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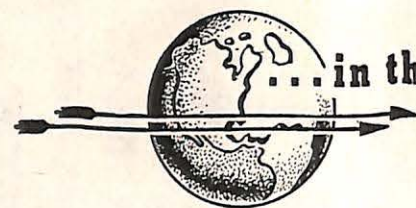
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Four Indian Reserves at Baptism

Rev. M. L. Leuschner

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...in the course of human events

● Prince Edward Island is Canada's most blessed province. It has no unemployment and very little poverty. Only one divorce has been granted in sixty years. The Islanders adopted prohibition in 1900, believe it and practice it, and have worked out its own consequences. — The Sunday School Times.

● It is reported that even the freedom of silence is denied in China today. The Peiping regime is demanding approval of all its actions, and religious leaders must speak out in open support of the Mao Tsung government's defiance of the United Nations in Korea. Many leaders have bowed one knee before the new idol, the absolute state; and it appears that the Christian Church is facing the same tests in China that it experienced under the Hitler regime.—The Evangelical Christian.

● The U. S. Bureau of International Revenue, in a new ruling, has declared that ministers in non-religious organizations are not subject to the Social Security Act if they are doing such work at the direction of the church body which they serve, but ministers performing work in organizations which are religious in character are excluded from coverage, whether they serve in the post at the specific direction of their church body or not.—The Chicago Baptist News.

● Just before sailing to America on furlough, Rev. Erville Soward visited the Henzada area in the devastated Bassein district in Burma. Pastors and leaders are still carrying on their work. Of 89 Karen churches in this field, 33 had been burned in the still continuing civil war. About 5000 persons, or 40 per cent of the Christians in the Henzada field are refugees. A relief committee of Karens was appointed and a relief center set up. A small health center at Myaungmya is battling a grave smallpox epidemic.

● Displaced persons who are finding homes in America are also finding that Scriptures in a language they can read and understand are available. Last year the American Bible Society filled numerous orders for Lettish Bibles. A newly printed German-English diglot Testament was received with joy by many people, especially in the vicinity of Arthur, Ill., where a thousand of these Testaments were distributed to eager readers. Slavic displaced families expressed their gratitude for the Society's Russian-

English Gospel of Luke.
—American Bible Society.

● All Protestant schools in Spain are now closed, according to a report from Washington, D. C. All children must now attend schools in which Roman Catholic instruction is compulsory. These Protestant schools had been instructing 7000 pupils. Furthermore, Protestants are not permitted to bury their dead publicly with the rites of their church, nor to print hymn books and Bibles. Neither may they reply through the press to any attacks made upon them, nor place signs on their churches denoting that they are places of worship. There have been instances where Protestants have been jailed for holding meetings in their homes for prayer and Bible study.—The Evangelical Christian.

● An ancient civilization of 5000 years ago is being uncovered in the Rajasthan desert near Pakistan's frontier. Indian archaeologists said pottery uncovered indicates a discovery that may rival that of the Indus River valley civilization unearthed in 1920 at Mohenjo Daro and Harappa, two present day cities. These two cities covered the remains of several others built one on top of the other. Those excavated dated back 5000 years. Even then people had bathrooms, the Mohenjo Daro diggings showed. They also had drainage, fine pottery, wheeled carts and implements for cultivating the fertile lands on which they lived. Jewelry and stone sculpture unearthed there proved their high artistic gifts.—The Chicago Daily Tribune.

● A law has been passed by the Sudan Legislature permitting Moslem missionaries to work in the Southern Sudan under the same conditions applying to Christian missionaries. Meanwhile, a Moslem missionary movement has been organized in Khartum to promote the spread of Islam among pagan tribes. Also passed by the legislature was a law which puts a new burden on Christian mission schools by making Arabic the official language of the whole tribal Sudan. This means that in addition to teaching the Sudanese vernacular and English, the schools must now teach Arabic also. Missionaries report that it is difficult to find Arabic-speaking Christians to do the teaching. As a result, they have been forced to ask native churches in the Nile Valley to provide volunteers who can teach Arabic.—The Evangelical Christian.

DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

ENGAGEMENTS

- Rev. J. C. Gunst
Sept. 9-10—Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
- Rev. R. Schilke
Sunday, Sept. 2—A.M. White Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio.
P.M. Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Tuesday, Sept. 4—Bible Tabernacle, Erie, Pennsylvania.
- Wednesday, Sept. 5—Central Church, Erie, Pennsylvania.
- Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist
Sept. -9-21—Gackle, North Dakota.
- Rev. A. S. Felberg, Evangelist
Aug. 26-Sept. 7—Beaver Church, Midland, Michigan.

EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 6-9—Eastern Conference at Andrews Street Church, Rochester, New York. Rev. Richard Schilke, Prof. Albert Bretschneider, Mrs. Thomas Lutz, Speakers.
- Sept. 13-16—Atlantic Conference at Ridgewood Baptist Church, Ridgewood, New York. Rev. Richard Schilke, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, Miss Esther Schultz, Missionary, Speakers.
- Sept. 15-16—Michigan Tri-Church Rally at Beaver Baptist Church, Midland, Michigan. Rev. J. C. Gunst and Miss Esther Schultz, Missionary, Speakers.
- Sunday, Sept. 6—60th Anniversary, Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon. Dr. John Leypoldt, Guest Speaker.
- Sept. 20-21—Session of the Program Committee for 1952 General Conference at Forest Park, Illinois. Rev. Robert Schreiber, Chairman.
- Sept. 20-23—Nebraska and Colorado Association at LaSalle, Colorado. Prof. Herbert Hiller, Speaker.
- Sept. 23-30—Sunday School Week in all churches. (See article in this issue.)

VISITATION SCHEDULE

- for Gilbert Schneider, Cameroons Missionary.
- Sept. 2—Sunday A.M. Ebenezer, Vancouver, B. C.
Sunday P.M. Bethany, Vancouver, B. C.
- Sept. 4—Tuesday, Chilliwack, B. C.
- Sept. 5—Wednesday, Vernon, B. C.
- Sept. 6—Thursday, Kelowna, B. C.
- Sept. 7—Friday, Odessa, Washington.
- Sept. 9—Sunday A.M., Colfax, Washington.
Sunday P.M., Spokane, Washington.
- Sept. 11—Tuesday, Startup, Wash.
- Sept. 12—Wednesday, Tacoma, Wash.

Editorial

Dr. Kuhn Has Gone Home!

"Dr. Kuhn has gone home!" That startling announcement was sent forth into our churches following the passing of Dr. William Kuhn on Tuesday, July 24. It started the tolling of bells of deep sorrow in hundreds of towns and hamlets and in thousands of hearts because a great "spiritual giant" had been taken from our midst. But their ringing was like the sound of church bells with a triumphant note and a doxology of praise for a life that had been lived so full and rich in God's grace.

Dr. Kuhn's spiritual stature rose among us and towered over the rest of us with the serene and awesome majesty of a snow-capped mountain over the surrounding landscape. His sermons are etched in our memories with the sparkling brightness of stars on a dark night. His voice will resound in our hearts for years to come with haunting vividness. The spiritual stamp of his consecrated ministry will be evident in our denominational life so long as God gives us a task to fulfill.

With the Apostle Paul in writing to the Philippians, we can say concerning Dr. Kuhn: "We thank our God upon every remembrance of him!" We shall ever remember his sincere humility in ascribing all glory to HIM who can always do "exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think." Everything in the life of Dr. Kuhn was a radiant demonstration of the fact, to which he testified, that all, that he was, was by the grace of God. He has set the spiritual pattern for every one of us to minister to others with no thought of self-glory or gain but that Christ might be magnified.

We shall want to remember Dr. Kuhn for his Christ-like care of the churches. Tirelessly he labored and traveled over many years that our churches might be established in the faith, that the Gospel of Christ might be preached to the ends of the earth, that the work of our denomination might prosper. He forgot about vacations or rest periods for himself. He identified himself so closely with our churches and people that he lived only and altogether for Christ and his denomination. That was the all-consuming love of his entire ministry!

We shall certainly remember Dr. Kuhn by the vision of God's work still to be done that constantly guided him in his leadership of our denomination. With the principles of God's Word as faithful guideposts and with the seal of the Holy Spirit upon him, giving him confidence for every decision, he went forward like Joshua of old to lead our churches into "the Promised Land" of God's blessing and greater service. Dr. Kuhn's life spanned our entire denominational growth in numbers and service from a small, circumscribed group to a mighty spiritual and missionary army that is marching onward for Christ!

It has often been said that God has given us as North American Baptist churches only one Dr. William Kuhn. His human greatness, illuminated by the glory of God, will probably never again be duplicated among us. His life story was the unfolding of God's guidance and grace among our churches. He was God's saint in our very midst!

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Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles

An Exposition of John 7:1-24
by DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

WHEN THE APOSTLE John says at the beginning of the seventh chapter, "After these things," he naturally refers to the things in the preceding chapter. Jesus had spent between six and seven months in northern Palestine from the Passover (John 6:4) to the Feast of the Tabernacles (John 7:2). During this period he performed an extensive ministry in Galilee. The Master kept away from Judea because he knew the Jews, especially the members of the Sanhedrin, were out to kill him (John 5:18). Because of the deep-seated hostility of the leaders, he remained in Galilee.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

However, the Feast of Tabernacles or the Festival of Booths was near. This was one of the three great festivals at which all men in Israel were required to appear before God at Jerusalem (Deut. 16:16). This celebration was the most joyous of the Jewish festivals. It was a reminder of their dwelling in tents in the wilderness, and it was a "harvest home." It was a time of thanksgiving for a permanent home and for the crops of the year. During the full week of celebration, they lived in booths.

Now was the time to go to Jerusalem. Jesus' four brothers, James, Joseph, Simon and Judas (Matt. 13:55), said to him: "Leave here and go into Judea, so that your disciples also may behold the works which you are doing. For no one ever does anything in secret if he himself seeks to be known publicly. If you are performing these signs, show yourself openly to the world."

The Master's own brothers didn't believe in Jesus as the Messiah (John 7:5). They were unbelievers until after his resurrection (Acts 1:14). They told Jesus that if he was the Messiah he should go to Jerusalem and declare it boldly and publicly. Why keep it secret? His disciples were surely going up to the great festival. Why didn't he go to the holy city to perform some mighty works there so that the crowds would see him and proclaim him as king in the capital of the nation?

Jesus met this challenge by saying: "My time has not yet come, but for you any time is suitable. The world cannot hate you, but it does hate me because I give testimony that its works are evil." The opportune moment for Jesus to go to Jerusalem had not yet arrived. He knew the time had not come for his final manifestation to

Israel. His earthly ministry was not yet finished.

But his brothers could go whenever they pleased. For them any time was suitable. They were children of Judaism and went along with the crowd. But with Jesus it was entirely different. Because he exposed the evils of men, they hated him bitterly. Jesus encouraged his brothers to go to the feast but he himself was not going to Jerusalem to manifest himself as the Messiah. He knew such a course would lead to his death.

JESUS IN JERUSALEM

Undoubtedly, Jesus' brothers went up with the rest of the people to the feast but he remained in Galilee for the present. The brothers of the Master joined the caravan of pilgrims traveling south but Jesus remained behind because he did not want to engender a false enthusiasm.

A few days later Jesus also went up to Jerusalem, not publicly but in private. Jesus did not mislead his brothers. They wanted him to go to Jerusalem and proclaim himself as the Messiah. The Master realized this was not the appointed time for such a public declaration. He therefore did not join the general caravan but went several days later by himself.

Before Jesus arrived in Jerusalem the rulers were watching for his appearance. They were saying one to another: "Where is he?" There was a division of opinion about him among the crowd. They were talking in an undertone about Jesus. Some were for him; others against him. Some said: "He is a good man." Others: "No! He is misleading the people." But no one dared to speak freely about Jesus, because they knew of the hostile attitude of their religious leaders.

To their surprise, about the third or fourth day of the feast, Jesus made his appearance in the temple and began to teach. He didn't proclaim himself as the Messiah. He came to the temple to teach them about the Kingdom of God. As they listened to his teaching, they were astonished and exclaimed: "How does this one know the sacred writings, when he has never learned them?" He had never attended the schools of the rabbis, but his interpretations of Scripture were wonderful. The Jewish leaders were dumbfounded because they knew that he had not been taught by any of their famous teachers. Nevertheless, he was a marvelous and matchless teacher.

Jesus told them the secret of his teaching. It was not the teaching of the rabbis, nor even the teaching of Jesus, but of his Father in heaven. "My teaching is not mine, but is his who sent me." He was not dependent on human masters for instruction. His instructor was God. It was God's truth that he taught, God's message that he proclaimed.

We believe the 17th verse of this chapter to be one of the most wonderful in John's gospel. "If anyone wills to do God's will, he shall know concerning my teaching, whether it is from God, or whether I speak on my own authority." We believe there are four great truths in this verse.

1. Receptiveness for the truth. "If anyone wills." It is the open mind, the childlike spirit that can receive the truth (Matt. 11:25).

2. Obedience to God's will. "To do God's will." There must be a willingness to obey God's will as expressed in the law, the prophets and, above all, in Jesus' teaching.

3. Knowledge of the divine truth. "He shall know concerning my teaching." Obedience leads to knowledge, to experience.

4. The source of truth is in God. "Whether it is from God, or I speak on my own authority." God is the originator and Christ is the medium of truth. The greatest spiritual law expressed here is that willingness to obey will lead to experience of the divine truth in one's own life. Obedience is the key to knowledge.

Jesus said: "The man whose teaching originates with himself aims at his own glory. He who aims at the glory of him who sent him teaches the truth, and there is no deception in him." A self-seeking teacher is glorifying himself, but one who seeks God's glory can be trusted. He is absolutely truthful in his teaching. He has no motive to speak anything untrue or to do anything wrong.

GREATER THAN THE LAW

Moses had given them the law, but they didn't obey the law. They were all breakers of the law and yet they wanted to put Christ to death as a breaker of it. The crowd answered: "You have a demon! Who is trying to kill you?"

The common people, for the most part, knew nothing of the murderous purpose of the leading Jews at Jerusalem. They imagined an evil spirit

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General Conference Sunday School Week

Suggestions for an important observance in every church
from September 23-30, 1951

By the REV. J. C. GUNST,
General Secretary of the CBY and Sunday School Union

SOMEONE has said, "The Sunday School is the diamond field of the church." It is very important that we observe Sunday School Week this year. We believe that Sunday School Week is here to stay. Sunday School superintendents, teachers and pastors ought to make the most of it in every one of our churches.

Poster suggestions, together with materials outlining the activities in Sunday School emphases for every day of the week, have been mailed to the superintendents and pastors. We trust and pray that these leaders will be helped sufficiently by these suggestions to have a week filled with activities and rich blessings for the Sunday School in their church.

It is our conviction that the Sunday School is the key to the home. How can you better get at the heart of the parents than through the contact with their children? Win and serve a child and you have the friendship and good will of the parents.

Proper emphasis is most important during Sunday School Week. Stress the importance of the Sunday School in the church's overall program. "If 85 per cent of our church members and 95 per cent of our preachers come from the Sunday School, why not put more into our Sunday Schools?"

THE BIBLE'S PLACE

The Bible must always have a prominent place in the Sunday School. "The Bible is God's Word. It is the Sunday School's only textbook. It will produce the peaceable fruits of righteousness in the lives of those who study it. It will bring courage and hope to discouraged hearts and lives. By its use the Sunday School teacher can do mighty things for God." It is not sufficient to stress the use of the Bible in Sunday School. The church leaders and Sunday School officers must provide time and talent to train its teachers in Bible knowledge and how to apply the Word of God to scholars.

"The Bible must be the center and medium of Christian education. Believing teachers must give God's Word to God's children. It means the Bible in the school, the home, the heart for salvation, sustenance and growth."

For this purpose the Sunday School workers, especially the teachers, and the parents must cooperate in bringing the child or scholar face to face with God's truths and with Jesus as Savior and Lord of life.

Great spiritual leaders have always wholeheartedly believed in the Sunday School. This fact was recently expressed by the popular evangelist, Dr. Billy Graham:

"I'm convinced that the Sunday School is the greatest single agency

and experience a revival in your Sunday School work and entire church program.

Sunday, September 23, we propose to have a presentation of teachers and officers. All teachers and officers of the Sunday School will be presented to the church at the morning worship service. As each teacher is introduced give the following information: name of the teacher, the department in which he serves, the class which he teaches and the number of pupils for



The Scripture Memorizers of the Bethany Baptist Sunday School of Vesper, Kansas, at Camp Fellowship near Wichita, Kansas, with their pastor, Rev. John Wood, at left (standing).

for teaching people God's Word, as well as a tremendous evangelistic force in its own right.

"A lot of us have been taking the Sunday School too much for granted. We've been too complacent about it. We've lost our vision. We've been sitting with folded hands when we should be on the march for God.

"I want to say to every Sunday School teacher that he is just as much called of God as a missionary to the heart of Africa. He needs to prepare just as diligently—he needs to labor just as earnestly—as if he were carrying the Gospel to the most remote spot on the globe."

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

We give you a brief outline of the activities we propose for the very important work of Sunday School Week in your church. Support your Sunday School officers in this great venture

which he is responsible. An appropriate message will be followed by the pastor.

Monday, September 24, have a recognition service for teachers and officers. This meeting is to be in place of, or in connection with, the monthly workers' conference. Have some treat for these officers and teachers in the form of a banquet or some other worthy recognition. Outline the duties and responsibilities of the workers. Discuss the Sunday School Standard. If you have already adopted the Standard, re-study it and resolve to follow the goals. If you have not adopted the Standard introduce it to your group and adopt it officially. (Notify the General Secretary when your Sunday School adopts the Standard.)

Tuesday, September 25, a visitation night can be a great blessing to the

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Triumphant in Life and Death

A tribute to Dr. William Kuhn by his closest friend on earth and a former seminary classmate of his

By DR. HERMAN VON BERGE of Dayton, Ohio

BEFORE ME lies Dr. William Kuhn's last letter to me, dated Tuesday, June 12th. Let me briefly quote from it: "This letter I dictate from my bed, where I have been lying on my back since last Friday. When I woke up that morning after a good night's rest, I had a very severe attack of dizziness, which has remained undiminished till now. What has caused this attack and how and when it will end, I do not know. But at the doctor's advice I have cancelled all my engagements for June and may have to do the same for July. — — — I can only say: 'Lord, as thou wilt.'"

The situation finally called for a serious operation, which at first seemed hopeful. But the blood poisoning had evidently weakened his heart, and so he could not survive it. It was on Tuesday afternoon, July 24th, when our beloved friend entered into his rest. The funeral services took place on Friday afternoon, July 27th, at the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill.

All the arrangements had been taken care of by the Rev. C. B. Nordland, and his kind and thoughtful help in

this matter was greatly appreciated especially by Mrs. Kuhn and her sisters. There was a large attendance in spite of the inclement weather. Practically all our denominational organizations were represented by their executives and leaders, and with them had also come a large group of our ministers from Green Lake, Wisconsin, where they had attended the Ministers' Conference, to which they then returned after the service. Many other friends had also come, some of them from long distances.

A very impressive service was conducted under the leadership of Brother Nordland. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner opened it with the reading of selected Scripture passages, after which we were led in prayer by Dr. George A. Lang, president of our Seminary. Miss Lydia Mihm then sang a highly appreciated solo. This was followed by an outstanding address by Dr. Frank Woyke, our executive secretary.

Speaking for our denomination and also for himself, he paid high tribute to Dr. Kuhn by pointing out what he has meant to our denomination through his wise and aggressive leadership in

his various fields of service. He also spoke in high appreciation of the fine cooperative spirit always shown especially to his associates and co-workers, and to the whole staff at our Forest Park headquarters. It was a worthy tribute to a worthy servant of the Lord whose labors among us have now come to an end.

After another solo by Miss Mihm the writer was then called on to speak. Years ago an agreement had been entered into between Dr. Kuhn and myself that, whoever survives the other, he would have to preach the funeral sermon for the other. Not so long ago he wrote me that he had already found the text for mine, but he didn't tell me what it was. When however it now fell to my lot to choose a suitable text, I could not find one more fitting than the words of Paul in his letter to the Philippians (Phil. 1:21), "For me to live is Christ; and to die is gain."

The first part of that verse describes the life which our departed friend has lived, as has been so impressively pointed out by Dr. Woyke. The second part of the verse emphasizes his
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Dr. Kuhn was also a servant of his denomination. Every waking moment of his life was spent in the furtherance of its cause. Every denominational need was a command to him. Only eternity will reveal the greatness of his ministry. He had no hobby, no outside interests whatsoever. When he spoke his final farewell at the last meeting of the General Council, he said, "I do not look forward with much joy to my complete retirement. I don't know what I am going to do!"

Our heavenly Father, in his wise providence, has called his good and faithful servant home, saying to him: "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." At the Pastors' Conference, one of the brethren said of Moses' departure: "Moses walked a long way with God. When they were far away from his home, God said to Moses: 'My son, come home with me.'" Similarly, we can say of Dr. Kuhn that he walked and talked, and worked with God for a long time along life's way. Finally, God said to him: "My son, you have served me faithfully for a long time, and now I shall take you home with me."

many thousands will find it difficult to realize that he is no longer with us.

As I think of Dr. Kuhn's ministry, these words of Jesus seem to me perfectly applicable to his life: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matt. 25:21).

At first glance, it may seem strange to think of Dr. Kuhn as a servant. Was he not a leader, one of great influence and authority in our midst? While that is true, it is also true that he was in the finest sense of the term a servant. He was a servant of God. Often referring to himself as God's bond-servant, his one great desire was to be in the will of God. His emphasis was constantly on the majesty, sovereignty and glory of God. Many of us will never forget his sermon on the text, "Unto him be glory in the church."

Gods' Good and Faithful Servant

By DR. FRANK H. WOYKE, Executive Secretary of the Denomination

ABOUT A WEEK before Dr. William Kuhn went to his eternal home, Mr. Fred A. Grosser, our general treasurer, and I were on our way to a committee meeting in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. At the breakfast table in the dining car I mentioned my dream of the night before. In that dream I had had a wonderful conversation with Dr. Kuhn. He seemed youthful and in perfect health and his face was radiant as if transfigured. Suddenly his features became immobile, pale and lifeless, and I realized that he was no longer among the living.

Although I normally attach no significance to my dreams, I could not help feeling that God was preparing me for Dr. Kuhn's departure. Our brother was so great a leader for such a long time in our Conference that

A GREAT FRIEND AND BROTHER IN CHRIST

By REV. J. C. GUNST, General Secretary of the CBY and SS Union.

God has called home, and out of our ranks, a great saint of God, a dynamic preacher, a forceful and untiring servant of the Lord. Besides a genuine love for the Lord Jesus Dr. Kuhn intimately loved God's Kingdom work as carried on in the Christian Church. He served his Lord in a selfless and sacrificial manner. Dr. Kuhn loved people, believed in them, and served them untiringly.

God's Word, the Bible, was more precious and valuable to him than any earthly treasure. His Sunday afternoons, when at home, were always spent in reading an entire book of the Bible. He was a man of prayer. When he prayed, one could always sense the presence of the Lord Jesus.

Having been general secretary of our denominational young people's organization many years ago, Dr. Kuhn always had a sincere love for young people. At our General Conference in Burlington, Iowa, in 1940, he made the statement, "We have kept our young people with us." Dr. Kuhn always retained a youthful spirit, ever praying for the spiritual and physical welfare of our young people.

No one could live and work with Dr. Kuhn without great spiritual enrichment for his own life. I shall always thank God for Dr. Kuhn's genuine spiritual sincerity, his unwavering faith in God, his faithfulness in the work serving God's people for these many years. To me he was a great Christian friend and a true brother in Christ. My sincere prayer is: May that spirit manifested in the life work of Dr. Kuhn live on in the lives of many whom he served so well to the end.

MY TRIBUTE TO DR. WILLIAM KUHN

By REV. R. SCHILKE,
General Missionary Secretary.

Of those men of God who have enriched my life, Dr. William Kuhn came nearest to be able to repeat the words of Paul in Philippians 3:17: "Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample." My first personal contact with Dr. Kuhn was during my student days at our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., when on a visit to the seminary he spoke to the student body during the chapel hour. His message on "Prayer Helpers" made a profound impression on me and left its abiding influence upon my life.

Ever since that time, I counted it a privilege to hear his messages from God's precious Word. He was a mas-

APPRECIATION

Mrs. William Kuhn and the Misses Flora and Clara Schulte wish to express their heartfelt appreciation for the hundreds of cards and letters of sympathy which they have received in their bereavement and for the many beautiful floral pieces that banked the front of the church for the memorial service.

The passing of Brother Kuhn leaves a void in our denominational circle which we shall all feel for some time to come, even though he was already retired. Surely his reward will be great, including the fulfillment of his wish that our General Conference may continue to be blessed with able leadership.

A LEADER OF MEN AND A SERVANT OF GOD

By MR. EDWIN H. MARKLEIN of Brooklyn, N. Y., Chairman of the Church and Personage Loan Fund Committee.

Our denomination has sustained a great loss in the death of Dr. William Kuhn. During his long years of service in the work of the Kingdom, he was always ready and willing to assume the many tasks and responsibilities which had been assigned to him. He will long be remembered as a faithful pastor, eloquent speaker, excellent administrator, a leader of men and a humble servant of his Lord. His presence in our churches and homes was always most welcome.

His vast knowledge of all phases of our denominational life, acquired through the many offices which he held in our fellowship, was always a constant help in our committee meetings. It was by his able advocacy of denominational views and by his quiet, effective defence of denominational abilities that Dr. Kuhn restored confidence.

When I began my present ministry, he called me into his office and gave me the most tender fatherly counsel. I shall always cherish it and greatly desire that I could have received more of his wise counsel. His sacred memory shall ever be a challenge to me to do my best for the glory of God.

THE GREATNESS OF DR. WILLIAM KUHN'S LIFE

By MR. ROLAND E. ROSS of Forest Park, Ill., the Denominational Comptroller.

All of us have been aware of the modesty and simplicity of Brother Kuhn's pattern of life. Even as he lived, so he also accepted the Word of God in simple faith and complete trust. But one could not be with him, even for a short while, without realizing the strength of his life and his greatness. He needs no words to evidence this fact, for his works are all about us. This truth has been impressed upon me, as I have had the great privilege of that closer association in our denominational work.

Brother Kuhn was also partially responsible for my entering the service of our denomination. He was most cooperative as he relinquished the financial and properties duties, always adding his able counsel. When at one time I felt inclined to leave this service, he again added that measure of encouragement for which I have since been thankful. He helped me to see that in God's Kingdom work the rewards go beyond that which we are inclined to count.

On my visits to Forest Park in connection with denominational business, I would always enjoy going into his office for a little private chat. His genuine smile and the little glint in his eyes made one always welcome. I received much good advice from his vast storehouse of knowledge.

His favorite sermon, "The Family of God," which he preached so fervently over and over again will long be remembered and cherished. Although God in his infinite wisdom has taken him from us, we have the blessed assurance that some day we will meet again in that greater family of God.

TRIBUTE FROM THE BAPTISTS OF GERMANY

By DR. JACOB MEISTER of Berlin, Germany, President of the Baptist Union of Germany.

When I received word that Dr. William Kuhn had been called home, the first verse of Scripture that came to my mind without much reflection was that of 2 Samuel 3:38: "And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?"

We, as a Baptist Union of Germany, will hold the memory of Dr. William Kuhn in highest esteem and with the

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Nine Indian women and eleven Indian men from four Indian Reserves of Alberta, Canada, were baptized on Sunday afternoon, June 24, by our Indian missionary, Rev. Reinhard Neuman, besides his oldest daughter, Gloria. The baptismal candidates (except one) are shown above shortly before they entered the waters of baptism.

Four Indian Reserves at the Baptism

The story of our Indian Mission Field in Alberta, Canada, and of the recent baptism of twenty Indians

Related by the REV. M. L. LEUSCHNER, promotional secretary

AS an eyewitness of God's glory on our own Indian mission field in Alberta, Canada, I can share some wonderful news with you. On Sunday afternoon, June 24, a colorful procession of twenty Indians followed the Rev. Reinhard Neuman, our Indian missionary, and his oldest daughter, Gloria, into the blue waters of Baptist Lake on the Montana Indian Reserve. There in a dramatic service under the canopy of blue skies above with hundreds of Indians and "palefaces" watching, these twenty Indians and Gloria Neuman smiled into the face of God as they gave their testimony for him and were baptized into the Name of the Triune God.

A REMARKABLE HOUR

It was a remarkable hour in the story of our Indian mission field. During the few years of our ministry in bringing the Gospel to these Indians, God has opened many doors and given us great harvests. The ten Indians baptized two years ago (June 1949) have all been faithful in their witness and living for Christ. Other Indians were ready for baptism on that recent Sunday, but due to health or for other reasons their baptism was postponed.

The most remarkable fact of all was that four Indian Reserves were represented among the baptismal candidates. One of these was an Indian chief, Chief Francis Bull, of the Bull Reserve. He and his brother, Simon Bull, and his son Louie, along with Alex White were the four Indians from the Bull Reserve who followed their

Lord in baptism. It is on this Reserve that the Benke Memorial Chapel is being built and that a larger work for Christ is being undertaken by us. But more about that later!

Ten Indians from the Montana Reserve told us that they had experienced the new birth in Christ and that they wanted to follow him in baptism. Among these was Marvin Buffalo, who was one of the prize students of Miss Twila Bartz, our first Indian missionary, when she pioneered on this reserve several years ago. Even Chief John Bear of this reserve was most enthusiastic in thanking us for all that has been done by our missionary efforts for these Indians.

The Samson Reserve near Hobbema, Alberta, has the largest population of Indians in this area. About eight hundred Indians live on this reserve. Louie Crier, a fine stalwart Indian father, and his three children, Iver, Ida and Susie, from the Samson Reserve were baptized. His wife will be baptized at the next service. Jonas Applegart, an able interpreter who lost the sight of one eye some years ago, also came from the Samson Reserve with his clear testimony for Christ.

OPEN DOORS

In addition, seventeen year old Victoria Stoney, a beautiful Indian girl with princess-like qualities of character, came from the Roman Catholic Erminskin Reserve expressing her faith in Christ as Savior. She and her mother have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ and are letting their lights shine for him, even in the midst of considerable persecution.

All of this underscores the remarkable fact that our evangelical Baptist mission is receiving widespread favorable attention by the Indians of Alberta. The story of our Montana Chapel and of the Benke Chapel under construction on the Bull Reserve besides that of our capable school teachers and radiant young missionaries among the Indians and the consecrated personalities of the Rev. and Mrs. Reinhard Neuman have opened the doors wide into the hearts of these Indians. We are their friends who have come to them in the Name of Christ for such a time as this!

Sunday, June 24, was a glorious day! God's sunshine bathed the prairie with beauty and warmth after several cold, rainy days. Many friends came from near and far for this happy event. The wagons of the Indians blended beautifully with the shining new cars of "the palefaces" in front of the chapel. Mr. Donald Dickau arrived early with his 1½ ton International truck in which he had brought 45 Indians from the Bull Reserve, more than 20 miles away. They were really stacked up against one another in the back of that truck.

SUNDAY SERVICE

The entire Wiesenthal Baptist Church, of which the Rev. E. A. Hoffmann is the pastor, came for the Indian services. They brought the Wiesenthal Band with them, playing for an hour before the morning service and during the baptism at the lake. This fine band of 15 instruments was reorganized by the late Rev. Fred W. Benke. Its director is now Mr. William Pohl with

Mr. Arthur Smith as the assistant director.

During the morning service in the chapel, greetings were extended by Chief John Bear and Chief Francis Bull, brief messages were brought by the ministers in attendance, and the testimonies of the converts were heard. It was a deeply moving scene as tears of penitent joy came to the eyes of the Indians and as sins were confessed and faith in Christ was jubilantly expressed. George Cattleman meant very word he said as he told us how Christ had given him spiritual victory. He and his wife and their daughter, Agnes, were baptized. Archie Roasting is a widower who is courting one of the Indian women on the Montana Reserve. Both he and his fiancée were baptized that Sunday afternoon. One after the other these Indians, with souls precious in God's sight, told us how Christ had come into their hearts "not for one day only" as Mrs. John Currie, said, "but for all time!"

On that Sunday morning an Indian and Mrs. R. Neuman were dedicated to the Lord in a service conducted by Mr. Leuschner. Leonard Charles, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Standing on the Road, and Timothy Ronald Neuman were thus dedicated before the Lord. William Standing on the Road, a son-in-law of the chief, is now the Counsellor next to the chief for the Montana Indians. His Christian testimony speaks mightily to his own people! Sixty copies of new Broadman Hymnals for the Montana chapel, presented by the Carbon Baptist Church, were also dedicated.

BAPTIST LAKE

After the service the large crowd gathered on the grass in front of the chapel and enjoyed a feast of sandwiches, cake and coffee, prepared and served by the Baptist women from nearby churches. This was also a time of Christian fellowship and for the



Joe White of the Indian Bull Reserve with his wife and son, Alex. The son was among those baptized on the Montana Reserve on a recent Sunday afternoon.

taking of pictures. Then the wagons began to rumble as they started on the trek to the lake, a mile and a half away, named by the Indians "Baptist Lake."

Two tents had been put up as dressing rooms for the converts. The people found fairly comfortable places on the hillside overlooking the lake as the spirited singing began and the Wiesenthal Band played. Joe White of the Bull Reserve who had been baptized two years ago was so overjoyed that his son Alex was entering the waters of baptism that he had to give his fervent testimony for Christ. It was an impressive service, over which the opened windows of heaven spoke of God's glory and blessing.

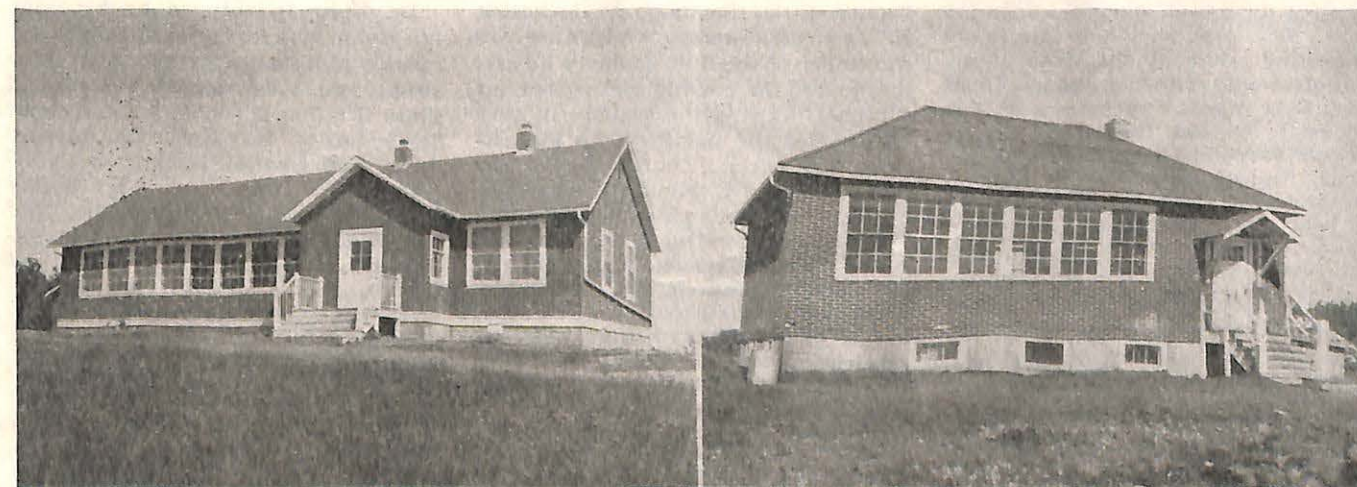
This was Missionary Neuman's first baptismal service in which he had participated. The first convert whom he had the joy of baptizing was his own daughter, Gloria. Impressively he called out the names of the Indians and asked concerning their faith in Christ

before baptizing them with quiet and worshipful dignity.

Brother Neuman has grown in spiritual stature and missionary power since the homegoing of the Rev. F. W. Benke. He has Mr. Benke's patience with the Indians and a keen understanding of their ways. He is equally deeply loved by the Red Men. His name and the cause he represents are held in highest esteem by Indians for miles around. He is God's man of the hour for our Indian mission field.

INDIAN SCHOOLS

But this is only half the story of God's spiritual harvests! There is so much that ought to be told! In February 1950 the new school building, costing \$14,000 and built by the Canadian government, was opened on the Bull Reserve. Miss Berniece Stober of our McDermot Ave. Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, is the teacher at this school with its 27 pupils. Even though a public school teacher, she has many



The Indian School on the Bull Reserve (left) in which Miss Berniece Stober is the teacher, and the school building on the Montana Reserve (right) where Miss Faye Strohschein is the duly appointed teacher.

opportunities to serve with missionary blessing in witnessing to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is on this Bull Reserve that Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harsch have been serving for the summer months as missionary workers and that the new \$10,000 Benke Memorial Chapel with living quarters for the missionary family is being constructed. Mrs. Harsch is the former Miss Berniece Kern who served as missionary worker among these Indians during the past year. In recent months God has touched the hearts of these Indians of the Bull Reserve in such a way that one can speak of "revival fires" that have broken out in their midst.

THE MONTANA SCHOOL

A wonderful school building now stands on the Montana Reserve alongside the chapel, separated by a huge pile of 50 cords of wood provided by the Indians for heating purposes. The teacher of these 25 pupils is also one of our Baptist girls, Miss Faye Strohschein, of the Pleasant Prairie Church near Wetaskiwin. This school with its fine program, activities and spiritual emphasis is another great influence for the Gospel of Christ among these Indians.

During the month of August the Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harsch assisted the Rev. and Mrs. William Cantelon on the Samson Reserve with their Vacation Bible School. On Sunday, June 17, I had the privilege of preaching to a most attentive congregation of Indians in the Samson Reserve Chapel. Our missionaries and young people are always welcome on this reserve. There are opportunities for missionary service here as well.

GOD'S HARVEST

The horizons have been enlarged on this Indian mission field as God's blessings have been showered upon the work. This was shown to me in an interesting scene at the close of my visit of a week with the Indians. Chief John Bear wanted to have a closing talk with me and I expected him to ask for something, as he usually did. But as we sat on the grass in front of the Montana Chapel, he poured out his heart in thankfulness for all that the missionaries and our denomination had accomplished. "Tell the churches how thankful we are for all you've done for us poor Indians," he said.

A host of Indians on these several reservations in Alberta, Canada, now look to us as their friends in Christ and messengers of the Gospel of Light. It is a bright torch handed to us by the Holy Spirit of the living God! Let us keep it burning and shining brightly!



OBITUARY NOTICE

DR. WILLIAM KUHN of Forest Park, Illinois

Dr. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on Dec. 9, 1869, only two years after the homegoing of the Rev. Konrad Anton Fleischmann, the founder of our oldest church. William Kuhn's early spiritual training was received in the Sunday School and church that bears the name of its founder, the Fleischmann Memorial Church, besides the Christian home in which he was the only son. In his 18th year he gave his heart to Jesus Christ as Savior and on New Year's Eve (Dec. 31, 1887) he was baptized by the Rev. Lewis Kaiser, pastor, and received into the fellowship of the church.

As a young lad William Kuhn felt the strong promptings of the Holy Spirit to become a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ. From 1892 to 1897 he studied at our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y. In the summer of 1895 he was a member of the first seminary quartet that toured the country and visited our churches. During the summer of 1896 he supplied the pulpit of the Fleischmann Memorial Church while the pastor, Rev. L. C. Knuth, was visiting in Germany. Following his graduation in 1897 he was called to the pastorate of the Second German Baptist Church (now Pilgrim Church) of Philadelphia, Pa., and was ordained on June 10, 1897. For 17 years he served in his only but illustrious pastorate at this church which still bears the spiritual imprint of his blessed ministry.

In 1913 he was called by the General Conference to serve as the young people's and field secretary. From 1916 to 1946 he rendered a monumental ministry as general missionary sec-

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graduation into the higher life that has now added so much to the riches that had already been his while he was still with us. We can but faintly understand what his gains are, for "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." But we know that all his afflictions and infirmities are ended.

We know that he now sees HIM face to face whom all these years he has so faithfully served as a Friend unseen. We know that he is now reunited with so many dear ones who had gone on before, in that great cloud of witnesses, locking down upon us still in the arena. And we know that, sooner or later, we shall meet again where there shall be no more parting. Until that hour comes, may we all be true to HIM whose we are and whom we serve, as our departed friend has been.

retary of the denomination. He was the first executive secretary of our General Conference, serving from 1934 to 1946, when he became the assistant executive secretary. In 1949 at the Sioux Falls General Conference he was given the position of executive secretary emeritus. Dr. Kuhn had the leadership of the immense relief program of the denomination in his hands, serving his Lord and humanity with loving devotion.

God called him Home on Tuesday, July 24, following an illness of about six weeks and a major operation. The memorial service was held in the Forest Park Baptist Church on Friday afternoon, July 27, with many friends in attendance. Further details about this service are given in the tribute to Dr. Kuhn prepared by his close friend, Dr. Herman von Berge. Interment was in the Forest Home Cemetery, Forest Park, Ill.

Dr. Kuhn is survived by his wife, Ida Kuhn, who served so faithfully and capably at his side throughout all these years; two sisters-in-law, Flora and Clara Schulte; 3 nephews: Mr. Elmer Schneider of Maywood, Ill.; Messrs. Frank and Charles Kuenne of Philadelphia, Pa.; 3 nieces: Mrs. Bertha Price of Chester, Pa., Mrs. Esther Noll and Mrs. Helen Shallcross of Philadelphia, Pa.; and a great host of friends.

One of Dr. Kuhn's favorite Bible texts expresses the highest spirit of his life and ministry: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto HIM be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Ephesians 3: 20-21).

M. L. Leuschner.

Special Events in the Eastern Conference

Centenary Jubilee of the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, New York

"One Hundred Years in Thy Sight." The above words were emblazoned behind the pulpit of the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y., for the festive occasion of the centennial of the church from June 21 to 24 which has been important to so many ministers of our denomination. After a spirited song service the beloved pastor, Rev. O. E. Krueger, stepped to the pulpit to open festivities with the words, "Hours fly, flowers die, new days, new ways pass by, God stays."

The first evening was designated as homecoming and community night. Greetings were extended on behalf of the Federation of Churches. The Colgate-Rochester Divinity School was represented by its president, Dr. Wilbur E. Saunders. Two addresses were given, one by Dr. Albert Kaiser and the other by Prof. Albert Bretschneider. Dr. Kaiser, Health Officer of the City of Rochester, and a son of the late Prof. and Mrs. Lewis Kaiser, spoke appropriately on, "What This Church Has Meant to Me." Those present who had known Professor Kaiser were impressed by the striking resemblance which Dr. Kaiser has to his father in appearance, mannerism, voice and spirit.

Prof. Bretschneider spoke on "The Influence of This Church in its Wider Outreach." He noted particularly that the church had given over twenty of its sons to the ministry and missionary service. Among the latter were Dr. and Mrs. J. Speicher and Dr. and Mrs. E. Giedt to China, Dr. and Mrs. G. Geis to Burma, Emma Rauschenbusch Clough, Alma Meyer Feldman, and Flora Kaiser McGlashan. A unique outreach has been attained through the number of ministers' wives who have gone out into the Kingdom of God. Over one hundred young women have gone into this field of service.

On Friday evening historical events in the life of the church were reviewed in a dramatization written and directed by Mrs. Lanie Schmidt Ahlhardt. It was entitled, "The Church Speaks." From the past the church spoke through the voices of consecrated pastors and people who discussed earnestly and fervently the problem with which they were confronted. The abiding impression was that these people sought earnestly to know and to do the will of God. During the latter part of the evening Mrs. Flora Kaiser McGlashan spoke of the determining influence of the church in her early home-life and during her periods of service as a missionary in India and China.

On Saturday evening the members of the church and a host of friends gathered for a banquet in the dining hall of the Baptist Temple. The Rev.



The Gruber Class of the Andrews Street Baptist Sunday School of Rochester, New York, about 1914.

(Second row, third from right: John Ehrlich, teacher; Peter Gruber, founder of class; Rev. Frank Kaiser, pastor of church; Prof. Herman von Berge, Academy teacher.)

J. G. Benke served as toastmaster and the Rev. Earl Abel as song leader. Vocal solos were rendered by Prof. G. A. Lehman and by Rev. Earl Abel. Alfred Kannwischer played two piano solos. The address of the evening, "Gloriously Triumphant," was delivered by the Rev. Arthur Kannwischer, instructor at Pittsburgh University.

At the Sunday School session on Sunday morning former members extended greetings and expressed their joy in being able to share in the blessings of this occasion. At the morning service Dr. Frank Woyke, our executive secretary, spoke on the appropriate theme, "Things that Abide." The evening was set aside for a sacred concert by the church choir. Anthems were well rendered both in German and English. During the intermission the Rev. E. A. Kannwischer spoke on the topic, "The Mission of Music."

An interesting display of pictures and other mementoes of historical interest were arranged in the Sunday School room. It attracted people throughout the anniversary, for it provided both an informal meeting place and an opportunity to reminisce.

The anniversary was an occasion for the church not only to give thanks to God for the blessings of the past, but also to test its cooperative strength with which it will face the future realistically and in wholehearted consecration to Christ. It was an event well planned and executed. It required a high degree of cooperation between pastor and people. There was

every indication of beautiful harmony between the experienced guiding hand of the pastor who is well over seventy and the willing hands of the people.
A. E. Kannwischer, Reporter.

100th Eastern Conference at Rochester, New York, from September 6 to 9

Place: Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, New York.

Time: September 6 to 9, 1951.
Thursday Evening, Sept. 6: Keynote sermon, "The Power of the Gospel," by Rev. Paul E. Loth.

Friday Afternoon, Sept. 7: Women's meeting. Guest speaker, Mrs. Thomas Lutz.

Friday Evening, Sept. 7: Speaker, Rev. G. Friedenberg.

Saturday Evening, Sept. 8: Banquet. Historical dramatization, "Fear Not, Little Flock."

Sunday Morning, Sept. 9: Missionary Sermon by Rev. R. Schilke.
Sunday Afternoon, 3:00 P.M.: Young People's Rally.

INVITATION

This is the one hundredth anniversary of the Eastern Conference, the Mother Conference of all our conferences. The Andrews Street Church extends a cordial invitation to you to be present with us. Will you send in your reservations early. Those who are coming to the banquet Saturday night will please do the same. Address: Mrs. Oswald Kanwischer, 23 Eiffel Place, Rochester 21, New York.
Erwin Schreiber, Clerk.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. A. Bredy has recently announced that he has resigned as pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Indiana, of which he has been the minister since 1929. The church has requested Mr. Bredy to help with the services and work of the church until a successor has been found. His new address is found elsewhere in this issue.

● On Sunday, July 8, the Rev. Frederick Alf of Streeter, N. Dak., had the joy of baptizing two young people on confession of their faith in Christ and of welcoming these and another person into the fellowship of the Streeter Baptist Church at the communion service that followed. The latter person came into the church's membership by letter.

● The Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., has extended a call to the Rev. Wilmer Quiring of Carrington, North Dakota. A favorable reply has been given to the call, and Mr. Quiring hopes to begin his ministry in the Milwaukee church on September 15, succeeding Dr. John Leypoldt. Mr. Quiring has served the Baptist Church of Carrington, N. Dak., since 1948.

● The Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Oklahoma, has requested the Rev. John Siems of Burlington, Iowa, to serve as interim pastor, beginning with August 5th. Mr. Siems is a 1950 graduate of the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill. For several months he supplied the pulpit of the Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa, during the illness of its pastor, the Rev. C. Fred Lehr.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer and their two children, Elizabeth Ann and Walter, sailed from the Cameroons, Africa in July 21st, sailing from Tiko to the United States via England. They arrived in England on August 7th. By the time this issue reaches the reader, the Gebauers hope to be back in the United States. Their further plans for their furlough will be announced later in the BAPTIST HERALD.

● The Rev. Henry Barnet of Portland, Oregon, recently resigned as pastor of the Villa Ridge Mission Station of the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, in order to devote himself more intensively to his studies at the Western Baptist Theological Seminary of Portland. Mr. Barnet had served the Villa Ridge Church since

1948. The Bethany Church is seeking a successor to Mr. Barnet for its mission station.

● On August 3rd the Rev. Fred Mashner, pastor of the Beaver Baptist Church near Midland, Mich., completed his studies at the Central Michigan College of Education in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., for the Bachelor of Arts degree. The following Sunday night the Beaver Church presented him with a love offering of \$300 towards a pleasant vacation. Mr. Mashner has been pastor of the Beaver Church for four years.

● On Sunday afternoon, July 15, the Rev. G. Beutler of Plevna, Montana, baptized five converts including his son, Grayson, in a impressive service in the Plevna pool with about 300 persons in attendance. The church choir of 28 voices sang several selections under Mr. Beutler's direction. At the communion service held that same Sunday evening the hand of fellowship was extended to these newly baptized converts and to two others who were received by letter.

● Mr. and Mrs. F. Kusmaul of Philadelphia, Pa., members of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on May 26 with an informal gathering and service in their home. The Rev. John Crouthamel, Jr., pastor, brought a brief message of congratulations. Their three daughters are active in the service of Christ. Their oldest daughter, Gertrude, is a member of the board of trustees and choir of the Fleischmann Memorial Church.

● Dr. Herman von Berge supplied the pulpit of the Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, on Sunday, July 29. He spoke on the topic, "Ye May Know." This was three days after he had preached the funeral sermon for his intimate friend of many years, Dr. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill. At the Dayton church service a men's quartet sang Dr. von Berge's latest selection, "Be Strong in the Lord." for which he had composed the music and had written the words. It is published in the collection of songs for men's quartets and choruses entitled, "Men's Gospel Praise."

● The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, has extended a call to Dr. Albert S. Felberg, one of the denominational evangelists,

to serve as its pastor. Dr. Felberg has responded favorably and hopes to begin his ministry in Vancouver on Sept. 15th. He will succeed the Rev. Rubin Kern, who is beginning his pastorate at Forest Park, Ill., on August 15. Dr. Felberg served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., from 1937 to 1948; as professor at the North American Baptist Seminary from 1948 to 1950; and for the past year as denominational evangelist.

● Mrs. H. Streuber of Winnipeg, Manitoba, sailed from Montreal, Canada, on the "S.S. Empress of France" on June 1st for Liverpool, England, where she was met by her husband, Mr. H. Streuber, who is immigration representative in Germany for the Baptist World Alliance. Mr. Streuber spoke at the annual convention of British Baptists at London in June. From there Mr. and Mrs. Streuber went to Stuttgart, Germany where they will live for the rest of the year. The plans for Mr. Streuber's ministry in 1952 have not been determined as yet.

● On Sunday, June 10, the Baptist Church of Fessenden, N. Dak., surprised its pastor, the Rev. Vernon Link, by having a birthday fellowship dinner at the close of the morning worship service. After a time of happy fellowship the pastor was presented with birthday cards from each family expressing their good wishes and a gift of money. The dinner was sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society. This society has been making improvements in the parsonage consisting of a new inlaid linoleum in the dining room and linoleum in two other rooms and redecorating the kitchen and dining room.

● The First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., had the privilege of having Dr. T. W. Bender of Chicago, Ill., as speaker for a week of revival meetings in June. To beautify the services the Men's Chorus sang on two evenings. Mr. Lyle Staley from Minot was soloist on two other evenings and other local talent helped supply music each evening. A number of persons were saved. "The Lord's nearness was felt throughout all the services and abiding results have been accomplished in the spiritual and material life of the church because of Dr. Bender's effectual ministry," as reported by Mrs. Joe Blatchford,

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possessed him. Jesus reminded them of one act of mercy which he had performed on the Sabbath. They accused him of breaking the law when he had healed the cripple (John 5:1-15).

But what about the rite of circumcision which they performed on the Sabbath? Moses gave them the rite of circumcision. But this rite originated with the patriarchs and was therefore a more ancient institution than the Sabbath. Jesus argued that if they could circumcise a child even on the Sabbath and still not break the law, why should they be angry at him because he restored a man to health on a Sabbath day? Curing a cripple was much more important than circumcising a child. He pleaded with them not to judge hastily or superficially. They should use good common sense and judge justly.

Some of Jesus' fellow country-men said: "He is a good man." We believe he was more than a good man or an ideal character as some speak of Jesus today. The only satisfactory answer in the light of all the facts presented in John's gospel is that Christ was more than a good man. He is the only Son of God and the only Savior of the world. A merely good man could not save us from our sins but the unique Christ can.

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HERALD NEWS



Miss Florence Miller, missionary-appointee to Japan.

Farewell Service for Florence Miller by Erin Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio

On Sunday evening, July 1st, the Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, held a farewell service for its church missionary, Miss Florence Miller, recently appointed missionary to Japan. Florence has worked in our church for the past year.

The program was ably presided over by Mrs. W. Luebeck. Representatives of the different organizations of the church spoke words of appreciation in recognition of her work as well as encouraging words to her in her new field of service for our Lord. The White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland was also represented and the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. P. Zoschke, uncle and aunt to Florence, also extended a few words of farewell. Last but not least, our pastor, Rev. Edwin Miller, brother to Florence, spoke some challenging words to his sister. It was thrilling to observe throughout the year how brother and sister worked together so harmoniously.

Florence Miller, as many expressed it, was more to us than just a church missionary. She helped in every field of work connected with our church and was always ready and willing to help in any way she could. She has been a great inspiration to each one of us and we have all received a great blessing through her testimony, Christian character and faithfulness.

Mr. Herbert Luebeck, son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Luebeck, has de-

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cided after much prayerful consideration to enter the Gospel ministry. He will continue his second year of studies at Sioux Falls College. He is a member of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church.

The pastor, Rev. Edwin W. Miller, received his degree, Master of Arts, in biblical literature from Wheaton Graduate School on June 11. His thesis title was, "Sheol-Hades: A Place of Departed Spirits."

Bernice Guenther, Reporter.

Two Vacation Bible Schools by Calvary Church and Mission of Tacoma, Washington

The Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., and its mission recently completed their Vacation Bible Schools. At the Portland Ave. Chapel, Dr. J. F. Olthoff was the superintendent, and at the Calvary Church the Rev. H. J. Wilcke acted as superintendent. These schools were held simultaneously, using a goodly number of faithful teachers and helpers.

Each school was a grand success. The Calvary group had an average attendance of 60 with 11 as teachers and helpers. At the Portland Avenue Chapel the average attendance was 79, with 9 as teachers and helpers. Since this was a Bible School, God's Word was stressed and taught, new hymns and choruses were learned, Bible verses were memorized, and handwork was for enjoyment. The displays shown at the closing programs were wonderful, making us realize again that children must learn to love the Lord while they are young, so they can give of their best to the Master at all times.

Our beloved associate pastor, Rev. J. F. Olthoff, has resigned from his work at the Portland Ave. Chapel. During the five years that he and Mrs. Olthoff have served so faithfully at the chapel, they have endeared themselves to all the hearts of old and young alike. We shall miss them but pray that God's will may be done as they leave.

In "the merry month of May," mothers were honored by a Mother's and Daughter's Banquet. A tea sponsored by the Joy Girls' Class was also in honor of all mothers. May was also the occasion of the 42nd anniversary of our Woman's Missionary Society. During this month, we were privileged to have the Rev. H. C. Phillips of Vancouver, B. C., as our guest for a week of special meetings. Although we can report no definite conversions, no Christian came away from these meetings without a desire to love and serve the Lord better. Many found new strength, as this man of God revealed the Word to us in new ways.

Mrs. Marie Schmunk, Reporter.

Withering Grass

A Christian Novel by BERNARD PALMER

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There was youth in every impatient twist of his head, in every nervous glance at the clock, in every step across the floor; youth, also, in his eyes, a vibrant pulsing fire that blazed within. But there was something more than youth in his angular face. There was a hint of age in the streaks of gray in his dark hair and in the deepening lines across his forehead. It was as though life in its ruthless way had picked him up and had thrown him headlong into maturity. Sorrow had aged him before his time, idelibly marking his kindly face, revealing itself in understanding and in a glint of steel that occasionally flashed in his eyes. He laughed often and heartily but when conversations lagged and the silences were heavy a careful observer would have noticed that his lips were set somberly, as though his heart still were crying. It was not self-pity, for Ernest had long since come to accept what life brought to him. Instead, it was a deeper thing that colored all of life, that removed the harshness from his tongue and gave him a new understanding of human suffering.

A horn blared raucously just outside and he got to his feet with a start. "Ernie, old boy, you've got to settle down," he said to himself. "That's the fourth time you've looked at your watch in the last hour and it's only nine thirty-five. You've still got an hour and twenty-five minutes."

An hour and twenty-five minutes! He buttoned his coat nervously and looked at his watch again. It hardly seemed possible that in so short a time the organ would come to life and he would march through that massive door for the greatest opportunity of his career.

He sighed deeply and moved again to the chair behind the great desk. How much—how very much had happened since he had first dreamed of sitting behind just such a desk in the study of just a church as this. There had been a time when he thought he would never attain it; when he felt doomed to small congregations for the rest of his life, to plodding in out-of-the-way places while his illustrious younger brother had soared to new heights in the denominational spotlight. It had been then that his own ambition blazed the fiercest and he had become more dissatisfied with his

lot and more determined than ever to show the world that there were two Hennings instead of one. And now he had come so close to attaining his goal that it was almost within his grasp.

If only Karen could have known the glory that had come his way. Karen! She had always believed in him. Suddenly his mind was flooded with memories.

How surprised he had been when he discovered that she preferred him to Burt, that she would rather be with him in comparative obscurity than with his brother in the center of popular acclaim. As in everything else, Burt eclipsed the field in the eyes of the weaker sex. Ernest had long since discovered that most girls at the school went with him, not for himself, but because Burt was unattainable; or—by some obscure bit of feminine reasoning—because they anticipated a better opportunity with the younger Henning by condescending to go with the older.

Ernest and Karen had met at an "open house" party the first week of college when he was a senior and she a freshman. He could see her yet standing across the gymnasium, easily erect, unmindful that she was half a head above her classmates.

It was her hair that first attracted him. The lights caught shafts of gold and played them, softly iridescent, one against the other about her head. He was too far away to see her eyes, but her complexion was clear and delicate as peach blossoms caressed by the sun and warm spring breezes.

Without saying a word he left Fred Hinton, a short jolly senior, and walked slowly toward her. He tried to keep from looking at her, but in spite of himself he found his gaze drawn irresistibly to her face. There was a certain softness about her mouth, a happy sort of mouth, that told of much laughter and few tears.

Ernest had never cared particularly about meeting new girls before. In fact, girls had seldom figured in his life. He dated when it was the accepted thing, and occasionally when a bunch of the fellows were having a steak fry or an ice-skating party and inveigled him into getting a date. But on such occasions the requirements had been few—a clean, nice-looking girl who was a good conversationalist

and did not object to being seen on the arm of a bean pole that towered two or three heads above her.

But that was before he had seen Karen. There was something about her that drew him toward her. It might have been her deep brown eyes, enhanced in depth and beauty by the soft golden yellow of her hair. There was character there, and in the pleasant smile that invited him to speak.

"I don't believe we've met, have we?" he said as he approached.

"I'm sure you would have remembered me if you'd ever seen me before." Her laugh was pleasant. "I'm something to be remembered—like the Empire State Building."

"Well now, I wouldn't say that."

"Said one skyscraper to another skyscraper."

They both laughed.

"At any rate you won't need to feel alone."

"That's right. It is nice to meet someone I can look up to. I do declare I'm sagging at the knees from trying to carry on a conversation with these campus shorties."

"Your worries are over."

"How nice."

He took her gently by the arm. "We'll start by going over to the refreshment stand and having a coke."

"My, how fast these college boys do work. Mother warned me about men like you."

"You didn't take her seriously, did you?"

"Why, shouldn't I have?"

"You look able to take care of yourself."

"Oh I am, definitely!"

The crisp night air to a nearby bench.

"Cold?"

"Cold," her voice echoed gaily. "I was brought up on zero mornings and unheated bedrooms. The air's wonderful tonight. I like just a hint of frost, don't you?"

"You're a girl after my own heart."

"That sounds like a line for all the green little freshies."

"You said you wanted to talk with someone you could look up to. What do you want to talk about?"

"The gentleman is always supposed to supply the entertainment," she said primly. "That applies to the subject of conversation as well."

"Emily Post?"

"Karen Snydergaard."

"I declare, a smartie as well as a green little freshie."

"Thank you, kind sir."

"You don't take what I say seriously, do you?"

"Why? Should I?"

He flushed uncomfortably. "Well, if I must supply the subject of conversation as well as the cokes, here goes. How do you like our little college?"

"To tell you the truth I've found it bewildering, to put it mildly. They've been scurrying us from one building

to another, introducing us to teachers and libraries and labs and regulations until I'm in a bit of a whirl. I'm almost afraid to breathe for fear I'll be breaking regulation K in section 104."

"Well, you'll get used to it. You even get so you learn the rules after you've been called in to the Dean's office three or four times."

"My, you frighten me."

"I didn't mean to. It isn't hard to live by the rules, really."

As he talked with her it seemed as though he had always known her; had chased her with toads on Sunday School picnics and dipped the tips of her golden braids in the inkwells at school. It was as though he had always been warmed by her smiling eyes and deep-throated laugh. There was no striving for an impression on the part of either, no careful selection to indicate superior taste or judgment. They talked freely, casually, and when the conversation lagged neither felt embarrassment.

He had not meant to talk with her long, but only to get acquainted so that he might ask her for a date at some future time if he so desired. But the party had long since started. Now the evening was almost over and they were still sitting on the bench.

"Do you think we ought to join them?"

"It looks to me as though they're getting along very well without us. I don't believe they've even missed us." "Just for that I think we ought to show them that we can get along very nicely without them and stay right here."

And so the conversation drifted on aimlessly. Karen talked of vacations, home and schoolmates, a scintillating hodge podge of experiences and impressions. Ernest found himself confiding in her as if she were an old, trusted friend. He told her of his past, of the humorous, embarrassing little things that dotted his life—things he had never told another. He even revealed the goal he had set for himself upon the mountain peak of the future.

"... And I've finally come to the conclusion that the Lord wants me in His Ministry," he said.

"Oh, how nice!"

"Do you really think so?" The question exploded in her face.

"Why, of course." The slightest indication of temper sparked her eyes. "Shouldn't I think it nice that a person plans to serve the Lord?"

"A lot of people say that when they actually feel sorry for the one who's going into full-time Christian service. I'm sorry, but I just couldn't resist asking."

"You're forgiven." And then seriously, "I'm truly interested, would you mind telling me how the call came? I mean, how were you sure?"

"It really doesn't sound like much when I put it into words. I don't just know when the first indication came,

but last summer I was a counsellor at a Christian boys' camp. Everything that happened seemed to have the Lord in it saying, 'I want you, Ernest Henning! You'll probably think I'm bragging when I tell you that the boys always turned to me for advice, especially for spiritual advice. Two of them woke me up one night after a stirring message by the camp speaker and asked me to show them the way to the Lord. I'll tell you, that's a wonderful feeling! That night God spoke to me for the first time in a definite unmistakable way. Before that everything had been so vague it was easy to brush aside, but not afterwards. I didn't say 'yes' right then by any means. I guess I'm as stubborn as the next one, but the Lord kept insisting until I ran out of excuses. And—and here I am taking courses that will help me to prepare for Seminary."

"I'll bet you were happy, weren't you? I mean that you decided to live in His Will for you."

"Yes I was. I certainly wasn't happy, or at peace with myself either when I was trying to get out of it." He eyed her intently. She was interested—definitely interested. "But frankly," he went on, "I've got a good many misgivings about my ever making a pastor. It's taken a lot of praying to convince me."

"You'll find a lot of happiness in the ministry too," she told him. "There's a joy in preaching the gospel that I don't believe one has in any other profession. Then there are the days when the unsaved seek you out to be led to the Lord and your Christian friends come for advice and counsel. But there are a lot of heart-aches too. You'll bear everyone's troubles and get in on all the ugliness and sordid happenings in the community. And there'll be times when you can't see any way out, when the petty bickerings and jealousies will so engulf you that you'll begin to wish you'd done anything else than gone into the ministry. And what'll probably be worse for your family, you'll be living in a little glass house right in the center of the town square." "Say, you talk like an oracle."

She smiled soberly. "I think I should. My father is a country pastor and has been for the past thirty years."

"Well now," he grinned. "That is interesting." Her warm friendly smile in return touched a responsive chord in his heart.

When refreshments were served and the party began to break up he walked with her across the campus to the dormitory.

"May I see you again?"

A brief smile winked at him through the half light on the porch.

"It's been a delightful evening," she replied, holding his hand. "I'd be disappointed if you didn't call again."

(To Be Continued)



—Eva Luoma Photo

CHAPTER ONE

THE SOUTH WIND curled her burning lips about Nebraska corn und ripening wheat and every living thing, like the biting lash of a mule skinner's whip, rolling leaves and shriveling kernels in the head. It was a dry, withering, blasting heat that whipped perspiration from the pores, leaving the skin parched, a heat that hammered relentlessly at animal and man.

The little city was nodding sleepily, reluctant to be up and doing. A horn honked and on a far street a yelping dog, marred the quiet. But neither sound nor heat penetrated to the quiet study of the great stone church off Main Street. The deep hush of a week of silence still lingered over the massive mahogany desk and the high arched windows. Through the half-open sanctuary door the pipe organ could be seen, closed and locked, and across the way the choir rows crisply correct and dignified even though the seats were empty.

The Reverend Ernest Henning walked slowly across the room to the chair behind the desk, his measured footsteps muffled by the carpeting. He stood there a moment or two as though weighing the tenseness of the hour and then unhinged his gangling frame and dropped heavily into the upholstered seat. He was a big man, sparsely built, a towering Ponderosa Pine of a man.



FROM THE FIELD

Northern Conference

Five Converts Baptized at the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan

It was indeed a time of rejoicing when on Sunday, June 17, five candidates were baptized on confession of their faith in Christ at the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Regina, Saskatchewan. One other member was accepted into the church by a transferred membership and one on the basis of personal testimony. Following the baptismal service, communion was served to the members and the hand of fellowship extended to the new members.

Throughout the past year we have had the pleasure of accepting quite a number of new members into the church by transferred memberships. We are not only growing in numbers but in grace and in the blessings of our heavenly Father. How thankful we are to God for his unending mercies and never failing guidance.

Mrs. L. Knoll, Reporter.

Welcome for Pastor by the Lauderdale Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta

In the short span of its existence the Lauderdale Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, has experienced many answers to prayer. One of them was evidenced when we welcomed our new pastor, Mr. Willy R. Muller, into our midst. "Standing room was at a price" on the afternoon of June 3 when the local church and the Central Baptist Church, together with friends from far and near, gathered for this festive occasion. A very appropriate welcome recitation by four-year-old Daphne Zielke was thoroughly enjoyed by the newly arrived pastor and all others present.

Following this the chairman, the Rev. Henry Pfeiffer of the Central Baptist Church, read letters from the Rev. E. P. Wahl on behalf of the C.T.I. and the Rev. Hugo Lueck who served the congregation since January, but who could not be present. Many greetings were brought by the different organizations of the local and Central Baptist churches. McKernan Baptist Church was represented by its student worker, Mr. Robert Hoffman.

Special musical renditions were given by the Woman's Missionary Society, an instrumental group and the local choir, and solos and duets were rendered by interested friends. After a short response by Mr. Muller the

meeting was closed and all gathered in the basement of the church for refreshments, served by the ladies of the congregation.

As church we look to God for many more and greater blessings in our united efforts to glorify our Lord and Savior in bringing the lost to Christ. S. Schubert, Clerk.

Youth and Children's Camps for the Central Saskatchewan-Alberta Tri Union Churches

Elkwater Assembly Camp is situated beside a large lake forty miles southeast of Medicine Hat, Alberta. Its first chapter of history began in 1947 with approximately twelve campers in attendance. The birth of this camp was largely due to the untiring efforts of the Rev. R. Milbrandt and the Rev. R. H. Zepik. All accommodations were in tents with the exception of one rented structure, the kitchen.

Since its inception the camp now consists of a dormitory for the boys, and one for the girls. A six-roomed dormitory for the workers was erected as recently as this Spring. Also the dining hall boasts a new wing which provides better kitchen facilities and sleeping quarters for the cooks. Services are conducted in a huge tent.

From July 9 to 15 twenty-five young people registered as campers. The small registration fee of six dollars per week included room, board and campers' insurance. From early in the morning until late at night the camp grounds hummed with activity. Fol-



Five young people who were recently baptized and received into the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., by the Rev. R. Kanwischer (center, back row).

lowing breakfast the campers were divided into three groups for morning devotions. Mr. and Mrs. Herb Faszer and the Rev. Fred W. Pahl led groups, respectively.

Three interesting class periods and a singing period concluded the morning session. The Rev. W. Reimche taught Paul's epistle to the Philipians; Rev. R. Rapske, the Life of Paul; and Dr. M. L. Leuschner further acquainted the young people with our denominational missionary advance. Singing was in charge of the Rev. Isador Faszer, camp dean.

In the afternoon God's great outdoors was enjoyed by means of various outings planned by Mr. Reimche. Hiking, boating, swimming, volley ball and baseball were enthusiastically enjoyed by camper and worker alike.

A spiritual feast awaited us each evening as Dr. Leuschner brought inspiring messages to encourage us in our Christian walk. We were most privileged to see moving pictures of the work in the British Cameroons and of Sioux Falls Seminary. We must commend Dr. Leuschner on the splendid narration he was able to give us along with the pictures so that we became acquainted with our missionaries and pastors in a real way.

Adding special interest to our camp this year was a fine group of young people from Lethbridge district. These German immigrants contributed much to the spiritual life of the camp and took part in all activities with wholeheartedness.

Last but not least, was the children's camp held from July 16 to 22. An all-time high record of forty-two lively youngsters registered. The local pastors and their wives of the Central Alberta-Saskatchewan Tri-Union took charge of the classes and services during this week.

On each week-end of these two camp sessions over two hundred people from outlying districts attended the morning and afternoon services. We rejoiced together over the salvation of young people and children.

While the workers were busy looking after our spiritual food, three women, Mrs. J. Opp, Mrs. Serr and Mrs. H. Albricht, made certain that our physical appetites were well looked after three times a day.

For the small sum of two and a half dollars a year the camp grounds are leased on a long-term basis. With voluntary labor from local churches and financial assistance from our Central Alberta-Saskatchewan Tri-Union we have come thus far, and now press forward with great plans for the future. More facilities such as electricity, running water, etc., as well as a permanent tabernacle are needed. Fred W. Pahl, Reporter.

Northern Conference Sessions at the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

The 48th sessions of the Northern Conference convened from July 4 to 8 at Winnipeg, Manitoba. Many delegates from our 35 churches and guests from near and far arrived hours ahead of time and manifested a spirit of joy and expectation. The confer-



Young people and pastors with their families at the Central Saskatchewan and Alberta Tri Union Assembly (left) held at Elkwater Lake, Alta., and (right) eight young women who had recently come from Germany as immigrants who were also at the youth camp.

ence theme was, "The New Life in Christ," based on Rev. 21:5. The opening service was under the leadership of the pastor of the host church, Rev. D. Fuchs, with the Rev. J. G. Rott of Carbon, Alberta, delivering the keynote message on the theme, "Behold, I make all things new."

The business sessions were very efficiently conducted by Rev. C. H. Seecamp, the moderator. The church letters and reports reveal that there is a noted progress in every sphere of our work. The membership of our conference has increased considerably through immigration of Baptists from Europe, and also through conversions and baptisms in many of our churches. A total of 253 baptisms were reported during the conference year.

The election of officers gave the following results: Rev. D. Fuchs, moderator; Rev. K. Korella, secretary; Rev. H. Zepik, statistical secretary; and Rev. J. Sonnenberg, youth director. Rev. H. Pfeifer and Mr. Patzia of Winnipeg are to be the representatives on the General Council. Rev. H. Pfeifer also remains as vice-moderator for another year. The Mission Committee now consists of the

brethren Wm. Sturhahn, J. B. Kornalewski, R. Kanwischer, C. H. Seecamp, and R. Milbrandt as Mission Secretary.

It was a great privilege to have two of our general workers, Dr. M. L. Leuschner and Rev. W. J. Luebeck, with us. Their ministry during the days of the conference was a time of spiritual refreshing and inspiration. The devotions and evening messages were centered on the main theme. For devotions, Rev. R. Jaster of Nokomis spoke on, "A New Name;" Rev. W. J. Luebeck on, "A New and Living Way," Rev. G. J. Thiessen of Olds, Alta., on "The New Walk of the Christian;" and Rev. Hugo Lueck on, "Der neue Bund." The evening services were evangelistic in nature and two messages were delivered every evening one English and one German. The Reverends H. Schumacher and J. Sonnenberg spoke in English and Rev. J. Wahl and W. J. Luebeck brought German messages.

Saturday night was Youth Night. A fine program was arranged by the young people's director, Rev. R. Kanwischer. A number of special songs and musical numbers were rendered, representing the different societies.

The young people of the host church gave a very effective dramatic presentation portraying how Christian Training Institute students conduct gospel services on the Indian mission field. Following this fine presentation Dr. Leuschner showed a film which was taken at our Indian mission field. We all rejoiced when we saw how 21 new Indian converts walked into the waters to be baptized. It showed us again the marvelous grace of God with these Indian people. After the service all young people gathered in the basement for refreshment and fellowship.

Sunday as usual was the climax of the conference. Dr. Leuschner brought a challenging missionary message and all our thinking and talking were centered on "missions." As a result a mission offering of \$2295.65 was realized. Special music at the evening services and on Sunday was supplied by the male and mixed choirs of the host church, and the mixed choir from Morris, Manitoba. The King's Stewards Quartet from our Seminary also appeared one day and warmed our hearts with their melodious singing. R. Kannwischer, Reporter.



A small group of the hundreds of people who attended the Sunday sessions of the Northern Conference at the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba (left), and some of the German immigrants (right) who attended their first service in the New World on that Sunday morning.

Inspirational Sessions of the Alberta Association Held at the Calgary Church

Showers of blessing were received by everyone at the Alberta Association as it met in Calgary, Alberta, from June 14 to 17. The conference theme was "The Good News" as based on Romans 10:15b. The Rev. Joe Sonnenberg of Camrose brought the opening message, "The Message Proclaimed by Jesus" (Mark 1:15).

All of the business sessions were well attended and the reports from the churches indicated victories and gains during the past year. Six new workers, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Wahl, Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Hoffmann, Rev. Henry Schumacher, Willy Muller, and one church, the Lauderdale Baptist Church, were welcomed into the association. Rev. Karl Korella reminded us of our obligations through a stirring message on, "The Commission to the Disciples" (Matt. 28:19), and Rev. John Wahl directed our attention to "The Source of Power of the Gospel" (Acts 1:9). Rev. C. H. Seecamp concluded the series with a message on "The Everlasting Gospel" (Rev. 14:6).

The elections resulted in Rev. John Wahl as president, Rev. Karl Korella as vice-president, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg as secretary, and Rev. John Rott as treasurer. Our devotional part of the program was heightened by Prof. R. P. Jeschke who led the Quiet Half Hour devotional period. Rev. H. Schumacher brought the evangelistic message at the Friday evening service, while Prof. Jeschke spoke on Saturday night.

LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE PICTURE
The large panoramic picture of the Laymen's Conference crowd at Green Lake, Wis., taken by Mr. Herman Siemund turned out exceptionally well. Orders for the same at \$1.50 each can be sent to Headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. All proceeds will be contributed by Mr. Siemund to the denominational missionary enterprise.

In order to accommodate the crowds, the Sunday School was held in the Crescent Heights High School. The morning mission message, "Sent by God," was brought by Rev. C. H. Seecamp. The afternoon and closing service, under the direction of Rev. John Wahl, brought these days of inspiration and blessing to a close. Prof. R. P. Jeschke challenged everyone with an inspirational message, "Keeping the Upper Hand on Life" (Phil. 4:12), and God's children responded by placing \$1151 on the altar for the proclamation of "The Good News." Special music was supplied by the local church choir, the Carbon Church, the mass choir under the direction of Mr. Robert Neske, and several other duets and solos.

We are thankful to the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary for its successful efforts to accommodate all of the guests and to make everyone feel right at home. Most of all, however, we want to thank our Heavenly Father for opening to us the windows of heaven and giving us the showers of blessing which quenched our thirsty souls. Willy R. Muller, Reporter.



Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Smith of Buffalo, N. Y., members of the Bethel Baptist Church, who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Eastern Conference

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Smith of Bethel Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

On June 12th it was 50 years since Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Smith of Buffalo, N. Y., were united in the bonds of matrimony. Open house was held at their floral bedecked home on Tuesday evening, June 12. Their children, relatives and many friends were present to extend their sincere words of congratulations and best wishes.

The celebration was climaxed on Wednesday evening after prayer meeting by members of the Bethel Baptist Church with a reception. Again congratulations and best wishes were spoken by all present. Ice cream and cake were served. May God richly bless them with health and strength to serve him many more years!

Betty Cappeller, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Birthday Dinner of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Durham, Kansas

On May 10th the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church in Durham, Kansas, held its annual birthday dinner in the church basement. Each table represented one of the seven Cameroons mission stations. Pictures of the various missionaries and their families miniature palm trees and thatched-roof huts were used as centerpieces for the tables.

A brief resume of the lives of the missionaries serving at the respective stations was given preceding the dinner. Approximately 150 persons attended the dinner. The missionary offering amounted to \$100.

After the meal a short program was given in the church auditorium. The Girls' Chorus sang a double number. Our pastor, the Rev. Henry Baerg, made a few remarks. The religious film entitled, "The Voice of the

Deep," was a fitting climax for the evening's entertainment. Mrs. Fred Berg, Secretary.

Many Challenging Events at the Shell Creek Baptist Church Near Columbus, Nebraska

The summer months have again shown to us the beautiful handiwork of our heavenly Father, and we of the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Neb., have also experienced rich spiritual blessings from God.

Meeting with us for the Christian Workers Conference on April 9 and 10 were the northern Kansas, the Colorado and Nebraska churches. This was the first privilege for any in our midst to attend such a gathering and it proved to be a time of inspiration. As all went back to their respective churches, we realized anew that our greatest mission is to win the lost to Christ. Beginning on April 22 we were very happy to have the Rev. Daniel Fuchs of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, with us for several services. We regret that the time was so short but through his message we were stirred to the realization of the necessity that we must give our very all so as to be useful in the vineyard of the Master. We cannot all go out on foreign soil and so it certainly was a joy to have our missionary, Miss Ruby Salzman, with us on the evening of May 6. With the Creston Church and other friends in attendance, she spoke to a great group of people and as we saw the pictures of our African brothers and sisters and the many heathen still in darkness, our hearts went out to those for we know that God loves them all.

In order to create more interest and action in our CBY, we have divided into small groups and each group, with specific assignments for the evening, takes its turn in presenting its own program for the glory of God. We paid tribute to our mothers on "her" day with the presentation of a special program.

Then came May 27, a special Red Letter day in that we had the privilege of having Dr. M. L. Leuschner with us. It was a day which had been greatly anticipated and our expectations were fulfilled as he brought the very challenging messages that went straight to our hearts. On June 14 we were favored with a program by the CTI Glory Gospel Trio of Edmonton, Alberta.

We are thankful that we could hold our first Vacation Bible School this year from June 11 to 15 under the direction of our pastor, Rev. P. T. Hunsicker, and three of our teachers. With a perfect attendance record for all 24 who were enrolled, these children gathered day by day with a real zeal in their hearts to learn more of the Lord Jesus Christ. Words cannot express our gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Hunsicker for the real inspiration and challenge they have given and been to us since being on our field, and it is our prayer that as we go forward together with the Lord we may reach still greater heights in service for our wonderful Lord and Savior.

Gertrude Lange, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Large Enrollment at Vacation Bible School Held at Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware

We of the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Del., were permitted to have another successful Vacation Bible School from June 18 to 29. The enrollment rose to 103 this year. The attendance varied a great deal, since we had an epidemic of measles in the community just when our school was held. Eleven teachers and assistants were kept quite busy instructing these boys and girls in their studies of singing, Bible studies, flannelgraph and games.

A number of people from the community helped with the transportation of the children, picking them up in the morning and taking them home again at noon. A considerable number of new scholars came, since the picture of the population changes from year to year. On Sunday evening, June 29, a special program was rendered by the various classes and a fine selection of exhibits was shown of the handwork done by the scholars. This service was well attended by the parents and numerous visitors. The superintendent of the Sunday School distributed the certificates and other awards for perfect attendance.

Christian Peters, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Alex Sootzmann by the Mowata Church

On July 1st the Mowata Baptist Church near Branch Louisiana, had the joy of welcoming its new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Alex Sootzmann, from McLaughlin, South Dakota. Mrs. Armbruster and I had the privilege of being in Mowata on that day. During the Sunday School hour a program was presented, welcoming the Sootzmans. The children presented songs and recitations fitting for the occasion in the German language. Mr. and Mrs. Sootzmann responded heartily.

During the worship service the choir rendered a selection after which the undersigned brought a message entitled, "The Characteristics of the Church in Jerusalem." The noonday meal was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lengefeld. All members of the church were present to partake of the abundant and delicious food. A time of fellowship followed.

At four o'clock we all gathered at the church again where the Sootzmans were officially welcomed by the church and all its departments. The choir rendered another fitting number after which the undersigned brought a message based on 1 Thessalonians 1. The Baptist minister of a neighboring church then welcomed the new pastor heartily. A play was presented entitled, "The New Pastor."

Frank Armbruster, Reporter.



Some of the pupils and teachers of the Vacation Bible School held by the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware.

Annual Encampment for the Southern Conference Young People at Latham Springs, Texas

With "Bearers of the Promise" as the theme, enthusiastic young people of the Southern Conference gathered at Latham Springs for the annual encampment held from June 19 to 24.

Professor Ralph E. Powell of our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was our guest speaker who brought inspiring and challenging messages from night to night and taught the "Message, Requisites, Approach, and Technique of the Soul Winner" during our daily classes. Mr. Edwin Kern and Mr. LeRoy Schauer, students from the Seminary, served us willingly throughout the camp sessions by teaching classes and leading the music.

The daily program consisted of morning watch, class and chapel periods with our pastors taking part, which included: Rev. E. J. Ruff, Henrietta; Rev. Kenneth E. Nelson, Gatesville; Rev. Roy Seibel, Waco; Rev. Arthur K. Schulz, Crawford; Rev. Harold Gieseke, Dallas; and Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, Kyle. Parts of the key verse, Psalm 126:6, were used as the texts for the chapel periods.

An added attraction to our encampment this year was the nightly devotions given over an amplifier which consisted of musical numbers, scripture, and prayer. Mr. Vanderbeck, our dean, was in charge of this service.

Mr. Herman Balka from Dallas

gave a challenging talk on "A Layman Looks at Tithing." Another added feature of this year's program was a debate on "Resolved: that the doctrine of eternal security is taught in the Scriptures." Mr. Edwin Kern and Mr. LeRoy Schauer vs. Mr. Milton Lippert and Mr. John Kittlitz, Jr., were the debaters.

Mr. Kurt Lengefeld was toastmaster at the banquet on Saturday night. We were privileged to have Miss Hilda Tobert, one of our returned missionaries, as our guest speaker, and she brought an inspiring message on the "Good Samaritan" stressing the need for everyone to become better Samaritans.

The Rev. Harold Gieseke delivered the Sunday morning message and emphasized the fact that everyone should give full time Christian service in whatever field to which we are called. Prof. Powell was the speaker for our young people's rally on Sunday afternoon, and he delivered an inspiring closing message on "The Influence of a Christian."

As a result of an offering taken Sunday afternoon, we are assured to reach our project goal of \$2150 which includes supporting five native workers in the Cameroons. The mileage banner was awarded to the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church in Dallas and the attendance banner to the Central Baptist Church of Waco. All, indeed, can say that they received many spiritual blessings during the five days at the encampment.

Doris Engelbrecht, Secretary.



Children and young people at the Southern Conference Encampment held at Latham Springs, Texas.



The Vacation Bible School pupils and teachers of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Five Day Vacation Bible School at the Cottonwood Baptist Church, Lorena, Texas

A five-day Vacation Bible School was held in the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Lorena, Texas, during the first week in June under the direction of Mrs. Ted Nehring. There were about 20 members who served as the faculty. Although several other neighboring churches had their school at the same time, we had an enrollment of 86.

All the children worked hard on the attendance. We had a poster showing part of America, and across the water, part of Africa, with a ship for each class standing in the harbor at America. The goal was to load the ship with needed supplies for the missionaries in Africa, and to send the boat across and back if possible. This was accomplished by giving points on attendance. Our missionary offering taken during the week came to around \$20.00 and was sent for Miss Margaret Kittlitz.

Mr. LeRoy W. Schauer from the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., taught the Intermediate class, and also brought the character story for each

day. The Rev. J. O. Zillen had charge of the closing services. We closed the school with a picnic on the last day. Mrs. H. D. Lynn, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Faith Church of Minneapolis, Minn., Conducts Vacation Bible School With 104 Pupils

The Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., conducted a Vacation Bible School from June 18 to 29, with 104 children registered. Emphasis was placed on Bible study with memorization of Scripture and story telling to illustrate Bible truths. Breaking down the age range to two years for each class, we found the smaller groups more attentive and easier to teach. The Bible School was staffed by our own church members who were energetic and faithful in bringing the Word of God to the children.

Beginning each daily session with devotions, a story and chorus singing, the children passed from assembly to classrooms where the teachers taught the lessons and encouraged memory

work. In the younger classes, handwork related to the lessons was handled in these classrooms. A variety of useful and worth-while handwork was also planned for the older groups, but taught in a separate class. The children were delighted with little treats during their fifteen minute recess each morning.

On Tuesday evening, June 28, the children gave their program. On Friday we closed the school with a picnic at one of the city parks, where the children played games and enjoyed the fellowship with the friends they had made in Bible School. As in other years, we are reaping new members for our Sunday School and are seeing definite results from the Vacation Bible School among our members.

Eleanor Taubensee, Ass't Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK
In Every North American Baptist Church
September 23-30, 1951

Successful Vacation Bible School Held by Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

The Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, held a very successful Vacation Bible School this year with an enrollment of 105 children and teachers. The average attendance for the two weeks was 86. This in itself speaks highly for the school. There were 13 teachers and helpers who together taught the boys and girls Bible stories, memory verses, helped them with handwork, and taught them new games. Besides this, there was a moving picture each day for added enjoyment.

The closing program of the school was held on June 21, at which time the boys and girls displayed their handwork, and presented a program which was outlined in the "Youth Compass" of January, 1951. The program featured slides with various poems, songs and Scripture verses interspersed. The little children sang choruses and played their instruments in the rhythm band. Although there wasn't too much rhythm, it was really enjoyed by the children. This is the third year that Bethel Church has had a fine independent Bible School, and considering the fact that there are twelve other Bible Schools in the city, we are quite happy for the enrollment obtained.

The following were the teachers and officers of the school: Dr. M. Vanderbeck, superintendent of the school; Mrs. Chester Speener, superintendent of the Primary departments; Mrs. Dale Oostdyk and Mrs. Rudolph Jahn, Intermediate girls; Mrs. M. Vanderbeck, Intermediate boys; Miss Gladys Jenkins, Junior boys; Mrs. Leon Humphrey, Junior girls; Mrs. Francis Guenther, Junior girls; Mrs. Elmer Gibson, Primary; Mrs. Dorothy Progar, Beginners; Miss Betty Holden, Beginners. Helpers were: Miss Lois Gibson and Miss Joyce Kohlhagen. Secretary of the school was Miss Elaine Schulze.

M. Vanderbeck, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School and Missionary Service at First Baptist Church, George, Iowa

It was a joy to open the Vacation Bible School in the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, on June 4th with sixty boys and girls, ranging in age from five to seventeen years, in regular attendance. Our pastor, the Rev. John Reimer, was in charge, ably assisted in the teaching by Miss Grace Krull and Mrs. Reimer. The Intermediates and Seniors particularly enjoyed the Bible centered lessons while all enjoyed the choruses, missionary stories and object lessons. A successful demonstration program on Friday evening, June 8th, brought the school to a close.

On the evening of July 1st a full house gathered to hear the farewell message of our missionary, Miss Janet Schneidermann, who sailed for Africa on July 15 for her second term. The missionary spirit of the church was raised to new heights by her soul stirring message. The church presented her with a farewell gift and then gathered in the church parlors for a time of fellowship and refreshment.

Mrs. John Reimer, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Thirty-two Children at Vacation Bible School Held at Medina, North Dakota

A Vacation Bible School was held in the Baptist church of Medina, N. Dak., for two weeks recently. Mr. Laurence Prast, a student from our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was the director of the Bible School. Our classes were divided into the Beginners, taught by Lillian Graf and Rev. Kenneth Koth; Primary department, taught by Mrs. Laurence Prast; and the Junior and Intermediate classes, which were combined, taught by Mr. Laurence Prast. Thirty-two children were enrolled in our school.

A demonstration program was given at the close of the school. Each class recited the memory verses they had learned. The children sang choruses, and flannelgraph stories were told. The handwork which the children had made throughout the two weeks was on display in the church basement. An offering was received at the close of the program, amounting to \$34.65, which will be sent to our headquarters in Forest Park, Illinois.

Mrs. Wilbert Staiger, Reporter.

Six Converts Baptized and Many Blessings Experienced at Avon, South Dakota

The First Baptist Church of Avon, S. Dak., is happy to report that on Sunday, May 27, six persons were baptized and on the following Sunday were welcomed into the fellowship of the church. Along with these, there were three who reunited with the church. We are rejoicing as we see the Lord working in our midst.

On Sunday evening, March 11, the church held a reception for our new pastor, the Rev. James De Loach, his wife and two boys. The straightfor-

Boys and girls and teachers at the Vacation Bible School held by the Baptist Church of Medina, North Dakota.



ward preaching of the Word of God by our pastor has been a great blessing to us. The attendance at the Sunday services has been very encouraging. At some of the services the ushers have found it necessary to place chairs in the aisles to accommodate the large crowd.

Since January 1, 1951, the Sunday School has increased its enrollment with 23 new members. The Junior and Senior CBY meetings are improving with increased attendance. This year fifteen of our members attended Camp Lakodia at Madison, South Dakota. Our mid-week prayer and Bible study meetings have showed the greatest improvement in attendance. Our average attendance has grown to about 100. We believe that a church with well attended prayer meetings will grow and be blessed of the Lord.

We enjoyed having the Rev. Gilbert Schneider, missionary to the Cameroons, with us recently. Our Sunday School has been helping to support him and his wife on the mission field. We praise our Lord for his many blessings and pray that our church may move forward for him.

Elden Voigt, Reporter.

Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Brenner Honored at Farewell by the Wessington Springs Church

The Rev. O. W. Brenner and family were honored guests on Sunday, July 15, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, South Dakota. Mr. Brenner, who had served this church for six years, is retiring from the active ministry but will continue to serve in church work. He preached his farewell sermon on July 15 in the morning to a full church. There was special music by the choir.

The Sunday School was host to over 100 people at the Chester Liedtke Grove. A social afternoon was spent with races for the children and a ballgame for the young men. Guest from farthest away was Miss Irene Anning of London, England, visiting her sister, Mrs. Chester Liedtke.

Mr. Carl Liedtke had charge of the evening service. Music was by the Winters, Tiede and Hins double quartet which sang a German number and "My God and I." These songs were favorites of Leo Hins, deceased, a former member of the quartet. They were sung by special request. The Rev. W. Stein of Tyndall brought an inspiring message on the text, "And Enoch walked with God and he was not for God took him." He told of how Brother Brenner had walked with God and of the fine work done by him.

Presentations were made by the president of the Woman's Missionary Society, the young people's president and the Sunday School superintendent. Music was also given by the young people's choir of 20 voices, the Junior choir and the "Little Folks Chorus." A social evening followed the service. The church was beautifully decorated with garden flowers. The offering for the Brenners was \$175.

The Brenners were happy to have their family with them. Judge Gordon K. from Carlstad, N. J., and Carl F., who is a Lieutenant Colonel in the army, were present as well as Helen (Mrs. Raymond Sudenga), with her husband and daughter, Ruth Ann, of George, Iowa. It was a happy occasion that will be long remembered by the Brenners and the people of the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Myrna Cotton, Reporter.



The 86 children in addition to the teachers at the Vacation Bible School conducted by the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Children and teachers of the Vacation Bible School held by the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, with the Rev. John Reimer at the left and Mrs. Reimer at the right.



Sixth Annual Badlands Area Young People's Assembly at New Leipzig, North Dakota

The 6th annual Badlands Area young people's assembly met at New Leipzig, N. Dak., from 25 to 29. Prof. R. P. Jeschke of our Seminary taught two courses to the older young people while the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf taught two courses to the Juniors. Both teachers did an outstanding job of teaching our young people, at the same time inspiring them to dedicate their lives more fully to their Lord.

The average attendance of the assembly was about 70. The evening services were usually attended by capacity audiences in the newly remodeled New Leipzig church.

The new officers of the assembly are: president, Leo. Friez; vice-president, Alvin Auch; secretary, Mabel Kallis; treasurer, Anita Beutler; dean, Rev. N. Miller; dean of women, Doreen Schneider; dean of men, Rev. E. A. Gerlitz. During the days of the assembly, several young people dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service, while many more were saved and still others deepened in their spiritual lives.

E. A. Gerlitz, Reporter.

Young People's Sessions of the Dakota Conference Convening at Aberdeen, South Dakota

The Dakota Conference Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union met for its annual meeting on June 23 and 24 at Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Officers elected into office for the ensuing year are: president, Miss Helen Lohse, McIntosh, S. Dak.; vice-president, Mr. Bill Kepl; second vice-president, Miss Sena Plucker, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; secretary, Miss Hulda Dockter, Venturia, N. Dak.; treasurer, Mr. Floyd Bertsch, Ashley, N. Dak.; music director, Mrs. Adam Huber, Linton, N. Dak.; Cameroons Crusade chairman, Rev. R. F. Dickau; evangelism chairman, Rev. Adolph Braun, Emery, S. Dak.; Leadership Training chairman, Rev. Walter Sukut, Westington Springs, S. Dak.; Council chairman, Rev. Fred Knalson, Underwood, N. Dak. The name "Cameroons Crusade" was adopted in place of Bender Memorial Trek. The goal for the "Cameroons Crusade" was set at \$10,000.

The Saturday evening program was sponsored by the young people and Sunday School workers under the leadership of our president, Miss Helen Lohse. An impressive installation service was held for the new officers by Dr. George Lang of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. One selection was rendered by the youth choir, "Wonderful Grace of Jesus," under the direction of Mr. Vernon Alf. Colored slides which were very interesting, inspiring and beautiful were shown by our missionary, Rev. Edwin Michelson. Following the evening service a wonderful "get-together" was led by the Rev. Walter Sukut.

The young people and Sunday School workers were in charge of the Sunday afternoon program, with our

president, Miss Lohse, presiding. Solos, duets and trios were rendered. Dr. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., gave a very inspirational message.

Hulda Dockter, Secretary.

Ordination of the Rev. Reuben C. Stading at Wishek, North Dakota

On Sunday morning, May 20, a council met with the Baptist Church of Wishek, N. Dak., to counsel together as to the advisability of ordaining Mr. Reuben C. Stading to the Gospel ministry. Brother Stading, entering our Seminary from our Wishek church and upon its recommendation, successfully completed his Seminary work in May, 1951.

The delegates of seven of our churches were represented on the convening council. Under the direction of the Rev. Raymond Dickau as chairman, the council proceeded to examine Mr. Stading, who gave his testimony as to his conversion, call into the Gospel ministry and his doctrinal views. Brother Stading's statements were well received and accepted, and was then unanimously recommended to our sister church for ordination.

The ordinator service was held in the beautiful new edifice of the Wishek Baptist Church, where a large congregation was assembled to be present at the blessed service. The Rev. R. Dickau preached the ordination sermon using as his text, 2 Tim. 4:5. The Rev. J. J. Renz gave the charge to the church. The Rev. J. C. Kraenzler gave the charge to the candidate. The Rev. E. J. Faul offered the ordination prayer and the Rev. Adam Huber extended the hand of fellowship to Mr. Stading. The beautiful songs of the Wishek singers deepened the impressive ordination service, and the Rev. Reuben C. Stading closed the blessed service with prayer and benediction.

Theodore Frey, Clerk.

Ordination of the Rev. Bernard Fritzke by the Baptist Church, McLaughlin, South Dakota

An ordination council convened on July 27 at the Baptist Church of McLaughlin, S. Dak., which recommended the ordination of its new pastor, Mr. Bernard Fritzke. Mr. J. J. Schweigert of the local church opened the service by leading in a hymn and offering prayer. Officers elected were: Dr. E. F. Gerlitz, moderator; and Rev. E. A. Gerlitz, secretary. The following churches were represented on the council by their pastors and one layman: Hettinger, McIntosh, Mobridge and Selfridge Baptist churches.

Brother Fritzke was presented to the council by Mr. Andrew Bertsch. He then proceeded to give an account of his Christian experience, call to the ministry and views of Christian doctrine. After numerous difficult questions had been asked, which were very satisfactorily answered, the council withdrew. After due deliberation the council voted unanimously to recommend the ordination of the candidate. The council was well pleased with the

testimony of Brother Fritzke, with the completeness and compactness of his paper, with his wholesome attitude and especially with his knowledge and use of the Scriptures.

The ordination service was held that same evening. Dr. Gerlitz gave the ordination address. The Rev. Norman Miller gave the charge to the church. The Rev. E. A. Gerlitz gave the charge to the candidate and Mr. Miller also extended the hand of ministerial fellowship to the candidate. We pray God's blessing on our fine young brother as he begins his labor for the Lord.

Ervin A. Gerlitz, Clerk.

Ordination of the Rev. Jacob Ehman by the Ebenezer Church, Lehr, North Dakota

Upon the invitation of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr, N. Dak., a delegation of 25 members from ten Baptist churches gathered with a host of friends on Sunday afternoon, June 10, for the purpose of setting apart their spiritual son, Mr. Jacob Ehman, for the Christian ministry. The meeting was opened by the Rev. H. Walteireit, former pastor, with devotionals, after which he read the resolution of the church requesting the ordination of Mr. Ehman. The council then organized with Rev. H. Walteireit as chairman and Rev. J. C. Kraenzler as clerk of the council.

The candidate was introduced and gave his testimony relative to his conversion, his call into the Gospel ministry, and his doctrinal viewpoint. This was done with joy and inner conviction as he confirmed his statements with the Scriptures in a very satisfactory manner. After a period of questioning and deliberation, the council withdrew for a short conference. Since the candidate had given his testimony convincingly, clearly and constructively, the council recommended to the church to proceed with the ordination.

In the evening the ordination service took place with Rev. H. Walteireit in charge. Because the local church could not seat the large crowd of people, this service was held in the Legion Hall. Rev. R. Dickau read from God's Word and led in prayer. A mixed quartet consisting of Miss Ella and Miss Delores Ehman, sisters of the candidate, and R. Weisenburger, brother-in-law, and Uncle Theodore Kranzler, and a vocal solo by Henry Kranzler, another uncle, beautified the service with appropriate music. Rev. E. Broeckel brought the sermon based on 2 Tim. 4:2. The Rev. J. C. Kraenzler offered the ordination prayer with the laying on of hands by the various ministers. Rev. Theo. Frey gave the charge to the candidate, Rev. J. J. Renz the charge to the church and Rev. R. Klein extended him the hand of fellowship into the ranks of ministers. The Rev. Jacob Ehman closed this blessed and very impressive service with the benediction.

Brother Ehman is a graduate of the 1951 class of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and is now serving the Baptist Church in Bessie, Oklahoma.

J. C. Kraenzler, Reporter.

Obituary

(A charge of five cents a line is made for all obituaries, except for those of our pastors and their wives. If possible, limit the obituary notices to 250 words. Send them to the Editor, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.)

MRS. AUGUSTE PUST of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mrs. Auguste Pust of Minneapolis, Minn., was born on February 22, 1861 in Zehrten, Germany, and passed away on July 2, 1951. When she was eleven years of age she was saved and baptized. She became a member of the Reetz Baptist Church in Germany. She grew to womanhood in the old country where she married Carl Pust. In 1893 the family came to America and established their home at Hutchinson, Minnesota. In 1913 they moved to Lambert, Mont., where Mr. Pust passed away in 1931. Mrs. Pust since then had lived with her son, Max, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Eight children were born to this union, three of whom preceded the mother in death. She is survived by five sons: John, Otto, Arthur, Max and Rev. George Pust who for many years had served our denomination in the ministry. May the Lord comfort the sorrowing sons with the hope of a reunion in heaven!

Faith Baptist Church,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

LEWIS B. BERNDT, Pastor.

MRS. FRED EISENBEIS of Ashley, North Dakota.

Mrs. Fred Eisenbeis, nee Meidinger, of Ashley, North Dakota, was born on Dec. 6, 1889 at Fredonia, N. Dak., where she grew to young womanhood. In 1916 she found her Lord and Savior and was baptized the following year by the Rev. H. Bens.

On July 1, 1926 she was united in marriage to Mr. Fred Eisenbeis. Mrs. Eisenbeis was blessed with five children, one of whom, Edgar, preceded his mother in death in the year 1939. Those who remain to mourn her departure are her husband; three daughters: Mrs. Ruth Lukavsky of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Agnes Thurn of Ashley, N. Dak.; Mrs. Norma Sperling of Lehr, N. Dak.; and one son, Charles, who at present is serving in the U.S. Air Force; five grandchildren; one brother, Adam Meidinger; two sisters: Mrs. Katherine Herr and Mrs. Christiana Rutschke; two half-sisters: Mrs. Rose Pudwill and Mrs. Pauline Schmidt; one half-brother, Mr. William Meidinger, and a host of friends.

Mrs. Eisenbeis was a faithful member of the Ashley Baptist Church and of the Missionary Society. Her departure will leave a vacancy. Early this spring, she underwent an operation and seemingly was recovering. When her condition suddenly became aggravated, she returned to the Bismarck Hospital, where she passed away on July 2. She reached the age of 61 years, 6 months and 26 days.

Ashley, North Dakota

J. J. RENZ, Pastor.

MRS. ELLEANOR KUEHL of Killaloe, Ontario.

An active Christian life was brought to a close on June 14, 1951, with the passing of Mrs. Elleanor Kuehl, nee Zummach, of Killaloe, Ontario. Her life was fused with sorrow, joy and devotion to her family and church. Even during her illness she still tried to take her place in the church choir. She now rests from her earthly toils: safe in the arms of Jesus.

She was born in the township of Hagarthy, Ontario, on October 4, 1884. On November 3, 1895 she was baptized upon the confession of her faith in Jesus Christ, and received the hand of fellowship into the First Baptist Church of Killaloe, where she remained as a life member. She was united in holy wedlock to Mr. J. W. Kuehl on April 20, 1905. Their marriage was blessed by 16 children.

She leaves to mourn her husband; six daughters: Elma, Mrs. Alex Schleen; Helen,

MRS. ELIZABETH KEPL of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kepl, nee Hlavaty, of Bethlehem, Pa., was born in Austria-Hungary on August 6, 1862, and died in Gladwin, Mich., on June 25, 1951. She thus attained the age of 88 years, 10 months and 19 days. After coming to this country she was converted through the ministry of the German Baptist Church in Bethlehem, Pa., and was baptized in 1919 by Rev. Herman Kaaz. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church until her death, and was active in the church and the Woman's Missionary Society until she left Bethlehem in 1947.

Her husband, Wenzel, preceded her in death 13 years ago. She was beloved by everyone who knew her and always evidenced a steadfast faith in Christ and his will for her life. She leaves a large family to remember her: three sons: Rev. John Kepl, Martin, N. Dak.; Frank, Bethlehem, Pa.; Wendell, Philadelphia, Pa.; three daughters, Barbara, wife of Rev. Victor Prendering, Gladwin, Mich.; Mrs. Amelia Koenig, Europe; Mrs. Josephine Kluge, Bethlehem, Pa.; 24 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

She was the oldest living member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, so it was fitting that the present pastor, and an early pastor, Rev. William Appel, now of Jersey City, N. J., should conduct the funeral services in Bethlehem on June 28. Interment was in the Nisky Hill Cemetery of Bethlehem. We may well covet to "walk with God" as she did, as was emphasized in the funeral message.

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

ROBERT W. COOK, Pastor.

MRS. PEARL RUTH REIMCHE of Antioch, California.

Mrs. Pearl Ruth Reimche, wife of Reuben Reimche of Antioch, Calif., and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Delk of Harvey, N. Dak., was born on August 9, 1912. On November 20, 1932 she was united in marriage to Reuben Reimche, her beloved and now bereaved husband. She came to California in 1934 and lived in Lodi until 1938. At this time they moved to Antioch where her husband engaged in the grocery business.

Our departed sister accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior when she was 14 years old and was baptized on the profession of her faith by the Rev. Christ Reimche and united with the Mennonite Brethren Church of Harvey, N. Dak. She was very active in church work so long as her health permitted it. She served as Sunday School teacher and pianist and worked with the young people of the church. She was a sincere Christian who loved the house of the Lord and the sincere preaching of the Word of God.

She was one of God's servants who was chosen to fulfill a ministry of suffering to his glory. Though she endured much through physical infirmities, yet was she always strong in the spirit and endured with much patience and grace. Through her prolonged illness every means of medical service was employed, and many Christians prayed for her recovery, but God's ways are higher than our ways. So she was called to her eternal reward in the presence of Jesus Christ on July 7, 1951 at the age of 38 years, 10 months and 28 days. She departed in the peace of God. Her last hymn which she played on the piano on the evening of her homegoing was "Waiting on Jesus."

She is survived by her husband, Reuben Reimche of Antioch; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Delk of Harvey, N. Dak.; six sisters: Mr. Ella Harrison, Oakland, Calif.; Mrs. Mabel Schaffer, Fessenden, N. Dak.; Mrs. Violet Huber, Linton, N. Dak., wife of Rev. A. Huber; Mrs. Gladys Putz, Harvey, N. Dak.; Mrs. LeVern Fleming, Napa, Calif.; Mrs. Dolly Reimche, Harvey, N. Dak.; two brothers: Emil Delk of Lodi and Elmer of San Francisco, California. She was the granddaughter of Mrs. Catharine Rund of Accampo, Calif. She was the daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Hauff of Lodi, the sister-in-law of Wilbert Reimche, of Edwin and Roy Reimche, both of Harvey, N. Dak., and Herbert Hauff of Drake, N. Dak. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saint."

First Baptist Church,
Lodi, California

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.

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Observance for a Sunday in September or October 1951.

Mrs. Andrew Hartwig; Maureen, Mrs. Paul Weber; all of Killaloe; Dolores, Mrs. John Brant, Fonthill, Ontario; Marguerite, Mrs. Rinold Hartwig, Killaloe; Hazel, Mrs. Clayton M. Martz, Kitchener; and eight sons: Frederick, John, James, Percy, Aaron, of Kitchener; Arthur of Killaloe; Delbert of Kitchener; Howard of Killaloe; Wilbert of Kitchener. A set of twins predeceased her in their infancy. There are 44 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; four sisters and three brothers are still alive.

Her pastor spoke on "Earthly Sorrow and Heavenly Joy." The text was taken from Romans 8:18. May the Lord continue to strengthen and keep her loved ones that they too may be counted as "true servants of God."

Calvary Baptist Church,
Killaloe, Ontario, Canada

CARL R. WEISSER, Pastor.

MR. JOHN SCHELL of Underwood, North Dakota.

Mr. John Schell of Underwood, N. Dak., was born in Russia on August 27, 1881 and went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday morning, June 20, at his home in Underwood. He reached the age of 69 years, 9 months and 24 days. Mr. Schell had been in poor health for some time, having suffered from a heart ailment. He was hospitalized for five days previous to his death and had returned to his home on the night before his death, feeling comparatively well. Thus his death was quite sudden, as he had wished it.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schell and came to the United States in 1901 to settle first at Eureka, S. Dak., and later in 1908 in the Underwood community where Mr. Schell operated a farm until his retirement in 1943. He and his family then moved to Underwood to spend the remaining years of their lives. Previous to his coming to Underwood, he was united in marriage with Alvina Stobner with whom he shared the joys and sorrows of his life for 46 years. During the days when Mr. Schell had his health, he was known to be a hard worker and good farmer. He served his own community as a member of the township board for some time. He loved fellowship and was noted for his desire to learn new truths. He continued a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Underwood until his death.

He leaves to mourn his death, his wife, and eight children, including one son and seven daughters. They are: Don Schell, Turtle Lake; Mrs. Guy Roe and Mrs. Hjalmer Swanson of Washburn; Mrs. Ted Stengel of Idaho; Mrs. Ralph Jam and Mrs. Spencer Overholzer of Maryland; Mrs. Stella Presuhn of Underwood; and Joan at home. He also leaves 22 grandchildren. One daughter preceded him in death. He also leaves to mourn his death a great host of friends in this country and in Europe, having made a trip to visit there sometime before his death. The undersigned spoke words of comfort from Phil. 1:21 at the funeral service held at the Baptist Church in Underwood. He was laid to rest in the Underwood cemetery.

First Baptist Church,
Underwood, North Dakota

FRED J. KNALSON, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK

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parents and scholars. All teachers will visit in the homes of as many of their scholars as possible. Visitation should be primarily on delinquent members and new prospects.

Wednesday, September 26. Why not try this for your prayer meeting night?—The Sunday School at prayer. Encourage the entire Sunday School: teachers, officers and pupils, to attend the prayer service. All Sunday School classes will sit in groups. The prayer meeting will be led by the pastor. The last fifteen minutes all classes will meet in the regularly scheduled Sunday School rooms. All classes will spend the rest of the meeting time in prayer.

Thursday, September 27, the teachers and officers always ought to be alert in their work. Take time out to search your own hearts. Study objectively the materials you take for granted. The pastor will have charge of this meeting with all officers and teachers of the Sunday School present. Have each teacher make a study and present the materials which he uses in his class. Present an evaluation of the materials and give suggestions for future use. This will give your teachers and officers an excellent bird's-eye view of what each department and class is doing in the Sunday School.

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Friday, September 28, will initiate a new phase for your Sunday School—a Parent-teachers' Night. The Sunday School officers will be in charge of this evening's program. After a general session, have all parents go to the departments with the teachers for a time of discussion and planning. All teachers will discuss the materials

with the parents of the children they teach. Stress the importance of the need of close cooperation between the parent and the teacher. Encourage the parents to guide their children in the home, not only in Bible study but particularly in relation to the Sunday School emphasis. The teacher will present to the parents an overall picture of what they hope to accomplish through what is being taught. A discussion should follow.

Sunday, September 30, make the most of Rally and Promotion Day. The children love activity. The programs for this day will be left to the local church to make the plans.

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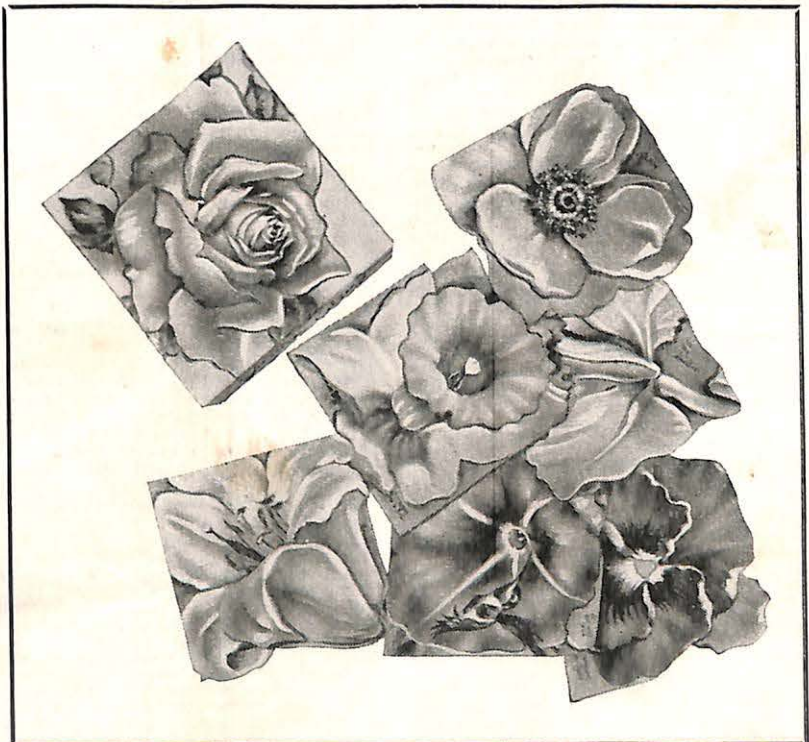
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