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# DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Dr. William Kuhn**  
Sunday, May 21 — Kankakee, Ill.  
Sunday, May 28 — Pentecost Festival, Marion, Kansas.

**Rev. Martin L. Leuschner**  
Sunday, May 21 — Daytons Bluff Church, St. Paul, Minn.

## YOUTH CONFERENCES

May 26-28 — **Eastern Conference Youth Convention** at Central Church, Erie, Pa. Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom and Rev. J. C. Gunst, Speakers.

June 8-12 — **Kansas Young People's Assembly** at Camp Fellowship near Wichita, Kansas. Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom and Mr. Harold W. Gieseke, Speakers.

## SUMMER CONFERENCES

June 21-25 — **Dakota Conference** at Sidney, Montana.

June 21-25 — **Pacific Conference** at First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.

June 22-25 — **Central Conference** at State Park Church, Peoria, Ill.

July 5-9 — **Northern Conference** at First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta.

July 12-16 — **Southern Conference** at Central Church, Waco, Texas.

August 16-20 — **Northwestern Conference** at Parkersburg, Iowa.

August 23-27 — **Southwestern Conference** at Greeley, Colorado.

Sept. 20-24 — **Eastern Conference** at Bethel Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

Sept. (Time Indefinite) — **Atlantic Conference** (Place Not Decided).

## SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT

**Sioux Falls, South Dakota**  
Friday, May 26 — Session of the Educational Committee of Board of Trustees.

Friday, May 26, 6:30 P.M. — **Annual Banquet of Seminary Alumni** at Sioux Falls Y.M.C.A. Rev. Frank Woyke, Speaker.

Saturday, May 27 — Session of the Board of Trustees.

Sunday Afternoon, May 28, 3:00 P.M. — **Baccalaureate Service** in the Sioux Falls College Chapel. Rev. Herbert Hiller, Baccalaureate Speaker.

Sunday, May 28, 4:30 P.M. — **Cornerstone Laying Exercises** for the New Seminary Buildings. Dr. George A. Lang in charge.

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Sunday Evening, May 28, 8:00 P.M. — Commencement Exercises at the Sioux Falls College Chapel. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, Speaker.

## REV. CARL FUELLBRANDT'S TRIP

Sunday morning, May 28 — Immanuel Church, New York, N. Y.

Sunday Evening, May 28 — Second Church, New York, N. Y.

Wednesday, May 31 — Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

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## AMONG OURSELVES

It is difficult to keep up with the progress on the new seminary building at Sioux Falls, So. Dak. On Saturday, May 27, during the commencement festivities, the cornerstone laying exercises for the new building will be held. Motion pictures of the building progress are being taken to be shown later to our churches. The initial preparations for the dedication of the new buildings and for the attractive souvenir brochure about contributors and church gifts to the edifice have already been made. North American Baptists can be proud of the achievements both in the building campaign and in the new seminary home!

## IN THIS ISSUE

Inspiration ought to give dynamic power to every Christian! The gift of Pentecostal power is described in the sermon of the Rev. E. Bibelheimer and in the editorial. The uplifting inspiration in viewing great religious paintings is graphically portrayed by Rev. John F. Crouthamel's article about Munkacsy's masterpieces. Denominational power for service was generated at the recent annual sessions in Forest Park, Ill., and the Conferences on Evangelism. The power of God's guidance is again reflected in Dr. Kuhn's article about our Danubian mission fields. Even the printed page can be the channel of God's power to the Christian reader!

## COMING

**Centenary Jubilee** — The centennial of the Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wis., will be featured with front cover picture, many illustrations, and historical articles by the pastor, Rev. E. M. Wegner and others.

**William Edward Grimm** — The thrilling life-story of one of our great pioneers, who founded the Manitowoc church 100 years ago, will be graphically described by the Rev. Charles F. Zummach of Peoria, Ill., and illustrated with old-time album pictures.

**Immigrants at Our Gates** — Our churches were almost exclusively founded and supported in early decades by European immigrants, as seen in Dr. William Kuhn's next article, which will be of great historical interest.

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# Editorials

by Martin L. Leuschner

## On Fire for the Lord

**T**O BE FILLED with the Holy Spirit is to be on fire for the Lord! Every waking thought is focused on doing God's will. Every ounce of energy is devoted to service for Christ. Every fibre of one's being is then a burning flame of love for HIM who loved us and gave himself for us. The fulness of the Spirit is synonymous with God's empowerment as we yield ourselves unreservedly to him.

One can see "the flaming bushes" in the early Christian disciples as they turned the world upside down for Christ (Acts 17:6). One can understand the experience of the disciples on the Emmaus Road as they felt their hearts burning within them in the presence of the Risen Lord.

John Wesley in the little room in Aldersgate Street felt his heart "strangely warmed" as God wrought wonders of grace in his life and spoke wondrously to him, sending him forth into all England as a firebrand for the Gospel. Dwight L. Moody prayed a prayer that changed the course of his life and later through his witness moved the foundations of nations: "Oh, God, why don't you compel me to walk close to thee always? Deliver me from myself! Take absolute sway! Give me thy Holy Spirit!" As a result, Moody joined the host of "men and women on fire with the Fire of heaven; not great men but true, honest persons whom God could use."

We need such Spirit-filled people today. God wants enthusiastic witnesses, radiant disciples, eager ambassadors in his Kingdom. We must be on fire ourselves if others are to be warmed. The greatest sin of the Christian life is indifference, spiritual lethargy, smug complacency.

"Quench not the Spirit." This word in 1 Thessalonians 5:19 appears immediately after several exhortations which call on the Christian to be on fire with his testimony. "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks." The Apostle Paul is endeavoring to challenge every Christian to "maintain the spiritual glow" (Romans 12:11, Moffatt translation).

"Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove,  
With all thy quick'ning powers;  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
In these cold hearts of ours."

Pentecost Sunday should remind us of our individual altars of life where the fires of spiritual fervor have often been burning dangerously low. We have lost "the first love" of our Christian ardor. The things of the world and the press of people about us have banked the fires of our hearts. We are not willing to dare greatly and to hazard much for the Lord Jesus Christ. We are content with the little we have done.

We need to be stirred again to the depth of our hearts with the fulness of the Holy Spirit. "Let the floodtides come upon us as of old at Pentecost." Then we shall again be on fire for the Lord's work, serving our Savior with consuming devotion and witnessing to his truth with passionate zeal.

The Pentecostal power is demonstrated by those for whom "to live is Christ." They are luminous with the Holy Spirit. They are on fire for the Lord!

### BIBLE TEXT

"For he (Barnabas) was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost, and of faith" (Acts 11:24).

"When with words our God would teach us,  
That in grace he might beseech us,  
And with truth his love might reach us,  
Then he chooses as the channel,  
holy men.

When today he would be showing  
Words of life to these, unknowing,  
There are those who should be going,  
So he chooses for that purpose,  
holy men.

When his way he'd be revealing  
How in grace he would be dealing  
With a world that needs his healing  
He still chooses to declare him,  
holy men."

—H. H. Savage.

### CHILDREN'S DAY

The most colorful Sunday School days during the summer months are the annual picnic and Children's Day. All kinds of flowers adorn the platform on Children's Day. Smiling children give their recitations. The laughter and singing of little ones fill the church sanctuary.

Programs have been sent to all Sunday School superintendents as well as the recitation material. A striking picture graces the front cover of the program sheet, showing a lovely girl calling on the little patient. The story of the building of the famous Baptist Temple in Philadelphia, Pa., with the first gift of 57 cents of Hattie Wiatt is again related on the program. The 1952 General Conference will be held in this spacious church auditorium. The Children's Day offerings are to be designated as heretofore for the Chapel Building Fund of the denomination.

### NEW LEAFLETS

"Who Are We, North American Baptists?" is the intriguing title of the third leaflet sponsored by the Committee on Education. This will be distributed by the thousands, as was true of the other two preceding leaflets, among the Juniors and Intermediates of our Sunday Schools. It is the story of our denominational history and ministry, geared to the vocabulary of youth, and colorfully illustrated. The author is the promotional secretary of our churches, the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner. Extra copies for individuals or organizations are available upon request.

A six-page leaflet announcing the Laymen's Retreat at Green Lake Assembly from July 31 to August 6 has been sent to all pastors for distribution in our churches. It gives information about rates, program and registration.

# Powers That Are Ours

By possessing our possessions, or letting them possess us, we can become spiritual giants in the land of the living, as Pentecost Sunday on May 28 ought to remind our churches

By the REV. EMANUEL BIBELHEIMER of Tacoma, Washington

**W**HO HAS NOT heard the story of the wealthy farmer, who upon hearing of the high value of diamonds, sold all that he had and searched the world over for precious diamonds? At last in wretchedness and rags, he died an ignoble death, not even having discovered that at his very backdoor on the lands he had sold, he had possessed literally acre of diamonds." (See "Acres of Diamonds" by Russell H. Conwell.)

This story, so often repeated, repeats itself again and again in the religious life and experiences of many Christians! I presume few of us fully realize or utilize the boundless wealth of our spiritual possessions which are ours as our birthright.

Let us think, for instance, of a few of the powers that are ours as God's children — which others cannot have.

### THE GOSPEL POWER

The great Apostle Paul boldly proclaims: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Romans 1:16). He calls it the "dynamite of God." Were Paul speaking today, he would probably call it the "atomic" power of God. There is no other force under heaven like unto the Gospel power, that can break the shackles of sin and Satan and save the sinner for time and eternity a power that can raise those who are dead in sins and trespasses, and give them life — everlasting life!

We are in possession of this same Gospel that Paul had. We have been entrusted with this amazing power of God, not that we might guard its mysteries and keep them secret, but that we might explain it — that we might explode it and expose the whole world to it!

If there were in existence one dependable remedy for the cure of cancer or leprosy and any person or group of persons should be in possession of this cure without making it available to the multitudes in dire distress, could they ever be forgiven? And can we withhold in the secrets of our hearts the knowledge of the power of Christ when the awful cancer of sin and damnation is eating its way in secret and in the open in hearts and lives all about us?

Seven thousand souls has been set

as our goal for the triennium! Should it be impossible for six or seven North American Baptists to win one soul in three years, making use of the powers that are ours?

### THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

Read in Acts 1:8 the parting words of Jesus before his ascension. The key words of this verse are "Ye shall receive power" and "ye shall be witnesses." The Lord knew then, and he knows now, how much we are in need of this power — this Pentecostal power — and it is one of the powers that is ours. It is the free gift of God, the Father, to every true, born-again Christian as his birthright. In proportion to its importance there is perhaps no other Bible truth which is so little understood or neglected or misinterpreted.

It has well been said: "It is not so much a question of how much of the Holy Spirit we do possess, but how much does the Holy Spirit possess of us?"

Picture to yourself a physician of some fame, who was ashamed of his mother. He did not have the heart entirely to disown her, but he gave her a place in the attic of his home. She was to be known only as a servant or an old acquaintance and was to have no share in the rest of the house and its activities.

Isn't this a picture of too many Christian who cramp into a small corner of their life the Holy Spirit through whom they were born again, thus grieving (Eph. 4:30) and quenching (1 Thess. 5:19) the Holy Spirit, and thus losing much joy and fellowship and guidance that should otherwise be theirs.

A self-centered, self-exalted, self-willed, selfish life is not one in which the Holy Spirit is in control, but a fully surrendered, wholly yielded, obedient person is a spirit controlled, empowered, gloriously victorious life.

### THE POWER OF LOVE

Love is not usually spoken of as a power, but who would not say that it is powerful! Hate, with its many helpers of envy and greed, is a mighty force, threatening the very destruction of nations and civilizations. The very opposite of this horribly destructive force is love — wonderful love. Who can measure its might?



Such love moved God to give his only Son (John 3:16, Romans 8:32). "Christ also hath loved us and hath given himself for us" (Eph. 5:2). Paul describes it in 1 Corinthians 13 as the greatest thing in all the world. Such love constrains us; it never fails! No wonder we are urged, "above all, put on love which binds everything together in perfect harmony" (Col. 3:14, Revised Standard Version).

One could write chapters and volumes on this theme of love which is the very foundation of Christianity, as Christ clearly taught and proved by his own life. It is one of our priceless possessions, which the world cannot have in its truest meaning and divine purity. Have we ever realized the full value of this priceless possession and put it into action as we could and should, this "love of God."

### THE POWER OF PRAYER

We have all heard and read so much about prayer. About all that remains to be done is to do it. Jesus clearly indicated that the sincere prayer of faith is a power that can move mountains (Mark 11:23, Matt. 21:21-22). It has been said: "Prayer is the working power of the Church of Christ, and half of the workers make hardly any use of it!"

If scientists could learn how to conduct power by wireless, it would revolutionize the world, we're told. Yet, as Christians, through prayer, we do receive power from on high by wireless! Who has made full use of the privileges and possibilities that are ours through prayer?

These powers and many more are ours. Then why are so many "powerful weak," to use a Southern expression, so many puny, little Christians, mere pigmies?

Whereas, possessing our possessions — or letting them possess us — we can become mighty men and women of God, giants in the land of the living, to the everlasting honor and glory of our Savior and Lord.



# Pictures That Preach

The story and interpretation of two religious masterpieces by Michael Munkacsy on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the artist's death that occurred on May 1, 1900

By the REV. JOHN F. CROUTHAMEL, JR., of Philadelphia, Pa.

of genius interpreting the climatic point of all human history.

Michael Munkacsy was born on February 20, 1844, in the fortress of Munkacs, in the interior of Hungary. His early life was one of hardships and struggles. His mother died soon after his birth. His father, having joined the patriots under Kossuth, was thrown into prison and died there. Little four-year-old Michael was adopted by an aunt. The times were revolutionary and the country infested by bands of robbers.

The child awoke one morning to find his aunt and the rest of the family murdered. An uncle then took him, but being poor himself and unable to educate the boy, he apprenticed him to a carpenter. For six years Michael sawed and planed and nailed. He grew physically, but his mind remained untutored. When finally he became a journeyman, the students at a college where he worked taught him to read and write. Then he began to study history and read the poets.

In those days a Hungarian carpenter was also a builder, a cabinet maker, a house-painter, an undertaker and an upholsterer. Michael's earliest experience with colors was in painting cottages and the gay wedding chests of peasant girls. By toiling twelve to fifteen hours a day, he was able to earn a dollar a week. Under such severe efforts, his health broke and a violent fever left him unfit to do manual labor.

The uncle — now well-to-do — came again to his rescue. The lad went to Gyula, where he saw the portrait painter, Szamosy, at work, and knew beyond a doubt that he was destined to become an artist. His first artistic success was the painting

of the entire family of a tailor, for which he received a winter coat in payment!

Under Szamosy, Munkacsy made rapid progress in drawing, painting and literature. In 1863 he wandered to Pesh, making strange acquaintances among the gypsies and vagabonds along the road.

## SUCCESS AND FAME

In 1866 he became partially blind for six months. But his sight was saved, so that he next traveled to Munich, Germany, where Franz Adam encouraged him. The Art Union of Pesh bought two of his pictures, and he received prizes for others. He was now able to go to Düsseldorf, where he appeared more a master than a pupil, and where he met an American artist, John R. Tait, and through him an American collector, Mr. Wilstach, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The latter commissioned him to paint a large picture, and "The Last Day of the Condemned" was the result. It became the picture of the year at the Paris Salon, and Munkacsy was famous. Shortly afterwards, he married the young widow of a rich land-owner. The pair established themselves in Paris, and their splendid manner of living became the talk of the town.

From this time on, the artist's success was assured. Honors were showered upon him, while his personal charm brought him troops of friends, and his joy in his work was deep and constant.

In 1811 he reached the pinnacle of achievement with the world-famous "Christ Before Pilate," one of the greatest and most widely discussed pictures of modern times. It was exhibited all over Europe, and in the United States in 1886. In 1884 he completed its great companion piece — the "Christ on Calvary."

Many of the artist's other works are owned in the United States. In fact, it was chiefly to this country that he owed his financial success. His mural paintings were produced for Vienna, Austria, and Budapest, Hungary.

But Munkacsy's life, as full of dramatic contrasts as his pictures, was to close as it began, in shadow. In 1896

he painted his last important canvas — the "Ecce Homo." Strains and disappointments connected with the picture brought on a lingering disease, and he died on May 1, 1900, fifty years ago this month.

## CHRIST BEFORE PILATE

The "Christ Before Pilate" shows the interior of the praetorium — a large, square apartment lighted through the roof. Pilate sits on the judgment seat, set in a niche in the wall. He wears the white, purple-bordered toga of a Roman senator. His face is typically Roman, a face expressive ordinarily of great decision of character, but now miserably full of indecision. Facing him and pointing with outstretched hand to the multitude is Caiaphas, the Jewish high priest, making his charge against the Prisoner.

Almost in the center and facing Pilate is the Prisoner himself — also clothed in white and with his hands bound before him. Apart from these chief figures in the drama, there are nearly forty others, expressing almost every emotion of the human heart. But however the eye may wander, it will return always to the Christ. His figure is painted in such a way as to dominate everything.

The canvas is full of violence and tumult save for three things — the tranquil blue of the Oriental sky; the compassionate head of the young mother with the baby; and the head of Christ, expressing the serenity of the Eternal God.

In his sublimity, purity and dignity, Christ is in every sense the central figure. No thought of self is betrayed by a single movement. Serene, unshakable, with a glance that pierces men's souls, he stands the fit likeness of him in whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Every figure in the canvas has its proper place and historical bearing. The civilization of the time is admirably reflected in the painting, with its diverse types, garments and architectural details.

On a seat close to the stair of the judgment seat is a Pharisee, rich and insolent. Perched high on a seat against the wall of the praetorium is a scribe, his arms crossed behind him, his air curious and contemptuous. Between the governor and Caiaphas sit two judges. Behind Caiaphas and the Pharisee, three priests are discussing the case. In the right hand corner of the picture sit two other priests.

One-third of the praetorium at the left and the vestibule are filled with the surging, raging mob. It threatens to crowd into the judgment hall, but is checked by the Roman soldier with extended spear. His is a superb and vigorous figure. On his right are four Hebrews, all looking at Christ. To the right of Christ an impudent knave

leans over to sneer in the face of the Savior.

On the left of the soldier a rude fellow lifts both arms in the air and cries with wide open mouth, "Crucify him!" — thus giving the word to the people in the background. He is nameless and symbolizes the mob, upon whose testimony Caiaphas demands the condemnation.

The only female figure in the entire painting is the young mother with the child, and hers is the only face which shows pity for the Accused. Her look symbolizes the spirit of the Christian faith.

Jesus sends up the cry, "My God, My God! Why hast thou forsaken me?" As if in answer there comes a momentary burst of sun, irradiating the figure of the Redeemer until all the light in the picture seems to proceed from him. This light typifies the light of Christianity.

In the mourning group at the foot of the cross we see love, sympathy and the deepest grief. Mary, the mother of Jesus, has fallen upon her knees, pressing with her hands the wounded feet of the Savior. Near her is Mary Magdalene, her red-gold hair streaming over her shoulders.



"Christ Before Pilate" by Munkacsy, one of the world's most famous religious masterpieces which is annually viewed by tens of thousands of people in Philadelphia

The period in which Christianity arose has never been conceived, perhaps, from a more human standpoint or with greater force.

## CHRIST ON CALVARY

The scene of "Christ on Calvary" is the little hill known as Golgatha or Calvary, behind which lies Jerusalem. The interest centers upon the figure of Christ, whose cross stands in the right-hand portion of the composition, and whose figure is illuminated by a shaft of light from the dark clouds. Close about the cross are gathered the friends of Jesus.

Near by are the crosses of the two malefactors who were crucified with the Savior. The penitent thief is at his right; the other at his left. Down the hill and running into the foreground to the left are Pharisees, Roman soldiers, scribes and the rabble, kept back by the Roman soldiers.

The cross rises high above everything else in the picture, reaching into the tempestuous gloom of the sky. The Redeemer is portrayed as a man of noble figure and sublime expression. The agony in his face is glorified by submission to the divine will. The tension of the muscles shows extreme physical suffering. Black clouds cover the sky, foreboding a violent storm.

To this threatening sky above him

Behind her again is Mary, the wife of Cleophas. Her grief is less violent than that of the others. She appears unable fully to realize the scene.

At the right of the cross stands John, the disciple, who from that hour took his Master's mother to his own home. Behind the cross stands Joseph of Arimathea, the faithful friend, who afterward asked for the body of Christ and buried it honorably in his own sepulchre.

In this amazing composition almost every phase of human feeling is depicted: agony, love, grief, sympathy, curiosity, indifference, hatred, malice, congratulation, doubt, remorse, repentance and dawning faith.

## PICTURE CONTRASTS

There is an immense contrast between the group at the foot of the cross and that in which the executioner is the central figure. He is in the act of leaving with hatchet and ladder, and looks unconcernedly toward the cross. He is brutal, coarse, hardened. His ladder unites the group of the cross with that of the scribes and Pharisees. Behind the group about the cross may be seen the spears of the retiring Romans. Between them and the ladder is the curious throng, and dominating it rises the figure of the centurion in helmet and

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Munkacsy's large painting, "Christ Before Pilate," in the Grand Court of Wanamaker's Department Store of Philadelphia, Pa., during the Lenten season

ONE of the most significant events in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is the annual exhibition of two masterpieces of the great Hungarian painter, Munkacsy, by the John Wanamaker Store in the magnificent grand court of its main building. It is a spiritual experience without counterpart to stand in one of the court's many upper balconies and watch hundreds upon hundreds of people pause and gaze with focused awe upon the gigantic canvases, "Christ Before Pilate," and "Christ On Calvary."

The entire scene is one of grandeur, with the tremendous marble court transformed into an Easter garden of varied greens and immense gilded cages with their artificial birds of heavenly plumage. The walls are hung with rich purple tapestries, bearing many of the insignia of the Church from ancient times. The towering golden show-pipes of the second largest organ in the world rise in iconoclastic magnificence above the whole panorama of holy beauty.

The visitor instinctively speaks in hushed tones. Any pagan knows that this is holy ground!

## MUNKACSY'S LIFE

But, as matchless as the setting is, it soon melts away, as the eyes of the observer are drawn to the paintings, of which the other splendor is but an unimportant frame. For here our attention is captured by the magnetism

## THE PHOTOGRAPHER

The pictures of Munkacsy's paintings on these pages and on the front cover were taken by Robert Wright of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., with special permission by the John Wanamaker Store of Philadelphia. Photographers are seldom allowed to photograph these masterpieces of art which will be of great interest to General Conference visitors in 1952 while visiting Philadelphia. We want to thank the John Wanamaker Store and Bobby Wright for their cooperation in making this unusual article possible. EDITOR.



# Heart-warming Conferences on Evangelism

The Story of 25 Conferences That Have Stirred Our Denomination

THE BANNERS OF EVANGELISM have been unfurled in North American Baptist churches. They are being carried high by an ardent army of soul winners. Its call and challenge are being impressed on others so that one can hear the words of the song:

"Onward, then ye people,  
Join in happy throng."

The denominational goal of "Seven Thousand Souls for Christ" in this triennium has caught fire with our people. The records of baptisms since the 1949 General Conference are most encouraging. The results for the last year will soon be tabulated and announced.

## TWENTY-FIVE CONFERENCES

Even more gratifying has been the response shown by our people at the Conferences on Evangelism. Twenty-nine of these gatherings were planned but several could not be held due to the severe winter. But twenty-five conferences have convened or will soon meet with amazing results.

These conferences have become spiritual "power houses" of prayer. Our people have been united as never before in intercessory prayer and spiritual purpose. The important task of visitation evangelism or personal soul winning has been earnestly laid on many hearts. Hundreds of dedications with this objective in mind have been made. Interest has been aroused in reading the available literature on the techniques of evangelism and soul winning. Pastors and leaders have been inspired to preach sermons and conduct classes on soul winning. It is no wonder that many are saying that

**MY PRAYER**  
Lord Jesus, make thyself to me  
A living, bright reality;  
More present to faith's vision  
Than any outward object seen;  
More dear, more intimately nigh  
Than e'en the sweetest earthly  
tie.  
—Author Unknown

a flame has been kindled at these conferences which can possibly become a blazing fire by the Holy Spirit in all of our churches everywhere.

## CONFERENCES EVERYWHERE

The first Conference on Evangelism was held in the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas on February 14 and 15. The last one is scheduled for Beatrice, Nebraska on June 8 and 9. Probably the largest conference was the one for the Kansas churches at the Calvary Church of Stafford. People are still talking about the blessings of God at the Iowa conference held at the Parkersburg Church. In metropolitan centers and rural areas these conferences have brought our people together, not in large numbers, but in the earnestness of the Spirit of God to consider the all important ministry of reconciliation.

Guest speakers at these conferences have come from the ranks of our own pastors who contributed their time without any remuneration. Their contributions in thought and enthusiasm to the conferences have been monumental. The Rev. Robert S. Hess of Bethlehem, Pa., served with win-

someness and dynamic power at a number of the conferences. The Rev. William Hoover of Benton Harbor, Mich., thrilled the conferences in Stafford, Kansas and Okeene, Oklahoma with his messages. The Rev. C. B. Nordland of Forest Park, Illinois, spoke with profound consecration out of his heart to hearts in the Atlantic Conference area. Dr. A. Dale Ihrrie of Detroit, Mich., challenged several conferences with profound messages. Both of the evangelists, the Rev. Henry Pfeifer and the Rev. Herman Palfenier, rendered an abiding ministry for evangelism at many of the conferences. Dr. George A. Lang and Dr. Albert Felberg of our Seminary served a number of groups with spiritual effectiveness. All of the general workers participated in these conferences with the distribution of literature and participation in the programs.

## EVANGELISM PACKETS

More than two thousand "evangelism packets" were placed into the hands of conference visitors. These contained many leaflets and brochures for months to come. Books on evangelism were placed on display for the edification of the people, and about 15,000 copies of the denominational leaflet on evangelism were distributed.

All of this is only the beginning! New and more elaborate evangelistic plans for the Fall and coming year will soon be announced. Prayers for this spiritual objective continue to ascend to the Throne of Grace. This is God's divine task for North American Baptist Churches for such an hour as this!



A large and eager group of soul winners attended the Oklahoma Conference on Evangelism held at the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene (Left) to hear the Rev. William Hoover of Benton Harbor, Mich. (Right), guest speaker at the conference

# We Are Forty-one Thousand Strong

Report of the Annual Sessions at Forest Park, Illinois, from April 22 to 28  
by the REV. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Promotional Secretary

EVANGELISM, missions and building projects received the major share of attention of the many committees, boards and councils that met in Forest Park, Ill., from April 22 to 28. More than seventy-five representatives conferred and counselled with one another and made decisions that look hopefully into the future. It is amazing how God has wrought such great wonders through our circumscribed group of North American Baptists so that we can boldly think of ourselves as "forty-one thousand STRONG."

## EVANGELISM

"Evangelism is our God-given task and spiritual lifeline. This must continue to be the keystone in our denominational program." This truth was voiced by Dr. A. Dale Ihrrie of Detroit, Mich., at the well attended public service held for the Chicago churches at the Forest Park Church on Thursday evening, April 27. Other speakers were the Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, Cameroons missionary, Dr. George A. Lang and Mr. Arthur Schwerin for the Seminary, who helped to make this one of the most outstanding programs of recent years.

Our evangelistic emphasis was dramatized by the colorful group of fifty men on that Thursday evening singing, "Wonderful Grace of Jesus." The General Council has voted to launch further spiritual programs and promotional material that will assist our churches in their evangelistic ministry. The General Missionary Committee elected a second evangelist for full-time service to succeed the Rev. Henry Pfeifer. The Publication Board has made plans to emphasize evangelism through its literature, publications and ministry of the Bible colporter. (See separate report on page 24.)

## MISSIONS

The General Missionary Committee had one of its longest and busiest sessions in years. Our missionary advance has made such rapid strides that the administrative work requires much difficult planning. It was voted and supported by the Finance Committee to send another couple to the Cameroons as well as a layman for a limited period who will supervise the important building program on the mission field. The Indian mission in Alberta will be strengthened as far as circumstances will permit. The necessary appropriations for the home field were made in the light of our

missionary emphasis. The Rev. Hugo Lueck was appointed district missionary in the Northern Conference to succeed the late Rev. F. W. Benke.

Building programs are the visible evidence of great progress in our conference. The General Council was grateful to God and our churches for the response of our people to the Sem-

present denominational ministry. Our aggressive faith founded on God's promises still is our guiding light. But we must cope with the practical problems facing us so that we can carry out successfully with God's help what we have planned to do.

The Christian Training Institute is becoming a cooperating society of the



In an impressive setting, members of the General Council and General Missionary Committee, missionaries and some friends fill the platform of the Forest Park Baptist Church and enjoy being photographed by Mr. Herman Siemund

inary building campaign. The Church and Parsonage Loan Fund Committee through its chairman, Mr. Edwin Marklein, reported that \$150,000 have been made available for loaning purposes to our churches and another \$50,000 have been added to the fund. The Finance Committee set \$10,000 aside in the new denominational budget for the Christian Training Institute building which is still unpaid.

## BUDGET, 1950-51

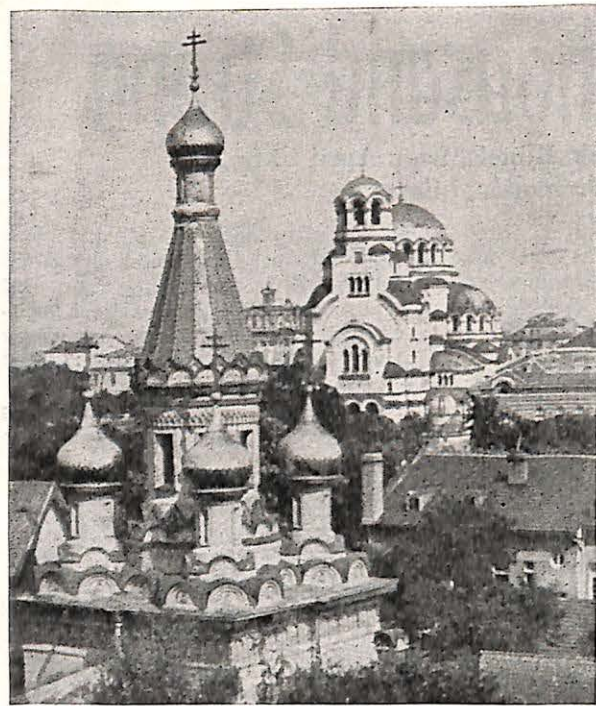
The General Council approved a budget for the years 1950-51 which was recommended by the Finance Committee totalling \$360,000. Of this sum \$300,000 will be designated for the denominational societies as heretofore with another \$30,000 to be distributed as determined by the Finance Committee. The remaining sum of \$30,000 will be divided between the Edmonton Bible School (\$10,000); and the Fellowship Fund with its continued important relief ministry (\$20,000).

The many reports by the representatives and committee chairmen showed an amazing spiritual vitality in our

denomination. The General Council approved the tentative constitution for the C.T.I., upon which Dr. H. Theodore Sorg has worked diligently. The Ministers' Fellowship Committee announced its final plans for another Pastors' Retreat to be held at Green Lake, Wis., in 1951. The General Council voted to hold the next General Conference at Philadelphia, Pa., in August, 1952. The Committee on Education announced several fine projects along educational lines.

Looking back over ten years, we see very few changes in the visible picture of our churches. We still number about the same total of churches and a few more in total membership. Our name has been changed to the North American Baptist General Conference. But our strength has increased, our vision has been enlarged, and our joys in worldwide service have multiplied. God's power in us enables us to emphasize this strength of our denomination as we say: "We are forty-one thousand STRONG!"





Cupolas over Greek Orthodox Churches in Sofia, Bulgaria

IN THE EARLY YEARS of our missionary history, the General Missionary Committee contributed assistance in the support of pastors of churches and in the erection of church buildings in Russia, Poland, Germany, Austria and Rumania. This financial aid was rendered because of our mutual German ancestry and because of our strong missionary interest. A special committee known as the Union Committee and composed of members representing the German Baptists of these different countries served as our intermediary.

As a pastor in Philadelphia, Pa., although a member of the General Missionary Committee, I still have a very clear recollection of the lengthy discussions when the grants were made for these European missionaries. Our knowledge of these fields and the personalities of the missionaries was only second-hand, and therefore very incomplete.

#### OUR SPECIAL FIELDS

It was in the year 1919 when the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance meeting in London assigned certain countries to different missionary societies. We were given Poland, Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Jugoslavia. These were to be considered as our special fields. Without question, we accepted these assignments, but at the same time we continued our missionary work among the German population of Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Rumania, although these countries had been assigned to the Southern Baptist Convention.

At a later meeting of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Al-

liance in Chicago, Ill., we were charged with intruding in the domain of another society. In defending our action, we contended that we worked exclusively among the German population of these countries, and as the Southern Baptist Convention was confining its missionary efforts exclusively to the nationals of these countries, we did not consider ourselves as intruders. That controversy ended in a perfect Christian understanding, and with the blessing of the Southern Baptist Convention we continued our missionary efforts among the Germans.

The coming of a certain individual has often proved to be a factor of greatest importance in the history of the Church of Jesus Christ. The truth of that statement becomes apparent when we think of the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt and our Danubian mission work. Although he was born near Odessa in Russia, he retained his German citizenship, living as a successful agricultural implement salesman. During the war between Russia and Germany, he as an enemy alien was deported to Siberia near Omsk. After having been liberated, on his way to Germany, he stopped in Poland and had conference with our brethren concerning a possible opening for him in some Christian work.

His attention was directed to our Missionary Society, implanting a hope that he might find an appointment with us. As he sat after midnight in the railroad station at Hanover, Germany, because the apartment house in which his parents lived was locked, he spent those midnight hours writing a letter to me, although we were

strangers to each other. In this letter he described some of his experiences with detail and inquired concerning the possibility of serving our missionary society in any capacity.

When that letter arrived I read it and it made a deep impression upon me. The name, Fuellbrandt, was hardly known to me. I faintly remembered that in 1911 the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, Sr., was a delegate to the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Philadelphia and on Sunday morning he spoke briefly to our Sunday School. As Brother Fuellbrandt had spent about five years in exile and must have gathered a wealth of experience about the life in Russia, our committee authorized me to invite Brother Fuellbrandt to come to America. When he left the steamer and met me at the dock he greeted me according to correct German custom. He bowed before me with all the grace of a former German soldier.

#### MISSIONARY ADMINISTRATOR

From the very beginning he proved to be God's man for us for that particular hour. He came to the United States and Canada at least three times. (He is now on another tour of three months among our churches.) By telling his missionary experiences he could captivate any audience. The program committee of the General Conference assigned to him a conspicuous place giving him the main address of an evening. As his father had been a prominent pastor in southern Russia and he himself a member of those Baptist churches, he found both in the United States and Canada many acquaintances of those former days. His place of influence

# Our Danubian Mission

The story of our missionary work in Bulgaria, Rumania, Jugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Austria and Poland where we supported scores of missionaries

By DR. WILLIAM KUHN of Forest Park, Illinois

in the Danubian mission was not immediately established but gradually it increased, step by step, until he reached that influential post as a superintendent of our Danubian missions.

He was untiring in making those many missionary journeys. As missionary administrator he had the necessary insight and foresight. Besides German, he spoke Russian perfectly, and in Bulgaria that was for him as superintendent an invaluable asset, Russian and Bulgarian being closely related languages. Although he could not preach in Bulgarian, he could understand everything that was said in Bulgarian. On all our European trips Brother Fuellbrandt served as our leader and as our financial agent on the trip. He won the confidence and the admiration of us all by keeping such correct financial accounts as we traveled from one country to another.

The last World War brought the active ministry of Brother Fuellbrandt in our Danubian mission to an end. He is now continuing in a dual capacity of missionary at large and superintendent of relief in Austria. Centuries ago under the Anabaptists strong revivals of Protestant faith were taking place in Austria. Later this spiritual movement was suppressed by dominant Roman Catholicism. We praise God that today Austria is experiencing a revitalization of New Testament faith, and in this revival Brother Fuellbrandt is active.

#### JUGOSLAVIA

As we had assumed the responsibility for mission work in Jugoslavia, Brother Fuellbrandt as our representative visited that field. Upon his first visit to Jugoslavia, he found everywhere the footprints of a humble missionary of God who had gone everywhere, winning individuals to become disciples of the crucified Christ. The name of Missionary Peters had become a beloved household name with many. His ministry was like that of John the Baptist preparing the hearts of the people for a triumphal entry of Christ which was to take place later. Like John the Baptist, Missionary Peters could point the people to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world, but he did not have the gift from God to be able to organize the disciples into churches.

In Jugoslavia Brother Fuellbrandt found a most promising field for the Baptists. Gradually the little groups received young pastors, who were on fire with enthusiasm of the Holy Spirit. In Jugoslavia there was a conglomerate of languages, and some of our pastors were able to preach in German, Hungarian and Serbian.

One Saturday evening is indelibly imprinted in my memory. We had been invited as supper guests at the



When Bulgaria was still friendly to the United States, Dr. William Kuhn traveled to the Danubian mission fields and visited with our Gypsy missionaries, Sisters Lydia Doellefeld and Emma Herrmann and the Rev. Ivan Angeloff

home of a farmer who was not a member of our church. Even before his conversion the members of that mission station met regularly in his home. Although he was not a Baptist, he had built a baptistry into that home. About 8:00 o'clock that evening there was a large assembly of church members and neighboring friends who met in the barnyard with improvised electric lighting for the occasion. The large and attentive audience was composed of "Schwabens" who were related to me through my progenitors. However, I am sure they understood my sermon in high German as the changing expressions of their faces proved.

#### BULGARIA

Bulgaria was the only country in our Danubian field in which we did not work among any German population but exclusively with the nationals. However, in Bulgaria as in other Danubian countries, Baptist work was

begun by German missionaries. In Bulgaria the father of the Rev. August Heringer was one of the pioneers as a Bible colporter.

Our most romantic and attractive enterprise in the Danubian countries was among the Gypsies. In many Baptist churches scattered throughout Bulgaria there were a few Gypsy members in each church, but in the village of Golinzi near Lom there was a settlement of Gypsies. These were sedentary Gypsies living in squalor and the most dilapidated shacks. The entrance of the Gospel among the Gypsies of Golinzi is a most fascinating story which has often been told but at this time bears repeating.

Gypsy Todor while working as a laborer for a farmer was fascinated by a gilt-edged book which on a suitable occasion he had stolen. This gilt-edged book was a New Testament in Bulgarian, but Gypsy Todor could not

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Bulgarians of the Baptist Church and Sunday School at Lom, Bulgaria warmly welcomed Dr. William Kuhn and the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt on their trip into the Danubian countries in 1938



# What's Happening

● The Rev. J. J. Renz, pastor of the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, baptized five converts on Easter Sunday, April 9. Another baptismal service will be held in the near future. Recently the church voted a bonus of \$600 to its minister. On Mother's Day a special service in recognition of the mothers of the church was held.

● The Rev. Rudolph Rapske, pastor of the Grace Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta, baptized five young people on Easter Sunday, April 9. A play entitled, "Blessed Are They," was effectively presented by the young people of the church on that evening, portraying the power of the risen Lord. The radio ministry of the church is continuing with accompanying success.

● On Easter Sunday evening, April 9, the choir of 32 voices of the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, under the direction of Harry Luiken, presented the cantata, "Hail the Easter King," to an appreciative audience. Immediately following the cantata, nine persons professed their faith in Christ in baptism, and were baptized by the pastor, the Rev. Howard Johnson.

● On Easter Sunday evening, April 9, the Rev. Henry R. Schroeder, pastor of the East Side Church, Chicago, Ill., baptized four adults. This was the second baptismal service since the first of the year. The concrete for the basement walls of the new parsonage has been poured. A definite beginning has been made on the new building project which calls for a lovely, modern parsonage for the pastor and his family.

● Recently the Rev. Henry Hirsch of Goodrich, No. Dak., hoped to serve as a solicitor for the Seminary Building Fund campaign among some of the churches of the Northern North Dakota area. He began at Cathay, No. Dak., and solicited for the seminary in eight churches. During that same period, the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Grand Forks, No. Dak., solicited in various churches beginning with Goodrich, No. Dak., and going westward to other groups.

● Mrs. M. Leona Buenning, the wife of the Rev. W. H. Buenning of Waco, Texas, was called to her heavenly home on April 22nd. She had been in failing health for the past five years. An obituary concerning her life and

radiant witness for Christ appears elsewhere in this issue. At the funeral services held at the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas on Monday, April 24, the Rev. Roy Seibel and the Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn brought messages of comfort.

● Evangelistic services were conducted at the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., from April 11 to 23 with the pastor, the Rev. Richard Schilke, serving as evangelist. The church missionary, Mrs. Herbert Bowen, conducted a "television time with flannel-graph" feature every evening. On Tuesday, April 18, Dr. John Brown, president of John Brown University served as guest speaker. On Sunday evening, April 23, the Fullerton Junior College A Cappella choir rendered a sacred cantata.

● The Rev. Donald G. Davis, a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., has announced his appointment to the faculty of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles beginning in September. Mr. Davis received his Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Edinburgh in December 1949, following eighteen months of graduate research in church history at the Scottish university. Mr. Davis was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Wasco, Calif., from 1942 to 1947.

● The 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Stading, Jr., of Hebron, No. Dak., was celebrated by the Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, March 19. A program of congratulations featured a sermon by the pastor, the Rev. C. T. Rempel, entitled, "And Enoch Walked With God." Following a luncheon prepared in the church parlors, another short program was held with Mrs. Theophil Frey as toastmistress. Mr. Stading is the Sunday School superintendent.

● Simultaneous English and German services are being held at the Conner Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan, from 10:45 to 12:00 A.M. Mr. Don Simons, a student from the Detroit Bible Institute, is in charge of the English services which are held in the remodeled hall downstairs. The Rev. Otto Patzia, pastor, preaches in the German services held in the church sanctuary. On Mother's Day evening, May 14, the play, "The Uncrowned Queen," was given by the young people's society to a good sized audience.

● Thirteen confessions of faith in Christ were made during the revival meetings held at the Bethel Church of Ingersoll, Okla., from April 2 to 9. These included two young married couples and a young married woman from the district. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer served as evangelist, preaching the good news of the Gospel in the power of the Spirit. The Rev. and Mrs. John Heer of the local church had made many contacts that proved to be a great blessing.

● On Easter Sunday, April 9, the Rev. Victor J. Hammond of Jamesburg, N. J., baptized five converts including three sisters. The Sunday School attendance of 117 on that Sunday morning was the highest in the school's history. Mr. Fred Fowler, Sr., is the superintendent. On Sunday evening, April 16, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, national youth secretary, was the guest speaker at the Jamesburg church. The Mother's Day program on Sunday evening, May 14, was in charge of the King's Daughters Society with Mrs. Rose Fowler, president.

● From March 20 to 31 evangelistic services were held in the Bethel Church of Harvey, No. Dak., with the Rev. E. Faul of Wishek, No. Dak., serving as evangelist. Several persons made confession of faith in Christ. The Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, Cameroons missionaries, served the church with messages on several occasions before their return to Africa. The church also presented Mr. Michelson with its former communion set to be used by the Soppo Baptist Church in Africa. On April 17 a son was born to the Rev. and Mrs. A. Buhler of the Harvey Church.

● Mr. Lawrence De Boer of Rochester, N. Y., a student at the University of Rochester and formerly one of our Seminary students, will take over the pastoral leadership of the Andrews St. Church of Rochester for a period of three months beginning with June 15. During that time, the Rev. O. E. Krueger, pastor of the church and his wife will enjoy an extended vacation. Mr. De Boer will receive the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Rochester in June and will continue his studies at the University of Rochester next Fall with a graduate scholarship. On June 10 Miss Ruth Kanwischer of Rochester and Mr. De Boer will be married at the church.

## OUR DANUBIAN MISSION

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read it. He then took this stolen Testament to his friend, Peter Puntscheff, who had learned to read. Around this stolen Testament there gradually gathered an increasing number of illiterate, interested Gypsies, who from the simple reading of God's Word received the true riches of salvation by accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Among these converts was the wife of Peter Puntscheff, Bojana Puntscheva. Earlier in her life she had been a beggar and a thief. Bojana's life, like all the others of the group, was radically changed. During the first World War Missionary Petrick had come from Assam, India to Bulgaria. Food was very scarce at that time, but Bojana baked a large loaf of Bulgarian bread for Missionary Petrick every week and thus saved him from starvation.

When we entered Bulgaria, the Gypsies were meeting in a very primitive building. In the development of the Gypsy church at Golinzi, three Bethel deaconesses from Germany rendered a most unselfish service. These were Schwester Hannah, Schwester Lydia Doellefeld and Schwester Emma Herrmann.

## GYPSY BAPTIST CHURCH

That was a memorable day when on September 28, 1930 the completed Gypsy chapel in Golinzi was dedicated. Now we had the only Gypsy Baptist Church with a chapel for itself in the world. These Gypsies like the national Bulgarians were nominally members of the Greek Orthodox Church. However, there were many Gypsies who were Moslems. It is generally conceded that Moslems are the most difficult persons to win for Christ, but in Bulgaria our missionaries baptized as many as ten or twelve Moslem Gypsies at one time. Until this second World War scattered the Gypsies, our church at Golinzi flourished with its own Gypsy pastor, Georgi Stefanoff. The Gypsy church at Golinzi has now been served with the Rev. Ivan Angeloff as pastor.

Much to our sorrow the wave of destructive communistic persecution has now beaten upon all the Protestant churches in Bulgaria, including the Baptists. Four Baptist pastors were arrested and three of them sentenced to imprisonment. According to reports, forty additional Protestants have been arrested. We find our only hope for our Baptist churches in Bulgaria and in other Danubian countries in the declaration which Jesus Christ himself made: "I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Because of the first World War, all

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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



Young people of the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware, who are "going places" for their church and Lord

workers, our camps will welcome our returned missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom, and a number of European friends who, while in this country to attend the Baptist World Congress, will visit our camps as speakers and observers.

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## WHAT C.B.Y.'S ARE DOING

A group of 25 to 30 young people from the Colfax, Wash., church held Sunday afternoon services at the County Jail. One young man, held on a murder charge, was led to accept Christ as his Savior through their efforts.

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The Baileyville, Ill., B.Y.P.U. has tried a number of interesting combinations for the leaders of meetings. One night, a brother and sister team gave the Bible history of Elijah and Elisha. Recently they had a "Men's Night," and a "Sisters' Night" is scheduled.

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The C.B.Y. of Zion Church, Okeene, Okla., is engaged in a Scripture memorization contest under the leadership of Pastor John Berentschot. At the end of three months the losers will give the winners a party.

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The Burlington, Iowa C.B.Y. has been busy with a series of good meetings every Sunday evening, one of the best being on "Friends and Friendship." They are giving the play "Converting Father to Missions."

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## YOUR PEP — DON'T LOSE IT!

If your C.B.Y. is a blessing, don't give it up for the summer. It may not be possible to have the same crowds as in the fall and winter, but we believe young people will respond to a good summer program. Put on your thinking cap, and ask the Lord's special guidance on program ideas. Don't skip those interesting June YOUTH COMPASS topics on boy-girl friendships. When your crowd comes back from camp or assembly, help your pastor arrange an evening of "Assembly Echoes" to which you invite everybody in your church. Remember, the "good news" of Jesus and his love is always in season.

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## THE THIRD LEAFLET

The third leaflet in the series published for our Sunday School pupils has now been sent to superintendents. It is entitled, "Who Are We — North American Baptists?"

*Our blest Redeemer, 'ere he breathed  
His tender last farewell,  
A Guide, a Comforter bequeathed  
With us to dwell.*

*And every virtue we possess,  
And every victory won,  
And every thought of holiness  
Are HIS alone.*

Sunday, May 28, is Pentecost. We hope that our Sunday Schools and C.B.Y.'s will find some way appropriately to commemorate this all-too-often forgotten "birthday of the Church." See the program "After Fifty Days" in the current YOUTH COMPASS. It has been prepared by Rev. Paul Loth of Bethel Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

## CAMP DAYS BEGIN

This week-end, young people of the Eastern Conference will be meeting in their annual convention at Central Church, Erie, Pa. Earlier this month, the Atlantic Conference convention met in Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. The summer procession of institutes, camps and assemblies has begun. In a few weeks more, Kansas will start the assembly season at Camp Fellowship near Wichita. A few days later, the Iowa C.B.Y. will meet for their second Camp at Iowa Falls.

Stores of good fun and spiritual enrichment await all our young people. We hope you don't miss yours! In addition to our well-loved general





—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 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, and again met Brooke Haven, a former suitor of hers. She disliked his making love to her and resented his clever maneuver of announcing their engagement at the wedding rehearsal. As far as she was concerned, the wedding was off! On the train back to Arden she thought happily of the old house and of friends, and especially about the tall, strong young pastor of the little Ardenville chapel. The next Sunday morning she heard him preach a simple but dynamic Gospel sermon. It was a thrilling service for her. On a lovely June day during the following week Laurie and Mary had a picnic together, and he told her what it meant to be a Christian. As Mary came back to the house she met Nannie, the servant. How sane and right life seemed as Laurie saw it!

## CHAPTER THIRTEEN

MARY gave Nannie a brilliant happy smile and thanked her heartily for the wonderful lunch.

"You are so good to me, Nannie!

Impatience and indignation that Brooke would be brazen enough to turn up again were all that Mary felt as she took her way upstairs. And it was not long before she forgot all about him as she went over the afternoon's pleasure in her mind. Again and again she recalled that look she had caught in Laurie's eyes as he watched her in the canoe. But if he cared as much as that look said he did, why did the sadness come? Well she was probably just imagining a lot about him, that was all. He had helped her wonderfully and she was grateful. After all that she had been through two weeks ago she had no desire even to think of love or marriage. It almost frightened her. Then she realized that she was never frightened in company with Laurie. It was always the greatest joy and delight to be with him. But she must not get any foolish ideas about him. He might be promised to some other girl for all she knew. Then why that loving adoring look she had seen? Oh well, that was probably her imagination. And so she argued herself around and around. Till finally she remembered Laurie had given her a little slip of paper with a few Bible references jotted on it for her to look up so that she would have the answers to some of her questions down in black and white.

She took the paper out of her pocket and went in search for her grandmother's Bible, suddenly ashamed that she had not one of her own at hand. What would Laurie think if he knew she had scarcely looked into a Bible for years except for reading her required chapters for lit. class in college.

She was embarrassed, too, to ask Nannie for the Bible. Nannie would have expected her to have her own with her. How she knew this she could not have told. But Nannie had high standards.

Finally she found it. Randa had evidently found it lying where she had left it Sunday and put in on a little table at the far end of the living room. Clapping it under her arm she flew up again to her room.

For an hour she read, coming on more and more verses, beyond the ones that Laurie had given her, amazed at how simple and clear and reasonable some of the verses were to her now. Laurie had said it would be so, as soon as she was born again. Well, even if she hadn't felt any funny way when she took that step, this was proof enough that something had happened, for never before had she made sense of anything she read in the Bible.

She did not know that Laurie was over across the town in his hot little room again, down on his knees, pouring out his heart for her, pleading God's promises that this newly born one might grow in grace through the knowledge of His Word.

I don't deserve it all."

But Nannie's eyes filled with tears as she smiled at the girl she loved almost as her own. And she said:

"That young fella was here again while you was gone, Miss Mary."

"Young fellow? Who?" Mary's brows knit as she wondered what young man knew her well enough in Arden to call.

"Why, that city fella. I don't know as I told you he was here before, just after you left for your mother's. I kinda fergot, I — g-g-guess," added Nannie trying to fit her words to her conscience, "you was so long comin' back. But he went away again when Randa told him you was down on the creek taking a boat ride."

Gradually it dawned on Mary who it was Nannie meant.

"Oh! You mean Mr. Haven? Well, that's all right. I'm glad he didn't wait."

But Nannie could not tell from her tone whether she was glad or sorry that she didn't see him.

But Brooke Haven was downtown, too, and not on his knees. He first hunted up the one little hotel in Arden and stalking up to the desk ostentatiously pulled out his solid gold cigarette case and lit a cigarette between words as he asked:

"D you have such a thing as a room and bath in this dump?"

Joe Webb, the plain little clerk with sandy hair and eyebrows shrank with awe as he gazed on that mustache of Brooke Haven's. For months he had nursed his few little bristles but still no sign of a mustache could be seen more than four feet away from his mirror. He had measured the distance. He opened his mouth to speak but he simply stared.

"Well?" burst out the would-be guest, "do you or don't you have a room and bath? Or perhaps you never heard of such a thing? Is there any other shack around here that could be called a hotel?"

"Oh! Why, ah — yes, of course," responded Joe at last.

"Of course what? Of course there's another hotel? I should hope there might be. What a dive!"

"Oh, I mean, that is, we have one, sir. A room and bath. Very nice, sir." Joe had finally got himself into his normal clerky state of mind. "Would you like to see it, sir? Just sign here, please."

Brooke Haven snorted, made a few scratches with the pen, swore at the pen and got out his own handsome one and signed his name with a flourish.

A little boy with a thin wizened face like a monkey darted in and seized his bag. Brooke half expected to see a tail whisk out from beneath the bell boy's uniform.

The room and bath were only fair but he tossed the little monkey boy a half dollar for carrying his one small bag up the one flight, not out of generosity but from a desire to show this scamp that he was some? body to be treated with respect. He was annoyed that the child was so young. He had hoped to have a word or two possibly with some older man who might give him a little data on the feminine population of the town of Arden.

Instead he sauntered downstairs and discovered a taproom into which he entered. He ordered a drink and sat looking around at the patrons. It being Saturday evening, all who so desired came from the surrounding countryside from farms and even smaller towns into Arden which was considered by them quite a center of news and high life. The place was full of farm hands mostly, Brooke guessed. There was a scattering of women. He scanned them all looking for just the type he had in mind.

At last he thought he had found her. She had been seated in a booth behind where he was sitting alone,

and was now out on the floor dancing in such a way as to attract the attention of every man in the place.

Brooke watched her for some time. She had reddish blonde hair done in an amazing coiffure that fairly out-reached the latest style. Her dress was black, made in an off the white, white shoulder design; and it showed her rather full curves to what she evidently considered her advantage. Her make-up was startling, carefully planned to harmonize with her hair.

Brooke noticed that she talked a great deal, gaily, and was apparently quite a wit, since the man with whom she was dancing laughed heartily every time she said anything.

Brooke noticed all the yokels in the place guffawing with maudlin pleasure as they watched her. When her partner seated her again in the booth and left her for a moment he quickly forestalled any other visits and slid in beside her.

"Well, beautiful, how does a town like this happen to produce a you?" He lowered his handsome head until his sparkling black eyes could look up into hers with a flattering smile.

"You're here yourself, I see!" she retorted coquettishly, raising her brows and flashing her own black eyes at him.

"Quick on the trigger, eh?" Her reply pleased him. She would do. She was smart. He smiled showing his perfect white teeth. All girls everywhere fell for that smile. He realized that his time was short; her companion might return at any moment. He lit a cigarette for her.

"Surely there's something better than this place for you and me, isn't there?" The diamonds set in that gold cigarette case glittered fascinatingly.

"In a town like this?" she mocked. "Well, there are other towns, or even a city nearby, n'est ce pas?" He knew she would be flattered that he thought she understood French.

"Weston, yes. If you call it a city," she said haughtily.

"It might do for a start," he said. "How about a getaway? Right now?"

The girl glanced around startled. A daring look came into her black eyes. She looked full at Brooke again, and then asked,

"Well, what are we waiting for?" Brooke laughed. "You'll do," he said admiringly.

They arose and walked to the door but the young man who had been with her before turned his head just at that instant from where he had been talking at another table in the far corner of the room. A dark anger came into his face and he started toward them.

"Make it snappy!" commanded the girl under her breath to Brooke, and she slid like a shadow out the swinging doors.

Brooke wasted no time, for a public brawl was not in his plans. They

fairly flew to his car and pulled away just as they heard a shout in the darkness. The girl flung a mocking laugh out of the car for her frustrated escort to pick up if he chose.

"Will this make trouble for you later?" questioned Brooke, more because he wanted to keep out of trouble himself than because he cared what happened to her.

"Trouble? With that chinless wonder? I can settle him. I'll just tell him he ran off and left me and he'll be down on his knees before I'm through with him. We didn't really have to hurry away from him, for you could've licked him easy. He's no he-man."

Brooke responded to her compliment by putting one arm around her and giving her plump shoulder a little squeeze. This was as he had planned it, but perhaps a shade more interesting than he had thought it would be, for the girl was nobody's dumb bunny.

They grew more intimate as the car proceeded toward Weston. Brooke cleverly drew from her various details of her background, telling only what he chose about himself. His home he decided to set in the far west. That would be safer.

The place of gaiety to which the girl was directing Brooke was one which she considered the most high-class resort within range of Arden. She had longed to go there ever since its swank had been noised abroad. But none of her various escorts up to now had warmed up to the idea, as they were all somewhat strapped for funds. This man, she felt, would be equal to anything. And so they arrived at its imposing portal, and Brooke's largesse was evidently sufficient to provide the fullest entree. The attention and respect of the men-in-waiting were enough to satisfy the most exacting demands of any lady. Gloriously happy for once, the girl lapped up the glamour. She was so obviously revelling in it that Brooke was more than half embarrassed. Yet for the sake of his own private scheme he stuck it out and entertained her to her heart's content.

It was not until the wee small hours had grown into fairly large ones that they took their way back to Arden. By that time he had accomplished the first step in his plan. He had made sure that his charge did not take aboard more liquor than she could carry, for he wanted her keenest attention while he unfolded to her his plan. But he found to his relief that she was too clever herself to drink too much. She realized that if she would not be in a state to enjoy this event to the fullest. So she was quite alert to his proposition and even managed to suggest a few fine points of operation herself. She entered into the plan with interest, especially as the successful carrying out of her end of it insured her, according to Brooke,



another visit to such a place as this only in another city still more glamorous.

Brooke retired at last in his third-class hotel room, feeling that he deserved a good rest. The evening had been not too bad, although the girl was not up to his usual choice for such entertainment. But it was worth it, for he felt that now he was on the right track to break up this ridiculous fanatical streak that had come over his future bride, as he still considered Mary Arden.

He gave himself a smile in the wavy little mirror as he prepared for bed. How easy it had been to enchant that girl! They were all alike, except Mary Arden.

He need not take this girl out again if he did not care to. He would just disappear, perhaps, when she had accomplished what he wanted. Though he did get rather a kick out of seeing her eyes bulge at his extravagance. A little whisper of annoyance disturbed him as he realized afresh that Mary Arden never gave him that kick. She simply did not care about money or show. Well, there would always be girls who did, even after he had won Mary. And so he climbed into the hard bed.

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**PICTURES THAT PREACH**

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breastplate, on horseback. This is the centurion who declared, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

In the foreground, nearest the spectator, is a lad who is checked in his flight down-hill because of the cry of the Crucified.

In the large group on the left we see fanaticism and doubt. Another centurion on horseback here represents inflexible discipline. Dominating the entire left of the painting is an aristocratic Pharisee in white, who throws a last look of hatred toward the victim of fanaticism.

In front of this horseman is Judas, terror-stricken, hastening away. This is really artistic license, for Iscariot had committed suicide before the Crucifixion. Beside the horseman we see two scribes slowly descending the hill and discussing the event. In this same group is Caiaphas, the high priest, stroking his white beard with his left hand, and casting a look of triumph toward the cross.

"Christ Before Pilate" was first shown in this country at the Twenty-Third Street Tabernacle of New York City, and during the next five months was seen by hundreds of thousands of persons in that and other cities. After Mr. John Wanamaker had acquired the two pictures he counted them among his most treasured possessions.

# We, the Women

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

**WHITE CROSS ARRIVES**

"Look at that cute stuffed doll! How neatly those bandages are rolled!" exclaimed your president, looking into some of the White Cross boxes which had arrived at headquarters recently. "Those needles, pins, thimbles and spools of thread will be prized by the girls in the sewing classes; and, oh, look at this!"

"This" was a box of plastic dinnerware — cups and saucers, plates and bowls in bright colors, which had been sent in by one society. Lightweight, unbreakable, these are ideal dishes for use by the missionaries on the field.

It was most interesting to see the great variety of items which our ingenious women have so generously sent. Pencils, erasers, memo pads will be appreciated by the school children. Sunday School literature, though old, can be used to advantage in Bible classes.

Scrapbooks are in great demand in hospital and station dispensaries. Miss Reddig told us that often the quickest way of winning the confidence of a new patient or his relatives is to show him a picture, and then sit down with him and explain it, as he asks questions about it.

It is important to remember that many of the things we take for granted and admire in a picture are completely foreign to the African. For instance, scenes of the interiors of our houses, showing refrigerators and other modern appliances and fur-

niture are entirely strange and confusing to them. Pictures like this should not be included in the scrapbooks. They give the natives the idea that all white men are rich! Pictures of food in abundance, as we are accustomed to have it, also give them the same erroneous impression.

The best kind of pictures to use in the scrapbooks are those of animals, children playing, farm scenes, cars and airplanes, and also religious pictures such as can be found on Scripture text calendars.

Having viewed some of these fine and varied articles, which are ready to be re-packed and sent out, Mrs. H. G. Dymmel, who is in charge of packing and mailing White Cross material from headquarters showed us a list of the items that were shipped on March 11, 1950. Twenty-one cases were sent. These included many rolled bandages, gauze, baby and children's bed jackets, school supplies, blankets, literature and many miscellaneous items. Outstanding was a contribution of surplus army blankets for the Bansa hospital cots, which a group of women from Iowa had sent. More such blankets would be greatly appreciated.

Looking at the list, we tried to visualize the joy and thrill experienced by the missionaries as the boxes are opened at the Bansa Hospital and sorted for distribution to the various mission dispensaries. We are sure they would join us in this word to you faithful workers: "Thank you, thank you! And keep up the good work!"

**OUR DANUBIAN MISSION**

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the countries comprising our Danubian mission field have suffered physically. Our Million Dollar Offering supplied us with the necessary funds, so that we could expand our work. The General Missionary Committee on April 1, 1930 made the following appointments and appropriations in the interest of strengthening our European mission work.

Country	Appoint-ments	Support
Germany	2	\$ 685.00
Switzerland	5	690.00
Austria	7	4,385.00
Hungary	10	2,400.00
Czechoslovakia	3	1,224.00
Rumania	16	4,551.00
Russia	48	8,770.00
Yugoslavia	3	1,190.00
Bulgaria	22	4,446.00

Poland		
(Posen-Pomerellen)	7	1,160.00
(Congress-Poland)	12	1,825.00
(Wolynia)	6	576.00
Memel-Land	1	300.00
		\$32,202.00

In our churches the criticism has at times been expressed that we should not carry on this missionary work in the Danubian countries, because it is not a foreign mission work. It is true that all of these countries have a much older and higher civilization than, for instance, we find in our Cameroons mission field. But the people in the Danubian countries, even though they are members of the Greek Catholic church or are Moslems, are dead, spiritually dead in trespasses and sins. They are bound by the fetters of ignorance, formalism and superstition. Their only hope is that they hear and believe the Gospel (Continued on Page 24)

# Commencement Days at C.T.I.

By the REV. E. P. WAHL, Founder and President of the School

ONE HUNDRED and two young people spent a blessed school term at our beloved Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, last winter, coming from thirty-four of our churches of the Canadian Northwest and eight North American Baptist churches of the United States. Joyously these splendid Christian young people worked together with their instructors, growing and developing mentally and spiritually to the joy of their loved ones and to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. The days of April 2nd to 5th constituted the closing days of our Bible School term.

**GRADUATION FESTIVITIES**

A new feature on our closing program was a special service for our graduates on Sunday evening, April 2nd, at the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton. The spacious auditorium of our beautiful Edmonton church was not large enough to receive all who came to participate in this very impressive service.

A solemnity came over that great audience as the student chorus in uniform came marching into the auditorium to take their places in the choir loft and reserved pews. Next followed the teaching staff with the guest speaker, Dr. Henry Wingblade, president of Bethel College and Seminary of St. Paul, Minn.

As the organ continued to play, "Onward Christian Soldiers," and the graduates in cap and gown came down the aisle in single file, the great audience showed them honor by arising and remaining standing until they all had taken their places in the reserved front pews. Dr. Wingblade's message, which was in such a beautiful spirit of joy and conviction, was gratefully received by all present. A grand opening for the special closing exercises had begun.

**MISSION NIGHT**

Monday evening was mission night. The auditorium of one of the Edmonton High Schools with a seating capacity of 800 was rented for the evening meetings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. As the auditorium was well filled with friends of C.T.I. from far and near, the inspiring mission program was rendered. Missionary Myrtle Hein of the Cameroons and Prof. R. P. Jeschke of Sioux Falls, So. Dak., brought challenging messages. A sound film portraying the

spiritual needs of the teeming millions of China brought this program to a close.

During the days on Tuesday and Wednesday special meetings were held at the chapel of the school. Graduates spoke, Professor Jeschke led in a Bible study and inspirational addresses were brought by Dr. Wingblade. The chapel was always crowded with students and friends in attendance.

la, a member of the teaching staff, the dignified audience was stirred through and through.

Promptly at eight o'clock, the processional began with Mr. Robert Neske, chorus director, leading. The choir, one hundred voices strong, followed with guest speakers and faculty in black caps and gowns coming next, leading the way for the seven Bible School and three High School graduates. These graduates, arrayed in the



The seven graduates of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta face the future confidently following the impressive commencement exercises held in the city of Edmonton.

Tuesday evening featured a Sacred Concert Night. The well trained student body under the leadership of the chorus director, Mr. Robert Neske, rendered special anthems with the mixed choir, ladies' chorus and a male chorus participating. An enthusiastic audience filled the High School auditorium and was thrilled again and again as the choirs interpreted one beautiful number after another in such an excellent manner. Dr. Henry Wingblade brought a very fitting message on this evening on the subject, "Praises to the Lamb of God."

Wednesday evening climaxed the eventful meetings with the commencement exercises. Not enough seats could be found for the large audience that crowded into the auditorium to witness this event. Under the capable chairmanship of the Rev. Karl Korel-

new maroon colored caps and gowns of the school, were escorted to the seats on the platform. The salutation to the graduates by Dr. Henry Wingblade was followed by the commencement address on "The Tree of Knowledge" by Prof. R. P. Jeschke. Thereafter the awarding of prizes, scholarships and diplomas was carried out in such a beautiful Christian manner that all felt the spiritual blessings and the glorious presence of Christ.

The Lord God be praised for all our dear friends of the Institute, for the devoted Christian young people who constitute the student body of the school, for the spiritual caliber of the members of its faculty and for the innumerable spiritual blessings showered upon the sessions during the closing exercises by our Christian Training Institute of Edmonton.



# REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



## Southern Conference

### Anniversary Program of the Canaan Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, Crawford, Texas

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas held its anniversary program on Sunday evening, March 19. This consisted of songs, readings and a play entitled, "The Other Women." We also put on display some of the things which we had made during the year. The offering amounted to \$52.

Each month we meet in the home of one of our members and hold Bible studies and make White Cross things for the hospital in the Cameroons, packing cookies for the Children's Home and Seminary students, as well as pillow cases for the Homes for the Aged.

We are indeed thankful for our pastor's wife, Mrs. Arthur Schulz, who served so faithfully as president. May she continue to be a blessing with her help and guidance.

Mrs. Walter Gauer, Reporter.

### Blessed Easter Services at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas

Easter Sunday, April 9, was a memorable day for the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas. About 35 young people started the day with the "crack of dawn" when they gathered for a sunrise service in the great open spaces on a hillside covered with Texas bluebonnets. As we assembled before a cross, God's nearness was experienced as our pastor, the Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, led the devotional and carried our thoughts back to that first Easter Sunday when the Angel of the Lord said, "He is not here, but is risen." Following the devotional service all gathered around a bonfire where a breakfast was served, after which we departed and prepared for the following services of the day.

Sunday School was observed at the usual time, followed by the morning worship service with our pastor choosing for his next, "The Meaning of Easter." For the evening service the Senior B.T.U. class presented the playlet entitled, "The Symbol of a Cross," which was well received by a large audience.

We are thankful for the Rev. and Mrs. H. John Vanderbeck who have recently taken up their work here and it is our prayer that we may continue to labor in the Master's vineyard with their help and guidance.

Ruby Wiegand, Reporter.



Five converts baptized by the Rev. Victor J. Hammond of Jamesburg, New Jersey on Easter Sunday

### Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Ruff by Hurnville Church of Texas

The Hurnville Baptist Church of Henrietta, Texas, held a reception for the Rev. E. J. Ruff, its new pastor, and family on Sunday, April 2. The program began with a song service led by Alvin Moser. Reuben Schaffner, our Sunday School superintendent, was in charge of the program. A duet was rendered by Miss Shirle Meyers and Alvin Moser.

"Words of Welcome" were spoken in behalf of the different departments of the church. The choir sang "Make Me a Channel of Blessing," after which the response was made by Brother Ruff. Testimonies were also given by Mrs. Ruff and children. The remainder of the program was given over to the Rev. W. Helwig of Dallas, Texas, as the guest speaker.

After the close of the message, refreshments were served. Words of appreciation were also expressed to Mr. Helwig for coming to us. May God bless our church that it may grow in spirit and in numbers as we work with our pastor.

We are glad to report that a new parsonage is being built. We hope to have a dedication service in the near future and that the Rev. E. J. Ruff and family can move into the church parsonage.

Ella Mae Schaffner, Reporter.

## Atlantic Conference

### Many Blessings of Easter Sunday at the Baptist Church, Jamesburg, New Jersey

Easter Sunday in the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, New Jersey was indeed a day long to be remem-

bered! It began with a very inspiring Sunrise Service at 7 A.M. with about 75 people in attendance. At 9:45 A.M. records in Sunday School showed a fine number present, reaching 117, the highest in our history.

During morning worship service, many had the joy of witnessing the baptism of four young people, three of whom were sisters, and one adult. The church was appropriately decorated with drapes behind the pulpit and flowers about the baptismal pool. Sealed beam lights were directed on the drapes giving a beautiful effect.

In the evening we united once again for the Children's Program, in which each department of the Sunday School responded in song, music, and recitation.

Ann F. Luquer, Reporter.

### Missionary Programs and Pastor's Wedding Anniversary at Second Church, New York City

The Second Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., has experienced some great blessings for which we are still praising God. Missionary Myrtle Hein and Dr. Martin Leuschner visited with us recently and brought us showers of blessings by relating their experiences and the showing of a beautiful film revealing Africa to us. Mises Hein told us of the many blessings which she had received on the foreign field by showing others the Way of Life. Even with so many missionaries in Africa, the job isn't nearly complete. Our earnest prayers only have kept the work going and continual prayers and support are still necessary.

Before sailing for Africa, Miss Margaret Kittlitz visited with us on the same evening that the Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Crouthamel, Jr., appealed for support for the Philadelphia Home for the Aged. A rich blessing from the pictures and story of the Home was received by all.

The 40th wedding anniversary of our pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. John Schmidt, was a big day indeed. After much planning we began by having a dinner which was served at the church with all the trimmings. Church members, friends, our pastor's son, Arthur Schmidt, and their daughter, Mrs. Ruth Haas, with their families were invited. Each branch of our church expressed its congratulations. The program also consisted of poems, songs and two numbers by a newly organized quartet. All this was a complete surprise to our beloved pastor and his wife.

## Northwestern Conference

### New Church School Class and a Stewardship Play at Milwaukee's Immanuel Church

The Easter season, symbolic of the new birth, witnessed the birth of a

These two events were enough to make our hearts glad and to rejoice in the knowledge of our Savior. But another big event took place to make our joy complete. We were able to witness the baptism of two of our young people, John Storkel and Joan Egeler, on Easter Sunday after which they were received into our fellowship. A young medical student, Miss Alice Ewert, who has come to us from Germany has also joined our church by letter.

Ellen Schneider, Reporter.

### Evangelistic Program and Plans of the Walnut Street Church, Newark, New Jersey

"Seven thousand souls"—this is the denomination's goal and the church's task in evangelism, to be soul winners through the Gospel by the grace of God. The challenge of the Sioux Falls Conference has been accepted by the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., whose theme for the year 1950 is "Where the Word of God Meets the Need of Man."

With the leadership of our pastor, the Rev. Richard K. Mercer, Jr., eleven church visitation teams entered into service to visit every member and friend of our church. This was prior to our Stewardship Institute which was in session every Thursday evening for five weeks during Lent. A good attendance was recorded at each session.

Some of the subjects were "Trustees of Creation," "The Thrill of Creating Wealth," "A Christian Economic Order" and "The Final Authority." Special musical numbers were rendered by members of the church. We were also privileged to have Miss Myrtle Hein, our own missionary to the Cameroons, at one of our Institute meetings.

During Lent, for seven Sunday evenings, our pastor brought us a fuller meaning of the last words of Christ from the cross. Our Good Friday service was well attended as our pastor brought us "The Message of the Cross," stirring our hearts to a greater love for our heavenly Father.

Easter is truly a blessed time of the year, and to us it was a day of gladness. Our Sunday School presented its Easter program in which all classes from Beginners to Intermediates participated. Our special speaker was Mrs. Harry Williams. The message for the Easter worship service was given by the pastor. His subject, was "Easter Triumphant."

The evening hour of worship included a baptismal service, as two of our young people followed their Lord in baptism. Our all-girl choir rendered special selections at our Easter services under the direction of Mrs. Josephine Rauscher. Many of our members brought their canaries to add to the music. This is a yearly tradition to which many look forward.

The spiritual impact of these well attended meetings was profound and deep and several adults made decisions for Christ, and one rededicated her life to the Lord. This has cheered us on in our service for him.

Joseph Balogh, Reporter.



The baptism of sixteen converts at the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, made Easter Sunday a day of great rejoicing for its members and friends

new Church School class at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis. "Merrymates," a class for young married couples, began last Fall as a monthly social group where devotions, fellowship and refreshments were shared. This active group has been steadily growing and at the Easter season arrangements were made by Mr. Lyle Albrecht, Church School superintendent, for this group to become a regular class with the Rev. George W. Zinz, Jr., pastor, as teacher.

Franklin Morse, Jr., was elected president; Elberta Hart Wilkins, vice-president; Dorothy Brautigam Murphy, secretary; and Jane Davies, treasurer. At their first Sunday class meeting the members voted to study the Bible directly, beginning with Matthew and continuing through the New Testament rather than to use any prepared materials. Furnishing and equipping a greatly needed nursery is the first project chosen by this active group.

"God's Arithmetic," a three-act play about stewardship by Sara K. Stang, was presented at the church on Sunday evening, April 2. The play, in which the faith of the youngest son makes his entire family think about "seeking first the Kingdom of God," was directed by Mr. E. C. Quade, teacher of the "Homebuilders Class." Richard Freigang played Peter, the youngest son; Anna Mae Schoenfeld, Gwen, his musically talented sister; Robert Freigang played Don, the older brother, a student in medical school. Mrs. Lane, their mother, was enacted by Mrs. G. V. McKeeney. Mrs. Ray Rohrbach interpreted the part of Stella; and Robert

Thompson impersonated Rev. Crandall, the young minister.

Music between the acts was presented by a ladies' double-trio and by Mrs. George Zinz, violinist, accompanied by Mrs. E. C. Quade on the piano. The Rev. G. W. Zinz, Jr., pastor, closed this inspirational service with a prayer of consecration.

Penny Zinz, Church Reporter.

### Easter Blessings Received at the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis.

Easter time is always one of great rejoicing in Christian circles, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and his triumph over death. Although the city of Milwaukee, Wis., was covered with a heavy blanket of snow instead of green grass, and spring flowers, the age old story of that first Easter morning put Spring and new life into our hearts in the Bethany Baptist Church as it has always done down through the centuries.

This year Easter Day held a special store of blessings for us. We had the privilege of witnessing the baptism of 16 converts by our pastor, Dr. John Leypoldt. Once more we realized that the love of Christ and the power of salvation are for all who believe regardless of age. In this group of converts were a mother and two children, husbands and wives, sisters and brothers. It was an impressive sight to see the procession of the robed choir and the baptismal candidates in their robes of white march to their places at the opening of the Easter service.

The blessings of this Easter Day were manifested to us not only in a spiritual way but also in a material manner. Our Easter offering which was designated toward the support of our Cameroons missionary, the Rev. George Henderson, went over the designated goal of \$500. Certainly, these blessings which we received during this Easter season are evidence of the Spirit of the Lord working in our midst.

Mrs. Fred Abitz, Reporter.



**Eighteen Persons Are Baptized at Impressive Candlelight Service in Sheffield, Iowa**

Ever hear of a candlelight baptismal service? Neither had we at the Grace Baptist in Sheffield, Iowa, until Easter Sunday night, April 9. After a sleet storm which began on Saturday evening and lasted all day Sunday, the trees became so laden with ice that they could not withstand the weight and branches and limbs started falling across electrical power transmission lines. About a half hour before the service was to start we received notice that it would be necessary to turn off the electrical power in town. With a little seeking and searching we gathered together enough candles to light the stage and baptistry and thus with the entire church dark except for the front we had the setting for our first candlelight baptismal service.

Following a song service which had to be cut short because we could have no heat in the church, the Rev. Henry Smuland brought us an outstanding inspirational and enlightening message entitled, "What Saith the Scripture On Baptism?" bringing out very forcibly the reasons for baptism and for the method which we practice.

As the baptismal candidates went into the waters of baptism the choir sang, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," "O Happy Day," and "Follow On." It was indeed an impressive service!



The Ebenezer Baptist Sunday School of Detroit, Mich., has this plaque in its possession for 1950 by having won second place in the Attendance Increase Campaign of the Greater Detroit Sunday School Association

**Triple Anniversary Program by the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn.**

Wednesday, March 1, was truly a glorious occasion for members and friends of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., as they gathered to celebrate a triple anniversary. The three events which we celebrated simultaneously were the 65th anniversary of the church, the first year



Sixteen of the eighteen converts baptized by the Rev. Henry Smuland of Sheffield, Iowa on Easter Sunday evening

Among the group of eighteen which were baptized were three fathers, one mother and twelve young people. Fifteen later received the hand of fellowship into our church. One will fellowship with us but did not desire to take up church membership. The other two are members of another local church which does not practice baptism by immersion. Seven others have joined our church in the past several months upon confession of their faith.

We are indeed thankful for the fire of revival which was kindled during our Fall evangelistic campaign with Evangelist Kenneth Chapman and which has continued under the devout ministry of the Rev. Henry Smuland. We beseech your prayers for the continued blessings of the Lord.

Henry P. Stover, Church Clerk.

in our beautiful new basement church, and the completion of our pastor's eighth year of service.

The latter was to have been a surprise for the Rev. L. B. Berndt and his family but unfortunately we were the ones to be surprised. They were unable to be with us on this occasion since they were confined at home because of illness. They were greatly missed by everyone but nevertheless we all received a blessing from the service and enjoyed the fellowship afterwards.

The Rev. Joseph Chapman of the Twin City Baptist Union gave us an inspiring message that will stay with us for a long time and will spur us on to greater service for the Lord in our new church. After the message we also had a short period of prayer and testimony.

Eleanor Taubensee, Reporter.

**Central Conference**

**Plaque and Contest Honors Won by the Ebenezer Sunday School, Detroit, Michigan**

During the months of February and March, the Ebenezer Baptist Sunday School of Detroit, Mich., was in a contest with over 40 other Sunday Schools, sponsored by the Greater Detroit Sunday School Association. We are very happy to report that our Sunday School received the second highest place in this contest, having an increase of 39.7 percent over last year. Our highest attendance was 528, and the average attendance was about 425. Mr. Irvin Draewell is our capable general Sunday School superintendent, and at the Victory Banquet he received a plaque for our Sunday School.

On April 11, we had a very fine banquet in our church for all the 100 percenters. There were nearly 300 present at that banquet.

We have quite a number of new scholars who attend our Sunday School, for whom we praise the Lord. Our desire is to reach many more souls for Christ in this new community to the glory of his Name.

Mrs. Ruth Ortland, Reporter.

**Evidences of God's Blessing at the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio**

The Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, had the privilege of holding pre-Easter meetings from March 27 to 31 with the Rev. Carl Burnham of Akron, Ohio, as evangelist. We thank God for his stirring and uplifting messages.

We had a full program at our church on Easter Sunday which proved to be a joyous and prosperous day. The young people of our church sponsored an Easter sunrise service having as guest speaker Mr. Edgar Wesner, student of Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago.

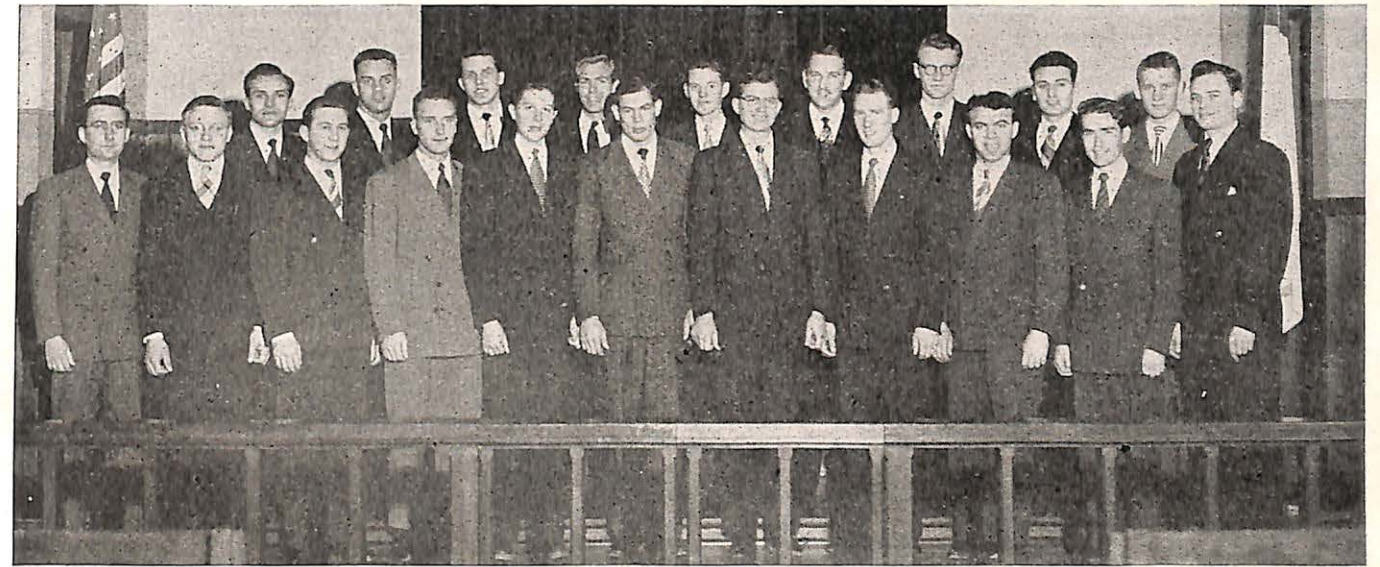
We as a church were also happy to receive into our fellowship a mother and her two daughters who recently came from Germany. The daughters have already shown their willingness and desire to serve their Lord wherever they can. Our hearts were also thrilled because of a young lady who went through the baptismal waters on Easter Sunday night and for her stirring testimony.

Recently our church decided to employ a church missionary for one year. Miss Florence Miller, sister of our pastor, will serve as our missionary starting in June.

We are happy of the rapid growth of our Sunday School. At present we are engaged in an attendance contest with the Scranton Road Baptist Sunday School. We are pleased with a new Public Address System which has been recently installed in our church. It was presented by one of our members, Mr. Arthur Hemme.

The Rev. Edwin Miller is our pastor. We thank God for this consecrated servant of his.

Bernice Guenther, Reporter.



Young men of the North American Baptist Seminary Glee Club in the chapel of Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

**Easter Services and Special Business Meeting Program at Baptist Church, Trenton, Illinois**

The Easter program began for our Baptist Church in Trenton, Illinois, with a community sunrise service at 6:30 A.M. The annual Easter breakfast after this service was served in the basement of our church. At the morning service three young people were baptized by the pastor, Rev. L. P. Albus, and at the evening service they were received into membership, and the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was observed by the church.

On Wednesday evening, April 12, the quarterly business meeting was held by the church. During the fellowship hour which followed, the church and friends enjoyed moving pictures shown by Dr. H. C. Gieseke of Greenville, Ill. These were pictures taken by him while he and his family were visiting in Arizona. They were of especial interest to the church in that they permitted us to visit, per camera, with the Troy Ranz family who went to Tucson for health reasons.

Mrs. Edna Gieseke, Reporter.

**Dakota Conference**

**Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society, Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Mont.**

On Friday evening, March 3, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana, gave a program under the leadership of its president, Mrs. R. Seidal. The program consisted of special singing, readings, poems and two dialogues. After a short talk by our minister, the Rev. David Littke, refreshments were served and the hour of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Our society meets on the first Thursday evening of each month for a short business meeting, after which we are favored with a program by one of three different groups. Each month we send birthday cards to our missionaries abroad and at home.

For Christmas we remembered our Children's Home at St. Joseph, Michigan, with toys and other gifts. At our April meeting we brought different articles of canned food to be distributed for relief.

Mrs. Wm. Reich, Secretary.

**Leadership Course, Evangelistic Meetings and Easter Services at Medina, North Dakota**

A Christian Leadership Training Course was held in the First Baptist Church of Medina, No. Dak., from Jan. 11 to 14 with classes in the evenings. The Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., was the principal speaker. Due to severe weather conditions, the attendance was not very large, but those who attended the classes received a great help in knowing how to teach a Sunday School class.

In February the Rev. Paul Hunsicker of Fredonia, No. Dak., presented the Seminary Building Fund Program to the church. We had a very profitable meeting and there was a hearty response in cash and pledges amounting to over \$450.

Two weeks of evangelistic meetings were held with the Rev. G. E. Splinter of Jamestown, No. Dak., as evangelist. Despite an interruption in our meetings, due to the power shut-down caused by a sleet and wind storm, which left us without lights in the church and caused us to postpone our meetings for a week, our souls were enriched with the heart-stirring messages which Mr. Splinter brought from the Word of God. We are also happy that two persons were saved.

On Good Friday evening our young people together with the young people of Streeter, No. Dak., rendered a very fine Easter program in the church. It consisted of the following plays: "The Seven Lamps of Easter" and "Claudia, the Wife of Pilate," presented by the Streeter group, and "The Light in the Window," given by the Medina group. The same program was given at the Streeter Baptist Church on Easter Sunday evening.

Mrs. Gideon Gunst, Secretary.

**Concert Tour by the American Baptist Seminary Glee Club of Sioux Falls**

In the Fall of 1949 the North American Baptist Seminary Glee Club of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was organized with the following officers: director, Eldon Seibold; president, Fred Fuchs; vice-president, Adolph Braun, secretary, Eric Jeschke; librarians, Leland Schantz and Fred Sonnenberg; and accompanist, Herbert Schauer.

During the winter months our energetic director eliminated dissonances and moulded the varieties of voice into a harmonious unity. Eliminating the possibilities of atrophy from disuse, he planned a tour in order to give musical expression to the club. Beginning on April 14, the Glee Club visited the following churches: George, Iowa; union service of Emery and Plum Cleek churches at Emery, So. Dak.; Parkston, So. Dak.; Avon, So. Dak.; union service of Tyndall and Danzig churches at Danzig, So. Dak.; and the final concert rendered at Madison, So. Dak., on April 17. The church at Chancellor, So. Dak., will be visited in May, along with local appearances in the Sioux Falls churches.

Over half of the singers are from western Canada, the others being from Montana, Oklahoma, North Dakota, South Dakota and Michigan. The concerts included chorales, spirituals, a Russian church chant, German selections, Handel's "Holy Art Thou," Christiansen's arrangement of "Beautiful Savior," Lvorsky's "Hospodi Polmilui, the Nobel Cain versions of "Ezekiel Saw de Wheel" and "Ain't Gonna Study War no More," and "Divine Praise" by Bortniansky. Solos with the chorus were sung by Victor Priebe, Chris Weitz, Fred Sonnenberg and Eric Jeschke.

The generous expression of love in a financial sense proffered by the many friends was greatly appreciated. All money above travelling expenses was donated to the building fund.

Eric Jeschke, Secretary.



**Pacific Conference**

**Twenty-two Converts Baptized and 42 Members Received at Temple Church, Lodi, Calif.**

It is always a thrill to read reports how the Lord blesses the work of his churches. It does our hearts good to know that the cause of Christ is being advanced with the Master's promises.

The Lord has been good to us at the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, California during our short existence as a new church located in the beautiful residential section of West Lodi, and we would like to share some of our blessings with our co-laborers. A few weeks ago, at a baptismal and communion service, we received 42 new members into the fellowship of our church. Of these 22 were baptized who are mostly adults. This harvest of souls means much to us because many came to us through personal evangelism.

This personal touch brought many others to reconsecrate their lives, others to transfer their membership, and still others to a first decision for Christ. It always thrills our hearts when souls convicted of their need of a Savior respond to an altar call and step out for Christ. Our greatest ingathering came through a special Crusade for Christ through a Home Visitation program conducted by Dr. and Mrs. Henry E. Burke.

We are looking forward to another baptismal service in the near future since three young parents accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior on Palm Sunday morning, April 2. Our membership has now risen from 174 charter members to 280.

Easter Sunday was another high light in our church's ministry. A Union Sunrise Service at Lodi Lake Park called for early rising, but it

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Several reports had to be held over for the June 8th issue of "The Baptist Herald" due to insufficient space in this number. Editor.

proved to be refreshing both physically and spiritually. The young people then gathered at the parsonage for breakfast. The 11:00 o'clock worship was attended by a capacity crowd in the sanctuary, beautifully decorated with Easter lilies, spirea and lilacs. Our 30 voice choir, which sings at all our services and is a source of rich blessing to our services, rendered the cantata, "The Glorious Galilean" by Wilson, at the evening service, under the direction of Mr. Calvin R. Lohr with Mrs. Aimee Sawatsky at the organ.

This fine program brought a fitting climax to our Easter services and we do praise the "Glorious Galilean," our risen Savior, for his special blessings. We feel confident that our denominational goal of 7000 souls baptized for Christ can be met with sincere effort and God's help.

Arthur R. Weisser, Pastor.

**Spring Rally of the Oregon Baptist League at the Salt Creek Church**

The Oregon Baptist League held its Spring Rally at the Salt Creek Church, Dallas, Oregon, on March 24, 25 and 26. Our meeting was opened on Friday evening with a song service led by Walt Schmitke. Films were shown of our missionaries and workers in the Cameroons and of the constructing of our new Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We are thankful that we could obtain these films since they give us a greater inspiration to reach the goal for which we are striving — \$1,000 for the Ban-so Hospital and \$1,000 for the Seminary at Sioux Falls, which is our proj-

ect for 1950. A singspiration and fellowship hour brought our evening to a close.

On Saturday morning, classes for Juniors and Seniors began at 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. and 1:15 P.M. A very delicious lunch was prepared by the ladies of the Salt Creek Church. Our theme, "The Triangular Life," was taken from 2 Timothy 4:7 and many blessings were received from the messages given us by Rev. John Kimmel, Rev. Frank Friesen and Rev. Otto Roth on "Life as a Fight," "Life as a Race," and "Life as a Trust." The three periods for the Juniors were taken over by Mrs. G. Ferguson from the Week Day School of the Bible sponsored by the Dallas Churches.

The banquet was held on Saturday evening at 6:30 P.M. and it was truly an hour of blessed fellowship and good food. The song service led by Melba Schaer opened our meeting. George Bauder of the Trinity Church was elected president and Pat Schiedeman of the Immanuel Church was elected to fill the office of treasurer. A very inspiring message, "Where Do You Live?" was brought to us by Rev. John Wobig.

On Sunday afternoon, the closing session of our Spring Rally, our new officers were installed by Rev. E. Wolff and the members still holding office were given a new stimulation to go on with greater zeal to make our League a stronger organization to further the purpose of gaining more souls for our Lord. Speakers for the afternoon were George Bauder of Trinity, Dave Hiebert of Salt Creek, Bob Penner of Trinity and Howard Roth of Immanuel, who spoke on the different phases of Christian workers. Benediction was offered by our dean, Rev. Rudolph Woyke. Special numbers for our meetings were furnished by the young people of our churches.

Margie Lou Bauman, Secretary.

**Obituary**

**MRS. MARY SLONINA**  
of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mrs. Mary Slonina, nee Fiedler, of Minneapolis, Minn., was born in the Plum Creek vicinity of South Dakota on Jan. 9, 1900 and passed away after a lingering illness in the Ausbury Hospital at Minneapolis on March 23, 1950 at the age of 50 years, 2 months and 14 days.

Mrs. Slonina was converted and baptized upon confession of her faith by Rev. W. H. Buening on May 31, 1914 and added to the Plum Creek Church. She leaves to mourn her husband, Carl Slonina; her only son, Robert, 7 years old; four brothers and four sisters.

At the funeral service our male quartet and a soloist sang fitting and comforting songs. The pastor spoke words of comfort from Ps. 90 and John 14. May God of all comfort be very near to the bereaved and help them, to be prepared to meet their loved ones in eternity.

Emery, South Dakota  
Plum Creek Church

G. W. RUTSCH, Pastor.

**MR. ADOLF SCHULTZ**  
of East Bittern Lake, Alberta.

Mr. Adolf Schultz of East Bittern Lake, Alberta was born on March 4, 1882 at Churnchoff, Russian Ukraine. After a short illness he departed to be with the Lord on Dec. 8, 1949 at the age of 67 years, 9 months and 6 days. It was in Churnchoff that he spent his childhood, youth and early years of life. During his youth he was led to an experience of the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus, after which he became a member of the local church at Churnchoff.

Later he entered the holy state of matrimony with Martha Sagert with whom he lived in marriage for 19 years. His second marriage was to Elsa Tesch in the year 1923. The deceased and his second wife and children came to Canada in July, 1927 and settled in the East Bittern Lake district. Here he and his wife and members of his family joined the Bethany Baptist Church where he also served in the capacity of deacon for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife, five sons, six daughters, 33 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a host of friends. God who has given and taken also will be near to give comfort in these days of bereavement. Funeral services were held in the Bethany Baptist church on Dec. 12 with the Rev. Karl Korella officiating. Interment took place in the Bethany Baptist Cemetery.

East Bittern Lake,  
Alberta, Canada

THE FAMILY.

**MRS. MARIA SCHALO**  
of Monroe, Washington.

Mrs. Maria Mehrer Schalo of Monroe, Washington was born in Rumania on January 25, 1879, and died after two weeks of illness at the age of 71 years, 2 months and 17 days on April 11, 1950. In 1897 she was married to Frederick Schalo, who died in September, 1942. Born to this union were 13 children, of whom nine preceded their mother in death.

The family came to the United States in 1906, settling first at Turtle Lake, No. Dak., and in the year 1925 moving to Startup, Washington, where they resided in the Winter Lake District. Mrs. Schalo was through these years a loving wife and mother. In early youth the deceased became a Christian and joined the Baptist Church of which she remained a true disciple to the time of her departure. One of the quiet mothers of Israel, she was always in her place at the services and showed her love for her Savior.

She leaves to mourn, one son, Gustaf Schalo of Monroe, Wash.; three daughters: Susanna Lentz, Monroe, Wash., Sophie Roisman of Los Angeles, Calif., and Ruth Fieldler of Butte, No. Dak.; twelve grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Helena Rust, Mercer, No. Dak.; three

brothers: Jacob Mehrer, McClusky, No. Dak., Andrew Mehrer, Bismarck, No. Dak.; Gottlieb Mehrer, Monroe, Wash.; and a host of relatives and friends.

The pastor brought words of comfort from a text, Genesis 24:56. May the Lord comfort the bereaved!

Startup, Washington

R. G. KAISER, Pastor.

**MRS. ANNA VILHAUER**  
of Long Beach, Calif.

Mrs. Anna Vilhauer of Long Beach, Calif., was born on May 30, 1879 in the state of Illinois and died on April 18, 1950 at Long Beach, Calif., at the age of 70 years, 10 months, 19 days. On Sept. 19, 1900 she married Mr. Jacob Vilhauer of Okeene, Okla. God gave them two children, a son and a daughter. In the year 1914 she was baptized upon confession of her faith in Christ by the Rev. J. F. Olhoff and joined the Baptist Church at Avon, So. Dak. In the year 1922 she came with her family to California and made her home near Long Beach. The following year she became a member of Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim.

In her own quiet way she lived her Christian life for her God in whom she firmly believed to the last. For the past few years she had not been feeling well and could no longer attend services at church. But her Bible and her denominational papers were her constant joy. On April 17th she received a heart attack, had to be taken to the hospital where she died the following day.

She leaves to mourn, her loving husband; her two children, Rudolph of Long Beach, and Mrs. Marguerite Kroeker of Estacada, Oregon; her in-laws; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Lydia Poppenge of Fairview, Okla., and Mrs. Ella Loewen of Pampa, Texas; and many other friends.

Funeral service was held on April 21st at Hunter's Mortuary in Long Beach. The undersigned spoke words of comfort to the bereaved based on John 14:1-4. May God comfort those who are sorrowing!

Bethel Baptist Church,  
Anaheim, California

R. SCHILKE, Pastor.

**MR. PETER G. KRUGER**  
of George, Iowa.

Mr. Peter G. Kruger of George, Iowa was born at Simonswolde, East Friesen, Germany on August 10, 1858. At the age of 14 years he migrated to this country and lived for a short time at Grundy Center, Iowa. After some years in that vicinity, he returned to Germany where he was drafted in the Armed Forces. After the completion of his military service, he came back to the United States, where he married Miss May Hörman. This union was blessed with three children. His wife was taken from his side through death in 1892.

Mr. Krueger married Miss Lizzie Van Loh in 1897. Two children were born to this union, but again marriage joys were short, when his wife was called to her heavenly home. In 1905, Mrs. Florence Mulder became his helpmeet, and for forty-five years she shared life's joys and sorrows with Mr. Krueger. Two children came to bless this home.

He was saved and baptized in 1890. Baptism was transacted by the Rev. Peter De Neul. Mr. Krueger was a charter member of the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa. He served as deacon for 47 years and also taught a Sunday School class for many years. During the last two years he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. C. De Weerd, who untiringly waited upon him to his last day upon this earth.

On April 15, 1950 he answered the last summons to be with the Lord. He leaves to mourn his departure; his wife; four children: Mrs. Tillie De Weerd, Martin P. Krueger, Mynard Krueger and Mrs. S. Terrell; 21 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and nine stepchildren and one son predeceased in death. He reached the age of 91 years, 8 months and 5 days. Words of comfort were given by the undersigned of comfort from John 14:2-3. Thus another veteran in Christ laid down his earthly armor to reap a heavenly rest in glory.

First Baptist Church,  
George, Iowa

J. J. RENZ, Pastor.

**MR. FREDERICK F. OHLHAUSER**  
of Carbon, Alberta, Canada.

Mr. Frederick F. Ohlhauser of Carbon, Alberta, Canada was born near Odessa, Russia on July 13, 1883 and passed away on Saturday morning, March 4th, after a short illness in the Drumheller Hospital, reaching the age of 66 years, 7 months and 19 days. When Frederick was about one year old, his parents migrated to the United States where they settled on a farm in the community of Long Lake, So. Dak. Here he grew up in a Christian home to manhood. In 1905 he was converted and was baptized by Rev. C. Bischoff and united with the Jewell Baptist Church in South Dakota.

On April 15, 1907 he was united in marriage to his now deeply bereaved wife, Louise Keller. This union was blessed with six children, two daughters and four sons. One son preceded his father in death. In the year 1909 he came to Canada and settled on a farm southeast of Carbon, Alberta, where he faithfully labored and gained the possessions so necessary in life. After coming to this community he affiliated himself with the local Baptist Church of which he was a member at his death.

He leaves to mourn his passing his bereaved wife; two daughters, Mrs. Clara Fredrick, Vancouver, B. C., Mrs. Katie Martin, Carbon; three sons: John, Rubin and William of Carbon; his aged mother, Mrs. Marie Ohlhauser; five brothers; three sisters; three grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. At his memorial service Rev. C. A. Warren of the United Church read the Scripture, Rev. H. Schatz, pastor of the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary brought the German message according to Rev. 14:3 and the pastor of the church, Rev. J. G. Rott, spoke on Phil. 1:23, "Having a desire to depart and to be with Christ." May God comfort those that mourn.

Carbon, Alberta, Canada

JACOB G. ROTT, Pastor.

**MRS. W. H. BUENNING**  
of Waco, Texas.

Mrs. M. Leona Schulz Buening of Waco, Texas, was born January 30, 1882 in Lincoln County, Kansas, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Schulz. In 1897 Mrs. Buening accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized by the Rev. R. Klitzing and became a member of the Bethany Baptist Church, Vesper, Kansas.

She was united in marriage with the Rev. W. H. Buening on September 9, 1903. God blessed this union with a daughter and a son. She was a devoted minister's wife and helper in every church which she and her husband served. In their ministry of almost one-half of a century Mr. and Mrs. Buening served the following churches: Vera, Illinois; Pekin, Illinois; Plum Creek, South Dakota; Tampa and Herington, Kansas; Stafford, Kansas; Immanuel Church of Portland, Oregon; Bethel Heights Church, Gatesville, Texas, serving the latter church from January 1, 1934 to July 1, 1946. After a faithful ministry of twelve years in the Bethel Heights Church Mr. and Mrs. Buening retired from the active ministry and moved to Waco, Texas where they united with the Central Baptist Church.

Although in ill health during the past five years, she served the Lord devotedly whenever she could. She was especially interested in the work of the Woman's Missionary Union and her faithfulness and effort served as a challenge to the women. Mrs. Buening was an inspiration to those who visited her when she was ill. Only eternity will reveal the influence of her testimony and her prayer life.

The Lord called his faithful servant home to dwell with him on April 22, 1950. She is survived by her husband, W. H. Buening; one daughter, Mrs. Ruby Sanders; one son, Chester and daughter-in-law, Jo; two brothers, John and Ben Schulz of Vesper, Kansas; many nieces and nephews and a large number of friends. Funeral services were held at the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas on April 24 with the Rev. Roy Seibel and the Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn bringing messages of comfort.

Central Baptist Church,  
Waco, Texas

ROY SEIBEL, Pastor.



An inspiring congregation of 42 new members was recently received by the Rev. Arthur R. Weisser (Right) into the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., increasing the church's membership to 280



# Publication Board Session

Report of the Annual Meeting by the REV. ROBERT SCHREIBER,  
Secretary of the Publication Board

THE ANNUAL meeting of the Publication Board was held on April 22 at Forest Park, Ill. In an all day session many knotty problems were discussed under the patient and able direction of our president, Mr. Harold Johns. The reports from the editors and the business manager revealed the fact that the changes in frequency of publication voted by the General Conference have been graciously received by the subscribers. The Board is deeply grateful for this fact, and we consecrate ourselves to the task of constant improvement in all the publications under our jurisdiction. To that end we covet the prayer help of all of you.

One of the characteristics of Christians is the inescapable sense of an unfinished task. The Apostle Paul spoke of it when he wrote, "I press toward the mark . . ." New areas to be invaded! New victories to be won! Never satisfied to end abruptly with some great accomplishment, but always sensitive to new challenges! Your Board was made more aware of this truth than ever before as we decided upon a long range program of promotion that should result in an enlarged list of subscribers and an enlarged volume of business for the publication house. A special committee has been appointed whose task shall be to enlist the cooperative efforts of both pastor and local agent in this program.

The Literary Committee in cooperation with the editors and busi-

ness manager will meet several times during the year to discuss new editorial ideas and general improvements which should increase the spiritual and promotional value of both "Der Sendbote" and "The Baptist Herald." We solicit the suggestions of the subscribers in this respect and hope to receive your comments when new features and ideas are introduced. Much favorable comment has already been received for "Salute," the newest publication to join our ranks. It is recommended to you for use among Junior age boys and girls who are looking for an exciting and interesting paper.

One of the recurring problems of your Board is the annual financial deficit. And yet it is amazing how simply the solution can be found. You who read these lines have the power to change this situation. If you will channel through Roger Williams Press all your orders for church, Sunday School and personal religious supplies, you will make the work of the manager and the Board much easier and happier. It costs you nothing, but the publication house receives a financial benefit from this service, a benefit that means a monetary saving for the denomination.

With unflinching confidence in our God, "whom we are and whom we serve," we look forward to another year of spreading the Word through the printed page, humbly claiming the promise that the Word shall not return unto him void.

## OUR DANUBIAN MISSION

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of redemption wrought by Jesus Christ.

All these Danubians need the Gospel as do the natives in the Cameroons. We received the assignment to go and preach the Gospel to those living in the European fields from God himself. As we have been obedient to his call, many Danubians including the forgotten and depraved Gypsies and those of German ancestry living in the fields assigned to us have now passed from death to life, from darkness to light, and have now joined the blood-bought and spirit-sealed church of Christ.

What about the future of our Danubian mission? We are sorry to say that, wherever we look, we see nothing but destruction. From Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania and Jugoslavia the membership of these churches, because of their German ancestry, have lost their homes,

all their possessions and have been forcibly driven out of their own homeland. After having experienced those indescribable and incredible spiritual and physical agonies of the refugees, those who have outlived these agonies are now homeless, unwelcome and without prospect for the future in Germany. These belong to that great host of twelve million refugees.

We sympathize most sincerely with all these refugees who have lost their homes, their livelihood, their possessions and their churches. Standing in the midst of these ruins, we cling by faith to this assurance that our labor in the Lord in the Danubian mission has not been in vain. In the Day of Christ, if not before, the Lord himself will reveal unto us this mystery of the destruction of our flourishing Danubian missions.

## Conference on Evangelism for California Churches Is Held at Baptist Church of Wasco

March 28th, delegates and visitors of the churches of the California Association met with the First Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif., for a one day Conference on Evangelism which began at 2:00 P.M. on that Tuesday and came to a close at 12:15 P.M. the following day. Eight churches with more than 45 delegates and visitors were represented. We thanked the Lord that for our special speaker we were privileged to have with us our denominational evangelist, the Rev. H. Pfeifer, who out of the abundance of his experiences in his work was able to guide our discussions and give us so many helpful hints.

The session was opened with a devotional period led by the Rev. A. R. Weisser of the Temple Church of Lodi, Calif. Based on Neh. 8:9-12 and Matt. 5:13 ff. he very fittingly brought before us the challenge that when we feast on that which God gives us, we must send portions to those who receive not. The Lord gave us an abundance with a table laden with the choicest of spiritual food. Again and again we heard from those present, "I would not have missed this conference for anything."

The following brethren spoke on the following themes: Rev. H. Hengstler of the Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles, on "Evangelism, It's Power and Program"; Rev. P. G. Neumann of the First Church, Costa Mesa, on "The Technique of Evangelism"; Rev. G. G. Rauser of the First Church, Lodi, on "Evangelistic Program in the Organized Departments of the Church"; Rev. R. Schilke of the Bethel Church, Anaheim, on "In Search for Souls"; and Rev. H. Pfeifer on "Where are the People?", "Preparing the Church for Evangelism," "Visitation Evangelism," "God's Choice" in his evening message, and "How Can I Be an Ideal Soul Winner?" The Rev. E. Mittelstedt of the Fifteenth Street Church of Los Angeles led us in our various song services.

We wish to thank each one who had a part in this program: the Rev. W. W. Knauf of the First Church, Elk Grove, who was the chairman of the conference; the various ministers who brought their messages; the choir of the First Baptist Church of Wasco as well as the individual singers for their special songs; and the Rev. E. A. Kohfeld and his church for the fine hospitality afforded us. We are sure that the blessings received have been a sufficient reward to everyone for every effort put forth to make the conference a success.

R. Schilke, Reporter.

### THE GLORY OF CHRIST

"In his life, Christ is an example, showing us how to live; in his death, he is a sacrifice, satisfying for our sins; in his resurrection, a conqueror; in his ascension, a king; in his intercession, a high priest."

Martin Luther.