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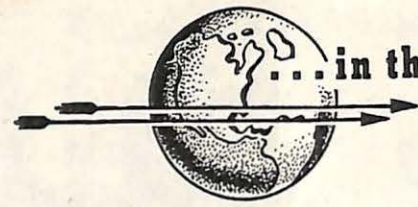
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How God Has Called Us to Preach

Seminary Graduates

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...in the course of human events

● There are nearly 90,000 organized abstainers in Sweden, including 146 members of the Swedish Parliament. The temperance movement there receives subsidies from the government totaling more than \$125,000 a year.—The Sunday School Times.

● A tiny capsule has been buried in downtown Pershing Square, Los Angeles, Calif., containing a letter addressed "to the ministers of Los Angeles in 2052." Including in the capsule is a record of the number of parishes and synagogues in the community, and their activities, along with church pages from metropolitan newspapers.—The Watchman-Examiner.

● A Portland paper published in its correspondence column the following from a lady: "Years ago my family purchased some bones of St. Peter. These have been handed down from mother to daughter since the French Revolution. Now that they have just discovered the tomb of St. Peter, what shall I do with my bones.—Prophecy Monthly.

● For the third consecutive year the Free Methodist Church ranked first in per member giving for total contributions, as shown by the latest report made on forty-seven denominations. For the fourth year it has ranked first per capita giving for congregational expenses. This church also ranked fourth for foreign missions, denominational benevolence and total benevolence, and sixth for budget benevolence.—The Protestant World.

● "We have too many men of science, too few men of God. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount . . . The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living."—General Omar N. Bradley.—The Baptist News.

● Brazil has its own Bible Society, organized seven years ago, and having now 13,000 members. Since its founding, it has distributed 302,263 Bibles, 312,338 New Testaments, and 3,665,592 Gospels and portions. Its First General Assembly brought together in Rio de Janeiro evangelical leaders from nineteen of Brazil's twenty states, among them businessmen, lawyers, doctors and journalists. Thus the governor of the State of Maranhao, although not a member of an evangelical church, is

a member of the Bible Society of Brazil.—The Sunday School Times.

● Reconstruction of the "Rauhe Haus," famous 120 year old orphanage in Hamburg, Germany, which lost 25 of its 29 buildings in World War II aerial attacks, is proceeding slowly. The rebuilding has been aided by the Lutheran World Federation, which gave money to the building fund and sponsored a program whereby American students in 1950 contributed their labor to the rebuilding project. In addition CARE sent a large collection of children's books which had been donated by Americans to the CARE-UNESCO children's book fund.—The Christian Century.

● A drive to collect used bicycles for church workers in Eastern Germany has been started by the Ecumenical Board of Denmark, which is known in Europe as "the country of bicycles." The collection was started to help pastors, deaconesses, catechists and other church workers in the Soviet Zone of Germany. According to report, there are 6,000 pastors, 15,000 catechists, and 1,700 deaconesses active in Eastern Germany, but many of them have no transportation facilities at all. Danish congregations are urged to collect used bicycles which may be of great help for church workers in Germany, now forced to go about their duties on foot.—The Watchman-Examiner.

● A minister of the United Church of Canada wrote recently: "Here on the North American continent psychology fever has hit the ministry and many ministers appear dangerously stricken. From our pulpits we now speak easily of complexes and repressions and sublimations and other such grisly things. Parishoners can now be spoken of as patients, or, worse still, as clients, and the minister's study can now be called a clinic . . . All aboard the new salvation! . . . The whole movement of pastoral counselling is shot through with menacing superficiality, which its increasing fashionableness seems to make much more widespread. With some people the almost mystic concept of adjustment seems to be crowding out the Christian doctrine of salvation and displacing the Christian ethic.—Rev. J. A. Davidson.—British Weekly.

The editor of this department, "In the Course of Human Events," is the Rev. John Grygo of the Ogdan Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. R. Schilke
April 24 (Thursday)—Woman's Missionary Union of Detroit, Mich., at the Ebenezer Church.
May 4-5 (Sunday and Monday)—Baileyville, Illinois.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
May 3—Leader's Conference, Detroit, Michigan.
May 4 (Sunday)—Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Rev. Martin L. Leuschner
April 27 (Sunday A.M.)—Grace Church, Chicago, Illinois.
May 4 (Sunday)—Ebenezer Church near Elmo, Kansas.
May 5 (Monday)—Mt. Zion Church near Junction City, Kansas.

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SUMMER CONFERENCES

May 29-June 1—Central Conference at the White Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio.
June 25-29—Dakota Conference at Tyndall Hall, Tyndall, S. Dak.
June 25-29—Pacific Conference at First Baptist Church, Colfax, Washington.
July 2-6—Northern Conference at the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta.
July 9-13—Northwestern Conference at Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa.
July 23-27—Southern Conference at Carroll Ave. Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.
July 30-31—Southwestern Conference at Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas.
August 20—Atlantic Conference (Business Sessions Only) at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
August 20—Eastern Conference (Business Sessions Only) at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
August 20-26—Thirtieth General Conference, Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Note: The summer schedules for the general workers have been mailed to all conference and assembly leaders.

Editorial

Managing Our Moods

ALL OF US have our moods—moods of irritation, discouragement, doubt, dejection, fear, self-pity. Feelings of inferiority and despondency come like surging waves over the best of us. These moods color our personalities and influence our lives.

Charles M. Crowe in "The Sanctuary" has said that "few of us find life flowing in a smooth stream. It is largely a business of ups and downs, starts and stops. We who believe in God need to be on guard lest periods of fear, sorrow or doubt warp our faith." For moods are normal, even for the Christian. They are a natural part of the business of living, by which the genuineness of our faith can be tested and over which we can gain the mastery with the help of God.

"What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee" (Psalm 56:3). As Christians we can trust God until the mood passes. Fears will assail us. Clouds will cast their dark shadows over us. Discouragements will hit us like a ton of bricks. But when these times come, the Christian trusts in God. He waits on the Lord and is of good courage, saying with the Psalmist: "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living" (Psalm 27:13).

When these moods came upon Saul, the king of Israel, we are told that "David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him" (1 Samuel 16:23). To make our moods the measure of life is unfair. The strength of any Christian is the trust which he shows in God in such times until his soul has again been refreshed by the music of God's truths and promises and he is well!

As Christians we can also look to God to change the mood. "Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God" (Psalm 42:11). God can change these varying moods of our lives if we look steadfastly unto him!

Even Elijah, the prophet of God, once sat under a juniper tree and said in a despondent mood, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life." He had forgotten the mighty things that God had done through him on Mount Carmel and that God could still do. A great and strong wind blew against the mountain where he was in hiding in a cave. An earthquake shook the earth, and a fire raged. Then came a still small voice, and as Elijah heard it and looked to God, his mood was changed and he went to the court of the king in the courage of the Lord.

As Christians we can learn from God how to discipline ourselves in the varying moods of life. The words of the Apostle Paul sound like trumpet calls: "Stand fast therefore!" "Endure hardness!" "Quit you like men!" "Watch thou in all things!" This is the victory of the Christian, even in the managing of his moods.

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How God Has Called Us to Preach

Impressive testimonies by members of the 1952 graduating class of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

The First of Two Articles to Appear in the BAPTIST HERALD

Ordained to a Workmanship for God's Glory

By MR. ELDON SEIBOLD
of Cathay, North Dakota.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:8-10).

These verses summarize the expression of the experience of my salvation and the call of God into the ministry. There have been joy and peace in my soul ever since this took place.

As a boy I was perplexed about the things of God, Christ and the Church. I thought Christianity was essentially the accepted way of life, but really quite artificial. Then the Holy Spirit worked in my heart and convicted me as a sinner, and I cast myself upon the Christ of Calvary for my salvation and abiding Presence. Yes, I found Christ as my Savior, but yet I did not yield to him as Lord and Master of my life.

After this commitment, I deeply felt the call into the ministry. My whole being rebelled to the idea of that objectionable role in society as a preacher. But how marvelous is the truth that God has created me in the living, conquering Christ, and my life is ordained to a workmanship for his glory. Wonderful the grace of Jesus!

The days of preparation at our seminary have keenly influenced me in the greatest business on earth—building the Church, of Jesus Christ. I am grateful for those who have diligently brought their contributions to the classroom.

During these last days of my Senior year, the words: "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (Psalm 37:5), have given me confidence in the decisions to be made, especially in regard to a field of service. Time and again I've discovered God always gives his best to those who leave the choice with him. With trembling I approach a field of service, but I claim the promise that God shall supply my every need according to his riches in glory.

In the span of my young life, I have known the goodness, love, mercy and

guidance of God. The extent of my love for the Lord is not what I'm willing to do for him, but what I'm not willing to do for him. Whether my years be many or few, I want to be God's man, in God's place, and doing God's work, winning precious souls for the crown of eternal life. My chief desire is to be a polished shaft, straight and true for God's purpose; sent to hit the mark of the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus. Through faith there is the glorious victory!

The Ministry Which I Have Received of the Lord Jesus

By MR. EDWARD KOPF
of North Freedom, Wisconsin.

"You will be a minister," was the saying of a godly woman in the Rock Springs Baptist Church of Wisconsin, while I was still too young to know what she was really saying. I told her, "No, I don't want to be a minister; I want to be a farmer." I'm glad that God gave me Christian parents who prayed much for me before I had accepted Christ as Savior and Lord. My parents showed me the way of the Christian life, but I did not accept that way until I was seventeen years old. I felt the Holy Spirit speaking to me before that, but I refused to yield.

After my conversion, I felt very definitely that God was calling me into the Christian ministry. Again, I didn't want to accept this call. I wanted to be a farmer and had prepared for that during my High School days. The verse that came to me at this time very strongly was: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). I saw that I was choosing my own way, rather than the way God had chosen for me.

I still tried to put it off by saying to myself that others could do much better than I. At a young people's rally at Kenosha, Wis., in the fall of 1946, a play entitled, "The Challenge of the Cross," showed how people were trying to choose their own crosses, and not the cross God had given to them. Then one in the play and yet he was willing to bear it. I saw that night that I was like other people in trying to choose my cross,

rather than the one God had given me to bear. That night I dedicated my life to preach the "unsearchable riches of Christ." Now there was joy that I had never known before.

The next thing was to decide where to go to school. I talked it over with the Rev. Thomas Lutz, my pastor, and he advised me to go to our Seminary. During this period of preparation, my life has been enriched and my faith strengthened, much of which has come by the way of the classroom and the help of the professors. These years will be looked upon as years of fellowship with God and with his servants.

I have been assured again and again that God has been definitely leading in my life. God has been faithful to me, even though at times I have not been faithful to him. Even though at times things seem a bit discouraging and problems come that seem unbearable, I can say with Paul: "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus to testify the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24). God has been good, and with joy I await his leading into a field of service.

To Be Called of God Is To Serve Him

By MR. IRVIN H. SCHMULAND
of Fenwood, Saskatchewan.

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians at Rome, he tried to impress upon their minds that to be a follower of Christ means to serve him. He writes in Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." This clearly indicates that if the lost are to be saved and the saints to be edified, someone has to be willing to proclaim the Gospel in an unadulterated way. When God's call came to me to be his vessel, to make the unsearchable riches of Christ known, I had to search my heart whether I would be willing and be unashamed to present the Gospel of my Savior to a rebellious, Christ rejecting humanity.

I tried to subdue the promptings of the Holy Spirit by giving varied excuses as to my physical incapacities. But such was not God's purpose of my

life. His ends will be accomplished even though we may find excuses as Moses did. I could not see the reason why a farm boy should serve the Lord in the preaching ministry.

If the last war had any purpose, it was that God showed me the need of this world. After spending over three years in the Canadian Army, I became absolutely convinced that God knows best. While in service I saw the power of Satan and the chains of sin with which countless souls are bound. Once I realized the depth of sin, I no longer doubted that God could not use me. I surrendered my stubborn will to him, and I want to serve him with all the strength and wisdom that he will give me to build his Kingdom by leading precious souls to the One "who came to seek and to save that which is lost."

It was through the unwavering faith in Christ and the exemplary living and prayers of my Christian parents that I became conscious of being lost if I didn't accept Christ as my personal Savior. I gave my heart to him in my middle teens. Since then he has been my ever present Companion. However, in coming to the Seminary, I have come to know him most intimately and to depend upon his providential care. It was not easy to sustain one's livelihood and that of a wife and child for almost seven years, while living apart from the comfortable seminary dormitory and well bedecked dining hall tables. To God be all the praise and glory for supplying our every need even beyond our expectations.

Now that I am nearing the end of my formal education, I have set my sight toward and "press on to the goal for the prize of God's high call in Christ Jesus."

One of the special blessings that was mine during these years of study has been my wife and son. She has encouraged me often when the load seemed too heavy to bear. Together we are looking forward to the time when we will be able to share with our people the riches of Christ which have been our privilege to attain during these unforgettable, profitable and joyous years. Without Christ our efforts would be in vain, but we are resting upon the exceeding great and precious promises which he has given to us. With him we shall courageously venture out into his vineyard.

God Leads in Mysterious Ways His Wonders To Perform

By MR. HAROLD E. WEISS,
Pastor of the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Among the many rich experiences that have been mine during my comparatively short Christian life, one stands out more vividly and impressively than all the others. This experi-



The Senior Class of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Left to right: Irvin H. Schmuland, Laurence R. Prast, Edward B. Link, George F. Rowe, Orville H. Meth, Edward B. Kopf, Harold E. Weiss, Chris Weintz and Eldon Seibold.

ence was God's calling me to preach the Gospel of Christ. The Apostle Paul could well make the following statement after he knew that he was doing God's will: "I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." However, before he met the Lord Jesus face to face on the Damascus Turnpike, he was not so satisfied and content in his heart. The fact that God called Paul in such an unusual and dramatic way helped him immediately to know what God wanted him to do.

After my conversion at the age of twelve I was always conscious of the Lord's leading in my life and I had a desire to work for him by serving and witnessing. At the age of fifteen, when I had the first real joy of leading a soul to Christ, God seemed to say: "This is only the beginning of what I want you to do for me." Due to the encouragement and help of my parents, I also found joy in serving my Lord through music. Until this period in my life God had called me through my conversion experience and through the opportunities and challenge of service.

In a state of rebellion against God, I began studying for a secretarial position. The following year I felt led to attend the Christian Training Institute, where God dealt with me in more specific ways. Every time an invitation was given for full-time Christian service my heart would beat twice as fast as it did normally, until I felt very unhappy. Before my last year at CTI, the Lord brought me face to face with his call for Christian service.

While I was kneeling with a group of penitent young people, God said again, "Henceforth you are to speak for me—pointing lost souls to the Lamb of God." I argued with God by

saying that preaching was too difficult a task for me. I did not possess the capabilities of dealing with the many difficult problems that servants of God must face. Even after God ruled out my argument by referring me to 1 Cor. 1:27, "God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty," I was still unwilling and felt even more miserable.

Several weeks before I returned to CTI, while I was on my father's farm, God spoke again. It does seem strange at times that God chooses to speak to our hearts while we are out in God's beautiful open doors—in the open country where we cannot escape him. One day I was driving the tractor in the field, where the loud continuous hum and whine of the Massey Harris tractor would ordinarily almost lull me to sleep. Now, however, this mechanical music served only as a background for God's persistent and definite pleading with my heart that I should yield my life, my all, to him for his glory. Often I prayed and offered further arguments why I could not obey.

Suddenly, after I could stand this dual match with God no longer, with tears rolling over my dusty cheeks, I stopped the tractor, ran behind the disk and knelt on the moistly freshly tilled ground and poured out my weary heart to God. In a few moments I stood to my feet with a peaceful calm flooding my entire being. With my mind's eye I could see the troubled multitudes who were listening for the beautiful Gospel message of a Savior who is able to save, keep and satisfy. After almost four years of soul anguish, I now found great joy and freedom in being able to say, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

Prayer Burdens and God's Miracles

The prayer burdens of our Cameroons missionaries have become God's miracles which have been revealed especially at the last annual Missionary Conference held at Banso

By MISS BERNEICE WESTERMAN of Soppo, Cameroons, West Africa

OUR CAMEROONS Missionary Conference had its real beginning for me during the month of August 1951. It was at that time that news came to Soppo about the coming of Howard and Betty Roth. Sincerely I sang in my own heart, "Hold the fort for Roths are coming." My prayer was that they might arrive in time for the School Teachers' Conference which was being held on the coast so that they could share their musical talents as well as their medical knowledge with our teachers, but the conference passed and during the closing days of August we welcomed them to Soppo. Don Ganstrom had come to the coast for

Victoria. He went back to bed and, after Betty Roth obtained some information concerning his condition, we called the government doctor who came to take him by ambulance to the hospital.

As that ambulance drove away that morning, the remaining band of missionaries began to pray and stopped to think. Did this mean that Don had to go home? How serious was this? Frankly, things looked very dark and the only thing we could do was to pray. As time went on and Don spent a number of weeks under the care of the doctors, all the medical reports pointed to the Ganstroms going back to America quite soon. X-rays and

would show us his plan.

Then came God's miracle! Don Ganstrom had been sent to see the most capable person of the medical field out here and after he had seen the X-rays he advised that the patient go home. Dr. Chaffee was asked to come to the coast (a two day journey) to give his final consent, or announce his rejections concerning Don's leaving. While the missionaries were praying for God to give the doctor the wisdom needed in such an important decision, three other doctors were discussing the possibilities concerning the case.

GOD'S MIRACLE

One of them remarked that there was a specialist from Lagos at Buea for a local leave. Would Dr. Chaffee consider if they should ask him in for his advice? The specialist was called in and examined the X-rays. He ordered more X-rays to be taken for comparison, and the facts compiled proved that Don Ganstrom's condition was improvement rather than complications. Praise God for answered prayers.

Out of such circumstances, we came to meet in our annual Missionary Conference at Banso. We praised God and asked him in a special way for much wisdom during the conference.

Now come along with me to the Doctor's home and sit with me at the long table with 21 missionaries! We have just finished our evening meal and have been singing choruses and hymns. Earl Ahrens is leading devotions this evening. His message concerns "Broken Things." God wishes to use broken things, and many times we must permit our hearts to be broken before he can use us. Remember Gideon and the broken pitchers! Remember the Psalmist when he says, "I am like a broken vessel." Most of us had to be broken, before God could use us in the proper way.

Possibly someone would like to share some experience with us. As Don Ganstrom stands to his feet to tell us that his very recent experience on the sickbed has been a **breaking experience for him, all of us realize that God is in our midst. To have the black Christians of Victoria come in to pray with you and for you is an experience**

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Seventeen of the 21 missionaries at the annual Missionary Conference at Banso in the Cameroons as photographed by Laura E. Reddig with Douglas Chaffee, son of Dr. and Mrs. Leslie M. Chaffee, at the extreme right.

the conference and in order to meet them. It was a joy to see them arrive and then in five more days to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer, Ardice Ziolkowski and Ruby Salzman.

DON GANSTROM'S SICKNESS

On Tuesday, September 4th, our missionaries Ganstrom, Holzimmer and Roth were planning to leave very early for Victoria to get some of the boxes which were still in the customs shed. They had come to my house for an early breakfast. Don was not feeling well and announced after a short time that he could not possibly go to

medical advice showed very discouraging reports while missionaries and African Christians prayed as they had never prayed before.

The missionaries in the outstations were notified and urged to pray and to pray earnestly. This was no small thing, for there was no one in our ranks who had the legal powers that the superintendent of the mission must have and therefore we knew that all the work could and would be hindered. Many of us prayed: "God, if it is your will that Don goes home, show us which of our staff is your leader for us." Never once did we doubt that God

Dangerous Domination

Baptists have always asserted that religious liberty is our prized possession as Christians. Oh, that we might have the enthusiasm of those early Baptists who gave their lives for their cherished convictions!

The Last of a Series of Articles on "Who Are the Baptists?"
by the REV. O. E. KRUEGER of Rochester, New York

"The truth shall make you free."
"Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is liberty."
"Stand fast therefore in the liberty
wherewith Christ has made you
free."

WITHOUT any formal introduction let us plunge right into the middle of the subject and remind ourselves that wherever state and church were united, there persecution began. Religious non-conformity became political disloyalty. During the period of twelve centuries, that combination of church and state killed 50,000,000 non-conforming Christians!

But since the Reformation, persecutions by Protestants have been carried on wherever church and state have been united in unholy wedlock. Lutherans, Reformed Church members, Anglicans, and even the Puritans and Pilgrims, who came to this land seeking freedom, were guilty of using the arm of the state against non-conformists. The Quakers and the Baptists stand out as bodies that never persecuted others, though they were hounded like wild animals.

Let it be said in all humility that to the Baptists goes the honor of having founded the first commonwealth in all the history of the world that gave constitutional freedom to all religions.

PRICE AND PRIZE

We are not sure that this great prize of religious liberty is to be our continued possession. Millions have already lost it. We know what happens when Communism takes over. Americans are generally very optimistic about the future of our country, supinely indifferent about the whole matter of possible loss of freedom. We forget that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Some dreamed about a brotherhood of man in which people would be so enlightened that cruelty would be a forgotten dream. But has the world ever witnessed more diabolical cruelty than during the last few decades? Religious people, too, can be whipped up into a frenzy which will slaughter millions, thinking they

are serving God by so doing. Even Saul of Tarsus had such a notion.

It is not a secret that Rome wants to make America Catholic. The pope has given orders to do just that. It has every legal right to make the attempt, so long as it does not use force of arms to overthrow the government. Protestants, to be sure, would like to see America Protestant. They too have the right to make the most strenuous effort to accomplish that end, so long as they use only spiritual and mental weapons.

What the Catholic Church thinks of the public schools is no secret either. Read their own statements. "Education must be controlled by Catholic authorities, even to war and bloodshed" (The Catholic World). "Education outside the Catholic Church is damnable heresy" (Pope Pius IX). "We must take part in the elections, name a solid mass in every state against the party pledged to sustain the integrity of the public schools" (Cardinal McClosky). "I would as soon administer the sacraments to a dog as to Catholics who send their children to public schools" (Father Walker).

Having the conviction that salvation rests in the Catholic Church, it is quite natural that these men think as they do about public schools and religious freedom. The Catholics have a perfect right to get a solid mass of men elected to all the school boards in the land, while they send their own children to Catholic schools. They have a perfect right to inform their voters for whom to vote. And we have the same right! If we lose because we do not use our privileges, we have only ourselves to blame. We may be rudely awakened some morning from pleasant dreams only to find a sabotaged public school system dominated by the Catholic Church. Then our children will be compelled to listen to their teaching.

AN UNHOLY WEDLOCK

It is no secret that the Catholic Church is untiring in its efforts to unite state and church. And again let it be frankly admitted that they have the legal right to work toward that



As the Lord Jesus Christ called his disciples in love, so Baptists believe that there can be no coercion in the Christian church but "the constraint of God's love" that binds us together in the Spirit of Christ.

end so long as it is not secured by force of arms. Read and ponder these statements of Pope Pius IX: "The church has the right to perpetuate the union of church and state; the church has the right to require that the Catholic religion shall be the only religion of the state, to the exclusion of all others; the people are not the source of power; the church has the right to exercise its authority without having any limit set by civil power; the church has the right to avail itself of force and to use temporal power for that purpose."

All of this does not seem in harmony with the mind and spirit of your good Catholic neighbor. It may all be hidden from him. He may even be offended when you tell him that that is the plan of his church. The Catholic Church has the press, the politician, the manufacturer, and the businessman frightened. No one ventures to incur its displeasure.

"Between the Lines" is bold enough to tell us what is going on in Spain, where we are embracing "the foul tyranny of Franco as a military expediency." Charles A. Wells says: "Not only does this action betray the hopes of a great number of progressive Spaniards who have been working at the risk of life itself to free Spain from the Franco blight, but many Roman Catholics, who consider Franco a disgrace to the church, will be puzzled and embittered by this move of 'democratic Protestant' America. There is little more freedom in Spain

than in Russia. But Protestant America, under the leadership of a 33rd degree Mason, now makes a deal with the oppressor of these helpless people!"

In granting aid to Spain, why didn't our president demand the cessation of persecution of Masons and Protestants? Why didn't he demand that Protestants be given the right to train their children in their own faith? Their children are forced to take religious instruction from the priests! The answer is easy. Our president must do nothing to offend the voter.

COERSIVE COOPERATION

Baptists have held tenaciously, not only to the principle of separation of church and state, but also to the principle of the independence of the local church. The freedom of the individual believer is matched by the freedom of the individual congregation. When our fathers organized the first conference of "Baptized Christians" in Philadelphia one hundred years ago, they repeatedly emphasized that their resolutions were not binding on any church but were merely to be taken as the advice of the brethren, as they counselled together. Baptists hold to independence, but they do not exclude inter-dependence in carrying on projects for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. But no Baptist Church is bound by the resolutions adopted by the American Baptist Convention, the

North American Baptist Conference, or any other Baptist convention.

We do not proclaim our work to be a "faith mission" but nevertheless all Baptist projects are carried on by faith. We set up a budget say of half a million dollars, and send out half a hundred missionaries and assume other great responsibilities. We take it for granted that our churches will assume a reasonable share in these burdens, but it all rests on faith. Any one of these churches may refuse to give anything to the budget, or may withdraw from the conference. The missionaries who go out have faith in God, and also in the brethren at home for their support.

That there have been and still are denominational antagonisms is to be regretted. A Baptist minister in Ohio, while reading up on the history of the church, found this statement in one of the minutes reporting about the results of the year's activity: "We had only six baptisms during the year, but that is fairly good seeing we have six other churches to fight!" What a pity that God's people should be guilty of just that sort of a thing!

Generally there is more inter-denominational cooperation in our days than in the days of our fathers. There can be and there is unity in the Spirit without union in organization. No doubt, we should exercise more diligence "in endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of

peace." But we cannot respond to an overall organization, which, as history teaches us, is bound to become coercive and corrupt.

We go back to our starting point: We are wedded to the Bible which in the New Testament gives us the all-sufficient standards for faith and practice in the life of the individual believer and the individual church. Oh, that we might have the enthusiasm of those Baptists who gave their lives for their cherished convictions! Oh, that we might have the enthusiasm of people who stand for a cause in which they believe, although to us their cause may be anti-Christian through and through.

REMARKABLE DEMONSTRATION

In August of 1951 a most remarkable demonstration took place in the East Zone of Berlin. Our newspapers tried to belittle the whole demonstration. As a matter of fact, for two weeks two million young Germans marched and sang and cheered communistic heroes and communistic policies! It was the greatest mass demonstration which Europe has ever seen. Ill clad, ill housed, ill fed these young people follow the leader. If the future belongs to the enthusiastic, it is time for American youth to awaken!

"Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and mind and soul and strength
To serve the King of kings."

workers who has told a lie about the price of a motor which is out on the field. He knew the price and has told others that it is much larger than it is.

—Please pray for the Europeans on the coast that the coastal missionaries may be a real witness and testimony to them.

—Please pray for some "Big Men" or rulers of the Mbem field who are mixed up with juju that they might become real Christians.

—Please pray for our Bible School, students and faculty.

—Please pray for one who has said, "You can take your God and your church and go to your country."

—Please pray for Laura Reddig even now as she has just gone to witness to the family whose home is nearly broken.

—Please pray for the one whose home and family are nearly broken.

Of course, it was too hard to remember all the requests and so they were written down and given out to various ones within the group. From this came our "Praise and Prayer" circular which has been coming to us since then.

Please join us in our praise and joy that we are having because of our annual missionary conference of 1951.

"IT IS NO SECRET WHAT GOD CAN DO,
WHAT HE'S DONE FOR OTHERS
HE CAN DO FOR YOU."

PRAYER BURDENS AND GOD'S MIRACLES

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that is not easy to forget.

Now come along to our Sunday morning service. We are in Eleanor Weisenburger's livingroom. There is no real altar. Our music is supplied by a small portable organ. The chairs are those belonging to the Chaffee, Weisenburger, Ziolkowski, and Goodman households, but the message is GOD'S. Turn with me to the story of Daniel's three friends in the fiery furnace (Daniel 3). Here we read how Daniel's friends refused to bow to King Nebuchadnezzar but chose rather to serve God. (George Henderson who has just returned from America is giving the message.)

Here are some of his thoughts—As I neared Victoria and saw Mount Cameroons I felt a challenge, even as a mountain climber does to gain greater heights. Then I thought of the past term out in this land and my experiences at home. Within my own heart I determined that in this second term I would remember that I would not be sorry for the buildings which must be left unfinished, or the other work undone, but that I would be concerned and have a burden if I was not faithful in my witness of Christ Jesus to those who live in this land. Regardless of the cost, let us stand, even if it means a trial by fire!

Our evenings and mornings were a great joy in the Bible studies and testimonies of our new missionaries and some experiences of the "old" ones. God blessed our fellowship.

On the following Sunday we came together again to hear God's Word and to fellowship around his Table. Don Ganstrom spoke to us from 1 Corinthians 13, reminding us that many times we become careless, impatient and even forget to give our testimony because we say that "we are tired." "While God had me in bed, I began to read this chapter of love every morning and evening. I recommend it to you." (God spoke to the author's heart, and when she got home to Soppo she confessed to the youth at Soppo that she had been unfaithful to God and that by God's help she would show more patience and love.)

PRAYER BURDENS

Sunday afternoon we met again in a praise service and testimony meeting. Each one shared some experience that had meant much to him or to her as a Christian and then it led into a time of expressing need for urgent prayer. Such were the burdens!

—Please pray for a girl whose marital relations are not the best.

—Please pray for one of our own

The Judgment Seat of Christ

—*—
If we get to heaven, it will be the result of Christ being willing to give himself for us. If we get rewards, it will be the result of our being willing to give ourselves in consecrated service for him
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The Closing Article in a Series on "Prophetic Studies"
by the REV. L. H. SMITH of Corn, Oklahoma
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"Wherefore we labour (make it our ambition) that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear (be made manifest) before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, whether it be good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:9-11).

IN OUR TEXT, as in other places, we find the term, "judgment seat of Christ." The term represents the place where all believes will appear to be judged. This will occur following the raising of the dead in Christ and the catching away of those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord.

JUDGMENT FOR BELIEVERS

The term, "judgment seat," is translated from the Greek word, "bema." This is the name given by the Greeks to the high judges stand in the Greek amphitheater, where the judges stood to see whether the contestants conducted themselves according to the rules of the game. The winner was then called to the stand to receive his reward or his crown. This seat was never used by the civil or criminal judge. The question of guilt and condemnation for sin was never raised here.

The question of our sin as to its penalty, will not be raised at "the Bema." That question came up at Calvary so that a holy God might be able to save sinners. He fully paid that awful penalty for our sins. God himself will remember no more forever the sins of those who are in Christ, as far as the penalty of those sins is concerned.

Every believer will be made manifest (turned inside out) at "the Bema." There we will receive for the good and the bad that we have done. Our life work will be tried by fire to determine of what sort it is. The fire probably represents the holy presence and scrutiny of "our God who is a consuming fire." It is in flaming fire that he come to judge the unsaved who are living on the earth at his second appearing. If our works abide the fire, we will receive reward for such service to him. If our works are burned up under the revealing presence of

God, we "will suffer loss" (of reward and our life work), yet we ourselves shall be saved, yet so as by fire.

Most Christians realize the importance of their souls being saved, but so few have grasped the importance of their lives being saved. Many Christians will get to heaven as a result of his finished work for them, yet lose their lives—be as though they had never lived—and have no tangible evidence that they served the One or appreciated the One who gave himself for them.

HEAVENLY REWARDS

We need to see that our life is a gift or trust from God, and he will reckon with us one day as to how we have used it, whether for self or for him. "When he (Jesus) had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever shall save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake and the gospel's the same shall save it" (Mark 8:34-35). By this text we learn that we can not save our life for self and earthly enjoyment while here and save it for eternity, too.

If we are to save our life for eternity, we must deny self, and LOSE IT FOR CHRIST'S SAKE AND THE GOSPEL'S, while here on earth. This spells death to the "Self Life" and the purely selfish pursuits. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground AND DIE, it abideth alone, but if it die IT BRINGETH FORTH MUCH FRUIT. He that loveth his life (here and now) shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am there shall also my servant be, if any man serve me, HIM WILL MY FATHER HONOR" (John 12:24-26).

When the Father honors those who have given their lives in service to him, they will receive special recognition and reward. We need to see that our souls are saved because of the work that Christ has done for us, but our lives are saved BECAUSE OF OUR WORK FOR CHRIST. If we get to heaven it will be the result of Christ being willing to give himself for us.

If we get rewards, it will be the result of our being willing to give ourselves in consecrated service for him.

We shall not only have our works tried at the judgment seat, but also "everyone of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:11-12). Those sins that we have not confessed as we go along day by day, we will face again in that day and bow the knee and confess to God. Every wrong that we did not acknowledge and right here, we will confess and right there. Every wrong against our brother that we refused to acknowledge and right down here will be acknowledged there.

THE NEW JERUSALEM

The Lord Jesus is still to present the Church unto himself, NOT HAVING SPOT OR WRINKLE, OR ANY SUCH THING, but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:27). In that day he will "present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding great joy" (Jude 24). Then there will be gladness and rejoicing "for the marriage of the Lamb is come, AND HIS WIFE HATH MADE HERSELF READY" (Rev. 19:7).

The marriage of the Lamb to his spotless bride will follow the experience at the judgment seat. "Also to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen clean and white, for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the saints." This marriage to Christ is the prospect and hope promised only to the Church. No Old Testament saint nor even one of the cherubims in heaven is destined to have such a glorious relationship to God's Lamb.

Before going away Jesus said, "In my Father's house ARE many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you." Apparently these mansions are not for us but rather for the saints of the Old Covenant, for he says, "I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU, and if I go and prepare a place for you (thank God he did go), I will come AGAIN and receive you unto myself" (John 14:2-3). The place that Jesus is preparing for his bride is that "JERUSALEM WHICH IS ABOVE * * * which is the mother of us all" (Gal. 4:25-26).

John saw (in vision) this holy city,
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Program Highlights of the General Conference

A feast of spiritual treats is in store for those who attend the 30th General Conference from August 20 to 26 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

By the REV. ROBERT SCHREIBER of Chicago, Illinois,
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FROM PAST experience we know that certain occasions always stand out in special prominence in our memories. That is true also of past General Conferences, because each of us remembers certain services or programs more than others. Some of these services have been so unique that they have left an indelible impression upon our memories. This article is an attempt to describe some of those gatherings and services that are most likely to make an outstanding impression upon those who attend the General Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., from August 20 to 26, 1952. Possibly, also, as a result of reading this article some will be persuaded to attend who, until now, have been undecided.

A FINE BEGINNING

The opening service is like a key that opens the door and permits you to get just a glimpse of what is inside. It prepares you for the full enjoyment of the days ahead. The task of beginning the development of our conference theme has been assigned to the Rev. Rubin Kern, pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Illinois.

This service is an exciting experience, not only because of the spiritual value but also because of the fellowship. There is a renewing of friendships which have been interrupted by the years between conferences. East and West, North and South, all blend into one smiling, happy throng. It is sometimes difficult to get the evening services started on time because of the many reminiscences. However, the Fellowship and Get-Acquainted Hour following the evening services affords an excellent opportunity to continue these happy exchanges of experiences. Here, too, is the opportunity to enrich your life by adding to the number of your friends. So, if you are coming to the Conference, be sure to include the opening service in your plans. The entire Conference will mean more to you if you attend from the beginning.

Permit me to emphasize the importance of the morning devotional sessions. Each day is to be a walk with God, and if this blessed spiritual experience is to be ours, then we should meet him in the morning and walk in his presence throughout the day.

In this way we can be sure of having his will revealed to us as we approach the problems of each day. We will have a deeper appreciation of the messages of the day, and the business sessions will be carried on in the same devotional spirit. On the very first morning determine to spend the first half hour in fellowship with the Lord and his people, and then carry out that determination through the remainder of the Conference. "Let prayer be the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening."

NOTABLE ANNIVERSARIES

As a source of somewhat amusing comfort, we frequently assure one another that the first one hundred years are the hardest. If such is the case, then our German publication, "Der Sendbote," the Eastern Conference and a number of our churches should be enjoying more pleasant days. An anniversary of any kind is always the occasion for gratitude and rejoicing. It is a peak from which we are permitted to view the "hitherto" and the "henceforth," and we can



City Hall in Philadelphia, Pa., surrounded by towering business buildings on all sides, with the statue of William Penn, founder of the city, at the top of the Hall.

recognize the hand and the mercy of God in both. Participation in the observance of the Centenary celebrations of the previously mentioned organizations will be the rare privilege of all who attend the Conference.

We cannot always say that upon history has settled the dust of the ages, and it is better to leave it undisturbed. In history we may find many a sparkling spring whose refreshing waters can send us forth with new vigor and determination. In connection with these centenary observances the thirtieth anniversary of the "Baptist Herald" will also be commemorated. This publication has enjoyed a rapid rise in popularity and its ministry in our circle has come to be highly appreciated.

Evangelism is at the very heart of our Christian faith, and it has well deserved the prominence given it in our denominational program during the past three years. The Conference program carries out this emphasis in two services which have the theme of evangelism. The first is Thursday evening when the recently appointed denominational evangelist, the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, will bring the message. During these days a report will be given concerning the number of souls won to Christ since our last conference, and this message should impress upon our hearts the need for continued activity in the vitally important field of evangelism.

EVANGELISTIC RALLY

An evangelistic rally is scheduled for Sunday evening. Rev. William Hoover, pastor of the Clay Street Church in Benton Harbor, Mich., will be God's messenger at that time. God's Spirit has been working in a marvelous manner in the Clay Street Church as well as in the community, and the Holy Spirit is using Brother Hoover in that work. That these spiritual fires may be kindled in our hearts should be our prayer as we gather for this rally. The Holy Spirit works through men and women who are yielded to him, and in the measure in which we desire to be used will we become useful instruments.

Christian stewardship is an extremely important factor in individual, church and denominational life. "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" was the stewardship prayer of the Apostle

Paul. As our attention is focused on this vital area by the Rev. Edwin Miller of Cleveland, Ohio, we too should be willing to humbly pray this prayer. The message of this Friday evening service will have special significance since stewardship is to be the suggested emphasis in our denominational life in the next triennium, and various phases of this subject will be brought to our attention during the Conference.

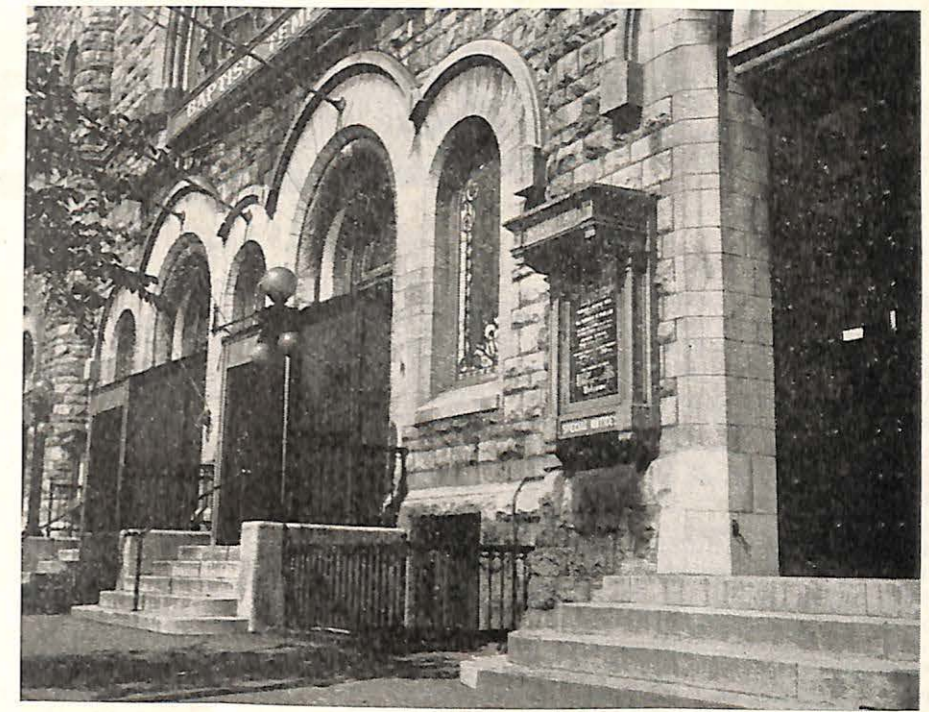
The young people have planned extensive activities during the days of the Conference, beginning with the fellowship hour which has already been described. A luncheon for Sunday School workers is planned for Friday noon. It is to be held in the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, two blocks away from the Baptist Temple, and because of the limited facilities only 275 will be able to attend. The business meeting of the CBY and SS Union will be conducted in the afternoon followed by a unique presentation of the varied activities of the Union. The Rev. J. C. Gunst, general secretary, will report more of the details of this and other phases of their program in his own column.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

One of the high points of youth activities is the banquet. It was thought at first that circumstances might force us to drop this popular occasion from its usual place on the Conference program. However, a majority of the committee felt that it would be advantageous to retain the banquet and seek to iron out our difficulties as best we can. The banquet will be held in Philadelphia's Town Hall, and we will be able to accommodate a crowd of 1400. Dr. Clarence Cranford, well known pastor and youth leader from Washington, D. C., has consented to be the speaker. Those who attended the Laymen's Retreat at Green Lake, Wis., in 1950 will remember Dr. Cranford and welcome the news that he is to have a part on our Conference program.

The Sunrise Service has met with great enthusiasm during the past conferences, and the Lord has been gracious in providing ideal weather for the occasion. Saturday morning will, by God's grace, dawn bright and clear, and find a large group of conference guests assembled in Burholme Park, just a short distance from our Philadelphia Home for the Aged. After the service, at which the Rev. Henry Smuland of Sheffield, Iowa, will speak, breakfast will be served in the Home.

A Sunday afternoon youth rally will climax the youth activities. All the conference guests will be present, and we expect to be joined by a large delegation from the Atlantic Conference churches. This should be the largest gathering of the entire Conference with most or all of the 2500 seats filled. The young people have selected the dynamic pastor of the Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif., the Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, as the speaker, and



The "open gates" to the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pa., through which hundreds of North American Baptists will enter to attend the 30th General Conference sessions from August 20 to 26, 1952.

he is already preparing an inspiring and provocative message for the occasion.

WOMEN'S AND MEN'S MEETINGS

The Woman's Missionary Union has planned an interesting and challenging program for Monday afternoon. Without revealing any of the details, they have promised a most unusual devotional service. From past experience we know that they will keep that promise, so you had better plan to be there for the opening of that service. Clara Gebauer, wife of our senior missionary in the Cameroons, has consented to be the speaker for the afternoon service. Following this program all the conference guests are invited to attend a missionary reception at the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. All of our missionaries who are present at the conference will be honored at that time. For the other appealing details we urge you to watch the women's column in the Herald.

The laymen will take charge of a fine service on Monday evening. Mr. Harry L. Jenkins, a member of the Baptist Temple, will be the guest speaker. He is not only a prominent Philadelphia lawyer, but his abilities are also consecrated to the Lord's work. He is president of the Board of Trustees of his church and teacher of a large men's Bible class in the Sunday School. He is vice-president of Green Lake Baptist Assembly and president of the Pennsylvania State Baptist Men's organization. His message will be worth hearing, and the other portions of the service will combine with the message to produce a virile challenge to all men.

The addition of the breakfast fellowship to the conference program has added immeasurably to the blessing of our gathering. Again this year the three designated groups, Minister's Fellowship, Baptist Men, and the Woman's Missionary Union, will assemble around early morning breakfast tables for food and fellowship. Business will be transacted, and a time of devotion and inspiration will be enjoyed by all. It may mean rising a bit earlier than usual, but your effort will be richly rewarded by an unforgettable experience.

MISSIONARY GEBAUER

Our missionary vision is becoming broader as the interest of our people deepens. We are humbly grateful to God for supplying workers and the needs for the fields that are being occupied by our Christian forces. A better informed people are also a more zealous people. Our share in the evangelization of the world will be described and presented in a challenging and inspirational manner. The Rev. Paul Gebauer, field superintendent in the Cameroons, will bring a message in his own unique manner. You cannot afford to leave the Conference before you have heard this missionary message, because it will sum up all the reasons for our having been together and it will send us home with a real reason for continuing our prayerful support of the entire missionary enterprise of our denomination.

We appreciate Dr. Norman W. Paulin's willingness to take time out from his busy schedule to serve us in our morning meditation and Bible study.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Baptist Church of Olds, Alta., has given a call to the Rev. Fred Pahl of Hilda, Alta., to become its pastor. A favorable reply has been sent with Mr. Pahl's resignation accepted by the Hilda church. He has served the church since 1949. In Olds he will succeed the Rev. G. J. Thiessen in June 1952.

● The First Baptist Church of Linton, N. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. Arthur J. Fischer of McClusky, N. Dak., to which he has replied favorably. Mr. Fischer who has served the McClusky church since 1945 will begin his pastorate in Linton about June 1st succeeding the Rev. Adam Huber who has become the minister of the Faith Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Mont., began a series of weekly radio broadcasts on Sunday morning, March 16, from 7:30 to 8:00 A.M. over station KGVO. It is known as the "Bethel Baptist Bible Harmony" and is conducted under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. O. R. Schroeder. Miss Ida Forsch, Camerons missionary, was the guest speaker at the Missoula church on March 12.

● The First Baptist Church of Minitonas, Manitoba, has extended a call to the Rev. Isador Faszler of Golden Prairie, Sask., to which a favorable answer has been given. Mr. Faszler has served the Golden Prairie and Rosenfeld Baptist Churches of Saskatchewan since 1929. In Minitonas he will succeed the Rev. J. B. Kornalewski who will leave in July for Kelowna, British Columbia.

● The Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash., has extended a call to Mr. Orville Meth, a member of the 1952 graduating class of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Mr. Meth has responded favorably and hopes to begin his ministry at Odessa soon after graduation May 18th. Mrs. Meth has been serving as the Seminary office secretary and as secretary to Dr. George A. Lang, president. Mr. Meth will succeed the Rev. A. Foll at the Odessa church.

● Evangelistic meetings were held from March 18 to 28 by the Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington, N. Dak., with the Rev. H. J. WALTERIT of Grand Forks, N. Dak., serving as evangelist. On Easter Sunday evening, April 13, the church choir presented the can-

tata, "Hail, the Easter King." Mr. Alfonz Lamprecht, a 1950 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., recently finished painting a new baptistry picture for the Carrington church. This was a young people's project of the local church. The Rev. Carl Weisser is the pastor.

● The Rev. Theodore Frey recently presented his resignation to the Baptist Church of Napoleon, N. Dak., which he has served faithfully since 1946. The resignation will be effective on May 31st, when he and Mrs. Frey may retire from the active pastorate. Mr. Frey is a graduate of our Seminary in 1907 and has served the following churches prior to his coming to Napoleon: Lodi, Calif., 1907-1910; Hillsboro, Kans., 1910-1913; Gatesville, Texas, 1913-1924; Trenton, Ill., 1924-1929; La Salle, Colo., 1929-1938; and Creston, Neb., 1938-1946. He is available for an interim pastorate or for any ministry as the Lord may lead.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., has called Mr. Lawrence R. Prast as its pastor. Mr. Prast is a member of the 1952 graduating class of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He comes from the Beaver Church near Midland, Michigan. He has responded favorably to the call and he and Mrs. Prast hope to begin their ministry at Indianapolis about June 1st. His fine testimony as one of the 1952 seminary graduates appears in this issue. In the Indianapolis church he will succeed the Rev. A. Bredy, who is now living in retirement.

● Evangelistic services were held at the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., from March 12 to 26, with the Rev. Gustav G. Rauser of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., as evangelist. The attendance at the services and the spiritual results were exceptionally fine. Preceding the special campaign, the Christian Training Institute with its choir had charge of the service on Sunday night, March 9. A German service was held on Mon-

day evening, and the film, "The Life of Christ," was shown on Tuesday, March 11. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer is pastor of the Edmonton church.

● Fifteen young people of the Baptist Church of McClusky, N. Dak., completed the study course, "From Bethlehem to Olivet," which was held on four evenings in March in the McClusky church by the Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer of Turtle Lake, North Dakota. On Sunday, March 30, the Rev. Arthur J. Fischer observed his 7th anniversary as pastor of the McClusky church. From March 30 through Easter Sunday, April 13, special meetings were held in McClusky by the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph T. Larson of Denver, Colorado. These services were a great blessing to the entire community.

● A series of pre-Easter services were held on Tuesday evenings by the Grace Church of Chicago, Ill., with the following guest speakers from the Chicago area: Rev. John Grygo, Rev. Robert Schreiber, Rev. Otto Roth and Rev. Rubin Kern. On Palm Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. William L. Schoeffel, spoke on "Palm Branches or Crossbeams." A Victory Service will be held on Sunday morning, April 27, to close a drive for \$1600 for the repairs on the church building, following a fire of last year. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, will bring the message. A Sunday dinner in the church's fellowship hall will climax this festive occasion.

● On Easter Sunday at 7:00 A.M. a sunrise service was held in Turtle Lake, N. Dak., with the Baptist, Congregational and Methodist churches cooperating. The Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer of the Baptist Church brought the message. Three trumpeters on the street opened the service by playing, "He Arose." On Easter Sunday afternoon a community chorus under the direction of Mr. Elmer Remmen, rendered the cantata, "Hosanna," to a large crowd in the school gymnasium. The Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer also served as the assistant director. At its business meeting on March 27 the Baptist Church opened a building fund for a new edifice, plans for which will be announced later.

● On March 6 Mr. Rudolph Fiebich of Fessenden, N. Dak., a member of the First Baptist Church of Fessenden for many years, celebrated his 80th birthday with a social gathering in his

home. Mr. Fiebich is still a faithful and deeply appreciated bass singer in the church choir! The Fessenden church recently began a redecorating project in the church which included important improvements and repairs on the baptistry. On Easter Sunday afternoon, April 13, a joint baptismal service was held at Fessenden with the nearby Harvey and Cathay churches also participating. The Rev. Vernon Link of the Fessenden church baptized ten converts as the result of evangelistic services held last fall with the Rev. A. Buhler as evangelist.

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Dr. Paullin is in great demand both for his evangelistic zeal and his Bible teaching ability. The topics which Dr. Paullin has selected hold the promise of a deeper understanding of the Word of God as it affects our individual and church life. These have been spiritually enriching experiences in the past, and our appreciation of these helpful half hours is growing with each conference. They are a "must" in your schedule.

A word should be said about the music of the conference. We have always had music of a high calibre at our conferences and there will be no exception to that rule this year. Mass choirs will render stirring musical selections each evening. The choirs of our two Philadelphia churches will blend their voices in song for the evening service. On another evening the New York area churches will send their combined choirs to sing praises to the Lord. A male chorus will be specially organized to fit into the program of the laymen.

A great mass choir composed of both Philadelphia and New York singers, joined by any others from the Atlantic Conference who are able to serve, will set the rafters of the Baptist Temple to ringing on Sunday afternoon and evening. Your soul will thrill to the music of these choirs throughout the conference. In addition there will be smaller groups and individuals, vocal and instrumental, whose music will adorn the youth services as well as the daytime sessions of the conference.

Now that you have read this recital of the spiritual treats in store for you at the conference, I am sure that you have decided you simply must attend. Call your pastor and tell him to have a registration blank ready for you. Fill it out quickly and send it together with your pre-registration fee of one dollar to Miss Eva Yung, 543 Disston St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. You will never regret your decision because your life will be infinitely richer for having attended the 30th General Conference of North American Baptists. A great conference for a great people!

C.B.Y. and S.S.U.

HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

April 27, 1952—"Thy Speech Betrayeth Thee" by Rev. J. R. Kruegel, Junction City, Kansas.

May 4, 1952—"The Day of Opportunity" by Rev. Herbert Schauer, Elmo, Kansas.

NEW CBY GROUP ORGANIZED

Congratulations to a new CBY group organized at the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

"Our CBY was organized January 13th of this year, and to date we have 28 members. Many of our members are attending the different schools in Sioux Falls, and they represent many of our churches. We have eight commissions and we are making good use of the material in the 'Youth Compass.' The officers are: president, Ernest Zimbleman; vice-president, Sena Plucker; and secretary, Betty Wiese."

CARROLL AVE. CHURCH, DALLAS

Fine progress is being made in the Sunday School of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. The Sunday School attendance has increased from 104 to 135 since the first of the year. They had a goal of 150 attendance by Easter Sunday.

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Increasingly our churches are providing services not only for young people on Sunday evening but are also having sessions for the Junior CBY and young adults. We find that a number of the churches have a Baptist Training Union program. Recently we have had fine reports of churches who are remodeling the church building to have more space for their various departments in the Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY WORK

Many encouraging reports have arrived at the headquarters office of the fine progress that is being made with the Scripture Memory course in a number of our churches. Many boys and girls are well on the way to completing the course for this year. May we urge parents, sponsors and leaders to work together with the children of your church in assisting and encouraging them to work hard on the verses prescribed in their course so that they might finish in June.

Have you had a time of fun and fellowship for the boys and girls en-

rolled in the Scripture Memory course in your church? If not, why not do so and apply the principles of Christian living as you play together.

CBY GROUP

From the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, comes the following challenging report stating how their young people's group is striving to solve the language problem.

"The young people who recently arrived from overseas are not used to the type of meeting we have and many cannot yet understand enough English to really get something out of the meeting... We felt that something had to be done about the situation if we wanted to keep both groups of young people in the church, so we divided our society into two groups, one English-speaking group, and the other a German-speaking group. We have separate meetings but are one society in our financial and spiritual goals... The English-speaking group meets in the evening during the German church service at 6:45 P.M. and the German-speaking group meets at 8:00 P.M. during the English service. Periodically we have a combined service and our socials are also combined. We have a total membership of about 150 young people."

JESUS CHALLENGES YOUTH

The Christian church began as a young people's movement; the disciples were mostly young people. It was this group of young men that set the world on fire, and from their hands history received the flaming torch.

It has always been so. Luther was only 22 when he dedicated his life to God; John Calvin was only 24 when he was compelled to flee from France because he championed the true faith of a spiritual Gospel and was only 27 when he published his, "Institutes." Zwingli became a Gospel preacher at 22 years of age.

When he began his evangelistic mission in America, George Whitefield was only 24; Dwight L. Moody was 19 when he started his great Sunday School in Chicago. Charles H. Spurgeon began his London ministry when he was only 20. George W. Williams was 23 years when he founded the Young Men's Christian Association, and Francis E. Clark was just passing out of his twenties when he founded the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

B. Y. SPEAKS, Lodi, Calif.
Thelma Forsch, Editor.

CORRECTION!

In the April 10th issue of the BAPTIST HERALD, the sentence should have read that the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna, British Columbia, has extended a call to the Rev. J. B. Kornalewski of Minitonas, Manitoba.

The 30th General Conference Program

Tentative program for the Conference to be held at the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from August 20 to 26, 1952

Announcement by the **REV. ROBERT SCHREIBER** of Chicago, Illinois, Program Committee Chairman

Theme: LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING.

"For God so loved the world . . . We ought also to love one another." John 3:16 and 1 John 4:11.

Wednesday Evening, August 20, 1952

7:45 P.M. Opening Session. Presiding: Dr. George A. Lang, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Moderator.

Congregational Singing. Song Leader: Rev. Richard K. Mercer, Jr., Newark, New Jersey.

Scripture Reading. Rev. Otto R. Schmidt, Edmonton, Alberta.

Prayer. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Anthem. Mass Choir, Churches of Philadelphia, Pa. Director: Mr. Fred Hofmaier, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

General Conference Offering. Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary, will announce and explain the purpose of the offering each evening.

Conference Announcements. Mr. Henry Schmunk, Tacoma, Wash.

Addresses of Welcome. Dr. Norman W. Paullin, Pastor of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pa. Pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia. Rev. W. C. Damrau, Pastor of the Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia.

Response. Dr. George A. Lang. Hymn by the Congregation. Address: Rev. Rubin Kern, Forest Park, Illinois.

Hymn by the Congregation. Prayer and Benediction. Rev. George W. Zinz, Sr., Winburne, Pennsylvania.

Fellowship and Get-Acquainted Hour. (After the Evening Service.) Auspices of the CBY and SS Union. Place: Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Broad and Diamond Streets. Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Donald Middleton, Philadelphia, Pa.

Thursday Morning, August 21, 1952

9:00-9:30 A.M. Devotional Session. Theme: "God's Love in the Leadership of our Denomination." Leader: Rev. Adam Huber, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

9:30-9:35 A.M. Organization of the Conference. Presiding: Dr. George A. Lang.

9:35-10:30 A.M. The General Conference Reports. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary, in Charge.

10:30-10:40 A.M. Musical Interlude. 10:40-11:20 A.M. Conference Business. 11:20-12:00 A.M. Moderator's Address. Dr. George A. Lang, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Thursday Afternoon, August 21, 1952

2:00-2:15 P.M. Devotional Session. Leader: Rev. Ed. McKernan, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

2:15-2:45 P.M. Our Ministry of Relief and Immigration. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Chairman of the Denominational Relief Committee, in Charge.

2:45-2:50 P.M. Musical Number. 2:50-3:15 P.M. The Publication Society Reports. Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, Business Manager, in Charge.

3:15-4:00 P.M. Publication Society Jubilee. The Centenary Jubilee of "Der Sendbote," the Thirtieth Anniversary of the "Baptist Herald."

Thursday Evening, August 21, 1952

7:45 P.M. Program of Evangelism. Presiding: Mr. Walter W. Grosser, Oak Park, Ill., Vice-moderator.

WELCOME TO PHILADELPHIA!

This is an official word of welcome in behalf of the Program Committee of the General Conference. We are expecting at least 1500 of you North American Baptists to respond to this welcome, but our rejoicing will be so much greater if the response is greater. The program committee feels that this conference has all the ingredients for success in every sense of the word. You can help to make it so by your presence and your prayers. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

Robert Schreiber, Chairman
General Conference Program Committee.

Congregational Singing. Song Leader: Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, Los Angeles, California.

Testimony. Rev. Fred Lower, Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

Scripture Reading. Rev. H. Schumacher, Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

Prayer. Rev. Herman Riffel, Kankakee, Illinois.

Anthem. Mass Choir. (To be announced.)

General Conference Offering. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary.

Conference Announcements. Mr. Henry Schmunk.

Address. Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Forest Park, Ill., Denominational Evangelist.

Hymn by the Congregation.

Prayer and Benediction. Rev. Victor Prendinger, Gladwin, Michigan.

Friday Morning, August 22, 1952

9:00-9:30 A.M. Devotional Session. Theme: "God's Love in our CBY and Sunday School Work." Leader: Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Camrose, Alberta.

9:30-9:50 A.M. General Missionary Society Reports. Rev. R. Schilke, General Secretary, in Charge.

9:50-10:05 A.M. Pension Fund Committee Reports. Mr. Walter Grosser, Chairman, in Charge.

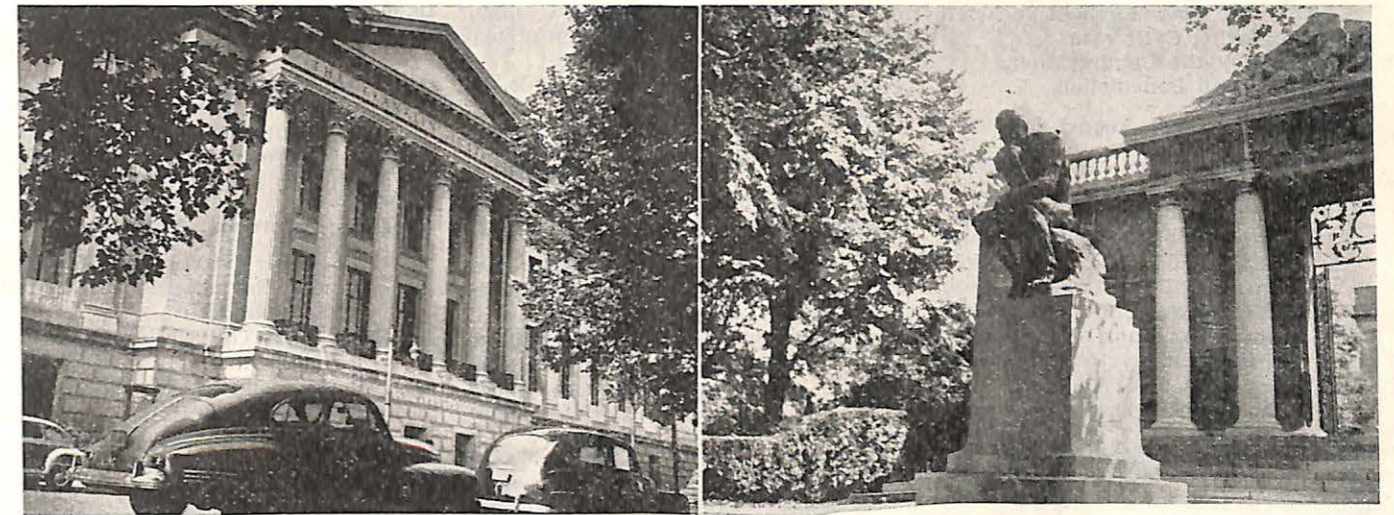
10:05-10:20 A.M. Fraternal Greetings. Five minute Messages and Greetings. Dr. G. A. Gabelman, Baptist Secretary for Pennsylvania. Dr. A. T. O. Marks, Secretary of the Philadelphia Baptist Union.

10:20-11:25 A.M. Conference Business. 11:25-11:30 A.M. Musical Interlude.

11:30-12:00 A.M. The Conference in Meditation and Bible Study. Speaker: Dr. Norman W. Paullin, Minister of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Friday Noon, August 22, 1952

12:15 P.M. Luncheon of the CBY and SS Union. Place: Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Broad and Diamond Streets. Presiding: Mr. Milton Lippert, Waco, Texas. Ten Minute Inspirational Speech: Rev. Herbert Freeman, West New York, N. Y.



The Fels Planetarium of Philadelphia, Pa. (left), where a fascinating study of the stars and the heavens can be enjoyed, and the entrance to the famous Rodin Museum on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway (right) with the well known figure of "The Thinker" in the foreground.

Friday Afternoon, August 22, 1952
CBY and SS Union Session

2:00-2:15 P.M. Devotional Session. Leader: Miss Martha Leypoldt, Forest Park, Illinois.

2:15-3:00 P.M. Business Meeting. Presiding: Rev. Harold Gieseke, Dallas, Texas.

3:00-4:30 P.M. Presentation of the CBY and SS Union Work. Rev. J. C. Gunst, General Secretary, in Charge.

Friday Evening, August 22, 1952

7:45 P.M. Program of Christian Stewardship. Presiding: Dr. George A. Lang, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Congregational Singing. Mr. Arthur Thom, Detroit, Michigan.

Testimony. Rev. John Vanderbeck, Kyle, Texas.

Scripture Reading. Rev. Isador Faszler, Golden Prairie, Sask.

Prayer. Rev. Frederick Fuchs, Anamoose, North Dakota.

Anthem. Mass Choir, Churches of New York and Vicinity. Director: Rev. A. Husmann, Woodside, Long Island, New York.

General Conference Offering. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary.

Conference Announcements. Mr. Henry Schmunk.

Address. Rev. Edwin Miller, Cleveland, Ohio.

Hymn by the Congregation.

Prayer and Benediction. Rev. Earl L. Grose, Baltimore, Md.

Saturday Morning, August 23, 1952

7:00 A.M. Sunrise Service. (CBY and SSU in charge) Place: Burholme Park, Cottman and Central Avenues. Presiding: Mr. Walter Pankratz, Chicago, Illinois. Speaker: Rev. Henry Smuland, Sheffield, Iowa.

7:45-8:15 A.M. Breakfast. Place: Baptist Home for the Aged, 7023 Rising Sun Ave., Philadelphia.

9:00-9:30 A.M. Devotional Session.

Theme: "God's Love in the Guidance of our Schools and Homes." Leader: Rev. Alfred Weisser, Parkston, S. Dak.

9:30-9:50 A.M. Christian Training Institute Reports. Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta, CTI President, in Charge.

9:50-10:20 A.M. The North American Baptist Seminary Reports. Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Seminary President, in Charge.

10:20-10:30 A.M. Musical Interlude.

10:30-11:00 A.M. Special Feature. Dr. F. H. Woyke will present a ten minute recognition of Prof. A. Bretschneider, former Seminary President and Seminary Professor for 25 years. Twenty Minute address by Prof. A. Bretschneider, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

11:00-11:30 A.M. Conference Business.

11:30-12:00 A.M. The Conference in Meditation and Bible Study. Dr. Norman W. Paullin, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Saturday Afternoon, August 23, 1952

The Program Committee has planned nothing for the afternoon so that the conference guests may do sightseeing at their leisure.

Saturday Evening, August 23, 1952

6:00 P.M. Banquet. Place: Town Hall.

Master of Ceremonies: Rev. Harold Gieseke, Dallas, Texas.

Speaker: Dr. Clarence Cranford, Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

Sunday Morning, August 24, 1952

Fleischmann Memorial Church. Corner Ninth and Luzerne Streets

GERMAN WORSHIP SERVICE at 9:00 A.M. with Rev. Walter Stein of Tyndall, S. Dak., presiding and the German Message to be brought by the Rev. H. J. WALTEREIT, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

The speaker at the following ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE will be the Rev. H. J. Wilcke of Tacoma, Washington.

Pilgrim Baptist Church

Corner Rising Sun Ave. and Comly St.

GERMAN WORSHIP SERVICE at 9:00 A.M. with the Rev. John Schmidt of New York, N. Y., presiding and the Rev. Otto Patzia of Detroit, Mich., bringing the German Message.

The speaker and participants in the ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE will be selected by the Rev. W. G. Damrau and the local church.

Grace Baptist Church

The Baptist Temple

Site of the General Conference

This will be the worship service of the local church with Dr. Norman W. Paullin, pastor, in charge. Dr. A. Dale Ihrle of Detroit, Mich., will be guest speaker.

Sunday Afternoon, August 24, 1952

Theme for the Day: "God's Love in Soul Winning."

3:00 P.M. Youth Mass Meeting at the Baptist Temple. CBY and SS Union in Charge. Presiding: New President or General Secretary.

Congregational Singing. Mr. Ralph Kletke, Philadelphia, Pa.

Testimonies. Miss Virginia Glewe, St. Paul, Minn.; Mr. Paul Ludwig, Cleveland, Ohio.

Scripture Reading. Mr. Daniel Pfeiffer, Philadelphia, Pa.

Prayer. Rev. Robert Zimbelman, Brooklyn, New York.

Anthem. Mass Choir of all the General Conference Choirs.

Director: Rev. A. Husmann, Woodside, Long Island, N. Y.

Address. Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, Anaheim, California.
Hymn by the Congregation.
Prayer and Benediction.

Sunday Evening, August 24, 1952

7:45 P.M. Evangelistic Service. Presiding: Dr. George A. Lang, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
Congregational Singing. Dr. Ralph Powell, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
Testimony. Rev. Paul E. Loth, Buffalo, New York.
Scripture Reading. Rev. John J. Kroeker, Baileyville, Illinois.
Prayer. Rev. Dale Chaddock, Arnold, Pennsylvania.

groups will be announced later.)
11:00-11:55 A.M. General Conference Business.
11:55-12:00 A.M. Musical Interlude.
12:00-12:30 P.M. General Conference in Meditation and Bible Study.
Dr. Norman W. Paullin, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Monday Afternoon, August 25, 1952

2:30 P.M. Program of the National Woman's Missionary Union. The program for this period will be worked out by the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Union and announced later.

10:55-11:00 A.M. Musical Interlude.
11:00-11:30 A.M. Memorial Service. Dr. John Leyboldt, Forest Park, Illinois in charge.
11:30-12:00 A.M. General Conference in Meditation and Bible Study.
Dr. Norman W. Paullin, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Tuesday Afternoon, August 26, 1952

2:00-2:15 P.M. Devotional Session. Leader: Rev. August Lutz, Meriden, Connecticut.
2:15-2:30 P.M. The Children's Home Report. Rev. A. F. Runtz, Superintendent, in Charge.
2:30-2:55 P.M. The Homes for the Aged Reports (each report limited to five minutes).
Central Baptist Home, Chicago, Ill., Mr. Roland Ross.
Home for the Aged, Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. Paul Zabel.
Home for the Aged, Portland, Ore., Mr. J. O. Johnson.
Dakota Conference Home for the Aged, Bismarck, N. Dak., Rev. R. Sigmund.
Haven of Rest, Medicine Hat, Alberta, Rev. Rudolf Milbrandt.

2:55-3:00 P.M. Musical Interlude.
3:00-3:30 P.M. Historical Jubilee. A message commemorating the Centenary Jubilee of the Eastern Conference and the historical milestones reached by those of our churches which have already celebrated their 100th Anniversary. Speaker: Professor Herbert Hiller, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
3:30-4:30 P.M. General Conference Business.

Tuesday Evening, August 26, 1952

7:45 P.M. Missionary Night. Presiding: Rev. L. B. Holzer, Pittsburgh, Pa., Chairman of the General Missionary Committee.

Congregational Singing. Rev. Le-land Friesen, Okeene, Okla.
Presentation and Installation of New General Conference Officers. Rev. Robert Schreiber, Chicago, Illinois.
Scripture Reading. Miss Ida Forsch, Cameroons, Africa.
Prayer. Worker on the Spanish-American Field, Colorado.

Testimony. Rev. R. Neuman, Ponoka, Alberta, Indian Missionary.
Anthem. Mass choir of all General Conference Choirs. Director: Rev. A. Husmann, Woodside, Long Island, New York.
Missionary Offering. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary.
Presentation and Commissioning of New Missionaries. Rev. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary, in Charge.
Missionary Message. Rev. Paul Gebauer, Superintendent, Cameroons Baptist Mission, Africa.
Hymn by the Congregation.
Prayer and Benediction.

Tuesday Morning, August 26, 1952

9:00-9:30 A.M. Devotional Session. Theme: "God's Love in our Missionary Enterprise at Home and Abroad." Leader: Rev. Arthur Fischer, Linton, N. Dak.
9:30-10:00 A.M. Presentation of Home Mission Pastors. Rev. R. Schilke, General Secretary in Charge. Two messages of ten minutes each by the Rev. F. W. Bartel of Chilliwick, B. C., and the Rev. George Neubert of Beatrice, Nebraska.
10:00-10:55 A.M. General Conference Business.



—Ewing Galloway Photo

City Hall with the statue of William Penn on top of the tower surrounded by many large buildings in downtown Philadelphia, Pa. Only a few blocks from City Hall is our Headquarters' Hotel for the 1952 General Conference and a mile away up Broad Street is the Baptist Temple, site of our General Conference sessions.

Anthem. Mass Choir of all General Conference Choirs. Director: Rev. A. Husmann, Woodside, Long Island, New York.

General Conference Offering. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary.

Conference Announcements. Mr. Henry Schmunk.

Evangelistic Message. Rev. William Hoover, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Message in Song. Mass Choir.

Hymn by the Congregation.

Prayer and Benediction. Rev. H. Lohr, Parkersburg, Iowa.

Monday Morning, August 25, 1952

7:00 A.M. Breakfast for Respective Groups.

1. Ministers' Fellowship. Speaker, Dr. John W. Bradbury, New York, N. Y., Editor of "The Watchman-Examiner."

2. Baptist Men. Speaker, Dr. Albert Kaiser, Rochester, N. Y.

3. Woman's Missionary Union. (Note: The place of meeting and the program for each of these

Missionary Reception. Details will be announced by the National Woman's Missionary Union.

Monday Evening, August 25, 1952

7:45 P.M. Laymen's Night. Presiding: Mr. Walter W. Grosser. Speaker: Mr. Harry L. Jenkins, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Music by a Male Chorus of our Baptist Men of Philadelphia.

New York's Harlem Church Closes Its Doors

A memorial to a small Baptist Church which rendered faithful Christian service for 77 years in the heart of New York's Harlem district

By the REV. JULIUS KAAZ of Philadelphia, Pa.,
the Last Pastor of the Church

NEW YORK is the great city of opportunities and of obligations toward the peoples of the world. The North American Baptist denomination has had gratifying results among the German immigrants in this city for over 100 years. The American Bible Society reports that 4,000,000 people in New York are unreached by the Christian message, and that 600,000 of its youth of school age have never been inside a church. What a great missionary task right in front of our doors!

EARLY BEGINNINGS

Here in this great city of New York, our little Baptist group began its missionary work on the lower East Side. The first building was on Avenue A. Some years later, an attractive church was built on 14th Street. On the West Side, another German Baptist group was worshipping on 45th Street. Later they built an edifice on 43rd Street (now Second Church). Some of their members were living in the Harlem district, around 112th Street. In 1867 these began to hold cottage meetings under the leadership of Dr. Charles Bossert.

After seven years, in 1874, a group of 47 members organized the First German Baptist Church of Harlem, New York. The Rev. E. Tschirch and the Rev. H. Schneider served them for a few years, but they found it a difficult task. New life came to this small church of 40 members when the Rev. J. G. Maeder arrived in 1879. In seven years 109 members constituted this church. The house on 112th Street which was used as a chapel was getting too small for the growing church.

A more suitable edifice was needed when the Rev. G. N. Thomssen came in 1887. A lot on 118th Street was purchased for \$16,000 and a fine church was erected and dedicated on Dec. 2, 1888. The Rev. C. A. Daniel was the next minister. He was permitted to baptize 100 persons in his six years of service. The Rev. R. T. Wegner followed in 1896. In ten years he baptized 148 persons which brought the membership up to 259. A \$12,000 mortgage was also liquidated during these years.

The Rev. F. Niebuhr served the church for ten years, baptizing 95

people. When he left in 1918, the neighborhood had changed considerably. The Southern European immigrants had settled on the East Side in large numbers. The German people were moving from this district, and the missionary work among these newcomers was difficult. Another harmful cause was the absence of a permanent minister for several years. The Rev. F. Busch and Rev. J. H. Ansberg served temporarily during these years.

In 1922 the Rev. Frank Orthner arrived and served until 1939. For the next three years, the Rev. Herman Kaaz served the small group until his death in 1942. Several years followed with Sunday substitutes, after which the Rev. Julius Kaaz came and served until 1951.

During these 77 years the church has had the privilege of having nine women missionaries as co-workers, as follows: the Misses Marie Buehlmaier, B. Schanz, E. Streif, Pauline and Sophie Daniel, E. Birth, S. Lisee, M. Rehberg, Adelaide Orthner. The church also sent out six young men into the Christian ministry: H. Schulz, R. Machholz, J. Helmetag, F. Friedrich, P. Lauer and J. H. Ansberg.

A closing service was arranged for the Harlem Church for Nov. 18, 1951. The other Baptist churches were very friendly and served us by sending their

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the new Jerusalem, "coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." The great city was descending out of heaven (where it now is in preparation) to "the new earth." For the present earth will pass away at the judgment of the white throne following the thousand years, "and there will be no more sea" (Rev. 20:7-11, with Rev. 21).

This city is so much one with the Church, the Lamb's wife in her eternal state, that John is given to see them as one (Rev. 21:9-27). Through eternity this city will be the abode of the Lamb and his wife. This city will be like a capital city to the "new earth" that will be brought in at the passing of the present earth at the judgment of ungodly men" (2 Peter 3:7, 10-11).

The nations that are saved to enter

choirs and ministers, which made the closing a dignified affair. Dr. S. H. Hazzard, secretary of the New York Baptist City Mission, was present. His kindness and friendship toward the German work was thankfully acknowledged. The Harlem church had used \$26,500 of its capital for more than 40 years. The property was turned over to the City Mission for further religious work. The 30 members will unite with our other Baptist churches.

A memorial service for the late Fred Maeder was also added to this closing program. He, and his sister, Mrs. Lydia Miller, who died a few months before, kept watch over the Harlem Church that it might be kept alive. Mr. Maeder found in the Harlem Church an outlet for his energy for Christian service. He was born in 1874, the year when the church was organized, and died in 1951, when the church was ready to close its work. The Rev. Robert Zimbelman, Dr. William Appel, the Rev. A. Bernadt and the pastor, the Rev. J. Kaaz, took part in this memorial service.

Words of recognition for the noble work performed by the men and women during the 77 years was extended by the Rev. Paul Wengel, the Rev. John Schmidt and Dr. S. B. Hazzard. The Rev. H. Kuhl offered the closing benediction.

the thousand year kingdom will be privileged to live on this "new earth" and enjoy this city for eternity. Abraham looked for a city "whose builder and maker is God." Evidently God had told him about this city when he left Ur.

But before coming to the new earth and the new Jerusalem with Christ, we will return with him to this present earth and present Jerusalem to reign with him for a thousand years. We will behold his glory and power as he smites the federation of nations and the kingdom of the Beast (Rev. 19:7-21 with 20:1-6; 1 Thess. 3:13).

We will also be with him as he gathers the living nations before him to judgment and "pleads with them concerning his people" Israel, and the treatment they have accorded them during their dispersal at the hands of the Beast during the Great Tribulation (Joel 3:1-16; Matt. 25:32-46, with 1 Cor. 6:2).



Dakota Conference

Bible Day Program at the Plum Creek Church Near Emery, South Dakota

A special program for Bible Day was given in the Plum Creek Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., on Sunday, March 16th. The Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Walter Jucht, was in charge of the program.

Each individual class of the Sunday School gave a special number, such as a reading, dialogue or musical number, suitable for the occasion. At the close of the program an offering was taken for the distribution of Bibles. The offering amounted to \$117.33.

Mrs. Marvin Fauth, Reporter.

Farewell for Rev. and Mrs. A. Wetter by South Dakota's Spring Valley Church

On Friday evening, February 15, the Spring Valley church near Canistota, S. Dak., held a farewell service honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Wetter who have left us to accept a pastorate at Victor, Iowa. After a brief song service, followed by Scripture reading and prayer, representatives of the various organizations of the church gave short talks, each expressing appreciation for the faithful services and many kindnesses of the pastor and his wife.

Several musical selections and readings were rendered, after which our guest speaker, the Rev. Roy Seibel of Emery, S. Dak., spoke on the topic, "Go Forward." A love offering was taken and presented to Mr. and Mrs. Wetter, along with a gift of remembrance for Mrs. Wetter from the ladies of the church. The Wetters expressed their appreciation for the gifts and for the many kindnesses shown them during their stay at Canistota.

At the close of the evening, refreshments and a period of fellowship were enjoyed by all. We wish God's blessing on the Wetters as they go to their new field of service.

Mrs. John G. Buseman, Reporter.

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

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist Church of Billings, Mont., now has 20 women in its membership. They are all interested in the salvation of souls, and are help-

ing the needy here in our field with food, clothing and prayer.

We have a committee of two appointed each month to visit the sick and shut-ins, cheering them with God's promises and prayer. Our women are divided into four groups and serve in rotation, one group each month with a short program.

During the past year we have sent clothing to the needy through the Forest Park headquarters, also White Cross bandages and baby clothes for our mission hospital in Africa. At Christmas each woman sent a gift to the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan. A donation was also sent by the group to the Bismarck Old People's Home.

Our annual program was given on Sunday, March 2nd, consisting of three playlets, "Watch Ye Therefore," "The Garden of Prayer" and "Missions in the Bible." Two musical numbers were rendered besides two numbers by the group and two German songs by the German women of the group, after which an hour of fellowship was spent. We are praying that God will continue to bless our group.

Mrs. P. Fuchs, Secretary.

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Buenning at Germantown Church of North Dakota

Sunday, February 24, was a special day for the Germantown Baptist Church near Cathay, North Dakota. It was the first Sunday that our new minister, the Rev. Elmer Buenning, and his family were with us. In the evening an official welcome was extended to them, with a reception to which the neighboring churches of Cathay, Fessenden and Carrington with their pastors were invited.

The Rev. Vernon Link of Fessenden had charge of the program. Our Senior deacon, Mr. August Seidel, represented the local church and bade the Buennings welcome on behalf of all the organizations of the church. The Rev. Carl Weisser of Carrington and the Rev. L. Bienert of Cathay gave the charge to the minister and to the church, respectively. The messages were interspersed with musical numbers and several readings. Both the Cathay and Fessenden churches contributed musical numbers. Mr. and Mrs. Buenning responded with remarks of thanks. A time of fellowship in the basement dining room of the church brought the evening to a close.

Preparatory to the Buennings' arrival, the parsonage was partly redecorated and put in readiness for their occupancy. A pantry shower was also arranged.

The Germantown Church had been without a pastor since the middle of October 1951. During the interim our pulpit was supplied by the Rev. Vernon Link, the Rev. Lawrence Bienert, and the Rev. R. C. Schmidt of Jamestown, N. Dak., who with his wife came over seventy miles for four Sundays to serve us. The church is appreciative of this cooperation.

May the Lord bless this mutual relationship of church and pastor, that together we may serve him who emphasized that "man shall not live by bread alone."

Mrs. E. V. Seibold, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Birthday Dinner for Members of the Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

The Bethany Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., held its annual Birthday Dinner for all members at the church on Friday evening, Feb. 29. Each member was seated at the table which represented the month of his or her birthday.

Those taking part in the program were: mistress of ceremonies, Mrs. Grace Jenne; devotional message, Mrs. Hulda Graf; musical program under direction of choir leader, Mrs. Melba Schaefer; part of the dinner prepared by members of the Missionary Guild and each member also brought some dish from home; appropriate decorations made by Mrs. Carolyn Timmons. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Contributions were made for the Missionary Guild, and the members who were born in the month of May made the highest contribution.

Mrs. W. W. Joss, Reporter.

Glencullen Church of Portland, Oregon, Welcomes the Rev. Robert F. Penner and Family

On Sunday, February 3, the Glencullen Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., greeted its new pastor, the Rev. Robert F. Penner, at both the Sunday School and Sunday morning services. On the following Thursday evening, February 7, a reception was held for Mr. Penner and his family at which time greetings were brought from the North American Baptist churches of Oregon, and also from other neighboring churches. Words of welcome were also given by different representatives of the several departments of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Penner graciously responded to the fine welcomes and promises of cooperation. Refreshments were served in the lower church parlor.

The Rev. Robert F. Penner was the assistant pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland before coming to us. He is now working for his Master of Theology degree, having already earned his Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Divinity degrees. We look forward to God's blessing as we together with our new pastor work for the advancement of the Gospel in this community.

Albert Wardin, Jr., Reporter.

Evangelistic Services With the Rev. H. Palfenier at Immanuel Church, Portland, Oregon

From February 17 to 29 the denominational evangelist, the Rev. Herman Palfenier, conducted meetings in the Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon. The Word was faithfully and clearly proclaimed. This faithfulness of the Lord's servant and the prayers and faith of our pastor, the Rev. Henry Barnet, and church was and still is being rewarded.

Unsaved persons have accepted the Lord; visitors are becoming regular and active members. We experienced a joyous Easter when those who were born again were baptized. Thanks be to God for his everlasting love! Our gratitude goes out to Brother Palfenier too, for to have had him in our church and homes was a real privilege.

Our missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Howard Roth, are very faithful in sending us interesting and informative reports, which are enjoyed and appreciated. Immanuel Church has adopted in their behalf the following slogan: "52 letters in '52." May Betty and Howard be used mightily to lead many to a saving knowledge of our wonderful Savior!

Jennie C. Hoelzer, Clerk.

Southwestern Conference

Ordination of Rev. Jacob Block, Pastor of the Baptist Church, Bison, Kansas

On Thursday afternoon, March 6, a council met at the call of the Bison Baptist Church of Bison, Kans., for the purpose of examining its pastor, Mr. Jacob Block, for ordination. The Rev. Aaron Stackhouse opened the service and was elected to be the chairman of the council with the Rev. John Wood as clerk. The churches from Bison, Durham, Ellinwood, Stafford and Vesper were represented with thirteen delegates. The Rev. L. H. Smith, pastor of the Baptist Church at Corn, Okla., was invited to join the council.

Mr. Fred Beahm, deacon of the local church, presented the candidate to the council. The candidate gave his testimony concerning his conversion, call to the ministry and doctrinal beliefs in a very acceptable manner. Time was given for a question period after which the candidate was dismissed and the council met. The council was satisfied with his statement and recommended to the church to proceed with the ordination of the candidate.

The ordination service took place that evening with the Rev. Aaron Stackhouse as leader. The Rev. L. H. Smith gave the ordination sermon. Mr. Stackhouse offered the ordination prayer and gave the charge to the prayer and gave the charge to the candidate. The Rev. John Wood gave the charge to the church. At the close of the service the benediction was offered by Rev. Jacob Block following the singing of the doxology.

May the Lord bless the Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Block in a marvelous way. John Wood, Clerk.

Observance of Youth Week at First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colorado

Youth Week was observed from January 27 to February 3 at the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., with the following program. On Sunday morning, January 27, several of the young people participated in the worship service with the reading of Scripture and leading in prayer and serving



Young people of the First Baptist Church, La Salle, Colo., who presented two challenging plays during Youth Week, showing the cast for the play, "The Guide Post" (left), and the young people in the play, "America's Great Need" (right).

as ushers. Our pastor, Rev. David Zimmerman, addressed his morning sermon, "Commissioned to Serve," especially to the youth.

In the afternoon a number of the youth attended the Billy Graham picture, "Mr. Texas," at the high school auditorium. Sunday evening the regular CBY period was held with the "Television" program from "Youth Compass" being used. For the Good News Hour, Mr. Zimmerman spoke on the topic, "So Send I You." On Monday evening the CBY cabinet met in the church basement to put the finishing touches to Youth Week activities. Tuesday evening several CBY members met at the church and then went visiting prospective members. Friday evening, a box supper was held in the church basement.

On Sunday morning, February 3, the young people again participated in the worship service as on the previous Sunday. The morning message for the youth was, "Committed in Christ." In the afternoon a program was presented at the Home for the Aged in Greeley, Colorado. Following greetings by Clarence Schmidt, the play, "The Guide Post," was given by Irene Croissant, Roy Schmidt, Frances Meyer, Lloyd Krieger, with Ruth Zimmerman serving as pianist.

On Sunday evening a program was presented to the congregation of the La Salle Baptist Church, consisting of prelude by Ruth Zimmerman, song service led by Stanley Meyer; Scripture by Lorene Croissant, prayer by our sponsor, Mr. Alfred Reck, welcome by our president, Clarence Schmidt, two songs by the CBY Beginners, accordion solo by Joann Oster, and song by youth choir. The play, "The Guide Post," was given again, followed by a vocal solo by Alan Zimmerman, poem by Evelyn Meyer, and medley of missionary songs by Irene Croissant. The play, "Amer-

ica's Need," was given by Robert Croissant, Joann Oster, Ruth Zimmerman, Edna Moser, Clarence Schmidt.

A farewell party was held for our CBY president, Clarence Schmidt, on March 11 in the church basement. Clarence is entering the armed service in the near future. After a few games and refreshments, the Rev. David Zimmerman presented the honor guest with a Testament in behalf of the CBY.

Evelyn Meyer, Reporter.

Central Conference

Farewell Service for Rev. and Mrs. Fred Mashner by Beaver Church of Michigan

On Sunday evening, February 10, a large congregation gathered at the Beaver Baptist Church of Midland, Mich., to bid farewell to our beloved pastor, the Rev. Fred Mashner, and his family.

A representative from each of the various organizations of the church and Sunday School presented the Mashners with a gift and spoke appropriate words of appreciation and farewell as follows: Junior church, Donna Ratz; Junior CBY, Clara Werner; Senior CBY, Angeline Armbruster; Woman's Missionary Society, Helma Majeski; Sunday School, Raymond Ratz. Mr. Ed Lempke represented the church in English and Mr. Otto Braun in German and on behalf of the Sunday School and church he presented the Mashners with a cash gift.

The Junior CBY sang words of farewell written to the music of "Come, Thou Almighty King." A duet number, "Anywhere With Jesus," was sung by Martha Schmidt and Emma Mieske with the church joining in on the last chorus. Angeline Armbruster favored us with a solo entitled, "It Is No Secret," and the choir rendered a German number.

The Rev. and Mrs. Victor Prendinger of Gladwin, Mich., were our guests for the evening. Mr. Prendinger spoke words of encouragement and bade "God speed" to the Mashners. A fellowship period was enjoyed after the service, including refreshments. May God continue to bless the Mashners and may they find much joy and blessing in their new field of service at Sumner, Iowa.

Mrs. Paul Rinas, Reporter.

Two Golden Wedding Anniversaries at the Burns Ave. Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

The month of February featured the celebration of two golden wedding anniversaries in the Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan. The celebrating couples were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barsuhn, parents of Anna



Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Holzzimmer of the Burns Ave. Church, Detroit, Mich., cutting "the festive cake" at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

Wegner, who with her husband, William, has been faithfully serving the Lord as missionaries in Kentucky; and Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Holzzimmer, parents of the Rev. Fred Holzzimmer who with his family has recently joined the ranks of the North American Baptist missionaries in the Cameroons, Africa.

The Barsuhns were married in the Germantown Church of North Dakota on Feb. 6, 1902 by the Rev. F. A. Miller. In the year 1927 they moved to Detroit and joined the Burns Avenue Church. The Lord has blessed them with seven children, all of whom were privileged to be present at the open house held in their honor in the home of their son, Robert.

The Holzimmers were married in Hungary on February 20, 1902 and soon left their homeland to homestead in Canada. After a few years they moved to Detroit and in Nov. 1920 they were converted and baptized in the Burns Ave. Church under the ministry of Rev. Benjamin Graf. Their son, Henry, opened his home to friends who came to visit and to congratulate the honored couple.

Over 100 friends of the church visited each reception held on successive Sunday afternoons. Our pastor, Dr. Dale Ihrie, gave a brief talk and refreshments were served which included slices of gold trimmed wedding cakes. These Christian couples glory in the Lord and have no praise except for his faithfulness and his blessings upon them through these fifty years.

Mildred Wasko, Reporter.

Annual Meeting of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Illinois

Members of our Chicago churches who attended the annual meeting of our Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago, Ill., experienced several very pleasant surprises on Monday, February 18, in the dining room of the Home. Among the surprises were the talents of staff members and a number of the guests.

One of our nurses, Mrs. Canfield, very beautifully sang "The Gladness of Spring." Her musical talent reflects a characteristic which is very helpful in her work. Mrs. Stockwell, as guest in the Home, gave two readings: a humorous one entitled, "How Johnson Quit," relating to a logging camp experience, and another of a serious vein, "Lincoln's Last Dream." A chorus of the Home's guests sang, "Hold the Fort," under the direction of Mrs. Otto Ruth, the matron.

Mr. Roland Ross, president of the Home, presided and the congregational singing was led by Mr. Otto Horn, vice-president. A devotional talk was given by the Rev. Rubin Kern, pastor of the Forest Park Church; and the treasurer, Mr. William Krogman, presented a condensed financial report indicating an operating loss of approximately \$3,500 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1951. Our secretary, Mr. Daniel B. Granzow, was unable to be present because of illness but he faithfully prepared and sent his report to be read by the president.

The Rev. Otto Roth, superintendent, gave a brief but interesting talk on the management of the Home, expressing his appreciation of the Board's cooperation and its confidence as reflected in the responsibility delegated to him.

"Governmental Benefits Available Under the Old Age Pension Law" was the subject on which we received considerable enlightenment from Miss Edith Prescott of the Public Relations Staff of the Cook County (Illinois) Department of Welfare. After the Rev. H. R. Schroeder of the East Side Church had given thanks and the benediction, the Home's staff served coffee and a little snack, appreciation of which was absorbingly expressed.

C. H. Jenkins, Publicity Chairman.

Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan, Dedicates Its New \$29,500 Parsonage

On Sunday afternoon, March 2, the members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., had the glorious privilege of dedicating a newly constructed parsonage unto the Lord. God has richly blessed us in the past and the people expressed their gratitude to him by singing "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." Our pastor, the Rev. E. A. McAsh, then expressed his gratefulness to the Building Committee and to the congregation for the kindness and cooperation extended to make this beautiful three-bedroom, ranch-type home possible. Mr. Herman L. Skubick, chairman of the Building Committee, gave a brief report telling of

the parsonages owned in recent years. He pointed out the rental costs and the wise move in building at this time. A mixed quartet then sang an appropriate number, "Bless This House," after which the pastor led the congregation to a dedicatory prayer.

The parsonage, with an adjoining garage, was built at a cost of \$29,500 and is equipped with all modern conveniences. It is located on the church's 4 1/2 acre site.

Through the consecrated ministry of Brother McAsh and his wife, our church is growing rapidly. We at Ebenezer praise the Lord for sending them to us and can say with all our hearts, "O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things" (Psalm 98:1a).

Marilyn R. Skubick, Reporter.



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barsuhn of the Burns Ave. Church, Detroit, Mich., at the time of their recent golden wedding anniversary.

Fifth Anniversary of Rev. William Hoover of Clay Street Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan

Five years of fruitful service by the Rev. William Hoover as pastor of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., were lauded by all departments of the church at special services Saturday and Sunday, March 1st and 2nd, in celebration of his fifth anniversary at Benton Harbor.

Two hundred and fifty persons gathered for an informal time of fellowship on Saturday evening in the dining parlors of the church. This marked the beginning of the festivities. Congratulatory remarks were voiced by the Rev. L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Michigan. Testimonies and special music by the German mixed choir, German men's chorus and soloist, Don Phipps, enriched the program. The church was given by Photographer John Deetjen of St. Joseph an enlargement of the Hoover family group picture, including the pastor, his wife and five daughters. Mrs. Hoover was

remembered with a gift of matched luggage and flowers.

"By any previous comparative five years' standard in the history of this church, the past five years' record is without parallel," said Ernest Barsuhn, chairman. The pastor was praised everywhere for his energetic and untiring will, his determination of leadership, coupled by a vigorous program of foresightedness "which turned the defeat experienced during the past several years before his pastorate into a panorama of victories." In appreciation of his services the pastor was

ANNUAL MEETINGS	
April 28—	Committee on Education, Forest Park Headquarters.
April 29-30—	General Missionary Committee, Forest Park Headquarters.
May 1-2—	General Council, Forest Park Headquarters.
May 1 (Thursday, 7:45 P.M.)—	Public Meeting for churches of Chicago and vicinity, Forest Park Baptist Church.

presented with two surprise gifts on Sunday night—a handsome Pullman chair and two weeks vacation in Florida.

On Sunday evening the main service, led by Ernest Barsuhn, chairman of the Board of Deacons, was held in an overcrowded church during which time the following gave congratulatory remarks: Otto Wesner for the trustees; Leo Spitzke as Sunday School superintendent; Mrs. C. L. Sommerfeld for the Ladies' Missionary Society; Delores Arent for the young people, Penny Wilson as church worker and Conrad Sommerfeld for the deacons. Many musical numbers were rendered by the church choir, orchestra, men's chorus, Sunshine choristers, soloist Don Phipps and special instrumental music played on the marimba by Penny Wilson enriched the program.

The Rev. William Hoover began his ministry at Clay Street Church in March 1947. Two weeks after he assumed the pastorate, he led the church in a revival campaign resulting in 46 additions to the church. The spiritual rejuvenation resulting from this campaign breathed new life into every phase of the church's program. The church membership became captivated by a new faith and spirit of endeavor. Disloyalty was turned into loyalty, inactivity was converted to activity and a spectacular increase in attendance was the inevitable result.

During the second year of his ministry it became necessary to begin a remodeling program. The people caught a new vision for sacrifice and \$16,000 was raised in cash and pledges in 20 minutes in its support. To this sum was added another \$14,000 before the work was completed. The church paid all bills and salaries, gave a splendid sum to missions and transferred a surplus of \$10,000 from the current expense fund to the building fund without any special drives during the past five years.

The annual budget since the coming of our pastor has voluntarily in-

creased from \$12,999.91 in 1945 to \$43,597.07 in 1951. The missionary giving of the church has increased from \$2,977.41 in 1945 to \$10,953.14 in 1951. The church raised for all purposes, 1947 to 1952, \$170,289.94, compared with \$75,901.83 for the five years prior to this.

Due to the congenial atmosphere and the warm spiritual welcome by pastor and church members, 361 people responded to the Master's call and were welcomed into the membership during the last five years.

More enjoyable than the increased membership is the spiritual life of the church. The morning service enjoys capacity audiences but the popularity of the evening services draws even larger audiences which is a striking contrast to empty pews and discontinued Sunday night services in many churches. The mid-week Bible study and prayer services enjoys an average attendance of 200. Many prayer groups meet during the week and two Sunday night prayer groups have proven to be the powerhouse for the Sunday night services. The most recent organization is the Monday Calling night. This enlists the membership of the church to perform a very vital ministry.

The young people and children's work have grown steadily and the Sunday School average attendance has increased from 210 in 1945 to 430 in 1951. In a recent contest with ten other churches we were accorded the Contest Banner and first prize of \$50.00 for having the highest average gain over a period of three months. Our present attendance runs close to the 500 mark.

Brother Hoover has proven himself as a leader and organizer of men for he was instrumental in starting the Southwestern Michigan Laymen's Association, a cooperative endeavor with twelve churches and the Early Morning Breakfast Club which has become the most popular of all. This latter group averaged 65 in attendance every



The Rev. and Mrs. William Hoover and their five children of the Clay Street Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan. Mr. Hoover recently observed his 5th anniversary as pastor of the church.

Saturday morning during 1951.

Although most men's popularity diminishes with time, not so with our pastor, for he enjoys a larger and ever increasing influence in his church and esteem with the public. The year 1951 has been in many respects the greatest year of his ministry at Clay Street. Never was the attendance consistently larger nor the spiritual fervor greater, the enthusiasm higher and the consecration deeper than now. These Christian virtues can not be weighed on the scales nor measured by a yardstick, but they can be felt. They are spiritually discerned and have, therefore, much to do with the great soul-winning program of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor.

J. O. Johnson, Reporter.



The new parsonage of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., before the grounds were landscaped around the house.

Northern Conference

Youth Week Is Observed With Great Blessing at Morris, Manitoba, Canada

Due to revival meetings held in the Emmanuel Church of Morris, Manitoba, our Youth Week was postponed to the days of February 11 to 17. On Monday a committee meeting was held at the home of our president, Miss Lynda Rempel. Some vital point of leadership and preparations for Youth Week were reviewed and discussed.

For visitation night on Tuesday, young people's homes, shut-ins, and the local hospital were visited. Two of the four groups also drove out to the country.

Wednesday was mission night. Under the capable leadership of Irma Bergstresser, the play, "An Appointment With Dr. Chaffee," was presented and the present need in the Cameroons was portrayed. Young people were happy to see so many of our church members present. Our offering will go for mission work.

Four groups met in the homes of their leaders on Thursday and a helpful Bible study was enjoyed. These were led by three of our deacons and the Rev. J. P. Rempel. Prayer meeting on Friday was led by Mr. Henri Anders. He encouraged young people in giving testimonies and offering prayer. Mr. Nick Hoff was in charge on Saturday. A joyous informal evening of songs, games, devotions and lunch was held at the parsonage.

Our Sunday afternoon program was under the leadership of Miss Beatrice Paschke. Many musicals and two reports were given on Youth Week. The guest speaker was Mr. Bruno Voss of St. Rose, Manitoba. We trust that we shall be more zealous in the work of our Lord with the deepening of our spiritual life.

Margaret Bergstresser, Reporter.

Activities and Programs of the Men's Brotherhood, First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta

The Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., has taken its place in the church as an organization desirous of sharing in the great work of the Lord. As we pull together in a bond of love and fellowship, we realize more and more how much we

as men can do for our Lord in our church and community. All men, married or single, over twenty years of age are eligible to join our organization. We are working under the capable leadership of our president, Mr. Oscar Jabs; vice-president, Mr. Herbert Bienert; secretary, Mr. Bernard Fillenberg; treasurer, Mr. Rubin Plitt, and pianist, Mr. Elmer Roth.

In our regular monthly meeting of devotion and Bible study, our pastor, Dr. C. H. Seecamp, has an important part by unfolding to us some of the precious truths of God's Word. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Edmonton and Mr. Jeske, also of Edmonton, willingly gave of their time to show us the moving pictures they had taken on their trip to Germany and told us of the many interesting experiences they had during that time.

In January we sponsored a two-week St. John's Ambulance First Aid course, inviting everyone who was interested to attend. We trust that this added knowledge may be used in God's service in the days and years to come. On Feb. 14 we as brethren invited our "Valentines" to our Valentine Social and enjoyed an evening of singing, devotions and several special numbers in music and song. We served a delicious lunch to our wives and guests, finding our lunch partners by matching cut Valentines.

We, as brethren, hope to accomplish much in the future. We can if we put ourselves into the work wholeheartedly, knowing that God can use us in his service if we yield our lives willingly to him.

Rudolf Ohlmann, Reporter.

Rev. Edgar Martens Is Ordained by the Victoria Avenue Church, Regina, Saskatchewan

At the call of the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., pastors and laymen of the Southey, Edensworld, Regina and Davin churches met on Feb. 24th to consider the advisability of setting Mr. Edgar Martens apart for the Gospel ministry. The Rev. R. Kanwisher was elected as moderator and Mr. R. Grabke as clerk. The impressive service began with the testimony of the candidate. Hearts were deeply touched as we heard again how God works in the lives of those who he has called in his Name. Humbly, Mr. Martens stated that it was in his life as with Paul, "As I was

breathing threatenings against Christ, he called me." He thanked God for the prayers of his loved ones, and especially those of his mother. The candidate then proceeded to give us a clear and concise statement of his doctrinal beliefs. The council then returned after a time of deliberation and unanimously decided that we should proceed with the ordination.

The Rev. H. Hildebrand, principal of the Briercrest Bible Institute, brought the ordination sermon and the Rev. S. Gustavson of the Evangelical Alliance Mission brought the charge to the candidate. We felt the Lord's presence very real as Mr. and Mrs. Martens knelt before God. While the ministers laid their hands on the two servants, the Rev. E. H. Nikkel brought the ordination prayer and the Rev. S. Gustavson the prayer of commission. The Rev. R. Kanwisher then welcomed the Rev. E. Martens into the ranks of the ministers.

Our hearts were stirred as the choir sang impressively the sweet strains of "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord." We realized anew our responsibility of serving the Lord our God who has called each one of us to be witnesses for him. Our prayers go with the Rev. and Mrs. E. Martens as they go to serve Christ in the land of South America.

R. Grabke, Clerk.

Northwestern Conference

Reception at Sumner, Iowa for Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Mashner and Their Family

A capacity crowd of members of the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, and 35 friends from the Baptist Church in Elgin, Iowa, gathered for the reception given in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Mashner and family in the Baptist Church at Sumner on Thursday evening, Feb. 21st.

The program consisted of musical numbers as follows: vocal solo by Mrs. John Menke; vocal trio by Miss Monica Potratz, Mrs. Herman Lalk, and Miss Dorothy Potratz; and a piano-accompanied solo by Mrs. John Floden; a 15-minute skit by the Woman's Missionary Society entitled, "Watch Ye Therefore!" presented by Mrs. Marva Lalk, Mrs. Alma Menke, Mrs. Margaret Lalk, Mrs. Marie Walker, Mrs. Erma Floden, Mrs. Leola Davis, Mrs. Edith Horsley, Mrs. Nellie Potratz and Mrs. Hazel Potratz; and recitations of Bible verses by the members of the KYB Club. Those participating were Bobbie Floden, Janice Greenless, Anita Kruse, James Greenless, Frederick Kruse, Ruby Menke, Howard Potratz, Betty Sage, Mary Lou Potratz, Barbara Sage, Shirley Schulte, Evelyn Walker and Larry Potratz.

Representatives of the various organizations of the church brought greetings including Louis Horsley for the Sunday School, Mrs. John Lalk for KYB (Know Your Bible Club); Herman Lalk for the young people; Mrs.

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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.)

MR. ROBERT BERTSCH of Carbon, Alberta.

Mr. Robert Bertsch of Carbon, Alberta, was born on Nov. 16, 1908 in South Dakota, near Venturia, N. Dak., and passed away in his home after a long illness on Wednesday, February 20, 1952, reaching the age of 43 years, 3 months and 4 days.

In 1913 he immigrated with his parents to Alberta, Canada, where the family settled on a farm south of Carbon. On March 9, 1931 he was married to his now bereaved wife, Viola Forsch. To this union two children were born: Loretta Delina and Adam. As a young man of 17 years he was converted, baptized by the Rev. A. Kujath and united with the local Baptist Church.

He leaves to mourn his departure his bereaved wife, one daughter, one son, five sisters, three brothers and a host of relatives and friends. He was laid to rest in the Zion Cemetery on Feb. 26th. Revelation 4:1-5 brought us words of comfort. May the Lord of comfort bless our bereaved friends.

Carbon, Alberta, Canada

JACOB G. ROTT, Pastor.

MR. ALEXANDER DYMMEL of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Alexander Dymmel of Portland, Ore., was born in Sofiufka, Poland, on Feb. 21, 1869 and died at the Watson Convalescent Home in Battle Ground, Wash., on March 6, 1952 having reached the age of 83 years and 15 days. As a young man he served as a sailor in the Russian Navy. Sometime shortly after the turn of the century he lived in Racine, Wis., from where he went to reside for eight years at Winnipeg, Canada. He came to Portland, Ore., in 1911 making his home in and around Portland until his death.

On July 30, 1888 Mr. Dymmel was converted and baptized at Lodz, Poland becoming a member of the Baptist Church. He joined Trinity Baptist Church of Portland in January of 1919 where he faithfully served his Lord until his end. He was a good witness for his Lord and worked hard in bringing the Gospel to the lost.

The immediate relatives who mourn his departure are two nephews, the Rev. Helmut Dymmel of Chicago, Ill., and Mr. Julius Dymmel of Anaheim, Calif.; also relatives in Germany, several grand nieces and nephews in this country, besides a host of friends. May God bless all who mourn his passing and comfort them with an eternal hope.

Trinity Baptist Church,
Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

MR. JOHN MEINERTS of George, Iowa.

Mr. John Meinerts of George, Iowa, was born on April 29, 1864 in Ortelsburg, Germany. He came to America on March 21, 1881 and settled with his parents at Forreston, Illinois. In 1893 he came to Lyon County, Iowa, and was married to Siebenna Bruns in that same year. To this union nine children were born: Jake and Dena, at home; Peter of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Fannie (Mrs. Fred Johnson) of Ellsworth, Minn.; William of Rock Rapids, Iowa; Anna (Mrs. Wilbur Johnson) of Ellsworth, Minn. One daughter, Edith (Mrs. Leonard Schroder), of Emery, S. Dak., preceded him in death in 1939; also two children died in infancy. His wife preceded him in death in 1945. Also surviving are 19 grandchildren, two great-grandsons, and two half-brothers.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Meinerts confessed his faith in Jesus Christ his Savior and Lord. He was baptized by the

GOD'S HAND

He holdeth the waters in the hollow
Of his hand,
This mighty, restless, seething sea
In his hand.
Oh, hand so sure, so safe, so strong
That it can hold the sea,
Mid the storm-tossed waves of the sea
of life
It can, it will, hold me.

—M. Slattery.

Rev. Dallman and affiliated with the First Baptist Church, northeast of George, Iowa. A few years later Mr. Meinerts with a group of others organized the Second Baptist Church of which he was a charter member at the time of his death. He passed away on March 9th. He attained the age of 87 years, 10 months and 9 days.

Funeral services were held on March 12th from the Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa with the Rev. J. A. Brygger officiating assisted by the Rev. Harm Johnson.

Central Baptist Church,
George, Iowa

J. A. BRYGGER, Pastor.

MR. JOHN GARETZ of Pound, Wisconsin.

Mr. John Garetz of Pound, Wis., was born March 10, 1875 at Forest Junction, Wisconsin. In 1893 he came to a farm near Pound, Wis., with his parents. On May 14, 1900 he was united in marriage to Bertha Ziegenhagen in Pound. The couple operated a farm near Pound until 1940 when they retired and moved to the village of Pound where they have resided since then. For several years Mr. Garetz served as janitor for the Pound School. On May 14, 1950 Mr. and Mrs. Garetz celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Garetz was a member of the Pioneer Baptist Church since its beginning.

Surviving him are his wife; three sons: Ferris of Goodman, Wis.; John, Jr., of Chicago, Ill., and Reuben of Pound; three daughters: Mrs. Esther Montie of Marinette, Wis.; Mrs. Ruth Olson of Milwaukee, Wis., and Mrs. Albert Borkowski of Pound; two brothers: Albert of Birchwood, Wis.; and Clarence Garetz of Pound; one sister, Mrs. Ida Noack of Oconto, Wis.; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Garetz passed away at 8:25 A.M. on Wednesday, March 12, at the Marinette General Hospital after having suffered a cerebral hemorrhage on Tuesday. He had reached the age of 77 years and 2 days. Interment was in the family plot in the First Baptist Cemetery in Pound.

Pioneer Baptist Church,
Pound, Wisconsin

J. F. CONNER, Pastor.

MR. JULIUS MARTIN LENTZ of Edmonton, Alberta.

Mr. Julius M. Lentz of Edmonton, Alberta, was born June 1st, 1888 at Shitomeir, Russia. At the age of 15 he was converted to God and by baptism became a member of the Baptist Church. Three years later he came with his parents to Canada. Since 1906 he lived in Edmonton, Alberta, being a member of the Central Baptist Church.

On May 7, 1924 he was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Dickau. It was a happy home. God gave them a son and a daughter. On Sept. 11, 1938 his wife preceded him into eternity. The following day his father died. He took this great loss without complaint, devoting himself to his children and his home. While his wife lived and some years following, he served very faithfully as choir leader and held other offices, conscientiously fulfilling his duties. The same was the case in his daily occupation. For 43 years he worked for the same firm, being a foreman in the door and sash department.

Having some pain on Saturday, Feb. 9, he saw his doctor, spent the evening at home in the family circle and early Sunday morning he went to be with the Lord in his 64th year. His wish was fulfilled to be

spared of lingering illness. He had looked forward to meet his wife and loved ones again.

Greatly missing his presence but reconciled to his departure are: his son, Dorcy, and wife and his daughter, Verna, both of Edmonton; also one grandchild; three sisters, Mrs. A. Zanzig and Mrs. R. Kilvert, both of Edmonton, and Mrs. B. A. Crocker of Los Angeles, Calif.; one brother, Ernest of Salem, Oregon.

Funeral services were held at Andrews-McLaughlin Funeral Chapel. The great number of relatives, friends and fellow-workers attending, with foremen of his business firm serving as pallbearers, showed the high esteem in which the deceased was held. The undersigned spoke words of comfort based on 2 Peter 1:14, "What Faith Makes of Death," at the request of our brother in Christ. The Rev. E. P. Wahl assisted. The interment took place in the family plot at the Beechmount Cemetery.

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

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MRS. SUSIE BROWN GEIS of Okeene, Oklahoma.

Funeral services were held March 10, 1952 in the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., for Mrs. H. G. Geis who had been a faithful member of the church. The interim pastor, the Rev. John R. Siems, was in charge of the services. The Rev. C. J. Davis, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Okeene, assisted.

The following obituary was prepared by the family of Mrs. Geis: Susie Brown Geis was born December 10, 1881 near Odessa in South Russia, the daughter of D. D. Thiessen and Susie Braun Thiessen. At eight years of age she came to America with her parents and settled near Hillsboro, Kansas. When the Indian Territory was opened for settlement she moved with her parents to Cooper, near the present town of Hitchcock, Okla., where she spent her youthful years.

In 1899 she united in marriage with Nick Brown and they made their home on a farm near Hitchcock. Here four daughters and one son were born to them. Here also, she felt the need of a Savior, and at the age of 18 she was converted. Together with her husband they joined the Northern Methodist Church. In 1916 they moved to Washita County where their home was blessed with one more daughter. Here she resided until the death of her husband in 1933.

She then made her home in Okeene, where she was married to George Bierig, who passed away five years later. In 1943 she was married to H. G. Geis. This union lasted over eight years.

Our mother was always kind and loving. She had great sympathy for the sick and much of her time was given to caring for sick relatives and neighbors. She was a true Christian, and the desire to see souls saved led her to testify freely for her Lord at all times. In 1943 she felt the need for immersion baptism and was baptized and received into the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene.

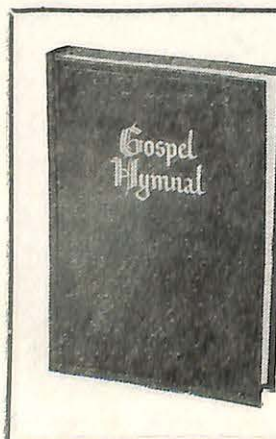
Mother's later life was made physically hard due to severe sugar diabetes, this disease causing her to become blind for five years. We will always remember the sweet, patient way she bore this burden. Having reached the biblical age of 70 years, 2 months and 27 days, her Lord, whom she had served so faithfully, called her to her heavenly reward on the 7th day of March, 1952.

She was laid to rest in the Shaeffer Cemetery, awaiting the dawn of the resurrection morning. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." She leaves to mourn her passing five daughters: Mrs. Lydia Fetter of Weatherford, Okla.; Mrs. Marie Glaesman of Hitchcock, Okla.; Mrs. Susie Fetter and Mrs. Irene Belter of Colony, Okla.; and Mrs. Matilda McLemore of Portersville, Calif.; 18 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren. Three brothers survive: Pete Thiessen of Perryton, Texas; Ben Thiessen of Inola, Okla.; and John Thiessen of Eufaula, Okla.; and many other relatives and friends.

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REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

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W. O. Potratz for the Woman's Missionary Society; M. B. Potratz in behalf of the church; Rev. Arthur Ittermann, for the Baptist Church of Elgin; with a response by both Mr. and Mrs. Mashner. Mr. Louis Horsley was master of ceremonies. A lunch of sandwiches, cherry pie and ice cream and coffee was served by the Service Committee, composed of Mrs. M. B. Potratz, Mrs. Herman Lalk, Mrs. Robert Sage, Mrs. John Floden, and Mrs. Max Davis.

The Rev. F. W. Mashner, formerly of Midland, Mich., accepted the call to the Sumner charge filling the vacancy created by Rev. Wm. Jeschke's acceptance of the call by the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Mashner is a graduate of Central Michigan College and the North American Baptist Seminary. He was accompanied by his wife and three children: Marbeth, Melvin and Marvin. Mrs. Mashner is a graduate of the Christian Training Institute, Alberta, Canada.

Mrs. W. O. Potratz, Church Clerk.

Southern Conference

Sessions of the North Texas Association at Central Church, Waco, Texas

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Waco for three days of inspiring sessions, March 5 to 7. All major messages centered on the great theme, "The Church of Jesus Christ," and the Lord's word, "I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18).

At the opening session on Wednesday evening, two new pastors were welcomed into the Association fellowship by the moderator, the Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Dallas. They were the Rev. Louis R. Johnson of Central Baptist Church, Waco, and the Rev. Edwin Kraemer of the Bethel Heights Church, Gatesville. Mr. Johnson, host pastor, brought the keynote message on "The Meaning of the Church."

On Thursday the Association considered the "Ordinances of the Church" and the "Minister of the Church" in messages brought by the Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Carroll Avenue Church, Dallas, and the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., respectively. A unique feature of this year's meeting was the discussion period that followed each address, providing the audience with an opportunity to ask questions of the

speaker. At Thursday night's mass meeting, the speaker was the Rev. Charles Wellborn, dynamic young pastor of Waco's Seventh and James Baptist Church and preacher on the coast-to-coast "Baptist Hour." Using the text, "And he brought him to Jesus," Mr. Wellborn challenged the congregation with the "Evangelistic Task of the Church."

Friday's sessions included good news from the denominational front brought by Mr. Gunst, and messages by the Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn of Waco on the New Testament pattern for "Members of the Church," and by the Rev. Arthur K. Schulz of Crawford, mission secretary of the Southern Conference, on the "Missionary Imperative of the Church." At the concluding session on Friday evening, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, general secretary of the Commissioned Youth and Sunday School Union, led the audience to a new appreciation of the Holy Spirit of God in his message, "The Moving Power of the Church."

Officers elected for the coming year include: Rev. Louis R. Johnson, Waco, moderator; Rev. Arthur K. Schulz, Crawford, vice-moderator; and Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Dallas, secretary-treasurer. The bright spring weather, the soul-stirring music and devotionals, the gracious hospitality of the Waco church, and the Christian fellowship of laymen and pastors combined to make this a memorable Association. God grant that all of us may qualify as "lively stones" (1 Peter 2:5) in the great temple which the Savior is building to his glory!

Harold W. Gieseke, Secretary.

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