

# Baptist HERALD



*Baptists at the Cleveland Auditorium for Their World Congress*

*September 14, 1950*

# DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**Rev. Frank H. Woyke**  
 Sunday, Sept. 24 — Dedication of New Edifice, Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Ill.

**Rev. J. C. Gunst**  
 Sunday, Sept. 17 — Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 Sept. 21-22 — Spanish-American Mission Field, San Luis Valley, Colorado.  
 Sunday, Sept. 24 — Harvest and Mission Festival, Strassburg Church, Marion, Kansas.

**Rev. M. L. Leuschner**  
 Sunday, Sept. 17 — Avon, South Dakota.  
 Sunday, Sept. 24 — Dedication of New Edifice, Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Illinois.

**Dr. A. Felberg, Evangelist**  
 Sept. 20-Oct. 4 — Rosenfield Baptist Church near Anamoose, N. Dakota, Rev. R. C. Schmidt, Pastor.

**Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist**  
 Sept. 10-24 — Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., Rev. R. A. Klein, Pastor.

**CONFERENCES**

Sept. 13-17 — Eastern Conference at Bethel Church, Buffalo, N. Y. Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner and Miss Hilda Tobert, Guest Speakers.

Sept. 13-17 — Atlantic Conference at Second German Baptist Church, New York, N. Y. Rev. W. J. Luebeck, Miss Hilda Tobert, and Mrs. W. L. Schoeffel, Speakers.

Sept. 25-27 — Iowa Association at Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa. (See program in this issue.)

**HARVEST AND MISSION FESTIVAL**  
 Sunday, October 15, 1950

Programs feature a new song with words by Rev. Herman Palfenier, evangelist, and a missionary sketch of the Bansa Hospital by Miss Hilda Tobert.

Offerings are to be designated for our world-wide denominational enterprise.

**COMING**

*Four Great Denominational Sundays!*

**Sunday, Oct. 15** — Harvest and Mission Festival and Stewardship Enlistment Sunday. (Watch for special leaflets about Stewardship Enlistment Campaign.)

**Sunday, Oct. 22** — Publication Sunday. (See last page of this issue and watch for special leaflet.)

**Sunday, Oct. 29** — Immigration Sunday to raise \$50,000 for Immigration Revolving Fund. (Watch for church posters with announcements.)

**Sunday, Nov. 5** — Dedication of New Seminary Buildings, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. (Program and special features will soon be announced.)

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An important publication of our denomination is known as the "Annual Conference Reports." It contains a summary of statistics affecting the membership and gifts of our churches and conferences besides the publication of the minutes and resolutions of each conference. It is being edited this year by Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, who is also working hard for its early distribution among our churches, possibly before Jan. 1, 1951. Orders for this publication at fifty cents a copy can be sent to the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

**IN THIS ISSUE**

Momentous events are reviewed and announced in this number. The memorable sessions of the Baptist World Congress in Cleveland are reported by several of our leaders and by members of the Baptist team from Germany. Another Congress sermon is also published. The inspirational sessions of the Laymen's Retreat at Green Lake, Wis., are described by several of the men who were there. The Harvest and Mission Festivals soon to be held by many of our churches will be brightened by Miss Hilda Tobert's missionary article. The 1951 retreats for the pastors and laymen are announced in the editorial. Memorable gems lie in these 22 pages ahead of you!

**COMING**

**The Voice of God** — The Rev. Paul Leasure, the new pastor at Gotebo, Oklahoma, will be introduced by this devotional and effective sermon.

**Two Missionaries Are Africa Bound** — Miss Margaret Kittlitz tells about her arrival in Africa to serve as missionary-nurse at the hospital, and Miss Laura Reddig reflects upon the memories of her furlough experiences while en route to the Cameroons.

**God's Servants in Africa** — Dr. William Kuhn continues his interesting series of articles with brief sketches of more missionaries whom he has known personally and helped to send to their field of service in Africa.

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# Editorials

By Martin L. Leuschner

## A Closer Walk With God

THE ABBEY AREA of the Baptist Assembly grounds at Green Lake, Wisconsin, has now become the familiar setting for our various retreats. The laymen of our churches have joined the ministers in their praise of this place for "a time set apart" for spiritual fellowship and for a study of God's Word.

The Laymen's Retreat was a very successful week. The Baptist Men's organization was launched with high hopes and progressive plans. About 150 men and their families were in attendance, feasting on the good things of spiritual inspiration in the program. Action was taken to hold another similar retreat in 1951. A more detailed report about this laymen's gathering appears elsewhere in this issue.

We believe that something very fine is coming to fruition in our denominational life at those annual Green Lake retreats. The Abbey area offers sufficient and satisfactory facilities for our groups. It enables us to hold our sessions by ourselves and to keep the unity of our retreat as well as to provide our people with an occasional excursion into the greater and more varied enjoyments of the entire assembly grounds. Above everything else, it becomes the setting "for a closer walk with God," even as the Green Lake Assembly in its entirety has been dedicated to this noble purpose. Spiritual decisions have already been made at the Abbey by our people that will be a blessing to our churches for years to come.

None of this would be possible if it were not for the gracious and very considerate cooperation of the Northern Baptist Assembly officials. Dr. Luther Wesley Smith, as the executive director, and Dr. Richard Hoiland, as the program director, have demonstrated their welcome to us by providing these facilities on very generous terms. We have felt "at home" in the Abbey area because of the high ideals for which these Baptist assembly grounds have been set aside for "a closer walk with God."

Now something new will be added! Tentative dates have already been secured through Dr. Hoiland's office for two of our retreats to be held over a period of two successive weeks in 1951 at the Abbey area. Each of these will begin on Saturday night and close on Friday evening or Saturday morning of the following week. The Ministers' Retreat for all of our pastors will be held from July 21 to 27, 1951, and the Laymen's Retreat will convene from July 28 to August 4, 1951.

It is not too early to begin to think of your presence at one of these retreats next year. Some pastors and laymen can probably come to Green Lake together in the layman's car. The respective program committees will make their plans in due course of time. The detailed announcements will appear early in 1951. There ought to be capacity crowds at both occasions.

Even now it can be said that there will be unusual program features and additional recreational highlights that will make these two retreats outstanding for all who can be there. For our pastors and laymen those days in 1951 will open the portals to the glory of "a closer walk with God."

### BIBLE TEXT

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deut. 33:27).

This verse is both a comfort from above and a commitment of ourselves into the secure hands of God. Moses was taking his leave from Israel to climb Mount Nebo for a view of Canaan before his death. In his closing words of benediction, Moses called upon the people of Israel to acknowledge Jehovah as their God in the light of this blessed assurance: "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

Such a refuge undergirds all of life with divine strength. That fact is symbolized by the everlasting arms of the heavenly Father. That is our invincible faith. That is our abiding comfort. Whenever we as Christians come to the end of the way, whatever that road may be, then there is still God — the eternal refuge — the everlasting arms of his love!

### HARVEST FESTIVALS

The publication of the article, "The Harvest of Souls," by Miss Hilda Toibert, one of our Cameroons missionaries, is the first in a series of messages to appear in our publications about the observance of Harvest and Mission Festivals to be climaxed by the Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week in November. All of these observances are to emphasize "the harvest of souls" as demonstrated at our Bansa Baptist Hospital and in the training of God's ambassadors at our North American Baptist Seminary. As you read Miss Toibert's fine article, consider the part that you will have in God's harvest of souls. As your Sunday School observes the Harvest and Mission Festival in October, for which all the programs and leaflets have been sent to the churches, consider the tasks that are before us and the joys of giving that can be ours.

### "HERALD" CHANGES

The October 12, 1950 issue will blossom forth with many pleasant changes and welcome improvements. The front cover dress of "The Baptist Herald" will be entirely different, and many new page headings will give the number a more attractive appearance than ever. A new department will be added to be called, "In the Course of Human Events," bringing religious happenings from the world at large. A special "Family Page" will be published from time to time.

All of this will be the launching of Publication Month for October and preparation for Publication Sunday to be observed by our churches on Sunday, Oct. 22. The last page of this issue features the special bargain subscriptions that can now be secured. We hope to win 1600 new "Baptist Herald" readers and subscribers.

# Christ, the Light of the World

Keynote address opening the eighth Baptist World Congress  
at Cleveland, Ohio

By REV. WILFRED L. JARVIS of Sydney, Australia

THIS 8th Congress of the Baptist World Alliance opens in a dark and darkening world. The skies appear to be filling with black storm clouds; rumblings of thunder are heard. Presently the stygian darkness of war may enshroud humanity for the third time in the first half of the twentieth century, unless it pleases God to spare us that horror.

This is a fearful age because the hearts of many are filled with fear. Many are full of fear because their faces are towards the dark. Their faces are towards the dark because they have turned their backs to the true Light that lightens everyone that cometh into the world. They walk in darkness and in the shadow of death. The light that is in them is darkness, and how great is that darkness!

### OUR SOURCE OF HOPE

In this situation Baptists, like their fellow-Christians in other denominations, have an unfailling source of inspiration and hope. They have resources of power and courage that are inexhaustible. They have a witness to give to the people in all lands at this time. All this, and much more than this, is directly derived from him in whom we trust, who gave an abiding truth revalent to all time, and of first importance to all people in all parts of the earth when he said: "I am the Light of the world, the man who follows me shall certainly not walk in the dark, but shall have the light of Life."

It must be said that probably not a single person who heard these words accepted them at their face value at that time. But something supernatural happened later which gave to these words the seal of eternal truth, and down the highways of the world went those who bore witness to the light. Baptists of the world today are in the succession of those first witnesses. Supported by history and experience and the testimony of reliable people of all lands, we can with boldness declare our faith in him as the true Light and Life of modern humanity.

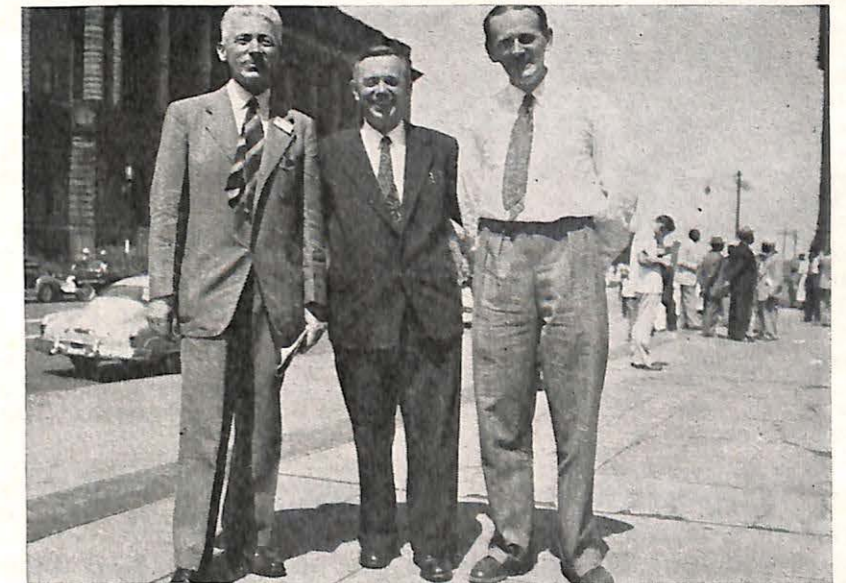
The noblest of kings and the greatest of rulers look petty beside Christ's simple and sublime majesty. The wisest of materialistic philosophers appear mere talkative clowns darken-

ing counsel with words, when we consider his statements. Programs for world order, security and lasting peace are tawdry and futile measured by his pronouncements about the Kingdom of God. He is incomparable. He cannot be accounted for by any of the tests that men apply to themselves and others. He is indispensable. We try to do without him at our present and future peril. He was the only one ever born with specific reference to the sins of humanity.

Only for momentary convenience do we speak of the Lord Jesus Christ as a historical character. He was born before history began. He is a contemporary of all the centuries. In him

human director or dictator, but Christ, the only wise Ruler of men. Any democracy that follows any other leader will as surely end in the abyss as will any godless dictatorship. We say to democratic governments the world around, as well as to other forms of government, Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. If you do not follow him in making and administering laws, you will walk in the dark and will lead your nation to the outer darkness.

We say to people in all walks of life: "Your path is one of darkness and you will never know deep and abiding joy and the peace that your hearts crave if you do not follow Christ, the



Dr. Wilfred L. Jarvis of Sydney, Australia (Center) and two of his Baptist friends from the British Empire enjoying some Cleveland sunshine in front of the Public Auditorium during a session of the Baptist World Congress

Diety and humanity, eternity and time are united. Someone has said that a great man compels the world to explain him. But we affirm that though Jesus Christ was truly man, he is much more than man; he is our Lord and our God.

### A SPLENDID AUTOCRAT

The first President of the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. Alexander Maclaren of Manchester, England, once declared that "democracy is the finest form of government discovered by man, but for its success it needs a splendid autocrat at the top." By a "splendid autocrat" he meant no

Light of the World."

When leaders of commerce, industry and trade unions, and those who accept their leadership do not follow Christ, then misunderstandings, conflicts, tensions and disruptions are bound to occur. It is short range thinking that leads to forgetfulness of Christ, which is the major blunder and culpable sin of modern life. Temporary advantages may be obtained by selfish disregard of others. But let it be said that God pays what is due to those who despise his Son. No individual or section of society or nation can attain true greatness — which is

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# The Harvest of Souls

The story of the marvelous ministry of our Banso Hospital in the Cameroons to the thousands of natives who come to the hospital as patients

By MISS HILDA TOBERT, Missionary-nurse

ALMOST three hundred miles away from Banso in the Cameroons of Africa, a young attractive African woman was sent to me with two pineapples, some avocado pears and a few eggs. I had never seen the woman before. She was a little amused at my surprise, and quickly explained.

## GREAT WORK AT BANSO

Her mother had been a patient at the Banso Baptist Hospital and as she told her story it was my turn to be amused. In her best English she proceeded to tell me what had been done for her mother. "You gave her medicine in her back so that she couldn't even move her feet, and then she didn't feel any pain. She could hear well and move her hands but her feet had just died. Then the doctor took the bad out of her belly, and now she is well."

During the course of our conversation, I learned that her mother was a member of the Basel church and again my visitor went on: "My mother was so pleased that you had prayers with all the sick people every morning and evening. It always helped her think of God even when the pain was severe. My mother is telling everybody about your great work at Banso."

## A DYING PATIENT

Through the oppressive quiet and heat of noon day there came the piercing death wail. A young man who had been a teacher for several years was brought to the hospital. After all the efforts of the native doctors had failed, his weeping and wailing family brought him to the "white man of medicine."

Our patient was unconscious and those with him thought with justification that death was only a matter of minutes. It was impossible to give him medications orally and extreme care had to be exercised to see that needles were not broken when injections were given. It seemed as though all we did for him was of no avail, and during the week we often thought that death would be the victor. Much prayer was offered up on his behalf.

My heart was thrilled when I walked into our office one afternoon to find several of our native helpers

praying for this lad. Slowly he improved, and after two months he was able to leave the hospital. During that time he and all the others in the wards with him heard the Word of God twice daily. We spoke to him personally concerning his soul's salvation, and we continue to pray that the seed that was sown may yet bear fruit. Many times this young man has come to the hospital to see other patients or just to visit, and he has often told us that God and Banso Hospital saved his life.

## GRATEFUL FOR ALL HELP

Had I not seen the tuft of grass which she used to switch the flies off her moving body, I would have believed the woman to be a corpse. It is difficult to recollect the horror I felt at the sight of her. Her hair was filthy, long and matted. Her tall emaciated, naked body was covered with running sores. There she lay beside the path. She tried to raise her arm in greeting, but the pain was unbearable.

She had been cruelly beaten the night before. She had come for more than forty miles, and when she had slipped into what she thought was a deserted house the owner had beaten her. So through the darkness of the night she had stumbled on to Banso and thrown herself down beside my path. Now her one plea was: "Give me water. I am dying."

She was a woman from the Ndu area and I could understand her. I told her that I would send some food and water to her. I wish you could have seen her face and eyes light up. "I know the God people would not disappoint me," she said over and over again. After a date with "soap" down at the stream and a bowl of corn mush, her appearance was much improved. She was determined not to go to bed. The floor was good enough for her.

Injections helped clear up the running sores and soon our little old

HARVEST FESTIVALS  
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—Photo by Paul Gebauer  
This African face dramatizes all the spiritual needs of thousands of the natives of the Cameroons

lady was walking about, picking up scraps of rubbish and carrying them to the incinerator. "I have no money to pay for my food and my medicine and so I want to help," she said.

One day she asked me why I had come to Africa with all its dirt and sick people. It was a joy to explain to her that Christ loved us first and because we love him, we deem it a privilege to go to Africa and bring the news of his love and salvation to those who know him not. She went home to her people well in body and her last words to me were, "I have seen the God people."

## "HEAL THE SICK"

From far and near they come to Banso, sometimes fifty strong. On market days often a hundred new patients arrive. Before medicine is given, we give them God's Word. In simple language interpreted into the vernacular, we hold out to them daily the words of Eternal Life. The prophet's question, "What have they seen in thy house?" becomes a real challenge to us when we realize that perhaps we may never have the opportunity to meet some of our patients again. Christ's command, "Heal the sick that are therein and say unto them, The Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you," rings clear. "Heal the sick," yes, through the miraculous gift both of our doctor and our hospital.

God has given us a gracious opportunity to serve the sick in the Cameroons. "And say unto them," yes, the love of Christ constrains us, and we shall not tire of telling the "old, old story of Jesus and his love." The staff of Banso Hospital, all of our nurses and the native helpers covet your prayers that the Harvest of Souls through our medical work may be a bountiful one.

# Abiding Impressions of the Baptist Congress

Further Reports and Quotations from the Sessions of the Baptist World Congress

## FOUR IMPRESSIONS OF THE BAPTIST CONGRESS

By DR. GEORGE A. LANG  
of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., moderator of the General Conference.

The 8th Baptist World Congress held at Cleveland, Ohio, from July 22 to 27 was characterized by a beautiful spirit of Christian fellowship and cooperation. Four things impressed me most deeply.

First, the leadership given to the Congress by Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, the president, was most gracious and big hearted. This spirit was felt throughout every session.

Secondly, the addresses of most of the speakers were outstandingly Biblical and spiritual. The seriousness of the hour due to the Korean War and the necessity for God's intervention and blessing were especially noticeable in the addresses as given by Dr. McCracken, Dr. Rutenber, Dr. Taylor, Dr. Robert G. Lee and others.

Thirdly, the large attendance of our North American Baptists and friends who gathered both at our White Avenue and at our Erin Avenue churches brought much inspiration. We were bound closer to our brethren from Germany through these intimate contacts.

Fourthly, the pageantry of the nations represented at the Congress which was given in the Stadium on Saturday night was most moving. When representatives from countries where religious liberty is not permitted passed before the reviewing stand, our hearts were stirred to think of our persecuted brethren. All do not have the blessings which we so easily take for granted here.

The Baptist World Alliance gave expression to the brotherhood of believers around the world and showed the hope of the world in Christ as Savior and Lord in the hearts and lives of the redeemed everywhere.

## A CROWD — BUT NOT A CROWD!

By MISS MARTHA LEYPOLDT  
of Forest Park, Ill., associate editor of YOUTH COMPASS

We weren't lost in the crowd! Even if there were 40,000 delegates at the Baptist World Alliance in Cleveland, Ohio. The feeling of oneness in spirit was thrilling and encouraging as the Baptists of many nations, colors and attitudes united in a common bond of Christian faith and fellowship.

No one was lost in the crowd, for every delegate was recognized as having a significant part in the activities

of the Congress. There was something of inspiration for all who attended. The pastors, laymen, women and young people were given special recognition in meeting problems of unique significance to their group.

We weren't lost in the crowd in the exhibit hall. The attractive display of our own North American Baptists activities was a place of interest to Baptists from all over the world.

Our youth leaders weren't lost in the crowd of hundreds of young people who met in special sessions at the

Congress, for our youth leaders had an opportunity to help plan and discuss activities of Baptist youth everywhere.

A large group of Baptists met in Cleveland! But we were Baptists: individuals working together with fellow-Baptist believers. It was a thrill not to be lost in the crowd but to feel that each one had a unique task to perform. The Baptist World Alliance meetings brought these individual responsibilities to us in a challenging and personal way.



Some of the many North American Baptist ministers with Dr. George A. Lang, General Conference moderator (center), at the Baptist World Congress  
Left to right: R. Milbrandt, R. Kanwischer, Henry Pfeifer, George A. Lang, C. H. Seecamp, Daniel Fuchs and A. Milner

# Special Events at Cleveland

North American Baptist Programs at the Baptist World Congress

THE SPECIAL programs for North American Baptists during the days of the Baptist World Congress at Cleveland, Ohio, vied with the big Congress events for interest among our people. They provided an ideal meeting place for renewed fellowship and inspiration with our brethren from Germany. They imparted blessings that deeply colored and brightened the fine impressions made on us during the Congress week.

On Sunday morning, July 23, special German services were held in the White Avenue and Erin Avenue Churches, prior to the regular worship services. Both of these were very well attended by throngs of our people. They were addressed in German

by the Brethren Paul Schmidt, Eberhard Schroeder, Herbert Mascher, Johannes Arndt and Jacob Meister of Germany.

On that same Sunday evening after the youth rally at the Auditorium, our own youth meeting was held by an enthusiastic group at the Erin Ave. Church. Introductions were made by the leaders, Mr. Harold Gieseke and the Rev. J. C. Gunst, and there was lots of youthful singing. Dr. Joel Sorensen briefly brought a challenge to youth, and the brethren Johannes Arndt and Herbert Mascher spoke about their work in Germany.

More than 125 ministers and their wives attended the breakfast on Tuesday morning, July 25, at the Erin Ave.

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# The Baptist Team from Germany

Greetings from the Baptist Team from Germany attending the Cleveland Congress and reports of its visits to our churches and Forest Park headquarters

## PENTECOSTAL BLESSINGS AT CLEVELAND

By Dr. JACOB MEISTER,  
Executive Secretary of the Baptist Union of Germany.

Ever since the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost in Jerusalem, there have been unusual gatherings of Christian believers. One of these glorious events has certainly been the eighth Baptist World Congress in Cleveland, Ohio. Many thousands of members of the far flung Baptist family came to Cleveland who in their own various languages have proclaimed the great and wonderful works of the Lord (Acts 2:11).

More than 30,000 delegates and visitors in the Cleveland Stadium on Saturday evening, July 22, lifted their voices in praise to God. Among these was a good sized group of German Baptists from Germany, Austria and Switzerland who participated in "the roll call march of nations."

This colorful and impressive Congress was only a faint picture of that heavenly gathering in which the believers of all ages, tongues, and climes will surround the Throne of the Lamb of God. With new tongues and perfect harmonies, they will sing their praises.

It seems to me that the Baptists of Germany with unusual fervor will be able to join in that chorus of praise. For it has pleased God, not only to lay on us heavy burdens of losses in buildings, people and missionary

workers, but he has also blessed us with the riches of his grace and with a glorious revival in our land.

## OUR HEARTY "THANK YOU"

By REV. JOHANNES ARNDT,  
Young People's Secretary of the Baptist Union of Germany.

It seems so inadequate that we can only say "Thank you" in words. We crossed the Atlantic Ocean from Germany with instructions from our Baptist brethren to thank you for all of your deeds of love to us. Now on the closing day of the Baptist World Congress in Cleveland, Ohio, I have realized that this wish of our Baptists in Germany has been carried out only in part. Again and again we have been showered with so much love that we would really have to begin with our expressions of gratitude to let you know how we feel in our hearts.

It was a very special joy for me to greet old friends in the United States. Twenty years ago as a seminary student in this country I became acquainted with many whom I could now see again.

This word in closing: Your love is a wonderful testimony of the power of Jesus Christ. Your ministry has not been in vain. In our homeland your gifts of love have opened many doors for the proclamation of the Good News of the Gospel concerning him who is the Source and Power of this ministry in the hearts of men and women. God bless you for your glowing witness in this land of yours!

## OUR VISIT TO THE RELIEF HEADQUARTERS

By MR. EBERHARD SCHROEDER  
of Kassel, Germany, Business Manager  
of the Baptist Publication Society in Germany.

It was a delightful experience during our trip in the United States to see many of our Baptist brethren who had helped us with such unselfishness and in the Name of Jesus during the years of our great need. I was deeply moved by our visit to the relief headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., to see an esteemed friend, Dr. William Kuhn, and to make the acquaintance of Miss Gretchen Remmler. We had the privilege of eating our lunch in the relief room from which 31,500 food parcels and thousands of bales of clothes had been packed with loving hands to be sent to Germany. It was really holy ground for me, since it has been the center of a loving ministry.

An unusual adventure for us was the visit at the Chicago Fair with the dramatic presentation of the history of the United States. We saw William Penn as he signed one of the first treaties with the Indians. We were deeply impressed by the fact that the first and most important declaration in the American Constitution has been freedom of worship.

We are thankful that our delegation from Germany could appear on the program of the Baptist World Congress in Cleveland at several group meetings and that a great deal of in-

terest was shown in the conditions in Germany and the plight of our Baptist family there. The Baptist Relief Committee decided to send continued assistance for the Russian Zone and to help at the rebuilding of bombed churches. To all who have assisted in this work and who opened their homes so hospitably to us, we send our sincerest thanks and greetings.

## BLESSED PRIVILEGES OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

By REV. HERBERT MASCHER,  
Sunday School Secretary of the Baptist Union of Germany.

One of my first evenings in America was spent at the home of friends in New York City. The grandmother of that family and I went out into the garden in order to enjoy the cool breeze of the evening following a hot day. In that garden this elderly lady told me the story of her flight as a refugee from Yugoslavia, of the years of distress and anguish, but also of the marvelous guidance of God. She brought her story to a close with these words: "Even the eternities will be too brief for me to thank the Lord for all that he has done for me!"

It is one of the blessed privileges of our life with Christ to see God in all our experiences. Whoever has open eyes to the wondrous works of God begins to thank him without ceasing for all that he has done. That has been my outstanding experience in your midst to see how God has dealt with you as North American Baptists under such differing circumstances from those among us in Germany.

Even the spirit of brotherly fellowship which you have among yourselves and which we could enjoy with you is evidence of this power of God in your midst. The special meetings for the North American Baptists during the days of the Baptist Alliance in Cleveland were among the highlights of the Congress days for me. It was amazing to see how faithfully and enthusiastically your people came to these meetings and taxed the capacity of the auditoriums. That is God's hand in your denominational work which assures you of his abiding blessing!

In the last analysis, it is love which is the fullest blossoming of God's Spirit in the hearts of his children. During the past few years we of Germany have seen how strong and deep this love is in your midst as we experienced the stream of divine blessing that came to us through your gifts. This love was experienced by us with even greater strength and renewed joy as we fellowshiped together during these days of our stay in the United States. We have rejoiced to have seen the brethren again and to have been witnesses to God's work among you.



Baptist leaders of Germany at the North American Baptist Headquarters, Forest Park, Ill., prior to the Baptist World Congress in Cleveland  
Front row, left to right: Rev. Paul Schmidt, Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Meister — Back row: Mr. Carl Baresel, Rev. Herbert Mascher, Mr. Eberhard Schroeder, Rev. Johannes Arndt and Dr. Max Diemel

## WITH THE GERMAN TEAM IN NEW YORK CITY

By REV. JULIUS KAAZ of Philadelphia, Pa.

Our North American Baptist Churches in greater New York extended a hearty welcome to the German delegates which arrived in New York City on June 29th. A general meeting had been arranged for the next evening at the Second German Baptist Church.

The pastor, the Rev. John Schmitt, presided. The Rev. Paul Wengel read the Scripture passage and asked God's blessings upon these men who had come through great tribulations in years gone by to a land where God's blessings were visible. The men of the Immanuel Church rendered several selections under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. A. Husmann.

Dr. Jacob Meister introduced the ten delegates, six of whom brought short addresses. The Rev. Paul Schmidt of Berlin, general secretary of the Bund, Dr. Herbert Mascher, Rev. Johannes Arndt, Dr. Max Diemel, a physician, Mr. Eberhard Schroeder of Kassel and Dr. Meister spoke. Other delegates were the Rev. W. Gutsche, Mr. Carl Baresel from Stuttgart, the Rev. W. Koerber from Göttingen and Mrs. Jacob Meister.

These visitors reported the growth of the churches in Germany which have about 100,000 members and large Sunday Schools, some with 300 scholars. Churches or meeting places are the great need of the hour.

The Woman's Missionary Union of

New York had also arranged a formal reception for these delegates. Mrs. Jacob Meister gave the address at this Sunday afternoon meeting. The delegates also served in the various churches of the area on Sunday, July 2.

A picnic on the fourth of July at the Hudson River Park, giving our visitors a rest period, was enjoyed by all. The Philadelphia churches were inspired by their messages on the next day.

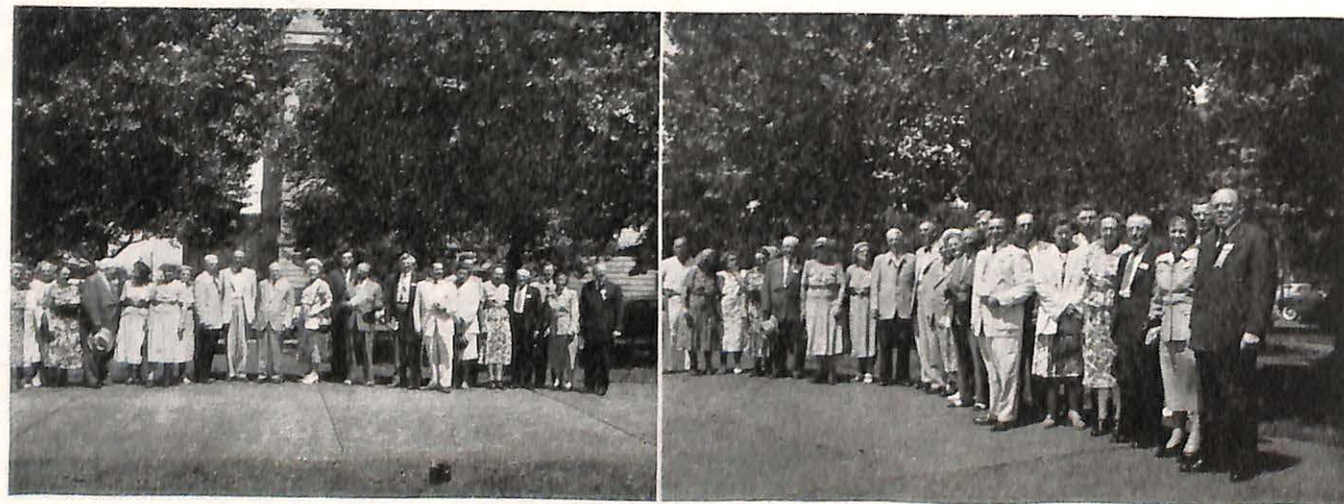
## WITH THE GERMAN BRETHREN IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

By REV. WILLIAM L. SCHOEFFEL,  
pastor of the Grace Baptist Church,  
Chicago, Ill.

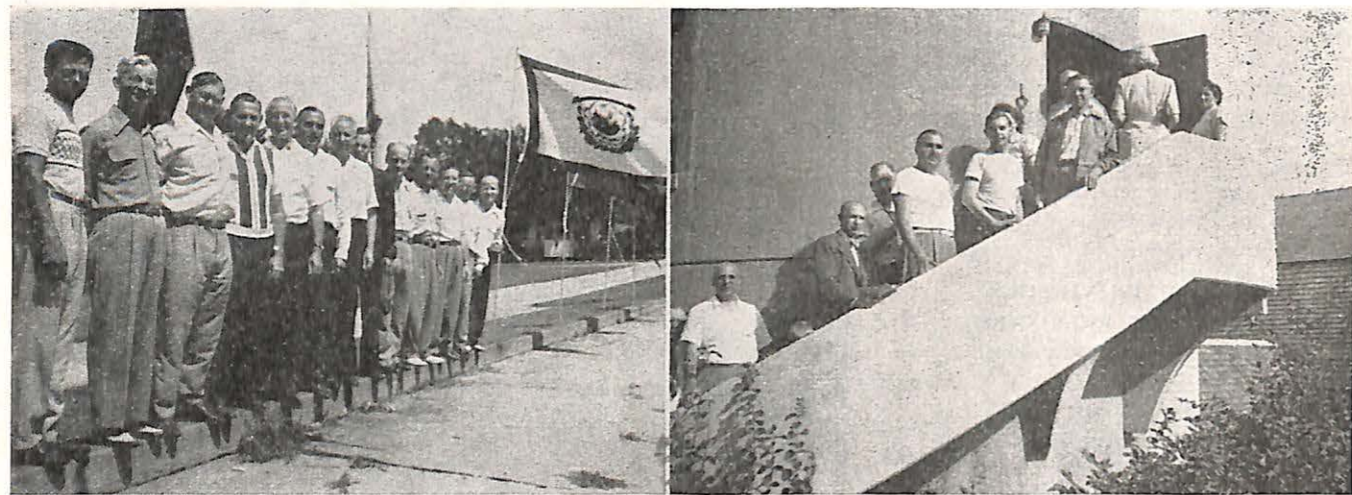
"We have been waiting for this day as children wait for Christmas Day!" was the heart-felt response of the Rev. Jacob Meister, president of the Baptist Union of Germany, to the warm, tender welcome extended by Dr. William Kuhn and his secretary, Miss Gretchen Remmler. Seldom were deeper emotional strains recorded than at this gathering of the eight delegates from Germany to the Baptist World Alliance with a group of Baptist friends at our headquarters at Forest Park, Ill.

The German visitors had been cordially received at the railroad station. A light luncheon helped to break down all stiff formalities which were completely overcome during the following sight-seeing tour of the Chicago lake front. A warm spirit of comradeship, such as true brotherhood in Christ can only develop, marked all further meetings with our friends.

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Members of the Baptist team from Germany, North American Baptist ministers and their families attending the Baptist World Congress enjoy a few minutes of fellowship in the picturesque Mall alongside the Public Auditorium



Baptist men from the Burns Ave. Church, Detroit, Mich., (left) at the Laymen's Retreat, Green Lake, Wis., and some of the laymen and their families visit the Prayer Tower (right) on the assembly grounds

# The First Laymen's Retreat at Green Lake

By MR. TED HIRSCH of Minneapolis, Minn., the newly elected president of Baptist Men of our churches

**A** DREAM has come true! Yes, the dream of holding a Laymen's Retreat of our North American Baptist Churches has become a reality.

The days from July 30 to August 6 were indeed mountain-top experiences as our laymen and their families gathered for their first retreat at Green Lake, Wisconsin. At one of the most picturesque settings God has created, men from all walks of life and from many of our conferences came together for Christian fellowship and for spiritual enjoyment and inspiration.

One can hardly realize that God's presence could be so near! Among the many trees, beautiful flowers, and sparkling Green Lake, God was speaking to each individual heart. In spite of today's world conditions of fear and unrest in the hearts of men, real joy and new spiritual blessings were experienced by those attending the retreat.

The chairman of our program committee, Mr. Walter W. Grosser of Oak Park, Illinois, certainly deserved a round of applause for his untiring efforts to provide a successful retreat.

### DR. CRANFORD'S MINISTRY

We were very fortunate in having Dr. Clarence W. Cranford of the Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., as our daily Bible and devotional leader. The highlight of each day was the hour in which he shared his Christian experiences and rich blessings of truths from God's Word. Dr. Cranford, truly a man of God, helped us to set our goals to higher levels

and challenged us to a closer walk with God.

Another great highlight during these days was to have Mr. J. L. Kraft of Chicago, Illinois, address us at one of our evening meetings. Mr. Kraft is widely known as an outstanding Christian businessman and Sunday School superintendent. He challenged each layman to take God into partnership in his business life as well as his Christian life.

Showers of blessing fell abundantly as did showers of rain to refresh us. Everyone contributed to a fine program by sharing his talents such as solos, quartets, testimonies, conducting meetings, and by attending sessions.

The afternoons were spent in recreation and relaxation whereby one could enjoy God's great out-of-doors and have fellowship one with another. Those who played golf were privileged to play on one of the finest

golf courses in the world. Others enjoyed themselves by pitching horseshoes, playing baseball, ping-pong, shuffleboard and swimming.

The meals were excellent with an abundance of good food to satisfy everyone. The food was served family style and everyone helped himself. Everyone helped to set and clear the tables each day. The children especially took pride in serving their parents and friends.

### PLANS FOR 1951

Now that the first retreat is history we are all looking forward to another Laymen's Retreat in 1951. It took the delegates from the Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., to set the pace for all of us for 1951 for they had the largest group attending this year.

The program committee will, as soon as possible, announce the time and place for our next year's retreat. We suggest you prayerfully plan to include this retreat in your vacation schedule.

The memories of this first retreat can never be erased. It was emphasized that "the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." With this ringing in their minds the laymen and their families returned to their respective churches richly blessed and organized as never before into a "solid front" for Christ. Their testimony for the coming year and their challenge to all laymen of our denomination will be these words, which was the theme song of this retreat:

"Christ is the answer to my every need."

### CHRIST IS THE ANSWER

(Chorus sung at the Laymen's Retreat at Green Lake Assembly as taught to the group by Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, Washington, D. C.)

Christ is the answer to my every need;  
 Christ is the answer, he is my friend, indeed;  
 Problems of life my spirit may assail,  
 With Christ my Savior I shall never fail,  
 For Christ is the answer to my needs.

### THE LAYMEN'S RETREAT WAS "TOPS"

By MR. HERB SEIPKE of Detroit, Michigan.

The Laymen's Retreat at Green Lake, Wis., from July 31st to August 6th was something that I shall never forget, even though I should live as long as Mr. Methuselah.

The Northern Baptist Assembly grounds are a thing of rare beauty. The fellowship with other Christian laymen was rich and wonderful. The recreational facilities were most adequate. What a golf course! Brother, you haven't seen "nothing" until you play the Lawsonia golf course! The 13th hole is so long that Edwin Marklein wants them to build a subway alongside of it. The swimming pool is most beautiful.

The social meeting on Saturday night was very interesting. The devotional meetings were uplifting and the panel discussions were good. The speakers were inspiring but the Bible studies with Dr. Clarence W. Cranford of Washington, D. C., were really "tops."

I am sure that every layman present this year will be an ardent booster for next year's Laymen's Retreat.

### THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACE THIS SIDE OF HEAVEN

By MR. HARRY C. LUIKEN of Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

"O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches." Truly, God poured out many of his riches to us as laymen at our first retreat at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Before deciding to go to Green Lake, a friend told me that it was one of the most beautiful places this side of heaven. I know now what he meant. As we drove daily around the spacious grounds, we marvelled at the grandeur and beauty to be found all over this former Lawson estate.

Green Lake Assembly consists of over a thousand acres of rolling hills, a 2½ mile shore line on beautiful Green Lake, 12 miles of macadam roads and nearly 60 buildings. The recreational facilities were beyond expectations, including bathing beaches, a swimming pool, yacht harbor, tennis courts, ball diamond, an 18 hole golf course and the ever busy shuffle board courts. One cannot forget the sunken gardens where many kinds of flowers are grown to grace the tables in the dining hall and elsewhere.

A wonderful view of the grounds may be had from Judson Tower, high on a hill. From this tower chimes sound sweetly in the twilight and a large illuminated cross beams its light out toward the waterfront. From here too one gets a good view of the really green water from which the lake gets its name.

It would take a book to tell you all the good things about these American Baptist assembly grounds, but suffice it to say that it is really a wonderful place for God's children to spend their vacation. It's the ideal place for grown ups and children alike and I trust, Lord willing, that many more of you will find it possible to attend our Laymen's Retreat next year.

### THE EXCELLENT PROGRAM OF THE LAYMEN'S RETREAT

By MR. VERNON C. HECKMAN of St. Paul, Minnesota.

"There shall be showers of blessing, This is the promise of love, There shall be seasons refreshing, Sent from the Father above."

We went to the Laymen's Retreat at Green Lake, Wis., with the hymn writer's anticipation in our hearts and, praise to his Name, we were not disappointed. The Christian fellowship experienced during that memorable week was "like to that above." It was good for us to dwell together,

eat together, study together and play together.

We received a varied diet of wholesome food in the dining room daily but we also received rich and enduring spiritual food daily in the Abbey. Our Bible hour leader, Dr. Clarence W. Cranford of Washington, D. C., opened up new areas of blessing for us in God's precious Word. He made us realize that evangelism is the overflow of our enthusiasm for Jesus Christ and that when we give of our monies to the cause of Christ, we are giving ourselves, since our money represents ourselves. He encouraged us to look at the Cross and put our stewardship up against that.

Dr. F. Townley Lord and Dr. Walter O. Lewis of England, Mr. J. L. Kraft and Dr. Luther Wesley Smith were additional contributors to our excellent program.

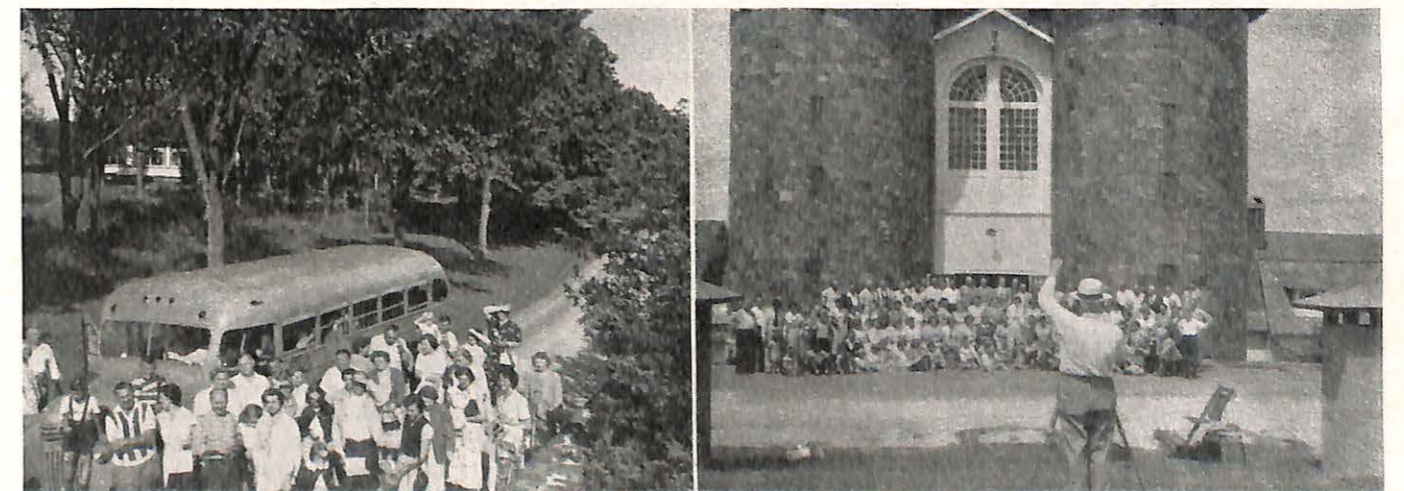
Dr. A. Dale Ihrie's closing message on Sunday morning was a cue to the reality which each layman would have to face upon leaving Green Lake. Will you be satisfied to join the ranks of the comfortable Christians or will you be able to stand a triple test of your faith as Peter was required to do. "God looketh on the heart" and knows what covenants were made in that closing hour.

### OUR LAYMEN ORGANIZE AS "BAPTIST MEN"

By MR. ROLAND E. ROSS of River Forest, Illinois, secretary-treasurer of BAPTIST MEN.

As a natural result of the laymen's activities and planning at our Sioux Falls General Conference and since that time, including our Laymen's Conference at Green Lake, Wis., our laymen have organized into an active working force to promote God's Kingdom enterprise in our North American Baptist General Conference.

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During the Laymen's Retreat at Green Lake, Wis., the group went on a sightseeing tour of the Northern Baptist Assembly grounds (left) and took time out to have their official photograph taken by Mr. Herman Siemund with the huge silos of the Abbey in the background

# What's Happening

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., has extended a call to the Rev. Ed. McKernan of Chicago, Ill., the former pastor of the Immanuel Church of Chicago. He responded favorably to the call and began his ministry in Kenosha on Sept. 1st. He has succeeded the Rev. North E. West as pastor of the church.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Carl R. Weisser of Killaloe, Ontario, Canada, have announced that a daughter was born to them on July 12. She has been named Noreen Eva. This is the second child in their family. The Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Dickau of Venturia, North Dakota, have announced the birth of a daughter on July 28 who has been named Sandra Grace. This is their first child.

● The Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, missionary in the Cameroons now on furlough, was the guest speaker at the Salt Creek Church of Dallas, Oregon, on Sunday, August 13. On Sunday, August 20, he spoke in the Bethel Church of Salem, Oregon. On Sunday, Sept. 10, he served the Trinity Church of Portland, Oregon. He also spoke in the Temple Church of Portland on August 27. This is the church where his parents have their membership.

● The Rev. Walter Klempel, pastor of the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Neb., presented his resignation to the church some time ago. He brought his ministry there to a close on September 1st after serving the church as pastor since November 1947. The Beatrice church is planning to rebuild its edifice which was destroyed by a gas explosion early this year. Mr. and Mrs. Klempel are at his home in Lambert, Montana, for the present, awaiting God's guidance regarding another field of service.

● The Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Lodi, Calif., supplied the pulpit of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., Canada, from July 26 to August 17 during the vacation absence of the pastor, the Rev. Rubin Kern. From Sept. 17 to 30 Mr. Schroeder will be conducting evangelistic meetings at the Baptist Church of Presserville, Montana, of which the Rev. Henry Lang is pastor. From Oct. 15 to Nov. 12 he will serve the Eureka and Hoffnungsfeld churches of South Dakota as evangelist.

● On Sunday, July 23, the Bethel Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, was

## THE HARVEST OF SOULS

**That is the purpose of our Bansa Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons and of the training of ministers at our North American Baptist Seminary.**

**The Theme for our Harvest Festivals in Churches, Harvest and Mission Festivals in Sunday Schools and Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week**

**Let your prayers and gifts have a share in this harvest of souls!**

filled to capacity for the program given by the faculty team of Northwestern Bible School of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Musical selections were brought by Mr. Oliver Mogck, the baritone soloist; Mr. George Makis, violinist; and Mrs. Jean Makis, pianist. The Rev. Mark Lee served as guest speaker at this service which was characterized as a "program of lasting beauty" by the Rev. M. Vanderbeck, pastor.

● "The Commonwealth," newspaper of Ripon, Wisconsin recently showed a picture of the Rev. W. A. Zeckser, formerly of Gillett, Wis., and now living in Ripon, and of his brother, the Rev. Edward Zeckser of Oyster Bay, New York, who were reunited in Ripon during the last week in July after a 28-year separation. Neither man had seen the other since he had attended the funeral services for their father, the Rev. Otto Zeckser, in Kansas. "It's a long time between visits," they said to each other.

● The Commissioned Baptist Youth of the Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., presented a program on Sunday evening, July 30, which featured the play, "The Outcome of a Secret," in two scenes. A number was rendered by the Junior Choir led by Irene Croissant. Other musical selections were given by Mrs. Albert Renke, Betty Renke, Irene Oster and Harriet Geis. Allen Zimmerman brought a very fine reading. Miss Frances Meyer, C.B.Y. vice-president, led the devotions. The Rev. David Zimmerman is pastor of the church.

● On Thursday evening, July 20, members and friends of the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta,

honored Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Klatt on their 25th wedding anniversary. The guests and friends were seated around tables in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Ohlmann with the program presented by representatives from various branches of the church. The Rev. Miss Ethel Ruff of Edmonton, Alberta, brought a brief message. The grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Klatt also sang a number. A gift was presented to the honored couple by the Temple Church.

● On Sunday morning, August 13, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, youth secretary, supplied the pulpit of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn. On the previous Friday evening, August 11, he spoke at the Men's Brotherhood meeting of the Daytons Bluff Church of St. Paul, Minn., of which Mr. Richard Kampfer is the president. On the same Sunday, August 13, the Rev. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, was the guest speaker in the morning service at the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minn., and in the evening service at the Faith Church of Minneapolis, Minn.

● From July 16 to 30 the First Baptist Church of Presserville, Montana, with the Vida Baptist Church cooperating, held evangelistic meetings and a Vacation Bible School with the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph T. Larson of Denver, Colo., as guests. The meetings were well attended with a total of 52 children in attendance at the Bible School. The teachers were Rev. and Mrs. Joseph T. Larson, Rev. and Mrs. D. Dryden, Mrs. George Strobel and the Rev. Henry Long, pastor at Presserville. Thirty persons were saved and many others were revived in spirit.

● The members of the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Missouri, gave their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur A. Voigt, a surprise on their 46th wedding anniversary on Thursday evening, August 3. A number of gifts were presented to them. The evening was spent in brief devotions, singing and other friendly entertainment. Mr. and Mrs. Voigt left on Sunday afternoon, August 6th, for Iowa where they attended the annual Okoboji Lake Bible and Missionary Conference from August 4 to 13 in the Arnold Park, Iowa. The annual basket picnic of the Pin Oak Creek Church on August 5th was enjoyed by many on the church grounds.

## VISITATION TRIPS BY THE BAPTIST TEAM FROM GERMANY

Following the Baptist Congress in Cleveland, Ohio, from July 22 to 27, the Rev. Paul Schmidt of Berlin went by plane to Brazil, South America, to visit the German Baptists there for a month before returning to Germany about August 30th.

Four of the team from Germany — Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Meister, the Rev. J. Arndt, and Mr. E. Schroeder — spent a few days at the Northern Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, Wis., following the Congress. They spoke at our Layman's Retreat on Monday evening, July 31, before going their separate ways on a tour of the United States.

The Rev. J. Arndt spoke in a Baptist church at St. Louis, Mo., and participated in Baptist youth camps of the American and Southern Baptist Conventions in West Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia and Michigan during the days of August. He hopes to leave New York for Germany about September 21st.

Mr. E. Schroeder of Kassel, Germany, spent some time with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, and with Dr. Caudill in his church at Memphis, Tenn., before returning to Washington, D. C., and New York, N. Y., for his departure for Germany on August 26th.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Meister and the Rev. H. Mascher visited various churches and groups of the United States under the auspices of the American Baptist Convention prior to their sailing for Germany on August 26th.

The two laymen, Mrs. Carl Baresel and Dr. Max Diemel, made a tour to the Pacific Coast, visiting relatives and friends in California and Texas. They returned to New York City by way of Washington, D. C., in time to board the boat bound for Germany and home on August 26th.

A tour to quite a number of our churches in Canada and in the Dakotas, Montana, Wisconsin and Benton Harbor, Michigan was arranged for the Rev. W. Gutsche who is in charge of the Slavic Baptist Union of Germany. He will bring this visitation trip to a close on September 15th.

● Do you hear men saying that "the Church is in danger?" Of course, it is in danger. That is where Christ means to be. It is only when it seems safe we need begin to fear. It is in danger, but it is not doomed. It has had its day of splendor and its hours of shame. Christ saw the Church as he meant it to be and gave his life for it. If it is good enough for him to die for, it is good enough for us to live for.

—M. E. Aubrey, London, England, president and secretary, Baptist Union of Great Britain.

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

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### YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

September 24 — "Honest?" by Rev. Robert Schreiber, Chicago, Illinois.

October 1 — "Baptist Youth Around the World" by Miss Adeline Zimbelman, McClusky, North Dakota.

### BOOST YOUTH COMPASS!

The Rev. H. John Vanderbeck of Kyle, Texas, who is serving as Publicity Director for our fine young people's quarterly, sends us this news item:

HAVE YOU HEARD? Have YOU heard what other people are saying about our wonderful young people's publication, YOUTH COMPASS? People within our denomination are not the only ones who see the exceptional value of YOUTH COMPASS. LISTEN TO THIS:

"I am so glad that I can recommend your publication YOUTH COMPASS without any reservations. It is sound doctrinally and contains a lot of practical suggestions for interesting and challenging young people's meetings. I especially appreciated that no one phase of Christianity was over-emphasized. Salvation, spiritual growth, prophecy, missions, the early history of the church — all were there. May the Lord richly bless the ministry of this publication."

Thus, Miss Janice M. Gosnell, associate director of Christian Writers Institute and fiction editor of CHRISTIAN LIFE MAGAZINE, wholeheartedly hails YOUTH COMPASS for its spiritual and challenging youth program material. Tell everybody who enters your C.B.Y. that this is a "spiritual, Christ-honoring youth society" by proudly using our own publication, YOUTH COMPASS! The new issue (Oct.-Dec., 1950) is out. Did you get yours? Hurry your subscription to Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio. COMPASS is \$1.00 a year for a subscription; \$8.50 for 10 subscriptions to a single address.

### WORLD SUNDAY SCHOOL PICTURE

Miss Ellen Lehr, Northwestern Conference Council member, attended the sectional Sunday School meeting on Thursday afternoon of the Baptist World Congress in Cleveland, and has sent a few interesting "gleanings" from this session. Baptist Sunday

School leaders of the world reported that:

1. In their countries, more than 90 percent of the Sunday School scholars were children of 14 years and younger.

2. Since teachers are primarily young people, an extensive teacher training program is being encouraged.

3. In many state church countries, opposition from the state churches is quite as strong as that of the Roman Church.

4. Everywhere, there is an encouraging increase in Sunday School attendance, with the result that more scholars are being won for Christ and the church.

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### RAISE OUR STANDARD HIGH

It is hoped that by this date all of our Sunday School superintendents and key workers have examined the new Sunday School Standard projected by our Sunday School Union and are ready to adopt it and put it into practice by October 1. Its ten important items represent our idea of what a North American Baptist Sunday School should be. In this, and subsequent issues, we shall list the goals and explain them briefly.

### FIRST — OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL IS TO BE A GROWING SCHOOL.

Last year at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Mr. Paul Jungkeit of Anaheim, Calif., challenged North American Baptists to bring our Sunday School enrollment figure up to our church membership. (Latest official figures show 33,113 Sunday School scholars and 40,785 church members in 1949.) This has inspired your Union to go "all out" and call for a 10,000 scholar increase in Sunday School enrollment in this triennium. To many, this total seems fantastic. But we could do it if each school attempted a simple 10 percent increase every year. That would be 3300 each year and approximately 10,000 for the triennium.

If the records are to mean anything, it would be necessary to get a correct enrollment figure as of this Oct. 1st and to figure your net gain each succeeding Oct. 1st. If you have 50 enrolled this year, the standard asks you to boost that to 55 by next October. If you have 100 enrolled, get 10 more by next October. That doesn't seem impossible, does it? Why don't you start right now? The Standard wisely goes on to suggest that this must be done through some planned reaching of new scholars and systematic visitation of regular ones and asks you to plan a definite program for each. This is our first goal. Watch this column for the next.

# Mary Arden

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## SYNOPSIS

One Sunday morning Mary Arden heard Laurie Judson preach a simple but dynamic Gospel sermon. It was a thrilling service for her. At the beauty parlor the next day, Sylva Grannis, a hair dresser, talked about Laurie as "a good for nothin' fellow" of years ago. One evening she carried out a prearranged plan by phoning Mary while Laurie was with her and asking her why she had taken away her date for the night. Laurie left soon thereafter for Sylva. Mary Arden went to her bedroom disillusioned with Laurie and with life. Laurie went to the house of Sylva, thinking that she was ill and needed his spiritual ministry. But this was far from the truth, for she had laid a trap for Laurie. In the meantime, Mary Arden found comfort in the words of Scripture: "Rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's suffering." Then in the morning another telegram came for her from her mother.

## CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

MARY was beginning to be tired of telegrams. This one, she thought, would be sure to be another insistent one from her mother, and she would simply have to make a decision one way or another about going to Castanza. She had still heard nothing from her father. No doubt he had moved on again and her cablegram had not reached him as soon as she had calculated that it would.

She tore open the envelope and then hesitated. How was she to know what to do? Must she go back there to Castanza and throw away all the rest of this beautiful summer? Suddenly she jumped out of bed and knelt down, the telegram still in its envelope.

"Oh my dear new Father, please show me so that I will know just what to do. I think I'm willing to do as You want me to. But I'm very slow at learning what You want. Thank You. Amen."

Then with a feeling of wonder upon her that she had thus dared to bring her pitiful little request before such a one as God, she took out the telegram and read:

Your mother hurt in auto accident. Come at once. Have cabled your father. Hetty.

Wide-eyed with distress Mary stared for a moment at the words, hardly comprehending that her prayer had thus accurately been answered. There was no question now as to what she should do.

With fingers that trembled in their

not have happened had she been there. She judged herself harshly.

But then she began to realize how marvelously God had answered her when she asked for guidance. Why would God answer her like that if she was so bad? Then she remembered what Laurie had said once: "God accepts us on the merits of His Son, not on our own."

Then the thought of Laurie sent a surge of pain through her. She had been awakened so quickly to this other disaster that the grief of last night had not yet marched into her thoughts until now. Oh, to think that just now when she needed Laurie most, he was suddenly farther away than he had ever been before! It seemed to Mary as if she were in a fiery furnace of troubles. Could it be that there was "the form of one like the Son of God" with her? It was a thrilling thought. The more because she had begun to experience in some small degree what it meant to walk with God.

She looked out the window and up at the limitless space. She had used to think God was far out there beyond all those fluffy white clouds. In fact she recalled with some discomfiture a fancy that had followed her childish mind for years when she was a little girl. Her mother had bought her a dream of a blue-white dressing table, all beruffled with white organdy in billows, over a blue background. It had been the little girl's ideal of beauty and she had unconsciously connected it with heaven, picturing the Almighty as seated upon a throne which closely resembled her dressing table, a throne all decorated with gold like her gold set that lay on her table, and angels flitting here and there in lovely groups like her organdy ruffles. She smiled amusedly. What a funny picture-God she had tried to worship, something like the paper pictures people pasted on their doors in China, perhaps, only prettier. There was no image that came to her mind as she thought of the One who now walked with her. There was just that sense of His nearness, His love. Was that what the Bible meant by walking by faith? Not being able to see or visualize anything, just knowing? She must ask Laurie sometime. Then again the pain came. Would she ever feel like asking Laurie anything again?

Then she wondered for the fiftieth time how badly hurt her mother was, and whether she was going to die. Mary had never had to meet death in her family before. That girl who had died at college was the first one to go in her circle of friends and she had not been especially intimate with her. She wondered how she could ever go through it, if father did not get home. How would she know how to plan? There would have to be a service, and decisions of all kinds to make. She

haste she grasped her bedside telephone and called the airport. "Yes, we have," the man cheerily answered her request for a reservation. "Just one seat. Plane leaves in twenty-five minutes." Could she possibly do it? She threw on her pretty little dark blue travelling dress, with the crisp white collar and cuffs that Nannie always kept spotless for her, gave a brush to her curls, and ran down to Randa in the kitchen. "Make me a sandwich, please. Randa, and cool me a cup of coffee for now before I go. I have to make the plane in a few minutes. Mother has been badly hurt. No, don't disturb your mother if she's not down — explain to her why I had to go." Then she rushed up the stairs and packed a bag, putting in several useless things in her excitement, and leaving out some that she later needed. But she was not worrying about equipment just now. The main thing was to get home. The telegram was from the city. Mother was not at Castanza then. But Mary had no time to wonder why.

"Randa," gasped Mary, as she took a hot swallow of coffee, "will you call Alvin Burgett at the garage as soon as you think it's open and ask him to get my car from the airport and store it until I get back. Or I may even send for it. Tell him I'll leave the keys at the airport office in his name and mine."

"Yes, Miss Mary, but shouldn't I waken dad and let him take you out? He'll be that upset. I don't know why they're not about yet. It's after seven and I never knew them to sleep so late."

"No, Randa. Let him sleep. They've both had a lot more work to do since I came," she gave a sad little laugh, "and I guess they need the rest. Give them both my love. I'll let you know how things go. Good by!" and she was off, racing down the driveway in her little coupe.

That early plane made good time back to the big city, but it seemed a long age to Mary.

Her first thought was one of shame to think that she had been so hard-hearted as not to respond to her mother's plea and come to Castanza to be with her. Perhaps this thing would

sighed again, with the weight of this new dread. She had not yet faced the thought of the desolation her mother's going might bring. So far this was just another trouble. If only she could feel free to call upon Laurie as she would have done up until last night.

The roar of the plane's engine soaring on and on seemed like the inevitable march of disasters that were endlessly appearing in her life now. There was only one bright hope. That was that she could continue to count on the Presence that had begun to be real to her. He had answered her prayer this morning. In a startling way, to be sure, but the answer had come. She would go on in this strange uncharted way, and see if He would bring her through. At last the gentle wavering of the great ship told her that they were losing altitude. Soon the land rose into view and the gliding monster came to a standstill.

Mary hurried to the waiting taxis and gave her home address. She must speak to Hetty and find out where her mother was, and just how badly she was hurt.

It seemed another endless trip but at last Mary was back at her house, paying the taxi man with fingers that were nervous from anxiety.

Hetty came to the front hall immediately. Her face was a picture of woe, but then Hetty was so easily upset and she always made mountains of everything.

Without a greeting Mary asked, "Tell me all of it, Hetty. I want to know how bad it is."

Hetty twisted her stubby hard fingers as she talked.

"It's pretty bad, Miss Mary," she said in a voice that hesitated and trembled. "Your mother was on her way home from Castanza to attend a funeral here the next day, when it happened. It was a truck that got 'em, a big beer truck, that came across the highway from a side street and smashed right into them. Henry's that upset, too. He says he wishes it coulda been him that was so bad. He has a broken arm and some bruises."

"But — mother? How badly — is she hurt?" quavered Mary.

"Well, I couldn't rightly say." Reluctantly the conscientious Hetty tried to escape telling the whole truth. "But the doctor says she may get better!" she triumphantly suggested.

Mary went over to Hetty and took her by the shoulders firmly.

"Hetty, tell me now! Right away. What is it?"

Hetty's honest eyes drooped, looked here and looked there, and finally at Mary's insistence, they looked straight up and she said,

"It's her head, Miss Mary! Concussion, they called it. They don't know yet if it's broken or not. Oh, I didn't

want to have to tell you!" She put up her immaculate starched white apron and wept restrained sobs.

"Thank you, Hetty," said Mary quietly. "Now tell me where she is?"

"At Temple Hospital, Miss Mary."

"Is Henry there, too?"

"No, Henry is out and about, though he can't drive a car."

"Where are the keys to mother's car?"

Hetty hastened to get them, and Mary followed, without waiting to go upstairs and freshen up.

Her mind dazed and whirling, Mary drove to the hospital, trying to go slowly, conscious that she was not up to driving, yet wanting to go at top speed for fear even now she might be too late.

She parked her car at a parking lot and found that her hands were icy cold as she handed the keys to the attendant.

She hastened into the elevator. Oh, how many many trips and vehicles there were to take! How interminable each ride seemed.

Then she stood in the white hospital room. The doctor was there, but he waited a moment while she went softly over to her mother and looked at that still face all swathed in bandages. The tears came to her eyes, tears of regret, perhaps, more than of sorrow. Mary had always felt it keenly that her mother and she seemed so far apart in thoughts and ways. Just to think that she had not responded to her mother's last request! Perhaps she never would have a chance to ask forgiveness.

The doctor motioned her to come out into the hall.

She looked up at him with wide sorrowful eyes and waited for his verdict. She knew this man. He had been the family doctor for years. She could trust him.

"Your mother is hurt badly, Mary," he explained gently, "but we cannot tell yet just how badly. She may recover completely, or she may remain like this, unconscious for a long time, days or even weeks. There may be a brain injury, but we think not. We are going to take more pictures this afternoon."

That was all. There was nothing more to be learned. She would just have to settle down to waiting. Waiting and watching for some sign of returning consciousness.

Slowly, with reluctant step, like one taking up a very heavy load to carry for a long, long time, Mary went back into the bare white hospital room and seated herself in the big arm chair where she could look at her mother's face.

All the waves of trouble seemed to sweep over and engulf her as she thought over the last few weeks.

"Oh, God, where are You now? Do you know about all this? Do You care?" And as if in answer there

came back to her Mrs. Judson's last words to her. How marvelous that she had been warned. What if she had not? Surely she could not have stood against this rushing tide of woes.

All the afternoon she sat there. The nurses came and went and did the few things there were to do for the sick woman. They wheeled Mrs. Arden out for X-rays, kept her an interminable time, and brought her back, still with no further word for Mary.

For a girl whose whole life had been filled with action and color, the waiting seemed the hardest trial of all. Would this go on just the same way for days, for weeks, perhaps? When oh, when would father come? There had been no word from him yet.

The cable had been sent immediately after the report on the accident, which had occurred just before midnight. There should be some answer tonight or at the latest tomorrow.

Wearily Mary took her lonely way home that evening and tried to eat the nice supper the cook had prepared. But nothing tasted right and she found she did not care whether she ate or not.

The next day was much like the first one — just waiting. Toward evening a message finally came from her father which heartened her a little.

Will be home as soon as I can get there. Much delay in getting reservations. Please send daily reports care of International Airlines.

Then followed several days, all alike. Mary began to feel as if she were in a sort of vacuum, where time did not pass.

At last one evening, feeling desperately lonely, she called up her house at Arden. It was good just to hear Nannie's voice. She could hardly speak to her for the glad tears that choked her. She had written her just a brief note that first night to let her know what had happened. Now she could give very little more news.

But Nannie could sense how hard the long testing was for her dear girl. And the next day she made Orrin drive her across town to Mrs. Judson's, ostensibly to take her some of her strawberry preserves, and to make a call. But Nannie had no intention of leaving the place without painting a thorough, sympathetic portrait of Mary sitting day after day beside her mother's bed, alone, waiting.

As a result, Mary received a loving note soon after that from Mrs. Judson. It was full of motherly sympathy and also a word or two of encouragement to "stand fast" through this new trial.

Mary searched the lines rapidly for some mention of Laurie or some word from him. There was nothing until the very end, and then it simply said,



quite conventionally, "Laurie and I shall be thinking of you and holding you up in prayer, my dear."

That was nice, and was probably meant to be comforting — yes, it was comforting, in a way. But Mary's lonely heart longed for the friendship she had learned to lean upon. Of course, if Laurie really cared anything about that other girl — it still seemed incredible! — then of course he would not be wasting his thoughts on her particular trouble.

But Mary was learning more and more about prayer herself these long days when she was set aside from all other activities. She spent many hours poring over Laurie's precious little red Testament. She was beginning to experience the faithfulness of her new Lord, and to exult in that, in spite of the uncertainty of earthly friendships.

Then one night about a week after she had left Arden, she reached home exhausted and discouraged, and as she walked in the front door she noticed a light in the living room. She stepped to the entrance and there was Brooke Haven.

He rose and came to meet her, holding out both arms sympathetically. Mary had been so lonely she was almost glad to see even Brooke. For most of her friends were away, of course, at the mountains, or the shore, or on long summer cruises. Brooke would gladly have received her into those open arms, but she still drew back, putting out her hand instead.

"I'm just back from California, Mary," he said, "and I heard of your trouble. I had to come right over to you. How is your mother?" He real-

ly sounded as if he cared. At least he was someone to talk to, a live person out of the dream that was her past life.

"Thank you, Brooke," she responded with sincerity in her tone, which sign of capitulation Brooke did not fail to catch. "Mother is just about the same, I'm afraid. Sometimes she stirs and we think she is going to recognize us, but then she sinks back to unconsciousness again. The doctor says tomorrow will be a crucial day."

"Oh!" soothed Brooke with just the right amount of pity. "That is hard for you, isn't it?"

"Well, yes," she smiled deprecatingly, "but of course it's a lot harder for mother."

"But you look so tired. I'm sure you haven't done a thing since it happened but sit and watch her, have you? Now admit it. I thought so," as she sadly nodded. "Now you are to come right out with me and take a little ride, and we'll talk about something else than sickness. You will ruin your lovely looks if you don't have some recreation."

"Oh!" cried Mary. "As if that mattered! Don't you realize that my mother is facing death at any moment? And —" Mary hesitated, wondering whether to say this to Brooke or not, then spoke in a slow solemn way, "I don't think my mother is ready to go, Brooke!"

A sneer curled his handsome lip. "What nonsense, Mary. I thought you knew better than to go in for such hokey. What has your mother ever done that's so terrible? You talk that way and you'll have people thinking there's some scandal con-

nected with her name."

"No, Brooke, you don't understand." Having gone this far, she felt as if she must explain. "God demands perfection, of course! Otherwise what would a heaven be for? And none of us have that. We only receive it as a gift, by accepting Jesus Christ as our Savior."

Black fury raged behind Brooke's eyes and he allowed himself to rant more than he had intended ever to do. He had before made up his mind that anger and mockery would not win with Mary. Diplomacy was more powerful. But he could not control his disgust for a moment.

"Mary Arden! It's beneath you to give a thought to such cheap palaver. What kind of God do you want to worship? One who would decline to admit a person as good as your mother into His inner sanctum? How absurd! Come now, and ride with me, and we'll get all such forlorn thoughts out of your brain. We'll plan some fun for when this hard time is over. Come, my beautiful lady."

But Mary shook her head.

"No, thank you, Brooke. Not tonight, I'm too tired." She saw that there was no use trying to explain further to one who did not care to understand. "If you will excuse me, I must go straight to bed now. I want to get over to the hospital early tomorrow since the doctor thinks mother may rally. Good night, and thank you for taking the trouble to come."

Coolly thus she dismissed him, and he realized that his wisest plan would be not to push her farther just now.

And the next morning Mrs. Arden opened her eyes.

She saw Mary first, and returning consciousness showed in her bewilderment at first. She looked about the hospital room. Then she feebly put up a weak hand and felt of her bandages. But her mind was clear.

"Am — I — badly — hurt?" she demanded rather than asked of Mary.

"You were, mother," said Mary gently, leaning tenderly over the bed. "It was an accident. A truck hit the car. Do you remember?"

Her mother shook her head almost imperceptibly.

"Henry?" she muttered. "He is bruised, but all right," assured Mary.

"Do you feel a little bit better now, mother?" questioned Mary anxiously. But her mother made no response to that and Mary saw she had fallen asleep again.

For two days more she was like that, waking for longer and longer periods. Then the third day her eyes opened wide again, and in a clearer tone, as if she were well able once more to take command of all situations, she asked:

"Where is Brooke? I want him here. You stay till he comes."

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CHRIST, THE LIGHT

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not financial prosperity, but noble character — unless they follow Christ in every area of life. Following Christ is an every day obligation upon all who have heard of him.

When ecclesiastical organizations professing to be Christian substitute their human inventions for any divine direction, subtract from the Word of God, or add unauthorized rituals, sacraments or works as means of salvation, then they walk in darkness and their works are the works of darkness. Millions of people in all lands are the victims of the worst tyranny than can imprison anyone — soul tyranny imposed upon them by priestcraft claiming divine authority for their pernicious ways. These people need to be turned from darkness to light as much as those to whom the name of Jesus is completely unknown.

The appeal of Christ is always to the individual. People go to perdition by the regiment; they decide to follow him one by one.

To those who are in the darkness of idolatry — worshippers of self being the most popular form of this sin — or worshippers of money, of pleasures, of false gods, or of evil powers and who are enslaved by the darkness, we present Jesus Christ, the revealer of the one true and only living God, and therefore the Light of the world.

If Jesus had only lived for thirty-three years in Palestine nineteen centuries ago and had completed his life as others, going down to death in the grave, there is the distinct possibility that we should never have heard his name, and it is certain that he never could have substantiated his claim to be the "Light of the world" nor could he have become the Savior of a single soul. Not in all the radiant beauty of his sinless life, not in all the illuminating words that came out of his guileless mouth, not in all the self forgetting deeds of love and power he wrought, not in all the living examples he presented, and not in all these put together can we find the full proof of his claims to be the Light of the World and the deliverer from darkness. The full proof is revealed in a mighty supernatural event that changed doubt and perplexity into radiant and miracle working faith in the lives of his first disciples, and since then in the lives of millions who have believed through their witness.

That supernatural event began with the mighty miracle at Calvary. That cross must have seemed so utterly meaningless to his disciples, or, if they were capable in their despair and grief of giving it a meaning, it would be to them a symbol of the triumph of lies over truth, of wrong over right, of hate over love, of darkness over light. The physical darkness that veiled that cross and its vic-

tim surely would cause them to consider the horrifying loathsomeness of human sin and the diabolical beastliness of hellish opposition to God. The man hanging there speaks his last choking word, bows his head and dies. And if that was all, we should not be here today and we should have nothing to give from this Congress to a world in darkness.

But wait! Morning dawns! His tomb is empty! The darkness could not overpower the Light! He is RISEN! That mighty miracle of redemption established forever the claim of Christ. To us the light has come. From us will go the declaration to all nations of the world. "Christ is the true and only light." Follow him, lest you be overpowered by the darkness.

EVENTS AT CLEVELAND

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Church. After a sumptuous breakfast and more introductions, Dr. Max Diel and Mr. Carl Baresel, laymen of Germany, graphically described conditions in their country.

Open House was held at the Publication House at 3734 Payne Avenue in Cleveland on Wednesday afternoon. Several hundred people made up a steady stream of visitors who became acquainted with the Publication House, helped themselves to free souvenirs, enjoyed the delicious punch on that warm afternoon, and left with good impressions of our Publication Society's ministry.

The biggest event of the week occurred late that afternoon as 285 North American Baptists crowded the White Avenue Church for the buffet supper served by the women of the church and the fine program at which Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Meister spoke. Both of our churches and their pastors, the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke and the Rev. Edwin Miller, are to be congratulated upon the superbly fine services which they rendered at these several events.

The exhibit of North American Baptists in two ten foot booths was received by friends and strangers with enthusiastic commendation. More than a thousand copies of "The Baptist Herald" as well as our other papers were placed into the hands of those who visited the exhibit. Several thousand leaflets were distributed. By means of pictures, posters and literature the story of our North American Baptist ministry at home and abroad was presented to the Baptist World Alliance constituency.

It was estimated that about four hundred of our people from North American Baptist churches beyond Cleveland had come to the Congress. Their attendance at the Congress sessions was certainly enlivened by their fellowship together at these special events for North American Baptists.

BAPTISTS FROM GERMANY

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But these incidents were only setting the background for a memorable and unforgettable meeting in the spacious hall of our headquarters building. Here tables sumptuously laden with good things to eat were symbolic of the spirit which had radiated from this room for the last three years. Again and again this large room had been filled from floor to ceiling with love gifts for the suffering brethren in Europe by our churches and friends throughout the United States and Canada.

Our readers must imagine this unforgettable scene, for words fail to describe the tense emotional feelings revealed by throbbing hearts, teary eyes and choking voices, as representatives of the many dispensers of love and goodwill, and the receivers of these love gifts endeavored to voice their mutual love, joy and gratitude to one another and to our Lord Jesus Christ, who really made all this possible.

In a similar spirit we met on Friday, July 14. Chicago Baptist people filled the Forest Park Baptist Church to welcome our esteemed visitors from Germany. This meeting was also conducted by Dr. William Kuhn. In brief but cordial words the brethren Paul Schmidt, Johannes Arndt and Eberhard Schroeder and Mrs. Jacob Meister expressed the gratitude of thousands of brethren in Germany for the many love gifts they had received through the "Bruderhilfe" from us.

The next day, Saturday afternoon, the experience was repeated, as we met again informally at a well-attended picnic. We sang the songs of Zion, and listened to a few speeches. We sat in groups asking questions and listening to the unbelievable experiences, both tragic as well as joyous, which our brethren shared with us. On Sunday the various delegates spoke to well filled churches in Milwaukee, Wis., and in Chicago, Ill.

Bridges have been built these last few years, not of steel and concrete, but bridges of love, goodwill and brotherhood, anchored by the love of Christ in the hearts here and over there. Across these bridges hands were extended, and warmly grasped in an eternal brotherhood. It did happen here — and it can happen in a far greater measure throughout this sin-stricken and war torn world where the love of Christ fills hearts and souls!

"Doubt sees the obstacles — Faith sees the way!  
Doubt sees the darkest night — Faith sees the day!  
Doubt dreads to take a step — Faith soars on high!  
Doubt questions, 'Who believes?' Faith answers, 'I.'"

JULY CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	July, 1950	July, 1949	July, 1948
Atlantic	\$ 2,368.83	\$ 1,446.72	\$ 468.32
Eastern	2,478.64	1,463.99	2,261.75
Central	5,605.70	7,053.71	6,812.51
Northwestern	5,374.29	7,247.33	4,936.36
Southwestern	2,350.56	5,273.48	2,968.24
Southern	1,631.38	1,613.22	1,191.67
Pacific	6,109.54	6,267.92	4,235.11
Northern	1,802.86	5,295.87	2,700.84
Dakota	5,172.36	6,697.32	2,319.46

Totals for All Purposes \$32,894.16  
Less Seminary Building Fund 8,048.69

Totals Other Contributions \$24,845.47

BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

For the month of July, 1950	\$23,966.55
For the month of July, 1949	40,344.86
For the month of July, 1948	25,911.28

BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1950 to July 31, 1950	\$106,554.37
April 1, 1949 to July 31, 1949	141,963.79
April 1, 1948 to July 31, 1948	123,046.63

BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium

August 1, 1949 to July 31, 1950	\$365,538.99
August 1, 1948 to July 31, 1949	444,833.29
August 1, 1947 to July 31, 1948	476,257.73

# REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



## Eastern Conference

### Vacation Bible School at the Calvary Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ontario, Canada

A successful Vacation Bible School was held at the Calvary Baptist Church in Killaloe, Ontario, from July 3 to 14 under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. Carl Weisser. The total enrollment was 44 children with an average attendance of 36.

The Word of God was faithfully presented in all departments. Mrs. Louis Felhaber and Mrs. Walter Kuehl were in charge of the Beginners. Nettie Bloedow and Mrs. John Getz taught in the Primary department. Erva Webber and Bertha Kuehl served the Juniors and the pastor taught the Intermediates.

During the two weeks the boys and girls gave \$17.48 for missions. At the close of the school, a demonstration was given for the parents and friends which was well attended. The offering from the program amounted to \$12.33.

Bertha Kuehl, Reporter.

## Central Conference

### Twelve Converts Baptized at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

A baptismal service was held by the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., with Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, pastor, officiating on Wednesday evening, June 28. We had the joy of seeing twelve persons follow the Lord in baptism. We used the facilities of the Conner Baptist Church. This is the second time that the Conner church has lent us the use of its baptistry. The Rev. Otto Patzia of the church led us in a short testimony and song service. Following the Baptism our pastor, Mr. McAsh, gave a fine message on "Why I Am a Baptist."

The financial statement of the Ebenezer Church for the last fiscal year was recently published and shows another year of encouraging giving by our people to the Lord's work. The statement shows the total giving as follows: current fund, \$17,280.82; missions and benevolence, \$17,326.12; building fund \$21,296.07; with the grand total at \$55,903.01. We thank the Lord for his goodness and desire to give our best for his glory and the redemption of precious souls.

Ruth Ortland, Reporter.

## Southwestern Conference

### Fifty-five Pupils Enrolled in Vacation Bible School at La Salle, Colo.

The First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colorado, held its first separate Vacation Bible School from June 13 to 15 and 20 to 22. For the convenience of those living some distance from the church all day sessions were held. Fifty-five pupils were enrolled with an average attendance of 50. Rev. David Zimmerman, our pastor, was principal of the school and also served as a teacher. Mrs. Zimmerman taught music to the entire school with Mrs. Albert Renke leading the singing of choruses at our opening and closing exercises each day.

Our theme was "Missions and Friends." The other teachers were: Mrs. Harold Bohlender, Mrs. Albert Oster, Mrs. Gottlieb Vogel, Mrs. Adam Moser, Mrs. Albert Renke, Miss Edna Moser, Miss Joann Oster and Miss Evelyn Meyer. On the evening of the last school day the entire school participated in a program, after which the parents and visitors viewed the handwork of the pupils and were served refreshments in the social room of the church.

Evelyn Meyer, Reporter.

### Conference on Evangelism for Nebraska and Colorado Churches at Beatrice, Neb.

The West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Nebraska, was honored to be the host to the Regional Conference on Evangelism on June 8 and 9. The blessings of our heavenly Father were upon us as we were led to realize anew the high privilege and the first responsibility of every Christian — that of leading souls to Christ.

The program was under the able chairmanship of the Rev. David Zimmerman of La Salle, Colorado. Guests were welcomed to the conference by the Rev. Walter Klempel of the host church. The Rev. John Broeder of Creston, Neb., and the Rev. John Borchers of Columbus, Neb., led the devotional periods.

We were very sorry to learn that illness prevented the Rev. H. G. Dymmel from taking part in the conference. However, God's grace is sufficient for his own, and with some changes in topic assignments for Dr. Felberg and some capable pinch-hitting by the attending pastors, the program was carried on to the honor and glory of our Lord. Particularly inspiring and uplifting were the messages by Dr. A. S. Felberg.

Herbert A. Kipf, Reporter.

### Vacation School and Visitation Work by the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Kansas

The bell of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas, tolled out its welcome once more from May 22 to 26 inviting boys and girls to attend the annual Vacation Bible School in the little white church atop the hill. This year the school was an all day one. God honored the prayers of the Christians and, despite the fact that our Sunday School has but few children at the present time, eighteen boys and girls were enrolled in the school with an average attendance of sixteen. Of this group two made a profession of faith, accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Our three efficient teachers were Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Kruegel and Miss Velma Shipley, all of the Mt. Zion Church.

An interesting feature (as the boys and girls heartily agreed) was the handwork, for which period the two older classes combined. Mr. Kruegel made plaques which the boys and girls painted. Each child made one for himself; several were able to paint extra ones. These were sent to Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Young of the San Luis Valley for use in their missionary work. Each plaque contained an appropriate Bible verse.

The Mt. Zion young people under the leadership of the Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Kruegel have begun holding services for the inmates of the Junction City council jail. The prisoners have been appreciative and very attentive, listening with respect to the singing, testimonies, message, and prayers. The young people considered it a unique experience to leave their testimony with a murderer as well as several soldier lads, recruits from the nearby fort.

Several young people of the church have been privileged of the Lord to serve him in the teaching of Vacation Bible Schools this summer. Rachel Zoschke and Bob Brenner worked in an eight week project in the James Street Mission of Kansas City, Kansas. This school was conducted for children of various races, Mexican and Negro predominating. Miss Joann Dons of Ellinwood, Kansas and Betty Zoschke of Mt. Zion conducted a two weeks' school in the Ruahama Church near Ottawa, Kansas, of which Merle Brenner has been the student pastor for the last few years. All four young people report varied and most interesting experiences, agreeing that serving the Lord always results in untold blessings from him.

Betty Zoschke, Reporter.

## Northwestern Conference

### Recent Activities at the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wisconsin

On July 13 the Woman's Missionary Society of the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wis., held its annual picnic at the summer home of one of its members at Pan Yak Park, Eagle Lake, Wis. A pot luck dinner was enjoyed by all, followed by a time of devotion and a social.

A very successful Vacation Bible School was conducted by our pastor, the Rev. R. L. Schlader, from June 19 to 29. We had an average attendance of 86 pupils with 16 teachers and officers.

We had our annual Mother-Daughter banquet in the church's dining room on May 19. A trio composed of a mother and her two daughters sang "Mother O' Mine" and a mother and daughter played a piano duet. A reading was given entitled, "How We Spent Mother's Day." The highlight of the program was a tableaux portraying the seven stages of womanhood. Musical numbers, appropriate for each picture, were offered by a ladies trio.

At the May meeting it was the privilege of our King's Daughters to see the latest moving pictures of the Cameroons shown to us by Dr. M. L. Leuschner. We pray that God will keep our missionaries out there, and that many young people will be called to labor for him in that needy field. The Men's Brotherhood conduct a meeting once a month at the Racine Rescue Mission. A new roof was put on our church recently and in August the organ was repaired.

Mrs. Myron Dudek, Reporter.

### Vacation Bible School and Sunday School Contest at Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wis.

Recently the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., held two weeks of Vacation Bible School and, because of the fine co-operation and unity of spirit among the teachers, the Lord was able to bless in the measure that he did. Several expressed their desire to become followers of Christ and one pupil accepted him as her personal Savior.

We had an enrollment of 109 children with an average attendance of 85. The children brought a missionary offering every day which amounted to \$29.85 and which will be used in the establishing of an extension Sunday School in our new location. Mrs. Dan. Behr, general superintendent, assisted Mrs. Fred Marquardt in teaching Intermediates on their lesson theme, "God's Call." The Junior Department which had as its lesson theme, "The Christian's Birth and Growth," was taught by Mrs. Max White, assisted by Mrs. Ben Weiss and Mrs. Larry Semrau. The Primary Department was taught by Mrs. Frank Schneider assisted by Mrs. John Polanin, Mrs. Paul Frese and Mrs. Chas. Anderson, their lesson theme being, "The Good Shepherd."

"Learning About Jesus" was the Beginner Department's theme, taught by Mrs. George Rizzotto and assisted by Mrs. Don. Jensen, Mrs. Joe White, Mrs. Howard Hinz, Miss Bette Frese, Celia and Audrey Cooper.

We have also had a Sunday School contest. The school was divided into "Reds" and "Blues." The Lord blessed the efforts put forth with 15 new scholars. "The Blues" were the winners and so "the Reds" had to treat. A film was shown entitled, "Unto the Least of These" and refreshments served. Our number on the roll is now 162.

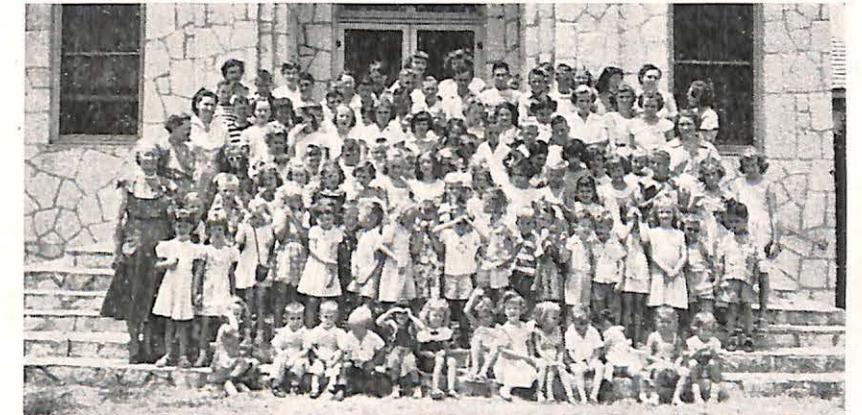
On June 11 we had our Children's Day program at which Joe White brought to us several illustrations of Gospel magic which the children greatly enjoyed. Following the pro-

play of native costumes, implements and handwork.

The evening services included a song service, devotions and special music. Slides of missionary work in India and a Gospel film of a mixed quartet from Wheaton College were shown on Wednesday evening. Thursday evening a talk accompanying slides was given by the Rev. Ben Zimmerman. Mr. Ganstrom also showed slides of Africa. On Friday evening he gave an inspiring consecration message.

A business meeting with election of officers was held on Friday afternoon. The newly-elected officers are: president, Carl Glewwe; vice-president, Phyllis Fratzke; secretary, Virginia Glewwe; treasurer, Viola Wahl.

Virginia Glewwe, Secretary.



Largest Vacation Bible School ever held by the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas with 138 children and teachers enrolled

gram six of our Cradle Roll babies were dedicated in a service conducted by the Rev. Ed. McKernan, Chicago, Ill., our interim pastor.

Mrs. Jack Tracy, Reporter.

### Missionary Emphasis at the Minnesota Young People's Assembly Held at Cedar Lake

The 28th annual summer assembly of the C.B.Y. and S.S. Union of Minnesota was held from July 5 to 8 at Camp Lebanon, Cedar Lake, Upsala, Minn. This was our first assembly at this new Baptist Camp and we had a very enjoyable and blessed time. We had a very fine attendance with a total of 72 persons present the entire time, and with others who were present part of the time, the group totaling about 85 each evening.

Emphasis was placed on "Missions" this year. Our theme verse was Matt. 28:19-20, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." Our theme song was: "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go."

We were very happy and privileged to have with us the Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom, missionaries to the Cameroons, Africa, who added much to the blessed time and success of our assembly. Mr. Ganstrom taught the Senior Class which met twice a day. Mrs. Ganstrom, Miss Viola Wahl, and the Rev. R. G. Blank were in charge of the Junior Class which met three times a day, including time for handwork. Both classes combined each day for an interesting and informative travel talk on Africa by Mr. Ganstrom. Saturday's talk included a dis-

## Southern Conference

### Largest Vacation Bible School in 64 Years at Baptist Church Kyle, Texas

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas, recently completed two weeks of Vacation Bible School. To our great joy we are happy to report that this was the largest Vacation Bible School in the 64 years of the history of the Church. The pastor, Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, and his wife directed the efforts of this fine Bible School together with 13 other teachers and workers. Many of our church people donated their time and automobiles to do visitation work and to transport the children to and from the church.

We are proud to report a total enrollment of 138 children with an average attendance for each day of 110. It was truly a joy to see the boys and girls learning about the Lord Jesus Christ through songs, lessons and handwork. At the closing program the church was filled with boys and girls, parents and friends who had come to hear what the children had learned at the school.

We are grateful to the Lord for giving his blessing upon the work of this Vacation Bible School. We pray that we may continue to reach boys and girls for Christ through the Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

H. John Vanderbeck, Reporter.

### Many Young People at the Southern Conference Encampment at Latham Springs, Texas

A large group of young people from Texas and Louisiana met from June 20 to 26 at Latham Springs Baptist Encampment, Aquilla, Texas, for their annual summer camp.

A very timely subject, "Christ for the Crisis," was chosen as theme for the camp, with Mark 9:23, "All things are possible to him that believeth," as the key scripture verse. The Rev. Fred Billings, evangelist from Dallas, Texas, brought the evening and meditation hour messages throughout the week. The Holy Spirit worked mightily in the hearts of countless campers during Mr. Billings' preaching and many decisions for rededicated lives and more consecrated service were made.

We were also privileged in having the Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom, returned missionaries from the Cameroons, Africa, and children with us. Mr. Ganstrom had charge of the campfire service each evening and spoke on various other occasions. An especially unforgettable and inspiring message was brought to us on Saturday morning at the meditation hour when Mr. Ganstrom gave his personal testimony and spoke on "The Will of God."

Mr. Rubin Herrmann and Walter Hoffmann, North American Baptist seminary students from Medicine Hat, Alberta, who are summer workers in our conference, were also guests and had charge of the music, served on the teaching staff, and were speakers at the banquet on Saturday evening, at which Mr. Milton Lippert, National C.B.Y. vice-president, was toastmaster.

Each day was begun with a prayer band led by Rev. E. J. Ruff, pastor of the Hurnville Baptist Church, followed by classes, lectures and discussion groups throughout the morning. Others on the teaching staff were Mrs. Roy Seibel, Janie Hodel, Faye Hill, Walter Gordon Gummelt, Rev. Frank Armbruster, Rev. Arthur Schultz, and Rev. H. John Vanderbeck. A youth choir, under the direction of Rubin Herrmann, presented special music each evening. The Rev. Kenneth Nelson, pastor of Bethel Heights Baptist Church of Gatesville served as encampment dean and Mrs. J. O. Zillen was dean of women.

Mr. Ganstrom was also the Sunday morning speaker using Mark 16:9-20 as his text. The encampment closed with a youth rally that afternoon. Special music and the presentation of the mileage banner to campers from Mowata, Louisiana, and the attendance banner to the group from Central Baptist Church of Waco preceded the message, "Christ for the Crisis," brought by the Rev. Roy Seibel, pastor of Central Baptist Church of Waco.

Surely, the spirit which prevailed at camp must have been felt all over the Southern Conference as young people went back to their home churches filled to overflowing with the inspiration which they had received during these glorious days.

Faye Doyle Hill, Reporter.

### Southern Conference Sessions at Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas

The opening sessions of the Southern Conference, which were held at the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, from July 12 to 16, where the Rev. Roy Seibel is pastor, commenced in true Baptist fashion as the heavens opened and showers of blessing poured upon us. As the days progressed we found that our spiritual blessings were soul-stirring and soul-refreshing as we meditated upon our theme, "Our Mission — to Present Jesus Christ." The key verse for this theme was taken from Mark 5:19, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee."

Our conference moderator, Rev. Arthur Schulz of Crawford, Texas, led the business sessions of the conference to a speedy and happy finish. The messages of the conference were as follows: Rev. J. O. Zillen, Cottonwood; "My Mission As A Christian," Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, Kyle; "Our Mission As A Church School," Rev. Frank Armbruster, Greenvine; and Mr. Harold Gieseke, our National C.B.Y. and S.S. Union president; "Our Mission As A Church," Rev. Frank Woyke, Forest Park, Ill.; "The Personality of the Lord Jesus Christ," Rev. Kenneth Nelson, Gatesville.

We were happy to have Mr. Woyke with us for these days of the Southern Conference and we appreciated the messages of inspiration which he brought to us many times during the conference days. We were also happy to have Mr. Harold Gieseke with us and two students from our seminary, Rubin Herrmann and Walter Hoffmann. All of these helped to make our Southern Conference a spiritual mountain-top to all who attended.

We are happy to report that the Southern Conference has scored another FIRST in denominational history. The Southern Conference is the first conference to report the formation of an organized Men's Brotherhood. On Friday morning the men gathered together to discuss their plans for Brotherhood activities and to elect their officers. The first president of this group is Mr. W. B. Marsteller of Cottonwood. Following the business meeting, the Brotherhood presented an inspiring program with a dynamic lay speaker, Mr. Cox.

Following our closing services on Sunday, the many who attended the conference began to wend their way homeward. Due to the high spiritual caliber of the messages and the program, and to the gracious hospitality of our host church, all of us were able to go home to our respective churches and "tell them how great things the Lord hath done."

H. John Vanderbeck, Reporter.

### Session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Conference at Waco, Texas

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Conference met for its annual meeting on Friday, July 14, in connection with the conference held

in Waco, Texas. Our business session was held on Friday morning, with Mrs. Walter Hill, president, presiding. At this time various phases of our work were discussed and four new pastors' wives were welcomed into our Union.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year; president, Mrs. Roy Seibel, Waco, Texas; vice-president, Mrs. J. O. Zillen, Cottonwood, Texas; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Marvin Engelbrecht, Crawford, Texas; council representative, Mrs. W. B. Marsteller, Cottonwood, Texas.

The song service and devotional at the afternoon meeting were led by Mesdames Theodore Nehring and Norman Lengefeld, respectively. Mrs. Walter Hill, our president, and Mrs. Roy Seibel, our host president, spoke cordial words of welcome. The Efficiency Banner and pennants for record attendance and giving were presented to the Cottonwood Society. The Bible Reading pennant was awarded to the Crawford Society. Mrs. Arthur Schulz of Crawford, Texas, conducted a very impressive memorial service in memory of the three women who departed from our midst during the year.

The program consisted of two numbers by the women's chorus, led by Mrs. Roy Seibel, and accompanied on the electric organ by Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht. The Waco Society presented the inspiring playlet, "The Other Woman," with Miss Betty Lou Gossen as soloist. We were happy to have the Rev. Frank Woyke, our conference guest speaker, to bring us an inspiring message based on Acts 1:8.

The offering at this meeting amounted to \$91.50 and the Union voted to send this amount together with \$91.55 to our denominational headquarters to be designated as follows: one-half to the Bansa Hospital and one-half to the North American Baptist Seminary.

Mrs. Marvin Engelbrecht, Secretary.

### Dakota Conference

#### Vacation Bible School and Gospel Team Services at Underwood, North Dakota

During the last week of June the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., had its annual Vacation Bible School. Seventy-two children were enrolled. The enrollment was brought down somewhat by the late season. Two teachers from the Fuller Evangelistic Foundation, along with local teachers, conducted the school. Children again came from the Garrison Dam boom towns for the school.

The Underwood Church has been blessed with visits from a number of outstanding Gospel Teams. In June we had "The Ambassadors," a quartet from Northwestern Schools. This team is in Europe this summer as one of the Youth for Christ teams traveling on the continent. On July 25 we had the Faculty Team from Northwestern Schools with us. The new church edifice was filled to capacity

and the team presented one of the best Gospel programs ever heard in this area. Two nights later they joined Billy Graham in his meetings in Portland, Oregon.

The Rev. Fred J. Knalson has been director of Underwood's Youth for Christ since its organization two years ago. New officers elected recently for the C.B.Y. are: president, Miss Donna Davis; vice-president, Miss Laura Knippelberg; secretary, Miss Darlene Radke; treasurer, Albert (Bob) Jesser. Mr. Knalson has been preaching a series of sermons on "God's Call For Revival" in preparation for special evangelistic efforts this Fall.

Fred J. Knalson, Pastor.

#### Eleven Converts Baptized for the Turtle Lake and Tabor Churches of North Dakota

The Rev. H. Waltereit of Lehr, N. Dak., was with us at the Tabor Baptist Church of Mercer, N. Dak., for two weeks of special meetings, during the last of October, 1949, during which the Lord blessed us wonderfully. Our pastor, the Rev. Fred Schmidt, had the privilege of baptizing nine converts of our church and two adults of the Turtle Lake Baptist Church on Sunday, July 16, at Brush Lake with a large crowd present.

With the help of our beloved pastor's family, we are putting forth special efforts to finish the building and fixing up of our church. We also have a choir under the leadership of Mr. Schmidt.

Mrs. Emanuel Bauer, Reporter.

#### Sixteen New Members Received Into the Calvary Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota

The Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, S. Dak., has again experienced great blessings. Since Easter Sunday we have had the privilege at special occasions to have guest speakers, such as Rev. J. C. Gunst, Rev. H. Renkema, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Missionary Leona Ross, and Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt. During the last two weeks in June the Rev. A. Buhler was the guest speaker at revival meetings.

Sunday, July 23, was a special crowning day. It was the first baptismal service which this church has had since its beginning. Ten young people followed the Lord in baptism. Most of those had accepted the Lord in the Fall while the Rev. J. J. Renz of George, Iowa was our guest speaker. The baptismal service was held in Mina Lake, west of the city, after which the church met at Aberdeen for the communion service and the hand of fellowship was extended to 16 persons.

A Vacation Bible School was conducted recently with Mrs. R. A. Klein as director and teacher of the Primary department and Beginners assisted by Nadine Krause, president of the C.B.Y. The pastor, Rev. R. A. Klein, taught the Intermediate and Mrs. Milton Schrenk assisted by LeRoy Schauer took care of the Juniors.

R. A. Klein, Pastor.



Nine young people from the Turtle Lake and Tabor Baptist Churches of North Dakota who were recently baptized by the Rev. Fred Schmidt, pastor (center rear row)

### Northern Conference

#### Young People's and Children's Camps Held at Sylvan Lake, Alberta, Canada

Innumerable blessings were the reward of the young people who attended the Alberta Baptist Tri-Union Assembly at our Camp at Sylvan Lake from July 10 to 16. We are grateful to all those whose efforts helped to make the camp a success. Especially do we remember the work of the president, Dr. C. H. Seecamp; the dean, Rev. H. Zepik; the teachers who provided the spiritual food and the cooks who supplied such tasty food for our bodies.

We were privileged to have Dr. A. Felberg of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Miss Leona Ross, former missionary in China, as guest speakers. During the morning classes Dr. Felberg conducted a study on "Baptist Beliefs." Miss Ross brought challenging reports about her missionary work in China. The Rev. G. J. Thiessen of Olds taught the course of Colossians.

Although afternoon sports were hindered by rain, no one complained but rather all were thankful to God for answering the many prayers for rain. The evening services were times of spiritual refreshment as we listened to the Word brought to us by Dr. Felberg. Fireside gatherings were mostly held indoors because of afternoon rains. At one of these services

Miss Ross gave us a very real glimpse of mission work in China through the motion pictures which she showed.

At the business sessions on Saturday morning the following officers were elected: president, Rev. H. Pfeifer; vice-president, Rev. H. Schatz; dean, Dr. C. H. Seecamp; treasurer, Lorne Strohschein; Sunday School director, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg; music director, Mr. R. Neske; young people's director, Rev. J. G. Rott; camp host, Clarence Weisser; secretary, Verda Scheeler; pianists, Ardeth Schmierer and Clara Seecamp.

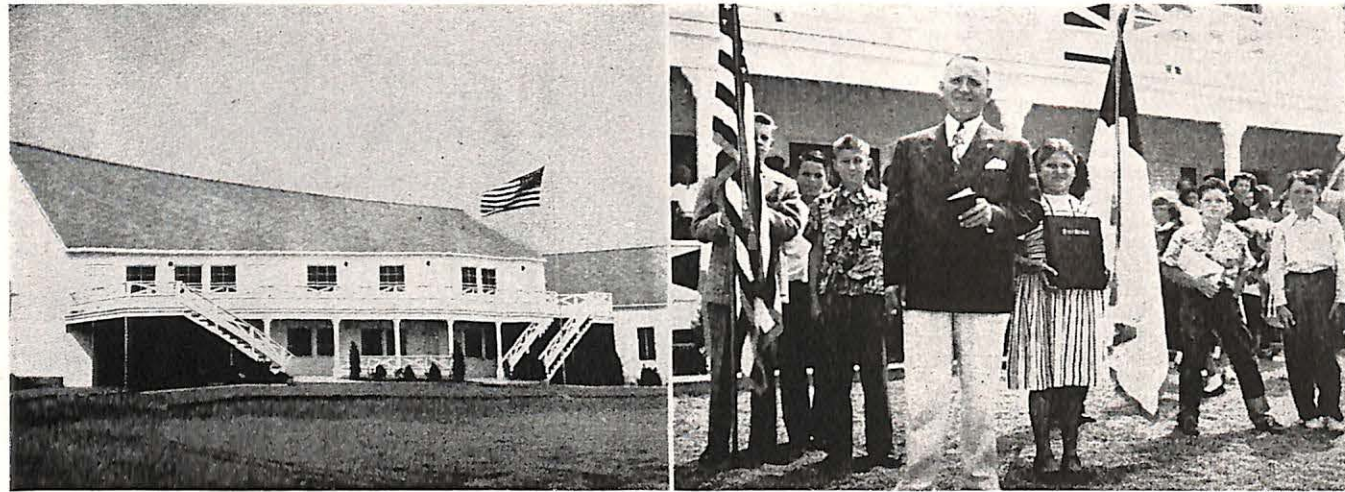
Sunday evening, July 16, marked the opening of Junior Camp. A total of 56 eager children listened attentively as the Rev. G. J. Thiessen brought a story to them to illustrate what it means to believe on Jesus. Gospelgraph lessons were taught to the two classes. The Intermediate group studied "Christ First" with Mr. Reinhard Neuman instructing. The Juniors were taught "Sowing and Reaping" by Miss Celia Pribe. Miss Meta Stober was in charge of the handwork and memory work for the Intermediates, while Miss Verda Scheeler was the teacher for the Juniors. We were privileged to have two Indian boys enrolled in our classes.

On Sunday afternoon the dean, the Rev. H. Lueck, brought the closing message to the children and their parents. With regret the children parted carrying memories with them of an ideal and blessed vacation!

Verda Scheeler, Secretary.



Sixteen persons who were given the hand of fellowship into the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., by the pastor, the Rev. R. A. Klein



The Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif., recently dedicated its new \$20,000 educational unit (left) with the pastor, Rev. P. G. Neumann, and Sunday School scholars (right) taking part in the festive dedication program

### Ordination Service for the Rev. Ernest Hoffmann in West Ebenezzer Church, Sask.

"Is it not because the Lord hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?" (1 Sam. 10:1.) It was our privilege here in the West Ebenezzer Church, near Ebenezzer, Sask., Canada, to ordain into the ministry of the Lord one of his servants whom God has set aside as his chosen vessel. Ernest (Hardy) Hoffmann is a graduate of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and has accepted the call from the Wiesental Baptist Church in Alberta.

The candidate gave his personal testimony, call to the ministry and doctrinal views in a very satisfactory manner, upon which the council recommended him to the church for ordination. The ordination service took place the same evening, July 19, in which the Rev. Walter Stein of Ashley, N. Dak., gave the ordination message, based upon Eph. 3:1-8. The Rev. Alfred Lueck spoke the ordination prayer during the laying on of hands by the ministers. The charge to the candidate was given by the Rev. J. Engel and the charge to the church by the Rev. A. Lueck. Special numbers were rendered by the Springside male choir and other friends, who helped to beautify the service. It was a blessed occasion and we all felt the Spirit of God moving as another of his servants was duly recognized as one appointed by God to serve him. The service was closed by the candidate, the Rev. Ernest Hoffmann, pronouncing the benediction.

John Engel, Reporter.

### Pacific Conference

#### Ordination of the Rev. Robert Floyd Penner of Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon

On Thursday afternoon, July 27, an ordination council met at the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon to examine and ordain Mr. Robert Floyd Penner. The council consisted of delegates from the churches of the

North American Baptist Association of Oregon, the Oregon Baptist State Convention, the Portland Baptist City Mission Society, and the Western Baptist Seminary. He will enter his senior year at this seminary in the Fall. His parents are members of the Trinity Church.

The council heard the testimony of the candidate regarding his conversion, call to the ministry, preparation for the ministry, Christian beliefs, Baptist history, policy and principles, and loyalty to the denominational program. A period of questioning followed the testimonies. The council thereupon terminated the questioning period and passed the following resolution: "Resolved: that being satisfied with the result of our examination, we approve the setting apart of the candidate for the work of the gospel ministry, and recommend the church to proceed to the public services of ordination."

After a tasty supper served by the ladies of the church, the council and many friends met in the auditorium of the church for a very impressive ordination service. The meeting was led by Rev. O. Roth. The singing was directed by Rev. H. Barnett. Scripture was read by Rev. John Kimmel and prayer offered by Rev. F. W. Mueller. The clerk of the council, Rev. R. Woyke, read the resolution of the council. There were two special musical numbers, one by the church choir and one by Howard Roth.

Rev. John Wobig delivered the ordination message based on 1 Tim. 4: 1-11. The ordination prayer was spoken by Dr. W. T. Millikan of the Western Baptist Seminary. The charge to the church came from Rev. E. Wolff. Rev. Frank Friesen gave the charge to the candidate. Rev. J. Russell Baker, Jr., secretary of the Oregon Baptist State Convention,

welcomed Rev. R. Penner into the ranks of ministers. The newly ordained minister was presented with gifts from his family, his Sunday School class, and the church. Prayer and benediction by the Rev. Robert Floyd Penner brought the meeting to a close. Rudolph Woyke, Clerk.

### Dedication of New Educational Unit of Baptist Church at Costa Mesa, California

Dedication ceremonies marking completion of the second of five planned units in the building program of First Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif., were held on Sunday, July 2nd, preceding regular morning services.

Raising of the flag by members of the Eagle Scouts of Orange County opened the ceremony, followed by pledge of allegiance to both the American and Christian flags. In an introductory speech, Rev. P. G. Neumann, pastor, praised the teamwork and loyalty evidenced by church members in the erection of the two-story structure.

Keys to the new educational wing were presented to Ernest Craig, Sunday School superintendent, by building committee members William Kroesch and Albert Pletz. Justin Patterson read an original poem dedicated to the workers who volunteered materials and labor in the construction of the edifice.

Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., editor of "The Baptist Herald," was principal speaker. The unit, an 80 by 40 structure, is valued at approximately \$30,000 and ranks as one of the most modern Sunday School plants in Orange County.

On last Sunday the new educational unit was ready for occupancy and the teachers and pupils of the Sunday School were alike thrilled with its beauty and convenience. The Nursery, Beginners, Primary, Junior and Intermediate departments moved into their respective places. Dr. McBride's class which has been meeting in Grauel Chapel is holding its sessions in the main church building. Mr. Bertulat's class of young people occupied the second floor of the main sanctuary.

Mrs. Dorothy Whitaker, Reporter.

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### The Program of the Iowa Association at Burlington, Iowa from September 25 to 27

Sunday, September 24

Rev. Martin De Boer, Guest Speaker.

Monday, September 25

7:45 P.M. — Rev. H. Johnson, Speaker, "Jesus Redeemer."

Tuesday, September 26

9:00 A.M. — Devotions. Rev. Wm. Jeschke, Speaker. Business Sessions and Message by Rev. H. Smuland, "Jesus the Preacher."

2:00 P.M. — Messages by Rev. D. Chaddock, "Jesus the Great Teacher," and by Rev. J. Brygger, "Jesus Praying."

7:45 P.M. — Sermon by Rev. Wm. Jeschke.

Wednesday, September 27

9:00 A.M. — Devotions by Rev. M. De Boer. Messages by Rev. J. J. Renz, "Jesus the Judge" and by Rev. C. Fred Lehr, "Jesus the Sufferer."

2:00 P.M. — Messages by Rev. H. Lohr, "Jesus and the Holy Spirit," and by Rev. Arthur Ittermann, "Jesus the Interpreter of God."

7:45 P.M. — Sermon by Rev. Arthur Ittermann.

### Invitation.

The Oak Street Church of Burlington, Iowa cordially invites all sister churches of the Iowa Association to attend these meetings from September 25 to 27. Let us pray for rich blessings from above. Please notify us to your coming Mr. Emil Hemmye, 1145 Corse St., Burlington, Iowa.

### OUR LAYMEN ORGANIZE

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Space does not permit a full report of purposes and objectives.

The name adopted is BAPTIST MEN of the North American Baptist General Conference. Fifteen directors will promote and manage the organization. Six directors are to be elected by the General Conference; three at each triennial meeting. Nine directors will be elected by the local conferences, one for each conference. These will be vice-presidents of BAPTIST MEN. The officers are to be elected by the Board of Directors, who will meet at least once each year. The Executive and Promotional Secretaries of the denomination are ex-officio members of the Board.

At the Green Lake conference the organization was established with the election of Mr. J. O. Johnson of Portland, Oregon, Mr. Walter W. Grosser of Oak Park, Illinois, and Mr. Ted Hirsch of Minneapolis, for the period until our 1952 General Conference. Mr. Stanley Ernst of Detroit, Michigan, Mr. Edwin H. Marklein of Brooklyn, New York and Mr. Roland E. Ross of River Forest, Illinois were elected to serve until our 1955 Conference. The Board then elected Mr.

## Obituary

RICHARD MELVIN KARY of Carbon, Alberta, Canada.

Richard Melvin Kary of Carbon, Alberta, Canada, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Runomus Kary, was born on April 29, 1931 in Turner Valley, Alberta and slept away peacefully on Monday, July 24, in the Holy Cross Hospital, Calgary, Alberta, reaching the age of 19 years, 2 months and 25 days. The last three months of his life were trying and painful days. He spent 57 days in the hospital in Drumheller where the hands of physicians did their best to save his life. One month he spent in bed in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Ohlhauser of Carbon, where loving and kind hands prayerfully watched and cared for him day and night.

In the last few days he noticed the severity of his ailment, so he surrendered his life into the will of God which brought him great joy and comfort. He leaves to mourn his passing his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Runomus Kary; two sisters, Lorna and Patricia; one brother, Herald; all of Turner Valley, besides a host of relatives and friends. He was laid to rest in the Bathle Cemetery on Thursday, July 27, with Rev. Olson of Alliance and Rev. J. G. Rott, pastor of the Carbon Baptist Church, bringing words of comfort to the bereaved audience.

Carbon, Alberta, Canada

JACOB G. ROTT, Pastor.

MRS. KATHERINE M. EPP of Cranbury, N. J.

Mrs. Katherine M. Epp of Cranbury, N. J., fell asleep in the Lord on July 31st after a heart attack at the age of 72 years. Mrs. Epp was born on November 28, 1877 in Württemberg, Germany, coming to America on October 16, 1896. In her early years she was of the Lutheran faith but, after coming to America, she was led of the Lord to become a Baptist and was baptized by our beloved Dr. Wm. Kuhn in 1898 and united with the Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa.

On July 22, 1899 she was united in marriage to Andrew J. Epp and after a few years spent in Philadelphia, following some of her friends, she moved to Cranbury, New Jersey on March 18, 1906. She is survived by her daughter Lillian, and one son, Andrew. One other son, Leonard, was killed by a fall from a water tower at his place of employment in 1944. She also is survived by three grandsons: George (who lived with her since early childhood), Andrew, Jr., and Leonard Epp, and one great-grandson.

Mrs. Epp, soon after her arrival at Cranbury, united with the First Baptist Church at Jamesburg, N. J., then known as the First German Baptist Church. She was a member of the Ladies Aid for many years and until a few years ago was actively engaged in their work.

Funeral services were conducted on August 3rd in the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg by the pastor, Rev. Victor J. Hammond, after which our sister in the Lord was laid to rest in the Fernwood Cemetery, Jamesburg.

Jamesburg, New Jersey

VICTOR J. HAMMOND, Pastor.

J. O. Johnson as chairman of the Board, Mr. Ted Hirsch as president, and Mr. Roland E. Ross as the secretary-treasurer.

Not all temporary local conference appointments could be made, but Mr. Harry Luikens of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, has agreed to serve for the Northwestern Conference and Mr. Arthur Hepperle of Plevna, Montana, for the Dakota Conference. Others are being contacted to serve their respective conferences until each con-

MRS. LYDIA MARSHNER of Brooklyn, New York.

On Saturday, July 15, Mrs. Lydia Marshner of Brooklyn, N. Y., entered into the life immortal. At the time of her departure from this earthly realm, we look back and see that her's was a continuous testimony to God. She was born July 27, 1875. On Nov. 10, 1898 she and the Rev. H. W. Marschner were united in marriage. It was in that same year that Mr. Marschner completed his course at the North American Baptist Seminary and he and his bride took up the pastorate of the Eagle Avenue Church of New York City. Other places of service were at the First Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., the German Baptist Church of Hannover, Canada, and the Central Baptist Church in Erie, Penn.

After Mr. Marshner's death in 1915 Mrs. Lydia Marshner took up residence in Brooklyn, joining the Evergreen Baptist Church on Feb. 6, 1916. During these years she has been a talented and loyal laborer in this part of God's vineyard. At the service on July 19 Dr. W. J. Appel, her former pastor and a personal friend, called our attention to the passage in the fifth chapter of Genesis where we read that "Enoch walked with God," and again, "Enoch walked with God and was not; for God took him." So was it also with Lydia Marshner, both in life and in death. Her many friends in the cities where she lived and at Evergreen Church are grateful for having known her.

Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

ROBERT ZIMBELMAN, Pastor.

MR. CHRISTIAN REICH of New Leipzig, North Dakota.

Mr. Christian Reich of New Leipzig, N. Dak., was born in Kassel, South Russia on December 24, 1887, the son of Christian and Frederika Reich. While yet in his infancy his parents emigrated to America and for a while lived in South Dakota. From there they moved to Lehr, North Dakota. On November 24, 1910 he was united in marriage with Mathilda Gill. This union was blessed with eight children, four boys and four girls. During a revival service in March of 1912 he was converted. He was baptized by Rev. Benz and received into the fellowship of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Lehr, North Dakota. In the year 1916 they moved to a farm near New Leipzig.

He served the Sunday School for many years as superintendent and teacher. In the church he held various offices as treasurer, clerk and trustee. Although he did not have a robust health for the past three or four years, nevertheless he attended church services whenever possible. He was present in church the Sunday before his death. He submitted to a number of operations which prolonged his life but could not save it. On the day before his death he expressed his desire to depart from this earth and to be with the Lord. Early on the morning of July 29 he passed on to his heavenly home. He reached the age of 62 years, 7 months and 5 days.

He leaves to mourn: his wife, Mathilda; his children: Rueben, Herbert, Mrs. Lydia Imhof, Mrs. Martha Bauer, Eldeen, Mrs. Frieda Berreth, Randolph, and Mrs. Lorene Heuther; two brothers: Adam and Fred; one sister: Mrs. Christina Lang; eleven grandchildren; and a host of friends in the church and in the community. May the God of all comfort keep and guard his loved ones in Christ Jesus!

New Leipzig, North Dakota

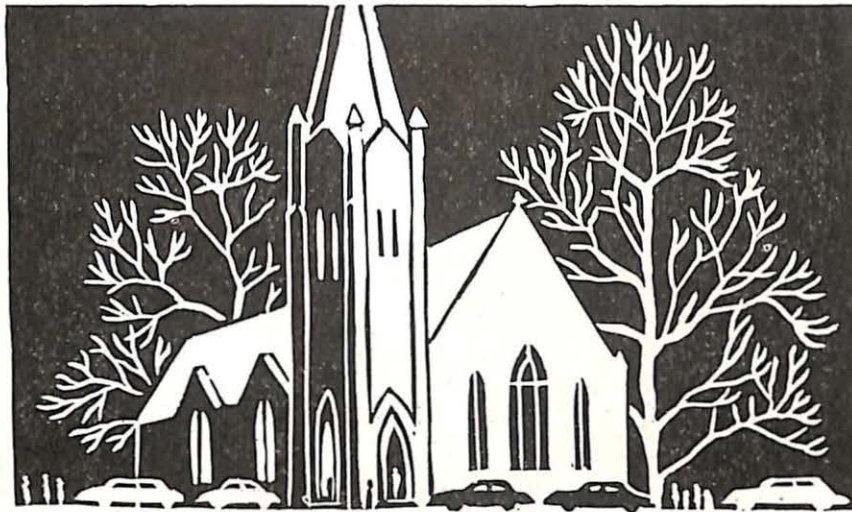
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