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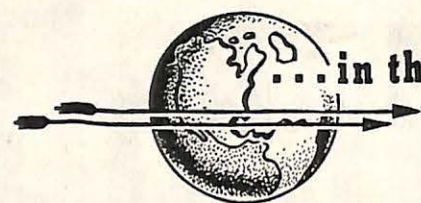
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A Good Conscience

Rev. John E. Grygo

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...in the course of human events

● Although the actual burial spot of St. Peter has now been absolutely verified by the Vatican, only a few will be able to visit it. Its location is too narrow and even photographs of an over-all nature cannot be taken. The Holy See has published a two-volume edition concerning the findings of the explorations.—The Register.

● Reports from Karthoum state that the Legislature Assembly of the Sudan has passed a law which permits Moslem missionary work in the South Sudan territory under the same conditions as Christian missionary societies. Moslem leaders are therefore now seeking to organize mission programs to convert the natives to Islam. Some tribal folk, who had accepted Christianity in large numbers, are losing their members to the Moslems.—World Dominion.

● According to Dr. Theodor Spira, director of the American Institute at the University of Frankfurt, there is some hope for the reunion of the Christian churches in Germany with Rome. The reason given: German Protestant churches are returning to the ancient "confessions of faith." Many interfaith meetings are being held between the Catholic and Lutheran churches. Dr. Spira, now a Catholic, was formerly a Lutheran.—The Register.

● The Indian Christian Church faces a challenge to its right to exist. Christian minorities are feeling the pressure of the Hindu majority. Church leaders feel that evangelism is needed inside the church as much as outside the church, if the church is to remain a living witness. Lack of prayer and ability to use the Bible effectively, prevalence of quarrels, and a deadly formality are the chief troubles. Christian literature has fallen far behind communist and other harmful propaganda.—The Evangelical Christian.

● The Rev. Michael Scott, Anglican missionary who has championed the cause of several South West African tribes, (formerly German colony), confirmed reports in Paris that he had been branded as an "undesirable immigrant" by the Union of South Africa government and thus barred from returning to its territory. Mr. Scott has been the spokesman in the United Nations for the tribes who opposed the annexation of South West Africa by the Union government.—The Watchman-Examiner.

● The U. S. State Department has accused the leaders of East Germany of plotting deliberately to split youth

from all religion, employing the tactics that Hitler used. Youth meetings are purposely held on Sunday mornings in order to discourage Sunday School and church attendance. Young people cannot get any official positions unless they are members of the Youth Movement. Sad to say, many parents are encouraging their children to do so, claiming that one must get along with the times.—The Evangelical Christian.

● It is reported that the Samaritan community in Nablus, ancient Shechem, has thrown its lot with the state of Israel after two thousand years. Ten Italian Catholic families, converted to Judaism, emigrated to Israel recently. They sacrifice a lamb on the eve of every Passover but a rabbi, who is now their religious instructor, is trying to persuade them to give up this ancient custom. These people chant Psalms in Italian during their Sabbath services and once a month they gather together in order to examine one another on their knowledge of the Old Testament.—The Sunday School Times.

● The new building of the Baptist Church in Bogota, Colombia, was ready for dedication. On Saturday, Dec. 22, 1951 at 7 p.m. a special Christmas cantata was expected to begin. Half an hour before that time, a Roman Catholic priest and some forty to fifty women and children mounted the steps of the church and soon rocks began to fly shattering the windows. The next day, Sunday, Dec. 23, at 3 p.m. the dedication service was held anyway. Mobs again gathered outside and stones began to fly again destroying the remainder of the beautiful stained glass windows. This was the outcome of the inciting messages in the Roman Catholic churches that morning. Over two radio stations, Catholics were advised to assemble before the Baptist church. The police were slow in arriving and once there, did nothing to stop the mobs. Fortunately, the United States ambassador and his second secretary arrived on the scene the night before. The ambassador addressed the unruly crowd, expressing his regrets at the violence suffered. During the Sunday service the second secretary of the U. S. Embassy was in attendance representing the ambassador.—United Evangelical Action.

The editor of this department, "In the Course of Human Events," is the Rev. John E. Grygo of Chicago, Illinois, pastor of the Ogden Park Baptist Church.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. R. Schilke

March 2 (A.M.)—Pittsburgh, Pa.
March 2 (P.M.) Union Church, Arnold, Pennsylvania.
March 5-6—Northern Conference Mission Committee Session at Regina, Saskatchewan.
March 16 (Sunday)—Trenton, Ill. (Fiftieth Anniversary Program.)

Rev. J. C. Gunst

March 2 (Sunday)—Kyle, Texas.
March 4 (Tuesday)—Carroll Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas.
March 5-7—North Texas Association, Waco, Texas.
March 9 (Sunday Evening)—Forest Park Church, Forest Park, Ill.
March 10-11—Editorial Committee Meeting "Youth Compass," Forest Park, Illinois.

Rev. Martin L. Leuschner

March 2 (Sunday)—Toronto, Ont.
March 4 (Tuesday)—Andrews St. Church, Rochester, New York.
March 5 (Wednesday)—Evangelical Church, Newark, New Jersey.
March 6 (Thursday)—Faith Church, West New York, New Jersey.
March 7 (Friday)—Pilgrim Church, Jersey City, New Jersey.
March 9 (Sunday Morning)—King's Highway Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
March 9 (Sunday Evening)—Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Ida Forsch, Missionary

March 7 (Friday and Saturday)—Burns Ave. Church, Detroit, Mich. (Missionary Conference.)
March 9 (Sunday A.M.)—St. Joseph, Michigan.
March 9 (Sunday P.M.)—Clay Street Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

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Editorial

Spend and Be Spent!

"AND I WILL very gladly spend and be spent for you!" That is the autobiography of every true minister as a servant of God and of his people. The Apostle Paul was writing about himself in 2 Corinthians 12:15 and about his relationship with the Corinthian church members. But he was also drawing the curtain aside upon the activities of every consecrated Christian pastor. He is dedicated to this spiritual purpose toward God and his people—to spend and be spent in the ministry.

Let us consider, first of all, the twofold direction that this resolve takes. It looks toward God and toward other people. The Apostle Paul found deep satisfaction in knowing that he was expendable with God. He was willing to become a fool for Christ's sake, to glory in his infirmities, to regard himself as nothing so long as Christ might be preached and glorified. It didn't matter to him whether the Corinthians showed any return of love or not (verse 15) so long as he was spending himself sacrificially for his Master and Savior.

Konrad Anton Fleischmann, the first pastor of the oldest church in our denominational fellowship, was told to rest for the good of his health. To this counsel he replied: "No, never! It is better for me to wear out for Christ than to rust out in ease and idleness." This is the spiritual foundation in purpose and aim upon which every true minister of God must build if the Holy Spirit is laid upon him, as well as the hands of his fellow-pastors, at the time of his ordination.

This same spiritual purpose undergirds his ministry toward others. It is constantly a ministry of giving, giving, GIVING, until he himself feels emptied at times of physical strength, inner resources and intellectual joys. He must respond to every crying need. He must help wherever he can. Gladly he spends himself and is spent for others.

Monetary considerations are important for his livelihood but they are secondary. In fact, they do not even come into this picture of the Apostle Paul's ministry. No pastor, if he is true to this supreme spiritual purpose of his ordination, will ever become rich in material things during his years in the pastorate. Neither should he ever have to be regarded as a candidate for "the poor house" because of the neglect or lack of thoughtfulness of his people. He should be without undue anxieties as to a comfortable livelihood so that he can apply himself unreservedly to the supreme spiritual tasks facing him.

The General Council, General Missionary Committee and denominational leaders are suggesting to each church that inventory be taken of its pastor's livelihood. How long has it been since your pastor was given a substantial raise? Remember the skyrocketing prices of the past months. Are you as a church in a position to do more for your minister? Remember the good times in which you probably find yourself. Take action, if God prompts you as a church, and show your appreciation for the ministry of the one, who as God's leader for you, is gladly spending and being spent in your behalf!

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A Good Conscience

That which really matters in life is to be able to say with the Apostle Paul: "I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day."

A Timely, Provocative Message by the REV. JOHN E. GRYGO of Chicago, Illinois, Pastor of the Ogden Park Baptist Church

right? What about his persecution of the "disciples of the Lord"? We can safely assume that he did not know any better. In the sincerity of his heart he meant to serve God. Could that sincerity secure for him salvation? Of course not. In order to become acceptable in the sight of God, he had to have that wonderful Damascus Road experience. Thus, even an honest decision can lead us astray.

America's crime investigations have shown that otherwise respectable people can cheat the government and break the laws, and still pride themselves on their honesty. Our churches too have people who are pursuing questionable ventures. They will, upon questioning, pout their lips and say: "Well, we see no harm in it." If they were honest, they would have to add that little word "now" to it, for they know that it was not always so.

DIFFERENT MORAL CODES?

Oh, but these sorry heroes may even bring Spinoza along, and thus supported, they will cry out jubilantly: "See, he taught that conscience can vary with geography." Well, is it true that the consciences of Winnipeg and Montreal have to be as far apart as the poles? But the civic pride in Moscow is so different from that in Washington.

Let us venture into the field of denominationalism. Have the Protestants a different moral code than the Catholics? We Baptists claim that God and the Word are our sole guide. The Catholics are being instructed that, because the church is older than the written Word, it must be the church.

A prominent clergyman, steeped in modern psychology, wrote recently that the dictates of the soul differed widely among different social groups. His large congregation brought this conviction home to him. Now then, should there be a different yardstick for the tailor and a different one for the architect?

Von Bismarck tells of Emperor William I, whenever he had to deviate from the truth in diplomatic dealings, that the emperor's face would invariably turn red. "In that case," wrote the Iron Chancellor, "I would always look the other way."

There are people who would deliberately tinker with propriety. They try to extenuate their wrongs by saying that they have such a hard time making adjustments. But smartness at the expense of decency will eventually exact the pound of flesh. Some may succeed in silencing that restraining agency, but it will wake up some day. How horrible it must be to undergo the torments of an aroused conscience!

At the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, in Philadelphia, Pa., hangs a painting named, "Orestes Pursued by the Furies." How terrified does the murderer appear! He tried to flee from the scene of his dastardly deed, but he has been overtaken by the ghost of the victim and the denunciatory furies. We can now readily understand why Cain had to cry out: "My punishment is greater than I can bear." And Cardinal Beaufort, who had the Duke of Gloucester executed, repeatedly begged in his sleep: "Go away! Why do you look at me so?"

WHERE SHALL WE GO?

Others have tried to still the tumult within themselves by making an dishonorable exit from this life. Men in high and low positions have done that. Surely, their minds were unbalanced, but what brought it about? Had not their lives been a deplorable double standard? How futile such a step, because even in hell one will be forced to remember!

What about those people who are forever manifesting a crabbed and vindictive spirit? Church people too are not immune to these shortcomings. It cannot be always somebody

else's fault! Have they, perhaps, gotten off the straight path? Many of these unhappy souls are always ringing the doorbells of the consulting rooms. Have they become more constant or more virtuous? It eased the pressure somewhere, but for how long? Is it not very dangerous to accept other people's judgments as moral or spiritual guides?

Well, then, where shall we go? Go to Christ! It is still true what the holy writer declares: "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God" (Hebrews 9:14).

No one can cancel our guilt. We must, before we come to him, reject all mediators, even the priests, who insist that in matters of conscience, whether it be man or woman, the faithful have to come to them. In other words, in order to be in good standing with the church, one has to surrender one's conscience. What a fallacious assumption!

Let us ask ourselves: Why must good and conscientious people be persecuted? Is it only because of man's inhumanity to man? Is it not that upright and godly people always have been a sort of personalized conscience? Why did Felix tremble before Paul? Are the words of Peter still irrevocable? Here they are: "For this is thankworthy if a man for conscience toward God, endure grief, suffering wrongfully" (1 Peter 2:19).

SEVERE TESTINGS

We witness today the severe testings of many stalwart believers, whether far or near. It pains us to see how, either openly or clandestinely, fiery darts are being hurled at God's elect. These shots come either from the camp of the ungodly or from the fold of false brethren. No doubt, they think in their dark hour of Peter and John, who so fearlessly declared: "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:19-20).

When Philip Sydney had to choose between a lie and the loss of his life, his reply was: "When God has brought me into such a dilemma that I must assert a falsehood, or lose my life, he gives me a clear indication of my duty and that is, to prefer death to falsehood."

Let us, under God, strive earnestly that we might have a good conscience at all times, under circumstances favorable or unfavorable, whether it will enhance our popularity or decrease our chances. What really matters is that, when the time of our departure comes, we will be able to summon our life-long friend, "Good-conscience," and as in "Pilgrim's Progress," he will help us over the swollen river.

The Benke Memorial Chapel

The story of the new Baptist Chapel on the Indian Bull Reserve in Alberta, Canada, which has now been completed at a cost of \$10,000

By the REV. R. NEUMAN,
Missionary on the Indian Montana Reserve

TODAY the Benke Memorial Chapel, which has been a dream for many years, stands as a blessed reality. On a knoll surrounded by poplar trees on two sides mixed with willows and other berry bushes this beautiful edifice, the Benke Memorial Chapel, towers over Bull Reserve.

The ten thousand dollars allotted for the project built the Chapel and also comfortable living quarters. The total dimensions are 60 feet long and 30 feet wide, built much on the same plan as the chapel on the Montana Reserve where the Neumans are stationed.

The outside of the building is finished with a grey insulation brick siding. The roof is of black asphalt shingles. The interior of the chapel is a golden grain ten-test, which will be designed, and the interior of the house is plaster-board. The living quarters consist of two bedrooms, living room, kitchen, bathroom, hallway and an upstairs which will not be finished. There is a full basement under the entire building.

The benches for the church will be heavy veneer with a honeycomb finish. The pulpit will be designed and manufactured by Mr. Jake Dermann who is the master builder of the beautiful chapel. The need for such a chapel for our Indian friends rested heavily upon the soul of the Rev. F. W. Benke and those who knew him and his passion for these people.

The name, Benke Memorial Chapel,



Jake Dermann, the contractor for the Benke Memorial Chapel on the Indian Bull Reserve for whom the late Rev. F. W. Benke was a great spiritual inspiration.

originated in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Strohschein of Wetaskiwin. The first money donated for this Memorial Chapel came from the Woman's Mission Circle of the Pleasant Prairie and West Side Baptist Churches of Wetaskiwin, Alta., Canada. From then on, the wheels were set in motion and didn't cease to revolve until the completion of the building.

Mr. Jake Dermann, who was in charge of the building, was an answer to prayer. He is a graduate of the Christian Training Institute and accepted this project as a great privilege to be the one to erect this building to the memory of a man who was the means of leading him to the Lord and helping him on in the Christian life. Denying himself large wages as a foreman in carpentry, Brother Dermann joyfully labored on this project knowing that here God's Name will be revered and called upon. The finished product already reveals his fine workmanship and keen eye as a good builder.

In 1947 the Montana Indian Chapel and living quarters were erected. In 1951 the Benke Memorial Chapel and living quarters have been erected, only four years later. God only knows what can and will take place four years hence. If the missionary passion that animated our late brother Benke's life will move his successors and continue to burn in the souls of the members on the Mission Boards, many more marvelous things will be accomplished for God in these days.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harsch are another answer to prayer. They too having been influenced by Mr. Benke as they have taken up the charge on the Bull Reserve. The results are genuine evidences that God has sanctioned the approval of the North American Baptist Missionary Society's decision to preach and teach the Gospel to our Indian friends.

The chapel is built on a full and solid foundation, symbolic of the foundation on which the Indians have started to build. God has been called upon and waited upon by these Indians. His Name has been exalted above every name. The Benke Memorial Chapel stands here to God's glory. So long as there are Indian boys and girls and adults as well this memorial will point them to the only Way to God through Christ, our Lord—the Jesus Way for every Indian!

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Christian Boy Scouts of the Baptist Bible School at Ndu, Cameroons (left), with the Kayser Memorial School in the background and some of the Ndu Boy Scout leaders (right).

Lives Dedicated to God

The story of the dedication of the Kayser Memorial School at Ndu, Cameroons, named in honor of the Rev. H. P. Kayser, former missionary, and of the recent Ndu Bible Conference

By MRS. KENNETH GOODMAN Who With Her Husband and Son Larry Will Be Returning to the United States About March 20, 1952

THE MORNING was bright and clear. We were soon aware of school bands playing and of marching feet. The schools from the entire area (nine schools with about 1000 children) were making their way to the front of the new Kayser Memorial School building in the Cameroons.

This was to be Dedication Day and the first day of our Ndu Bible Conference. Soon all the black, shiny faces were turned to attention as the headmaster announced the opening hymn. With our hearts and voices raised in song, the Ndu Bible Conference officially opened.

DRAMATIC SKITS

The children, by schools and classes, put on a real, old-fashioned "Last Day of School Program." And it was different in that all of the skits were on the Bible or Christian life. These African school children surpass other children in their ability to become another character in a skit. Really, it seemed as if Peter, Ananias, and Sapphira were actually right there with us.

"We are gathered here not to dedicate this building to God but to dedicate the lives of the boys and girls who will pass through this school to useful lives for Christ." Such was the

content of the dedication message brought by our missionary, the Rev. Kenneth Goodman. Teachers and students alike hung on every word, and we sincerely hope they took them into their hearts.

All are aware that the Ndu School is THE BEST one unit, primary school building in the Cameroons. (Many of the new features are now being used by the government in schools which are in the process of building.) The natives are justly proud of their new school building and the missionaries are so thankful to God for the lives we have been permitted to help along the way to greater usefulness in Christ's Kingdom here in the Cameroons.

HIGH HONORS

Our Christian Boy Scout Troup of Ndu School recently was able to control an angry mob where government officers had failed. Two of our school boys have fully completed the entire Primary, Junior, and Junior High North American Baptist Scripture Memory Course this year. Both of these boys stand at the top of their classes scholastically. Ndu School won more places, by examination, for Secondary School (High School) than any other school in the entire Cameroons.

Even though our girl enrollment is not high, we do have some who have

already taken their part in women's meetings and Sunday School work.

Toward the close of the program on Friday, the very small school children sang a song (tune of "London Bridge"), "Our young missionary is going away, going away, going away. Our young missionary is going away. Good bye, Larry, good bye!" This was really an original and pleasant surprise to Larry and to us. Our school children have unusual ability and it is our joy to guide this ability in the pathway of righteousness.

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

The next morning for miles around, the hills resounded with the church bands and choirs singing out their praises to God as they marched up to Ndu. Many began to pull their clothing tighter around them as they finally reached the cold heights of Ndu.

We had hoped to hold all of our Saturday Bible Study classes on the inside of the school building, but the walls just would not stretch to hold all. So out into the sunshine they poured and finally the classes began. The speakers used a large sand pile with a box on top for the platform and then in typical native fashion preached the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

An outstanding feature of the second day was the hour devoted to

"Testimonies and Life at the Bible School." During this time the Bible School boys recounted the joys, blessings and calling of the Lord during their year at Bible School. All too soon the day came to an end. The people had forgotten to eat their lunch and stayed on to feed their souls, but as they left, singing as they went, to the place for food their hearts were blessed beyond measure.

SALVATION'S JOYS

On Sunday morning we gathered again and had a message from God's Word from the former headmaster of Ndu School. His message was "Christ as Our Chief Cornerstone." Next came singing in proper native fashion



A is for Africa where in the British Cameroons we are building chapels, mission schools, dispensaries, a hospital, besides the leper camp to present Christ as Savior and Lord to the million natives there!



from some of our best singing churches. After another message from God's Word the procession, by churches, marched up in front of the mission house while moving pictures were taken.

For an hour after the conference was ended, the churches still stood around singing and praising God, a joy for the Ndu and Bansa missionaries to see. Yes, they were happy in their salvation and they wanted us to know it. We know you at home are also happy in their salvation because you have had a very definite part in it through your sacrificial giving and through your prayers.

"Prayer is not the overcoming of God's reluctance; it is the taking hold of God's willingness."

—Phillips Brooks.

1952 Bible Society Seals

The story of the seals of the usual postage stamp size which are to be used on letters to encourage wider reading of the Bible

By the AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY, New York, N. Y.

THE DUAL THEMES, "Search the Scriptures" and "Share the Scriptures," have been adopted by the American Bible Society for its 1952 seals. The Society is urging wide use of the seals throughout the year to encourage wider reading of the Bible.

Lowell Thomas, noted CBS commentator, again will spearhead the distribution of the seals as honorary chairman as he did last year. Gifts secured from those who receive the seals will be used for publication and distribution of the Scriptures throughout the world.

In a statement announcing the availability of the 1952 seals, Mr. Thomas declared: "Our American Bible Society does a great job in turning dollars into Bibles and in distributing the Scriptures so they will be read, but the Society needs immediate help. Let's look at it this way. Suppose a man knocked on your door and asked you for a Bible. You became convinced he wanted to read it but could get a copy only with your help. Would you give him a Bible? I believe most Americans would. There are people knocking on your door. They speak

English, German, Portuguese, Japanese, Korean, Chinese . . . some even speak Russian. The blind want the Bible in Braille. Do heed the knocking on your door."

The seals, which are usual postage stamp size, are printed in three colors. One, with the inscription, "Search the Scriptures," shows an open Bible illuminated by an oil lamp. This is an adaptation of the Society's official seal which has been in use since 1841. The other, with the inscription, "Share the Scriptures," shows a young man symbolic of the millions of young people everywhere who are turning to the Bible in these troubled times.

The American Bible Society, founded in 1816, is one of the oldest missionary societies and interdenominational agencies in the world. Its single purpose is to encourage wider circulation of the Scriptures without note or comment and without profit to people throughout the world. For the past ten years it has maintained an average annual distribution of over nine million volumes. Up to the end of 1950, the Society has distributed 406,422,010 copies of the Scriptures. Its work is supported by some 50 major denominations.



Dr. Frederick W. Cropp, a general secretary of the American Bible Society, and Lowell Thomas, noted CBS news commentator, examine the facsimiles of the Bible Society's 1952 seals. Mr. Thomas is serving as honorary chairman of the seal program, a post he also held last year.

The Old Light for New Paths

A Message for the Observance of Bible Day on Sunday,
March 9, 1952

By the REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER, Business Manager
of Our Publication Society, Cleveland, Ohio



"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path" (Psalm
119:105).

EVERYWHERE men are seeking light which will guide them in this dark and uncertain period of time. New paths will have to be made and new courses set in this ever changing world of ours. In the very midst of the uncertainty and tension of our time, people ask: How can I make ends meet? What future is there for me? How do I know what is right and what is wrong? Is there a light which can be followed and a guide for faith and conduct which can be observed? Is there a living God who cares and in whose wisdom all things will work out for the good?

There is a light, a guide and a God. God has given us his Word which is the light and the guide. Although world conditions are always changing and we are constantly facing new problems, the Word of God is an old light which will guide mankind along the new paths it must seek. It has never failed us, but we so often have failed it. As North American Baptists we are prayerfully concerned that men might see the light and be guided by it.

DISTRIBUTION OF BIBLES

Once a year we set aside a Sunday to refresh our memory and renew our spirit for this most important task. Our Sunday Schools arrange special programs and our people are asked to bring an offering which is to be used for colportage work and Bible distribution.

This past year the Publication Society has again served wherever op-

portunity presented itself to bring the Word of God in printed form as a light and a guide. Two thousand dollars were made available to the German Baptist Publication Society in Kassel, Germany, to help them in their efforts in bringing the printed word to German-speaking people in Europe.

In addition, the Publication Society shared with the Fellowship Fund to the extent of \$330 each to provide German Bibles for German people who are leaving Germany for the United States and Canada or elsewhere. The American Bible Society cooperated in this venture to the extent of providing the balance needed to make it \$1000 worth of Bibles.

How fitting that these German people, as they leave the old homeland and seek the new, should be given a copy of God's Holy Word in which they will find the old light which will guide them in the new paths ahead.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

In the past year thousands of German immigrants have arrived at the Canadian port of entry. Copies of "Der Sendbote" and "Der Wegweiser" are always on hand to be given to these

BIBLE DAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 1952

Programs for Sunday Schools feature the song, "I Love the Holy Bible" by Rev. Paul Wengel and a message, "The Bible Speaks."

Recitations and program material has been sent to all churches.

The Bible Day offerings are designated for the distribution of Bibles and the ministry of Christian literature.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

people. Approximately 200 copies of every printing of "Der Sendbote" and 500 copies of "Der Wegweiser" of each printing are sent for this purpose where Miss Davison distributes them. Many reports have reached us of the good accomplished by this distribution of the printed word.

The Rev. John Schmidt is also doing a splendid service at New York City in contacting newly arrived immigrants. Arrangements have been made to provide Mr. Schmidt with all the needed German Christian literature. Gifts have also been made to our Indian Mission and to the Mexican mission field. We must also remember the hundreds of tracts, "Der Wegweiser," are sent each month to Austria where the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt and his helpers use them in missionary and evangelistic work. From Mr. Fuellbrandt we hear that "Der Wegweiser" is the only tract he has.

Arrangements have also been made to provide every newly arrived German immigrant family in the United States and Canada with one year's free subscription to "Der Sendbote" provided that one of our ministers or the immigration secretary or general mission secretary will request it. Several hundred such families are now receiving this splendid German bi-weekly religious paper.

THE NEED IS GREAT

The need is great! God has blessed us so richly, and in view of the dire need throughout the world for light, may we pledge ourselves anew this year to give our utmost that men might see "the old light for new paths."

The program material for the 1952 Bible Day Sunday has been prepared by Dr. M. L. Leuschner. Programs and recitations have been sent to our Sunday Schools. All Schools are urged to observe this important day on Sunday, March 9, and bring a liberal offering for the use of our Lord.

Christmas at Your Children's Home

A Colorful Report With Hearty Appreciation
by the REV. AUGUST F. RUNTZ, Superintendent of the Children's Home,
Saint Joseph, Michigan

IN EVERY HOME the Christmas preparations and the Christmas celebration begin long before Christmas Day. Christmas has a two-fold meaning. It is a holy day and it is a holiday. First and foremost, it is a holy day. It is the day on which we commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Savior of the world, when "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." We must never lose sight of that fact, and that makes it a holy day.

But it has also become a holiday, a day of gladness and merrymaking, a day of joy and good cheer, especially for children. Christmas is really the children's special day. Almost everything centers about the child, and rightfully so. That is certainly the case here at our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan.

THE PREPARATION

The preparation for the Christmas celebration begins directly after Thanksgiving Day. Then we get our "Christmas room" in order, and very soon packages and parcels begin to come. We are glad that some people send them early. Some of these packages are gifts for the Home; others are gifts for the children. Sometimes when the parcel post man comes with a number of packages, he says, "Here comes Santa Claus." Right up until Christmas day they come. And we must go through them all.

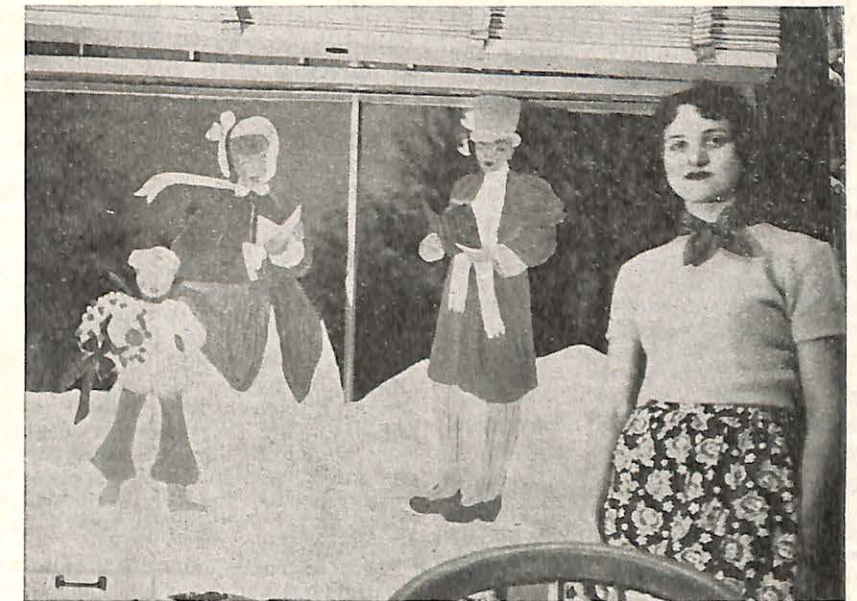
Each child has his own stack of gifts in the Christmas room. For each child a separate list is kept with the name of the article and the name and address of the sender. This is no small task. But at the time the gifts are opened, few children pay any attention to the name of the sender. Only afterwards do they ask, "Who sent me this or that?" We like to have the children acknowledge receipt of the gift personally, and so we must keep the record. As you can well understand the smaller children cannot write for themselves. The special gifts to the Home must also be tabulated and acknowledged.

When we are nearing Christmas, Martha Buss begins painting Christmas scenes on the windows of the dining room, and on those of her bedroom. (See accompanying picture.) We usually have two Christmas trees,

one on either side of the fireplace. These are set up and decorated. Now we are all ready for the big event.

On Sunday, December 16th, the Kiwanis Club with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Tosi as hosts took our entire group out for a Sunday dinner to Tosi's Restaurant, which is about 15 miles south of St. Joseph, off U.S. Highway 12. It is a very fine eating place, and they served us a wonderful dinner. The dinner was Mr. and Mrs. Tosi's personal treat. Then the members of the Kiwanis Club presented

when it is hard to keep youngsters in bed. But at last the time came when they could get up and get washed and dressed. Eventually the bell rang when they could go into the dining room and to the fireplace where the stockings were hanging. That was the beginning of our Christmas celebration at the Home. Those lovely stockings, with all sorts of goodies, made happy faces and hearts filled with joy. But breakfast had to be out of the way, and dishes washed and the house put in order.



Miss Martha Buss of Minitonas, Manitoba, one of the girls at the Baptist Children's Home, Saint Joseph, Mich., and the beautiful Christmas decorations which she painted with colored chalk on the large front windows of the Home for the Christmas season.

each child with a very lovely gift. There was a program of carol singing, at which several of our children rendered special numbers.

Our Sunday School also had a number of suppers and parties for the various age groups of the school. Of course, our children were included in these. There were two Christmas programs at the church in which our children had a part.

But the big event was yet to come! On Christmas Eve after the children were all in bed, "the stockings were hung by the chimney with care." One Woman's Missionary Society sent us the stockings, all filled and labeled. They were very nice, and that saved us a great deal of work.

Then came Christmas morning,

At long last came dinner, and what a dinner it was! Almost the entire meal had been donated, some of it from one place, some from another. People are most thoughtful of the Children's Home. Several fathers who have children here were guests for the dinner.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

But still there was always that big question, the \$64.00 question, "When do we get our gifts?" However, dishes had again to be washed and put out of the way. While this was being done the small children were kept out of sight, and the gifts were brought down and placed at their places at the tables. When everything was ready,

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Receptions for Ministers and New Members

Reports from the Field About the Many Receptions and Special Services
Held by North American Baptist Churches

Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. William Jeschke at Sumner, Iowa

The Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Jeschke and their family have left us at the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, and have moved to St. Paul, Minn., where he is now serving the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church. A farewell for Mr. Jeschke and his family was held by the church on New Year's Eve. Representatives of the various organizations in the church spoke, including Louis Horsely, Sunday School; Mrs. Marva Lalk, KYB Club; Herman Lalk, young people; Matt Zurbriggen, choir; Mrs. W. O. Potratz, Woman's Society; and M. B. Potratz on behalf of the church.

A cash gift was presented to the pastor and his family. During the period of three years that he has been pastor of Sumner, Mr. Jeschke organized the Christian Life Youth's Camp at Iowa Falls. He also served a term as moderator of the Iowa Baptist Association and wrote a religious column that was carried weekly for several months in the "Summer Gazette."

Succeeding Mr. Jeschke at the Sumner Baptist Church will be the Rev. Fred Mashner of the Beaver Baptist Church, Midland, Michigan.

Mrs. W. O. Potratz, Church Clerk.

Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. F. Y. Lower at Steamboat Rock, Iowa

On Thursday evening, January 3, the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, held a reception for its new pastor and his family, the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Lower. The service was in charge of the Rev. Louis Johnson, interim pastor. The choir sang, "Hosanna" by Gabriel, and a quartet composed of Mrs. William Schuneman, Miss Verna Luiken, Mr. Harry Luiken and Mr. Pete Luiken sang, "We Called Him" written by Herman von Berge to the tune of "Revive Us Again."

Each of the organizations of the church brought a word of welcome to the Lower family and the Rev. Carl Swyter, former pastor of the church, now retired and living in Steamboat Rock, gave the closing message of welcome. Mrs. Louis Johnson sang "Bless This House." After the service refreshments were served by the ladies of the church and a "Get Acquainted" fellowship was enjoyed by the members and friends.

Previous to the reception the parsonage had been redecorated and an entire new kitchen installed. All the cupboards in the kitchen and the shelves in the fruit storage room had been filled with food and canned goods in anticipation of the needs of our new minister and his family.

On Sunday evening, January 6, an installation service was conducted in which the Rev. Louis Johnson brought a message on "The Duties of the Ministry," the Rev. G. F. Ehrhorn spoke on "The Responsibilities of the Church," the Rev. D. R. Ferris, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Steamboat Rock, gave a word of welcome, and the Rev. F. Y. Lower responded briefly on "Accepting the Challenge." Special music consisted of the Girls' Sextette, a duet by Mrs. William Rose and Mr. Ben Johnson, and two quartets, one composed of Mrs. Louis Johnson, Mrs. John Rhoades, Mr. Harry Luiken and Mr. Carl DeVries, the other of the Rev. and Mrs. Louis Johnson and the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Lower.

The church is joyfully looking forward to a year of rich blessing under the direction of its new minister.

Miss Marie Eilers, Reporter.

Reception by Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, for Rev. and Mrs. Frank Veninga

On Sunday evening, August 19, 1951 the Aplington Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa, bade farewell to its pastor, the Rev. C. F. Lehr, and his family. They were presented with a monetary gift, and after words of farewell were spoken by Mr. Arend Dreyer, refreshments were served. We as a church are grateful to the Lehrs for the sacrificial services that they rendered through the years in our midst. During the absence of a regular pastor, the Rev. Kenneth Larrabee, Cedar Falls, Iowa, served us as interim pastor.

With a great deal of joy and anticipation, we had been looking forward to the coming of our new pastor and his family. On Thursday evening, January 10, we had the joy of welcoming the Rev. Frank Veninga, his wife, and three children, Robert, James, and Joyce.

The Rev. Kenneth Larrabee, our interim pastor, led the meeting and the Venings were welcomed by the leaders of the various organizations of the church. Mr. Lehr led in prayer, and words of greeting and welcome were given by the Rev. H. Lohr, former pastor of the Aplington Baptist Church, and now pastor of the neighboring church at Parkersburg; the Rev. A. J. Koopman of the Aplington Reformed Church; and the Rev. Gene Siekman of the Aplington Presbyterian Church; after which Mr. and Mrs. Veninga gave responses.

Musical numbers by the choir, men's quartet, Junior CBY, a piano and

organ duet, and a vocal solo by Mrs. Larrabee were included in the program. Following the benediction, a time of fellowship was spent in the church basement, and everyone had the opportunity of meeting the Venings.

Prior to their coming, many weeks were spent in completely redecorating the parsonage, all the work being done by the people of the church. The kitchen was equipped with a new General Electric refrigerator and gas stove. Groceries, canned goods and other items donated by the Home-maker's Club and other members of the church were put in the newly-built cupboards.

We, as a church are new looking forward to a real time of blessing as we work together with the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Veninga to advance the Kingdom of our Lord.

Mrs. Harm Sherman, Reporter.

Farewell Reception by Bethany Church of Oregon for Rev. and Mrs. Frank Friesen

On Sunday, December 30, a large group of members of the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Ore., and other friends gathered for the farewell service for our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Friesen. "God's Promise" was the topic of Mr. Friesen's very inspiring message, taken from Matthew 28:16-20, especially pointing out that God will take care of the future as he has the past if we put our complete trust in him. The choir sang two of Mr. and Mrs. Friesen's many favorites, "My God and I" and a hymn arrangement of "Saved," combining the chorus, "My Sins Are Gone."

Following the morning service, a pot-luck dinner was held in the church basement and a program was given with Mr. Ben Graf in charge. The program included an arousing song service lead by Melba Schaer, followed by short talks by the presidents of the various organizations of the church, each speaking in behalf of their organization. Several musical numbers were given, most of which were favorites of the Friesens. Gifts of money were presented to them by the church and the young people's organization, and the Ladies' Missionary Guild presented Mrs. Friesen with a wristwatch as a token of love and appreciation for her work in the Guild.

We thank Mr. and Mrs. Friesen for their love and tireless efforts during the eight years of their ministry at Bethany, and we pray God's richest blessings to be with them as they go into the future under the Lord's direction and guidance.

Mrs. Fred Schaer, Reporter.

Reception by Portland's Laurelhurst Church for Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Berndt and Daughter

With great anticipation the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., welcomed its new pastor and family, the Rev. and Mrs. Lewis B. Berndt and daughter, Marilyn, at a special service on Friday evening, December 14.

An inspirational song service was conducted by Mrs. Eileen Knopf, after which the Scripture was read by the Rev. Glenn Campbell who served as interim pastor for Laurelhurst. The Rev. Emanuel Wolff of the Salt Creek Church offered the evening prayer. Greetings from the church were then extended by Mr. Campbell. The choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Eileen Knopf, rendered the number, "All Things in Jesus."

Greetings from our Oregon North American Baptist churches were then extended by the following guests, being introduced by the chairman, Mr. Ernie Knopf: Mr. Ben Graff, Bethany Church; Rev. Henry Barnet, Immanuel Church; Rev. John Wobig, Trinity Church; Rev. Rudolph Woyke, Bethel Church, Salem, Ore.; Rev. Emanuel Wolff, Salt Creek Church, Dallas, Ore.; and Mr. Albert Wardin, Jr., Glencullen Church.

A male quartet from Laurelhurst consisting of Bob Delzer, Wes Dyck, Vic Dyck and Dick Planchich, sang a special number entitled, "With My Savior Through the Shadows."

The chairman called on each department of the church for greetings to the Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Berndt. The deacons were represented by Mr. Conrad Reisbick; the Sunday School by the superintendent, Mr. Bob Delzer; the Ladies' Missionary Society by Mrs. Eileen Knopf; the trustees by Mrs. Ed Fauth; the choir by Mr. Wes Dyck. A solo was rendered by Miss Joyce Ochsner, entitled, "The Love of God."

Words of appreciation and thanks were then given by Mr. and Mrs. Berndt. The Rev. John Wobig closed the service with prayer. At the close of the service, refreshments were served in the lower church parlors.

Mrs. Walter P. Krell, Reporter.

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Louis Johnson by Central Church, Waco, Texas

On Friday evening, Jan. 18th, the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, officially installed its new pastor, the Rev. Louis R. Johnson. Along with Mr. Johnson, the church welcomed his wife and their two children, Vaughn Allen, seven years old and little Victoria, three months old. Guests from Dallas, Greenville, Kyle, Cottonwood, Crawford, Gatesville, Go-linda and Cego came to add their welcome.

The Rev. Arthur Schultz (Canaan Church, Crawford) led the song service, and selected verses of Scripture were read by the Rev. John Vanderbeck (Kyle). The Rev. J. O. Zillen (Cottonwood) led in the opening prayer. Acting as moderator, Mr. Ray-



Recent immigrants from Europe who have come to Edmonton, Alberta, and are now regularly attending the services of the Central Baptist Church and have become members there, with the pastor of the church, Rev. Henry Pfeifer (center, second row).

mond Engelbrecht, chairman of the Deacon Board, welcomed friends and visitors. The choir rendered a special number, "For God So Loveth the World."

The Rev. J. E. Roth, who served our church as interim pastor, expressed his welcome and best wishes to the Johnson family as did Mr. John Kittlitz, Jr., superintendent of the Sunday School; Mr. Edwin Gummelt, president of the choir; Mr. James Gossen, general director of the Training Union; Mrs. J. N. Kittlitz, president of the Woman's Training Union; Mr. Milton Lippert, representing the Board of Deacons; and Mr. Herman Balka (Dallas), president of the Southern Conference CBY and SS Workers Union. Misses Betty Lou Gossen and Peggy Roth sang "Jesus is the Sweetest Name I Know" and the Men's Chorus sang "God Is Love."

The installation address was given by the Rev. Harold Gieseke, pastor of the Carroll Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas, and a friend of the Johnsons since their Seminary days together. His address recalled the inauguration of Saul at Gil-Gal as king of Israel bringing out the encouragements which the young king had for making his reign successful. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson expressed their gratitude to God for their safe arrival in Waco and their thanks to the church for the welcome extended them and pledged their best efforts to the work in their new field, coveting the prayers and co-operation of the church members and friends.

This very impressive service was closed with prayer led by the Rev. Edwin Kraemer of the Bethel Heights Church in Gatesville. After the service those present were invited to the Fellowship Hall where refreshments were served and where all had an opportunity to meet Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and to greet old friends.

Mrs. Ernest Steindam, Reporter.

Thirty-three New Members Received at the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta

Sunday, Dec. 31st, was a day of rejoicing for the Central Baptist Church in Edmonton, Alberta. Upon confession of their faith, four new converts were baptized by our pastor, the Rev. Henry Pfeifer. The following Sunday, the first Sunday of the New Year, Mr. Pfeifer had the happy privilege to extend the hand of fellowship to these four and twenty-nine others as we gathered around the Lord's Table.

At this festive occasion, we were privileged to hear a challenging message delivered by our minister and were inspired by the hearty singing. The majority of these new members have come to us from far away Germany and we rejoice with them that God has protected and kept them.

During the week of January 7 to 12 Prayer Week was observed at Central Church. During this period well over 600 persons visited the house of prayer and experienced the blessings that were showered upon us. We were favored each evening by a brief word from various speakers and also a Felt-O-Scene picture by our pastor. Again during this week we realized the importance of our bi-lingual work here in Edmonton as both German and English groups met for prayer.

The Rev. John Leypoldt of Chicago, Ill., was the guest speaker on Thursday evening, Jan. 17th. Mr. Leypoldt brought us an inspiring message on the importance of Christian fellowship and the evening was further highlighted by the presence of the band from the Wiesenthal Baptist Church, which rendered several stirring selections. We also had as our guests the members of Lauderdale Baptist Church and McKernan Baptist Church both of which were former mission stations of Central Church.

Jeanette Buchner, Reporter.

More "Reports from the Field" appear on pages 16 to 22 of this issue of the BAPTIST HERALD.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

• The First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., conducts a radio broadcast every Sunday morning from 8:30 to 9:00 A.M. over a local station WTTN. The Senior CBY of the church is studying "The Temptations of Jesus," the book, "What Baptists Believe," by G. Benke, pastor, preached a series of sermons on "The Temptations of Jesus."

• The Rev. G. J. Thiessen recently resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Olds, Alta., Canada, which he has served since 1949. The church accepted the resignation with the understanding that Mr. Thiessen's ministry will be brought to a close in the near future. He is awaiting God's guidance as to the future, for, as he stated, "the Lord is the Guide of our lives."

• The Baptist Church of Victor, Iowa, has extended a call to the Rev. Alvin L. Wetter of Canistota, S. Dak., to become its pastor to which he has responded favorably. Mr. Wetter has served the Spring Valley Baptist Church for several years. He will begin his ministry in Victor, Iowa, on March 1st, succeeding the Rev. Dale Chaddock, now of the Union Church of Arnold, Pennsylvania.

• The Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Zimmermann of the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., have announced that a son has been born to them on Jan. 14. Their second child, Mark Elton, is their second child. The Rev. and Mrs. Zimmermann are the Rev. and Mrs. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., who have announced the arrival of a son, Donald Richard, who was born to them on February 6th. This is their third child.

• The Rev. Ralph C. Lutter recently resigned as pastor of the Minnetrista Baptist Church of St. Bonifacius, Minn., effective March 30th. He has served the church since 1948. Mr. Lutter stated in his letter that he would like to find the Lord's will for his next place of service, preferably in the North American Baptist churches. His ministry in the Minnetrista Baptist Church has been accompanied by many blessings from God with good success.

• The Baptist Church of Martin, N. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. John Engel of Ebenezer, Sask., Canada, pastor of the East Ebenezer Baptist Church since 1949 and radio minister over a station in Yorkton,



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford, Kans., who have arrived in the Cameroons, Africa, as our special missionaries for a two-year period. Mr. Hildebrand is the missionary-builder in charge of extensive building projects at the Bango Hospital and on the new leper field.

Saskatchewan. He has responded favorably to the call and hopes to begin his pastorate in Martin on March 1st. He is succeeding the late Rev. John Kepl, who died on Aug. 15, 1951, after a memorable ministry of ten years in the Martin Baptist Church.

• The McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Man., has called the Rev. C. H. Seecamp of Leduc, Alta., as its pastor. A favorable response has been given and announcement has been made that he will begin his pastorate in Winnipeg on July 1st. Mr. Seecamp has served the First Baptist Church of Leduc since 1946. In Winnipeg he will succeed the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, who is beginning his new ministry as a denominational evangelist on March 1st.

• At the quarterly business meeting of the Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Okla., on Jan. 14, it was decided to purchase the adjoining property for a parsonage. Work will soon begin on the remodeling of this property and on the completion of the church sanctuary. The Sunday School rendered a fine program on Christmas Eve. The Week of Prayer was observed in Janu-

ary with the Rev. L. H. Smith, pastor, leading the congregation in a profitable series of Bible studies.

• The Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn., has asked the Rev. D. S. Wipf to serve as interim pastor. He has been rendering this appreciated ministry since Jan. 6th. Brother Wipf is a member of the faculty of Northwestern Schools of Minneapolis, Minnesota. He also served as interim pastor for four months at the Daytons Bluff Church, St. Paul, Minnesota. The former pastor of the Hutchinson church, the Rev. W. G. Gerthe, has become the pastor of the Baptist church at Buffalo Center, Iowa.

• The Rev. Hugh Bronstad, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church of Chancellor, S. Dak., is now serving as pastor for a limited time of six months of the Calvary Baptist Church of Lennox, South Dakota. The congregation has a new church building but it has not become affiliated with any denominational group as yet. On Thursday evening, Feb. 14, Miss Ida Forsch, one of our Cameroons missionaries, brought a message about our African mission field to the Lennox church which was deeply appreciated.

• The Bethel Baptist Church of Ingersoll, Okla., has extended a call to the Rev. Walter Weber of Marion, Kans., to become its pastor. He has responded favorably and began his ministry in Ingersoll on Feb. 1st, succeeding the Rev. John Heer, now of Lehr, North Dakota. Mr. Weber has been serving as assistant pastor to the Rev. L. B. Hinz in the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas. The report about his ordination appeared in the Jan. 17, 1952 issue (page 18) of the BAPTIST HERALD.

• Mr. and Mrs. Jack Funnell of Bamenda in the Cameroons, Africa, have announced the birth of a daughter on Dec. 27th who has been named Joanne Maire. Mrs. Funnell is the former Miss Myrtle Hein of Leduc, Alta., one of our Cameroons missionaries. Miss Laura Reddig, who sent the news to headquarters described "the arrival in the Funnell family" as "a sweet, dark haired lassie." Mr. Funnell is a British engineer who is a fervent Christian in his witness and testimony.

• A Commissioned Baptist Youth society was organized by the young people attending the Trinity Baptist

Church in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on January 13. There are twenty-eight members, many of whom are attending college or the Seminary. Twenty-three of our churches are represented in this group and their prayer is that God will help them to grow spiritually and also in numbers. The officers of this CBY are: president, Earnest Zimbelman; vice - president, Sena Plucker; and secretary, Betty Wiese.

• The Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., has extended a call to the Rev. Adam Huber of Linton, North Dakota. Mr. Huber has responded favorably to the call and hopes to begin his pastorate in Minneapolis about April 16th. He has served the Linton church since 1948. In Minneapolis, he will succeed the Rev. L. B. Berndt, now of Portland, Oregon. The Faith Church is completing its building project which will give them a beautiful, spacious and worshipful sanctuary with wonderful Sunday School facilities.

• Early in January the Rev. Julius Kaaz of Philadelphia, Pa., a former minister of several of our churches and at present a guest with Mrs. Kaaz in the Philadelphia Home for the Aged, fell and injured his hip. He was removed to the Mt. Vernon Hospital at Mt. Vernon, New York. He is now recuperating from the accident at the Philadelphia Home where he can be reached at 7023 Rising Sun Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Kaaz served the Harlem Baptist Church of New York City until it was officially disbanded several months ago.

• The Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., has extended a call to the Rev. Leland H. Friesen of Sherwood, Ore., to become its pastor to which he has responded favorably. He hopes to begin his ministry in Okeene about May 1st. He has served the Stafford Baptist Church since 1943. From Oct. 1, 1951, to Dec. 31, 1951 he was privileged to receive 29 persons through baptism, letter and experience into the Stafford church. The Zion church of Okeene, Okla., is being served at present by the Rev. John Siems as interim pastor.

• The Baptist church of Linton, N. Dak., celebrated the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Weber on Nov. 25th. Musical numbers and brief congratulations were brought by members of the church and of the Weber family. The Rev. Adam Huber, pastor, spoke on "Ebenezer," stressing the values of the Christian family and home. Of their nine children, eight were able to be present at the festivities. One of their sons in the armed forces is stationed at present in Japan. Mr. and Mrs. Weber are faithful members of the church, and Mr. Weber

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

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

March 2, 1952—"A Pow Wow With the Chief" by Miss Faye Strohschein, Indian Reservation, Hobbema, Alta., Canada.

March 9, 1952—"Happy Is the Man" by Rev. Edwin W. Miller, Cleveland, Ohio.

YOUTH WEEK

We are confident that Youth Week has again been a real success in most of our churches. A report from your group to our office will be greatly appreciated. In addition to the suggested activities for the week, the young people from the Forest Park church had a very successful banquet with Missionary Paul Gebauer as guest speaker.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH WORKERS

We are happy to list a number of local church workers whose names and addresses have come to our attention. These fine trained and qualified leaders are active as church missionaries, directors of Christian Education, youth workers and church secretaries. We shall be glad to learn about other workers whose names are not listed in the following list:

Adelaide Klatt, Forest Park Church, Forest Park, Illinois.
LaVerna Mehlhaff, Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio.



"Stand fast therefore in the liberty where-with Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. For they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the spirit." Galatians 5:1, 24-25.

Bonnie Morgan, Holmes Street Church, Lansing, Michigan.
Henrietta Wilson, Clay Street Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.
Adeline Zimbelman, Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

The leaders of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church of Alpena, Michigan, proved that they realize the vital need for trained church leaders as they participated in a leadership training course one week in January. Two 50-minute classes were conducted each evening by Ruth Bathauer, Children's Worker, as guest instructor. The classes were well attended with the highest attendance for one evening of 28. Sixteen took the course for credit. Due to the distance some of the leaders had to travel, the classes were conducted in the various homes.

WHY A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL?

As we are confronted with this question, let us review a few of the many reasons. Two weeks spent in Daily Vacation Bible School gives your scholars approximately 80 hours of instruction, or nearly as much as a whole year of Sunday School. Interest can be stimulated which will increase your Sunday School attendance. Vacation School will serve as a means of reaching the unreached children in your community. As you make plans NOW for a school, don't fail to make arrangements for dates, director and staff, material and plan for a thorough visitation program conducted by your Sunday School, inviting children in the community.

CBY GUIDE FOR LEADERS

Our first printing of the handbook, "CBY Guide For Leaders," is completely sold out. The second edition is with the printers at this time and should be ready soon. There are still CBY groups without this valuable guide for the youth work in the churches. Why not place your order now to: CBY Union, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois? The price remains unchanged at 50 cents per copy. Here is a CBY handbook that will give your young people's organization new life and spiritual power.

COLLEGE AND SEMINARY STUDENT RECEPTIONS

For some years we have encouraged an evening for a student reception at which time students from our seminary, colleges, Bible Schools, as well

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Withering Grass

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heart would ever be free of the leaden weight of sorrow and grief. Mr. Wilcox had told him once that it would not always be so, that the time would come when he could think of Karen without driving a knife deeply into his heart.

"One of the most kindly gifts of God is that of forgetting. As time goes on you'll begin to forget and then you'll be happy again."

Ernest straightened quickly, startled by his friend's sacrilege. "I never want to forget her," he said harshly.

"Of course not, my boy. But the Lord knows best for all of us. We can't keep doors from closing. We can't remain in the rooms of the past. We've got to go on as living for today."

Although Ernest had determined that he would not forget Karen, as the weeks passed he found her slipping out of mind during the day time. He found that he could laugh again and look forward to the morrow with something akin to anticipation. But at night, when he withdrew to the confines of his room alone and shut out the noise and confusion of the daylight hours the memories would come flooding back.

He would dream of her standing in dazzling beauty just out of reach and beckoning to him. Occasionally he would advance until he could almost touch her hand before she retreated tantalizingly to beckon again. He would usually waken at that, trembling and with cold sweat on his forehead and the palms of his hands. It was then in the darkness and silence of night that the pain was the most poignant and real. Occasionally after such a dream he would not be able to go to sleep again before the morning sun streamed through his bedroom window.

The members of his church were sorry enough for him, but so few really understood. There were those who were impatient at any sign of grief, who felt that he should have spent his sorrowing on the day of the funeral and returned to throw himself into the work with all the enthusiasm and vitality of before, just as though nothing had happened. And there were those, especially among the women, who felt that he should wear his grief as a badge of honor for all to see.

It was worse if they chanced to be single themselves or the mothers of

marriageable daughters. Shortly after he returned to Prairie Grove he was invited to the home of one of his families for Sunday dinner.

"I want you to meet my Olivia, Reverend Henning," the portly matron concluded. "She has been away to school, you know." She leaned a bit closer. "And do bring Billy along. Olivia just adores little boys." But fortunately Pastor Wilcox had invited him out to dinner on that particular Sunday. Both noticed that the spinsters, the near-spinsters, and the unattached girls of the congregation were taking a motherly interest in Billy. Ernest was furious, but Reverend Wilcox was only amused.

"My boy, an unmarried pastor and especially a widowed pastor is open prey to every aspiring female in the country. You'll draw them like flies."

"It seems funny to me that they can't see that they're just making fools of themselves, and me, too."

"They will when you pick out some nice Christian girl and begin making it plain that you're going with her and no one else."

Ernest shook his head. "Not for me. Karen was the woman in my life. There'll never be another."

"I said the same thing, Ernest, and now I'm growing old alone. The Bible tells us that it's not good for a man to live alone. I found the truth of that the hard way." He straightened slowly. "Don't make the same mistake that I did."

But Ernest, whose soul was still burning with love for Karen could not believe that Wilcox was right.

As the weeks and months went by Ernest was vaguely concerned about the work at his church. It was nothing he could lay his finger on, no definite situation he could point to as the cause. It could not be seen in their attendance at any of the Sunday services, or in their tithes an offerings, or even in their willingness to accept responsibilities and work for the church. But rather it was a subtle thing, a hint of spiritual laxity, a growing coldness and indifference that were only the outward evidences of dry rot within, the prelude to falling attendance, dwindling offerings and ineffectual ministry.

He supposed that it had begun some time during the first few weeks after Karen's death, when all zest for life

and work—everything, was gone. He had known at times that he was not giving the church his best, that he was negligent in his visitation and occasionally in his messages. He could see that people were not stirred as they had been, but at the time it made little difference to him.

The congregation was satisfied enough. They came, took part, and went home without being convicted or challenged by his messages. He had noticed it and was disturbed, but it was not until he received a letter from Burt that he realized how badly he had faltered.

"Dear Ernie:

"Well, I'm finally ready to sail. It's taken me so long to get on my way that I've thought many times that the Lord didn't want me in Indo-China. But we've finally got all the arrangements made and I'm sailing from San Francisco Friday."

"Now that I'm going into a foreign field Ernie, I see the need for churches like yours back home, churches with a real missionary vision. Your work is as important as ours. Keep them praying. Keep them interested. Keep them giving so that our work is not handicapped. It's up to men like you to see that we're successful..."

There was more, but Ernest had difficulty in reading it. The print blurred and danced before his eyes.

There had been a time when the church had been what Burt said it was. In the early months of his ministry the work was growing. Spiritual progress was made. He could look back on his efforts with satisfaction as having accomplished something for the Lord. But now it was different. Most of the gains that had been so slowly won were slipping away.

He laid the letter down slowly and ran his hand through his tousled hair.

"You know, Ernest," Wilcox said when he told him what had taken place. "I've been expecting it. In fact, I've noticed it for some time."

"You have? Then why didn't you tell me?" he demanded.

"I believe in meeting one problem at a time. And you're having plenty of trouble with the one you're on without my throwing another at you. I don't know what it is or why it is," the older man went on, "but I'm not satisfied with my ministry any more. I'm afraid that I'm preaching too much as people want me to preach and not enough as God does."

Something about his manner stilled Ernest's protestation in his throat.

"As you pray for yourself, Ernest would you pray for me, too?"

"Of course I will."

"And I'll be remembering you."

"I appreciate that, Nels."

They sat quietly for a minute or two as though studying the import of what had been said. Then Wilcox looked at his notebook again. "How'd you like to do something for me?"

"If I can I'd be glad to."

"I'm going to be away next Friday evening and our church has a fellowship dinner. I'd like to have you speak for me."

The fellowship dinner was the first occasion that Ernest had had to visit the church where Nels served. He was surprised at the size and fervor of the congregation. His message was simple and straightforward, yet delivered with such sincerity and earnestness that the congregation sat in rapt interest through it all. However, on the way home it was not the message and the acclaim that it had received that he remembered, but the quiet smile and the soft grey eyes of the organist.

He had not noticed her as the service started. Indeed he might not have noticed her at all had it not been for the huge oscillating fan that stood on a heavy chromium stand beside the organ. A portly soprano of somewhat doubtful ability had taken her place before it and began to sing. The first verse was uneventful; but as she reached the chorus, the fan, as though loosed by her shrill, tremulous crescendo, started with a roar that seemed to shake her down to her ankles. Her feather bedecked hat was blasted into the aisle and her expensive hair-do went swirling about her head. An embarrassed titter of laughter floated over the congregation. She gasped, choked on the words and stopped singing. The instant the organ stopped the roar of the fan subsided.

It was then that Ernest cast a side-long glance at the organist who seemed to be struggling between suppressed laughter and a furious glance toward a row of giggling boys along the far wall. She was not especially beautiful. No more so than the average girl, and yet there was a refreshing loveliness about her, the freshness of youth and the natural beauty of purity.

The flustered matron patted her hair nervously in a vain attempt to undo the damage that only two hours in a beauty salon could hope to remedy and nodded to the organist. The music started again as though nothing had happened. For half a dozen bars all went well and then the fan began again. The music faltered, but the soprano, after the first shudder of dismay, grimly continued to sing. It was only when one of the deacons had presence of mind enough to remove the extension cord from the wall outlet behind the organ that the fan finally stopped. Somehow the song was finished. How, it did not matter. There were few in the congregation who were able to listen by then.

A quartette sang, followed by a trombone solo, and then Ernest was introduced. After he had finished speaking, after the last person had come forward to tell him of the blessing his message had brought he turned to gather up his notes. To his surprise the diminutive organist was still sitting at the instrument putting away her music.

"I want to tell you how much your message meant to me," she said smiling, as their eyes met. It presented a real challenge."

"Thank you. I enjoyed your playing too." A grin spread over his angular face. "Especially the sound effects."

The color rose in her cheeks. "I didn't think it a bit funny." But he could see laughter playing hide and seek in her eyes.

"If your purpose was to blast her out of the church it wasn't quite successful."

And then the laughter escaped her grasp and came bubbling out, but only for an instant.

"That Sunday School class of mine," she stormed quite without anger. "I'm going to give them a piece of my mind Sunday morning."

"And why, might I ask? You couldn't blame them for laughing."

"Perhaps not, but they didn't need to set this—this booby trap for me. The whole affair was their doing. They've got that extension cord wound in around the organ pads so they'd short across and start the fan when I got to playing."

Ernest laughed heartily.

"What's so funny about that? Mrs. Tremaine is the wife of the church chairman, and she was furious."

Ernest only grinned.

"I'm glad someone can see the humor in it. I don't think I'll get back my natural color for a week."

"I can assure you those kids saw the humor in it, too." He sat down on the corner of the organ. "That sounds almost exactly like some of the pranks my three year old pulls."

"That's right, you do have a little boy." Her interest was genuine.

He nodded. "And he's all boy, too. Last week he asked Mrs. Lanier for the hammer and when he got it he whacked her on the big toe."

"I hope Mrs. Lanier had a sense of humor, too."

"She does. But to tell you the truth it wasn't elastic enough to take in that situation. He was turned upside down and soundly walloped."

"Did it do any good?"

"Judging from the snickers that came from his room after the crying stopped I'd say that the results were rather short-lived. But the little fellow isn't always like that. Sometimes he's downright loveable."

"I'm sure he is."

They left the church together and she started to walk up the street. "Good night."

"Would you like a ride home?"

"Thank you, I do have a long walk."

The following morning Ernest went over to see Billy at Mrs. Lanier's. Leaving him was almost worse than not seeing him at all. The little fellow clung so tightly to his arm and the big tears, that he always struggled to keep down, managed to escape and slide down his fat cheeks. He did not whimper or complain. But, as Ernest



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SYNOPSIS

The Rev. Ernest Henning had finally arrived! The greatest opportunity of his career was at hand, that of candidating in the big, influential church of Elba City. Always his illustrious younger brother had soared to heights in the spotlight ahead of him. If only Karen could have known the glory that now had come his way. Suddenly his mind was flooded with memories, meeting Karen at "an open house" party the first week of college. How vividly he remembered those days of many years ago at Indiana Christian College! Later Ernest and Karen were married in the seminary chapel and went to their first pastorate in Kansas. A son came to bring joy to their family life, and also a call came from a big church at Prairie Grove. Then with tragic suddenness Karen died. Everyone tried to comfort Ernest, but he felt bitter toward life until Pastor Wilcox, a neighboring minister, helped him by saying: "It's for times like these that we have our faith!"

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

Pastor Wilcox and Ernest came to be close friends in the months that followed. Ernest took to looking forward to the older man's visits, to going over to see him when loneliness and grief seemed unbearable, or when he wanted to talk of Karen. Wilcox seemed to be the only one he could really talk with about her. He would neither sit and talk of her constantly, lamenting the tragedy that had befallen him as so many felt obligated to do, nor yet, would he avoid every mention of her name as some of Ernest's other friends contrived.

The change was so slow that he could scarcely mark its progress, but gradually the days became less difficult to bear. He had not supposed that they would ever be easy again, that his

bent to kiss him goodbye Billy said, "Daddy, you and me—we're going to move back over to our house again pretty soon, aren't we, daddy? Aren't we?" Ernest turned quickly away.

Back at home he had scarcely hung up his coat and hat when the doorbell rang.

"All right, all right," he muttered beneath his breath in the manner of one who would like to ignore the impertinent command altogether. "I'm coming."

It was Wilcox at the door.

"Come on in, Nels. I need company." "Good."

"For once I'm glad you aren't one of my flock in difficulty. I don't feel up to that today."

"What's the matter?" he smiled. "Has the preacher got troubles too?"

"Plenty of them." Ernest sat down on a chair in the dining room and Nels followed suit. "I was over to see Billy today."

He nodded understandingly.

"It's almost more than I can take."

"It isn't any of my business, Ernie, but I think I can tell you what's wrong with him. That boy needs a mother."

"I know that. It'd all be so different if Karen were still alive."

"You should let the doors close, Ernest. That's the only road of happiness for you."

He looked at him queerly as though not quite able to grasp his meaning.

"God saw fit to close a door on that phase of your life. We don't know why. And don't doubt His wisdom, Ernest. As He closes doors, let them close."

"That's hard philosophy."

"Not at all. It's simply a matter of putting your trust in the Lord." He sighed and pulled out his watch. "But I did mean what I said about Billy's needing a mother. You're young. Don't make the same mistake I did."

"Nels," his voice was suddenly harsh. "This's something I've got to work out for myself."

"Of course." He spoke softly. "But as you work it out, remember not to leave God out of the planning."

Ernest did not reply. Nels understood. His gentle, probing eyes always discovered the truth.

"But all of this is beside the point," Nels went on. "I came over to see you about something else."

"Come on out in the kitchen and we'll have a cup of coffee while we talk."

They went into the kitchen and in a few minutes Ernest poured the coffee and sat down in a chair across the table. "There isn't much to eat here."

"That's all right. I'm really not hungry. He smiled again, a wan, twisted smile that was quite without mirth. For the first time Ernest got a brief glimpse of the older man's concern. There was a long silence.

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as other schools, get together for fellowship, inspiration, and get-acquainted hour. We recommend that such receptions be held particularly in larger cities where a large number of our students attend school in an area. In February two such student receptions are being held: one on February 22 at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and one at our headquarters office, Forest Park, Ill., on February 25th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STANDARD

In addition to the several Sunday Schools listed in a previous issue, the Sunday School of our Strassburg Baptist Church, near Marion, Kans., has adopted the Sunday School Standard.

NEW MISSIONARY LEAFLET

A new leaflet entitled, "Our Mission in Austria," is just off the press. Here is interesting, detailed, thrilling mission news and facts concerning OUR mission enterprise in Austria.

YOUR CHILDREN'S HOME

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the bell rang and children and guests gathered in the living room for a short devotional period and a program of music and carol singing. Then the door to the dining room was opened and the children rushed in to find their gifts.

It is a lovely sight to see all the stacks of beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts; all gifts from the kind people of our churches. How generous you are, and what pains you took to make your gift look pretty! It seemed even a shame to begin opening the gifts. But soon there was little regard for beautiful wrappings.

Then the shouts of delight: "See what I got!" "Look, what somebody sent me!" "Isn't this beautiful!" "This truck runs!" "This doll cries!" And so it went until the last gift was unwrapped. After all the gifts had been opened and each child had gathered his or hers together, the task of "cleaning up the mess" began. But that didn't take long, for almost everyone lent a hand and it was soon done.

It was a big day, and a happy one! We appreciate that it was you in our churches who made it so. For most of the gifts came from you; from Woman's Societies, from young people's groups and Sunday School classes. A few came from individuals and business places of the community.

We have said nothing about the gifts sent to the Home as such, but we want you to know that we greatly appreciate every one of them. We want to thank you, one and all, for your kindness, and for the way that you always "keep the children in your heart."

God's Blessings for the Carbon Baptist Church and Zion Station, Carbon, Alberta

The summer of 1951 was very different from other summers in the area of Carbon, Alberta. We had much rain and cool weather and the crop looked wonderful. With the greatest expectations, our hard working farmers looked upon their bountiful harvest fields. Great plans and many investments were made. But before we were in the full swing of harvest, the winter settled down upon us and today 75 percent of our bumper crop is buried under the snow. Only the spring of 1952 will reveal whether we are able to harvest some of our crop or not. But we have become reconciled to our misfortune. "The Lord still cares for his own."

Plans were made for our various fall and winter activities. Sunday, Nov. 4th, was set aside for our annual Harvest Mission Festival. The Rev. E. P. Wahl, director of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, answered our wish and was our guest speaker for the occasion. At Carbon the Sunday School had a fine thanksgiving program followed by the morning worship. Mr. Wahl brought an inspiring mission message and the offering was \$954.13. In the evening we assembled at our Zion chapel. The choir sang fitting mission songs under the direction of Mr. Elmer Seibel. Mr. Wahl brought a challenging message and the offering for the day climbed to \$1321.50.

From November 19 to 30 we had revival meetings. The Rev. Fred E. Klein of Colfax, Wash., was our evangelist. Very convincing messages were preached every evening. Twelve persons found Christ as their Savior.

At both stations we had a lovely Christmas program. At Carbon it was under the leadership of Mr. Adam Buyer, superintendent, and at Zion under the direction of Mr. Johnny Seibel, superintendent. It was also a season of HOMECOMING since we have many of our young people at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton and some in colleges as well as some working away from home. At this Christmas time the various members and friends of the church presented the minister and family with very useful Christmas packages. Both stations gave gifts of money and the Sunday School at Carbon presented the pastor with a certificate for a Stetson hat. Also the Ladies' Missionary Society presented the preacher's wife with a gift of money.

On New Year's Eve we assembled in our sanctuary in Carbon to spend the last four hours of the old year in God's House. Almost everyone present quoted a Scripture verse, and some with a testimony as a New Year's resolution. The Ladies' Missionary Society had a special part in the program with Miss Ida Forsch, a member of our church and one of our missionaries in the Cameroons in Africa, as the speaker. From 11:30 to 12:00 P.M. the church observed the Lord's Supper.

Jacob G. Rott, Pastor.



Dakota Conference

Thirty-three New Members Received Into Baptist Church, Herreid, South Dakota

On Sunday evening, January 6th, we of the Herreid Baptist Church, Herreid, S. Dak., had the joy of receiving thirty-three people into the fellowship of our church, twenty-five of them through baptism. About 500 people crowded into our church to witness the baptismal service.

These people were won for Christ last fall in our revival campaign from Nov. 4 to 16, in which the Rev. Wm. Hoover from Benton Harbor, Mich., served as evangelist. Forty-four persons were saved in those meetings. We are expecting to have another baptismal service on Easter Sunday.

Brother Hoover is a very fine evangelist and our church greatly appreciated his services. During the campaign our church was crowded to capacity at every service throughout the two weeks.

E. S. Fenske, Pastor.

Fine Christmas Program and Surprise for the Pastor at Bismarck, North Dakota

Christmas proved to be a most inspirational season for the Bismarck Baptist Church of Bismarck, North Dakota. The annual program of the Sunday School was given on the Sunday evening before Christmas. The young people, under the directorship of Victor Bettger, had prepared the play, "A Stranger in Bethlehem," for Christmas Eve. The play had a fine message and all members of the cast did superb acting. On January 20 they presented this same program at Hebron, North Dakota.

After the play the pastor, the Rev. Edward Kary, was pleasantly surprised when he was called to the front and presented with a fine cash Christmas gift from the young people. Immediately, one of the deacons came forward and presented him with another cash gift from the church. Words cannot express how deeply these gifts were appreciated. At the annual business meeting the pastor also received an increase in salary in the amount of \$600.

Our new church building has proved a great blessing to us. Each Sunday it is filled to capacity. May God continue to shower his blessings upon us!

Edward Kary, Pastor.



The worshipful setting for the Nativity scene in the Baptist Church of Cathay, N. Dak., when the Sunday School's Christmas program was given.

Candlelight Service and Youth Rally at Baptist Church of Cathay, North Dakota

On Sunday evening, Dec. 16th, the Cathay Baptist Church of Cathay, N. Dak., conducted an inspiring candlelight carol service, with the local Methodist and Germantown Baptist churches as special guests. The sanctuary was beautifully decorated with lighted tapers and evergreen branches.

A manger scene as the worship center gave reality to the story of the Nativity as it was presented in passages from the Bible, sacred literature, and a variety of carols and special anthems. Above the manger scene was a picture of Bethlehem as drawn by a member of our church, Mrs. Martin Kandt. Musical groups which rendered the suitable Christmas music included a youth choir, mixed quartet, duets, male quartet and a soloist. The service was fittingly concluded by a brief sermonette by our pastor, the Rev. L. Bienert.

On Dec. 27th, our young people were hosts to the CBY groups of our Northern North Dakota Assembly at their annual holiday songfest. A banquet was served by the women of the church at 5:30 P.M. The evening service was devoted to choral singing by a mass choir directed by the Rev. L. Bienert, with Mrs. A. Buhler at the piano, and a number of special numbers by smaller groups representing the various churches. We were all

thrilled by the fine rendition of "The Hallelujah Chorus" by a mixed choir from the Martin church. The message of the evening was brought by Mr. Orville Meth, a senior at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., who gave an inspiring message from the book of Jonah. The Rev. A. Buhler, dean of the assembly, was in charge of the evening program.

Our church has been richly blessed with the ministry of our new pastor, the Rev. L. Bienert and his capable wife. Under their able and energetic leadership we are looking forward to years of greater service to God and our community.

Freda Reddig, Reporter.

Programs and a Reunion at Grace Church of Gackle and Alfred, North Dakota

In spite of the severe Dakota winter weather, we of the Grace Baptist Church in Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak., have held many inspiring programs. The Woman's Missionary Society gave a very instructive and convincing program on "Tithes and Offerings" according to the Bible. The offering, together with the Sunday School, for our home project was \$764.24. Both churches, Alfred and Gackle, paid off \$1200 toward the debt on our new parsonage. The pastor received a \$360 raise, and seven converts were baptized on December 16. These are evidences of God's providence and blessings among us.

On November 21 Mr. Albert Rutsch, his wife and three children came to Jamestown, N. Dak., where I met him at the train after not having seen him for 38 years. I am the oldest and he is the youngest of ten children. Albert was among the families driven to Siberia in the World War I. He returned after a few years to find the home place in ruins. He and his older sisters built up the place, only again to be driven off in World War II. He was separated from his family for about six years until he found his family again in the Russian Zone and stole them out. They lived as DP's in Germany until they could come to America through the courtesy of the Baptist World Alliance.

Because of their four month old boy, they were permitted to come over by plane. Our churches, Gackle and Alfred, gave them a hearty and warm welcome in word and deed, supplying them generously with food, clothes, bedding and even household goods. They are most grateful for all the kindness shown them and thank God for the blessings and freedom in "good" America. Their first Christmas in America was a memorable one.

On Friday, Dec. 21, the Gackle church choir rendered the Christmas cantata, "The Chorus in the Skies" by Fred Holton, to a full house. Reuben Remboldt was the director. The Christmas programs in both churches were the climax of a busy year. We trust our heavenly Father will be with us in this year of 1952 as he was in the past.

G. W. Rutsch, Pastor.

Central Conference

Evangelistic Meetings and Baptism of Sixteen Converts at Detroit's Conner Baptist Church

The young people's group of the Conner Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., wishes to share a few of the many blessings received during the revival meetings of a short time ago. The Rev. Walter Stein, our evangelist from Tyndall, S. Dak., abundantly blessed us with soul-stirring messages, which resulted in sixteen persons giving their hearts to our Lord and Savior. Since our revival meetings were held in both the German and English languages, we were exceedingly joyful to witness that the greater part of the young people who pledged their lives to Christ had just recently come from Germany.



Ten young people who were recently baptized at the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Neb., by the Rev. George Neubert, pastor (right).

A few weeks after the departure of Mr. Stein, everyone of these new converts was baptized by our pastor, the Rev. Otto Patzia. We hope and pray that the life of each of our new converts will be richly blessed by our Lord.

Our pastor, the Rev. Otto Patzia, has been with our church for four years. Throughout this time our church has had constant growth. We thank God for the fellowship and many blessings we have had with Mr. and Mrs. Patzia during these years.

Margaret Von Nolting, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Youth Installation and Watch Night Services at First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.

We of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., have reason to testify, "The Lord has been good to us!" Every organization of our church has been working hard and has accomplished much under the leadership of our beloved pastor, the Rev. G. G. Rauser, and his wife who give so untiringly of themselves for Christ's service. During the year we have had two baptismal services with a total of 51 persons baptized and these together

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with 29 others were accepted into our fellowship.

The Christmas season was an active one. On Sunday evening, Dec. 23rd, the CBY gave its annual Christmas play entitled, "A Gift for the Christ Child." On Christmas Eve the children of the Sunday School under the able leadership of our Sunday School superintendent and the teachers presented their Christmas program.

On Sunday evening, Jan. 6th, the CBY began its new year by installing the new officers at a beautiful candle-light service. The speaker for this service was Mr. August Auch who was the BYPU president in 1936. He encouraged the young people to become

song service and meditation by our pastor, the Rev. W. W. Knauf. The second period was in charge of our CBY that presented the Christmas play, "They Presented Gifts." The following hour with its coffee and cake provided by the ladies of the church was an hour of sweet fellowship. The closing hour of the year was spent in testimonies and prayers and too soon the chimes rang out the tidings that a New Year had arrived.

We observed the Week of Prayer from January 7 to 11. Monday night was Church Night and the meeting was in charge of our deacons, all of whom presented the topics suggested by our denomination. Tuesday, Men's Night, was in charge of our Brotherhood; Wednesday, Sunday School Night, was in charge of our superintendent; Thursday, women's night, was in charge of our Woman's Missionary Society; and Friday, Young People's Night, was in charge of our CBY. Each period was closed with prayer and the participation by both young and old was fine and always brought us nearer to our Lord and Master.

We have held a Teacher's Training Course which was very interesting and informative. Our pastor, who is our able teacher, made each lesson so interesting that the two-hour periods passed altogether too quickly.

Theodora G. Wuttke, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Evangelistic and Baptismal Services and New Church Building at Beatrice, Nebraska

During the two weeks of Nov. 5 to 18, evangelistic meetings were held at the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Nebraska. The Rev. L. H. Smith of Corn, Okla., was the guest speaker. Ten persons made public confession of Jesus Christ as their Savior and were recently baptized by our pastor, the Rev. George Neubert.

Services for the laying of the cornerstone for the new church edifice were held on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 18. The Rev. L. H. Smith was the guest speaker. The stone was laid in place by Mr. H. L. Coates, deacon of the church. A Bible, the list of the current membership of the church, the names of the men who had charge of the material, also the building committee and finance committee were enclosed.

The new building which is much larger than the old structure, replaces the edifice which was completely demolished in an explosion on March 1, 1950. At the present time we are using a nearby unused church building. We hope to have the basement completed and ready to move into in the near future. The new building of red brick will be a beautiful structure when it is finished.

Since the arrival of the Rev. and Mrs. George Neubert, through their untiring efforts, the Sunday School and church services have shown a great and encouraging increase.

Mrs. C. M. Ellison, Clerk.

Special Programs and Evangelistic Meetings at the Strassburg Church Near Marion, Kansas

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kans., presented its annual missionary program on Dec. 20. A student from Indonesia, Mrs. Tan, was the guest speaker. The mission offering amounted to \$195.

The Sunday School presented its Christmas program at which a fine offering for the Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich., was taken.

The church had the joy of helping Mr. and Mrs. Martin Vogel celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in November. A host of relatives and friends came to join in the celebration.

Our assistant pastor, the Rev. Walter Weber, has accepted a call to the Bethel Baptist Church of Ingersoll, Okla., and went to the field on February 1st.

The church conducted a week of prayer in February which was followed by two weeks of revival and evangelistic meetings. The Rev. Walter Stein of Tyndall, S. Dak., was the speaker and evangelist.

Mrs. L. B. Hinz, Reporter.

Week of Prayer Observed by the Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Oklahoma

In accord with a plan submitted by the board of deacons, all organizations of the Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Okla., cooperated in the observance of the week of Prayer from January 7 to 11.

The plan employed the topics and texts suggested by the denomination. Each church organization was given charge of the prayer service for one evening of the week and asked to lead the song service and devotions and to provide a special number. On the evening when it was in charge, each organization was also asked to present prayer requests for its own needs and for those phases of our denominational life in which it had a special interest. In this way all areas of the work of the local church and all denominational societies and institutions were brought to the attention of the church during the course of the week.

The presentation of local and denominational needs and opportunities given by members of the various organizations became a high light of each evening's service. These periods proved to be informative as well as an encouragement to prayer. The total program brought about a broad participation in observing the Week of Prayer.

John Siems, Interim Pastor.

CBY Election and Week of Prayer at Baptist Church, La Salle, Colorado

Recently the CBY of the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., held its annual election. Our CBY has reorganized to comply with the CBY Guide. The new officers are: president, Clarence Schmidt; vice-presi-

dent, Irene Croissant; secretary, Ruth Zimmerman; treasurer, Roy Schmidt. The officers were installed by the Rev. David Zimmerman on Nov. 4th.

On Dec. 18, a group of our young people of La Salle went carolling in Greeley and La Salle. On Dec. 24, the Sunday School's annual Christmas program was held at the La Salle church. A fine program of recitations, vocal and instrumental numbers was given. A play, "The Faithful Pioneer," was presented by some of the young people of the school.

On Dec. 31st, in spite of unfavorable weather conditions and illness, a small group gathered at the La Salle Baptist church to welcome in the new year. In the first hour all present participated in the exercise, "The New Leaf," taken from the Broadcast. The last hour, the Rev. David Zimmerman spoke to us on "Hitherto and Henceforth." The remainder of the hour was spent in testimonies and prayer until the new year arrived.

The Week of Prayer was observed from January 7 to 13. Mr. Zimmerman ably led us each evening with the topic, "Revival." Beginning with the revival of the individual, spreading to two and more, he considered revival in the family, congregation, community and nation. Our theme chorus was "Send a Great Revival." The attendance started at 24 and advanced to 40 by the end of the week. We received spiritual blessings from the sermons and a new desire to do more for our Savior.

Evelyn Meyer, Reporter.

Christmas and New Year's Services at the Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas

On December 16 the 27-voice-choir of the First Baptist Church of Durham, Kans., under the direction of Mr. Dick Friesen presented the cantata, "The Music of Bethlehem," in the local High School gymnasium. The large audience was delighted with the presentation. We feel that in this way we made a fine contribution to the true Christmas spirit of our community.

Our Christmas Eve program was well prepared and attractively presented. The presentation by the kindergarten and beginners' classes was facilitated by the use of the new public address system which our "Baptist Men" purchased for the church. A pageant of the nativity scenes was presented by our High School group under the direction of their Sunday School teachers, Miss Florence Hefly and Mrs. Beltz. The church was packed to the doors on this occasion. Mr. Elmer Frick is our Sunday School superintendent and Mrs. H. Janzen was the program chairman.

The special feature in our Watch Night service was a testimony of his personal experiences in Korea presented by Sergeant Ray Sams. How we need to pray for these places of suffering and violent death!

From January 6 to 11 we observed the universal prayer week. The attendance and the spirit of prayer were most encouraging. Our men's organization under the leadership of Mr.

H. Janzen had charge of one evening service; the CBY with Willis Herbel as president and Mrs. Irwin Geis as sponsor presented the subject for prayer on education night; and the women of the church with Mrs. Dave Zimmerman led us in another evening of prayer. The last evening was concluded with a social. The prayers were spontaneous and hearty. May God send us a Holy Ghost born revival in 1952!

Henry R. Baerg, Pastor.

Recent Activities and Special Programs at the Shell Creek Church of Nebraska

The recent activities of the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Neb., have again been varied and God has bestowed upon us his wonderful blessings. We began our activities of the fall and winter seasons with our first Rally and Promotional Day in our Sunday School on Sept. 30. On that day the nursery class for the tiny children was added to our active Sunday School. The Sunday School presented its Harvest and Mission Festival program on the morning of Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22. This was followed by our annual Thanksgiving services both in the morning and evening, and we counted it a real privilege to have Dr. Thorwald Bender of Chicago, Ill., with us for the entire Thanksgiving weekend. Our combined Thanksgiving Day offerings amounted to \$1318.00.

On December 9 it was our joy to meet two of our Cameroons missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson. As they gave us further glimpses into the work being carried on in Africa, we realize that much needs to be done but rejoice over the doors which God is ever opening wider. The Rev. R. Schilke, our mission secretary, challenged us further to this end as he spoke to us on the evening of December 16 and gave reports of what God is permitting us as a denomination to do on the numerous mission fields.

Our choir directed by our pastor, the Rev. Paul Hunsicker, commemorated our Savior's birth by presenting the Christmas cantata, "King All Glorious," on December 23, and then repeated it on December 27 in the Evangelical Free church of Columbus, Nebraska. Also during the Christmas season we experienced a real blessing as we sang the beautiful Christmas carols to the sick and aged, and passed on our blessings even further by distributing gift boxes to some needy families in Columbus.

Then as the old year came to a close, we paused at our Watch Night service to look back over the past year, and could only say that God is ever true and great and ever holds us in his care. On that evening Mr. Hunsicker showed the beautiful film, "Journey into Faith," and after the short program we enjoyed a social hour which preceded the season of devotion and prayer as the old year slipped into the past.

Gertrude Lange, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Sunday School Programs and Workers' Conference at Philadelphia's Pilgrim Baptist Church

On Sunday evening, Dec. 23, the Sunday School of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., presented its annual program. The Children's Division of the school under the inspiring leadership of its superintendent, Miss Anna Draeger, presented a Christmas cantata entitled, "The Children of Bethlehem." It was indeed a thrilling sight to see the precious Christmas story acted out and sung to us by the children in their own inimitable way. Over 240 people were in attendance, including many parents from the neighborhood who would not otherwise attend church.

On January 14, the Sunday School officers and teachers had their dinner meeting and Workers' Conference combined. The meeting was led by the newly elected superintendent, Mr. E. Ralph Kletke, and was opened with a short devotional by the assistant superintendent, Mr. William McClain. After a short business session, we were privileged to have our efficient and enthusiastic general secretary of the CBY and SSW Union, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, lead us in a challenging training session.

Mr. Gunst opened the training session with these remarks, as to the program of the Sunday School: "First, teachers and officers must be definitely sure of what they are going to do. Then they must consistently carry through with the program." We were then given the verse from Colossians 1:10 to challenge us for the new year. He gave us a splendid and very tangible presentation of the Sunday School Standard. He suggested classifying the Standard under three headings: Goals 1 to 3, Beyond Ourselves; 4 to 6, Soul Nurture and Growth; and goals 7 to 10, Riches for Jesus' Sake.

During the fall the school had an increase of 14.6 per cent in attendance and won honorable mention in the Philadelphia Area Sunday School contest. The school is thankful to the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Damrau, for his helpful leadership and active support. We praise God for his rich blessings upon us, and endeavor to go forward under his guidance bringing Christ to the community.

E. Ralph Kletke, Superintendent.

60th Anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Union of New York and Vicinity

With beautiful mild weather we of the Woman's Missionary Union of New York and Vicinity met at the Second German Baptist Church of New York City for our anniversary meeting on November 15, with our president, Mrs. John Schmidt, presiding. The afternoon session was opened with devotions led by Mrs. W. Nicolet of the Second Church, her topic being found in Psalm 34:3. Miss Louise

Boeck, president of the host society, extended a very hearty welcome to us to which Mrs. Schmidt responded with thanks. The Ladies' Choir rendered a very fitting song.

Our Union was organized on Nov. 9, 1891 at the Harlem Baptist Church of New York City and it was discovered two ladies in the meeting were present at the time of organization, Mrs. F. W. Becker and Mrs. L. Walz Lochner.

The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read. The roll call revealed that 13 societies were represented with a total of 100 members present. Mrs. Frank Orthner gave a very fine report on the history of the Union and paid special tribute to those who have held office and to those who have departed from us. The following women served as president: Mrs. L. Maeder, 40 years; Mrs. V. H. Prendinger, 14 years; Mrs. W. Swyter, 4 years; and at present, Mrs. John Schmidt is serving. Mrs. R. E. Hoeffling served as secretary 45 years, Mrs. F. W. Becker 13 years, and Mrs. A. Husmann one year. Mrs. G. A. Schulte was the first treasurer. Mrs. A. L. Hickman Reichert served for many years; Mrs. G. Kris 18 years.

Thanks was given to Mrs. G. Kris for her kindness in taking over the treasurer's books after the death of Mrs. E. Leeb. The result of the elections were: president, Mrs. John Schmidt; 1st vice-president, Mrs. J. Woelfle; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. G. Beck; treasurer, Mrs. A. Metzger; secretary, Mrs. C. G. Kling.

Mrs. G. Beck favored us with a beautiful request solo, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked," and a poem entitled "Jochabed" was given by Mrs. M. Neuman. A dialogue, "A Sunday Outing," was given by ladies of the Second Church, Union City, New Jersey.

The evening service was opened with a song service led by the Rev. John Schmidt. Scripture reading of the 92nd Psalm was by our vice-president, Mrs. G. Beck, and prayer by the Rev. Paul Wengel. Musical selections, "Trusting Jesus" and "My Jesus I Love Thee," were sung by members of the Fellowship Church, Passaic, New Jersey. Installation of new officers with the Rev. W. J. Appel in charge challenged the officers with words of encouragement.

The address was brought by the Rev. W. J. Appel of the Pilgrim Church, Jersey City, N. J. whose topic was based on the 12th chapter of Exodus, "What mean ye by this service?" The offering of the day was \$111.57. The sum of \$100 was designated for the Leper Hospital in the Cameroons and \$100 for the Old People's Home in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

A quartet of the Second Church, New York, N. Y., favored us with a selection and the closing prayer and benediction were by Rev. Herman Kuhl. We left with the feeling of gratitude to God for the glorious day of fellowship. God willing, we shall meet at the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., for the May meeting.

Mrs. Charles G. Kling, Secretary.

The Ridgewood Baptist Church of New York Celebrates Its Ninety-seventh Anniversary

Like birthdays, anniversaries cause us of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Ridgewood, N. Y., to pause and consider our accomplishments to the present and our goals for the future. So with the celebration of our 97th anniversary on January 13, we look back on our glorious history grateful for the Lord's guidance and say with Samuel of old: "Ebenazer, hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Our beloved pastor, the Rev. Paul Wengel, brought the message at the German service on Sunday morning. Following Sunday School, we were privileged to hear Dr. Elmer A. Fridell, former president of the American Baptist Convention. In a challenging sermon based on Mark 1:37 and 38, Dr. Fridell urged his audience not to be satisfied with past success but to broaden horizons and increase efforts, going out into all the world to preach the Gospel.

At the afternoon meeting the leaders of each organization of the church presented reports on their activities during the year. The treasurers of the various groups also reported, and it was encouraging to note that all the budgets balanced. We ended the year with a surplus of \$1300 in the current expense offering and although \$1300 had recently been appropriated for missions, there was another sum of \$300 still to be designated. The Penny-a-Meal Fund has given the church a lot of fun and is providing extra funds for special undertakings, including the support of Miss Katy Yudit, who is now doing Christian social work in the Jugendheim, Lichterfelde-Berlin.

During a brief memorial service, the names of members who were called home since the last anniversary were read and a hymn was sung and prayer offered. Mr. Orrin Judd, whose father-in-law was the Rev. J. C. Grimmell, was given an opportunity to make some remarks and he recalled with pleasure his long association with the church. The Rev. A. E. Kannwischer, predecessor of Mr. Wengel, and now a chaplain in the Federal Penitentiary at Tallahassee, Fla., reviewed some church history and brought us up-to-date on the activities of his own family. This meeting was followed by a congenial supper-fellowship downstairs at which Miss Helen Grimmell favored us with some pertinent observations. Our pastor announced a topic in which all could participate: "I like my church because — — —" and asked each speaker to limit himself to 25 words. There was a lively response.

The evening service brought this great day to a close. Both senior and junior choirs helped to make the anniversary a memorable one. Mr. Kannwischer presented a fine message on looking back gratefully, looking upward trustingly, looking within searchingly and looking forward hopefully, and with these words ringing in our ears we enter another year of service for the Lord.

Marion von Ahnen, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Baptism of Six Young People at Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, New York

The White Gift Christmas celebration consisting of gifts of substance, service and self was climaxed by the gift of self by six young people of the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y., on Sunday, December 30. The Rev. O. E. Krueger, whose untiring ministry in deed and word inspired this ingathering, presided at the baptism.



Six young people who were baptized at the White Gift Christmas celebration of the Andrews Street Church, Rochester, N. Y., by the Rev. O. E. Krueger (rear).

Each candidate gave a testimony about his belief and about the baptism of Jesus before the service. The congregation hummed the hymn, "My Life, My Love I Give To Thee," during the actual immersion ceremony. The six young people are shown in the accompanying illustration with Pastor Krueger. Their names are: Herbert Berndt, Jr.; John Ehrlich, Jr.; Judith Kemp; James Neuffer; Roland Paul; Werner Paul.

We trust these new Christians will strengthen the church and give diligently of their time and substance to further the Kingdom work.

Mrs. E. A. Kannwischer Reporter.

New Year Evangelistic Meetings at the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York

The Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., held New Year Evangelistic Meetings from Sunday, Jan. 6th, through Sunday, Jan. 13th. Dr. W. Douglas Roe, director of the Montrose Bible Conference, was the speaker, and the Rev. George Edstrom, tenor soloist, was the song leader. The Lord blessed with good weather and the church was filled each evening.

Dr. Roe is a gospel magician and each night he demonstrated a gospel truth with his magic. This was very interesting to the grown-ups as well as to the children. Dr. Roe is a Spirit filled, dynamic Bible expositor and his challenging messages inspired us to return to "our first love" and walk closer to our Lord in 1952. Thirty-four raised their hand in response to the invitation during the week, some accepting the Lord for the first time, and others re-dedicating their lives to him. It thrilled our hearts to see some of the youth of our church go forward, and we thank God for answered prayer. Mr. Edstrom is a talented soloist and we thoroughly enjoyed the old-fashioned hymns which he sang. He is also a great song leader and Bethel Church really responded to his capable leading.

Both Dr. Roe and Mr. Edstrom highly praised our own organist, Mrs. Dorothy Kroecker, for her wonderful accompaniment and her spiritual discernment. We, too, praise God for her faithful, cheerful service. Dr. Roe also paid tribute to our pastor, the Rev. Paul E. Loth for his fine ministry and his zeal for lost souls. We also thank God for the great work which our pastor is doing at Bethel.

Mrs. Daniel Earnst, Reporter.

Amazing Things Are Happening at the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pennsylvania

It was with heavy hearts that a small group of laymen from the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa., known officially as the Pulpit Committee, met one pleasant evening last summer to discuss a successor for Rev. Wm. D. Ross who had resigned. But God led us marvelously to consider and to call the Rev. Dale Chaddock of Victor, Iowa, as our pastor.

On Nov. 2nd, Mr. Chaddock began his ministry in Arnold, which in several short months has seen the church grow spiritually and financially, and to be exalted in a community which numbers some sixty churches among its assets. The Rev. L. B. Holzer, pastor of the Temple Church of Pittsburgh, was the main speaker at the reception for the Chaddocks on Nov. 15th. Members of the local Ministerial Board, and the pastors of the other Protestant Churches of Arnold attended the affair at which the Chaddocks were presented with a handsomely engraved tray as a gift from the Church.

Fulfilling a request from a number of people for a Bible Study group, Mr. Chaddock formed the Twin City Bible Study group which meets in the parsonage each Tuesday evening. Everyone in the two cities is invited to attend, regardless of denomination. Since its first meeting on Dec. 2nd, this group has grown in numbers to 22 with five different denominations represented.

Prior to the arrival of Mr. Chaddock, the church carpeted the auditorium with a carpet of green. We were still in debt more than \$500 for this improvement. The pastor conceived the idea that as a fitting Christmas gift to the church, the congrega-

tion should pay off this indebtedness. The offering received not only completed paying for the carpet but made a substantial payment on a four year old loan from the Building Fund. Paying off this loan has been the project selected by the church to complete before the end of the church year on March 31st.

The choir, under the direction of Mr. George Tress, himself a deacon at our neighboring First Baptist Church, presented a series of three choral concerts which featured the Christmas cantata, "The Child of Bethlehem." This cantata was first presented at the Baptist Home and Orphanage in Castle Shannon on Dec. 23rd. It was followed by presentations in the Union Baptist Church on Dec. 30th, and at the Pluckety United Presbyterian Church on Jan. 6th.

At the suggestion of Mr. Chaddock, the Benevolence Fund of approximately \$200, was spent to purchase food, clothing and small inexpensive toys for distribution to the needy at Christmas time. Some 20 boxes were distributed by the pastor and the men of the church the day before Christmas. (See picture.) Mr. Chaddock was given splendid cooperation by the merchants of New Kensington and Arnold who provided him with generous discounts on the items purchased.



The Rev. Dale Chaddock (right), pastor of the Union Church, Arnold, Pa., and Mr. Jack Huber of the church getting ready to distribute the twenty boxes of food to the needy at Christmas time.

Mr. Chaddock has outlined a spirited program for the year 1952. He has adopted as his slogan, "Ninety Percent of the Church in Sunday School, and Ninety Percent of the Sunday School in Church." He is striving for an average attendance of one hundred in Sunday School for each of the first three Sundays of this year. As a personal challenge, he has elected to attempt to win one soul for the Lord each week of 1952.

Edward G. Reese, Church Clerk.

Northern Conference

Christmas and Watch Night Services at the Baptist Church, Onoway, Alberta

We of the Onoway Baptist Church of Onoway, Alta., have experienced many spiritual blessings in the past weeks. On December 24, the church gathered for its Christmas Eve program, with members and friends crowding the church to capacity.

During the initial part of the service the program was in charge of the Sunday School with the scholars participating in recitations and songs. This was followed by three plays by the young people, entitled, "Guests at the Inn," "I'll Be Home for Christmas," and also a German presentation. With a short message by our minister, the Rev. John Wahl, the service came to a close.

Then on December 31 we gathered for our Watch Night service in which each of the brethren told of God's leading in the past year. The service was enhanced by testimonies and special singing. As the midnight hour drew near, we united in prayer and thus closed out the old and began the new year.

Elmer Breitzkreuz, Reporter.

Revival Meetings and Reception of Eight New Members at Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan

Once again, we as the Golden Prairie Baptist Church of Golden Prairie, Sask., want to say that God has been good to us. Though we may be situated in an out-of-the-way place, yet the Lord has established his work here and is continuing it through the faithfulness of his own blood-bought followers.

Pleasant memories come to us as we look back over the last few weeks of the old year. November 19 to 30 were days of reviving. The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Pahl from Hilda were with us and served us in evangelistic efforts. Mr. Pahl brought heart searching messages while Mrs. Pahl very ably told stories to the children. Of course, we older ones listened too. Together they made our hearts glad by the harmony which they produced on their instruments—the electric guitar and the vibra harp.

On Sunday, Dec. 23, at our communion service the pastor, the Rev. Isador Faszer, had the privilege of extending the hand of fellowship to seven adults who were received into the church through church letters.

A new hold on progress has been taken in the work of the Sunday School. The Sunday School standard, as prepared by our Sunday School Union, has been adopted. Our Sunday School has been graded a little closer in that an additional class was introduced. Then too another vital step was taken in the decision of having regular teachers' meetings and in the pursuit of a teachers' training course.

Isador Faszer, Pastor.

Young People's Program and Activities at East Ebenezer Baptist Church of Saskatchewan

Another year has gone and the young people of the East Ebenezer Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Sask., have had a blessed time. We had the pleasure of taking programs to the outlying districts where the Gospel is rarely preached. A missionary play presenting the life of Mary Reed was effectively rendered. We also enjoyed a Christmas program presented by the young people.

On January 5th the young people held their yearly election of officers. The evening was brought to a good start by singing a few well known choruses under the direction of our former president. After a brief devotional period, we proceeded with the elections with the following results: president, Miss Verna Hoffman; vice-president, Mrs. Frances Hoffman; secretary, Miss Doreen Hoffman.

We were happy that we have been able to raise \$300 for our native missionary in the Cameroons, Matthew Elangue. We have again decided, the Lord willing, to keep on with this project for another year. We were very sorry indeed to see the Rev. and Mrs. John Engel leave us, for they have faithfully labored with the young people. Their loss will be felt greatly especially among the young people. We wish them God's richest blessing on their new field.

Daphne Fandrey, Reporter.

Tour by the CBY and Choir of the Victoria Avenue Church, Regina, Saskatchewan

It was a familiar sight during the closing days of November and at the beginning of December to see a convoy of cars leaving the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., to wend its way to neighboring churches with a troop of young people aboard to present anew the challenge of the cross. Under the leadership of the Rev. R. Kanwischer, we of the CBY and choir presented a program of choir selections, children's story, a variety of vocal numbers and as the special highlight a dialogue, "A Symbol of the Cross."

Everywhere we went the spirit of genuine Christian friendship welcomed us and we felt that the purpose to acquaint ourselves with the members and work of our CBY groups was well accomplished. The churches visited during this tour were Davin, East Ebenezer, Springdale, Southey and Edenwold. To complete the tour we presented the program at our own Regina church.

The generous offerings of God's people were used to support three of our outgoing missionaries, Miss Viola Galenzoski, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martens. Through this effort we were able to purchase an electric organ for our church. We thank all our many new friends for their splendid interest in furthering the work of our Lord and speeding the time of his glorious return.

Helen Bonikowsky, Reporter.

Obituary

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

MRS. CAROLINE STEINERT of Reedley, California.

Mrs. Caroline Steinert, nee Karch, of Reedley, Calif., was born in South Russia on Nov. 27, 1863, and passed away on Dec. 2, 1951 at the age of 88 years and 5 days. In 1887 she was married to Fredrick Steinert who preceded her in death in June 1926. Six children were born to this union, the oldest dying in infancy.

At the age of 26, she gave her heart to Christ and was baptized and joined the Baptist Church at Scotland, South Dakota. Several years later the family moved to Wilton, N. Dak., and later to Montana where they became members of Baptist churches at these various places.

After our mother became a widow, she lived with her daughters, then living near Vida, Mont., where she became a member of the Vida Baptist Church and where she retained her membership until her death, although for four years she had lived with her oldest daughter in Reedley, California. Always she loved to attend church services and was true and faithful to her Lord and loved by all who knew her.

To her children she was a kind and loving mother, always ready to serve them. Mourning her are her children: Mrs. Lydia Berndt, Reedley, Calif.; Mr. Jacob Steinert, Miles City, Mont.; Mr. Fred Steinert, Ronan, Mont.; Mrs. Clara Jensen, Vida, Mont.; and Mrs. Ida Hintz, Missoula, Mont.; besides 20 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Rosina Zimmerman of Jamestown, North Dakota.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. O. A. Kliever in the First Baptist Church in Reedley, Calif., on Dec. 5, 1951. Reedley, California

THE CHILDREN.

MRS. LOUISE F. HEIDE of Hutchinson, Kansas.

Mrs. Louisa F. Heide of Hutchinson, Kans., was born April 15, 1865 in Württemberg, Germany. She was the daughter of John F. and Anna Maria Koestle. In 1880 she came to the United States and settled with her parents at Lorraine, Kansas. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and one brother. After the death of her sister, she was like a mother to the orphaned children in the home of her parents. On March 4, 1882 she was converted. She united with the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, being baptized by the Rev. David Zwink, first pastor of that church.

On April 17, 1906 she was married to the Rev. G. Brunner, who held pastorates at Kingfisher, Okla., at what is now the Ebenezer Church near Elmo, Kans.; at Woodbine, Kans.; and at what is now the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas. On February 28, 1922 Mr. Brunner passed away, at which time she moved to Hutchinson, Kans., to make her home with her niece, Miss Marie Zwink. She was married to the Rev. G. O. Heide on March 15, 1932, who at that time was the pastor at the Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas. He preceded her in death on April 16, 1936. In later years she joined the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

In September 1951 she fell and was seriously injured, indirectly causing her death on Jan. 4, 1952 at the age of 86 years, 8 months and 20 days. Burial was at Lorraine, Kans., beside the grave of her parents. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Charles C. Reiss of Meade, Kans., a number of nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews and six great-great-nieces and -nephews. Many friends in Kansas and Oklahoma remember her for her service to Christ.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Junction City, Kansas

J. R. KRUEGEL, Pastor.

KEITH RONALD JANZEN of Dallas, Oregon.

Keith Ronald Janzen of Dallas, Ore., was born on May 24, 1946 in Seattle, Wash., and died at his home near Dallas, Ore., on January 10, 1952. Early in the spring of 1951 he became afflicted with Wilm's Tumor. He had two major operations, one on June 5 and another on November 7. By God's grace he was able to attend Sunday School and church up to the last, although since November he was unable to use the lower part of his body. He enjoyed a happy Christmas and friends, relatives and strangers alike showered him with gifts and cards.

Less than five months ago the members of the church and of the entire community met with the family to lay their older son, Bruce, who had died very suddenly of polio, to rest. As we met the second time because of the death of their last child, arrangements were made to have the same musical numbers. The Rev. Robert Penner, assistant pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church in Portland and cousin of the father of the boys, brought the message.

Keith is survived by his now sorrowing parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Janzen; his grandparents; three aunts, among them Mrs. Mildred Schneider, our Cameroons missionary; two uncles; and the many friends who had come to know and love him. May the One who gathers the little lambs in his arms comfort and bless them all.

Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon

EMANUEL WOLFF, Pastor.

MRS. ELMER BENDER of Watertown, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Elmer Bender of Watertown, Wis., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lotz, was born in Watertown, Wis., on July 16, 1891 and passed away at her home following a heart attack on January 1st at 1:45 p.m. at the age of 60 years. Three years ago she had been hospitalized but had regained partial health.

In the spring of 1910 she accepted the Lord as her personal Savior and on June 5th of that year she followed the Lord's command and was baptized by the Rev. F. S. Goergens. Mrs. Bender was a member of the Baptist Church and always took a very active part in the various activities, especially in the choir and Ladies' Aid. Since her illness three years ago, she had been able to resume doing her own housework and to carry on her church activities. She sang in the choir on the Sunday before her passing and had also prepared the New Year's dinner for the family gathering. It was a shock to all to hear of her sudden passing.

Surviving are her husband; one son, Milton; and two daughters: Mrs. Harold Senn and Mrs. Herbert Schultz. One other son preceded her in death. There are eight grandchildren and one brother, Milton Lotz of Rockton, Illinois. "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away."

Watertown, Wisconsin

JOTHAN G. BENKE, Pastor.

MR. BERNHARD KRANZLER of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Mr. Bernhard Kranzler of Grand Forks, N. Dak., was born at Gluecksthal, Russia, on July 5, 1871. On Nov. 9, 1897, he was married to Barbara Kammerer. They emigrated to the United States in 1905 and have lived in the Grand Forks vicinity since May 13 of that year.

In 1907 Mr. Kranzler surrendered his life to Jesus Christ and was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Hermann. Mr. Kranzler was a charter member of the Grace Baptist Church and remained faithful to the end. In 1947 it was his privilege to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary with his wife and children. He passed away quietly at the Deaconess Hospital of Grand Forks on Saturday, Jan. 12, thus attaining the age of 80 years, 6 months and 7 days.

His passing is mourned by his wife, Barbara; five sons: Carl, Michigan City, Ind.; Ben, Santa Monica, Calif.; John, Fred and Harold, Grand Forks, N. Dak.; four daughters: Mrs. Jacob Bantz, Mrs. John Stroh, Mrs. Mary Dutt, Mrs. Charles Balogh, all of Grand Forks, N. Dak.; one brother, John,

Anaheim, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Katie Kammerer, Portland, Ore.; 19 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks on Wednesday, Jan. 16, with the undersigned speaking words of comfort based on Rev. 14:13. May God comfort the sorrowing with his love and sympathy!

Grace Baptist Church,

Grand Forks, North Dakota

H. J. WALTEREIT, Pastor.

MR. ALBERT BROWN of Millet, Alberta.

Mr. Albert Brown of Millet, Alta., was born in Herbert, Sask., on January 18, 1921. At the age of 14 years he was converted at a Pentecostal revival service and baptized by the Rev. D. Badke. In 1938 he moved with his parents to Ontario. Ten years later he made his home in the Wiesenthal community of Millet, Alberta.

On December 15, 1945 he was united in marriage to Miss Erna Pahl. This union was blessed with two sons. After a brief illness he passed away in the Wetaskiwin Hospital on Tuesday, December 4th, having reached the age of 30 years, 10 months and 16 days.

Those who mourn his loss are: his dear wife; and two sons: Wayne, 4 years; and Robert, 2½ years; his parents: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Brown of Cottam, Ont.; six sisters: Mrs. Paul Neuman, Port Colborne, Ont.; Mrs. Lavender of Leamington, Ont.; Mrs. Douglas Peters of Kingsville, Ont.; Mrs. Walter Plunkie of Kavanagh, Alta.; Esther and Alice of Cottam, Ont.; and two brothers: Norman and Marvin, both of Cottam, Ontario.

The funeral service was held in the Wiesenthal Baptist Church, with the pastor officiating, assisted by the Rev. S. Green, pastor of the Pentecostal Church, and the Rev. Otto Schmidt, pastor of the McKernan Baptist Church of Edmonton. May the Lord lead and comfort those who mourn his passing!

Wiesenthal Baptist Church, Millet, Alberta, Canada

E. A. HOFFMANN, Pastor.

MR. GORDON J. ERNST of Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Gordon J. Ernst of Detroit, Mich., was born on May 7, 1902 in Detroit. He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage on Nov. 6th while driving home from work, and on Sunday morning, Nov. 11, he went home to be with the Lord whom he loved so dearly and served so faithfully for many years. He accepted the Lord as his Savior at an early age, and was baptized in the Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit by the late Rev. Benjamin Graf. He was active in the young people's work of the church, and later in other phases of the church work.

By profession he was an attorney for the United States government, where he faithfully witnessed for his Lord, as was testified by the many calls and messages after his death. However, the work he really loved was that of commentator and script writer for the "Echoes of Heaven" radio program of the Burns Ave. Baptist Church. He was instrumental in introducing this program to the church, and served the Lord faithfully for the 14 years since its inception.

His family, church and friends were deeply saddened and shocked by his sudden homegoing, but are comforted by the thought of that joyful reunion where "God shall wipe all tears from their eyes."

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Ernst, two years ago, and his mother, Anna, 23 years ago. Left to mourn their loss are his wife, Eleanor Knopf Ernst; a son, Gordon, eight years old; a daughter, Margaret Ann, four years old; a brother, Roland; and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Schroeder.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at the Burns Ave. Baptist Church, with Dr. A. Dale Ihrie officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thom and the "Echoes of Heaven" male quartet sang appropriate selections. The interment took place in the Evergreen Cemetery in Detroit, Michigan.

Burns Ave. Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

THE FAMILY.

MR. FRIEDRICH KARL KIRSCH of Rochester, New York.

Mr. F. K. Kirsch of Rochester, N. Y., was born July 5, 1872 in Wittmansdorf, East Prussia. The Rev. Claus Peters baptized him on May 13, 1894, in the Gubener Strasse Baptist Church of Berlin, Germany. He also solemnized his marriage with Miss Hedwig Anna Yohn on August 25, 1894. They shared 56 years of happy helpful companionship. They reared two daughters: Mrs. Frances Giedt, missionary to China; and Mrs. Margaret Wolff of Rochester; also one son, Claus of California. The deceased leaves his widow, these children, seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and a sister in Germany.

Upon their arrival from Europe, they joined the Second German Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., in March 1905, and remained with it until its merger with the Andrews Street Church. Brother Kirsch served the Second Church many years as clerk and both churches several terms as deacon. He died Jan. 7th in his 80th year.

A few things impressed me about his Christian life which he tried to live out in his workdays. He was a good mechanic, a workman who needed not to be ashamed of his work. Accuracy, precision and orderliness marked his service too as custodian of the church. The slightest detail was never overlooked. His prayer life also included every detail. He not only prayed for the coming of God's Kingdom, the conversion of the Chinese, but at his work even the loss of a screw was made the object of prayer with remarkable success. He loved to sing. How good to think of heaven as a place of song!

O sing unto the Lord a new song;
For he hath done marvelous things:
His right hand, and his holy arm,
Hath gotten him the victory.

Rochester, New York

O. E. KRUEGER, Pastor.

MR. DICK KLOCK of Chancellor, South Dakota.

Mr. Dick Klock of Chancellor, S. Dak., was born May 10, 1890, on a farm near Chancellor, S. Dak., and passed away Jan. 11, 1952, having been in failing health for many months, at the age of 61 years, 8 months and one day. He received Christ as his Savior as a young man, and was baptized and united with the First Baptist Church of Chancellor.

On Feb. 20, 1920 he was united in marriage with Tillie Weeldreyer. This union was blessed with six children, one having pre-deceased him.

To say that the departed was a faithful member and that he was loved by all who knew him is a truth that requires no confirmation. The high esteem in which he was held by all members of the church is a matter of common knowledge. For many years he served as chairman of the Trustee Board, and he remained active and faithful in that position till the day of his homegoing. He was strict and conscientious in the performance of all outward duties, while it did not appear to be a mere outward work with him. Seldom was his seat vacant, and never without valid reason. He was a loyal and ardent supporter of his church and denomination and displayed a reverent regard for the office of the holy ministry. His end was in peace. When the last moment came, he was like one who falls asleep without fear. "Blessed are they that die in the Lord."

The departed leaves to mourn his wife, Tillie Klock; two daughters: Mrs. Elmer Olthoff of Emery, and Mrs. Herman Loaf of Olthoff of Emery; three sons: Myron of Calif., and Virgil and Lowell at home; four brothers: George of Emery, Ben of Chancellor, William of Alexandria, and Onnie of Chancellor; two sisters: Mrs. Ben Peters of Emery; Mrs. Ben Smit of Madison; Chancellor and Mrs. Elmer Olthoff of Emery; two sons-in-law: Joyce Klock of Calif.; and daughter-in-law, Joyce Klock of Calif.; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Chancellor Baptist Church with Rev. Hugh Bronstad of Lennox officiating, assisted by Rev. Peter Wiens of Sibley, Iowa. The interment took place in the Chancellor Baptist Cemetery.

Chancellor, South Dakota

HUGH BRONSTAD, Officiating Minister.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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has held several offices in the church for many years.

● On Sunday evening, Jan. 27, the Rev. Edwin W. Miller of the Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio, baptized five persons on confession of their faith in Christ. Revival meetings in German are being conducted in the church from Feb. 25 to 29 with the Rev. William Hoover of Benton Harbor, Mich., as evangelist. On Sunday evening, Jan. 13, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., showed several films about our Cameroons and Indian mission fields to a large congregation. Three young people gave their inspiring testimonies to the church before their baptism several weeks later, and one man responded to the invitation of the pastor, Mr. Miller, to receive Christ as Savior.

● On Jan. 5 the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna, B. C., helped Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kraemer and their family to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Mr. R. C. Link of the board of deacons was in charge of the program. Congratulatory remarks were made by representatives of the church and the Rev. A. Kujath, pas-

tor, gave an inspirational address. Mr. and Mrs. Kraemer have been members of the Kelowna church since 1936, shortly after its organization. He has served several terms as Sunday School superintendent and church clerk. Mrs. Kraemer has held a number of positions in the Woman's Missionary Society.

● Recently the Rev. J. C. Gunst, denominational youth secretary, spent a profitable week in promotional activities in the Atlantic Conference area. On Sunday, Jan. 13, he served the Pilgrim and Fleischmann Memorial Churches of Philadelphia, Pa. He also participated in a workers' conference at the Pilgrim Church on Monday evening, Jan. 14, and spoke to the Woman's Missionary Society on Jan. 16. He was the guest speaker at the Clinton Hill Church of Newark, N. J., on June 17, and at the Evergreen Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., on Jan. 18. On Sunday, January 20, he served the Second German and Immanuel Churches of New York City.

● The Sunday School of the Baptist Church at Startup, Wash., presented the play, "Christmas Voice," on Sunday evening, Dec. 23, with much success. At the Watch Night service of the church the members of the

Woman's Missionary Society rendered the dialogue, "The New Leaf," and the young people presented the film, "The Guiding Star." The Rev. R. G. Kaiser is pastor of the church. Miss Esther Kaiser, formerly librarian of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., has announced her engagement to Mr. Clarence Weisser of Camrose, Alta., a brother of the Reverends Arthur, Alfred and Carl Weisser of our churches. The wedding date has been set tentatively for July 1952.

● On Sunday morning, Jan. 6, the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Wash., dedicated a communion table which was presented to the church by the choir in memory of its former choir director, Mr. Pete Yost, who died last October. Mr. Ed. Stabbert made the presentation and Mr. Otto Stolz received the gift in the name of the church. The Rev. H. J. Wilcke, pastor, offered the prayer of dedication and spoke on "In Remembrance of Me." Seven new members were received, three of whom had been baptized at the Watch Night service on New Year's Eve. A special candlelight service was also held during the closing hour of the old year with about 150 members of the congregation participating.

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