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The Great Baptist Rally in the Indians' Baseball Park, Cleveland, Ohio

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DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. Frank H. Woyke
 Sunday, Sept. 3 — Shattuck, Oklahoma. Dedication of New Church Building.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
 Saturday, Sept. 2. — Beaver Baptist Church, Midland, Mich.
 Sunday, Sept. 3 — Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich.

Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist
 Sept. 20-24 — Aberdeen, S. Dak.

Dr. A. S. Felberg, Evangelist
 Sept. 3-17 — Creston, Nebraska.

ASSEMBLIES AND CONFERENCES

August 23-Sept. 3 — **Atlantic Conference Young People's Assembly** at Denton Lake, New York.

Sept. 13-17 — **Eastern Conference** at Bethel Church, Buffalo, New York. Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, Miss Hilda Tobert, Guest Speakers.

Sept. 13-17 — **Atlantic Conference** at the Second German Baptist Church, New York, N. Y. Rev. H. G. Dymmel and Rev. W. J. Luebeck, Guest Speakers.

CHURCH DEDICATION

Wednesday, Sept. 20-Sunday, Sept. 24 — Dedication of New \$100,000 Edifice of the Foster Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill. Rev. Robert Schreiber, Pastor.
 Guest Speakers, Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Dr. Wm. Kuhn and Dr. Martin L. Leuschner.
 (See special announcement and invitation for all friends.)

Dedication of New Foster Ave. Baptist Church of Chicago, Sept. 20-24, 1950.
 Dedication services for the new edifice of the Foster Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., will take place from September 20 to 24. Since this church is a merger of the former First German Baptist and Gross Park Immanuel Baptist Churches, former pastors and members of both congregations are invited to be present or to send their greetings. Address all letters to Rev. Robert Schreiber, 5142 N. Meade Avenue, Chicago 30, Ill.

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 The dates for the services of dedication for the new buildings of the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., have been definitely set for Thursday, Nov. 2, 1950, to Sunday afternoon, Nov. 5, 1950. The festive program for those days will soon be announced. All of our people who can possibly attend are invited!

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AMONG OURSELVES

More than 200 names of North American Baptist visitors to the Baptist World Congress were written into a special autograph album at our exhibit booth. In addition, this album contains the names of almost every Congress officer, including Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, Dr. F. Townley Lord and Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn. The suggestion for this album was made by the Rev. C. Fred Lehr of Aplington, Iowa. It is an invaluable and fascinating book which has recorded the fact that many of our people attended the Baptist Congress. It can be seen at our Forest Park headquarters by those who ask about it.

IN THIS ISSUE

It is hard to bottle up the momentous events of seven glorious days at the Baptist World Congress into seven pages of "The Baptist Herald." A few of the highlights of the Congress are recorded in this issue with pictures, articles and reports. More will follow in the next number. But Dr. J. C. Oscar Johnson's presidential address deserves to be read by all Baptists everywhere. The Baptist delegation from Germany made an indelible impression on the Congress. The brief quotations from Congress speakers are choice bits from memorable addresses which will reveal the inspirational character of the entire program. This is merely an open window into the great vista of the Cleveland Congress!

COMING

"The Light of the World" — The keynote address by Dr. Wilfred L. Jarvis of Sydney, Australia, presenting Christ in his spiritual beauty and radiant light, will be as great a blessing to the reader as it was to the thousands who heard him at the Baptist World Congress.

Manifesto on Religious Liberty — The entire mid-century call to religious liberty adopted as a resolution by the Baptist World Congress will appear in the next number.

Worth Quoting — Brief quotations from various Congress speakers recorded by Mrs. Florence Schoeffel and Mr. Harold Gieseke will be another feature of the continued Baptist World Congress story.



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Editorials

by Martin L. Leuschner

The Global Warfare of Baptists

EVERYTHING about the Baptist World Congress at Cleveland, Ohio, was big — tremendously big! Throngs of Baptists surged into the city and taxed the city's capacity for hospitality. A mammoth total of 44,800 Baptists registered or participated in the Congress. The Public Auditorium was jammed full on several occasions with almost 18,000 people. Thirty-two thousand Baptists trekked to the baseball stadium of the Cleveland Indians for the Saturday night rally. Thousands of Baptists paraded down the city's streets for Cleveland's first Protestant parade in more than 25 years as sixty thousand people lined the avenues to witness it.

But the biggest thing about the Baptist Congress in Cleveland cannot be reproduced in figures be described in crowds. At the Cleveland Congress Baptists thought in world terms and were constantly challenged to their world-wide tasks. Emphasis was laid on the global spiritual warfare in which Baptists everywhere are now engaged as never before. As God's light of the Gospel shone on every Congress, a new and brighter illumination was focused upon every spot on the globe that needs Christ and the fervent witness of Baptists.

The Baptist at Cleveland had a great deal to say about the world-wide struggle for religious liberty. Our historical contributions to freedom of religion were dramatized in the colorful pageant, "The Light of Liberty." Almost every message told of Baptists persecuted for their faith or of religious liberties suppressed in far-off places of the world. Prayers were offered for the Baptist brethren in those lands which refused to let their citizens attend the Congress. Baptists were called upon to engage in an unrelenting, vigilant warfare against all evil forces and "to stand against tyranny, whether of State or Church, and to condemn as against the will and purpose of God any acts which outrage the conscience of freedom-loving people."

The Cleveland Congress was a remarkable demonstration of world-wide Christian fellowship. As never before at a Baptist World Congress, thousands of Baptist Negroes had the same access to hotels and restaurants, prominently participated in the parade, pageant and music of the program, and by forcefulness of great numbers were in "the front rows" of the Congress. The world-wide outreach of the eighteen million Baptists, as seen in the forty-eight countries represented at the Congress, was indelibly impressed on the mind of every Congress visitor. Across all frontiers of life and racial boundaries and restrictions imposed on men's hearts by legal and ecclesiastical authorities, Baptists find strong ties that bind them together in Christian love.

The needs of the world were laid as a heavy burden on Baptist hearts at the Congress sessions. The call to advance was sounded often. The urgency of aggressive action was made imperative. Evangelism must be the witness of every Baptist on a world-wide scale. "The strategy for such an hour as this is to go everywhere preaching Christ," Dr. Cauthen said. "Wherever the door is open, we must enter it."

The arena of our spiritual warfare as Baptists on global terms was dramatized at the Baptist World Congress in Cleveland as never before. "We wrestle against principalities, against powers, against rulers of darkness." But, thank God, "the victory always is of the Spirit."

BIBLE TEXT

"Wherefore he is able to save . . . to the uttermost" (Heb. 7:25).

These few words from this important verse in the seventh chapter of Hebrews was the text for the coronation address by Dr. F. Townley Lord of London, England, in the closing session of the Baptist World Congress in Cleveland. As president-elect of the Alliance, Dr. Lord declared this luminous truth of the Gospel to be the burden of his ministry in the five years ahead.

"We need make no apology for returning to this grand theme — the salvation of the human soul — for one may be sure that unless civilization speedily returns to this theme, there will soon be little civilization left to bother about. This is the truth we are commissioned to declare to the whole world. There is only One Who can meet the world's need. He is able to save to the uttermost."

C. OSCAR JOHNSON

The dynamic personality of the 8th Baptist World Congress was its president, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson. With bubbling wit and spell-binding power, Dr. Johnson led the sessions of the Congress into green pastures of spiritual refreshing. He kept the program on schedule and graciously held the speakers to their time. But, above everything else, his friendly and genial spirit, his democratic and humble ways with others, and his consecrated Christian personality made him the great soul of the Cleveland Congress who contributed greatly to its success and inspiration.

Dr. Johnson is the only Baptist ever to have held high office in the American and Southern Baptist Conventions and in the Alliance. He is vice-president of the Southern Convention and a former president (1932-1933) of the American Convention.

MUSICAL HIGHLIGHTS

The music of the Cleveland Congress will linger on in many hearts as golden memories with abiding blessing. Roland Hayes, the great Negro soloist, thrilled the great rally crowd of 32,000 at the Cleveland Stadium with his songs. Who can ever forget the Latvian choir of refugees as, dressed in their colorful native costumes, they sang their praises to God? A highlight of a Baptist Congress is always the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" by the audience of thousands of Baptists from many lands. But the greatest musical joy at the Cleveland Congress was Adele Norman's singing. This angelic singer touched the sweetest chords of music and lifted her audience to the very portals of heaven with her rendition of the song, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked," and other memorable numbers.

Our Fellowship Through the Gospel

Address by Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, President of the Baptist World Alliance, to the Congress of 16,000 Baptists at Cleveland, Ohio, on Sunday Afternoon, July 23, 1950

FORTY AND FIVE years ago this month a group of Baptist leaders met in the City of London. They had come from many different nations and backgrounds but essentially they were one. Their purpose in meeting was to set up an organization which would promote this oneness and give inspiration to our Baptist family so widely scattered over the earth.

Those early leaders were wise in their purpose and plan. From the beginning it was made clear that fellowship and inspiration should be the main purpose behind the organization while showing our essential oneness in Jesus Christ. Seven times the Congress has met in five different countries. Twice the regularity of our meeting schedule has been interrupted by black and awful wars. In these national conflicts we found ourselves pitted against each other but through all of it we found our essential oneness in Christ continued, and the bond of fellowship in him has remained unbroken.

UNITED FELLOWSHIP

We are meeting here in the 8th Congress of the Baptist World Alliance at a time when conditions in the world are bent on putting another straining test on our oneness and our fellowship. It is highly important that we who meet here shall acknowledge our debt sincerely to all those who so faithfully laid the foundation for our continuing fellowship, and at exceeding cost have built thereon. Six good and true men have served as presidents and four faithful men have served as general secretary. Many noble men and women have served on the Executive and they and others have brought inspiring messages to the sessions of the Congress.

Inasmuch as our fellowship has been tested in recent years by a world war and that a new and more severe test seems near at hand, it seems good to me to speak to you on the subject, "Our Fellowship Through the Light of the Gospel."

Fellowship is a word which may be used in several connections. There is a fellowship of darkness. Those who insist on living in darkness have a kind of fellowship with each other . . . a fellowship among thieves . . . fel-

lowship of fools. This seems almost like profaning so fine a word by dragging it down to such low levels. Today we see it draped about by new and strange banners seeking new adherents to a fellowship which promises light, but ends in extreme darkness.

In the forefront of this long array at the present time is the proffered fellowship of Communism of which someone said a month ago, "Communism is not a philosophy, but really organized conspiracy." Most of us here have watched this cloud start

pendable leader. His right to this position has always been challenged. Just after his baptism at the very beginning of his ministry, Satan tested him for days and then as always he proved his worthiness to be our incomparable leader. He began at once to build a fellowship out of a few selected friends through whom he would set going a program of world fellowship. This fellowship has grown until we see here today only small groups of millions who have been brought into it.

The record of how Christ sought



In a colorful setting of flags from many nations of the world and challenging Scriptural mottoes in the Cleveland Public Auditorium, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, president, called the opening session of the Baptist World Alliance to order

when it seemed little larger than a man's hand. Today it has spread and become dense and dark at the center. We are seeing the forked lightning of its increasing fury followed by the rumbling thunder of its enveloping program.

This is not a beautiful picture but it furnishes a suitable backdrop against which the Light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ may be seen in greater glory and beauty. Our fellowship is familiar with scenes like that, for the Gospel of Christ is our light, and the heart of that is darkness.

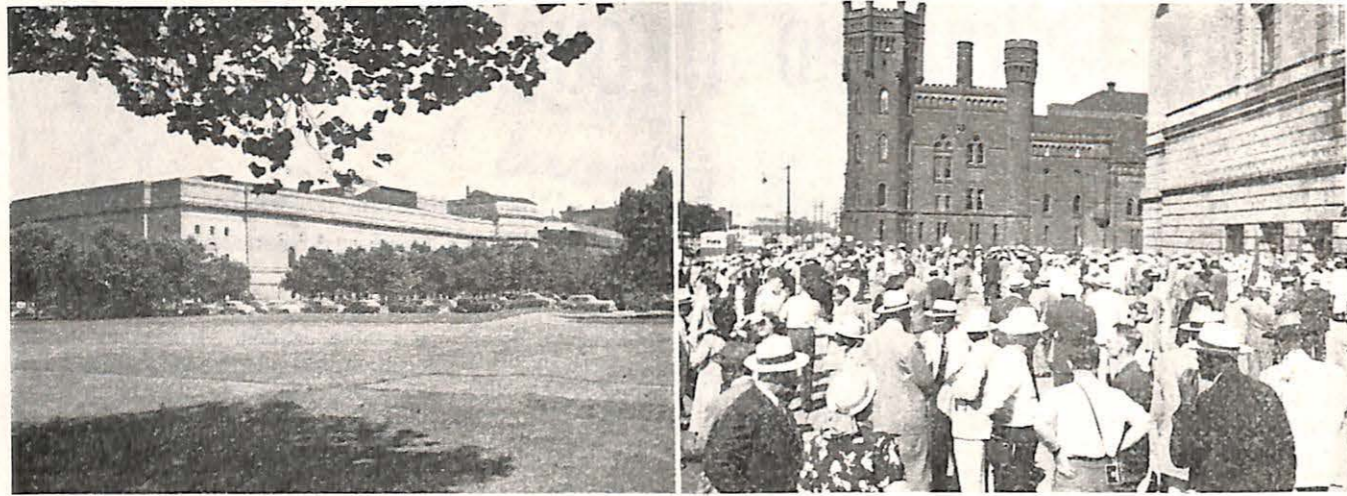
We recognize no other authority than HIS, no other guiding Light, no other Lord, no other trusted and de-

to impart to those twelve friends the real meaning and purpose of the fellowship is a thrilling story of patient instruction and discussion. They never came into its full significance while he lived. It took what seemed to be a great crisis, not to say tragedy, to reveal to them that this fellowship was deeper even than life itself. They learned that "God commends his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

CHRIST'S AUTHORITY

The light of this Gospel has always been thrown against a black cloud of sin and suffering. On the Cross the

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The large Cleveland Public Auditorium seating about 18,000 persons and surrounded by the picturesque mall was the site of the 8th Baptist World Congress held in Cleveland, Ohio, from July 22 to 27

The Fellowship of Baptist Hearts

An Eye-witness Account of the 8th Baptist World Congress at Cleveland, Ohio, by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Editor

THE FELLOWSHIP of Baptist hearts around the world, eighteen million strong, was dramatized colorfully at the 8th Baptist World Congress held in the Public Auditorium of Cleveland, Ohio, from July 22 to 27. A grand total of 44,800 Baptists were registered in some way or other as participants in this mammoth Congress. More than 20,000 Baptist visitors came from beyond the city of Cleveland, many of them as delegates from 48 countries, such as England, Germany, India, Burma, Japan, Africa, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Australia and Canada besides those who came from each of the 48 states of the United States.

DR. C. OSCAR JOHNSON

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, the inimitable leader and dynamic president of the Congress, called the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," the World Baptist Anthem. It was thrilling to listen to the great congregation of almost 18,000 Baptists packed into the auditorium singing that song and the words, "the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above." The Cleveland Congress provided the Baptists who were there with "heavenly places" of spiritual fellowship that did much to light the fires of holy zeal for a Gospel Crusade in the hearts of Baptists everywhere.

In some respects, it was the most unique Baptist Congress ever held. There were more people present at Atlanta, Georgia, in 1939. The Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1947 was more cosmopolitan in its

constituency of delegates. But the Cleveland Congress was unsurpassed for its rich, stirring and thought-provoking program which presented a galaxy of Baptist speakers who lifted the great audiences again and again to heights of "spiritual arousings." The 8th Baptist Congress also made a tremendous impact for good upon the city of Cleveland, trumpeting forth the Scriptural convictions of Baptists and demonstrating (at least in Cleveland) that true Baptists know no East or West, no South or North, but only "one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth." It was, indeed, another baptism of the Holy Spirit for those of God's people at the Baptist World Congress.

SATURDAY, JULY 22nd

At the opening session of the Baptist World Congress on Saturday afternoon, July 22, the royal carpet of welcome was rolled out for the thousands of Baptists who had trekked to Cleveland. Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, the Congress president, showed himself to be friend of everybody and especially "the friend of God" for his statesmanlike, Christian leadership. Adele Norman of Chicago, Ill., "the song bird of the Congress," made us feel at home as Baptists as she sang, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked."

Brief welcoming addresses were made by Thomas A. Burke, mayor of Cleveland; George D. Nye, lieutenant governor of Ohio; Frank J. Lausche, governor of Ohio, (at evening service); Mrs. Paul Stetler, president of

the Women's Council of the Cleveland Baptist Association; Wade H. McKinney, pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church (Negro); and D. L. Sharpe, executive secretary of the Cleveland Baptist Association. Dr. Johannes Norgaard of Denmark, vice-president of the Alliance, responded and challenged Baptists "to live up to the great responsibility that is ours to make our light shine in the darkness."

The theme of the Congress was taken effectively into almost every message and session. AND THE LIGHT SHINETH IN DARKNESS. Like a shot out of a cannon, Dr. Robert J. McCracken of New York City on the opening afternoon was one of the first of "the big guns" of speakers who addressed the Congress on "Christianity in the Atomic Age." "If Christianity affirms anything at all," he said, "it is that human nature can be changed, genuinely and permanently changed." Equally stirring with a strong evangelistic note was the message of Dr. W. J. Jarvis of Sidney, Australia on the text, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12), in which he pictured the Lord Jesus Christ as the world's Savior, stepping out of eternity into time to shine with God's light of revelation.

BAPTIST PARADE

Sixty thousand persons lined the streets of downtown Cleveland to watch "the Parade of Faith and Freedom" of the Baptist Congress late on Saturday afternoon. For more than an hour, ten thousand Baptists marched behind bands and floats and

auto caravans. Strains of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," "Hold the Fort, for I Am Coming" and "Whosoever Will May Come" reverberated in the chasms of the downtown streets, setting the cadence for the marchers and proclaiming a message of faith and freedom to the watchers.

It was the first Protestant parade that Cleveland had witnessed in more than 25 years. In the procession were nationality groups who were colorfully costumed, representing the Czechoslovakian, Ukrainian, Slovak, Latvian and Hungarian Baptists. Several musical bands of Negro young people, representing their churches, were an exciting part of the parade. The Salvation Army, Boy Scouts, Four H Club and other groups helped to form this spiritual procession winding through Cleveland's streets.

CLEVELAND STADIUM

On Saturday evening 32,000 Baptists sat in Cleveland's baseball stadium with applause and cheers, not for a home run hit by the Indian's baseball star, Larry Doby, but for the exciting Roll Call of Nations and the expressive singing of Roland Hayes, world famous Negro tenor. The Baptist Congress band, under the direction of Mr. Louis Mayer, filled the stadium with religious music, and the great choir, led by Dr. Cyril Barker, opened the heavenly portals with their praises in song.

Then came one of the highlights of the Congress. Fanfare! lights! — quiet! Through a guard of honor of the flags of the nations of the world, representatives from 48 countries, dressed to a large extent in their national costumes, marched across the ball field and paused briefly at the speaker's stand as one from each group brought a greeting from his land. "We bring you greetings from the Baptist Union of Scotland" came over the loudspeaker as a Kilty band marched by. "We bring you greet-



Thousands of Baptists on foot and in cars participated in the hour long Baptist parade down Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, on Saturday afternoon, July 22, to announce to the citizens of Cleveland that "Baptists had really come to town!"

ings from the Baptists of Norway, Nigeria, Australia" and so on. Prolonged applause followed the greeting from the Czechoslovakian spokesman who pleaded: "Pray for us who are behind the Iron Curtain." The German delegation was given a hearty ovation.

In the address of the evening, Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat of Raleigh, N. Car., spoke on "The Basic Freedom." Roland Hayes sang several numbers, including the favorite, "Every Time I Feel the Spirit." Since President Harry S. Truman could not be present, due to the world situation, his message to the Baptist Congress was read by Dr. Johnson while the large audience stood with reverent attention. The singing of "All Hail, the Power of Jesus' Name" brought this first eventful day of the Congress to a thrilling close under the stars!

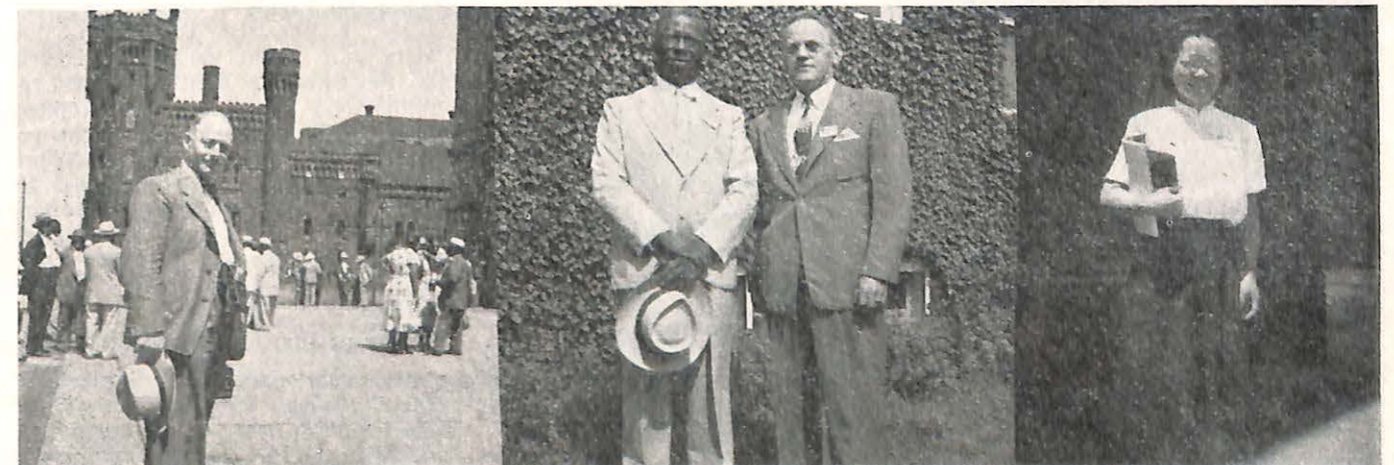
On Sunday morning, July 23, the pulpits of Cleveland's Christian churches were filled with Baptist

preachers. Dr. Ivan Parsons (Negro) of Stewart Town, Jamaica, for 20 years secretary of the Baptist Union of Jamaica, spoke at the White Ave. Baptist Church, and Dr. Earle V. Pierce of Minneapolis, Minn., was the guest speaker at the Erin Ave. Church.

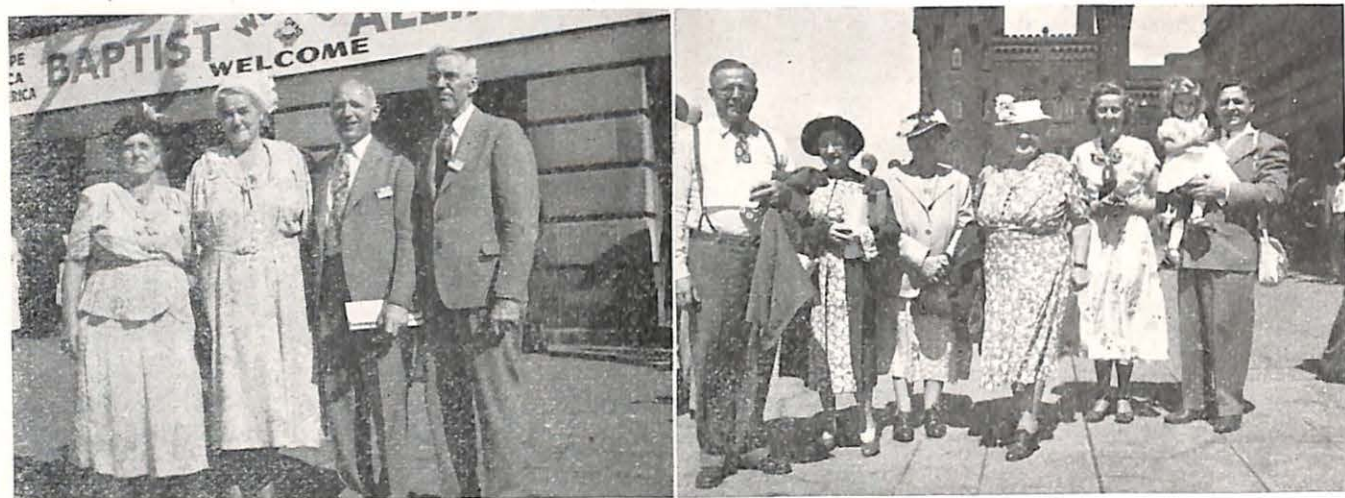
SUNDAY, JULY 23rd

By Sunday afternoon the Public Auditorium was so filled with Congress visitors that thousands had to be turned away. Vice-president F. Townley Lord of London, England, presided at the session. The Congress choir again lifted our hearts with its rendition of "America, the Beautiful" and "God So Loved the World."

The fellowship of Baptist hearts was again demonstrated in the introduction of and brief testimonies by representatives of South Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, South America and Mexico (North America). Later in the service, the presidents of Bap-



World visitors at the Baptist World Congress in Cleveland, Ohio
Left to right: Mr. Carl Baresel of Stuttgart, Germany, with the replica of European castle in the background; Rev. Ivan C. Parsons of Stewart Town, Jamaica with the Rev. Paul Zoschke of Cleveland Ohio; and a Baptist delegate from the Hawaiian Islands



About 400 North American Baptists attended the Baptist World Congress at Cleveland, Ohio, among whom were Mrs. Fred Fuchs, Hettinger, N. Dak., Mr. and Mrs. R. Pusch, Jersey City, N. J., and Rev. Peter Geissler, Avon, S. Dak., (left), and the Rev. and Mrs. George W. Zinz, Jr. and Sr., with friends (right)

tist Unions of Great Britain, Scotland, Germany, Sweden, Norway, France, Japan, Spain and the National Baptist Convention (Negro) were presented. In this colorful array of various groups and nationalities, we could sense the fact that

"Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares."

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson in his presidential address had as much fun with the newspaper photographers and his audience as at a picnic. From the valley of humor he took his fellow-Baptists to inspiring heights of inspiration in his message on "A World Fellowship Through the Light of the Gospel of Christ." (This sermon is published in this issue of "The Baptist Herald.")

YOUTH RALLY

The banners of youth were unfurled in the winds of enthusiasm at the Sunday evening service. It was the first youth rally ever held in the 45 year history of the Alliance. With personal charm and spiritual radiance, Miss Cay Herman of Cleveland's Church of the Master led the service that was unique in its presentation and youthful in accent.

A service of worship as a dramatization of the Lord's Prayer was given by a group of Cleveland's young people. The blond, 34 year old Joel Sorenson, the youth secretary of the Alliance, delivered the principal address in which he emphasized the fact that "Baptist young people these days are both able and willing to make their contribution to the total Baptist witness to the world." In the impressive service of consecration that followed, the witness of several Baptist young people was given. Benny Jones of Canada was followed by David Coats of Scotland. Greetings were brought from Burma. Gunter Wagner represented Germany, and Jack Robinson, basketball star of

Baylor University, Waco, Texas, capped the climax with a real challenge. As the chairman said, "Baptist young people are building a circle of prayer and fellowship around the world."

MONDAY, JULY 24th

Monday, July 24, was another "red letter" day in this grand Congress week. Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, the general secretary of the Alliance, gave a lucid and impressive account of his stewardship as the elected leader of the Baptist World Alliance. Dr. Walter O. Lewis, the associate general secretary, painted a dark picture of Europe in which he said "that there is less religious liberty in Europe than at any time in the last 100 years. And things are getting worse."

A choir of Latvian Displaced Persons sang repeatedly to the great delight of the assembled crowds. This fellowship of Baptist hearts was also symbolized by the short addresses by several displaced persons on the theme, "Out of Tribulation." In the afternoon sectional meetings were held for young people, women, laymen and ministers dealing with topics of special interest to each respective group.

The great service in the evening was addressed by the honorable Mr. J. W. Estey of Ottawa, Canada, a justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, who spoke on "The Light of Peace." The Congress sermon by Dr. M. E. Aubrey of London, England on "The Marks of the Church" was the most challenging address of the entire week, emphasizing the truth that "Christ is in the midst." "As he came among us to stand and serve, so, with a love like his, we also serve. We can do no other for he is in the midst."

TUESDAY, JULY 25th

God's light was focused sharply and brightly upon the speakers and program on Tuesday, July 25. In the

opinion of many, it was the best day of the week. In the morning session three speakers followed one another, each of whom had the people on their feet applauding and shouting "Amen." Dr. Culbert Rutenber, professor of philosophy and religion at Eastern Baptist Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., made his subject, "The Totalitarian State and the Individual Conscience," sparkle with wise insights and convincing logic. "To the totalitarian state the Christian opposes the totalitarian Christ — absolute, all embracing. Scripture calls it the Lordship of Christ."

Dr. Emlyn Davies, professor of South Wales College, Cardiff, South Wales, spoke on "Christ and Labor." He pointed out that "all labor movements, all political movements, and all social patterns stand indicted at the bar of history because they have refused to think of redemption in the full-orbed way in which the Christian Gospel seeks to do." The outstanding Negro educator, Dr. Benjamin Mays, president of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., in his stirring address on "Christian Light in Human Relationships" emphasized the truth that "only born again men can properly see the Christian light in human relations and can know how to keep from hating their brother." The report of the Commission on Religious Liberty was read and adopted. Its clear cut and decisive resolutions were widely published in the city's newspapers. The full text of the commission will appear in the 1951 ANNUAL.

THE LIGHT OF LIBERTY

The auditorium was packed on Tuesday night for the dramatic reenactment of the two thousand year old struggle for religious liberty in which Baptists have played a prominent part. The pageant, "The Light of Religious Liberty," was presented by a cast of 200 men and women, with

a specially trained chorus of 300 voices. This two and a half hour long pageant had been written by Dr. D. R. Sharpe, executive secretary of the Cleveland Baptist Association, who also took the role as prophet in the play.

With breath-taking beauty, as a result of the beautiful costumes worn by the people in the pageant, God's light was portrayed at the Bethlehem cradle, at the cross of Calvary, at the empty tomb of the resurrection and in the Upper Room of Pentecost. The struggle for religious freedom through the centuries was dramatically portrayed. The history of Roger Williams in America unfolded before our eyes with realistic power. The need for these same principles in our modern life was the closing challenge of the pageant.

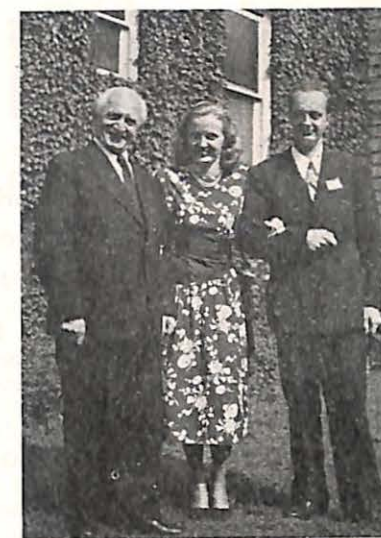
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26th

"Evangelism" and "missions" were the center of attention on Wednesday, July 26. The Rev. Henry Cook, the superintendent of the Baptist churches in London, England, presented the report of the Commission on Evangelism and the Church's Life. He is known as one of the most fiery evangelists among British Baptists.

Dr. E. T. Dahlberg of Syracuse, N. Y., represented the American Baptist Convention and spoke on "Can Evangelism Be Evangelized?" in his thoughtful and heart-stirring message. In a more oratorical and forceful manner, Dr. Robert G. Lee of Memphis, Tenn., for the Southern Baptist Convention, called upon "Every Baptist To Be a Missionary."

The afternoon was largely devoted to the great ministry of Baptist relief around the world. Dr. R. Paul Caudill presented the report of the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee. Three short addresses by the Rev. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., Dr. Reuben Nelson of New York, N. Y., and Dr. Duke K. McCall of Nashville, Tenn., helped us to visualize our opportunities, to realize our needs and to mobilize our resources.

The missionary outlook of today was presented with scholarly research and fervent Baptist witness by Dr. Kenneth S. Latourette of Yale University, New Haven, Conn., at the evening service. These conclusions were underscored by representatives for Japan, China, Burma, Africa and South America in the testimonies that followed. The Rev. J. T. Ayorinde of Lagos, Nigeria, who knows several of our Cameroons missionaries, was especially effective, as, dressed in native costume, he opened his heart in a passionate plea for more missionaries for Africa. Dr. Baker J. Cauthen of Richmond, Virginia, formerly professor of missions at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, and a missionary in China, and now



The Schmidt Family of Berlin, Germany, at the Baptist World Congress in Cleveland, Ohio

Left to right: Rev. Paul Schmidt, Erika and Wolfgang Schmidt

secretary for foreign missions from the Southern Baptist Convention, closed the meeting with a rousing message on "Christ for a Lost World."

THURSDAY, JULY 27th

The last day of the Congress was by no means the least. The results of elections were announced, revealing that Dr. F. Townley Lord of London, England, is the new president of the Baptist World Alliance. Various committee reports and resolutions of commissions were given.

The Rev. Paul A. Collyer of New York, N. Y., spoke on "The Light of God's Word," representing the United Bible Societies of the world. A profound treatise on "The Body of Christ" which was beautifully illuminated with Scripture came from the

heart and lips of Dr. M. F. McCutcheon, the elderly minister of the First Baptist Church, Montreal, Canada. The paper on "Ye Are the Light of the World" by Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was read by one of his colleagues on the faculty. Various sectional conferences occupied the afternoon hours.

Then came the closing hours of the Congress on Thursday evening. The music was again uplifting with Adele Norman singing and the choir of the Antioch Baptist Church rendering Negro spirituals. Dr. Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Virginia, a vice-president of the Alliance, reviewed the highlights of the Congress week with marvelous effectiveness as he spoke on the words of the Apostle Paul: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you" (Phil. 1:3).

The coronation address by Dr. F. Townley Lord of London, England, the newly-elected president of the Alliance, held high the truth that there is "None other Name" of whom it can be said, "Wherefore he is able to save to the uttermost" (Heb. 7:25). As everyone in the great audience held the hands of his neighbors to the left and right, the congregation sang again, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and felt the touch of God in the closing benediction of the eighth Baptist World Congress.

What lies ahead? Five years of grave uncertainty! The next Congress is scheduled for London, England, in 1955. Who knows what will become of us — of civilization — of Baptist churches — in this interval? But thanks be to God, as the light shineth in darkness, we can let our lights burn brightly and witness for Christ in the great fellowship of eighteen million Baptist hearts around the world!



Baptist World Congress visitors after a good lunch at Anders Cafeteria, Cleveland, Ohio

Left to right: Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, Morris, Man.; Dr. George A. Lang, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, Vienna, Austria; Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Winnipeg, Man.; Rev. John Engel, Ebenezer, Sask.

Baptist Women Around the World

Report of the women's sessions at the Baptist World Congress by MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL of Chicago, Ill., president of the North American Baptist Woman's Missionary Union

"CHRIST for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring," sang the 5,000 Baptist women representing all parts of the world at their two special meetings during the Baptist World Congress. This theme song typified the emphasis of the whole Congress. Symbolized by the illuminated cross at the front of the platform, the message that Christ alone is the answer to the world's problems came again and again through the addresses, reports, and discussions. "In Christ we are united — this Christ we must share with the world."

phone on the platform. Dressed in their native costumes, they all spoke English, though some with a broad accent.

Mrs. Ernest Brown of Great Britain, the first one called on, expressed the hope that this Congress would be a turning point in history — that men and women would turn back to God. In her country the women have been engaged in a campaign of evangelism, seeking out those women who cannot be persuaded to attend church, and bringing to them the message that "Christ is the answer to every need."

From 25,000 German Baptist women

Woman's Missionary Union was organized in 1947 and is growing rapidly. The women have launched a campaign for personal evangelism, and are giving love offerings for the cause of Christ. The Italian women are discovering talents and abilities for leadership they did not know they had, and are using them for God.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Finland is the "baby" of them all — only one year old. But already they have taken up a number of projects, reported Mrs. Helmi Sivhonen, such as opening an orphanage, raising money to support the ministers who are underpaid, giving Christmas gifts to the old, the sick and to those in prison; supplying linens and other things for the Bible Seminary at which five women are also studying.

"Estonia is a country which was freedom loving, happy — now is not, because it is enslaved — but shall be again!" said Mrs. Ellemand. The Baptist faith flourished here since its beginning 66 years ago. All Estonian Christians hope for the time when the Russian oppression shall be removed.

Evangelization is the main objective of the Baptist women of Brazil. Their Union, organized in 1898, numbers 30,000 members. During the past year they made 427,000 visits in the personal evangelism campaign. They support a missionary in Bolivia, maintain two training schools for women, and look forward to the appointment of a field worker for the Woman's Missionary Union. Dona Ester Silva Dias brought this remarkable report.

In Cuba, too, evangelization is the main emphasis of the women's work. Señora Virginia Perez de Palle stated that training the children and young people is recognized as an important part of the Christian women's work.

In contrast to some of the other lands, Argentina is a prosperous country, stated Señorita Teresa Vidal, and for that reason the need of the Gospel is great. The state religion is Roman Catholic, but most of the people are atheists. There are however 10,000 Baptists, and the women are organized in 82 associations. They support a girls' training school, a seminary, and goodwill centers.

The women of Australia sent their greetings in the words of 1 Thess. 3:12: "And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as

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Nationality representatives from many parts of the world at the women's session of the Baptist World Congress, Cleveland, Ohio, on July 24th

Sitting in that great throng of women, listening to the words of the women who had come from far corners of the earth, one felt as never before a part of a great whole — the fellowship of believers, the fellowship of service. Again and again we would say to ourselves, "Why, what the women are trying to do there in Burma, in Denmark, in Great Britain is exactly what we are trying to do in our women's societies in Chicago, in Detroit, in Dakota, in all parts of the country."

The greetings and reports of the women from 18 different countries were introduced in a unique way by the playing of their national anthem. As the strains of the song were sounded on the piano, any delegates present from that country would rise in the audience, and the chosen representative would step to the micro-

Mrs. Jakob Meister of Berlin brought greetings and thanks for the many love gifts showered upon them. Their present task as Christian women is to share food, clothing and shelter with all the needy, and through this demonstration of Christian love make Christ known.

The Baptist women in Denmark, said Mrs. Johannes Norgaard, are a small struggling group — 2,000 members comprising their Union. But they are willing workers in the local churches, serving wherever they can.

The main objective of the Baptist women of Norway is to gather money for foreign and home missions, reported Mrs. Karen Bjornard. They have a mission field in the Belgian Congo in Africa.

"I was born a Catholic, as were many who are now Baptists," said Miss Gina Bassi of Italy. Their

Gems of Truth from the Baptist Congress

Words that will live from addresses delivered at the 8th Baptist World Congress, Cleveland, Ohio

● A world fellowship surely is meant for all the people of the world. Baptists are so constituted as to make them well qualified to spread this light to all nations and peoples.

—C. Oscar Johnson, St. Louis, Mo., past president of the Baptist World Alliance.

● As I look across a world riven asunder by conflict of principle and policy, I can but reiterate a truth I have often stated before. I am of ever deeper conviction that what we need today is a revival of religion and a re-dedication of this nation — individually and collectively — to the unchanging truths of the Christian religion.

—Harry S. Truman, President of the United States.

● Young Baptists are faithfully laboring everywhere. They are busy preparing themselves for Christian service in different areas of life. They are active along the classical Baptist lines: evangelism. They are alert to the social needs of our time. They discuss the need of a righteous economic order, they adventure in social action in many fields. They want to relate the Gospel to all parts of life.

—Joel Sorenson, Stockholm, Sweden, Secretary of Youth of Baptist World Alliance.

● Upon the whole, it would seem there is less religious liberty today in Europe than at any time during the last one hundred years. And things are getting worse. If the battle

for freedom of religion is lost in Europe, it will be difficult to maintain in other parts of the world.

—Walter O. Lewis, Washington, D. C., associate secretary, Baptist World Alliance.

● How anyone can love his neighbor without doing justice to him is difficult to conceive, and our Lord was clear that the whole prophetic and legal movement which had dominated Hebrew thought for so many generations found its richest achievement in the love of God and love towards one's neighbor. Only in the realm which we share with our neighbor can we express our real love towards God.

—Emlyn Davies, Cardiff, South Wales, professor, South Wales College.

● Here in Cleveland, we have done four things among others. We have renewed our fellowship, we have reaffirmed our faith, we have restated our Baptist distinctives, and we have re-formed our forces for world conquest for Christ.

—Theodore F. Adams, Richmond, Va., vice-president, Baptist World Alliance.

● If the Church is the Body of Christ, it is where his Spirit is effective. He is the life-giving power and the living hope of the Church. The nature of the Church, therefore, is not determined by any form or organization or policy. It is determined by its relationship to Christ. The Church is not primarily an organization or an in-

stitution, but an organism and a fellowship, a new mode of God's presence and a new form of man's life in history.

—M. F. McCutcheon, Montreal, Can., pastor, First Baptist Church.

● I have heard the stirring hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," on many Alliance occasions. The great Swedish choir sang it to us at Copenhagen; we sang it together at the Youth Congress in Stockholm. We sang together of the tie that binds our hearts, but it is also a tie that links our minds — mind, will and feeling join in the experience of the grace of God. He is able to save to the uttermost, clarifying the mind, renewing the will, refining the emotions; until there is only one term which can fully describe the Christian — he is a new man in Christ Jesus.

—F. Townley Lord, London, England, president-elect, Baptist World Alliance.

● Unless we who follow the cross of Jesus can show a measure of devotion to our Lord which will surpass any zeal or consecration the Communist can show to his cause, we will stand speechless in the world we face. Let us settle it — the world cannot be won to Christ simply with dollars. It must take the life blood of the finest of our men and women who are willing to go to the ends of the earth and give their all for Christ.

—Baker J. Cauthen, secretary, Southern Baptist Convention.



Large crowds of North American Baptists attended the German and English services in the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, (shown above), as well as the Erin Avenue Church on Sunday morning, July 23rd

What's Happening

● The Rev. August Kraemer of Ochre River, Manitoba, Canada, has resigned as pastor of the St. Rose Baptist Church, effective about Sept. 1st. He has been the minister of the church since 1945. His plans for the future are not known to the editor, but further information will be announced as soon as it is made available.

● On July 13 at a special business meeting of the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak., the Rev. John Reimer presented his resignation which was accepted. His resignation will be effective on or before Oct. 15th. Mr. and Mrs. Reimer are waiting on the Lord to open the door of further ministerial service for them.

● The Rev. H. Schumacher, pastor of the Baptist Church at Fenwood, Sask., Canada, resigned some time ago and brought his ministry in Fenwood to a close after three years of service. He is now living with his family in Young, Sask., Canada. The Fenwood Baptist Church is considering extending a call to a successor to Mr. Schumacher.

● The 1950 Vacation Bible School which was held from June 26 through July 9 at the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan, was most gratifying. The enrollment was 474; average attendance was 231; the number who accepted Christ as their Savior was 83. A corps of 37 faithful workers labored diligently. The director of the school was the Rev. J. Lester Harnish, who is also pastor of the church.

● The Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, has extended a call to Mr. Harold W. Gieseke of Trenton, Illinois, to become its pastor. He has responded favorably and will begin his pastorate in Dallas on Sept. 3rd. Mr. Gieseke is a graduate of the Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., and is the president of the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union. He also prepares the material for the "C.B.Y. and S.S.U. Herald News" on page 13 of THE BAPTIST HERALD. He will succeed the Rev. W. Helwig at Dallas.

● The Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho, held a Vacation Bible School from July 3 to 21 with an enrollment of 104 children. It was a very fine school



Dr. F. Townley Lord of London, England, (left), president-elect of the Baptist World Alliance, and the Rev. Frank H. Woyke, (right), executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference

with two Fuller Foundation workers serving on the teaching staff, two local teachers and four teen-aged helpers. The Children's Day program on Sunday evening, June 11, was in charge of Dave Kraus, superintendent. A community service on May 30 was held in the high school auditorium of Paul with the Baptist pastor, the Rev. J. J. Lippert, speaking on "Called to Liberty."

● The Vacation Bible School of the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church, Alpena, Mich., convened from June 19 to 30 with an enrollment of 59 scholars and an average attendance of 50. Mrs. Richard Grenz served as director of this fine school. She also taught the Beginners' Department with Naomi Soper as assistant. The Primary Department was in charge of Mrs. Carter Preston with June Barber as assistant. Miss Millie Paad had charge of the Junior Department. The closing exercises were held on Sunday evening, July 2nd.

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● The pulpit of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., on Sunday, Aug. 13, was supplied by the Rev. Howard Johnson of Steamboat Rock, Iowa. On the following Sunday, Aug. 20, the Rev. Thomas Stoeri of St. Joseph, Mich., and Dr. William Kuhn preached during the vacation absence of the pastor, the Rev. C. B. Nordland. Mr. Harold Gieseke of Trenton, Ill., supplied the pulpit on Aug. 27. The guest speaker on Sept. 3rd will be Prof. Edger Boss of the Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., who with his wife recently joined the Forest Park Church.

● Miss Laura E. Reddig, missionary-nurse in the Cameroons, sailed from New York City on August 4th on the "S. S. Strathern" bound for Africa. She was scheduled to leave the port of Tiko on the African coast, on the "S. S. Pecuar" on August 14. She hoped to be in the British Cameroons, following her busy furlough in the United States, before August 31st. She will be assigned to the Bansa Hospital with Dr. Leslie Chaffee for the next few months, according to the most recent plans of the missionary staff. During the last few months she completed an important course in anesthesia at the Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Ill.

● Recently evangelistic meetings were held in a union effort of six churches of Colfax, Wash., with the Baptist Church, of which the Rev. F. E. Klein is pastor, serving as host. The Rev. Paul B. Smith of Toronto, Canada, son of Dr. J. Oswald Smith, served as evangelist. The Rev. John Henderson was song leader. The increasingly large attendance made it compulsory for the meetings later to be held in the high school auditorium. As a result of these meetings the Rev. F. E. Klein baptized four converts. The Baptist Church held a Vacation Bible School from June 5 to 16 with Mrs. F. E. Klein serving as director and with eight talented leaders on the teaching staff.

● On July 27 Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio, went from Philadelphia, Pa., by plane to Geneva, Switzerland to serve as observer at the Congress of the Christian Council of Churches held in Geneva. On August 4 he went to Damascus, Syria, by way of Rome. After six days in Palestine, he flew to Cairo, Egypt,

then to Athens, Greece, and finally back again to Geneva, Switzerland. After a brief visit in France, he expected to return to the United States by plane on Sept. 5th. Some of his experiences and observations in Palestine and on this eventful trip will be recorded in several articles for "The Baptist Herald" by Mr. Donner, the former business manager of the Publication Society.

● On June 17, the Rev. Herbert Schauer and Miss Mary Lacney were married in the Evangelical United Brethren Church of Port Allegany, Pa. Members of the Harmoners Quartet acted as ushers, and as a group sang several numbers. Mr. Bernard Fritzsche was best man. Miss Mildred Wright of Ogdensburg, N. Y., classmate of the bride, was maid of honor. Mr. Harold Faba, former student at the seminary, sang "Because" and "At Dawning." Mr. Schauer is a 1950 graduate of our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and is now serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Elmo, Kansas. Mrs. Schauer is a graduate of the School of Nursing of the University of Rochester.

● The Rev. Otto Nallinger with his wife and two daughters left the European continent after 2½ years of service as director of relief for the Baptist World Alliance and sailed from Cherbourg, France, on June 24 for the United States. He attended the Baptist World Alliance sessions in Cleveland, Ohio, from July 22 to 27. In September he will begin graduate studies in the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, Berkeley, Calif., and will be the pastor of a newly established Baptist Church at Richmond, Calif., which is being supported by the San Francisco Bay Cities Baptist Union. His school address is given on page two. His relief ministry with the Baptist Alliance has now been terminated after a very successful and deeply appreciated service.

● The Rev. H. J. Wilcke of Tacoma, Wash., spent about four weeks in July and August on a trip to the East, including attendance at the Baptist World Congress and a visit with relatives in Cleveland, Ohio. On Wednesday evening, July 19, Mr. Wilcke assisted the Rev. Robert Schreiber, his brother-in-law, at a special midweek service of the Foster Ave. Church of Chicago, Ill. During June and again during August, Mrs. Reuben Stading of our Sioux Falls Seminary has been serving the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., supplying the pulpit occasionally and directing Vacation Bible Schools at the Portland Avenue Chapel from June 12 to 23 and at the Tacoma Church from August 14 to 25. Mrs. Stading also assisted her husband in this appreciated ministry.

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YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

September 10 — "How Peculiar Should We Be?" by Rev. O. E. Krueger, Rochester, N. Y.
September 17 — "Can I Afford It?" by Rev. Robert Schreiber, Chicago, Illinois.

gathered at our Erin Avenue Baptist Church for a further hour of fellowship. The hour was late, but no one cared to miss this happy time. General Secretary J. C. Gunst and national president Harold W. Gieseke presided. Though he was due at another big youth pow-wow, Joel Sorensen came in person to give us a short message from his heart.

Ralph Kletke of Philadelphia, member of our Conference Union executive committee, led a song and brought greetings. Rev. R. Kanwischer, Regina, Sask., Canada, and Miss Ellen Lehr, Aplington, Iowa, Conference Union council members, were introduced, as well as Miss Martha Leyboldt, and the denominational leaders present. The Rev. J. C. Gunst introduced the Alliance visitors from Germany and we were privileged to hear two excellent talks (in English) by the Rev. Hans Arndt, youth secretary, and Dr. Herbert Mascher, secretary of Sunday School work, both of the Baptist Union of Germany.

Then the entire happy group joined in refreshments provided by the young people of our two Cleveland churches. This delightful, international fellowship hour climaxed a great Lord's Day at the Cleveland Congress — a day never to be forgotten — which challenged youth in all our churches to let their light shine!

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WORLD YOUTH LEADERS

In sectional meetings on Monday and Tuesday afternoon, Baptist youth leaders of the world got down to the serious business of adopting a new constitution for the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance and electing officers. Joel Sorensen of Sweden continues as youth secretary. To succeed Dr. T. G. Dunning of Great Britain, who has served long and faithfully as chairman of the B.W.A. Youth Committee, the delegates elected Mr. Robert S. Denny of Nashville, Tennessee, leader in the Southern Baptist Convention's great Baptist Student Union. A committee which will eventually number 35, will guide the activities of world Baptist youth and plan for the Young Baptist World Congresses like the one held in Stockholm in 1949.

It is hoped that our own North American Baptist youth will soon be represented on this over-all committee. On the closing night of the Congress, your reporter had the happy privilege of personally assuring Joel Sorensen and Bob Denny of our

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BAPTIST YOUTH AT CLEVELAND

The Baptist youth of the world shared the limelight in the great eighth Baptist World Congress held in Cleveland last month. Sunday night of the Congress was designated as the Congress Youth Rally, the first ever held in the Alliance's 45-year history. It was a great meeting, with nearly 16,000 people crowding the Public Auditorium. Your reporter sat about a mile (!) from the speaker's platform, but he heard perfectly.

Miss Cay Herman of the National B.Y.F. and Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, Alliance president, presided jointly. The Baptist Youth Choir of Cleveland sang. A dramatization showed a Baptist pastor from "Central City, U.S.A." talking over problems with his young people. The message of the evening was given by the Rev. Joel Sorensen, youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. Joel is a third-generation Baptist, the son of a Baptist pastor, and was formerly the president of the 18,000 Baptist young people of Sweden. He lives in Stockholm. He has been the leader of all the world's Baptist youth since January 1st of this year.

Joel reviewed the fine work of Baptist youth around the world and stressed the sacrificial responsibilities we all face. He said, "Christ is calling young Baptists out of secure places to the dangerous roads of mankind as witnesses of a redemptive life."

Following Joel Sorensen's challenge, five young people from Canada, the U.S.A., Scotland, and Germany gave their personal testimonies. Outstanding, in your reporter's opinion, was that of Jack Robinson, famed Baylor University basketball star of Waco, Texas, who told how his heart and life had been surrendered to the claims of Jesus Christ. The vast audience went home with its heart aflutter at the place of youth in our great worldwide Baptist fellowship.

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OUR YOUTH RALLY AT CLEVELAND

Immediately after this great meeting on Sunday night, North American Baptist young people and their friends

Mary Arden

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SYNOPSIS

One Sunday morning Mary Arden heard Laurie Judson preach a simple but dynamic Gospel sermon. It was a thrilling service for her. At the beauty parlor the next day, Sylva Grannis, a hair dresser, talked about Laurie as "a good for nothin' fellow" of years ago. One evening she carried out a prearranged plan by phoning Mary while Laurie was with her and asking her why she had taken away her date for the night. Laurie left soon thereafter for Sylva. Mary Arden went to her bedroom disillusioned with Laurie and with life. Laurie went to the house of Sylva, thinking that she was ill and needed his spiritual ministry. He and the landlady of the house found her in bed lying quite still. Slowly she opened her eyes and breathed faintly: "You've — come — at — last!"

CHAPTER TWENTY

"Yes," answered Laurie gently. "I've come. Is there some special question you want to ask me?"

Again the lids were closed for a long moment. They still did not open, only fluttered weakly as the girl barely moved her head sideways as if to say no.

Laurie was somewhat at a loss how to proceed. But as she had asked him here in desperation apparently, and said she was not ready to die, he began to repeat some verses in a low clear voice.

"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," he began. "And 'The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.' That means that if you trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior," he explained, "believing that He took the punishment for your sin when He died on the cross, that even though this body dies, you will never be judged for your sins and you will live forever with Him." He said the words slowly and plainly, as if he were talking to a little child. As there was no response he asked, "Do you understand that?"

A slow sad shaking of the head was all that gave any sign that she had heard.

So Laurie began with other verses, showing the plan of salvation from several different angles. Because she would not or could not speak or ask any questions it was hard to know just what point was not plain to her. He could not tell where to begin. He felt as if he were feeling an uncertain way in the dark. What word of scripture might possibly awaken this poor

soul to see the light? It was the strangest situation Laurie had ever been in. Many seeking persons he had helped to see the truth, some on the battlefield and some at home, and he had joyously introduced them to his Lord. But this was a difficult case indeed. After some time of quoting verses and explaining them as plainly as he could he paused.

"Is that clear now," he asked again softly, for she was so quiet he had a feeling she must have gone to sleep. "Would you like me to stop now? Perhaps I'm tiring you."

Again that weak little shake of the head, but more decided this time.

At a loss, Laurie knelt down beside the bed and prayed. A harder heart than Sylva's there could not have been, for scarce a soul could have listened to such a petition as Laurie offered without at least a softening or a tear of gratitude.

Laurie finished his prayer and hesitated. He felt he was not getting anywhere. He disliked staying so long. Yet he dared not go if this girl was still in the dark, and might actually die soon. He would never forgive himself.

"You are tired now, aren't you?" he asked again. "You want me to go."

This time Sylva opened her eyes and looked at him pleadingly.

"No," she whispered. "Go on!"

Mystified, Laurie went on to give more and more scripture. There were whole chapters he knew from memory. But he could not yet discern any response in her, nor any indication of what he should say next.

He became aware of Aunt Carrie's worried footsteps downstairs coming to the foot of the stairs, then uncertainly going away again.

There was one angle he had not used to approach her. Perhaps that would be enough to arouse her. So he ventured:

"Sylva Grannis," he spoke her full name, more loudly than he had been speaking, as if to call her from the distance she seemed to be from him, "Sylva Grannis, I have given you faithfully the word of God. You have made no response, although you have asked for it. I can only hope that you have heard with your heart and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior. If you have not, and will not,

I have only one more word to say to you: 'If our gospel be hid it is hid to them that are LOST!' May God help you!"

Just then the town clock struck half-past ten. It had been only nine o'clock when he arrived.

Suddenly Sylva sat up in bed. In a loud tone, perfectly plain to be heard by the dwellers in the houses on either side or by late passers-by on the street—though of course not by Aunt Carrie—she said:

"Laurie Judson, you get out of my bedroom! If you don't I shall scream for help."

He stood up, utterly stunned. "Get out!" yelled Sylva. "Go on back to your precious Mary Arden—if she wants you after this!"

In furious comprehension that he had been completely taken in, Laurie realized that he must somehow acquire witnesses of this evening's performance, or quite possibly his name and his job and his ministry at the little chapel were all gone. He thought fast. There were no witnesses, for Aunt Carrie was too deaf and blind to be considered. Then he would have to make some. He would take this girl by force down to the police station and make her tell the chief what she had done, and why. He was too distraught himself and realized too keenly the need for immediate action to try to reason out why on earth she had done this thing. But if he took the bull by the horns and made the thing public of his own accord perhaps he could forestall any scandal.

In a firm tone he commanded: "Sylva Grannis, you lied to get me here for some unknown reason. Now you put on some clothes and come with me to the police station. You are going to tell McNary exactly what you have done. You will be very sorry if I have to use force, but I will. Now hurry, I'll wait in the hall."

Laurie was not at all sure that Sylva would obey him. In fact he was nearly sure that she would not.

He intended to wait about ten seconds and if he heard no sound of her getting ready to go he would make another move.

It was quiet at first, then she laughed, a loud sneering laugh.

"Very well," he called, "then I shall call McNary here."

He started downstairs to the phone. But just then the doorbell rang.

He reached the foot of the stairs just as the door opened and in walked Orrin.

Aunt Carrie bustled up turning on lights, trying to see who the caller was.

"It's jes' me, Carrie," yelled Orrin into her ear. "I come by to see if this gentlemen is about ready to go home now."

She nodded and smiled. "Is my niece better, doctor?" She whined in the loud voice of the deaf, peering at

Laurie to try to make out which doctor he was.

Orrin glanced at Laurie who took his cue in an instant.

"I think she will be, much better now," he shouted back. "She'll probably be able to get up tomorrow."

"Too bad she went out of her head so, weren't it?" sympathized Orrin in a voice he hoped neighbors might hear also.

But Aunt Carrie said, "Yes, she had a bad headache."

"Doctor had to give her a shot to quiet her, didn't ye, doc?" Orrin yelled again.

"Well, yes, she had several shots!" answered Laurie, with a wry grimace. But Aunt Carrie did not understand.

She saw them out of the door and then locked it carefully. She tiptoed to the foot of the stairs and cocked her head as if she could hear whether the patient needed her, then still tiptoeing softly she went to her own room and proceeded to get ready for bed. It had been a long anxious evening.

Laurie and Orrin made haste to the old rickety car and chugged off.

"Well, friend, you sure were God's angel of deliverance tonight!" exclaimed Laurie fervently. "How you ever happened to be there in the nick of time I can't tell! Did you hear what that girl said?"

Orrin chuckled. "I heard a mite," he admitted, "though I don't gen'ally go in fer eavesdroppin'. Can't ya jes' leave how I got there with the Lord and take it fer granted He worked it?"

"I suppose I can," agreed Laurie humbly, "but it is tremendously interesting sometimes to have a glimpse behind the scenes and learn just how the Lord works. Isn't it?"

Orrin grinned again in the darkness as his old car lumbered on toward Laurie's home.

"Wall, I dunno as I can rightly explain it," admitted Orrin. "I guess I jes' happened to be comin' out tonight on an errand, and I hear your name as I was passin', so I thought mebber I could give you a lift home. I kinda sized things up when I heered what she said an' what you told her, so I cum in to hurry things up."

Orrin made no attempt to synchronize the order of events as he portrayed them. How he could have heard Laurie's name over the roar of his ancient engine he did not say. And not for words would he have let Laurie know that he had followed from a distance that evening, wondering what errand could have taken the young man so swiftly from his beloved and left such a despairing look on her face as Orrin had caught on Mary's. He gave no sign that his amazement had surpassed any bounds when he had discovered the house where Laurie had gone to visit. He would have been willing to admit to Laurie, had that young man pursued the ques-

tioning further, that he had heard some of the low voiced scripture he had quoted, and that prayer, or at least a word of it now and then. Though how he could have heard that when he had been supposed to have stopped his car at the sound of Laurie's name shouted by Sylva, he did not stop to figure out. But Laurie did not ask further. He knew old Orrin well, and he smiled to himself in pleased confidence in Orrin's loyalty.

"Do you suppose there will be a grand scandal about town over this?" wondered Laurie. "Such things do happen, you know."

"I don't reckon so." Orrin closed his tight lips with determination. Whether he intended to start a counter plot Laurie did not know, but he trusted his friend's judgment, and more especially his Lord's overruling, and he let it go at that. Good old Orrin.

Then his mind went back to Mary. He was woefully troubled at having left her the way he did. He tried to voice some of his worry over it to Orrin, but found it meant too much to him. He dared not trust himself to talk about Mary yet to anyone. And besides, if he made anything of it, it would look as if he cared too much. Better try to explain to Mary himself the next time he saw her. But what could he explain? It did not sound plausible.

Can you imagine why in blazes that crazy girl pulled a trick like that?" he asked Orrin after a thoughtful pause.

Orrin put on his wise look, though it could not be seen.

"Young man," he replied, "you will have to learn that the ways of women

are strange. They do things that have no rhyme ner reason. But ef anyone was to ask me I'd say—" he paused oratorically to let the terrible force of his next word be appreciated—"jealous!"

"Oh, for the love of Mike!" exclaimed Laurie in horrified astonishment. "That must be why she mentioned Mary Arden." Then Laurie, realizing that he had said more than he needed to say, added "Er— I mean, how on earth did she know I was up here at Ardens' and why would she care? You don't think she's—she's—" again he could not bring himself to say what was in his mind, that the girl was in love with him—"I mean, she's never seemed to—to—pay attention to me. And goodness knows I never looked twice at her. Oh, what an unholy mess!" Laurie was dumbfounded.

"Might as well forget it all," advised Orrin. "Like as not you'll never hear any more of it. Anyway, didn't you tell us on Sunday as how God promised that no tongue that shall rise against thee shall get away with it?" He did not state that by the time he and Nannie finished telling their version of it to certain acquaintances in the town, that the town would have very little use for Sylva Grannis. He did add, however, "Might be a good thing if that beauty parlor of hers found a better location in another town." But neither did he say what part he might have in urging Sylva to such a step.

He let Laurie out at his own home which seemed to be standing there in the quiet summer night waiting anxiously for its master.

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— JUNE CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Contributions For All Purposes—			
CONFERENCES	June, 1950	June, 1949	June, 1948
Atlantic	\$ 1,478.07	\$ 1,543.60	\$ 800.50
Eastern	1,773.58	1,721.44	1,434.05
Central	7,133.84	5,794.15	9,914.63
Northwestern	7,346.98	3,630.18	3,865.64
Southwestern	4,164.32	2,981.55	2,072.47
Southern	1,539.19	1,467.49	1,439.58
Pacific	4,283.20	2,275.80	2,850.78
Northern	831.33	1,328.56	1,532.90
Dakota	6,207.38	1,501.85	6,339.30
Inter Conference Contribution*	11.36		
Totals For All Purposes	\$34,769.25	\$22,244.62	\$30,249.85
Less Seminary Building Fund	9,019.39		
Total Other Contributions	\$25,749.86		

Budget Contributions Received—	
For the month of June, 1950	\$ 23,852.63
For the month of June, 1949	20,523.66
For the month of June, 1948	27,945.31

Budget Contributions Received For the Triennium—	
August 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950	341,572.44
August 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949	404,488.43
August 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948	450,346.45

* The contributions cannot be allocated to specific conferences.

But Orrin drove a long roundabout way home because he had a great deal to think out. First he had to decide just what to tell Nannie. Probably the whole truth would be best. Little as he pretended to value women's judgment he had generally found that it was wisest not to keep things from Nannie.

It might be that Nannie could help him with his next problem, namely, to crystallize the details of the story that must be circulated before that hussy got her own tale around. Also to decide what part if any he would need to take in evacuating Sylva Grannis and her beauty parlor.

But his hardest problem was going to be to explain matters to Mary Arden, and that right quickly, in order to remove from her beloved face that hurt look of utter despair. Could he tell her the whole story? It all sounded so outlandish he wondered if she would believe it.

Randa was asleep when he reached home, and Mary Arden's light was out so he assumed that she also had retired. But Nannie was waiting for him. He had known she would be. She had on her long sleeved tatted nightgown, and her gray hair was up in its usual leather curlers, but she was watching out the window in the dark room, and listening for the unmistakable sound of Orrin's car.

She was greatly relieved when she heard it. Orrin very rarely stayed out like this. She did not know what to make of it. He had told her nothing of his purpose when he left. For Orrin had thought there might be nothing to the excursion, and then he would return, to make some casual routine explanation of his hasty departure.

But Nannie must hear this.

As he told her every detail that his sharp ears had been able to glean from their station beneath Sylva's window, Nannie's wrinkled old face blazed with indignation.

"The hussy!" she hissed. "To think of her doin' a trick like that to a minister!"

"Laurie's not a minister," corrected Orrin so worried that he stooped to picking at trifles.

"Well, he's just the same as," maintained Nannie. "It must be she has a crush on him and is jealous of his comin' to see our Miss Mary."

"Yes, I did think some o' that angle. But if she has why would she want to ruin his good name?"

"Oh, you never can tell what girls will do," asserted Nannie. "Besides, she's the kind of girl who wouldn't care if her man's name was ruined so long as she got him. There are such, you know." Nannie instructed her husband as if he were a callow young man not yet familiar with the evil ways of the world.

Orrin sniffed.

"She don't belong in our town," he

PROGRAM
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:45 P.M. Song Service. Welcome. Response. Sermon: "The Church's One Foundation," Carl Weisser.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:30 A.M. Morning Prayer of Intercession for Pastors, Paul E. Loth.
10:00 A.M. Organization. Reading of Church Letters. Appointment of Committees. Hand of Fellowship to new Pastors.
11:00 A.M. Discussion: "Conceptions of the Church." The Roman Catholic Conception, Wm. D. Ross. The Biblical Conception, John Kuehn. General Participation and Questions.
11:45 A.M. Bible Study and Devotions: "The Church His Body," Albert Stelter.
12:00 Noon Intermission.
1:45 P.M. Song and Prayer.
2:00 P.M. The Church and its Work of Publication, Elmer Baumgartner.
2:20 P.M. The Church and its Denomination, Geo. W. Zinz, Jr. The Church and Civil Government, Louis B. Holzer. General Discussion: "The Growth of the Church. Why so slow?" Relative importance of internal and external growth.
3:30 P.M. Conference Reports given by: the Missionary Secretary, Louis B. Holzer; the Treasurer; the Statistical Secretary, John Kuehn. Discussion: Denominational Goals.
4:30 P.M. Meeting of Committees.
7:30 P.M. Song Service. Sermon: "The Church's Vital Fellowship," Paul Ford.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:30 A.M. Morning Prayer of Intercession for all Officers, Paul E. Loth.
10:00 A.M. Report on Work of the General Council, Frank H. Woyke.
10:15 A.M. The Lukewarm Church, W. S. Argow. The Zealous Church at Home and Abroad, Miss Hilda Tobert. General Discussion: How Do We Measure Spirituality?
11:00 A.M. Reports of Committees and Election of Officers.
11:45 A.M. Bible Study and Devotions. The Church His Bride, G. A. McLean.
12:15 P.M. Intermission.
2:00 P.M. Meeting of Women's Union. Miss Tobert, Guest Speaker.
7:30 P.M. Sermon: "The Church's Greatest Temptation," G. E. Friedenberg.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:30 A.M. Morning Prayer of Intercession for all Members, Paul E. Loth.
10:00 A.M. The Church and its Youth, Howard Wyant. The Church and Inter-marriage, Vincent Trimmer. General Discussion: Youth of Yesterday and Today.
10:45 A.M. Promotional Address, Frank H. Woyke.
11:15 A.M. Unfinished Business.
11:45 A.M. Bible Study and Devotions: "The Church His Building," Wm. E. Schmitt.
12:15 P.M. Adjournment.
6:00 P.M. Young People's Rally and Banquet.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Morning: Guest Speaker, Frank H. Woyke: The Church's Urgent Proclamation. Afternoon: Youth Meeting.
Night Sermon: His Glorious Church, Otto E. Krueger.

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said. "Town'd be better off without so many o' them fool shops anyways. Say! Didn't Miss Mary go down to that shop last week herself?"

"Why yes, I believe she did." Nannie took down one of her curlers that felt too tight and rolled it up again as she tried to puzzle out the tangle. "But you can't think our Miss Mary would have said anything that would get Laurie into trouble, do you? I don't believe she would ever let on how much he comes here. It isn't like her. What could her visit there have

to do with this?"

"Dunno." Orrin was beyond his depth when it came to what might go on in those mysterious stalls at the beauty shops.

So they discussed the problem, far into the night, and slept late next morning. And that was how it came about that Mary Arden was gone before either of them awoke, and Orrin had no chance to explain what had happened the night before, even if he could have thought of a way to do it.

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REPORTS

FROM THE FIELD



Southwestern Conference

Reception by the Dickinson County Church of Kansas for Rev. and Mrs. H. Schauer

On Sunday evening, July 9, members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Elmo, Kansas, had the long awaited joy of welcoming their new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Schauer. Special speakers on the program were the Rev. Homer Engle and the Rev. Cecil Plank who so ably served the church as interim pastors. They led in devotions and challenged and encouraged both the new pastor and congregation to the fullest love, cooperation and faithfulness in the service of God at this place.

Words of welcome were spoken by Mr. Alvah Ihde in behalf of the church, Milton Jacobson for the Sunday School, and Mrs. Charley Piper for the Woman's Missionary Society. Special music was rendered by the church choir and the ladies' trio. Mr. and Mrs. Schauer expressed their appreciation and their desire to work in harmony with God and the church in this community.

May our pastor and church truly be blessed of the Lord as God renews our strength and unites our hearts to greater service in his vineyard. After the program everyone enjoyed delicious refreshments and a joyous time of Christian fellowship. In connection with this reception, the church gave Mr. and Mrs. Schauer a wedding gift of money and a pantry shower.

Mrs. Milton Jacobson, Reporter.

Central Conference

Special Programs and Vacation Bible School at Beaver Baptist Church, Midland, Mich.

Due to bad roads in March, Miss Myrtle Hein of the Camerons could not be with us at that time, but on Sunday, May 28, we had the privilege of having her throughout the day. In the evening we were especially fortunate in having Miss Hein as guest speaker at our women's missionary program.

Miss Hein was a childhood friend of our pastor, the Rev. Fred Mashner, and his wife. Miss Hein and Mrs. Mashner sang several duet numbers at our ladies' program. We have a special interest in Esther Schultz who is our own missionary and, because Myrtle lived with Esther in Africa, she was able to tell us many things



Children and teachers of the Baptist Vacation Bible School, Mt. Sterling, Mo., have their picture taken on the church steps.

about her.

Our Vacation Bible School was held during the first two weeks in June. Many new children came to our school which brought the enrollment up to 47. At the end of two weeks the children gave a combined program of Bible School and Children's Day and great was our amazement at what had been accomplished. Through the new children we have been able to make many new contacts and are now hoping to interest the parents in wanting to know more about our wonderful Savior Jesus Christ.

On June 11 the Rev. Mr. Schilke of Pound, Wis., brought the morning message to us. It was a joy to have the Gospel Harmonizers of our Seminary with us on June 26, especially Adolph Braun, a member of the quartet, is from our midst. Wonderful messages in song and word were brought to us.

Marie Rinas, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School and Baptismal Service at Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Missouri

The boys and girls of the Mt. Sterling Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Missouri, and children from some of the neighboring church spent a full but happy week in Vacation Bible School from June 5 to 9. Ten sessions were held in five days. Transportation was furnished by various members of the church. We had an enrollment of 33 pupils with an average attendance of 31. A staff of six teachers, a secretary and a pianist, along with the pastor, Rev. Arthur A. Voigt, served in the school during this week.

We had a helper under the Youth Service Plan of our denomination. She was Miss Joann Dons from Ellinwood, Kansas. The children were entertained the last day with a wiener roast.

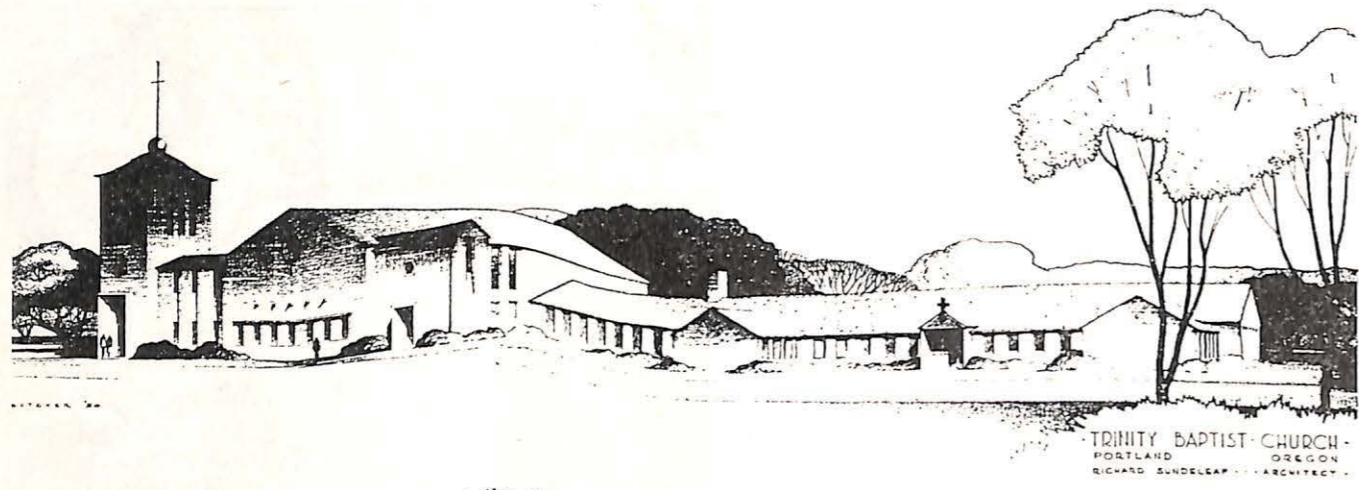
On Sunday evening, June 11, we held the closing exercises of our school. The children gave a review of what they had learned during the week. After the program, their handwork was put on display, so that the guests could see what the children had made. An offering was taken which was sent to our denominational headquarters. It was really a blessed week with the Lord in his House and with many serving him in this way.

On Sunday afternoon, June 18, we held a baptismal service. Four of our Sunday School pupils were baptized. It was a beautiful day of sunshine. The service was held at the clear waters not far from the church in the shade of the beautiful Missouri trees.

Arthur A. Voigt, Pastor.



Boys and girls at the Vacation Bible School held by the Beaver Baptist Church near Midland, Michigan



The architect's sketch of the new edifice of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, for which ground was recently broken by the Rev. John Wobig and members of the church

Vacation Bible School and Baptismal Service by Round Lake Church, Gladwin, Mich.

The Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Mich., held another successful Vacation Bible School from June 5 to 16. We had four age groups with a fine teaching staff and an average attendance of 40 pupils. A pot-luck lunch with a picnic on Friday closed the school. The program and exhibition of handwork was given on Sunday evening, June 18, as our Children's Day program. An offering of \$20.00 was given for our Chapel Building Fund.

On Sunday, July 2, we had a baptismal service in the open at the beautiful setting of Pratts Lake. Four of our young people followed the Lord in the symbol of dying to this world and living for Jesus Christ. There were others ready, but circumstances prevented them to act according to their hearts' desires. In the evening these four were given the hand of fellowship at the Lord's Supper.

On July 8 and 9 we had the privilege of entertaining the Michigan Tri-Church Rally. It was a great, uplifting experience for all of our three churches. Our executive secretary, Rev. Frank H. Woyke of Forrest Park, Illinois, was the main speaker. We as a church were enriched in many ways.

Victor H. Prendinger, Pastor.

Pacific Conference

Ground Breaking Exercises for New Edifice, Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

For several years the congregation of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon has been thinking and talking about relocating its edifice. On Sunday, June 18th, the first step to this realization was taken.

At 3:00 P.M. the membership besides many friends of the new neighborhood gathered at the church lot to hear the ceremonial services under the leadership of our pastor, the Rev.

John Wobig. The song service was led by our choir director, Mr. A. G. M. Strowger. Our student pastor, Mr. Robert Penner, read scripture and the Rev. T. W. Leger, pastor emeritus, led in prayer. Remarks were made by the Rev. John Wobig, the Rev. J. Russell Raker, Jr., executive secretary of the Oregon Baptist State Convention, and the Rev. Russell B. Thomas, secretary of the Baptist City Mission Society.

The following took part in the actual ground breaking: Rev. John Wobig, pastor; Aaron Pfaff, chairman of Trustees and Building Committee; Robert Penner, student pastor; Eric Pohl, chairman of the Planning Board; Rev. T. W. Leger, pastor emeritus; Edwin Rocks, Sunday School superintendent; Rev. J. Russell Raker, Jr., executive secretary, Oregon Baptist State Convention; Mrs. Jennie Boehi, Ladies' Missionary Society; John Leyboldt, Men's Brotherhood; Rev. John Kimmel, mission pastor, Glencullen Baptist Church; Rev. Russell B. Thomas, secretary of the Baptist City Mission Society; Melvin Johnson, youth groups; Harry G. Johnson and Louis Pohl, contractors.

The new church and educational unit are to be constructed at an estimated cost of \$200,000, with Richard Sundeleaf as architect, at S.E. 67th Avenue and Clinton Street in Portland. Since the ground breaking ceremony, preliminary work on the property has commenced for the preparation of the new church. We are all confident that with the help of God and through much work and prayer we shall succeed in our new undertaking.

Martha Kepl, Reporter.

Special Meetings at Elk Grove, Calif., and Germany Trip by Rev. W. W. Knauf

We are happy again at this time to present a report on the happenings in the Baptist Church at Elk Grove, California. All organizations of the church are growing and working. The C.B.Y. group has taken charge of several evening services during the ab-

sence of our pastor, the Rev. W. W. Knauf.

For the past two years our pastor and a male octet have taken charge of one evening meeting each month at the Victorious Mission in the lower part of Sacramento, Calif. Only eternity will reveal how much good these meetings have done, and how many have found the Lord Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, July 16, our Sunday School had its annual picnic at our Elk Grove Park. We gathered at the park in the early morning and had our Sunday School period and church service under the beautiful green trees. The Lord gave us cool weather and warm hearts so that it was a day of fine fellowship and blessing.

We are putting forth every effort to pay off our church building debt. For a number of years before the church was built, we set aside the first Sunday of the month as Building Fund Day and have continued this practice ever since, and slowly but surely the debt is decreasing. The church also has placed a wall to wall carpet in the living and dining rooms of our parsonage which has added to the cheerfulness of the home.

Our pastor, the Rev. W. W. Knauf, enjoyed a brief visit in July and August with his father and family in Kassel, Germany, after an absence of 27 years. We are happy with him that he could avail himself of the opportunity of being with his relatives and to visit the old familiar haunts of his childhood. As a surprise to him the church and friends presented him with a love offering of over \$400 to assist in defraying expenses. From letters and reports received, he enjoyed a splendid vacation as well as a blessed time of fellowship in preaching the Gospel in the church where he was raised and found the Lord Jesus.

On July 2nd at the Sunday morning service just before Mr. Knauf left for Germany, it was his privilege to baptize two young people and extend the hand of fellowship that same morning.

Theodore Wuttke, Reporter.

Pacific Northwest Assembly With 150 Young People at Newman Lake of Washington

"Ye Are My Witnesses . . ." With this challenge in our hearts to be more faithful in the service of our Lord, another Pacific Northwest Assembly has gone by! It was held from July 8 to 14 at Newman Lake near Spokane, Washington.

Such inspirational days! The classes, "From Pentecost to Patmos," by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, and "Personal Factors in Character Building," by Rev. H. J. Wilcke proved to be a real blessing to us. The total number who took the course for credit from these two groups was twenty-seven.

The Junior groups also had a grand fellowship together under the able leadership of Mrs. F. W. Bartel from Spokane, Wash., and Mrs. Wm. Wirth, who was brought to the assembly by the young people. She is the Scripture memorization director of Kansas. There were thirty-two altogether in this age group which took the course for credit.

We must not exclude the wonderful time we had with our missionary, Miss Hilda Tobert. The study on "Call to the Cameroons" made us feel much more acquainted with the field and those who are in God's service there. The real need for young people in the mission field was brought to our minds.

Recreational time at camp was spent in swimming, boating, playing baseball and volleyball. This is always an enjoyable time in Christian fellowship. The messages of the evening services and the films that were shown by Dr. Leuschner were interesting and beneficial to the entire group.

A special closeness to our Savior was deeply felt in our campfire hour. The Holy Spirit spoke to many hearts during the week and an open expression by many was given to rededicate their lives fully to the Lord and his will. The blessings of camp days will never be forgotten as a new zeal was stimulated among us to serve the Lord. Mr. and Mrs. Al Bibelheimer, Reporters.

Atlantic Conference

"Apostolic Evangelism," Theme of the Atlantic Conference Ministers' Retreat at Bradley Beach

The annual Ministers' Retreat of the Atlantic Conference was held at the Young People's Cottage at Bradley Beach, N. J., from June 26 through 30. Seventeen ministers, fourteen ministers' wives, and eight children were present.

The theme chosen for discussion was "Apostolic Evangelism." The following messages and papers were read and discussed, respectively: "Prayer and Evangelism," Victor Hammond; "Guidance of the Holy Spirit in Evangelism," H. J. Freeman; "The Charter For Evangelism," Robert W. Cook; "The Power of Evangelism," Robert S. Hess; "Baptism and Evangelism," Richard K. Mercer; "Miracles and Evangelism," Norman H. Klann; "The Church, the Backbone of Evangelism," Assaf Husmann; "Home Missions and Evangelism," Robert Zimelman; "Persecution and Evangelism," John Schmidt; "Laymen and Evangelism," Christian Peters; "Foreign Missions and Evangelism," Herman Kuhl; "Evangelism Crossing Boundaries," George A. Dunger; "Doctrine and Evangelism," Walter G. Damrau; "The Pastor and Evangelism," Thomas Rowell; and "Personalities and Evangelism," Walter Sukut.

On Tuesday evening the ladies presented a program of entertainment and refreshments, and in the game, "Twenty Questions," baffled the "Experts" with the "Sword of Goliath." The week was indeed a week of rich blessing, and because the weather was ideal, of fine rest and relaxation also. Norman H. Klann, Reporter.

Farewell Service at Baltimore, Maryland, for the Rev. and Mrs. Gustav Schmidt

July 9th, a Sunday when we should have sung, "O Day of Rest and Gladness," was turned into a day of sad-

ness for the West Baltimore Baptist Church of Baltimore, Maryland. Our pastor, the Rev. Gustav Schmidt, preached his farewell sermon that morning. Members and friends were there and filled the church. Mr. Schmidt had read his resignation on Easter Sunday to take effect the second Sunday in July. Now the day had come to sever the connections which had lasted for 28 years, years of hard, earnest labor for this man of God. Mr. Buchwald, senior deacon, was in charge of the service.

It was God who had sent him there 28 years ago when the church was ready to close its doors. Only a few of the women were left. It was Miss Buehlmaier who persuaded Brother Schmidt, then a student at Rochester, N. Y., and in the summer serving as a colporteur for our Publication Society, to send his kit back to Cleveland and in the Name of the Lord to take the struggling few who remained. They had no money with which to pay him. Even his trips to and from Rochester were paid for out of his own pocket, and so he believed it was of the Lord and he took the work over.

He stayed with the church all these years, even through bitter adversity and criticism from those he befriended most. Now he is under doctor's orders, both he and his dear wife, to take a rest or else bear the consequences. On this day, July 9th, a letter from the Maryland Baptist Association was read praising Mr. Schmidt.

Dr. C. C. Thomas, secretary of the Association, who could not be present, sent a representative, the Rev. J. J. Evans of the Pimlico Church. Mr. Samuel Bodlien, a friend of the pastor and co-worker for a number of years, brought a summary of these years of hard work. Mrs. Maultsley, church clerk, voiced her regrets in well chosen words. Then Brother Schmidt took over with the text: "The Lord will guide you," Isaiah 58:11.

The Rev. Earl H. Gross from Bel Air, Maryland, who later was elected unanimously as the next pastor, followed with a brief message. The service closed with the Lord's Supper. Samuel Bodlien, Reporter.



Large crowd of happy, smiling young people at the Pacific Northwest Youth Assembly held on the banks of Newman Lake near Spokane, Washington during the week of July 8 to 14, 1950

Baptism of Four Converts and Vacation Bible School at Bethlehem, Pa.

We of the Calvary Baptist Church in Bethlehem, Pa., have much for which to praise the Lord. After their baptism the previous week, four young people were welcomed into the church on Sunday, July 2nd. These young people had attended a special class for young converts which the pastor, the Rev. Robert S. Hess, had conducted. What a joy it is to see, not only a soul saved, but a life dedicated to his service!

Our Vacation Bible School was a great success. It was the best school ever held by this church with 76 pupils registered, and 50 having perfect attendance. A fine program was given by the children at the close of the two weeks' study, revealing to parents and friends something of what the youngsters had learned. The offering of this evening was designated, half for missions and half for the church's building fund.

Genevieve Lobos, Reporter.

of the occasion. When a hundred men get together for a happy and delightful table fellowship, it does look grand. We had guests from the Pentecostal Church and the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church and three Baptist churches. Well, Dr. Kuhn, our beloved man of God, satisfied them all!

The last Sunday evening in June was one of the most enjoyable and inspirational experiences a church can have. We were privileged to baptize six Sunday School children upon their confession of faith. All of them had accepted the Lord as their personal Savior during our March meetings with the Rev. Robert Schreiber of Chicago, Illinois, as our evangelist.

The first Sunday in July will long be remembered in Pound and vicinity. Our Seminary quartet, "The Harmonizers," were with us, and we were really sorry that they had to leave us the same day. During the morning worship period, they sang and preached to the delight of all. We stayed for a church dinner, and then at 2:00 P.M. interested people from

In the afternoon, the congregation met in the Edenwold Church with the delegates of the following churches forming the advisory council: Regina, Southey, Fenwood and Davin, with the Rev. R. Kanwischer as chairman. Mr. W. Kramer of Edenwold opened the service with the reading of the motion by the church to have Brother Thiessen ordained. Mr. R. Kurtz was elected secretary of the council.

Mr. Thiessen told the council about his experience of salvation, his call into the ministry and also his declaration of faith. After some deliberation by the council, Brother Thiessen was accepted and the church proceeded to ordain him under the chairmanship of the Rev. H. Schumacher.

The Rev. R. Kanwischer of Regina brought the ordination message. His theme was "A Standardized Ministry" according to 1 Tim. 5:22. The dedicatory prayer with the laying on of hands was given by the Rev. E. H. Nikkel. The charge to the candidate was given by the Rev. Henry Schumacher. Mr. Nikkel also gave the charge to the church. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. E. L. Thiessen.

R. Kurtz, Secretary.

The West Ebenezer Woman's Missionary Society of Saskatchewan Celebrates its 25th Anniversary

The Woman's Missionary Society of the West Ebenezer Baptist Church of Saskatchewan presented its 25th anniversary program on June 11. Looking back on the past quarter century, we rejoice in God's constant help and praise him for the strength we have received from him to have had a small part in the building of the Kingdom's work. Especially are we debtors to the late Rev. John Luebeck under whose supervision our society was founded on January 11, 1925.

Throughout these years we have tried to meet regularly once a month. Under the leadership of Mrs. Edith Grunert, and with the adoption of the ten point program of the National Woman's Missionary Union, we have received new enthusiasm and greater interest in God's work. Our contributions to missions during the past five years have almost equalled that of the previous 20 years. The total contributions were almost \$3500.

The morning worship service was conducted in the German language for the special benefit of many visitors who have recently come to this part of Canada. The Rev. Alfred Lueck, our interim pastor, also an immigrant, gave us a very inspiring talk.

After a delicious lunch, served by our ladies in the church's dining parlors, we assembled in the sanctuary for a program. The Ladies' Choir consisted of present members and as many former members as could be present. A dialogue, "Widening Circles," was also presented. Our speaker for the afternoon was Mr. M. Lueck, son of our pastor. Greetings were received from neighboring churches and former members. The offering, designated for missions, amounted to \$106.92.

Mrs. H. Hoffman, Reporter.

Northern Conference Sessions at Leduc, Alberta, Attended by Twelve Hundred People

The annual session of the Northern Conference of the North American Baptist churches met from July 5 to 9 at the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, of which Dr. C. H. Seecamp is the pastor.

The opening service began with a musical prelude by the splendid church orchestra, which thrilled the large audience with its fine rendition of Gospel songs. The opening message, "Ye Are My Witnesses," was brought by Rev. R. Kanwischer of Regina, Sask., in which he ably presented our duty as God's children in the cause of evangelism. The morning devotion periods under the leadership of various ministers were a real source of inspiration and blessing and gave us new courage to start the day's work.

The business sessions were well attended. Under the able leadership of our moderator, Dr. C. H. Seecamp, the business was quickly and efficiently executed. Dr. Seecamp was again elected as the moderator, with Rev. H. Pfeifer of Edmonton serving vice-moderator. The Rev. Wm. Sturhahn of Morris, Man., will serve as mission secretary and the Rev. K. Korella as conference secretary. The Rev. H. Pfeifer will be a representative on the General Missionary Committee.

A wonderful time was shared by all during the Quiet Hour. In the absence of Dr. William Kuhn who was unable to be with us, several of the ministers spoke and brought soul stirring messages.

Some of the greatest highlights of the conference were the messages brought by Rev. C. Fuellbrandt of Austria, who with his wealth of experience and powerful messages both challenged and stirred the hearts of all of his listeners. As a whole, the Northern Conference was well attended with the Sunday audience ranging between 1100 and 1200 people. In fact, the crowd was so large that both the church and the large conference tent had to be used in order to accommodate all of the people. Two separate services were held, one in the German language and one in English. On Sunday a mission offering was taken which amounted to more than \$2000.

H. Schumacher, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

New Officers of the Woman's Missionary Society, Calvary Church, Billings, Mont.

The Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Billings, Montana, met on May 4 and elected the following officers for the coming year: Mrs. Fritz Albrecht, president; Mrs. Max Pribnow, vice-president; Mrs. Herman Fuchs, secretary; and Mrs. Alvin Hochhalter, treasurer.

Recently we held a food and fancy work sale in the lobby of one of our large department stores in downtown

Billings which proved quite successful. We are now getting articles together for our missionaries in the Cameroons that will be useful to them in the Bango Hospital and Sunday Schools. We have also begun on the White Cross project.

We are holding our meetings in the homes for the present, until the facilities in the church basement are again in order. Just now the building of the new church is in progress. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless and to guide us in his service.

Mrs. Herman G. Fuchs, Secretary.

Young People's Assembly of the Badlands Association Churches at McLaughlin, S. Dak.

During the days of June 26 to 30, the young people of our Baptist churches in the Badlands Association of the Dakotas and Montana gathered for their annual assembly in McLaughlin, S. Dak. We were a busy group, all eager workers for the Lord and striving to do the task set before us.

Challenging and inspiring messages were brought to us in our evening



Members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Mont.

Ordination Service for the Rev. Loren O. Wahl at McClusky, North Dakota

The McClusky Baptist Church of McClusky, N. Dak., invited the pastors and delegates of the Baptist Churches of Goodrich, Harvey, Lincoln Valley, Martin and Turtle Lake, N. Dak., to meet with it on July 6, to form a council for the examination and ordination for the Gospel ministry of Mr. Loren O. Wahl, a spiritual son of the church. The Rev. A. Fischer was elected chairman and the Rev. F. Schmidt as clerk.

During the course of the examination Mr. Wahl gave his testimony of his conversion and call to the Gospel ministry. He likewise read the doctrinal statements of his faith and beliefs with clarity and conviction. The council heartily recommended to the McClusky Church that it proceed with the ordination of Mr. Wahl. During the ordination service in the evening the Rev. E. P. Wahl, an uncle of the candidate and president of our Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, brought the ordination sermon based on Romans 1:15.

During the past years Loren Wahl has been serving as student pastor of the Baptist Church at Cherry Grove, Ore., while he was attending the Western Baptist Theological Seminary in Portland, Oregon. Although he still has a few courses of study to complete at the seminary, he and Mrs. Wahl hope that the Lord will direct their course to serve in one of our churches when he completes his studies in the Spring of 1951.

Fred Schmidt, Reporter.

services by the guest speakers, the Rev. A. Felberg, newly appointed evangelist, and the Rev. W. Luebeck, editor of "Der Sendbote." Special music for the services consisted of solos, duets, numbers by a male quartet and the assembly Junior and Senior choirs under the direction of Miss Alice Auch and the Rev. Norman Miller.

Three classes were offered to us. The subject, "Baptist Beliefs," was taught by Mr. Felberg, and "Pentecost to Patmos" by Mr. Luebeck. The Intermediate instructor was Alice Auch of Mott, N. Dak. She taught the subject, "Not Your Own."

One of the highlights of the week were the vesper services led by the dean of the assembly, the Rev. Henry Lang. At our banquet on Thursday evening, the Badlands Assembly Banner was presented to the Pressville society for having the most points in the program of work. The stewardship award was presented to the McLaughlin society.

The officers elected for the coming year are as follows: Robert Hepperle of Plevna, Mont., was reelected president; Helen Strobel of Wolf Point, Mont., vice-president; Mable Kallis of New Leipzig, secretary; Ruth Huber of Bison, S. Dak., treasurer; dean of the assembly, Rev. N. Miller of Hettinger, N. Dak.; dean of men, Rev. E. Gerlitz; dean of women, Mrs. E. Gerlitz, both of McIntosh, S. Dak.; Cameroons crusade chairman, Rev. G. Rietdorf of Bison, S. Dak.; recreational director, J. Friez of McLaughlin, S. Dak.; music director, Rev. N. Miller; and editor of the Assembly Journal, Hettinger society.

Mable Kallis, Secretary.



The women's choir and the Rev. Alfred Lueck on the platform of the West Ebenezer Baptist Church of Saskatchewan during the 25th anniversary program of the Woman's Missionary Society

Northwestern Conference

Red Letter Days for the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wisconsin

The Lord has again granted us of the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wis., a season of special blessings for which we are deeply grateful. On Sunday evening, June 18, our successful Vacation Bible School closing exercises were held. Ninety-five children were our little messengers of joy and cheer. Most of the children belonged to the Gospel Tabernacle. Their pastor's son, Mr. Paul Hoff, a student at the St. Paul Bible Institute, Saint Paul, Minn., brought a most welcome personal testimony.

The next day was another red letter day. A well attended, well enjoyed, and well remembered Father's and Son's banquet was held with Dr. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., as our guest of honor and main speaker

far and near, from our own ranks and from other fellowships, filled every pew and many extra chairs. More than 250 eager listeners were grateful to the Lord, when once more our brethren sang and testified with so much accomplishment and grace. An offering of \$85.00 was only a small token on our part toward our young men. We were proud of our boys! May Christ's name be praised!

John E. Grygo, Pastor.

Northern Conference

Ordination for the Rev. E. L. Thiessen of the Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask.

Sunday, July 2nd, stands out as a red-letter-day for the Edenwold Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask., Canada and in the life of Mr. Edward S. Thiessen, for on this day the pastor of our church was ordained into the ministry of the North American Baptist Conference.

Intensive and Interesting Vacation Bible School at Baptist Church, Madison, South Dakota

The West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison, S. Dak., under the leadership of its pastor, the Rev. Herbert Hiller, held an intensive and interesting Vacation Bible School from June 5 to 9 beginning at eight in the morning and continuing until 3:30 in the afternoon. The program consisted of Bible study, chorus singing, missionary stories, handwork and recreation.

The Beginners, guided by a course on "Let's Be Friends," learned to appreciate the work locally of the minister, the organist, the Sunday School superintendent, the Sunday School teacher and the caretaker, and to set up attitudes of helpfulness toward them.

The Primary children through "Our World Family" became conscious of the fact that God loves all people, whether they be white, black, red, yellow or brown. Especially was this emphasized through the dramatization of Phillip and the Ethiopian.

The Juniors were privileged to learn about the missionary movement from the time of Paul and down through the ages until the present time. The Junior workbooks entitled, "Go Tell," beautifully portrayed to them the meaning of the Great Commission: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every nation."

On Sunday night, June 11, a program consisting of the flag and Bible salutes, choruses, memory work, dramatizations and other forms of achievement was given. All departments displayed exhibits, including a "Lost and Found" box for the caretaker, page-holders for the organist, scrap books for the mission boxes, workbooks, posters, plaques and articles made of plastic braid. The missionary offering for the week totaled \$45.22.

Mrs. E. J. Dirksen, Reporter.

Ordination Service of the Rev. Frederick H. Fuchs in Plevna, Montana

Amidst cordial welcomes and the renewing of old acquaintances, delegates and friends came together at the Baptist Church in Plevna, Montana on July 6 for the ordination service of Mr. Frederick H. Fuchs.

Those attending the council meeting came from Baker, Billings, Plevna and Presserville, Montana; Hettinger, N. Dak.; and McLaughlin, S. Dak. The pastor of the church, the Rev. G. Beutler, read the scripture passage and the Rev. H. Lang of Presserville, Montana, led the congregation in prayer. The Rev. D. Little of Billings, Montana was elected moderator of the council and the Rev. N. Miller of Hettinger, N. Dak., was elected secretary. After the candidate had been presented to the council by Mr. John Lang, deacon of the local church, Mr. Fuchs stated his doctrinal beliefs and convictions, conversion and call to the ministry. These views were given in a clear and concise manner, as were the answers to the questions asked

during the discussion period. The council voted unanimously that the church should proceed with the ordination service.

That evening, friends, neighbors and delegates gathered in the church for the ordination service. The Rev. N. Miller led the congregational singing, and the Rev. H. Renkema read the scripture as found in Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-17. The ordination sermon was delivered by the Rev. G. Beutler, who gave a thought-provoking message on the "Threefold Task of the Minister." A treat of the evening was to hear the choir of the church sing a number entitled, "He Shall Reign."

The Rev. C. Pausley of Baker, Montana, gave the ordination prayer. A welcome into the ministry was extended by the Rev. A. Sootzmann of McLaughlin, S. Dak., and the charge to the candidate was given by the Rev. H. Lang who used 2 Tim. 2:15 as a motto. The Rev. D. Little gave the charge to the church. Another special musical number was a solo by Mrs. Frederick H. Fuchs who sang, "The Holy City." With consecrated hearts and minds, the congregation bowed in prayer as the Rev. Frederick H. Fuchs pronounced the benediction.

The Rev. Fred Fuchs is a brother of the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, successful pastor of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He served as guest speaker in his home church on July 2nd with two inspiring messages. Thus far he has no definite pastorate, and we would heartily recommend him to any church that is in search of a capable and promising young pastor. He also found an appropriate helpmate in Miss Ruth Pusch of New Jersey, with whom he was united in marriage on June 17, 1950. Mrs. Fred Fuchs is a graduate of a Missionary Training School, has fine musical talents, and will be a great asset in her husband's ministry.

G. Beutler, Reporter.

Sessions of the Central Dakota Association at the Auditorium, Bismarck, N. Dak.

The meetingplace of the Central Dakota Association from June 14 to 18 was with our church in the capital city of Bismarck, N. Dak. A cordial welcome was extended both to delegates and visitors by the pastor, Rev. Edward Kary, to which the chairman, Rev. D. Little fittingly replied. The meetings were held in the beautiful city auditorium.

The theme of the association program was, "What Saith the Spirit to the Churches." This theme was used in the introductory sermon by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary of the North American Baptists. And so throughout the whole associational program, in all the messages, the emphasis was, "What Saith the Spirit" and "Thus Saith the Lord."

The devotional hours each morning were conducted very effectively by the brethren R. A. Klein, E. J. Faul and R. Sigmund and these were quiet hours in the presence of our Lord. The hours of meditation, at the close of each morning session, were con-

ducted by Dr. Leuschner and Rev. Karl Fuellbrandt, leading all to the Throne of grace.

In the evening services there were stirring messages under the compulsion, "Thus Saith the Spirit." The progress of our mission work in the Cameroons was presented in pictorial form by Dr. Leuschner and the advances of our Austrian missions in graphic word-pictures by Rev. Karl Fuellbrandt of Vienna, Austria.

"What the Spirit Saith to the Churches" was especially brought out in forceful and challenging messages by the brethren E. S. Fenske, F. Alf, A. Sootzmann, H. J. Waltereit, F. Trautner, G. Beutler and W. Stein, in their addresses on the churches of Revelations. Thus in an historical as well as in a prophetic way were the "messages of the Son of God" to the churches brought home to our hearts, causing a searching of our own souls as to our relationship to the Lord.

The women's program on Friday evening with its memorial service and Dr. Leuschner's address was one of the highlights of the associational program. The association appreciates the women's work to the extent that a resolution was adopted that the women's business session is also to be incorporated into the associational program in the future.

Sunday with its Sunday School message by Rev. B. W. Krentz and the children singing, the preaching services with stirring messages by Rev. Karl Fuellbrandt on Acts 16, "A Midnight Vision and Meditation," was a blessed day. A large part in the success and effectiveness of the associational program was due to the choirs of Bismarck and Hebron, as well as to the quartets, duets, trios and solos of our consecrated singers. With thanksgiving to God for his gracious blessings to the entertaining church, for its hospitality to the city of Bismarck for the auditorium and to all who helped to make the association a blessed one, may God's richest blessings be yours!

Theodore Frey, Reporter.

Central Dakota Young People's Assembly at Jamestown College Campus, Jamestown, N. Dak.

The young people of the Central Dakota Assembly met again on the campus of Jamestown College at Jamestown, N. Dak., from July 3 to 9 and enjoyed a week of true Christian fellowship. Our services were held in the chapel. Above the stage a huge banner was strung carrying the words of our motto, "Commissioned to Serve."

Our text for this year was, "Whose I Am and Whom I Serve" (Acts 27: 23), and our theme song was, "In the Service of the King." The program consisted of classes, general assemblies, evening services, fellowship hours, morning and evening devotions, music, July 4th picnic, swimming, volley ball, soft ball, basketball and ping pong.

The classes were as follows: "Witnessing for Christ" by Prof. R. P. Jeschke; "The Meaning of Church

Membership" by the Rev. J. Reimer; "China Missions and Call to the Cameroons" by Miss Leona Ross; "Commissioned Baptist Youth at Work" by Miss Martha Leyboldt and "Choir" by Mrs. Adam Huber.

Other highlights on the program were the message by the Rev. J. C. Gunst at our first evening service, very interesting talks and movies on missions in China by Miss Ross, an inspiring consecration service led by Miss Martha Leyboldt, in which each of the 120 young people attending this year's assembly was given a candle to light from the one large candle representing "the Light."

Many special numbers were presented at our services by young people including our assembly quartet consisting of Jimmy Trautner, Harry Haas, LeRoy Schauer and Paul Trautner. The very large Assembly Choir presented several beautiful numbers. Another new feature was the daily publication of a paper by our Assembly Journal editor, Miss Caroline Barbie.

Saturday evening was a real treat for we had our Seminary quartet, "The Harmonizers," with us who greatly inspired us with their songs and testimonies. "Goodbyes" were said on Sunday afternoon after the closing service at which the Rev. J. Reimer spoke and Miss Martha Leyboldt led in the installation of officers.

The following are the officers for next year: dean, Rev. E. J. Faul of Wishek; president, Esther Krombein of Eureka; vice-president, Paul Trautner of Beulah; secretary, Gertrude Stading of Hebron; treasurer, Donald Vietz of Hebron; director of Recreation, Rev. C. Rempel of Hebron; director of music, Jeanette Henne of Alfred; Assembly Journal editor, Hilda Dockter of Venturia; promotional secretary, Rev. A. Huber of Linton. Corenne Stading, Reporter.

Session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Dakota Conference at Sidney

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Dakota Conference held its annual program at Sidney, Montana, on Friday evening, June 23, with Mrs. Walter Stein presiding. The song service was conducted by Miss Dockter. Mrs. Ed. Kary read the Scriptures and prayer was offered by Mrs. R. Sigmund. Several selections were sung by a women's chorus conducted by Mrs. Otto Fiesel, who also extended words of welcome.

The secretary's report showed a net gain of 20 members. Nineteen members were lost by death. Our present membership is 1236. The total income of these 61 societies amounted to \$30,111.21.

The Bertsch-Venturia Union was awarded the banner, having attained the highest number of points throughout the year. This happens to be the third year in succession that this society received the banner. It is now the permanent possession of the Bertsch - Venturia society. We are happy to report that two other societies joined the Union, namely, Presserville, Montana, and Rosenfield, North Dakota.

The new ministers' wives were introduced and responded with the song, "Every Day With Jesus." Then followed the installation of officers by Mrs. Thomas Lutz. The new officers are as follows: president, Mrs. H. Waltereit; vice-president, Mrs. C. Rempel; secretary, Mrs. A. Buhler; treasurer, Mrs. A. Sootzmann. Other numbers were a recitation by Mrs. B. Putz and a dialogue, "The Lord Hath Need of Thee," written by Mrs. A. Huber. The memorial service was conducted by Mrs. C. Rempel and Mrs. G. Beutler. Nineteen roses were pinned to a cross in honor of the members who have passed on to be with their Lord.

The Rev. C. Fuellbrandt brought greetings from abroad and delivered an interesting talk concerning the women's work in Austria. The missionary offering amounted to \$85.51.

We were privileged to have with us one of our officers of the National Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Thomas Lutz, who at the business meeting also had charge of the devotions. She was the main speaker of the program, delivering an interesting message based on Mark 14:1-9, "She wrought a good work on me." The Woman's Missionary Union of the Dakota Conference looks forward to another successful year.

Mrs. E. Gutsche, Reporter.

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Conference Union's support. They have also been in contact with General Secretary J. C. Gunst. Together we will march into the unknown tomorrow, concerned but not fearful, led by the great Captain of our salvation. For Baptist youth, too, "the Light is shining in the darkness!"

SUNDAY SCHOOL EMPHASIS —

Sunday School work was not forgotten at the Baptist World Congress. In a sectional meeting at Euclid Ave. Baptist Church on Thursday afternoon, teachers and officers heard Sunday School experts from England, Sweden, Denmark and Germany. The latter country was represented by Dr. Herbert Mascher, who spoke to the rally on Sunday evening and has been heard in a number of our churches.

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THE END OF CAMP —

While you read these lines, perhaps, the Chicago and Wisconsin Assembly will be concluding its happy fellowship at Lake Ripley, Wisconsin; the Oregon Leagers will be coming home from Twin Rocks; and the Southwestern Conference young people will be coming back from the mountains near Greeley, Colorado. The Atlantic Conference Assembly, the last of 1950's list, will be off to a good start at Denton Lake, New York. Pray that the grand blessings of the summer will last, and that our fall work will demonstrate our sincerity.

Obituary

MRS. DORA W. DRESSLER
of Detroit, Michigan.

All the 61 years of life for Mrs. Dora W. Dressler were lived in Detroit, Mich. Together with her three sisters and brother, (all born Zerndt and all surviving her), she found her Savior in early youth and was continuously active in the young people's and Sunday School work of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit. Two years ago she and her husband transferred membership to the Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit.

Quiet, but faithful, she could always be depended upon to help wherever need arose. How natural that, when the Ebenezer Church could find no janitor, she and her husband (a citizen of Canada, of German birth, whom she married in 1916) should offer themselves for that work. They served faithfully and well for some years until they moved to a new part of Detroit's expansion.

Two children were lost in infancy. Her devoted husband, William; two sons (Harold and Roy); and two grandchildren look forward to the reunion in heaven where she has joined her father and mother who preceded her years ago.

She was a patient sufferer through her last two painful years. At her funeral, her steadfast faith and devotion were commented upon by her pastor, the Rev. J. Lester Harnish. Only such a Christian could face the doctor's verdict of incurability, with the words, "I only pray God to make me a good soldier until the end." And although the intense suffering wore her down to only 61 pounds in weight, and pressed out the words, "O God," she could still follow it up with, "Into Thy hands, Father, I commit my spirit." She was indeed "faithful unto death" and has now received the "crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

Bethel Baptist Church,

Detroit, Michigan

E. ELMER STAUB, Correspondent.

MR. WALTER HESS
of Maywood, New Jersey

Mr. Walter Hess of Maywood, N. J., was born in West Hoboken (Union City), New Jersey, on March 20, 1890. He died on July 10, 1950 after an illness of several years. God saw fit miraculously to spare his life three years ago when his doctor gave him up for dead. He was admitted to the hospital two weeks before his death for observation and was scheduled for an operation. The day before the operation he was stricken while walking with his wife in the corridor of the hospital and passed away shortly afterwards from a blood clot reaching the heart.

His godly parents took him early to Sunday School and church services where he heard the saving Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. When only ten years of age, he accepted the Lord Jesus as his Savior, and after being baptized on confession of his faith by the late Rev. Edward Anschutz, he was taken into the membership of the Grace Baptist Church in West Hoboken on March 20, 1900. Mr. Hess served the Lord and the church for many years as a trustee. He remained a member of the church until his death.

Mr. Walter Hess was married to Wilhelmine Richter on June 6, 1914 and was a faithful husband during 36 years of married life. There were no children by this marriage. He is survived by his dear wife, Mrs. Wilhelmine Richter Hess; by his sister, Ruth Hess; and by his four brothers: Charles, William, Henry and George Hess.

Funeral services were conducted on July 14th by his pastor, Everett A. Barker, and the message of comfort given by a former pastor, the Rev. John Schmidt, on Phil. 3:20-21 concerning our citizenship in heaven. Interment took place near his home in George Washington Memorial Park.

Grace Baptist Church,

Union City, N. J.

EVERETT A. BARKER, Pastor.

OUR FELLOWSHIP THROUGH THE GOSPEL

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flame appeared to flicker and to go out. But a brighter day was ahead for them and the world. It was not many days after that the slightly enlarged number in the fellowship took stock of themselves, after much prayer, and at the end of ten days a great event occurred . . . a Spirit, the Holy Spirit, came upon and filled them all. Immediately the fellowship that was to circle the earth was launched.

For nearly two thousand years now we know the story of the growth of this fellowship around the world. Opposition from without has hindered its progress. Worse still, divisions and indifference within have done more harm. In all lands today cells of Christian fellowship exist in spite of extreme suffering and persecution.

Candles of light still glow in the darkness with assurance that darkness cannot put it out.

The designation of our particular fellowship group is Baptist. Our history has been one of peculiar experiences. Sometimes only a small minority, persecuted even by others, also claimed to be in the fellowship. All of this has worked out for us a greater solidarity and kept us united in our great body of truth, faith and practice while fully recognizing the rights of every individual and the autonomy of every local Baptist Church. Many of our brethren of other groups have marvelled at our ability to have and maintain such unity in the midst of such seeming diversity.

What about this fellowship in the days ahead? Even now the lightning

streaks across black clouds hanging ominously over much of the world. We are not thinking of dispelling the storm clouds by release of physical force. We insist on doing it by light . . . the light of Christ's Gospel which is a Gospel of peace to all the world. If we will follow Christ as our leader with his spirit in our hearts, we can win without a bomb or a gun. We stand today as always upon a solid rock while all around us are swirling tides of isms holding out false hopes to sinking humanity.

Our world fellowship as Baptists will be extended as always through our continued persistent efforts in evangelism. It is our primary business to win men to Christ, to make disciples, thus to bring light to shine in the darkness in every land. We have from the beginning been commissioned to preach the gospel to the poor. We are in good succession in this for it was the final answer Jesus gave to John's inquiry as to who he was. Many things were being done — blind saw — lame walked — dead were raised, but the climax of His answer was, "And the poor have the gospel preached unto them."

GOSPEL OF LOVE

The Christian's Gospel is a Gospel of love. We must, therefore, love those who are our enemies. We must love them in spite of provocation, which they may hurl at us. We must love them in the name of Christ, not for what they are, but what they may become through faith in him. We must love them in sincerity so that they will know that our aggression, in which we are presently engaged through force, is not the real expression of what those of us who are Christ's followers want.

It requires boldness to do this. We are not using man-made weapons of force and destruction. We are rather engaged in a spiritual conquest which will ultimately overcome, but while the advance is being made much patience, sacrifice, and high devotion to his cause is required. No gathering such as this can be stronger than its constituent bodies and no union or convention or association or church can be stronger than its individual members.

It comes back then to this very definite and personal challenge that any follower of Christ anywhere must live up to the maximum of his purpose and his profession. The world is far more concerned about our demonstration of that spirit than they are about our pronunciation of phrases, however, significant they may sound. It is a demonstration such as Christ himself gave, in the supreme sacrifice on the cross for the sins of mankind. We must, therefore, go back to our various localities and with renewed purpose and dedication give ourselves utterly to this business of living the Christian life.

BAPTIST WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

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we do toward you." Since their representative was prevented from coming, their message was read by the delegate from England.

Africa was represented by Mrs. Adeola Adejumobi Adegbite of Nigeria. Baptist work was begun there by missionaries in 1850. Only recently and in a very few places have women been organized in societies and conventions. But this united work has proved a great blessing. "My dream," she said, "is to have a Baptist Women's Union of Africa by the time of the next World Congress."

"Burmese women walk behind their men, except at night, when they carry the lantern ahead!" This statement characterizes the church work in Burma, Mrs. Hla Thwin reported, where women do a great share. The women's missionary societies were founded thirty years ago, and have a complete schedule of work. "We share with our people in these dark days the faith that God still loves us."

Mrs. Irene Ma speaking for China said, "Christianity has brought emancipation to the women of China." It was in 1847 that the first woman was baptized in Canton. Today Baptist women numbering thousands are taking an active part in all church work.

The women of Japan brought thanks for all material and spiritual aid through Mrs. Ayako Hino. "Even in the darkness of the last war," she said, "we saw the light of love through Christian friends." Because less than one percent of the population is Christian, evangelization is the great aim of the Baptist women. Heart-touching was her appeal, "We need your prayers!"

The land of the lei, Hawaii, was fittingly represented by Miss Itsuko Saito. Holding aloft a small lei of

flowers she said this represented the Woman's Union when founded in 1944. Then displaying another beautiful lei, more than three times the size of the other, she said this symbolized the Baptist women today, growing in numbers, in love and in unity. She closed her remarks by singing the traditional Hawaiian greeting, "Aloha O."

Returning to our own continent after the "excursions" to the far corners of the globe, we listened to the report of Mrs. I. J. Levy of Canada. There are four conventions in her country, with a total of 37,000 Baptist women. Each convention is separately organized with a full program of work, but they cooperate closely.

The United States was represented by four women, each speaking for a large convention: National Baptist Convention, Inc., (Negro), Miss N. H. Burroughs; National Baptist Convention, Uninc., (Negro), Mrs. M. A. Fuller; Northern Baptist Convention, Mrs. Frank Wigginton; and Southern Baptist Convention, Miss Alma Hunt. Each of these number many thousands of women, the Negro conventions being the largest, aggregating about 5,000,000 women.

Baptist women around the world — in some countries a very small minority, working against great odds — everywhere the salt of the earth, the leaven that permeates the loaf. Truly, it can be said that the theme for these two meetings has become a reality in the lives of Baptist women throughout the world:

"CHRIST OUR CORNERSTONE

On him alone we build,

On his great love our hopes we place."