, and, in a sense, on her own and she must not allow any nonsense to upset the balance she was trying to attain in her life. Laurie was just a good friend who used to be nice to her, and she liked him. Oh, she liked him, of course. Why not? He was a splendid young man, handsome, clean-cut, brave — she had been hearing in the town some of his exploits during the war when he was out in the Pacific. He seemed an ideal young man, but he had no particular interest in her, of course. He just thought of her as a

little girl he used to know. He came here to see the others Orrin and Nannie, in whom he felt a kindly interest since they had always been so friendly to him when he was a boy next door. Yes, it must be that he came to see them primarily, because he did not come any oftener now that she was here as far as she could judge from what they all said; less often, in fact. Well, she must just go on in a friendly way and keep her head, not let herself even think in any special way about him. She had no desire to put herself in the position of caring for a man who was not especially interested in her. Of all situations she dreaded that.

So she walked downstairs very demurely, intending to be quite the dignified young mistress of the house. Yet somehow when Laurie came in and looked into her eyes in that glad adoring way, all her resolves and even the reasons she had made up for them vanished away. She found her heart ringing and she smiled up at him with pleasure as they met in the bright wide hallway. The sweet color came flooding up in her face as she realized that her hand was in his in joyous greeting and that he seemed glad to keep it there.

He did not hold it longer than was due a warm handclasp. Yet she did not soon lose the comforting feeling of his hand about hers. She found herself snuggling that hand in her other one to try to preserve the sense of having his upon it. It seemed a precious thing because he had touched it.

"I'm glad to see you," she said. A simple greeting yet there was a lilt in the words that made his own heart stir with hope.

"Don't you think you have been rather neglectful of this needy parishioner?" she teased.

For answer he only gave her another of those smiles that seemed to envelop her in their warmth.

Suddenly conscious of each other's presence and nearness they became wordless as they sauntered into the living room. Searching desperately for something commonplace to say, Mary suggested,

"Let's go out in the summerhouse. I am so pleased with my new chairs out there." Then "What a silly thing to say," she thought. "So trite. Banal! Ugh! He will think I'm a feather-headed fool. I guess I am. What ails me that I can't even think normally when this man is with me?" She took a deep breath and tried to get hold of her thoughts with a firm determined mind. She had no idea that he himself was struggling to find words for what he wanted to ask.

Yet how ridiculous! The words were there. Few enough, to be sure. Just "Are you really engaged to be married?" Yet he could not find voice to sound them. She would think him a complete fool to come out with such

a question right out of the blue that way. He had come here for the express purpose of setting his mind at rest about the question, though he feared there would be little rest when he had his answer. For how would she allow a notice like that in a newspaper if it were not so? And there was certainly no chance that a girl like Mary Arden would have an announcement made publicly without knowing her own mind; there surely could not have been a quarrel since that day the notice was printed. No, it was all useless, futile, to wonder and wish. He had better put the whole thing out of his mind at once and consider this part of his life over with. Hopes gone, dreams a mirage. Well if that was in God's plan for him, "even so, Thy will be done," he breathed in his tortured soul.

Mary did not notice the cloud of sadness that came again over his nice, lean tanned face. She had been trying to think of a start for conversation that would not sound inane. She grasped at a sentence she remembered of his sermon on Sunday and began to question him further about it.

Laurie came to with a start and remembered that his mother had said Mary was in need of teaching. Here was a legitimate reason for his presence here. Better let that other question go. So he took out the little worn red leather Testament he usually had with him in his pocket and turned to a chapter that would explain the answer to Mary's question.

But they had no sooner settled down together on the new chaise longue so that Mary might look over his shoulder at the fine print than Randa came hastening out the flagstone walk.

"Telephone for you, Miss Mary," she announced, rather regretfully.

She pretended not to have noticed their heads together over the Book, but when she returned to the kitchen there was not a detail which was not related to Nannie with relish.

"I'll go in with you," said Laurie. "I can't stay long tonight anyway."

They hurried up the path. Laurie stood just inside the kitchen door saying a word to Nannie while Mary answered her call.

She was not thinking particularly about who might be calling. She had her mind on what Laurie had just been telling her. Then a rather illiterate voice came over the wire demanding,

"What have you done with my boy friend tonight, Mary Arden?" and ending with a vulgar giggle.

"What — what did you say?" gasped Mary unable to believe that the call was not a wrong number. Let the girl had spoken her name.

"Oh, you know!" came the coarse voice again insinuating. "I want my date! How did you manage to take him away from me?"

"I don't know what you mean!"

responded Mary icily. "Who is this?"

"Don't you know me, dearie? This is Sylva. I had a date with Laurie tonight and you took him away. I don't stand that sort of thing, girlie. We were set for a high time tonight. I want him back. Let me talk to him!"

Unable to make any response, Mary laid down the telephone and turned with an awful sinking of heart to Laurie who was just coming through the kitchen door into the hallway.

Her face was ghastly pale, but the light was dim now in the hall and Laurie did not notice.

"The call turns out to be for you," she said in a flat toneless voice.

Laurie took the instrument with a little frown of annoyance at being disturbed there, wondering if perhaps something was wrong with his mother.

"Yes?" he said, "Judson speaking."

A voice he did not know answered. It was a voice in distress. People in his little congregation often called him when they were in trouble. But he could not think who this might be.

"Oh, Mr. Judson!" the voice was weak now, as if the person at the other end was hardly able to speak. "I'm in terrible trouble! I wonder — if you — could come and — help me. I don't know but I'm — going to — to — die!" The word came out in a moan. "I am afraid to die, Mr. Judson. Oh, won't you come? I'm Sylva Grannis — you probably remember who I am. I live in the little house next to Simpson's on Main Street. Oh would you? Thank you so much —" another sob. "Just ring and come right upstairs, please. My aunt is deaf and may not hear you. Oh, do hurry!"

Mary Arden was too well bred to listen to another person's telephone conversation. She had retired a discreet few steps into the living room. All she heard was Laurie's low "Yes, I'll be right over." Her heart stood still. Was Laurie actually going to leave her for that hussy? Could it be possible that he was attracted by her? Had he been going with her, then, all these nights when he had said he was so busy? But she would not for anything let him see that she was hurt. She must not show her feelings to him. It was going to be hard not to retreat into an icy reserve but not for anything would she put herself into contest with that girl.

Mary had not seen the disappointed puzzled frown on Laurie's face as he listened to Sylva's lament. He hung up the phone and came into the living room wearing a troubled look.

"I'm afraid I'll have to leave earlier than I thought tonight. I've just had a call from someone in trouble — a girl I used to know a little. She seems to think she is going to die or something and wants me right away. I guess it's a call I'll have to answer, though I'm no end disappointed. I had hoped to have a good talk with you." He looked down at Mary but

her eyes drooped now and did not meet his.

Mary had difficulty in keeping out of her tone the sudden anger and contempt that flared up in her. It was one thing if Laurie Judson wanted to go with a girl like that. It was nothing to her. But to lie about it was something else. And she had thought him such a fine straightforward Christian gentleman. So this was what his Christianity amounted to!

"Certainly go if your duty lies in that direction. Good night." She turned to go up the stairs almost before he had started out the hall toward the kitchen.

He wondered at her brusqueness. It was not like Mary to be discourteous. She might at least have walked to the door with him, or stayed until he was gone. Perhaps she was hurt, jealous at the thought of another girl — and his heart tried to give a painful twitch of hope. No, that was not like Mary either to show jealousy. It must be that she thought him discourteous for interrupting his visit with her so suddenly. She was such a young Christian, so new to the ways of the life of faith that she would not have realized that a call for help was to a Christian like a summons from God. He had to answer. There was no choice. If this girl was really dying it might mean eternal life to her. He sighed as he hurried down the slope after a hasty explanation and good-bye to Nannie who was finishing up the last chores in the kitchen. Laurie's heart was heavy for he had not yet had what he considered a good opportunity to find out what he wanted to know. Oh, how lovely Mary had looked as she came down the stairs tonight and greeted him. That sweet glad light in her eyes seemed to say that she thought a great deal of him. But no, that was not possible. She had given her word to marry that other man and Mary was not two-faced. She simply did not realize how charming she was when she smiled that way. She would never play around with one man while she was engaged to another. And he should have known better than to go there tonight. It had just opened the wound again to watch her there in the twilight and sit beside her. Hereafter he must keep strictly away from her.

And so he hastened his steps toward the house of Miss Sylva Grannis.

Mary Arden struggled up the stairs on feet that felt as if they weighed tons. Somehow she reached the refuge of her own room. She thought she never wanted to see Laurie Judson again. Yet in spite of herself she went straight over to the back window where she could watch him hurrying down the lane. Such a fine stalwart young man he looked! Was it possible that he had let himself be ensnared by a girl like Sylva Gran-

nis? Not one word or trait of his nature had ever betrayed the fact that he had low tastes like that. And to lie about his going! To hide behind his ministry of helping others! What a farce. Did it mean that all Christians were false? Her heart protested. If that were the case all her newly found peace and joy were gone. No, Nannie was not like that, nor Orrin. And they looked up to Laurie as if he were God's very messenger. She had thought of him so herself. Oh, this thing had not happened! Could not happen! There must be some mistake.

Mary felt as if her heart had been struck a heavy blow. She had just been gradually getting her balance and learning to live happily again since that awful night of Brooke Haven's deception. And now this! This was worse. The other had been only shame and public embarrassment, and anger at one whom she already despised. This thing was like a poisoned arrow aimed at her heart. It destroyed the very reality of the man she had almost worshipped. She had considered him far above other men, too fine and strong to stoop to deceit to cover his own weakness.

How different everything seemed from just one short hour ago. How happy she had been to hear Laurie's voice and feel the touch of his hand. To stroll with him about the yard, to sit with him and learn more of heavenly things. Oh! She gave a groan. Was the Bible false, too? Was there nothing on which she could rely? Nothing at all in this world of selfishness and sin and deceit? Was there nobody to whom she could turn for help? Nannie couldn't help. She would undoubtedly stand up for Laurie, make some excuse. What excuse could there be? Mary could not trust that childlike faith in him. Orrin had a lot of common sense, but she shrank from bringing this problem before his ironical judgment. She found it was too close to her heart to speak of to most people. She certainly could not have gone to her mother with it even if she had been at home. Mother would be the first one to condemn a poor boy. She would expect him to be disreputable. She would say triumphantly, "Didn't I tell you so, daughter?" Father might be able to help, but father was away. And she had had no answer yet to her cablegram. Anyway, father would probably bid her laugh at herself. But this was a trouble beyond such meager remedy. She knew that if she tried that now and only that, she would soon grow hard and bitter.

She had asked God to show her the way the other day, but God seemed to be even farther away than China.

Of course, there was Laurie's mother, but she couldn't go to her about Laurie!

(To Be Continued)

PROGRAM OF THE NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

at Parkersburg, Iowa from August 16 to 20

Conference Theme: "OUR COMMISSION"

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

7:30 P.M. Opening Service. Sermon: "Go Ye Into All the World." Rev. P. Pfeiffer, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00- 9:30 A.M. Devotions. Rev. Arthur Odens, Jeffers, Minn.
9:30-10:45 A.M. Organization, church letters, committee appointments.
10:45-11:00 A.M. Recess.
11:00-11:30 A.M. Address: "Our Triennial Goal," Rev. H. G. Dymmel.
11:30-12:00 A.M. The Quiet Hour. "The Promise of Power," Rev. R. Blank, St. Paul, Minn.
Noon Recess
2:00- 2:15 P.M. Devotions. Mr. Frank Beneditz, Wausau, Wis.
2:15- 3:00 P.M. Mission Committee Report, Conference Treasurer's Report, Mission Committee elections.
3:00- 3:10 P.M. Recess.
3:10- 4:30 P.M. Denominational Reports. Rev. H. G. Dymmel; Rev. E. P. Wahl.
7:45 P.M. EVENING SERVICE: "Make Disciples." Rev. A. Bernadt, Burlington, Iowa.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00- 9:30 A.M. Devotions. Rev. Jothan Benke, Watertown, Wis.
9:30-10:00 A.M. Committee Reports, Business.
10:00-10:30 A.M. Denominational Reports. Discussion.
10:30-10:55 A.M. "Our Priceless Heritage," Rev. E. P. Wahl.
10:55-11:05 A.M. Recess.
11:05-11:30 A.M. "Whither Bound?" (An analysis of conference and church trends.) Rev. L. B. Berndt, Minneapolis, Minn.
11:30-12:00 A.M. The Quiet Hour. "Receiving the Power," Rev. R. Blank, St. Paul, Minn.
Noon Recess.
2:00- 4:30 P.M. Woman's Union Program, Mrs. Walter Stein, Ashley, N. Dak., Guest Speaker.
7:45 P.M. EVENING SERVICE. "Teaching Them to Observe." Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Forest Park, Ill.

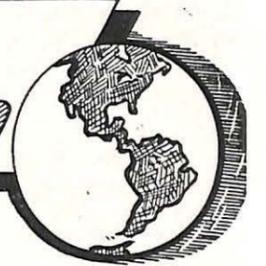
SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00- 9:30 A.M. Devotions. Rev. Lawrence Wegner, Wausau, Wis.
9:30-10:30 A.M. Elections, committee reports, unfinished business.
10:30-11:00 A.M. "Green Lake Echoes" by laymen who were there.
11:00-11:10 A.M. Recess
11:10-11:30 A.M. Memorial Service — Leader, Rev. Thomas Lutz, North Freedom, Wis.
11:30-12:00 A.M. The Quiet Hour. "Witnessing in Power," Rev. R. Blank.
6:30 P.M. Young People's Banquet. Rev. Robert Schreiber, Chicago, Ill., Speaker.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20
9:30 A.M. Sunday School. Brief addresses by visitors.
10:40 A.M. Morning Worship. "Lo, I Am With You Alway," Rev. John Leyboldt, D. D., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
2:30 P.M. Young People's Rally. Speaker, Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Forest Park, Ill.
7:30 P.M. Closing Service. "He That Believeth," Rev. E. P. Wahl, Edmonton, Canada.

INVITATION TO PARKERSBURG, IOWA

The Lord willing, the sessions of the Northwestern Conference will be held at the Parkersburg Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa from Aug. 16 to 20, 1950. We heartily invite all the churches to send their delegates and visitors, and may the Lord grant this to be a special time of blessing to all. Please send notice of your coming, whether by auto or by train, to Mr. R. H. Mulder, Parkersburg, Iowa, or to the pastor, Rev. H. Lohr, Parkersburg, Iowa.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



Northern Conference

Reception for Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sonnenberg by Bethany Church, Camrose, Alberta, Can.

On Sunday, June 11, the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, Canada, was very happy to welcome its new pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sonnenberg, recent graduates of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, So. Dak. After the evening service, a reception was given them with Mr. R. G. Soderstrom, a deacon of the church, serving as chairman.

A brief program was rendered. Also the good wishes and Christian co-operation of the church were expressed by the leaders of all our church organizations. We thank God once again for sending us a shepherd. It is our prayer and our aim to go forward with God's leading hand to do great things for him that his Name might be glorified and precious souls gathered into the fold.

An hour of Christian fellowship was enjoyed in the basement of the church afterwards. The Woman's Missionary Society served a fine lunch. Mr. and Mrs. Sonnenberg were also given a pantry shower. May God bless them as they labor together with us!

Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom, Reporter.

The 50th Annual Sessions of the Alberta Association at the Bethany Church of Camrose

The Alberta Association held its 50th annual meeting with the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, from June 15 to 18. The Bethany people provided real Christian hospitality in their homes and their church, the kind that makes you feel right at home. It was somewhat disappointing to find that so many people decided to stay home. The general attendance was not very large, but God spared not and blessed us abundantly.

The theme, "The Christian's Walk," in the Epistle to the Ephesians was effectively interpreted. The messages by the general worker, Rev. H. Palfenier, were instructive and inspiring. We are thankful that we have such consecrated men in our Association. In the last year we have received a number of new workers, so that the number of pastorless churches has decreased. Among these new workers is Mr. J. Sonnenberg and his good wife who took over the work at the wife who took over the work at the entertaining church on the Sunday before the association sessions.

The big item on the program was the story of missionary progress.

Brother Joe Rabbitt of the Montana Reserve, a Christian with a passion for souls, has been instrumental in the opening of another door to another Indian Reserve, that of the Stoney Indians at Nordegg, Alberta. Brother Joe helped these Indians organize to vote for Christian workers so that they might hear the Gospel. The vote witnessed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was overwhelmingly in favor of the people to which Brother Benke belonged. What a memorial to the man who worked himself to death that the Indians might have life! With the resources we have, we want to do some work this summer to claim the field. Pray with us that permanent workers might be found for this field. The urgent need is for a qualified male school teacher with the love of Christ in his heart.

The impressive memorial service for the late Rev. F. W. Benke, pastor, teacher and missionary, will long be remembered. The large candle was so constructed that it was burned out when the service was over, as a symbol of the life of this man of God.

The Sunday services were held in the large church of God Tabernacle in the city of Camrose. The missionary message was brought by the Rev. H. Schatz in the morning, and in the afternoon the Northern Churches Song Festival was held. It was a fitting service of praise to God for the days of blessing that we had.

R. H. Zepik, Reporter.

Central Conference

Annual Election of Officers of Youth Group at Fourth Ave. Church, Alpena, Mich.

The Commissioned Baptist Youth of the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., is composed of 20 members which is directed by our counselor, Mrs. Jane Tripp. We meet every other Thursday at the homes of members. Our meetings are begun with the singing of choruses and hymns led by members of the group followed by the reading of Scripture and a short message.

At our last meeting, held in June, we had our election of officers which resulted as follows: Lucille Barber, president; Lillian Timm, vice-president; Jeanette Liske, secretary; Ferris Liske, treasurer. After games were played and refreshments were served we left for our homes. The Rev. Richard A. Grenz is the pastor of our church.

Jeanette Liske, Secretary.

Dakota Conference

Vacation Bible School at Avon, South Dakota, With Seventy Children Enrolled

The First Baptist Church of Avon, So. Dak., was the scene of a busy and joyful Vacation Bible School held from June 5 to 9. Mr. Lawrence Biebert, student at the North American Baptist Seminary, was in charge assisted by seven capable and willing teachers. Seventy children were enrolled in the four departments of the school.

The week's activities were climaxed by a program on Friday evening, June 9. Each department presented a glimpse of what it had studied and learned.

A missionary offering contest was held between the boys and girls who gave a total of \$43. The boys were victors with \$24.32. The Friday evening offering amounted to \$34.07 making the total \$77.07 which is to be used for the education of some African child.

Lucille Van Gerpen, Secretary.

Evangelistic Meetings at the Spring Valley Baptist Church Near Canistota, South Dakota

From June 5 to 18 the Spring Valley Baptist Church of Canistota, So. Dak., held special meetings, with the Rev. Everett Vivian of the First Baptist Church of Mitchell, So. Dak., as the speaker. For two weeks, every evening except Saturday, he brought inspirational and heart searching messages from God's eternal Book.

Each service was inspired by special music from our own talents as well as talents from other surrounding churches. For the last three evening services we had the privilege of having Alvina Berg with her marimba, saxophone, accordion and her voice to bring God's praises in music through her talents. The meetings were well attended and supported, not only by the Spring Valley people, but also by the evangelical churches of the surrounding territory.

Many of us were thrilled when we witnessed the saving of four persons, all of whom want to follow Christ in the ordinance of believers' baptism. We know that many were blessed and inspired by these messages and will go forward as true followers of Christ proclaiming him as their Savior.

Alvin Wetter, Pastor.

Women's Missionary Meetings of the Dakota Central Association at Bismarck, North Dakota

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Dakota Central Association held its annual business meeting and program on Friday, June 17, in Bismarck, North Dakota.

The business meeting was held on Friday morning under the leadership of our capable president, Mrs. E. Kary of Bismarck, N. Dak. The officers for this new year include Mrs. E. Kary of Bismarck, N. Dak., president; Mrs. E. Fenske of Herreid, S. Dak., vice-president; Mrs. O. Fiesel of Sidney, Montana, secretary; and Mrs. Adam Huber of Linton, N. Dak., treasurer.

The Union now has a membership of 625 women with a gain of 57 new members this past year. The women showed their love for their Master and fellowmen by making 3,368 sick calls and sending 289 relief packages overseas.



The city auditorium of Bismarck, N. Dak., served as the ideal setting for the sessions of the Central Dakota Association from June 14 to 18

The evening program was a great inspiration to those who attended and gave us new zeal to carry on for our Savior. The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. E. Kary, with Mrs. Stein leading in audience singing. Mrs. A. Sootzmann of McLaughlin, S. Dak., read the Scripture and Mrs. Fred Trautner of Beulah, N. Dak., led us in prayer. The Bismarck Choir, under the direction of Rev. B. W. Krentz, rendered a beautiful anthem. Mrs. R. Sigmund, vice-president of the Bismarck Missionary Union, welcomed the visiting members, and Mrs. E. Fenske responded to this welcome. Mrs. O. Fiesel sang a solo entitled, "I Do, Don't You?" Mrs. A. Krombein of Eureka, S. Dak., introduced the new officers after which she read us the report of the previous business meeting. We enjoyed a beautiful vibra-harp selection by Mrs. Adam Huber of Linton, N. Dak. The offering taken amounted to \$167.71.

The new pastors' wives, Mrs. J. Reimer of Gackle, N. Dak., and Mrs. G. Beutler of Plevna, Montana, were introduced, after which they sang a duet entitled, "Take Up Thy Cross."

Mrs. Adam Huber had charge of the memorial service at which time we paid tribute to ten members of our Union who have gone to their heavenly reward.

Our guest speaker, Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, gave us much food for thought in his inspiring message. We heard of the certain women who ministered unto Jesus of their substance and how we, if knitted together in one great organization, can do much for the cause of our Lord and Savior.

Missionary Carl Fuellbrandt also spoke for a few minutes and brought us greetings from the Baptist women of Austria.

H. Fiesel, Secretary.

Sessions of the Northern North Dakota Association at Turtle Lake, North Dakota

As many as 400 people from 16 churches of the Northern North Dakota Association congregated at Turtle Lake, No. Dak., from June 15 to 18 to share and receive many

spiritual blessings. Inspiring messages were brought by the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt of Vienna, Austria, and Prof. Albert Bretschneider of Sioux Falls, So. Dak. Mr. Fuellbrandt stated that there is a rise of evangelical Christianity in Europe despite increasing persecutions in some sectors behind the Iron Curtain. During the young people's meeting on Sunday afternoon, Prof. Bretschneider spoke on the topic, "My Lord And I."

The general theme of the association was "Christ Shall Make You Free." The various pastors made clear that we who are faithful to Christ are free from want, fear and sin. We are indeed free to live for, give to, and worship the Lord God.

A spirit of friendship and real fellowship was evident throughout these days. We who were in attendance, left with renewed strength and greater vision to serve wherever the Lord would lead us. We are grateful to the Turtle Lake Baptist Church, people and pastor, the Rev. Fred Schmidt, for their sacrificial service to make these days so completely rich.

Walter Schmidt, Reporter,

Pacific Conference

Special Meetings of the Fellowship Class, Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.

On Tuesday evening, June 13, the Fellowship Class of young married people of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., gathered for their monthly social meeting. It was an entertainment in the form of a hamburger barbecue with ice cream and cake added. After the meal we surprised the Rev. Arthur Weisser, our teacher, with a lighted birthday cake and a gift in honor of his birthday.

For our March meeting we entertained all the new converts of the church and those who came by letter, 42 in all. A chicken dinner was served by seven members of the class. Many blessings were received by all from the program which featured a flute solo, numbers by a men's quartet, two duets, and a Scripture reading. Our speaker, Dr. Truex from Stockton, Calif., brought us a great message on love and fellowship. Our toastmaster was the Rev. Arthur Weisser.

Our class meets once a month for our meetings. Our project for the Fall months is to contact our new members who should be in our class and those who do not attend regularly. We have 76 on the roll. May God richly bless our teacher and our class so that we may grow in spirit and in numbers as we work together for one aim, each to win a soul for Christ!

Mrs. Jacob Harr, Reporter.

Large Crowds at the Pacific Conference Held in the First Church, Lodi, Calif.

Someone said, "What is the capital of North Dakota?" And the innocent by-stander answered helpfully, "Isn't it Bismarck?" when he was promptly squelched with, "No! You are wrong. It's Lodi, California!" Which is to say, that the majority of Lodi's citizens were formerly residents of the Dakotas. Thus, it was fitting that Lodi, as a fair cross-section of the Baptists of the Dakotas, became the Mecca for the messengers of our North American Baptist churches of the Pacific Conference as they gathered for their 56th annual session with the First Baptist Church of Lodi from June 21 to 25. More than 225 delegates and visitors registered for the sessions from the 26 churches and three missions from the area.

The conference theme, "The Voice of the Eternal," found fitting consideration and emphasis both in the opening sermon by the Rev. R. Schilke on "The Eternal God," and in the daily periods of devotion, led respectively by the Reverends F. Friesen, J. J. Lippert, E. A. Kohfield and O. Roth. This was also true of all the subsequent conference speakers as they led us in a fresh study of the great "I Am's" of Scripture, as follows: "I Am the Light" by Rev. John Kimmel; "I Am the Door" by Rev. E. Wolff; "I Am the Bread" by Rev.



Two happy groups at the Pacific Conference held at the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., with the ministers and their wives from the Pacific Conference churches (left), and with some of the church women at the Missionary Tea held on the church lawn

J. C. Schweitzer; "I Am the Good Shepherd" by Rev. L. Friesen; "I Am the Way" by Rev. R. P. Jeschke, and "I Am the Resurrection and the Life" by Rev. R. Kern.

It was a high privilege to have two general workers in our midst. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, our beloved editor of our "Baptist Herald," reported on the state of our denomination and conducted a daily "Soul Clinic," in which he led us alternately to lift up our eyes . . . , our hands, which hang down, and the feeble knees . . . , and our voices in faithful proclamation of the Gospel message. Prof. R. P. Jeschke from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., stirred all hearts with his timely messages on "A Spiritual Famine" and "The Most Interesting Continued Story."

The reports from our churches were most encouraging, speaking of revival and progress. A total of 287 baptisms was reported for the past year. A total of \$210,116.87 was given for local causes, while \$62,986.22 were given for our own missionary projects and \$16,650.21 were given for other mission causes, making a grand total for our Pacific Conference of \$299,753.30 for all Kingdom causes, or \$51.17 per member.

Among the high-lights of the conference was the report of our new church at Costa Mesa, California, which reads like a chapter from the book of the Acts. Initiated as a mission project of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim in 1948 with but four charter members, under the aggressive leadership of the Rev. P. G. Neumann and the manifest blessing of God, the membership has been increased to 261, of which 86 were received by baptism during the past year, and the Sunday School has grown to an enrollment of 460. Commending the missionary vision and initiative of the Bethel Baptist Church, and congratulating the Rev. P. G. Neumann and the charter members of the Costa Mesa Baptist Church for their diligent and fruitful work on this promising field, the conference by unanimous vote adopted a resolution, receiving the Costa Mesa Baptist Church into our fellowship, pledg-

ing our prayerful support to the continued advance on this great field.

Deserving of special mention are the church choir, directed by Wally Howard; the Men's Chorus, directed by Mr. M. Dorheim; and the Girls' Choir (all of the First Baptist Church of Lodi) directed by Wanda Lippert, which beautified so many of the conference sessions and prepared our hearts more profitably to hear "The Voice of the Eternal." Also, the Men's Brotherhood of Lodi was an inspiration to the conference guests in arranging for an enjoyable and profitable outing on Saturday afternoon, which included a conducted tour of General Mills, and an excellent barbecue supper at Micke's Grove, at which more than 600 guests were royally and sumptuously served, and after which the Rev. P. G. Neumann brought a challenging message for all the men to become soul winners.

With large and growing crowds taxing the capacity of the church auditorium, the conference moved into the spacious High School auditorium for the Sunday services. Briefly, the Reverends F. W. Bartel, R. G. Kaiser and F. W. Mueller enlarged on the Sunday School lesson. Throughout the day God's presence and blessing were manifest as the Rev. A. Kujath (in German), Prof. R. P. Jeschke in the morning, Dr. M. L. Leuschner in the afternoon, and the Rev. F. E. Klein in the closing service brought timely and challenging messages, making the last day of the conference a memorable and crowning day of spiritual inspiration and blessing.

F. W. Bartel, Reporter.

Inspiring Sessions of the Woman's Missionary Union at the Pacific Conference

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Pacific Conference convened for its business session on Friday afternoon, June 23rd, in the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif. A total of 168 women was in attendance. The meeting was called to order by our president, Mrs. J. Wobig, and we were led in devotions by Mrs. R. Schilke. The election resulted as follows: pres-

ident, Mrs. J. Wobig, Portland, Ore.; vice-presidents, Mrs. H. Schmunk, Tacoma, Wash., Mrs. R. Kern, Vancouver, B. C., Mrs. G. G. Rauser, Lodi, Calif.; secretary, Mrs. F. W. Bartel, Spokane, Wash.; treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Lippert, Paul, Idaho. We welcomed the Woman's Missionary Society of Costa Mesa, Calif., into our Union.

At 4 P.M. the Lodi Woman's Missionary Society entertained all the women with a tea graciously served on the shady lawn of the church. The newly elected officers were presented with beautiful corsages.

At the evening service the auditorium of the First Baptist Church of Lodi where our conference was held was filled to overflowing. Our women presented their program with Mrs. Wobig presiding. The Girls' Chorus of the entertaining church contributed two beautiful numbers, "In the Garden" and "The Pearly White City." Mrs. E. Wageman of Elk Grove, Calif., sang a solo and Mrs. R. Schilke of Anaheim, Calif., dramatically presented a reading, "The Sacrifice of Isaac." The ladies' quartet from the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi sang a lovely number. The secretary reported that we now have over 1100 women meeting each month in our Pacific Conference. An impressive memorial service was conducted by Mrs. E. Wolff of the Salt Creek Church in Oregon.

The speaker of the evening, Professor R. P. Jeschke, from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., spoke on the theme, "A Continued Story," using as text 2 Cor. 4:16, "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." Prof. Jeschke told us that the privilege of finding renewed strength in God each day is man's best continued story. One of his greatest joys is to see souls growing in grace and knowledge.

The evening offering amounted to \$278.62. This combined with our dues of \$269.30 will be divided into three parts; one third for Bansa Hospital, one third for our Seminary, one third divided equally between our Indian Mission and our Spanish-American field. Mrs. F. W. Bartel, Reporter.

Activities of the Men's Brotherhood Society at the First Church, Lodi, Calif.

The Brotherhood Society of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., has bonded itself together with humble hearts and Christian minds. These Christian men are serving the Lord in many ways, willing to give of their money and themselves. When the program committee and officers were elected, we first knelt in prayer with our good pastor, the Rev. G. G. Rausser, in his office asking the Lord to use us as his instruments and to lead our people to the betterment of the church. We asked for an increase in membership which God granted as our organization was raised from thirty-three to eighty-six active members. Then we also asked for a goal of \$1000 but the men brought together \$3,100 last year.

Our brotherhood is trying to do good in many ways. Several months ago we started a male chorus of forty-three voices. Mr. Emanuel Dorheim is the director and Mrs. Milton Fisher is the pianist. We are very thankful for these dear people and the many others who are devoting their time singing for the Lord. Because of our singing, our church and pastor have been blessed many times. We are also receiving invitations to sing for other churches. Recently we sang for a city wide Brotherhood meeting in which churches of different denominations gathered again to find ways to make the work more interesting which should be done by men.

On Tuesday evening, June 13, the Men's Chorus rendered a concert at the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif. On Thursday evening, June 22, the chorus sang several selections at the well attended service of the Pacific Conference in the First Baptist Church of Lodi. On Saturday evening, June 24, the Brotherhood served a barbecue dinner and was in charge of an inspiring program for 565 Pacific Conference visitors and other friends at Mickies' Grove Park near Lodi.



The male chorus of the Brotherhood Society of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., ready to inspire the Pacific Conference audience with several selections

Our hope is that other churches might get more interested in a strong and sound brotherhood organization. There is much work to be done for our Lord and Savior.

P. J. Goehring, President.
John Edinger, Secretary.

Sixtieth Anniversary Program at the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon

On Wednesday evening, June 7, about 170 members and friends gathered in the beautifully decorated banquet room of the Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Ore., for a delicious steak dinner, which was the opening of our 60th anniversary program. The Rev. Rudolph Woyke as pastor and toastmaster kept us in a jovial mood. The program opened with a duet number by Lois Schrenk and Dolores Kuper.

Miss Emma Schifferer, church clerk, then read letters of greetings from other churches. After an accordion solo by Joan Stark, Robert Perlich, who has been with the church for 51 years, spoke of things of the past. After the singing of a few choruses, led by Lois Schrenk, we were privileged to listen to a message by Dr. J. F. Olthoff of Tacoma, Wash., a former pastor. The service closed with a male quartet number by Messrs. W. C. Herringer, Alex Mehlhoff, Charles Saucy and Milo Kuhn.

On Sunday, June 11, the church was again well filled as we gathered for the final day of our anniversary program. Our hearts were stirred as we again listened to a very timely message by Dr. J. E. Olthoff who spoke on "Christian Unity." We praise God anew for the saints who have kept the chain of our church life unbroken.

The closing anniversary message, "Facing the Future," was given by our pastor, the Rev. R. Woyke. As we go into the next period of our history may we go forward with the assurance that "now abideth, faith, hope and love" (1 Cor. 13:13) and thus may we "press toward the mark."

Alyce Willecke, Reporter.

Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society, Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California

"All things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23). These words from the lips of Christ furnished the motto that inspired the various activities of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., throughout the past year. Using what we call "the group system" we had well planned meetings, good attendance and blessed devotionals. Our missionary activities kept us in close touch with the Cameroons mission field in Africa. The activities of the various missionaries held our keenest interest, and justified our continued prayer and financial aid.

A large box of clothing for foreign relief was sent to our Baptist headquarters. A variety of White Cross articles was finished for use in the Bansa Hospital in Africa. Nor was the Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., forgotten, for we joined the One Hundred Dollar Club.

On Sunday evening, June 18, the 39th anniversary program was given in a well filled auditorium. A large delegation from the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., headed by the Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Mittelstedt, helped to create a festive air. The highlight of the evening was the address given by Prof. R. P. Jeschke of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. It was preceded by a song service by the audience and by varied numbers, such as a ladies' triple trio, a duet, a saxophone solo accompanied by piano and organ, a double male quartet and an organ and piano duet. The evening ended with an hour of fellowship in the social hall.

We thank God for all the blessings of the past and pray that we may be worthy of them in the future.

Olga S. Pieper, Secretary.

Mother's and Daughter's Tea Sponsored by the Joy Girls' Class, Tacoma, Wash.

Since May is the month for honoring mothers, the Joy Girls' Class of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., recently sponsored a Mother's and Daughter's Tea. Invitations were extended to all women of the church, reminding them that if they were not a mother, they were a daughter, and therefore should attend.

Since we are a group of teen aged girls, we depended upon our teacher, Mrs. E. Helmrich, and our assistant teacher, Mrs. B. F. Yost, to help make this first tea of ours a success. They brought their best dishes and lovely silver to enhance the tea table.

The lace-covered serving table was centered with a bouquet of lilacs. Each member with her mother took turns serving the tea and coffee. Each girl also had a turn serving at the punch bowl. Huge baskets of lilacs stood on the platform. Soft piano music was played by different girls during the tea hour, and at intervals special musical numbers were given.

Miss Lucy Ahrens, our Sunday School superintendent, was our hostess, and she with the help of the girls greeted each guest and gave them a bunch of lilacs. All the girls, as well as the teachers and hostess, were dressed in long formals. Our many guests seemed to enjoy themselves. The girls hope to make this a regular affair in the coming years.

Jo Ann Schmunk, Reporter.

Sixtieth Anniversary Program of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Los Angeles, Calif.

Sunday afternoon, June 4th, was a blessed occasion at the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif. The Ladies' Missionary Society observed its 60th anniversary by presenting a fine program to a filled auditorium. The choir gave its message in song by rendering an inspiring concert consisting of six beautiful anthems. These were directed by our pastor, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt. We are thankful that we have a pastor who is also gifted with musical talents. His faithful services rendered in this capacity are surely a source of inspiration to all. A beautiful number, "Open the Gates of the Temple" by J. F. Knapp, was rendered by our gifted soloist, Mrs. Evelyn Tanner.

Mrs. E. Mittelstedt, president of the society, gave an interesting review of the society's sixty years of service. It was first organized on May 20, 1890 with eleven charter members. We are happy to report that we still have one of the charter members in our midst, Mrs. Margaret Schulze. She was presented with a beautiful corsage as a token of appreciation for her faithfulness during these many years. The records show that our women were as actively engaged in the Lord's Work then as they are today. Prayer, Bible study, and generous contributions to foreign missions were their constant aim. This cause is still as dear to the hearts of our women to-

Young Women of the Joy Girls' Class of the Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash., that sponsored a recent Mother's and Daughter's Tea. Front Row (left to right): Dolores Mitchell, Beverly Heidt, Shirley Wilson and Gra Lee Longen. — Middle Row: Gloria Helmrich, Audrey Johnson, Dolores Liebelt and Jo Ann Schmunk. — Back Row: Mary Ella McCormick, Leonore Kagerer, Betty Heidt, and Audrey Franzkeit.



day as it was to those first eleven charter members.

We were happy to have the Rev. R. Schilke from our neighboring Bethel Church of Anaheim as our guest speaker. He gave an inspiring message, challenging us "to set Christ as our aim." A substantial mission offering of \$150 was realized, which was designated for the Bansa Hospital in the Cameroons.

On Sunday, June 18, we were happy to welcome Prof. R. P. Jeschke from the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for the first time. He spoke during the Sunday School period, and the young people were privileged to have him as their teacher in the Adult Class. He also brought an inspiring message during the regular morning worship on "Things Bigger Than We," reminding the people of today to think more about their spiritual lives.

We were also delighted by the visit of the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, who was the guest speaker at the Woman's Missionary Society's regular monthly meeting on Thursday, July 6. He showed the latest films from our Cameroons mission field and about the work among the Indians. We thank our heavenly Father for our faithful denominational leaders as they go about "Our Father's Business."

Mrs. Esther Johnston, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

The Youth Encampment of the Kansas Commissioned Baptist Youth at Camp Fellowship

From June 8 to 12 the Kansas Commissioned Baptist Youth met for their annual Kansas Encampment at Camp Fellowship near Goddard, Kansas. Under the capable direction of the Rev. F. G. Ferris as dean of the camp, we experienced hours of fellowship in the advance of the cause of Christ Jesus our Lord. Our missionary appetites were whetted as the Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom portrayed the British Cameroons and pressed home our missionary responsibility.

The picture of the Vacation Bible School leaders at Sheboygan, Wis., is

on the next page.

Our hearts were made glad and challenged to the sealing of consecration vows as our national C.B.Y. president, Mr. Harold Gieseke, emphasized the separated, consecrated walk with our Master. Under capable instructors our class sessions prepared our hearts for future leadership in our denomination. The Rev. T. W. Dons taught a course in "Baptist Distinctives" which was profitable for all. Mr. Gieseke taught a course in "Practical Christian Living" while Mr. Wm. Wirth with intuitive insight into Scripture ably and efficiently presented the Gospel According to Mark.

A highlight of our camp was the recreation period as Bob Hildebrand in his efficient planning with our dean gave ample opportunity for the exercising and wearying of our bodies. Sunday was the climax of our encampment when we observed regular worship services.

Loyal A. Funk, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Vacation Bible School at Bethel Church, Sheboygan, Wis., With 125 Children Enrolled

The Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., held its second Daily Vacation Bible School as a denominational enterprise from June 12-24. Fifteen teachers and officers were enlisted to run a successful school. A total of 125 children were enrolled, with an average attendance of 97. Several awards were given for bringing the most scholars and learning the most Bible verses. About 80 boys and girls received a New Testament which was made possible through the Society of Gideons.

A closing program which represented the Daily Vacation Bible School was given in the form of a radio broadcast from a Gospel Ship. In all 189 were in attendance at the closing program. A combined picnic was held at the close of the school for all who could come from the church, Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School.

M. Vanderbeck, Pastor.



Members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., who celebrated the society's 75th anniversary recently at a sumptuous family dinner.

Busy Activities at the Vacation Bible School Held at North Freedom, Wisconsin

The North Freedom Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wisconsin, sponsored a Daily Vacation Bible School of two weeks from June 5 to 16. Teachers and their helpers were busily preparing several weeks in advance for the occasion and when the doors were opened on Monday morning, June 5th, we began with an enrollment of 47 children. During the following day we had 52! What activity and enthusiasm for two weeks!

Our school opened each day with a period of devotions for all, led by one of the teachers, who in a very unique

way presented an object lesson which kept the interest of the children without any difficulty. Then with Bible memory work, stories, choruses, games and handwork, all were kept busy as bees. Mrs. Thomas Lutz was the teacher of the Beginners; Mrs. Willis Koch had the Primary children; Mrs. Reuben Black, who drove thirty-five miles each day, had the Juniors, and the pastor, Rev. Thomas Lutz, taught the Intermediates. Helpers included the Misses Nola Hinz, Dorothy Koch, Sharon Schulz and Joyce Kopf.

We believe that a certain robin also must be mentioned in having a part in the joy of this school, for she was kind enough to build her nest on the



This fine staff of teachers conducted the Vacation Bible School for the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wis., with 125 children enrolled

windowsill of the church and lay nine blue eggs for the children to see. How well the lesson could be applied that God takes care of the little birds, too!

Following the classes on the last day of school several of the women of the church provided a picnic dinner for all the children. On Sunday evening, June 18, we had our closing exercises before an overflow crowd. The children's handwork was beautifully displayed and following the program an opportunity was given for all to view the things that the children had made.

Thus came to a close another fine Bible school. We thank God for the privilege we had during these days to tell the children about our Savior Jesus Christ. Our prayer continues that some of the seed may have fallen on good soil.

Thomas Lutz, Pastor.

Atlantic Conference

Woman's Missionary Society of Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Celebrates Its 75th Anniversary

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., celebrated its 75th anniversary on Saturday, June 3rd. The entire church was invited to a family dinner, wonderfully prepared and served by the Service Guild of the church.

Among our honored guests were Miss Elsie Linker, a daughter of the first secretary, and Mrs. Herman Gatter, a granddaughter of the first president, who gave us some highlights of the early life of her grandmother. Letters of congratulations and good wishes for the future were received from Mrs. William Kuhn, Mrs. S. A. Kose, Mrs. H. Palfenier, Mrs. A. Hummann, all former presidents, and Mrs. Emma B. Meier, a former missionary of our church.

Mr. Herman Gatter, a well known vocalist, favored us with a solo. Miss M. Gaertner and Mrs. J. Schmidt sang a duet. A poem composed by Mrs. Elmer Merz, a member of the Service Guild, describing the humorous side of some of our ladies was read by the secretary and a short dialogue entitled, "The New Minister," was very well presented by six ladies of the society.

Members who were active 50 years and over were presented with a corsage by Mrs. W. C. Damrau, our vice-president. Mrs. L. Draewell, a former president and wife of one of our beloved pastors and still very active in the society, was also presented with a corsage. A very fitting memorial service for those who have gone ahead and are resting now from their labors was given by Miss Laura Auch, our retiring president.

The Rev. Walter C. Damrau, our pastor and honorable member of the society, brought this memorable evening to a close with prayer asking for the blessing of the Lord upon us. We are looking forward to many more years of blessed service in this vineyard.

Elsie K. Brenner, Secretary.

THE KIND OF PREACHER

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rid of God's truth, and the battle to which Ahab marched with flying banners was his LAST.

Micaiah had said, "If you ever come back in peace, the Lord has not spoken through me. This is your finish." And it was. In an unexpected way he perished as the prophet said he would. A certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of his harness. As the sun was going down, he died. Remember "the wages of sin is death."

Every age has had its supreme man: John the Baptist, Paul, Luther, Knox, Wesley, Finney, Moody and "Billy" Sunday. God is looking for preachers who will stand in the gap in this critical hour, and declare the whole counsel of God. Isaiah said, "There is none that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee." Paul admonished Timothy to stir up the gift of God within him. If ever we as preachers needed to be awakened and aroused and alarmed into a sense of our holy privilege and solemn duty, it is today. "It is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" (Rom. 13:11).

Sometimes I have thought that the most unappreciated man on earth is a Pullman porter who must go down that mahogany lane in early morning hours to awaken passengers who are in no mood to be aroused. But this business of arousing people is a thankless job whether it apply to a Pullman porter at 6 A.M. or to a minister of the gospel at 11 A.M.

It is not enough to be orthodox: we must awaken to action. We have more apologists than apostles. Too many fundamentalists are sound — sound asleep. Our theology needs to go up in doxology. We have the facts but not the fire. If we had as much vitality as we have had vocality, we would have set the world afire long ago. We have talked much farther along than we have walked. We need to let our feet catch up with our tongues. We defend the truth, but we do not demonstrate the truth. We ponder it, instead of proving it.

An infidel lawyer said to a young preacher who had come to interview him, "If I believed what you claim to believe, I could not take it as lightly as you do. I would not rest day or night. I would warn men and plead with them to be saved. If I plead my cases like your present Christ, I would lose all of them."

Yes, the world needs preachers, men and women who will preach and teach the Word of God as it is for men as they are. "For we preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."

Obituary

MRS. CAROLINA VETTER SCHULZ of Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Carolina Vetter Schulz of Portland, Oregon, was born in Baden, Germany, on November 9, 1859. At the age of five years she came with her parents to America. She was married to Fred Schulz, in Iowa in 1877. In 1886 they and their family moved to Bethany, Ore., where they resided until 1918, when they moved to Portland, Ore. Her beloved husband preceded her in death on July 30, 1930.

Early in life she was converted to the Lord and became a member of the Baptist Church. On Dec. 25, 1887 by letter from the Baptist Church in Bridgewater, S. Dak., she was received into the fellowship of the Bethany Baptist Church of Bethany, Ore., to which she remained true to the time of her death. She was a member of this church for 62 years. Though she was 90 years old, she enjoyed fair health until a few weeks before her death when she became ill with a heart ailment and went home to be with the Lord on March 27, 1950.

She leaves to mourn her death six children: Mrs. Ida Wyss, Mr. Arthur Schulz, Mrs. Sam Joss, Mrs. Hulda Neff, Mrs. Selma Graf and Mrs. Sarah Rust; twelve grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild and a large host of friends. She was laid to rest in the Union Cemetery, with the undersigned speaking words of comfort.

Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

FRANK FRIESEN.

MR. FRED H. PEPPLE of St. Paul, Minn.

Mr. Fred Pepple of St. Paul, Minn., was born on September 9, 1881 in Roumania and came to America with his parents during his fourth year. In 1887 the family settled in Fessenden, N. Dak., where our brother spent the major part of his life as a farmer and operator of a garage. Several years ago he moved to the Pacific Northwest, and then came to St. Paul, Minn. He was stricken with a heart ailment and was released from all earthly care and suffering on March 21st.

Mr. Pepple was married to Miss Sarah Hintz on December 10, 1910 in Fessenden. Along with Mrs. Pepple, five children survive. They are: Clyde R. of St. Paul, Minn.; Leland T. of St. Joseph, Mo.; Vernon L. of Bismarck, N. Dak.; Mrs. Erwin Nietz of Rochester, Minn.; and Mrs. Jacob C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill. Also eleven grandchildren and four sisters and three brothers survive.

Public services were held on March 25th in the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church, with the pastor, Rev. Russell G. Blank, bringing a message of spiritual comfort as he portrayed the heavenly Father as "The God of Hope," (Romans 15:13), assuring the loved ones that they can confidently cherish the glad hope of re-union because of the good witness made by the deceased as to his faith in Jesus Christ. Uncomplainingly he surrendered to his Savior's will and walked the "Valley of the Shadow" without fear. The God of all grace has glowingly sustained all the family, and in particular the wife who unsparingly gave of her strength in devotion and care during the last months of illness.

Daytons Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

RUSSELL G. BLANK, Pastor.

MR. OTTO HERMAN KOPPIN of Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Otto Herman Koppin of Detroit, Mich., was born May 29, 1863 in Goyden at Saalfeld, East Prussia, Germany. He was converted at the age of twelve years, and was received into the church through baptism by his grandfather, Rudolph Stangism. About December 1881 at the age nowski. About December 1881 at the age of 18½ years he came to America and to the city of Detroit, Mich., with his parents, sisters and brothers and immediately was

received into the membership of the First German Baptist Church, now known as the Bethel Baptist Church. The Rev. Koehler was the pastor at that time.

Soon thereafter he was appointed Sunday School teacher and remained active in this work. In 1893 the church elected him as choir director, and he served in this capacity for 17 years being re-elected each year up to 1915. During this period his youngest daughter, Gertrude, served eight years as church organist. In 1917, he was elected to serve as deacon for one year and in 1918 was re-elected as deacon for three years and at the time of his death served 30 years as deacon.

On June 10, 1884, he entered into holy wedlock with Miss Theresa L. Koppin and God blessed this marriage with four children. They are: Selma (Mrs. Bourziel); Ewald who died at the age of nine months; Alfred and Gertrude (Mrs. Pfetsch).

One year later Mrs. Koppin suffered a stroke, from which she never fully recovered, and on February 11, 1939, she passed on to her heavenly reward at the age of 75 years and three months. Mr. Koppin was called to his heavenly Home on June 6, 1950.

Before his homegoing Brother Koppin wrote his own obituary to which were attached these words of faith: "Our heavenly Father gave us much pleasure and enjoyment to work for the Master in the church and elsewhere. To him be given all the praise and thanks. Over there we will meet again!"

Bethel Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

J. LESTER HARNISH, Pastor.

MRS. HENRY L. JANZEN of Lorraine, Kansas.

Mrs. Caroline Janzen, nee Dees, better known as Carrie Dees, of Lorraine, Kansas, daughter of Gottlieb and Eva Dees, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on January 12, 1870. She came to Kansas with her parents in 1884, arriving in the Lorraine vicinity shortly before Christmas. Her parents settled on the farm now occupied by Adam Dees, and here she grew up into maidenhood.

She was married to Henry L. Janzen on April 19, 1892. To this union twelve children were born: eight sons and four daughters. Three of these children, Edna, Edward and Edmund, were triplets. Mrs. Janzen and her husband made their home on Turkey Creek in Lincoln Township. They spent their active life farming until they retired to Lorraine in the Fall of 1920.

At the age of 13, she united with the Baptist Church near North Royalton, Ohio. When she came to Kansas, she with her parents joined the German Baptist Church in Green Garden Township when the stone church was still being used as the house of worship. Mrs. Janzen was a charter member of the Gleaners Sunday School class and served as its secretary-treasurer for almost 28 years. She also assisted in the organization of the Lorraine Baptist Cemetery Association and served as its treasurer for 20 years.

Her devotion to her church was ever manifested in her faithful attendance. As long as her health permitted she rendered a faithful and loving ministry to the church in that her home was always open to visiting pastors or friends of the church.

After being confined in the Ellsworth Memorial Hospital for several months, Mrs. Janzen passed away on June 13, 1950 at the age of 80 years, 5 months and 1 day. She is survived by her husband, Henry L. Janzen; and the following children: Henry E. of Geneseo, Albert of Scott City, Mrs. August J. Wilkens, Herbert and Wilbert of Lorraine, LeRoy of Sedgwick, Kansas; Mrs. Herman B. Schroeder of Lyons, Kansas; Edward of Louisville, Kentucky; Mrs. Arthur W. Nelson of Burlington, Iowa; and Mrs. Paul Kinnear of Aurora, Illinois; two sisters, Mrs. Ed. E. Janzen of Geneseo, Kansas, and Mrs. Jennie Bryce of Inglewood, California; one brother, Adam Dees of Lorraine, Kansas; 27 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; also nephews, nieces and a host of friends. Two sons, Edmund and Walter, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild preceded her.

Funeral services were held on Friday afternoon, June 16, in the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, conducted by Rev. Fred Ferris and assisted by Rev. E. D. Janzen.

Lorraine, Kansas
FRED FERRIS, Pastor.

Session of the Children's Home Board

Report by MR. HAROLD W. GIESEKE

ON TUESDAY, June 6, members of the Board of our Baptist Children's Home of St. Joseph, Michigan, met for their annual business session at the Home. As in other years, the meeting was an occasion of delightful fellowship and genuine thanksgiving to God. Tall iris bloomed in the garden; the well-kept lawn shone in the sunlight of a perfect June day.

home. Mr. Broeker told us of the careful instruction and guidance given the children in our Home and in the church. It is a thrill to know that in spiritual nurture as well as in physical care ours is not an institution but a real Home.

In the course of the year, our Home has been blessed with many fine gifts. Business firms donated a new television set and a gas-heated clothes



At the annual Board meeting of the Baptist Children's Home, St. Joseph, Michigan, along with the Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Runtz, superintendent and matron, the memorable events of the past year were reviewed and important decisions were reached for future expansion

Crowning it all were the smiles of 23 happy boys and girls, to whom we were introduced at the dinner hour.

TWENTY-SIX CHILDREN

Ten of the Board's 17 members found it possible to be present. In the absence of Chairman R. H. Mulder of Parkersburg, Iowa, Mr. Henry Bartz, treasurer, and chairman of the local board, ably guided the business sessions. The superintendent, the Rev. A. F. Runtz, reported that our Home had had another excellent year.

Since June 1949, nine children have left the home; two have come to join the family; two more were expected within the week. The average number of children during the year was 26. The Lord spared the children serious illness, and they made good progress in school and in church.

On Easter Sunday, five of the boys and girls were baptized by the Rev. L. H. Broeker, pastor of our St. Joseph Baptist Church. Only one of these had a Baptist background; two of them were from a Roman Catholic

dryer. From our own church came spreads, drapes, dishes, chairs, an outdoor oven, food and other gifts. For these, and the love which prompted them, the staff and children are most grateful.

MANY BLESSINGS

Financially, the Home has also a good year to report. Income for the year was \$14,650, of which \$7,750 came from our denominational budget and the rest from payments for child support, legacies and investments. Total expenses were \$16,540. The Home has invested funds totaling \$47,600. With its property, assets are listed at \$101,000.

All the reports add up to a note of earnest praise to our heavenly Father. Others have labored with God to give us the fine Home we have today. Now it is the Lord who inspires us North American Baptists to maintain it. The work of the Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Runtz, our superintendent and matron, was especially commended. They love the children and

the children love them, and no visitor can fail to see what a well-ordered and well-trained family this is.

They, together with other members of the staff and the faithful local board, labor for our denomination, but they do their work as unto the Lord. It is a work in which, by our gifts and prayers and interest, we may have a share.

THE RED RIVER FLOOD

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kitchen to the living room. It had pounded down the north wall and stayed in the house. Miss Ida Hoffman lost thousands of chicks, eggs and the incubators out of her hatchery, besides much of her furniture and clothing. Mr. Ad. Rentz found nothing of all his farm buildings but his home which was in poor condition. Messrs. David and Sam Bredin lost all of their cattle and horses.

Many of our farmers lost chickens and thousands of bushels of seed wheat. For most of them there was no seeding this Spring. Hundreds of cars were inundated, including our new Plymouth.

Since then Morris has been digging itself out of the mud. Hundreds of kind people from neighboring communities invaded our town with pails, brooms and brushes, helping to clean up. A group of college students volunteered. The Rev. Daniel Fuchs of Winnipeg came with a number of his fine young people to help us. The disaster has brought the best out of many people of the world. We are deeply moved by such service and thank everybody.

There is still much left to be done, but gradually we are beginning to move back into our homes. Some green spots appear on our lawns. On the second Sunday in June we had our first combined worship with the other churches. On June 18th we held our first worship service in our own church.

We have felt the love of God upholding us through the many uplifted hands in prayer for us. For many of our people it will be difficult to see the smiling face of their heavenly Father through the dark clouds of hardship and loss. But God spoke to us in an audible manner. He can take what he has given. He has taught us that all earthly possessions are but like dust before his breath. His Name be praised! We shall continue unafraid!

RECONCILIATION

"I met God deep in the forest;
I met him far on the sea;
But I never really knew him
Till I met him at Calvary.
I worshiped him at the altar;
I prayed where life's tempests toss;
But our hearts were fused together
When I met him at the Cross."