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Keeping Calm in a Turbulent World

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...in the course of human events

● A native worker in Spain writes of the new evidences of intolerance and persecution in many parts of Spain. The writer tells of Swiss missionaries recently expelled from a city when the priests saw that the people were coming more to their meetings than to the Roman rites. There is great interest among the people to hear the pure Gospel, but meetings outside of licensed halls are illegal. — Prophecy Monthly.

● Dr. Daniel A. Poling is treasurer of a fund for "Children's Memorial Forest" which is to be planted in Israel on the hills of Galilee, in memory of more than a million Jewish boys and girls who were destroyed in the mass murders of the Nazis between 1939 and 1945. The proposed forest is to be on the very slopes where our Savior trod and taught as a gift from Christians of America. — Prophecy Monthly.

● The London Missionary Society has regretfully come to a decision to withdraw European missionaries from China, closing its mission as a whole by the end of this year. As is well known, the authorities look upon foreign connections of Christian missions with suspicion. Left to themselves Chinese Christians will be much in the same position as Pauline converts who had to develop character and think out the faith in Roman or Greek social and political settings. The church in China is happily soundly based. — British Weekly.

● The name, "Palestine," has become a historian's term only; for instead of Palestine, two new states now exist: Israel, comprising that part of the country occupied by Jewish forces; and the Kingdom of the Jordan. This partition, forcibly effected, has not yet been regularized by an internationally accepted peace treaty. This has resulted in the isolation of one part of the country from the other, and has made it impossible, for the most part, for Christians of the same persuasion on either side to meet for the interchange of views and for common planning and worship. Only the U. N. Red Cross and diplomatic personnel (other than those of the conflicting parties) may cross the lines. Much of the Christian work in the Holy Land has come to a standstill in the past years on account of the Palestine struggle. — The Evangelical Christian.

● Catholic and Protestant missionaries "without distinction" are being singled out as "cultural spies of imperialism." Peiping has announced an "intensified campaign" to wipe out any vestiges of the church in China. Young China is being brought up by Communist youth leaders to regard the Christian religion as a "weak tool of imperialism" and a "false cloak to hide the aggressive designs of imperialism." Evidence of this anti-church campaign is tragically abundant. "So frequently are incarcerations of missionaries of late, that individual cases are losing their value as news." Large numbers of missionaries are leaving China. "Accusation meetings" throughout Chinese colleges are growing. It is no longer uncommon for students to demand the expulsion of the foreign professors because of "anti-revolutionary thinking." — Chicago Tribune.

● The fiftieth book of the venerable Dr. Samuel Zwemer has been announced by the publisher, Mr. Herman Baker of Baker Book House, in Grand Rapids, Mich. In addition to this fifty books published in the English language, this author has also written a number of books and tracts in Arabic. His works have been translated into Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, German, French, Dutch, Spanish, Arabic, Persian, Urdu and Chinese. The latest product of the pen of this well known Christian author is SONS OF ADAM, pen sketches of God's Old Testament people. Consisting of 168 pages, it presents 12 biographical sketches of selected Old Testament characters, in the setting of their native land, with which Dr. Zwemer is so intimately acquainted. Samuel Zwemer remains today at past four score years of age one of the most dynamic and powerful missionary speakers as he has been in the great Student Volunteer and Inter Varsity Conferences as well as missionary gatherings at home and abroad.

FRONT COVER

The front cover picture shows the choir of the Riverview Baptist Church St. Paul, Minn., of which the Rev. Edgar Klatt (center, front row) is the director as well as pastor of the church. A report about the Riverview Church appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Editorial

At the Midway Mark

WE HAVE REACHED the midway mark in this triennium between General Conference sessions. At Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in August, 1949, we as North American Baptists churches set a goal of 7000 converts to be won for Christ and baptisms for the next three years. With fervent consecration to Christ, we resolved to devote ourselves energetically to the task before us. EVANGELISM with this definite goal of 7000 converts was to be the intensive program of the three years ahead.

At this midway mark we can begin to take spiritual inventory of ourselves. Some of the statistics that are now available ought to humble us before God as well as stir us to greater and more aggressive action. Thus far, we are falling short of the goal that is before us. Each of the three years should record about 2300 baptisms for the successful attainment of the goal. But the first year showed that there had been 1665 baptisms in our churches. This is only a good average year, since 1949 recorded a total of 1642 baptisms. The records for the second year of the triennium are not completed as yet, but the first returns seem to repeat the story of the first year.

We shall have to realize that it is a high objective for us to want to win 7000 souls for Christ and by baptism to add them to our church lists. Wishful thinking or the customary programs will not bring us successfully to our goal. It will require our united ministry with earnest prayers and special efforts if we are to succeed at this task. Every North American Baptist will have to be a bright witness for Christ, endeavoring to win another person for the Savior and, as never before, serving as "a personal worker" for the Lord Jesus

The task is not impossible. It can be done, for it is the Lord's work and cause. In HIS strength we can become mighty conquerors. A denominational program of visitation evangelism has been announced to our churches with ten of our pastors serving in a special evangelistic ministry during the next few months in addition to our two appointed evangelists.

A deeper interest in visitation evangelism and personal soul winning is being shown by many of our people. Many of our churches are rejoicing over the number of baptismal services that are being held by them. The spiritual victories are being recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life, and the statistics concerning these converts are slowly mounting. We can be encouraged if the story at the midway mark will serve to arouse us to more intensive soul winning during the days ahead.

Let this be the earnest prayer of everyone of us, preparatory to our witness for Christ: "O God, my Savior, teach me thy will. What hast thou for me to do this day? What hast thou for me to say? Open thou my lips that I may speak. But open first mine ears that I may hear. Help me to wait upon thy Word! Amen."

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Keeping Calm in a Turbulent World

The primitive fears of life give way to an abiding calm as Jesus and his disciples confront life together

By the REV. RICHARD K. MERCER, JR., of the Walnut St. Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey

"I WAS CAREFUL not to tell my child about God," said an anxious mother to a psychiatrist, as related by A. Gordon Nasby of Chicago. "I was afraid the boy might be frightened." The mother was perplexed at the sudden development of phobias in the child. Said the psychiatrist, "You have only substituted primitive fears for the fear of God."

Resulting from a mutinous world, primitive fears have rushed in to inhabit the soul's house in its vacancy. Inner calm becomes a greatly to be desired treasure, but it is an illusive one! Seeing the common basis for world upheaval in his day, the Old Testament prophet wrote, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way."

The Apostle Paul reiterated this truth as it is unalterably set forth in his all-inclusive observation that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Time has changed. Nations have risen and fallen. The cause of our turmoil is still the same. The prophet and the apostle write for this day! Man, in defiance against God, has become estranged from Him, and is caught in the confusion and chaos that inevitably follow. How to "keep calm" becomes an imperative for one seeking adjustment.

How can a man keep calm when immersed in a world seething with revolt against God? Perhaps we shall learn the secret of tranquility in a troubled world by observing some who apparently have reached this achievement.

ISOLATIONISM

There are some who have obtained calmness by the process of isolation. They do not call their achievement by that technical name. But they follow the actions which that word denotes in the experiences of living. Isolationism is a large classification. Those who use this method of keeping calm seem to have found comfort under its spreading branches.

Basically, this is a selfish approach. As long as a person isolates himself from the world about him, he can keep calm. If one does not allow himself to care, then he will not be disturbed by the need around him. Thus,

a man confronted with the needs of food and shelter for the war-ravaged countries of the Continent responds, "I have my own family for which to provide. I can't be worried about anyone else. After all, charity begins at home." Familiar words!

In the area of our religious expression is the evangelizing of Japan, now that the door of opportunity has been swung open. The isolationist is not affected by the need of proclaiming to the world the unsearchable riches of Christ Jesus. "What if there is a shortage of missionaries and a deficit of missionary funds? So what? Christian missions didn't do much for Japan in the days before Pearl Harbor. Our little church has to take care of itself." And so this man and his myriad of disciples rest comfortably as the little church chugs along the narrow gauge to nowhere!

The philosophy of keeping calm in the isolation of a man from the need at large is a false philosophy. Its venomous injection makes him blind to that which does not immediately enter his orb of experience. However, when the need comes into his own back yard, he is often the one who screams the longest and loudest. Calamity dissolves his calm! Isolation is not the way to obtain constant tranquility.

PRESERVATION OF SELF

There are others who obtain calmness by the preservation of the self. Different from the isolationist, this person realizes that there is something radically wrong in his own experience and in the circles in which he moves. This, too, is a popular category. In his self-preservation a protective wall is erected by placing upon others the responsibility for that which is wrong. This is another way of reaching a position of apparent ease in Zion — an attitude that a person cannot be disturbed by what is not right because he is not to blame for that wrong. Laying the cause of confusion at the feet of others does give the illusion of freeing the self from guilt.

Was this not the approach of Pontius Pilate? Jesus had been brought before him under a false charge of sedition. Pilate knew that he had been

delivered unto him because of envy. Pilate's wife had said, "Have nothing to do with this just man." He himself said, "I find no fault in him." But the governor was thrust into a situation that had reached the proportions of a riotous insurrection, as the crowds cried, "Crucify! Crucify!" Pilate absolved himself by washing away the hands of responsibility of the incident. "I am innocent of the blood of this just person." Although sacred Scripture gives us no further information of this self-preservationist, we cannot help but suspect that his absolution never gave him any inner calm from his cowardly act.

The preservationist has Pilate's counterpart at work in the home, and in the church. Often the man whose business has failed, finds his absolution in the circumstances which he has encountered in his business quest. He doesn't face the facts of poor management, inferior production and unwise investments.

PROBLEMS FOR CONCERN

Then there is the housewife and mother whose children have become problems to the family and, perhaps, delinquents in the community. She may find her absolution in placing the blame upon the company they keep, the poor movies they have seen, or the influence of crime-depicting comic books. In truth, it is her neglect, her failure to bring up the children in a godly atmosphere, and her lack of co-operation with the church, that is to blame.

Then there is the church official who is not disturbed by the small attendances at the Sunday services, or at the midweek prayer meeting. These things are of no great concern to him for "after all, isn't it the pastor's task to worry about things like that?" It is the pastor's fault, the preservationist insists, instead of realizing that he should be shoulder to shoulder with the man of God, working to bring in the Kingdom until Jesus comes!

This destructive calm is that of self-deception. The time shall come for him also when the bubble will break, and he will find that no man lives unto himself. If the preservationist is a Christian, and we regret to say, he sometimes is, he must come to grips with the fact in life that we

are all workers together with God through Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

CONTRADICTION

Others keep calm by the process of contradiction. This is an approach of denial. If something is confusing or troublesome, deny its reality. The whole area of sin and judgment has many who seek refuge in the thought that these things are non-existent.

The problem of sin in the world is a very disturbing one. One must account for it somehow. Yet some find their tranquility in a very real world, by the contradiction of the things that are self-evident. Thus there is a large category of those who say, "Man is incapable of sin." "Sin, sickness, and death are but illusions." And there is another large group who expresses the view that "man never had a fall. Whatever is, is good. Evil does not exist." How convenient it is to contradict these things! If one were faced with the reality of them, he would never find serenity of soul, until he found deliverance from them.

The problem of judgment does not allow one to recline peacefully either. Woven into the texture of both the Old and the New Testaments is the thread of the judgment of God. "The soul that sinneth it shall die." The inherent sense of justice, that we humans have, gives us an inner assurance of the certainty of God's judgment. For the sensitive person, the thought of judgment with its accompanying fear cannot bring inner calm. One must either submit to it or deny its reality.

There are many who admit a judgment of God against sin and unrighteousness, and yet their life contradicts that acknowledgment. The man who admits the reality of judgment and ignores the consequences of a sinful life finds he cannot keep a peace of mind. But, there is something about the human creature that makes him ignore the consequences of sin, for a few moments of pleasure which the act offers. The after-effect, however, brings a facing of reality and the contradiction has given way to confusion.

As in the case of the other approaches toward the realization of keeping calm, that of obtaining calmness of contradiction or ignoring the vital things of life is a false approach. Experience will break down the argument in this life, and God's judgment will reveal the fool's heart in the life to come.

THE CHRISTIAN APPROACH

There are others who obtain an inner calm by the method of confrontation. This is the Christian and true approach. It is the way within which the Christian walks. A person obtains deep calmness in the face of evil and he has good experiences of life by a confrontation of the issues



—Eva Luoma Photo

of life in the power and strength of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul, the persecutor, who became the persecuted, learned that truth. As he faced beatings, imprisonment and martyrdom, Paul wrote, "I have learned that in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Or, to rephrase the thought, "No matter what life may open up before me in serving my Risen Lord, I shall find calmness as I go forward with him." Oh, that we might confront life, as each new day's adventures unfold before us, in the power of our Savior. Let us go forward to live and work to the glory of God in Christ Jesus!

Confrontation is not blind fate. Fate says, "Whatever is coming is inevitable." Christianity says, "Whatever is coming to the Christian comes either by the direct or permissive will of God." So Romans 8:28 is given in this spirit. The child of God must advance in turbulent and troublesome times with absolute faith in Christ.

A man is walking across a single track railroad trestle. Beneath the long bridge, the swift waters of the river rush to the sea. Apparently from out of nowhere, a passenger train has come and is about to enter the crossing. The man's back is toward the train. The distance to the far side is too great. The whistle of warning blows. There are four various responses possible for the man in this precarious situation.

As an isolationist, his attitude would be: "There is nothing to worry about.

I must cross this trestle to reach my destination. After all, I was here first."

As a preservationist, he convinces himself: "I'm not going to let this worry me. It's the railroad's fault for running trains at this time of day!"

As a contradictionist, to be consistent, he would reason: "Is that a whistle? It can't be. It must be the wind in the treetops. Do I hear a train? It must be an illusion of my mind."

As a Christian confrontationist, the approaching danger would be very real. Realizing his inevitable helplessness, he would cry out for help, even though he could not see anyone who could help him. There is an answer to his cry! Quickly from below, a voice calls to him to leap. A man in a boat in the river beneath is standing by to rescue him from the water. He takes the leap in faith! He finds safety in this response alone.

All men are on the trestle of life's experiences. The dangers of life and the continuing disturbances of life bear down suddenly and heavily. The person who is realistic will cry out to Jesus Christ for his salvation and will find safety, security and inner calm to face today's and tomorrow's after his leap of faith. No longer will life be a lonely, frustrating experience. The primitive fears of life will give way to an abiding calm as Jesus and he confront life together. This is keeping calm through confrontation — Christian confrontation!

The First Disciples of Jesus

The second of a series of Bible expositions on the Gospel According to John by DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

AFTER the introduction to his gospel, John begins his Gospel proper by giving us the testimony of the Baptist. We do well to remind ourselves at the beginning of this main study that the purpose of the fourth gospel is to have the readers believe on Christ as the Son of God and believing might have life through him.

A TRIPLE DENIAL (1:10-28)

John the Baptist had become very popular as a preacher. The rulers could no longer disregard him because of his powerful influence. A deputation of priests and Levites sent by the Pharisees asked the Baptist who he claimed to be. "Who are you?" they asked. He at once declared he wasn't the Christ, neither Elijah nor "the prophet." As the forerunner he came in the "spirit" and "power" of Elijah (Luke 1:17) but he wasn't the prophet of whom Moses had spoken (Deut. 18:15).

But the Temple officials were not satisfied. They said: "Who are you anyway? We insist on an answer for our superiors. What have you got to say for yourself?" He told them he was but "a voice," crying in the desert: "Make straight the way of the Lord" (Isa. 40:3). He was the herald for the coming Messiah.

But the deputation from Jerusalem wasn't even satisfied with this answer. "Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" He conceded that he baptized in water but the main thing was not a ceremony but a Person. He turned their thoughts away from himself to One who was standing in their midst unrecognized. This One was so superior to the Baptist that he felt himself unworthy to untie his sandal-strap.

The Talmud taught: Every service which a servant will perform for his master, a disciple will do for his rabbi except loosing his sandal thong. But the greatest of all the prophets said of Christ: "I am not fit to untie the string of his sandal." What an example of humility!

We are told this incident occurred at Bethany beyond the Jordan, some obscure village in Peraea. The King James version has "Bethabara" but Bethany is the reading of the oldest manuscripts. Therefore the modern

THE PERSONAL TOUCH

By DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT

The personal touch is of great importance. By personal touch we mean one personality contacting another. The best way to reach persons is through persons.

Andrew touched Simon and won him for Christ. Jesus touched Philip and Philip touched Nathanael and both became Jesus' followers.

Why did God send Christ into the world? Because we needed the divine and human touch. Christ is God's personal touch.

A pastor in Cincinnati, Ohio, laid his hand on the arm of a young man leaving church, looked him in the eye and asked him if he were a Christian. "No, Sir! I have heard you preach for seven years, but I am not a Christian." Both went into the pastor's study. Within five minutes the young man had made the great decision. Seven years of brilliant preaching had failed. Five minutes alone together and a soul was won. Are you using your personal touch?

versions have "Bethany beyond the Jordan."

THREEFOLD EMPHASIS (1:29-34)

The Baptist in the first scene declared he was not the Christ (John 1:19-28). In this second scene (1:19:34) he points to the Christ as the Lamb of God, the Son of God and the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit. When the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him the next day, he exclaimed: "Look, that is God's Lamb who takes and bears away the sin of the world." Jesus appears now for the first time in the proper narrative of this gospel. It is not without significance that he is called "the Lamb of God" at the very beginning of this sublime writing.

We naturally think of the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. The servant of Jehovah is represented "as a lamb that is led to the slaughter" (Isa. 53). Many lambs had been sacrificed down through the centuries but they could not take away the sins for men (Heb. 10:4). God himself had to provide for a unique lamb; therefore it is called

"God's Lamb." God would do for us what we could not do for ourselves.

It is not a lamb but "the lamb." The sacrifice of this unique lamb was to perform a unique service. It was to take away sin by taking it upon himself. It was sacrificed for a universal purpose, "the sin of the world."

Again he testifies that the One who succeeds him preceded him. He didn't recognize Christ at first but at Jesus' baptism he was assured that Christ was the Son of God. Possibly, Jesus had not met John the Baptist before, because the Baptist from childhood had probably lived as a Nazarite in the desert while Jesus lived in the north in Nazareth. However, John may have known Jesus previously to his baptism but not as the Messiah or the Son of God.

When the Baptizer, however, saw the Spirit descending and resting upon Jesus, he was convinced that here was the Anointed One, the Son of God, the Only One who could baptize in the Holy Spirit. There was no mistake about it. Therefore the Baptist said: "This I have seen and I am become a witness to the fact that he is the Son of God." This Son of God would immerse believers in a new life, a holy life. He would not baptize in water but in the Holy Spirit. We would flood their souls with light and power. A spiritual renewal would result.

JESUS' FIRST DISCIPLES (1:35-51)

In the third scene (1:35-37) we see the Baptist on the next day with two of his own followers pointing to Jesus saying: "Look! That is the Lamb of God! The Baptist's two disciples left their Master and followed Jesus. Christ turned and saw them following and said: "What do you want?" They replied: "Rabbi (or Teacher)! Where are you staying?" He said: "Come and you shall see."

They accepted his invitation and spent that day with him. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. Many years later the writer had not forgotten that unforgettable visit. In Jesus' day in the Greek-Roman world they counted times from sunrise to sunset. Therefore the tenth hour was 4:00 P.M.

One of the earliest two disciples of Jesus was Andrew. He became the first soul winner. He was a soul-seeker before a soul-winner. He won a soul in his own family circle. That is often a difficult task! When he

Memorial Service for Rev. F. W. Benke

By MR. ROBERT HOFFMAN of Edmonton, Alberta

IT WAS at 10:30 A.M. on Sunday, Dec. 31st, on a crisp, bright, wintry morning that worshippers began to file into our Mission Chapel on the Montana Indian Reserve. As they took their places, one could feel a spirit of great anticipation, for it was the memorial service for the late Rev. F. W. Benke. Over seventy Indians and whites filled the church and God met with us in a wonderful way.

Words can hardly express the feeling which prevailed as we all thought back to the time when Brother Benke was with us and spent his life in service for his Redeemer, Jesus Christ. We all knew that the very building in which we were worshipping was the result of some of his untiring efforts. We thanked our Lord for such a man of God!

Time did not permit everyone to give expression to the story of the influence and blessing which Brother

Benke had brought to their lives. However, Chief John Bear, John Cattleman, Joe Rabbit and Robert Hoffman spoke of the blessing and help which the late Mr. Benke had brought to them during his years of service.

This was followed by the presentation of a large, beautiful picture of the head of Christ donated by Chief John Bear, William Standing on the Road, Nancy Standing on the Road; Betsy Roasting, Archie Roasting, Widow Standing on the Road, Mr. and Mrs. John Cattleman, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Makinau, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Neuman. A beautiful picture of the Last Supper was also donated by Mrs. Domries, a sister of Rev. F. W. Benke in his memory.

These pictures not only add to the beauty of the church sanctuary but will often remind us of the Master, whom Brother Benke served, as we look at them.

found his own brother Simon, he was bubbling over with joy as though he had found his greatest treasure. He exclaimed: "We have found the Messiah."

Because John was writing primarily for Greeks or Gentiles he interprets different Hebrew names as Messiah or Cephas (1:41-42) for his readers. What a joy for Andrew to bring his own brother to Jesus! Christ looked intently at Simon and saw what he would become in the future. So he called him "Peter" or "Rock."

Jesus didn't remain at the Jordan but went the next day into Galilee. Christ never expects us to do what he himself was unwilling to do. So he became a soul winner by saying to Philip: "Follow me." Undoubtedly Philip was an acquaintance of Andrew and Peter because they belonged to the same town of Bethsaida, "Fishertown," probably located on the western shore of Galilee.

SPIRITUAL TORCHES

"One lighted torch serves to light another." Philip must have had a long conversation with Jesus and became convinced that he was the fulfillment of prophecy. He was so full of enthusiasm that he found his friend Nathanael and exclaimed with great fervor: "We have found him of whom Moses wrote in the Law, as did the prophets — Jesus of Nazareth, Joseph's son."

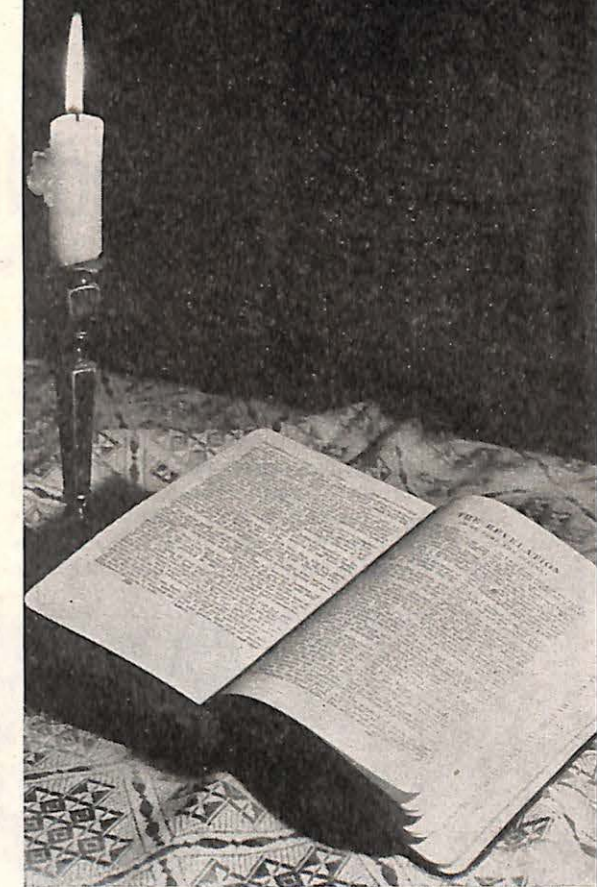
But Nathanael was not so easily convinced. He said: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth? Whoever heard of that little town?" We need

not believe it was a place of ill repute. But Philip simply said: "Come and see." Convince yourself! He didn't argue. When Jesus saw him coming he said: "Behold a true Israelite in whom there is no deceit." He was a man of absolute sincerity.

Nathanael was surprised at Jesus' supernatural knowledge and said: "How do you know me?" "Why," answered Jesus, "before Philip called you I saw you under the fig tree,"



It's a wonder land of beauty and mystery when snow has fallen and has clothed the trees with caps of white!



—Photo by Eva Luoma

where Nathanael had undoubtedly been meditating on spiritual things. This new disciple was so overwhelmed with what Jesus said that he exclaimed: "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." These were two of the highest titles of the Messiah.

THE SON OF GOD

Jesus turned to Nathanael and said: "Do you believe because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree? Why you shall see greater things than that? Let me tell you that from now on you will see heaven wide open and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." Christ as "the Son of God" indicates his unique relationship to God, and as "the Son of Man" indicates his relationship to mankind.

Jacob had seen in the dream a ladder reaching from earth to heaven and the angels ascending and descending upon it (Gen. 28:12). But in the morning the dream was gone. However, he had the assurance that God was with him even as a fugitive. But now heaven would remain wide open because through Christ there would be a living communication between heaven and earth and greater things would happen than ever before.

The Son of God reaches up to God with one hand and reaches down to man with the other and brings them both together. He is the spiritual leader from heaven to earth. He will manifest God's power in heaven on earth and bring the Father and his lost children together.

First Wedding in the Indian Chapel

By MISS FAYE STROHSCHIEIN, School Teacher and Christian Worker
on the Montana Indian Reserve

ON Wednesday, December 20, the Montana Baptist Church on the Montana Indian Reservation in Alberta, Canada, was the scene of a lovely wedding. There was much joy and also excitement in the Reserve since this was to be the first Indian wedding to take place in our little church.

satin and net. She carried a bouquet of white lilies and lily of the valley. The bride was attended by her sister, Mabel Currie, who wore a pale blue gown. Jean and Violet Currie, also sisters of the bride, were flower girls. They wore identical dresses of pale green satin.

Mr. Dick Currie, brother of the

are sure that this young couple will experience many joys in their life together, but we are also certain that many temptations will come to them. In view of this, we challenge Christians everywhere to pray very earnestly for them that Christ may truly rule in their hearts and home.



Some of the wedding party at the first wedding ever held in the Montana Baptist Chapel with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Buffalo in the center and with Mabel Currie at the right, Dick Currie at the left, and Jean and Violet Currie, flower girls, in the front.



Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Buffalo in the Montana Baptist Chapel immediately following the wedding ceremony performed by the Rev. Joe Sonnenberg.

The bride was the former Miss Olive Currie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Currie. The groom was Stanley Buffalo, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Buffalo. The Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, pastor of our Bethany Baptist Church at Camrose, performed the wedding ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her gown was of white

bride, acted as best man. Ushering the guests was Victor Currie. A reception for about 60 guests was held at the Louis home on the Samson Reservation. The bride's table was centered with a three-tiered wedding cake.

The happy Indian couple have made their home on the groom's farm on the Samson Reservation. We

lives anew to Jesus Christ. Pray for these Indians and others that they might see the light and live a life wholly acceptable to our Lord and Master!



COUNT ME, O GOD

"Is there some desert or some stormy sea
Where thou, good God of angels, wilt send me?
Is there some sod,
Some rock for me to break,
Some handful of thy corn to take
And scatter far afield,
Till it in turn shall yield
Its hundred fold
Of grains of gold,
To feed the waiting children of my God?
Show me the desert, Father, or the sea!
Is it thine enterprise? Great God, send me!
And though this body lies where ocean rolls,
Count me among all faithful souls."
—Edward Everett Hale.

The Indians' Watch Night Service

By MRS. ROBERT HOFFMAN of Edmonton, Alberta

MY husband and I had the privilege of spending a few days with the Neumans on the Montana Indian Reserve during our Christmas holidays. The time which we spent there was certainly a spiritual uplift for us to see the Indians and their eagerness in hearing the Gospel.

It was also a privilege to have Mr. Joe Rabbit with us, an Indian who has given his heart to the Lord and is really working for the Lord. His life has been a great influence upon many other Indians. (See "Baptist Herald," Nov. 29, 1950 Issue, page 9.)

We began the Watch Night service at nine o'clock. The Indian chapel

was filled. Many of the Indians gave their personal testimony of what the Lord had done for them and of his keeping power and saving grace throughout the past year. It was really wonderful to hear how they were getting along in their spiritual life.

After having lunch with the Indians, Mr. Joe Rabbit brought the message of the evening on "Living a Separated Life from the World," which some of the Indians at times find very hard to do. As we stepped into the New Year through this testimony and message by Joe Rabbit, the Indians were really stirred and many of them came forward to accept the Lord and others rededicated their

Holiday Highlights from Our Seminary

A Report and "Thank You" from the Grateful Seminary Family
by PROFESSOR HERBERT HILLER

THE FIRST Christmas in our new Seminary Home — a thrilling, historic event, a memorable experience! For weeks students had been packing and moving their books and belongings from the old Sioux Falls College building and making themselves at home in their spotless and spacious new quarters. In a more quiet, reverent manner and with eager attention students assembled for instruction in the Word of him who makes all things new in his time.

GOD'S UNSPEAKABLE GIFT

The Advent season came suddenly upon us and through its hallowing atmosphere, vibrant with anticipation, came stealing lovely melodies and meditations of the gladdening Christmas tidings, inviting all reverent hearts in blessed chapel services, "O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord." Refreshing memories of Christmas, with the power of its praise, the beauty of its peace! Precious is the Christ of Christmas, God's unspeakable surprise-gift to men.

Because God so loved ... and gave, his children are thoughtful and they remembered others with festive greetings and gifts of love. Even students and professors are incurable children at Christmas and rejoiced over Christmas cards from friends and other tangible greetings sent from thoughtful churches, such as three boxes of home-made cookies, stationery and white handkerchiefs from the Dorcas Guild of the Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Ill., one sack of walnuts from the Temple Church, Lodi, Calif., and two sacks of walnuts from the Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., one box of prunes and nuts from the Salt Creek Church of Oregon, one box of home-made cookies from the Woman's Missionary Society, Tripp, S. Dak., as well as money for "treats" from the Ladies' Aids of Venturia, N. Dak., Streeter, N. Dak., Kenosha, Wis., La Salle, Colo., Dallas, Texas, Central Church of New Haven, Conn., and Cathay, N. Dak., and a box for each of the professors from the Plum Creek Missionary Society of South Dakota. Many hearty thanks, dear donors! With deep gratitude we also again remember the kind generosity of our constituency which made this beautiful new Seminary Home possible.

A happy Christmas party was en-

joyed by the entire Seminary family on Wednesday, Dec. 20th, in the Seminary dining room, after which the fellowship scattered to their various homes and other points of interest. While some busied themselves with student pastorates in Sioux Falls and vicinity, others travelled in all directions, and enjoyed glorious experiences everywhere.

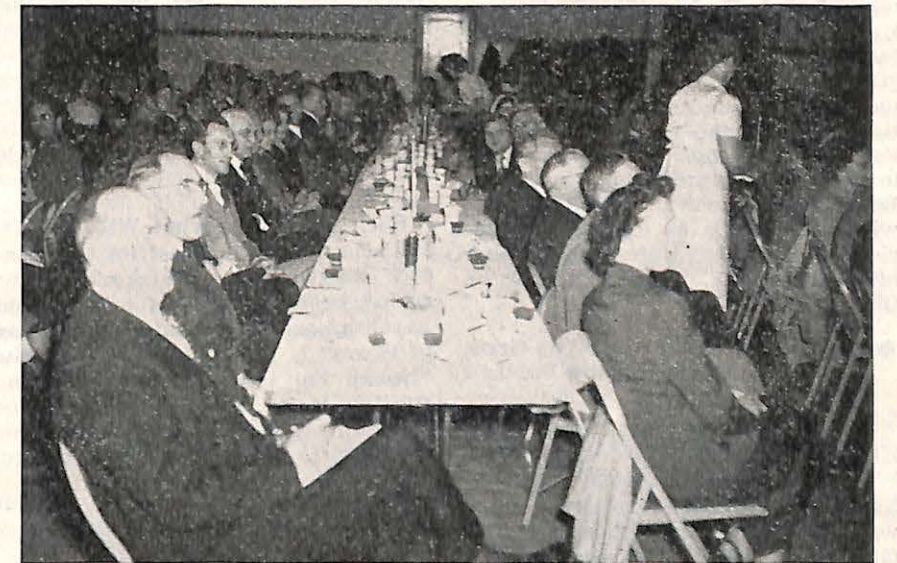
STUDENT EXPERIENCES

Willy Muller visited with his family at Herbert, Sask., preached at Fenwood, Sask., and attended the Watchnight Service at Yorkton, Sask. William Effa also had a wonderful time at home in Yorkton, Sask. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ehman and their children spent the holidays at Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Walter Berkan at

blowing through testimonies and sermons.

FACULTY EXPERIENCES

President George A. Lang spent the festive days partly at home in Sioux Falls, supervising the moving of the library and preaching in the Seminary Church which was started in November, and had a delightful visit with relatives at Buffalo Center, Iowa. The Registrar, Prof. R. P. Jeschke, ministered in Sioux Falls churches. Prof. and Mrs. Albert Bretschneider travelled to the East to be with their children and preached to a large congregation in the former Seminary Church at Rochester, N. Y., on "Why Jesus Came Into the World." Prof. Ralph E. Powell had a wonderful time with relatives in Chicago,



Pastors, solicitors and friends of the Seminary at some of the tables during the Victory Banquet, celebrating the successful completion of the Seminary Building Fund Campaign which totalled more than \$275,000.

George, Iowa; Norman Berkan at Southey, Sask.; the Eldon Jansens at Hilda, Alberta; Bernard Fritzke at Corona, S. Dak.; the Ed Osters at La Salle, Colo. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bienert were at home at Leduc, Alta., where they visited their sick father. Harold Weiss preached at the Plum Creek Church in South Dakota, and Adolph Braun motored with a group of students back to Rochester, N. Y., where they enjoyed a visit with former Seminary students and heard a presentation of Handel's "Messiah" in the Eastman School of Music. Wherever our students went, they experienced kindnesses and wonderful Christian fellowship and proved a

Ill. Prof. and Mrs. Herbert H. Hiller and family spent the holidays ministering to the West Center Street Church, Madison, S. Dak.

Professors and students returned safely from their trips, enriched by what they had experienced and reported joyfully of great blessings. As we entered the new year, we looked to God for assistance. We now press on with deeper seriousness and consecration in the ministry of teaching and preparation for more effective Kingdom work. We earnestly covet your prayers for our "School of the Prophets" while we seek to serve our Lord and beloved denomination more effectively.



BOOK REVIEWS

- "F. B. Meyer on the Psalms" by F. B. Meyer — Zondervan Publishing House. 184 pages. \$2.00.

The name of F. B. Meyer shines as bright in that galaxy of Baptist stars on the British Isles as that of Charles Haddon Spurgeon. His Bible expositions and devotional messages are still being read by tens of thousands of people. Therefore, this reprint of one of F. B. Meyer's books is a welcome addition to the library of books now being published.

A brief devotional, expository study is made of every Psalm. The spiritual highlights of each Psalm are given in Dr. Meyer's lucid and beautiful descriptive words. New facets of glory and spiritual understanding are seen by us in many of these Psalms as we turn the pages with this saintly man of God. To him "the Psalms are like some marble staircase, trodden by myriads of feet, yet unworn and clear-cut still, up which we too may pass from the blessedness of the initial verse, to the ringing hallelujahs that peal out their inspired anthems in the closing sentence of this Golden Book of the inner life." The Psalms will begin to be as golden and precious to you as they were to this author after studying F. B. Meyer's book on the Psalms.

- "A Child Kneels to Pray" by Grace Noll Crowell — Augsburg Publishing House. 33 pages. \$1.00.

All of us need to remember that the Kingdom of God is like unto a child. We are still children at heart if we have not lost our touch on eternal values and spiritual beauty. Mrs. Grace Noll Crowell, the poet laureate of the Christian faith in America, has rendered all of us a great service by this little book of 26 prayer poems expressing the prayer thoughts of children. Each poem is beautifully illustrated by Lee Mero.

The following poem is typical of others in this book which ought to be of interest to parents, pastors and Sunday School teachers.

"Lord Jesus, You spoke of the sparrows,
You told of the small lost lamb,
And they are so much littler
In Your sight than I am.

"Since You watch over each small thing
That has never even prayed,
I know, dear Lord, You can keep me,
And I shall not be afraid."

CONFERENCE MINUTES

Copies of the 1950 volume of CONFERENCE MINUTES are now available. This book of 144 pages with reports from the churches and conference statistics costs 50c. Orders for this volume should be sent to Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio. The 1950 edition was edited by Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio.

- "Youth's Talents for Christ" by R. L. Middleton — Broadman Press. 190 pages. \$1.25.

As a supplement to our superb youth quarterly for program material, "Youth Compass," you will find this book chuck full of good, practical ideas to be carried out by leaders and workers with Intermediates and young people. It is spiritual in its material with a conservative Baptist emphasis. Its programs can easily be adapted to the youth activities and plans of our churches.

Such topics as "What Will You Do With Jesus?", "Our Best for the Master," "Watch Your Mistakes" are the spring board for lots of original and novel program suggestions. "A Box of Boxes" is based on the idea of the "Hobby Fair" but is scriptural and spiritual in its presentation. A unique program outline for the Thanksgiving and Christmas days are also included.

- "The Cities of St. Paul" by Sir William Ramsey — Baker Book House. 452 pages. \$4.00.

This scholarly but very interesting and informative volume shows the Hellenic and Greek training and experience which are apparent throughout the Pauline letters as a result of the influence of such cities as Tarsus, Antioch, Iconium, Derbe and Lystra. This is a reprint of a book which appeared originally as a sequel to Ramsey's "St. Paul, the Traveller and Roman Citizen." This penetrating and delightful study of the life of the Apostle Paul deserves the attention of every pastor, Sunday School teacher and church leader if such a

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student wants to become better acquainted with the social background of Paul's life.

Dr. Wilbur M. Smith of the Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., has endorsed the author by stating that "Sir William Ramsey during the past 40 years has been the greatest living authority on the historical, geographical and archeological aspects of the life of the great Apostle Paul... His heart seems always bowed with reverence before the Word of God." For research, study and inspirational reading about the Apostle Paul's life and work, you can turn to no more brilliant and informative source than this book, which is almost a reference library in itself!

- "Calling Youth to Christ" by Billy Graham. Zondervan Publishing House. 131 pages — \$1.50.

The books by Billy Graham, the evangelistic firebrand for the Lord Jesus Christ, are coming fast from the presses. This small but dynamic volume presents eight of his messages which "especially lay bare the need of present-day young people, and the abundant provision for that need in the Gospel of the grace of God," as stated by Dr. Torrey M. Johnson in the introduction.

Here are sermons by Billy Graham which have been preached to hundreds of thousands of people in the British Isles and Europe, at Youth for Christ rallies, and at mass evangelistic meetings. You may have heard him preach several of these sermons on such topics, as "Final Exam," "America's Hope," "A Midnight Tragedy" and "Retreat! Stand! Advance." But sermons like these, that have been like metal forged in the heat of God's fire and have been thrust with burning power into the people's souls, deserve to be read over and over again. If you want to know why God is using Billy Graham so mightily in these days, you will get a good answer to that inquiry in this uplifting book.

- "Marked Men" by William Ward Ayer — Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. \$2.00.

The author of this book, a speaker at the last General Conference of North American Baptists at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is well known to many Christians of the nation as an outstanding pulpiteer, Bible Conference Speaker and radio preacher as well as an author. Dr. Ayer is nationally known for his vigorous defense of the evangelical faith. "Marked Men" is an interesting and challenging collection of messages with the dynamic personality of Dr. Ayer projected into every page of the book. In each of the messages, the author points out some of the outstanding weaknesses of contemporary Christianity. There is

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WORK WITH GOD

"Life is much if God is in it,
Man's busiest day's not worth God's minute;
Much is little everywhere
If God the labor does not share.
So work with God and nothing's lost,
Who works with him does best and most."

"Christian faith is like a grand cathedral with divinely painted windows. Standing without you can see no glory nor can possibly imagine any; standing within every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable splendor."

THE HANDS OF PRAYERS

A tender child of summers three
Seeking her little bed at night,
Paused on the dark stair timidly.
"O Mother, take my hand," said she,
"And then the dark will all be light."

We older children grope our way
From dark behind to dark before;
And only when our hands we lay
Dear Lord, in thine, the night is day,
And there is darkness nevermore.

Reach downward to the sunless days
Wherein our guides are blind as we,
And faith is small, and hope delays;
Take thou the hands of prayer we raise,
And let us feel the light of thee.
—J. C. WHITTIER.

"Prayer must mean something to us
if it is to mean anything to God."
—MATTIE D. BABCOCK.

A CLEAN HEART

O that mine eyes might closed be
To what concerns me not to see;
That deafness might possess mine ear
To what concerns me not to hear;
That truth my tongue might always tie

From ever speaking foolishly;
That no vain thought might ever rest
Or be conceived within my breast;
That by each deed and word and thought

Glory may to my God be brought!
But what are wishes! Lord, mine eye
On thee is fixed, to thee I cry!
Wash, Lord, and purify my heart,
And make it clean in every part;
And when 'tis clean, Lord, keep it too,
For that is more than I can do.
—THOMAS ELWOOD.

CONTROL YOURSELF

Each evening when I go to bed,
So glad to rest my weary head,
I tell myself and firmly vow,
Tomorrow will be different now!

I'll keep my head, won't rant and rave
Each time a youngster won't behave.
I'll curb that urge to grab and shake
The hands that shouldn't reach and take.

I'll sit at lunch, calm and serene.
(O Johnny! Please don't spill that cream!)

I'll softly say, "Now, girls and boys,
Help me keep house, pick up your toys."

I really mean to have it so,
Intend to keep things in control —
Now don't smear up that window pane!

Oh, there I go, I've slipped again.
—ELINOR BEYER, "THIS DAY."

"The first hour in the morning is
the rudder of the day."
—HENRY WARD BEECHER.

THE GOAL OF LIFE

What is the goal of a human soul?
Is it just to acquire a name?
To write a score of brave deeds, or more,
On a vanishing scroll of fame?

Or is it the lifting of heart to God,
The reaching of hand to man,
The finding of life in the losing of self,

And bettering the world as we can?
—W. D. Woodward.



It's feeding time in the cow barn!

—Photo by Myslis

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. David Zimmerman of La Salle, Colo., have announced that a daughter was born to them on January 3rd who has been given the name of Eunice Elaine.

● At the Watch Night service of the Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa, the Rev. Carl Swyter, interim pastor of the church, had the privilege of baptizing eleven young people. Mr. Swyter wrote: "We are thankful for the testimony of these young people and for their willingness to follow the Lord in this step of obedience."

● The Calvary and First Baptist Churches of Killaloe, Ontario, have granted their pastor, the Rev. Carl R. Weisser, a salary increase of \$400. Such expressions of confidence in the pastor's ministry are truly appreciated. Mr. Weisser has served these churches since his graduation from the North American Baptist Seminary in 1942.

● Miss Hilda Tobert, missionary-nurse of the Cameroons Mission field, who is now in this country on furlough, is enrolled in a dispensary course at Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Texas. She began this course in surgery and dispensary work at this Baptist hospital in the Southland on Jan. 11. She will probably return to Africa early in the summer of 1951.

● The Rev. Ralph Rott of Buffalo, N. Y., was recently honored by the Kiwanis Club of Buffalo as "the Man of the Year" for West-side Buffalo, distinguishing him as "the person who did the most for the community during the past year." Mr. Rott is a former pastor of several North American Baptist Churches. He is now the pastor-director of the Emmanuel Baptist Church and Christian Center of Buffalo.

● Dr. Arthur Itermann of Elgin, Iowa, is considering the prophecies of the book of Revelation at recent Sunday evening services. At the Men's Brotherhood meeting on Jan. 2nd the motion picture film, "America, the Beautiful," was shown. Mr. Willis Potratz of Sumner, Iowa was the speaker at the prayer service on Jan. 4th. The young people had a special series of meetings in observing Youth Week from Jan. 28 to Feb. 4.

● The board of the Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago, Ill., has re-



The Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, missionaries stationed at Victoria, British Cameroons, Africa, who are now visiting North American Baptist churches on their first furlough.

quested Dr. William Kuhn, former missionary secretary and executive secretary of the denomination, to spend each Thursday at the Home in a spiritual ministry for the blessing of the guests in a visitation ministry. Dr. Kuhn is also conducting a service of worship every Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:30 P.M., to which friends of the Home are also invited. This unique ministry by Dr. Kuhn began on Thursday, January 25.

BIBLE DAY, MARCH 11, 1951

Bible Day will be observed by our churches on Sunday, March 11. Programs and recitation material have been sent to the churches. Of the total offering, \$2000 will be designated for assistance to the Baptist Publishing House in Germany in sending Bibles, Sunday School and other literature to churches in the East Zone, dominated politically by Russia. An article about Bible Day will appear in the next issue. If programs or recitation material are desired, send your request to Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

● Mrs. H. G. Dymmel of Forest Park, Ill., is eager to express for her husband, the former general missionary secretary, and for herself, their deep appreciation for the many cards and letters received from friends with the assurances of prayers in their behalf. It is impossible for them to answer all of these cards. Brother Dymmel's condition is showing some improvements. His family and friends are hoping that these hopeful signs will continue as evidences of God's healing power and answer to prayer.

● The old building of the Fourth Street Church of Dayton, Ohio, was damaged by fire with \$10,000 damage on Sunday morning, Dec. 31st. The church building had been occupied since 1883, but a new church is being built on Shroyer Road which ought to be finished in about two months. Meanwhile, the old church was repaired for the use of the congregation. The Rev. Alex Elsesser is the pastor. On Sunday, Jan. 1st, the church used the Huffman School and the Third Street Baptist Church for its services.

● The sad news has reached the denominational headquarters that the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, missionaries stationed with their family at Soppo, Cameroons, had to return to the United States by boat on Jan. 18 because of the illness of Missionary Michelson. His condition of a bone tumor was diagnosed as critical by Dr. Chaffee, probably necessitating a major surgical operation and the attention of specialists in the United States. Brother Michelson and his family merit the earnest prayers of our people. They will arrive in this country about the middle of February.

● A Junior Commissioned Baptist Youth was recently organized at the Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak., with Mrs. M. Hoekman as leader. The group meets every Sunday evening. The new officers of the Senior C.B.Y. are as follows: Ruby De Boer, president; Donald De Boer, vice-president; Arlene Harms-Knaus, secretary; Dona Mae Schulte, pianist; Elsie De Boer, librarian; Dale Schulte, treasurer. The guest speaker at the Watch Night service for the church was Mr. Bernard R. Fritzke, a Senior student at the North American Baptist Seminary. The Rev. E. Gutsche is pastor of the church.

● The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Jansen, Sask., and the Baptist Church of Esk, Sask., have called the Rev. Henry S. Stinner as their pastor, succeeding the Rev. John Wahl now of Onoway, Alta. His ministry in Saskatchewan began in December 1950. He was ordained in Hungary about 15 years ago with the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt of Vienna, Austria, in charge of the service. He came to Canada in 1950 with his wife and four sons, aged 4, 10, 12 and 14 years, respectively, who are very musically inclined.

● The Rev. John F. Crouthamel, Jr., of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., baptized two converts at the Watch Night service. The film, "Again Pioneers," was also shown. On Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. Crouthamel presented a musical recital to a large audience which featured the playing of an Ex-Mylarski Stradivarius violin worth \$40,000 by Mr. Crouthamel. This fine violin was loaned for the special service by the famous Philadelphia violin craftsmen, Wm. Moening and Son. Miss Helen Appel as the church worker is carrying out an appreciated visitation ministry in the community and a complete reorganization of the youth department of the church.

● The newly organized Junior Choir of twenty voices of the Ogden Park Church of Chicago, Ill., presented the Christmas cantata, "A Child Is Born," on Sunday evening, Dec. 17. Miss Ruth Koffinke is director of the choir. The Rev. John E. Grygo, pastor, brought a brief message. Recent guest speakers at the Ogden Park Church were the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, on January 21; the Rev. A. Bibelheimer of Drake, N. Dak., on Sunday evening, Jan. 28; the Rev. J. C. Gunst on Sunday evening, Feb. 4; and students from the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago on Sunday evening, Feb. 28. On Sunday evening, March 4, the Chicago C.B.Y. Gospel Team, headed by Mr. Wilbur Reich, will present a special program.

● Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, spent Jan. 15 in Washington, D. C., attending the session of the executive committee of the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance. Dr. R. Paul Caudill is the chairman of this committee. Important matters pertaining to relief and immigration were considered. Approximately 500 family units of "volksdeutsche Germans" are being processed as possible immigrants into the United States. It is also hoped that many more will be able to enter Canada. The committee is also asking Mr. H. Streuber to continue his ministry in Germany until the end of 1951, and, if so, Mrs. Streuber will probably join her husband in Europe.

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

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS
 Feb. 18, 1951 — "Revivals in Review" by Rev. Edwin Miller, Cleveland, Ohio.
 Feb. 25, 1951 — "Revivals and You" by Rev. Robert Hess, Newark, New Jersey.

ANNUAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The annual meetings of the Executive Committee of the General Conference Union were held at Forest Park, January 5-7. All members were able to be present. (See accompanying picture.) These were strenuous days, but vital decisions were reached as well as definite plans were made which we believe will result in greater progress for our Union work.

The Executive Committee, by unanimous ballot, appointed Miss Ruth Bathauer to be the new Scripture Memorization and Children's Worker. She will become the full-time worker in June after she graduates from Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, Ill. Miss Bathauer is a member of our church in Sheboygan, Wis., where the Rev. M. Vanderbeck is the pastor. A full report will follow.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

News from our Colfax, Wash., C.B.Y.

"The youth group invited twelve foreign exchange students from the nearby Washington State College to be their guests for one Sunday. Students represented were from China,

Japan, Venezuela, Burma, Germany, Poland, Switzerland and Bolivia. These students attended the Sunday School and morning worship services. They were treated to a potluck dinner and then visited some of the church members." Here is an excellent idea for other C.B.Y. groups to make contact, not only with foreign exchange students, but with other youth also.

SUMMER ASSEMBLIES

In the summer of 1950 eighteen young people's assemblies were held. A new record in attendance was established. Again the California young people, meeting at Hume Lake, had the largest attendance of 275 young people present. It is not too early to make your plans for an effective program now. All young people ought to make plans early to attend their young people's assembly in their conference area. Requests for general workers should be sent to headquarters office not later than March 1.

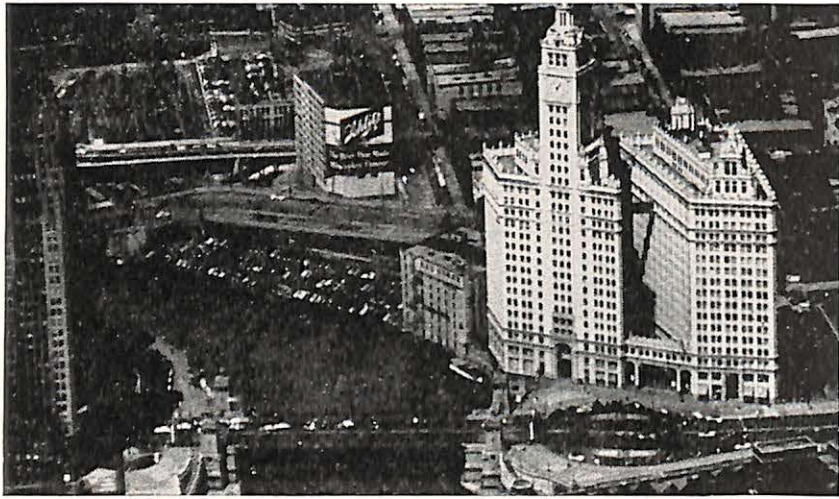
SUMMER STUDENT WORKERS

Young men and women attending our and other seminaries, Christian colleges, our Christian Training Institute and Bible Schools, who are interested in Christian service at some church or conference area for the summer months, should contact the general secretary immediately. All applicants must be members of one of our churches.

Last year we had thirty-three such summer workers employed. These have rendered a very commendable service.



Members of the Executive Committee of the General Conference Union (Left to right, seated: Mr. Harold Gieseke, president; Rev. J. C. Gunst, general secretary. Standing: Mr. Milton Lippert, vice-president; Mr. E. Ralph Kletke, member at large; Miss Ramona Schacht, secretary; Mr. Walter C. Pankratz, past president.)



A striking view of the Wrigley Building and the Chicago River near the Loop of Chicago, Illinois.

The Thing Appointed

A Christian novel that comes to grips with problems of our modern world, with questions that you and I must face!

By DR. HAROLD LINDSELL, Professor at the Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California

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SYNOPSIS

Tom Richards was very happy about his new job at the Jackson Casualty Insurance Company. He was to work in the auto department of this insurance agency under Mr. Pete Reilly and "the big boss," Joseph A. Harper. His mother was happy with her son over his fine position, but as a Christian she wondered sometimes about the testing times in Richard's life, especially since her husband had passed away. But Richard got along splendidly with everybody in the office. He met Lynn Tracy and was told that "as a Christian she lets her religion run away with her." He also became acquainted with Ann Barrett and dated her one evening. The next day the boss asked Tom Richards to take care of the insurance for the All State Trucking Company and to cut rates for them by twenty percent, even though it was illegal. The boss told him how it could be done by having a correct copy in the files and the other company copy in his personal desk. Tom was disturbed. What should he do? Lynn Tracy quoted a Bible verse to him. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." Tom was more confused than ever.

CHAPTER FOUR

HE MADE a desperate effort to dismiss the whole matter and began working on the papers for the All State risk. At the back of his mind lingered the new idea which Lynn Tracy had introduced. Perhaps God would punish him.

Later that afternoon Tom reached a decision. He rose from his desk and strode determinedly to Reilly's enclosure. Then he asked.

"Mr. Reilly, do you suppose it would be all right if I did not handle that

All State Trucking risk?"

Reilly looked at Tom with amazement. His face plainly showed that he could not understand. "Why?" he inquired.

Tom was in a dilemma. He knew that Reilly would laugh at him, or perhaps fire him on the spot for refusing to handle the illegal risk.

"It's a pretty big risk. Maybe you can handle it better than I can."

"Nonsense, Tom! I have seen your work and it is every bit as good as that of anyone here. In some ways it is better."

This declaration should have encouraged him, but Tom saw that he was getting nowhere and decided to speak more definitely.

"I'm hesitant about the fact that we are cutting the premium."

"So —," said Reilly, surveying Tom with new interest. "Going honest on us, huh?" And he laughed mockingly.

Tom felt his face redden with embarrassment and anger.

Reilly continued, "Well, well, don't you like your job with us?"

"Yes sir, I like my job."

"Well, then, young fellow, if you want to keep it, you go right back to your desk and get to work on that risk." Then in a softer tone as though he realized he had spoken harshly, Reilly said, "After you've been in this business for thirty years you'll get used to this stuff, Richards."

"Yes, sir," responded Tom as he returned to his desk. He had been tempted to push the issue, but his objections were not strong enough to overcome the desire to preserve peace. He decided that the best thing was for him to forget the matter as soon as possible.

Several times that night he was tempted to discuss the matter with his mother, but somehow he avoided introducing the subject. Mrs. Richards sensed some trouble, but she hesitated to question Tom.

Tom's mind wandered again and again from the book he was reading and he was glad when bedtime came and he quickly went to his room. Even though he was occupied with the All State Trucking risk, he did not forget his resolution of the night before. He picked up a daily devotional book which his mother had given him at Christmas and opened it. As he read, he was moved by the message. Again and again he read one portion:

"We shall find it impossible to commit our way unto the Lord, unless it be a way that He approves. It is only by faith that a man can commit his way unto the Lord; if there be the slightest doubt in the heart that our way is not His way, faith will refuse to have anything to do with it. . . . Are we willing to have all our ways submitted to God, for Him to pronounce judgment on them?"

There was one thing on which Tom prided himself — his intellectual honesty. He clearly remembered the time he had argued with a college professor about the existence of God. Tom had said that if the professor could present reasonable proof, he was willing to admit his error. But he had found that there were sufficient Christian evidences to warrant his refusal to accept that day's lecture. Momentarily Tom was satisfied.

But reading again the passage from the devotional book, he questioned whether he was being honest with himself about the All State risk. He could not forget the answer that Lynn had given him that day, "If there is a doubt, don't." And here was virtually the same thing again.

Tom had to admit that if what he had heard and read were correct, he should have nothing to do with the premium cutting. He was ready to acknowledge the illegality of the act, but he still hesitated to recognize his own part in the final responsibility.

However, a deeper issue was involved; an issue which had been presented to him several times by other people. He knew that he was a Christian. If anyone had asked him how he knew, he would have said that he had the witness of the spirit in his heart. He had been willing to go far with the Lord, but there were several personal things which he could not give up easily. Intuitively Tom saw

that in this particular issue he might have to give up his job. This he did not want to do if any alternative could be found. In fact he was determined to protect his position.

Tom's logic failed him at this point. The story of Joseph in Egypt should have proved to him that his honesty was worth more than his reputation or his position. But, familiar as he was with this story, he was too blind to see the analogy.

While Tom was thinking, he mumbled a prayer in an unsatisfactory manner and then tumbled into bed. His prayers were unsatisfactory for a wall seemed to separate him from his Maker and he could not sense that this wall was of his own making. Still less did he realize that the wall would remain until he himself tore it down.

A week passed and Tom thought less and less about the All State Trucking risk. He had not forgotten it, but his conscience was dulled to the real issues involved. Still the Spirit of God was working. Time was dimming his conviction, but there were moments when, recalling the stand he wished to take, Tom was unhappy and restless. He became sharp and quick-tempered.

Tom did not realize it, but his life was changing. Some of his closest friends noticed and wondered what had come over him. Mrs. Richards was the first to sense that something was wrong. She respected her son's silence and did not attempt to intrude into his thoughts. She believed that the change could be explained by Tom's sudden interest in Ann Barrett. She knew that he was a faithful son, cheerfully providing for her, but he was a man and some day he would marry. Ann came from a family of some means; perhaps Tom felt he could not afford to marry her. Possibly she herself stood in the way of Tom's future.

One afternoon Mrs. Richards walked over to the church. She went to the minister's study and knocked on the door. Mr. Bridges greeted her with a smile, "Why Mrs. Richards, I'm glad to see you. Please come in."

Mrs. Richards wasted no time in presenting her problem. "Pastor, I have a problem on my heart and I would like to talk to you about it. It concerns Tom."

She followed the pastor into his book-lined study where a glance revealed that he had been deep in study for the following Sunday's services.

"I hope I haven't disturbed you, Pastor?" Mrs. Richards hesitated.

With a broad smile the minister replied, "You didn't really disturb me. You see I have been working for several hours and I was hoping something would come along to interrupt me."

Mrs. Richards face was both thoughtful and perplexed as she said,

"I'm worried about Tom, Pastor."

"Worried about Tom?" Pastor Bridges raised his eyebrows. "What seems to be the trouble?"

"Frankly, I don't know. I sense that there is something the matter, but he is reticent — he hasn't said a word to me about any difficulty."

The minister leaned back in his swivel chair, "Do you have any idea at all, Mrs. Richards, what the difficulty may be?"

"I'm not sure, but it may be a girl. He has been dating a young lady from his office. She is secretary to the general manager and I think he is really taken with her."

The pastor smiled again as he looked into Mrs. Richards' concerned face. "It isn't exactly wrong for a young man to fall in love, you know."

Mrs. Richards smiled too. "No, I guess not, but it isn't as simple as all that. This girl is attractive and has many fine qualities, but she is not a Christian. And I surely don't want Tom to become seriously interested in an unsaved girl."

"No, Mrs. Richards, I agree with you. I didn't think Tom would choose a girl who was not a Christian. But then you can never tell what young people will do when they are in love." He paused for a moment and then asked, "Do you think it is serious, Mrs. Richards?"

"I don't know that. All I know is that Tom has been different since going out with this girl!"

Then Mrs. Richards told him her fears that Tom might be holding back because of her. "I would never want to stand in Tom's way. I have told him so, but he has never made me feel that I did."

"Mrs. Richards, I think we should be careful about this. Actually you know only that there is something wrong. You suspect what it is, but you may be all wrong. There is only one thing we can do —"

"Yes, Pastor, I have been praying about it, but I thought perhaps we could pray together. You know that two seem stronger than one, and I wanted you to join me in prayer for Tom. Before he was born we dedicated him to the Lord and his father and I hoped that the Lord would use him in His work."

"The Lord can use him in the insurance business you know, if Tom is where He wants him to be."

A tear slipped down Mrs. Richards' cheek. "I know that, but somehow Mr. Richards and I always prayed that the Lord would call him to some kind of full-time service."

"Let's pray about it. Even though we don't know what Tom's specific trouble is, the Lord knows and will answer. We can pray especially that the Lord may have full sway in his life, and that if Tom is in love with this girl, the Lord will lead in that too."

"All right, Pastor, I would appreciate it so much."

Together they knelt in the pastor's study and spent the next half hour in intercession for Tom. Mrs. Richards had not told her son of this conference and she never told him afterward.

At the office Jack Dawson noticed that Tom was inclined to be temperamental. If his letters were not perfect, or if policy writers made mistakes, Tom was gruff and critical. Once Jack heard him answer Lynn Tracy sharply, and looking up, saw a look of pained bewilderment on Lynn's face. He knew that there had been no need for Tom's remark and felt acutely sorry for Lynn. After she had gone, Jack rose and walked to Tom's desk.

"Tom, what's eating you?"

Tom looked up with a scowl on his usually pleasant face. "What do you mean, Jack?"

Deliberately Jack reflected before saying, "When you first came you were nice to everyone. Lately you've been acting as though something were wrong. Anything I can help you with?" he inquired cheerfully.

Only a few moments before Lynn had come to his desk, Tom had been struggling with the All State Trucking risk and in another battle with his conscience.

This time Tom did not hesitate. "To tell you the truth, Jack, I have been worried about this All State Trucking risk."

"Worried about the risk, Tom? Why, what's the matter with it?"

"There is nothing wrong with it, Jack. It concerns me personally."

"Oh, excuse me! You may not want to tell me."

"Wait, Jack," he said as the other started to leave, "I'll tell you what it is."

"You don't have to if you don't want to," replied Jack. He did not want to pry where his interest would be resented.

"I've been bothered about the premium being cut on this risk."

"Bothered about the premium being cut, Tom? Why has that bothered you?"

Tom explained the stand he felt he should take. Jack raised his eyes toward the ceiling and whistled thoughtfully. His face wore a puzzled expression. Finally he looked at Tom and answered, "I thought it was something serious."

"It is serious to me, Jack. You know I am a Christian and from a Christian point of view it is wrong for me to be mixed up in the deal."

Jack's eyes widened. "I see what you mean, Tom. I see what you mean. Maybe you are unduly concerned about it, though. You shouldn't let it get you down. Every company on the Street does it. It's merely a question of business."

DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

Feb. 15-18 — South Texas Association and 65th Anniversary of Immanuel Church at Kyle, Texas.

Feb. 20 (Tuesday) — Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, La.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

Feb. 18 (Sunday Morning) — Salt Creek Church, Dallas, Ore.

Feb. 18 (Sunday Evening) — Bethel Church, Salem, Ore.

Feb. 19-20 — Christian Workers' Conference, Salem, Ore.

Feb. 21-23 — Christian Workers' Conference for seven Oregon churches, Trinity Church, Portland, Ore.

Feb. 25 (Sunday Morning) — Stafford Church, Sherwood, Ore.

Feb. 25 (Sunday Evening) — Glencullen Church, Portland, Ore.

Feb. 28-March 4 — Christian Workers' Conference, Costa Mesa, California.

Dr. Martin L. Leuschner

Feb. 15 — Bethel Church, Missoula, Montana.

Feb. 17-18 (Sunday Morning) — Startup, Wash.

Feb. 18 (Sunday Evening) — Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash.

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Dr. Albert Felberg, Evangelist

Feb. 14-25 — Mt. Sterling, Mo.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, March 11 — BIBLE DAY.

Offerings for the ministry of the Publication Society in distributing Bibles and Christian literature.

March 18-25 (Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday) — EASTER OFFERING.

Announcements about this offering will appear in the next issue.

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Looking at Tom again, Jack said, "Well, I guess the only solution to the problem would be to change your job."

"Yes," answered Tom slowly, "I have even thought of that. But the salary loss while looking for another job and the possibility of taking a cut, keeps me from it."

"Uh huh! I see your point. Well, maybe you are doing the wise thing by sticking around here. It wouldn't surprise me if you got a raise before long. It would be silly to quit."

Tom felt better after these remarks. He decided that Jack was a sensible fellow. Actually he thought Jack was sensible only because he encouraged Tom to follow the course of action he most wanted.

At times Tom was tempted to talk to Lynn again about the Christian's knowledge of right and wrong. He had learned to value her opinion because he knew that she was a Christian and that she was sincere and honest in what she said. On the other hand he knew that she would not approve his stand; he wanted someone to agree with him — not reprimand him because he was wrong.

With Ann it would be perfectly natural to discuss the risk because she was intimately acquainted with all of the business that went through the manager's office. He determined to ask her advice on their next date. Shortly after he had talked with Jack, Tom asked Ann to attend a basketball game with him.

Ann looked at Tom in a friendly way. Ever since their first date she had been more and more impressed with him. She realized that he was different, and that he had something which was lacking in her life, but she had not completely analyzed the issue. She was sure of one thing — she wanted a good time. Jack had helped provide that and she liked him. Mr. Harper, the manager, had also taken her out even though he was a married man. Ann knew this was wrong, but her love of a good time had directed her action. After being with Tom, she resolved that it would never happen again.

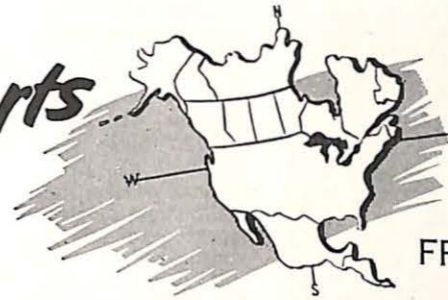
She enjoyed Jack's company and, while he plainly told her that he loved her, he had not been too persistent in his attentions. She admired him for that. But Tom was different. So it was easy for Ann to accept his invitation.

"Thank you, Tom. I'd like to see the game. Who's playing?"

"Oh, it's a double header! Long Island U. is playing Michigan State and New York U. is playing Fordham. You know Fordham is our leading rival, so it will be a good game. I'll call for you at home around 7:30. Is that OK?"

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Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Northwestern Conference

Events of December at the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

December was an exceedingly busy month at the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., as preparations were made for special Christmas programs. On Sunday evening, Dec. 17th, the choir of the Riverview Church presented a Christmas Musical under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. E. W. Klatt, with Don Patet at the organ. An appreciative audience enjoyed this annual treat.

The Sunday School presented a program of recitations, dialogues and musical numbers on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 24th. The White Christmas offering was designated for our Baptist Children's Home at St. Joseph, Michigan.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 31, a goodly number of the members gathered for a Watch Night service of song, testimony and prayer. The hours thus spent as we entered the New Year were a blessing to all.

Ida Glewwe, Reporter.

Central Conference

Christmas Candlelight Service for Chicago Young People at the Forest Park Church

On December 23 the C.B.Y. of Chicago and Vicinity held its annual Christmas candlelight service at the Forest Park Baptist Church. The program consisted of several musical numbers, including a vocal duet by Mrs. Betty Orth and Miss Joyce Casten; a vocal solo by Mrs. Betty White Gilchrist; a vocal trio by Mrs. Dorothy Reich, Miss Betty Meister and Miss Esther Kohler and several selections by a trombone trio from W.M.B.I. We were also favored with a duet by our speaker, Dr. Homer Hammontree, and by our dean, Rev. Fred Lower. Dr. Hammontree spoke on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and his shed blood for our sins.

The Rev. C. B. Nordland was the chairman of the service. The Rev. John E. Grygo led in the opening prayer. Mr. Ed Wolff, Jr., read the Christmas story from the Gospel according to Luke. After the service we held a singspiration downstairs and refreshments were served.

Arlene Anderson, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Evangelistic Meetings and Baptismal Service at Immanuel Baptist Church, Loyal, Okla.

We, as the Immanuel Baptist Church of Loyal, Okla., are grateful to God for richly blessing us during our revival campaign from Nov. 6 to 17. The Lord worked marvelously in the lives of the unsaved as ten persons stepped out for the Lord and three more rededicated their lives. We are indebted to the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., for releasing their pastor, the Rev. John Berentschot, to serve as evangelist during those two weeks. We, as Christians, were greatly strengthened by his inspiring messages each evening.

Our blessings were again multiplied in our Watch Night service in seeing nine young people follow the Lord in baptism and then having them and three others come into the membership of the church. Because of illness, one of the converts was unable to be baptized, but will be at a later date. After a time of rich blessing in the communion service, we entered the New Year in prayer, seeking God's guidance for the coming year and led by our pastor, the Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn.

Mrs. Harry Stebens, Reporter.

Young People's Activities and Special Programs at the Shell Creek Church of Nebraska

The young people's group of the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Neb., has once again taken its place in a stepped-up program of activities in our church. Hardly a week has passed since the coming of



Young people of the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Neb., who presented the Christmas play "The Empty Room."

our new pastor's family, when the entire church has found itself confronted with a program that heavily taxed the time, devotion and sacrifice of every individual member. However, it was just what our young people had been waiting for and consequently the task has become a joyous one and has been carried on to the appreciation of all. Our pastor, the Rev. Paul Hunsicker, has challenged us and has proven himself an able leader and an inspiration to us.

On Thanksgiving Day our church, joined by the congregations of the Creston and First Church of Columbus, enjoyed a union service, with the Rev. Herbert Hiller, professor of our Seminary, as guest speaker. Great were the blessings we received. The offerings during the day amounted to around \$700. This was especially significant to us since only a month before we had received an offering of over \$2200 for various improvement projects. During the Christmas week we went out singing the beautiful Christmas Carols to the poor and shut-ins and distributing Christmas packages among some needy families. The most outstanding event was our special Christmas program, which included the play, "The Empty Room," and was supported by our active choir.

With great confidence we look into the future, knowing that with such a deep consecration to our church work and a fine leadership, God's Name will be praised and honor be done to the faith of our fathers.

Mrs. Harvey Behlen, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Annual Business Meeting of the Zion Baptist Youth Group, Carbon, Alberta

The young people's group of the Zion Baptist Church, station of the Carbon Baptist Church of Carbon, Alberta, held its annual business meeting on Nov. 28 at which time all the different committees gave their reports for the past year.

We started a mission project to send a parcel quarterly to a missionary. The missionary committee faithfully looked after this work and gave the members something to do to help with these parcels. We sent aid to the Immanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Man., in her disaster of the Red River Flood. This Fall we took a program to various churches to raise money for furnishing a room in the Old People's Home at Medicine Hat, Alta.

Our new officers for the coming year of 1951 are as follows: president, Mrs. Art Bertsch; vice-president, Mr. Emil Heinrich; secretary, Ida Heinrich; treasurer, Laurene Bertsch; pianist, Lorraine Bertsch; ushers, Frieda Freitag, Leah Ziegler, Newton Schmitt and Elmer Ziegler; auditors, Johnny Seibel and Rudy Bertsch; adult counsellor, Mr. Art Forsch; librarian, Lenore Bertsch.

Ida Heinrich, Secretary.



The Baptist Church of Olds, Alberta, with the Rev. G. J. Thiessen, newly ordained pastor, at the church's entrance.

Evangelistic Meetings at the Bethany Baptist Church, Camrose, Alberta, Canada

The church is often spoken of as a family. That term not only describes the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, spiritually, but also otherwise. But as a spiritual unit, we are experiencing many blessings. There is here a warmth and friendliness which greatly encourage our hearts.

From the 22nd of November until the 3rd of December, we held special revival meetings with the Rev. H. Pfeifer of Edmonton as evangelist. Although we did not receive showers of blessings in terms of decisions, we did, however, witness seven young people from our Sunday School openly confess Christ as their Savior. Our own faith was charged with spiritual vitality.

Mr. Pfeifer served very effectively. By means of his "Felt-O-Scene" talks he was able to stimulate great enthusiasm and to present the life of Christ in such a way that it was deeply impressive and clearly understood by all. As a church we are very appreciative of his services!

The climax of these meetings came on Sunday evening, the last day of our meetings. By candle-light we stood and thereby testified to all present our renewed consecration to God. Like the candles burning themselves up to give light, we determined to spend ourselves for Jesus who calls us "o'er the tumult of our time" to loyalty and devotion to his cause.

Joe Sonnenberg, Pastor.

Recognition Service of the Lauderdale Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

The Lauderdale Station of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., recently invited the neighboring churches to sit in council for its recognition as a regular Baptist Church. The Central Church of Edmonton was represented by Rev. H. Pfeifer, Mr. L. Benke and Mr. Jelani; Rabbit Hill by Rev. K. Korella; Wiesenthal by Rev. E. Hoffman, Mr. Gus Erdman and Mr. Ch. Neuman;

First Church of Leduc by Rev. C. H. Seecamp; Temple Church of Leduc by Mr. P. Ohlmann and Mr. H. Siemens; Glory Hill by Rev. H. Lueck; Lauderdale by Rev. A. Kraemer.

Mr. Pfeifer led the congregation in a song service, and Rev. K. Korella in prayer.

The council was organized and Rev. H. Pfeifer was appointed chairman, Rev. C. H. Seecamp as secretary. The church clerk read the letter of invitation to the churches and the request for recognition as a regular Baptist Church. Various questions were raised as to the advisability and necessity of a church in Lauderdale and as to doctrines and faith of the church which were all answered very satisfactorily.

A program followed, at which time the neighboring churches and the various organizations of the Central Church brought their greetings and best wishes. The meeting closed with the observance of the Lord's Supper, at which a number of new members were welcomed into the church's fellowship by the Rev. H. Pfeifer. May the Lord's blessing be upon the Lauderdale Church.

C. H. Seecamp, Secretary.

Ordination of the Rev. G. J. Thiessen at the Baptist Church, Olds, Alberta

Upon the invitation of the First Baptist Church of Olds, Alta., a delegation of 15 delegates from seven Baptist churches gathered with many friends on Tuesday afternoon, December 5th, for the purpose of setting apart their pastor, Mr. G. J. Thiessen, for the Christian ministry. The meeting was opened by the senior deacon, Mr. R. F. Unger. Mr. Wm. Worm, church clerk, read the church's resolution requesting the ordination of its pastor. The council then organized and Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Edmonton was elected chairman and Rev. Jacob G. Rott of Carbon as clerk.

The candidate was introduced and gave his testimony about his conversion, his call into the Christian ministry and his scriptural viewpoint. After a period of questioning and deliberation, the council withdrew for

a short conference. Since the candidate had given his testimony accurately, clearly and constructively, the council recommended to the church to proceed with the ordination. Brother Thiessen is a very fundamental Bible student who has won the respect and love of the fellow-pastors of the convention as well as the respect of the young people whose teacher he was last summer at our young people's camp. Mr. Thiessen came to us from the Mennonite Brethren group and received his theological training in the Heppburn Bible College in Heppburn, Sask., Canada.

In the evening the ordination service took place with Mr. R. F. Unger, deacon, as leader. Mr. Ed Gerwin, choir director, led the congregation in the song service. Rev. Wm. MacLuski, minister of the Baptist Church of Olds, read the Scripture. The men's chorus sang an appropriate song and Mr. MacLuski led in prayer. Rev. H. Pfeifer brought the ordination message on the theme, "The Things God has Chosen to Accomplish His Purpose." He also offered the ordination prayer with the laying on of hands by the various ministers. Rev. R. P. Zepik, pastor of the Trochu Baptist Church, gave the charge to the candidate and gave him the hand of fellowship into the circle of ministers. Rev. Jacob G. Rott gave the charge to the church. After singing a song, the Rev. G. J. Thiessen dismissed this very impressive service with the benediction.

Jacob G. Rott, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Christmas Program by Woman's Missionary Society of First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ont.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario, held its annual Christmas program with 60 ladies gathered at the home of Mrs. Ed. Holbein.

We exchanged gifts with our secret friend of the year and the name of our friend was then revealed. Mrs. J. Weber was leader for the evening. In the shadow of a beautifully decorated and lighted Christmas tree, laden with gifts, we sang the familiar carols and listened anew to the Christmas story. We were reminded to come again to the manger at Bethlehem and to humble ourselves to learn God's will for our lives. Vocal and instrumental duets were much enjoyed and added to the delights of the evening.

Donations of vegetables, fruit and canned goods were brought at this time for our local hospital. At each Christmas season we remember this institution. Last year we sent gifts to our Children's Shelter in Renfrew, Ont. Next year we plan to remember our older friends in the Haven of Rest, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

We have an active group of 44 members in our society. Under the leadership of our president, Mrs. Emil Woermke, we look forward to even greater things for our Maker and Redeemer.

Mrs. Leslie Kauffeldt, Secretary.

Dakota Conference

Recent Programs of the "Bender Fellowship" at the Seminary, Sioux Falls, N. Dak.

The Missionary Society of the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., known as the Bender Fellowship had charge of prayer meetings held from January 3 to 6. The professors brought the messages taken from the Week of Prayer suggestions given in the "Baptist Herald." A special musical number was held each night. It was a time of spiritual blessing, and we were challenged to strive for greater and more faithful service for our Master in this year 1951.

A special project in our society for the Christmas Season was that we sent a Christmas greeting card to each of our missionaries signed by each member of our society. Later each one of us was to write a letter to the missionary whose name he drew.

On December 7th we were pleased to have our missionary, the Rev. Donald Ganstrom, with us at our banquet and he brought us a timely and heart-searching message entitled, "Now Is the Time to Shell Peanuts." We plan to give a missionary play entitled, "Empty Hands" by Helen M. Clark, about the end of February.

The officers of our Bender Fellowship for this year are: president, Eldon Janzen; vice-president, Norman Berkan; secretary, Irma Meth; and treasurer, Victor Priebe. Professor Ralph E. Powell is our faculty advisor.

Irma Meth, Secretary.

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Grosz at Underwood, N. Dak.

The children, friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Grosz of Underwood, N. Dak., gathered at the First Baptist Church of Underwood to commemorate their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 3rd. A short program was presented at which time Mrs. Irene Heath, a daughter living at Bismarck, N. Dak., sang and Mrs. Fred Knalson sang, "Through the Years With Him."

The wedding vows were repeated before the pastor of the church, the Rev. Fred J. Knalson, and the honored couple exchanged wedding rings which were a gift of the children. Following this a reception was held in the church parlors with many friends and relatives in attendance. A lovely wedding cake from the children was cut by the honored couple and a delicious lunch was served by them. The church auditorium and parlors were decorated with lovely flowers and candles trimmed with gold ribbons before the altar and at the windows.

Mr. and Mrs. Grosz were married on Dec. 6, 1900 near Tripp, S. Dak. Mrs. Grosz was the former Christina Mehlhoff. They have made their home in Underwood most of the time



Mr. and Mrs. Otto Grosz of Underwood, N. Dak., on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

since coming to North Dakota shortly after their wedding. For short periods of time they resided in New Salem and Napoleon, N. Dak. They are the parents of six daughters, of which only two could be at the anniversary celebration. Mr. Grosz was engaged in the shoe and harness business until he retired.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Grosz have been faithful through the years in the Lord's work and now in the sunset years of their lives they are looking forward to more years of service for him. At the program Mr. Knalson spoke on the topic, "These Golden Years."

Fed J. Knalson, Reporter.



Seventeen children of the Ebenezer Baptist Sunday School of Vancouver, British Columbia, receive Bibles at the close of the Thanksgiving Program with Mr. W. Fandry, superintendent, at the right.

Pacific Conference

Recent Activities and Programs of the Ebenezer Baptist Sunday School, Vancouver, B. C.

As a result of our Scripture Memory Course, we of the Ebenezer Baptist Sunday School of Vancouver, B. C., were able to send 20 children to camp, and 13 under camp age enjoyed an outing to Bowen Island. We felt that camp was too far away for the youngsters, and therefore Burrard

Bible Camp was chosen. Due to custom difficulties we were not able to present the bars and pens before Nov. 5, 1950. A total of 58 children received them. Much credit goes to Mrs. Erna Daum, our sponsor, for this work among our children.

In the Thanksgiving program the main auditorium of the church was beautifully decorated by Miss Frieda Fritzke, our new treasurer. She takes great joy in doing this work for the Lord. This was the first experience for the children to speak into the microphone. At the close of the program 21 pupils were presented with Bibles by our superintendent, Mr. W. Fandry.

Our Christmas Eve program was very well attended, for on such occasions such as this our church building is always too small. At the end of a well planned program, all scholars, including visiting children, received their Christmas treat presented by the Sunday School. We thank God for the privilege of being able to work with and to teach the children.

Edna Harmel, Secretary.

Sessions of the Oregon Association at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland

The Oregon Association of North American Baptists convened from Nov. 9 to 12 at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Ore. The Rev. Emanuel Wolff of the Salt Creek Church was the genial moderator of the Association.

During the course of the sessions many inspiring messages were given by local pastors on the theme, "The Church — the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Special addresses were ably given by the Rev. Russell Raker, Jr., secretary of the Oregon Baptist State Convention, and the Rev. Ralph Walker, pastor of the White Temple Baptist Church of Portland. Miss Hilda Tobert, missionary-nurse at the Bansa Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons, found a real Christian response in every Christian heart as she spoke. Everyone was stirred by the sincere and humble

messages given by Mr. Reinhard Neuman, missionary on the Montana Indian Reserve, Alberta, Canada.

The Oregon Baptist League presented a fine service on Saturday evening climaxed by a wonderful hour of fellowship. The concluding service of the Association was conducted on Sunday afternoon by the Oregon Baptist League. Miss Hilda Tobert, missionary guest speaker, gave a challenging address to a crowded congregation.

The new officers of the Oregon Association for 1950-51 are as follows: Moderator, Rev. Leland Friesen, Sherwood, Ore.; vice-moderator, Rev. Rudolph Woyke, Salem, Ore.; secretary-treasurer, Rev. John Kimmel, Portland, Ore. The pastoral reports of the churches have shown a marked increase in both new members and spiritual life in the churches. Nearly all of the new members were received into our churches by baptism. This is a good indicator of the evangelistic fervor in our local churches. The Oregon Association is awake to its responsibility in the denomination and to the Word of God. Pray for the churches and their pastors!

John Kimmel, Reporter.

Roman, accepted Christ as his Savior and on the night that Jesus was born in Bethlehem he took the great and valuable pearl and gave it to the baby Jesus because it was the best he had to offer.

Those taking part in the play were: Bill Bauer, Lucille Meidinger, Alice Rauser, Alvin Fandrich, Duane Graf, Donald Baumbach, Mabel Graf, Betty Meidinger, Alleen Pfeifer, Eileen Rauser, Delilah Aman, Betty Gould, Alice Frangotis, Nadine Schuber, Beverly Haas and Barbara Schmiedt. The Girls' Choral under the direction of Mrs. Wanda Lippert supplied the music. We thank God for his guidance and for the fellowship we have in working for him.

Thelma Forsch, Reporter.

Farewell Receptions for Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler at Missoula, Montana

On Monday evening, Nov. 27th, a farewell reception was held by the Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Mont., for its pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, now of Fredonia, N. Dak.

The program was ably presided

week, the Ministerial Association of Evangelical Churches of Missoula and the wives of the pastors held a farewell surprise for Mr. and Mrs. Kraenzler. They presented him with a monetary gift for a Bible. Mr. Kraenzler was the president of this organization.

Reporter.

Christmas Program of the Woman's Missionary Society of Portland's Immanuel Baptist Church

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., held its annual Christmas program on Wednesday, December 13, in the church auditorium.

The program was opened with an organ prelude of Christmas music played by Patricia Scheideman. The congregation was then led in the singing of Christmas carols. During the reading of the Christmas story by Mrs. Holland, as found in Luke 2, the Rev. Charles Wagner illustrated the passage with a chalk talk. The Rev. Otto Roth led in prayer. Mrs. Hoelzer, our president, gave words of welcome to our fine audience. A ladies quartet rendered two special numbers. Mrs. Roth gave a reading, "The Christmas Star," and Mrs. Geiser brought the recitation, "The Master is Coming."

A dialogue, "The Heavenly Father Cares," was given, showing in a realistic way how the Lord provides for our every need. Those in the cast were: Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Borgers, Mrs. Vaughan, Mr. V. LeClair, and Don Walters. Refreshments were served in the church parlor following the program.

Mrs. Charles Wagner, Secretary.

Revival Meetings and Baptismal Service at Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon

We as the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., are grateful to God for having richly blessed us during our revival campaign from November 14 to 26. The Rev. E. Wolff of the Salt Creek Church served us as evangelist during that time.

We had a very hearty song service each evening with the accompaniment of two pianos. Special music for the meetings included solos, duets, trios, choir and instrumental numbers. Mr. Wolff always had an object lesson for the children which they thoroughly enjoyed and which proved most interesting to both young and old.

The messages brought were both inspiring and challenging. As a result ten persons found the Lord as their personal Savior, among whom were three adults. At our New Year's Eve Watch Night service these converts were baptized by our pastor, the Rev. John Wobig.

On January 7, the first Sunday of the New Year, these ten converts in addition to one who came on confession were extended the hand of fellowship at the communion service. Our prayer is that we shall continue to serve and live for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Martha Kepl, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Sunday School Contest and Christmas Program at the Canaan Church, Crawford, Texas

For six weeks from October 22 through November, the Sunday School of the Canaan Baptist Church, Crawford, Texas, participated in the 3rd International Sunday School Contest, sponsored by the "Christian Life" magazine. As a result, our Sunday School attendance increased greatly. The past year's average attendance was 97 and the average attendance during this contest was 143 and the highest 157. This was an average increase of 46 pupils above last year's average attendance or over 47 per cent increase.

Of course, special efforts were made to increase our attendance during this contest, such as sending out special invitations to our members and friends in our community. From Sunday to Sunday we were urged to attend Sunday School by our pastor, superintendent, and other workers in this contest. We also had special musical numbers and our orchestra to play during the song service. We believe that the contest was well worth the effort.

Our Sunday School rendered a splendid Christmas program, consisting of recitations, a beautiful and attractive pageant, and an interesting dialogue, pointing us to the wonderful birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. From Nov. 23 to Dec. 3, our pastor, the Rev. Arthur Schulz, assisted in conducting revival meet-

ings in the First Baptist Church of Shawnee, Kans. We rejoiced greatly when he reported to us that over 20 persons were saved and many rededicated themselves to Christ for better service.

H. T. Engelbrecht, Reporter.

Special Events of December at the Cottonwood Baptist Church Near Lorena, Texas

We of the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Lorena, Texas, were greatly blessed during December. On December 11 we had the Falls County Workers' Meeting in our church. We heard a few words from Mr. Odell Rana, a missionary from Alaska. We also heard from Rev. and Mrs. Frank Jennings who have gone to Oklahoma. Our "Lottie Moon Offering" amounted to \$50.00. We had two special numbers from our male chorus and one by the Wedemeyer quartet.

On December 23 we had our Sunday School Christmas program with Mrs. J. O. Zillen in charge. After the program, the young people distributed the gifts under the tree. On December 24, under the leadership of Mrs. C. F. Kincannon, the young people presented the play, "The Bells of Bethlehem."

Sunday, December 31, was a day that will long be remembered by all. We spent the day in fellowship with Christ by observing the Day of Prayer. Beginning with the Sunday School, the morning was given over to Scripture readings and prayers with a message on "The Importance of Prayer." Again in the afternoon we gathered for prayer. The evening hours were spent in singing and pray-

ing, ending with Candlelight Prayer Service, in which we observed the Lord's Supper and prayed together until 12:00 P.M.

Mrs. H. D. Lynn, Reporter.

THE THING APPOINTED

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For the next two days Tom enjoyed the happy anticipation of his date with Ann. It helped him forget the All State risk. It would be untrue to say that he did not think of marrying Ann. He did not think of it as definite, but only as a possibility.

Two questions entered his mind when he considered it. What should he do with his mother. He did not see how he could support both Ann and his mother. He also thought of the many remarks his mother and father had made in earlier days. His father had felt that a home should be founded upon the Lord's will and that a Christian should marry only a believer. This was a little vague to Tom and he privately admitted it.

"How do I know the will of the Lord?" Tom asked himself. He knew that Ann was not a Christian. In his heart he was confident that she would change and believe and that he would be responsible for that change. His confused thinking, however, led him to believe that it was immaterial whether Ann's conversion occurred before or after marriage. And his perplexity with these questions helped him to forget the All State risk.

(To Be Continued)



Young people of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, California, who presented the Christmas play, "The White Pearl."

(From left to right: Donald Baumbach, Mabel Graf, Lucille Meidinger, Bill Bauer, Alice Rauser, Alvin Fandrich, Betty Meidinger and Duane Graf.)

Christmas Play Presented by Young People of First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.

The C.B.Y. of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., has been very active in recent months. Many of our young men have gone into service and are scattered all over the United States and overseas. God has wonderfully answered our prayers and thus far all are still well and have not been wounded. On Sunday evening, Dec. 17th, the C.B.Y. gave its annual Christmas play entitled, "The White Pearl," which was directed by Mrs. G. G. Rauser assisted by Thelma Forsch.

The play tells of the dissention in the home of Nathan and Ruth because their daughter, Esther, has married a Roman who possesses a great and valuable pearl and of how Paul, the

over by the deacon, Mr. John Hintz. Words of appreciation in recognition of the work were spoken by the various representatives of the church. A gift of money and other useful gifts were presented to the Kraenzlers as a kind token of consideration from the church. Mr. and Mrs. Kraenzler expressed their appreciation for their cooperation and kindness. During Mr. Kraenzler's pastorate of over three years at the Bethel Church, a total of 61 members were added to the membership with 34 of these coming into the fellowship by baptism.

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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.)

MISS MARIE SCHUESSLER of Portland, Oregon.

Miss Marie Schuessler was born in Germany on May 10, 1873 and died at Portland, Ore., on Dec. 30, 1950, having reached the age of 77 years, 7 months and 20 days. Miss Schuessler came to this country as a young maiden and for several years made her home in the cities of New York, N. Y., and Pittsburgh, Pa. In 1910 she came to live in Portland, Ore., where she spent the remaining years of her life.

She was converted in the days of her youth while living in the East. She was received into the fellowship of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., in March of 1943 upon the confession of her faith in Jesus Christ as her personal Savior.

While in Portland she lived a somewhat secluded life and spent a great deal of her time in meditation and writing of poetry. This poetry revealed her implicit faith in Christ and her firm hope in life eternal with him. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Anna Krauter of Portland; five nephews: Herbert, Victor, Paul, Herman and Frank Flack; one niece, Anna Wecks; besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Trinity Baptist Church,
Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

MR. MAX WALTEREIT of Vancouver, British Columbia.

Mr. Max Waltereit of Vancouver, British Columbia, was born Oct. 21, 1883 in Gumbinnen, East Prussia. At the age of 19 he was converted and baptized by Rev. August Wolter and became a member of the Unterhaberberg Church at Koenigsberg, Germany. At the age of 22 he came to Berlin, Germany, where he was married to Miss Helen Lange in 1908. Three children were born to them, two of whom died in early infancy. In 1928 they immigrated to Canada and settled at Ochre River, Manitoba, where they engaged in farming. In the Fall of 1934 their only son, Helmuth, entered our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., to prepare for the ministry, while his parents moved to Vancouver, B. C., where the departed resided until his passing. Death came unexpectedly as a result of a heart attack on December 29, 1950 after a serious operation two weeks previously. His passing is mourned by his deeply bereaved wife; one son, Rev. H. J. Waltereit of Lehr, N. Dak.; one sister in Germany and two grandchildren. They have the comfort of God and the assurance of eternal re-union. Funeral services were conducted from the Bethany Church on Jan. 3, 1951, with the pastor speaking on Heb. 4:3, 9. Song offerings and many floral tributes enhanced the service before a large throng of people.

Bethany Baptist Church,
Vancouver, B. C., Canada

J. C. SCHWEITZER, Pastor.

MR. CLIFFORD GEORGE STADE of North Battleford, Sask., Canada.

On September 15, 1950, Clifford Stade of North Battleford, Sask., Canada, was accidentally killed while doing construction work in Wheaton, Ill. A tractor overturned, killing him instantly. He was 25 years of age on July 22nd. In preparation for Baptist mission work in Africa he was working on his B. A. degree at Wheaton College. He was a graduate of Briercrest Bible Institute and had taken a year of special study at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill. He had been a member of the North Battleford Baptist Church and at the time of his death was in fellowship with the First Baptist Church of Wheaton, having attended choir practice but a few hours before.

His marriage to Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, a Baptist nurse at Orcadia, Sask., had been announced for November, 1950.

Clifford is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stade; two sisters: Dorothea (Mrs. Allan Keall), and Ruth (Mrs. Gilbert Stade), all of North Battleford; four brothers: Fred of Vancouver, Judson, Baptist missionary at Yellowknife, Wilfrid, missionary with the Sudan Interior Mission in Nigeria, and Clair of the R. C. A. F. at Rivers, Manitoba.

A memorial service was held in First Baptist Church of Wheaton on Sunday afternoon, September 17th. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. R. Randahl at North Battleford on September 23rd. Interment was made in the North Battleford Cemetery.

Springside, Sask., Canada

MARTIN DE BOER, Correspondent.

REV. AUGUST ROSNER of Branch, Louisiana.

On December 17, 1950, the Lord called the Rev. August Rosner of Branch, La., his servant, to his heavenly Home. His sickness was only of short duration. He was born on July 8, 1882 in Poland and came to America in 1910. He first lived at Philadelphia, Pa., and was a member of the Second German Baptist Church. He was converted at the age of 15 and baptized by the Rev. Martin Losch.

In 1911 Mr. Rosner entered our Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., and was graduated in 1916. On May 26, 1916, he was ordained into the Gospel ministry by a Council called by the Second Church of Philadelphia. During the ensuing years he served the following churches faithfully as pastor: Okeene, Okla.; Ebenezer West, Sask., Canada; Edmonton, Alta., Canada; Shattuck, Okla.; Ebenezer East, Sask., Canada; Turtle Lake, N. Dak.; and since 1946 he was the beloved pastor of the Mowata Church in Louisiana. He was united in marriage with Pauline Geis in 1918. For these 32 years Mrs. Rosner faithfully shared with him all joys and sorrows of a minister's life.

At the funeral service which took place at the Mowata Church, two of the neighboring Baptist ministers took part. The mixed and male choirs of the church brought messages of comfort with their songs. The undersigned spoke in German. Mr. Rosner's body has been laid to rest in the Mowata Church Cemetery. May the comfort of our Lord ever be with Mr. Rosner.

Mowata Baptist Church

PHILIP POTZNER, Correspondent.

MR. FRED GEIS of Loyal, Okla.

Mr. Fred Geis of Loyal, Okla., the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Peter Geis, was born in old Messar, Russia, on Nov. 1, 1883. He departed this life on Dec. 15, 1950 at the age of 67 years, 1 month and 14 days. As a small child he came to the United States with his parents where they made their home near Durham, Kans. In the early years of the 1900's the family staked a claim near Loyal, Okla., where Mr. Geis lived until his death.

In 1909 Mr. Geis and Leah Rachel Weigand were united in marriage. To this union six children were born, two of whom died in infancy. Early in youth he gave his heart to the Lord and was baptized by the late Rev. Mr. Graalman, and joined the Immanuel Baptist Church. He served faithfully as Sunday School superintendent, trustee and deacon.

Preceding Mr. Geis in death were his mother and father, three brothers, two sisters, his wife, Leah, and the two infant children. He leaves to mourn his passing the four children: Melvin of Okeene, Clyde of Loyal, and Ruby and Mrs. Viola Moble of Wichita, Kans.; two brothers: Henry and Charles, both of Cherokee, Okla.; a sister, Mrs. Jake Hill of Okeene, Okla.; seven grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held on Dec. 18 at the Immanuel Baptist Church, where he will be greatly missed as a conscientious worker for the Lord. Interment was in the Immanuel Church Cemetery near Loyal.

Loyal, Oklahoma

G. WESLEY BLACKBURN, Pastor.

MRS. HENRIETTA LANGE of Tacoma, Washington.

Mrs. Henrietta Lange of Tacoma, Wash., was born on June 15, 1849 in Poland. Her life to its very end was a story of God's grace and love. To her the prophecy of old was truly made known that "if thou wilt walk in my ways . . . then will I lengthen thy days." Her life was one of the few to pass the century mark. She lived to be 101 years, 4 months and 22 days of age.

Mrs. Lange was converted in her later teens and then baptized by the Rev. Aschendorf in Yanoff, Poland, when 18 years old. Seven years later she joined hands in matrimony with Samuel Lange. Together they were able to share 47 years of marital happiness, he passing to glory in 1921. In 1906 the family came to Canada where they established residence for a time in the Yorkton community of Saskatchewan. In 1911 they came to Salt Creek, Ore., where they remained for eight years and then brought their earthly wanderings to a close by spending the remainder of the years in Tacoma, Wash.

Of the twelve children, six have preceded their mother in death. The six who live to mourn their mother's passing are Mrs. Otellie Giesbrecht, Dallas, Ore.; Mrs. Emilie Knoll, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Augustine Rahn, Tacoma; Mrs. Lydia Muth, Chilliwack, B. C.; Mrs. Emma Reusch, Berkeley, Calif.; and Mrs. Martha Dingfield, Tacoma. A total of 46 grandchildren and 54 great-grandchildren make up the larger family circle.

Almost to the very end Mrs. Lange was able to make full use of all her faculties. For her 101st birthday she knitted presents for those who came to visit her. Her Bible was her daily companion and even within a month of her passing she regularly attended the morning services of her church. We know that her testimony will re-echo in many hearts in the years that will yet be ours.

Calvary Baptist Church,
Tacoma, Washington

H. J. WILCKE, Pastor.

MR. JACOB J. HILL of Okeene, Oklahoma.

Mr. Jacob J. Hill of Okeene, Okla., was born on August 6, 1883. He died on January 2, 1951 at the age of 67 years, 4 months and 27 days. Born in Denhoff, Russia, Mr. Hill immigrated to Durham, Kans., in 1886 at the age of about three years with his parents. When he was eight years old the family moved to the Loyal community in Oklahoma. He was married to Miss Molly Geis in January, 1906. This union was blessed with six children, all of whom survive: Wilbur of Omega, Alfred, Elmer and Irvin of Loyal, Lester of Parsons, Kansas, and Mrs. Norma Dobrinski of Okeene.

Mr. Hill leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, five sons, one daughter, three brothers: Wm. Hill of Okeene, Ed Hill of Wichita, Kans., and Dave Hill of Honolulu, Hawaii; one sister: Mrs. Lydia Krause of Okeene; five daughters-in-law, one son-in-law, four grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Preceding Mr. Hill in death were two sisters: Mary Brownworth, formerly of Billings, Mont., and Martha Gertz of Chicago, Ill.; three half-sisters also preceded him in death: Mrs. Katie Greenhagen, Newkirk, Okla.; Mrs. Lizzie Rade of Greene; and Mrs. Mary Wolkman of Woodbine, Kans. Mr. Hill received Christ as his Savior in the Immanuel Baptist Church of Loyal at the age of 38. He was a faithful member there for 25 years, serving on the board of deacons for a number of years. In the Fall of 1946 Mr. and Mrs. Hill retired from active farming and moved to Okeene, uniting with the Zion Baptist Church and serving on the board of deacons until his death.

Mr. Hill presented a radiant testimony of his Lord and Savior throughout his illness and those who visited him came away refreshed and stronger in their faith. On Tuesday morning, Jan. 2, 1951, he quietly went to be with the Lord, being conscious to the end, saying, "I'm going home to be with Jesus."

Zion Baptist Church,
Okeene, Oklahoma

JOHN M. BERENTSCHOT, Pastor.

MRS. WILLIAM TAHRAN, JR., of Jamestown, North Dakota.

Mrs. William Tahrán, Jr., of Jamestown, N. Dak., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Staiger, was born in Medina, N. Dak., on June 8, 1922. She was a graduate of the Medina High School and attended Capitol Business College at Bismarck.

Mr. William Tahrán, Jr., and Miss Leona Staiger were married in Medina on Oct. 10, 1943. This union was blessed with one son. They made their home on a farm south of Cleveland, N. Dak., where Leona was teaching public school for one year, when she and her husband decided to move to Jamestown.

Leona gave her heart to the Lord at the young age of 15 years and was a faithful follower of the Lord all the way. She was baptized by the Rev. David Littke and joined the Baptist Church in Medina where she was a faithful member until her membership letter was transferred to the Jamestown Baptist Church.

She was a member of the Bible Mission Circle and Girls' Guild. She also sang in the church choir. For the last several years she had suffered from a heart ailment. Two days before her departure, she was rushed to the hospital in Jamestown, but in the early morning of Dec. 22 it pleased the Lord to call her to his heavenly Home. Leona was always a good example to neighbors, relatives, members of the family and to her church and therefore she will be long remembered.

Leona had only reached the age of 28 years, 6 months and 14 days. She leaves to mourn her departure her husband; her little four-year-old son, Donald William; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Staiger; two brothers and two sisters: Wilbert, Medina, N. Dak.; Mrs. Fred Grenz, Jr. (Violet), Bismarck, N. Dak.; Benjamin and Miss Adeline Staiger, Jamestown; and a host of relatives and friends.

First Baptist Church,
Jamestown, North Dakota

G. E. SPLINTER, Pastor.

MR. DICK BURFEINDT of Avon, South Dakota.

Mr. Dick Burfeindt of Avon, S. Dak., was born in Germany on June 19, 1863 and died in his home at Avon, S. Dak., on November 24, 1950 at the age of 87 years, 5 months and 5 days. He was orphaned early in life and came to this country as a lad of about 17 years of age. As a young man he came to know Christ as his personal Redeemer and was baptized into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church at Emery, S. Dak., in the year 1888 by the late Rev. O. Olthoff. When the Baptist Church at Avon was organized he became one of the charter members.

In October 1888 he was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Van Gerpen. The Lord blessed their happy union with three sons and six daughters. Brother Burfeindt was highly regarded in the community and held in the highest esteem as a brother in Christ in his church. He loved his Savior most fervently and endeavored sincerely to serve and to honor him. It was the constant concern of his soul that his children and grandchildren might all know the joy and blessing of salvation through faith in Christ as their personal Savior. Of late his most ardent desire was to be with the Lord.

He leaves to mourn his demise: three sons: Dick of Avon, S. Dak.; William of Dixon, Ill.; Herman of Chancellor, S. Dak.; five daughters: Fannie, Mrs. Wm. Weber of Avon, S. Dak.; Margaret, Mrs. J. E. Johnson of Lennox, S. Dak.; Grace, Mrs. Harm Bleeker of George, Iowa; Miss Marie Burfeindt of Avon, S. Dak.; and Bertha, Mrs. Norman Bangert of Tyndall, S. Dak.; 21 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a large host of other relatives and friends as well as his church. His dear wife and one daughter, Katie, Mrs. Carson Janssen, preceded him to the Home above.

His departure made earth poorer, but heaven richer. "Blessed are they that die in the Lord, . . . for their works do follow after them."

First Baptist Church,
Avon, South Dakota

P. GEISSLER, Pastor.

MR. JOHN S. QUENZER of Lodi, California.

Mr. John S. Quenzer of Lodi, Calif., was born in Herreid, S. Dak., on Nov. 19, 1902. For many years he followed the occupation of farming in Campbell County in South Dakota. On Oct. 26, 1924 he was united in marriage to Martha Quaschnick, his now bereaved wife. When he was a young man of twenty years of age, he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, was baptized on profession of his faith in 1923 by the Rev. H. B. Bens and united with the Baptist Church there.

In 1941 he came to Lodi, Calif., and united with the First Baptist Church of which he was a faithful member until the Lord called him to his eternal reward. He was employed as a sheet metal worker at the Henderson Brothers Hardware Company of Lodi. Brother Quenzer passed away in the firm faith of his Savior very unexpectedly at the Mason Hospital on Friday morning, December 22, 1950. He reached the age of 48 years, 1 month and 3 days.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Mrs. Martha Quenzer; two sisters: Mrs. Lizzie Schacher of Missoula, Mont., and Mrs. Meta Stearns of Oakland, Calif.; one brother, Mr. George Quenzer of Herreid, S. Dak.; his step-father, Mr. Frank Ammon of Bismarck, N. Dak. Mr. Quenzer was the brother-in-law of J. J. Quaschnick, Galt, Calif.; Andrew Quaschnick, Lodi, Calif.; Ed Quaschnick, Herreid, S. Dak.; Mrs. Lizzie Zeeb, Medicine Hat, Canada; Jacob Kiemele, Lodi, Calif.; and Mrs. Bertha Leadlie, Stockton, Calif. He also leaves to mourn his departure his church and many friends.

First Baptist Church,
Lodi, California

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.

MR. LELAND R. HASZ of Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

Mr. Leland Rudolph Hasz of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., was born on July 13, 1903 at Parkston, S. Dak. His parents, belonging to the Congregational Church, had him baptized on Oct. 19, 1903. Later they moved to Havel County in South Dakota and united with the New Zion Congregational Church there. In 1916 Leland and also Attena Winter, who later became his wife, were confirmed and also were converted at that time. They were married on Dec. 20, 1925. This union was blessed with two sons, Laverne and Dohl.

In 1945 the family united with the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Hand County. They were baptized by Rev. A. J. Fischer and remained faithful members. Mr. Hasz took much interest in the welfare of his community. He served on the township board 15 years and for nine years on the School Board. He contributed liberally to the Red Cross and other worthy causes. His church received his devoted consecration and his sincere love for music and singing made him useful in his service to his church. His impressive prayers for his own, his church and lost sinners were heart-stirring and will long be remembered.

During the last years a treacherous illness caused him untold suffering but he bore it patiently. It brought his short life to an early end on Dec. 22 at the age of 47 years, 5 months and 9 days. During his long illness he received tender and self-denying care by his dear wife, his sons and friends. Survivors are his wife, Attena; two sons, Laverne and Dohl; his mother, Mary Hasz; four brothers: Emil, Harold, John and Richard of Wessington Springs, S. Dak.; six sisters: Mrs. John Thum, Wessington Springs; Mrs. Ray Hackett, Santa Monica, Calif.; Miss Juanita Hasz and Mrs. Jack Guthmiller of Sacramento, Calif.; Mrs. Verne Lewallen and Mrs. Richard Lewallen of Alpena, S. Dak.; besides many relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held in the large Methodist Church in Wessington Springs. The male quartet of the Congregational Church sang three beautiful songs. Rev. R. R. Klein from the Congregational church and the undersigned brought words of comfort.

Ebenezer Baptist Church,
Wessington Springs, South Dakota

REV. O. W. BRENNER, Pastor.

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