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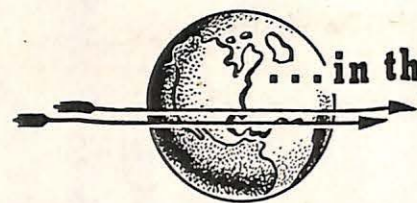
Bringing Home the Christmas Tree in the Vermont Hills

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The True Light of Christmas

Rev. Herbert Schauer

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...in the course of human events

● On September 28, 1951, an Indonesian Bible Society was organized. Since the war more than 600,000 Bibles and Bible portions have been distributed by the cooperating Bible societies working in Indonesia. Of these 450,000 have been shipped from Holland to the islands since January 1, 1950.—The Christian Century.

● Renewed efforts are being made in Britain to combat Communist "Sunday Schools," masquerading under any name from Socialist Christian to Progressive Protestantism. Such schools, designed to indoctrinate young children with communism, are being started all over the country. Communist party members reportedly are the teachers. More than 160 of these schools have been closed by local authorities in recent years.—Moody Monthly.

● Three hundred civilian clergymen—Protestant, Catholic and Jewish—are needed to volunteer for appointment as chaplains in the volunteer reserves. The volunteers are needed to replace reservist chaplains now on duty who will soon complete their tour of service. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, actively engaged in the civilian ministry, endorsed by their denominations, and educationally and physically qualified. Detailed information may be obtained from the Chief of Chaplains, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C.—Moody Monthly.

● In 1945 the Rev. Horst Symanowsky established a center in Mainz-Kastel, Germany, in which more than 1600 lay workers have received training for service in Berlin and the Eastern Zone of Germany. These lay evangelists go into industrial areas in pairs. They seek there employment in the factories and mines and through daily association win the confidence of the people. They do not hold formal services but rather take advantage of the opportunities of personal contact to win men as individuals. In addition, they offer religious education to children.—The Protestant World.

● In a royal message to the World Evangelical Alliance Exhibition, Queen Elizabeth of England wrote: "That cherished inheritance which we call the British way of life has its source and inspiration in the great ideals of Christianity. It is fitting, indeed, that we should take this opportunity of

showing how the life of our nation has long been influenced by our faith and molded by the Bible. I can truly say that the King and I long to see the Bible back where it ought to be, as a guide and comfort in the homes and lives of our people. From our own experience, we know what the Bible can mean for personal life . . ."

● On Sunday morning, July 1, 1951, "Father" Flores preached during two masses at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Brentwood, Long Island, New York. The essence of his messages was the futility of priestly works and rites and the all-sufficiency of the sacrifice offered "once for all" on Calvary's cross. He told his parishioners that simple faith in the Christ who died on the cross was the only requirement for salvation. The reading of his own Bible had thoroughly convinced him of this. He had to leave the priesthood, of course, and is now attending a Protestant seminary preparing to teach the Word of God in its purity.—Prophecy Monthly.

● Moving pictures are not the "exclusive property of Satan." They fall into five clear-cut classifications: (1) commercial moving pictures produced for exhibition in moving picture theaters; (2) moving pictures dealing with religious subjects but employing human actors and actresses, who may or may not be Christians; (3) commercial moving pictures prepared by industry or by the government and used primarily for training purposes; (4) moving pictures prepared by Christian organizations or mission boards, and employing no human actors, but presenting fundamental Christian and Biblical truths, or actual scenes of their work; (5) moving pictures of scenery, or perhaps people who are in no way acting, which pictures are taken by amateurs and purely as a record of vacation trips, children, and loved ones around the home, and the like. It seems that it is quite possible for Christians to discriminate against the first two groups and to have nothing to do with them because of their evil associations, and yet to find nothing harmful in the other groups because they are neither prepared by evil persons nor designed for evil purposes.—The Sunday School Times.

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Editorial

The Kingdom Without End!

CHRISTMAS draws aside the curtains upon the glory of Christ's Kingdom. At this season of the year we are again reminded of the fact that Christ ushered in this Kingdom and that only those who are citizens of this Kingdom can truly know the joys of this festival. "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; and of his kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:32-33).

Christmas is the festival of Christ's Kingdom that can best be described by the word, "spaciousness"—"without end." It belongs to all races and to all peoples, for God so loved the entire world. With the Christmas message of the coming of the Christ-child and the bringing of good tidings of great joy to all peoples, it encircles the globe. The magnitude of Christ's Kingdom, both in the hearts of the people and across the miles, defies human description or analysis. Christmas is the story of God's light of love and revelation shining into hearts throughout the world until the spaciousness of his Kingdom amazes one.

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more."

The spirit of this Kingdom is like the Christmas festival. It can also best be described by the words, "without end." For the coming of Christ into the world is the "unspeakable gift" of God's love. "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Such a kingdom of love is without end. That is the spirit or the essence of love. "Love beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never fails" (1 Cor. 13:7-8). It is the spirit of the other wise man, in the story of Henry van Dyke, who spent his entire life in seeking the Christ and in serving others. His search ended successfully because he loved much and his heart was opened to the Spirit of the living Christ!

The splendor of the Kingdom is seen in Christ Jesus. Its brilliance is dazzling to the eye. Its wonders are marvelous to behold. One can only look in faith and be transformed within by the glowing reflection of that spiritual revelation of God in Christ Jesus, reconciling the world to himself. You can see the splendor of this Kingdom without end in these words of Isaih 9:6—"For unto us a child is born . . . and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end."

Oh, for eyes to see the full glory of this Kingdom of Christ! Christmas shows how it was ushered in. Christmas shows forth its wonders across the earth, revealing its spaciousness in God's revelation to all people, its spirit in the unspeakable gift of God's love, its splendor in the only begotten Son of the heavenly Father. "Of his Kingdom there shall be no end." Amidst all the tinsel of this season of the year, that is the real glory of Christmas!

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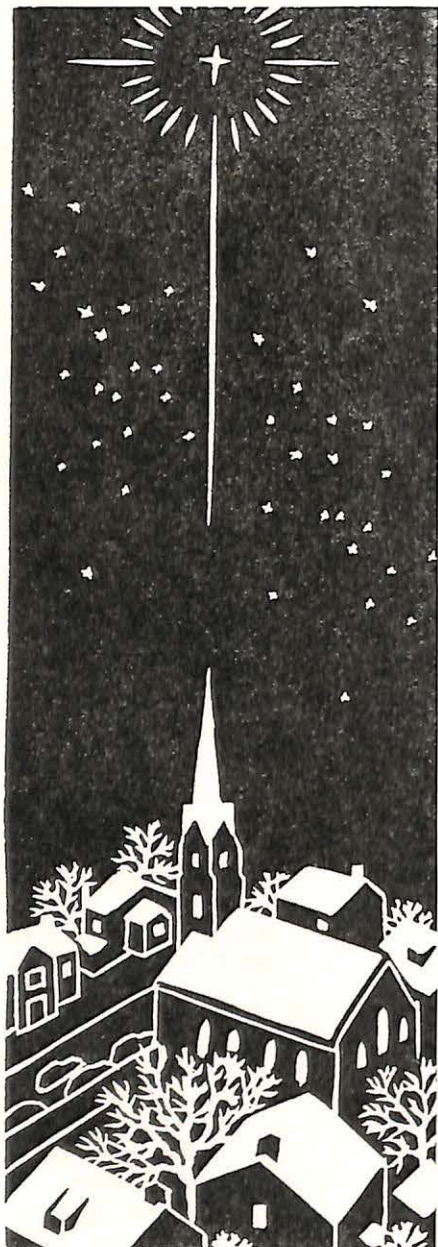
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"O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by!"

"That was the true Light, which
lighteth every man that cometh into
the world" (JOHN 1:9).

AT THE APPEARANCE of John the Baptist, many felt he was the promised Messiah. In the Gospel of John we read, "He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." During every Christmas season, because of the failure of people to grasp the true significance of Christmas, conscientious Christians are grieved at the many glaring false lights. Many times each of us needs to reaffirm and re-emphasize what is the true Light of Christmas.

To many people this season is a time for decorations. Hollies and

The True Light of Christmas

Jesus Christ lights up the path that leads to God. That is the abiding significance of Christmas!

By the REV. HERBERT SCHAUER, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Kansas

wreaths are placed in the windows. Some have beautiful winter scenes on their front porches and many times one does see a portion of the Christmas story displayed. Every village, town and city will have its main street decorated with many colored lights and ornaments. All this helps people to get that "Christmas Spirit" about which we so often speak. However, if our vision of Christmas ends at this point, we will not get even a glimpse of the true Light.

AS SEEN BY THE WORLD

The business world becomes especially "merry" every time the Yuletide season rolls around. No effort or expense is spared in advertising and preparing attractive window displays, as every business place seeks to gain as much of the consumer's "spending spree" as possible. Some people spend their entire year's savings during this period. Of all false Christmas lights, the commercialization of Christmas is the most blasphemous.

To thousands this season will signify a period of accelerated social life. It will be a time of wild parties and "riotous living." I shall never forget the conversation which I overheard while riding on a bus on a day after Christmas. Two men were discussing the late hour they had arrived home the night before and how little they remembered of that night because of their inebriated condition. Apparently the true Christmas Light had not cast the faintest flicker into the darkness of their lives. Countless people in this season will be worshipping only the "social light."

To practically all Americans it is a season of giving. When this is done in the right spirit, it symbolizes the Father's gift to the world. Quite often,

A joyous, blessed Christmas and a happy New Year to every "Baptist Herald" reader from the business manager, editors and personnel of the Roger Williams Press!

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

however, the matter of giving and receiving gifts has become a type of "business deal." "I give because I expect to receive something of about equal value." One lady gave her sister-in-law a toaster because she expected to receive a waffle-iron. All the time she hoped her sister-in-law would be satisfied with the toaster or she would never hear the end of it. There can be no blessing in such an ungracious way of giving.

Christ commands us to invite those to our feasts who are unable to repay the invitation. If we want a real blessing and give as the Father gave, let us give to someone who is too poor to return the act.

AS SEEN BY THE PROPHETS

The prophets had a vision of a brighter day. They foretold the coming of the true Light. The clearest vision of that future Light is given in the book of Isaiah. Chapter nine, verse six describes the King who is to come. He shall be called "Wonderful, Counsellor, — — — Prince of Peace."

When the prophet speaks of a "Counsellor" and One on whom the government shall rest, he is thinking of a wise and just King who is to rule over Israel and over the world—"Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end." The Hebrew conception of this Kingdom has always been that it would be an earthly Kingdom. Some day Christ shall literally reign as "King of kings" and "Lord of lords." We are hopefully awaiting that day, but our primary concern should be whether Christ is the King of our lives today! If we truly make him King of our hearts during this Christmas period, it will be the happiest Christmas which we ever had.

The prophet sees in this light also a vision of the "Prince of peace." The Light has been in the world for many years and we still have "wars and rumors of wars." Shortly after Pearl Harbor, R. Clapper, a famous news commentator boldly suggested that the government declare a moratorium on Christmas. Christmas was only a folly, now that the whole world was in conflict. Others have felt that the Church of Christ has failed because

God Appeared to Men

A Brief Christmas Message

by the REV. WILLIAM JESCHKE, Pastor of the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

THIS IS the great Christmas message: "God was manifest in the flesh . . . God was in Christ." The Creator had come to men in special visitation! Jesus later affirmed: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

The visitation is the more awesome when we will dare to view something of the unfathomable humiliation that took place! There is sublime and indefinable mystery in our Lord's prayer: "Father, glorify thou me with thine own self WITH THE GLORY WHICH I HAD WITH THEE BEFORE THE WORLD WAS!" This, an exalted estate, where cherubim and seraphim continually do cry, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts."

But a wonder more glorious than even this ineffable glory is the laying of the glory: "Existing in the form of God, (he) counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men . . . he humbled

himself . . ." "Though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

TO SAVE SINNERS

Why this unbelievable visitation of God in human form? Hear it from his own lips: "The Son of Man IS COME—TO SEEK and TO SAVE that which was lost." No one can doubt that mankind was lost to God that such a mission became necessary, to seek it; nor that it isn't in danger of an eternal perishing, that God intervened so decisively to save it!

Again, "Christ Jesus CAME INTO THE WORLD—TO SAVE SINNERS." And if it became necessary for the King of glory to lay his glory aside that "the iniquity of us all" should be laid upon him, then are we sinners indeed! "He was manifested to take away our sins; (for) in him is no sin." Should we say that we have no sin, we make God a liar, verily, a murderer! God establishes the fact of our sinfulness in "that he gave his only

begotten Son" specifically to be "the propitiation (sacrifice, to atone) for our sins."

The supreme and sufficient sacrifice was made, that man's uncleanness might be removed in the presence of God's holiness—that he might be accepted into God's eternal company. Let no man flout this redemptive heart-break of God by thinking to be saved from eternal hell some other way save through Christ's blood, shed for the remission of sin. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby WE MUST BE SAVED."

"If no man should say—'Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find'—God says it!" as James Denney has expressed it. Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many! God pronounces it sufficient, and declares with finality: "He that believeth . . . shall be saved; He that believeth not shall be damned."

wars have not ceased. Such have failed to see the true purpose of the coming of Christ. The true Light "lighteth every man" who is willing to behold it.

Christ never promised peace between the nations or even between individuals. Many a family has been torn asunder when Christ has entered the heart of a member of that family. He came as the "Prince of peace" to every individual who will receive him by helping that individual find peace with God. The Light came for the purpose of giving men of good will peace with their Creator, when they make him King of their lives.

Are we looking beyond the tinsel and silver of Christmas ornaments to receive guidance from the Beacon that is the true Light? In the rush and

hurry of this season there will be danger that we may fail to see the real reason for Christmas. Let us not fail to give Christ the pre-eminence, whatever our activities may be. To help his people do this, one pastor has had his church adopt the following plan:

Every year he asks the members of the church to give as much to the church as the average amount spent on Christmas gifts. Those who want to go a step farther can give as much as the cost of the most expensive gift purchased. This nets the church a substantial amount every Christmas. If more churches adopted this method it would solve many a financial problem. It would also teach us not only that it is "more blessed to give than receive" but that "it is more blessed

to give to the Son of God than to receive." Give Jesus the first place in your life during this season and continue to do so throughout the year.

The Christian spirit is the Christmas spirit carried on the entire year. It is the attitude of every act; the atmosphere of every deed well done. It was manifested to the "nth" degree when "God gave his only begotten Son," when the Word became flesh. A little boy yearningly looking at the picture of his absent father said, "I wish father would step out of that picture now." That is what Jesus did. He stepped out of the picture and became flesh and blood to show us the way—to light up the path that leads to God. "That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."



A Memorial Organ in Austria

The story of the Joseph Mohr Memorial Organ at Wagrain, Austria, in memory of the author of "Silent Night, Holy Night," and in the building of which we as North American Baptists have had a part!

By the REV. CARL FUELLBRANDT of Salzburg, Austria,
Director of our Austrian Mission

Recently it was my privilege to attend a memorable gathering in the large auditorium of the Mozart Museum in this historical city of Salzburg in Austria in which the author of "Silent Night, Holy Night" was honored. The report of this meeting deserves to be heard everywhere.

STORY OF THE CAROL

But, first, let us hear the story of this song. Cecilia Margaret Rudin has recounted it beautifully in her book, "Stories of Hymns We Love."

"High up in the Austrian Alps, in the region known as the Tyrol—the land in the mountains—we find the birthplace of 'Silent Night, Holy Night.' Here, the Tyrolean peaks, world-famed for their snow-capped grandeur, rise in lofty simplicity into the cool clear air, guarding little smiling, peaceful valleys.

"Far up in these Alpine mountains, where a love of music is nature's gift to every child, nestles the remote town of Oberndorf, Austria. Here in 1818 lived a devout young Austrian priest, Joseph Mohr, and his friend, the village schoolmaster and church organist, Franz Gruber, who were together

destined to give to the world this beautiful Christmas hymn. The two men, both great lovers of music, had often talked of the fact that 'the perfect Christmas song had not yet been found.'

"Meditating on this thought, Mohr sat in his church study on Christmas Eve, 1818. Outside the hushed stillness of the night heightened the snow-clad beauty of the mountain scene. The pure spirit of those high peaks filled his heart with a vision of the radiant peace and joy of the first Christmas tidings, 'Jesus, the Savior is born.' The thoughts which had been long forming in his mind suddenly found clear, musical expression that night in the song which we have come to know and love as 'Silent Night, Holy Night!'"

CHRISTMAS EVE

On that Christmas Eve in 1818 this song was sent forth into the world on its triumphant tour with this simple beginning as the author, Joseph Mohr, in Oberndorf near Salzburg, Austria, sang the melody and words, accompanied on the guitar by the schoolmaster, Franz Gruber. With festive joy and great eagerness Christians everywhere have translated the carol into their languages until it has become a true anthem of peace and a festival hymn for all peoples.

At Christmas time it is sung at the family hearth and by church congregations. Its melody played on the chimes of city churches echoes down the business streets. It is sung by the soldiers on opposing sides of the battlefield. One cannot imagine a Christmas service anywhere at which "Silent Night, Holy Night" is not sung.

During the past year outstanding Austrians, especially the poet, Karl Heinrich Waggerl, have launched aggressively a movement to honor the author of this Christmas song with an appropriate memorial. This is the Joseph Mohr Memorial Organ. It is being installed in the village of Wagrain in the Salzburger region where Mohr spent his last years of Christian ministry and where his body has found its last restingplace. Here at his grave the children of Wagrain always sing his song at the side of his grave.



The memorial plaque in memory of Joseph Mohr, author of the Christmas song, "Silent Night, Holy Night," at Wagrain near Salzburg, Austria, which announces that the Rev. Joseph Mohr lived and served as a parish priest in this building from 1837 to 1848.

HE MOST beloved Christmas carol is "Silent Night, Holy Night." Millions of Christians around the globe sing this serene, beautiful song in hundreds of different languages without fully realizing when, where and by whom this carol was given to the world as a gift of God.



Austrian Children of Wagrain, near Salzburg, reverently sing "Silent Night, Holy Night" at the grave of the Rev. Joseph Mohr, author of the Christmas carol.

But from henceforth every Christmas Eve this carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night," is to be played on the new organ in Wagrain, Austria and by means of radio is to be carried to the far places of the earth. It will be a peon of peace to resound in the hearts of people everywhere.

THE GLORY OF GOD

Even the planned undertaking of the memorial organ and the annual observance of the world-wide broadcast from Austria is to serve to the glory of God and of our Lord Jesus Christ and to the joy and blessing of the peoples of the world. The gathering in the Mozart Museum in Salzburg some time ago revealed the unusual interest that was being shown in this memorial organ. The vast audience overflowed into adjoining hallways and rooms.

The address of the Austrian poet, Karl Waggerl, was especially noteworthy. He stated that Joseph Mohr wrote only one "piece of poetry" and that was "Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht." It seemed almost as if God had given him this one pen with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to write this song and then God took the pen again to himself. The famous organist of Salzburg, Professor Franz Sauer, rendered several selections on the organ with masterly skill and then concluded with the playing of "Silent Night, Holy Night" with profound emotional fervor.

This was the climax to this eventful gathering. With enthusiasm the work of planning the memorial organ was undertaken. I, too, was present and coveted for us as North American Baptists a part in this memorial organ. We have a great mission in Austria with our nine pastors and missionaries and hundreds of Baptists here proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and upholding the Cross of Calvary. The message of this Christmas song is the heart of our evangelical witness in this land of Austria that needs the redeeming, saving power of Christ so desperately.

"Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, Love's pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth."

OUR CONTRIBUTION

After consultation with the secretarial staff in Forest Park, Ill., and with the approved action taken by the leaders of the denomination, I had the privilege of handing the check with a small but substantial gift from the North American Baptist General Conference overseas to members of the committee in charge of the memorial organ project. The work on the organ is progressing rapidly. It is hoped

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There's music in the hearts of these young people of the Baptist Church at Salzburg, Austria, who are shown with the orchestra's director, Mr. Steiger (left, standing); their pastor, the Rev. Martin Gigseder (center); and our denominational representative in Austria, the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt (right).

CHRISTMAS

By DR. H. THEODORE SORG of Princeton, New Jersey,
the Legal Counsel of the North American Baptist General Conference.

In legal trials, there are various methods of testing the accuracy of testimony. For example, if a witness refuses to be specific on details of his story, an unfavorable inference may be drawn. The obvious, but not necessarily convincing, tactic for an untruthful witness is to avoid details and to claim he does not remember. On the other hand, a frank, detailed story, possible of verification and substantiation as to many of its incidents, is convincing. Again, the special qualifications of a particular witness—his character, training, experience, reputation and opportunity for firsthand knowledge—may add immeasurably to the weight of his testimony.

Applying these tests to the Scriptural record of the birth of Jesus, we find a wealth of detail that all the centuries of critical examination have not been able to shake. Not only has it stood the scrutiny of almost two thousand years, but it retains the freshness and persuasive appeal of yesterday's happening recorded in the morning press.

One of the historians was Luke, a physician, especially qualified to record the story of the supernatural birth of the Babe of Bethlehem, and he tells it in a manner to leave no reasonable doubt that he wrote whereof he knew and believed. It is quite likely that both Matthew and Luke had personal access to living participants in the event. How often must Mary, the mother, have retold the wonderful story.

Notice the detail of the story. Luke relates that it happened in the days of Caesar Augustus, when a decree was made that all the world be taxed, when Cyrenius was governor of Syria, when everyone had to go to his own city to be taxed; that Joseph went up from Nazareth to Bethlehem in Judea, because he was of the house and lineage of David; that Mary went with him; that there was no room in the inn; that the child was born in a manger. Matthew tells of the slaying of infants by King Herod in the effort to kill Jesus.

The story bears on its face the imprint of truth. No false witness would have ventured upon such detail. The concurrence of many of the recorded incidents of the story have actually been verified from contemporaneous records.

But it is not enough simply to accept as a fact that Jesus came into the world. He must also come into our hearts, and we must accept him as Savior. Otherwise, his birth, death, and resurrection have little significance and are of no avail to us. Hence, on Christmas Day, we sing:

"O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today."

—Watchman-Examiner.

The Beautiful Shepherd

Probably no saying of Jesus has been dearer to the hearts of Christians than that of the divine Shepherd in John 10:1-21

The Closing Article of a Series of Expositions
by DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT of Forest Park, Illinois

THE STORY of the man who had been born blind and who was healed by Jesus and then later cast out by the Pharisees forms the background for the tenth chapter of John's gospel. In this wonderful passage (10:1-21) the figure of the Oriental shepherd and his sheep dominate the scene. In Palestine the shepherds lead their sheep into an enclosure or sheepfold for the night. The sheep are protected by a stone wall. A gatekeeper or undershepherd stands guard at the entrance of the enclosure.

In the morning the shepherds arrive at the sheepfold where their flocks have rested for the night. The Oriental shepherd has a remarkable memory. An observer has seen shepherds call each sheep by name such as Long Ears, White Nose, etc.

An Eastern shepherd never drives his sheep; he always leads them. Even though a stranger may put on the shepherd's garb and call the sheep, they will not follow but rather flee from him, because they know their own shepherd's voice.

CHRIST, THE DOOR

In the allegory of the shepherd and the sheep, the Master refers to the false and true shepherds. The true shepherd leads his sheep through the door and cares for them. But the false shepherd climbs over the wall into the enclosure. His purpose is not to lead and to provide but to rob. He comes to steal the sheep and carry them off with violence (10:1, 8). Undoubtedly Jesus had the Pharisees in mind who were the false shepherds. But they didn't realize the meaning of Jesus' words (10:6).

Now he speaks to them as the door of the sheep (10:7-10). Christ is not one of many doors. He is THE DOOR, the only door to the spiritual fold. Not any ceremony, not any good works, but a Person is the door. Here we have one of the great "I Am's" of John's gospel. Not the priest, not the minister, not even the church, but Christ is the door. "All who came before me are thieves and robbers."

Jesus surely did not mean the patriarchs or prophets. Was he thinking of those who falsely claimed to be



heaven-sent deliverers, like Judas of Galilee or Theudas (Acts 5:36) who revolted against the government? We believe that he had the Pharisees in mind, because he said they are thieves and robbers. Did not Christ speak of them as "ravening wolves" and those who take away "the key of knowledge?" (Matt. 7:15; 23:14; Luke 11:52.)

But Christ's sheep didn't follow them. He is the door through which the sheep must enter. He is the way the sheep must take. If any one enters through Christ into the fold, two things happen: 1. he is saved or safe within the fold and no one can snatch him from the shepherd's hand; and 2. he finds pasture. He enjoys freedom and food. There is safety, freedom and abundance of spiritual nourishment (Psalm 23).

In contrast to the true shepherd, Jesus pictures the false shepherd (10:10). The thief 1. steals, 2. kills, 3. destroys. But Jesus does the very opposite. His great mission was to bring life of the highest quality. He came to give us a new life, an abundant life, eternal life (John 20:31).

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Not only is Christ the door but also the good shepherd. Here we have an-

other of the great "I Am's" of this wonderful gospel. The word, "good," cannot be adequately translated. It has been translated "beautiful," "good," "noble," "ideal." Goodness and beauty were associated in the Greek minds.

We have chosen to call Christ "the Beautiful Shepherd" because he is beautiful in a moral sense. There was nothing in Jesus' life that was ever ugly. He had beautiful thoughts and lived a beautiful life. No wonder we sing: "Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me."

Because of his matchless purity and his beauty of holiness, we call him "the Beautiful Shepherd." This perfect shepherd was willing to sacrifice his life for the sheep (Mark 10:45). The hireling is in contrast to the shepherd. He is primarily interested in his wages, not in the flock. The wolf was the great danger to a sheep in a country like Palestine. When the hired man saw the wolf coming, he thought only of his own safety and not of the protection of the sheep.

As a result the sheep became a prey of the wolf. The hireling thinks of himself; the shepherd thinks of others. The one is selfish, the other unselfish. The hireling runs away and saves his life; the shepherd protects the sheep even at the risk of his own life. What a difference between the Pharisee and Jesus!

Christ is not only the beautiful and sacrificial but also the omniscient Shepherd. As the good Shepherd he knows his sheep and they know him. "I know my own." Just as the Oriental shepherd knew each sheep by name, so the divine Shepherd knows each follower of his.

He loves every one of us as though there were but one of us to love. Just as the Father knows the Son most intimately, so the Son knows the Father intimately and also his sheep. The two principal marks of a good shepherd are his knowledge of the sheep and his readiness to lay down his life for them.

THE UNIVERSAL SHEPHERD

This omniscient shepherd is also a universal Shepherd. Jesus said: "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice" (John 10:16). Jesus claims the Gentiles and the Jews as his sheep. The Messiah was to be a light to the Gentiles (Isaiah 42:6; 49:6). Christ said he was "the light of the world" (John 8:12).

This universal Shepherd is also a unique Shepherd. The Master said: "There shall be one flock, and one shepherd." Jesus did not say "one fold" but "one flock." In one flock there may be many folds, but the flock is one and there is only one shepherd. There have been many under-

shepherds but there is only one chief Shepherd (1 Peter 5:4).

Finally, Christ is the ever-living Shepherd. Not only does the Master lay his life down but he has authority to resume it again. God the Father was the Agent of the resurrection of Jesus. Christ's death was voluntary. But he arose from the dead and is alive forever more. It was the Father's commandment that he should die and rise again.

These words of Jesus caused a division among the Jews. Not all had the same opinion about the Master. Some said that he had a demon. "Why listen to him?" That was an easy way of accounting for the strangeness of Jesus' teaching. The enemies of Jesus had said this before (John 7:20; 8:48).

But others were more open-minded and said: "These are not the words of one possessed with a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of blind people?" Those who had a closed mind said he had a demon. Those who manifested an open mind finally confessed him as the Son of God.

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

At the Christmas season we usually overlook one word in Matthew 2:6: "And you, Bethlehem, in Judah's land. You are not the least among the rulers of Judah: for a ruler will come from you, who will shepherd Israel my people."

The shepherds of Bethlehem never realized that the Christ-child was destined to be the Shepherd of shepherds, the Shepherd of all times, that he was the heavenly, unique, sacrificial and universal Shepherd who would gather into his flock sheep from every tribe and every nation. The simple shepherds of Bethlehem would have been delighted to have known that probably no image would captivate the mind of Christians from the earliest ages of Christendom like that of the shepherd.

Probably no saying of Jesus has been dearer to the hearts of Christians than that of the divine Shepherd. The picture of the good Shepherd is found in the prayers and the hymns of the church and has inspired some of the most beautiful religious paintings in Christian art. Christian literature is full of thoughts centered around Christ as the divine Shepherd.

Our Christ is still the One who guides, provides, protects forgives our waywardness and brings us back to his fold. Are we obeying the voice of the matchless Shepherd who gave his life for us?

Christina Rossetti penned the following words:

"What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part,
Yet what can I give him? Give my heart."

Sightseeing to the General Conference

Remember—Philadelphia, Pa., August 20-26, 1952

BIRTHPLACE OF THE CHRISTMAS CAROL, "O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"

When Phillips Brooks was rector of Holy Trinity Church in Philadelphia, Pa., his parishioners in August 1865 sent him abroad for a year. His travels took him through Europe, and in December to the Holy Land. Here with reverent feet he traced the footsteps of his Lord and Master from Nazareth southward and visited the scenes of the Bible narrative.

After two weeks spent in Jerusalem, Christmas Eve found him in "the little town of Bethlehem" at the birthplace of Jesus. Of his stirring emotions on that "Holy Night" he later wrote to his Sunday School back in Philadelphia: "I remember especially on Christmas Eve, when I was standing in the old church at Bethlehem, close to the spot where Jesus was born, when the whole church was ringing hour after hour with the splendid

hymns of praise to God, how again and again it seemed as if I could hear voices that I knew well, telling each other of the 'wonderful Night' of the Savior's birth, as I had heard the year before; and I assure you I was glad to shut my ears for a while and listen to the more familiar strains that came wandering to me halfway 'round the world."

Two years after his return to America, still full of the thrilling memories of Bethlehem, Phillips Brooks wrote for his Sunday School the Christmas hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," which for a long time had been singing in his soul. In this he has embodied, as in the prose descriptions of places visited in the Holy Land, the spiritual meaning of what he saw there.

The Holy Trinity Church can still be seen in Philadelphia on lovely Rittenhouse Square where this Christmas carol was first sung by the Sunday School children!



The tower of the Holy Trinity Church of Philadelphia, Pa., as seen through the trees of Rittenhouse Square. It was in this church that the Christmas carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was first sung in 1865 after it had been written for the Sunday School by the church's rector, Dr. Phillips Brooks.

A MEMORIAL ORGAN

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that it will soon be finished and probably in 1952 you will be able to hear the strains of "Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht" coming from the Joseph Mohr Memorial Organ in Austria into the living room of your house!

How we praise God with great joy that this Christmas carol has gone forth from our little country of Austria into all of the world! It has become a blessing of God without end to all

peoples. It is also with joy and pride that we as North American Baptists, represented by your missionary director in Austria, will be identified with this organ, now being built in Wagrain, in memory of Joseph Mohr who has been used of God to bless the entire world with the peace and beauty of his song.

"Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
'Round yon virgin mother and child,
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace."



FAMILY PAGE

YET LOVE WAS BORN
By CHARLES HANNIBAL VOSS.
Love came into a world of hate
Where Roman legions kept the gate
Of Zion as a conquered state,
Yet love was born.

Love came into a world gone wrong,
Where men were ruled by the hard
and strong,
But shepherds heard a glory song
At Bethlehem.

Love shall live in the world away
As long as families kneel and pray
To the Holy Child who came to stay
On Christmas Eve.

—CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

"And thou shalt call his name Jesus; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins" (MATTHEW 1:21).

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

By MRS. FRANK A. BRECK.
Christ Jesus was born in a stable—
A birthplace of humblest degree,
So that no one could say, "I am poorer,
More lacking in comforts, than he."

His mother in swaddling bands
wrapped him,
The wardrobe of One, the Divine,
That no one could say of his raiment,
"Christ's garments were better than
mine."

His home and his comforts were
borrowed—
No pillow for resting his head!



It's a Christmas fairyland of delight and excitement in the store windows for all the children to see!

But he lived, and he suffered and
sorrowed,
To give us true comforts instead.

In glory his wealth had been
boundless!
He laid all those riches aside,
That we might have riches eternal,
And with him forever abide.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" (LUKE 2:11).

HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT!

By A. B. SIMPSON.

Say, what is the meaning of Christ-
mastide,
The day that is dearer than all beside?
Say, what is its message, what does
it tell,
That childhood and age should love
it so well?

It meaneth that once in the long ago
A Baby was born in a manger low,
While seraphim sang of his wondrous
birth,
And sages came from the ends of
the earth.

It means that the Christ in the heart
is born
As truly as once on the Christmas
morn;
And all who will welcome him to abide
Will find that each day is a Christmas-
tide.

It ringeth a message more loud and
clear,
Proclaiming the glad Millennial Year.

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For Bethlehem's Star has risen once
more,
And the world's long night is almost
o'er.
Ring louder, ye bells of the Christmas-
tide;
Ye heralds, re-echo it far and wide;
Tell out to the nations again and again,
The gospel of peace, good will to men.

*"To shine upon them that sit in
darkness and the shadow of death; to
guide our feet into the way of peace"*
(LUKE 1:79-80).

BEHOLD THE MYSTERY!

By MISS MYRTLE JANZEN
of Morris, Manitoba, now residing at
519 S. 17th St., Lincoln, Nebraska.

Afresh again before our finite minds
There looms the fact of that great
Gift to men,
And not alone the Gift: also the Giver.
Lo! Christmas knocks upon our door
again.

It is a mystery. Let us consider,
And merge our thoughts and ways in
those of God
And we shall thus, from vanity
delivered,
The glory of the Gift and Giver laud.

Behold the mystery: the new-born
"King,"
A Babe in Bethlehem, and yet the
"Word —"
The Word made flesh, and come to
dwell among us
To bring the greatest Gospel ever
known or heard.

He, God himself, from heaven's realms
of glory
Stepped down to dwell amid the
earthly nations,
Emptied himself of knowledge and of
power:

He, the Creator, now became creation
And dwelt among us! From his perfect
glory

The King bent low my soul and yours
to lift;
Bent low to know our sickness and
temptation.
Behold the Giver, and behold the Gift!

Behold the Christ, who — blessed
transformation —
Became man's greatest God; God's
greatest man:
Was born to die, by weight of my
transgressions—
Behold the mystery—to give me Life!

Beyond earth's grasp and sight 'mid
wealth and wisdom—
The simple and the humble only saw
and knew.

Behold the mystery—the mystery of
Christmas —
Unspeakable, unsearchable, yet
infinitely true!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

- May the FAITH with which the shepherds hastened unto Bethlehem lead you to worship at the manger;
- May the HOPE that guided the Wise Men to a distant land be your guiding star as you travel through the unknown days and months ahead;
- May the LOVE which brought the Savior down to earth, the greatest Gift, fill your heart and radiate in your life;
- May the JOY of fellowship with friends and family be precious to you at this holiday season;
- May the PEACE "that passeth human understanding" keep you calm and serene in this troubled and distressed world.

—The Officers of the
Woman's Missionary Union

WE, THE WOMEN

It was not the angels' singing
Gave the Christmas thought,
Not the precious gold and incense
By the Wise Men brought;

Not the shining Star that led them
On their unknown way;
'Twas the Christ within the manger
Made the Christmas Day.

'So 'tis not the tree and presents
Make OUR Christmas Day,
'Tis not what we get that counts,
But—what we give away.

We need never mourn that Christmas
Comes but once a year,
Since the blessedness of giving
Brings the Christmas cheer.

If we keep the Christmas spirit
In our hearts always,
Through the whole year we can
make it
Christmas every day.

—Annie Johnson Flint.

LOVE and GIVING—the very essence of the Christmas spirit, as brought out in the above poem, are combined in the term we use to designate our special missionary offerings: "LOVE GIFT." Many societies distribute the little mission boxes supplied by our headquarters to their members. Once a year they are collected. The amount thus raised is an "over and above" gift to missions.

What a wonderful way to carry the spirit of Christmas with you through the year. As you drop your nickels, dimes and quarters into your box from week to week, remember that with this Love Gift of money you are helping the missionaries spread the glad tidings of God's Love Gift, which came to us at Christmas.

You will gladly bring your offering of money if you have first brought this Love Offering to the Christ-child:

What shall I bring thee, O Little Stranger,
Cradled with straw in a Judean manger?
No gold nor myrrh, nor incense rare
Have I, dear Babe, with thee to share;
But thou dost treasure the gift I bring,
My heart, love's dearest offering.
—Phillip Gregory.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Memorial Baptist Church of New Britain, Conn., recently extended a call to the Rev. Ben Zimmerman to become its pastor to which a favorable response was given. He and his family are already in the field in New Britain, where the Rev. Zimmerman succeeded the Rev. Charles Lee. He served the Baptist Church in Randolph, Minn., since 1944.

● Mr. Reinhart Schalin of Nokomis, Sask., a member of the Lockwood Baptist Church, is at present enrolled as a first-year student in the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, New York. He is also serving as the student assistant of the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Rochester, New York. He is married to the former Miss Ruth E. Schmidt of Winburne, Pennsylvania.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Wausau, Wis., has extended a call to the Rev. Wallace A. Olson as its pastor. He is already in the field, rendering an appreciated ministry. He has succeeded the Rev. Lawrence E. Wegner, who is now serving a Southern Baptist church in Florida. Further information about Mr. Olson and his ministry will be published as soon as it is known at headquarters.

● Some time ago the Rev. E. M. Wegner presented his resignation to the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wis., which was accepted by the church. He is working with the Dickson Publishing Company in placing Bibles in churches in the Florida regional district. His address has been listed in the 1952 directory as follows: "Address not available at present." He served the Manitowoc Church from 1949 to 1951.

● The Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Dymmel celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Nov. 27. Mr. Dymmel has recovered from his recent illness so that he can be at home and engage in work. Their new address in Chicago, Ill., is on page two of this issue of the BAPTIST HERALD. Many of their friends remembered them on their wedding anniversary, and a large bouquet of flowers was sent to them by the Forest Park headquarters staff.

● On Sunday evening, Oct. 21, an impressive baptism service was held in the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church of Chilliwack, British Co-

lumbia, when the Rev. F. W. Bartel was privileged to baptize seven young girls on confession of their faith in Christ. On Sunday, Nov. 4, these seven converts together with three others, who were received by letters, were given the hand of fellowship by the pastor at the communion service.

● The Lehr Baptist Church of Lehr, N. Dak., observed Sunday, Oct. 21, as Mission Sunday. The favorable weather made it possible for many people to attend from a distance. Both morning and evening services were in charge of the new pastor, the Rev. John Heer. The choir beautified the services with several selections. The offering for the entire day amounted to approximately \$2500. All seating capacity available was used and a blessed day was experienced by all.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Louis R. Johnson on Steamboat Rock, Iowa, have announced that a daughter was born to them on Oct. 27. She has been named Victoria Yvonne. This is the second child in their family. Mr. Johnson has served the church as interim pastor for the past several months and led the church in its observance of its 75th anniversary held from Nov. 2 to 4. A detailed report about these anniversary festivities will appear in the next issue.

● The Baptist Church of Baileyville, Ill., has extended a call to the Rev. John J. Kroeker, pastor of the Emmanuel Church of Marion, Kansas. A favorable answer has been given. Mr. Kroeker hoped to begin his pastorate in Baileyville on Dec. 9th, succeeding the Rev. Merle Booth. Mr. Kroeker has served the Marion Church since 1949. During November and on the first two Sundays of December Mr. Bert Milner of the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago supplied the pulpit of the Baileyville church.

● The McKernan Baptist Missionary Society of South Edmonton, Alberta, held its first meeting on Thursday, Oct. 18. Officers for the new society were elected as follows: president, Mrs. J. Peter; vice-president, Mrs. Stanley Klapstein; treasurer, Mrs. Walter Yeske; secretary, Mrs. Claire Klapstein. Even though the society is only a small group as yet, it is the sincere endeavor of every member to live up to the theme, based on Galatians 6:9. "And let us not be weary

in well-doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." The Rev. Otto Schmidt is pastor of the church group.

● Evangelistic services were held from Sept. 17 to 30 at the Tyndall Baptist Church, Tyndall, S. Dak., with the Rev. William Jeschke of Sumner, Iowa, serving as evangelist. Three converts were reported as a result of these fine services. A baptistry painting depicting a River Jordan morning scene with mountains in the background has been prepared for the Danzig Church, one of the stations of the Tyndall Baptist Church, by Mr. Alphonz Lamprecht, a 1950 graduate of our Seminary, and at present a Senior student at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Rev. Walter Stein is pastor of the Tyndall Church.

● On Wednesday evening, Nov. 20, the State Park Church of Peoria, Ill., held its Thanksgiving Service with the Rev. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary, as the guest speaker. "The Christian Home Makers" of the church were in charge of the fellowship hour that followed. On Sunday evening, Dec. 2nd, the Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor, baptized several converts on confession of their faith in Christ. Mr. Veninga's last meeting with the State Park Church, to which he has ministered since 1945, will be at the Watchnight Service. He and his family will leave soon thereafter for Aplington, Iowa, to begin their ministry there.

● On Sunday, Oct. 28, the Second German Baptist of New York, N. Y., held its annual Harvest and Mission Festival. The morning service was taken over by the Sunday School. Recitations were given by the younger children. The young people also participated by singing. Three of the young people gave brief talks about some of the mission fields in the Cameroons. Dick Christeleit spoke on Ndu, Arnold Egeler on Soppo and Dan Nicolai on the Belo Mission Field. Eddie Schairer spoke about the home mission work. "The church was inspired and challenged to give and pray more for our missionaries," as reported by Margaret Lehmborg.

● The Woman's Missionary Union of the Mowata Baptist Church near Branch, La., held its annual program

on Sunday, Oct. 14. It consisted of various musical numbers, a reading, short addresses and a German dialogue, which brought home the privileges that are enjoyed in this country as well as responsibilities. The audience responded generously when the offering was taken. All 14 members of the Woman's Missionary Union are given opportunities several times during the year to participate in the well planned program. The Banso Hospital was remembered in a liberal way in their gifts, and other denominational projects were remembered.

● The Seventh Street Baptist Church of La Crosse, Wis., held an ordination service for its pastor, Mr. Fred R. Lemmert, on Thursday evening, Oct. 11. The ordination council met in the afternoon with representatives from the Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin churches present. The ordination sermon was brought by the Rev. Edgar W. Klatt of St. Paul, Minnesota; the prayer and charge to the church by the Rev. Alex F. Olson of Houston, Minnesota; the charge to the candidate by the Rev. Arthur Ittermann; and the hand of fellowship into the Christian ministry was extended by the Rev. Wesley Swedborg of Lamille, Minnesota. The Rev. Fred R. Lemmert of La Crosse, Wis., pronounced the benediction.

● The First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., recently held evangelistic meetings with Dr. E. F. Gerlitz of the First Baptist Church of Moberly, S. Dak., as evangelist. Dr. Gerlitz is a graduate of Northern Baptist Seminary with the degree of Doctor of Theology. The Underwood church experienced a time of refreshing during Dr. Gerlitz's ministry. His messages emphasized the basic needs of men in understanding the Gospel and yielding to Christ as Savior. God blessed in the salvation of eleven converts. Nine of these were adults and two were young people. On Sunday, November 11, the Denominational Pulpit Exchange Sunday, the Rev. Fred Knalson, pastor of the Underwood Church, exchanged with the Rev. Edward Kary of the Bismarck Baptist Church with great blessing to both congregations.

● A surprise celebration was held by the White Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesday evening, Oct. 24, on the occasion of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Zoschke's 25th wedding anniversary. With Mr. Herman Krause presiding, the program was carried out with congratulatory messages by the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Hubert Zion; the Woman's Missionary Society president, Mrs. William Wilcke; the Men's

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C.B.Y. and S.S.U. HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

December 23—"A Joyous Christmas" by Mrs. Frank Veninga, Peoria, Illinois.
December 30—"Review and Preview" by Rev. Roy Seibel, Emery, South Dakota.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The members of our Conference Union Executive Committee wish to take the opportunity to convey best wishes for a very joyous and blessed Christmas. May the Lord Jesus, whose birthday we shall soon observe, be real to everyone of you. It has been a thrilling experience to serve him and our organization in the past year. May the glad tidings of the season take a new meaning for all our leaders and young people alike. To all of you, a very Merry Christmas!

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

Since this will be the final issue of the "Baptist Herald" for the year 1951, your Executive Committee wants to extend greetings and best wishes for a most happy and prosperous 1952. May the new year be one of rich spiritual blessings. It is our prayer that the lives of our leaders, both in youth work and Sunday School activities, may be fully committed to signal service.



Mary wrapped her babe "in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for him in the inn" (Luke 2:7).

ice which will mean spiritual progress for all you serve. Our responsibilities are great. The task before us calls for consecrated and dedicated lives.

Among the many other activities for all of us in local church responsibilities, through the CBY and Sunday School, there will be assemblies, camps, rallies, workers' conferences, and conference sessions. Add to these our next General Conference to be held in Philadelphia, Pa. Let us plan well in advance and work diligently to make all these responsibilities which are ours a real success. Our General Conference youth and Sunday School program is going to be the best yet. Plan to attend. If that is not possible, encourage others. Pray that many will want to come. The dates are August 20-26, 1952.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Members of the Executive Committee will hold their annual sessions during the first weekend in January. Remember these officers in your prayers that the plans they will formulate may be to the spiritual advancement of all local activities and missionary outreach in the coming year. Besides a program of work for the coming year, the committee has the responsibility to carry out the conference union activities at the General Conference.

CBY STANDARD

May we urge the president or secretaries for the local CBY organization to inform the General Secretary at Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., whether or not your CBY has adopted the CBY Standard. We feel that the Standard can greatly enhance your activities and thus prove a spiritual tonic for your young people. If it is helping your youth in a more aggressive program we would like to hear about it.

WORKERS' CONFERENCE IN ST. PAUL

Young people and Sunday School workers from the churches in the Northwestern Conference met at the Dayton's Bluff Church in St. Paul, Minn., from November 9 to 11. Under the direction of Miss Orva Koenigsberg, a well planned program was carried out. Highly specialized classes were held as the leaders of the Sunday School and the CBY met separately for six sessions to discuss problems

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Withering Grass

A Christian Novel by BERNARD PALMER

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myself over and over again how it's going to be possible to work successfully for the Lord among people who think so little of their fellows?" He drew a long breath and looked out across the glistening green Kansas hills.

Karen nodded understandingly.

"You know what?" he exclaimed suddenly. "I'd give a five dollar bill for a good steak."

"Sold, Mr. Henning. Get out your five dollars. I'll have it for you in a jiffy."

"We didn't buy any steak did we?" he asked following her inside and over to the cupboard where she had put the groceries they bought the night before."

"No, dearest, your five dollars is safe. But I can fix you a—Ernest!" she exclaimed holding a soggy loaf of bread gingerly between her fingers like a small boy holds his first garter snake. "The water got to our groceries! The only thing that's any good is a can of pork and beans and a jar of coffee."

"That can't be!"

"But it is!" She flung open the door so he could see.

Ernest stood there shaking his head. "Oh, brother!"

He put another piece of coal in the range while Karen opened the pork and beans and got out the coffee pot.

"There isn't any cream," she remarked as she poured the steaming beverage.

"It's better for you black."

"Without cream and sugar it tastes like medicine."

"Well, dear, sit down and take your medicine then, because there's no cream and no sugar."

They sat down at the table and Ernest had just prayed God's blessing upon them and the food when a heavy footstep sounded on the porch.

"Hello! Anyone home?"

And there, crowding onto the porch and into the kitchen, was the congregation of the church. Some of the women were carrying steaming dishes while the men had scrub buckets and mops and brooms.

"Did it rain over this way last night?" a jovial middle-aged woman asked, her hearty laugh echoing through the house.

Ernest and Karen were too surprised to move or speak.

"We'd have been over before," one

of the men said in a gruff voice, "but the bridge'd gone out and we had to put in a new one first."

Karen and Ernest looked at each other. They could still see the murky water swirling across the bridge, hub deep, the night before.

In a few minutes the woman had arranged the dishes on the table and were serving everyone buffet style. When they had finished they insisted that Ernest and Karen go to a nearby home to rest.

"You've been up all night," said one, "and working like fury here this morning. You must be wore to a frazzle."

"The missus looks kinda white and peaked," another said. "I'll bet she could stand a little sleep, too."

Ernest cast a quick glance at Karen. Her cheeks were pallid and her eyes were thinly veiled with red.

"Maybe you're right at that," he said quickly. "Come on, darling. I think the rest will do us both good."

It was almost dark when Max Schroeder and his wife came after them.

"Well, how do you feel?" Max asked jovially as they got in.

"Fine. I feel like a new man," Ernest replied. "Although to be honest with you, I've got a guilty conscience letting you men take care of all that. It was a mess."

"I'll bet you'd never recognize the place now."

"I don't know how we can ever thank you," Karen said.

"You know, Mrs. Henning, maybe you'd better wait until you see it before you start talking that-a-way."

They pulled into the yard and Ernest was somewhat surprised to see that everyone was still there although it was long past chore time. The men, who had been sitting about the yard visiting crowded in behind them and followed them onto the porch.

Karen opened the front door and gasped at what she saw. The room had not only been cleaned until it shone but the furniture had been replaced as well. There was a new rug on the floor to take the place of the faded one they had just bought. There was a new divan and chair, new end tables, everything—and so much finer than they could possibly have afforded. Dumbly, Ernest and Karen moved into the dining room and kitchen.

Karen lifted her eyes to the smiling faces of their congregation, struggled for words that would not come, then crumpled onto a chair and burst into tears. Ernest tried to speak but the words were constricted in his throat. Slowly he stepped from one to another, grasping their hands warmly and making no attempt to hide the tears that were sparkling in his eyes.

Everyone stayed later than they planned and it was dark before they trooped off to their farms and belated rounds of chores. Ernest and Karen stood arm in arm watching the last car bounce out of the rutted driveway and disappear across the creek and over the hill on the other side.

"Darling," Karen managed, her voice choked and stiff. "I never had anything so wonderful happen to me in all my life."

"Neither have I."

"They—they're the finest people in the world."

"They're God's people, my dear—the salt of the earth."

"I don't think I shall ever forget this day."

He nodded, his heart so filled it seemed a sacrilege even to speak and break the hush of the evening. They stood silently together in the warm night air. Karen moved even closer to him, squirming under his long, sinewy arm and snuggling against his shoulder.

The first Sunday morning he stood at the door at the close of the service shaking hands with the congregation. The sanctuary was almost emptied when a wizened, elderly widow came hobbling down the aisle, leaning heavily on her cane, and stopped before him.

"I didn't come to see you the other night," she announced with the blunt finality of age.

"We'd have enjoyed having you. We had a blessed time."

"I think it's the pastor's place to make the first call."

"So do I, and I plan to start the first thing in the morning. You'll be among the first on my list."

"The pastor always calls on me," she replied, unimpressed. "I'm too old to go traipsing around visiting and staying till after supper like they did the other night."

"You don't look old to me."

"Hmph." She tapped the floor with her cane, obviously pleased but striving not to show it. "Hmph. You don't need to use that fiddle-faddle on me, young man. I am old. I know I am old. And so do you."

He grinned pleasantly and would have turned to the man behind her, but she clutched his arm with her thin, crooked fingers. "That message was from your heart, Pastor Henning. It was God's message."

"Thank you, Grandma, that is the nicest thing anyone's said to me in a long time."

She stood there, her wrinkled old face turned up into his. "It's fine to

get learning up here," she went on, tapping her forehead significantly. "You need good book learning to preach the gospel. But remember this, my son. Don't you ever preach from your mind. Use your heart."

Ernest patted her tenderly on the shoulder, and she moved painfully outside.

"A most remarkable woman," he breathed to himself.

"Yes, Pastor, a most remarkable woman." Ernest turned to see the Sunday School superintendent standing beside him. "Heaven will have its roster of souls that the prayed into salvation—including me."

Ernest lost most his nervousness in the pulpit as the months passed. He soon accustomed himself to their semi-traditional way of doing things; how they conducted their membership examinations and how communion was served. Although the form they used was far different than he would have used he had to admit that it lacked nothing in reverence. A motto of one of his Seminary professors so often quoted came to mind, "Yield in a thousand trifles that you may gain your point in a matter of importance."

In good weather or bad, during harvest or slump, the church was always comfortably filled. He had supposed that it was merely the spurt in interest occasioned by a new pastor and would soon dwindle, but such was not the case. And occasionally, when he announced a particularly interesting subject, the ushers had to bring in chairs to seat the late comers.

On the day they took their first missionary offering he was astounded. He and the treasurer were in the study counting the offering after the morning worship. He stopped, his hand full of bills and said, "Are you certain they understood me this morning, that this money is only for the China Mission Field?"

"I think so, why?"

"This offering. Surely these people can't give like this every time there is an appeal."

"I think this's fairly representative, Reverend Ernie. Our people are accustomed to giving."

"I just didn't remember having seen a large amount for foreign missions in the record."

The treasurer laughed. "I guess you know by now that we're a pretty independent lot. We meet our quota with the Mission Board and give the rest where we please."

Ernest could see the danger signals flashing in his eyes and without comment changed the subject.

Ernest and Karen were sitting at the breakfast table one morning several months later when she said abruptly, "Ernie dear, do you remember all those plans we made for a family?"

"Yep." He had his mouth full of oatmeal.

"Well, I think we can begin to plan seriously now."

"Sure. Anytime."

"Ernest Henning! I don't believe you're hearing a word I'm saying."

"Sure, I am. I'm all ears."

"Like a donkey!"

"Honest, honey, I'm listening to you."

"But you haven't been. You don't even know what I said."

He grinned sheepishly. "I'm sorry, darling."

"I'll forgive you if you'll listen."

"O. K. Shoot."

"Darling," her voice soft and full. "I think we're beginning to have that family we've planned on for so long."

He sat quite still in the chair. How he had wanted a child of his own, a boy to hunt and fish with him, or a girl as pretty as her mother to double his blessings and happiness. He ought to speak. He ought to say something. But how could he without betraying the fears for her that were welling in his heart?

He got up slowly and, moving around the table, lifted her to her feet and kissed her fiercely, striving to drive away the ache in his heart with the warmth of her lips. While he was still holding her in his arms there was a timid knock at the door.

"Dearest, there's someone on the front porch."

He kissed her once more on the tip of her nose and with a forefinger clumsily flicked away a tear that was coursing down her cheek.

"Hurry, honey. You don't want to keep them waiting."

"Today I don't care," he muttered darkly.

Ernest opened the door to see a well-dressed lad some years younger than himself standing there.

"I—uh—are—you the preacher?"

"That's right. Won't you come in?"

"Oh—no—thank you—I mean, sure." He stepped into the living room.

"Is there something I can do for you?"

"Me and Louise want to get married. Will you marry us?"

"Well, that depends." He could feel the blood rising in his cheeks and his heart beat in his temples. It was his first wedding. Desperately he strove to remember the things he should ask about. "If neither of you have been divorced and if you are both of legal age I'd be very happy to perform the ceremony."

"Oh, if that's all you care about we can get married all right," he said, brightening.

"You're from Nebraska, aren't you?"

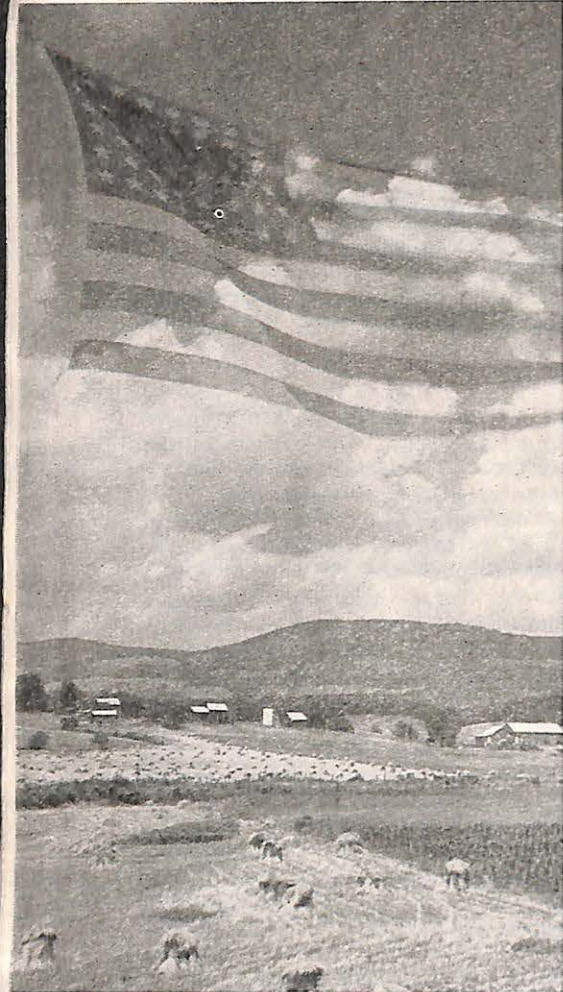
He nodded.

"Why didn't you get married up there?"

"Well—a—you see Louise's folks don't exactly think we ought to get married right now."

"Don't you think you ought to respect their wishes?"

"Nope." The answer was emphatic.



—Eva Luoma Photo

SYNOPSIS

The Rev. Ernest Henning had finally arrived! The greatest opportunity of his career was at hand, that of candidating in the big, influential church of Elba City. Always his illustrious younger brother had soared to heights in the spotlight ahead of him. If only Karen could have known the glory that now had come his way. Suddenly his mind was flooded with memories, meeting Karen an "an open house" party the first week of college. How vividly he remembered those days of many years ago at Indiana Christian College! Later Ernest and Karen were married in the seminary chapel with Karen's father officiating. They went to a small Kansas parsonage in the country. Soon after they were settled in the parsonage, a sudden storm brought a flashflood that brought water gurgling into the house a foot deep. The next morning slimy, sandy mud was everywhere in the house. Both wondered why they hadn't heard from a single member of the congregation. It was Karen who spoke up!

CHAPTER NINE

"I've been wondering the same thing all morning."

"It just isn't natural for country people to be so thoughtless. Usually the moment there's a fire or a hail storm or—a flood like this, they begin to look around and see who's been affected more than themselves."

"I don't know what to make of it."

"Perhaps they're in the same mess we are."

"That couldn't be."

"I know it. I was just rattling."

"I don't feel badly about their not coming over to help us," he continued, almost as though he was talking to himself.

"The thing that has me worried is their lack of friendliness and concern for anyone else. I've been asking

"They been puttin' us off for two years now. New they're tryin' to put us off again and we don't aim to let 'em."

"You know there's quite a responsibility in getting married and setting up a home."

"We've talked about all of that."
"Do you think you'll be able to support the two of you, and perhaps a youngster or two?"

"Oh sure! I've got a good paying job and I'll take care of her as good as her folks do. I don't know what they're so worried about."

"You probably won't be able to understand that until you get to be their age and have a daughter of your own."

The youth shook his head, disbelieving.

"It would be a lot easier for all of you if you could persuade Louise's parents to give their consent. Have you tried?"

"They just keep promisin' and then change their minds."

"Do they object to you?"

"Oh no, they like me fine. Louise says they'll come around all right once we're married. But they're the stubbornest people!"

"Well," Ernest said slowly, "I'd much rather you had her parents consent. I think your marriage would be on firmer ground. But I will perform the ceremony."

"You will?" His young face lighted up "That's swell. A—just a minute, Reverend. How much do you charge for marryin' people?"

"Why, there isn't any charge."

"Sure there is. There's gotta be. How much do you want?"

"There really isn't any charge. I'm a minister of the gospel and the performing of marriages is one of my more enjoyable duties."

"But I know people always give something when they get married," he continued doggedly.

"I suppose you could say that in most cases the groom usually gives a small gift to the pastor but it's entirely voluntary." Ernest pulled out his watch and looked at it, striving for an opening to take the conversation into less embarrassing channels. "If you'd like to have Louise come in I'll have my wife show her into the bedroom. She might want to tidy up a bit. It'll take me a few minutes to get ready for the ceremony."

"I—I'll go get her." He returned soon with a radiantly lovely young girl by his side.

Karen took charge of the bride-to-be, helped her arrange her flowers, take a few last minute pats at her hair and gather together for this, the biggest event in her life. Ernest stepped hesitantly to the door.

"Karen?" he called softly. "Karen, dear?"

She came out, her eyes starry with reflected happiness.

"Say," he whispered. "How many witnesses does this take?"

"How many did we have?"

"Boy, it doesn't take that many, does it?"

"Darling, and you're supposed to be a pastor," she laughed. "It takes two witnesses and the minister doesn't count."

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Brotherhood president, Mr. Adam Kownatzki; the Eveready Circle vice-president, Mrs. Ed Boettger; and the Harmony Circle president, Mr. James Atchison. The Rev. Edwin Miller of the Erin Ave. Church, a nephew of Mr. Zoschke, also brought a brief congratulatory message. The chairman expressed the congratulations of the church and extended to Mr. and Mrs. Zoschke a bouquet of 25 roses and a money gift of more than \$150.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Dale Chaddock and daughters, Myrna and Darlene, were guests at a potluck supper and farewell program on Thursday evening, Oct. 25, at the Baptist Church near Victor, Iowa. With Mr. Harm Folkerts, church moderator, in charge, the program consisted of musical numbers, readings, a timely and inspirational talk by Mr. Arthur Lang, and farewell letters written by members of the different organizations of the church. These letters were placed in a scrapbook for the Chaddock family, and with pictures and other items will serve as reminders of their first pastorate at the Victor Church. The Rev. Dale Chaddock began his ministry at the Union Church of Arnold, Pa., on Sunday, November 4. Miss Florence Miller, new missionary to Japan, was guest in the home of her sister, Mrs. Chaddock and spoke at a service in the Victor Church on Tuesday evening, Oct. 23.

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and ideas pertaining to items of individual concern. Suggestions for new ideas and emphases in the Sunday School work were given by the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman. Filmstrips on leadership training were shown to these leaders. The youth leaders, led by Miss Martha Leypoldt, discussed the new CBY program. Enthusiastically the leaders planned a monthly program for a local CBY. Miss Ruth Bathauer presented the Scripture Memory Program in addition to other children's activities in the church with a challenge which was received with good response. Other leaders participating in the program were the Rev. John Reimer, the Rev. Ed McKernan and Miss Ellen Lehr.

A TIMELY REMINDER

Youth Week is not too far away. Early planning for activities for the entire week brings greater returns and joy when you look back on your accomplishments. Our aim is that all local CBY groups make the best of Youth Week, January 27 to February 3, 1952.

Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Northwestern Conference

Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Wilmer Quiring by the Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The members and friends of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., met on Sunday evening, September 30, to welcome their new pastor, the Rev. Wilmer Quiring and his family.

Words of welcome were extended by representatives of the various church organizations. The Immanuel and Temple churches of the city were also invited to participate in the program and were represented by the Rev. H. Olson, a deacon, and the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, pastor, respectively. Mr. Quiring was welcomed into the fellowship of the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention by the executive secretary, Dr. Ezra Roth.

Special music by the choir and other musical selections were included in the program. Last, but not least, the Rev. and Mrs. Wilmer Quiring gave their response to the welcome. Everyone had the opportunity to greet the new pastor, his wife and four children in the church's dining hall where refreshments were served.

In the week prior to the official reception, the women of the church expressed their welcome in a material way as they presented Mrs. Quiring with an abundant supply of pantry supplies. We are grateful for the new "shepherd" God has sent to us and our earnest desire is that together, as pastor and people, we can go forward in the Lord's work in our community.

Mrs. Fred Abitz, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings and Laymen's Day Observance at First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis.

The First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., conducted an evangelistic campaign from October 14 to 21 with Dr. Thorwald W. Bender of the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., as the speaker. The meetings were well attended. Dr. Bender brought some heart stirring messages and we pray that the seed sown will not have fallen on hard and thorny ground, but that in good time it will bring the harvest. Special music was rendered each evening including a number one night from the newly organized Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Roger Norman.

Laymen's Day was observed on Sunday, Oct. 28. Mr. Warron Schmidt,



—Photo by Harold Schielke
Rev. Wilmer Quiring who with his family was recently welcomed as the new pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

retiring president of the Men's Fellowship, presided at the morning service. Mr. W. Lee Krueger read the Scripture passage. Music was rendered by the male trio. The messages were brought by Mr. Edgar Goetsch and Mr. A. W. Krause. Recently the Men's Fellowship elected its officers for the coming year. They include: president, B. V. Krueger; vice-president, Marvin Goetsch; secretary-treasurer, Roger Norman; song leader, Walter Stalker; and pianist, Paul Chase.

Our prayer is that we of the First Baptist Church of Watertown may all work together for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. The Rev. Jothan G. Benke is our pastor.

Mrs. Edgar Goetsch, Reporter.

Inspirational Sessions of the Iowa Association at the Sheffield Baptist Church

The Iowa Association from October 8 to 10 proved to be a wonderful time of heart-searching and spiritual blessing for the Iowa churches that convened with the Grace Baptist Church in Sheffield, Iowa. The association theme, "Hindrances and Helps in Revival" (2 Chron. 7:14), was well emphasized in the opening sermon by the Rev. John Reimer on "Break Up the Fallow Ground" and the devotional

meetings conducted by the ministers Henry Smuland, Peter Pfeiffer, and Herman Lohr. Heart-searching probing and prayer for a revival were stressed through the subjects clearly presented and earnestly discussed by pastors of the association: "Sins of Commission," Arthur Itermann; "Sins of Omission," Carl Swyter; "Confession and Revival," William H. Jeschke; "Restitution and Revival," James Brygger; and "What God Longs to See and Hear," Dale Chaddock.

We were very happy to have as our guest speaker, Miss Esther Schultz, our missionary home on furlough from her work in the Cameroons. Through her messages, besides informing us of her missionary work, she proved our hearts to self-examination and inspired us to labor for a revival in our churches in America. The church reports from church representatives were uplifting as we were told of souls saved, spiritual interests among church organizations and church building improvements.

The Woman's Missionary Union presented a very inspiring program on Wednesday afternoon, October 10. Mrs. J. Rhoades, former missionary to China and daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. C. Swyter, gave a helpful message on the names of God.

The association officers for the coming year are: moderator, Rev. Arthur Itermann; secretary, Rev. John Reimer; and treasurer, Mr. Louis Johnson. We wish to thank the entertaining church and its pastor, the Rev. H. Smuland, for their gracious hospitality extended in their homes and the wonderful meals served in the church. The spiritual fellowship of the association was most refreshing and stimulating. We thank God for the rich revival blessings and pray God they will continue and increase in years to come.

Arthur Itermann, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Program and Tea by the Woman's Missionary Union of Crawford, Texas

On Sunday, October 21, the Woman's Missionary Union of the Crawford, Texas, entertained the congregation with a program which consisted of scripture and prayer, a reading, several musical numbers, and a book review by Mrs. Arthur Schulz, our pastor's wife. After the program an hour of fellowship and refreshments was enjoyed by all present.

The members of the Woman's Missionary Union recently purchased a large Fostoria punch bowl set, complete with stand, ladle and twenty-four cups; also a large sandwich plate, and a five-piece silver tea and coffee service. These are for use in the church annex and were used for the first time at this occasion.

After our union meeting in May, the members divided into several groups and pleasantly surprised the older mothers of our congregation by visiting them and presenting them a tray of fruit.

Mrs. Jacob Hodel, Reporter.

Young People's Anniversary Program and Memorial Communion Service at Kyle, Texas

On Thursday evening, Oct. 25, the Commissioned Baptist Youth of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas, held its annual program. Our president, Ruby Wiegand, welcomed the guests and led the devotion. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read. Besides the group singing, we were favored with a number by the choir, and a solo by Lt. Robert Sturdivant from the San Marco Air Base. The Intermediate boys and girls gave a play entitled, "The Lonesome Bibles."

The offering went toward our Southern Conference project, which includes support of the Indian Mission Work in Canada and the leper work in the Cameroons, Africa. The installation of the new officers for the coming year was led by our pastor, Rev. H. John Vanderbeck. He used as his text 2 Timothy 2:15.



Sterling silver communion service of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas, which was dedicated in memory of Mr. Johnnie C. Schnautz.

Left to right: Messrs. Kurt Lengefeld, Ernest Hill, W. C. Schmeltekopf, Adolph Wiegand, Henry Schmeltekopf, deacons; Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, pastor; and Mrs. Winnie Schnautz, widow of the one honored.

After the program all gathered in the basement of the church for a social hour and a farewell for Don Hoisett from the San Marco Air Base, who was discharged from the service and has gone to his home in Chatfield, Minnesota.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 21, during the worship service the film, "Lord of All," was shown before a large group of friends and guests. The star in this film is Colleen Townsend who has dedicated her life to the making of Christian films.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 28, we had a very impressive Memorial Dedicatory Service in memory of Johnnie C. Schnautz. We dedicated a memorial which will perpetuate his memory for years to come. The sterling silver Communion Service with its beautiful engraving will always remind us of his faithfulness and Christian testimony. After the dedication of the memorial the ordinance of communion was observed in a candlelight service. Ruby Wiegand, Reporter.

Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Roy Seibel at Central Church, Waco, Texas

On Sunday evening, October 28, the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, bade farewell to its pastor, the Rev. Roy Seibel, and Mrs. Seibel and family in a special appreciation service.

The first part of the service was

given over to the singing of favorite hymns by the congregation. At the request of Mr. Seibel, the Men's Quartet sang, "I Never Will Cease To Love Him" and "He Is So Precious To Me." Our organist, Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, played "My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me" and the Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn led in a special prayer of appreciation for accomplishments made possible by the grace of God under the leadership of our pastor and his wife during their nearly eight years of service with us.

Mr. Seibel read some of his favorite Scripture verses, namely, Psalm 126:3, 5, 6; Psalm 46:10, and Philippians 4:13, 19. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Seibel, rendered a special number, "Sunset Is Coming, But the Sunrise We'll See."

Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht, chairman of the deacon board, took charge of the service and words of appreciation were heard from the Sunday School superintendent; president of the choir; general director of the Training Union; vice-president of the Woman's

Missionary Union; and president of the Fellowship Class of which Mr. Seibel was the teacher throughout his ministry at Central Church. Mr. Engelbrecht, representing the church membership, presented Mr. and Mrs. Seibel with a cash love gift. In his response, Mr. Seibel reviewed the charge which Paul made to Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:1-5, admonishing us likewise to re-dedicate our lives to the service of the Master.

Immediately following the close of the service in the auditorium we retired to the Fellowship Hall where refreshments were served. "It is not ours to question The judgments of the Lord, It is but ours to follow The teachings of his Word." And so we bade the Seibels God's richest blessings, remembering that their labors with us were not in vain. Mrs. Ernest Steindam, Reporter.

Central Conference

Evangelistic Meetings and Baptism of Seven Converts at Cleveland's Erin Avenue Church

The members of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, have experienced a great harvest of blessings. Our church had the privilege of holding evangelistic meetings from Sept. 24 to Oct. 3, having the Rev. Herman Mauch of Bluefield, W.

Va., as our evangelist. Many for whom we have been praying found their Lord and Savior during these meetings. There were 22 decisions made for salvation and some responded by letter. A great blessing was received by all who attended the meetings.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 28, our pastor, the Rev. Edwin Miller, had the pleasure of baptizing seven converts upon confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus. The following Sunday these converts were extended the hand of fellowship. Mr. Ralph Hill, a student at the Cleveland Baptist Bible Institute, is serving as temporary missionary of our church doing visitation work.

We thank the Lord for such an enthusiastic pastor as Brother Miller whose work and interest have born fruit. We pray that our church might continue to win souls for our Lord and to be a shining light in our community.

On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 14, the Mixed Choir of the Conner Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., came to our church and presented a very fine sacred concert which was enjoyed by all.

Bernice Guenther, Reporter.

Farewell Reception for Florence Miller by Her Home Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan

A total of 90 new members have been added to our fellowship in the Clay St. Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., during the past year. Another 300 or more are awaiting the next baptismal service as a result of the working of the Holy Spirit during regular Lord's Day and midweek services and a two-week's Christian Laymen's Revival held during early October.

The entire membership at Clay St. Baptist Church is especially happy to report that God has blessed them with the support of a full-time missionary to Japan, called from their own membership. A farewell service was held for Miss Florence Miller at the church on Wednesday evening, October 17, with our pastor, the Rev. William Hoover, conducting the service.

Florence is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Miller and a sister of the Rev. Edwin Miller of the Erin Ave. Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Arthur Achterberg, chairman of the board of deacons, spoke in behalf of the church board; Mrs. William Hoover for the Woman's Missionary Society; Miss Penny Wilson, our new church worker, for the young people; and the Sunday School superintendent, Leo Spitzke, for the Sunday School. The Rev. and Mrs. Jay Hirth of Chicago, also newly appointed missionaries to Japan, were present and spoke briefly. Refreshments were served by the ladies following the service and the dedicatory prayer was offered by Mr. Hoover.

The church membership voted to increase their regular missionary budget of \$7000 by \$2000 to support Florence Miller in this new mission field. The total amount of the increase was received at two special offerings later in October.

L. D. Johnson, Reporter.



Ministers at the Pacific Northwest Association held at Missoula, Mont., as follows (left to right): Rev. G. P. Schroeder, Missoula, Mont.; Rev. F. E. Klein, Colfax, Wash.; Rev. R. G. Kaiser, Startup, Wash.; Mr. Walter Berkan, Spokane, Wash.; Rev. F. W. Bartel, Chilliwack, B. C.; and Rev. A. Foll, Odessa, Wash.; and (picture at right) the cooks and waitresses of the Bethel Church of Missoula, who prepared and served the delicious meals for the conference guests.

Pacific Conference

Sessions of the Pacific Northwest Association at the Bethel Church, Missoula, Montana

The 48th annual Pacific Northwest Association met with the Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Mont., from October 24 to 28. The messages centered around a double theme: "Changes Through Jesus Christ" and "When We Walk in His Presence." The theme song was "I Need Jesus" which was often sung mightily and with great depths of feeling during these days.

The following messages were given to develop the theme: "The Church Will Never Turn Back," Herb Schnautz; "Elijah and God," Rev. R. G. Kaiser; "Paul's Commission to the Gentiles," Rev. Walter Berkan; "Jesus in Our Prayer Meetings," Rev. G. P. Schroeder; "Jesus at Your Heart's Door," Rev. F. E. Klein; "With Jesus in Gethsemane," Rev. Walter Berkan; "With Jesus Through Danger, Uncertainty, and Death," Rev. A. Foll; "Jesus in Our Family Life," Rev. R. G. Kaiser; and "Changed Into His Image," Rev. A. Foll.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was a great inspiration and blessing to all who attended these meetings as he brought a number of messages besides a report of the conference at Green Lake, Wis., and thrilled our hearts with reports of our denominational enterprises at home and abroad. On Friday evening he showed films of the Cameroons mission field and of our new work in the Leper Colony which brought close to our hearts the need for greater missionary support. All of us were inspired by the large choir of the host church and thoroughly enjoyed their fine numbers. The Rev. G. P. Schroeder directs both the choir and string orchestra which also rendered a number of hymns.

On Saturday evening the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Workers' Union held its annual

banquet with Mr. Walter Berkan of Spokane, Wash., as speaker of the evening. There were about 200 people present to enjoy the festivities. Dr. Leuschner showed a film on our work among the Indians in Canada.

On Sunday afternoon the young people's annual rally was held with the Rev. Fred E. Klein bringing an inspiring message. We sincerely thank the Rev. G. P. Schroeder and his wonderful people for the unusually fine spirit of fellowship and their inspiring program set forth to us as their guests, as we enjoyed their hospitality during these sessions of rich blessings. Mr. Ben Schmidt, Reporter.

Young People's Sessions at the Pacific Northwest Convention in Missoula, Montana

The young people of the Pacific Northwest Association churches had a wonderful time at the annual session of our convention, which was held at Missoula, Mont., from October 24 to 28. The Saturday afternoon outing was spent touring the city after which the annual young people's banquet was held. A total of 163 people, young and old, attended.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner suggested as our mission goal the Gilbert Schneiders and their work with the Leper Colony, also the new field open in Japan. His suggestions were accepted and we decided to give \$1,000 to each, a total of \$2,000, for this work and the necessary equipment. Mr. Walter Berkan of Spokane, Wash., a new pastor in our convention, gave a very good talk on "Redeeming the Time." After his talk, Mr. Leuschner showed us a film on the Indian work.

The Sunday afternoon meeting showed a very good attendance from all the churches. The Rev. R. G. Kaiser installed the new officers, telling them that they must take the responsibility of all these young people in their hands, and show them the way to God. The Rev. F. E. Klein of Colfax, Wash., spoke on "inside greatness" rather than outward glory.

I am sure the young people had a wonderful time as God opened the gates of heaven and showered us with blessings.

Violet Edinger, Secretary.

Reception for Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Felberg by Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C.

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, would like to share with its many friends and co-workers of the Lord the un-abounding joy experienced in welcoming Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Felberg to their new field of service. We are thankful that God has sent us such a capable pastor and wife to carry on the great work here and has kept them safely on their long journey from Forest Park, Illinois.

On Sunday morning, October 14, after words of welcome extended by Mr. G. Smith, acting director of the church, Dr. and Mrs. Felberg were received into our fellowship. Both of them responded to the welcome after which a brief inspirational message was heard.

During the evening service, the Rev. F. W. Bartel of the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church at Chilliwack, B. C., the Rev. J. C. Schweitzer of the Bethany Baptist Church at Vancouver, and a representative of the Baptist Ministerial Association spoke a few words appropriately suited to the occasion. The church was filled to capacity at both services as members and friends alike rejoiced and were glad.

On the following Wednesday, an informal banquet was held in the lower hall of the church where we had an opportunity to become better acquainted with our new pastor and his wife. A representative of each organization extended greetings and pledged their prayerful support to Dr. and Mrs. Felberg. We are looking forward to a real time of fellowship and blessing as we work together to glorify God and to build his Kingdom here on earth.

Sidney Palken, Church Clerk.

Atlantic Conference

First Missionary Conference Held by the Clinton Hill Church, Newark, New Jersey

The Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., held its first Missionary Conference from October 18 to 21 and on Oct. 28. The Rev. M. Leuschner and Rev. P. Gebauer of our own work presented the need for the Gospel in Africa and among the Indians of North America. The Rev. J. Anderson presented his field of Assam, India. The Rev. I. Finestone and the Rev. E. Gruen told of their work of reaching Jewish people for Christ. The Rev. J. Fernandez testified how he found the Lord Jesus as his own personal Savior after having been a Roman Catholic priest and head of a



The Rev. Robert S. Hess looks over the colorful exhibits at the missionary conference held by the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., with objects from the Cameroons, Africa, on the table at the left and pictures of our mission fields at the right.

Catholic Church of ten thousand people here in America for some fifteen years. The Rev. R. Williams reported on the difficulties of the work in Borneo and also of the joy of large numbers who have come to Christ. The Rev. and Mrs. F. Wuest pictured difficulties in China today and what God is still doing there through thousands of faithful Chinese Christians.

A large, colorful and interesting display of curios was seen by all who attended the services. Written in large letters over these articles was the challenge, "SOULS ARE DYING; DO YOU REALLY CARE?"

We heard of the opposition of Communism and Catholicism; our attention was turned to the tremendous need of those who have not heard about Jesus; and the laborers were seen to be far too few. We, as a church, have seen that we cannot do more than pray until we have prayed. We saw that when men and women are willing to obey God and go, souls in Africa, China, India, and America hear the Word, turn from sin and are saved, for the Gospel is God's power unto salvation. We will be able to pray and to give more intelligently

for missionaries and their work. But now that we have looked on the fields, we see that there is much more that we can do, and in the future will do about this important matter of foreign missions.

Frank Wuest, Youth Director.

Recent Events and Blessings at the Immanuel Church of New York City

At the beginning of this year we of the Immanuel Church of New York, N. Y., reported in the BAPTIST HERALD that Mr. Fred Bendig, after many years of very faithful service had resigned as mission treasurer. Meanwhile, he and his family have moved to Miami, Florida. We surely miss them greatly. One of our deacons, Hans Meissner, and his wife had their membership transferred to a Baptist Church in the city of Yonkers, N. Y.,

the Evergreen Church in Brooklyn, N. Y.; and on November 11 as a pulpit exchange Dr. Wm. J. Appel from Jersey City, N. J. All served us well. Our church participated in the Election Night Concert on November 6, and in the all-day Conference on Evangelism on October 19; both held at the Second Church in New York. During the latter our new Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Kenneth Bauman, had a share in the program.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bauman are students at the Biblical Seminary in New York City. Requesting a leader for the young people's group and the Sunday School of ours, we are glad that this school assigned to us such a sincere Christian couple as the Baumans.

Helmut Schlegel, Church Clerk.

Dakota Conference

Mission Festival and Evangelistic Meetings at Baptist Church, Venturia, North Dakota

With grateful hearts we of the Baptist Church of Venturia, N. Dak., return thanks unto God for the many blessings that we have recently received from his hand. On October 14, our church held its Harvest Mission Festival. The church had invited the Rev. E. S. Fenske of Herreid, S. Dak., to be the guest speaker. His challenging messages inspired us to renew our loyalty to God, and endeavor to do our utmost for him. Mr. Fenske spoke at the morning and evening services. During these two meetings our offerings amounted to \$3090.90.

During the month of September the church gave its pastor and family nearly a month's holiday. During this time the church installed a 13-cubic-foot deep-freeze in the parsonage. The church took up an offering to cover the expense of the deep-freeze, and on the appointed Sunday the offering received was more than a hundred dollars over the cost.

On October 15, following our Mission Festival, our revival meetings began. It was our pleasure to have Dr. John Leyboldt as our evangelist. His inspiring messages throughout the two weeks challenged our hearts and lives again and again. We were led to higher plains of thinking and living, and our prayer is that we may continue to do so. Dr. Leyboldt brought a special message for the children every evening, using the flannelgraph to bring these talks. During these meetings twelve persons accepted Christ as their Savior. Most of these made confession of their faith in Christ during the evening meetings, while the rest claimed Christ while at school and during the Sunday School hour.

We are grateful to God for the way he has blessed us, and for the way he has used Dr. Leyboldt to preach the unsearchable Word of God to his honor and glory. We also pray that all of us as God's children may continue to walk in the footsteps of our Savior and Lord.

R. Dickau, Pastor.

Harvest Time in the Grace Baptist Church, Gackle and Alfred, North Dakota

With eager anticipation the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak., awaited the arrival of our evangelist, the Rev. H. Palfenier. The time came and we had blessed fellowship. He brought wonderful messages to young and old for two weeks from September 9 to 21. Because of three weeks of wet and cold weather in August, the harvest was delayed and people were in the thick of field work and could not attend services as they otherwise would have. So no visible results were attained, but Christ was preached and souls were edified.

On September 23 the Rev. J. J. Renz of Ashley, N. Dak., was guest speaker at the annual Harvest and Mission Festival at Gackle. The Ashley Male Chorus, directed by Mr. Ben Heitzman, accompanied him and was a great blessing to the crowded church at the morning and afternoon services. The ladies' chorus and other special numbers were effectively rendered at the evening service.

The Rev. C. Rempel and family of Hebron, N. Dak., were our guests at the Alfred Harvest and Mission Festival on Oct. 14. The messages and the Alfred choir, singing throughout the day, were inspiring and uplifting.

Brother Rempel continued with revival meetings in Alfred from Oct. 15 to 26. The harvest was about over, the weather was ideal and it pleased God to give us a harvest of twelve precious souls. The stories, sermonettes and choruses that Mrs. Rutsch brought in Alfred for the young people every evening will long be remembered.

Both churches on these Mission Festivals were beautifully arrayed with the blessings of God in flowers, vegetables and fruits grown in our own gardens and fields. We thank God and the churches which permitted their pastors to serve us so loyally, and also thank Brother Palfenier for his service. The mission offerings were \$1,282.20.

G. W. Rutsch, Pastor.

Seventy-fifth Anniversary Festivities of the Tyndall Baptist Church of South Dakota

The Tyndall Baptist Church of South Dakota, with stations Tyndall and Danzig, celebrated its 75th anniversary from October 12 to 14 with the pastor, the Rev. Walter Stein, in charge. We felt privileged to have as our guest speakers Dr. F. Woyke, executive secretary of the North American Baptists; Rev. E. Broeckel, a former pastor; and Dr. G. A. Lang, president of our Seminary at Sioux Falls. Dr. Lang and his wife are former members of our church and he is the son of one of our former pastors, the late Rev. Albert Lang. We were sorry that the Rev. A. Ittermann, also a former pastor, could not be present.

The first meeting of our Diamond Anniversary was held on Friday evening, Oct. 12th, with Dr. Lang bringing the message. The young people of both stations formed a combined choir for this occasion and this choir rendered two selections. On Saturday



Rev. Walter Stein, pastor of the Tyndall Baptist Church of South Dakota with its Tyndall and Danzig Stations.

morning and afternoon the services were especially for the older people. In the morning service the older members gave testimonies after which Brother Broeckel brought a message in the German language. Saturday noon the ladies of both stations served a fellowship dinner to all present.

A special treat was in store for us on Saturday afternoon when the older people, who had formed a choir, sang three German hymns. Greetings were then brought by the different churches represented, after which Dr. Lang brought the message including reminiscences of 1918 when he first came to Tyndall as a pastor's son.



The Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Rutsch of the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak., and the Rev. J. J. Renz of Ashley, N. Dak., at the Harvest and Mission Festival in the Gackle church.

One of the highlights of our anniversary was the young people's banquet on Saturday evening. About 200 people were in attendance. We were very happy to have the Avon, Tripp, Parkston and Plum Creek churches all represented at the banquet. There were special numbers presented by the visiting young people as well as by the Tyndall and Danzig young people. Dr. Woyke gave a short talk. Saturday evening was also the young people's

service with the young people from both stations taking part in the program and furnishing special numbers. A special message for young people was brought by Dr. Woyke.

Sunday morning the children's choir sang a number of choruses. Edwin Voigt, one of our members studying for the ministry, taught the first half of the Sunday School lesson and Mr. Broeckel the latter half. In the worship service the combined choir sang two numbers. Dr. F. H. Woyke brought a special missionary message after which a fine missionary offering was received.

A closing consecration service was held on Sunday afternoon with the pastors from the visiting churches taking part. The combined choir sang three numbers and Dr. Lang delivered the consecration message. We were especially happy that our oldest member, Mr. B. H. Lubbers, who is 95 years old, was able to attend some of the services. We are proud of the fact that we as a church have four sons and daughters in full-time Christian service, also a daughter who is a minister's wife, and six sons and daughters now preparing for full-time service.

We are grateful for what the Lord has done for our church in the past and we look forward to his continued guidance in the future.

Mrs. Irvin Finck, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society, Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ont.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario, held its annual anniversary program on Thursday, Nov. 1, with

the members of the Renfrew Woman's Missionary Society as our guests, as well as members and friends of the church.

The president, Mrs. Emil Woermke, led in the singing of hymns and the vice-president, Mrs. Hector Scheel, welcomed the visitors. Mr. Elmer Kauffeldt sang, "The Lord's Prayer," after which Mrs. Henry Strike read the Scripture and Mrs. Emil Woermke led in prayer. Mrs. Bert Blackmore

and Mrs. Leslie Kauffeldt then sang a duet.

The dialogue, "The Other Woman," was presented by Mrs. Walter Schmidt and Mrs. Leslie Kauffeldt. Mrs. Douglas Langford and the Rev. Walter Schmidt offered prayers for our missionaries on home and foreign fields. We were then favored by a trio from Mrs. Clarence Scheel, Mrs. John Woermke and Mrs. Emil Woermke.

An hour of fellowship was later enjoyed in the basement. It is stimulating to enjoy this Christian fellowship and we look forward to more such gatherings. We are happy to report blessings under the leadership of our pastor, the Rev. Walter Schmidt, and his wife who have been ably serving us since last May.

Mrs. Leslie Kauffeldt, Secretary.

Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. John Kuehn by the Lyndock Church of Ontario, Canada

On Wednesday, October 24th, the members and friends of the Lyndock Baptist Church of Ontario, Canada, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Jahn to say farewell to our good pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. John Kuehn who served us faithfully for eight and one-half years.

In appreciation of the work that they have done, Mrs. Louis Kuehl presented Mrs. Kuehn with a Bulova watch on behalf of the Woman's Mis-

sionary Society. Mr. Leo Kargus presented Mr. Kuehn with a gift of money from the Sunday School, the young people and the men of the church.

For the opening of the program we sang a few choruses and then scripture was read taken from Psalm 121, followed by prayer. Mrs. Herman Jahn sang a solo in the German language. Two short talks were given by Mr. Alfred Glazer and Bertha Kuehl. "He Leadeth Me" was sung by Esther Draves. A poem, "In Remembrance," was read by Mrs. Louis Kuehl. In closing we sang, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Refreshments were served by the women of the church.

On October 28th the Rev. John Kuehn preached his farewell sermon to a full church, followed by the Lord's Supper. We as a church pray God's richest blessing upon them as they go to their new field of service in Whitemouth, Manitoba.

Mrs. Louis Kuehl, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Conference on Evangelism at the Carbon Baptist Church of Carbon, Alberta

Due to the bad weather conditions which had blocked many country roads with snow, the group from Alberta churches which gathered at the

Carbon Baptist Church of Carbon, Alberta, to hold its first Evangelistic Conference on the afternoon of Oct. 16 was quite small.

Nevertheless, the Lord does not forget his own. Even though representatives of the neighboring churches of Olds and Trochu could not attend, God saw fit that our guest speaker, the Rev. John Wobig of Portland, Ore., as well as the Rev. Erwin Faul of Calgary, Alberta, and a few representatives of the church there could attend. The home pastor, the Rev. J. G. Rott, acted as chairman and after the singing of a few hymns and short devotion he introduced the guest speaker, the Rev. John Wobig of Portland.

The hours that followed passed altogether too quickly as Mr. Wobig with Mr. Faul assisting gave us very inspirational instruction on the following topics: "The Use of the Bible in Soul Winning," "How to Pray with the Unsaved" and "Preparing and Enlisting the Local Church for the Program of Visitation Evangelism."

Because the weather conditions were not favorable, the evening service was cancelled and Mr. Wobig concluded the afternoon session with a short message in the German language on the text: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19). With this message the blessed afternoon came to a close.

Miss Estella Schell, 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. ANNA REITER of Parkersburg, Iowa.

Mrs. Anna Reiter, nee Cerkse, of Parkersburg, Iowa, was born on Aug. 23, 1875 at Foreston, Ill., and passed away at her home at Parkersburg, Iowa, at the age of 76 years. As a young woman she came with her parents to Iowa, settling in the vicinity of Parkersburg. On Jan. 30, 1895 she was married to Eno Reiter, her now sorrowing husband. During their married life the couple lived in various places in Iowa and also in South Dakota, until they retired from active farm life to their own home in Parkersburg, Iowa.

The departed learned to know the Lord Jesus as her personal Savior quite early in life, and tried to serve him faithfully in the opportunities which were open to her. Besides her husband, she leaves to mourn her departure one sister, two brothers, also many other relatives and a host of friends.

H. LOHR, Pastor.

MRS. ANNA BERTULEIT of Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Anna Bertuleit, nee Wilnes, of Portland, Ore., was born near Tilsit, East Prussia, Germany on Sept. 16, 1860 and died at her home in Portland, Ore., on Nov. 4, 1951 at the age of 91 years, one month and 18 days.

At the age of 27 she came to America and was united in marriage to Michael Bertuleit on Oct. 3, 1887 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. There they made their home until September 1900 when they came West, residing for 18 months in Tacoma, Wash., and then in March of 1902 they established their home in Portland.

Mrs. Bertuleit was converted under the ministry of Evangelist Scheffer in Germany and in 1872 she was baptized by the Rev. Karl Albrecht, becoming a member of the mission of the Tilsit Baptist Church. In this country she held membership at Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.; Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash.; and since 1902 in Trinity Baptist Church of Portland. She was deeply devoted to her Lord and served him as a faithful witness at every opportunity. She was a Bible School teacher for many years.

She leaves to mourn her departure her aged and sorrowing husband, Michael Bertuleit; three children: Henry and Mrs. Emma B. Meier of Portland, and Walter of Balboa Island, Calif.; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, besides many relatives and friends. May cherished memories of the departed and the comforting grace of God console those who mourn her passing!

Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

MISS ALMA FLORENCE WEIHE of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Miss Alma Florence Weihe was born in Milwaukee, Wis., on September 24, 1888. She was a daughter of the late Herman and Mary Weihe. At the age of thirteen, she accepted Christ as her personal Savior, and was baptized by the Rev. F. W. C. Meyer. She joined what was then known as the First German Baptist Church, now Immanuel Baptist Church.

Though handicapped physically for most of her life, the Lord had endowed her with unusual mental powers which she used in her daily work in the office and in service for the Master. For many years she taught in Sunday School, sang in the choir and played the piano, and for a shorter time, the organ. She was a charter member of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee.

In December 1947, her arthritic condition became much worse, so that she was confined to her home most of the time. But although shut-in and in constant pain, she did not lose interest in the outside world. Her correspondence with other shut-ins and with missionaries stationed in various parts of the world was a large one. Miss Weihe passed away quietly in her home on October 25. She is survived by a sister,

Laura Weihe; a brother, Raymond G. Weihe; other relatives and a host of friends.

The funeral service was held in Milwaukee on October 29 conducted by the pastor. Words of comfort and encouragement were based on 2 Tim. 4:6-8, for truly she had a victorious faith. Members and friends of Bethany Church established a living memorial in her name to be used for our mission to the lepers in the Cameroons. Her heart was in missions and especially the mission to the lepers.

Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

WILMER QUIRING, Pastor.

MR. ARTHUR MIETZ of Fessenden, North Dakota.

Mr. Arthur Mietz of Fessenden, N. Dak., was born on February 6, 1891 at Pound, Wisconsin. In his early youth his family moved to Wells County, N. Dak., and settled on a farm near Fessenden. As a young man he homesteaded in Montana and lived there for several years. On September 4, 1917 he obeyed the call of his country and served in the Army until January 16, 1919. He was in the 338th Field Artillery and served overseas in France. Since then he has been a member of the American Legion, being a charter member of the local organization.

Mr. Mietz passed away on October 28, 1951 in the Minot Veteran's Hospital. The cause of death was a heart ailment with which he had been bothered for some time.

He leaves to mourn the following four sisters and two brothers: Mrs. Rudolph Fiebach of Fessenden, N. Dak.; Mrs. Mathilda Burgstahler of Fessenden, N. Dak.; Mr. Rudolph Mietz of Harvey, N. Dak.; Mr. Fred Mietz of Fessenden, N. Dak.; Mrs. E. M. Anderson of Rolla, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Fred Mosal of Robinsdale, Minnesota. Besides these he leaves a host of relatives and friends. May the God of all peace comfort the hearts of the bereaved.

A large crowd was present for the memorial service which took place in the Fessenden Baptist Church on October 31st with the Rev. Vernon Link officiating and the American Legion taking part in the impressive graveside service.

Fessenden, North Dakota

VERNON LINK, Pastor.

MR. HENRY H. EILERS of Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

Mr. Henry Hardin Eilers of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, was born at Forreston, Ill., on October 27, 1874, the son of Berend and Freidareka Eilers. At the age of seven years he moved with his parents to a farm near Buck Grove, Iowa, where he resided until 1892, when he moved to Steamboat Rock. The remainder of his life was spent in this vicinity.

On April 10, 1901, he was married to Sarah B. Lamprecht, and the Lord blessed this union with five children. Brother Eilers was converted as a young man, and on May 18, 1894, he was baptized by Rev. John De Weerd and united with the Baptist Church at Steamboat Rock.

Misfortune struck several times during his lifetime. A series of accidents brought about the crippling of his left hand, thus diminishing its usefulness for much of his life-time. On May 1, 1934, an accident with a disinfectant tree sprayer eventually caused him to lose his eyesight. During these 17 years of blindness, his daughters have constantly tended him with loving care. He has been in noticeably failing health during the past year, and on October 29, 1951 his soul took its flight, two days following his 77th birthday.

He is survived by four daughters: Marie and Ruth at home; Louise, Mrs. Tom Claasen of Wellsburg, Iowa; Lucille, Mrs. Harry Folkerts, of Steamboat Rock, Iowa; a sister, Mrs. George Bruns of George, Iowa; his twin brother Ben of Steamboat Rock, Iowa; three grandchildren, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Services were conducted at the local Baptist Church on Nov. 1st with the Reverends C. W. Swyter, Howard Johnson, and Louis R. Johnson participating in the service. Interment was in the Steamboat Rock Cemetery. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

Steamboat Rock, Iowa

LOUIS R. JOHNSON, Interim Pastor.

MR. GOTTLIEB HERR of Wishek, North Dakota.

Mr. Gottlieb Herr of Wishek, N. Dak., the son of Jacob Herr, Sr., was born near Tripp, S. Dak., on October 11, 1885. At the age of two years he came with his parents into the vicinity of Wishek, N. Dak., where he farmed in the earlier years of his life and later became a partner of Herr Mercantile Company. This association with the firm, the useful service to the Lord and his church was ended when the Master over life and death called our brother unexpectedly and suddenly in the forenoon of October 19, 1951 while he was at work in the store. His age terminated at 66 years and 8 days.

He was united in marriage with Katherine Pfeiffle on Dec. 22, 1907 who now mourns the loss of her husband and life's companion. At her side are the following who mourn his departure: three sons, Alvin, Harvey and Kenneth, and four daughters: Mrs. Eleanor Bailey, Mrs. Priscilla Bartholomew, Mrs. Evelyn Staten and Mrs. Stella Boschee; ten grandchildren; also one brother and two sisters. Three sons preceded him in death. He had a great host of friends as was evident by the great number of people at the service, which was estimated as over one thousand.

Brother Herr accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was added to the Baptist Church at Wishek by baptism in June 1908. The Rev. Christian Bischof was the pastor. From then on his life belonged to the Lord whom he served faithfully in the Wishek church and vicinity until we were called upon to say with Paul: "After he had served his own generation by the will of God, he fell on sleep . . ." (Acts 13:16). Since the church is without a minister at present, the Rev. B. W. Krentz, his former minister was called to conduct the services by which our faithful servant of God was laid to rest. Assisting him were the Rev. E. K. Heimer of the local Evangelical United Brethren Church, the Rev. A. J. Fischer of McCluskey, N. Dak., the Rev. L. O. Wahl of Cherry Grove, Ore., who was visiting in the vicinity, and the Rev. Ruben Stading, pastor of our church at Rosenfeld, N. Dak.

Many were the tears at this memorable occasion, many the flowers decorating the church and grave with a substantial sum given by friends in memoriam; but neither words nor floral tributes will speak as eloquently to his memory as the tower chimes and public address system which he had installed to the glory of God and the service of the congregation in the Wishek church. It is true on every Sunday morning that "while he is dead, he yet speaketh." The family mourns the loss of a Christian husband and father, the friends about town a congenial "Uncle Gottlieb" but the church has lost a member of the choir, a trustee and devout deacon. Our loss is his gain!

Wishek, North Dakota

B. W. KRENTZ, Officiating Minister.

MR. PETER YOST of Puyallup, Washington.

Mr. Peter Yost of Puyallup, Wash., was born on February 11, 1903 in Stony Plain, Alberta, Canada. In 1923 he with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Yost, and other sisters and brothers came to take up residence in the Pacific Northwest. His father died soon after their arrival in Tacoma so that Mr. Yost made his home with his mother until she brought her life's journey to its end in 1943.

On July 20, 1945, Mr. Yost married Alma Zielke of Puyallup, which marriage was blessed with two children. In all of the years that God privileged them to walk life's road together, they sought his blessing upon their every undertaking. Thus it was a severe shock to family and friends when Mr. Yost's untimely death was announced, having occurred while at work as a result of a heart attack.

Throughout his life Mr. Yost radiated the life that gains strength in close fellowship with Jesus Christ. He was converted in Trochu in 1917 and was baptized by the Rev. Albert Kujath in August of that year. Since his arrival in Tacoma he used his talents most efficiently in the labors of the Master. He taught a Sunday School class for almost thirty years; he was assistant Sunday School superintendent a number of times; he was choir director at various intervals and was active in that capacity at the time of his death; he was a capable spiritual leader which caused him to be elected to the board of deacons for the last three years. As a Christian brother he radiated in all activity the joy of one who was truly at peace with his Lord.

Mr. Yost is survived by his bereaved wife; two children: Dianne, six years, and Phillip, two years; his brothers and sisters: Adam of Trochu, Anna Spady of Carstairs, Alberta; Elizabeth Bertsch of Calgary; Jake, Abraham, Benjamin, Samuel and Eva Kollar, all of Tacoma, Washington.

On the eve of the day of his homegoing he prepared for the choir's ministry for the following Sunday. The anthem's message was realized by Brother Yost before it could be sung to the congregation.

"Some morning, Oh, some morning!
I shall wake in his dear likeness;
And as a weary prisoner's chains,
My earthly sins shall fall.
I'll rise in radiant strength and life,
Forever through with restless strife;
As like a father's happy child
I answer to his call."

May God's rich comfort give strength and assurance!
Calvary Baptist Church,
Tacoma, Washington

H. J. WILCKE, Pastor.

MR. JOHN HEPPER of Underwood, North Dakota.

Mr. John Hepper, a resident of the Underwood, North Dakota community for 45 years, was born in Odesa, Russia, on December 1, 1884. In 1903, at the age of 19, he came to the United States with his parents and brothers and sisters to settle and make his home near Parkston, South Dakota. On October 22 at 7:00 A.M. he quietly slipped away to be relieved of the pain and suffering he endured for the last two years, having been bedridden much of the time.

After coming to this country Mr. Hepper took an active part in community affairs with a special interest in the education of the young people. He had received his elementary education in Russia and was

determined to see children of the following generations get a better education. This was wonderfully exemplified in his own family. On January 30, 1908 he was married to Miss Lydia Wudel at Parkston, South Dakota. They shared the joys and sorrows of married life together until the time of brother Hepper's death. Mrs. Hepper spent many sleepless nights during the last two years in caring for her ailing husband. Mr. Hepper was a good provider and a hard worker.

To their union three children were born, all of them sons. One preceded his father in death, Elmer, in 1943. Two of them survive. They are Dr. E. J. Hepper, Underwood, and Dr. Norman Hepper, Rochester, Minnesota. There are eight grandchildren surviving. He is also survived by one brother, Jacob, of Underwood and two sisters, Mrs. Carolina Schuh of Underwood, and Mrs. Christina Rothman of Washburn. Besides this a great host of friends and relatives in the Underwood community mourn his passing. Last, but not least, his faithful wife, Lydia, who along with her husband learned the hard lessons of suffering during the last months of his life. May the God of all peace comfort her and her children in the hour of sorrow.

Mr. Hepper was a successful farmer all his life. In 1949, due to ill health, he retired from active farming, and moved to Underwood, renting a home at first and then moved into the lovely new home he had provided for his wife and himself to enjoy during the sunset years of life. During the ensuing two years, and until the time of his death, he was in the hospital 15 months. In the Fall of 1949 he underwent spinal surgery in the Methodist Hospital of Des Moines, where his son, Norman, was practising.

In 1905 Mr. Hepper accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior under the ministry of Evangelist Schwentner and the following summer, on June 27, 1905, he and 71 other converts were baptized by Rev. Bentz at Parkston, South Dakota. He was a member of the Parkston Church until coming to Underwood, and in 1911 he transferred his membership to the First Baptist Church of Underwood. He was treasurer of the church for some time and at the time of his death was an honorary trustee, having served in that capacity for many years. He served as a member of the Building Committee for the new parsonage and also on the Building Committee of the new church until he could no longer serve.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church of Underwood on Thursday, October 25. The pastor spoke words of comfort from John 14:1-6, which was his favorite portion of Scripture. The Men's Quartet sang, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Going Down the Valley." Mr. Art Turner sang an original composition, the words of which are set to the melody of "Then Jesus Came." The words of the song follow:

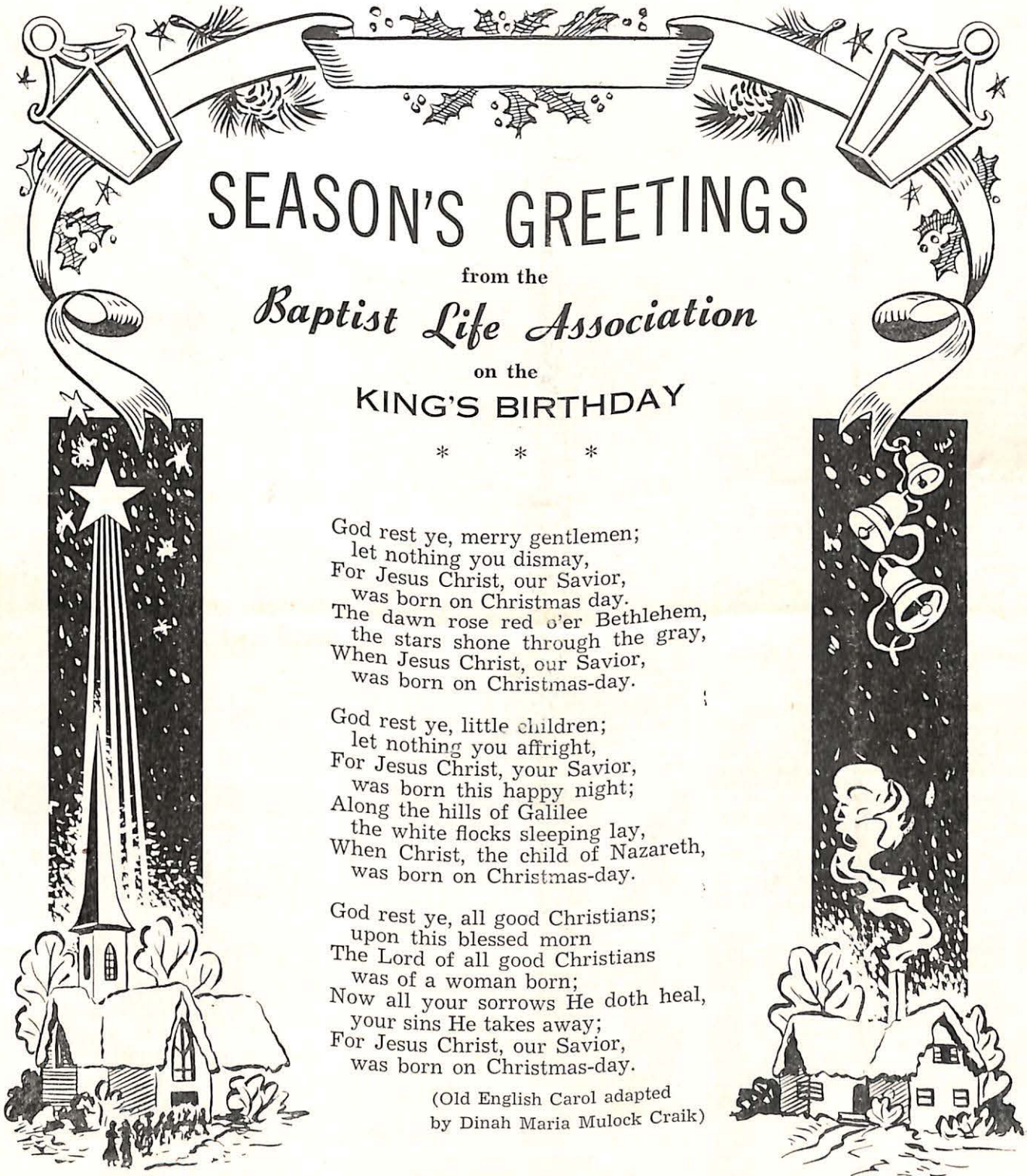
He lay alone, his body wracked with pain,
His legs were numb, the light he could but see;
He clutched his clothes, and prayed that
that God would hear him,
Then Jesus came and whispered, I am near.

The night was long, the days were sad and lonely;
The pain was great, but he would not complain;
He loved his Lord in spite of pain and suffering,
Then Jesus came and turned his night to day.

But now he's gone to be with Jesus ever,
For pain he bore, a crown he now will wear;
The love of God will keep him safe forever,
For Jesus came, yea, Jesus came to stay.

When Jesus comes to tempter's power is broken;
When Jesus comes the tears are wiped away,
He takes the gloom and fills the life with glory,
For all is changed when Jesus comes to stay.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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on the
KING'S BIRTHDAY

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God rest ye, merry gentlemen;
let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ, our Savior,
was born on Christmas day.
The dawn rose red o'er Bethlehem,
the stars shone through the gray,
When Jesus Christ, our Savior,
was born on Christmas-day.

God rest ye, little children;
let nothing you affright,
For Jesus Christ, your Savior,
was born this happy night;
Along the hills of Galilee
the white flocks sleeping lay,
When Christ, the child of Nazareth,
was born on Christmas-day.

God rest ye, all good Christians;
upon this blessed morn
The Lord of all good Christians
was of a woman born;
Now all your sorrows He doth heal,
your sins He takes away;
For Jesus Christ, our Savior,
was born on Christmas-day.

(Old English Carol adapted
by Dinah Maria Mulock Craik)

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