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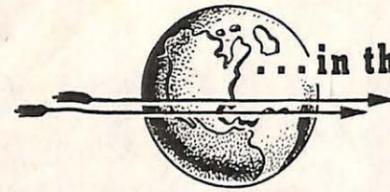
With the Children's Bright-eyed Joy, Let Us Greet the Year 1952!

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The Bible and the Baptists

Rev. O. E. Krueger

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...in the course of human events

To honor the late Dr. H. A. Ironside, the new library of the William Jennings Bryan University, Dayton, Tenn., will be named after the noted Bible teacher. Nearly 1000 volumes from Dr. Ironside's personal library have been donated to the university.—United Evangelical Action.

Edgar Hoover of the F. B. I. told the Senate Appropriation Committee recently that the country is in peril from gangs of youthful hoodlums in large cities. "There is a lessening respect for law and order... In some of our cities youths run like a pack of animals, descending upon unsuspecting citizens, viciously assaulting them and placing their lives in jeopardy... just saddistic assault."—Prophecy Monthly.

Religious instruction for pupils in the three elementary schools in Plymouth, Indiana, has been started in a "mobile classroom"—a custom-built trailer seating thirty-five students. All Protestant churches in the community are cooperating in this noble venture. The Gideons have furnished Bibles for the program and the churches are paying the salary of the lady-teacher.—United Evangelical Action.

A total of 100,000 people die every day, 80 per minute. According to F. B. I. suicides in the United States average 60 a day. In 1950 16,000 citizens killed themselves and there were thousands of unsuccessful attempts at suicide. In 1950 55 per cent of those over 16 in our country were users of liquor. Crime now costs our tax payers \$1,710,000 every hour, or \$28,500 per minute.—Prophecy Monthly.

A missionary project known as "Pearson's Sailor Work" provides a Mariner's Fellowship Center at San Pedro, California, for seamen while their ships are in port. Workers meet the ships at Los Angeles harbor and at Port Blain, India, giving out gospels in 16 languages. Japanese ships are now coming to San Pedro in increasing numbers and it is reported that real decisions are made on nearly every ship.—The Evangelical Christian.

Acts of sacrilege and desecration in Roman Catholic churches are taking place in Rumania on an increasing scale. The churches are being desecrated by youthful communists. The Vatican reported that a group of vandals recently stole several metal crosses from a church in that country and sent them to scrap collection

centers. They also removed statues which they broke and scattered along the main road, affixing blasphemous messages to each piece.—The Watchman-Examiner.

A thousand Costa Rican young people jammed the auditorium of the Templo Biblico in San Jose for the second big Protestant youth rally in the country's history. Sponsored by the Latin America Mission, the rally followed an equally-successful one which featured "The God of Creation" film in Spanish. Speaker for the second rally was Dr. Jose Lopez Morales, faculty member at BIOLA in California. Scarcely thirty years old, Dr. Morales speaks six languages, has had audiences with two Popes, holds degrees from the Oriental Institute in Rome, from BIOLA, and from the University of Madrid, Spain.—United Evangelical Action.

Finland is a Protestant nation, and about 97 per cent of its 4,000,000 people are members of the Lutheran Church, and less than 1/2 per cent are Roman Catholics. There is also a Quaker Church (as well as Baptist churches). The people suffered terribly during the war. Countless towns and cities were bombed and burned; 60,000 men were killed in battle and many more in air raids. Revival is urgently needed there. There is increasing materialism, and Finnish ministers say there is today less seeking after God than immediately after the war. Only about ten per cent of the people attend church regularly, and Sunday is largely given over to pleasures.—The Evangelical Christian.

Over 4,300,000 Jews emigrated from Europe in the past one hundred years, a detailed survey conducted by the Institute of Jewish Affairs of the World Jewish Congress disclosed recently. It points out that 88 per cent of the Jews of the world lived in Europe in 1850 and only 24.5 per cent one hundred years later, adding that the major part of the European Jewry is now to be found in Soviet Russia, separated and cut off from the rest of the Jewish people. A century ago, according to the survey, 4,500,000 Jews lived in Europe, whereas the number in 1950 was only 2,750,000. The trend of Jews to emigrate from Europe is a continuing one, the study established. Approximately 530,000 Jews left Europe from the beginning of 1946 to the end of 1950, and many thousands of others are registered for emigration.—Prophecy Monthly.

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. R. Schilke
Jan. 6 (Sunday)—East Side Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois.
Jan. 13 (Sunday)—Waukegan Community Church, Illinois.

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Reception for Mr. Richard Grabke by the Grace Church of Davin, Saskatchewan

The Grace Baptist Church of Davin, Sask., held a reception for Mr. Richard Grabke, its new pastor, on Sunday, October 21st. Church members, friends and the neighboring churches of Regina and Edenwold were invited to share this happy occasion together with us. Mr. Harry Rosom, a deacon, was in charge of the program.

The Men's Quartet sang "Thine for Service." Words of welcome were spoken in behalf of the different departments of the church. The Ladies' Quartet sang "We Are Saved to Serve." The message of the evening was given by the Rev. Fred Ohlmann of Edenwold, Sask.

Mr. Grabke gave a response thanking the church for the reception. He spent his first Sunday with us on Oct. 7. He received his training at Briercrest Bible Institute in Saskatchewan and graduated from the Winnipeg Bible Institute and College of Theology. He has taken some work towards his Bachelor of Arts and Divinity degrees from London University, England.

May God bless our church that it may grow in spirit and in numbers as we work with our pastor!
Mrs. Herman Lindenbach, Reporter.

Editorial

The Clocks of Heaven

TRAVELERS to distant countries have been known to keep one timepiece set to the time of their native land so that—for reasons of sentiment—they might always know what time it was in the homeland. In a somewhat similar sense the Christian pilgrim keeps one clock, the clock of his faith and trust, in time with the clocks in his Father's House above. The Christian publication, THIS DAY, has helped me recently to understand this truth more clearly and really to see "the clocks of heaven."

There is a way to measure time which only the heart of faith knows that does not divide the day into hours and minutes but into the repeated trustworthy promises of God. If you can read the time—God's time—by these clocks of heaven, then the year ahead will not be thought of in terms of calendar days but in terms of God's renewed revelations of his truths, his promises and his blessings.

"The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him" (Psalm 103:17). That is the story of every new day in keeping with the clocks of heaven "to show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night" (Psalm 92:2). It is the beauty of the Lord our God upon us, establishing the work of our hands as we have been taught to "number our days" by the clocks of heaven and to "apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).

It is no wonder that a thousand years are but as yesterday in the sight of God as his mercies are revealed to us and his grace is shed abroad upon us. By these clocks of heaven we measure the time, not so much by calendar days, as by the evidences of God's marvelous lovingkindness to us. "Let all those who seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee, but such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified" (Psalm 40:16).

God never comes too late with too little or too soon with too much. He is always on time—his time! He is "a very present help in trouble." The clocks of heaven show that "all things work together for good." Abraham, Joseph and Moses were men of faith who lived to see the day when the clocks of heaven struck the hour of God's fulfillment in their lives. There may be delays, humanly speaking. There may be disappointments in the calendar of 1952. But the clocks of heaven are always right because of God's assurances and promises.

It is also of great comfort to us to know that the clocks of heaven have been set for our eternal welfare. Our times are in God's hand! That can not be shown by the clock or by the calendar on the wall. But it is written in the Book of Life and seen in the unfolding purposes of God and revealed to us on the Cross of Calvary. God has bought us with a great price and his love will keep us unto life eternal. Consider then the clocks of heaven and live by them throughout the year 1952 for a blessed happy pilgrimage!

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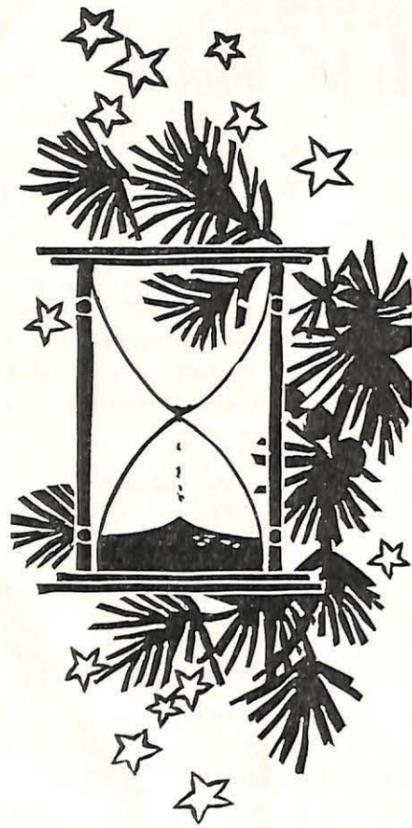
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Open Windows in 1952!

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them (in 1952) that love him"

A Sermon by the REV. FRED SCHMIDT of the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, South Dakota



"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).

THE PRINCES and rulers of Persia succeeded in flattering King Darius into signing a decree which would make it unlawful for anyone to pray to any god but to the king for thirty days. Anyone who dared to act contrary to this law would be thrown under the claws and teeth of lions. Even King Darius realized how ridiculous such a request was, but he permitted himself to be deceived. Perhaps he thought that it would make little difference. Most people don't take time for prayer anyway.

Of course, the real reason for all this trickery was to get rid of Daniel. He was the leading man of Persia, next to the king himself. He was in the way of ambitious princes who were eager for political power and gain.

GOD'S OBEDIENT SERVANT

This threat did not hinder the devotion of Daniel. He had faced threats before. Daniel left his polished and crimson-lined office of Secretary of State as he had done before. All day long the people had brought before him many problems. He was a man of wisdom and was held in high esteem. He served the king and his people well, because he loved people and his God.

Although Daniel was an obedient servant of the king, he knew it was better to obey God than man. When

he came to his house, he did what he had done for many years. He went to the western window, pulled aside the heavy curtains, put aside the shutters, and opened the window. He could then look toward the western horizon, beyond which lay his beloved city, Jerusalem. He knelt down as he had done that morning and at noon, even as he had done three times daily for many years.

Spies and watchers had been set for him, and soon there came a disturbing knock at his door. He closed his prayer and opened the door, only to find himself surrounded by those who hated his honesty and his God.

The king was grieved as Daniel was brought before him. He tried with utter might to change his own law. As Daniel was led away, the king uttered a solemn desire: "Thy God, whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee." And deliver him God did!

Our text, however, takes us back to Daniel's open window: "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before God, as he did aforetime" (Daniel 6:10). We also have our windows, which we should keep open.

WINDOW OF MEMORIES

There is the window of sacred memories that should be kept open. Jerusalem was the place of such memories for Daniel. It was his childhood home. Even though he had enjoyed success and honor under various kings, he thanked God for his spiritual upbringing which made it possible.

He was only a youth when he was taken from Jerusalem. He never revisited it. But he never could forget it. It was sacred in his memories as the place where he first had learned the Scriptures and had come to know his God. How easy it would have been to have said to himself: "Now that I am in Babylon, why not do as the Babylonians do?" But the sacred memories kept him on the straight path.

It has been said by chaplains in the armed forces that our young men

who thought much of home and wrote home frequently seldom got into trouble.

We know nothing about the parents of Daniel, but what they did for him as a child was never forgotten. He had learned from them to put first things first. What will be the memories of our children of their childhood days? They usually will not venture far from what they have seen and learned from their parents. Will they remember us as such who considered Christ and his Kingdom first in our lives, or will it be otherwise?

A legend tells us that Zacchaeus daily went to the old sycamore tree where he first had met Jesus. He looked up into the tree with a prayer of thanks. He then poured water about the roots of the tree to keep it alive and verdant. It was for him a place of sacred memories. He kept the windows toward it open.

WINDOW OF PRAYER

Daniel kept open the window of prayer. Daily he knelt down three times. Somehow I like the term, "kneeling in prayer." By that I do not mean that we cannot pray in any position. We can pray standing, and washing dishes. I feel that a person who can pray in only one position has much to learn. On the other hand, one who gets away entirely from kneeling in prayer misses much. When Jesus had special burdens on his heart to share with his Father, he fell on his knees before him.

We see in our mind's eye another man of God who spent much time on his knees. It was David Livingstone, who was a living sacrifice for the black man and his God. He also faced lions as did Daniel. In fact, in later years one of his arms hung limp and useless at his side because it had been crushed by a lion. People pleaded with him to return to England. Americans sent out Stanley in search of him. Yet he remained in Africa. One morning a servant found him kneeling at his cot. He had seen it before. However, he did not rise again. He died on his knees. He kept open the windows of prayer to his last breath.

The best way to stay on one's feet is to spend enough time on one's knees!

Daniel also kept open the window of eternal hope. In faith he was looking to another and a brighter Jerusalem than the one he had known. Memories of his dear home were most tender, but he had little hope of ever seeing it again. Its wickedness had destroyed it and had left it in ruins. He was now a man of about eighty-five years. He had long realized that there was a better Jerusalem where there was no destroying wickedness and where the Creator himself was the Light. We would do well to think more of heaven.

WINDOW OF ETERNAL HOPE

The hearts of people are filled with fears as to what possibly will take place to destroy much that is dear to us. There is a race to see which nation can build the most destructive weapons. We hope and pray that another world conflict may be averted, but unless men permit their hearts to be changed by God we are drifting toward such a war. We cannot imagine the destruction.

What if the things dear to us be destroyed—our present Jerusalem—our homes, our cities, millions of lives—including our own? We enjoy life and want to make the most of what God has given us, but even at best all will end. If we are in Christ Jesus we have a better life to look to. Our security is in God.

Day and night keep open your window toward that new Jerusalem. Sing about it! Pray about it! Dream about it! Most of all, let us live our lives fully each day in preparation for what God has in store for us throughout the year 1952.

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (I Corinthians 2:9).

Twenty-two Points on Preaching

Quoted by the REV. W. S. ARGOW of Erie, Pa., at the Dedication Exercises of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Dr. Robert Speer quoted the following twenty-two points on preaching at a seminar held at Princeton in July 1946. The article appeared in the 1942 "British Weekly" and the author is W. R. Maltby.

1. Preaching without emotion is not preaching, but beware of a cheap substitute. Synthetic unction may impress simple souls, but it corrupts the preacher.

2. Remember Pniel and wrestle with the great themes, even if they throw you. Jacob was not Israel until he shrank a sinew.

3. Be loyal to your texts. Beware of context: if you leave it, be courteous and ask permission. Possibly the writer had bigger thoughts than you had.

4. There is always water if you bore deep enough.

5. Motorists and preachers should remember that the aim is not to cover ground, but to see the country and, seeing it, love it.

6. Illustrate, but don't illustrate the obvious. One good illustration is worth ten bad ones.

7. The well is deep and you must have something to draw with. But there is not need to make people drink out of the bucket, still less to chew on the rope.

8. In preaching, no demand without the gift, no diagnosis without the cure. One word about sin, ten for the Savior!

9. Irrelevance is sometimes an infirmity; usually it is sin.

10. Emotion arises out of the truth, emotionalism is poured into it.

11. Listen before you speak. See before you say!

12. Aim at being independent of the concordance, but do not disdain to use it until you are.

13. Love simple speech as much as you hate shallow thinking.

14. Polysyllables are not the sign of profundity; often they are the cloak of poverty bought at a jumble sale.

15. Never talk down to your audiences—they are not there.

16. Beware of the abstract noun. The abstract puffeth up, the concrete buildeth up.

17. By your consonants people will know what you say; by your vowels where you come from.

18. Be audible, but don't shout. Clearness carries farther than clamor.

19. Be sparing of gestures, but do not be a post or a robot. If your hands talk, let them; if not, give them a rest.

20. Be not like the brook, pause sometimes. (Tennyson: Men may come and men may go, but I (the brook) go on forever.)

21. One cannot always finish, but one can always stop. If the flow ceases, do not dribble. (M. Luther: Tritt frisch auf; mach's Maul weit auf; hör' bald auf.)

22. A preacher's damnation: "He spoke of great things and made them small; of holy things and made them common; of God and made him no account." Actors make the imaginary real, some preachers make the real imaginary.

Statistics of our churches, 1951—North American Baptist General Conference

Conferences	Churches	Baptisms	Church Members	Local Expenses	Gifts for Our Mission Fields	Gifts for Other Mission Societies	Total Gifts for All Mission Purposes	Total Gifts for All Purposes	Sunday Schools	S. S. Scholars	Teachers and Officers	Woman's Miss. Soc.		Young P'ple Soc.	
												Societies	Membership	Societies	Membership
Atlantic	25	169	4347	\$248,895.00	\$33,541.00	\$43,555.00	\$77,096.00	\$325,991.00	24	3161	373	41	1089	24	485
Central	27	269	7130	413,905.67	68,803.65	76,639.30	145,442.95	559,348.62	29	5490	579	23	985	22	853
Dakota	57	372	6852	323,010.49	100,360.60	15,319.16	115,679.76	438,690.25	69	6831	688	51	1330	46	1455
Eastern	15	73	2454	74,074.00	17,219.00	8,846.00	26,065.00	100,139.00	14	1618	204	19	544	13	281
Northern	48	284	5850	115,472.00	45,770.83	15,565.83	61,336.66	176,808.66	50	4823	505	32	772	34	1306
Northwestern	36	211	5962	204,884.48	61,227.62	27,173.21	88,400.83	293,285.31	36	4310	501	30	1393	30	950
Pacific	27	318	6080	325,456.20	75,993.41	22,094.16	98,087.57	423,543.77	28	5336	594	26	1249	24	1183
Southern	12	12	1194	57,967.73	11,678.64	3,627.97	15,306.61	73,274.34	13	1178	169	10	234	9	527
Southwestern	23	133	2692	115,816.07	52,029.82	9,753.11	61,782.93	177,599.00	24	2492	323	23	677	22	493
Totals	270	1841	42561	1,879,481.64	466,624.57	222,573.74	689,198.31	2,568,679.95	287	35239	3936	255	8273	224	7533
Last Year	267	1665	41560	1,911,096.51	488,431.44	178,972.31	667,403.75	2,578,500.26	295	34301	3859	257	7917	213	7325
Total Increase	3	176	1001			\$43,601.41	\$21,794.56			938	77		356	11	208
Total Decrease				\$31,614.87	\$21,806.87			\$9,820.31	8			2			



The Bible and the Baptists

There are Baptists in the New Testament. Yes, Jesus was a Baptist! Bible Baptists go back to bedrock, not to "petros," but to the Rock of Ages as our foundation. As Baptists we rest our case with the Bible!

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

"Baptists are wedded to the Bible. There can be no divorce."

"When Baptists break with the Bible, they cease to be Baptists."

"You find Baptists in the Bible; the Bible must be found in Baptists."

A MAN CAME to clear the way for Jesus. The people called him John the Baptist. He was more than a baptizer. He had a great message in which he called the Jews to repentance—and to baptism. That was something new—to baptize Jews. In some places the Jordan River was shallow; in some places there was much water. John selected such a place. So there were Jewish Baptists!

The Baptists of today stand for more than mere baptism. We would rather be called by some more significant name, but other Christians, too, bear names that do not include very much. Methodists, to be sure, have more than method; Congregationalists have more than a congregational form of government; Episcopalians have more than a bishop; Lutherans have more than a governing board of elders. The plus, which we all claim, lies in the name "Christian." Of these there are good, bad and indifferent in all communions.

BAPTISTS IN NEW TESTAMENT

Baptists find many of their kith and kin in the Bible. Jesus was a Baptist! He had been circumcised as a baby. In his full-grown manhood he came down from Galilee to the Jordan and demanded to be baptized by John. Surely, this was not to have his sins washed away, not to be made a child of God by magic, not to be saved from hell, but that he might fulfil the definite commandment of God. Yes, Jesus was a Baptist! Although John

had baptized great multitudes, Jesus made and baptized more people than John—his disciples did the baptizing.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter preached a powerful sermon at Pentecost. Three thousand souls repented, confessed their sins and were baptized. What a day for Baptists! The numbers grew to 5000 men, and to multitudes. Then it seems they stopped counting. These people were not Romanists; the Romanists came centuries later.

Philip went over to Samaria, where the preaching of Jesus had made such a profound impression. The Samaritans believed the things concerning the Kingdom and Jesus Christ, and Philip baptized both men and women. Nothing is said about children! These people were Baptists! They were not Lutherans. Luther came fifteen centuries later.

By the guidance of the Holy Spirit, not by commission of a bishop, Philip went down the road leading to Gaza, where he found his man, presented the claims of Jesus Christ to him, went down into the water and baptized him, not to wash his sins away, not to perform a magical trick to make him a child of God, but because he had believed with his whole heart on the Lord Jesus Christ. So Queen Candace of Ethiopia had a Baptist as her treasurer! He may have been methodical, but he was not a Methodist. The Methodists came seventeen centuries later!

ONLY BELIEVERS WERE BAPTIZED

The Roman centurion Cornelius had sent for Peter to tell him what to do to be saved. During the sermon the Holy Spirit fell upon him and his friends, and Peter baptized them, not to save them, but because they had

been saved by faith; not that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for they had already received him. So there were Baptists in the Roman Army!

A self-righteous Pharisee is smitten down blind on the Damascus Road. A humble disciple in the city tells him that Jesus had sent him that he might receive his sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit. And immediately he arises and submits to baptism, and so becomes a Baptist. But he stands for more than baptism. He lives and dies for the things for which Jesus gave his own life.

This man Paul carries the Gospel all over Asia Minor and then into Europe. At the river side, he preaches to a saleslady, whose heart God had opened. She believes and is baptized. For healing a woman, who had been profitable to her owners, Paul and Silas land in prison. That night the jailer, jarred through an earthquake, becomes a Baptist because he believes on the Lord Jesus. His whole household received baptism because they all heard the message and all believed. There are no infants in the picture. The Baptists of the Bible all believe before they are baptized.

In his great commission, Jesus commanded his disciples to go into all the world. A persecution, which broke out in Jerusalem, helped them to make up their minds to go. Baptist churches were planted in Antioch, in Ephesus, in Galatia, in Corinth, in Rome and in hundreds of other places. But the preachers spoke more about Christ than about baptism, and so people began to call the disciples "Christians." Unless we are Christians, it will do no good to be called Baptists or Roman Catholics or anything else.

If we want to be real Christians, we must not only find our kith and kin in the Bible, but others must find

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the Bible in our lives, in our hearts. A boasting Baptist bragged that she had gone through the Bible a hundred times. A friend punctured her balloon by asking, "How often has the Bible gone through you?"

A duck can dive down into the water a hundred times a day without getting wet. Too many Baptists dive, not only into the water, but also into the Bible, but the Bible never soaks in. The true Baptist is saturated with the spirit of the Bible; not with the letter of the law.

THE BIBLE IN BAPTISTS

Baptists stand with the prophets rather than with the priests. The priests were ever busy multiplying ceremonies and building up traditions, while the prophets worked hard to brush away all these accretions and to get back to the fundamental requirements of God. While the priests continued to stress the importance of bodily circumcision, the prophets required the circumcision of the heart. The priests demanded "the burnt offering of rams and the fat of beasts." God declared through his prophets, "I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he-goats—bring no more vain oblations—incense is an abomination to me—I am weary of it" God demanded clean living. "Seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow." While the priests demanded the observance of external acts, the prophets voiced the purpose of God to "put my law in their inward parts, and write it upon their hearts."

The spirit of the law moves from within. This is the new spirit, the new heart of flesh, which comes in to displace the old spirit, the heart of stone. While the priests demand thousands of rams, ten thousands of rivers of oil, and millions of masses, the Lord by the mouth of his prophets requires "but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly before God." The Baptist spirit harks back to the spirit of the prophets. The New Testament Church has no priests as a class.

Jesus accuses the priests thus: "Laying aside the commandments of God, that ye may keep your traditions—making the word of God of none effect through your traditions, which ye have delivered—full well ye reject the commandments of God, that ye may keep your own traditions." In the face of these accusations, the priests of today keep right on doing that very thing. Why do they keep on substituting the external for the internal? Jeremiah answers the question by saying, "My people love to have it so."

BAPTISTS STAND ON BEDROCK

Bible Baptists stand with the prophets and go back to bedrock, and by that we do not mean Peter ("petros"). "Petros" is a piece of

Sightseeing to the General Conference

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



The Betsy Ross House on Arch Street in Philadelphia, Pa., which will be visited by hundreds of North American Baptists while in Philadelphia for the 1952 General Conference!

THE BETSY ROSS HOUSE IN PHILADELPHIA

Betsy Ross has been heralded as the maker of the first American flag, "the Stars and Stripes." That she was an early flag maker is evidenced in the records of the Continental Congress, and tradition persists among her descendants today that she did

broken-off stone; "petra" is a massive ledge of bedrock. Jesus said he would build his Church on "petra," the ledge of rock, not on "petros," a broken stone. If our Roman friends desire to have Peter as their foundation, they are welcome to him. We have no quarrel with them. We prefer the Rock of Ages as our foundation. Building upon a piece of broken stone accounts for the distance which separates these builders from the true foundation.

In going back to bedrock, Baptists had to go beyond "the reformers," who stopped short of the goal. They protested against many aberrations and abuses, and insisted on the Scriptures as their only authority, but they did not follow to logical conclusions in several very vital things. They could not see their way clear to divorce the church from its unholy

originate the five-pointed star which adorns the United States flag with one clip of her scissors.

In William Penn's "green cuntry towne" of Philadelphia, Betsy Ross lived around the corner of Arch Street (239 Arch Street). Her home, a demure bandbox, is furnished in the mode of colonial times. Its quaint beauty and historical glory will thrill every visitor who can make the pilgrimage to the place both before and after the General Conference sessions in Philadelphia from August 20 to 26, 1952. It is so true to life that life could easily be resumed here by its former mistress, Betsy Ross, who in her home received the Continental Congress Committee, composed of General George Washington, Colonel George Ross and Robert Morris who commissioned her to make the first American flag in 1776. (January 1, 1952 marked the 200th anniversary of Betsy Ross' birth.)

In this vicinity of Arch Street and the Betsy Ross house your steps will tread on sacred ground. This is the cradle of the American Republic. Around the corner is Christ Church where George Washington went to church services. A block away is the old Quaker cemetery where Benjamin Franklin lies buried. Nearby is Independence Hall where the framers of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence met with Thomas Jefferson to lay the religious and political foundations of the great republic. You will be introduced to these memorable shrines in later issues, but your greatest introduction will be your personal pilgrimage to these places that have made America great on your trip to Philadelphia in August 1952!

alliance with the state, which has been a source of untold evil. Nor did they cease the practice of christening infants as though there were magic in manipulation and salvation in ceremony. They did not advance to the freedom of conscience, nor did they refrain from using force to secure conformity.

As Baptists we rest our case with the Bible. We grant to every man the right of private interpretation. Some are more qualified to interpret Scripture than others. Some have presumed to thrust their own interpretation upon others in the form of creeds. But Baptists have rejected creeds again and again by saying, "The New Testament is sufficient for us." We must continue to take our stand there. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

God's Indian Friend

A memorial to the late Rev. F. W. Benke of Edmonton, Alberta, missionary to the Indians, and the story of the Benke Memorial Chapel on the Bull Reserve

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



More than a half million Indians, like the one pictured above, live in the United States and Canada.

"If you would see his memorial look about you."

(From the memorial tablet to Sir Christopher Wren in Westminster Abbey.)

NO ONE has had access to the personal files of the Rev. Fred W. Benke after his homegoing as much as I have had. Knowing him for many years and having had the privilege of working with him, I feel almost like an authority writing about his interest and general concern for all people.

To some Mr. Benke was known as one who covered much territory and established on none. But the good which he did can be seen as we look about us and stop long enough to hear from people everywhere of his Christian influence upon them. Not only the ones who were won to the Lord speak well of him but even those of another faith have much to say in his favor.

GOSPEL AMMUNITION

Some of the things which were his and used to the glory of God became mine. Among these is a tract case which he always carried with him. As I examined it, I discovered that it had tracts inside its covers of various languages, such as English, Cree, Ukrainian, Jewish, Polish, Italian and others. Where he went he was loaded down with ample Gospel ammunition. He was prepared with the proper material as all good soldiers of Jesus Christ ought to be.

That gives us sufficient reason to believe that Mr. Benke had a long range program, endeavoring to carry

it out for the salvation of lost souls among all peoples. Although he could not speak the language of all these people, they could read his character, for it was like that of Jesus' life and work. His interest and general concern are evident if we only look about us.

NORTHERN ALBERTA

My first trip with Brother Benke was to the northern country of Valleyview, Alberta. Unlike most preachers who would race through to their destination, Mr. Benke took time off to stop here and there to contact some half-breed Indians along the way. Like Jesus who had the multitude with and about him, he took time to see the individual and to talk with him, if he were like Zacchaeus in the tree.

The summer of 1940 was another highlight for me when I had the joy of going with him to Barhead for work. The children with whom he worked there always remembered him. I shall never forget the testimony of members of the Italian family who were freed from the bondage of the Roman Catholic Church and gloriously saved through Brother Benke's services. The trip which he made to Nordegg into the mountains will never fully be understood or known. He made it alone with his car only to contact one who he felt was hungry for the Living Bread and thirsty for the Living Water. It was soon afterward, that an Indian ate and drank of this life-giving substance and was saved. This man was Joe Rabbit of Nordegg, Alberta, the first Christian Indian to be baptized by us.

It is no wonder Brother Benke was broken down in health. Doctors tell us that his heart was half dead while he was living. If a man in that condition could do what he did, how much more ought we be able to do with all our heart alive unto the Lord!

THE ARTICLE'S STORY

Brother Benke was called to his heavenly home on Feb. 15, 1950, just about two years ago. This article was prepared for the ANNUAL but lack of space made it impossible to publish it in that volume. It will be read by even more people in these pages of the BAPTIST HERALD.

Although Brother Benke was not highly educated in secular schools, he possessed a learning which he could not receive anywhere. The school to which he went was Jesus' School. Because of so many years spent under the teachings of Jesus, he became like him.

MONTANA INDIANS

The following words are from the lips of Chief John Bear. Chief John Bear was voted as chief on the Montana Reserve thirty years ago. Only ten years ago, he and others on this Reserve refused to allow any denomination to enter. Then God led the chief to meet Brother Benke on the



Rev. Fred W. Benke dressed in the Indian regalia of Chief John Bear of the Montana Reserve, a good friend of his for many years.

road, even as he led Cornelius to meet the man in the chariot on his way to worship. Here through Brother Benke's Christ-like approach and prayerful attitude upon the conclusion of their conversation, he was invited to come, and to preach the Word of God to the lost and forgotten Indians on this Montana Reserve.

The chief informed me that many years ago the Catholic Church was asked to build on this Reserve but

refused to do so. Thus it pleased God to permit us as Baptists to enter. The first meetings were held on the yard of William Standing on the Road, Sr., who too has gone to be with the Lord. The first meeting was held during the summer under the blue sky and under the shade of some leafy white poplar trees in the yard.

During the summer of 1947 Miss Twila Bartz was the first Christian teacher, assisted by Gladys Scheirer, to do any missionary work among the Cree Indians on the Montana Reservation. Their home consisted of a small trailer and living was like that of early pioneers. That was the beginning on the Montana Reserve, and what a wonderful privilege for us as Baptists to have had this opportunity!

Let us ever remember the one who blazed the trail and the one whom God found ready and willing to take up the challenge when the call went out. He has now been removed from our midst and our prayer is that God may give us more such consecrated men that others who have never heard of Jesus may hear and believe.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

On June 12, 1949 the first baptismal service took place. It was held on the Montana Reserve at a small lake without a name. It is now known as "Baptist Lake." Ten Indians were baptized upon their confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord. A number of these Indians had been led to the Lord by Brother Benke whose joy it was to see them baptized.

In some of the converts a marked change can be seen. They have grown spiritually, perhaps, not as much as we would like to have seen but the results have been encouraging. The seed that was sown in the earlier years has taken root. Others have been influenced by those who have accepted the Lord and have also taken their stand for Jesus Christ.

Two years later twenty more candidates humbly and joyfully were baptized (June 24, 1951). Mr. Benke was not able to be with us for this service to rejoice over the fruits for which



Indian teepees against the background of the Canadian Rockies tell the story of many Red Skins who are still pagans without Jesus Christ as their Savior.

he was largely responsible. These jewels, for whom he gave his life without reservation, will ever be grateful through all eternity for the Word of Light and Life which he lived and preached.

The baptism on June 24, 1951 was a wonderful sight to behold. All who were present can testify to that fact. The messages brought by the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner were wonderful, full of love and delivered with the power of the Holy Spirit. God granted us perfect weather for this special occasion which crowned the event with beauty and with the approval of our great Creator. Creatures below and above seemed to unite in that great theme, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

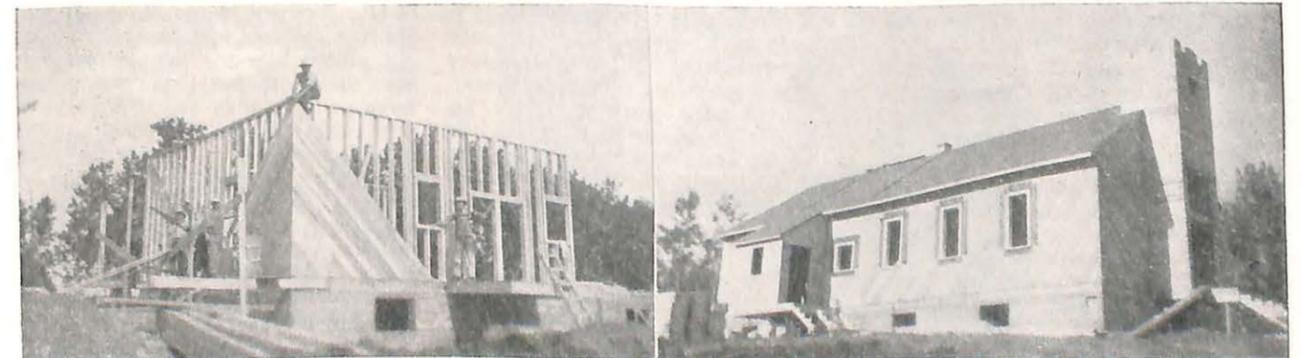
MEMORIAL CHURCH

Ever since Brother Benke began his work among the Indians, he had a special concern for the Indians on the Bull Reserve. Although there is a church (Catholic) on the Reserve, he knew that someday these Indians must have a house of God in which they could hear the truth concerning salvation in Christ Jesus. Many years

ago the United Church of Canada tried to carry on work among the people, but gave it up.

Since there was no church of any kind on the Montana Reserve, Brother Benke wisely made this the first move to get one established for the Indians. As God provided the needs for the Montana Reserve, Mr. Benke knew that God would also provide for the Bull Reserve. Mrs. Domreis of Edmonton (sister of Mr. Benke) told me that shortly before his death while staying with them he seemed very uneasy and anxious over a church building to be erected on the Bull Reserve. He expected a phone call every day for the approval of such a project. He failed to live to see this dream and prayer come to fruition.

It was evident at our 1951 session of the Northern Conference that our people were mission minded in the offering laid at Jesus' feet for the work among the Indians. With the approval of the committees and the generous giving of the people in Canada and the United States, we have gone ahead with the blueprint of the church on the Bull Reserve and already the construction is under way.



The Benke Memorial Chapel on the Bull Reserve of the Indians under construction and as it appeared late in the Fall of 1951. This is our second chapel on the Indian Mission Fields of Alberta, Canada.

In Memory of Rev. F. W. Benke, Missionary

A Memorial Poem by MRS. FRED STROHSCHNEIN of Wetaskiwin, Alberta

Today we laid to rest an Indian brother,
One of the jewels claimed by him for God;
Sinful he was and lost, oh, yes, as any other
But graciously brought nigh by Jesus' blood.

And like a trembling whisper from the past,
Again we see the form of Brother Benke stand
In front of church and by his trumpet's blast
Send forth the call of God: "Come and repent!"

And once again we see him place his hand
Upon the shoulders of both young and old,
To plead the claim of Christ, to take their stand,
As once again the old, old story's told.

Untiringly he went from hut to house or tent
To find the sick or those that did not care
To show God's love to them, and represent
Each one before the throne of God in prayer.

He won the hearts of colored and of white,
And for the blood-bought Christian he'd be
A constant challenge, to reveal their light
To love, to serve, to help set sinners free.

As he would take them out in mission work
And let them see the lostness of the lost,
The holy Spirit moved upon their hearts
To henceforth serve whate'er be the cost.

God took him gently home—and God knows best;
Also for us 'twas hard to understand;
His weary child can now enjoy the rest
Provided, in that glorious promised land.

And round his blessed memory have gathered
His well trained helpers with a fervent zeal,
To carry on the work that he had started,
To do their Lord's and Savior's blessed will.

His fervent prayers reached the heart of God,
Also the answers did not quickly come;
We who live on rejoice and tarry not
To reap the fruitage coming, one by one.

Oh, for a life wholly, completely yielded!
Burnt out for God, clay in the Master's hand!
Blest Savior, grant that we may catch the vision,
That we may also hear thy, "Well done" at the end.



The late Rev. Fred W. Benke in front of the old chapel on the Bull Reserve as he called the Indians to a worship service by playing hymns on his trumpet.

By the time this article will be read by our people the church will very likely be completed. It stands on the Bull Reserve as a lasting memorial to our dearly beloved brother.

God has been wonderfully gracious, even in the undertaking of the building of this church on the Bull Reserve. A young man, Jake Derman of Edmonton, who credits the late Mr. Benke as a spiritual father, counts it a great privilege to take over the building of this church. Not only that, but he has felt the call of God upon his life for full-time Christian service and hopes to find his place among the Indians someday.

As a missionary to the Indians, it has been my privilege to see, not only mute memorials rising to the memory of Brother Benke, but men and women who have been put aflame by his spirit and devotion for the Lord. In the Spring of 1951, I was privileged to visit the Central Conference churches of the United States. The Christians in all the churches prayed and gave for this work. There was one person who showed a peculiar interest. She is Miss Bertha Newton, 458 Ohio St., Benton Harbor, Michigan. I was amazed at the material which she had collected on the Indian work since its beginning in 1947. She was all aflame

in interest for the Indians and for the work among them.

I have in my possession a copy of thirteen pages which she has compiled and someday wishes to put into a book. She has also presented the Indian work in a vivid and living way to a large group in Michigan two weeks before my going there and reporting on the work. Everywhere I met people who had many questions to ask about the Indian work but nowhere was there the interest which Miss Newton conveyed. It has been an incentive to me to know that someone could be filled with such enthusiasm and love for the Indian people.

Many are the recipients of the benefits of Brother Benke's vision, for he was a builder, a man who knew how to interest people and their means in making spiritual investments.

When Jesus said of Mary, "She hath done what she could," he meant that she had done all she could possibly do. That too can be said about Brother Benke. There was a splendor of abandonment in his living. It was entirely selfless, just as the widow's gift placed into the temple treasury, even though the total sum was only a farthing.

The Rev. Fred W. Benke will be remembered as a preacher and teacher, a missionary and a builder, so long as these churches and schools which he established stand—so long as there is a need for a school where Indian boys and girls can receive a Christian education in their preparation for life—so long as the Gospel of Christ is preached in the chapel on the Bull Reserve which now bears his name!

SPECIAL REPORTS

Chapel Dedication of the Baptist Home for the Aged, Bismarck, North Dakota

"TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF REVEREND KARL GIESER BY HIS WIFE AND THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME SOCIETY." Thus reads the bronze plaque in the newly dedicated chapel of the Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck, North Dakota.

October 16th was the date of this happy occasion when friends of the Home gathered from the surrounding churches to witness the dedication. The Rev. Frank Woyke, executive secretary of our denomination, was the guest speaker. In his inspiring message he stressed the thought that as the fireplace in a home symbolizes the gathering place for the family, so the chapel symbolizes the spiritual gathering place for our aged people here in the Home.

Mrs. Lena Gieser of Portland, Ore., the first matron of the Baptist Old People's Home, remembered the day with a letter of greetings and a beautiful bouquet of chrysanthemums. The Rev. R. Sigmund, superintendent of the Home, reported that the light oak pews, the pulpit and two chairs were furnished in memory of the Rev. Karl Gieser, the first superintendent of the Baptist Old People's Home at Bismarck. Mr. Gieser was primarily instrumental in establishing an Old People's Home in the Dakota Conference as well as initiating the new building project.

Mr. Sigmund reported also that the communion table was presented by the children of the Rev. Henry Benz in memory of their father, and that the dorsal curtain was given by Mrs. Atila Broschat and members of the Germantown Baptist Church in memory of Ernest E. Broschat. We now have a lovely chapel in which our guests may come to renew their spiritual strength and hear words of comfort and cheer.

The dedication service was concluded by the offering of the dedicatory prayer by the Rev. Henry Hirsch of Goodrich, North Dakota.

R. Sigmund, Reporter.

Chapel Sunday and Teachers' Training Week at the Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash.

October with its Fall beauty left its stamp on the Pacific Northwest. The Calvary Church of Tacoma, Wash., began its Fall work with Rally Day. A capacity crowd entered the Sunday School auditorium on that first Sunday, and a sudden hush came over the people as they saw the new worship-inspiring front of the room. We saw soft green drapes on either side of violet walls. In the center at the back was a stand with an open Bible, under an illumined sign, "The Way." A picture entitled, "What's Wrong With Your Hands?" depicting several modern-day children looking into Jesus' hands hangs above. A short dedication was held on this Sunday, reminding us that God's house is a place of



The chapel of the Old People's Home in Bismarck, N. Dak., with the new pews which have been furnished as a tribute to the late Rev. Karl Gieser, in whose memory the chapel was recently dedicated.

worship, and that he is the way to Eternal Life, and that his Word tells us of his great love for mankind.

The next Sunday was Chapel Sunday. Workers and scholars from our Portland Ave. Chapel were brought to our church for the morning worship. It was a day of commemoration for those who have labored faithfully at the chapel. It was also in honor of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Olthoff, who had closed their ministry of five years just this past summer. Our pastor, the Rev. H. J. Wilcke, spoke words of appreciation and extended the good wishes of the church in their new field of labor. Mr. Otto Stolz represented the Calvary group and Henry Schmunk, Jr., represented the Chapel group. Both told of the work which the Olthoffs have done, giving of their time and energy unstintingly because of their love of the Lord. Many individuals gave words of thanks for the faithful work of these good peo-

ple. We regret their leaving, yet we know that God will bless them in the field they have chosen. Special comments were made about the 50 years of service in the Lord's vineyard of Brother Olthoff. This was a day to remember!

Also the month of October was special in that we were privileged to have Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., in our midst conducting a Teacher's Training Week. Each evening we had a class, "You Can Teach," led by Brother Leuschner. Then followed a Teachers' Clinic with various Sunday School teachers and workers speaking. Each evening was climaxed by the showing of pictures of our denominational work, with Mr. Leuschner doing the honors in his own inimitable fashion. These entire meetings were profitable to the many attending, and we were certainly spiritually enriched.

Mrs. Marie Schmunk, Reporter.



The Worship Center in the Sunday School room of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., with the open Bible and lovely picture of Christ facing the scholars.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. Norman Miller of Selfridge, N. Dak., have announced that a son was born to them on November 10 who has been named Steven Kent. This is the second child in their family.

● On November 4th the Rev. Leslie Albus presented his resignation to the Baptist Church of Trenton, Illinois, which he had served as pastor since 1947. He has been recalled to active duty as chaplain in the United States Army stationed at an Army Hospital at Auburn-Denver, Colorado. He and his family left for their new assignment on November 19. A more detailed report appears among the "Reports from the Field" in this issue.

● The 1952 issue of the Denominational Directory was distributed among the pastors and denominational leaders several days ago. It is available at the Roger Williams Press in Cleveland, Ohio, at seventy-five cents a copy. If there are any corrections or changes to be made in the addresses of the pastors and in the information about the churches and denominational societies, please send such corrections at once to Headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

● The Rev. Daniel Fuchs, pastor of the McDermot Avenue Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, since 1947 presented his resignation to the church on Sunday, Dec. 9th, and announced that he had accepted the call extended to him by the General Missionary Committee to become one of our denominational evangelists, succeeding the Rev. A. S. Felberg. He will begin his ministry as evangelist on March 30th. He and his family will reside in Winnipeg, Man., for the present. The address will be announced later.

● The men of the Andrews Street Church of Rochester, N. Y., observed Laymen's Sunday on Oct. 21 at the morning service. Mr. Wilbert Neuffer, president of Baptist Men in the church was in charge of the fine program. Mr. Henry Reuter spoke on "Jesus, the Lover of Men"; Mr. Otto Guddat on "Jesus, the Savior of Men"; and Mr. Erwin Schreiber on "Jesus, the Transformer of Men." The Rev. O. E. Krueger, pastor, assisted in the preparation of the program which was most inspirational to the large congregation.

● The Rev. John Wobig of the Trinity Church of Portland, Oregon,

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baptized four converts on confession of their faith in Christ on Sunday, Nov. 4. From Nov. 12 to 25 evangelistic meetings were held in the Trinity Church with the Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Missoula, Montana, serving as evangelist. "Quite a number of persons made their decision for Christ," as reported by Mr. Wobig. Over 400 pupils were in attendance at the Sunday School on Nov. 25 and the attendance at the church services is running well over that at the former downtown location.

● Our Baptist Church of Herreid, S. Dak., celebrated the silver wedding anniversary of its pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Fenske, on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 21. The Rev. and Mrs. A. Krombein of Eureka, S. Dak., had been invited by the church to take charge of the program. Recitations, songs and congratulatory messages were brought by members and friends of the family and by representatives of the church. A good sized gift of money was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Fenske by the church as an expression of its esteem for their ministry.

● Open house was held at the two newly acquired North American Baptist Seminary apartment houses for married students on Sunday afternoon, November 11, in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Approximately 100 guests toured both houses from 3:30 to 5:30 P.M. and light refreshments were served. One house is located at 1225 South Covell Avenue and has four apartments, the lower two of which are occupied by couples with children. The other house is located at 616 West 12th St. and has three apartments. The students are thankful to have this accommodation and close Christian fellowship.

● On November 10 the Rev. Herman Renkema of Baileyville, Illinois, died suddenly of a heart attack. The memorial service was held on Tuesday, November 12, at the Baileyville Baptist Church. The Rev. N. A. Wiens of the Baptist Church, Freeport, Ill., brought the memorial message. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, and Mr. Roland E. Ross, denominational comptroller, also attended the national service and Dr. Woyke spoke briefly. Mr. Renkema was pastor of the Baileyville Baptist Church from 1939 to 1949 and field representative of the Publication House and Roger Williams Press from 1949 to 1950.

● The offering for missions at the Mission Festival held by the Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. Dak., in October was \$1108. During the preceding weeks the woman's missionary society held a sale of handwork and food which netted the women almost \$500. On Sunday, November 25, the church and its pastor, the Rev. Henry Hirsch, dedicated a new communion table and two chairs as a memorial to the late Mr. Herman Augustadt given by his widow and children. The Rev. J. C. Kraenzler of Fredonia, N. Dak., was the guest speaker at this occasion. During the past summer a new garage was built for the pastor.

● Evangelistic meetings were held at the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, N. Dak., from Nov. 6 to 18 with the Rev. H. Palfenier serving as evangelist. Six persons made their confession of faith in Christ during the meetings. These and three others will be baptized as soon as the church's new baptistry is installed. Construction on this baptistry is now under way. On Sunday, Nov. 25, the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, served as guest speaker, showing missionary pictures of the Cameroons and Indian field as well as advance pictures for the 1952 General Conference at the evening service. The Rev. H. J. Waltereit is the pastor.

● Universal Bible Sunday was observed by the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Wash., on Sunday, Nov. 18, in connection with its Thanksgiving service. About 40 Bibles were brought by members to the church for a very interesting display. Among these was a Latvian Bible over 100 years old brought by Mr. Mike Nikshus which he still reads daily. At the Thanksgiving service on Nov. 22nd the

Senior C. B. Y. presented the missionary film, "Beyond Our Own." The Tacoma News Tribune recently ran an item in its "Looking Backward" department that the church building had been dedicated 50 years ago on Nov. 12, 1901. The Rev. H. J. Wilcke is pastor of the church.

● The Fourth Ave. Church of Alpena, Mich., has had many special services recently. On Sunday, Nov. 18, the Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, was the guest speaker, and on Wednesday, Nov. 21, the Rev. Edwin Michelson, Cameroons missionary, brought a message. At the 14th annual program of the Men's Brotherhood on Nov. 13 the Rev. Victor H. Prendinger of Gladwin, Mich., was the guest speaker. He also served the church on Sunday, Nov. 11, in a pulpit exchange with the Rev. Richard Grenz, local pastor. From October 16 to 20 evangelistic meetings were held with the Rev. Murl J. Eastman of Marlette, Mich., as the evangelist. There were three conversions for the Fourth Avenue Church and several for other churches.

● Thirty-one new members have been received into the Grace Church of Racine, Wis., since June 1951 when the Rev. D. Raymond Parry began his ministry. Six new members were received on Sunday, Dec. 2. On Dec. 9 the senior choir of St. Paul's Baptist (Negro) Church presented a sacred concert in the Grace Church. The Christmas cantata, "Child of Bethlehem," under the direction of Mr. Alan Meinhardt was rendered by the church choir on Dec. 26. On Dec. 23 the church school with Mr. Henry Binder, Jr., superintendent, held an impressive "White Gifts Service." A Chapel Choir of boys and girls sings every Sunday morning at the church service directed by the pastor, Mr. Parry. On Sunday evening, Jan. 6, seven converts were baptized. The church is going forward with spiritual enthusiasm and youthful vigor!

● The congregation and friends of the Seventh Street Baptist Church in La Crosse, Wis., pleasantly surprised the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Lemmert, on Sunday evening, Oct. 14. The friends gathered after the evening service in the dining room to celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary. A splendid program directed by Eldon Seibold, student from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., consisted of musical selections by Mrs. Adrian Whitney and Mrs. Hiram Phillips. Mr. William Effa and Mrs. Seibold presented a humorous skit. Mr. August Kaaz extended best wishes in behalf of the church. Flowers and a large collection of food stuffs was presented to the honored guests. Mr. and Mrs. Lemmert expressed their appreciation to their many friends for their thoughtfulness and kindness that prompted the happy occasion.

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YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

January 6 — "Charting Your Route" by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

January 13 — "Power to Continue" by Rev. William Jeschke, St. Paul, Minnesota.

A NEW YEAR

I do not know, I cannot see,
What God's kind hand prepares for me,
Nor can my glance pierce through the haze

Which covers all my future ways;
But yet I know that o'er it all
Rules he who notes the sparrow's fall.

Farewell, Old Year, with goodness crowned,

A divine hand hath set my bound,
Welcome the New Year, which shall bring

Fresh blessings from my God and King.
The Old we leave without a tear,
The New we hail without a fear.

—Anonymous.

YOUTH WEEK

"Commissioned—Committed" is the motto for the activities of our Youth Week to be held from January 27 through February 3. All young people should be busy now making preparations for this important week. All commissions have definite responsibilities in connection with the activities of this week. If you have not received your outline of suggestions it is not too late to write to: Rev. J. C. Gunst, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. It is important that preparations be made now so that an effective program will be carried out during Youth Week. Cooperation with the pastor is very important. Many spiritual victories will be gained as together our North American young people realize that they are COMMISSIONED BY CHRIST and through a renewed consecration to their tasks become COMMITTED IN CHRIST for greater service.

THE CBY PRESIDENT

If you are the president of your CBY, do you realize the important part you play in your group? Your leadership will mold the lives of many young people. The young people in your group look to you as an example. Their enthusiasm in the youth program of your church will depend upon the amount of enthusiasm you have. Their grasp of the CBY organizational setup will depend upon

your knowledge of it and your ability to carry out the suggestions. Your consecration to your work will bring others to help you.

You cannot do all of the work yourself. It is too much. You must not do all of the work yourself. Interest in your program depends upon each young person having a definite part in the entire CBY program. Your job is one of supervision while others do the work.

If you have not organized your CBY group according to the "CBY Guide for Leaders," do it now! Make your CBY a Commissioned-by-Christ Baptist Youth group. Order your "CBY Guide" by writing to Rev. J. C. Gunst, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

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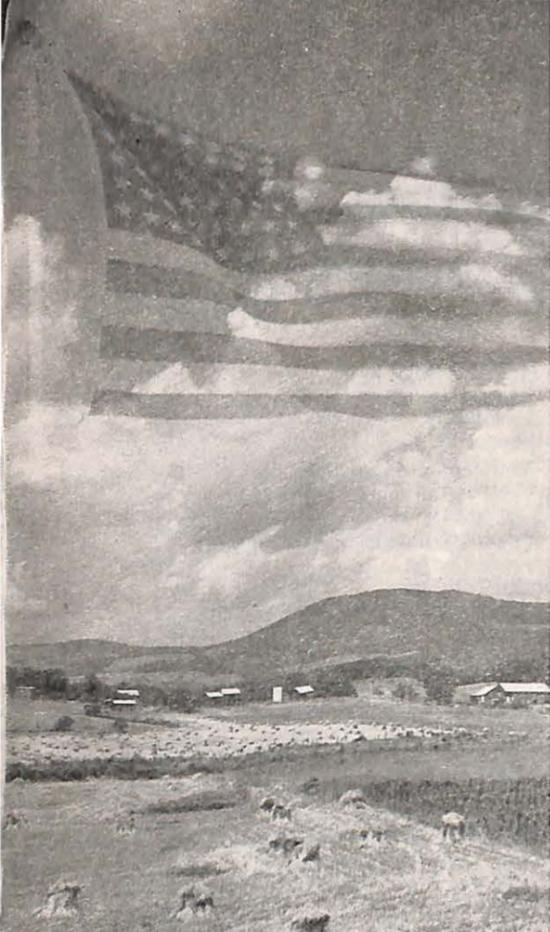
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CHILDREN'S WORK

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Withering Grass

A Christian Novel by BERNARD PALMER

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Karen smiled. He was already beginning to sound like a minister.

"What do I owe you, Reverend?" He fumbled for his bill fold.

"You don't owe me anything at all."

"I want to give you something."

"But there's no charge. Now if you'll excuse me a minute I have a little gift for you." Ernest went into his study. When he returned with a small white book the young groom was standing beside the door with three bills folded and sticking from between his fingers like the blades of a fan. Ernest took them nonchalantly and stuffed them in his pocket. "Thank you. I hope you'll both read this little book and follow what it teaches. The only safe way to establish a home is to build it upon the Lord Jesus Christ."

"Thank you so much," Louise exclaimed.

Ernest would have sworn that young man looked queerly at him.

"Darling, you were marvelous," Karen said when they had gone.

"Thank you, my dear."

Some minutes later he pulled the bills from his pocket and unfolded them. He stood there a moment, seeing again those three bills stuck between the nervous lad's fingers and fanning out like straws for drawing. He felt the blood rush to his face.

"Karen?" he called.

"Yes dear?" She came in quickly.

"I think I've just performed my first and most profitable wedding ceremony." With that he dropped the crumpled bills in her hand; a one, a five and a ten.

Ernest worked hard during the weeks and months that followed and was rewarded by new growth within the church. It was one of those intangible things, difficult to define, even more difficult to isolate and measure. But it was present, nevertheless. Among the more obvious results was the flourishing young people's work, the increased interest in the mid-week prayer meeting and in prayer. Men began to pray with their wives for unsaved sons, and children were becoming more concerned for worldly parents. They were praying for their pastor, too. Ernest could feel the power of their prayers as he stepped into the pulpit.

A lad of sixteen consecrated himself to full-time Christian service at the

close of an evening meeting. And two weeks later a young couple came to him, confessing that they had been convinced, during the last weeks, that the Lord wanted them on the mission field. The work of the little country church had grown in the past months and Ernest had grown with it.

Karen had been looking forward, with some misgivings, to the months ahead. She had expected to be tired most of the time, to have to spend days in bed conserving her strength, and to be treated as an invalid. But, save for an occasional night after working too hard, she felt better than she had for months.

The doctor gave her a thorough physical examination, made a special note of her references to doctoring previously, and gave her a list of basic rules to follow. Ernest was a rigid disciplinarian when it came to seeing that the doctor's directives were followed. He refused to let her lift water, scrub floors, hang out washings, or do a host of other things that might not have affected her. She appeared to be in the best of health and yet he sought out the doctor at the earliest opportunity.

"Hm," Dr. Adams studied his records. "She has a history of rheumatic fever that dates back to childhood."

"I know."

"Some times that causes difficulty and some times it doesn't. If it does, we usually start having trouble at the very beginning."

"I see."

"From the examination I've made, and I've checked her carefully, I would say we've nothing to worry about."

"I'm glad to hear that." The relief was evident in his voice. "She's been following your orders carefully."

"That's fine. It's always easier to prevent recurrence than to check one."

The holidays came and went and, before Ernest was quite prepared for it, the Easter season was upon him. In addition to his visitation and regular duties he was faced with the prospect of preparing a series of messages for special meetings that were to be held in the week preceding Easter.

"... And people used to tell me that pastoring was a soft life," he sighed heavily. "I've got seven messages to

prepare and only three ideas. What would your dad do in a case like that?"

"Well," she laughed. "If you'll promise not to give him away, he used to go to the bone pile of old sermons, put a couple of them together, change the next and get some new illustrations."

"Did it work?"

"It worked until one of his deacons came up to him after a service and said, 'Reverend Syndergaard, that was a splendid message this morning. It's getting better every time you give it.'"

They both laughed.

"Did the mail come yet?"

"Oh yes, a letter from Burt." She got up and went over to the cupboard.

Ernest opened it with a table knife. "Read it out loud, honey."

"Dear Ernie and Karen:

"It was good to hear from you the other day—especially good to know you're feeling so well, Karen."

"The work in your little Church sounds fascinating. I wish I could be there to see it grow. It's wonderful to be serving the Lord isn't it?"

"Things are beginning to happen in my work here in Chicago. I had a couple of the boys out to hold special meetings... An old lady came to me and said that it had been years since she'd seen anything like it... A man stopped me Sunday evening with tears of joy standing in his eyes as he told me of leading his wife to Christ, and the young people's society had three converts in the last week..."

Ernest looked up from the letter slowly.

"Isn't that wonderful?"

It was wonderful, indeed. It was always wonderful to know that people were coming to the Lord.

"And by the way, I've about made up my mind to go to French Indo-China as a missionary. Prof. Lindsay tells me they're only waiting for qualified young men to open up whole new fields..."

"Isn't that just like Burt?" Karen said when he had finished reading, "picking out the hardest and most dangerous place to serve."

"Yes, I know," he said bitterly.

Karen shuddered as though he had struck her. It was not the words, but his tone, that spoke to her. She put down her fork and her eyes sought his. "Ernie, darling," she said at last. "That isn't like you."

"So now you're lecturing me." His lips curled about the words.

Ernest pushed back from the table. His gaze met hers and dropped. Then slowly he got to his feet and half stumbled into his study.

Two or three times Karen would have gone in, but something stayed her.

It was more than an hour before he came out. The door opened and she turned quickly to see him towering in the doorway. The haggard lines in his face made him seem even taller, though his shoulders were sagged. She started

to speak, but he came over and took her in his arms.

"Darling," he said in a choked voice.

"Will you forgive me?"

"I have nothing to forgive you for."

"Yes, you have. I had no call to talk to you that way. I am sorry... Honestly, Karen, I do love Burt. We're even closer than most brothers. But this—this jealousy, if you want to call it that, keeps flaring up."

She nodded.

"I don't think you really know what it's like. Ever since I was a little fellow this thing has been burning within me, this determination to amount to something, to show that I am Burt's equal. It won't be stamped out overnight."

"I'm glad to know that you are fighting it, Ernie. That's something I hadn't realized before."

"You will pray for me concerning it, won't you?"

"Of course, dear. I'll continue to pray for you."

It was early that evening that Karen had to go to the hospital.

She had supposed that she would be frightened, but she was not. Oh, there had been a brief wave of panic when she first realized that the birth of their child was imminent, but that soon gave way to a sort of taut, unexpressive happiness, like that of one who cannot dwell upon thoughts of the long, tortuous climb ahead for thoughts of the breathtaking view from the mountain top. That was where she was headed—to the mountain-top experience for every woman—to that gloriously mystical wonder of childbirth—body of her body, blood of her blood. How wonderful it was to know that God had selected her as an instrument to give a little one birth, to lend of strength to nurture him and finally to bring him forth into the world—perhaps to be marvelously used of the Lord.

She waited a few minutes before saying anything to Ernest, then very calmly she went into the bedroom and got the suitcase that had been packed and standing there for at least a month.

Outwardly Ernest was calm enough, but the doubts and fears that had slumbered fitfully during the months just past were boiling now with renewed fury like a smouldering volcano suddenly come to life and erupting streams of molten lava. Dr. Adams had assured him that her physical condition was good, and yet the spectre of her mother's sudden, unexpected passing rose like a cloud between himself and the sun of happiness.

"Do you think you can manage without me for ten days?" she asked.

"It'll be hard, I can tell you."

"Now you know where everything is," she went on. "Don't forget to put the milk and butter in the refrigerator and keep the cupboard doors shut in

case any of the neighbors come to call."

"Oh sure, sure!"

"And don't worry about me, Ernie dear. God will take care of me."

As she turned out the lights he pulled her to him and held her very close, his lips seeking hers. "Darling," he whispered. "I'll be praying for you every minute."

"Thank you, Ernie."

Ernest had not realized that the country road was so rough, or the distance to town so far. His car seemed to crawl along, gnawing daintily at the miles without taking any appreciable bite of them.

They were ready and waiting for Karen the moment she and Ernest stepped into the hospital.

"You're Mrs. Henning, aren't you?" a prim, businesslike nurse said, approaching them. "If you'll come with me your husband can take care of signing you in."

Ernest tried to watch where they took her but they whisked her out of sight down the corridor and up a narrow stairs to the right.

"If you will come in here," a short, trim little nurse ordered, with an air of being too busy to be bothered for long, "this will only take a few minutes."

Ernest followed her into the little office.

"What room will my wife be in?" he asked when the forms were completed.

"216," she replied without looking up from the chart. "Upstairs and to your right to the end of the hall. But they'll be busy with her for some time."

He went back through the reception room and out into the warm night air. The sun had gone down but the moon was riding high in the heavens, bathing the small Kansas community with soft highlights and shadows. He went across the street to the little lunchroom and sat down on a stool at the counter.

"A cup of coffee, please."

"Comin' right up." The white aproned girl set a cup of steaming coffee before him. "Anything else?"

"No, thank you." He was tired. Desperately tired.

"You're a preacher, aren't you?" The evening trade was small and the waitress talkative.

"That's right."

"I knew it. I had you spotted right away. I can always tell a preacher."

"How do you do that? Or is it a secret?"

"I don't know. You fellows always look like you're carryin' the world on your shoulders."

"Sometimes it seems that way, too." She leaned on the counter beside him with an easy but impersonal manner. "I'll bet you do get in on everyone's problems at that."

"Yes, so many people never think of Christ until they get into trouble."

"Don't you ever get tired of it?"

We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

MORE — — — !

THE FOLLOWING outline was presented at the October meeting of the Council of Church Women of Greater Chicago by Mrs. H. S. Bechtolt of Chicago. We cannot think of a better program of work for the New Year than this, and suggest it to all of our women, as a challenge and an inspiration.

THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S ACTION PROGRAM FOR WORLD PEACE FOR THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN, AND HER WOMAN'S SOCIETY

MORE private worship and meditation and less time on non-essentials.

MORE group worship, and less time on trifling business.

MORE Bible study and fewer bazaars.

MORE prayer, and less "palaver."

MORE challenging programs and less time for social groups.

MORE understanding of other people's problems—in Idaho, Indonesia, India, Iran—and less worry about our own.

MORE sacrificial sharing for others—through the benevolent and missionary programs of our own church, denomination, Council of Church Women, Church World Service, etc.—and fewer luxuries for ourselves.

MORE giving of our sons and daughters for Christian service and less emphasis on vocations for self-gains.

MORE study of our national problems and less biased and thoughtless criticism of those whom the majority have helped to elect to high office and who must make the decisions for us.

MORE importance attached to our daily decisions and actions as Christian women and less "going with the crowd."

"I am only one, but I am one; I cannot do everything, But I can do something."

He fingered the cup momentarily.

"No. I don't think I do."

"What does it get you, anyhow?"

"The joy of pointing men and women to the Lord Jesus."

She drew away almost haughtily and walked to the far corner of the counter where she stood until he had finished his coffee.

(To Be Continued)

Attention Program Leaders New Program Material.

Orders are now being filled for the brand new 1951-52 Program Packet which has been prepared for your use by our Missionary Education Committee.

This new program material, which comes in booklet form, contains a complete program for each month of the year as well as other suggestions and program helps.

If you have not received your copy, may we suggest that you send your order with 75 cts. to: Woman's Missionary Union, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois. Program material may be obtained either in English or in German. Please state your preference.

What I can do I ought to do,
And what I ought to do
By the grace of God, I will do."

There are many hymns of aspiration, such as "Higher Ground," "More Like the Master," "More Love To Thee," etc. At this time of year, when many of us make New Year's resolutions, it is good to sing these hymns, with a new appreciation of their meaning. One hymn of this type, which may not be so well known, is "My Prayer," by P. P. Bliss. We share it with you, as our New Year's prayer:

More holiness give me,
More striving within;
More patience in suffering,
More sorrow for sin;
More faith in my Savior,
More sense of his care;
More joy in his service,
More purpose in prayer.

More gratitude give me,
More trust in the Lord;
More pride in his glory,
More hope in his word;
More tears for his sorrows,
More pain at his grief;
More meekness in trial,
More praise for relief.

More purity give me,
More strength to overcome;
More freedom from earth-stains,
More longings for home;
More fit for the kingdom,
More used would I be;
More blessed and holy,
More, Savior, like thee. Amen.

FURTHER REPORTS

Evangelistic Meetings and Conference at the Baptist Church of Hilda, Alberta

In spite of severe weather conditions, we of the Baptist Church in Hilda, Alberta, were able to be host to the two-day evangelistic conference on October 17 and 18. The Rev. John Wobig of Portland, Ore., made us more aware of the great need for consistent Christian living and daily witness by mouth to our unsaved friends and associates. Special features of the conference were the choir selections from the radio choir of the "Sunday Home Hour," Medicine Hat, Alberta.

From October 30 to November 8 revival services were conducted in Hilda by the Rev. J. B. Kornalewski of Minnetonka, Manitoba. We thank God for the humble and spiritual ministry of this servant of the Lord. The local men's quartet rendered much invaluable assistance in the ministry of song. Various members gave object lessons and stories each evening for the large number of children and young people who attended.

We are grateful for the many golden opportunities we have had to learn more about God's Word in this mission field of Hilda. We ask our readers to claim with us God's promise that his Word shall not return unto him void, but that he will prosper it and bring forth fruit unto life eternal.

Mrs. V. A. Pahl, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings and Missionary Service at the Baptist Church of Olds, Alberta

It was the privilege of the Olds Baptist Church of Olds, Alta., to hold revival meetings beginning with Nov. 5th and continuing to Nov. 16th. The first week the preaching was in the German language and the last week in English. The Word of God was brought to us in all sincerity and truth. Such times are always an inspiration and uplifting for the saints of God. But the Word spoke very forcibly also to the unsaved with several coming out for the Lord. We thank our Master for his seeking love revealed among us.

The Rev. Ervin J. Faul of Calgary, Alta., was the speaker during these special meetings. It was the first time that many of the people from Olds had the opportunity to hear our brother. Through his timely and inspiring messages we all have come to know and appreciate him. The Lord is making him a useful instrument through the channel of evangelism.

On Tuesday, Nov. 13th, our Cameroons missionary, Miss Esther Schultz, was in our midst. It was a real pleasure to get acquainted with her. The work of the Cameroons becomes more real to us when we can associate it with the personalities of the missionaries who work there. Through Miss Schultz's portrayal of the need of the mission field we have been led to pray more earnestly for the task before us as a denomination.

G. J. Thiessen, Pastor.



Central Conference

Banquet for Sunday School Leaders by the Holmes Street Church, Lansing, Michigan

The Holmes Street Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., has been very happy in the steady growth of its Sunday School department. All available classroom space is filled, including the church annex building. We now have a Senior and Junior department, each with its own superintendent. Mr. Emil Dachtler is doing fine work as the superintendent of the Senior Sunday School department and Mr. Otto Perry as assistant superintendent. Miss Ann Dachtler is a splendid Junior department superintendent.

On Saturday evening, Oct. 13th, prior to Rally Day, the Sunday School held a banquet for its officers and teachers. We were privileged to have the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., with us as our guest speaker. He brought an inspiring and challenging message on the far reaching ministry of the Sunday School. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship and inspiration. Everyone enjoyed it so much that we are planning to have such a meeting annually. Our prayer is that we may continue to grow in the work of the Lord here.

Mr. Alber Draher, Reporter.

Retreat and High School Night by Ebenezer CBY of Detroit, Michigan

The CBY of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., has made known a desire to know the word of God better and to put that Word to use. We also hope to see our CBY grow.

To carry out this first desire, our young people left Friday, October 26, for a weekend retreat at the Detroit Baptist Camp in Lapeer, Michigan. During cabin devotions and Sunday School, we discussed the sinner before his conversion and also the Christian's part in soul winning. Dr. H. H. Savage and our pastor, the Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, were the principal speakers. They brought us inspiring messages from God's Word, which thrilled our souls and helped us to see the need for witnessing to others.

When we returned to Ebenezer Church on Sunday evening, each of our hearts was touched as members of our group gave their testimonies, stating the blessing which they had received from the Lord during that weekend. They also told of their de-

sire to become purposeful witnesses.

To enlarge our CBY, we held a Community High School Night on November 17 at Ebenezer Church. We invited all high school students who attend schools in a large area surrounding our church. The main thought of the young people was to attract students who do not have a regular church, that they might see the wonderful times that can be experienced by a group of friendly Christians. A total of 130 young people representing 26 high schools in the city attended. In this manner those who might never have had the desire to hear of God heard of him and the joy which comes from serving him through the motion picture, "Lord of All," and by testimonies from the group.

Virginia Wipp, Reporter.

Special Radio Broadcast Program by Burns Ave. Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

The "Echoes of Heaven" radio chorus of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., was privileged to give "a mock broadcast" on Nov. 9 in a small church near Lapeer, Michigan. A full auditorium of people awaited our arrival after which we proceeded with the same type of program which we broadcast every Sunday evening from 8 to 9 o'clock over CKLW. The vocal and instrumental numbers were climaxed by a challenging evangelistic message by our pastor, Dr. Dale Ihrie.

We welcome these occasional times of fellowship and personal contact with some of this unseen radio audience of ours. Although many hundreds of letters have been received through the thirteen years of weekly broadcasts, we feel we will not realize the far reaching effects of this work this side of heaven.

It was through a printed broadcast sermon that a new evangelistic effort called "The Echoes of Heaven India Mission" was started. Mr. Shakespeare Edwards, an Indian Christian in India, received one of our sermons, translated it into his language and gave out hundreds of copies. His work has grown to such an extent that he now has his own printing shop in which he translates and prints hundreds of tracts and sermons.

Mildred Wasko, Reporter.

Farewell Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Albus at Trenton, Illinois

The Rev. Leslie P. Albus, who came to the First Baptist Church of Tren-

ton, Ill., as pastor on May 11, 1947, resigned that pastorate on Nov. 4, 1951, because of his recall to active duty as chaplain in the U.S. Army. He will be stationed in a hospital at Auburn-Denver, Colorado. During his stay in Trenton he has taken his Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism at McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill., and has also completed a year's work at Eden Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. For one year and three months he has taught in the 7th and 8th grades in the Trenton Public Schools, serving as grade school basketball coach.

The Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Albus have endeared themselves to the Trenton Church and Jerry, who was born in August 1949, has captured the heart of everyone so that their leaving is causing deep regret in church and community circles. In their four and a half years of service, there have been 27 additions to the church (13 by baptism), the redecoration of the interior of the church has been completed, the basement project was carried out, new furnaces were installed in church and parsonage, a new water heater has been added to parsonage equipment, and the church and parsonage were painted.

At a fellowship farewell dinner on Sunday, Nov. 18th, the church through Mr. Ted Klasing presented Mr. Albus with a Bulova wristwatch and Mrs. Albus with a beautiful quilted satin robe. She also received a purse from the women's societies of the church. With the prayers of the church going with them, they left for their new assignment on Monday, Nov. 19th. No definite plans for a new pastor have been made at the present time.

Mrs. Edna Gieseke, Clerk.

Southwestern Conference

Mission Festival and Evangelistic Meetings at the Bethany Baptist Church, Vesper, Kansas

The month of October was full of special blessings for us at the Bethany Church near Vesper, Kansas. On Oct. 14, Mission Festival Day, we had the privilege of meeting our new general missionary secretary, the Rev. R. Schilke. His messages regarding our mission fields and work were not only inspiring but challenged us to more sacrificial cooperation in the missionary effort of our denomination. At noon a fellowship dinner was served by the women of the church. In the evening Mr. Schilke showed pictures of the mission work in the Cameroons. Offerings amounting to \$860.39 were received during the morning and evening services.

Beginning with Sunday, Oct. 21, two weeks of evangelistic meetings were conducted by the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph T. Larson of Denver, Colorado. Mr. Larson has a forceful way of bringing the claims of Christ to the unsaved, and God blessed the effort with twelve conversions. There was also a spirit of prayer among the members and many reconsecrated their lives.

Mrs. Frank Will, Reporter.

Mission Festival and Woman's Missionary Union Anniversary Program at Bessie, Oklahoma

On Sunday, Oct. 28th, the First Baptist Church of Bessie, Okla., celebrated its Harvest and Mission Festival. The children presented an inspiring program for the evening with recitations, a play and songs by the different Sunday School groups, which was followed by a short sermonette by the pastor, the Rev. Jacob Ehman. The church was decorated with the fruits of the year. Despite the crop failures of the past few years, the people were most generous in their giving.

On Sunday, Nov. 18, the Woman's Missionary Union presented its annual program at the regular evening service. This also was an inspiration to those present. It consisted of a number of songs by the ladies' chorus, roll call and a report by the secretary-treasurer, two numbers by a ladies' trio, an instrumental number, Bible questions, a solo and a play entitled, "The Lord Hath Need of Thee," prepared by Mrs. Adam Huber of Linton, North Dakota. A few words on the need of missionary giving preceded the offering which amounted to \$52.00.

We rejoice in the work done by the church for the work of the Lord. We covet your prayers that the Lord will prosper his work here.

Jacob Ehman, Pastor.

Sunday School Week Observance and Harvest-Mission Sunday at Shattuck, Oklahoma

The Sunday School of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Shattuck, Okla., observed Sunday School week in October. We had a banquet to honor our teachers, who have been very faithful.

Before school began, our young people gave a picnic, honoring those who were leaving us to go to school elsewhere. The evening ended with a chorus sing, special music and a testimony meeting around the campfire, and many took part in giving their testimonies.

Miss Stella Williams, the State Child Evangelism director, spent a few days in Shattuck and held children's meetings in our church. Many boys and girls were given the Gospel there and also in the public school, and some accepted the Lord as their Savior. Three of our Sunday School children were among those who accepted Christ.

On October 28, we had our Harvest Mission Sunday. We invited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford, Kans., to be with us that Sunday. The Lord richly blessed us together. We were inspired and enlightened through the messages of both Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand and also by the pictures they showed of the Cameroons. The Lord be praised for the offering for missions which amounted to \$563.58.

With thanksgiving in our hearts, we can say with the Psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

Oliver K. Ringering, Pastor.

Ordination of the Rev. Norman Berkan at the Ebenezer Church of Kansas

On Thursday, Oct. 18, the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Elmo, Kansas, ordained its pastor, Mr. Norman Berkan. The following churches were represented: Bison, Strassburg, First Baptist of Dickinson County, Mt. Zion, Calvary, and Durham.

The Rev. A. Stackhouse of Stafford, Kans., was elected chairman for the proceedings of the afternoon and evening. Mr. Berkan presented his testimony of conversion, call to the ministry and doctrinal views. A period of questioning followed. The candidate presented a clear view of his beliefs in the ordination paper and also satisfactorily answered the questions that were raised. The Council voted to proceed with the ordination that evening.

The evening service was opened with a song service led by the Rev. J. Block of Bison, Kansas. The Rev. A. Sandow led in the devotional. Dr. Ralph Powell of the Seminary brought the main message of the evening. He spoke on 1 Tim. 3:1-7. It was a challenging message stating the high, Scriptural requirements of the ministry and also the responsibility the church has towards its young pastor. The church has the means of making a "giant out of its pastor."

The Rev. H. Baerg of Durham, Kans., gave the charge to the candidate; the Rev. L. Hinz of the Strassburg Church near Marion, Kans., the charge to the church; the Rev. A. Stackhouse led in the ordination prayer; and the Rev. H. Schauer of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County welcomed the Rev. N. Berkan into the ranks of the ministers.

After an inspirational evening, during which the duties of our calling both as laymen and ministers were clearly portrayed, the newly ordained pastor dismissed the congregation with the benediction.

H. Schauer, Secretary.

Northwestern Conference

Sunday School Week is Observed by the Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Too often after our Rally Day programs, we remember little of the program and completely forget the rally. The teachers and officers of the Riverview Baptist Sunday School of St. Paul, Minn., determined that something would be done in an all out attempt to rally our forces for God's work. To this end we decided to designate the week of October 7 to 14 as Sunday School week in our school, and do all we could to advertise and promote its activities.

Our work began long before the actual dates set, as plans were made so that every day was put to good use. To dispose of all last minute details and to make final plans, we held a teachers' and officers' meeting on Friday, Oct. 5. Preceding our meeting,

several ladies of the Sunday School served us a fine supper. In addition to making final plans at this meeting, we also prepared letters of invitation to all the parents of the Sunday School scholars. These invitations served the two-fold purpose of outlining the week's activities and inviting all the parents to become members of our Sunday School.

The actual week's events were begun on Sunday evening, Oct. 7. At this time we observed our Harvest and Mission Festival, Rally Day, and Promotional Sunday. With the church decorated in a harvest theme, scholars representing each class in the Sunday School presented our Rally Day program. The program consisted of songs, recitations, playlets and an object lesson. Completing the program of the evening, certificates of promotion were presented to about 35 scholars.

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday of the week were reserved for visitation work by the teachers and officers. We made special efforts to reach all new scholars entering our classes, and scholars whose attendance had been irregular. The parents of all the scholars visited were also contacted and invited to attend our Sunday School. The results of our efforts were gratifying, in that we did win new scholars. We feel that the greatest result will be that of the establishment of a regular visitation program.

On Wednesday evening, a special prayer meeting was held for those twelve years of age and under, in addition to the regular prayer service for the adult group. All the teachers and officers were present at the prayer meeting, and our pastor, the Rev. Edgar W. Klatt, led the Bible study portion of the meeting with discussion on problems pertinent to our Sunday School.

At the suggestion of our denominational leaders, we planned a Parent-Teacher-Scholar service for Friday evening. Purposes of this meeting were to help parents become more familiar with teachers, and teachers to meet and discuss plans with parents. Accordingly, the program given was short, following the pattern of the Sunday School opening exercises. Scripture was given from memory by several of our scholars enrolled in scripture memory work. Carl Glewwe, one of our teachers, presented a very interesting object lesson. Our missionary goal was outlined, several choruses sung, and the meeting closed with prayer by our pastor.

The services of Sunday, Oct. 14, ended the week's activities. In the morning service the teachers and officers, and congregation took part in a special dedication service prepared by the pastor. The message of the morning also dealt with Christian education, as did the message of the evening service, the teachers and officers took part in various parts of the service, and our pastor brought the message.

To sum up — we all feel that we have had a grand experience and made a fine start. We are looking forward to a growing Sunday School, both in numbers and in God's grace.

Milton Hildebrandt, Superintendent.

First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, Celebrates Its Seventy-fifth Anniversary

From Friday, Nov. 2, through Sunday, Nov. 4, the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, celebrated its 75th anniversary. In the weeks immediately preceding the event, the people of the church worked together in a beautiful spirit of harmony and diligence in making the necessary preparations. The men, in one week's time, covered the exterior of the church with two coats of gleaming white paint, the last coat being applied in just one day. In the meantime, the women cleaned and polished the entire interior of the church, while the young people assisted in cleaning the basement and raking the yard.

Unseasonably cold weather curtailed the attendance at the anniversary meetings, but there were capacity crowds at all the services. The Friday evening service was conducted by the Ladies' Aid and Dorcas Societies, and was addressed by Miss Bertha Lang, a daughter of the church and a missionary in China for over 28 years. She spoke most impressively on the theme of going forward, emphasizing the need of going forward in (1) Bible reading, (2) prayer, and (3) soul-winning.

The Saturday evening service was under the direction of the young people, and was addressed by the Rev. Fred Lower of Kankakee, Ill., the new pastor of the church as of January 1, 1952. Speaking on the theme "Preparedness," he emphasized how God works through prepared vessels and prepared channels.

On Sunday, Nov. 4, four of the former pastors spoke at the various services. The Rev. G. A. Waldvogel, pastor from 1921-1928, spoke at the morning service, emphasizing the need of continued growth in our knowledge of Christ through the study of the Word of God.

At the afternoon service, the first message was brought by the Rev. C. Swyter, pastor from 1929-1936. Speaking on the theme "The Christian Church," he outlined that which characterizes the witness of a local church. The second speaker of the afternoon was the Rev. Howard Johnson, pastor from 1941-1951. His message entitled "Go Forward" emphasized the conditions of faith, courage, zeal and loyalty to the Word of God as requisite for spiritual advance.

Speaker for the evening service was the Rev. H. Palfenier, pastor from 1936-1940 and at present denominational evangelist. He brought greetings from the North American Baptist General Conference, and then spoke on the theme, "The Four Pillars of the Church," based on Acts 2:42, namely, (1) the apostle's doctrine, (2) fellowship, (3) breaking of bread and (4) prayers.

There was deep regret in the hearts of all that another former pastor, the Rev. A. G. Lang of Parkersburg, Iowa, for reasons of failing health, was unable to be present. There was joy, however, in having present Mrs. Hans



Ministers at the 75th anniversary of the Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

Left to right: Louis R. Johnson, Steamboat Rock, Iowa; Folkert De Vries, St. Paul, Minn.; Howard Johnson, Cedar Falls, Iowa; G. A. Waldvogel, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Fred Lower, Steamboat Rock, Iowa; G. F. Ehrhorn, Steamboat Rock, Iowa; H. Palfenier, Manitowoc, Wis.; Carl J. Sentman, Mason City, Iowa; Carl Swyter, Buffalo Center, Iowa; C. Fred Lehr, Grundy Center, Iowa; Arthur Waldvogel, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Steiger of St. Joseph, Mich., a former pastor's wife.

The church was founded on Nov. 18, 1876, by 17 brave spiritual pioneers. The original building was built and dedicated in 1889. It was remodeled and enlarged to its present size in 1917 during the pastorate of the Rev. A. G. Lang. A further addition of a Sunday School and young people's unit was added in 1940 during the pastorate of the Rev. H. Palfenier. The present beautiful and spacious parsonage was built in 1929 during the Rev. C. Swyter's pastorate. Though there were times of testing during the church's history, it has continued to grow in numbers and strength through the years. Today finds the church with a membership of approximately 200, a Sunday School of the same number, two strong and active women's societies, and three youth organizations embodying approximately 75 young people.

At least ten workers have gone forth from the church into full-time Christian service besides others who were at one time associated with the church. These ten are: Jacob Jordan, pastor; Miss Bertha Lang, missionary; Mrs. Carrie Tobert, missionary; Carl Ruppelt, missionary; Rev. and Mrs. Carl J. Sentman, pastor and wife; Rev. George Eilers, pastor; Mrs. Lydia Rhoads, missionary; and Rev. and Mrs. Louis R. Johnson, pastor and wife.

The church looks forward to the coming of its new pastor, Rev. Fred Lower, and under God it seeks to go forward to greater spiritual heights than anything yet attained. May God grant it to be so, and not only for this church but for all of the churches of our conference, particularly in the quest for 7000 souls during this present triennium.

Louis R. Johnson, Interim Pastor.

Mary-Martha Club and Men's Club of the Faith Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

On Friday evening, Sept. 21, the Mary-Martha Club of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., sponsored a missionary meeting which was open to all members of the church. We were very privileged to have the Rev. Edwin Michelson with us as guest speaker. He gave us an inspiring and appropriate message on the Martha's and Mary's of Africa. Special music was provided by a girl's trio. After the service the members of the club served cake and coffee.

On Sunday, Nov. 4, we had a large crowd in attendance as the Mary-Martha Club, with the assistance of some of the young men of the church, presented a missionary play entitled, "Outpost." The members of the cast spent a great deal of time and effort in presenting the play. Mrs. Carolyn Lubbers was the efficient and patient director of the play.

The annual open house program of the Eureka Men's Club was held in the church on Friday, Oct. 26. The program began with a song service, after which Mr. Henry Fluth read Scripture. The Rev. D. S. Wipf led us in prayer. We were then favored with a selection by the Men's Chorus, followed by a violin solo by Mr. Lewis Chase accompanied by Mr. David Dunn.

A skit was presented which portrayed how the "Good Old Days" were perhaps not so good after all, and that times do change rather rapidly, but that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ does not change. Another number by the Men's Chorus and benediction by our pastor brought the meeting to a close.

Eleanor Taubensee, Reporter.

Baptism, Missionary Service and Youth Programs at Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wisconsin

It was a blessed occasion for the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wis., when five young converts were baptized on confession of their faith by our pastor, the Rev. James Conner, on Sunday evening, Oct. 28. On the following Sunday morning, Nov. 4, the hand of fellowship was extended to them and for the first time they observed the Lord's Supper with the church.

Several of these converts were the results of tent meetings which were held in nearby Coleman for two weeks in August. This was a new venture sponsored by the Pound Men's Brotherhood, which consists of men from the three Baptist churches in the vicinity of Pound. The Rev. Floyd Ankerberg of the International Youth for Christ brought a timely message each evening.



The Rev. Robert W. Conner (left) of the Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wis., and five young people whom he recently baptized and received into the fellowship of the church.

The Brotherhood was privileged to have the Rev. Richard Schilke as guest speaker on Nov. 11th for its monthly meeting. On the preceding Sunday evening he brought an encouraging missionary report and a Gospel message to the church.

Our community and church are glad to have the Rev. and Mrs. John Meyers in our midst again. They moved here into their new home from Chicago. Mr. Meyers is a former pastor of our church, and we enjoy his fellowship in our services. Mrs. Meyers, who is unable to attend church, can now worship with us in her home through the use of a Public Address System which has recently been installed.

The young people of the church are busy in their three various groups with a combined membership of 56. At present the Joy Club is studying the Gospel of John, the Juniors are following the programs in "Youth Compass," and the Senior group the Book of Acts. The young people take charge of the church service on the last Sunday evening of each month.

Mrs. R. Graetz, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Ordination of the Rev. Walter Berkan at Spokane's Arthur Street Baptist Church

On Saturday afternoon, Nov. 17 an ordination council met at the call of the Arthur St. Baptist Church, Spokane, Wash., for the purpose of examining its pastor, Mr. Walter Berkan, for ordination. Mr. Ben Schmidt, a deacon of the church, opened the service and explained the purpose of calling the council. The Rev. F. E. Klein was elected moderator, and the Rev. Glen Soule, clerk. The neighboring churches of Missoula, Mont.; Colfax, Odessa and Spokane, Wash., were represented by 15 delegates. Also present by special invitation of the church were the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., and the Rev. R. M. Klingbeil, retired pastor of the Colfax church and formerly of Spokane.

Dakota Conference

Mission Sunday and Evangelistic Meetings of the Berlin and Fredonia Baptist Churches

On Sunday, Sept. 30th, we of the Berlin Baptist Church of Berlin and Fredonia, N. Dak., observed Mission Sunday. The Lord gave us good weather so that the people were able to come from near and far to share in the blessings of the day. It was the privilege of the pastor, the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, to speak to large congregations on the "Joy and Blessings of Giving." The morning and afternoon services were held in the Berlin Baptist Church and the evening service was conducted in the Fredonia Baptist Church. The meetings were greatly enhanced by our church choir directed by Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler.

The people expressed their gratitude to the Lord in giving over \$2,500 during the day. The Ladies' Missionary Society served lunch in the basement of the church, so that everyone present at the morning service could share in the Christian fellowship.

From October 29 to November 9 special meetings were conducted in the Berlin Baptist Church with the Rev. Arthur Fischer of McClusky, N. Dak., serving as our evangelist. Saints were edified and sinners were convicted of their sins and six persons were saved. We rejoice in this victory and look forward to a baptismal service in the near future.

J. C. Kraenzler, Pastor.

Sessions of the Thirty-first Badlands Sunday School Convention at Plevna, Montana

The thirty-first Badlands Sunday School Convention met from October 19 to 21 at the Plevna Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana. The convention was preceded by a fine Conference on Evangelism which was held in the same church. The theme of the convention was "Evangelism in the Sunday School" with messages on "Bringing Them In," "Winning Them for Christ," and "Training Them for service" brought by the pastors of the Badlands area.

Dr. Frank Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker at the convention. He brought several instructive and inspirational messages besides some enlightening reports on our denominational work.

On Saturday afternoon the business session was held at which time the following officers were elected: president, Rev. N. Miller, Selfridge, N. Dak.; vice-president, Rev. Bernard Fritzsche, McLaughlin, S. Dak.; secretary and treasurer, Rev. E. Gerlitz, McIntosh, S. Dak.; Scripture Memory director, Miss Marlene Huber. Total offerings for the convention amounted to \$123.27.

The youth rally on Sunday afternoon was the crowning event of the convention. Dr. Woyke spoke on "Sir, We Would See Jesus."

E. A. Gerlitz, Reporter.

Inspirational Dedication Services of the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, North Dakota

Early on Sunday morning, Nov. 4, the Bismarck Baptist Church of Bismarck, N. Dak., was filled with members and friends who had come from far and near to participate in the day's festivities. With the singing of "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" the dedication services of our new church began. Music for the day was furnished by the church choir under the direction of Milton Hochhalter and by the male quartet of the church.

The Rev. Henry Hirsch of Goodrich, N. Dak., the first pastor of the Bismarck Baptist Church, brought the first message of the day. Mr. Hirsch recounted briefly some of the early history of the church and then brought a stirring message based on the words, "For other foundation can no man lay, than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11).

The Rev. Richard Schilke, our general missionary secretary, brought the dedication message on the theme, "House of God, Gate of Heaven." Mrs. Vernon Wolitarsky of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., sang "Bless This House, O Lord" after which the Rev. J. R. Matz led us in the dedicatory prayer. Mr. Matz had served as chairman of the Building Committee. He had volunteered many hours of labor, was one of the heaviest contributors financially and daily prayed for the success of this undertaking.

The afternoon service was quite informal. A memorial window was presented in memory of Mrs. Lilly Stohler who passed away just a year ago. A trio of ladies from the Woman's Missionary Society sang a beautiful song in her memory. A brief history of the church and its building program was given by the pastor, the Rev. Edward Kary. Mr. Julius Grenz, treasurer of the Building Fund, gave a heart-warming report of the financial giving during our building program. Congratulatory messages were also brought by 13 visiting pastors. In the evening, Mr. Schilke brought the closing message of the day, speaking on "A Mighty Savior."

The women of the church served all those present with a delicious ham dinner and again with a supper. There were pies, cakes and "Kuchen" enough to satisfy every appetite. No charge was made for these meals. The guests, however, responded most generously with free-will offerings. In all of the services for the day offerings were received. Visiting friends and members responded so nobly that we shall never be able to thank them enough. When the day's receipts were counted, we had enough money to pay all our bills, leaving us with only a small loan yet to be paid to the denominational Parsonage and Chapel Loan Fund.

Everyone was most anxious to learn what the new church had cost us. We felt that we had a pleasant surprise for them. The total cost amounted to \$29,646.52. We had paid \$2,900 for the lot, so that the actual cost of the building was \$26,746.00. There were, of course, several thousand hours of volunteer labor which greatly reduced the actual cost of the church.



The beautiful new edifice of the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., of which the Rev. Edward Kary is the pastor, which was dedicated on Sunday, November 4, 1951.

The church is an all-frame building with a stucco exterior finish. A large lighted cross in the tower is an added attraction. The ceiling is finished with celotex blocks and the walls are done with sheetrock, finished in a pale green textone. All the woodwork is done in a natural wood finish which is most attractive. The baptistry is placed to the left of the altar in such a way that all can easily see the baptismal candidates. Two rooms, one on each side of the altar, a choir loft, a balcony and an overflow room (which may also be used as a mother's room) give extra seating space as well as providing Sunday School rooms. We will be able to seat 325 persons.

Our church has a completely equipped kitchen, which was a project of the Woman's Missionary Society. The beautiful beige and cinnamon carpeting in the center aisle of the church and on the platform was also bought and paid for by the women. The windows are of amber Cathedral glass. The main auditorium has all recessed lighting which can be controlled from the rear and from the front of the auditorium.

The church parlors are also attractively finished with white ceiling blocks, celatex walls with a three-foot wainscot of natural finished wormwood paneling. Fluorescent lighting has been installed throughout the basement. The whole building project was a venture of faith. God has honored our faith and has blessed us!

Edward Kary, Pastor.

Atlantic Conference

Ordination Service for the Rev. Everett A. Barker of Union City, New Jersey

A Council of North American Baptist churches was called for October 30th by the Grace Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., to examine the qualifications for the Christian ministry of the church's pastor, Mr. Everett A. Bar-

ker. The Council was organized with the Rev. John Schmidt of the Second German Baptist Church of New York City as the moderator and the Rev. Herbert J. Freeman of the Faith Baptist Church, West New York, N. J., as the secretary. The Council was composed of seven pastors and sixteen delegates representing nine churches. The candidate gave a very satisfactory account of his Christian experience, his call to the ministry, his doctrinal beliefs and his educational preparation. The Council was unanimous in its recommendation to the church that it should proceed with the ordination.

The ordination service was held on Friday evening, November 16. The Rev. William J. Appel of the Pilgrim Church, Jersey City, N. J., presided and gave the word of welcome. The sermon to the candidate was given by the Rev. Herbert J. Freeman and the charge to the church by the Rev. John Schmidt, a former pastor of the host church. The sermon of ordination was preached by the Rev. John A. Clark of First Baptist Church, Grantwood, N. J., and former pastor of the candidate.

The prayer of ordination was given by the Rev. Richard K. Mercer of the Walnut Street Church, Newark, N. J., and the welcome to the ministry by the Rev. Robert S. Hess of Clinton Hill Church, Newark, N. J. Others who took part in the service were Mrs. Frances Hoffmann at the organ; Rev. Edgar E. White of Union City, N. J.; Rev. J. Robert Ambler, Passaic, N. J.; Mr. Norris Shay, moderator of the Hudson Baptist Association; and Miss Ruth Hess of the Grace Baptist Church who sang a solo. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Everett A. Barker.

The Rev. Everett A. Barker was called to the pastorate at Union City, N. J., in April of 1950. He is a graduate of Bob Jones University and is at present a student at Biblical Seminary in New York City.

Herbert J. Freeman,
Clerk of the Council.

Eastern Conference

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Guenther of Arnold, Pennsylvania

On October 3rd Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Guenther of Arnold, Pa., celebrated their fiftieth anniversary in the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pennsylvania. Relatives and friends filled the church auditorium. Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guenther, came with her husband, Carl and daughter, Beverly, from Cleveland, Ohio. Since we were without a pastor, our former pastor, the Rev. W. D. Ross, "tied anew the golden wedding tie."

Mrs. George Guenther, who had been their bridesmaid 50 years ago, was the bride's matron on this occasion. The brother, George, took the place of their departed Brother Otto, who had been the best man long ago. Golden chrysanthemums, palms and candles decorated the altar. "The Lord's Prayer" and another solo beautified the ceremony, the latter sung by Carl Theis, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Guenther. Beverly, the only granddaughter, was Junior bridesmaid.

After this impressive service the guests were invited to partake of refreshments in the church parlors. Congratulations were expressed by friends and a happy get-together was enjoyed as is customary on such festive occasions.

Mr. and Mrs. Guenther were married on October 3, 1901 in Pittsburgh, Pa., by the late Rev. C. H. Gleis, where they were members at the time. Since 1916 they have been members of the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, where Brother Guenther served as Sunday School superintendent for 16 years and has served as deacon to the present time. Mrs. Guenther also served faithfully for many years in the Missionary Society when better health permitted. We wish them God's blessing and many more years together as a family as well as in the House of God.

Elfrieda Cramer, Reporter.

Ninetieth Anniversary Program of the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pennsylvania

With "Ninety Years in the Heart of Erie with Erie at Heart" as our motto and amidst the beauty of snow white and orchid floral decorations of big chrysanthemums, stately palms and

bushy leafy fern which filled the front of the sanctuary, the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., began the celebration of its 90th anniversary of walking with and serving the Lord. "Home-coming night" on Oct. 31st opened the glorious and blessed fellowship with Christ that was to climax in a stirring consecration service.

The Rev. Elmer J. Baumgartner of our Roger Williams Publishing House and Central's ministerial son brought the first message on "The Glory of the Church" and reminisced on how much "Central" meant to him. His wife, the former Mollie Nolte of Central Church, spoke at the annual business meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society on the following day with an appropriate message on "weathering the storms" and how "it's the set of the sail" and not the gale that determines the way we go."

ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET

The beautiful anniversary booklet is available at \$1.00 per copy. Write to Rev. R. A. Houseal, 160 W. 20th St., Erie, Pa., for your brochure.

"Music Night" followed with a composition, "Sonata in F," by our own minister of music, Prof. A. B. Mehnert, F.A.G.O., with several choir anthems and solo by Miss Louretta Louise Kelling who came here from St. Louis, Mo., for our anniversary. Miss Kelling has appeared over the air many times as Gospel soloist. The Rev. W. S. Argow, our pastor-emeritus, brought a stirring message, "In the Service of Christ—Does it Pay?"

Then there was the "Family Night Banquet" which far exceeded fondest expectations in both blessings and attendance. Capt. George W. Zinz, former pastor and now chaplain stationed at Fort Devens, Mass., was granted a special leave by the Army to be with us and to be the principal speaker at the banquet. Then the CBY dressed in the costumes of ninety years ago sang the old songs popular in that day.

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our denominational executive secretary, spoke most inspirationally on the topic, "As a Good Soldier." On Sunday morning with Dr. Woyke again speaking, scarcely an eye was dry as we experienced real heart thrills around the Lord's Table, presided over by our own pastor, the Rev. Reuben A. Houseal, and Dr. Woyke. While the deacons served the congregation with the elements, the ministers were served by our retired honoray deacons. As our custom is, we joined hands and sang our parting hymn, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

Sunday evening's challenging message on "To Me to Live is Christ" brought by Dr. Frank H. Woyke and climaxed with a deeply stirring consecration and rededication to Christ left us here at Central Church with a profound sense of gratitude to the God of our fathers and with a renewed determination to carry on the work they started 90 years ago. God has indeed blessed our church over these many years and as we go forward, pressing on toward the mark of our centennial ten years hence.

K. Louise Eichler, 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. CHRISTINA D. LUDWIG of Wilmington, Delaware.

Mrs. Christina D. Ludwig of Wilmington, Del., was born on Sept. 25, 1863 in Altdorf, Württemberg, Germany. In August 1888 she came with her husband, Henry J. Ludwig, to Wilmington, Delaware. Here she received Christ as her Savior and was baptized by the Rev. G. A. Guenther on Feb. 24, 1889. She remained a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, formerly First German Baptist Church of Wilmington, until the Lord called her home on Nov. 12, 1951.

Her husband and four children preceded her in death. The husband died Nov. 18, 1914. Two sons and two daughters: Amelia E. Ludwig, Lydia D. Fisher, Edward G. and Samuel R. Ludwig; besides five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and a host of friends mourn the departure of our sister. Her excellent life of faith and love will long be remembered by all who knew her. The many floral presentations and a large attendance at the service were a fine testimony of how she was loved and appreciated by all who knew her. John 14:2-3 served as words of comfort at the memorial service.

First Baptist Church
Elsmere, Delaware

CHRISTIAN PETERS, Pastor.

MRS. HENRY KRUEGER, SR., of Watertown, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Henry Krueger, Sr., of Watertown, Wis., was born in Hastings, Minn., on January 3, 1877 and passed away on Saturday, Oct. 20, 1951 at her home in Watertown, Wisconsin. She died after a stroke which had resulted in complications. She was the former Frieda Miller, a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Miller. At the age of 14 she accepted the Lord as her personal Savior and on Jan. 23, 1891 was baptized by her father. She became a member of the Lebanon Baptist Church and always lived an active Christian life. Shortly before her death she united with the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wisconsin.

On December 3, 1896 she was united in marriage to Mr. Henry Krueger and this marriage was blessed with four daughters and four sons. One daughter preceded her in death. She was one of God's servants who was chosen to fulfill a ministry of suffering to his glory. Though she was confined to her home, yet was she always strong in the spirit and endured with much patience and grace.

Her body was laid to rest on Oct. 23. Words of comfort were given on her favorite Bible verse: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Watertown, Wisconsin
JOTHAN G. BENKE, Pastor.

MR. JUSTUS KASE of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Justus Kase of Pittsburgh, Pa., was born on October 9, 1864, in Kaufungen, Germany, and died suddenly on September 19, 1951, almost 87 years of age. As a 16 year old lad he came to the United States and settled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. There at the age of 19 years, he accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized by the Rev. L. Donner into the fellowship of the Temple Baptist Church of that city. He became quite active in the work and served for 30 years as director of the choir of the Temple Church.

Here he also met and married his wife, Lydia, with whom he would have observed the 64th wedding anniversary on September 20th, just one day after his sudden death. Sometime after his retirement from his position as a supervisor of a rolling of the U.S. Steel Corporation, Mr. and Mrs. Kase came to our Home for the Aged in

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They joined the fellowship of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of this city.

His passing are mourned by his wife, Lydia; one son, Walter, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; (one son Harrison having preceded him in death); and five grandchildren, as well as by many friends in both churches. Psalm 46:1 was the theme of the message of comfort for the bereaved.

Pilgrim Baptist Church,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

WALTER C. DAMRAU, Pastor.

MRS. JOHANNA BITTER of Creston, Nebraska.

Mrs. Johanna Bitter, nee Scheffler, of Creston, Neb., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Scheffler, was born April 9, 1859 in Germany. She died at her home on Friday, November 2, 1951. She had been an invalid for years.

On Dec. 4, 1878, she married Mr. Leopold Bitter. Several years later the family came to the United States and resided at various points before settling near Creston, Nebraska. Following the death of her husband in 1924, Mrs. Bitter made her home with her son, Otto, in Creston.

While in Germany she was converted and baptized by the Rev. G. W. Lehmann. She was a member of the Humphrey Baptist Church for a short time. When the Creston Baptist Church was organized, she became a charter member. Here she remained a faithful member to the end of her life.

Surviving her are a son, Otto Bitter of Creston, Neb.; two daughters: Mrs. Martha Reitz of Osmond and Mrs. Emma Husman of Columbus, Neb.; a brother, Carl Scheffler, of Madison; and two sisters: Mrs. Minnie Wables of Gresham, Ore.; and Mrs. Augusta Markwardt of Kalmath Falls, Oregon.

Creston, Nebraska

JOHN BROEDER, Pastor.

MRS. JOHN KLATT of Camrose, Alberta.

Mrs. Augusta Klatt, nee Kost, of Camrose, Alta., was born near Strassburgh, Germany, on Dec. 1, 1877 and passed away on Nov. 15, 1951, a stroke causing her death. She became a Christian when she was 16 years of age, was baptized at Westskiwin, Alta., and joined the church there. She remained a member of our North American Baptist denomination until seven years ago when she and her husband retired in Camrose. In 1900 she married John Klatt and eight children were born to this union, two having pre-deceased her. Her greatest concern was that all her children should be saved.

She leaves to mourn her loss: her loving husband; four sons: Bernard of Edmonton, Arnold of Leduc, Edgar of St. Paul, Minn., and Gerhard of Forestburg; two daughters: Rehilda (Mrs. E. Ruff) of Camrose, and Adelaide of Forest Park, Ill.; 16 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and three sisters: Mrs. George Bayliss of Wetaskiwin, Mrs. Thillie Schamuhn of Calgary, and Mrs. Bertha Paulsen of Steveston, B. C.; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church of Camrose, Alta., with the pastor, the Rev. David Lockhart, officiating. His text was: "Because I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:19). Mrs. Joe Sonnenberg and Miss Gladys Burbee sang "O, That Will Be Glory for Me" and "Sometime We'll Understand." Besides the many floral tributes there were approximately 75 monetary gifts given as memorials.

The family will miss her, but her influence will continue in our lives and lead us to a closer walk with God.

First Baptist Church,
Camrose, Alberta, Canada

THE FAMILY.

MRS. MARY HAAS of Clermont, Iowa.

Mrs. Mary Magdalene Haas, nee Miller, of Clermont, Iowa, was born June 13, 1874, the daughter of the honorable Christian and Anna Miller. She died suddenly Nov. 2, 1951 at her home in Clermont at the age of 77 years, 4 months and 20 days. During the ministry of the Rev. G. Schunke she was converted and baptized on February

14, 1886 to join the First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, to which church she was a faithful member until her death. On February 13, 1896 she married William Haas, moving to Clermont in 1905. In 1918 her husband died, leaving her with two children: Herbert and Anna Mae at five years of age.

Left to mourn her passing are her son, Herbert and daughter Anna (Mrs. Alfred Baechler); five grandchildren: Lorraine (Mrs. Merrill Gunderson) of Postville, William and Clarence Haas of Chicago, and Wendall and Gwendolyn Baechler of Clermont; and two great-grandchildren: Carol and Joan Gunderson of Postville; also two sisters: Clara (Mrs. Otto Krueger) and Metta (Mrs. Edwin Krueger); one brother, Wm. B. Miller, all of Clermont, besides several nieces, nephews and many friends.

The church, relatives and friends were deeply shocked and saddened by her sudden departure. In the home she is missed as loyal mother, where she faithfully and patiently assisted her loved ones. Even her grandchildren regarded her more than a grandmother, for she served them all as a mother during their lives. The Scriptural description of this mother and grandmother is fitting: "She looketh well to the ways of her household. Her children rise up, and call her blessed." Proverbs 31:27-28. In the church and community she was cherished for her kindly and friendly disposition and Christlike spirit revealed in helping many in need and doing good as opportunities presented themselves.

Funeral services were held on Monday, November 5, first at the home of the deceased and then at the First Baptist Church in Elgin with the pastor officiating, assisted by the Rev. Thomas Stoeri. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson sang her favorite hymns. Burial was made in "God's Acres" cemetery at Clermont.

First Baptist Church,
Elgin, Iowa

ARTHUR ITTERMANN, Pastor.

MR. HERMAN SCHULTE of Corona, South Dakota.

Mr. Herman Schulte of Corona, S. Dak., was born June 22, 1871 at Fachsmeer, Ostfriesland, Germany and died at the St. Bernards Hospital, Milbank, S. Dak., on Saturday, Nov. 10, 1951 at the age of 80 years, 4 months and 18 days. Several weeks ago he sustained a stroke from which he did not recover. To alleviate the patient's care at home, he entered the St. Bernards Hospital where he peacefully slumbered into eternity.

In March 1894, as a young man of 23 years, he came to this country where for a number of years he was active as a farm laborer near Columbus, Neb. On Oct. 30, 1902 the deceased was married to Miss Dorothea Meyer by the Rev. Pappenhause at Columbia, Neb. This union was blessed with six children (three sons and three daughters). After the wedding the young couple settled on a farm near Platte Center, Neb., and in 1907 acquired a farm of their own near Creston, Nebraska. In 1927 the Schulte family resettled on a farm near Corona, South Dakota. The aged couple retired from active farming in 1936.

Mr. Herman Schulte was converted under the activities of the Rev. G. Peitsch, baptized on Aug. 11, 1895 by the same and added to the fellowship of the Shell Creek Baptist Church. In 1910, when the Creston Baptist Church was organized, he became one of the charter members. In 1927 he transferred his membership to the First Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak., where he remained a loyal member to the end. During the years of his Christian pilgrimage he served in the various churches as clerk, treasurer and deacon.

The departed leaves to mourn: his wife, Dorothea Schulte; the sons: Alfred, Harry and Elmer Schulte; the daughters: Martha Scheffler, Hilda Scheffler and Emma Poppen; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; the brothers: Evert and John Schulte; the sister, Lina Plenter; many other relatives and friends.

After a brief service at the home of Mr. Schulte, the main funeral service took place at the church. The undersigned preached on Romans 6:23 which text the departed had chosen before he passed away. A mixed quartet sang several beautiful spiritual songs. The interment took place in the Corona Baptist Cemetery.

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Farewell and Reception at the Whitemouth Baptist Church of River Hills, Manitoba

On Sunday, September 30, the Whitemouth Baptist Church of River Hills, Man., gathered to bid farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Ohlmann and family who had served us for over four years. A representative of each of the different organizations in the church expressed gratitude to the Ohlmanns for their work while with us and also wished them God's richest blessing. Mr. and Mrs. Ohlmann were presented with a chest of Exquisite Silverware bearing their initials. Following this, the Ladies' Prayer and Service Circle served lunch.

On Sunday, November 4, we had the great pleasure of welcoming our new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. John Kuehn. Members from our station at Beausejour were in our midst. Special numbers from the choir, mixed quartet, double duet and soloists and several recitations were rendered. Each organization had its own special number and speaker. One

representative from Beausejour also had words of welcome to our pastor and his wife, who indeed have captured our hearts in the short time that they have been with us. It was also a great pleasure for our Ladies' Prayer and Service Circle to surprise them with a pantry shower and to serve lunch on this happy occasion.

May God richly bless both the Ohlmanns at Edenwold, Sask., and Mr. and Mrs. Kuehn.

Edward Zink, Church Clerk.

Ordination of the Rev. Willy Muller at Lauderdale Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta.

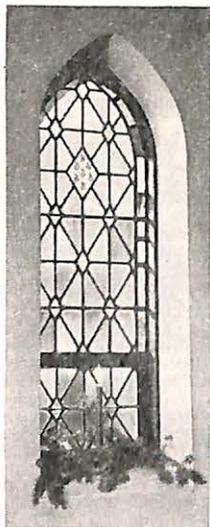
On Friday afternoon, November 2, a council met at the Lauderdale Baptist Church in Edmonton, Alberta, for the ordination of Mr. Willy Muller. Max Schubert, deacon of the church, opened the meeting and declared the purpose of calling the council. The Rev. H. Pfeiffer was appointed chairman and the Rev. H. Lueck clerk.

The neighboring churches of Edmonton Central, McKernan, Leduc I, Camrose, Onoway, Wiesenthal, Pleasant Prairie and Wetaskiwin with 22 delegates were present. The candidate then told of his conversion and call to

the ministry and read a statement of his faith. The congregation asked a good number of questions which were ably and satisfactorily answered by Mr. Muller. The council retired and voted unanimously to recommend to the church the ordination of Mr. Muller.

The ordination service was held at the Central Baptist Church in the evening. Mr. Pfeiffer was chairman and the Rev. E. P. Wahl delivered the ordination sermon on the text: "I keep under my body and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." Twelve ministers laid their hands on the head of the kneeling candidate as the Rev. H. Schatz offered the ordination prayer. The charge to the minister was given by the Rev. H. Schumacher and the charge to the church by the Rev. H. Lueck. A large congregation and two anthems rendered by the joint choirs of Central and Lauderdale Churches contributed to the dignity of the service.

This was an exceptionally fine ordination service and may its memory be a lasting inspiration to the Rev. Willy Muller in his ministry in years to come. Hugo Lueck, Reporter.



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