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ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. Frank H. Woyke
Jan. 23-28 — Leadership Training Course, Wishek, No. Dak.
Sunday, Jan. 29 — (Morning and Evening Services) Wishek, North Dakota.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
Jan. 25-28 — Manitowoc, Wis.
Sunday, Jan. 29-Monday, Jan. 30 — Sheboygan, Wis.

Rev. Martin L. Leuschner
Sunday, Jan. 22 — Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis. (Missionary Pictures in Evening Service.)
Sunday Evening, Jan. 29 — East Side Church, Chicago, Illinois. (Missionary Pictures.)

Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist
Jan. 29-Feb. 12 — Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon.

Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Evangelist
Jan. 25-Feb. 5 — Elk Grove, Calif.

SPECIAL DATES

Jan. 29-Feb. 5 — YOUTH WEEK To Be Observed in All Churches.
Sunday, Feb. 5 — Baptist World Alliance Sunday.
Sunday, Feb. 12 — Dedication of New Edifice, Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, Rev. Roy Seibel, Pastor.
Feb. 19-26 — Brotherhood Week.
Friday, Feb. 24--World Day of Prayer (Program Material for Woman's Missionary Societies Will Appear in Next Issue.)
Sunday, March 12 — Bible Sunday. (Program Material to Be Sent to Churches by the Publication Society.)

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for \$225,000
January and February 1950

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AMONG OURSELVES

YOUTH WEEK will be observed by many of our churches from Jan. 29 to Feb. 5. This will be the second annual observance of this week sponsored by the Commissioned Youth and Sunday School Union of the denomination. The sermon in this issue by the Rev. J. C. Gunst deals with the theme of this observance, "God Designs — Youth Builds." This is a good opportunity for every church to give recognition to its young people and to be challenged by the Christian witness of its future leadership. Let the spotlight of attention fall on your church's young people in this forthcoming week!

IN THIS ISSUE

Sometimes the tasks that confront us as Christian people monopolize most of the available space in an issue of "The Baptist Herald." Such is the case in this number. The Seminary Building Fund Campaign and the observance of Youth Week are given prominent attention in these pages. The work of our Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta needs our continued prayers and support. The article by Dr. William Kuhn is especially significant at this time since he will retire from active service in the denomination on Feb. 1, 1950 after more than 36 years of a continuous ministry as a denominational leader.

COMING

A Call to Separation — With unequivocal challenge and decisive words the Rev. J. Berentschot, pastor of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Oklahoma, preaches an effective sermon for all "to hear and to heed."

"Praise Ye the Lord!" — This testimony of the Rev. R. C. Schmidt of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church of North Dakota in the face of discouraging physical obstacles will cheer the heart of every reader!

Seminary Building Fund Campaign — The latest news and pictures about the new Seminary buildings and the Building Fund campaign will be an exciting feature of the next number.



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"Thus Saith the Lord!"

THE CHRISTIAN should be the most confident person in the world. His faith is founded on supernatural revelation. His testimony echoes the spiritual confidence of the Apostle Paul: "I know whom I have believed!" For him there is but one criterion of truth and that is the genuineness of the proclamation: "Thus saith the Lord!"

The prophets of old heard those words and went forth as God's spokesmen among the people. The writers of old responded to the leading of the Spirit and became the pen for the writing of God's word "that shall never pass away." Throughout the years men and women have been transformed into bright torches of testimony and courageous heroes of faith by these divinely inspired words: "Thus saith the Lord!" As God's ambassadors they were clothed with confidence to speak out for their Lord.

This is an irrefutable statement — "Thus saith the Lord!" — when it has the ring of genuineness about it. God's commandments are beyond questioning. There is convincing and convicting power in all of God's revelations to man. One who is greater than ourselves in wisdom and insight overwhelms us with his words: "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6). We believe his word to be true and his guidance to be sure, and we follow with confident tread, assured that this is the best way for us, this is the light of truth in which he would have us walk.

This is also an irrevocable utterance — "Thus saith the Lord!" — when we know it to be God's voice speaking to us. God's thoughts are far above and beyond us. His omniscience is beyond our finite understanding. But when God has spoken, he will surely bring it to pass. His promises will be carried out. His words will be executed. Every utterance of his is irrevocable. This gave confidence to young Jeremiah: "They shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail: for I am with thee, saith the Lord God, to deliver thee" (Jeremiah 1:19). It has given a glowing confidence to many of God's servants in the midst of heavy trials and stormy events of life.

This is also an irresistible summons — "Thus saith the Lord!" — when there is love in our hearts to follow him. We must be obedient to every call of his. We must follow wheresoever he leads us. We must give that which he needs in his work. In this confidence Moses and Aaron came to Pharaoh and pronounced the commanding words: "Thus said the Lord, the God of Israel, Let my people go!" (Exodus 5:1.) This is the secret of all noble Christian living that dares to do great things for Jesus Christ in response to his expectations of us.

We have heard this word of the Lord in the plans for the new Seminary buildings. We have been called with God's will. "Thus saith the Lord!" We recognize the Master's voice and go forward to finish the task with a confidence that makes us "more than conquerors."

BIBLE TEXT

"And they all, without exception, proceeded to excuse themselves." (Luke 14:18 — Montgomery Translation.)

Excuses are the easiest way out of a task. They are the quickest device to close the door of privilege to us. They show where our heart of affection really is. They are the bane of many a life, the downfall on many a road that might have led to greatness. They ought to be regarded as sinful temptations. As the words rush to our timid lips, we ought to be inspired to say: "Get thee behind me, fearful excuse." Then as the task is laid upon our shoulders, God will give strength to every humble heart and prayerful spirit and invite you to his banquet feast of glorious delights and undreamed of success.

SEMINARY BUILDING FUND

Have you made your offering or pledge to the Seminary Building Fund as yet? It is difficult to see how you can evade your responsibility for this building project. Seminary Sunday was observed on Jan. 15th. The months of January and February will be devoted to the Seminary Building Fund Campaign in our churches. Solicitors will wait upon some of you in the days to come. Several pages are again devoted in this issue of "The Baptist Herald" to the inspiring story of the new seminary buildings in Sioux Falls. The Sunday School children are using attractive coin folders to help with the buildings. We realize that the task of raising \$225,000 in times like these is not easy. But with everybody working and giving and with the need for the buildings so apparent to everyone, there is hope that the goal can be reached and successfully passed.

LAYMEN'S RETREAT

The plans for the first Laymen's Retreat in our denomination can now be announced. It will be held at beautiful Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wis., from July 31 to August 6, 1950. The Abbey and Long House, where the Pastors' Retreat was held in 1948, will also be used for the Laymen's Retreat. Accommodations for families will be provided at the Abbey and several nearby houses, so that the Laymen can bring their wives and children to the retreat. A fine, inspiring program is planned daily from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. and for every evening. The rest of the day will be open for recreation. The cost of meals, lodging and recreational facilities will be \$4.00 a day per person. Registrations for the Laymen's Retreat can be now sent to headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. "First come, first served" as far as accommodations are concerned.



Eva Luoma Photo

THIS WILL BE THE SECOND Youth Week to be observed by our Commissioned Baptist Youth in our General Conference Union churches. Reports about the success of the first Youth Week in 1949 were most gratifying and heart warming. In an amazing number young people everywhere took advantage of the idea for a full week of youth activities and witnessing in our churches.

Our pastors in nearly all of our churches complied in delivering messages fitting for young people during their regular Sunday services. Young people, who appreciate special attention, responded wonderfully to such a church program. Many of our fine young people recognize their need for spiritual guidance and can appreciate such help and respond accordingly.

YOUTH WEEK THEME

Youth Week should be an annual event in our church life. We are happy, indeed, to give suggestions and ideas for program materials as well as to suggest activities for the week. Some of these suggestions were mailed to the Commissioned Youth president directly. Some material is provided through YOUTH COMPASS in connection with the regular topics. The Youth Week theme for this year is a real challenge: "God Designs — Youth Builds."

God's design or plan for the universe and the people of his creation is most marvelous. God of the universe has a pattern for the life of every individual. For the secret of a happy and successful life, the individual must realize that his thoughts, plans for life and his entire being must be fully in God's will or according to his pattern.

It is not always easy for the individual to determine the will of God in his life. It is quite comforting, however, to learn how others have experienced the leading of God's hand in their life. Let us cite two such examples.

Here is Annie Johnson Flint who gave the Christian world such beautiful poems. After years of living in seclusion, confined to a sanitarium, battling the disease of arthritis, she was able to write these stirring lines:

"Infinite Wisdom and infinite Love,
Praying for me to the Father above,
Teach me to pray, that Thy will,
so begun,
May in my life and my spirit be
done."

Or again, after years of hardship, persecution, suffering and striking service for his Lord, the Apostle Paul could say: "For me to live is Christ" (Phil. 1:21). No one will doubt that people like that have had a vital part in building the Kingdom of God. Only as a person becomes fully resigned to the will of God in his or her life can that person be used as a builder in the Kingdom work.

CHRIST'S PATTERN

But we cannot be only builders. We must be builders after Christ's pattern. "For we are laborers together with God (God's fellow-workers): ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building" (1 Cor. 3:9). One of the greatest privileges and joys in life is the consciousness that what you are doing is according to the will of God. Only the things that God can approve will ultimately help others and prove eternal value. We see this truth in the pattern of the Master Builder, even Christ our Lord.

"Now if any man build upon this

**God Designs
Youth Builds**

A Message for Youth Week to Be Held from Jan. 29 to Feb. 5, 1950

By Rev. J. C. GUNST,
General Secretary of the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union

foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest, for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is" (1 Cor. 3:12-13).

Even the HOW to build is outlined in the Scriptures. It is no small matter to be a wise builder. We have all observed the erection of a material building which was meant, so to speak, to stand indefinitely. At the outset, in most cases, there was an unattractive hole in the ground. The foundation with a crude framework followed. Finally a beautiful home, which an architect had envisioned, was completed. Thus each of the two, designer and builder, doing his part brought a building to completion for the comfort and enjoyment of a family. Let us never forget the essentials necessary for a good building — well prepared plans, a strong foundation, proper materials and hard work.

CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS

The believer or follower of Christ, too, is most careful about a good foundation. Great, solid, eternal truths based on deep strong convictions belong to that foundation. Someone has put it this way: "Not so much mere emotion as thorough purposes and will, unreservedly decisive for God and righteousness, and Jesus Christ in his atoning blood, his perfect righteousness and his finished work are the bases of faith and hope." It is the truth that Christ saves. But not merely the truth about Christ, it is the union of the soul with Christ, which is the real foundation.

Again the wise builder will look out for his materials. The Lord wants really transformed, regenerated souls,

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A Handmaiden of the Lord

Mrs. Ida Schulte Kuhn also was planted in the Garden of God as this biographical sketch by her husband beautifully portrays.

By Dr. WILLIAM KUHN of Forest Park, Illinois in the Second of a Series of Articles on "God's Glory Across My Life"

The Rev. and Mrs. William Kuhn in 1903 During Their Fifth Year in the Ministry of the Second German Baptist Church (Now Pilgrim Church) of Philadelphia (Photo by Blaul Art Gallery)



IT MAY SEEM to be presumptuous to many of the readers that I am writing a biographical sketch of my wife for this series of articles appearing in THE BAPTIST HERALD. However, in consideration of the contribution that my wife has made to my life as a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, and, furthermore, in consideration of her direct contribution to our denominational life, it would seem that this biographical sketch is justified. It is being written in sincere humility without any desire for self-glorification. My prayer, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to thy name be all the glory," expresses my deepest desire.

A PROMINENT FAMILY

In my first article, in which I tried to find those forces and influences and personalities which determined the pattern of my life, I came to the conclusion that I was one of those fortunate Christians who from the earliest days of their lives had been planted in the Garden of God. That same privilege has been given to my wife. Her parents and, in fact, her ancestors belonged to that large group of strong-minded people from north-western Germany known as "Plattdeutsche" (lower Germans), while my parents and their ancestors belonged to that warm-hearted group known as "Schwabens" (Swabians). We as the children have inherited some of the peculiar characteristics and some idiosyncracies of our ancestral line.

When I married Ida Schulte, I came

into a denominationally prominent family. My father-in-law, Mr. J. A. Schulte, served as the denomination's general treasurer for thirty-six years. His brother, the Rev. G. A. Schulte, served as general missionary secretary for almost twenty-five years, and another brother, Mr. Herman Schulte, served as manager of the Publication Society for about eight years. The same Christian spirit that dominated my parental home also dominated completely the parental home of Ida Schulte.

Family devotions with Bible reading and prayer were unchangeably fixed in the family routine. There was never a question about attending all the meetings of the old First German Baptist Church of Philadelphia. There was never a desire on the part of any member of the family to depart from the family's program. Being planted in the Garden of God, it was only natural that the four daughters of J. A. Schulte and Henriette Schulte would accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior in the years of their childhood. These four Schulte daughters distinguished themselves by their interest and devotion in all matters pertaining to a healthy Christian life. Ida Schulte as a young girl became an ardent reader of the Bible and memorized Psalm 119. Mother Schulte was as proud of her four daughters as any good mother could be, and almost daily she would call each girl alone to her side and give her personal instruction.

The father, being an official of the American Baptist Publication So-

ciety during forty-seven years of his life, always saw to it that his home was well supplied with Christian literature. The Schulte household was one of those homes given to Christian hospitality, so that many distinguished missionaries and ministers and other saints of God were welcomed. These guests helped to create an ideal atmosphere for the growth in grace of the members of that family.

It was in the year 1885 when Miss Hannah L. Seils, who was serving as missionary in the old First Church during a period of more than thirty years, came to live in the Schulte home. Wherever Miss Seils happened to be, she always exerted a strong influence for good. During those five and a half years Miss Seils came like an angel from God to bestow rich blessings particularly on the four growing daughters in the Schulte family.

TEMPLE COLLEGE

After attending public school, Ida Schulte became interested in receiving more education. At that time Temple College, a department of Grace Baptist Temple, of which Dr. Russell H. Conwell was pastor, opened night schools. She seized upon this opportunity and attended the night sessions of this college during six years. Doctor Dager, pastor of a Reformed Episcopal church, contributed more to her development than any other teacher. Miss Dorner, a co-student, but older in years and richer in experiences, was an influence for good in her life. It may be

that Ida Schulte at that time had not clearly understood God's call for her, but in her own heart she was preparing to become a foreign missionary.

At that time a new Baptist missionary training school was established in the southern part of Philadelphia. Since this institution was in its early stages, it had no regular faculty, but Philadelphia pastors and Dr. Weston, president at nearby Crozer Theological Seminary, served as teachers. Ida Schulte attended this missionary training school during two years as a special student while living at home. Mrs. Cushing, a former missionary in India, was in charge of this institution. Judging by the type of books which Mrs. Cushing read with the students, she must have been a spiritually-minded teacher. The two following books by Dr. A. J. Gordon had been read and studied in those hours with Mrs. Cushing: "In Christ" and "The Twofold Life."

DICTATING LOVE LETTERS

During the summer of 1896 the Rev. L. C. Knuth had leave of absence from the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia to go on a trip to Germany. For these three months I was invited by the church to serve as temporary supply. Those days were filled with many happy experiences, but sometimes after preaching very poorly I would go home and weep. Toward the end of the summer I made an experience which affected both my life and the life of Ida Schulte; that was when we became engaged.

Toward the end of that summer, I fell from my bicycle and broke my right arm. In September I left Philadelphia for Rochester, New York carrying my right arm in splints. Since I was endeavoring to write legible letters to my fiancée with my right hand, my good friend, Herman von Berge, was ready to help me. One day he said: "Kuhn, I want to help you. You can dictate your letters to Ida Schulte to me, and I can assure you that I am just a machine without any feelings." Writing love-letters was for me a new experience, but dictating my love-letters to my good friend, von Berge, was another matter. Well, I discontinued that plan very soon, because I found that I did not have the liberty of expression. After that I tried to write with my left hand, but that writing was illegible.

On September 21, 1897 our church arranged a lovely church wedding for us. In the very happy reception which followed some days later I remember saying something like the following: "A few days ago we established an enduring marriage relationship. We have determined to adjust ourselves to each other and to continue in this relationship. It has been my privilege to establish a relationship of pastor to our people here, and I have resolved to adjust myself to the dif-



A Lovely Album Picture Showing Mrs. William Kuhn When She Was a Young Woman in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

ferent personalities and temperaments of our church members. Therefore I am anticipating having a happy and enduring relationship with this, my first church."

CHURCH EXPERIENCES

Although my wife had a northern German ancestry and the members of my church a southern ancestry, these different backgrounds were no barrier to establishing a most happy relationship between my wife and the women and girls of that church. All of them received her into their hearts with many expressions of love. During those seventeen years of my ministry, she was always considered the much-loved pastor's wife. Since she had been a Sunday School teacher from her fifteenth year, she continued as a happy and successful Sunday School teacher during more than fifty years. Immediately she became president of the Woman's Missionary Society and continued in that same capacity for twenty-two years until we left Philadelphia. She organized and led a young women's society known as "Edelweiss Society." Her modesty, her unadorned sincerity, her accessibility to all members and her Bible knowledge gave to her an undying place of honor and love in the hearts of all the girls and women of that church.

As I associated with the pastors in many of the parsonages of our denomination, I learned that many pastors never made their pastoral calls alone but only in the company of their wife. For a short while in Philadelphia we followed this rule, but then my wife decided that she was going to make her calls alone. With a twinkle in her eye she said that when we went together, I never gave her a chance to talk. This plan of us making our visits alone proved to be

a very happy arrangement. She could discuss many matters more freely when alone with her church-member sister.

Long after I had become missionary secretary, the wife of a pastor told me that she loved to hear her own husband preach more than any other, but that I would be her second choice. Although I have never heard my wife say just that, I always knew that she was deeply interested in my preaching. She had an understanding for the deeper things of God's truth. She had a most gentle way of criticizing her husband after having listened to one of his sermons. Sometimes when she did not volunteer a word of commendation, I would cautiously try to elicit from her a word of praise, but all such efforts failed.

Not once during all the years of working together did my wife cause any trouble by gossip or injudicious conversation. My wife, in common with all the members of the Schulte family, has the grace of refraining from repeating anything that should not be spoken. Herewith I gladly and freely acknowledge myself as being a debtor to my wife for the contribution that she has made as I have striven to become "a good minister of the Lord Jesus Christ."

SECRETARY'S WIFE

When the General Conference meeting in Madison, So. Dak., in 1913 elected me to become field secretary, my wife could not consistently and conscientiously encourage me to accept that office. All her life's activities had been tied up in that beloved Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia. As field secretary I would no longer be pastor and another would take my place and, very likely, her place also. Then there would be long periods of my absence from home as I traveled over this broad continent, while she would be living all alone in Philadelphia.

We were most fortunate in having the Rev. S. A. Kose and his wife follow us in the pastorate at Philadelphia. These Christian friends, being such wonderful disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, had a Christian understanding and kindness of soul to make this time of transition easier and more successful. Never did my wife complain about my long months of absence from home. Reading good Christian literature was for her a well-spring where she could find soul refreshment even when alone in the home for weeks and sometimes months.

After we had moved from Philadelphia to Forest Park, Illinois and she had been established in the Forest Park Baptist Church, there were many opportunities for service that presented themselves. In the women's circles of the Forest Park Baptist Church she found many opportunities

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God's Challenge in the New Buildings

The recognition of divine leadership in problems is to accept enlarged opportunities in the Lord's work.

By Mr. E. ELMER STAUB of Detroit, Mich.,
Chairman of Special Gifts Committee for the Seminary Building Fund

"WOULD YOU LIKE to be young again?" I have asked that question of numbers of elderly brethren. Their answer usually is: "Surely, if I could then know what I know now." How different our lives would be if in our youth we could have the wisdom and experience which we have acquired during a lifetime. Because there is so much to learn, we have our children plan their youthful study years to cover the history of our own country, its people, economics and basic sciences, so that they can make a worthwhile contribution to life.

DENOMINATIONAL ADVANCE

Our beloved denomination's advance needs a continual stream of young men who must know our own history, our own people, and our own churches, our conference and missionary procedures, our educational institutes, Homes for the Aged, etc. In addition, they must have studies along lines of spiritual and biblical knowledge and research, and thorough grounding in the essentials of ministerial and missionary services. Even Christ himself gave a three-years' special spiritual course to Paul who was thereby enabled to "serve better than all" the other disciples.

For ninety-nine years our Seminary has served our denomination. The demand for pastors has always exceeded the number of graduates. Members of our own Seminary graduates have turned the lives of many of us Godward. Our denomination's future pastoral needs should be supplied with our own Seminary-trained men and women. The old Rochester "Students' Home" was "worn out," and it was better to sell it than remodel at large expense. Denominational expansion westward made it desirable to move nearer to the center of our churches and the source of our students.

When several years of discussion of a problem brings no clarity to God's people and suddenly all barriers (like the walls of Jericho) fall down, then most of us believe that to be the Holy Spirit's directive to us to "take courage and to go forward."

Within six weeks after our 1949 General Conference at Sioux Falls, South Dakota our principal problems were solved in a miraculous manner.

The Sioux Falls College agreement (providing housing, board and classrooms for the student body) was quickly followed by the sale of the old Rochester buildings (for all cash). The granting of a substantial settlement from the Colgate Rochester Divinity School increased our Endowment Fund by \$75,000. All these are, in the opinion of the writer and most of us, clear evidence of the divine will in this matter. The Holy Spirit's challenge appears unmistakable.

SEMINARY BUILDING PROJECT

My experience has always been that victory is achieved in the Lord's work as well as in other phases of life only when deep conviction is followed promptly by courage, advance and sacrifice. That time is now here for

The Seminary's "March of Dimes"

A spiritual memorial at which every Sunday School scholar can help!

By the Rev. J. C. GUNST, General Secretary of the Commissioned Youth and Sunday School Union

ONCE AGAIN our people have been called upon to undertake a great venture of faith for the Lord's work. Once again, as many times before, the people of our churches have accepted the challenge to prove their loyalty and faithfulness to their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To build a seminary in any denomination is no small venture. For our people to undertake such a venture will naturally require much prayer and unity of spirit, but it will also require sacrifice on the part of many of the Lord's faithful followers. We are confident that our people will again do all they possibly can so that the Lord's work need not suffer because of us.

Recently a number of pictures appeared in our periodicals giving us an idea what the new seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota will look like when completed. It will be a monument to the Lord's work, of which we can be proud, but also for which we can be most grateful to God.

a decided step forward for the Seminary department of the Lord's work entrusted to our denomination.

Through a large number of immediate individual gifts (of every size), through organizations and offerings of our churches, Sunday Schools and young people's societies, we have an opportunity to meet a challenge by providing the new Seminary facilities at Sioux Falls, which can mean the most important advance now possible for our denomination. Unreservedly, I believe we should join hearts, hands and gifts — NOW — to lay the necessary new Seminary facilities at the feet of our Savior as a thankoffering for our hundred years of denominational evidence of God's love and stewardship and our own individual blessings through it.

Consecrated men of God, filled with the spirit of Christ, trained for the task of preaching and teaching the Word, will go forth from the seminary in years to come. That fact already cheers our hearts to where we can say, "Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift, in Christ our Lord."

Our leaders, who are called upon to inspire us in the building program so that the same might be brought to a successful completion, are doing a gigantic job! We are grateful to our Lord for these brethren. We are especially happy that they have thought of a plan whereby every last person may help build the new seminary. No gift will be too small or too large. Every cent will be gratefully received and prayerfully dedicated to the greatest spiritual use in God's work.

Our young people, Sunday School pupils, young and old alike, will be called upon to share in the seminary building program. Already twelve youth organizations, conference unions and assemblies have fallen in

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Days of Preparation at Sioux Falls

The story of a miniature General Conference during which 17 solitons were prepared for their task of raising \$225,000 for the Seminary Building Fund and during which they witnessed the amazing progress being made on the new buildings!

By the Rev. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Promotional Secretary

ON DEC. 14 and 15 a miniature General Conference was held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, less than four months after the eventful denominational sessions of last summer. All nine conferences were represented by 17 ministers who were briefed during those days for their important ministry as solicitors for the Seminary Building Fund Campaign which was launched among our churches on Sunday, Jan. 8th. The spirit of joyous fellowship and eager excitement, which characterized the General Conference sessions, was also greatly in evidence during the miniature conference in December.

INTENSIVE PLANNING

The members of the Seminary Building Fund Committee, including Mr. Arthur Schwerin, campaign manager, and the secretarial staff at the Forest Park headquarters with the solicitors planned and prayed together for the seminary drive. The solicitors were given instructions for their concerted task, and the various types of contributions toward the fund were clearly described. Everything was done to send an informed and inspired group of solicitors to our churches for the building fund campaign.

Those few days at Sioux Falls had their high moments of unusual blessings. The solicitors and committee members went in a body to the new site of the seminary buildings and saw the amazing progress that had been made in laying the foundations and beginning the work for the new \$300,000 edifices. The necessary steel beams and building bricks are piled high on one side of the lot waiting to be put into place. The contractor is several weeks in advance of the schedule which calls for the dedication of the new buildings next Fall. Pictures were taken of the proceedings and gratitude to God was in every heart for the wonderful accomplishments that had been made thus far on the new buildings.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, the seminary students and faculty met with the solicitors and friends at the "Cottage" for a dinner and program. This thrilling "family gathering" created a spontaneous and inspired un-

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architectural designer of our seminary buildings; Mr. Arthur Boyce, the contractor; Mr. J. B. Allen, prominent Baptist layman of the city; and all the Baptist pastors of Sioux Falls.

During the briefing meeting for the solicitors, the detailed itineraries for all of the seventeen men to our 270 churches were worked out. A Manual of Instructions had been prepared by Mr. Arthur Schwerin beforehand which was explained to the solicitors. The historical background of our seminary was depicted as well as its present ministry described. We can virtually assure our churches in behalf of the Seminary Building Fund.

PRAYER MEETING

But the climax was still to be reached. The last half hour of the sessions was reserved for Dr. William Kuhn for a message that might send the ministers into our churches with a spiritual glow in their hearts. God used him mightily to bring the most appropriate word and to thrust it warmly into every heart. Even as the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon and clothed himself with Gideon, so these 17 solicitors felt the touch of God's Spirit upon them. In a spontaneous prayer meeting almost every member of the group prayed earnestly, personally, passionately for God's blessing upon this undertaking of faith.

The hands of the men were clasped in an unbroken circle as several songs were sung before "farewells" were spoken. On all sides these words were heard: "This has been as fine as a General Conference." "This campaign would be an assured success if all of our people could have been present at these sessions." "Since God is so definitely with us, as evidenced in these days, we cannot fail."

The Seminary Building Fund drive has already swung into action. Most of the seventeen solicitors are on the field with the publication date of this issue. The goal before us for the Seminary buildings is \$225,000. Everyone — including YOU — will be given an opportunity to have a share in this project. As you give, may you, like Gideon of old, feel that the Spirit of God has clothed himself with you and blessed you for that which you have laid on God's altar!

DAYS OF BRIEFING

But this was only one of many inspiring features during these two memorable "briefing days." At a luncheon held in the Carpenter Hotel on Thursday noon important civic and religious leaders joined the group of seminary solicitors and faculty for a time of mutual acquaintance and fellowship. Among those present were Mr. Charles Sloan,

A Full Program at Edmonton's C.T.I.

Looking at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta in the midst of a busy school term

By the Rev. E. P. WAHL of Edmonton, Alberta
President of the Institute

WITH 101 REGULAR students, the tenth school year of the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta has a blessed beginning. All dormitory space is filled, and a splendid group of Christian young people are here. Our young man came this Fall without the assurance that Jesus is his personal Savior. However, he now loves to confess that he too has found the Lord. How he thrilled all our hearts at the Institute when he arose to give his first testimony. And what a change has come over him since then!

Our students come from the following Provinces and States: 47 from Alberta, 16 from Saskatchewan, 16 from Manitoba and 9 from British Columbia; 6 came from the State of Kansas, 3 from North Dakota, 2 from Montana, one from New York, and one from Washington.

MONDAY EVENING CLASSES

We also rejoice that our Monday evening classes are progressing effectively. A total of 36 special students are enrolled for these night classes. Seven subjects are taught every Monday night. It is possible for each student to take at least two of these subjects. Thus they are preparing themselves for better service in their churches, for a more spiritual life, and to spend the winter evenings

in a most profitable manner.

Often we have been confronted with the problem how to help our young men and young women who have passed the High School age and who now definitely feel called to enter full-time missionary work but who have not finished their High School education. Possibly they had no chance to attend a High School, or they were needed at home and left school before completing High School.

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

On September 17th a new division in the blessed ministry of the Christian Training Institute was undertaken. High School work is now being offered to a limited number of students. Marvelously the Lord undertook for us and gave us an excellent teacher. He also made it possible that we received full recognition by the Department of Education of the Province of Alberta and is now blessing the work beyond expectation.

Thirteen men are now enrolled in this department, and we dare believe that this ministry will be a special blessing to our seminary. Hitherto, young men went to the seminary before having finished their High School training and they were handicapped in seeking means and ways to attain the necessary education. The seminary also found it a serious problem to give such boys the proper and

complete benefit of a seminary training.

From October 27 to 29 we observed special opening conference days. The Rev. C. H. Seecamp brought the first message on the subject, "To the Work." A reception in the dining hall of the school followed this service. This gave the first year students opportunity to become better acquainted. The second day of the conference concluded with a dedication service. A number of young people came forward and knelt before God, asking that their lives might be fully consecrated to his service. On the concluding day an inspiring prayer meeting was followed with an appropriate message by the Rev. R. Schilke. Thus, students and teachers were more closely knitted together for another great school year.

INTEREST IN SOUL WINNING

We observe how the students are becoming deeply interested in doing some soul-winning work. Tracts are being distributed, souls are being spoken to about their salvation on the streets, street cars, at the railroad stations or in meetings. Ten students are busy boys and girls once a week in Child Evangelism classes. Gospel teams are going out regularly every Sunday and on certain evenings in the week to proclaim the Gospel News through word and song. The radio ministry is spreading blessings far and near. It is amazing how large our radio audience has grown. For eight years this work has been going on, and God has marvelously and completely provided the funds through the offerings of our listeners.

Many people are helping along in the great work of the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton. May God bless every prayer, every contribution or help given in this work!

"March of Dimes"

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line with definite pledges. Almost \$12,000 has been pledged to be raised by our young people. What a grand spirit and noble contribution for our young people! Many of these contributors, no doubt, will hear the call to the Gospel ministry and then receive their training in the seminary which they helped to build. Many more young people and youth leaders will want to join these and to give sacrificially to this worthwhile cause.

The Seminary Building Fund Committee has also thought of our boys and girls in the Sunday Schools. Dime coin folders have been made available to all Sunday Schools through their superintendents. We trust that every boy and girl, from the Beginners Department in your Sunday School through the Junior Department, will have received such a coin folder. For that matter, any one in the Sunday School wishing such a coin folder can receive one.

Whether it is one dime or ten dimes which these boys or girls contribute will afford them a vital part in our building enterprise. It is not only the gift of silver and gold that we trust they will give to the Lord's work, but continued interest and prayers as well as self for our School of the Prophets and the future of the Kingdom work.

A letter of information and a supply of coin folders have gone to every Sunday School superintendent in all of our churches. If you have not had a part in this vital building program, which opportunity comes only once in a lifetime, then go to your superintendent at once, ask for a folder, and join the "March of Dimes" for the seminary buildings.

Let us be much in prayer, asking God to give us real satisfying joy, and a heart to share in this rare privilege which the Lord so graciously has sent our ways.

Handmaiden of the Lord

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to serve with her own peculiar endowments.

For many years our National Woman's Missionary Union, formerly known as the Allgemeine Schwesternbund, published a small four-page monthly supplying the women's societies with interesting missionary news items. This paper was published in German. The Woman's Missionary Union appointed Mrs. Kuhn as editor of this monthly. If I am not mistaken, at that time it bore the name "Missions-Perlen" (Missionary Pearls).

This appointment as editor of "Missions-Perlen" was joyfully accepted. The usual honorarium was

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declined, but the editor found a much greater and satisfying remuneration in the privilege of dispensing this missionary news. During those eighteen years of service as editor, she was constantly being refreshed since she was able to send chalice after chalice of spiritual refreshment to the local women's societies which could be enjoyed by all the Lord's handmaidens as they attended the monthly meetings. Since Mrs. Kuhn had access to many missionary reports that were sent to the Missionary Society's headquarters, she was able to offer a choice selection of missionary reports to the societies. As the women's missionary societies became more and more English, the subscribers' list for "Missions-Perlen" decreased in such a measure that the publication of this missionary periodical became impractical.

How often does a pastor's wife or a secretary's wife bemoan the fact that her field of activity is so limited and that her life's service bears such poor fruitage! When we shall know as we are known, then all these faithful handmaidens of the Lord will be surprised and overjoyed to learn that their service, which seemed so limited during the workday of their life, is revealed in its actual importance and in its far-reaching influence. The Lord will then say to each of his handmaidens: "Thou hast been faithful in a few things; I will set thee over many things; enter the joy of thy Lord."

God Designs — Youth Builds

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lives divinely transformed by the Spirit. Hearts that have really felt the touch of God belong to the spiritual Kingdom. Not wood, hay, stubble, but gold, silver and precious stones!

The wise builder will see to it that the building is erected according to the drawings or pattern listed above. God's plan is very clearly presented. The believer's part is to present the

Gospel as a witness to all the nations. As Kingdom builders an account of a man's stewardship will be required. The builder's work will be thoroughly tested. More material things that people often treasure so highly and believe to be so important will soon pass away. Only that will remain which can stand the fire of the testing day. "Tried as by fire."

There are six kinds of work that will be tried. Three are good. The gold, which is durable, represents that which is divine and comes from the Holy Spirit. The silver represents also that which is precious and has to do with redemption and the Gospel. Precious stones probably represent the adornments of the Christian character, the beautiful graces of the Christian life; the qualities that will shine in that day when Christ makes up his jewels.

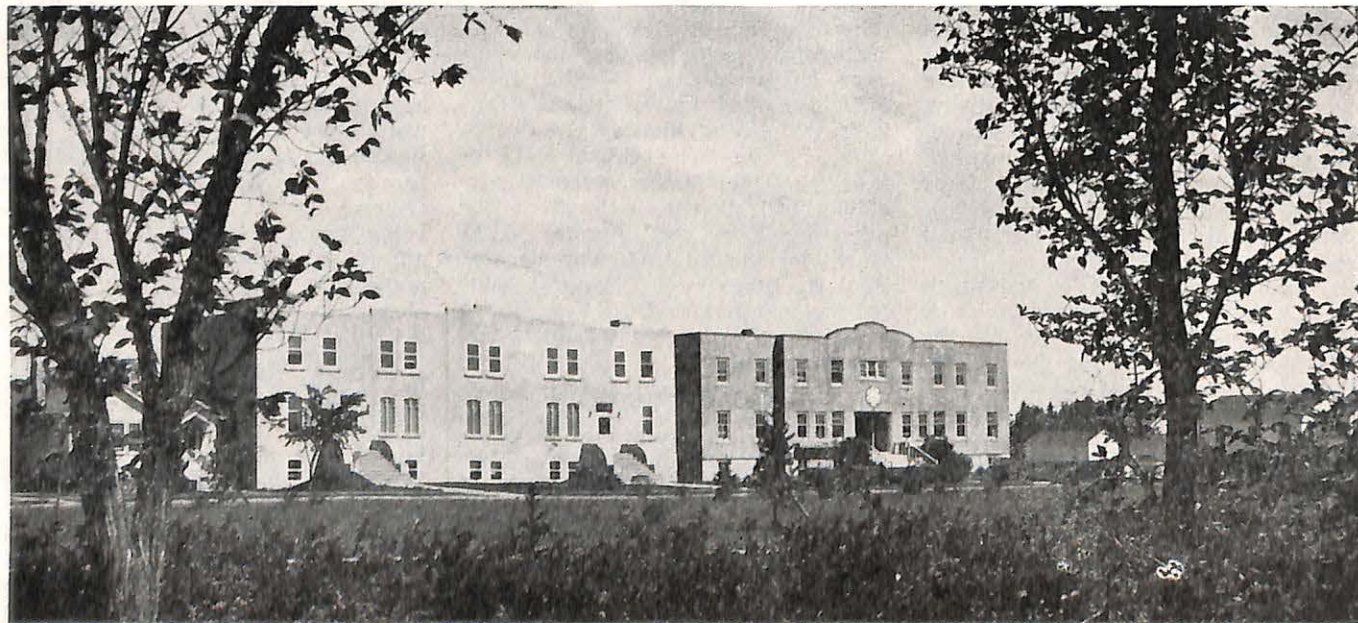
All that we have done to build these materials — gold, silver, precious stones — into lives and into the Church of the living God will remain of our joy and eternal glory.

On the other hand, there is wood, the best of the perishable materials. Wood is useful for much, but only temporarily. Wood represents the work of man which cannot pass into the eternal and spiritual. Reference is also made to hay. Hay is used to feed horses. It may represent that which is indirectly used to help God's agencies, but it is not an integral part of these spiritual forces. There are many who help in God's work without being a part of it and really in it. It could be that these will drift away in the ashes when Christ comes to claim his Church.

Now the stubble! Someone has put it this way: "The stubble seems to represent the worn out, exhausted, withered wreckage of things that are dead and worthless." Woe to him who shall suffer the loss of all his lifework and who is saved as by fire!

Happy is he who will not only stand the test himself, but who will have the soul to his credit that he loved and led to know Jesus as Savior and Lord of life, whom to know is life everlasting.

Builders, that is what followers of Christ are! They are strong, stalwart, upright, spiritual characters. They are persons whose lives are so constituted that by their very nature, their speech, their action, their very deeds they influence people. In their endeavor they direct others to the church to become steadfast in the truth, to become an integral part of the Kingdom of God. Builders are we — laborers together with God. We belong to those who assist him in gathering jewels that will some day make up the host of the heavenly Kingdom.



A Panoramic View of the Buildings and Campus of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

What's Happening

● On Sunday evening, Nov. 20, the B.Y.P.U. of Herreid, South Dakota surprised the Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Fenske with a birthday party. A short program was given in the church after which the group assembled in the church parlors where a delicious lunch was served. An envelope containing money was given to them, as reported by Lila Lee Huber.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas has extended a call to the Rev. John Vanderbeck of Chicago, Illinois to become its pastor. Mr. Vanderbeck, who has served the Ogden Park Church of Chicago since his graduation from our seminary in 1948, has replied favorably. He hopes to begin his pastorate in Kyle, Texas on Feb. 1st, becoming the successor to the Rev. David Zimmerman, now of La Salle, Colorado.

● Miss Ann Swain, Scripture memorization worker, was compelled to cancel her engagements in December because of illness and to return to her home in Oak Park, Ill. She has been under doctor's orders since her return. Her condition is regarded as very serious. Her many friends will want to remember her in prayer. Letters or cards can be sent to her at 230 No. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, Ill.

● The Rev. H. G. Dymmel, general missionary secretary, and the Rev. Fred Ferris of Lorraine, Kansas, who have been visiting the mission field in the Cameroons of Africa since November 1949, are expected to return to the United States before the close of January. They have booked passage on boats from Africa and England soon after the middle of January. Several further articles after their missionary tour are scheduled for publication in "The Baptist Herald."

● On Sunday morning, the Rev. Theo W. Dons of Ellinwood, Kansas baptized seven converts and received these and four others into the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood on Sunday, Jan. 1st. On Sunday evening, Dec. 11, a solo-vox electric organ was dedicated. This was a memorial gift to the church presented by the family of the late Mr. Fred Meyer. The cantata, "The Child of Bethlehem," was rendered on Christmas night, Dec. 25, by the church choir of 40 voices directed by Mr. Emil Schaeffler.

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● On Sunday, Nov. 20, the Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba was the scene of an inspiring baptismal service, when twelve persons, eight adults and four children, followed their Lord and Savior in baptism. The Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, pastor, administered the act of baptism and gave the hand of fellowship to fourteen persons at the communion service that followed. This baptism was the partial result of the evangelistic meetings held in the church by the Rev. Herman Palfenier, denominational evangelist.

● The Rev. E. S. Fenske, pastor of the Baptist Church of Herreid, South Dakota, baptized 35 converts at impressive baptismal services on Sunday, January 1st. Evangelistic meetings had been held for two weeks in November at the Artas Station and at Herreid with the Rev. Henry Pfeiffer serving as evangelist. Thirty-one decisions for Christ were made in the Herreid meetings. The new \$18,000 parsonage at Herreid was also recently dedicated, of which an illustrated report appears elsewhere in this issue.

● The Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas is conducting the service on the first Friday evening of each month at the Union Gospel Mission in Dallas. At the December meeting four men were saved and two backsliders were reclaimed, which was a great inspiration to the pastor, the Rev. Wilfred Helwig, and to those of his church people who participated in the service. On Sunday evening,

Dec. 4, Miss J. Peterson of Chicago, Ill., presented the story of her work associated with "Best Seller Publicity" which aims to place the message of the Bible in all street cars and busses in the larger cities of America.

● The Central Valley Baptist Church of Donna, Texas is now being served by the Rev. Oliver L. Whitson as pastor. He is a graduate of Northwestern Bible School at Minneapolis, Minn., and the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill. He served the Grace Bible Church of Waterloo, Iowa before going to Texas. Since Nov. 11, 1949 he has been serving as teacher at the Rio Grande Bible Institute at nearby Edinburg, Texas besides serving as pastor at Donna. He is married with a family of three children. He has succeeded the Rev. Richard Mulder who is now identified with the Bible Institute.

● On Sunday, Nov. 27, Miss Leona Ross, former missionary in China, spoke at the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., about her work in China. A film on China was also shown at the evening service. On Sunday morning, Dec. 4, the Rev. and Mrs. Mel Bryant, missionaries in the Kentucky mountains, gave an interesting account of their work. Mrs. Bryant is a cousin of the wife of the pastor, Mrs. Richard Grenz. On Nov. 20 the Rev. Richard Grenz baptized a young man who was saved during revival meetings held several months previously by two college students, Charles Henderson and Bill Green.

● The new edifice of the Baptist Church of Parkersburg, Iowa was dedicated on Sunday, Dec. 18, with the Rev. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, serving as guest speaker. Mr. Richard Mulder of Parkersburg, Iowa, who is also president of the Seminary Board of Trustees and chairman of the Seminary Building Committee, was in charge of the church's building program. The Rev. Herman Lohr is pastor at Parkersburg. On Sunday, Jan. 15, the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was dedicated with the Rev. Frank H. Woyke bringing the dedication message. The Rev. Peter Pfeiffer is pastor of the church. More detailed reports of both services will appear later.

● The annual Christmas program was presented by the Sunday School

of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa on Sunday evening, Dec. 18. Mr. Victor Siems is the superintendent of the Sunday School. On the previous Sunday evening, the Men's Chorus rendered its first musical program in the church. The annual Thanksgiving program was presented by the Senior Youth Fellowship on Thursday evening, Nov. 24, with a fine response by the people. At the Harvest Day service held on Sunday, Nov. 20, a mission offering was received for our denominational mission fields. The Rev. A. R. Bernadt is pastor of the church.

● On Sunday, Nov. 20, a Fellowship Dinner was held at the Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, North Dakota, honoring the completion of one year's service by the pastor, Rev. Wilmer Quiring. The Woman's Missionary Society had charge of the dinner, and young ladies of the church waited on tables. Evelyn M. Albus reported as follows: "During the past year we have received many blessings through the sermons which our pastor has brought, and also, through the fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Quiring and family. We are again looking forward to another happy year with them and know that with God's help it will be so."

● The sermon, "This Nation Under God" by the Rev. Frank Veninga of Peoria, Ill., first published in "The Baptist Herald" in its July 1, 1947 issue, recently won a \$250 award and an honor medal for its author. This represented a tie for seventh place in a nationwide competition held by Freedoms Foundation, Inc., of Valley Forge, Pa. The sermon began as a term paper in a political science class at Bradley University in Peoria and was preached by Mr. Veninga in the State Park Baptist Church just before the Fourth of July. Ceremonies for the award will be held in the Peoria Church during February. Congratulations, Brother Veninga! "The Baptist Herald" is proud to have launched this fine sermon to its well deserved fame!

● The program committee for the first Laymen's Retreat to be held at the Baptist Assembly of Green Lake, Wis., from July 31 to August 6, 1950, met at the Forest Park headquarters on Saturday, Dec. 17, with Mr. Walter Grosser, chairman, in charge. Other members of the committee in attendance were Mr. Stanley Ernst of Detroit, Mich., Mr. W. O. Hansen of La Crosse, Wis., Mr. Roland E. Ross of River Forest, Ill., besides the general secretaries, Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Rev. J. C. Gunst, and Rev. M. L. Leuschner. A more detailed announcement appears on the "Editorial Page" of this issue. More than 200 laymen and their families are expected for the retreat. Watch for further announcements.

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YOUTH WEEK 1950

THE BIG EVENT just ahead for all C.B.Y.'S in our fellowship is Conference Union Youth Week, January 29 through February 5. We predict an even greater participation than in last year's glowing success. Will your church be included? Here is Youth Week in quick review:

Purpose — To call our youth to a new loyalty to the church of our Lord Jesus Christ; to give every church an unusual opportunity to see its own young people in action.

Participants — Pastors, young people of the C.B.Y., and all the church members, working and planning and praying together. It will be an adventure in church cooperation.

Program — Your very own, best adapted to the local situation. If possible, these four features are to be included:

1. A stirring C.B.Y. meeting on Jan. 29, stressing our General Conference youth program. See "Know Your Conference Union" in the current YOUTH COMPASS.

2. The church's mid-week service on Feb. 1st led by young people. See suggestions below.

3. Your pastor preaching a special message to youth at the Sunday morning service on Feb. 5.

4. The C.B.Y. in complete charge of the evening church service on Feb. 5. See Rev. B. C. Schreiber's "Following God's Blueprint" in the current YOUTH COMPASS.

WHEN YOU MEET TO PRAY

Here are a few helpful suggestions in planning the mid-week service of Youth Week:

Music: Try singing from memory the first verse of some old favorites that include the idea of building, foundation, rock, or anchor, such as, "My Hope is Built," "Will Your Anchor Hold?"

Testimonies: Ask five young people to tell briefly what they have discovered as God's plan for their lives.

Scripture: As a novel idea, call for a memory verse from each New Testament book in order, beginning with Matthew, to see how far the audience can go without missing. Hint: Have a few young people posted with a verse from Philemon and 2 and 3 John!

Short Talks: By four young people on MY PERSONAL LIFE (John 3:3; 20:21; 15:16. MY HOME (Eph. 6:1-4; 1 John 4:18a). MY CHURCH (Matt. 16:18; Acts 4:32-33). MY WORLD (Acts 1:8; 2 Peter 3:13).

Let each participant ask and answer these questions about his topic:

1. What was God's original plan and purpose for it?
2. How have I failed to follow God's blueprint here?
3. What New Testament admonition or example do I most need to heed today? The Bible verses may give you an idea or two.
4. What one thing can I start to do

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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

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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 A-denville, now called ARDEN, and now the fourth Mary Arden had come back there to live. She was just out of college and had inherited the old Arden homestead. While her father was on business in China and her mother at a fashionable coastal resort, Mary arrived in Arden to spend the summer at the fascinating, lovely, old house. The servants were still there, Nannie and Orrin and their daughter Randa. They were the first to greet her with everybody greatly excited! Then came Laurie Judson, who used to live next door 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. Several days later Randa took Mary to town for some shopping and on the way home showed her Laurie's chapel. Eagerly Mary announced to Laurie when he saw him again: "I'm coming pretty soon to hear you preach." Then there were many callers at the house, and Mary realized that she was not going to be lonely in Arden.

CHAPTER FOUR

THE CALLERS stayed late. When they were gone Mary found that Laurie had also been gone sometime. She was disappointed; she had wanted

to come as the day went on.

Mary felt a great happiness in her heart as she awoke. She did not stop to question why it was, she just knew it was there, and was satisfied at that. She hoped the day would fulfill it and make it really a happy time. But when she came to think it over and examine herself she couldn't believe that just the thought of going to church was making her happy. It had never made her happy before just to go to church. But of course, someone she knew, an old friend, was going to preach, and that seemed really funny. She couldn't somehow think of the merry boy she used to rake leaves with, and climb trees and play ball with, preaching, unless he was doing it as some kind of joke. And somehow her soul rejected such a thought in connection with Laurie.

There was a cheery atmosphere in the house, for the old servants were very happy at the thought of taking their beloved little lady to their church. Even the breakfast seemed to be a gala affair. Strawberries, the finest of the season, fresh from the garden, tiny sausages, nice little brown potato balls, and waffles for a fine finish. There never was such a breakfast, Mary thought as she enjoyed every mouthful.

There had been no letters for her since she arrived except a cold little note from her mother, still utterly disapproving her daughter's action.

"I'm sure I hope you're enjoying your crazy action in going off to the country when your duty and certainly your pleasure, all lie in another direction. However you did it yourself, and you'll have to bear the consequences. I hope you won't rue the day you made this stubborn decision."

It was not a loving letter, and Mary's lips closed firmly to keep them from trembling. She couldn't bear to have a difference between herself and her dear mother.

But then she told herself things were no different from what they had been when she left home. Her mother was only hoping that the separation might have made a difference in her feeling and that she would soon change her mind and return. She knew her mother's methods very well, and though during her short life she had seldom gone directly contrary to her mother's expressed wishes, she knew the time had come to stick to her decision. If Brooke Haven had not been so much concerned in the matter she might have given in, but Brooke was there and she felt she must do something definite about it.

So although her mother's letter had troubled her from time to time, she had managed to keep it in the back of her mind, especially this bright Sunday morning. She flew around after breakfast, tidying her room, making her bed, and getting ready for church. Now and again trilling a bit of a song half under her breath. She

didn't know the songs Randa sang very well, hymn tunes. She had not been drilled in that kind of music, and she was extremely desirous of not doing anything that would break the holy quiet of that day in the dear old house. She almost felt as if her grandmother were alive again and sitting in her comfortable rocking chair across the hall.

The ride to church seemed a pleasant thing to the girl who had been brought up to very little churchgoing, and that attended by a formal mother who went occasionally because it was the thing to do among many of her associates. Going in a costly limousine with a liveried uniform on the front seat was somehow more of a form than going in her own car with the honored servants as attendants. Somehow the day seemed brighter and the sunshine warmer, the birds more tuneful, than any Sunday she remembered, and she felt in her heart that she was glad she had carried out her plan and come here to this dear place.

There was none of the stately formality of her mother's church in the little white chapel where they presently arrived, and she drew a breath of relief as they parked the car and got out.

Anr straightway they walked into a friendly atmosphere. The people did not look at the house servants as if they were servants. They treated them as if they were Christian brothers and sisters. There were several as well dressed as her own mother would have been if she had been there; and some whom she had heard mentioned as being friends of her grandmother. They welcomed her most heartily, and she could see that Nannie and Orrin had a respected standing among them all, old retainers of a much beloved family. She felt from the first that she was in a happy friendly atmosphere. Everything simple and plain but comfortable. A sweet-faced girl was at the cabinet organ playing the hymns and the singing was from the heart. Mary was surprised that such plain unsophisticated people could yet make a melody that seemed like real worship. Although Mary had very little idea of what real worship was, yet her heart was convinced that this was.

For the first few minutes Mary did not see Laurie, though she was looking around with a vague idea of seeing him in a gown and gravity, and she couldn't help wondering how that could be.

Then she saw him coming toward the plain little desk that served as a pulpit, dressed in a plain blue suit. No pretense of superiority, no posing as a divine. Just Laurie, and she looked at him in wonder, as he sat down behind the desk and bowed his head for a moment's prayer. As he lifted it there was a sweet look of light on his face, as if he had just exchanged a word with his Lord

whom he was about to serve.

It was a beautiful look, and Mary instantly lost that half fear she had had that Laurie would be just playing a part, an irreverence that she had half dreaded, although when one has nothing but form in place of religion it is difficult to understand why there would be any sense of shock at the lack of it.

Then he rose and instantly every head was bowed for the beautiful humble prayer that followed, a prayer that gave Mary the feeling that God was there, as she had never felt in any of the more formal churches she had attended. Laurie was speaking as if he knew God well, as if the whole congregation were well beloved of the Father, and suddenly Mary felt she too might be a part of this petition if she would. And involuntarily she recognized the invisible Presence that for the first time in her life she felt was real.

And then Mary Arden began to take out some of those painful thoughts she had hitherto avoided, and look at them honestly. For they were her own reason, besides escape from Brooke Haven, for wanting to take refuge in Arden this summer. During this last winter in college a classmate of hers had died very suddenly. She was not an especially close friend of Mary's, but she knew her fairly well as a girl who was rather wild in her social life and who delighted in risqué situations. It had happened to be Mary who was alone with the girl just before she died. The girl's terror at the thought of death facing her was indescribably horrible to Mary. She had tried to soothe her with quiet words and tell her to take courage, but Mary found during that desperate hour that that was not enough to give a soul about to go out into the dark.

Mary had sent for the chaplain of the college, but he was out playing golf, and the girl was gone before he reached her. She had gone with a moan and a curse on her lips. For a time Mary could not get the scene out of her mind.

And so now, although the desire was still vague in her mind, she had hoped that at Arden she might somehow recover for herself whatever it was that had sustained her grandmother and grandfather and made them the fine characters they were. They had lived such brave lives full of troubles, including the loss of a little son. But their lives had also a full measure of peace.

So she found herself listening intently, almost desperately, for a note of reality and sincerity that would give her assurance to go on in her search for — whatever it was she felt she needed.

Nannie stole a shy sweet adoring look at Mary now and again, and was satisfied. She had to hope that Mary would like this service. Of course, everything was simple and plain, and

not at all what Mary would be supposed to be used to at home, but was she enough unspoiled to see the beauty in their beloved service?

Laurie was at the door at the close of service with his own wide beautiful smile and his warm handclasp, making every member feel that the smile and the greeting were personal.

Quietly they went home; scarcely a word was spoken by any of them until they got out of the car. There was an almost holy look on each of their faces. Even old Orrin looked as if he had been blest.

The silence except for necessary questions, lasted until they sat down to dinner, and Orrin had bowed his gray head in a slow hesitant blessing, during which a new truth entered Mary's mind. This something with which she had today come in touch down at the little church was something they all had themselves. Therefore it was doubly real.

That afternoon after the dinner was cleared away, the household settled down to quiet, and Mary in her room wrote a few more letters, making it plain to a number of her friends at home that she would be away all summer. She had a feeling that this would save complications if her mother tried to change her plans. For now Mary was sure she wanted to stay here all summer. She wanted very much to look into this matter of a God and find out if it was true that just anyone could get to know Him. Now she had an overwhelming desire to settle this matter right away, while her mind was on it and her interest stirred. If she waited and had to go back to some of those tiresome parties, perhaps she might not be able to get back to the same point of view and give this thing a real try out.

This matter being settled, she went to the little bookcase in her room to find a book to read, and there right on the top shelf was a soft old Bible, undoubtedly her grandmother's.

She took it down with reverent hands and turned its worn pages softly. It seemed a great thing to be handling grandmother's Bible. She had never owned one of her own, except a little Testament acquired in a briefly attended Sunday School. It had been amusingly stuck away high in the closet, with a casual remark about how silly it was to give a thing like that to a mere baby. But she had always grieved over that, and once long years after, she found it among some dusty books in the attic and retrieved it, hiding it safely away among her private treasures. It was not that she had at that time entertained any great reverence for the Bible, but it was something that was connected with her little-girl life, a recognition that she had been a bona fide member of a certain Sunday School. So she had put it safely away, but she had never read it. In fact it was almost too fine print to read.

It was just a thing with a bright red cover, now stained with age and lack of care, that stood for something in her past. She recognized that her mother would say it was silly sentimentality, superstition, but she had treasured it. So now as she took out her grandmother's old Bible and handled it reverently, it seemed somehow connected with her own little old discarded Testament.

As she turned the thin pages worn by the dear fingers, her eyes caught the words "And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent."

She paused and read the words over again. Why, that was what the sermon had been about. That very verse had been read!

She read it over again and tried to remember some of the things her preacher-friend had said.

Then she heard the others stirring about downstairs, putting dishes on the table. Was it possible that it was near to tea time? She put the Bible away carefully, slipping a bit of paper in the place where she had been reading. Strange, she had never known before how interesting a book the Bible was. She wondered if it was as interesting everywhere as the place where she had been reading. It seemed a pretty big book. Perhaps she would start some time pretty soon and try to read it through.

Then she ran a comb through her curls and hurried down to see if she could be of any use.

She was delighted to find that the whole family were planning to go to church again that night, for the taste she had had that morning made her eager to hear more. Perhaps she had an intuition that her pleasant interlude into freedom and a world that was all so new to her might possibly be interrupted, and she was anxious to get into the real heart of this life if there was any fear she might be snatched away and put back into the world that her mother had chosen for her. She just wanted to make sure that this new life which she had barely glimpsed was really worth while.

The night service was even more interesting than the morning one had been, perhaps because she had been reading and thinking about it, and she found that she understood much better this time, and that it was just as intriguing as before. It was incredible that this should have been in the world and she so far have seen nothing of it. How was it that nothing of this sort had been taught in co-have made to that girl who had died. Ilege? What a difference it might. They had had a course in Bible there, though it hadn't interested Mary and she had chosen psychology instead, which seemed far more popular with the students.

Monday morning things began to happen. (To Be Continued)

We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union
By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

A FAITH FOR OUR TIME

The bells of Christmas, the happy laughter of children, the glow of the Christmas tree still linger in our memory. And in our hearts there echoes the message of the angels, "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Tragic as this statement is, it is true that in our time there is no peace among men and nations. How much hatred, suspicion, mistrust there is on every hand. Men talk of peace and seek to establish it through alliances and conferences, but have it not.

Let us listen again to the words of the angels: "Peace — goodwill." Should not those two words be turned around? "Goodwill" among men — then there surely would be "Peace." Is not this what we need? Instead of hatred, love; instead of suspicion, trust, faith, goodwill. Yes, indeed, that is the great objective — for men who love one another, who are good neighbors, will live together in peace and harmony.

But think again. From where will "goodwill," "love" come? Only from a heart that is at peace. For the peace of which the angels spoke is an inner peace, the "gift of God's love." One who possesses this peace will radiate the qualities of kindness, helpfulness, goodwill toward men. The order of the words is right, after all — "Peace" — then "goodwill!"

This is the faith we need for our time — a faith in the message of the angels, that God gives peace in the heart, through the Babe of Bethlehem, our Savior; and that this inner peace will manifest itself in goodwill toward one's fellow men. Only as men and women all over the world experience this inner peace can there be peace among men and nations.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday, February 24 — the World Day of Prayer, women all over

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as I build after God's pattern?

Prayer: Silent and audible, remembering these special requests: All our North American Baptist young people; our denomination's youth program and the Conference Union officers; our young people in training for Christian service.

NEWS FLASHES FROM ACROSS THE CONTINENT

The Sidney, Montana young people take an active part in Saturday night street meetings, distributing tracts and

the world will meditate on this theme, "Faith for Our Time." To ninety different countries the same program outline has been sent; from the Fiji Islands to Madagascar; from the Cameroons to the Netherlands; from Venezuela to Alaska — and all points between! What a tremendous thought: if all the women who will gather together on that day would be filled with such a faith, a dynamic faith which expresses itself in action, surely they would be like the leaven which leavens the whole loaf! They would exert the power that will overcome the forces of evil, and bring about true peace.

God grant that as we meet on that day, each one of us will experience a quickening of our faith. And as our prayers ascend to the throne of God, let us come "boldly before Him," and beseech Him to pour out His Spirit upon all of those in the ninety different countries who will be praying with us on that day, so that the Christmas tidings may become a reality in our time: "Peace on earth, goodwill among men."

The program material for the World Day of Prayer will appear in the February 2 issue of the "Baptist Herald." It has been prepared by Mrs. Paul F. Zoschke, minister's wife of the White Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. We trust that all societies will find this helpful in observing the day.

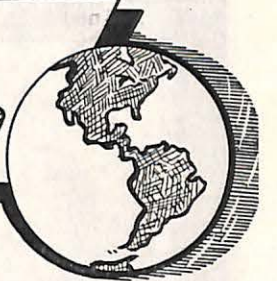
PROGRAM PACKET

Our Missionary Education Committee, under the leadership of Mrs. W. W. Grosser, chairman, has prepared a packet of very helpful program material for women's societies. Detailed announcement of this, with instructions on how to obtain it, appears in the January issue of the "Broadcast," just off the press. Be sure to read this. You will want to secure one for your group.

witnessing in both Sidney and Fairview. — The Stafford, Kansas Sunday School sends the BAPTIST HERALD to all students away at college. — Conners Ave., Detroit young people celebrated their 12th anniversary with a banquet on Jan. 14. — Two hundred and ninety are enrolled in Scripture memory work in Kansas. — The Hettinger, North Dakota society has nine new members and plans to help organize a church library.

The Wayside Pulpit: God often digs wells of joy with the spade of sorrow.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



Southwestern Conference

Baptismal Service and New Electric Organ at the Zion Church, Okeene, Okla.

On Sunday, Nov. 20, the Rev. John M. Berentschot, pastor of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Oklahoma, baptized four young people on confession of their faith in Christ. A young father was baptized about six months previously.

The Rev. Erik Folsom, a staff evangelist of the Fuller Evangelistic Foundation, was with us recently for two weeks. We were blessed through his ministry and pray that the results will still bring forth much fruit.

A Wurlitzer Electric Organ and Piano have been purchased by our church. They add much to the beauty of our worship services and the glory of God in our church.

Mrs. Al Priebe, Reporter.

Northern Conference

"The Missionary Echoes" of Trochu, Alta., Carry On Correspondence With Missionaries

"The Missionary Echoes" of Trochu, Alberta represents a group of girls, aged 12 to 16 years. "The Echoes" organized so that they might keep in closer touch with our missionaries. The organization is now just over a year old. The second Friday of each month is meeting day, which is held at the homes of the members in turn.

The meetings consist of a short song service, devotion, business, and the reading of letters from our missionaries. These letters are the highlights of the meetings. They are the replies from the missionaries to the letters written each month by one of the members. In these the missionaries tell us of their work and tell us of the little things what we can do to help them. The rest of the evening is spent in making books of Bible pictures, stuffed toys, and other sewed or embroidered things which are sent to the mission field in the Cameroons.

A program which we took to our neighboring churches was well received. We also received offerings from the churches and sent them to support the Bansa Baptist Hospital.

We are happy to be "Missionary Echoes" today. Tomorrow, we pray, that some of us may also be missionaries on the field doing greater things for Jesus.

Darline Schimke, Reporter.

Central Conference

Ten Converts at Inspirational Revival Meetings at Cleveland's Erin Ave. Baptist Church

The Erin Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio held revival meetings from November 6 to 13 with the Rev. Harold G. Martin of Montreal, Canada, as evangelist. Martin was chaplain in the Canadian Air Force and is at present president of Christian Homes for Children!

We as a church were deeply moved by his inspiring and challenging ministry, as well as by the outstanding musical numbers and testimonies presented during the week. There were ten persons who found the Lord as their Savior, and many rededicated their lives and surrendered fully to the Lord Jesus Christ.

On Wednesday evening, November 23, we held our annual Thanksgiving Service. A fine program was arranged and a total of \$2000 was raised which is to go towards our Building Fund. The Lord is richly blessing us as a church which is manifested by his wonder working power. The Rev. Edwin Miller is pastor of the church.

Bernice Guenther, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings and Baptismal Service at Detroit's Burns Avenue Baptist Church

The Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., held its Fall evangelistic services from October 16 to 30 with Dr. Bob Ingersoll as the evangelist.

The meetings were preceded by cottage prayer meetings which were held two nights a week in the two weeks before the meetings. Special music was provided by the Echoes of Heaven Quartet, by Mrs. Bessie Gabor who played the marimba, and by Jack Van Empke, who played the accordion. During the second week of the meetings, the song services were led by Ken Cummings, who is affiliated with "Voice of Christian Youth" here in Detroit. Wanda Cummings, who is Ken's wife is also a gifted chalk artist, and she made two chalk drawings accompanied by the speaking and singing of Ken. Dr. Ingersoll's messages were a blessing to all who heard them, and several people came to know the Lord during the meetings.

The Rev. Dick Wilkinson and his family have recently returned to the States from their mission on the Island of Haiti. They will have a busy schedule during the year in which they are on furlough, but the members of Burns Ave. Church have al-

ready been favored by hearing both Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson speak several times.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 27, nine people followed the Lord in baptism. We praise the Lord for those of his children who seek fellowship in our midst. On the following Sunday at the communion services the right hand of fellowship was extended to twelve new members by our pastor, Dr. A. Dale Ihrle.

Linda Paul, Reporter.

Spiritual Blessings and Numerical Growth at the Holmes Street Church, Lansing, Mich.

We, of the Holmes Street Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., recently had the privilege of baptizing and receiving another group into church membership whom the Lord has given to us. Our church is filled to its capacity, which makes it imperative that we expand to provide more church and Sunday School space.

In the past five years, since our pastor, the Rev. Herman H. Riffel, has been with us, our Sunday School has more than tripled its attendance. This increase has been due to the Christian guidance of our pastor; the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Emil Dachtler; and the tireless effort put forth by our Sunday School teachers. One hundred members have been added to our church membership, but we rejoice even more in the fact that our Sunday School and morning worship attendance is still greater than our membership.

The Word of God has been ministered to us faithfully, and to that we credit the blessings of the Lord. For almost a year, the Rev. H. H. Riffel has been teaching the book of Romans to a class of married couples in which 75 are enrolled. Messages are now given from Ephesians in the morning services and Revelation in the evening. Furthermore on Tuesday evening he is teaching the Gospel of John in the Lansing Bible Institute which meets at the church. We are also studying the life of Abraham in our mid-week service. Our local church missionary, Miss Morgan, is teaching the Scriptures to the young people and the King's Daughters' Society. The women's missionary organizations have devotional times and study of the Word.

Thus souls have been saved in the church, in the parsonage, in the homes, in the shop, in Sunday School, in young people's meetings, through children and adults, and entire families have been brought to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Rudolph Kwast, Reporter.



The Memorial Plaque in Memory of Mrs. Gertrude Martha Johns Which Has Been Placed by the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Illinois in the Kitchen of the Church That Has Been Completely Rebuilt and Equipped as a Memorial to Her

Memorial Plaque for Mrs. Albert F. Johns, Dedicated by Forest Park Baptist Church

On Wednesday evening, November 9, following the regular mid-week meeting of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., a service of remembrance for Mrs. Gertrude Martha Johns was held. As part of that service, her family presented the new kitchen which was completely rebuilt and equipped as a memorial to her.

After a brief word by Mr. Albert F. Johns speaking for himself and his two sons, Harold and Ralph, a glowing tribute to the life and service of Mrs. Johns was given by Mrs. Frank Arndt, long-time friend and fellow-worker with her in the women's organizations of the church. Mrs. Fred Stuebner, president of the Woman's Missionary Society, presented an embossed copper plaque mounted on walnut which has been hung in the kitchen.

Both the kitchen and plaque were received by Mr. Carl H. Jenkins, chairman of the Church Board, and in an appropriate word, appreciation was expressed to the many who had a part in planning and completing the work on the kitchen. Mrs. Johns will be remembered by many members of the denomination's General Missionary Committee and General Council as the chairman of the church committee that prepared the delicious meals during the annual sessions at the Forest Park headquarters. The program was brought to a close with prayer by Mrs. A. P. Mihm, after which a time of fellowship followed. C. B. Nordland, Pastor.

Bible Study Course, Harvest Festival and Miss Ross at Beaver Church of Michigan

Every year the Beaver Baptist Church of Midland, Mich., and the Round Lake Church of Gladwin conduct an exchange Bible study course of six nights in each church. Such a time was again enjoyed with two courses of 35 minutes each taught by their pastors. The courses offered were: "The Letters to the Thessalonians" by Rev. V. Prendinger of Gladwin, and "The Evangelism of Youth" by the Rev. F. Mashner of Midland.

The Harvest and Mission Festival is always a time of rejoicing over the bounties of God. The members take pride in decorating the church with produce from their gardens and fields. The accompanying picture shows the church board at the artistic display of harvest products which adorned the platform to the glory of God. The pastor, Rev. F. Mashner, is seen at the extreme right.

Recent improvements include a new outdoor bulletin board and front steps. Missionary Leona Ross is seen standing at the improved entrance to the church on November 29th. Her presence and message filled our hearts with compassion for the people of lost China.

A portable sound system for the convenience of mothers with babies has been purchased by the Ladies' Aid of the church. Mothers can now sit with their babies in any room of the church and hear the worship.

Marie Rinas, Reporter.



The Official Board of the Beaver Baptist Church of Michigan (Left) at the Harvest and Mission Festival of the Church; and (Right) Miss Leona Ross, Missionary, Standing Alongside the New Outdoor Bulletin Board of the Church

St. Louis Park Baptist Church of St. Louis, Mo., Celebrates its Centennial

To look back over a full century of organized life and to recall God's manifold blessings over the years, that is a rare and great privilege for any church. Such was the joy of the St. Louis Park Baptist Church of St. Louis, Mo., as it celebrated its centennial from October 9 to 16.

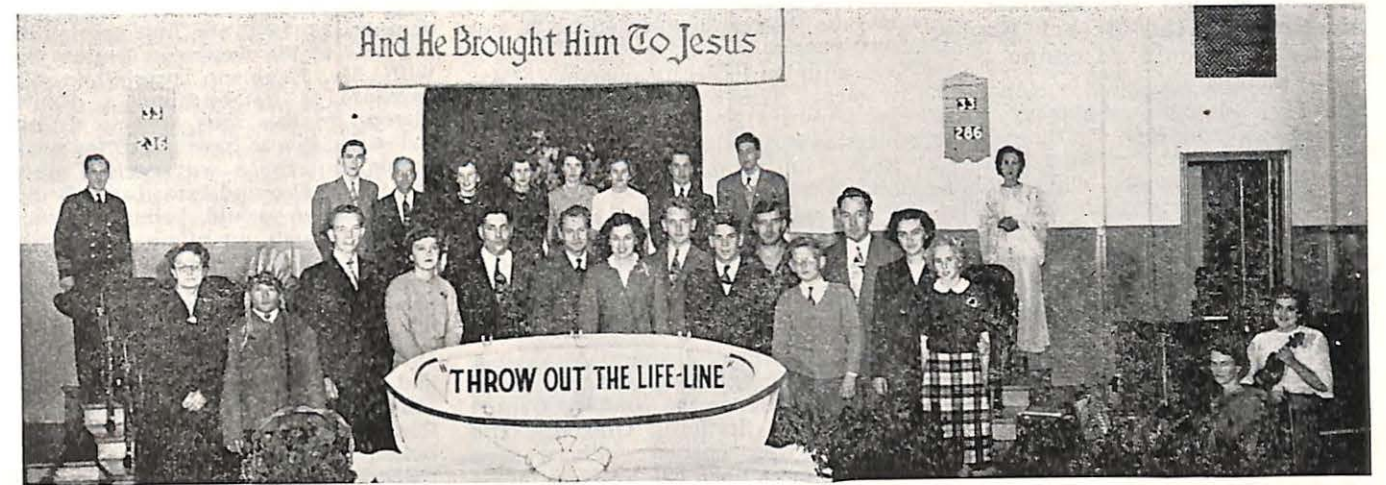
St. Louis, one hundred years ago, was the setting for some of the earliest history of our denomination. In 1847 a small group of Dutch Pietists, led by Christian Schoemaker, met for worship in their homes. Schoemaker soon became convinced that believers' baptism was the New Testament way, and he and 15 others were baptized by John Mason Peck, famous American Baptist pioneer, forming a Dutch-German Baptist Church. Organized on September 30, 1849, it became the First German Baptist Church of St. Louis, with Schoemaker as its first pastor.

God seemed to bless the little church at once. A friend of Schoemaker's, August Rauschenbusch, became convinced of immersion as the Scriptural form of baptism and led thirty others to the same belief. On May 19, 1850 this group was baptized by Schoemaker. But not Rauschenbusch. The story goes that he had another baptize him while his friend Schoemaker stood by to see that he was completely immersed. When told that he had been completely buried in the baptismal waters, Rauschenbusch praised God.

In the years that followed some of the ablest preachers in German Baptist history came to St. Louis: J. S. Gubelmann, J. C. Haselhuhn, J. C. Gimmel, J. M. Hoefflin, F. Hoffman, Otto Koenig, Henry Schultz, F. P. Kruse, H. R. Schroeder, and Thomas Stoeri. The 12th General Conference met with the church in 1898 and Prof. L. Kaiser, of sainted memory, was elected moderator. The church outgrew two buildings, established ten missions far and wide (of which our church in Trenton, Illinois is one), and its influence was felt in the entire city. From 19 members originally, the church has now grown to 601; the Sunday School enrolls 686; the Baptist Training Union has 217.

After 88 years in our fellowship, St. Louis Park Church joined the Southern Baptist Convention in 1937. But it still includes North American Baptist missions in its budgets and interested friends give generously to our work. Last year, the church raised \$17,993 for local expenses and \$6,716 for missions. Sixteen of its members have entered or are training for full-time Christian service. The Rev. Earl L. Pounds, the present pastor, came in December 1947.

The joyous centennial celebration lasted a full week. On the opening Sunday morning the guest preacher was Dr. Wm. Kuhn, beloved executive secretary emeritus of North American Baptists. In the afternoon, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of St. Louis' Third Church, and president of the



Young People of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia who Presented the Evangelistic Dramatization, "Here Am I, Send Me," With the Motto-verse, "And He Brought Him to Jesus," in the Background on Which the Rev. Rubin Kern, Pastor, Had Preached in the Morning Service

Baptist World Alliance, gave a stirring message. In the evening the Rev. Thomas Stoeri of St. Joseph, Michigan, pastor from 1928-36, touched the hearts of those present. God graciously permitted Mr. Stoeri, who has been so ill, to spend a few days with these St. Louis friends. On the week nights, the Sunday School, the Woman's Missionary Union, the Training Union, and the Men's Brotherhood were featured. St. Louis Baptist leaders, former pastors L. L. Leisinger and John Hines, and Rev. L. P. Albus of Trenton brought messages.

On the closing Sunday the morning message was given by the Rev. H. R. Schroeder, pastor from 1923-28, and now pastor of Chicago's East Side Baptist Church. After another great afternoon rally, the present pastor, the Rev. Earl Pounds, brought the glad week to a close.

Now a new century lies ahead. The Risen Savior says to St. Louis Park: "I know thy work; behold, I have set before thee an open door, which no man can shut." Led by his Holy Spirit, may this historic church advance to yet greater joys and triumphs, winning still more trophies of grace for the King of kings!

Harold W. Gieseke, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Thanksgiving and Christmas Activities at the Baptist Church of Watertown, Wisconsin

All departments of the Baptist Church in Watertown, Wisconsin are busy. Reports from leaders indicate that both children and adult members of the Sunday School are doing very well in Scripture memorization work.

The Intermediate Young People recently gave two plays, "Darkness to Light" and "The Greatest of These." The Senior Young People's Society hardly finished entertaining the Wisconsin Fall Rally before they were busy selling Christmas Cards.

The King's Daughters Society rendered a cantata shortly before Christmas, with Mrs. Edward Hinterberg directing. The Ladies' Aid Society, looking for ways to raise money, tried a "Hidden Auction" on a small scale. Results were encouraging.

On a recent Sunday, the Men's Fellowship took complete charge of the morning service. The Male Chorus sang, directed by A. W. Krause. Paul Chase was at the organ, and B. V. Krueger and David Goetsch brought messages appropriate for the day. The men remodeled the parsonage garage and made several other improvements to that property. The newly elected officers of the Men's Fellowship are: Roger Norman, president; Harold Schroeder, vice-president; Edgar Goetsch, secretary-treasurer; and Paul Chase, pianist.

The church held a Mission Festival on November 20th. The platform was decorated with fruits, vegetables and flowers from the gardens and farms of members. The pastor, Rev. J. G. Benke, spoke on "Look at Thy Hand." The offering for that day went to the General Missionary Fund. In recent months, several new members have been added to our roll. We thank God for sending us these talented and consecrated Christians to help carry on his work in our church and community.

Esther S. Krueger, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Evangelism Stressed by Special Meetings and Dramatization at Vancouver's Ebenezer Church

Returning from the General Conference at Sioux Falls, So. Dak., we of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia were en-

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riched through the inspiration of the future glow of our denominational objectives and the fellowship of the many like-minded friends. We were eager to go to work in our own church. The thought of "7000 souls for Christ in the next triennium" burdened our hearts with increasing heaviness.

The question loomed before us: How shall that be done? Where shall we begin? The answer to our prayer came clearly: Start in your own life—in your own church! Do you part and win them one by one! With that reply came also the thought of beginning immediately by launching an all-winter "Evangelistic Crusade," with perhaps two definite campaigns, one in the late Fall and another in the early Spring.

Prior to each of these campaigns special effort of personal work and visitation will be carried out with evangelistic emphasis to be given to all of our Sunday evening meetings. Our first campaign has been held from Nov. 20 to Dec. 4 with Rev. Wm. Hoover of Benton Harbor, Mich., as our evangelist.

This all-winter campaign was launched on Sunday, November 13. The morning sermon was based on John 1:42, "And he brought him to Jesus," which will be kept before the congregation as a motto-verse for the duration of the crusade. At the evening service a cast of 26 members of the church presented a dramatized message entitled, "Here Am I, Send Me," which had been written by the pastor, Rev. Rubin Kern.

This impressive message put before the large audience the reality of our salvation over against the reality of the condition of the lost, and our duty to those who are unsaved. The thought of this message will also be kept before the congregation by the life-boat bearing the words, "Throw out the lifeline." At least fifty people responded to the invitation to take part by actual effort of throwing out the lifeline to the unsaved. It is our prayer that we may not lose sight of this God-given vision for our particular field of service.

Rubin Kern, Pastor.

Missionary and Evangelistic Meetings at the Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Montana

On Tuesday evening, October 18, Miss Laura Reddig, missionary to the Cameroons, and Rev. E. Bibelheimer of Tacoma, Wash., a former pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Mont., were with us in Missoula, Montana, for a fine meeting. Br. Bibelheimer spoke briefly and Miss Reddig showed us her latest colored pictures of the work in the Cameroons. An offering of \$42.75 was designated for foreign missions.

On Sunday, October 30, we observed our Harvest Mission Festival. After a challenging message by the pastor, the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, in the morning service, a substantial mission offering was given. In the evening we again had the privilege to have Miss Laura Reddig with us. After the showing of her pictures and a short message, resulting in a blessed evening, another offering for missions was received.

From October 1 to 10 the Rev. C. T. Rempel of Hebron, No. Dak., helped us in a series of evangelistic meetings. Even though there were no converts, the meetings were well attended and the messages greatly enjoyed! On Sunday evening, Nov. 20th, the Sunday School observed its annual Harvest and Mission Festival. The program included songs, recitations, piano solo, ladies trio, vocal solo and a short address by the pastor. May our Master whom we serve continue to use us to enlarge his Kingdom.

J. C. Kraenzler, Pastor.

Annual Sessions of the California Woman's Missionary Union at Los Angeles

The program of the Woman's Missionary Union of the California Association was held on Nov. 4th at the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., under the leadership of the president, Mrs. Henry Hengstler, who extended a hearty welcome to all present.

The program consisted of many fine solos, duets, a sextet, several instrumental numbers by the various societies and two beautiful selections rendered by the choir of the host church. We were delighted to have Miss Laura Reddig, a Cameroons missionary, as guest speaker, who also showed pictures about the missionary work in the Cameroons. The missionary offering of the evening amounted to \$151.66, which was designated for our Seminary and the hospital work in the Cameroons.

The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Henry Hengstler, president. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Mrs. G. G. Rausser, Lodi, president; Mrs. E. A. Kohfield, Wasco, vice-president; Mrs. W. W. Knauf, Elk Grove, secretary-treasurer.

Each society has a birthday missionary, which means that our missionaries are remembered with gifts on their birthday anniversary and other occasions. A new missionary is appointed to each society each year,

thereby giving us an opportunity to become better acquainted with our missionaries.

The union has a membership of 455 women. The total receipts for the year were \$12,548.62. May the Lord bless every society as they labor together in winning precious souls to him.

Mrs. W. W. Knauf, Secretary.

The Oregon Baptist League Fall Rally at the Stafford Baptist Church

On Saturday evening, November 12th, the Oregon Baptist League held its Fall Rally at the Stafford Baptist Church of Stafford, Oregon. The meeting was opened with a song service most ably led by Mrs. Melba Schaer, after which it was then moved, seconded and carried unanimously that the Oregon Baptist League adopt as its project for the year 1949-50 \$1,000 for the Bansa Hospital and \$1,000 for the Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The League felt very privileged to have the Rev. Frank Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., with us and appreciated the many helpful suggestions and comments which he gave us concerning contributions toward our project and representation at our conferences on the Pacific Coast. The special number for the evening was given by the Quartet from the Bethany Baptist Church.

Miss Laura Reddig, missionary in the Cameroons, was our speaker for the Fall Rally and through the means of colored slides she took us on a most interesting and realistic trip through the Cameroons. Mr. Eric Pohl, who assisted Miss Reddig in presenting these pictures, also favored us with a film. Refreshments were then served in the recreation room of the parsonage.

At the Sunday afternoon rally, the Stafford Baptist Church was filled to capacity as Walt Schmidtke opened the meeting with a stirring song service. Howard Roth, vice-president of the League, favored us with a solo. Miss Reddig spoke on our work as "Christ's Stewards" and gave us a very clear picture of the work being done in the Cameroons. Toward the closing minutes of our Rally, our hearts were thrilled as young men and women consecrated their lives to full-time service for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Margie Lou Bauman, Secretary.

Epoch Making Days for the First Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif.

"Behold I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert" (Isa. 43:19).

How true this has been of God's work in Costa Mesa, California! Through the dynamic leadership of our pastor, the Rev. P. G. Neumann, and a group of consecrated laymen of Bethel Baptist Church in nearby Anaheim, God transmitted the vision of a new church in this area. Overcoming all opposition and faint-hearted-

ness, the new work was started on January 18, 1948, the first service being held at the American Legion Hall with Mr. Neumann presiding. The response to establishing a Baptist Mission in this area was so definite that a decision to have a meeting every Sunday afternoon was decided upon, and it was also understood that Brother Neumann would bring the messages. Though our number was small — 14 in all at the beginning — we trusted our Lord who had thus led also to give the increase.

On the first Sunday in March of 1948 we started with a Sunday School and morning service. Mr. M. Thiessen did the best he could to help us in this. Soon the need of our own church building became apparent and after much prayer the Lord directed us to one of the finest residential districts of our city. Here the corner of Santa Ana and Magnolia Streets was purchased by Bethel Baptist Church and soon the construction of a building known now as Youth Center followed. On Mother's Day 1949 this building was dedicated. Our membership by this time had grown to 58 to be dismissed from Bethel, and more than ever did we feel the need of a full-time ministry.

Mr. M. Thiessen who had served as a lay leader to the best of his ability had resigned to acquire for himself, as he stated, more and better training for Christian leadership. By this time our "baby" had outgrown its infancy, and asked the Bethel Church for independence. Our mother granted this request and on July 14, 1949 we became a duly organized Baptist Church of our North American Baptist denomination recognized by the ministers and messengers of our California Association. Since then we have incorporated and are recorded and known as "The First Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif."

In all of our dealings we have seen our blessed Lord lead and so, when the thought of calling a pastor became paramount, after much prayer and waiting on the Lord, we became of one heart and one soul to extend our invitation to the Rev. P. G. Neumann to become our pastor. His acceptance overwhelmed us and we were off to a great start.

In the first three months of his ministry our membership more than doubled. There are now 135 active members. Our Sunday School attendance in October 1949 averaged 200. On a recent Sunday our church was out calling in the neighborhood and we made between 600 and 700 calls. We have an excellent youth program with about 90 attending the Training Union. Our heavenly Father has favored us with many souls. At almost every meeting we have decisions. Recently in our evening service eight young people of High School age were converted. Among them was the daughter of a film director in Hollywood and a football player from our local High School.

Although we can seat over 300 people in our downstairs accommodations, we have outgrown these facilities and are about to launch out on

a building program which will soon see an educational unit erected for the Master's glory.

Much pleasure and joy came to us in the erection of the beautiful mansion for our pastor. Supervised by Mr. W. Kroesch of our church, it is one of the finest homes in Country Club Heights of Costa Mesa. We are also happy to report that funds transferred to our mother church were \$16,505.61, for which we received the deed to the property.

Our church program developed by the pastor and followed by everyone is one of perennial evangelism supplemented by Christian education and emphasis on missions. In humility and trust coupled with love for our Master and our fellow-men we endeavor to "Go Forward With Christ."

Mrs. Wm. O. Whitaker, Reporter.

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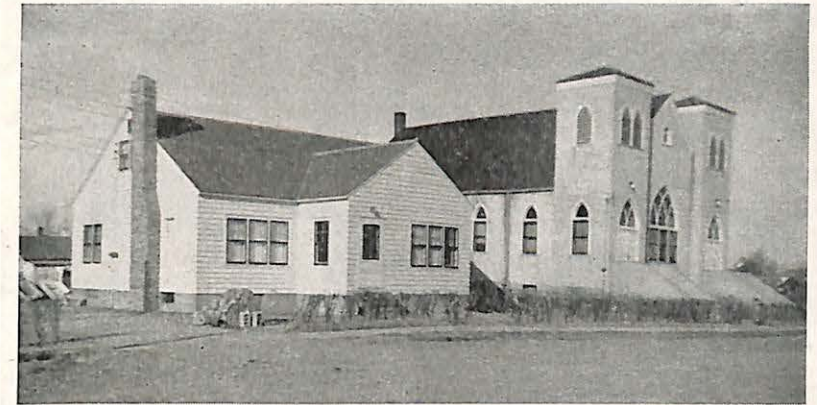
Harvest and Mission Festival at the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

The Sunday School of the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., recently held a Harvest Festival to gather food for the Philadelphia Home for the Aged. Over a period of three weeks, the steps especially built at the front of the church became filled with all kinds of food. The children from the Beginners' and Primary Departments gave a short program on the last Sunday to bring this Harvest Festival to a close.

The Sunday School has grown, with the attendance going over the goal set for the quarter. The Nursery class is now well under way, and two new classes have been added to the school. One of these classes is in the Beginners' Department, and the other in the Junior Department. All this has been very encouraging.

The two Bible Clubs held during the week, one for children under six years of age, and one for children over six, are also prospering. We thank the Lord for these opportunities to reach children for him!

The annual Thanksgiving Roll Call was held on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving Day. Over \$300 were given as a Thanksgiving offering, for the Building and Mission Funds. The program included a film on tithing, and was followed by a time of social gathering. The Rev. Robert Hess is pastor of the church.
Audrey Orange, Reporter.



The New Baptist Parsonage at Herreid, South Dakota Alongside the Imposing Baptist Church Edifice

Dakota Conference

Evangelistic Meetings and Large Missionary Offerings at the Baptist Church, Plevna, Mont.

The Baptist Church of Plevna, Mont., conducted an evangelistic campaign from Oct. 31 to Nov. 11 with the Rev. G. Beutler, our local pastor, serving as evangelist. The weather was favorable and the attendance was good throughout the two weeks. The heart-stirring messages of our pastor brought forth testimonies of a deeper consecration to Christ on the part of the church members and visiting friends, for which we were grateful to God. Above all, though, we rejoice in the saving power of Christ to which five persons testified.

Although our crops suffered severely from lack of rain during the 1949 summer, we feel that we have much for which to thank God. As an expression of gratitude, our church laid an offering of \$4120 upon the altar of service. Our Ladies' Missionary Society through its efforts in a missionary program, bazaar and chicken supper this Fall was able to raise \$775 for missionary purposes.

Ervin Huber, Church Clerk.

Dedication of New Parsonage for Baptist Church of Herreid, South Dakota

Sunday, October 30th, was a red letter day for the Baptist Church in Herreid, South Dakota, for it was on this day that the beautiful and spacious new parsonage was dedicated. During the week previously, the pastor, Rev. E. S. Fenske, and his family had moved into the new home.

The new parsonage is a 32 by 38 foot building and has every modern convenience. On the main floor there is a large living room, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms and study. Upstairs are two bedrooms, bathroom and a large linen closet. In the basement there is a large utility room, one bedroom, laundry room, fruit and vegetable cellar and bathroom with shower. The house is heated by a modern oil heating furnace. The approximate cost of the house is \$18,000.

Evangelist Henry Pfeifer was guest speaker at this impressive service. The dedication offering amounted to \$2400, which was sufficient to cover the remaining debt on the building. Besides the parsonage, a beautiful 24 by 28 foot stucco garage was also built which has room for two automobiles.

E. S. Fenske, Pastor.



The Platform and Pulpit of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., Showing the Harvest-Mission Food Gifts by the Sunday School for the Philadelphia Home for the Aged



Converts at Meetings Held in the Hoffnungsfeld Station of Eureka, So. Dak., With the Pastors, Rev. A. Krombein and Rev. David Littke, at Left and Right in Back Row

Revival Meetings at Eureka, South Dakota at the Stations Hoffnungsfeld and Java

Special revival meetings were held at the Hoffnungsfeld Station of the Baptist Church of Eureka, So. Dak., from Oct. 17 to 28 with the Rev. David Littke of Billings, Mont. as evangelist. The meetings were well attended and 13 persons were saved.

At Java, So. Dak., 35 miles southwest of Eureka, meetings were held from Oct. 30 to Nov. 11 with the Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Lodi, Calif., as evangelist. These meetings were especially well attended, and people came 70 miles and some arrived at church at 6 P.M. to get a good place in the pews, because the sanctuary was crowded to the last seat. There were four persons who were saved during these meetings. The weather

was lovely during this time, and we were all blessed in our Master's fellowship.

Mrs. Albert Krombein, Reporter.

Fall Rally of the Commissioned Baptist Youth of South Dakota at Parkston

The Commissioned Baptist Youth of the South Dakota churches held its Fall Rally at the Baptist Church of Parkston, South Dakota on November 25. We were privileged to have as our guests Prof. Reuben P. Jeschke and the Gospel Harmonizers from our seminary in Sioux Falls.

The theme of the rally was "Greater Spiritual Efficiency for Commissioned Youth." In the afternoon the Rev. Alfred Weisser of the Parkston church spoke on "Greater Efficiency in Sunday School Work," and



The New Edifice of the Baptist Church at Venturia, North Dakota Which Was Recently Dedicated to the Glory of God

Prof. Reuben Jeschke on "Greater Spiritual Efficiency in C.B.Y. Work."

At 6:30 P.M. a banquet was held in the High School dining hall. Special music consisted of selections by the Gospel Harmonizers as well as musical numbers from the different churches. All the societies from our conference were represented. Prof. Jeschke gave the message of the evening. He spoke on, "The Call of the Heavenly Vision," with his Scripture text taken from Acts 26:9-21. Are we responding to God's call of the heavenly vision? May each of us accept this as a challenge for our walk in life.

Lorraine De Boer, Reporter.

Dedication of New Church and Mission Festival at Venturia, North Dakota

Sunday, Oct. 9th, was a great blessing for the Venturia Baptist Church of Venturia, No. Dak. It is 37 years since the church was organized. The building of a church was just a dream for many years and many people said it was impossible to build. But by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ it was made possible. This new, large and beautiful church is 38 by 70 feet. It was filled to capacity, and it was estimated that one thousand people attended the dedication. The church was beautifully decorated with mixed flowers.

The festivities began at ten o'clock. The invocation was given by the pastor, Rev. R. Dickau, followed by a greeting to the guests. The choir sang "He Lives, the Mighty King," under the direction of the pastor. A reading was given by Miss Vivian Hoff. Rev. A. Huber of Linton, No. Dak., brought an inspiring dedication message. The dedication prayer was given by Mr. Dickau. The choir rendered another number, "The Lord is my Light."

At the afternoon service representatives from Linton, Lehr, Wishek, Ashley, Aberdeen, Eureka, Fredonia, Herreid, Hebron. The Rev. C. T. Rempel of Hebron, No. Dak., gave a summary of the building of the church, since he was formerly pastor of the church and played an important part in the building of the church. The church appreciates the work which he did in building the church of God. Mrs. Rempel sang a solo, "Bless this House," followed by the recognition of the carpenter and plasterer, also the other members of the church who helped build the church.

At the evening service a duet was sung by Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Dickau, "The Shepherd of Love." A ladies trio sang "When He Reached Down His Hand for Me." The message was given by the Rev. C. T. Rempel. The total offering for the building of the church was \$4000. The church of Venturia has been completed materially and now we must work and build spiritually.

Audrey Schnabel, Reporter.

SPECIAL REPORT

The Beginning of a New Church, the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Oklahoma

The community of Corn, Oklahoma, although a fine Christian community, had quite a number of young people who had not accepted Christ as their Savior and were therefore not very much interested in going to church. Family fathers would bring their children to Sunday School and then congregate at some other place in town. This condition was very much of a problem in the minds of two fine men of the town of Corn, the High School principal, Mr. Dungan, and one of the School Board members, Mr. Leppke. These two Christian gentlemen conceived the idea that if these men, who bring their children to Sunday School or church do not come to church themselves, the Sunday School and Church must be brought to them.

So one fine Sunday in March 1949 these two men extended an invitation to these men of the Corn community to meet with theme. This resulted in the organization of a Union Sunday School. They then asked one of their local men, a grocery store man at Corn, Mr. Marvin Jost, to be their Sunday School teacher. Later, Mr. Jost was elected to be their leader and Mrs. Adina Schmidt was elected their teacher.

This Christian group then decided to have pre-Easter meetings and called the Rev. Mr. Drake, a Baptist missionary, to come to preach to them. This resulted in one of the greatest revivals which Corn has ever witnessed, which took place that week. This group, after study and consideration, finally decided that the group of their choice would be the North American Baptist General Conference.

This Union Group then met with our Oklahoma Association's Mission Board, the brethren G. W. Blackburn, Adolf Kokanke and Kenneth Reiswig, for further investigation. Our Mission Board invited this Union Group to send a delegation to the Oklahoma Association, which met with the Bethel Baptist Church of Ingersoll from Oct. 27 to 30. So on October 28th the Mission Board, through its chairman, Rev. G. W. Blackburn, recommended this Union Group for full fellowship into the Oklahoma Association, and thus the hand of fellowship was extended to the Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Okla.

The Calvary Church is greatly in need of the moral support and prayers by all North American Baptist Churches. They have definitely expressed that they do not need any financial help. We hope that many letters and greetings will be sent and extended to them. They had their beginning in a unique way. They found themselves into our fellowship through the continuous labor and efforts of our Brother Neubert. They now stand before the task of building a home for their pastor, whom

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Obituary

LT. HERBERT G. HEINZ of Philadelphia, Pa.

Lt. Herbert G. Heinz was born in Philadelphia, Pa. on May 27, 1917, and was killed in action on August 28, 1944, aged 27 years and three months. As a youth Herbert attended the Sunday School of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, where his parents were members. At the age of 12 years he accepted Christ as his Savior, and on March 31, 1929, was baptized on confession of his faith by the pastor, the Rev. J. G. Draewell, and received into the fellowship of the church. In 1943 he entered the Air Force, and a year later he lost his life on a mission over Germany.

In August 1949 his remains were returned to this country, and laid to rest in the Beverly Hills National Cemetery at Beverly, N. J., with an Army Chaplain officiating because the pastor was in attendance at the General Conference. Both of his parents and preceded Lt. Heinz in death. He is fondly remembered by a host of relatives and friends. The Lord has comforted the bereaved.

Pilgrim Baptist Church,
Philadelphia, Pa.

O. HIEBNER (For the Family)

MRS. HELENA HIEBERT WEDEL of Wasco, California.

Mrs. Helena Hiebert Wedel, aged 78, of Wasco, Calif., was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hiebert of Kleefeld, South Russia. She was born in Kleefeld on June 16, 1871 and came to this country with her parents in the spring of 1879, where as a family they located in Marion County, Kansas. After several short visits to the State of California, the family moved out west and settled in Anaheim, Calif.

Mrs. Wedel had been in reasonably good health until the evening of Nov. 9th when she suffered a stroke. She soon lapsed into a coma from which she did not rally, and she passed into the presence of her Lord twenty-four hours later. Her Maker had given her a generous span of life amounting to seventy-eight years, four months and twenty-three days.

Mrs. Wedel received the Lord as her personal Savior on March 5, 1888 at about the age of sixteen years. She was baptized April 18, 1888 by the Rev. C. P. Wedel.

On June 2, 1893, she was united in marriage to Mr. Jacob Peter Wedel. After moving to Anaheim in 1902, they became charter members of the Bethel Baptist Church there. In 1911, the family came to Wasco, where they have lived for the past 39 years. The Wedels, along with several other German families, organized the First German Baptist Church of Wasco, and for the first two years after the church was organized, the church services were held in the Wedel home, one mile south of town.

Mrs. Wedel's husband preceded her homegoing by three years and four months, passing away July 24, 1946. Surviving are her three sons: Cornelius and Milton of Wasco, and Harry of Mt. Hermon, Calif. Two sons died in infancy. There are also five daughters; Emma and Viola and Mrs. Al Correll of Wasco, Mrs. Louise Rice of Fullerton and Mrs. Lillian O'Brien of Olive, Calif. There are thirteen grandchildren. She also leaves two sisters: Mrs. J. H. Mittelstedt of Wasco and Mrs. Eliza-J. H. Wedel of Anaheim; and two brothers: John Hiebert of Hillsboro, Kansas, and Peter Hiebert of Trinidad, Wash.

In her long period of residence here, she has made and now leaves behind a great host of friends.

Wasco, California
ERWIN A. KOHFELD, Pastor.

MRS. CHRISTINA BAIER KNALSON of Martin, North Dakota.

Mrs. Christina Baier Knalson was born on Nov. 13, 1889 at Scotland, So. Dak., and went home to be with the Lord on Nov. 27, 1949. She had been suffering from a lingering illness for many years and was confined to her bed for about six months.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Baier and spent the early years of her life on a farm in Pony Gulch Township south of Harvey. Her mother preceded her in death, but her aged father, who is 97 years of age, survives.

She was married to John Knalson on Aug. 15, 1908, with whom she shared joys and sorrows for 41 years. Four sons were born to this union. She was saved during the early years of her married life and found great joy in serving the Savior whom she loved. She was a mother of great faith and much prayer. May the Lord bless her memory to all who remain! Through much trial and tribulation she remained firm in her faith, never doubting the goodness of the Lord. She reached the age of 60 years and 14 days. Most of her married life was spent on a farm southwest of Martin where the family grew up. In 1942 she and her husband located southwest of Anamoose and five years ago they located in Martin where she spent the remaining years of her life.

She is survived and mourned by her husband; four sons: Edward, superintendent of schools at Fertile, Minn., Henry of Dexon, Ill., Fred, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Underwood, No. Dak., and Warren of Dixon, Ill.; one stepdaughter, Tracy Hoberto of Sisseton, So. Dak.; six sisters: Amelia Broehl of Lodi, Calif., Sophie Stuber of Martin, Bertha Johnson of Harvey, Lydia Hoepfer of Priest River, Idaho, Minnie Witt of Fessenden, Ottelia Hanson of Clam Falls, Wis.; and three brothers: Mike Baier of Bothel, Wash., William of Fessenden, and Jake of Aberdeen, Idaho.

The funeral service was held in the Martin Baptist Church. Rev. J. Kepl spoke words of comfort from Rev. 14:12-13 in German, and Rev. A. Buhler of Harvey preached on 1. Thess. 4:13-14 in English. Numbers by a quartet and a duet were rendered. Mrs. R. Rust served at the organ. Mrs. J. Knalson was laid to rest in the Baptist cemetery.

Martin, North Dakota

JOHN KEPL, Pastor.

MR. GOTTLIEB BECK of Hettinger, North Dakota.

Mr. Gottlieb Beck of Hettinger, No. Dak., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Beck, was born on Sept. 15, 1884 in South Russia. He died in a hospital at Lemmon, South Dakota on Oct. 27, 1949 at the age of 65 years, one month and 12 days. His passing was caused by a heart condition and pneumonia. His illness was of short duration.

During his early youth his parents emigrated from South Russia to America and settled near Zeeland, North Dakota. Here Mr. Beck grew to manhood on his father's farm. He was converted at an early age and later, when he moved to this vicinity, he joined the Baptist Church at New Leipzig, North Dakota. He later became a charter member of the Grace Baptist Church of Hettinger, North Dakota.

Mr. Beck was married on Nov. 4, 1908 to Katie Wagner of Herreid, South Dakota. The Lord blessed this union with six children. A daughter, Lydia, preceded her father's death, passing away in her early infancy.

Although Mr. Beck farmed all his life, he was very active in civic and church affairs. He served as deacon for 22 years, Sunday School superintendent and teacher for numerous years, and very faithfully, too, as church janitor. His keen sense of humor, his constant optimism, his willingness to cooperate, and his fine Christian character were admirable. We all keenly feel the loss of such a friend and co-worker.

Those who mourn his departure are his wife, Katie of Hettinger; two sons and three daughters, Richard, Emmanuel, and Dorothy, all of Hettinger, No. Dak.; Mrs. Orville Roberts of Storden, Minn.; Mrs. Leonard Havron of Bakersfield, Calif.; four grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. C. Kramlich, Herreid, So. Dak.; Mrs. E. Weber, Temvick, No. Dak.; Mrs. R. Marzolf, Harvey, No. Dak.; a half-brother, John, of Zeeland, No. Dak.; a half-sister, Mrs. M. Peterson of Oakes, No. Dak.; and two step-brothers, Adolph Becker of Lemmon, So. Dak. and August Becker of Seattle, Wash.; and a host of relatives and friends.

Grace Baptist Church,
Hettinger, North Dakota

NORMAN MILLER, Pastor.



—Photo by Herman Siemund

Dr. and Mrs. William Kuhn (Center, Seated) at the 80th Birthday Dinner for Dr. Kuhn With Flora and Clara Schulte (Right, Seated) and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schneider, Relatives of Dr. Kuhn, at the Left (Seated) and the Secretarial Staff and Dr. Geogre A. Lang of Sioux Falls, So. Dak., Standing Behind Dr. Kuhn

Office Staff and Friends Help Dr. William Kuhn Celebrate His Eightieth Birthday

Dr. William Kuhn's 80th birthday on Dec. 9th was a golden day of joyous excitement for him. He reached this milestone in the best of health and spent the day, as usual, in a busy round of activities at the denominational headquarters. The letters and telegrams from a host of friends around the world were gratefully read.

In the evening Dr. and Mrs. Kuhn and Flora and Clara Schulte, Dr. Kuhn's sisters-in-law, were guests at a dinner arranged in his honor. In a picturesque setting in one of the dining halls of the Gabriel Tea Room of Oak Park, Ill., surrounded by pictures and inscriptions of the Pennsylvania Dutch people, the group of 35 invited friends showered their expressions of love upon this "beloved servant of God" on his 80th birthday.

A mammoth birthday cake with several scores of candles was present-

ed to Dr. Kuhn with the compliments of the dining room management. Flash bulbs popped frequently as pictures of the occasion were taken by Mr. Herman Siemund and the Rev. J. C. Gunst. The Rev. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, introduced the various speakers with fitting remarks after bringing a felicitous tribute to Dr. Kuhn for the headquarters staff.

Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, So. Dak., spoke for the denomination as the General Conference moderator. Mr. E. Elmer Staub of Detroit, Mich., who was baptized by Dr. Kuhn almost fifty years ago (Feb. 11, 1900), spoke out of the overflow of profound admiration for Dr. Kuhn. The Rev. C. B. Nordland extended the congratulations of the Forest Park Baptist Church in which Dr. Kuhn has been very active. Miss Gretchen Remmler expressed her personal esteem for Dr. Kuhn as his office secretary for many years and read some of the many letters of appreciation that had been sent from Germany. The presentation of gifts was made by Mr. Roland E. Ross, comptroller, and by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner for the guests and headquarters personnel.

Mrs. Kuhn responded in a message that sparkled with wit and wisdom in which she pictured her husband as seen at home. Dr. Kuhn blended his expression of gratitude with a profound spiritual challenge. This has been the motivating power of his life and the emphasis of his preaching that all glory has to be ascribed unto HIM, Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us by his grace and kept us by his love. With the echo of this message still in their hearts, the guests departed praying that God would keep this dear friend of theirs and faithful servant of the Lord for our denominational service during many years to come.

Martin L. Leuschner, Reporter.

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conference	Nov., 1949	Nov., 1948	Nov., 1947
Atlantic	\$ 1,247.63	\$ 2,045.64	\$ 1,229.38
Eastern	675.52	743.30	2,012.23
Central	6,004.17	4,884.20	4,734.64
Northwestern	5,763.08	10,059.41	3,590.89
Southwestern	11,746.91	19,371.98	11,309.25
Southern	1,382.53	1,944.30	515.50
Pacific	4,353.33	3,960.21	6,701.20
Northern	5,437.69	5,735.56	7,448.53
Dakota	7,243.25	10,111.79	20,791.13
Totals	\$43,854.11	\$58,856.39	\$58,332.75

BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

For the month of November, 1949	\$43,195.57
For the month of November, 1948	58,265.52
For the month of November, 1947	55,208.04

BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1949 to November 30, 1949	\$261,391.72
April 1, 1948 to November 30, 1948	258,843.30
April 1, 1947 to November 30, 1947	285,465.56

BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium

August 1, 1949 to November 30, 1949	\$119,427.93
August 1, 1948 to November 30, 1948	135,796.67
August 1, 1947 to November 30, 1947	150,424.60

Church at Corn, Okla.

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they will still call, and a church home for their Sunday School and church services. This means hard work and much prayer. Letters of encouragement and greetings can be sent to Mr. Marvin Jost, Corn, Okla.

Since their affiliation with the Oklahoma Association, the pastors of the churches of Oklahoma have been rendering their services. The Rev. L. H. Smith of Denver, Colo. began his temporary ministry there on December 4th. Upon arrival of Brother Smith, they began evangelistic meetings, and our prayer is that their efforts will not be in vain.

They have at present 31 charter members, who have written their names into one of the fly-leaves of a newly purchased Blue-Ribbon Bible. All charter members signed their names into this Bible, and at the close of their revival meeting with Brother Smith, they intended to close the time of their charter-membership. This Bible will then be presented to the Calvary Baptist Church by the charter members.

John Heer, Reporter.