



# Baptist HERALD



*"Budding" Missionaries Examine a Patient in the Cameroons*

# DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Rev. Frank H. Woyke**  
Sunday Morning, March 19 — Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Ill.

**Rev. H. G. Dymmel**  
Sunday Morning, March 19 — Daytons Bluff Church, St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Rev. J. C. Gunst**  
Friday Evening, March 31 — Hutchinson, Minn.

**Rev. M. L. Leuschner**  
Sunday Evening, March 19—Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Ill. (Missionary Pictures).  
Sunday, March 26 — Okeene, Okla.

**Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist**  
March 26-April 9 — McClusky, No. Dakota.

**Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Evangelist**  
March 12-26 — Tacoma, Wash.

## SPECIAL DATES

March 20-22 — Editorial Committee, "Youth Compass" at Forest Park, Illinois.

March 28-29 — Session of Summer Visitation Committee at Forest Park, Ill.  
Sunday, April 2 — Palm Sunday.

## EASTER OFFERING to Be Received by Our Churches

Palm Sunday, April 2, to Easter Sunday, April 9.

## CONFERENCES ON EVANGELISM

March 17-18 — Minnesota Area at Dayton's Bluff Church, St. Paul, Minn. Rev. L. B. Berndt, Chairman; Guest Speakers, Dr. George A. Lang and Rev. H. G. Dymmel.

March 21-22 — Kansas Association at Ellinwood, Kansas. Rev. A. Stackhouse, Chairman; Guest Speakers, Rev. Wm. Hoover and Rev. M. L. Leuschner.

March 21-22 — Wisconsin Area at Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wis. Rev. John Leyboldt, Chairman; Guest Speakers, Rev. Robert S. Hess and Rev. H. G. Dymmel.

March 23-24 — Oklahoma Association at Okeene, Okla. Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn, Chairman; Guest

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Speakers, Rev. Wm. Hoover and Rev. M. L. Leuschner.

March 23-24 — Chicago and Vicinity at Grace Church, Chicago, Ill. Rev. C. B. Nordland, Chairman; Guest Speakers, Rev. Robert S. Hess and Rev. Frank H. Woyke.

March 24-25 — Iowa Area (Also Baileyville, Ill.) at Parkersburg, Iowa. Rev. Howard Johnson, chairman; Guest Speakers, Dr. A. S. Felberg and Rev. J. C. Gunst.

March 28-29 — California Association at Wasco, Calif. Rev. W. W. Knauf, Chairman; Guest Speaker, Rev. Henry Pfeifer.

March 31-April 1 — Northern North Dakota Association at Fessenden, No. Dak. Rev. Arthur Fischer, Chairman; Guest Speakers, Dr. A. S. Felberg and Rev. H. G. Dymmel.

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## AMONG OURSELVES

The meeting of the Summer Visitation Committee will be held on March 28 and 29. This means that the itineraries for the summer months for all of the general workers and guest speakers at conferences and assemblies will be sent to the program and planning committees a few weeks later than originally planned. But it will also provide for a more complete schedule for the summer trips since more information will be at hand. The Summer Visitation Committee also plans for the placement of student workers in our churches for the summer months. A busy year is still ahead of us!

## IN THIS ISSUE

The Easter season is at hand! It is the time when we lift up our eyes upon the harvest fields of the world, marvel at the power of the living and triumphant Christ everywhere, and contemplate what our Easter Offering will be. That missionary review is given by Miss Eleanor Weisenburger and Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom in this issue. That challenge for the Easter offering is sounded by our executive secretary, Rev. Frank H. Woyke. Dr. Kuhn's recital of the exciting days from 1919 to 1922 when the Million Dollar Offering was raised is most fitting at this season. This issue will show you the wonders of Christian living and giving.

## COMING

**Easter Issue** — An Easter message by the Rev. L. H. Broeker of Saint Joseph, Mich., and a sermon on the Cross by the Rev. Arthur Itermann of Elgin, Iowa will be featured in the next number.

**Our United Task** — The challenge and blessings of our denominational work will be presented by Dr. George A. Lang and Rev. H. G. Dymmel in brief but important articles.

**The Seminary Building Fund** — The latest results of the Seminary Drive will be announced by Mr. Arthur Schwerin and some of the human interest experiences of the campaign will be described by the Seminary solicitors.



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## God's Gold!

EVERY SERVANT of God has learned to be a good steward in all of life's daily experiences. All of his possessions are God's gold. "For the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof" (1 Cor. 10:26). He is constantly giving of himself and of his substance that Christ and his Gospel might be made known everywhere. His sense of stewardship prompts him to lay his gifts upon God's altar without ceasing.

It almost seems presumptuous for us to write about the pressing needs for a generous Easter offering just as the bugles have ceased sounding for the Seminary Building Fund. It will mean real sacrifices for some of our people and churches to give to the Easter Offering after they have made such noble efforts and large gifts for new Seminary buildings.

But we must never lose sight of the fact that the Seminary drive was supposed to represent a special effort, an extra gift, in our service for the Master. It was announced as an opportunity that comes only once in a lifetime. The Easter Offering is the life-line of our entire denominational enterprise in every phase of its missionary outreach and in every one of our important cooperating societies. We shall fail at the heart of our task in the spiritual training of future ministers and missionaries at our Seminary, even with the finest and most up-to-date building, if we neglect the financial support of the entire denominational enterprise. This must be the clear and convincing reasoning of every true Christian steward.

The Christian's ministry of giving is the very essence of his life, as much as his daily needs, rest periods and routine of tasks. It is the way he lives from day to day. It is the daily evidence of his love to Christ. It becomes his outlook on time and eternity. For as he gives cheerfully, not grudgingly, as unto the Lord, he hears the echo of the eternities in his soul in God's words: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!" His gifts give him a look into eternity. Therefore, he never feels that he has given too much or too often to the Lord!

Dr. Sandford Fleming of the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School has written a remarkable book about Baptist beginnings in California during the days of the gold rush entitled, "God's Gold." When three young missionaries were leaving New York City for California, these colorful and fitting words were spoken at their farewell: "The hand of Providence will put away the lump of gold before men's eyes, and then, Sir, our brethren can instruct the disappointed ones how to look into eternity." Those Baptist missionaries had a difficult task, but a very rewarding ministry in preaching the Gospel in California during those feverish days and helping men "to look into eternity."

The world has come into evil days. We need to redeem the time and give an account daily of our stewardship. The Easter offering also deserves your prayerful and financial support. Your gifts will be seen as God's gold as they are laid upon his altar and as the blessings of God are anticipated by this look into eternity.

## BIBLE TEXT

"I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee." Jeremiah 31:36.

At this season of the year as the calendar brings us closer to Good Friday and Easter Sunday, the wooing power of God's love pulls at all of our heartstrings. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us" (1 John 4:10). "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly" (Romans 5:6). "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge . . . that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them and rose again" (2 Cor. 5:14-15). This is love that will not let us go. This is the outpouring of love for us that makes us sing:

"I stand amazed in the Presence  
Of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how he could love me,  
A sinner, condemned, unclean."

## BAPTIST CONGRESS

Interest in the sessions of the Baptist World Congress to be held in Cleveland, Ohio from July 22 to 27 continues to mount! Many of our people are planning to attend since it will be within easy reach of scores of our churches. The first announcements about the program ought to intensify the keen anticipation of the Congress' blessings by Baptists everywhere. Outstanding Baptist leaders from almost every country of the world will speak at the sessions to be held in the large Cleveland City Auditorium which seats 17,000 people. The presidential address of Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, St. Louis, Mo., will be given on Sunday afternoon. At least seven of the Baptist leaders of Germany and Austria will be present, who will also speak at some of our churches prior to the Congress. Another great Baptist gathering is just around the corner!

## 1952 GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas has "decided to withdraw its invitation for the 1952 General Conference." That means that the only outstanding invitation for the General Conference is that extended by the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., for a great conference gathering of our churches in "the city of brotherly love." The time and place will be more definitely determined by the General Council at its annual session in April. But it now appears as though we can plan to attend the 1952 General Conference in the spacious and historical Baptist Temple of Russell Conwell fame from August 20 to 26, 1952, with both of our Philadelphia churches serving as the very friendly and hospitable hosts!

# Easter -- Our Assurance of Victory

Claiming the victory in Christ's Name for our Easter Offering to be received from Palm Sunday, April 2, to Easter Sunday, April 9

By REV. FRANK H. WOYKE, Executive Secretary

THE ANNUAL Easter Offering for our denominational enterprise is to be taken on Palm Sunday, April 2, or on Easter Sunday, April 9.

Easter proclaims the message of Christ's eternal victory over sin and death. It was a victory over his judges and executioners. When they had forced him to die the horrible death of a criminal on the Cross, they were convinced that they were permanently rid of him. How mistaken they were! On Easter morning the stone was rolled away, the grave was empty and the messengers of God said: "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen" (Luke 24:5-6). The evil forces which had crucified the Savior had been defeated.

## CHANGE OF OUTLOOK

Easter was not only a victory over the enemies of Christ but it was also an assurance of victory for his disciples and friends. During the time of their Master's trials, the disciples had either denied him or else had followed him at a discreet distance. After this burial, they felt sorry for themselves, indeed, as they contemplated their shattered hopes and unfulfilled dreams. Had they not trusted that their Master would redeem Israel? They had hoped to hold high places in his Kingdom. Now all appeared lost.

Then came the resurrection message, assuring them that the Redeemer had risen from the dead and that he was alive for evermore. What a change of outlook this brought about! Now the disciples ceased their mourning over past hopes and began instead to prepare themselves for future victories. They soon were to learn that Christ's Kingdom was not of this world but that it was the Kingdom of God himself.

But the significance of Christ's resurrection extended far beyond those who were immediately concerned with him. When he arose from the dead, he won an eternal victory over sin. Ever since that day, the forces of evil tremble at the Name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Likewise, from that time on his followers have had an unshakable faith in the victory of his Church and of his Kingdom. They know that he has won the

victory over death itself, that last great enemy of man. His resurrection signifies that we too shall rise and that all who believe in him shall have eternal life.

## THE RISEN CHRIST

Do Christians today always practice this faith in the Easter victory? Do we as North American Baptists live victoriously, and do we build his Church in the firm conviction that the power of the risen Christ is with us? The Lord himself assured his followers that he would be with them always. He is ever ready to guide and to strengthen us.

What are some of the victories which God wants us as North American Baptists to win today? Surely, one of them is the building of our Seminary in its new location. Such an undertaking as the relocation of a Seminary is unavoidably a tremendous undertaking. First, it must become evident that such a step is imperative. Then it is necessary to agree upon a new location. Finally, new buildings must be erected and paid for and the new program must be successfully inaugurated.

Thus far, God has led wonderfully. New buildings are under construction. The Building Fund campaign to raise \$225,000 is meeting with a generous response among our people. Most important of all, the Seminary program is progressing well and faculty and students are establishing themselves firmly in the affections of our churches.

Our missionary work in the British Cameroons offers a further challenge to us today. Our missionaries have repeatedly told us that the doors are open, that the field is white unto har-

## THE EASTER OFFERING

Read especially the missionary articles on pages 6-8 in this issue of THE BAPTIST HERALD.

Observe the poster about the Easter Offering on the bulletin of your church.

Use one of the colorful Easter Offering envelopes which have been sent to your church.

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2, TO  
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

vest and that the needs are great. Are we going to go forward in the Name of the risen Christ to claim the victory in the Cameroons?

## GIVING CHEERFULLY

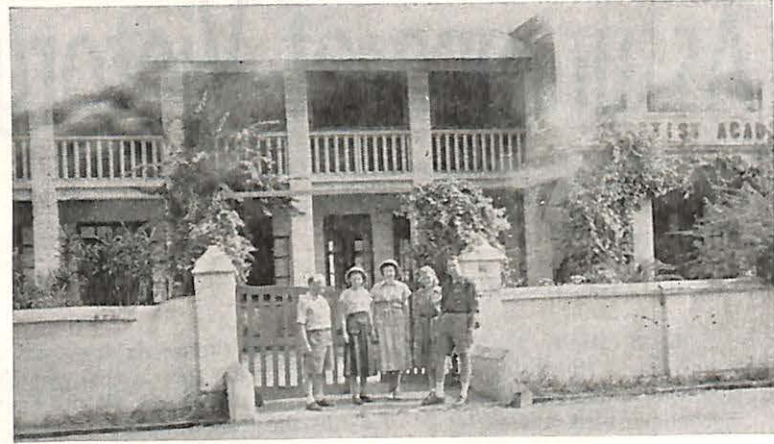
During the next few weeks many other Conferences on Evangelism are to be held in our churches. These conferences will remind us again of the millions in our own country who have not yet acknowledged Christ as their Savior. These unsaved millions are a constant challenge to all Christians. Dare we as North American Baptists trust God for a great revival and an ingathering of souls? No doubt, all of us have read reports of revivals in various parts of our country during the past few months. May those reports multiply and may God grant us victory in our evangelistic activities!

Though we cannot all be Seminary students or missionaries or evangelists, each one of us can contribute something to the great program of our Conference. We can consecrate ourselves fully to our Risen Lord. If we do this, we shall also give of our substance for the Lord's work when the Easter Offering is held. Let us give cheerfully, as the Bible instructs us.

A man dreamed that he had died and found himself in a bare room. He spied a door and decided to enter. Inside, he saw a table richly laden with all kinds of food, with starving people sitting around it. Each person had one hand behind his back and to his other hand was tied a long fork. The fork was so long that it was impossible to convey food to the mouth. The people were nearing starvation.

Leaving this room quickly, the man saw another door. He entered and at first thought that he was in the same room. There was the richly laden table and the people in the same position as in the other room. When he looked closer, however, he noticed that here the people were not starving, for each one was using his fork, too long to feed himself, to feed someone else! They were thriving because they were willing to help others.

Let us give generously for the Easter Offering, remembering the words of our Lord: "Whatsoever ye have done unto the least of these . . . ye have done it unto me." Let us claim the victory in Christ's Name.



Rev. H. G. Dymmel (Left) and Rev. Fred Ferris (Right) Meet the Newly Arrived Missionaries, Berneice Westerman and Myrtle Weeldreyer (With Hats) at Lagos, Africa Along With Mrs. Alma Henderson of Victoria

# The Belo Bible School

The story of six graduates of the Cameroons Baptist Bible School at Belo, Africa

By REV. S. DONALD GANSTROM, Missionary, Now on Furlough in the United States

"... Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord ..."

1 Corinthians 15:58.

On Sunday, November 27th, the second class students of the Cameroons Baptist Bible School at Belo received their diplomas. Though the class was smaller in number than that of last year, those who left the school were strong in the faith. In the Scriptures, great stress is laid on being diligent in preaching the Word "in season and out of season" (2 Tim. 4:2). The six young men, who have now gone to give the "wonderful words of Life" to their own people, are full of zeal and ready with a knowledge of the Word. How we praise God for Phillip, Thomas, Jonah, Martin, Emmanuel and Joseph!

### SIX NATIVE GRADUATES

It has been a great joy this last year to be able to teach such consecrated young men. Thomas is a Kata native from our Mbem field. He is filled with a zeal to evangelize his own tribe before it is too late. His eyes would always fill with tears whenever we discussed the subject of the return of the Lord and that souls will be cast into outer darkness because they have not yet heard the salvation story.

He had been a school teacher for two years before receiving God's call to the full time ministry. He is having to sacrifice much, and his former friends are poking fun at him for leaving a good paying position for one that is meager and very hard.

Phillip bears the right name. He is so much like the deacon evangelist of the days of the church in Jerusalem.

Jonah is also typical of the "changed Jonah" of the Old Testament. He stands solid as a rock in his convictions for the Lord. Joseph has been in the Lord's work for many years but had never had much training. Though older and perhaps slower, nevertheless, he is persuaded that Christ can soften the hearts of his hardened tribe in the Bum Area and that he can win many to Christ in years to come. The four mentioned are Grassland men.

Emmanuel and Martin are from the Soppo Field. Emmanuel should have been named Zaccheus because of his size. Yet his name, "God with us," will be all too true as he goes back to the Bakweri people for in him they shall see Christ's love and passion. We are confident that he will be about the Lord's business with an unmovable spirit.

Martin, too, was older than others and had been in the ministry for some time. But like Joseph he is now better equipped to go unto those who desire the Word and also those who have never accepted or heard.

### ESTABLISHED IN GOD'S WORD

Our aim in the teaching of those who came to the Bible School is found in the above scripture heading. Only as each is given a sound knowledge of the Word and our Baptist principles can we be sure that the one sent will preach the truth. The

African is easily swayed by any or many doctrines if he has not had teaching in one strong and convicting doctrine. But, when convinced of a truth, there is no one anywhere more steadfast in what he knows to be a truth.

Against Catholicism, Jehova's Witness and Communism our task is to teach God's Word in such a way that those who leave the school will be "steadfast, unmovable" and that in the face of heathenism that they will be "always abounding in the work of the Lord." We realize that if a timid spirit lays hold on the churches and their shepherds, opposition will increase and threaten to undo any good that has been done. Please pray with us that as we endeavor, in the light of Calvary and the promise of our risen Savior's return, to do everything in our power to establish those who come to the school in the faith, that God's richest blessings may rest on all who go out in his Name to preach the Gospel.

For 1950 the prospects are great. To date (two months before school starts) we have the applications of over twenty who wish to enter. Though housing will be a great problem, we feel God is leading this new project into great things for his work in this land.

### AVENUES OF SERVICE

The missionary is unable to evangelize to any great extent through his own preaching and then, when he leaves, if there are no trained nationals to carry on, the work is almost at a standstill. We have three great avenues of service open to us today: the church, the schools, and our new hospital or medical service. In the church our greatest opportunity and obligation would seem to be in the Bible School, for through those who go out instructed and grounded in the Word, "steadfast and unmovable," we have the greatest point of contact and influence in our churches today.

The missionary now in charge of the Bible School will soon be going on furlough and though we have prayed and asked for a full-time Bible School teacher, there is as yet no answer. We feel sure that God is saying, "Yes, HE is sending someone," but we wonder if that someone is still saying, "No," to God. Someone must carry on or we will fail in this great project that God has given us.

### APPROXIMATED BUDGET

25 student Allowances (Food, kerosene, soap, etc.)	\$ 900
Teachers' Salaries	276
Supplies:	
notebooks	60
textbooks	40
miscellaneous	20
Housing (Building and Maintenance)	200
Total	\$1,496

# Preparing Africa's Children for a Life That Counts

Our Cameroons Mission Schools have the high aim of winning the children for Christ and of leading them into a life of service for Christ and their fellowmen

By MISS ELEANOR WEISENBURGER of Belo, Cameroons, Africa

AS THE SCHOOL year of 1949 drew to its close on December 2nd, words similar to the following were given as a challenge to the twenty-seven boys who were completing Standard Six (Grade Eight) and going out from our Belo School:

"So, live the life that counts my friend;  
Serve Christ and your fellow-man,  
And ever be striving from day to day  
To do for him all you can."

(From "The Life that Counts" by Mrs. Simmons)

To most of our people, the purpose of getting an education is to be able to earn more money. Our Baptist Mission Schools have a higher aim than that, which is to win the children for Christ and to lead them into a life of service for Christ and their fellow-men.

### THE BELO SCHOOL

Let me take you on a tour of one of our schools — the Belo School. At 7:45 A.M. we begin to hear the playing of drums and flutes, so we follow the children who are running from all directions to line up on the playing field for inspection. By eight o'clock there are nearly two hundred boys and girls ready to enter the classroom for opening exercises. This morning the opening hymn is "Christ Receiveth Sinful Men." You marvel at the way the children sing in perfect harmony with no accompaniment.

The hymn is followed by the read-

ing of Scripture with a short explanation by one of the teachers. The lesson is the story of the Samaritan woman, which shows that Jesus received all people, even strangers. This is a very practical lesson, because within our school are many boys who are called "strangers" or "foreigners" simply because they are from other tribes, maybe only five or six miles away. After prayer by the teacher or one of the pupils, all go to their various classes and work begins.

You are very much interested in the way the whitewashed walls of the classrooms are used. Each room has a variety of drawings made on the wall with wet charcoal. There are maps of all kinds, pictures of animals, means of transportation and even a skeleton showing the names of the most important bones.

### TEACHING METHODS

As we move about from class to class, you notice that the subject matter that is being taught is much like what you find in our schools at home. But the teaching methods of some of our teachers are very new to you. The Infants One teacher is teaching the new word "standing." He gives the sentence, "I am standing by the door." The children repeat it. Then the teacher says, "again," and the repetition begins. After the words have been said about ten times, the teacher asks, "Now who can say the sentence?" Twenty hands go up and twenty voices say, "I, sir; I, sir." And so the exact words are said an-

other twenty times.

At ten o'clock all the boys come outside for their assignment for work period, which lasts one hour. This is the day that is to be used for repairing the fence around the school farm. About twelve boys failed to bring elephant stalks, hoping that would be a good excuse to get out of work, so they must be given a harder task to do. The others are divided into groups and are soon at work repairing holes in their lattice-work fence, which have been made by some hungry goat.

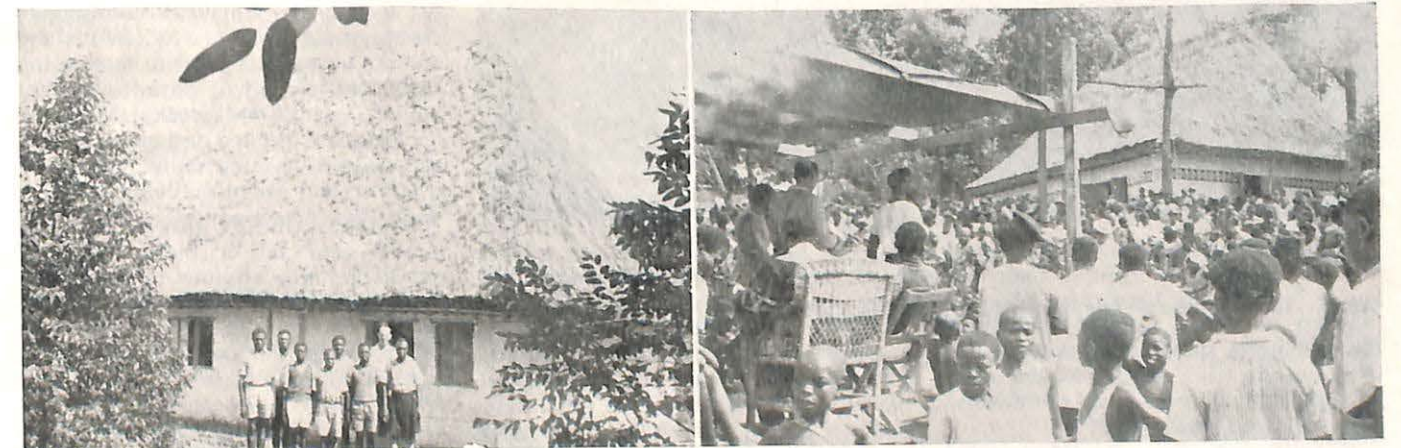
As you walk from group to group you are impressed by the fact that these boys act just like our school-boys at home. One group is having an argument about a question which was brought up in class, another is humming a new song that is being learned, another group is trying to discipline a boy who is not doing his share of the work.

The girls are busy this period too. We find them sitting around very informally, talking or singing as their fingers are learning to make the various kinds of stitches it takes to sew a garment. They are especially pleased when they can sew something for their smaller brothers or sisters, who like themselves, have very few clothes.

### BIBLE STUDENTS

Then back to classes again! Before school closes at 2:00 P.M. you will have seen several lessons being taught

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Bible School Graduates of Belo, the Cameroons (Left) With Missionary S. Donald Ganstrom; and (Right) the Belo Bible Conference in Which Rev. H. G. Dymmel and Rev. Fred Ferris Participated on Their Tour to the Cameroons, Africa



## Who Will Go for Us to Japan?

The story of the mission project of our California Youth Union and of an urgent Macedonian call

By the Rev. ERWIN A. KOHFELD of Wasco, California

DURING THE PAST summer the churches of the California Association were well represented at the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' conference held at Hume Lake, California. The popularity of this conference has grown so that we had a larger representation last year than at any previous time.

There was a very good response on the part of many as well as prepared messages brought from God's Word. How good it was to see both old and young dedicate their lives to the Divine Master! We resolved to try for even greater and better things this coming year, should the Lord tarry.

One outstanding feature of the conference was its prevailing missionary spirit. It is hoped that God will sometime see fit to call into his service abroad some from among the boys and girls who consecrated themselves to Him. With more than half the world still in heathen darkness, a tremendous work remains to be done. Glowing reports can be given of multiple thousands of converts to Christ from among the heathen, who have been won through heroic and sacrificial missionary endeavor. However, beyond the horizon there is still death and darkness that challenge God's people to a greater service than ever before.

We are persuaded that God is even now speaking to our young men and young women to heed his call and take up this great work. We believe too that he is speaking to parents not to stand in the way of their own young people, but to give them willingly for his cause.

Perhaps not since the day when the great Macedonian Call was given to Paul (Acts 16:9), has such a call

gone out for missionary help as when General McArthur called for a great host of Christian workers for Japan. Two thousand, I believe, were called for! There is the "COME" and there is God's command, "GO" (Matt. 28:19). With such a divine command and such an open door, it is almost impossible to believe that no one feels any responsibility. But, up until now, very few responded. Surely there are trained Christian young men and young women who are slighting the voice of the Spirit of God!

The writer once gave a missionary address at a rally for Christian young people, where nearly two thousand were present. At the close of the service a middle-aged woman, in tears, came saying, "Sir, when I was a young woman God called me to missionary service but I turned aside from it. Would that I had not done so!" We searched for words of comfort to stay the falling tears, but words failed us. If she had disobeyed the Lord, who was I to say, "There, there, it is all right; it is all right?"

The California Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Conference at Hume Lake looked carefully about for a Christian project where they might invest a \$2000 offering received from the various churches. A suggestion was made which was unanimously and most joyfully received, that we forward this offering to our North American Baptist Headquarters with the prayerful request that a "Spearhead" to missionary enterprise in Japan be formed. As North American Baptists we are now more than 40,000 strong. Could it be that there is not a young man, a young woman or a young couple among us who would go, someone who feels keenly the responsibility and the call of God?

Should not we as a denomination ask, "LORD, WHAT WILT THOU HAVE US TO DO?"

### Preparing Africa's Children

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in Bible study. Each teacher devotes three class periods a week to the teaching of such lessons which have been outlined for each class by the missionaries. It is during these class periods in particular that the teacher not only teaches but seeks to win his pupils for Christ. Whether a boy spends one or eight years in our school, he learns something about what it means to serve Christ.

At the suggestion of the headmaster of our school, something new was added to our school program this year — a week of revival services with the missionary in charge. The Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom brought very simple Gospel messages every morning for five days. As the invitation was given on the closing day, fifty-six of our boys came forward to testify that they had accepted Christ as their Savior during that week. We could not help but rejoice and say that God had done exceeding abundantly above what we had asked or thought.

We thank God for this young headmaster who felt a burden for his pupils and was anxious to share with them what he himself has experienced. He came to us from the Baptist Training College at Iwo, Nigeria at the beginning of this year. We are praying that many of the boys who sat in his classes during the past year will follow his example and truly be of service to Christ and their fellowmen as they "live a life that counts."

# The Legacy of Our Baptist Seminary

Dedicated to all those who have studied at the North American Baptist Seminary (N.A.B.S.) and have now passed from their labors to "be with the Lord"

By WILLY R. MULLER, Student of Our Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

With motives high and hearts aflame,  
To N.A.B.S. students came,  
To make of God their calling sure  
And overcome the world's bright lure.

Some studied hard and prayed not little,  
On these the Devil could not whittle,  
While others fooled with time, and played,  
And hence by Satan soon were swayed.

The latter soon forgotten were,  
For they God's Kingdom did not stir;  
They left those Halls with haste and shame,  
And did not preach "in Jesus' Name."

But those that worked and studied hard,  
In wisdom and great prudence shared;  
Their spirit waxed and blossomed bright,  
And God their pathway blessed with light.

They fitted were with armor strong  
To fight the battle hard and long;  
For they had learned with skill to wield  
The Breastplate, Helmet, Sword and Shield.

Their feet were shod with "words of peace,"  
The which to preach, they could not cease.  
And Truth they girded on with care,  
Lest they mendacious words should bear.

In all the world they raised Christ high,  
And some, as martyrs, had to die;  
Their lives are spent; what once begun  
Has heard God's verdict of "well done."

The Torch they bore, yet burning, falls  
To us, who walk these self-same Halls;  
We now must pray, and work, and wield  
Ere Darkness take again their Field.

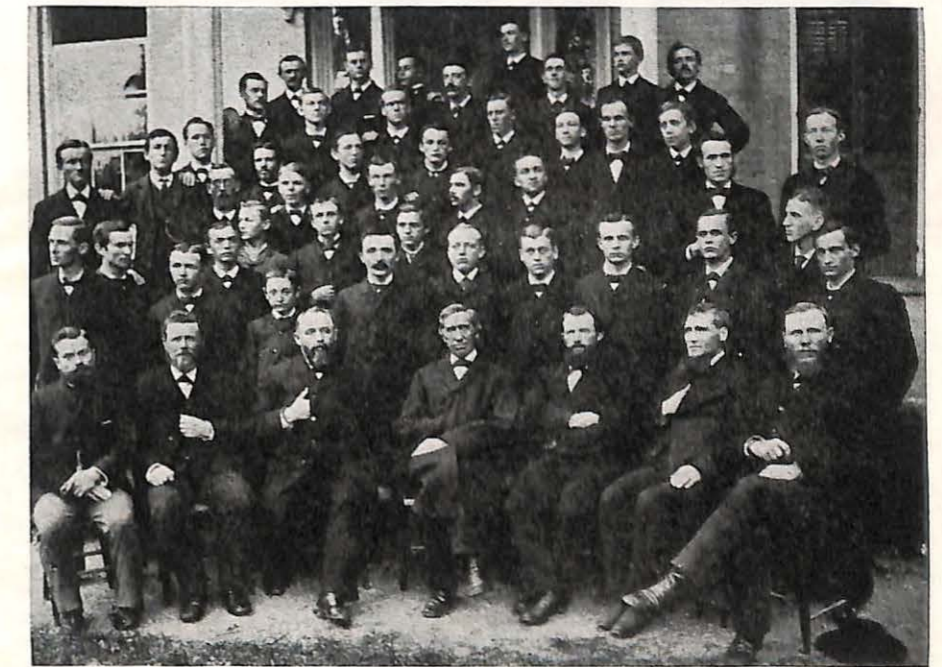
Willy R. Muller.

## The Christian's Joy in Giving

A Poem to Prepare Our Hearts for the Easter Offering to Be Received by Our Churches from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.

Give! as the morning that flows out of heaven;  
Give! as the waves when their channel is riven;  
Give! as the free air and sunshine are given;  
Lavishly, utterly, joyfully give!  
Not to waste drops of thy cup overflowing;  
Not a pailful from the June roses blowing;  
Give as he gave thee who gave thee to live.

Pour out thy love like the rush of a river,  
Wasting its waters, forever and ever,  
Through the burnt sands that reward not the giver:  
Silent or songful, thou nearest the sea.  
Scatter thy life as the summer's shower pouring;  
What if no bird through the pearl rain is soaring?



Seminary Students and Some of Our Baptist Ministers in 1883 at a Conference Session With Professor August Rauschenbusch in Front Row (Center)

What if no blossom looks upward adoring?  
Look to the life that was lavished for thee!

Almost the day of thy giving is over;  
Ere from the grass dies the bee-haunted clover  
Thou wilt have vanished from friend and from lover:

What shall thy longing avail in the grave?

Give as the heart gives whose fetters are breaking —  
Life, love, and hope, all thy dreams and thy waking;  
Soon, heaven's river thy soul-fever slaking,  
Thou shalt know God and the gift that he gave.

# That Memorable Year of 1919!

In the life of a denomination as well as individuals there are certain days and years that give birth to momentous events. Such was the year 1919 for North American Baptist Churches!

By DR. WILLIAM KUHN of Forest Park, Illinois

IN THE KINGDOM of God all momentous events occur exactly at the time set in God's calendar. "When the time was fulfilled, God sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh" to become his Messiah and the Redeemer of the world. He will come again as the King of kings and the Lord of lords to set up his Kingdom. In the hour known only to himself when all European Christendom was under the domination of Roman Catholicism, then that little monk Luther nailed his ninety-five revolutionary theses on the church door at

those memorable years.

### THE LAUNCHING OF THE OFFERING

The vision for the Million Dollar Offering originated in the hearts and minds of some of our younger laymen. Before we went to Chicago, Illinois to attend the General Conference, one of these laymen discussed with me the total sum that we might set for our income during the next triennium. Both of us were convinced that we might adopt a project of \$500,000 with the assurance that we would reach that goal.

selves in an era of prosperity. Other denominations had launched imposing financial campaigns. Our leaders had envisioned a denominational advance in many departments. The salaries of our pastors and missionaries were far below the then prevailing cost of living.

Although the project of the Million Dollar Offering had not been included in the program of the General Conference, this group of interested laymen was ready to submit the plan to the General Conference. As I can remember it, the project of the Million Dollar Offering came before the General Conference during the first session. It was given priority over all other business and from the first presentation received enthusiastic support. There were many spokesmen who endorsed this project from the platform of the General Conference.

A wave of enthusiasm remarkable for its unanimity and generosity swept over that assembly. Representatives of local churches pledged the amounts of their contributions. Many present contributed their liberty bonds. Cash contributions were also received. The example of Brother Christian Schmidt, a member of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., inspired many others through his own contribution of \$15,000. Before the close of the General Conference sessions, we had already received over \$100,000 in cash and pledges.

### THE SUM OF \$1,056,273.06

Immediately this project was organized by electing a special committee with Mr. William Schmidt of the Clinton Hill Church of Newark, N. J., as director and Mr. E. Elmer Staub as promotional secretary. In those days we were having the same experiences that Haggai, the Lord's messenger to his people, made when he aroused his countrymen to rebuild the destroyed temple in Jerusalem. In Haggai 1:14 we read: "And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the Lord of hosts, their God."



A Picture That Was Used Effectively in Our Denomination Some Years Ago for Promotional Purposes With Dr. William Kuhn (Standing); Mr. William F. Grosser, Treasurer (Seated, Right); and Mr. E. Elmer Staub of Detroit, Mich. (Seated at Table, Left)

Wittenberg. When the spiritual and moral life in England was at an all-time low, then God called John Wesley as his ambassador. When God's hour had struck for the founding of a German Baptist work in the United States and Canada, then he sent his unknown ambassador, Konrad Anton Fleischmann, from Switzerland to New York and entrusted to him this high and holy commission.

In the life of a denomination as well as churches and individual members there are certain days and years that give birth to momentous events. Without any planning or foreknowledge of any kind on our part, the year 1919 must be recognized as one of

After the close of the first World War people generally found them-



Members of the General Missionary Committee With Dr. William Kuhn in 1928 Along With Other Pastors, Missionaries, Denominational Leaders and Baptist Friends from Germany in a Memorable Picture Taken in Forest Park, Illinois

God approved the project of our Million Dollar Offering and therefore he stirred the hearts of our people to make some sacrifices, so that at the General Conference held in St. Paul, Minn., three years later it could be reported that we had received the total sum of \$1,056,273.06.

It deserves mention that the contribution for our relief ministry at that time helped us greatly to exceed the Million Dollar Offering by more than \$56,000. In the denominational budget we had stipulated \$75,000 for relief, but actually we received more than one-third of a million dollars for relief.

In reviewing the successful consummation of that Million Dollar Offering project, we can with assurance enumerate a number of the distinct blessings that have come to our denomination through this memorable offering.

1. Our membership for the first time had this concrete and convincing evidence of what we all, working together, could really accomplish in supporting the Lord's cause.

2. Many of our members had the joy of being actual co-workers in God's work through their many contributions.

3. The treasuries of all our cooperating societies were enriched and were thereby enabled to pass through the following depression without making retrenchments.

### OUR DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Before that General Conference in 1919, there was no unified plan for financing our denominational enterprise. Each of the cooperating societies worked independently. Many of our churches in the course of a year

had four or five special Sundays. On these special Sundays contributions with special envelopes were received for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Aged Ministers, Seminary at Rochester, Publication Society and Children's Home. It was unavoidable that some societies would be more generously remembered than others.

In the first denominational budget, the Finance Committee assigned to each denominational department a share in the budget according to its particular needs. Under this budget arrangement there was no longer any rivalry among the different departments. At the end of each month the distribution of the Missionary and Benevolent Offering was made to each participating society according to its assigned percentage. It was to be expected that such a radical change in the financial policy would not have the approval of everyone. In the course of years traditions had become sacred. But long ago our denominational budget arrangement was accepted by every society because of its justice to all.

We are all convinced that, first of all, we must seek the welfare of our entire denominational household and not only the welfare of some particular branch. After the passing of these thirty years the denomination is still working under the denominational budget as first established in 1919 with but very few minor changes. This budget arrangement has won to itself an abiding place in the administration of our denominational household.

Some time during the year 1919, the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance was in session in London, England. At that time this com-

mittee assigned certain definite mission fields to our society. That was most remarkable because no representative from our society was present at that committee session, nor did we as a missionary society or General Conference even belong to the Baptist World Alliance.

### EUROPEAN MISSION FIELDS

We have never been informed what prompted that committee to think of us. The committee assigned the following fields to our care: mission work among the Germans in Poland, mission work in Germany and Austria, mission work in Bulgaria with the thousands and tens of thousands of neglected Gypsies, and mission work in Jugoslavia.

Receiving these new assignments, we cooperated with the Baptists of Germany in their Cameroons mission work and with the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. In the interest of Cameroons mission, the directors, Eduard Scheve and Karl Mascher, toured our churches and found a most hearty response in money contributions as well as finding men and women among us willing to go as missionaries to the Cameroons.

After accepting that assignment given to us by the Baptist World Alliance, we could no longer support the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. In this matter I wrote personally to Dr. James Franklin, Secretary of the A.B.F.M.S., explaining that hereafter he would get no more of those large generous missionary checks from us. Realizing our obligations to our new assignments, Doctor Franklin was willing to recognize the prior claim of the Baptist World

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# What's Happening

● The Rev. Arnold R. Vail recently resigned as pastor of the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Jamaica Plain, Mass., near Boston, effective January 15th. He had served as pastor of the church for several years while studying in the area. The Rock Hill Church is prayerfully considering the calling of a new pastor for its pulpit.

● The Baptist Church of Glidden, Saskatchewan, Canada is being served for the winter months by Mr. Fred Heffke as student pastor with the approval and financial support of the General Missionary Committee. He and his wife have been on the field at Glidden since Nov. 1, 1949. Mr. Heffke is a graduate of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta.

● Mr. Warren Brenner of Marion, Kansas, who recently completed his work for the Master of Arts degree at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, has been appointed instructor of English at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, beginning with the Spring semester. He will teach Freshman English, debate and public speaking. His address is 410 E. Santa Fe, Marion, Kansas.

● The oldest member of the Baptist Church of Baileyville, Illinois, Mr. Rempt Schoonhoven, celebrated his 95th birthday on January 2nd. Open House was held in honor of this occasion and many greetings were extended to him by members of the church and friends of the community. The Baileyville Baptist Church has successfully called a minister as successor to the Rev. H. Renkema, now the representative of our Publication Society.

● On Friday, Feb. 3, some of the women of the Forest Park Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Forest Park, Ill., surprised Mrs. Eleanore Fliege on her 90th birthday. Three of the next oldest members of the society, Mrs. Katherine Riswig, Mrs. Minnie Krause, and Mrs. Hannah Granzow, took part in the brief program of congratulations. Mrs. Fred Stuebner, president, was in charge of the happy surprise on one of the honored members of the society.

● The Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church in La Salle, Colorado held its annual birthday dinner on Thursday, Feb. 2nd, with 100 guests in attendance. Tables

### VISITATION TOUR OF MISS MYRTLE HEIN

Sunday A.M., March 19 — Bethel Church, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Sunday P.M., March 19 — Temple Church, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Tuesday P.M., March 21 — Foster Ave., Church, Chicago, Ill.  
Wednesday P.M., March 22 — Forest Park Church, Forest Park, Ill.  
Thursday P.M., March 23 — Union Meeting of Erin Ave. and White Ave. Churches of Cleveland, Ohio at White Ave. Church.  
Friday P.M., March 24 — Alpena, Michigan.  
Sunday A.M. and P.M., March 26 — Beaver Church, Midland, Mich.  
Monday P.M., March 27, Gladwin, Michigan.  
Tuesday, March 28 — Woman's Missionary Union of Detroit, Mich.  
April 2-12 — At home in Leduc, Alta.

were attractively decorated for each month with angel food cakes serving as centerpiece for each table. The Rev. David Zimmerman, pastor, offered prayer before the dinner. Afterwards the representatives of each month presented poems, readings, talks, and songs, as reported by Mrs. W. S. McNeil for the society.

● The pulpit of the Elm Creek Baptist Church of Texas is being supplied twice a month by Mr. Walter Gummelt of Waco, Texas, a member of the Cottonwood Baptist Church, with the encouragement of the Southern Conference Evangelistic Committee, of which the Rev. Roy Seibel is the chairman. Mr. Gummelt is a third year student at Baylor University in Waco. His ministry is deeply appreciated by this church, which has not had a full-time pastor on the field for many years.

● The Rev. James R. Wyatt of Waco, Texas, for several years the pastor of the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas, has accepted a position as general missionary for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California beginning with March 1st. Mr. Wyatt has been stationed in the Los Angeles-San Diego area. For the past few years he has been missionary for the Waco Association and served as evangelist in several of our Texas Baptist Churches.

● The 60th anniversary program of the Woman's Missionary Union of the

Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas was held on Friday evening, March 10, with Mrs. Roy Seibel, president, opening the service. Mrs. Ernest Steindam was chairman of the program committee. The feature of the impressive service was the missionary play, "Empty Hands," presented for the first time by the Religious Drama Department of Baylor University with Mr. Orlin Corey directing.

● On Sunday evening, Feb. 5, the young people of the Baptist Church at Sumner, Iowa presented the play, "I Carried the Cross," by M. B. Shannon at the Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa bringing to a close a week of fine programs in observance of Youth Week. On Sunday morning, Feb. 5, the Rev. Arthur Ittermann preached on "Youth's Surrender to Christ" at the Elgin Baptist Church. Miss Lorena Ross, formerly our missionary in China, spoke at the church on Sunday morning, Jan. 22.

● On Jan. 25 Mr. H. W. Engelbrecht of the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas observed his 75th birthday. Members of his family and some friends of the church helped him to celebrate his birthday in his home after the midweek service. Mr. Engelbrecht is honorary deacon of the church, having served as deacon for many years.

● Rev. Walter P. Rueckheim of Chardon, Ohio one of our retired ministers, died February 28 shortly after he was hit by an automobile.

● Miss Berneice Westerman and Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, our most recent appointees for the Cameroons mission field, arrived in Victoria, Africa on Feb. 1st, thankful to God for his journeying mercies on their long trip by boat from the United States. On that same day Miss Westerman also arrived in Soppo and began her ministry on the Soppo field in a teaching capacity. Miss Weeldreyer went to Banso and on Feb. 6th began her ministry as a missionary nurse at the Banso Baptist Hospital. Their new addresses appear on page two of this issue.

● On Wednesday evening, March 1, a union meeting for the churches of Chicago, Ill., and vicinity was held at the Forest Park Baptist Church in order to hear the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, general missionary secretary, in a

very interesting and informative message about our Cameroons mission field in Africa. Mr. Dymmel was the first secretary from the North American Baptist Churches ever to visit the Cameroons. Some pictures of his trip were also shown at the close. The Rev. C. B. Nordland of the Forest Park Baptist Church was in charge of the service.

● The Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom and their two children sailed from Duala, Africa on February 8th bound for the United States and their first furlough at home. Mr. and Mrs. Ganstrom have been serving as our Cameroons missionaries on the Belo Field since 1945. After resting and recuperating at home, they will be available for promotional visits to our churches for about four months beginning with May 1st. Mr. Ganstrom will continue studies in September in preparation for his important ministry as our Supervisor of Schools (S O S) in the Cameroons Mission Fields as soon as he returns to Africa.

● On Monday evening, February 13, a reception was held in the denominational headquarters at Forest Park, Ill., for about 50 students from our churches who are studying in the Chicago area. The Rev. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, was in charge of the informal program and delightful fellowship. Arrangements for the reception had been made by the Rev. J. C. Gunst, young people's secretary. The Rev. H. G. Dymmel spoke about his trip to the Cameroons of Africa. Refreshments were served by the stenographers of the office to climax this annual occasion at the Forest Park headquarters.

● On Sunday, Feb. 12, the Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif., held ground breaking exercises for the addition to the present church building which will house the cradle roll, Beginners, Primary, Junior and Intermediate classes for the Sunday School with accommodations for 400 pupils. With donations of labor and materials by church members, the cost of construction is estimated to be about \$20,000 and it is hoped that it will be completed in time for use on Easter Sunday. According to the pastor, the Rev. P. G. Neumann, the entire church establishment, including church sanctuary, when completed, will cost \$250,000 and will accommodate 700 persons in the auditorium and with adjacent overflow rooms, a total of 1000 persons for worship.

● The reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Schilke and their family by the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., was held on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 29, with Mr. Carl Remland of the board of deacons in charge. The

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

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

*The month of March brings Bible Day, and with it an increased appreciation of God's Word. As our column's contribution we reprint a reading said to have been found in Evangelist Billy Sunday's Bible. It would make an excellent musical reading, using as a background the hymn, "All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name."* (Tune, "Diadem").

#### MY FATHER'S HOUSE

With the Holy Spirit as my guide, I entered the wonderful temple of Christianity.

I entered the portico of Genesis; walked down through the Old Testament art galleries, where pictures of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Isaac, Jacob and Daniel were hung on the walls.

I passed into the music room of Psalms, where the Spirit swept the keyboard of nature until it seemed that every reed and pipe in God's great organ responded to the tuneful harp of David, the sweet singer of Israel.

I entered the chamber of Ecclesiastes, where the voice of the preacher was heard; and into the conservatory of Sharon, where the Lily of the Valley's sweet scented spices filled and perfumed my life.

I entered the business office of Proverbs, and then into the observatory room of the Prophets, where I saw telescopes of various sizes, pointed to far-off events, but all concentrated on the Bright and Morning Star.

I entered the audience room of the King of kings, and caught a vision of his glory from the standpoint of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; passed into the Acts of the Apostles, where the Holy Spirit was doing his work in the formation of the infant Church. Then into the correspondence room,

where sat Paul, Peter, James and John penning their epistles.

I stepped into the throne room of the Revelation, where towered the glittering peaks, and got a vision of the King sitting upon the throne in all his glory, and I cried:

"All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name,  
Let angels prostrate fall,  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown him Lord of all."  
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#### OF BLESSED MEMORY

Miss Ann Swain, our faithful Scripture Memorization Worker, went to be with the Lord on January 25. A tribute to her appeared in the last issue of THE BAPTIST HERALD. For Ann's devoted service and Christ-like witness among the boys and girls, we praise God. In her last pain-filled days she quoted the line from "Amazing Grace," "'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home." Now that faith has become sight. Pray that someone will be found to carry on this vital work.  
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#### WORTH QUOTING

"We need better Christians more than we need more Christians. When we have better Christians we'll have more Christians." — Dr. Frank H. Leavell, outstanding Southern Baptist youth leader, who died Dec. 7, 1949.  
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#### NEWS FLASHES

On Youth Sunday, February 5, Secretary J. C. Gunst was the guest speaker at our church in Steamboat Rock, Iowa. On the preceding Friday evening, he addressed a Youth Week rally at Aplington, Iowa. Mr. Harold Gieseke, Union president, was the

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❖  
Book of grace, and book of glory,  
Gift of God to age and youth,  
Wondrous is thy sacred story,  
Bright, bright with truth.

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Book of love, in accents tender  
Speaking unto such as we;  
May it lead us, Lord, to render  
All, all to thee.  
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—Photograph by Harold M. Lambert

The Arden house on the old homestead stood a little back from the road, so sweetly pleasant and cosy, yet spacious in the lovely setting of trees and lawn

# Mary Arden

A Christian Novel by GRACE LIVINGSTON HILL  
and RUTH LIVINGSTON HILL

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## SYNOPSIS

For three generations there had been a Mary Arden at the old home on the edge of the village of Ardenville, now called ARDEN, and now the fourth Mary Arden had come back there to live. She was just out of college and had inherited the old Arden homestead. While her father was on business in China and her mother at a fashionable coastal resort, Mary arrived in Arden to spend the summer at the fascinating, lovely, old house. The servants were still there, Nannie and Orin and their daughter Randa. There was also Laurie Judson, who used to live next door, and who now was studying for the ministry and preaching in a nearby chapel. She loved everything about ARDEN. She even felt that way about the place when she went back to be the maid of honor at Floss Fairlee's wedding.

But it meant cancelling arrangements for a picnic that Laurie Judson had planned for the two of them. It meant arguing with her mother about Brooke Haven who wanted to marry her but for whom Mary Arden had little interest. She was an unhappy girl in the midst of the happy preparations for her friend's wedding.

## CHAPTER EIGHT

MARY thought she knew what was coming, a sound scolding from her mother for being so rude, and she tried to grasp at her sense of humor to keep it from slipping away from

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has happened, and I'm in a terrible fix again. Jim is actually coming to-night! Oh, I don't mean that's the terrible thing. I'm thrilled to a peanut. Imagine. And the wedding will be Thursday, because he has only five days, but that will give us a little honeymoon. Oh, I'm so excited I don't know which end I'm standing on!"

Mary waited, murmuring appropriate "Ohs!" at the right time, but with an awful foreboding in her heart.

"But, darling," rattled on the bride, "you don't know what has happened to Cousin Sue — the one, you know who was to have taken your place as maid of honor — I never did want to make that change, as you very well know, for Cousin Sue never meant anything really special to me and you do —"

"Oh, will she never come out with it?" thought Mary hopelessly, certain now of what Floss was going to ask.

"Well, Sue has come down with chicken pox! Can you imagine? Yes, at her age! She says there was a child on the train with some spots on her, when she left California. That's likely where she picked it up. But — oh, Mary I'm glad you are back. Now we can go ahead and have the wedding party the way I really planned it. You will, won't you, now you're home? And we are going to have the rehearsal tonight. Of course Jim may not get here until late tonight, but he'll find out quickly enough what to do. Brooke can nudge him when to march and all that. Oh, I'm so happy I could hug you right now. Well, I'll be seeing you tonight — and oh, about your dress!" And then came a long discussion of colors and styles.

Mary turned away from the phone feeling as if she had been tricked. Although she could not actually blame her mother. Her mother certainly hadn't inoculated Cousin Sue with chicken pox. It seemed as if there were no way for her to step out of the current that carried her straight back into the arms of Brooke Haven. For, of course, with Brooke Haven as best man, and Mary as maid of honor, they would be thrown together constantly during the next few days.

Well, there was nothing for it but to go through with it now. Mary sighed heavily. Her head was aching, and she felt tired all over. Strange, she had felt so rested from just those few days at Arden. Arden! What a refuge it seemed. She could almost see those thin white curtains moving with the gentle breeze in her cool living room. And perhaps even now there was a firm step on the back porch and a cheery whistle announcing the arrival of a tall young man with clear brown eyes and a merry smile, a man who treated her tenderly and knew how to speak of heavenly things with joy. The surge of longing to be back at her own dear house made Mary fly up the stairs

and into her own room to shut the door against anyone who should pry into her soul and see the sweet images there.

It came to her as she lay upon her bed to wonder whether Laurie Judson had always worn that look of joy, and perhaps she had only just now noticed it. Just to be with him was to expect something perfectly delightful to happen any minute. Did he know joy like that when he was overseas in the mud and heat and danger, she wondered. His joy seemed an inward thing, independent of outward circumstances. Were some people just naturally made that way? Could she perhaps learn to be that way, in this ordeal that she had to endure these next few days, for instance. It pleased her to think she might try, if only because it would be like sharing something with her friend Laurie. It was not that she was getting foolish about Laurie, certainly not. He was her old friend, older than herself by — well, four years. He was like a haven in a storm. Haven! What a travesty for Brooke to be named that. How was she ever to keep him at arm's length till she could escape again? Perhaps just keep everything on a gay laughing level, making constant fun of herself and of him, never allowing a serious moment to settle upon them. At any rate that seemed the best way she knew.

And then Hetty called her to lunch. It was a delicious lunch of delicate pink ham slices, with tiny sandwiches of some delectable new cheese spread, and a cool salad, for the day was warm for the middle of June.

Yet, Mary, seated at the massive walnut table in the great shadowed dining room could not seem to enjoy it or even the dainty dessert the cook had fixed "specially for Miss Mary." Every little while would come a vision of the cosy kitchen where even now Nannie and Randa were probably sitting at their little lunch, mourning the bird that had flown and wondering whether she would ever come back to them. It was not that Mary was so much more fond of those servants than these whom her mother had trained and who had waited upon her all her life. But there was an air of loving friendliness and a lack of tension about the old place at Arden that was infinitely restful. Here there seemed to be a constant fever to be sure to do everything just as the rest of society dictated. It irked Mary.

She would not admit to herself that the possibility of a visit from that merry-eyed tall young man down at Arden had anything special to do with the attraction of the place for her.

After several long silent minutes during which Mary's mother watched her sharply, Mrs. Arden said, "Well, anyone would think you were to take part in a funeral, not a wedding."

Mary looked up with a guilty start.

"Oh! Why —" she had actually been staring out the windows of her room at Arden, letting her eyes follow the winding of the little brook that flowed at the bottom of the hill back of the house. "Why, I wasn't even thinking about the wedding." She gave a little laugh.

"It's about time you did think about it, I should say," responded her mother irritably. "It's the greatest piece of fortune that you happened back just in time for it. Now let's get everything planned so that there will be no hitch in your part, at least. You know how Mrs. Fairlee is, she must have everything just right."

Mrs. Arden set out under full sail into a discussion of what each member of the wedding party would wear, where each would stand, and then told of the long argument Mrs. Fairlee had had with the caterer.

Mary would try to listen, fade off to Arden, and jerk back just in time to say "Oh, really?" or, "Yes, I guess so," until she realized all of a sudden that her mother was talking about Brooke Haven.

Gradually her subconscious mind warned her that there was something she should be aware of. With an effort she slowly recalled her mother's last sentence to which she had murmured a wordless assent.

Yes, it had been about Brooke Haven.

"— you know, he was planning that you and he would announce your engagement at the wedding rehearsal —"

Horror! Mary tried to cancel her vague assent with: "Oh, no! No, mother!" But her mother was already halfway out of the room responding to another telephone call, and she didn't answer Mary.

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Mrs. Judson looked up from her needlework alertly as she caught the sound of unexpected footsteps on the front walk.

Laurie's mother was an attractive woman in her early fifties. She had Laurie's soft brown eyes with the dancing twinkles in them, and her brown hair waved from her forehead just as his did. But he had inherited his father's strong height, for she was his father's little body, with dainty feet and hands. Her mouth showed sweetness at first glance, then determination which gave the sweetness a firm dependable quality. Both of these virtues had been learned the hard way, through her having plenty of trying circumstances in which to practice them. The climax had come two years ago when her beloved husband had suddenly been called from this earth, leaving a heavy burden of debt.

That had happened while Laurie was overseas. Mr. Judson had had to arrange a personal loan from a friend to stall off a mortgage foreclosure on

the farm they owned up near the Arden house where they had lived ever since they were married. But soon after the borrowed money was paid out, he suffered a heart attack and died in a few minutes.

Of course the mortgage was foreclosed, as the loan had covered only a part of the sum. Laurie, sent home on furlough fortunately, shared with his mother the great grief that seemed to them both the end of all happy living, then he bravely shouldered the responsibility as head of the house. He went out and hunted up this little cottage for his mother to live in, moved what goods he felt she must have, and sold the rest. Then before he went back to his outfit he paid a visit to the bank president, who was his father's best friend and who had loaned him the few thousand dollars which he had thought would see him through the hard times.

Laurie had his figures down in black and white. He showed what he was making in the service now, quite a goodly sum on account of promotions for his splendid work. He subtracted his mother's expenses, which he had pared down as far as he dared without actually making her suffer, and then he proposed to pay back monthly from what was left, the loan that his father had made.

"You see," he finished earnestly, his young face set in grim lines, "if all goes well, I shall be able to finish the payment in even less time than father had calculated. Now sir, is this agreeable to you? Of course, I shall pay the same rate of interest that my father would have paid."

The older man looked into the worried, brave young face and shook his head gently.

"No, my boy," he said kindly, "I'm afraid it is not. I shall have to make some changes in your plan, excellent as it seems. After all, you know, your father was like a brother to me. I loved him. And knowing him as I did, I am well aware of some of the plans he cherished. I propose to see that those plans are carried out as far as possible. One of them was that his son should have a full college education, and more, if he desired. Now wait just a minute," he held up his hand as the boy started to shake his head proudly, "let me explain my plan, since you have told me yours. You realize, I suppose, that as a GI you will have your education provided for without charge. Now, I shall not accept this plan of yours at all, unless you first finish your last two years of schooling. Then if you care to repay me you may put your plan into effect. It will take you, I should think, only a little longer to finish that way, since your earning power will be so much more after you have your degree. Now I want you to understand that if anything happens to make it impossible or difficult for



you to pay this money, at any time, you will let me know. I would gladly forgive the whole amount and cross it off my books. You know that, son. If I had known that your father was in such a tight place I would gladly have offered him the few thousand as a gift. Another thing, I never intended to accept a cent of interest from him and I shall not ask it of you."

Then Laurie's mouth took on the determined look his mother's often wore.

"Mr. Winters, you knew my father and you know he would rather have lost his right hand than leave a debt unpaid. He would have considered the interest on the money part of the debt. I feel I owe it to him as well as to you and to my mother and myself to pay in full with interest. I really want to do it. I shall appreciate your letting me wait to finish college, and I know father wanted that. So I will concede that point gladly. All this will take a long time, I know, but I must pay that debt."

The two men stood up and shook hands, then Laurie went out. But Mr. Winters stood for several minutes seeing the straight brave figure still facing him. It was as if the shining of Laurie's clean young manhood left a bright glow there in the office.

But Laurie never said a word of all this to his mother. He was afraid if she knew he was trying to pay off that debt, that she would bend her own frail strength beyond its limits and force herself to economies unnecessary, to try to ease the burden from him.

So when he chose for her the smallest, cheapest house he could find that was at all fit, he thought, "She'll take it for granted that I am trying to save to finish college."

But he should have known his mother better than that. She was the old-fashioned kind of mother who wondered, but said nothing. Her brows were often drawn in a little puzzled frown when she took note of his small economies. She sought at first for a girl in the picture, but there seemed to be none; that is, no special one. Then she began to realize the extra pride in his carriage, the straight-up way he wore his young manhood when he walked abroad. And that was what gave away his secret. She suddenly sensed it one day when they had passed Mr. Winters on the street. She knew that her Laurie could never bear himself with that straight-forward look of self-respect if there remained any hidden question of honor unsettled.

It was then that she redoubled her own efforts to use her spare moments to turn into pennies every scrap of skill and strength she had, besides practicing her own private ways of "going without." She longed to help shoulder what to her boy must seem

an endless burden stretching out ahead for years. And the joy in her heart over the man he had become overwhelmed the tiredness of her frail body and helped her to fight on when her poor eyesight seemed too great an obstacle.

Even when Laurie came home to stay, finished up his college course in record time, and was chosen for the finest position a young graduate could have in the new radar laboratory, he never made any explanation to his mother of why he did not give her more comforts. In fact he never had mentioned the exact sum of his salary, only announced casually, "the boss gave me a good break. Dad would be pleased!" And because they were like that with one another, his mother never asked him more, but her brown eyes shone through tender tears in her quiet rejoicing with him.

Oh, it was not that he made his mother suffer hardships, or that he left her without any of the little attentions that can make such extraordinary sweet spots in the long monotonous workdays that most widowed mothers put through. Laurie would always go out of his way in the springtime to run down to the woods and find the first arbutus, he knew she loved it so. Often in summer he would gather a capful of those incredibly sweet wild strawberries that grew in the meadow beyond their old south pasture. Then stealing up behind her chair he would slip the luscious fragrant offering into her lap. Then he would laugh with the simple joy of his surprise. It reminded her of his first year at school when he made some astonishing picture, or paper basket, and brought it to her with a triumphant, "For you, mommie!"

His mother would still be surprised and delighted in the old way and she would pull his brown head down from his tall height behind her and give him a hug and a kiss. Together they would go to the kitchen, give a quick sparkling rinse to the berries, get out the cream and perhaps some cookies she had made as her surprise for him and they would enjoy the little feast together because it savored of love.

Yes, Mrs. Judson was quite satisfied with Laurie's care of her. As time went on she sensed with more keen certainty the longing he had now and again to buy little luxuries for her. And so she dried the tears that gradually flowed less often, and happily struggled with the old worn-out washing machine that creaked and groaned in all its joints, and threatened nearly every week to quit its job entirely. She always took care, however, to do the wash when Laurie was out lest he discovers how wobbly the old washer was and find out that the drain was not set low enough in this house, so that she had either to scoop

all the water out with a dipper or else let it run into a bucket and run the risk of flooding the whole floor.

She had managed through the long months and years to help out quite a little by doing beautiful needlepoint and petit point, though it was terribly hard on her eyes. She never handed over to Laurie the money she received. She knew that would hurt him. She simply used the money for supplies, explaining casually at dinner time, "The price of peas was down this week, and bacon's not so high either." She always watched the prices carefully so that she could truthfully say it even though the drop was only half a cent. "I do believe the prices are actually going down. I didn't need all you gave me last week. Don't give me so much this time."

Oh, she couldn't say that too often, or her son's keen eyes would look at her suspiciously and he would demand, "Are you eating enough, mother, when I'm not here? We don't want you getting sick, you know. Why, who would take care of you when I'm at work!" as if the problem of a nurse were far more important than her health and comfort. Then they would share their laugh together and rest in the love that was in all their unspoken words.

This bright June day Mrs. Judson had taken her place in the worn old rocker by the window where she always sat to sew because the light was best there. Just as soon as Laurie went out she hurried to get started. For she knew that he had planned to be gone the rest of the day on a picnic with Mary Arden, and that would give her a chance to finish the chair seat for Mrs. Sewell who was so anxious to get it.

"I'll pay you a dollar extra," that condescending lady had stated, "if you can finish it for me in time so that I can have it put on before Lady Somerset arrives. She is used to everything beautiful about her, you know, and I am just so anxious to have things just as nice as can be. You know she is to stay with me when she comes to speak at our Club."

Mrs. Judson's soft brown eyes could throw sparks on occasion and how they would have enjoyed doing so then, as accompaniment to a curt refusal of the little bonus. But Laurie's mother remembered in time and quietly answered, "I'll do my best to have it for you, Mrs. Sewell." Oh, if Laurie had known! But he didn't know, not yet, anyway. Some day when the whole debt was settled perhaps she would tell him some of the little things that had happened, the funny ones, or the ones that showed how marvelously their God was guiding and caring for them.

So she sat and sewed, taking her careful stitches efficiently, swiftly. And she thought with almost a pang of pleasure of the outing that Laurie

was to have. It was not that she did not want him to go. He deserved all the good times there were, and she exalted in every bit of pleasure that came his way, so long as it was the right kind of pleasure, and Laurie had proved to her anxious mother heart now that he did not have a taste for any other than good clean fun.

No, it was that lovely girl! Mrs. Judson had not seen her, it is true, since she was sixteen years old. But she had been like an exquisite bud then. It was not hard to imagine how beautifully she had blossomed. In the few days since she had been back at Arden, Laurie had talked constantly of her.

"Yes," muttered his mother to herself pleading her soft brown brows as she turned her work to start across the other way, "he's spent more words on her in three days than he ever wasted on all other girls put together. This is it! I knew it would have to come, and it ought to. But oh, I wish she weren't so rich, and if she only didn't have that mother!"

For Mrs. Judson, having been "next farm neighbor" in the days when Mr. Arden had inveigled his young bride to visit his old home, had had many a social slap from that fine lady. She had good reason to know what her standards of life must be. And what a girl would turn out to be who had been exposed to such ideals all her life.

And so Mrs. Judson as she worked breathed a cry for help for her son. "Let him see, Lord, right away before it's too late, if she is not the one for him. And help me to keep my hands off!"

Then she heard the footsteps. The Fuller brush man, likely. He generally came about this time of day. Or the scissors grinder. No, the steps were too crisp for his. Then she looked out the window.

It was Laurie!  
Quick as a flash she whisked her needlepoint into her capacious knitting bag and grabbed out a sock. It turned out to be one she had already darned two days ago and had forgot to put away, but Laurie need not know that. She pretended to be re-threading her needle.

But why was he back? Had the girl turned him down? And now her silly heart was ready to take offense at this girl who could not see the worth of her splendid Laurie-boy. Yet stay — wasn't that perhaps the answer to her prayer?

She looked up casually as Laurie came in.

"What, no picnic? Or is it to be later?" she said it still casually, as if of course everything must be all right. But she could not help noting the little disappointed droop to those broad shoulders.

"No picnic," He answered trying to smile indifferently. "She's gone."

# We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

February 15, 1950

Dear Marie:

Thank you for your recent letter. You ask why we as a denomination stress the work in the Cameroons above all other mission fields. That is a good question. I shall try to answer it to the best of my ability.

The Cameroons in British West Africa are now our ONLY foreign mission field. In proportion to our denomination's total membership of about 41,000, our annual missionary budget is quite high. The work in the Cameroons alone is estimated at more than \$100,000 per year. We must keep this work constantly before our people to keep the interest alive, so that the necessary funds will be gladly contributed.

Let me use a simple illustration: crude, it is true, but perhaps it will serve to bring out a point. You have a beautiful, large garden, and your neighbor also has a fine garden. Now, one day you notice a lot of weeds in your neighbor's garden, so you go over there and pick them for him. But you neglect your own garden. Who will take care of that for you? No one, because it is YOUR responsibility. Let us call our Cameroons field our garden; China, Japan, etc., wherever other groups have their missions, their gardens. If we contribute our funds to their mission enterprise, who will take care of ours?

You would be foolish if you would not look over at your neighbor's garden and enjoy its beauty, or study his various plants and flowers to learn all you can about them. In the same way he can, and should, enjoy your garden. So it is with the mission fields. I believe we ought to study as many of them as possible, for this

will help us to appreciate the beauty and the scope of the Kingdom work. It will inspire us and help us to develop a greater love for and understanding for all men. At the same time, it will enable us to be more specific in our prayers.

If, after you have temporarily finished the work in your garden, you have time and energy left and want to help your neighbor weed his, well and good. Just so you make sure your own is not neglected. Here is where so many of our churches, I believe, are making a big mistake. They say they want to "evangelize the world." Of course, we all want to see all the world turn to Christ, but we are not the only ones engaged in helping to spread the Gospel!

You want your city to be beautiful, but you cannot do it alone. Other people have gardens, too. It is your particular obligation to see that your own property is kept as well as possible. Too many of our churches are splitting their missionary giving into a number of channels, without making sure that our own particular, God-given field is adequately taken care of. The best way to "evangelize the world" is to do the best possible job in that particular part of the world where God has given us a responsibility and task.

I hope that my little parable has helped to answer your question.

Faithfully yours,

(signed)

Florence E. Schoeffel,  
President.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter is opened to all the readers of this page because many of them have had similar questions.

Mrs. Judson's heart gave a leap. Was this over so soon then? Before any harm had been done? Or was it "before?" Had her laddie's heart indeed gone out from him already?

She waited. When he said nothing she asked, "You mean gone, for good? This was just a little visit?"

"I don't know," sighed Laurie. Her mother sent for her, it seems. At least some drip with a soiled upper lip was there to get her. She had left already." He slumped down on the edge of the couch with his head in his hands. "I might have known it was too nice to last. She probably couldn't take it after all the dance and

song of the city. Yokels have no ap-

peal." He tried to smile grimly. "Guess I'll get to work on that thesis and get it off my mind."

Just as he was going out the door his mother's voice stopped him.

"Laurie." He turned. She spoke gently but with the clear incisive wisdom of a man. "If she's like that, you know, it's just as well — isn't it?"

He sighed again. "Oh, I know it, mums. And I probably needed this to get sane again, but still," he flashed a real smile now, "God never said that His disappointments wouldn't hurt while they were going on, did He?"

Mrs. Judson nodded understandingly, smiling too as Laurie started up the stairs.

"Okay, son. You'll do!"

(To Be Continued)

# Plans for Vacation Bible Schools

By REV. J. C. GUNST of Forest Park, Illinois

DAILY Vacation Bible Schools are a vital part of the church. The purpose of these schools should be clear to all leaders in the local church. Their real value in the lives of boys and girls can never be fully determined. This year we again urge each one of our churches prayerfully and conscientiously to plan and to carry out an effective and helpful Vacation Bible School as far as possible.

Plan your school early. Plan now if you have not done so. Appoint or elect your leaders and teachers as soon as possible in order that they may have ample time for preparation for their teaching ministry. Order your materials for your teachers early. Our publishing house, Roger Williams Press of Cleveland, Ohio, will be in a position to mail sample copies and also to fill all orders for Vacation School material.

We are most happy to report the

## STATISTICS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS FOR 1949

Conference	No. of churches in confer.	No. reporting D.V.B.S.	Enrollment	Attendance	Mission Offering	Conversions
Atlantic	25	5	242	191	\$ 28.05	6
Central	28	14	988	734	226.95	30
Dakota	55	19	890	872	486.11	29
Eastern	14	5	404	340	82.71	13
Northern	49	22	970	791	165.31	33
Northwestern	37	18	1024	919	373.25	33
Pacific	26	15	1091	777	430.69	35
Southern	12	8	379	252	134.61	15
Southwestern	22	14	665	584	104.02	26
Totals	268*	120*	6653	5460	\$2041.70	220

Paid Workers — 38; Volunteers — 771; Cost of Schools — \$4239.08.

\* 268 is the list of churches. In the 120 schools reported there were some mission schools included, so the exact percentage cannot be determined.

### C.B.Y. Herald News

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guest of the Aplington C.B.Y. on Sunday, Feb. 5, bringing messages at all of the services. — We are delighted with the latest issue of the Southwestern Conference quarterly, "The Challenger," edited by Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn of Loyal, Okla. A unique "Financometer" keeps readers "up" on their society's contributions to the \$2500 Conference mission project.

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On Sunday, January 29, in connection with Youth Week the Rev. J. C. Gunst served in the Sunday morning services at our church in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. In the evening of that same day he gave the youth message at our church in Sheboygan, Wis.

### What's Happening

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Schilkes were welcomed by Mr. Herbert Stabbert for the church, Mayor Charles Pearson for the city of Anaheim, Mr. Harry Fox for the board of trustees, Mr. Menno Thiessen for the Sunday School, Mrs. A. Stark for the Missionary Society, Mr. Wm. Ballman for the choir, Mrs. Arthur Mabs in behalf of the Mission Guild, Mr. Wm. Acton for the Commissioned Baptist Youth, Mr. Wm. Smith for the Men's Brotherhood and Miss Edith Klang for the Junior Church. In addition, the neighboring pastors, Rev. E. Mittelstedt and Rev. Henry K. F. Hengstler of Los Angeles and the Rev. P. G. Neumann of Costa Mesa brought greetings from their churches besides two representatives from local church groups. It was a festive reception for the Schilkes and the church.

## That Memorable Year of 1919!

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Alliance.

To the Southern Baptist Convention Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Rumania had been assigned, but since they were interested solely in working among the nationals of those countries, doing nothing for the large German populations, we undertook to support mission work among the Germans in those countries. At first the Southern Baptist Convention protested, but finally they gave us their blessing.

For the first time in our history by the resolution of the General Conference meeting in Chicago, we were to have a united office for the General Missionary Society. This was a step in the right direction. The office was established in Forest Park, Illinois and it has strengthened our entire missionary administration.

For the first time in our history the General Conference appointed representatives to go as messengers of goodwill to our needy brethren in Germany, Poland and Austria. These countries had gone through the throes of the first World War.

### EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS

We as a denomination had a similar experience in 1919 as the Prophet Isaiah had when he received God's commission. This story is told in such fascinating detail in Isaiah, chapter 6. In that year God brought us into the presence of his holy majesty before whom the seraphims cry day and night, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory." In his presence we became conscious of our unworthiness and then we cried out: "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the king, the Lord of hosts." After having been purged of our uncleanness by the Lord himself, we heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send and who will go for us? then said we, here are we; send us."

Before the year 1919 we had been more provincial in our activities, but then we received spirit-given visions! In that year our horizons were widened! In that year 1919 God himself offered us new assignments of arduous tasks. Many individuals among us heard the call of God in their inmost souls as he said: "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" With faith in the sustaining grace of God, we answered gladly and courageously: "Here are we; send us." The years since 1919 have proved that God has accepted us. God has used us as his servants, and our denominational enterprise has been constantly expanding.

# REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



## Northern Conference

### Missionary Activities of the Baptist Young People's Society at Carbon, Alberta, Canada

We as the Young People's Society of the Carbon Baptist Church, Carbon, Alberta, Canada can also praise God for the manifold blessings that he has bestowed upon us in this past year. We were greatly blessed under the able leadership of our president, Mr. David Gieck, and vice-president, Mr. Arnold Ohlhauser.

On Sunday evening, October 23rd, the play, "What Does It Profit?" was masterfully presented in the Carbon Baptist Church. Our sanctuary was filled to its capacity. Since the play had such a wonderful message we followed the invitations of various young people's organizations and presented it in the City Auditorium of Rosebud, in the Bridgeland Baptist Church in Calgary, in the Olds Baptist church, in the Trochu Baptist Church, and in the Drumheller Pentecostal Church. At several places our pastor, Rev. J. G. Rott, was with us and extended an altar call after the presentation.

In all we raised \$900 which was used for various mission projects. One of our major mission projects is the support of Rev. Noah Ndicho, a native missionary in the Cameroons, Africa. We are very happy to know that the Lord is able to use us in his service to do the little that we can do.

Maxine Ziegler, Secretary.

### Musical Program by the Carbon Baptist Men's Chorus at the Zion Church

It was in October 1949 that a group of young men met in the Carbon Baptist Church of Carbon, Alberta to organize a Men's Chorus. Mr. Ernest Bettcher was elected as chairman, Mr. Art Forsch as treasurer, Mr. David Gieck as secretary, Mrs. J. G. Rott as pianist and Rev. J. G. Rott, director. At first there were only 20 voices, but the number increased to 29. The purpose of this chorus is to sing the praises of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to develop the singing talents among our men. The concert was postponed from the Christmas season and Watch Night service to Sunday evening, January 22nd. Again the weather was cold and stormy, but our singers came and the Zion Church was pretty well filled with eager listeners for the concert.

The program consisted of 12 songs and anthems. Between the first and the second group the Ladies' Sextet sang a group of three songs. The

women, Mrs. Adam Buyer, Mrs. Fred Ohlhauser, Mrs. J. G. Rott, Mrs. Dave Gieck, Mrs. Art Biebrick and Mrs. Clarence Gross with Mrs. Emil Ohlhauser as accompanist. Between the second and the last group various musical numbers were presented. Mrs. Emil Ohlhauser and Mrs. J. G. Rott played a piano duet, Mr. Earland Ziegler played a saxophone solo accompanied by Mrs. Emil Ohlhauser and Johnny Seibel and Rev. J. G. Rott played a saw novelty duet accompanied by Mrs. J. G. Rott. The last group of songs were Christmas numbers.

Miss Edna Heines, a young missionary who is ready to be sent into Mongolia as missionary was among us and spoke briefly of the great need in Mongolia for missionaries and challenged the young people to give up all and follow the call of the Lord into his great service.

Jacob G. Rott, Pastor.

## Dakota Conference

### Evangelistic Meetings and Radio Ministry by Calvary Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota

We of the Calvary Baptist Church in Aberdeen, So. Dak., were recently blessed with many visitors from different churches from the city and community, also several representatives from our denomination as Miss Leona Ross, former missionary in China, Miss Ann Swain, Scripture memorization worker, and some others.

The Rev. J. J. Renz of George, Iowa held evangelistic meetings from October 31 to November 11. The attendance was very good and the weather was favorable. We were richly blessed through these meetings. Nine Sunday School scholars accepted the invitation to follow Christ.

We also receive many blessings from the work that is being done on the radio by Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Klein and church members. A program is given each Sunday morning. It is called, "Christian Friendship Time," and is broadcast over radio station KSDN. The program consists in the first part of an English presentation and the last part in German. The German services are appreciated very much by our older people who do not understand English too well.

We have learned to trust the Lord through all these blessings, and we still can receive richer blessings this coming year. "Let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Carl Schauer, Clerk.

### Annual Election of Officers of the Commissioned Baptist Youth at McLaughlin, South Dakota

The young people's society of the First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, South Dakota, recently held its business meeting and annual election of officers. The outcome of the election was as follows: president, Reuben Friez; vice-president, Christ Aldinger; secretary, Mrs. Art Pastian; treasurer, Mrs. Argo Brockel; pianist, Mrs. Andrew Bertsch; reporter, Mrs. Christ Aldinger; ushers, Argo Brockel, Art Pastian and Clifford Hinsz; Sick Committee, Mrs. A. Sootzmann, Mrs. D. Hinsz and Joe Friez; Social Committee, Mrs. A. Moser, Mrs. E. Glaser, and Mrs. R. Hale. Our society has accepted the new title (C.B.Y.) for our organization.

We have gained several new members during the past year. We are planning a project to raise funds so that we may buy a new piano for our church.

Mrs. Christ Aldinger, Reporter.

## Central Conference

### Attempt Is Made to Destroy Temporary Edifice of Foster Ave. Church of Chicago

Gratitude to God fills our hearts in the Foster Ave. Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois, gratitude for our heavenly Father's watchful care, and joy is there also, joy over the preservation of our present house of worship, the former Immanuel Church. On Saturday, Jan. 28th, an attempt was made to destroy this church building, when someone broke in, opened jets on two oil drums attached to the heating unit, thus flooding the basement with nearly 500 gallons of fuel oil, as well as opening four gas stove jets. As the heating system was turned on, the explosion was only a matter of time. Thanks to God's watchful care and the quick actions of Paul Wisner, who went to turn up the heat for the Sunday services and discovered the plot, the disaster was averted.

Our Sunday morning services were held as usual. In the evening we had a special musical service, with spirited congregational singing, elections by the choir and ladies chorus, and renditions by the Wheaton Brigade Trio. The time of the sermon was taken up by testimonies, which were given in eager gratitude and love to our wonderful Lord.

Mrs. Louise Zoch, Church Clerk.

**Eastern Conference**

**Election of Officers of Young People's Society of Forest Church, Munson, Pa.**

The Young People's Society of the Forest Baptist Church of Munson, Pa., met for its monthly meeting in January, with Mr. Albert Zinz and Mr. Henry Soder leading the devotions which were based upon 1 Cor. 13.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. Henry Hirsch, and the following officers were elected: president Mrs. Irene Ziegler to succeed Mrs. Effie Litke who recently moved to Bethlehem, Pa.; vice-president, Mr. Albert Zinz to succeed Mrs. Carl Linder; treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Fagherty to succeed Mrs. Leroy Burd; secretary, Mrs. Esther Tulwits so succeed Mrs. Hazel Fisch.

We, as members of our society, are deeply grateful to our heavenly Father for all the privileges and blessings which we have had in the past year and humbly pray for guidance throughout the year before us that we may truly increase in our spiritual growth.

Mrs. Esther Tulwits, Secretary.



Members of the First Baptist Church Choir of Colfax, Washington Who Presented the Pageant, "The Christmas Story"

**Atlantic Conference**

**Recent Events and Plans for 75th Anniversary at Walnut St. Church, Newark, N. J.**

A holiday season such as we of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., were privileged to have is not easily forgotten. On Dec. 18th our Commissioned Baptist Youth opened the Christmas season with a candle light cantata entitled, "While Shepherds Watched." The program was directed by Josephine Balogh.

On Christmas Day our pastor, Rev. Richard K. Mercer, brought us into the spirit of this holy day with a fine sermon entitled, "When Angels Speak," with the addition of lovely Christmas music by our choir, led by

our organist and musical director, Mrs. Josephine Rauscher. The evening hour was an inspiring candle-light vesper which brought the day to a climax in our love for Christ, whose birth we honored on that day. The annual Christmas party of the church school was celebrated on Monday, Dec. 26th, with each member of the Beginners, Primary, Junior and Intermediate classes taking part with recitations, songs and a fine play which was directed by Mrs. Mercer.

The Mid-Century Watchnight Service, which ushered in the second half of a tremendous century, was begun with a time of "Fireside Fellowship." Each person attending spoke briefly on the question, "What do I want to remember about 1949?" and "What don't I want to remember" and closing with "What Will Be My Watchword for 1950?" Most requested songs of 1949 were sung to close the first half of our evening. Refreshments were served, after which we all attended the sanctuary meeting to await the new year.

On Thursday, January 5th, it was our privilege to have with us for the second time, the H.O.P.E. Gospel Team of London, England, who showed us colored films of their evangelistic work in ministering to the needy on the European continent. It

was good for some of us to view our native lands again.

January 29th was a day we shall all treasure, as Rev. Dr. John Leyppoldt, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, spoke to us of our new North American Baptist Seminary building program. We have caught the vision. We have taken up the work. The future is ours as we build and work for the Master.

We thank God for all these blessings that have been ours because of his love. Now we look to the days before us, especially our 75th anniversary, which will be celebrated on April 28, 29 and 30. On Friday, April 28th, we are to have our "Historical Pageant" with our former pastor, Dr. John P. Kuehl, now of Hamburg, N. J., bringing the message. On Saturday evening our 75th anniversary banquet will be held with Dr. Norman Paulin

of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pa., as speaker. On Sunday we are to have two great meetings and hope to have two more former pastors with us, Rev. H. R. Schroeder of the East Side Church, Chicago, Illinois and Rev. George Hensel of the Kings Highway Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut. This 75th anniversary gives us a great opportunity to look ahead and encourages us to further the task the Lord calls upon us to do.

Joseph Balogh, Reporter.

**Pacific Conference**

**Inspirational Pageant is Presented by First Baptist Church Choir of Colfax, Wash.**

The choir of the First Baptist Church of Colfax, Washington presented, "The Christmas Story," on Sunday evening, December 18. This pageant was unique in that it was written and directed entirely by members of the choir group, who also made the costumes and properties.

Besides the choir of thirty voices, the pageant required eleven players and a narrator. A mixed octet, ladies' octet, and men's and ladies' quartets were featured, as well as solos, duets and numbers by the entire choir.

Members of the audience were later heard to comment that this was one of the most beautiful and effective Christmas programs they had seen.

Reporter.

**Rev. O. R. Schroeder Retires as Sunday School Teacher at Anaheim, Calif., After 25 Years**

Fifty-seven members and former members of the Baraca Class of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., gathered at the church on the evening of Dec. 29, to honor the Rev. O. R. Schroeder, who had served the class as teacher for an entire quarter of a century. A very enjoyable evening was spent in singing many of the old songs, followed by musical numbers by members of the class.

Mr. Herman Strandt, former secretary, gave the early history of the class and told how our class prospered under the leadership of our teacher. Several charter members praised the wonderful work that our teacher had done through the many years.

A large decorated cake was presented to Brother Schroeder. He was assisted by his daughter, Mrs. Adele Stabbert, in cutting the cake. Inside was concealed a container and to the surprise of our teacher he found 50 silver dollars. Mr. Schroeder thanked the class for all the beautiful things which had been done for him. He loves his class and expressed regret that he could not continue, due to his wife's illness.

Our class wishes the Rev. O. R. Schroeder many more years of happiness and it regrets that he cannot continue as our teacher. He has been a faithful servant and was loved by all of us who received the benefit of his instructions each Sunday morning.

C. J. Mauerhan, Secretary.

**Influential Ministry of the Immanuel Baptist Church Choir of Portland, Oregon**

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O Most High." Psalm 92:1. The Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon joins the Psalmist in giving thanks to the Lord for his wonderful grace and for all the blessings we have received. He speaks to us through the spoken word and in the beautiful harmony of song brought so faithfully by our choir under the very able leadership of its conductor, Mr. Howard Roth, and the gifted accompanist, Mrs. Doris Sims.

We are favored with two anthems each Lord's day and additional special numbers on Sunday evening. Recently the choir gave an entire "Request Program" which was greatly appreciated by a large audience.

Our choir has had an important part in attracting strangers to our church services because of the excellent interpretation and rendition of the message in song. It is apparent that "singing praises to the Lord" gives our choir real joy.

Since September we have had a thriving Junior Fellowship, which meets each Sunday evening, and boys and girls are receiving additional instruction in God's Word. Under the guidance of our pastor, Rev. O. Roth, we are endeavoring to build Christ's Kingdom in our community and beyond.

Jennie C. Hoelzer, Reporter.

**Evangelistic Meetings and Christian Education Workers at First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.**

The First Baptist Church of Lodi, California recently completed a series of evangelistic meetings with the Reverends Roy and Ralph Kraft of Santa Cruz and Watsonville, California, respectively, as our evangelists. They brought the messages both in music and in sermon, and many were the hearts that were moved. Many rededicated themselves to Christ and others accepted Christ for the first time. On New Year's evening our pastor had the joy and privilege of baptizing twelve newly born Christians. These and eighteen others were accepted into the fellowship of the church at the following communion service.

We have made further progress with the beginning of the New Year in that the church called Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Howard as our Christian Education Workers who began their work with us at the beginning of the new year. These two young people are truly working for God's Kingdom and we praise God for their services. Mrs. Howard is an accomplished musician and has accepted the position of church organist. It is our prayer that as we work together we may do greater things for Christ's honor and glory.

Thelma Forsch, Reporter.



—Photo by Eric A. Pohl

The Choir of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

**Southwestern Conference**

**Anniversary Program of the Awoik Class of Baptist Church, La Salle, Colo.**

On Sunday evening, Jan. 21, the Awoik Class of the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colorado sponsored a program and installation of officers. The outgoing president, Irene Croissant, welcomed the guests followed by scripture and prayer by Mrs. David Zimmerman. The pageant, "And They That Be Wise Shall Serve," was presented by the group which was greatly enjoyed by all. "Near to the Heart of God" was sung as a group number.

Our order of business was portrayed to the group by means of a picture frame. Evelyn Meyer had charge of the devotions, which included the 121st Psalm which we repeat at every meeting and our Awoik Oath. Our theme song, "Living for Jesus," was sung by Betty Renke, Ruth Zimmerman, Lorene Croissant and Joann Oster. Mrs. Adam Moser and Betty Renke packed a food parcel. This has been one of our main projects in the past year. We have

also enjoyed making quilts. Edna Moser and Mildred Schmidt showed the quilt which we have just finished to be sent to some needy family.

The highlight of the evening was the installation of new officers. The installation was held in front of the picture frame. Our Awoik emblem hung from the center which made a very beautiful scene. The Rev. David Zimmerman installed the following officers: president, Frances Meyer; vice-president, Joann Oster; secretary, Norma Lesser; treasurer, Evelyn Meyer; program chairman, Mrs. David Zimmerman; pianist, Betty Renke; song leader, Harriet Geis.

The benediction was offered by Mr. Zimmerman after which the guests were served refreshments in the basement of the church. Afterwards our guest, Mr. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford, Kansas showed some very interesting moving pictures to the group.

Norma Lesser, Reporter.

**God's Promise for Me**

By MR. JUSTIN E. PATERSON of Costa Mesa, Calif., a Poet Laureate of California, Who Attends the Services of the Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, of Which the Rev. P. G. Neumann Is the Pastor.

I know the Lord will care for me,  
For in his Word, these words I see;  
That he who notes the sparrow's fall,  
Will hear me, when to him I call.

Embraced within this care divine,  
I joy each day to call him mine —  
To feel his care is over me,  
Affords protection, sets me free.

He's ever present, ever near,  
So nought which comes should bring me fear;

The promise, HE —will with me be —  
Gives confidence, He'll care for me.

**FRONT COVER PICTURE**

Our front cover shows Paul and Judith Ann Michelson, children of the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, missionaries in the Cameroons of Africa, as they examine Judith's doll with the stethoscope of Dr. Leslie Chaffee of the Banso Baptist Hospital. This striking candid picture was taken by their father, the Rev. Edwin Michelson. The medical work of the Banso Hospital has been wonderfully blessed of God since the dedication of the hospital less than a year ago.

The Michelson family (with Judith Ann and Paul) hope to be returning to their mission field at Soppo in the Cameroons before the close of March. May God grant it!

# Baby Clothing Urgently Needed

An Open Appeal by the North American Baptist Relief Department

AMONG OUR BAPTIST churches in Germany there are more than one hundred deaconesses serving as church missionaries. These church missionaries visit the shut-ins, the aged and the mothers with children. They hear many a heart-rendering story when they come into the home of an expectant mother who can make no preparation for her newborn child. Because of great poverty, that mother often cannot buy clothing and bedding and, more than anything else, the necessary diapers for that expected babe.

When the church missionary can supply those indispensable articles received through our shipments, then those two women — the mother and the church missionary — sing a duet of praise to the heavenly father and to our women here in America who have graciously supplied this crying need. No others can distribute these precious articles to the poor mothers in Germany as sympathetically and as intelligently as those faithful church missionaries.



A Baptist Deaconess of Germany on Duty in the Name of Christ

In all of the deeply appreciated baby clothing received at our headquarters, the one article that is most needed but unfortunately missing are baby diapers. Our women's societies would be rendering a very worthwhile ministry if they would make new diapers and send them to our Forest Park Relief Department. Since

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we have the addresses of all those deaconesses working as Sisters of Mercy, we will forward them direct by parcel post both to the Russian and Western Zones of Germany. In making this request we are confident that the mothers in our churches will understand and do their utmost to supply this necessity.

At this time we want to ring the bells loudly and call to another great need in Germany. Fathers and sons who have spent years in Russian captivity are returning to Germany with broken health and tattered clothing. We need men's clothing, including underwear. Any other clothing and shoes will be gladly accepted. Don't forget the Lord will say: "I was naked, and ye clothed me." We suggest that you send all this clothing as soon as possible to: North American Baptist Relief Department, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

### JANUARY CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

#### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Jan., 1950	Jan., 1949	Jan., 1948
Atlantic	\$ 6,077.39	\$ 3,766.26	\$ 1,810.75
Eastern	1,879.23	1,763.28	2,220.45
Central	11,412.66	4,782.01	7,715.58
Northwestern	10,211.03	4,393.82	8,289.07
Southwestern	8,014.09	4,398.82	3,723.68
Southern	6,690.54	1,066.11	1,847.52
Pacific	15,543.78	5,909.05	7,979.60
Northern	2,359.68	1,126.31	1,657.91
Dakota	19,106.12	6,132.03	11,608.30
Inter Conference Contributions*	235.—	—	—
<b>Totals All Purposes</b>	<b>\$81,529.52</b>	<b>\$33,337.69</b>	<b>\$46,852.86</b>
Less Seminary Building Fund	49,121.43		
<b>Totals Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$32,408.09</b>		

#### BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

For the month of January, 1950	\$31,765.58
For the month of January, 1949	33,087.69
For the month of January, 1948	45,715.71

#### BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1949 to January 31, 1950	\$361,947.75
April 1, 1948 to January 31, 1949	381,461.86
April 1, 1947 to January 31, 1948	436,815.65

#### BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium

August 1, 1949 to January 31, 1950	\$219,983.96
August 1, 1948 to January 31, 1949	258,415.23
August 1, 1947 to January 31, 1948	301,774.69

\* These contributions cannot be allocated to specific conferences.

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### RICHARD WILLIAM NALLINGER of Dallas, Oregon.

Richard William Nallinger of Dallas, Oregon was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nallinger on December 12, 1945. He passed away on January 27 of this year at the age of only a little over four years and one month. Because Dickie had never been well, he had won an especially warm spot in the hearts, not only of his parents and his sister Alice, but also in the hearts of the entire church. May our heavenly Father who does all things well give healing strength and comfort. Mr. Nallinger is a brother of the Rev. Otto Nallinger, formerly pastor of this church.

Salt Creek Baptist Church,  
Dallas, Oregon

E. WOLFF, Pastor.

### MRS. ANNA SCHEFFLER of Creston, Nebraska.

Mrs. Anna Scheffler of Creston, Nebraska was born on July 15, 1879 near Königsberg, Germany. As a young child she came to America with her parents. After living in several places, she finally came to Creston, Nebraska where she lived the remainder of her life. She was a charter member of the Creston Baptist Church and a charter member of the Ladies' Aid. She had much faith in prayer and used it a great deal in her lifetime.

On June 20, 1898 she was united in marriage to Ferdinand Scheffler at Humphrey, Nebraska. This union was blessed with nine children. Her husband and one son, Walter, preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her passing, five sons: Arthur, Oliver, Elmer, Lowell, Quentin; two daughters, Alvena Paul and Esther Harris; one half-brother, Wm. Bonkosky; one half-sister, Mrs. George Smith; 25 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Words of comfort were taken from Psalm 31:15. May God comfort those remaining here and sorrowing because of her departure.

Creston, Nebraska

JOHN BROEDER, Pastor.

### MRS. KATHARINA KROLL of Lodi, California.

Mrs. Katharina Kroll, nee Erfle, of Lodi, Calif., was born on Dec. 20, 1869 in South Russia. In 1894 she came to this country with her parents, who made their first home in Fessenden, No. Dak. Here she lived but for eight years, moving to California in 1902. From California she moved to Washington and then back again to Lodi, Calif., where she spent the rest of her useful life. In 1895 she was married to Daniel Kroll who preceded her in death in 1939. This union was blessed with five children, of whom one died at the age of three months.

Our departed sister was converted when she was 24 years old and was baptized on the profession of her faith and united with the Fessenden Baptist Church. Upon moving to Lodi, she became a charter member of the church here, of which she was a very active and faithful member until the Lord took her unto himself. She was a very sincere child of God with a great love for the house of the Lord and was a great friend to the servants of Jesus Christ. During the last months when her health failed she received much loving care from her daughter Emelie.

She passed away on Jan. 25, 1950 at the age of 80 years, one month and 5 days. She leaves four children: David and Emelie Kroll of Lodi, Calif., John Kroll of Sacramento, Calif., Mrs. Olive Lucas of Roseville, Calif.; one grandson; three sisters and three brothers: Mrs. J. J. Schmiedt of Victor, Calif., Mrs. Frieda Derkson, Stockton, Calif., George and John Erfle of Saskatchewan, Canada, Jacob Erfle and Margaret Schneider of Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada. She also leaves many friends in the Woman's Missionary Society of which she was a charter member, as well as her beloved church.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saint."

First Baptist Church,  
Lodi, California

GUSTAVE G. RAUSER, Pastor.

### CONFERENCES ON EVANGELISM

Twenty-five conferences are being planned for North American Baptist Churches.

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Pray earnestly for a heaven-sent revival among us.

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### MRS. AUGUSTA RADEL of Parkston, South Dakota.

Mrs. Augusta Radel, nee Beier, of Parkston, So. Dak., was born on February 8, 1872 in West Prussia, Germany. In 1880 she came to America with her parents and settled southwest of Emery, So. Dak. As a young girl she accepted Christ as her personal Savior, was baptized by the Rev. F. Mueller, and became a member of the Plum Creek Baptist Church of South Dakota. She had been a resident of Parkston since 1935 and a member of the Parkston Baptist Church since 1939.

In 1893 she was united in marriage to Fred Radel, who preceded her in death in 1917. Also two daughters, Augusta and Anna, and a son, Fred, went before her into the Great Beyond. Those remaining, and looking for the Great Reunion, are: two daughters, Mrs. Emma Lang of Spencer, Miss Lydia Radel of Parkston; and five sons, William of Alexandria, Emil of Emery, Gustav, Herbert and Albert of Parkston; also 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Quietly and peacefully she went to bed with her Redeemer early on Wednesday morning, January 25. Surely, it was a glorious sunrise for her who served her Master, her family and friends so faithfully and well!

Parkston, South Dakota

ALFRED WEISSER, Pastor.

### MR. ANDREAS KANDT of Drake, North Dakota.

Mr. Andreas Kandt of Drake, North Dakota was born on Nov. 30, 1883 in Admach, Rumania. At the age of 17 years, the Kandt family came to America and settled near what later became Kief, North Dakota, where the deceased resided until 1945 when they relocated to Drake. Here he lived until his passing on Sunday, Dec. 18, 1949, in the presence of the family and the attending physician.

On Sept. 21, 1905 he was united in marriage to Miss Amalia Wagner in the Rosenfield Baptist Church, solemnized by the Rev. Benj. Schlipf. They established their home near the church. Two children were adopted by the Kandts — one daughter who passed away on July 2, 1934, and one son, Wilbert, who resides in Drake.

Mr. Kandt became a Christian in 1900 and the same year he was baptized by the Rev. Robert Fenske, joining the Rosenfield Church as a charter member, whose faithful and active member he remained until his relocation to Drake, No. Dak., in 1945. At the above date he became a member of the Drake Baptist Church. His passing is mourned by Mrs. Kandt and son, Wilbert, also eight sisters and two brothers:

Mrs. J. Mehrer, McClusky, N. D.; Mrs. J. Edinger, Elk Grove, Cal.; Mrs. F. Adam, Oakrich, Elk Grove, Cal.; Mrs. M. Schramm, Lodi, Calif.; Mrs. A. Schramm, Lodi, Calif.; Mrs. T. Derman, Anamoose, N. D.; Mrs. S. Fandrich, Carrington, N. D.; and Mrs. J. Anderson, Oakland, Cal.; John Kandt of Lodi, Calif.; and Gust Kandt of McClusky, No. Dak.; besides many relatives and friends.

Drake, North Dakota

A. W. BIBELHEIMER, Pastor.

### MRS. MARY BLACK of North Freedom, Wis.

Mrs. Mary Lange Black of North Freedom, Wisconsin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lange, was born on March 24, 1867 in West Liberty, Ohio and departed from this life at her home in North Freedom on January 23, 1950 at the age of 82 years, 9 months and 30 days.

As a young girl she came with her parents to a farm near North Freedom, Wis. At the age of 16, she experienced the new her pastor, the Rev. W. Kroesch, extended birth in Christ and on April 13, 1884 she followed her Lord in baptism after which to her the hand of church fellowship of the North Freedom Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful member during the remainder of her earthly life. In this church she was active in the Sunday School where she taught for many years. She also took an active part in the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. Black found a great deal of joy in committing to memory many passages of Scripture and poems, which she often quoted. During the past two years, due to her age and illness, she had been unable to attend services in the church which she loved, but she continued to show her interest in the church and in the Lord's work.

In 1889 she was united in holy wedlock with Mr. George Black. God blessed this union with seven children. Thirty years ago Mr. and Mrs. Black retired from the farm and came into the town of North Freedom, where they spent the remainder of their lives. One year and four months ago her husband went to his eternal reward. Living to mourn the departure of Mrs. Black are two sons, five daughters, thirteen grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, one sister and other relatives and friends. Words of comfort were based upon 1 Cor. 13:12.

North Freedom, Wisconsin

THOMAS LUTZ, Pastor.

### MARGARET LOUISE GEORG of St. John, Kansas.

There came to our son and daughter Henry and Irene Georg of St. John, Kansas, on July 29, 1943, Margaret Louise, a little girl who was named after her grandmothers. As all little ones do, so she also brought happiness to this Christian home. Margaret Louise was such a sweet spirited, little girl who made friends with almost everyone. She was a healthy and a very happy child. A few days before her almost sudden death she was taken ill with what seemed to be intestinal flu, but a sudden attack of Bulbar Polio and sleeping sickness ended her life and she was called to be with the Friend of children on September 19, 1949 at the age of six years, one month and 21 days.

"The Master called our little one To come with him above,  
To share with little children there,  
The blessings of his love.  
And though our hearts are heavy  
May it ease the pain we bear,  
Just knowing our little one  
Is loved and cared for there."

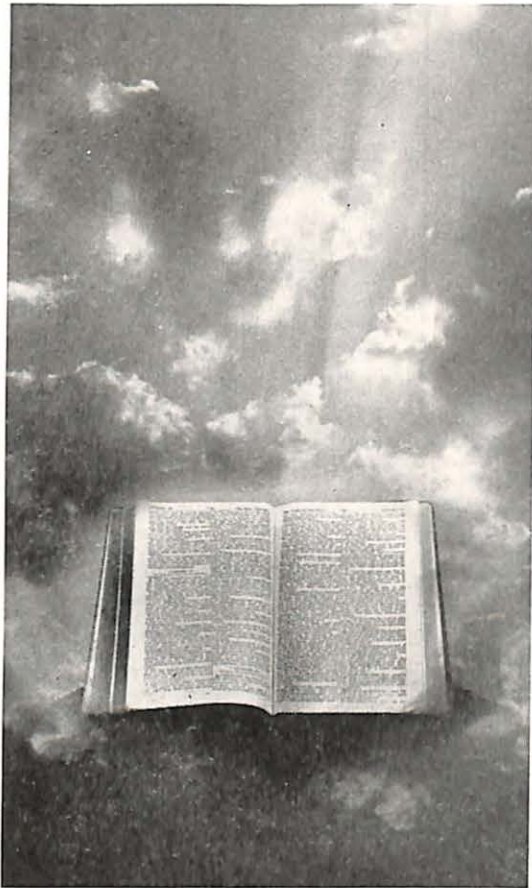
Little Margaret Louise not only had endeared herself to her own loved ones, but as well to all who learned to know her. In early childhood she learned to love the Sunday School and portions of God's Word, such as Psalm 23, which was used in her funeral service, bringing consolation to the sorrowing ones. We do not sorrow as those who have no hope, but believing that God doeth all things well, we are looking forward to a blessed reunion with little Margaret Louise in the Father's House.

There is being dedicated to the "St. John's Hospital" an Electric Oxygen Tent in her memory by her parents, relatives and friends to help save the lives of others. She leaves to mourn her seeming too early departure, her loving parents; one sister; grandparents, Mrs. Margaret Georg, La Cross, Kansas; and Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Frey and a host of relatives and friends. The funeral service was held on September 22, 1949, conducted by Rev. A. W. Samuelson, St. John, Kansas.

On behalf of the sorrowing ones,

Napoleon, North Dakota

THEODORE FREY.



—Eva Luoma Photo

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