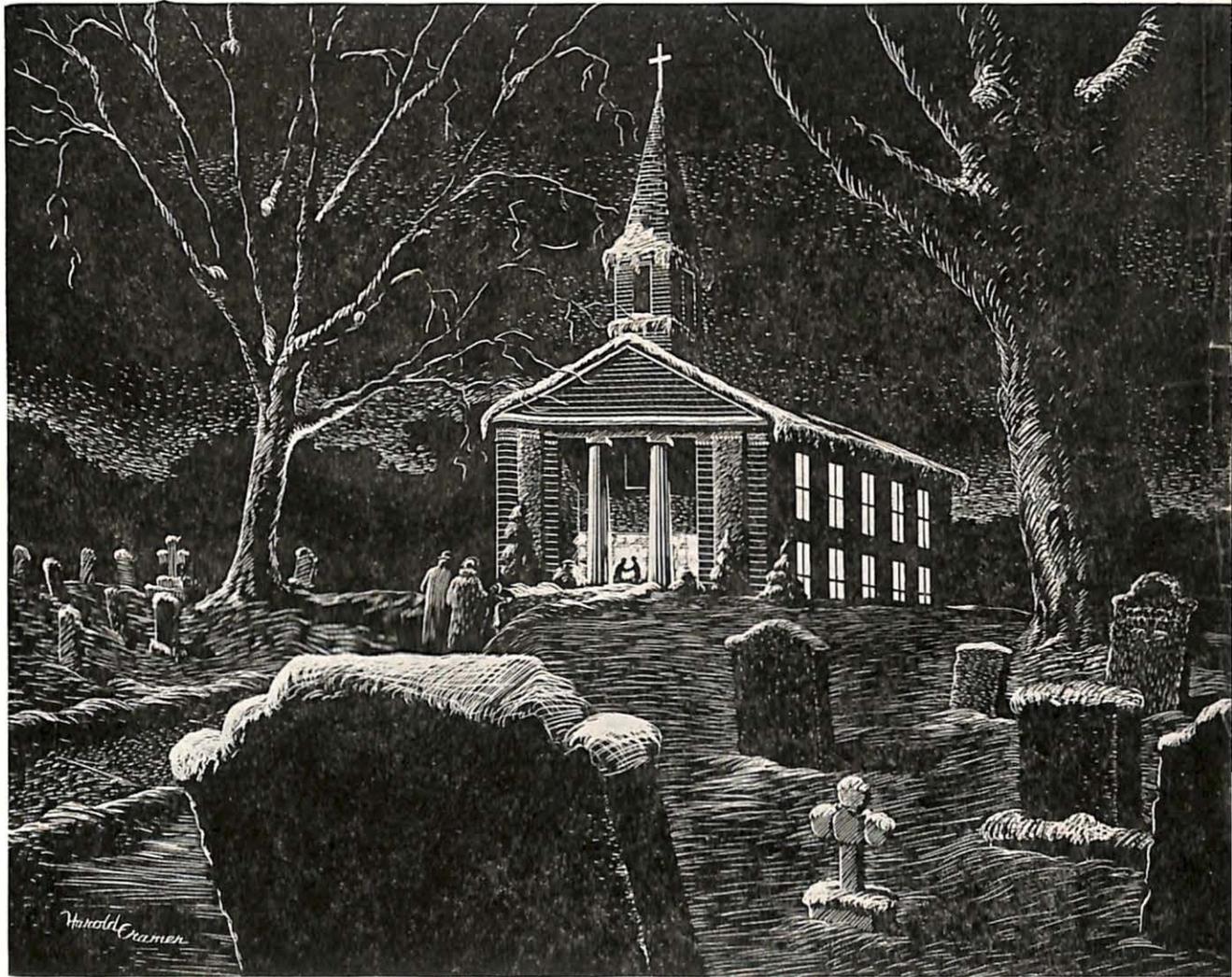




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God's Acre in a Country Churchyard

"A grave, wherever found, preaches a short and pithy sermon to the soul." Hawthorne.

DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

ENGAGEMENTS

- Rev. J. C. Gunst**
Feb. 24-26 — West Side Church, Beatrice, Nebraska.
- Rev. Martin L. Leuschner**
Feb. 14-17 — North Texas Association, Crawford, Texas.
Sunday, Feb. 19 — Kyle, Texas.
Tuesday Evening, Feb. 21 — Greenvine Church, Burton, Texas.
Wednesday Evening, Feb. 22 — Carroll Ave. Church, Dallas, Texas.
Sunday Evening, Feb. 26 — Clay St. Church, Benton Harbor, Mich. (Missionary Pictures.)
- Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist**
Feb. 14-26 — Salem, Oregon.
Feb. 27-March 6 — Glencullen Church, Mission of Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon.
- Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Evangelist**
Feb. 19-March 5 — Central Church, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

See Page 11 for the Latest News About the Seminary Building Fund Campaign!

SPECIAL DATES

- February — Second Month for the Solicitation of Gifts and Pledges for the Seminary Building Fund of \$225,000.
- Monday Evening, Feb. 13 — Reception for All North American Baptist Students in Chicago and Vicinity at the Forest Park Headquarters.
- Feb. 14-17 — North Texas Association, Canaan Church, Crawford, Texas.
- Feb. 19-26 — Brotherhood Week.
- Friday, Feb. 24 — World Day of Prayer, Program Material for Woman's Missionary Societies Appeared in Feb. 2nd Issue.
- Feb. 24-26 — Minnesota Mid-Winter Institute at Hutchinson, Minn.

- March 2-5 — Southern Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association at Elberta, Alabama.
- Sunday, March 12 — Bible Sunday (Program Material Has Been Sent to Churches by Publication Society.)
- March 17-18 — Session of the Summer Visitation Committee at Forest Park, Ill. (All conference data and requests for speakers MUST be received before March 16.)

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"YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS" for young people's meetings

- March 5, 1950 — "Bread Enough" by Rev. Theo W. Dons of Ellinwood, Kansas.
- March 12, 1950 — "That Grudge of Yours" by Rev. August Lutz of Meriden, Conn.
- March 19, 1950 — "Simple as ABC" by Dr. A. Dale Ihrle of Detroit, Mich.
- March 26, 1950 — "Do I Have to Be Baptized?" by Robert Schreiber of Chicago, Ill.

Bible Day Program Material

Sunday, March 12, has been designated as Bible Day for North American Baptist Sunday Schools and churches. Although the exact date for the observance of this day is usually determined by the church or church school, it is hoped that most of our people will find it possible to observe this day on March 12. The program material has been placed in the mail, January 23 — January 26 and by this time it should have been delivered at all of our churches. Great care is always exercised to send to each school in the church the number of programs and recitations desired. This year the program contains a new song, "Our Beloved Bible" written especially for this occasion by Dr. H. von Berge. A splendid collection of recitations for all ages and a short play has been prepared by Dr. M. L. Leuschner. The use of this program material will certainly serve as a splendid basis for the building of a very good program for the observance of Bible Day. Dr. Leuschner has also prepared program material in the German language. All of our schools listed on our records have received this English material, both the program leaflet and the recitations. Those churches requesting German material have likewise been served.

Should we have overlooked any school or should the package have been lost, please notify us at once, telling us how many program leaflets and how many recitation sheets are wanted and we will make immediate shipment. If we are sending the material to the wrong address, please drop us a card so we might adjust our records accordingly.

The Bible Day offering is designated for the free distribution of Bibles and other Christian literature. The program given in our schools on Bible Day is designed to remind us of the importance of the Bible; to encourage us to read it; to challenge us to live it; and to move us toward a liberal offering that this precious Word of God might be made available to all who seek its transforming and healing power.

Sunday, March 12, 1950 should be a day of gratitude to God for his divinely given Word and a day of dedication by us, who by His grace have been privileged to know this word, to the task of bringing this life giving Word unto others.

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AMONG OURSELVES

The printing of 4500 copies of the ANNUAL is virtually exhausted. The rush of orders for the ANNUAL has even amazed the business manager and editor. The enthusiastic response of our people to this year's ANNUAL as "wonderful" and "superb" has been most encouraging. The printing is limited because of the expense of publishing such a beautiful, illustrated magazine. A few orders can still be received for the remaining copies. Do not delay! Thanks again to all who have made the distribution of the ANNUAL so successful and have expressed their appreciation so cordially.

IN THIS ISSUE

"The Power of the Gospel" might be written boldly across this number of "The Herald." It is the theme of the sermon by Rev. H. Renkema and of the editorial. It is the testimony of the Rev. R. C. Schmidt, stricken with polio some time ago. It is the message of our American mission field. It is the story of the conferences on evangelism as well as the source of strength and glory in the life of Dr. William Kuhn. It is seen in the training of young men at and in the construction of the new buildings for our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

COMING

Christian Fellowship! — The true basis for Christian fellowship is described by the Rev. Paul Wengel, back again as pastor at Ridgewood, N. Y., in a heart-warming message.

The Call of Japan — The open doors for missionary service in Japan are pictured by the Rev. Erwin A. Kohfield of Wasco, Calif., who was formerly a missionary in the Orient.

We Have Seen the Cameroons — Both Rev. H. G. Dymmel and Rev. Fred Ferris have come back from Africa with colorful accounts about their mission tour of the Cameroons and with striking pictures to illustrate their articles.



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Editorials

by Martin L. Leuschner

To the Glory of God

IN THESE DAYS many of our new church buildings are being dedicated "to the glory of God." That is a beautiful phrase which describes our joy in the Christian dedication of lives or buildings. It ought to be the key word to describe the entire Christian life. "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3:17) as unto the glory of God!

This is often more easily said than done. The festive words spoken at the dedication of a building set the edifice apart for use unto the glory of God. When applied to the experiences of our individual lives, they mean that all of self is to be erased, "crucified," in the words of the Apostle Paul, completely pushed into the background.

That is a different story, a more difficult thing to do. All of us love to be recognized, patted on the back, sitting in the front row of "the important people." How can we sing as unto the glory, serve as church officers in the Name of the Lord Jesus, preach the Gospel from the pulpit and still insist on the solo part in the choir anthem, become "peevish" at not being reelected, feel hurt and discouraged because of lack of praise by the people? The glory of God fills a newly dedicated sanctuary and an individual's life only as self disappears and is completely erased. "Not I, but Christ!"

It is even more positive than that. A Christian life that shines to the glory of God is constantly magnifying the Name of Christ, witnessing to the saving power of his Gospel, enlarging the stakes of his Kingdom. A concern for all the world, a passion to meet every need of life, an eagerness to be always about the Lord's business, as far as time and strength will permit, pervade the life of that person.

There is no division of life into things that are "secular" and "religious." He even goes beyond thinking of the tithe (one-tenth) belonging to God. Everything that goes through his fingers and comes within the orbit of his experiences must exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and be pleasing to him. Over such a life a steeple rises that always points to the glory of Christ above!

These words, "To the glory of Christ," have an even deeper meaning. John the Baptist saw this true glory of Christ when he spoke these words: "He must increase! I must decrease." That is the epitome of true Christian sacrifice in Christ-like humility. Our work is timeless and our labor is not in vain only as we are helping to build the Kingdom of God in the hearts and lives of men. That Kingdom is ageless. That work will abide. But our efforts are partial and feeble and take on significance only as the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ is revealed through our ministry. In every service which we render, our names will be forgotten and the memory of our labors will pass away, but the glory of God's Kingdom will increase and abide forever.

These are golden words of dedication for a building as well as for a Christian life: **TO THE GLORY OF GOD!**

BIBLE TEXT

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35b.

This is a constant truth of the Christian life. It ought to be the special experience and joy of every one of us during these days of the Seminary Building Fund campaign. For there is probably no person in our denominational fellowship who has not been blessed, directly or indirectly, by the spiritual influences of our Seminary. Many of our pastors, trained at the Seminary, have been used of God to bring comfort and inspiration to our hearts. Our lives are richer with the blessings of God because of the Seminary's ministry. Therefore, none has an excuse to shun his or her responsibility to support the Seminary's Building Fund for \$225,000.

EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCES

The first of 29 Conferences on Evangelism, to be held in every area of our churches from February to June, are already in session. Each conference will be held for a full day from noon to the following afternoon with competent leadership and inspirational speakers. It is expected that every church will send a number of representatives to the conferences to consider the supreme task of the church to win men and women to Christ.

The calendar of dates for all of these denominational Conferences on Evangelism appears elsewhere in this issue. Special leaflets have already been sent to the churches. Packets on evangelism to be distributed among the representatives at the conferences have been prepared. Posters announcing the conferences can be seen on the church's bulletin boards. Let us pray for the blessing of God upon these gatherings and then work and strive earnestly for their success!

ALL ABOARD!

"All Aboard for 'Growing Up'" is the intriguing title of the first of four eight-page leaflets that are being published and distributed among our Sunday Schools through their superintendents by the denomination's Committee on Education. These interesting, illustrated leaflets are to supplement the lesson material in all of the Sunday School classes of the Intermediate department, and possibly of the Junior and Senior High classes as well.

"Christian Life Folders" have also been sent to the superintendents in which these leaflets can easily be kept and in which picture awards can be pasted. The first leaflet, "All Aboard," prepared by Dr. Thorwald W. Bender of Mount Morris, Mich., and illustrated by Esther Kappler of Forest Park, Ill., tells the story of what it means to be a Christian in the down-to-earth, graphic language of youth.

None Other Name

There is no other name and no other way than by HIM who claimed to be the Way, the Truth and the Life that we shall be saved

By REV. HERMAN RENKEMA, Field Representative and Colporter of Our Publication Society, and Supply Pastor at Lorraine, Kansas
During the Tour of the Camerons by Rev. Fred Ferris

ACTS 4:12 TELLS US: "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Peter and John were teamed together in the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ only a short time after the Day of Pentecost. A great change had come over them. Before the coming of the Spirit of God at Pentecost, these men were without the ability and courage to stand and to make these proclamations.

Jesus Christ had declared himself to be the Light of the world. But when he took leave of his disciples, he passed the task of light-bearing over to them and said, "Ye are the light of the world." Paul tells us that God has chosen the foolishness of preaching to confound the wisdom of this world. It didn't take very long after Christ's leaving for this thing to become a reality.

GOD'S GREAT POWER

This group of teachers, priests, scribes, rulers and elders of the people, who had gathered to condemn Peter and John, were amazed at the wisdom and ability of these men of no letters. We read, "They took note of them that they had been with Jesus".

The apostles, who are mentioned in the context, arrive at the Temple Gate, the one named "Beautiful." There seated at the gate to beg alms of the worshippers was the man who had never walked, for we are told that he was lame from his mother's womb.

Peter and John had no coin to grant him the common courtesy but, fortunately for the beggar, they had something far better to offer. They gave him healing in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. And when Peter reached forth his hand to take the beggar's hand, the man was immediately healed. He sprang to his feet and danced for joy. Wonderful, you say, for a man who had never walked!

God not only healed him of his malady but he gave him the ability to use those faculties without the usual practice period.

For this good work these apostles

were arrested and called to give an account. The question of this august group of the rulers was, "By what power do ye do this and by what name?"

This was a question that opened the way for Peter to bring the convicting message of Jesus Christ, "Whom," says he, "ye have crucified and slain."

ETERNAL SALVATION

This is the Name of great power — "Jesus Christ of Nazareth whom God raised from the dead." The Name is one well worth considering for "neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

In speaking to various individuals about eternal salvation, I find that many expect that there are various ways by which men may enter into this life eternal.

Some suppose that by a series of good things, which they are able to enumerate and claim as prevalent in their lives, that the blessed fellowship with God will surely be for them. They feel at times that God should be happy with such as they are. But good works will never accomplish what it took heaven's best to do.

Some feel that a reverent attitude toward God is sufficient to bring about the desired result. But there can be no genuine reverence for God along with a rejection of his provision for salvation.

After the entry of sin into the human race, the Savior was promised. But when the Savior came into the world to redeem men, he was rejected of them. All the respect and reverence you may show to God means nothing without accepting his Son as a substitute for your condemnation. There is no other name and no other way than by HIM who claimed to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Others again have the foolish and childish notion that somehow, sometime, somewhere everything is going to be alright with everybody. Of all the senseless concepts, this tops them all. They know that this isn't true in physical realm. They know that it doesn't add up right. They know that when they want to go to a certain



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place, they must travel in the direction of that place. They know that to accomplish some finished product they must work at it. But these same people who seem to have normal capacity for thinking in the natural realm are devoid of the simple truth and principle of salvation.

Redemption is by substitution. Just any substitute will not do. There can be no personal guilt upon the one who fulfills this mission. Again this leads me to quote the opening words of this text, "There is none other name given."

It is not a process of your electing who shall be your substitute in the judgment of God against sin. Only one Name is on the ballot. There is none to compete with him for the great task to be accomplished.

With only one Name on the ballot — with only one way to the eternal glories — with only one path by which you may travel heavenward, friend, do not fail to be alive and alert to the facts before you.

"There is none other Name under heaven whereby we must be saved." In the Name of Jesus the apostles went forth to build and establish a Kingdom which still stands.

In this Name the apostles demonstrated the power to restore physical faculties. But more than that, there is power in that Name to restore spiritual fellowship with God. This communion with God was the tremendous loss that came because of sin. This is restored in Jesus Christ. Receive HIM today and give up the search for another way.

Praise Ye the Lord!

The story and personal testimony of the pastor of the Rosenfield Baptist Church near Anamoose, North Dakota who is making a marvellous recovery from polio after being stricken more than a year ago

By REV. R. C. SCHMIDT of Harvey, North Dakota

IT IS with a living hope and joy in our hearts that we have entered the year 1950. On Sunday, August 29, 1948, two months after the writer was ordained to the Gospel ministry, poliomyelitis made its appearance. The evening service on that notable Sunday was conducted with the dreaded monster already making strides of destruction as he was causing my body to cringe under the pain of his presence.

On September 7, 1948 I waiked to the hospital with a terrible headache and backache, knowing nothing of what really was taking place in my motor nervous system. On the following day my physician announced to me that I had polio. At the time, my bladder, intestines, back and abdominal muscles were paralyzed. My legs were weakening and were also totally paralyzed two days following my hospital entrance.

this, we can hear Jesus whisper, "What I do ye know not now but shall know hereafter."

Doctors have marvelled at the comeback when compared to the severity of the attack. In the light of several doctors telling me that people usually do not live with an infection such as I had from my bladder paralysis, I must testify that the words of 2 Chronicles 14:11 were often mine. "Lord, there is none beside thee to help."

The odds against Asa were enormous. There were a million men in arms against him, besides three hundred chariots. It seemed impossible to hold his own against that vast multitude. There were no allies who would come to his help. His only hope, therefore, was in God.

It was true, beyond doubt, that my difficulties were allowed to come to such an alarming pitch that I was compelled to renounce all creature



The Rosenfield Baptist Church Near Anamoose, North Dakota of which the Rev. R. C. Schmidt is the Beloved Minister

The days of September 8, 1948 to April 13, 1949 found me next to helpless in Trinity Hospital at Minot, No. Dakota. When I first entered there, I thought I would be home by Thanksgiving Day, without doubt — perhaps a little weak, but home; and by Christmas I would have nearly forgotten all of my polio experience. Needless to say, I spent both of these holidays nearly bedfast.

Now I find myself with two paralyzed legs, abdominal and back muscles very weak, but praising God for his sovereign grace which makes it possible to carry every burden to the Lord and leave it there. As we do

aid, to which in lesser trials I had recourse, and cast myself back on my Almighty Friend.

"When nothing whereon to lean remains,
When strongholds crumble to dust;

Have You Given Your Share to the SEMINARY BUILDING FUND for \$225,000 for Which Our People Are Now Giving So Generously?



Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Schmidt in Their Home at Harvey, North Dakota With Mr. Schmidt Using the Crutches That Now Enable Him to Move Around

When nothing is sure but that God still reigns,
That is just the time to trust.

'Tis better to walk by faith than sight,
In this path of yours and mine;
In this pitch-black night, when there's no outer light
Is the time for faith to shine."

My heart overflows in gratitude for the matchless grace of God each time I now stand before my people telling them of HIM whom to know a right is life eternal. My Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is not a "has been" nor a theory, but a real, risen, living Lord who "sticketh closer than a brother."

The school of suffering seems hard sometimes. But Abraham believed God, and said to sight, "Stand back!" and the laws of nature, "Hold your peace!" and to a misgiving heart, "Silence, thou lying tempter!" as Joseph Parker said.

The emptiness of words confront us when we try to thank and praise God for "the hope that maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost." Our eyes dim with joyful tears as we quietly remember that

Some day the silver cord will break,
And I no more as now shall write;
But, O the joy when I shall wake
Within the palace of the King!

Some day my earthly house will fall,
I cannot tell how soon 'twill be;
But this I know — my All in All
Has now a place in heav'n for me.

And I shall see him face to face,
And tell the story, saved by grace;
And I shall see him face to face,
And tell the story, saved by grace.

Seminary's First Christmas in Sioux Falls

"We of the North American Baptist Seminary are grateful to God and to our people for the enjoyable Christmas which was ours during this first year at Sioux Falls"

By DR. GEORGE A. LANG, President of the Seminary

IT WAS a white Christmas with only a thin layer of snow on the ground at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Already a long time before Christmas, we of the North American Baptist Seminary were brought into the spirit of the season by the Christmas music about us and by the remembrances which we received from our churches. Sacks of walnuts, almonds, prunes, and cookies came from California, Oregon and the Dakotas. One good church showered the students with new socks. Each pair was neatly wrapped in colorful Christmas paper on which was written the size of the sock. It was a thrill to see the students pick out their sizes.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

On the Tuesday prior to the vacation period, a Christmas dinner and party for the Seminary family was given at "the Cottage." This was made possible through the generosity of various ladies societies and friends. It was especially appreciated since our present eating arrangement makes it impossible for our Seminary family to meet in a separate group. A brief program of Christmas music and meditation by students and faculty was rendered.

When the vacation period arrived, the students scattered, as it were, to the four winds. Only five remained in Meredith Hall, and they not for the entire time.

Most of the married couples remained in Sioux Falls and enjoyed the holidays together. An old 1936 Chevrolet with a "fivesome" made a round trip of 3200 miles so that the occupants could render a program in our church at Regina, Saskatchewan and could visit friends and loved ones in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Others traveled as far east as New Jersey, Rochester, N. Y., and Toronto, Ontario. Most of the students visited their folks in the Dakotas, Wisconsin and Michigan. Friends in Sioux Falls, Emery and other nearby places in South Dakota were generous in the invitations to students to spend Christmas or New Year Day with them.

In reply to a question about their main occupation, during the vacation period, most of the students gave evidence of knowing the reason for vacations. They relaxed, visited, slept and ate. Those remaining in Sioux

Falls took advantage of these days by studying, catching up with reading, sleeping, and writing term papers. The reports from all show a spirit of appreciation for the personal remembrances and kindnesses received from friends and loved ones. It was a period of joy for all.

That the Christmas vacation did not pass by without many definite Christian contributions is seen by the services rendered. Many students preached, taught Sunday School classes, gave short talks or personal testimonies in the services of the churches which they attended. One group of five students served our church at Regina, Sask. Another group of five had blessed services on New Year's Eve in our Shell Creek Church near Columbus, Nebraska and on New Year's day at Creston. Others rendered special music, sang duets or solos in our churches or on the radio.

Because of the contacts with our

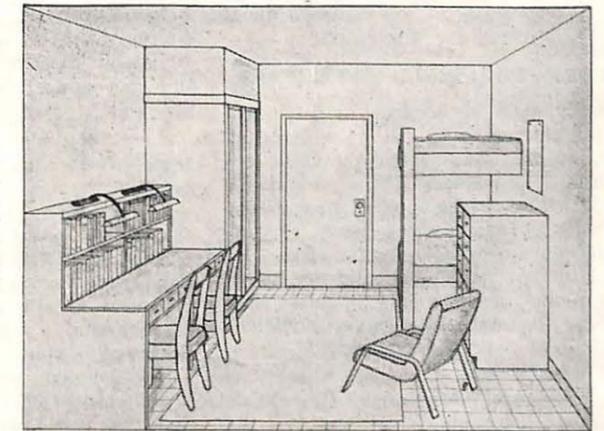
of a bouncing baby boy on December 30th.

FACULTY EXPERIENCES

Most of the faculty spent the festive days in Sioux Falls, except Professor Bretschneider who with this wife returned to Rochester, New York to visit loved ones and friends and President Lang who made a brief business trip to Forest Park. The time went rapidly as they were occupied with reading books, correcting papers, preparing for future classes, and preaching or teaching in various churches.

When classes resumed again, the Seminary family returned with renewed joy and purpose. Several were delayed because of snowdrifts and blocked highways in remoter areas. But the Lord held his protecting hand over all.

While the vacation was being enjoyed, the builders on the new Seminary buildings took advantage of the milder weather. Some of the con-



The Architect's Drawing of a student Drawing Room in the Dormitory Wing of the New Seminary Building at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

people in the churches, some students returned with a deeper dedication to the cause of Christ and our beloved denomination. All were especially blessed by the opportunities of Christian service. The love of Christ motivating people to give impressed the recipients deeply.

One student returned in high spirit because he became engaged to a splendid Christian girl. Another enjoyed the unusual experience of fox hunting. A third had a cold reception as he was soaked "from skating on rotten ice." Tooth trouble beclouded the recipients. We are grateful to God and to our people for the enjoyable Christmas which was ours during this first year at Sioux Falls.

My Ministry as Field Secretary

As our first field secretary (elected in 1913), I have had the honor to promote our missionary enterprise and to strengthen the young people's and Sunday School work of our denomination

By DR. WILLIAM KUHN of Forest Park, Illinois

IT WAS in the year 1913 when the General Conference met at the invitation of our church in Madison, South Dakota. During the early days of that session, the Rev. R. T. Wegner, long since deceased, agreed with me that immediately after the close of this conference he and I would make a trip to the Rocky Mountains at Denver, Colorado and possibly go as far as Salt Lake City, Utah.

If I had known that before the end of that conference, I would receive a call to the office of denominational Field Secretary, I would never have thought of making this trip to the west. Since I was not a member of any denominational committee, I was unaware that the election of some such official was being considered. Although this matter does not seem to have been on the program of the General Conference, at the proper time it was submitted for discussion.

WORK FOR FIELD SECRETARY

Very soon it became evident that this election would not be a foregone conclusion. One or two men had declared themselves as candidates. Two other brethren who had established for themselves good reputations were also being considered. For certain reasons, which I did not know, my name was also mentioned. After a long discussion I received sufficient votes and was declared elected.

I was to work under the directions of the General Missionary Committee and of the Publication Society. As Field Secretary I was commissioned to give special attention to the promotion of missions and young people's work. As a trail-blazing pioneer I had no precedents to guide me nor traditions to bind me.

Before being in the office very long, I had also experienced these three fundamental truths:

1. Every pastor or secretary, although elected by the necessary votes, must win the goodwill and the love of the people for himself in order to be successful.

2. It was easier for me to preach to those to whom I had ministered for seventeen years than to feel at home and be happy while preaching to a strange audience.

3. The members of my own church where I had ministered so many years were more ready and eager to accept and to follow my suggestions than the members of our denomination.

My entry into the pioneer work was made easier when some of my good friends of the seminary days invited me to their own churches. The Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., conferred an honor upon me by extending an invitation to speak before the student body. Even those brethren who at the election did not vote for me proved themselves to be kindly disposed and, in fact, my very loyal supporters.

SCHOOLS OF METHODS

In the interest of improving our Sunday Schools, so-called Schools of Methods were conducted. These proved to be interesting and practically helpful, because various phases of Sunday School life and administration were discussed. It was encouraging that almost everywhere our people participated actively.

Very soon we were convinced that some printed lessons would render a much appreciated service. After discussing this matter with Prof. F. W. C. Meyer and with the editor of "DER SENDBOTE," the Rev. G. Fetzer, we decided to publish a series of lessons covering the Sunday School as such and a second series covering the teaching in the Sunday School. These lessons were first published serially in "DER SENDBOTE" and then as two paper-bound booklets and used as textbooks in the Schools of Methods.

A comparison of the Sunday School in action of fifty years ago with a Sunday School of our present day will not only be interesting but will convince us of the progress that has been made during these many years. Such a comparison will prove to us that the labors of many Sunday School workers have not been in vain. From my early childhood until I went to the seminary at Rochester in 1892 shortly before my 23rd birthday, my observations and experiences in Sunday School life were restricted to that one Sunday School of the First German Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

That Sunday School was typical of others in the eastern part of the United States. We were fortunate to have in our Sunday School an able and devoted superintendent, David Kaiser, the father of Prof. Lewis Kaiser and Rev. Frank Kaiser, and also of Mrs. Jacob Speicher, for many years serving with her husband as missionaries in China. It need hardly be said that we had separate classes for the different ages. A well attended "Infant Class," as it was then called, with a competent teacher, comprised the children up to six years or thereabout.

TEACHING OF GERMAN

It has often been criticized that in those early Sunday Schools certain classes were taught German reading, and thereby the teaching of Bible stories was excluded. It must be remembered that in our German churches of that day German was used exclusively in every service. There were only a few of those children who attended German Lutheran parochial schools where they could learn German. The only place where the children could learn German sufficiently to be able to read the Scriptures and to join in the singing of German hymns was in those Sunday School classes. Not many of those children were as fortunate as I to learn how to speak, read and write German in my own home with my mother as the competent teacher. The textbooks for German reading were based on Bible material. My own personal conviction is that our Sunday Schools rendered an invaluable service in preparing the future members of our German churches to be able to read the Bible and to participate intelligently in those German church services.

Our Sunday schools of that day observed a Mission Sunday every quarter with one or two of our own teachers giving the mission talk. The special festivals like Christmas and the annual picnic were always times of great joy, because they were carefully planned and had the enthusiastic cooperation of the entire church. I do not want to give the impression that I am thinking of those days fifty years ago as "the good old times."



Some of the Pastors and Laymen at the 1913 General Conference in Madison, South Dakota Are Photographed With the Rev. William Kuhn on the Church Steps After His Election as Field Secretary
(Left to Right — Front Row: C. A. Daniel, Frank Kaiser, E. Elmer Staub, William Kuhn, J. E. Ehrhorn and Jacob Pfeiffer)

Compared with the present, we lacked much at that time. We had really no adequate physical facilities or, at best, very limited facilities for the Sunday School work. Not one of our teachers had ever attended a teacher training class. No one could have attended a summer assembly or a young people's institute. Nevertheless, the Sunday Schools of those early days accomplished much. To be privileged to spend every Sunday in that sacred Christian atmosphere directed one's steps toward the Kingdom of heaven, and many from those Sunday Schools entered the Kingdom of God.

LIKE A CHICKEN YARD

In our newer conferences settled by immigrants from other European countries there were Sunday Schools of quite a different type from those predominant in the eastern part of the United States. The teaching was done in those Sunday Schools by one teacher without having any separation of individual classes.

Such a Sunday School always reminded me of a chicken yard where at feeding time the grains were thrown into the chicken yard and every chicken was out to get what he could for himself. In this imaginary picture my pity always went out to the little chicks. They would pick at some grain which was really too large for them and then finally have it snatched away by some older inmate

of the chicken yard. Or perhaps some little chick would succeed in getting the grain into its bill only almost to choke to death over that large morsel.

These Sunday Schools were unwilling to give up that tradition which had almost become sacred for them. But finally, through the efforts of many sad experiences, such schools with but one teacher for all classes have now been metamorphosed into those of a more efficient pattern. These Sunday Schools of fifty or more years ago have become outstanding schools of our present day.

In those early years after 1914 our young people's work was not strongly organized. Almost every church had a young people's society and there were possibly a few young people's unions. The seeds for a national union were at this time only germinating in the minds and plans of some leaders. By the time that my ministry as field secretary terminated in the year 1916, the plan for a national union had found realization.

While seeking to promote the interests of our young people, I found the text and topic for a sermon lecture which I repeated more often than any other during those three years. While still pastor in Philadelphia, I was reading a new translation of the New Testament by Kurt Stage. I found the name of this New Testament Christian given as "Synzygus" instead of the translation of his name as given in the King James version in Philip-

pian 4:3 as "true yokefellow." For use in my young people's ministry I resurrected that sermon from my files and after brooding over this passage of Scripture (Phil. 4:1-3), I produced with the aid of God's Holy Spirit that oft repeated sermon lecture, "Synzygus."

SYNZYGUS UNIONS

The strangeness of this New Testament Christian name always aroused the curiosity and secured for me the attention of those young people. Even a cursory reading of Philippians 4:1-2 will convince everyone that the truth contained in these three verses gave me much material of a very practical and interesting nature. This member of the church at Philippi named Synzygus was not only a Christian worker, but he was a "true yokefellow," that is to say, he was a true coworker with others like Euodias, Syntyche, Clement and other fellow-laborers whose names are in the Book of Life. With my youthful enthusiasm I endeavored to inculcate these truths into the minds and hearts of our young people. It was not long before many local young people's unions were organized using the name "Synzygus Young People's Union of . . ."

When the General Conference met in Detroit, Michigan in 1916, the promotion of the Synzygus movement was strengthened and small buttons

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A Missionary's Ministry of Mercy

Harrowing Experiences of Our Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Young,
Among the Spanish-Americans of Colorado, Showing the Pitiful Need of
Christian Love and the Gospel's Message

By Mrs. C. L. YOUNG of Monte Vista, Colorado

ONE EVENING the telephone in our house rang. It was a little Mexican girl calling from her aunt's home.

"Mrs. Young, they have killed my mother," she said.

"What do you mean, Angie?" I replied.

Then between sobs she said, "They hit my mother" (Angelina calls her "Mother" most of the time since her real mother died in July) "and the sheriff has taken her to the hospital in an ambulance. Can you come real soon?"

"Yes, Angie, Mr. Young and I will be over very soon," I replied.

ties, another man and two women (one was the mother of two of our Sunday School boys) were gambling with dice. All were drinking, and soon a quarrel began. The grandmother (also in her fifties) tried to interfere, it seems, but was beaten by the two women. Mary said she tried to stop them, but was hit in the head with a rock by one of the women. She was holding her hand over the bump on her head and was suffering considerable pain from it. The grandfather had beaten the man in the party with a broom stick, in self-defense, she said.

The neighbors called the sheriff,

the grandmother, and promised the family that we would return and let them know how she was getting along. We found her in the X-ray room. How glad she was to see us! She kissed my hand and asked me not to leave her. The doctor said that there were no bones broken, but that there was a bad bruise on the back of her head. He gave orders for her to be put to bed, and said she could go home the next day but must remain quiet and in bed for some time.

The two nurses who put her to bed showed their disgust toward her, for she, too, had been drinking. However, my heart went out to her in love and pity as I saw her, a lost soul, for whom Christ died. Before leaving the hospital, I had to point her to HIM Who alone can break the chains of sin. She is a Catholic but had attended our services a few times.

The above will give you an idea of what goes on in the needy Spanish-American district of Monte Vista, Colorado where we have three services a week. Some fine families live in this part of town, but many are of the opposite type. The majority of them are Catholic. On a recent Sunday morning we had thirty-nine Mexican children in our little Sunday School. Almost all of them were from Catholic homes. Please pray for these parents who are in bondage to sin and to Roman Catholicism. Pray also for the children, that they will be convicted of sin and will realize their need of a Savior.

A few have made a profession of faith in Christ. Too many are still following in the steps of their parents. Last Sunday morning, while our Sunday School was being conducted, a group of boys and men were gambling, out in the open, just across the street. An invitation to attend our services, and also warnings relative to the consequences of sin were given them, but they showed no concern and went on with their gambling.

We earnestly covet your prayers for our Spanish-American people, and for ourselves, that we will be open channels through which the Gospel message may flow. "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jer. 33:3).

who came and took the injured woman to the hospital in an ambulance. The others who took part in the fray had dispersed. Two bunches of hair on the floor gave evidence of the type of fighting that had taken place. The grandfather with a loud voice continued to speak of revenge. Mr. Young finally was able to quiet him, and show him that he would only make "bad matters worse" by renewing the trouble. We tried to comfort the children, as they clung to us, and we reminded them anew of the terribleness of sin — drinking, gambling, etc.

Then we went to the hospital to see



Angie, Age 10, With Her Brother (Left) Whose Story Is Told in the Accompanying Article When She Announced to the Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Young That Her Mother Had Been Killed, and (Right) Mary, Age 12, With Her Cousin Bennie, Who Was Hit With a Rock When She Tried to Stop a Fight in Her Home

When we arrived at Angie's adobe house, the grandfather was outside talking loudly to some of the neighbors. The odor of liquor was very noticeable. We entered the house and found the three grandchildren half-crying. All of them (Mary, age 12; Angie, age 10; Tommie, age 5) tried to tell us what had happened. The great grandmother was walking the floor with a cigarette in her mouth, and was saying, "Oh, what will we do?" Finally, Mary, who seems to be an unusual girl and has desires to follow the Lord, was able to tell us what had happened.

The grandfather, who is in his fif-

My Ministry as Field Secretary

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with an emblem of a yoke for two were distributed. The Synzygus movement was only like a flaming comet that crossed the firmament of our denomination rather than a fixed star that would shine over many years. We believe that the passing of that comet has not been without definite blessings, even though it remains with us only as a happy memory.

While promoting missions as field secretary, I was restricted to speak of such work as we were carrying on at home. During those years, we did not have our own foreign mission work. The administration of our Cameroons mission belonged to the Baptist Missionary Society in Germany. Actually we were helpers, giving large sums of money amounting to more than \$10,000 a year, contributing our ministry of prayer and sending out our men and women to the Cameroons besides paying their salaries. For many years we had supported independently a few missionaries in Russia, Poland and the Balkans. In the homeland, that is in the United States and Canada, we supported fifty or more missionary pastors. At certain times we appointed and supported three denominational evangelists, assisted in the erection of chapels with the Children's Day offerings, helped our aged ministers and ministers' widows, and granted relief to members of our churches in distress.

MISSIONARY ENTHUSIASM

Before the year 1920 we sent out as foreign missionaries from our denomination 25 men and women who were serving either under the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society or under the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. When these missionaries returned home on furlough, it was to be expected that they would visit many of our churches. These missionaries were always cordially welcomed by our churches and because of their visits with us the passionate missionary devotion of our people as expressed in money contributions and consecrated lives grew in intensity and concrete expressions. During those years of my ministry as Field Secretary I was always sure of receiving a sympathetic as well as a practical response to any enthusiastic missionary address that I might give.

While pastor in Philadelphia, we had the honor and privilege of having Missionary George Geis give a missionary address before our people. We were all thrilled as he related his first experiences among those new tribes of the Kachins in Upper Burma. He was not only a devoted pioneer missionary but also a fascinating missionary promoter. Later while serv-

FINE RESPONSE TO SEMINARY BUILDING FUND BY OUR CHURCHES

The Seminary Building Fund Campaign has gotten off to a splendid start. As of Jan. 27th the sum of \$68,559.19 has been received in cash and pledges. Our churches are responding with unprecedented generosity toward this appeal. In addition to the actual amounts that have already been received, we here at the office are thrilled daily to receive letters from the loyal men on the field reporting continued success in their presentation of the Seminary story and its ministry. When these additional reports are received and if the campaign continues to progress as well as it has begun, we should reach our goal by the end of February.

Arthur Schwerin,
Campaign Manager.

ing as Field Secretary, Missionary George Geis accompanied me on one of my promotional tours in the Southwestern Conference. In those days we used the now discarded stereopticon lantern. These pictures from life illuminated by his exuberant personality did much to strengthen the missionary enthusiasm in the hearts and minds of our people. As was said of that Roman centurion who had built a Jewish synagogue, "He loves our people," so it could be said without qualification, "George Geis loved the Kachins."

Y. P. and S. S. WORKERS' UNION

The organization of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union was perfected at the General Conference meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1922. A number of brethren had made contributions concerning the constitution that was adopted. At the conference the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union was accepted as one of our cooperating societies. This new society was given a place in the denominational budget.

The General Secretary was elected by the General Conference. "The Baptist Herald" came into being, at first as a young people's paper. The Rev. A. P. Mihm was the first Young People's Secretary, and he also served as editor of "The Baptist Herald." During the ensuing years the following brethren served as young people's secretaries: Rev. A. P. Mihm, Rev. A. Bretschneider, Rev. A. A. Schade, Rev. F. A. Bloedow, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner and Rev. J. C. Gunst. While secretary of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, Dr. M. L. Leuschner also served as editor of "The Baptist Herald."

As was said of the little town of Bethlehem, "And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a governor, that shall rule my people Israel," so it can be truthfully said that our Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union can never be recorded as the least important for our denominational departments, because it is influencing the boys and girls and the young men and young women who are to be the future members of our churches.

As we review the years that have passed, we are amazed at the success of this department. The administration of this union is carried on independently and therefore enlisting the activities of many young people. The summer assemblies and encampments have proved to be wellsprings of enjoyment and benefit for the young people. Here the bond of fellowship is strengthened. These gatherings afford opportunity to acquaint all those attending with Baptist principles. The young people are inducted into the fundamental Christian truths. The fires of denominational love and loyalty are made to burn brighter in their minds and souls, so that our young people become active and strong cooperators in supporting our denominational enterprise.

We would not fall into the error of comparing one denominational department over against the other as to its importance, but we are all agreed that our Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union (now known as the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union) under the approving smile of God has become a strong servant dispensing rich blessings to our denomination.

A WORTHWHILE MINISTRY

During these later years I have often endeavored to appraise my ministry as field secretary. I am convinced that it has not been given me during those years to accomplish great things. However, I have been just as strongly convinced that those years were not spent in vain. By accepting that call as field secretary, I have had the honor to undertake the important task as envisioned by the General Conference to promote our missionary enterprise and to strengthen the young people's and Sunday School work of our denomination.

It was my conviction then, and today this conviction is stronger than ever, that everyone who can influence our denominational life for good at these vital points will have rendered a worthwhile ministry. We are happy to know that we were used as an instrument of God, as a voice crying in the wilderness of those times, preparing the way for greater things to be accomplished by those who have followed us.

What's Happening

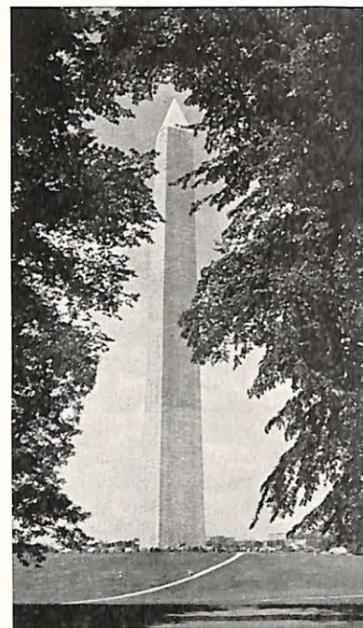
● The entire Sunday morning service of the Minnetrista Baptist Church of St. Bonifacius, Minn., was recorded on Jan. 1st and broadcast over the radio station KTIS of Minneapolis, Minn., on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 8. This was the first of a series of broadcasts called "Village Church of the Air," featuring rural churches in the surrounding area. The Rev. Ralph C. Lutter, pastor, was in charge of the service. The radio broadcasts are sponsored by the Northwestern Bible School of Minneapolis.

● From Nov. 14 to Dec. 2, the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, No. Dak. held a revival campaign of three weeks. The Rev. John Reimer of Gackle, No. Dak., served as evangelist and brought spiritual and powerful messages to well attended audiences. Several accepted Christ as their Savior and others were brought back to a true and happy fellowship with their Lord. "A blessed time was enjoyed by all who attended," as reported by Mr. Henry Fuhrman.

● The Rev. John Borchers recently resigned as pastor of the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Nebraska. He will continue to serve the church as supply pastor until a new minister comes to the field. He and his wife have moved to Columbus, Nebraska. Mrs. Borchers is now at home after a stay of about six months in the hospital. Mr. Borchers would like to continue to serve in the active pastorate if the Lord should provide an opening. He has been the pastor of the Shell Creek Church since 1942.

● The Rev. Thomas Rowell has resigned as pastor of the Fellowship Church of Passaic, New Jersey after a ministry of almost five years. His resignation has already taken effect as this issue of "The Baptist Herald" goes to press. He is available as a pastor or Bible teacher to one of our churches. The pastors of the Atlantic Conference churches and the Forest Park secretaries can recommend him sincerely to our churches which would like to make use of his services. His address is 32 Burgh Ave., Clifton, New Jersey.

● Miss Alma Kludt of Tacoma, Washington, formerly the church worker and missionary of the Bethel Church of Detroit, Mich., recently sailed for India as a missionary under



The Washington Monument at Washington, D. C.

THE GOOD CITIZEN

By GRACE NOLL CROWELL

Honor and integrity — he wears
Them as insignia upon his breast;
He stands foursquare for right, he dares
To raise his voice whenever it seems best,
He serves his own protectingly, he gives
His strength and substance for each urgent need.
In his community, his home, he lives
An upright citizen in every word and deed.

Behold, a man! a challenger of wrong,
Who spends himself, his heart and mind and hands;
With head and shoulders raised above the throng,
The friend of all humanity, he stands
Like some erected monument beside
A thoroughfare that men point to with pride.

the auspices of the Conservative Baptist Missionary Society. She left New York on Jan. 28 on the "S.S. Queen Mary" arriving in Southampton, England. On Feb. 10 she left England on the "S.S. Canton," hoping to arrive in Bombay, India on Feb. 26. Her ad-

dress will be Central India Baptist Mission, Ellichtur, Berar, Central Provinces, India.

● The Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Gerthe of Hutchinson, Minn., have announced that a daughter was born to them on Christmas day, Dec. 25, who has been named Susan Cynthia. She weighed almost ten pounds. The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt of Turtle Lake, No. Dak., have announced the arrival of a daughter on Dec. 22 weighing 7¼ pounds who has been named Judith Joy. Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Grabia of the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, So. Dak., have announced the arrival of a 9-pound son on Dec. 30 who has been named Brian David.

● Miss Ann Swain, Scripture Memorization Worker for the North American Baptist General Conference for many years, slipped away into eternity quietly and peacefully on Tuesday morning, Jan. 24. She had been very ill for some time since her return from a strenuous trip to the Pacific Coast in December 1949. The funeral service was held on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 28, in Forest Park, Illinois with the Rev. C. B. Nordland of the Forest Park Baptist Church and Dr. William Kuhn representing the denomination participating. A more detailed account about her homegoing and obituary will appear in the next issue of "The Herald."

● The Conner Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan, with the Rev. Otto Patzia as pastor, has the joy of reporting the baptism of 14 persons upon their confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ on December 4th. These were the results of the conscientious Christian living, faithful teaching in the Sunday School and preaching of the Truth. The Rev. Edwin Miller of the Erin Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio was the evangelist for two weeks bringing great blessing to the church. His earnest and soul searching words to the adults as well as the visual sermons to the children on every evening brought the Word clearly to all.

● The Presserville Baptist Church of Vida, Montana is building a new parsonage on the church property in the little town of Presserville. This is the center of the church's mission field. The parsonage will be 26 by 38 feet in size with an additional 6 by 9 foot

entry and will cost approximately \$8000. It will be a six-room house with two of these rooms upstairs. The Rev. Henry Lang is pastor of the church. The church will be known hereafter as the First Baptist Church of Presserville, Montana. The parsonage will be completed by the summer of 1950.

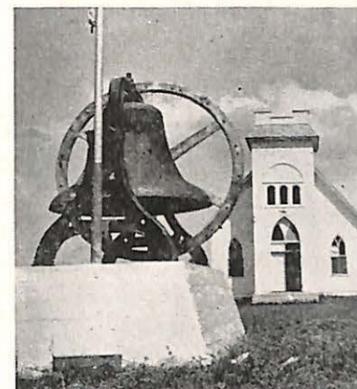
● The Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta has extended a call to the Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Okeene, Okla., denominational evangelist, to which a favorable answer has been given. Mr. Pfeifer has presented his resignation to the General Missionary Committee as evangelist, in which capacity he has served since 1946, and will begin his pastorate at Edmonton on June 1st. From Feb. 19 to March 5 he will conduct evangelistic meetings in the Edmonton Church. He will fulfill all other evangelistic engagements through May. In Edmonton he will succeed the Rev. Richard Schilke, now of Anaheim, California.

● The Baptist Church at Corn, Oklahoma, about which a detailed report appeared in the last issue has extended a call to the Rev. L. H. Smith of Denver, Colorado. He formerly served as pastor of the Baptist Church at Durham, Kansas. He and his family are already on the field. A new church building is now being constructed. The church organization has been recognized by the Oklahoma Association and will probably be received into the fellowship of the Southwestern Conference at its forthcoming summer session. We welcome this fine group of Christian people with its pastor, Rev. L. H. Smith, into the circles of our North American Baptist fellowship with formal recognition still to follow!

● The Rev. North E. West has resigned as pastor of the Immanuel Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin, effective immediately after Easter Sunday, April 9, 1950. He has accepted the position as dean of the Ozark Bible Institute, Ozark, Arkansas, which is an interdenominational school with a 4-year Christian High School and a 2-year Bible Training Institute. Mr. West's work will be as educational supervisor and teacher of homiletics, speech and pastoral duties. He will also be available for evangelistic work. Mrs. West will be librarian of the school. The school has been established primarily for the benefit of young people in the Ozark Mountains. In addition to the educational program of the school, the faculty and students conduct Week Day Bible classes for elementary school pupils in 20 communities reaching about 1000 children. Mr. West and his family will move to Ozark, Arkansas before the close of April and he will begin his ministry there on May 1st.

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

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



At Camp Bentley, North Dakota the Large Bell Calls the Assembly Young People to the Classes and Services in the Worshipful Chapel on the Assembly Grounds

THE 1949 SCORE BOARD

The reports are in, and the figures added. Would you like to see the "final score" on 1949 North American Baptist summer assemblies and institutes? Here it is:

Number held, 1949	25
Full-time attendance	1,737
Part-time visitors	1,099
Churches represented	179
Conversions	49
Reconsecrations	181
Full-time decisions	35
Assembly projects	\$26,325

Splendid as these figures are, they cannot tell the whole story. For who can measure the worth of one young person won to Christ or dedicated to his service? Who knows what this money to be raised will accomplish for the Lord's Kingdom? The real "final score" will be published in heaven.

HONORABLE MENTION

Top attendance record was set by the California Assembly at Lake Hume. There 225 young people attended full-time. Next came the Central Dakota Assembly at Jamestown College, with 160 there for the week.

147 Juniors met at Echo Lake, Saskatchewan in a great camp. Two hundred parents and friends came in for the week-end. This is the third largest group on the continent in our assembly family.

Iowa had its first assembly in June, and liked it! Every church in Iowa and our church in Baileyville, Ill., sent a delegation. This group will attempt to raise \$2500 this year.

Manitoba held a Home Builder's Retreat to provide a camp for married

couples with children. We hope they can keep it up. This was in addition to the fine Manitoba young people's assembly.

In the Dakota Conference, in four assemblies, we have the active participation of 47 of our 55 churches. This is an outstanding record.

OUR MISSION PROJECT GIVING

Current projects by
C. B. Y.'s and Sunday
Schools\$33,300.00
Payments received up to
Dec. 31, 1949\$ 7,671.33
STILL TO BE RAISED\$25,628.67

Half the conference year was over on January 31. "A word to the wise . . ." Let's meet our goals for the Lord's sake and rejoice in the blessings he will send in return.

WE WORK TOGETHER

The executive committee of the Conference Union met for an inspiring session of prayer and planning at Forest Park headquarters from January 6-8. There was a 100 percent attendance. Vice-president Milton Lippert came from Waco, Texas, and Council member-at-large Ralph Klette, from Philadelphia. To hear of the new plans for the year ahead, WATCH THIS COLUMN.

The Sheffield, Iowa C.B.Y. publishes an attractive, mimeographed monthly called "C.B.Y. Beacon." Louis Koenigsberg, president, is the editor. There ought to be more "Beacons."

Linton, No. Dak., has a Junior C.B.Y. which meets on Saturday afternoons in the church basement. Hand work, lively singing, and lessons from the Junior Quarterly make up the program.

The C.B.Y. at Fessenden, No. Dak., has 35 members and will help their pastor with one Sunday evening service a month. Maybe you could, too!

A BIG "THANK YOU"

To assembly deans, presidents and secretaries everywhere! Using our new Assembly Questionnaire, you gave us prompt and full reports of your summer groups. Only one week-end institute failed to report. This year, the same report blank will come to all deans and presidents. Let's make it a 100 percent return in 1950.



—Photograph by Harold M. Lambert
The Arden house on the old homestead stood a little back from the road, so sweetly pleasant and cosy, yet spacious in the lovely setting of trees and lawn

Mary Arden

A Christian Novel by GRACE LIVINGSTON HILL
and RUTH LIVINGSTON HILL

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SYNOPSIS

For three generations there had been a Mary Arden at the old home on the edge of the village of Ardenville, now called ARDEN, and now the fourth Mary Arden had come back there to live. She was just out of college and had inherited the old Arden homestead. While her father was on business in China and her mother at a fashionable coastal resort, Mary arrived in Arden to spend the summer at the fascinating, lovely, old house. The servants were still there, Nannie and Orrin and their daughter Randa. They were the first to greet her with everybody greatly excited! Then came Laurie Judson, who used to live next door, and who now was studying for the ministry and preaching in a nearby chapel. She loved everything about ARDEN. She even felt that way about the place when she went back to be the maid of honor at Floss Fairlee's wedding. Brooke Haven, a suitor of hers, went to meet her, but she had already arrived at her mother's house and had had a confidential talk with Hetty, the servant girl, about the wonderful things at ARDEN.

CHAPTER SIX

Mrs. Arden arrived the next morning and met her daughter with a quick questioning look, as if she didn't quite trust what she saw.

"I don't understand," she said as

ten Floss that I was not coming back in time, and I found she was greatly relieved. She had a cousin from California, expecting to be maid of honor. Wait! I'll show you her letter."

"Does her mother know this?"

"I'm sure I don't know, mother, but you can see that my plans have not upset her in the least."

"Well, I can tell you they have upset someone else's plans. You'll find Brooke Haven will make a terrible disturbance about it."

"Brooke Haven? What on earth has he got to do with it? It's Floss's wedding, isn't it? He's nothing but the best man."

"Yes," said Mrs. Arden, "and as such was to march down the aisle with you, and he certainly won't like this change. He dislikes that California cousin of Floss's very much, and he said he simply wouldn't be in the procession if he had to walk with her. We'll have to do something about this before Brooke gets back. He never will stand for this."

Mary looked at her mother steadily, realizing that her mother must have talked the matter over, cousin and all, with Brooke Haven. Then she spoke very quietly:

"Mother, if you must know the truth of this, I went away because I didn't want to be in that wedding procession with Brooke Haven! I simply won't be coupled with him any longer. I've tried various ways to get rid of his exclusive escort, and when they all failed I simply ran away. And if you try to do anything about this now and change things I'll take the next plane back to Arden and stay, for I will not be in this affair."

"But Mary! You and Brooke have been friends a long time. How can you feel this way? What has he done to offend you?"

"Nothing, mother, except to park on my footsteps and take possession of me wherever I dare to go. I'm just getting fed up with it, mother, and I thought it was time to put a stop to it. I won't be tagged and labelled as his exclusive property!"

"Mary! Why that's very indelicate of you! And he is such a nice boy; we all love him so much, and there is nothing objectionable about him."

"I can't help it, I just don't want him no matter how unobjectionable he is. You may love him if you like, but I don't, and I am done running around with him."

"But my dear! You can't do a thing like this!"

"Yes, I can, mother. I must. I can't go on any longer this way, and if you try to make an issue of this wedding I'll simply clear out before any of them have any opportunity to see me. I mean it, mother!"

"Oh, Mary, how can you be so rude and unkind? What will my friend Mrs. Haven think?"

"Oh, mother, I don't mean to be rude and unkind. Not to you anyway, and of course not to your friends, but this is a case where I will have to take a stand!"

"But Mary, why should you suddenly turn everything upside down, right in the midst of an important wedding, and break up a friendship that has existed pleasantly for years? You've never made any such fuss as this about going places with Brooke. Have you and he had an argument and are you trying to pay him back for something he has said or done? I'm quite sure if he were spoken to in the right way he would be entirely willing to apologize. For I happen to know that it is quite important to him that you march with him in this procession. What has he done? I insist upon knowing why you have suddenly grown so stubborn."

"Mother, it's nothing he has said or done recently any more than many other times. It's just that I have come to the place where I won't take his constant attendance any longer. I'm of age now, and I have a right to make my own decisions, and after thinking it all over I decided it would be easier on everybody concerned and less noticeable to everybody if I slipped off to Arden suddenly, unobtrusively. There would be no need of any explanation to anybody. Just that I found it necessary to go down and attend to some business matters connected with my recent inheritance."

"Mary! You know that that is absurd! There are no imperative business matters of that sort. It would make no difference to your inheritance if you never went down, and I sincerely hope you never will."

"Mother, you are mistaken. There are papers I have to sign, and there is the possible sale of some land that may be important. I can't tell you all the items now because I have been waiting for the lawyer to return from a trip, and I must go right back."

"I think this is the most absurd nonsense I ever heard of. I've owned property all my life, but your father's lawyer has looked after these matters for me, and told me when to sign papers."

"But I'm not going to own property that way, mother. I'm looking after my own, and learning how to run it in the best way. And anyway, mother, this really has nothing to do with the present state of things. I wanted to get away from these various social functions for a special reason, and I thought this was a good chance without hurting anybody. Now, would you rather I went right back before I've been seen, or stay long enough to attend the wedding in the church and then leave? I would rather go now if you don't mind, for then I wouldn't have to have any arguments with

Brooke Haven, but I'll stay if you think that will be any the less embarrassing for you."

"But Mary!" went on Mrs. Arden still avoiding an answer, "how long do you expect this thing to go on? Do you look on this as a permanent break with Brooke?"

"I certainly do. I thought I could stay out of his vicinity until he begins to get interested in somebody else, or gets over being silly about me. For I simply won't put up with him any longer!"

"Has Brooke ever proposed to you, Mary? Don't you think you are taking a good deal for granted?"

"No, mother, I don't. No, he hasn't ever proposed in regular words. But he's often remarked with one of his hazy grins, 'When we're married I'll see that you don't do that any more.'"

"Mary! I think you're just being silly!"

"No, mother, I'm not. I'm just getting out of the picture. Now, there's a plane in an hour and a half and I can take a taxi to the airport and keep out of sight. Would you rather I'd do that?"

Mrs. Arden put on her most disturbed air.

"And what am I to say to Brooke when he comes back?"

"Well, you sent him down, you know, not I. I suppose you can say there was a mix-up in dates or telegrams or something like that, if you must. I certainly telegraphed before I left."

"What will they have told him down there?" asked her mother anxiously. "Did they know you have come home?"

"Oh yes, I told them you sent for me."

"Did they know how you came?"

"No, I went away in a hurry in my car and left it at a garage for some repairs. But they wouldn't know that."

The worry deepened on the mother's face.

"I don't know what to tell you to do. I don't even know positively whether Brooke went in his own car or took a plane. I had to hurry away to make my Chicago train. But I made it plain to him that I wanted you here as soon as possible to get your dresses ready. Oh dear! Why do you have to be so very difficult, my child?"

Mary's eyes were troubled.

"I'm truly sorry, mother, but I just couldn't have things go on as they were any longer, and I thought this was the best way to do it."

"Well, it certainly isn't very good from my point of view," said her mother with a sigh. "I'm sure I don't see how I'm going to explain myself. I shall be mortified to death! Brooke's mother is one of my best friends."

"Now look, mother! If you want me to I'll take over and explain it all."

"But how would you explain?"

"Why, I'd simply say you sent for me, and I came on the first plane I could get. Sorry if it inconvenienced Brooke. You simply said you were sending someone for me. There was no name mentioned, and I came at once, telegraphing that I was on my way. Of course, since you were not here you didn't get it in time."

Then she heard the front door open, quite accustomed, as if one who entered had come often, and instantly Mary knew who it was.

When Mary Arden had made her sudden departure from the dear cheery home that seemed to have come alive since her presence there, Nannie and Randa paused in their work with broom and with dishcloth to stare disconsolately at each other.

Randa was the first to speak, in an almost hard, resentful tone.

"I knew it wouldn't last!" She bit off her words in her disappointment. "I knew she couldn't take it, here. Not after the life she's had with parties and beaux and servants to wait on her hand and foot."

But old Nannie shook her head slowly, tiredly. "Don't blame Miss Mary, Randa. No, tain't her that's done it. It's that mother of hers. Didn't ya take notice of the worry in her face this mornin'? She didn't want to leave here. That's why I feel so sorry. She'd like to stay. I really believe she likes our quiet ways, an' this old place, an' all. No, I'm real sorry fer her, cause it don't look as if sh'll ever get what she wants. That's the way it often is, you know, with rich people an' princesses an' the like. Everything that money can buy, but not what they really want."

Nannie sighed, a heavy sympathetic sigh after she had delivered this bit of sound philosophy. Then she went back to her dishes.

Randa wielded her broom again, gustily, still bitterly.

"Hunh! It may be so," she grumbled. "I dunno."

"You talk about beaux," went on her mother, "what finer man would any girl want than our Laurie Judson, I'd like to know?" Nannie used the personal pronoun advisedly. She knew that her daughter shared her own almost adoration for the young man who cared to be friendly to three servants. Into her talks with Randa about him through the years, she had woven many strands of sound common sense gleaned from anxious hours spent on her old bony knees. She and Orrin had been quite aware of the effect Laurie's friendliness might have upon the heart of their plain hard-working daughter. They had taken pains to see to it that he was kept upon the pedestal they chose to place him on, and that she was supplied with plenty of good times with young friends of her own

station in life so that no foolishness should creep into her heart about him. They were even aware that at one time in her teens in spite of all they could do, she had had a struggle with just such thoughts, but they had redoubled their agonized prayers that God would shield their girl and lead her aright. And soon after that a new young chauffeur had appeared at the big adjoining estate, who now bid fair to take sole place in Randa's life. They could breathe easily again, and speak without inward trembling when Laurie Judson's name was mentioned. But Randa still held for him the greatest respect.

"He hasn't got enough money for her, likely," she sniffed.

"Oh, Randa," gently reproved her mother, "surely you can see that our Miss Mary isn't like that. And didn't ye hear the happy lilt in her voice when she spoke his name? No, Miss Mary's all right, an' always will be whether she comes back here or not, if only her mother doesn't interfere and spoil her life —"

Just then the doorbell rang. A long insistent peal. And before either could reach the front of the house, it rang again.

Randa, indignant, flung it open, all her resentfulness over Miss Mary's departure still upon her like a cloud.

There stood a tall arrogantly handsome young man. His impeccable pearl-grey felt hat was in his hand, disclosing ahead of shining sleek black hair. His eyes were black, too, and his brows, which slanted slightly upward where they nearly met above his nose. The straightness of his nose was accentuated by a straight little black mustache below it.

"I want to see Miss Arden!" he demanded as if this plainfaced person who opened the door had been keeping her hidden. Randa glared.

"Miss Arden is out." She stated it with finality and seemed about to close the door.

But the young man was determined. "Then I'll come in and wait for her." He was in the hall and aimed for the big easy chair in the quaint low-ceilinged living room before Randa knew what to do. She had not had a great deal of experience in edging out unwelcome callers in this friendly little town. Her impulse would have been to present solid resistance to this stranger, if only because she was in a resentful mood at the moment. But probably he was one of Miss Mary's city friends, and as such as she herself intended to dislike him for that reason, still Miss Mary would not be pleased if she were rude to him. And he was handsome, strikingly so. Randa had to admit that to herself grudgingly as she stood in the hallway, uncertain what to say to him.

Nannie arrived then and in her kindly courteous way informed the gentleman that "Miss Arden will not

We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

SPECIAL PROJECT

Ask any woman, and she will say the most important room in her house is the kitchen. This, before any other, needs to be furnished with as many labor-saving devices as possible. Every woman takes great pride in equipping her kitchen as efficiently and attractively as possible. It lightens the never-ending task of preparing three meals a day for her family.

If this is true in a home, it is equally true in an institution such as the seminary, or "students' home," where there are many mouths to feed. That is why we, the women, are especially glad that we have chosen as part of our special project, "Kitchen Furnishings," for the new seminary building of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. (It is Goal 5 on the Achievement Chart.) Just think, every one of us can have a

definite part in supplying the new, up-to-date equipment for this "dream kitchen," simply by contributing generously to our own societies' special offering, which will be sent to headquarters, designated for the Woman's Missionary Union "Special Project."

Furthermore, at the same time that we are furnishing the kitchen, we are also providing medical supplies for the Banso Hospital in the Cameroons! One half of all the funds sent in for our Special Project will go toward the hospital. What a privilege to have a part in these two wonderful causes. Let us see if we can equal our record of the last triennium, and double our \$10,000 goal!

PROGRAM PACKET

Here is a reminder to order the new Program Packet, as announced in the January "Broadcast." For only 50 cents you will receive such valuable material as missionary plays, devotional services, ideas for yearbooks, an "Information Please" program which gives helpful information about our denominational family, leaflets on "Evangelism," and other worthwhile materials. Every president or program chairman ought to have a packet and use it as a permanent program material file. Be sure to send for your copy, enclosing 50 cents in coins or stamps. A packet of similar material has also been prepared in the German language. So please state if you wish the English or German packet.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

February 24, 1950. Topic: "Faith for Our Time."

It was upon faith — faith in the living Christ — that the first Christian Church was founded. The secret of their continuing faith, in a time of trial and persecution, was prayer. "And they continued stedfastly . . . in prayers." May we follow the example of these early Christians, so that we, too, may have a strong faith for our time!

spot could not by any chance deserve the name of home. "Who are you two, anyway, and what are you doing in this place?"

Randa gave a furious gasp. But Nannie silenced her with a look and answered in her calm way, ignoring the rudeness, "We have been caretakers of the Arden home here for twenty-five years, sir. If you care to call again —"

(To Be Continued)

be in soon, sir. She has had to leave town unexpectedly."

The young man paused in the act of seating himself and whirled on the old servant.

"Leave town!" he repeated with rising indignation. "You must be mistaken, whoever you are. Miss Arden was to go with me, under my escort. Her mother requested me to see her safely to her home." He accented the word home as if this quiet cosy

29 Conferences on Evangelism

Conference Schedules, Committee Members and Guest Speakers

Chairman; Rev. John Crouthamel and Rev. W. C. Damrau.

Guest Speaker: Rev. C. B. Nordland of Forest Park, Ill.; General Worker: Rev. M. L. Leuschner.

4. ONTARIO ASSOCIATION

Place: Arnprior, Ontario.

Dates: May 19-20, 1950.

Committee: Rev. Carl Weisser, Chairman; all other pastors of the Association.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Herman Palfenier, Denominational Evangelist; General Worker: Rev. Frank H. Woyke.

5. BUFFALO, NEW YORK AND VICINITY

(Including Erie, Pa.)

Place: Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York.

Dates: March 7-8, 1950.

Committee: Rev. O. E. Krueger, Chairman; Rev. Paul Loth, Rev. Paul D. Ford.

Guest Speaker: Dr. A. Dale Ihrle of Detroit, Mich.; General Worker: Rev. J. C. Gunst.

6. PITTSBURGH, CLEVELAND, DAYTON AND CINCINNATI CHURCHES

Place: Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dates: March 9-10, 1950.

Committee: Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, Chairman; Rev. Wm. Ross and Rev. Alex Elssesser.

Guest Speaker: Dr. A. Dale Ihrle of Detroit, Mich.; General Worker: Rev. J. C. Gunst.

7. DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Place: Bethel Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.

Dates: March 14-15, 1950.

Committee: Dr. A. Dale Ihrle, Chairman; all other pastors of the Detroit churches.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Robert Hess of Bethlehem, Pa.; General Worker: Rev. Frank H. Woyke.

8. MICHIGAN AREA

(All churches except those of the city of Detroit)

Place: Lansing, Michigan.

Dates: March 16-17, 1950.

Committee: Rev. William Hoover, Chairman; Rev. Victor Prendering, Rev. L. H. Broeker.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Robert Hess of Bethlehem, Pa.; General Worker: Rev. Frank H. Woyke.

9. CHICAGO AND CHURCHES OF ILLINOIS

Place: Grace Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

Dates: March 23-24, 1950.

Committee: Rev. C. B. Nordland, Chairman; Rev. Frank Veninga, Rev. John Vanderbeck.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Robert Hess of Bethlehem, Pa.; General Worker, Rev. Frank H. Woyke.

10. NORTHERN NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION

Place: Fessenden, North Dakota.

Dates: March 30 and April 1, 1950.

Committee: Rev. Arthur Fischer, Chairman; Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Rev. A. Buhler and Rev. Fred Knalson.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Albert Felberg of Sioux Falls, South Dakota and possibly several Seminary students; General Worker: Rev. H. G. Dymmel.

11. CENTRAL DAKOTA AREA

Place: Venturia, North Dakota.

Dates: March 24-25, 1950.

Committee: Rev. Walter Stein, Chairman; Rev. H. J. Waltereit and Rev. E. S. Fenske.

Guest Speaker: Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; General Worker, still to be provided.

12. SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION

Place: Parkston, South Dakota.

Dates: May 5, 1950.

Committee: Rev. D. S. Wipf, Chairman; Rev. Herbert Hiller, Rev. Peter Geissler.

Guest Speaker: Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; General Worker, still to be provided.

13. BADLANDS ASSOCIATION

Place: Plevna, Montana.

Dates: March 10-11, 1950.

Committee: Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Chairman; Rev. D. Littke, Rev. Norman Miller.

Guest Speaker: Dr. A. S. Felberg of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Provision for General Worker will be made if possible.

14. MINNESOTA AREA

Place: Daytons Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Dates: March 17-18, 1950.

Committee: Rev. L. B. Berndt, Chairman; Rev. Ralph Lutter and Rev. Edgar Klatt.

Guest Speaker: Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, General Worker, Rev. H. G. Dymmel.

15. IOWA AREA

(Also Baileyville, Illinois)

Place: Parkersburg, Iowa.
 Dates: March 24-25, 1950.
 Committee: Rev. Howard Johnson, Chairman; Rev. Arthur Ittermann, Rev. J. J. Renz.
 Guest Speaker: Dr. A. S. Felberg of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; General Worker: Rev. J. C. Gunst.

16. WISCONSIN AREA

Place: Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
 Dates: March 21-22, 1950.
 Committee: Dr. John Leypoldt, Chairman; Rev. George Zinz, Jr., Rev. North E. West.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Robert Hess of Bethlehem, Pa.; General Worker: Rev. H. G. Dymmel.

17. ALBERTA ASSOCIATION

Place: First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta.
 Dates: May 9-10, 1950.
 Committee: Rev. C. H. Seecamp, Chairman; Rev. Karl Korella and Rev. H. Schatz.
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Herman Palfenier, Denominational Evangelist.

18. CENTRAL SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA ASSOCIATION

Place: Medicine Hat, Alta.
 Dates: May 11-12, 1950.
 Committee: Rev. R. Milbrandt, Chairman; all other pastors of the Association.
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Herman Palfenier, Denominational Evangelist.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!
 Some last minute changes in this schedule will probably have to be made. The local program committees will inform the churches of their areas if such changes have to be made.

19. SASKATCHEWAN TRI-UNION AREA

Place: Nokomis, Sask.
 Dates: May 18-19, 1950.
 Committee: Rev. R. Kanwischer, Chairman; Rev. E. H. Nikkel and Rev. John Wahl.
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Denominational Evangelist.

20. MANITOBA TRI-UNION ASSOCIATION

Place: Winnipeg, Manitoba.
 Dates: May 16-17, 1950.
 Committee: Rev. William Sturhahn; all other pastors of the Association.
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Denominational Evangelist.

21. CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION

Place: Wasco, California.
 Dates: March 28-29, 1950.
 Committee: Rev. W. W. Knauf, Chairman; Rev. E. Mittelstedt, Rev. P. G. Neumann.
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Denominational Evangelist.

22. OREGON ASSOCIATION

Place: Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Oregon.
 Dates: March 6-7, 1950.
 Committee: Rev. Emanuel Wolff, Chairman; Rev. Otto Roth, Rev. John Wobig.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Herman Palfenier, Denominational Evangelist.

23. WASHINGTON, MONTANA AND IDAHO

Place: Colfax, Washington.
 Dates: February 16-17, 1950.
 Committee: Rev. F. E. Klein, Chairman; Rev. F. W. Bartel, Rev. J. C. Kraenzler.
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Denominational Evangelist.

24. BRITISH COLUMBIA

Place: Chilliwack, Brit. Columbia.
 Dates: March 7-8, 1950.
 Committee: Rev. Rubin Kern, Chairman; all of the pastors of the area.
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Denominational Evangelist.

25. KANSAS ASSOCIATION

Place: Ellinwood, Kansas.
 Dates: March 21-22, 1950.
 Committee: Rev. Aaron Stackhouse, Chairman; Rev. J. R. Kruegel, Rev. Fred Ferris.
 Guest Speaker: Rev. William Hoover of Benton Harbor, Mich.; General Worker: Rev. M. L. Leuschner.

26. OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

Place: Okeene, Oklahoma.
 Dates: March 23-24, 1950.
 Committee: Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn, Chairman; Rev. Frank Armbruster, Rev. John Heer.
 Guest Speaker: Rev. William Hoover, Benton Harbor, Mich.; General Worker: Rev. M. L. Leuschner.

27. NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION (Also Colorado)

Place: Beatrice, Nebraska.
 Dates: June 8-9, 1950.
 Committee: Rev. David Zimmerman, Chairman; all other pastors of the area.
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Herman Palfenier, Denominational Evangelist; General Worker: Rev. H. G. Dymmel.

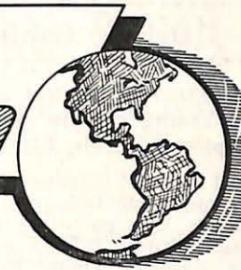
28. SOUTHERN TEXAS, LOUISIANA AND ALABAMA ASSOCIATION

Place and Dates still Indefinite. (To Be Announced.)
 Committee: Rev. Roy Seibel, Chairman; all other pastors of the Association.
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Robert Hess of Bethlehem, Pa.; General Worker: Rev. M. L. Leuschner.

29. NORTHERN TEXAS ASSOCIATION

Place: Crawford, Texas.
 Dates: Feb. 14-15, 1950.
 Committee: Rev. Roy Seibel, Chairman; all other pastors of the Association.
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Robert Hess of Bethlehem, Pa.; General Worker: Rev. M. L. Leuschner.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



Northern Conference

Annual Business Meeting of the Fenwood Baptist Church of Saskatchewan, Canada

The Fenwood Baptist Church of Fenwood, Sask., Canada held its annual business meeting on December 26. Although the weather was very cold and the snowfall was quite heavy, there was a very good attendance.

The meeting was opened with prayer and Scripture reading, with the Rev. H. Schumacher, pastor, as chairman. This meeting was a very important one for us. From the report we found that, despite a loss of several members who have left our community, the Lord has blessed so richly that in the last two and one-half years the membership of our church has risen from 63 to 94, an increase of 31. For this we praise the Lord.

Not only because of this but upon the recommendation made by the pastor, the church voted unanimously to take on the full support of its own pastor, and thus for the first time in the history of our church (as of April 1st), we will become a self-supporting church. We trust that God will give us grace to bear this burden so that more missionary help might be sent to the foreign lands.

The Rev. H. Schumacher was also appointed reporter and agent for "The Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote." Numerous other important decisions were made to further our work. We are praying that God will give us grace to do great things for him in the coming year.

H. Schumacher, Pastor.

Pacific Conference

Golden and Tenth Wedding Anniversaries Are Celebrated at Bethel Church, Salem, Oregon

On November 30, 1949 the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perlich. They were married in San Francisco, California on Nov. 30, 1899. Two years later they came to Salem, Oregon and immediately joined the Bethel Church where they are still faithful members.

Mr. Robert Perlich was deacon of the church for many years and at present is an honorary deacon. Both are faithful attendants at all of the church's services.

The anniversary service was as follows. During the singing of the first song, the anniversary cake was brought in on a table. After Scripture reading and prayer, the male quartet composed of Milo Kuhn, Elton Kuper, Sam Schirman and George Schirman, sang. A reading, "The Golden Wedding," was given by Rev. R. Woyke, followed by a vocal duet by Mrs. Milo Kuhn und Mrs. Carl May. The message by the pastor was on Hebrews 6:19. Rev. R. Woyke spoke of the four anchors that had been helpful to the Perliches during the 50 years. A solo by Dolores Kuper was followed by a German reading and words of congratulation by Henry Schrenk. A quartet composed of Mrs. Henry Neuman, Miss Dolores Kuper, Elton Kuper and George Schirman, sang. Mr. and Mrs. Perlich responded with heartfelt words.

On the same evening the church also celebrated the 10th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Rudolph Wolke who were married on the same date as Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perlich 40 years later in Dallas, Texas. The church presented both couples with a gift.

Adele R. H. Rocks, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings, Baptism and Watchnight Service at Immanuel Church, Portland, Ore.

It was our happy privilege at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon to have Dr. Russell M. Brouger in our midst for two weeks of revival meetings in late October. The days were experiences of blessing for all, since night after night the church was filled with eager men and women to hear the most fundamental preaching of the evangelist. There certainly is no doubt in that man's mind about anything that is written in the Word of God.

Partly as the result of these meetings we had a fine baptismal service on the last evening of the year, when we baptized five converts. One lady was absent for reason of sickness. We received ten persons into church fellowship while two were hindered but who will be added to the church as soon as the opportunity presents itself.

We had the largest Watchnight attendance in our memory and a fine spirit prevailed. Besides the baptismal service we had the sound picture, "The Conversion of Saul." Then the ladies served a fine lunch after which we extended the hand of fellowship to the ten members and with a testimonial service and the Lord's Supper we concluded the year.

Our meetings this fall and winter have been exceptionally well attend-

ed every Sunday and many strangers find their way into our church which always delights us. So we pray that God's continued blessing might rest upon Immanuel.

Otto Roth, Pastor.

Atlantic Conference

Special Services, Missionary Gifts and Anniversary Plans at Walnut Street Church, Newark, N. J.

We, the people of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey, had the privilege of observing a dedication service for our new Broadman Hymnals on Sunday, Nov. 6th. These are proving to be an added blessing to our worship services.

Our ladies attended the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of New York and vicinity on Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Pilgrim Baptist Church and returned with the silver cup. This is the award for the best attendance and is to be in our possession for the coming year. Our pastor, Rev. Richard K. Mercer, was the speaker at this anniversary program.

We were the host church for the annual union Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, Nov. 23, for the seven community Protestant churches. A large audience was in attendance.

The planning committee has started to form its program for the celebration of our 75th church anniversary which will be observed during the latter part of April, 1950.

At our semi-annual meeting it was voted to send \$200 to our general headquarters and \$100 to our Bansa Hospital in the Cameroons. Mr. Fred Steinke, chairman of the Board of Trustees, advised us that the renovation program was completed. This involved the complete remodeling and painting of the kitchen, nursery and dining hall. New fluorescent fixtures were installed and all of the furniture was replaced. Repairs to the roof and steeples included new copper flashing and gutters. The church sanctuary was painted earlier in a soft peach color with rich bronze trim and the woodwork in dark walnut. To our pastor and the official board members goes the credit for the supervision of our renovation program. May the Lord continue to bless and provide fruit for his laborers in the vineyard, and to HIM we give all the praise and honor!

Joseph Balogh, Reporter.

DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Dec. 1949	Dec. 1948	Dec. 1947
Atlantic	\$ 2,574.58	\$ 2,714.17	\$ 5,399.90
Eastern	2,255.64	3,338.61	1,700.60
Central	13,651.01	17,749.60	9,611.70
Northwestern	12,509.01	9,069.22	13,650.23
Southwestern	5,290.87	8,699.78	23,381.83
Southern	4,733.54	5,301.95	14,268.69
Pacific	14,718.86	23,167.22	18,880.95
Northern	5,296.27	6,827.68	6,306.21
Dakota	10,139.00	14,053.99	16,678.36
Totals	\$71,159.78	\$90,382.22	\$109,878.47

BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

For the month of December, 1949 \$ 68,790.45
 For the month of December, 1948 \$ 89,530.87
 For the month of December, 1947 \$105,534.38

BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949 \$330,182.17
 April 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948 \$348,374.17
 April 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947 \$391,099.94

BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium

August 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949 \$188,218.38
 August 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948 \$225,327.54
 August 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947 \$256,058.98

Dakota Conference

Christmas Banquet and Pageant by Young People at Baptist Church, Linton, No. Dak.

At a recent meeting of the BYPU in Linton, North Dakota, it was voted to change the name to Commissioned Baptist Youth (CBY) as suggested by the National Young People's Union. We think this is a very appropriate name, for as young people we should be more zealous for our Lord.

In the past few weeks our group has been very active. We have fifty-six members and a very able leader as our president, Mrs. Gottlieb Kremer. One of the highlights of the year is our Christmas banquet. This year nearly a hundred young people came to enjoy the seven o'clock dinner which was followed by a program and exchanging of gifts. After a short devotional period by our pastor, Rev. Adam Huber, we were dismissed. Our president spared no effort in making this one of the finest meetings of the year. The day before the party Mrs. Kremer had the misfortune of falling and breaking her arm. However, this did not stop her from carrying out the plans scheduled for the party. Our group also remembered our pastor's family with a gift of money.

On the evening of Dec. 25th the young people's group with the choir presented a pageant entitled, "The First Christmas Eve." The pageant was written by Rev. and Mrs. A. Huber. They worked diligently and with much patience in preparation for this program. Mr. Huber conducted the choir while Mrs. Huber took charge of the many scenes. The various scenes of the Christmas story were



A Scene from the Christmas Pageant Presented at the Baptist Church of Linton, North Dakota, Using the Gilded Frame Prepared Originally for the 1949 General Conference at Sioux Falls, So. Dak.

We are deeply grateful to all who give of their time and talents which help to make our CBY a very vital member of our church family.

Mrs. Jake Kiemele, Reporter.

Song Festival by the Northern Dakota Youth at Underwood, North Dakota

The Northern North Dakota Commissioned Baptist Youth held a "Saengerfest" on December 27 at Underwood, North Dakota. It was the first one to be held since the days before the war. The young people met in the afternoon for a mass choir rehearsal under the direction of Mr.



Members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wessington Springs, South Dakota With the Pastor, Rev. O. W. Brenner, in Back Row (Center)

portrayed through the large gold frame used at the General Conference. At the extreme rear of the frame was a large backdrop picturing the little town of Bethlehem which gave the pageant a very realistic atmosphere. The climax of the Christmas story came when the Junior Choir knelt before the nativity scene and sang together with the senior choir the beautiful Christmas carol, "Silent Night."

Albert Seibel of Martin, No. Dak. Approximately 70 voices sang in the choir.

After a delicious banquet served by the Underwood Woman's Missionary Society, we met in the school auditorium where Rev. Fred Knalson of Underwood led us in the singing of Christmas carols. Scripture was read by Bud Wolitarsky of Turtle Lake, after which Bill Kepl of Martin led us in prayer. The dean of our assembly,

Rev. A. Buhler of Harvey, made several announcements concerning the forthcoming Spring Rally and the Summer Assembly.

Each society was to bring a special number. There was a variety of selections which included vocal solos, a ladies' trio, male quartets, a male chorus, a saw solo, and two numbers by the mass choir. The emphasis was on Christmas music.

The Rev. Russell Schmidt, pastor of the Rosenfield Church, delivered the evening message. His message was on "The Christmas Spirit." Due to the unfavorable weather and road conditions, many were unable to be present. Those who were present had an enjoyable day singing praises unto the Lord. May we continue to sing his praises and may we keep the true Christmas Spirit in our hearts all through the new year.

Joyce Wahl, Secretary.

Activities of the Woman's Missionary Society, Ebenezer Church, Wessington Springs, So. Dak.

Behold, that group of fine and energetic looking women in the accompanying picture! They are the Woman's Missionary Society of the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Wessington Springs, So. Dak. To serve and to be a channel of blessing is their continuous aspiration. Their first and very important concern is the welfare of their own church, inside and outside. They keep the place of worship clean and attractive. Consequently, everyone who enters this sanctuary is impressed, and then enjoys and submits to a spiritual and heavenly rapture.

But this society is also engaged in the further reaches of their denomination and the Kingdom of God. For the second time they have given large sums for the Old People's Home in Bismarck, No. Dak. The obligation and privilege of furnishing a room in that institution was assumed by them with joy and satisfaction. The Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich., has repeatedly won their kind and generous attention. The needy and distressed people across the waters have been graciously remembered by them with the much desired and sorely needed necessities of life. Furthermore, these missionary minded women encourage and assist the young people in their efforts to support the glorious work in the Cameroons.

The meetings of our beloved society are held in the homes of the members and have constantly proved to be of great blessing. A variety of subjects are conscientiously observed to stimulate the faith of all who attend. The leaders are very faithful and because of their unfeigned love and zeal in the work of the Lord, they cause their sisters to devote much time to prayer.

On the picture at the extreme left is Mrs. Herbert Kludt, the president, and at the extreme right is Mother Bauder, seated, 92 years of age. May God's bountiful blessing abide on all other missionary societies.

O. W. Brenner, Pastor.

Christmas Cantata and Revival Meetings at Baptist Church, Venturia, North Dakota

On Dec. 25th the members and friends of the Venturia Baptist Church of Venturia, No. Dak., had the joy of hearing the church choir giving a Christmas cantata, "The Child of Bethlehem." The church was beautifully decorated with pines. The choir marched into the church singing, "O Come All Ye Faithful." The choir director is Rev. Raymond Dickau and the pianist is Audrey Schnabel.

Revival meetings were conducted at our church from Nov. 7 to 14. Nineteen persons were saved and God's people were revived in their faith. We are very thankful to Rev. R. Dickau for the fine service which he rendered. Our prayer is that the Lord may bless the seed that has been sown into the hearts of these new converts, and that it may bring forth fruit for time and eternity.

The miracles which have happened in our church this past year have really been wonderful. We hope for many more this year.

Audrey Schnabel, Reporter.

Central Conference

The Holiday Season at the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois

"How wonderful it is to belong to the family of God" and to experience a holiday season such as we had in the Foster Ave. Church of Chicago, Illinois. On Dec. 18th the first of the Christmas programs was presented by our mixed choir, directed by Mr. Herbert Pankratz. The beautifully decorated auditorium, illuminated by the light of many candles, was a perfect setting for the "Carols of Many Lands" rendered by our choir.

Christmas morning again brought special music by the choir, as well as the ever appreciated sermons by our pastor, Rev. R. Schreiber, one in English and one in German. In the evening the Sunday School presented a program, planned by Mrs. Minnie Pankratz and Mrs. Marilou Zahn. Music by the Youth Choir, recitations, a Christmas play, songs and pieces by the Primary Department under the direction of Mrs. Eleanore Meister, a message by our pastor, all of this made us regret that Christmas comes but once a year.

The following days were happy ones, too, as the various organizations had their Christmas parties. On Wednesday the young people presented a program at the Old People's Home.

The old year was ended with a Watchnight Service, the theme of which was, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today and forever." Highlights of this occasion were: a roll call of our members, each member responding with a Bible verse, music by the C.F.C. male chorus and the choir, a few quiet moments during which we remembered those who had gone to their heavenly home dur-

Missionary Promotional News

Latest Information About Our Cameroons Missionaries and Their Promotional Trips

● Since Feb. 1st Miss Laura E. Reddig, one of our Cameroons missionaries has been studying at the Cook County Graduate School of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois. It is a course which deals with anesthesia which will be of great help to her later at the Banso Hospital where she serves as a nurse. She hopes to return to the Cameroons following the completion of the course early in the summer of 1950 for her fourth term of missionary service.

● A number of missionaries will return to America in 1950 for their furloughs. The detailed information about their arrivals will be announced soon after the return of the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, general missionary secretary, from his trip to the Cameroons. Miss Hilda Tobert of Edmonton, Alberta, a nurse at the Banso Hospital, will leave for her furlough early in 1950. It has also been announced that the Rev. and Mrs. Donald Ganstrom will begin their furlough as soon as transportation to the United States can be arranged.

● Miss Myrtle Hein, missionary in the Cameroons, since 1944, has returned to her home at Leduc, Alberta for a brief furlough. She will be engaged in an extensive promotional ministry for four months from February to June, excluding the month of May. During February she will be visiting churches in the North-

ern Conference area. Her itinerary in the United States beginning with March 1st is being arranged by Mr. Leuschner, promotional secretary. An article by Miss Hein about her return from the Cameroons will appear in the next issue of "The Herald."

● The Rev. and Mrs. George A. Dunger have rendered a monumental service as missionaries of ours in the Cameroons of Africa since 1938. They established and strengthened the field at Warwar in the grassland interior. Mr. Dunger contributed several chapters to the book, "Call of the Cameroons." He prepared a number of maps for promotional purposes. His illness, which necessitated his return to the United States in 1948, was a staggering blow to him and his family as well as to our churches. Since he is still under medical treatment and his return to Africa is conditioned by the doctor's approval covering his health, the Dungers are no longer in the employ of the General Missionary Society. However, they are receiving some financial aid from the denomination. Mr. Dunger is studying for his PhD degree and teaching at the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Conn. It is hoped that the Dungers may be reinstated as our Cameroons missionaries whenever health and circumstances will permit.

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ing 1949, moving pictures of the construction of our new church, a time of fellowship and refreshments, and in the last solemn moments the baptism of two persons, an inspiring message by our pastor.

The lateness of this hour did not keep people away from church the next morning on Jan. 1st. The Lord's Supper was observed with four persons receiving the hand of fellowship: Mrs. Mary Long and Mr. Leo Angle-

witz, having been baptized the night before, and Mrs. Christel Anglewitz and Miss Diane Sacco, who were received by letter. Mr. and Mrs. Anglewitz have but recently come from Germany, as well as the Misses Esther and Ruth Wuttke, who joined us at the next Communion Service. The Week of Prayer was observed and it also was a time of rich blessing for all who participated.

Mrs. Louise Zoch, Church Clerk.

Obituary

MRS. SARAH ELLEN BRICKELL of Rochester, New York.

Mrs. Sarah Ellen Brickell of Rochester, N. Y., was born in Kansas 88 years ago but spent most of her life in Denver, Colorado where she came under the guidance of a well known Baptist song writer, Dr. E. T. Cassel, who seemed to have imparted to her the very spirit of song. The last 24 years of her life were spent in Rochester, N. Y. In the Convalescent Home she cheered the old people with her songs. Thirteen weeks before her death she was stricken with apoplexy and went into a coma from which she never recovered. Four of her eight children and her husband preceded her in death. She leaves also six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The pastor spoke on: "God who giveth songs in the night."

Andrews Street Baptist Church,
Rochester, N. Y.

OTTO E. KRUEGER, Pastor.

MR. JOHN W. WHITE of Boulder City, Nevada.

Mr. John W. White of Boulder City, Nev., the husband of the former Lillian Schilberg of Bessie, Oklahoma, who before her marriage to Mr. White in 1938 had served very efficiently as pianist and Sunday School teacher for a number of years, died on Jan. 2, 1950. Their permanent home is in Boulder City, Nevada, but for about three years Mr. and Mrs. White lived in California where he continued his work as a rigger in construction work. In November his job took them to Bullhead City, Arizona where they were residing at the time of his sudden death.

Mr. White was taken to Clinton, Oklahoma where services were held on January 6 with the Rev. G. W. Neubert of the First Baptist Church of Bessie bringing words of comfort to the bereaved based on John 14:1-6.

Mr. White leaves to mourn his untimely death, his wife; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schilberg of Bessie, Okla.; her brothers, John and Ruben of Bessie; William of Emery, So. Dak.; Vernon of Waldron, Ark.; her sisters, Katherine of Grand Coulee, Wash.; Esther of Hobbs, N. M.; and Lydia of Poplar Bluff, Mo., and his host of friends wherever he had lived.

Bessie, Oklahoma

G. W. NEUBERT, Pastor.

MR. PETER KECK of Startup, Washington.

Mr. Peter Keck, quietly passed away at his home in Startup, Washington on Sunday, Dec. 18, 1949, at the age of 72 years, 11 months and 15 days. He was born in Russia, where he grew to young manhood and later was married to Rosina Klein. This union was blessed with five children. In 1905 the family came to America and made their home in North Dakota. Some years later, in 1911, his wife passed away, after which he remained a widower the rest of his life. He was very devoted to his family and won the admiration and respect of his children and all who knew him for taking the place of both father and mother. In 1920 he came with his children to Startup, Washington, where he lived and abided until his death.

From early youth he was deeply interested in religious things. He was converted, baptized and united with the church, which he also served as Sunday School superintendent at one time. His wish, to pass away while asleep, came to pass. He is now at rest. He leaves to mourn his departure his children, four daughters and one son; nine grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was held at our church. Rev. R. G. Kaiser brought a message based on Zechariah 14:7b, "At evening time it shall be as light."

Startup, Washington

R. G. KAISER, Pastor.

MR. ROY G. SMITH

of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Mr. Roy G. Smith, born in Czar, Alberta, Canada, died at the age of 27 years on November 5, 1949, a victim of polio. In 1943 he was married to Laura Heizelman. The couple was blessed with two boys. Roy was converted and baptized in the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta. He proved to be a faithful follower of Christ until the end of his life's journey.

During the war he served as a Sergeant Navigator in the R.C.A.F. After that he was employed as a fireman on the Canadian Pacific Railroad. In 1945 the family moved to Calgary. Roy was a good provider, a kind husband and father and will be greatly missed in his family.

The many, many flowers and friends paid their last tributes on Nov. 8 in Jacques Funeral Home. Rev. Laing spoke comforting words from John 14. Roy is survived by his wife, two sons, his parents, one sister and two brothers.

God help us to carry on without him.

THE FAMILY.

MR. ALFRED RICHTER of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Alfred Richter of Philadelphia, Pa., was born on February 20, 1898 in Lodz, Poland and went home to be with his Lord on December 3, 1949 after a long illness. In November 1913 he came to the United States and settled in Philadelphia, Pa. Here he attended the services of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, and in the Spring of 1921 he accepted Christ as his Savior. The Rev. S. A. Kose baptized him on the confession of his faith in April 1921. In August of that year he married Miss Alma Yahn, who mourns his homegoing. Preceding his years of illness, he sang faithfully in the Male Chorus. During his long hospitalization he faithfully witnessed for his Lord to those who ministered to him or suffered with him in the wards of the hospital.

He is survived by his wife; two sisters, Mrs. Anna Yeske and Mrs. Elsie Heine (both living near here); and one brother, Adolf, in Germany. A host of other relatives and friends also mourn his passing. The words of Jesus in John 11:25-27 became our comfort as the pastor brought the message based on this text. The Lord is comforting the bereaved.

Pilgrim Baptist Church,
Philadelphia, Pa.

W. C. DAMRAU, Pastor.

MRS. AUGUSTA STREICH of Arnprior, Ontario, Canada.

Mrs. August Streich of Arnprior, Ontario, Canada died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Abraham, at the age of 87 years. She was born in Germany, her maiden name being Demasky. At the age of 21 she emigrated to Canada and came directly to Arnprior, Ontario, Canada, where she married William Streich. Mrs. Streich preceded her 32 years ago.

Mrs. Streich was a member of the First Baptist Church, a member of the Woman's Missionary Society, and an active member of the Bible Society. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Wm. Abraham; and one son, Charles, both of Arnprior; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a host of friends.

Arnprior, Ontario, Canada

A. STELTER, Pastor.

MRS. AUGUST STRANSKE of Anaheim, California.

Mrs. Carolina Stranske, nee Hein, of Anaheim, Calif., was born on July 15, 1877 in Poland, Russia. In her early youth she received deep impressions of the Christian life and purpose, so that at the tender age of nine she yielded her heart to the Savior. Upon her confession that Christ was her Savior and Lord, she was baptized by the Rev. S. Lehmann and thereupon was added to the membership of the Baptist Church in Musjowka, Russia.

In the year 1897 she was married to Mr. A. Stranske. The Lord blessed this union with five children. Leaving the land of her birth she and her husband came to the United States and in the year 1910 joined the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., whose faithful and loyal member she remained until the day of her

departure. Not strong physically, she was affected in the last years of her life with a number of ailments which demanded constant and loving care by her daughter Lydia, and her husband, who with undying devotion stood by her day and night. But all the medical attention and human care could not keep her from going to her home on high. On Friday, November 25, she answered the summons of her Master and went home to be with the Lord. She leaves her husband, August Stranske of Anaheim; three sons: Bert of Long Beach, Calif., Johnny and Ewald of Carpentry, Calif., two daughters: Lydia Remeland and Olga Burtislaft of Anaheim; four grandchildren, and many friends.

It was the privilege of the undersigned to conduct the funeral service on Monday, November 28th. Many were the beautiful flowers and floral pieces which expressed the love and the esteem by all to her and her family.

Bethel Baptist Church,
Anaheim, California

P. G. NEUMANN, Officiating Minister.

MRS. HENRIETTA KNOPF of Gladwin, Michigan.

Mrs. Henrietta Knopf of Gladwin, Mich., was born in Poland on April 14, 1869. She was converted in her early youth and baptized by Rev. Frierich Rossel into the fellowship of the church on Condragek, Poland. In 1886 she was married to Mr. Daniel Knopf who preceded her in death in 1943. God kept them together for 57 years. God also blessed them with twelve children, of whom eight preceded her in death.

God led her through the sorrows and heart aches of the first World War, losing her loved one in the horrors of four years of wandering as a displaced person deep in Russia. In all this she kept her faith in the power and grace of God. In the year 1923 the family came to Detroit, Mich., to live for a time with her daughter, Mrs. Mielke. In 1925 they came to Gladwin, Mich., and settled here on a farm. She joined the Round Lake Baptist Church and remained a faithful member until her death on December 18, 1949 at the home of her daughter.

During the years of her membership in this church she proved herself as a faithful follower of the Lord. In her humble spirit she served the Lord with gladness, and was beloved and honored by everyone. Three sons: Adolph, Anthony, and Walter; and one daughter, Mrs. Alma Renas, sorrow over her homegoing. There are ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers, Gustav Knopf of Detroit and Rev. Adolph Knopf of Germany. Words of comfort were found in Rev. 2:10.

Round Lake Baptist Church,
Gladwin, Michigan

VICTOR H. PRENDINGER, Pastor.

MR. GUSTAV A. SCHROEDER of Dallas, Oregon.

Mr. Gustav Arthur Schroeder of Dallas, Ore. was born in Poland on January 23, 1884. When he was but three months old, his parents came to this country, residing in Kansas for about six years, in Bethany, Oregon for about five years, and then moving to Salt Creek near Dallas, Oregon. On November 8, 1905 Brother Schroeder was united in marriage with Katharina L. Buhler. The Lord blessed this union with eight children, five boys and three girls. One son, Arthur G., passed away in 1936.

Brother Schroeder had been a member of the Salt Creek Baptist Church for over 53 years. He and his brother, the Rev. H. R. Schroeder of Chicago, together with some others, were baptized by the Rev. Gustav Schunke at the time when the first Salt Creek Church was dedicated. During these years he was active in the choir, as Sunday School teacher, was agent for Baptist Life, and was willing to help in every way possible.

He had been in ill health for ten years. On Wednesday morning, January 4, he passed away quietly in his home, having attained the age of not quite 66 years. He leaves to mourn his loving wife, his children, his brother Henry, and a host of friends. May the God of mercy comfort them all!

Salt Creek Baptist Church,
Dallas, Oregon

E. WOLFF, Pastor.

MR. DONALD FRED SHIRMAN of Startup, Washington.

Mr. Donald Fred Shirman of Startup, Wash., son of Mrs. Fred Stober, was born Sept. 27, 1921 at Startup. Here he lived and spent most of the time of his life. He was a veteran of World War II. Of late he left this community for Orich, California, where he was employed as a logger. There on Monday morning, Dec. 5th, he was crushed by a falling log. He passed away instantly. His sudden death comes to all of us as a severe shock and leads us to pray: "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom."

He leaves to mourn his departure his mother and stepfather, one sister, four brothers, and a host of other relatives and friends. The funeral service was held at the Startup Baptist Church. Rev. R. G. Kaiser spoke words of comfort to the bereaved.

Startup, Washington

R. G. KAISER, Pastor.

MRS. SARA GIESBRECHT RATZLAFF of Dallas, Oregon.

Mrs. Sara Giesbrecht Ratzlaff of Dallas, Oregon was born on October 14, 1908 at Dalmeny, Saskatchewan, Canada. When she was eight years old, she came to the United States with her parents. At the age of sixteen she accepted the Lord as her Savior. She was baptized by Rev. F. F. Wall and received into the fellowship of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Dallas. In 1930 she transferred her membership to the Salt Creek Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member until the time of her death.

In 1932 she was united in marriage with Henry H. Ratzlaff. To this union four children were born of whom two sons, Robert and Albert, survive their mother. She was a devoted and loving wife and mother.

She became ill very suddenly on December 6th and went on to be with her Lord on December 9. Besides her two sons and her loving husband, she leaves to mourn her passing, her father, David Giesbrecht; her step-mother; three sisters, Lydia Hildebrand and Anne Stouffer of Dallas and Elsie Reiske of Salem; three brothers, Dave and Edward of Dallas and the Rev. John Giesbrecht of Martin, South Dakota; and numerous relatives and friends. Her mother preceded her in death by five years. We sorrow, but not as those who have no hope.

Salt Creek Baptist Church,
Dallas, Oregon

E. WOLFF, Pastor.

MRS. LILLIAN PUST of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. Lillian Pust (nee Hildebrandt) was born on May 2, 1897 in Hutchinson, Minn., where she grew to womanhood. Mrs. Pust was converted at the age of ten years and upon the profession of her faith in Christ as her personal Savior was baptized by the Rev. Thomas Stoerl and united with the Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson. In 1921 she moved to Minneapolis and joined the Faith Baptist Church of which she remained a faithful member until her homegoing. The deceased became united in holy wedlock to Mr. Otto Pust in 1923. One daughter, Jean, was born to this union.

Several years ago Mrs. Pust became afflicted with a serious heart ailment, which as time went on continued to undermine her health. She fought a valiant battle with the lingering death. Steadily she became more subject to the loathsome disease, and finally HE who directs all things called her home on Sept. 4, 1949. All that lovingkindness on the part of her dear husband, daughter and medical skill could do was given to comfort her, but Jesus do was to call home from life's toils and saw best to call home from life's toils and cares as one more of his redeemed ones.

Now her eyes are closed to all earthly trials and troubles. She is survived by her husband and daughter, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends. May the bereaved ones find consolation in the hope of meeting on yonder blissful shore.

Faith Baptist Church,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

LEWIS B. BERNDT, Pastor.

FRONT COVER PICTURE

The front cover, showing a country churchyard with its cemetery, often known as "God's Acre," was painted by Mr. Harold P. Smith who uses the pen name, Harold Cramer. He and his wife are members of the Fifteenth St. Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., of which the Rev. E. Mittelstedt is pastor. His colorful illustrations have been used for several years in the graphic full page advertisements of the Baptist Life Association that are published on the back page of "The Baptist Herald." Mr. Smith wants to be a top flight magazine illustrator someday. He is definitely on his way to the top in his profession!

EDITOR.

MRS. JOHN F. MILLER of Clermont, Iowa.

Mrs. John F. Miller of Clermont, Iowa was born on April 19, 1874 in Greene County, Wisconsin and died on November 23, 1949 at the age of 75 years, 7 months and 4 days. Her childhood was spent in and near Monroe, Iowa. In August 1892, she with her family came to Elgin. She was baptized by the Rev. Wm. Schunke in January 1893, and joined the Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, where she was a faithful member until her death.

On February 13, 1896 she was married to John F. Miller. To this union seven children were born. Surviving Mrs. Miller are her seven children: (three sons and four daughters) Walter of Buffalo Center, Karl on the home farm, Erwin at Hampton; Edna at home, Wilma (Mrs. Guy Probert) near Elgin, Clara (Mrs. George Dursher) in Clermont, Luella who is teaching in Keokuk; and 17 grandchildren, also one brother and two sisters. Her husband passed away on January 17, 1946, less than a month before they would have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

She was a loving wife and mother. Her home and family were her first concern. She was not well for over thirty years, but she was always busy with her hands. Her hobby was piecing quilts, having made one for each one of her children and grandchildren. Her memory remains a blessing. She was a devoted child of God who showed a deep interest in the welfare of the church and the people of God. At the large funeral service, the Rev. A. Ittermann spoke on the theme, "In the Garden," based on her favorite hymn. May God comfort the bereaved with the thought of a great day of reunion!

Elgin, Iowa

ARTHUR ITTERMANN, Pastor.

MRS. LYDIA SEGER of Dayton, Ohio.

Written on the pages of time is a story of life more complete than we can tell. Of all the noble deeds and acts of kindness there can be no greater praise than that knowledge that they are all written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Lydia Arndt Seeger was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on Nov. 25, 1887. At an early age her family moved to Dayton, Ohio, where she was a life-long resident. She was received into the membership of the Fourth Street Baptist Church at the age of 13 years, being baptized on her confession of faith by Rev. George J. Klippel. She was married to William Seeger in 1911. This union was blessed by the birth of an only son, James William, who preceded her in death in 1943 while in the service of our country.

Throughout her life she served as a faithful member of her church. Active whenever asked to serve, she gave her testimony of her love through deeds, not words. During the war her busy hands

knitted many items for distribution among our armed forces. The Red Cross, recognizing her earnest efforts, awarded her, not one, but two citations. One cannot help but wonder how many lives were touched by her faithful acts — and how many soldiers discouraged by war found hope and cheer in her gifts.

But not alone was she active in Red Cross work. Our church launched forth in an effort to build a new church. Committed wholly to the project, she not only supported with her whole heart this effort, but started a separate project of her own. Thus once again she took the time to knit, sew and do all those things women can do — and at the time of her passing has left to our church an extra sum of \$150 to be used for utensils in our new kitchen. We will remember her faithful efforts for many years to come.

Our mission work has also been blessed through her labors, for whenever White Cross work was done, Lydia Seeger did a giant's share of the work. We shall find it difficult, indeed, to find another so faithful.

The last year and a half brought sickness to her life. But through it all, even unto the end, she did not complain, bearing her burdens herself, lest she burden another. Strong in her faith, confident in the hope of Eternity, she died on December 8, 1949 at her home. The services were conducted on Dec. 12th by the Rev. Alex H. Elssesser, pastor.

Fourth Street Baptist Church,
Dayton, Ohio

ALEX H. ELSSESSER, Pastor.

REV. HENRY G. BRAUN of Morrisdale, Penn.

The Rev. Henry Gustaf Braun of Morrisdale, Pa., was born on February 11, 1884 in Lublin, Poland and died in the State Hospital at Philipsburg, Pa., on Nov. 15, 1949 at the age of 65 years, 9 months and 4 days.

In his early boyhood, he emigrated with his parents to the United States and settled in the Pittsburgh, Pa., district. As a boy of 12 years he was baptized on confession of faith and received into the East Side Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa. At the age of 21 he felt the call of the Lord to prepare himself for the Gospel ministry. In 1907 he entered the German Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., and was graduated in 1913.

On May 15, 1913 he married Miss Bertha Ziehmer, who for 36 years proved herself a loving, faithful and devoted wife and who helped her husband over many a rough place along life's pathway. God blessed this happy union with six children. Two preceded him in death. He was a wonderful husband and father and was beloved not only by his churches, but by many friends, businessmen and fellow-pastors.

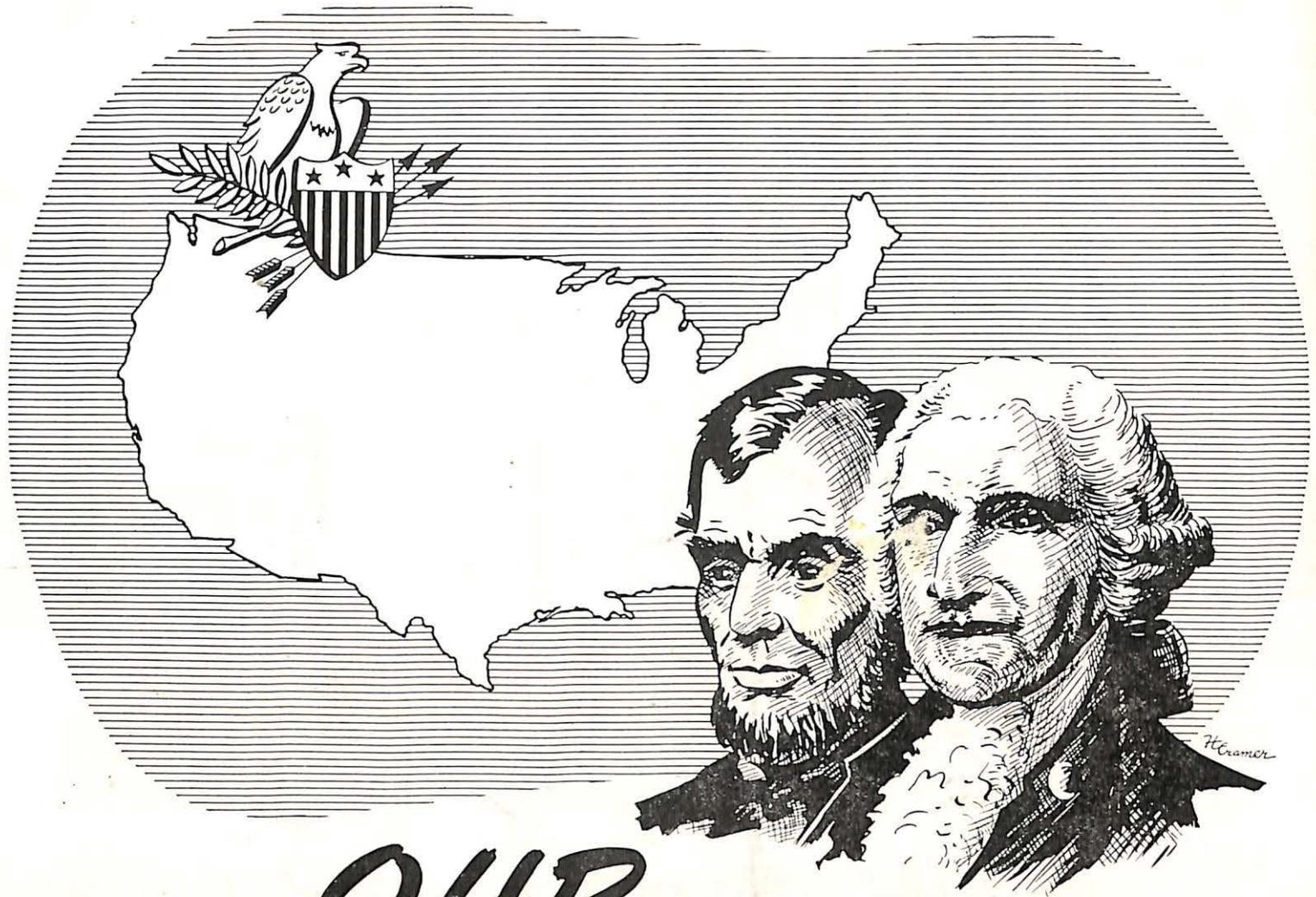
Brother Braun was ordained on Sept. 18, 1913 at Hutchinson, Minn. In the ministry for 36 years, he proved himself faithful unto God. He served also on the mission committees in various conferences and also on the General Mission Committee. He served as pastor in the following churches: Hutchinson, Minn.; Gladwin, Mich.; Irving Park, Chicago, Ill.; Pekin, Ill.; McClusky, No. Dak.; Gackle, No. Dak.; Corona, So. Dak.; and Parkston, So. Dak. During the long illness of Brother Braun, the Parkston church proved herself faithful in a charitable way toward him.

The Brauns and the friends of Forest and Morrisdale, Pa., had great hopes of his complete recovery, but God had a better plan for him. He called him home to his heavenly reward. The family and friends will miss him for a while. Mourning his departure are his wife, two sons, William of Angola, Ind., and Richard of Pittsburgh, Pa.; two daughters, Doris of Rolla, Mo., and Norma of Sioux Falls, So. Dak.; his mother, Pauline Braun of Gary, Ind.; two grandchildren; one sister, three brothers and many friends.

The funeral service was held in the Forest Baptist Church of Winburne, Pa. The Rev. Ralph Rott, pastor of the Emanuel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., participated in the service and the undersigned brought the message from God's Word, Rev. 2:10 and Heb. 13:5.

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