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# DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

## ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. J. C. Gunst

Wednesday, Feb. 8 — Saint Joseph, Mich. (Afternoon) Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society; (Evening) Youth Rally.

Sunday, Feb. 12 — Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill.

Rev. M. L. Leuschner

Sunday Evening, Feb. 5 — East Side Church, Chicago, Illinois.  
Sunday, Feb. 12 — Dedication of New Church Edifice, Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist

Jan. 29-Feb. 12 — Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon.  
Feb. 14-26 — Bethel Church, Salem, Oregon.

Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Evangelist

Jan. 25-Feb. 5 — Elk Grove, Calif.

## SPECIAL DATES

February — 2nd month for the Solicitation of Gifts and Pledges for the Seminary Building Fund of \$225,000.

Sunday, Feb. 5 — Baptist World Alliance Sunday.

Sunday, Feb. 12 — Dedication of New Edifice, Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, Rev. Roy Seibel, Pastor.

Monday Evening, Feb. 13 — Reception for All North American Baptist Students in Chicago and Vicinity at Headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

Feb. 19-26 — Brotherhood Week.

Friday, Feb. 24 — World Day of Prayer (Program Material in This Issue).

Sunday, March 12 — Bible Sunday. (Program Material to Be Sent to Churches by the Publication Society.)

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## THE BAPTIST HERALD

### ONE HUNDRED CLUB OF THE SEMINARY BUILDING FUND

By REV. FRANK H. WOYKE,  
Executive Secretary.

Several years ago when the matter of the Seminary Building Fund was discussed informally, it was suggested that a ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR CLUB be organized. Membership in this group would consist of all those who have contributed \$100 toward the Seminary Building Fund. At a recent meeting of the Seminary Building Fund Committee, it was decided to adopt this plan.

Members of the ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR CLUB will receive a special certificate encased in a mat so that it can be placed on a desk or framed for hanging on the wall. A list of these contributors will also be kept in the Seminary's office.

We believe that many of our people will want to become members of the ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR CLUB by contributing that amount toward the Seminary Building Fund. We hope that it will be possible for 1000 North American Baptists to join this group. If so the members of this Club alone would account for \$100,000 of our Seminary Building Fund needs. As the Seminary Building Fund Campaign continues, we are keenly aware of our dependence upon God. Our prayer is that he may be with all of the solicitors and that HE may open the hearts and hands of our people.

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## AMONG OURSELVES

It is not too early to plan on attending the sessions of the Baptist World Congress to be held in Cleveland, Ohio from July 22 to 27. A great throng of at least 30,000 Baptists are expected to converge upon the city of Cleveland. An inspiring program has been planned with messages by Baptist representatives from all around the world and by the President of the United States, the Honorable Harry S. Truman, a member of the First Baptist Church of Washington, D. C. Read the colorful announcement about the Congress in the 1950 ANNUAL. Your attendance at Cleveland for those days will be a rewarding spiritual adventure for you.

## IN THIS ISSUE

The message of GOD'S CALL can be heard throughout this number. It is "God's Call to Separation" as seen in the sermon by the Rev. John M. Berentschot of Okeene, Okla. It was God's call that launched William Kuhn on his memorable ministry many years ago. The call to the World Wide Day of Prayer is sounded in these pages. God's call also affects Baptist action (see Editorial), mission activities (see articles about our mission fields), and the Seminary Building program. The important thing to remember as you read this issue is that God's call is always a summons to action!

## COMING

**NONE OTHER NAME!** — This sermon is by the Rev. Herman Renkema, the field representative of the North American Baptist Publication Society, and for several months the supply pastor at Lorraine, Kansas while the Rev. Fred Ferris has been visiting the Cameroon field.

**PROBLEM AREAS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** — This provocative study of Christian education by Professor R. P. Jeschke of our Sioux Falls Seminary will prove to be interesting reading and provide profitable helps for every Christian.

**HOW HEAVY IS YOUR CROSS?** — The Rev. O. E. Krueger answers an imposing question of life out of the spiritual wisdom gained through many years of a fruitful Christian ministry.

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The minutes of the 29th General Conference held at Sioux Falls in August 1949 and the Annual Conference reports for 1949 of all our conferences are now ready for distribution. One or more copies of this valuable book of approximately 250 pages should be readily available in every church. All of our people should be acquainted with the story of the history making General Conference at Sioux Falls. The story as it happened is told in the Conference minutes! Individuals will also find the Conference minutes of 1949 a valuable source of information for personal study. Be an informed North American Baptist, it will help you to understand and appreciate the vital importance of our work. The printing is limited and it will be wise to order your copy at once. Nowhere can you find a greater value for information.

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# Editorials

by Martin L. Leuschner

## Baptist Bouquets

**B**APTISTS HAVE ALWAYS belonged to that company of Christians who have been aggressively on the march for Jesus Christ and his Gospel. This is an important fact to remember on Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 5th. There are many bouquets of tribute that one can lay at the feet of outstanding Baptist leaders of yesterday. Such bouquets are the well deserved recognition of the virile, consecrated Baptist movement of today.

Baptists, thirteen million strong, are to be found in almost every country of the world. Their only standard of truth is that of God's divinely inspired Word. They are known as the people of One Book. Their only spiritual Guide is Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God. Because they have found salvation in the unhampered, free search of the soul after Christ, the Savior, they have become the stalwart champions of soul liberty, freedom of worship, the individual's autonomy before God.

Historically Baptists laid the foundations for the inalienable rights of the individual, for the people's freedom of worship and man's ability to understand God's truths, for the separation of church and state. Roger Williams heads the list of those Baptists who blended their faith with political action in a true Christian spirit. Certainly, no list of such illustrious names would be complete if it did not include in more recent days that of the late Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes of the United States Supreme Court, a consecrated Christian and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Washington, D. C.

Baptists have always been evangelistic. Their missionary fervor and eagerness to witness for the Gospel of Christ have characterized the true Baptist spirit. They do not have a monopoly on this program of Christian witnessing, but generally Baptist ministers and people are known to be evangelistic first and always. It is not strange to the Baptist movement that the recent evangelistic meetings that stirred the city of Los Angeles to the core with more than a third of a million people attending the services and three thousand confessing Christ as Savior should have been led by a Baptist minister, Dr. Billy Graham, president of Northwestern Bible School of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Baptists are facing an eventful year in 1950. There is still much work to be done in relief, missions, evangelism and church programs. The Baptist Congress meeting at Cleveland, Ohio from July 22 to 27 of this year will fearlessly face the problems of today. In a world of tensions and confusions, our unity as Baptists in a great working force for God is desperately needed. This was recently expressed by Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, president of the Baptist World Alliance.

"This fellowship which we have in the Baptist World Alliance, is something which we cherish and which we should hold at all cost. To do this we must have an understanding heart and a willing mind. We must give much time and thought to prayer. If we remain constantly in prayer, we will find that many of our difficulties which seemed insurmountable will disappear. It is still true that we can pray mountains out of existence."

Consider all these thoughts prayerfully on Baptist World Alliance Sunday, and you, too, will see the beauty of these Baptist bouquets!

## BIBLE TEXT

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

Ecclesiastes 9:10.

The world loves someone who is completely sold on the wares which he is selling. Half of life's success is packaged in enthusiasm. People stop to look and listen to someone who is "on fire" for some truth or to a person who is superbly skilled in his profession. All of this should be pre-eminently true of the Christian, because of his perfect example in Christ Jesus, because of the demands of the Gospel for his complete devotion and all-out love. There can be no real Christian who does not put his whole heart into the task of being a Christian. There is no Christian walk without zeal and fervency for Christ in all that we do. That is the meaning of these important words in the half-forgotten book, Ecclesiastes: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

## SEMINARY BUILDING FUND

About four weeks have passed since the Seminary Building Fund Campaign for \$225,000 was launched. It is virtually impossible to tabulate completely or to interpret aright the results of the drive thus far. However, we have every reason to be encouraged by the first reports which have been received. Our people are rejoicing over the successful relocation of our Seminary to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. They are amazed by the building progress which has been made. They are making their generous contributions and pledges, eagerly desiring to share in the responsibilities and privileges of this hour. The first responses by individuals and churches to the Seminary Building Fund has been overwhelmingly encouraging and hopeful. What has been your part in this worthy project?

## OUR CHURCH WOMEN

Our church women play a large and important role in our denominational undertakings. Their interest in and knowledge of missions are worthy of evaluation by the men. Just now they are raising \$10,000 for the Bango Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons and for furnishings of the kitchen in the new Seminary building. They are busily engaged in trying to attain the goals of their national chart, as any reader of the 1950 ANNUAL has learned in an article about the National Woman's Missionary Union. On Friday, Feb. 24, they will join hands and hearts in the World Wide Day of Prayer, for which a well prepared program appears in this issue of "The Herald." As one reviews the work and faith of these women, all that one can say is: "God bless them, our church women!"

# God's Call to Separation

No one can be an unshackled follower of the Lord Jesus who is in any way "yoked" to God's enemies

By the REV. JOHN M. BERENTSCHOT of Okeene, Oklahoma

**T**HIS PASSAGE of Scripture (2 Cor. 6:14-18) exhorts all those belonging to Christ to hold aloof from all and any intimate associations with the ungodly. It expressly forbids us to enter into alliances with the unconverted, and prohibits children of God to walk arm in arm with worldlings. This admonition applies to every phase and department of our lives — religious, domestic, social, and commercial.

Never before was there a time when this message is so much needed as today. We are living in days which are marked by a spirit of compromise. On every side we behold unholy mixtures, ungodly alliances and unequal yokes.

## GODLY SEPARATION

"Be ye NOT unequally yoked together." This is a call to godly separation. To Abraham came the word of Jehovah, "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house." To Israel God said, "After the doings of the land of Egypt wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do; and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do! neither shall ye walk in their ordinances" (Lev. 18:2). And again, "Ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation which I cast out before you" (Lev. 20:23). Israel's disregard of these commandments brought upon them the severe chastisement and judgment of God.

"Be ye NOT unequally yoked together." This is God's word unto his people today. Nor does this passage of Scripture stand alone. In Romans 16:17 it is stated, "Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and AVOID them." In 2 Tim. 2:20 we read, "In a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use."

The passage of 2 Tim. 3:5 speaks of those having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof. Then it is added, "FROM SUCH turn away." Then in 2 Thess. 3:14 it reads, "If any man obey not our word by this epistle, note



Rev. John M. Berentschot, Pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Oklahoma

that man, and have NO company with him!" And then this "radical" admonition in 1 Cor. 5:11, "Now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railor, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat."

## UNEQUALLY YOKED TOGETHER

"Be ye NOT unequally yoked together." I am fully persuaded that disregard of this commandment, for command it is, is largely responsible for the low spiritual state in our churches and individual lives today. No wonder the spiritual pulse of our churches beats so feebly. No wonder our prayer meetings are so thinly attended. Christians who are unequally yoked have no heart for prayer. No one can be an unshackled follower of the Lord Jesus who is in any way "yoked" to his enemies. He may be a truly saved person, but the testimony of his life, the witness of his walk will not and cannot honor and glorify our Christ.

"Be ye NOT unequally yoked together." This applies to our religious or ecclesiastical connections. Many

Christians are members of churches where much is going on in direct variance with the Word of God — either the teaching from the pulpit, the worldly attractions used to draw the ungodly, the worldly methods used to finance the church, or the receiving in to its membership of those who give absolutely no evidence of ever having been born again. How can believers remain and fellowship in such churches?

"Be ye NOT unequally yoked together." This applies to membership in any secret organization. A "yoke" is that which unites. Those of you who belong to a "lodge" are united in solemn oath and covenant with your "brother" members. The majority of these fellow members give no evidence of a "born-again" experience. They may believe in a Supreme Being, but what is their relation to God's Son? "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

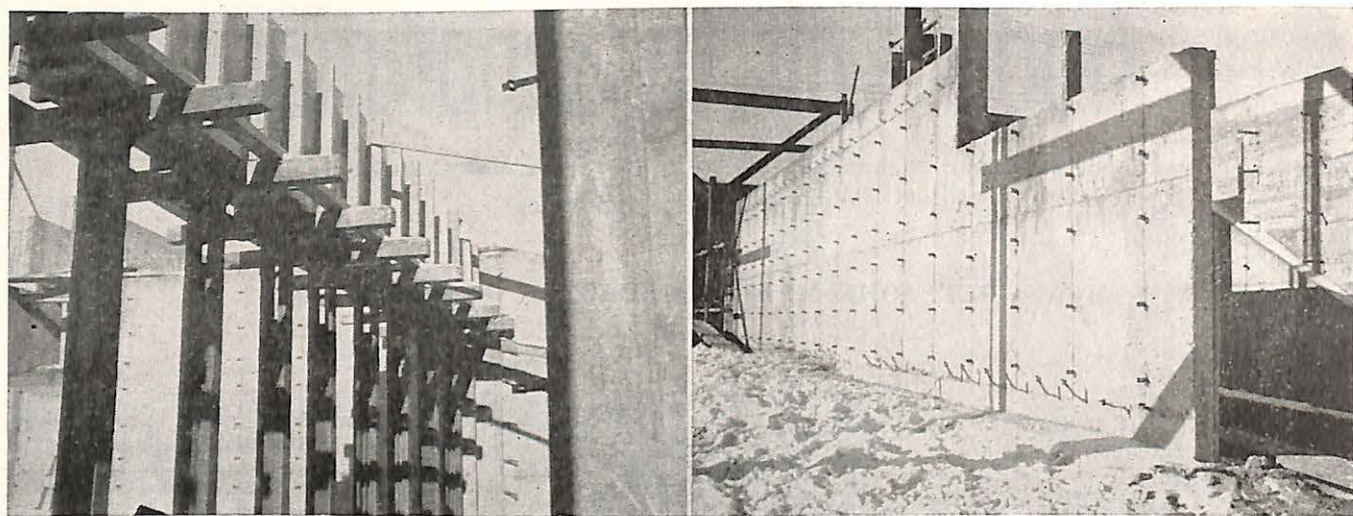
"Be ye NOT unequally yoked together." This applies to marriage. There are but two families in this world; the children of God and the children of the devil (1 John 3:10). If then a daughter of God marries a son of the evil one she becomes a daughter-in-law to Satan! If a son of God marries a daughter of Satan, he becomes a son-in-law to the Devil! By such a marriage an affinity is formed between one belonging to the Most High and one belonging to his arch-enemy. "Strong language!" Yes, but not too strong.

Oh, the bitter reaping from such a sowing! In every case it is the poor Christian who suffers. Read the history of Samson, Solomon and Ahab, and see what followed their unholy alliances in wedlock. Oh what watchfulness in prayer is needed today, young people, in the regulation of our affections!

"Be ye NOT unequally yoked together." This applies to business partnerships. Disobedience at this point has wrecked many a Christian's testimony and pierced him through with many arrows. (I know whereof I speak!) Whatever may be gained of this world in wealth or social prestige will but poorly compensate for the loss of fellowship with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. (Read

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Cement, Re-inforced Foundations and Some of the Early Construction Work for the New Buildings of the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota Which Are Far in Advance of the Architect's Schedule for the Finished Buildings

## The Architect's View of the New Buildings

The new Seminary building at Sioux Falls, South Dakota should be a structure possessing a dignified repose, honestly expressing a spiritual purpose

By MR. CHARLES F. SLOAN

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ALTHOUGH construction on the new Seminary building was not started until a date considered late in the Fall for such operations, an unexpected graciousness of the weather and the efficient organization of the Sioux Falls Construction Co., general contractors, have allowed a very satisfactory progress on the project. At the Christmas season, the foundation work, involving a large amount of earth moving and the placing of a considerable amount of concrete has been virtually completed.

This first and very important operation lays out before the observer the promise of the building to be as no floor plan could possibly do. Here now are defined the size and the shape of the building and its relationship to the sloping site. Here is the sturdy base upon which the brickwork is rising to give the third dimension to an idea which has been developed over a period of years.

### THE BUILDING PATTERN

It is a good practice to pause at some defined point in the building operations in order to review the pattern of development which has led up to the present situation. While it is impossible to state that any creative work is accomplished according to a rigid system of design methods, it is

possible to examine in retrospect the development of the ideas into the final scheme which is now under construction. Such an examination can be profitable to all concerned as it reveals to them for their critical inspection the various concepts from which the idea of the building grew. It is only with the understanding made possible by this process that the idea can be extended and maintained for the users of the building.

It is nearly two years since the building committee first presented to the architects the problem for this building. The problem consisted primarily of a site, a list of functional

requirements, and the admonition that money does not grow on trees. These elements of the problem might be called the limitations. The site in itself was somewhat of a problem in that within the area of one block it offered a variation of twenty-five feet in grade. The list of functional requirements established the building as a combination of residential, classroom, administrative and ecclesiastical functions. And, of course, the problems of economics are always with us.

### ARCHITECT'S SKETCHES

The first process of design is one of exploration of the limitations of the problem. Sketch after sketch was made to establish the relationship of the various functions to each other and to the site. A further limitation was the probability of the development of future buildings on the block. During this period the designer spent many hours at the site absorbing its "feeling" and "seeing" it as it would be in the future. At last, after perhaps a dozen sketches, there was reached a point where the designer felt the process of exploration had been exhausted and he could proceed with an understanding of the elements of the problem.

The center area of the block was conceived as an informal quadrangle

### SEMINARY BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

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The Seventeen Seminary Building Fund Solicitors With Other Leaders on the New Building Site at Sioux Falls, South Dakota (Left); and (Right) the Reverends Arthur Schulz of Crawford, Texas, G. K. Zimmerman of Grand Forks, North Dakota; R. Milbrandt of Medicine Hat, Alberta, and Paul Zoschke of Cleveland, Ohio, Solicitors, Get Ready to Work for the Seminary Building Fund

around which would be placed the principle buildings. The placement of these buildings would allow visual penetration to the quadrangle from the streets through an arcade and landscaped vistas. The focal point would be at the northeast corner of the block where the principal entrance to the administrative wing of the main building would eventually be connected to a future chapel by a law arcade.

The dormitory and classroom building, which has been the present consideration, was conceived as a two-winged, L-shaped structure which defined the functions as such. It was placed at the northwest corner and built into the hill to form two sides of the quadrangle. Because of the variation in grade the entrance to the dormitory wing was placed at a higher level than the quadrangle level, one story above, and at the outside corner of the ell. The principal rooms of both wings were placed at the quadrangle level where the dining room

and library are extended into this central area through large walls of glass. Through a utilization of the variation in grade, the residential rooms achieve the privacy of upper floors and consequently can be given an added cheerfulness through the use of large casement-type windows.

Throughout the residential floors of the dormitory wing a domestic scale is maintained. By the extensive use of built-in furniture, the student rooms are kept at an economical size without a sacrifice of spaciousness. Every effort has been made to preserve a pleasant, studious atmosphere for the resident students.

### AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

No resort has been made to stylistic tricks. The effectiveness of the building will be achieved simply and economically by the relationship of the masses of the wings of the building, by a forthright use of materials, and by the ordered composition of archi-

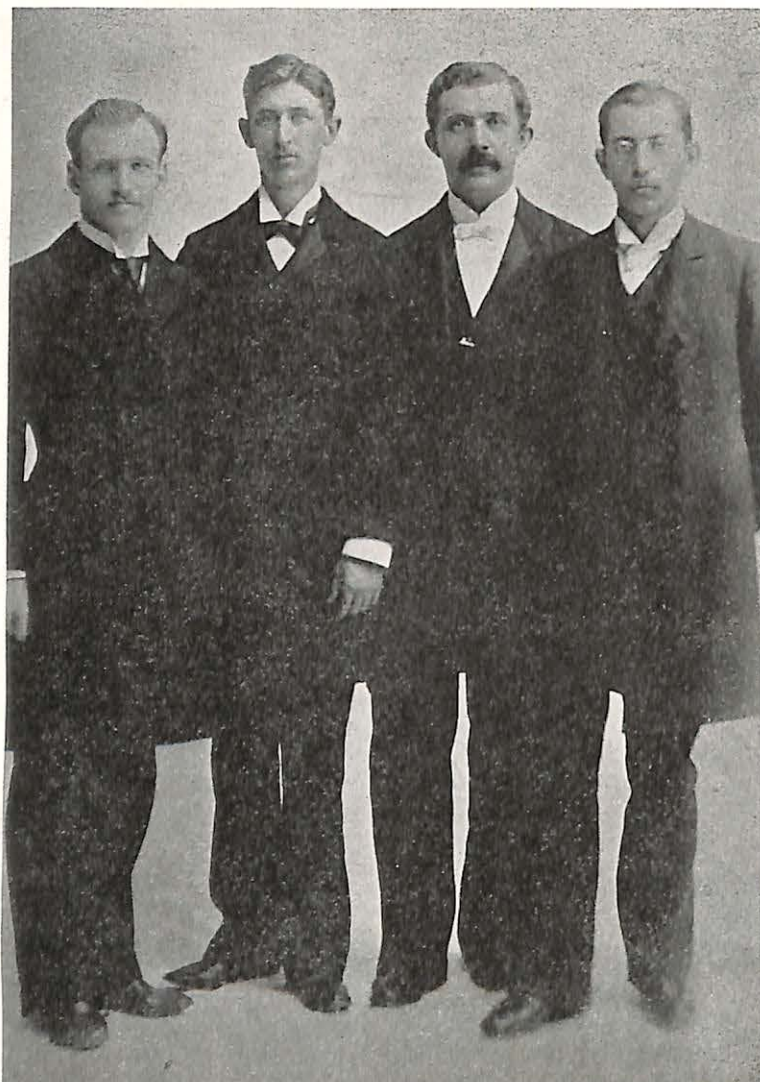
tectural elements. The idea of building is an attempt to achieve for our times an expression of ecclesiastical scholasticism in the materials, techniques and methods of this century as the Romanesque achieved the expression for the early middle ages. The finished result of the development of this idea should be a structure possessing a dignified repose, honestly expressing its purpose.

As this report is being written the bricklayers are raising the building above the ground, course by course. All through the winter the operations will continue when the weather permits. The structural steel has all been fabricated and is ready for erection. Windows, doors, millwork will arrive on the job ahead of schedule. There is a constant attention to detail in the offices of the contractor and the architect to insure that nothing will interrupt the schedule. By Spring the job will be so well along that it can proceed like clockwork to its completion early in the Fall.



Professors of Our Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota (Left) Showing Professors R. P. Jeschke, A. Felberg, George A. Lang and A. Bretschneider; and (Right) Most of the Student Body of 47 Young People Now in Attendance at the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls





The First Seminary Quartet That Toured the United States in 1895 With Their Songs, Composed of William Kuhn, Joseph Roeber, Jacob Kraft and Herman von Berge, (Left to Right), Students at Our Seminary, Rochester, New York

# God's Call Into the Christian Ministry

An intimate glimpse into a man's autobiography and the story of God's dealings with one of our denominational leaders in the days of his early youth

By DR. WILLIAM KUHN  
of Forest Park, Illinois

IT WAS the first step on the long road toward the Christian ministry for me, when my mother on December 12, 1869 dedicated me for this service. Upon second thought, I am convinced that long before that December dedication far back in the eternities in the council chamber of the triune God the plan for my entire life was established by the foreknowledge and predestinating grace of God, but not only the plan for my life but for the myriad host of the redeemed of all tribes and tongues and nations.

Someone will say that that is an incredible miracle. However, it is not a greater miracle than that when God said: "Let there be light; and there was light," or when he put those myriads of stars and planets into the firmament, and since then they have been running their courses throughout the ages without losing a second of time. On the Coronation Day of Jesus Christ which is also the coronation day of the redeemed, he will say:

"Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

## GOD'S PLAN

Although each one of us is only one insignificant member of that numberless human family, but being in Christ Jesus we have been subjects of the consideration of the Triune God who has planned our lives in detail. From that council chamber of the Triune God our life has been directed, as it is written: "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren. Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified." God carries out his plan for each of us to a glorious consummation.

As I was privileged to sit under the spirit-inspired preaching of our pastors, or as I had intimate fellowship with some saint of God, or as I

received the Spirit's illumination to understand the deeper meaning of Scriptural truths, or as the Holy Spirit in some quiet hour spoke to me with that still small voice, by various means the conviction had grown strong in my own heart that God was calling me to be his minister. A relative of mine, who had been one of our pastors but who had departed from our conception of New Testament truth, made a journey of hundreds of miles in order to dissuade me from going to our seminary at Rochester, New York, but none of his arguments moved me.

When my mother finally agreed that I go to Rochester she said with her Swabian accent: "Dann werd mir aber net so a kleines Predigerle." (I hope that you will not become such a poor little preacher.) That was a mother's pride speaking for her only son.

Although some highly talented men have become successful ministers without spending years at a seminary, for me the seminary training was in-

dispensable. New students upon coming to the seminary at Rochester, New York entered the so-called "tertia" or third class. However, there was an exception made in 1892 when a number of new arrivals, including myself, were put into the "secunda" or second class.

## SEMINARY TRAINING

Having become a member of that "secunda class" brought me many advantages. The members of this class used the German language in their daily conversations. That was a decided benefit for me, since I needed to improve my use of German. The fourteen members of this class were characterized by a spirit of seriousness and devotion to reach that final goal of becoming a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was a happy privilege to spend those years in the wholesome Christian atmosphere that dominated the life of the seminary.

During those years intimate friendships with the class members and other students were formed. Shortly after my arrival in the Fall of 1892 the Lord knit the soul of Herman von Berge with my soul as he had done with David and Jonathan centuries before. This most intimate friendship has endured during all these many years, even though we are such different personalities. Both of us are convinced that we have been a blessing to each other. Now that both of us are living in the advanced years of life, we can say of our friendship that it has grown "sweeter as the years go by."

During those years spent in the seminary at Rochester we were instructed to become workers in the diamond fields of truth. In the various fields of knowledge we were permitted to enrich ourselves with new truths or clearer conceptions of old truths. These discoveries were more precious and more practically useful than diamonds. For us who were training to become ambassadors of God, the discovery of new truth in the field of theology was of first importance.

We confess that during the first years we simply learned to evaluate those truths which others had found. As time went on and we became more expert workers in this diamond field of God's truth, we were fortunate sometimes to find a precious truth ourselves with the aid of the Holy Spirit. Our discovery may only have been a diamond chip, but it was our own and with enthusiasm we could tell others of our wonderful find.

During the years we spent at Rochester, the process of growth in the knowledge and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was active, even though unconsciously on our part. We also learned to aspire to reach that goal set by the Apostle Paul for his

spiritual son Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings; for they will increase unto more ungodliness."

## FIRST AND ONLY PASTORATE

The first pastorate to which a Rochester ministerial graduate is called is often more important for the success of the minister's life than years spent in training at the seminary. God was most gracious to me in calling me to the Second Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Although I was born in Philadelphia and together with my own family and the family of my wife we had grown up in the First Church, now known as the Fleischmann Memorial Church at Philadelphia, it was only on some special festive occasions that I visited the Second Church in Philadelphia. It has never been revealed to me how it came about that the Second Church extended that call to me. I can only say what the Apostle John said to Peter on the occasion of that miraculous catch of fish: "It is the Lord!"

With my youthful enthusiasm and lack of experience I entered upon a difficult situation in the church without any fear. If I had had the experience of later years, I might have hesitated to face those difficulties, but the Lord Jesus Christ who can solve all difficult church problems went before me and blessed the very immature ministry of those early years.

The membership of the Second Church at that time included not many wealthy people, judged by worldly standards, but a strong majority of re-born, spirit-sealed and devoted saints of God. The church took the young pastor and his wife into their hearts. It was always a delight to preach before that congregation, and, although there were no audible "Amen's," with the facial expressions beaming approval and with an eloquent shake of the hand of the preacher upon leaving the service or with a simple word of appreciation that young preacher was encouraged to do his best. Contrary to the false belief of many, such praise did not make the young preacher proud but it made him humble and filled him with joy, enabling him to become a better preacher and pastor.

## EVANGELISTIC EMPHASIS

Under the ministry of my predecessor who had served as pastor for more than twenty-three years, the Second Church of Philadelphia had developed as a strong Bible church with a consistent emphasis on evangelism. It required no re-adjustment of my own convictions to fall in line and to work harmoniously with the church program already established.

During many years of my ministry we always had an after-meeting of some type at the close of the Sunday evening service during the fall and winter months.

It was not an uncommon experience to sit at the close of the Sunday evening in that one classroom with some who were concerned about their salvation and were seeking for that peace with God. We always had members who were ready to help such seekers. It was generally understood among the wider circle of our church friends that any one attending those Sunday evening services regularly was expected to be converted.

During the seventeen years of my pastorate in that city, the church always observed my anniversary. All preparations for the observance of my first anniversary had been made without my knowledge. At that time I was preaching a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments, and on that Sunday I was to preach on the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill."

Upon arriving in the church auditorium I saw all the palms and decorations. My own parents, who were still members of the Fleischmann Memorial Church and who came only on special occasions, were also present. Then it dawned on me that this was my first anniversary. Immediately I became conscious that my prepared sermon on the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," would not fit into the festive occasion. As I was just a beginner I had no other prepared sermons which I could use. So in this predicament the Lord gave me instantaneously without any preparation a sermon on the text: "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage" (Psalm 16:6).

## YEARS OF PREPARATION

Although I had never preached on that text either before or after that day, what I said on that Sunday morning pleased our people and knit our hearts more closely together than ever. Among other things, I emphasized that the Lord knew that I had not sufficient grace to be pastor of some small struggling church, so he called me to this church. I told the audience how happy I was in having been honored to be called as their pastor and how delightful our fellowship had been during this first year. As the years rolled on until the church had observed my seventeenth anniversary, this relationship between church and pastor became stronger.

Those seventeen years as pastor of the Second Church at Philadelphia were years of preparation, and without this preparation I could never have qualified to become Field Secretary of our denomination in 1914 and then to become General Missionary Secretary in 1916.



# Faith for Our Time

Program material for the Women's World Day of Prayer to be observed  
on Friday, February 24, 1950

Prepared by MRS. PAUL F. ZOSCHKE of Cleveland, Ohio  
at the Request of the National Woman's Missionary Union

## INTRODUCTION

(To be read by the leader.)

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER was first observed in 1927, and each succeeding year it has grown in power. It has spread until now 90 countries, completely encircling the globe, are observing the first Friday in Lent as the World Day of Prayer. The circle of continuous prayer begins in the Fiji Islands, not far from Australia, while it is still Thursday night in North America, and follows the sun around the world until Friday ends in the Tonga Islands long after we have gone to bed.

In your imagination, can you see the women all over the world praying together, all praying that we might have the needed "faith for our time?" In cathedrals, in city and country churches, in villages, in rural places, in quiet homes, on lonely farms, in schools and colleges around the world women are offering up their prayers to One Who knows them all and who cares for each one. May we feel the power of our united prayers as we join women from the uttermost parts of the earth in this sacred fellowship of Christian people.

"As o'er each continent and island  
The dawn leads on another day,  
The voice of prayer is never silent,  
Nor dies the strain of praise away."

Wherever we live, wherever we worship, whatever tongue we may use, to whatever race we may belong, we approach the same loving Father. "God hath made of one blood all the nations of the earth." "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, for we are all one in Christ Jesus." "O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together."

The United Council of Church Women each year names a committee to choose a common theme for this special observance. This year a Japanese woman, Michi Kawai, suggested "Faith For Our Time." Michi was born of a Shinto priest-father and a remarkable mother. Early in her life she became a follower of Jesus Christ. After her college education in America, Michi returned to Japan to help

found the Y.W.C.A. in her country. Later she founded a Christian school for girls in the outskirts of Tokyo, where she still resides.

## LIFTING OUR EYES TO GOD IN ADORATION

Call to worship: "Exalt ye the Lord our God and worship at his holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy" (Psalm 99:5).

Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 12; Psalm 146:2.

In this prayer period we want more than all else to praise God for our redemption through the Lord Jesus Christ; for the grace he so freely bestows; and for the hope of eternal glory. We would pray for the strength of our convictions, that we might better show forth his praises not only with our lips but in our lives by giving ourselves to his service, and by walking before him in righteousness all our days. As we pray for increasing trust that we might not be afraid of the tomorrows in our lives, may we become conscious of the "Faith for Our Time" developing within us.

## LOOKING AT OURSELVES: EXAMINATION

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 30:15-20. Having lifted up our eyes to God in adoration, we look at ourselves in examination to see how closely we may have walked in his ways. Or, have we followed afar off? By not walking closely enough to our Savior we may have missed some of the joy and peace that should have been ours.

This is the year of our Lord 1950. The ancient Hebrews celebrated every fiftieth year as a Year of Jubilee in which captives were liberated and personal and property rights restored. Peace was established between the alienated and real charity was exercised. Dare we hope that this year of 1950 might bring something of peace and harmony to the Christian world?

We are anxiously looking to the statesmen of the world to create an enduring peace. But peace cannot be legislated. It can only be given in response to conditions fulfilled. If

we were at peace with God and ourselves, no one could arouse strife in the world. Peace is a state of our hearts and not a matter of military might. "Peace is in strength of spirit and not in weapons; peace is within and not without."

This day our hearts are turned as one toward the source of all peace. We as Christians so live in relation to others that we may claim the promise in Isaiah: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee." Let us remember that the condition of peace is that our minds be stayed on God. If we would choose peace, we must also choose the way of peace. Have not our choices so often been of the quickest way of obtaining: self instead of Christ, mammon instead of God, hate instead of love, and getting instead of giving?

These choices produce certain results in our lives, and "by their fruits ye shall know them." "Faith apart from works is dead." "Now faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Prayer suggestions: Let us pray that

1. we may sense the presence of God in all we do;
2. we may hear the voice of God and understand his messages;
3. we may think of what we are, the children of God; and do things the right way, the godly way.

## LOOKING AT OURSELVES: CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

Ephesians 6:10-18.

As we see the great need around us, we become conscious of our failures. We are reminded that "to him who knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." Confession of our shortcomings is an essential part of our Christian living and characteristic of a conscientious person.

Upon confession, repentance must then follow a turning from our sinfulness and to a greater good. In this hour of crying need, we come to our heavenly Father with a common desire that he may fill us with his Holy Spirit. Thus only can we become empowered to witness fearlessly

# A Year in Christ's Service

A Review of Experiences on the Montana Indian Reserve

by Mr. REINHARD NEUMAN, Missionary

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1949 marked our first anniversary with the Indians near Ponoka, Alberta, Canada. Just what the past year among the Indians has done for us cannot truly be grasped or understood. Already at the beginning of this article, we say MIGHTY and GRACIOUS has been and is our Lord and Savior!

A sound foundation had been laid by the former missionaries among the Indians, which made it easier for us to come in and carry on the work and build upon this foundation which is Jesus Christ.

It would take a book to write about all that has taken place and about God's wonderful leading. Apart from the regular Sunday services during which a number of Indians came forward to make a public confession of Christ their Savior and then later passed through the waters of baptism,

we had thrilling experiences while visiting them in their homes. Oh, how touching and how strengthening are the prayers of a poor Indian mother, surrounded by six or eight children. That faltering, broken cry reaches the throne of the prayer-answering God, who is no respecter of persons.

We have not only been teaching the children and serving others, but to us this has been a school of learning. Repeatedly we were obliged to answer calls during the day, during the night to administer treatment, and to minister to the souls who at the same time are hungry for God's Word and who long for human sympathy and prayer.

A number of families have been won because we were willing to go to them instead of waiting for them to come to us. The Indian, being rather shy and bashful, in most cases must be approached. Once you have

broken through the hard wall of getting acquainted with him, then it is easier.

One visit leads to another. We have been able to visit new homes through the year and will continue to do so to give the message of Jesus Christ as well as praying with them and for them.

Has it really all been worthwhile?

When we consider the conversions, baptisms, child dedications, hearts touched and families won, we humbly lift our voices in thanksgiving to God our heavenly Father in Jesus Name and say, "Oh, if I had a thousand lives, they would all work for Jesus, our blessed Lord."

The first year on the reservation was begun with self-dedication and self-consecration, and to his honor and glory the second year has begun in the same way.

against the evils of our day and make our lives a testimony for good. Prayer is our channel of power. When God strengthens us we can act as he would act.

No one of us alone can bring in the Kingdom of God; but it must begin with each of us. As individuals everywhere yield themselves to God's will, the Kingdom of God comes to their own hearts. For the Kingdom of God is "the steadfast rule of God in the hearts of men and women." Then united in our common faith and our allegiance to him, we work together for its growth in all areas of life among all peoples. So today we pray and work in unity showing that we can be one in Christ Jesus.

Prayer suggestions: Let us pray that

1. we may see the good to be done, and
2. that we may be strong enough always to do it.

## PUTTING OURSELVES AT GOD'S DISPOSAL

Mark 1:16-20; Matthew 10:37-39.

When God needed a liberator for his people out of Egypt, he called Moses. In an hour of crisis in Judah's history, Isaiah answered God's call with, "Here am I, send me." When the people in Christ's day were hungry, he told his disciples: "Give ye them to eat." The Apostle Paul urges us to "present your bodies a living sacrifice unto God, which is your reasonable service."

So we, the Christian women of today, want to pledge ourselves anew and with greater fervor toward having an adequate "faith for our time," toward staying our minds on God and thus having his perfect peace, toward acting as he would act in our family and community life. Perhaps we can then share the experience of Kagawa who wrote:

"But today  
A wonderful thought  
In the dawn was given  
That a secret plan  
Is hid in my hand,  
That my hand is big,  
Big,  
Because of this plan  
That God  
Who dwells in my hand,  
Knows the secret plan  
Of the things he will do for the  
world,  
Using my hand!"

Prayer suggestions: Let us pray for strength and grace to dedicate every thought and action to our God.

(Here a solo or quartet could ef-

fectively sing: "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked." Here could also be an address on "Faith for Our Time." The leader will intersperse appropriate hymns during the service.)

## PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

As our Lord increased the five loaves and two fishes to feed the multitude, so will he transform our offering that it may bless multitudes, whom, having not seen, we love.

The World Day of Prayer unites us in praise, prayer and in giving.

When Christian women of many denominations gather simultaneously in thousands of communities, there comes to all a realization of the world-wide reach of Christian love and sympathy. So the offerings help in a large measure in the development of missionary projects. As North American Baptist women it is our privilege to designate the World Day of Prayer Offerings for our own projects, namely, the Cameroons Medical Mission and the Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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# What's Happening

● The Rev. J. J. Lucas of Portland, Oregon passed away on Dec. 17. He served as pastor of a number of our churches in the Dakota Conference during his ministry of many years. In recent years he was a member of the Hinson Memorial Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, following a residence of some time in Salem, Oregon during his retirement.

● The Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa would like to secure used pews in good condition for its church edifice. If possible, these pews should not be too far distant from Sumner, Iowa because of shipping expense. If you have information concerning the availability of any pews, please send such data to the Rev. William J. Jeschke, Sumner, Iowa.

● The Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon has sold its present church property with a year's time to vacate. The Rev. John Wobig, pastor, has reported: "We shall be launching forth with a building program soon in the southeast district of our city. Our new location comprises a fine residential area with many new homes. We look forward to our future work with a great missionary challenge before us."

● The combined church and Junior choir of the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., presented a Christmas Musical on Sunday evening, Dec. 18. These choirs are directed by Mrs. Chrisman and the pastor, Rev. Edgar W. Klatt. The Sunday School presented a White Christmas program on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26. On Sunday, Nov. 20, the pastor baptized three Sunday School scholars who were saved during the past summer's Vacation Bible School.

● The Rev. Theodore Krause, a 1948 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, has accepted the call of the Baptist Church of Evansville, Wisconsin to become its pastor. He began his ministry there on Feb. 1st, following a service of a year and nine months as the assistant pastor of the Baptist Church of Wauwatosa, Wis. He is a son of the Evergreen Church of Brooklyn, New York. Mrs. Krause is the former Miss Carolyn Stassen of the Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn.

● The following mistakes appear in the 1950 Directory and in the list of pastors in the 1950 Annual. The name and address of the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer,

## BULLETIN SEMINARY BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

Though solicitation has barely started at the time this report is being prepared, there have already been several encouraging reports sent in by solicitors.

The president's office, guest rooms, faculty offices and most of the dormitory rooms have been taken as well as the dining room equipment and the table and chair projects. A good response is being shown in favor of the administration building and library projects and \$100 Club.

In the few churches where solicitation has been completed, the response has been splendid. The Canaan Church at Crawford, Texas went well over the top with nearly \$12.50 per member average.

Our church in Spokane, Wash., averaged about \$1.50 per member. A report has just been received from Kyle, Texas showing the per member contribution to be over \$26.00.

These are only a few of the outstanding early returns. Other churches have given very generously, as will be reported later. It is too early to report total contributions. Watch for that in the next issue of "The Baptist Herald."

2203 No. 42nd St., Milwaukee 8, Wis. should be added. The name of Mr. Renz of George, Iowa should read Rev. J. J. Renz. The correct spelling of the pastor of the Open Bible Tabernacle (Polish) of Erie, Pa., is Rev. A. F. Kostanoski. We regret these few mistakes, but circumstances beyond our control were responsible.

● On Sunday, Dec. 11, the Rev. Alfred Weisser of Parkston, So. Dak., had the joy of baptizing two young people on confession of their faith in Christ and of receiving them into the church's fellowship on Sunday, Dec. 18. The Baptist Church at Parkston, So. Dak., installed a new oil furnace last Fall. The Rev. Alfred Weisser is also enrolled in full-time studies at Dakota Wesleyan University with plans to complete his studies for the B. A. degree by Spring of 1950.

● The remodeled edifice of the Bethel Heights Baptist Church near Gatesville, Texas was rededicated on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 27, with the Rev.

J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., as the guest speaker. The Rev. W. H. Buening, a former pastor, offered the opening prayer, and the Rev. Kenneth E. Nelson, present pastor, offered the dedication prayer. The remodeling program greatly beautified the interior of the church's sanctuary. The Men's Chorus of the church sang several numbers to the great delight of the festive audience.

● The Greenvine Baptist Church near Burton, Texas has extended a call to the Rev. Frank Armbruster of Shattuck, Oklahoma to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Armbruster brought his ministry of almost three years at Shattuck to a close on Sunday, Jan. 29, and will begin his pastorate in the Greenvine Church on Sunday, Feb. 5th. The work on the new church building at Shattuck, to which Mr. Armbruster has given much time and thought in his leadership, will continue following his departure to Texas.

● On Thursday evening, Dec. 29, the members of the Baraca Class of the Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif., celebrated the 25th anniversary of the class and of the ministry of its first and only teacher, the Rev. O. R. Schroeder. A large three layer cake was the feature of the refreshments in which fifty silver dollars were found by Mr. Schroeder. In spite of his advanced years, Mr. Schroeder continues to serve the class with unusual blessing. Mr. Paul Leuschner is serving as president of the class. The Rev. Richard Schilke is the new pastor of the church.

● During the Week of Prayer at the Evergreen Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., the Rev. Robert Zimbelman, pastor, considered the topic, "Evangelism Defined Anew." Each evening from Jan. 3 to 6 special films were shown on the stories of George Washington Carver, Alfred Nobel, Dr. Jenner and Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. On Sunday evening, Jan. 1st, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner showed missionary and denominational pictures at the youth meeting and church service. On Sunday evening, Jan. 8, the Rev. Frank H. Woyke was the guest speaker at the service.

● On Sunday, Dec. 28, new choir robes were dedicated in an impressive service at the Bethel Church of Salem, Oregon, with the pastor, Rev. Rudolph

Woyke, in charge of the service. Mr. W. C. Heringer is the choir director. At the Christmas program on the evening of Dec. 25 the pageant, "Once Upon a Christmas Time," and the play, "Why Christmas?" were presented by a large group of young people and adults. The Rev. R. Woyke baptized four converts at the Watchnight Service of the church. The annual church business meeting with the election of officers was held on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 8th.

● The Ridgewood Baptist Church of Ridgewood, Long Island, N. Y., observed its 95th anniversary on Sunday, Jan. 8th, with the Rev. A. E. Kannwischer, former pastor, and the Rev. Frank Woyke, executive secretary, participating in the program. The reception for the new pastor of the church, the Rev. Paul Wengel, was held by the Ridgewood Church on Friday evening, Jan. 13, with members and pastors of neighboring churches in attendance. Mr. Wengel's family will stay in Adrian, Mich., until about April 1st until the new Ridgewood Church parsonage will be completed.

● The Woman's Missionary Society of the Stafford Baptist Church of Oregon observed its 25th anniversary on Wednesday, Dec. 7th. The minutes of the first meeting were read again as well as the original constitution. A letter from Mrs. Henry Schmidt, who organized the society, was also read. One of the three charter women, Mrs. W. H. Goold, has been active in the society throughout the 25 years. A beautiful anniversary cake was baked by the hostess, Mrs. Walters. The offering of \$27.00 was designated for the church's missionary and native evangelist, Abraham Nge, in the Cameroons of Africa. The Rev. Leland Friesen is pastor of the church.

● The Male Chorus of the Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia, Pa., rendered a concert in the Second and Immanuel Churches of New York, N. Y., on Sunday, Nov. 27. Offerings of \$200 were given to the building fund of the Pilgrim Church. The choirs of the church presented their annual Christmas musical program at the first half of the Watchnight service. On Sunday evening, Dec. 18, at the Youth Hour preceding the evening service, the young people of the church presented the play, "A Little Child Shall Lead Them." The Sunday School program was given on Christmas night, Dec. 25, with the superintendent, Mr. Fred David, in charge. The Rev. W. C. Damrau is the pastor.

● During the Christmas season the Rev. Herbert Hiller, pastor of the West Center Street Church of Madison, So. Dak., baptized 18 converts in a memorable service. On Sunday

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### WE SET OUR STANDARDS

The world is full of standards — standard size, standard price, standard quality. Do Sunday Schools need a standard, too? If they do, what would be our measuring stick for them? Always, it would be Jesus' ideal for our group. But what would it mean in terms of attendance, study and giving?

Your Conference Sunday School Union has been at work on this problem, enlisting the aid of superintendents, teachers, pastors and professors. Now a Sunday School standard for our churches is ready, and will be sent to all superintendents in a few days.

When you receive the new standard of excellence, won't you consider it carefully in a teachers' and officers' meeting? It will help you to discover if you are missing or hitting the mark in your school. Not to come up to God's requirements is serious. It means sinning against him, others and ourselves. With the new standard, let's hit the mark, giving our best to the Master.

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### A TIP TO TEACHERS

How to approach a lesson and "get hold of it" is one of the biggest tasks a teacher faces every week. Here are the opinions of three "experts" on how to proceed. (To pastors reading this! These rules apply equally well to expository preaching!)

In discussing any Bible passage, Dr. Earl V. Pierce says:

1. Begin with great facts.
2. Proceed to great principles.
3. Conclude with a personal application.

Dr. Clarence H. Benson advises reading the lesson four times:

1. For the story itself.
2. For the incidents recorded.
3. For the persons mentioned.
4. For the practical teachings.

Dr. Henrietta C. Mears looks for five main ideas in every lesson:

1. Its extent.
2. The event.
3. The characters.
4. The greatest fact.
5. The greatest lesson.

As far as we know, these ideas are not copyrighted. Why not use them as you prepare the current lessons from the Book of Acts?

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Superintendents, are you getting your copy of "Action" regularly? The Jan.-Feb.-March issue has been mailed. If, for any reason, you were missed, send a postal with your correct name and address to Rev. J. C. Gunst, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.



—Eva Luoma Photo

A Sunday School Teacher Has Captured the Attention of the Boys in Her Class

This edition of the "Herald News" is devoted to our Sunday Schools. Superintendents, officers, and teachers! We invite you to keep your eye on this column regularly.

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### BE A BUILDER

Sunday Schools are always builders. Week by week they build character and a deepening love of God's Word in the lives of boys and girls and adults. But here is a unique chance to help in the construction of an actual building — that of our new Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Of course, you have read all about it in recent issues of BAPTIST HERALD and in the new folder prepared by Dr. M. L. Leuschner. \$225,000 will be needed to finish the project successfully, and here is how you can help:

Dime coin folders have been distributed to all our 292 Sunday Schools. On Sunday, March 15, all the folders are to be gathered in and returned to headquarters at Forest Park, Ill. It is our hope and prayer that every single North American Baptist Sunday School scholar, young and old (and there are 33,113 of us now), will have a share in this project of building our Seminary, where young men can be trained to preach the Word and evangelize the world.

Superintendents and teachers: So much of the enthusiasm for this drive will be your responsibility. Its success will depend on your splendid cooperation. Let it be said of all of us, as of Jerusalem's wall-builders under dauntless Nehemiah, "and the people had a mind to work" (Neh. 4:6).





—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 Orin 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 but who now lived on the other side of the highway. When he left, Miss Arden asked some questions about Laurie. She learned to her great surprise that he was studying for the ministry and preaching in a chapel. On Sunday she went to Laurie's church and heard him preach. That afternoon she found a new thrill in reading the Bible. She also wrote a few letters to her mother and some friends that she was going to stay at ARDEN all summer. Answers soon arrived!

## CHAPTER FIVE

FIRST there came a special delivery letter from Floss.

Mary dear,  
You saved my life! Not that I

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place, so I just smiled and passed it off, but I knew the reckoning would come the next day when mother found out, although really she cares more for what your mother thinks than for anything else. I had my mind all made up to tell Sue about you this morning when nobody was around. And then your letter came!

Of course, I feel terribly bad you are not going to be here, but certainly your letter helped me out a lot. You understand, I'm sure, and won't mind that we aren't having the wedding fun together after all. Of course, I know it was hard to plan things exactly when I wasn't sure when Jim would get here. But now it looks as if it might be pretty soon, so I'm hurrying everything to be ready if —

Mary laid down the letter with a sigh of satisfaction. Now everything was fixed and mother wouldn't feel bad when she found out that she had written to Floss and cancelled that maid of honor business. Of course, it was an important wedding; Flossie's family were an important family, and her own mother had been proud that Mary had been selected for the honorable position, and had talked a good deal about it, advising about the color and style of the garment she was to wear. But so far nothing definite had been done, because the bridegroom was so uncertain in his coming. Well, at least she had her reprieve.

But just after lunch there arrived a special delivery letter from her mother which threw everything into a dither.

Dear Mary:

You are to get the first plane you can for home. Floss has just had word that her fiancé will be home in a few days now, and perhaps be ordered away again almost immediately. Her mother phoned me that she was getting everything ready for a swift wedding if necessary. So Mary, come home quickly! I have just phoned our dressmaker to be ready to make alterations in that aqua dress we looked at last week, and I called the store and had them send it up. Of course, if you and Floss prefer another color you can likely find something. But don't wait. Get the first reservation you can. This is important. Don't fail me! I mean what I say.

Mother. Mary read the letter with a puzzled expression. Surely Floss must by this time have told her mother that she wasn't coming to the wedding!

Well, anyway, this thing had to be settled at once!

So she went to the telephone and called long distance, but after some delay was told that her mother was not at home. She had gone to Chicago to take someone's place making a speech at an important convention. And no, Hetty didn't know the ad-

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dress, nor just when she would be home. She had spoken as if it might be a couple of days before she could get back.

"But she said you would likely be home tonight, and I was to show you just what changes she thought ought to be made in the dress. And Miss Renaud wants to get the measurements at once so she can get an early start."

"But Hetty," urged Mary, "I am not coming to that wedding."

"But your mother said I was to insist upon your coming. She said you did not realize what you were doing to everybody."

"Listen, Hetty," explained Mary, "I wrote to Floss the very day after I got here that I could not possibly get back, and she is entirely satisfied. She has asked her cousin from California to take my place, and she understands the situation perfectly."

"But Miss Mary, your mother made me promise that I would make you understand this was something you simply had to do. She said there were several reasons why you couldn't afford to stay away from this wedding, reasons that would affect other people —"

"Yes, I know, Hetty, but I'm not coming! Please tell mother not to worry, I'll make it all right with everybody. And Hetty, you telephone Miss Renaud and call off her appointment, and also telephone the store and tell them not to send the dress."

"But Miss Mary, if I do that your mamma will be very angry with me. She will think I have failed her."

"Oh, no, she won't, Hetty. I'll tell her it was all my fault."

"Oh, but Miss Mary, you never was like this before, not when your mamma wanted something important."

"I'm sorry, Hetty," said Mary firmly, "but I know what I'm doing. And please don't let the chauffeur come down after my car, for I need it here, and he'll just have an extra trip on the train if he comes."

Mary hung up at last with a sigh. It was not easy to argue with her mother's trained servants, whom she had all her life been expected to obey. But this was the time she had to be firm. And perhaps it was easier that her mother was away and she need not immediately explain the situation to her.

However the trouble stayed with her, and lingered into the night. Morning found her tired and still troubled. She was not accustomed to going against her mother's advice, and she readily saw that her mother's letter had been in the nature of an order, practically a command, as if she were still a little girl subject to command. Well, that was all right, of course. Not for anything would she chose to disappoint or distress her mother. Yet this was something that mother didn't quite understand. Floss had agreed to this and seemed

glad of it. She simply must make her mother understand that, that was all! But how could she do it until her mother got home from Chicago?

She went down to a late breakfast with the little worry pucker in her forehead. And she had scarcely finished her breakfast before there came another telegram, this time a day letter from her mother, for, of course, Hetty must have telephoned her or communicated with her somehow and told her the whole thing.

With trembling fingers she tore open the envelope and read:

Am sending a friend down after you this morning. I want you to be ready to start as soon as he gets there. This is imperative, and most important. I expect to be back by the time you get there and will explain it all. Your mother.

There was something dictatorial about that signature, which wasn't a real signature. That little word "Your" seemed to have a defiant note in it. Mary knew she must do something about it at once.

She knew in her heart that the friend her mother would send would be without doubt the young man from whom she had run away down here, and she simply would not be caught and carried back home by him like a naughty child. A journey in his company was the last thing she wanted to endure. She looked up with a frightened something in her eyes, and Randa recognized a need for help in that glance.

"Something the matter?" she asked as casually as she thought befitted the inquiry of a mere servant.

Mary gave her an answering nod.

"Yes, there is something mother seems to think is important and she has sent for me. I guess if you'll excuse me I'll go right up and get ready. I ought to start at once I suppose. But I'll be back later, and I'll only be taking one suitcase. I'll certainly be back as soon as I can get away. No, nobody is sick. It's just a complication about somebody's wedding. I thought I had got out of it, but it seems I haven't."

She rushed upstairs and flung a few things into her suitcase meanwhile trying to think her way through. She mustn't try to drive home for it would take too long, and if the person who was being sent down for her was Brooke Haven, as she strongly suspected, she knew that he would somehow trace her and catch up with her. It was no part of her plan to travel with him anywhere if she could avoid it. Yet she must not leave her car here, for somehow it would be sent home, and she wanted it down here. It needed a check-up and a few minor repairs. She would just take it to the garage and leave it in their care to repair till her return.

That is, she would do that provided she could get a reservation on the plane or the train.

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She had studied those timetables so much since her mother had first demanded to have her come home that she did not have to look at them, though she had the time cards in her purse. She gave a quick glance at the clock. There was at least twenty minutes before that plane left, and then, if there wasn't any room left on it, there would be time, if she hurried to the train before it left.

Rapidly she explained to the garage keeper what she wanted done to her car while she was gone, told him about when she expected to return, and wheedled him into taking her to the airport which was not far away. Now, if only she could get a reservation!

Out of breath she hurried to the ticket window and asked a wistful question, and strange to say the agent smiled.

"Yes, young lady," he said, "you're in luck. A cancellation just came in, and you get the seat."

Almost startled at her good fortune Mary paid her money and accepted the ticket, and then, suddenly remembering that it would be kind to stop Brooke Haven before he left home, she stepped over to the telegraph desk and wrote hastily:

Am starting home at once! Don't send anybody after me. Mary.

She addressed it to her mother, or in case of her absence, to Hetty. Then she heard them calling for the plane passengers, and hurried breathlessly to embark.

Seated quietly at last, her few belongings about her, she began to review her activities of the last hour. Had she forgotten anything? Maybe she should have told Randa what she was doing with her car. But no, if Brooke did fail to hear she was on her way, and arrive sometime that day, he would ask how she had gone, and he did not need to know that she had not driven in her car. The less he knew the better.

Also there was the possibility that someone would call up from home, and demand to know how she was coming, and then heaven and earth would be turned to have someone meet her at station or airport or somewhere. And she didn't want to be met by anyone, especially Brooke Haven.

She settled back in her seat and closed her eyes for a moment as she carefully went over all her precautions. Of course, there was another matter to be considered. They would probably try their best to get her into that wedding procession. But unless that visiting cousin from California had died in the meantime, she positively would not do it! She spent some little time coining pleasant phrases of refusal and excuse to meet this possibility. Her mother and Brooke would of course be the hardest ones to deal with. She was thankful that she had had the presence of



mind to bring Floss's letter along, for surely her mother would understand that situation and know that she simply could not be a part of the wedding group now. However she would just laugh it off pleasantly with Floss and tell her she found it possible to get away just for a day or so, but had to hurry right back. Oh, there were pleasant ways of making excuses that would not involve anyone with embarrassment.

These matters settled comfortably, she let her mind drift back to Arden and the pleasant days she had spent there getting acquainted with the dear old times. And especially the wonderful services in the little white chapel. Then there struck a warning note in her mind. She must not talk at home about this plain little church. Nobody would understand. She was not just sure that she fully understand herself, but she had to learn to understand now that she had gone this far. She had to get this matter cleared up before she settled down to a life of comfort and ease.

As the plane flew on toward the north and Mary began to recognize the region into which they were coming, her thoughts went ahead to what was before her, and suddenly it came to her that she must get Floss a wedding present. Why, it just might be that the bridegroom has already arrived, and had but a short time. The wedding might even be set for tomorrow, or the next day, and she certainly wanted that present to be delivered before she had an opportunity to see Floss. Also, she wanted the gift to be a definite finished fact. Yes, even before she saw her mother and had an opportunity to talk with her. She wanted her mother to know that she had not acted wildly in trying to evade that wedding. She wanted her to understand that her plans had been kind and courteous and that she and Floss understood each other.

There had been no opportunity for her to select the gift she wanted Floss to have, for she wanted it to be something very special, and she didn't know the stores down near Arden well enough to find what she wanted there. But now, pretty soon, she would be landing in her own home city, and instead of taking a taxi to the house, she could just take one to the store where she was used to purchasing extra special fine things. She could have a gift sent right out to Floss. It would perhaps reach her that night if she made a special arrangement for its delivery. At least it would be there in the morning.

So Mary spent the rest of the time before she landed in thinking out just what she wanted to give. Something that Floss would like immensely, and that nobody else would duplicate. Something in crystal and silver perhaps, and she thought back over their

various shopping trips, in the days when she and Floss used to be a great deal together, and tried to remember what Floss had admired. Such things would be frightfully expensive now with a federal tax besides; but Floss loved expensive things.

So, when they landed Mary took a taxi and went at once to her favorite store where she was sure she would find something very lovely.

There were still two hours before the stores would close, so she had plenty of time. And the people at home did not yet know how or when she was arriving, so she could take her time.

Then just as she was about to leave, feeling she had done everything necessary, she came upon some charming little salt and pepper shakers that just matched some her mother cherished very much. Several of her mother's had been broken and were greatly regretted. She paused and invested in a half dozen and had them wrapped. These she would carry with her and present to her mother when she arrived. If there were just a little more time she would try to buy presents for all the other friends who were giving parties she didn't wish to attend, but it was getting late and she could buy them another time. So at last she took her familiar way home, comfortable in the thought that no one knew exactly when she was coming, and so there would be no fuss about her arriving.

The telephone was ringing as she fitted her key into the lock. She wondered if that could be her mother somewhere, not yet back from Chicago. There was no telling. Those committee meetings were sometimes long-drawn-out affairs. Then she could hear Hetty's voice answering upstairs:

"Yes, Mrs. Arden. I got your instructions, and Mr. Haven started down after Miss Mary this morning. . . . Yes, he went on the plane. But before his plane could have left I received a day letter from Miss Mary, addressed to us both, saying she was on her way home. Ma'am? . . . No, I couldn't get hold of Mr. Haven and stop his trip. I did my best but his mother said some friend of his had already taken him to the airport. I had him paged, but couldn't reach him no matter how hard I tried. . . . No, Miss Mary hasn't come yet, but she'll likely be here soon. . . . No, she didn't say how she was coming. But I'm sure you needn't worry. Miss Mary is pretty levelheaded, and since she took the trouble to say she was on her way I suppose we can expect her sometime soon. . . . Ma'am? . . . The bridegroom? Why yes, Mrs. Arden, he's expected tomorrow night, and Miss Floss is all for having the wedding the next day. They'll want your help in planning, I'm sure. And yes, Mr. Haven said he'd be return-

ing at once as soon as he got in touch with Miss Mary. . . . No, I can't say. But he said he'd been makin' a big fuss to have Miss Mary maid of honor. He says he positively won't serve as best man unless she is."

Mary listened with foreboding in her heart, and because she did not feel just ready to discuss these matters with her mother, she stood quietly by the door and made no move for several minutes, waiting until Hetty had hung up, thinking over what she had heard. Well, at least there was time for her to make her plans carefully. Then slowly she picked up her suitcase and went silently upstairs, meeting Hetty in the hall as she came from the telephone.

"Miss Mary!" said Hetty with a relieved note in her voice. "Did you just come in? Oh, I'm glad. Your mother was on the phone. She was troubled that you were on the way. Did Mr. Haven get there before you started? And did you come with him? You'd best be asking him in for dinner. Is he downstairs?"

"Mr. Haven?" said Mary pleasantly. "No, I haven't seen Mr. Haven. Has he been here?"

"Here!" said Hetty indignantly. "Didn't I wire you he was coming after you? He started on the eleven o'clock plane and was to bring you back tonight."

"But I had no telegram about Brooke Haven. My mother said she would send someone after me if I didn't come at once, so I started on the quickest plane I could get. But anyway I would not have come with Brooke Haven!" she said determinedly. "He would have no right to come after me, and I would certainly not have come home with him. When is my mother getting here?"

"Why, she'll be here in the morning, Miss Mary," said Hetty with the troubled look of a trusted servant, "but there'll be all kinds of fuss about Mr. Haven. Your mother won't like it a bit you didn't wait and come with him."

"I'm sorry, Hetty, but I don't care to have Brooke Haven or any other young man sent after me. I'm not a child and I can take care of myself and make my own plans."

"But that's not like you, Miss Mary. You always was considerate of other people's feelings."

"Yes?" said Mary quietly. "Well, this is different. Now, Hetty, I wonder if I can have a tray in my room tonight? I'm a bit tired, and I've some plans to make, some letters to write and a few phone calls to make."

Hetty with a half-frightened look toward this new Mary Arden, scuttled down to the lower hall phone and called up Mary's mother but found to her dismay that she had gone out to dinner and would not return until

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## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



### Call for Prospective Nurses at Mounds-Midway School of Nursing, St. Paul, Minn.

The Mounds-Midway School of Nursing of St. Paul, Minn., now in affiliation with Hamline University offers an accredited school of nursing with the opportunity of studying in hospitals of high standards in an atmosphere of Christian fellowship and missionary interest.

The minimum prerequisites for entrance are sound health, good character, church affiliation and a high school diploma. Those who have had additional training after high school are desirable.

Our next three-year course offers an R.N. This course begins about June 20, 1950. This is the regular nursing course.

Our affiliation with a college now provides for those desiring a college degree along with their nursing course. This four-year college course begins in the Fall of 1950.

Application should be made to Miss Mary Danielson, Mounds Park Hospital, 200 Earl St., St. Paul 6, Minn.

### Southern Conference

#### Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. David Zimmerman at Kyle, Texas

On Sunday evening, Oct. 30, the members of the Immanuel Church of Kyle, Texas held a farewell reception for the Rev. and Mrs. David Zimmerman and family following 5½ years of faithful and loving service with the church.

Mr. Ernest Hill, deacon, was in charge of the service. Messrs. Adolph Wiegand and Henry Schmeltekopf led the devotional.

Words of appreciation were spoken by representatives of the various organizations: Mrs. Norman Lengefeld in behalf of the deacons; Kurt Lengefeld for the Sunday School; Joe Wiegand for the Training Union; Charlie Schmeltekopf in behalf of the Brotherhood; John David Wiegand and Juliann Schmeltekopf for the Young Men's and Young People's Sunday School Classes, who presented Mr. Zimmerman with "something to remember Texas by" — a Stetson hat. Mrs. Zimmerman was also presented with a useful gift.

Although the Woman's Missionary Union had honored Mrs. Zimmerman with a remembrance and surprise birthday party several weeks previously, Mrs. Arthur Schmeltekopf again thanked her for her splendid leadership in the past years. As a token of love from the congregation, Mr.

Ernest Hill presented the pastor's family with a pair of wool blankets.

Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman expressed their joy in working with the church and thanked the members for their words of gratitude. Our prayer is that God will richly bless the Zimmermans in their new work at La Salle, Colorado.

Mrs. Walter A. Hill, Reporter.

### Atlantic Conference

#### Central Church of New Haven, Conn., Holds Reception for Rev. John O. Strickland

The Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., held a reception for its new pastor, the Rev. John O. Strickland, on Friday evening, December 9. The service was opened with Scripture reading by our moderator, Mr. Henry Behler, followed by prayer by the Rev. George Hensel of Bridgeport.

A goodly gathering of members and friends was heartily welcomed. A fine delegation came from the Baptist Churches of Bridgeport, Meriden and New Britain and our local Baptist churches were represented by their pastors: the Rev. William Goble of West Haven and the Rev. Everett Sherwood of the First Baptist Church. Dr. Frank Swaffield of Calvary Church sent a congratulatory message to our new pastor.

We were honored to have Professor Woodward of Yale Divinity School deliver a short address. There were short addresses by Dr. John Gregory of the New Haven Council of Churches, Rev. August Lutz of Meriden, Rev. George Hensel of Bridgeport, Mr. Goble and Mr. Sherwood. Following this program, the committee consisting of the deacons and their wives assisted the Rev. John Strickland in receiving the visitors and members. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake, coffee and tea were generously served by the Ladies Society.

There was a fine spirit of fellowship and with the help of our Master we mean to carry on his work in this corner of his vineyard.

Lydia M. Ericksen, Clerk.

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### Eastern Conference

#### Reception for Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Friedenberg by Buffalo's Temple Baptist Church

On Friday, Nov. 18th, young and old of the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., gathered to welcome our new pastor, Rev. G. E. Friedenberg, and his wife, who came to us from New Britain, Conn. Thanks to our talented young people, the Assembly Hall presented a festive appearance, gay with autumn colors and a large "Welcome" banner.

Sponsored by the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses, a most delicious turkey dinner, followed by a program of musical numbers and greetings, preceded the informal reception. Chairman Fred Hall called on Rev. Paul E. Loth, who brought the cordial greetings of our sister church, the Bethel Church of Buffalo, and of the Eastern Conference. Rev. Chris Lawson, executive secretary of the Buffalo Baptist Association, extended a welcome as he stressed the need for co-operation in sharing the opportunities and responsibilities of bringing the Gospel to a great community.

Beginning with Mr. F. W. Godtfriing, deacon emeritus, and his enthusiastic verbal picture of our church in its various phases, a veritable "parade" of speakers representing the several organizations of the church followed, each voicing words of grateful welcome undergirded by promises of co-operation for the future. But the climax of the evening was the moment when we heard from our new pastor and his gracious wife their words of response. Mrs. Friedenberg spoke first, expressing her appreciation for the remodeled parsonage, the women's gift of pantry supplies and the young people's artistic messages of love scattered throughout the house. Mr. Friedenberg asked that we might indeed be "workers together with Christ," so that we might not only glorify God, but justify our title as a lighthouse in the community.

We feel that all the earnest prayers for God's guidance in the choosing of a pastor have been richly fulfilled in Mr. Friedenberg and we look onward to many years of service together. Nor do we fail to give thanks to God for the Spiritual blessings of the interim period when we were served by Rev. Frank Schweissing, a son of Temple Church, and later by Rev. Raymond S. Ridley, a local Baptist minister.

Mrs. M. H. Bernhardt, Reporter.



## Southwestern Conference

### Southwestern Conference Churches Hold Two Christian Workers' Conferences in Kansas and Oklahoma

Many were the blessings which we of the Southwestern Conference received during the sessions of the Christian Workers Conferences held at Durham, Kansas and Loyal, Okla. The conferences were held in a one-day session and also in two states to reduce travel expenses and to provide an opportunity for more people to attend. The church at Durham, Kansas, with the Rev. Henry Baerg as pastor, was host to the Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado Conference on Nov. 29 and the Immanuel Church at Loyal, Okla., with the Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn as pastor, was host church to the Oklahoma Conference on Dec. 1st. The attendance was good at both sessions.

The same program was used in both sessions with different speakers. The Rev. John Heer of Ingersoll, Okla., and the Rev. J. R. Kruegel of the Mt. Zion Church of Kansas along with the president, Miss Edith De Werff of Ellinwood, Kansas, had a share in the program at both places.

Our topics were varied but planned to cover many activities of the church work. Junior C.B.Y. work, Vacation Bible Schools, program planning, Sunday School evangelism, attendance promotions and denominational aims were topics discussed. It was evident that those in attendance were sincerely interested as shown in the part which they took in discussions at all sessions.

Although it is a new adventure, we are sure that God was in our midst, and we thank him for the blessings which he bestowed upon us.

Edith De Werff, Reporter.

### Reception Held for Rev. David Zimmerman and Family at La Salle, Colorado

The Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo. recently held a reception for the Rev. David Zimmerman, our new pastor, and his family. The program began with a prelude played by Mrs. Pete Croissant. Rev. Frank Schweissing, who has been our supply pastor, was in charge of the program. The mixed choir rendered the anthem, "Jesus for Me." Mr. Jacob Croissant welcomed the Zimmerman family in behalf of the church. A ladies trio sang the song, "Strength for Today." Mr. Gus Warner, in behalf of the trustees, extended a welcome to the Zimmermans. Robert Oster sang, "Sweet, Sweet Home." Rev. Leroy Loats, the pastor of the La Salle Presbyterian Church, welcomed the Zimmermans as a neighboring pastor. The male chorus sang, "Jesus Satisfies Me," after which Mr. Robert Croissant read the poem, "Don't Quit." The mixed choir rendered another selection, "In the Secret of His Presence."

Mr. Fred Meyer welcomed the Zim-

mermans in behalf of the choir. Mrs. Seward McNeil and Miss Mildred Schmidt sang a duet. Mr. Albert Renke welcomed the new minister and family in behalf of the Adult C.B.Y. Mrs. Fred Arens, Jr., and Mrs. Harold Bohlander played an accordion duet and then Mrs. Adam Moser, in behalf of the Ladies' Missionary Society, spoke. At this time Mrs. Zimmerman was presented with a corsage of shell pink roses. Mr. Gerald Meyer sang, "I Know A Name," and Miss Irene Croissant welcomed the Zimmermans in behalf of the Awoik girls, and Mrs. Albert Renke welcomed them in behalf of the Sewing Circle. Mr. Gerald Meyer spoke in behalf of the Senior C.B.Y. and the male chorus sang, "Listen For the Whispers of Jesus." Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman responded to all the welcomes.

The 150 guests then went to the church parlors for the reception. The color scheme was bronze, yellow and white. Mrs. Jacob Croissant poured tea and Mrs. Frank Geis poured coffee. The Ladies' Missionary Society was in charge of the reception. After the reception Mr. Gus Warner expressed the appreciation of the entire church to Rev. and Mrs. Frank Schweissing for the wonderful service they have given the church during the past weeks and Mrs. Schweissing was presented with a bouquet.

Reporter.

## Central Conference

### Evangelistic Meetings at the Pin Oak Creek Church, Mt. Sterling, Missouri

It was our privilege at the Pin Oak Creek Church of Mt. Sterling, Mo., to have a week of special meetings from November 21 to 27. The speaker for the week of services was the Rev. Frank Veninga of Peoria, Illinois. God granted us a week of genuine blessings... ideal weather, fine fellowship, inspirational services and his nearness. Nine appreciated messages from the Word of God were brought by our guest evangelist. Special musical selections were rendered each evening by local talent. Former members of our church at Avon, South Dakota, now residing in Missouri, were present for the annual Thanksgiving service. A relative of the pastor, Rev. Nolte, participated in this service in word and song.

Approximately 25 persons came forward at the invitation of the speaker to re-dedicate their lives to their Lord. About 12 pledged to observe individual or family devotions. A number of the boys and girls had previously made decisions for Christ in the Vacation Bible School. These, together with other boys and girls of the Sunday School, came forward on Sunday morning. A fine group should be ready for baptism and church membership in the near future. How wonderful to remember the Creator in the days of youth!

We are grateful to the Lord for having had these services and pray

that the Lord may continue to bless the faithful preaching of his Word. May the Lord continue to use his servants to his glory and honor.

Arthur A. Voigt, Pastor.

### First Services in the New Edifice of the Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Michigan

These have been glorious and eventful days at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan. The new church, to which we have looked forward in faith for many years, has now become a reality, and our first unit is completed. On November 13, 1949 at 10 A.M., after a prayer by our pastor, Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, the ribbon was cut and with thrilled and thankful hearts the congregation entered to worship for the first time in this new house of God. The auditorium which seats 500 was filled, and our pastor gave a very fitting sermon for this occasion.

"Thanksgiving" was our next outstanding evening, when we were privileged to have Dr. Wm. Kuhn with us. He gave us a very fine Thanksgiving message on the text, "Unto him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." The beautiful musical numbers by individuals as well as by our choir under the direction of Miss Margaret Shersted rejoiced our hearts and glorified our Lord. The offerings in cash and pledges totaled \$22,000 of which \$2,000 are for our two missionaries, Miss Eleanor Schultert in Nigeria, Africa, whom we are fully supporting, and for Rev. P. Gebauer in the Cameroons. The sum of \$20,000 is for our Building Fund. At the close of the service a delicious lunch was served by the ladies.

On Friday evening, December 9th, we had Open House at our church, at which time our four sister churches in Detroit and our neighboring Baptist churches were invited. Rev. Arthur McAsh presided, and it was truly an inspiring evening. We heard reports from our two builders. Mr. Emil Witt and Mr. Herman Skubick, and from our Building Board Chairman, Mr. Otto Nitsch. We certainly appreciate what these men and others have done. Each of the seven ministers present gave short messages, and we were again favored with several lovely numbers. The speaker of the evening, Rev. D. Riddy of the Detroit Missionary Society, spoke on "The Church's One Foundation." After the service, the visitors were shown through our beautiful building.

The highlight of all these events was the dedication of the first unit of our building on Sunday, Dec. 11th. At 10 A.M. after the organ meditation and the processional by the choir, the congregation sang, "The Church's One Foundation." After the dedication response the Rev. E. Arthur McAsh offered the dedicatory prayer.

It was our joy to have Dr. George A. Lang, president of our North American Baptist Seminary, also one of our former pastors under whose ministry our building program was started ten years ago, with us, who

brought us the dedicatory message on 1 Peter 2:5, "Ye also as lively stones are built up a spiritual house."

The evening service was another memorable one, full of good inspirational singing and instrumental numbers, and Dr. Lang brought another heart-stirring message on, "The Positive Christian Testimony" based on the text: "One thing I KNOW, that whereas I was blind, now I see." Surely, it is the desire of every member of the Ebenezer Church to have such a positive testimony as we launch out in this new fertile field to win souls, and thus bring peace and security to confused lives. We have a most beautiful building, for which we thank God, and as living stones we desire to work diligently for our Lord until he comes.

Mrs. Ruth Ortland, Reporter.

### Sixteenth Annual Banquet of Chicago's Sunday School Teachers and Workers' Union

The Sunday School Teachers and Workers' Union of Chicago, Illinois held its 16th annual banquet at the Lincoln-Belmont YMCA on December 3rd. A fine group of 160 persons from the seven churches in the Chicago area attended this program. Mr. Herman Siemund, president of this organization for 25 years, presided as toastmaster. Mr. Norman Voth, student of Wheaton College, was the song director and he was ably assisted by Mrs. Voth at the piano. Mr. Voth also thrilled the audience with his talent on the cornet.

Fourteen young women from the Christian Girl Reserves of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church were singing waitresses, wearing gay pink tea aprons and flowers in their hair. They not only cheerfully and efficiently served us but sang several selections

## FRONT COVER PICTURE

The front cover picture was taken by Miss Ann Swain, the denomination's Scripture Memorization Worker. It is a lovely scene of tranquil peace and sweet repose. As this issue goes to press, Miss Swain is critically ill. According to the attending physician, there is little hope for her recovery. But the Great Physician and Savior is her peace and comfort, as her life is committed into God's hands even as her entire life was devoted to the ministry of God's Word as a faithful servant of Jesus Christ.

as a chorus. Accompanying this article is a picture of these singing waitresses.

Another interesting feature of the program were colored movies taken seven years ago for the Golden Jubilee of this organization of the various Sunday Schools. Mr. Siemund spent many Sundays in 1942 taking these pictures of the various Primary departments in action, Sunday School classes and members of the congregations marching outside of the church buildings. Not only were the pictures beautiful from a color and photographic standpoint, but to see Sunday School scholars and Primary children being taught Bible lessons and singing hymns impressed one with the value of Sunday School work. There was pathos in seeing older members of these various church congregations who have since passed on. There was considerable laughter at seeing the adolescent children on the screen who were now young people attending the banquet. Honorable mention goes to Charles Lindberg, who was a red haired, freckled face "problem" Sunday School scholar on the screen.

The Rev. E. D. McKernan then introduced the speaker of the evening,

Dr. Lloyd Perry, professor at the Northern Baptist Seminary who spoke on "Evangelism in the Sunday School."

Marion Kleindienst, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference

### First Anniversary Program by the Woman's Missionary Society of Aberdeen, South Dakota

On Tuesday evening, November 22, the Woman's Mission Circle of the Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, South Dakota held its first anniversary program since it was first organized in 1948. The program consisted of musical numbers, reading and a play, "Thankful At Last." The pastor, Rev. R. A. Klein, also gave a short sermonette.

Our society with 12 members is divided into two groups with five or six in a group. Each month one woman is the leader and takes charge of the devotionals. With the co-operation of the Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Klein the society has been packing and sending clothing to headquarters for relief. These are packed on other nights than our regular meetings. The clothes of these packages come as gifts from individuals.

Our society has been blessed in many ways for which we praise our God. It has gained five new members in the last year. We have also sent boxes of food to the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., and to the Old Peoples Home in Bismarck, No. Dak.

The officers of the society are: president, Mrs. R. A. Klein; vice-president, Mrs. Jacob Ehman; secretary, Mrs. Milton Schrenk; treasurer, Mrs. Carl Schauer.

Mrs. Milton Schrenk, Reporter.



Young Women from the Christian Girl Reserves of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago Who Served as Singing Waitresses at the Sunday School Teachers and Workers Banquet in Chicago, Illinois



### Revival Meetings and Baptism of 37 Converts at McIntosh, South Dakota

"Rejoice with us, for that which was lost has been found." That is our proclamation at McIntosh, South Dakota. A wonderful group of 56 men, women and children dedicated their lives to the Lord during our evangelistic meetings from Nov. 8 to 18. The Rev. Fred Knalson was our evangelist. There was great rejoicing here, when many found the Lord as their Savior and others experienced the power of God in their lives.

Entire families were united in Christian fellowship and the usual cloak of reserve was thrown off as man and wife, parents and children embraced and wept tears of joy because of their new Christian fellowship. God has blessed the seeds that

cake with 50 golden candles centered the speakers' table. Gold chrysanthemums, an anniversary gift to the church, graced the seven long tables.

Visiting societies from neighboring churches attended the afternoon session at which time a historical review of the organization's activities was related. Many touching memories of former Christian laborers were recalled in a poem that unfolded the past five decades. The drama began with its nine charter members in 1899, its past workers through the years, and led up to its present membership of 50. An interesting account of the society's projects of the year, a financial report showing a total income of \$12,308.90 for the 50 years, along with a reading, several songs, including a German hymn and a short talk on Philippians 3:14 by our guest

oldest charter members, Mrs. Margaretha Frey, aged 81, and Mrs. Rosena Gehring, aged 80. Both are very active and attend all meetings when weather and health permit. Our society made a rating of 90 percent in attendance at the Dakota Convention held in Goodrich last June.

We have been without a pastor for over four years, but God has been more than kind in keeping us well organized and cooperative. We were privileged in having Miss Twila Bartz, missionary, speak to our group a year ago. Miss Bartz was our first Bible School teacher with the Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer in 1942. The Rev. A. Buhler of Harvey was our guest speaker and gave us a fine missionary message long to be remembered.

The offering which was taken at this meeting was designated for the Old People's Home, the Seminary, Camerons mission field and remodeling fund of the home church.

Mrs. Reinhold Pfaff, Secretary.

### Rededication of Renovated Edifice of the Plum Creek Church of South Dakota

The Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, South Dakota completed an extensive renovating and remodeling job on its house of worship, including additional classrooms and a beautiful and practical new kitchen. Sunday, Nov. 27, will long be remembered by those who attended one or all three of the rededication services of that day.

Dr. George A. Lang, president of our Seminary, brought a most inspiring message at the morning worship service on 1 Cor. 3:5-15. The Rev. Alfred Weisser of Parkston, So. Dak., was the guest speaker for the afternoon service, at which the neighboring pastors: Rev. D. Wipf of Emery, Rev. O. W. Brenner of Westington Springs, Rev. J. I. Walter of Bridgewater, and Dr. Albert Felberg, professor of our Sioux Falls Seminary, also brought greetings to the church. In the evening a very appropriate and challenging program was effectively rendered by all branches of the church, from the Primary Group to the Senior Bible Class, concluded by another inspirational address by the Rev. A. Weisser.

The church choir numbers, under Mrs. Rutsch's able direction were an inspiration at the morning and evening services. The Seminary Male Quartet was unavoidably detained, but the men were induced to sing to a very attentive audience, who remained for an hour after the afternoon service to hear them. Chicken dinner was served, free of charge, to over 400 people by the women of the church and supper to about 250 free of charge.

The entire cost of this church improvement was \$13,975.11 which is entirely paid. The convenience and beauty of this sanctuary is well worth the sacrifice and work put into it for the Lord's cause. The Rev. G. W. Rutsch, the pastor, who had been hospitalized for ten weeks, was home for this big day to the joy of his church and family.

Reporter.

### Northwestern Conference

#### Revival Meetings and Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Henry Smuland at Sheffield, Iowa

There shall be showers of blessings, and there were! We of the Baptist Church at Sheffield, Iowa cannot tell of the many blessings received during our special revival campaign held from Nov. 8 to 20. Rev. Kenneth Chapman of West Plains, Mo., was the speaker and Rev. J. H. Edward Mayfield, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mammoth Springs, Arkansas, served as a very capable song leader. Evangelist Chapman works with the extension staff of John R. Rice's well known weekly, "The Sword of the Lord." Our hearts were especially thrilled as we saw seven young people go forward making a public profession of their acceptance of Christ as their Savior.

After a two-day train trip from Millet, Alberta, Canada, our new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Henry Smuland, and their family arrived in Sheffield on Nov. 30th to begin their pastorate with our church.

The inside of the parsonage was completely renovated. A new furnace, water heater and softener were installed new hardwood floors laid upstairs, the entire house painted and papered inside and a guest bedroom completely furnished. Because the Smulands sold all their furniture in Millet, enough furnishings were brought to the house to enable them to begin housekeeping immediately upon arrival, not having to wait until they could purchase their own. After a long train trip with three little youngsters, they really appreciated this.

On Dec. 9th a reception was held for our pastor and his family. Mr. Smuland being a stranger in this state, we invited the pastors of all our North American churches in this area. Some from a distance sent their congratulations. Others who had intended to be at the reception but could not come due to the weather extended their congratulations to Mr. Smuland by telephone that evening, while some braved the bad weather to be with us.

We have already learned to love our new pastor and his wife in the few days they have been with us and we are already looking forward for a blessed time with this energetic and devoted young couple.

Henry P. Stover, Church Clerk.

#### Ninety-fifth Anniversary Is Celebrated by the Grace Church, Racine, Wisconsin

The Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wisconsin reached another milestone in its history on Sunday, December 4, when it celebrated the ninety-fifth anniversary of its founding and the rededication of its remodeled building with three services.

At the morning worship and communion service, the pastor, Rev. Ray L. Schlader, used for his theme,

"Foundation Stones." The combined anniversary and rededication program was held in the afternoon and Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois was the speaker for this occasion. His message was very interesting and inspiring. The mayor of Racine and ministers of sister Baptist churches in the area brought greetings and felicitations. Letters and telegrams from former pastors and members were also read. A very fine history of the church was prepared and presented by the church clerk, Miss Mildred Schacht. The senior choir and its able director, Mr. A. F. Meinhardt, and a Negro girls quartet from the local Baptist church furnished special music.

From five until seven o'clock in the evening a supper was served and this fellowship afforded members, friends and former members the opportunity to meet and renew old acquaintances. The speaker for the evening service was Dr. Ezra G. Roth, executive secretary of the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention. The choir and church male quartet sang.

It was 95 years ago that a group of 17 German born citizens, who migrated here from New York, began meeting in various homes for spiritual culture. Rev. J. Eschmann, sent out by the Baptist Mission Board of New York, worked among the German-speaking people in this area and he became the first pastor of this little group and organized the first German Baptist Church of Racine on December 5, 1854.

For a short time services were held in the English Baptist Church, then in the old Court House. During the pastorate of Rev. Tschirch who became pastor in 1856, the church built a small chapel on Villa Street.

The brethren called Rev. J. Wilkins of Germany to be pastor in 1867 and a number of Baptists from Germany came with him, and greatly strengthened the work. Rev. Wm. Schunke succeeded Brother Wilkins in 1876 and during his ministry a brick church was erected on Huron Street. During the ministry of Rev. J. H. Moehlman (1886-1895), the membership was increased considerably.

At the turn of the century, the church membership was having growing pains and the present site on the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Hamilton Street, was purchased. Rev. O. R. Schroeder became pastor in 1903, and the members had long been ready for a revival. Their prayers were answered and 47 members were added. The present edifice was erected during Mr. Schroeder's ministry, and the church had the rare privilege of dedicating the new church home at the time of its golden anniversary. A mission station at Kenosha, Wisconsin was also begun. In 1910 Rev. E. Umbach succeeded Mr. Schroeder and he organized the mission into a church.

Until 1921 the membership retained much of the flavor of the German heritage in which it was founded, but new generations were coming up and attending Sunday School and worship services. Thus the English language was adopted in these services. It was in 1924 when Rev. H. F.



The Rev. Roy L. Schlader, Pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wisconsin, is Shown Alongside the Cradle Roll List in the Beautifully Furnished Nursery of the Church

Schade was pastor, that all services were conducted in the English language. Rev. P. F. Zoschke came to serve this church in 1929, and it was during his pastorate that the church celebrated its 75th anniversary. The following years were difficult years financially because of the depression our country experienced. However a Sunday School room was added in the basement in 1931. Rev. Alfred Engel pastored the church from 1935 until 1941.

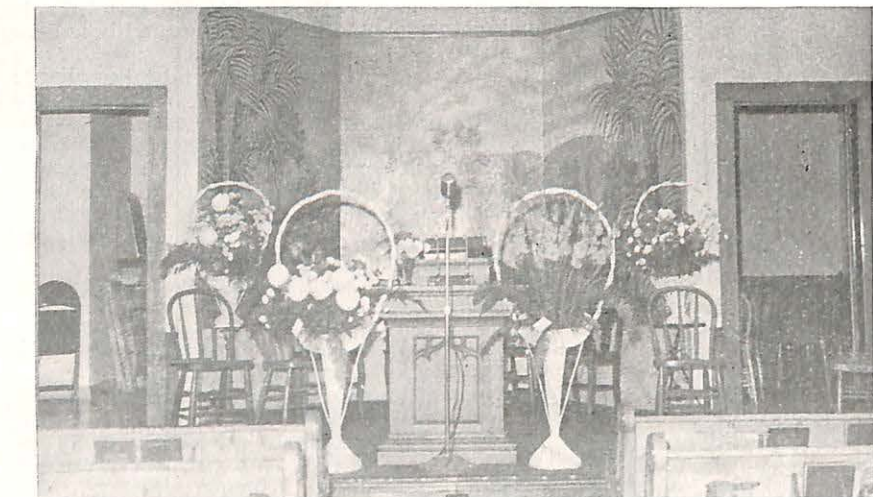
On July 16, 1941 Rev. Ray L. Schlader became the minister of the church. It was in December of that year that the present remodeling project was started. The church planners decided to install a new central heating plant, two new stairways to the basement parlors, and two rest rooms. The area under the auditorium was excavated and made into a spacious meeting room. The dining room was enlarged and a nursery added.

The church is equipped throughout with an intercommunicating and loud-speaking unit, a memorial gift from Mrs. August Schacht, in memory of her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Meyer, missionaries who were martyred in the Philippines in 1944.

The building has been attractively decorated throughout. Much of the remodeling work was done by the members during their spare time which greatly reduced the cost. However, the skilled work was done by local contractors. The improvements were made on a pay-as-you-go basis and approximated \$20,000.

The ninety-five years of God's grace and guidance now belong to the past. We review them with happy recollections.

Miss Mildred M. Schacht, Church Clerk. Mrs. Myron Dudek, Church Reporter.



The Decorated Platform of the Renovated and Remodeled Plum Creek Baptist Church Near Emery, South Dakota on Dedication Sunday

have been sown for many years! God has answered our prayers in a marvelous way!

On Wednesday evening, No. 23, we had a baptismal service at the Mo-bridge Baptist Church at which time 37 of our converts followed the Lord in baptism. After the baptism the hand of fellowship was extended to 41 persons before the communion service. We were pleased to have the McLaughlin Baptist Church with the Rev. Alex Sootzmann and two candidates join with us in the baptismal service.

Rev. Ervin Gerlitz, Pastor.

### Fiftieth Anniversary of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Avon, South Dakota

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Avon, So. Dak., celebrated its 50th anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 27, with Rev. and Mrs. R. P. Bronleewe of Champlin, Minn., present. An inspiring message on the great need of true Christian workers today was delivered by Rev. R. Bronleewe at the morning service.

At noon all present were cordially invited to partake of a bountiful Fellowship Dinner in the beautifully decorated church parlors. In harmony with the occasion, a large tiered

speaker, comprised the meeting.

The climax of the day's festivity came with the evening program which was in charge of our pastor, Rev. P. Geissler. An impressive candlelight memorial service was masterfully dramatized by ten ladies. The first woman, holding a lighted candle, represented the society of today while eight others lighted their candles in memory of charter members who have passed on to glory. The ninth woman, in like manner, honored Mrs. John Engel of Santa Rosa, Calif., the only living charter member who is also its first president.

Beautiful marimba and solovox musical selections furnished by Mrs. R. P. Bronleewe were a splendid addition to the success of the day's programs. Other music was presented by three sextettes and four choral numbers.

Mrs. R. Radack, Reporter.

### Anniversary Program of the Lincoln Valley Women's Missionary Society of North Dakota

The Lincoln Valley Baptist Woman's Missionary Society held its 9th anniversary program on Sunday evening, Oct. 30th. Mrs. Edward Frank, the president, was in charge.

Our secretary, Mrs. Reinhard Pfaff, made special mention of our two





Eight Adults and Young People Who Were Baptized and Received Into the Laurelhurst Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon by the Rev. Fred W. Mueller, Pastor (Right)

### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Stassen, St. Paul, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Stassen of the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with their children on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 20. The celebration took place three days before the anniversary day, so that all members of the family could be present.

The entire Stassen family attended the morning service of the Riverview Church. For the morning message the pastor spoke on the theme, "Remembering God's Blessings," bringing out thoughts applicable both to thanksgiving and the golden anniversary. After the sermon a special service was held in honor of the Stassens, at which time the pastor directed to them words of congratulations and the best wishes of the church. The moderator of the church, Mr. Reuben Glewwe, who is a brother of Mrs. Harold Stassen, then presented to them the gifts of the church

— a gold leather-covered Bible and a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Mr. Stassen responded and thanked the church. As he spoke of God's blessings which he had showered upon them during the past fifty years, a deep silence came over the audience and the eyes of many were moistened with tears. After the reading of an appropriate Scripture passage, the singing of a song and the closing prayer, the Stassens were ushered to the door where they received the congratulations and best wishes of their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Stassen have been among the faithful members of the Riverview Church since its organization. They have been pillars of strength during good and hard times. Mr. Stassen, seventy-five years of age, was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Mrs. Stassen, seventy-three years of age, was born in Germany. They retired from truck farming about four years ago, after Mr. Stassen had gone to the early morning market for many years.

They well remember their wedding



Mr. and Mrs. William A. Stassen of St. Paul, Minn., on the Occasion of Their Golden Wedding Anniversary With Their Children: (Left to Right) William, Elmer, Harold, Arthur and Mrs. Violet Crawford

on Nov. 23, 1899 in the Riverview Baptist Church. Officiating at the ceremony were two ministers, Rev. John Jaeger, pastor of the church, and Rev. Abraham Jansen, a relative of Mrs. Stassen. Mr. Stassen says referring to the two pastors: "One for her (his wife) and one for me." Mr. Stassen recalls the past and says, "It has been a good fifty years — better than the average, I think," and then he sums it up in these words, "We are thankful for the blessings God has given us."

Sharing many of their blessings are their children, William, Harold, Elmer, Arthur, and Mrs. Violet Crawford, all of St. Paul and South St. Paul, except Harold, who resides in Philadelphia. Harold Stassen is the president of the University of Pennsylvania. He is a former governor of Minnesota, and was a major candidate for the office of the presidency of the United States at the last election.

### Do Not Be Without Your Copy of the ANUAL During this Year 1950!

The parents, while grateful for Harold's accomplishments, remain humble and love all of their children alike. They have all of the pictures of their children and grandchildren in one small downstairs room. During a short time in Harold's career, for the sake of his public prominence, the parents thought that his picture should have a place in their living room. That brought forth the gentle remark from the mother: "But then we realized that we love all our children and that it wouldn't be fair to single out his picture to be shown separately." So all the pictures of their four sons and one daughter and grand-children were to be found again in the small downstairs room.

If you as reader of this article would like to meet this grand couple, come to visit our morning worship service while you are visiting in St. Paul, and you will have that opportunity. Sunday after Sunday you can find them seated in the same pew worshipping their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the Heavenly Father, who has richly blessed their union, grant them many more years of health and happiness and a close walk with him!

Edgar W. Klatt, Pastor.

### Pacific Conference

### Baptism of Eight Converts at the Laurelhurst Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

The last Sunday in November will go down as a memorable one for the Laurelhurst Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon. At the close of a great Thanksgiving Day our pastor, the Rev. Fred W. Mueller, had the joy of baptizing five adults and three children in our new baptistry. These converts were the result, not of special meetings, but rather the personal work of our pastor.

In the evening meetings we special-

## Obituary

### MR. JACOB BRAUTIGAM of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. Jacob Brautigam of Milwaukee, Wis., was born on September 16, 1867 in Austria. As a young man he accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and was baptized in May 1898 by the Rev. Henry Mayer. He was received into the membership of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1905. Mr. Brautigam died on September 23, 1949 after a siege of illness and an operation. He was a faithful follower of his Lord. He leaves to mourn his homegoing: two daughters, Marie Bickel and Mrs. J. Schwellinger; four sons, Jack, John, Joseph and Henry; thirteen grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren and many friends.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

GEORGE W. ZINZ, Jr., Pastor.

### MR. GEORGE RABENHORST of Watertown, Wisconsin.

Mr. George Rabenhorst of Watertown, Wis., son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rabenhorst, was born near Watertown, Wis., on Dec. 31, 1882. His entire life was spent on the home farm. He died in his automobile while in Watertown on Dec. 9th of a heart attack at the age of 67 years. He had been under the care of a physician for some time. Since the time of his baptism on May 24, 1900 he had been a faithful member of the church.

The body was laid to rest on Dec. 13 after a brief message of comfort to those who mourn his sudden passing. Surviving him are one brother, two nieces, two nephews, many cousins and friends. May God continue to be the comfort and guide to those who mourn, until the day when we shall be united together.

J. G. BENKE, Pastor.

### MORRIS DARWILL PUDWILL of Avon, South Dakota.

Morris Darwill Pudwill of Avon, South Dakota, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Pudwill, was born at Avon on March 17, 1943 and died on November 23, 1949 at the age of 6 years, 8 month and 6 days. For reasons known only to God Morris, though mentally alert, was seriously handicapped physically. He never walked, could not see the beauties which God has placed all around us, and was unable to express his tender and loving emotions in speech. He was a loving child and without complaint. By the grace of God, his dear parents did for him what only pure human love can do. Now he is released from the limitations of the body in the presence of our Savior, awaiting those whom he left behind. His demise is mourned by his dear parents, his paternal and maternal grandparents, and a very large host of other relatives. May God in mercy comfort and direct them all into the way of life in Christ Jesus.

First Baptist Church, Avon, South Dakota

P. GEISSLER, Pastor.

### MR. GEORGE WILLIAM MUDDER of Avon, South Dakota.

Mr. George William Mudder of Avon, South Dakota, was born on August 17, 1903 at Tyndall, South Dakota and died suddenly on December 11, 1949 at the age of 46 years, 3 months and 24 days. When 19 years of age he came to know Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized into

the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Avon, South Dakota by the Rev. John F. Olthoff. On March 10, 1925 he was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Lippert. The Lord blessed their happy union with seven children: Marvin, Velda, Shirley, Roger and Jerry at home, and Mrs. Arnold Johnson of Avon. He leaves to mourn his departure his grief-stricken wife, his children, one son-in-law, one grandchild, eight brothers, three sisters, a large host of other relatives, and his church. May the eternal and mighty grace of God through Christ fill, comfort and encourage their hearts unto salvation and everlasting glory in his presence!

First Baptist Church, Avon, South Dakota

P. GEISSLER, Pastor.

### MRS. MINNIE MILLER of Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Minnie Miller, nee Kurtz, of Portland, Oregon, was born at Bromberg, Germany on Feb. 15, 1875 and died at the Baptist Home for the Aged in Portland, Oregon on Dec. 17, 1949 at the age of 74 years, 10 months and 2 days.

In 1893 Mrs. Miller came to this country and first settled at Minneapolis, Minn., where she was married to Herman Miller on Sept. 13, 1894. This union was blessed with two children, one son and one daughter, the son having preceded the mother in death in 1936. In 1909 Mrs. Miller with her family moved to Portland where they lived until death took our sister away.

Mrs. Miller was converted and baptized in Germany under the ministry of the Rev. Curand, becoming a member of the Baptist Church at Bromberg. She also held church membership in the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., and the Hinson Memorial Church and Trinity Church at Portland. She was devoted to her Lord and served him faithfully until he called her to be at home with him forever.

She leaves to mourn her departure her now sorrowing husband, Herman Miller, and daughter Lydia Billeter of Portland; a brother, Gust Kurtz of Minneapolis, Minn.; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends. A memorial service was conducted by her pastor, and her body now rests in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery to await the day of resurrection. May the Lord comfort and console all the bereaved ones!

Trinity Baptist Church,

Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

MRS. BERTHA JOHNSON

of Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Bertha Johnson, nee Weiss, of Portland, Oregon was born at Highland, Oregon on Jan. 28, 1894 and passed away at her home in Portland very suddenly on Dec. 5, 1949 at the age of 55 years, 10 months and 7 days.

Mrs. Johnson was converted and baptized under the ministry of Dr. Jacob Kratt in April of 1906, becoming a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Portland where she served her Lord faithfully until her sudden departure. For many years she served in the Bible School as teacher and as superintendent of the Primary Department. In the Woman's Missionary Society she held the office of secretary-treasurer for several terms. In her home she served her household well and she made her Christian influence felt wherever she was. She now beholds in reality that which she here beheld by faith.

On April 12, 1917 she was united in marriage to Harry Johnson. One son was born to this union. She leaves to mourn her early departure her now sorrowing husband and son Melvin; three sisters; and a host of relatives and friends. A large audience attended the memorial service. We will miss her in the family and church circles. May the God of all comfort sus-

tain and strengthen the bereaved ones. Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

### MR. EMIL O. F. VOIGT of Avon, South Dakota.

Mr. Emil O. F. Voigt of Avon, So. Dak., was born at Tyndall, South Dakota on May 28, 1881 and died on December 10, 1949 at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, So. Dak., at the age of 68 years, 6 months and 12 days. Early in life he came to know Christ as his own personal Savior and was baptized into the fellowship of the Tyndall Baptist Church by the late Rev. William Paul. Since 1907 he was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Avon, So. Dak. Brother Voigt was a man of few words, but faithful and true to his convictions.

On November 14, 1906 he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Bangert. This happy union was blessed with one son and one daughter: Elden Voigt and Mrs. John Lubbers of Tyndall, South Dakota. His beloved wife died on Feb. 15, 1911. He married Miss Katie TerVeer on March 19, 1912. The Lord blessed this happy union with nine children: Margaret, Carrie, Adolph, George, Esther and Vert at home; John of Avon; Mrs. Clara DeBoer of Little Rock, Iowa; and Mrs. Johanna Weber of Dante, So. Dak. One sister, Tillie, preceded him to the home above.

He leaves to mourn his demise his dear wife, his children, ten grandchildren, three sons-in-law, two daughters-in-law, two brothers: Ralph Voigt of Avon and Eddie Voigt of Tyndall; two sisters: Tena of Tyndall and Mrs. Esther Curtes of Alamosa, Colo.; many other relatives, a large host of friends and his church. May God in his measureless grace comfort and bring them all to eternal peace, joy and glory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Avon, South Dakota

P. GEISSLER, Pastor.

### MRS. ELIZABETH WEBER of Okeene, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hill Weber of Okeene, Okla., was born in Denhoff, Russia on September 17, 1870. She died in Okeene on Nov. 26, 1949 at the age of 79 years, 3 months and 9 days. As a young girl, Elizabeth Hill emigrated to the United States in the Fall of 1886 and settled in Durham, Kansas. A year later she moved to Okeene, Okla., and lived in this vicinity until her death.

She was married to John Jester while living in Kansas, and to this union one daughter was born, Mrs. Leah Bierig of Okeene. After Mr. Jester passed away, she was married to Frank Rade. Nine children were born to this union, two of them dying in infancy. Surviving are Frank Rade of Fort Supply, Okla., William Rade of Geary, Okla., Mrs. Lilly Nusz of Okeene, Okla., Mrs. Bertha Cox of Hutchinson, Kansas, Mrs. Maxine Harris of Trinidad, Colo., Mrs. Minnie Chase of Isabella, Okla., and Mrs. Hannah Smith of Sandi, Arabia. Other survivors are 21 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; four half-brothers, Jake and William Hill of Okeene, Edward Hill of Kansas City, Mo., and Dave Hill of Guam; and one half-sister, Mrs. Lydia Krause of Okeene. In later years Mrs. Rade was married to Christof Weber, who preceded her in death several years ago.

Mrs. Weber was a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church at Deep Creek, Okla. Later when this church was moved to town, she became a member of the Zion Baptist Church. She had a radiant testimony, and her faith was strong in her Savior, whom she served faithfully until her death.

Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Oklahoma

JOHN M. BERENTSCHOT, Pastor.

served and actual additions to the church have resulted. It has pleased God to bless our radio ministry.

At a recent meeting we appropriated \$500 for the seminary relocation program. Our ministry of relief to the needy in Germany will also con-

tinue for a while as long as the need exists. Nearly two thousand parcels have been sent by our church to ministers' families and others in Germany. All of us are happy to be of service in the Lord's cause.

John Ochsner, Church Clerk.



## Call to Separation

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Proverbs 1:10-14.) The path which a disciple of Christ is called to tread is a narrow one, and if you leave for a wider road, it will mean severe chastenings, heart breaking losses, and surely a forfeit of the Savior's "Well done" at the end of the journey.

We are to HATE even the "garment" — figure of our habits and ways — spotted by the flesh (Jude 23), and are to keep ourselves "unspotted from the world" (James 1:27). "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." Any occupation or association hindering our communion with God or our enjoyment of spiritual things, MUST BE ABANDONED!

"Despise ye the church of God?" (1 Cor. 11:22). This refers to the local and visible church of Jesus Christ. The church and individual Christians are despised by the world at large today because of their unequal yoke. The church of Christ is called today to tighten the reins, and hue closer to the lines that God has marked out for us in his Word. We must insist on a regenerated membership, demanding a credible profession of personal and real experience of God's great salvation. The Son of God ordained and built the church and calls the Christians on the outside to come into its genuine and intimate fellowship. He never organized or built societies, secret orders, "circles of fellowship" and lodges; but he did the church. And his will is clearly made known in God's word that all Christians SHOULD be members of his Church. "He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit saith UNTO THE CHURCHES."

Worldliness is rampant among God's people. Week-end holidays starting on Saturday and ending Monday morning, business interests, afternoon shopping or visiting so that one is too "tired" to attend God's house for the prayer meeting marks the Christian's way of despising the church. So-called Christians find much time in criticising the officers of the church, complaining and finding fault with other members. And all this is prevalent in the church today because we "ARE UNEQUALLY YOKED TOGETHER WITH UNBELIEVERS." If the Roman Catholics are making too much of the "church," we as Protestants have made too little of it.

"FOR YE ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD! AS GOD HATH SAID, I WILL DWELL IN THEM, AND WALK IN THEM, AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE."

## What's Happening

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evening, Dec. 18, the choir presented a Christmas Concert with Mrs. Herbert Hiller directing. On Sunday morning, Dec. 11, the new Memorial Chimes were dedicated. These represented an amplifying system with three loudspeakers, ten chime recordings and microphone and were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Dirksen in honor of the ministry of the Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Olthoff at the church from 1927 to 1935. The Christmas program of the Sunday School featured the play, "The Lost Christmas," written by Agnes Buckles of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

● The guest speaker at the Watchnight and New Year's Day services of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., was the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary who was also the pastor of the Philadelphia Church from 1928 to 1934. He showed denominational and missionary pictures on Thursday evening, Dec. 29, and at the Watchnight service. The candlelight communion service conducted by the pastor, Rev. John F. Crouthamel, and the impressive formation of a circle with clasped hands by all present at the midnight hour was a memorable event for the large audience. A newly formed musical group of six young people, including the Rev. and Mrs. John F. Crouthamel, has been in charge of the Sunday evening evangelistic services beginning with January 1st.

## Mary Arden

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midnight, so with a troubled sigh she went down to get Mary's dinner tray.

"Do ya mean she didn't come back with that Haven fella?" questioned the cook as Hetty prepared the dainty tray.

"No, she didn't!" snapped Hetty. "I can't think what's taken her. She never was like this before. Why, they've gone together for years."

"He must've done something she didn't like," said the cook.

"But we'd have been sure to hear about it if he had. He's lived around here all his life. Of course he's gone with a few other nice girls, but he always showed his preference for Mary."

"Well, if you ask me," said Anna the cook, "I'll bet he's been goin' with somebody else on the sly, or she'd never have missed marchin' up the aisle beside that good-looker, and if you ask me I thing she's takin' a big chance, gettin' him sore at her."

"Oh, she's taking no chance. He's crazy about her, and if she sees he needs a good lesson it's up to her to give it to him. Besides, he's not sore

at her. You should have seen his face when I told him Mrs. Arden wanted him to go after her."

"Well, that's not saying how his face'll look when he gets away down there and finds her gone. Did she come in her car?"

"Why, I don't just know. I didn't ask her. She just walked in. Anyhow, I'm glad she's here! That's a great load off my mind, with her mother gone and all."

"Yes, it's good to have her home, an' I hope she don't go away again. The house isn't the same with her away."

"That's right," said Hetty as she took the tray and started upstairs, wondering just what her next move should be. Should she try to get her mistress again, or just wait? Well, at least she could try.

So she took Mary's tray to her room, had a nice little pleasant talk with her, asking her how she found the old house, and wasn't it terrible lonesome down there with nobody around she knew? Mary blossomed out surprisingly and told her how sweet and dear it was, and how much she had enjoyed herself down there, and then began to dilate about Nannie and Randa, until Hetty grew quite jealous and troubled.

"But you're glad to get home, aren't you, Miss Mary?" she asked anxiously.

"Why yes," said Mary, "home is always good. But I wasn't ready to come just yet. There are things I have to do down there. You know it is my house now, Hetty."

"Oh, you mean you are getting it ready to sell?"

"Oh no, Hetty. I wouldn't sell it for anything. It is mine, you know, and I love it."

"Oh, but Miss Mary! This is your home!"

"Why yes," said Mary hesitantly, "but remember that is where I went when I was a little girl, and I remember my dear grandmother there, and all the things we used to do. I don't think I shall ever want to sell it. It was my father's home, too, and he loves it. He was a little boy there, and he wanted me to go down and take over."

Hetty gave her a despairing look.

"Well, yes," she grudgingly agreed. "I suppose that would make a difference. But I hope you'll not be going back again soon. We miss you something terrible. Would you like another cup of coffee with your pie? Cook made that pie just with you in mind, you know."

"Oh, that was sweet of her," said Mary appreciatively. "Thank her for it, please. Tell her it's delicious."

So they drifted into talk of other things and Hetty presently went down to the kitchen phone and tried to call Mrs. Arden again, but was told she still was out.

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