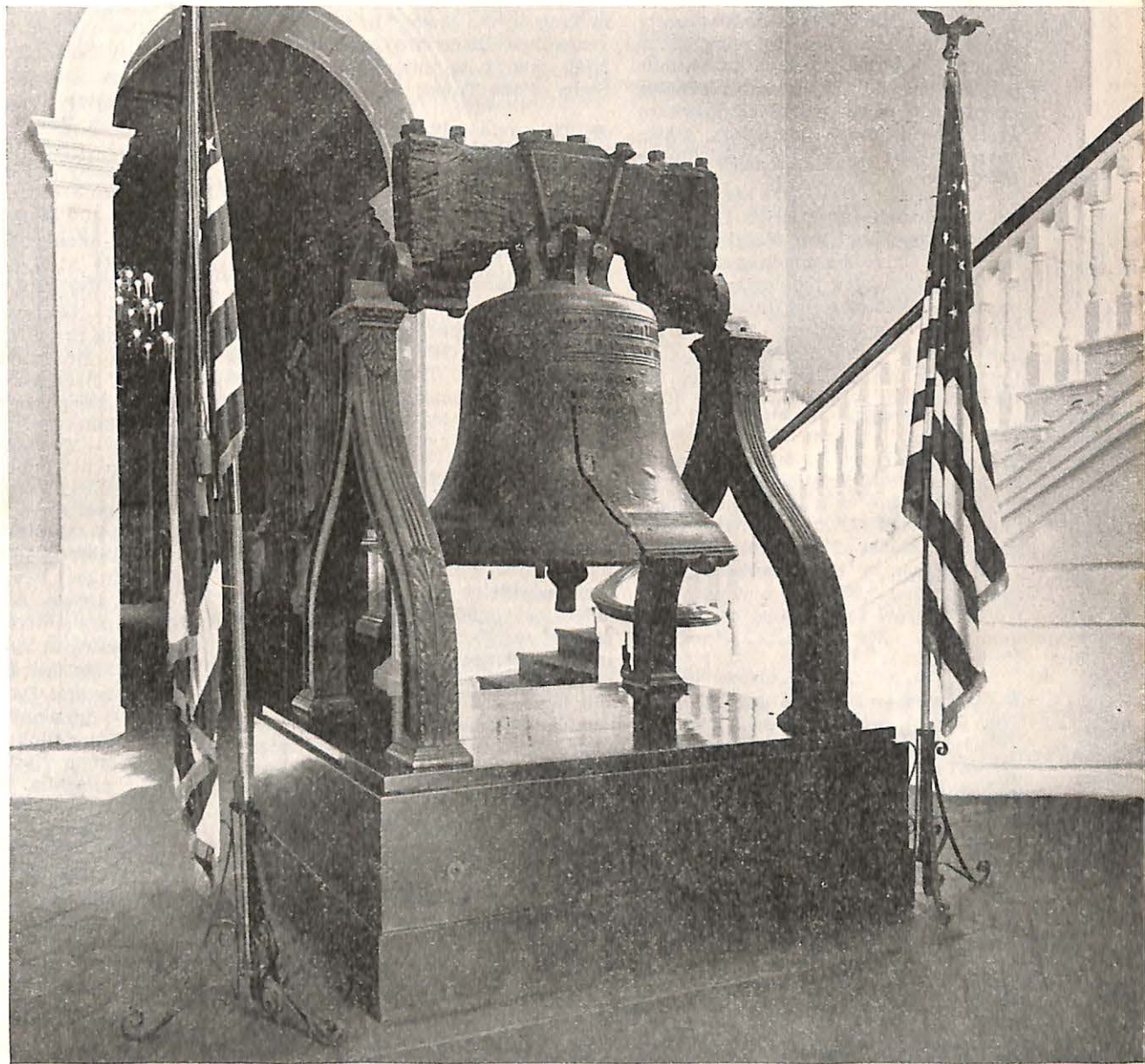


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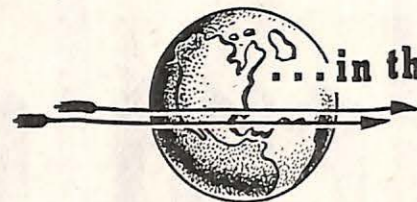
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● Jericho, and not Damascus, is probably the oldest city in the world. Recent excavations showed that Jericho had twelve walls in the course of history, the first dating back 7,000 years. It was previously believed that the city dated back to 3,300 B.C.—The Register.

● A Soviet bookshop which recently started in Jerusalem, is reported to offer for sale, in addition to various publications of Soviet literature, Bibles at half the price for which they are available in most missionary bookshops in the city.—The Watchman-Examiner.

● The British and Foreign Bible Society is proposing a new Russian translation. It is to be made exclusively by Greek Orthodox theologians. It has brought a protest from Russian Evangelicals in the diaspora. The British and Foreign Bible Society is taking the whole financial responsibility for translation and publication.—The Sunday School Times.

● Lydda Airport, Israel, has become an international aviation center, serving 3,300 planes in 1951. Israel planes, which carried 2,500 passengers, last year flew 31,000. The Israel Merchant Fleet, which in 1948 numbered four ships totaling 6,000 tons and with 100 workers, grew to 34 ships of 120,000 tons and 1,200 workers.—Prophecy Monthly.

● The people of Niue, a Pacific island near Samoa, want to remain staunch churchgoers. They are adherents of the London Missionary Society. They also export bananas which is their third biggest source of income. Recently they were faced with a problem due to the fact that the trading ship always called on Sunday to do business. They made the right decision. They refused to export bananas on Sunday.—The Pentecostal Evangel.

● At recent conferences at Hannover, Bielefeld, Berlin and Luebeck, Evangelical leaders drew up a number of principles to guide church building in this day and age. They recommended that instead of contracting building efforts on large projects in the centers of the cities, more attention be given to smaller, functional buildings in the suburbs. Smaller churches, it was pointed out, would cost less and would promote more intense and efficient church life.—The Christian Century.

● A prison without walls, bars, or armed guards—this is the California

Institution for Men at Chino, California. It is designed to test a different method of rehabilitating criminals. The prison contains murderers, robbers, burglars and forgers. Unique are its rules which permit a man's whole family to come and visit him on Sunday and spend up to five hours pick-nicking on the lawns. In the past few years less than two percent of the 2,100 men have attempted escape.—Signs of the Times.

● This year's World Day of Prayer also was observed at United Nations Headquarters in New York City. In a special room, set apart as "Meditation Room," all day Friday, February 29th, men and women, Protestants, Roman Catholics, Mohammedans, and a few Hindus, came for prayer. Some remained for a few minutes, and others for an hour. Some knelt on the carpet covered floor. Others sat and bowed their heads. The Mohammedans brought with them their white prayer rugs and prostrated themselves toward Mecca, as is their custom.—Missions.

● About 60 white-robed, red-turbaned Samaritans from Israel were permitted to cross into Jordan territory to join other members of the almost extinct ancient sect in its Pass-over sacrificial rites on Mt. Gerezim. There, at sundown the sect's high priests sacrificed seven white lambs in accordance with Old Testament ritual. Prepared in ovens on the spot, the meat was distributed to the assembled pilgrims at the stroke of midnight. Only some 150 to 200 Samaritans remain in the world.—The Watchman-Examiner.

● "The greatest faith most widely shared thus far between Africa and the West is the Christian faith. There are about 21 million professed Christians in Africa south of the Sahara Desert. The appeal of the Gospel has been greater, has caused greater change, and has called forth greater response and loyalty, than has any other element introduced from the West. But it is also true that failure of great masses of professed Christians in the West and in Africa to live their Christianity in their many relationships of life is creating in many Africans confusion, doubt, frustration, fear, and even hate."—Emory Ross in "Missions."

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SUMMER CONFERENCES AND ASSEMBLIES

July 7-11 **Badlands Young People's Assembly** at Billings, Montana. Prof. George A. Dunger and Prof. Herbert Hiller, Guest Speakers.

July 7-13—**Pacific Northwest Young People's Assembly**, Lake Retreat near Kent, Washington. Doctor George A. Lang, Mrs. Florence E. Schoeffel and Rev. Paul Gebauer (July 9-13), Guest Speakers.

July 7-13—**Saskatchewan Tri-Union Assembly** at Echo Lake, Saskatchewan. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Speaker.

July 7-13—**Central Sask. and Alberta Assembly** at Elk Water Lake, near Medicine Hat, Alberta. Rev. E. P. Wahl and Miss Ida Forsch, Guests.

July 7-13—**Junior Camp—Alberta Assembly** at Sylvan Lake, Alberta. Miss Martha Leypoldt, Speaker.

July 9-13—**Northwestern Conference** at Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner and Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, Guest Speakers.

July 9-13—**Manitoba Home Builders Camp** at Lake Dauphin Camp, Manitoba. Rev. Hugo Lueck, Speaker.

July 14-20—**Manitoba Young People's Assembly** at Lake Dauphin Camp, Manitoba. Rev. Hugo Lueck and Prof. George A. Dunger, Guests.

July 14-20—**Alberta Young People's Assembly** at Sylvan Lake, Alberta. Miss Martha Leypoldt, Miss Ida Forsch and Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Guest Speakers.

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Editorial

Fling Out the Conference Banners!

EVERYTHING IS IN READINESS for the 30th General Conference at Philadelphia, Pa., from August 20 to 26! That is amazing news! The program has been set up and is ready for the printer. The official hotels and dormitories are prepared for the crowd. The conference committees from both of our Philadelphia churches have done a superb job in carrying out their assignments. Everything possible will be done to provide for the best possible entertainment of conference visitors and for a colorful setting for the program itself.

A sevenfold spiritual feast awaits those who can be present at Philadelphia's Baptist Temple. EVANGELISM will be emphasized as never before at General Conference sessions. The evangelistic program of the past triennium will be reviewed and a message brought by the Rev. Daniel Fuchs of Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Sunday evening hour has been reserved for a great evangelistic service with music by a massed choir and a message by the Rev. William Hoover of Benton Harbor, Michigan. During the sessions a new department of evangelism will be created and its secretary elected.

The program for the next triennium on STEWARDSHIP will be presented to the General Conference in a message by the Rev. Edwin Miller of Cleveland, Ohio, in a far reaching program to be approved by the conference, in special leaflets and exhibits. This will be the auspicious launching of the denominational program for the next three years.

The banners of MISSIONS will fly high during these epoch-making days. The commissioning of new missionaries, the address by the Rev. Paul Gebauer, the reports from mission fields and the array of missionary exhibits will open the doors wide to inspiration and information for everyone present.

The note of ADVANCE will be trumpeted often and loudly! The General Council is in the vanguard of a thrilling forward march in our denomination to do the Lord's bidding and to follow wherever he leads. The spirit of spiritual fervor has been translated into aggressive action for the Lord. The contagion of this enthusiasm is bound to be felt by those in attendance at the conference.

Special GROUPS will have a large and important part on the program. The young people will be prominently shining with their session on Friday afternoon, special luncheons and sunrise service, the great conference banquet on Saturday evening and the rousing Sunday afternoon rally at the Temple. The leaders of the National Women's Union are working hard to present "the best program ever" on Monday afternoon. On Monday night the Laymen's program will be another milestone in outstanding conference events.

The COOPERATING SOCIETIES will review their activities and ministry, show their achievements in the Exhibit Hall and present their objectives for the future. This is an ideal time to become acquainted with the influential work of every one of the denominational societies in helping to establish God's Kingdom in our midst. Prominent space has also been allotted to the Publication Society for its wonderful book display. Throughout the days the FELLOWSHIP with people of kindred mind and heart will kindle many joys that are bound to abide. Yes, fling out the banners for the General Conference as the trek to Philadelphia begins!

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The Preacher Looks at Himself

The baccalaureate message delivered at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on Sunday, May 18, 1952

By the REV. JOHN WOBIG of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

THE APOSTLE PAUL in his letter to the Ephesians tells us that our Lord gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. In this message to the graduating class of 1952 we want to look at 1 Timothy 4 and consider some interesting things that the apostle has to say concerning good ministers and teachers of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A GOOD MINISTER

In the first chapter of this letter, Paul reminds Timothy that he had left him at Ephesus to correct certain errors that had crept into the church there. Then in chapter two he gives directions for public prayer-worship and in chapter three directions concerning church officers and their qualifications. It is in the fourth chapter that he tells what constitutes a good minister of the Lord Jesus Christ.

You will note that in the first five verses he relates the Spirit's prophecy concerning heretics in the latter times and then in the remaining verses characterizes the evil preachers of Satan over against the character of the good ministers of Christ. We find here a mystery of lawlessness propagated through human agencies under the influence of Satan, and a mystery of

godliness propagated through human agents under the influence of the Holy Spirit. The former depart from the faith, that is, the faith which receives not the love of the truth. They bear Satan's brand on their consciences and teach a lie of doctrines of demons.

The latter, on the other hand, speak a positive message as we have it in the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They characterize themselves by stability in doctrine, purity in character and life, diligence in study and practice, and faithfulness to their calling. Let us note three things as the Christian minister or teacher looks at himself.

HIS TEACHING

First he looks at the matter of his teaching (Verses 6-7). That message is clearly expressed and constructive. It is a message that faithfully instructs others. The revelations which he has received through the Holy Spirit and the training which he has acquired from his godly instructors are not simply for his own spiritual enjoyment, but to be imparted to others as a way of salvation and life. It tends to nourish his hearers in the words of faith and good doctrine. Too much of our modern preaching and teaching is negative and tears down. The true

minister is nourished in the words of faith and in the mystery of godliness and puts the brethren in mind of that.

The Apostle Paul says such a minister refuses to teach profane and old wives fables. That phrase "old wives" does not mean corrupt women, but such who teach fables, fortune telling and who speak in generalities. The true minister ignores all such profitless theories of the enemies of the truth and avoids controversies that profit nothing. His is a positive message. It is a message that does not tear down, but sets forth Christ and his Gospel as the means of bringing people into the life in Christ.

Secondly, he looks at his athletics in teaching and practice (Verses 8-10). The apostle seems to concede that there is some profit in physical training. But his ideal is not a winner in the Olympic Games, or in the prize rings, or on the baseball diamond. His heroes are not the gladiators. His ideal is one who can develop among Christian people an enthusiasm for spiritual culture that will equal the world's enthusiasm for physical athletics.

Such exercise as the apostle has in mind here, exercise in godliness, has the promise both of this life and the life to come. And the saying which gives greater glory to spiritual exercise is not only "a faithful one," but "worthy of all acceptance." It is true that bodily exercise will improve the health and develop one's physique and discipline of the body will help to control passions. However, spiritual exercise promotes the welfare both of body and soul. Therefore, a good minister and teacher of the Gospel will labor and strive toward that end. He will do this toward himself and in his efforts in leading men into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

HIS EXAMPLE

Finally, he looks at his own example (Verses 12-16). He must look to this example in heartily believing, without wavering, the vital doctrines of the faith. Paul says, "Give attendance to doctrine" and "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine." Loose views on the fundamentals of our faith should forever bar one from the ministry of preaching and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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



Dr. Frank Davey, director of Nigerian Leprosy work, Mr. Goodliffe, resident of Bamenda, Missionaries Gilbert Schneider and Donald Ganstrom look at map and plans for the leper camp near Bamenda (left); and Mr. Ganstrom and Howard and Betty Roth, missionaries, with several natives view the new site for the Bamenda New Hope Settlement (right) with Brengo Hill, called Coffin Hill, in background.

When Can We Come?

This question was asked again and again of Dr. Frank Davey, director of the Nigerian Leprosy Control, by Bamenda lepers about the Bamenda New Hope Settlement, our new leper mission field

By MISS LAURA E. REDDIG, Missionary-nurse for the Leper Camp

DURING MARCH, Dr. Frank Davey, director of the Nigerian Leprosy Control, visited Bamenda for five days in the interests of the Bamenda New Hope Settlement. As the nurse assigned to this new project, I had the privilege of going along when Don Ganstrom, our acting field superintendent, took Dr. and Mrs. Davey out to the leper settlement site, about 24 miles from Bamenda.

IDEAL SITE

Words failed them as they saw the size of the site and the section given for this project by the natives of Kom area. When we climbed to the "shelf" on which missionary homes will be built, and received a real view of the place, they were thrilled with the possibilities of "making this settlement one of the most ideal in all of Africa."

We trekked up to the spring which will provide water for the hospital and homes. The first rains had just freshened up the grass and the hills really were decked out at their best. Just below and to the right of the "shelf" one could visualize the hospital with its small operating room and its wards. To the left and right straight ahead would be the various compounds for the patients, each living with others of his particular tribe and language.

From the hospital, and from each of these patients' compounds would come the paths running to the center or hub of the whole settlement: the church.

Dr. Davey, who is also an ordained minister, just could not visualize any leper settlement without definite spiritual emphasis, and was very glad that this new work had been given to a mission which is definitely concerned in the spiritual ministry. The "New Hope" in the name will be very meaningful to these long-neglected sufferers.

Near the church will be a school-house, for everyone will have a chance to learn to read and write. There will even be a football field or game field. Do lepers play football? These will! And even though no speed records will be set, they will just want to play, for that makes them feel more normal, and is extremely good for them. There will be a little market, where farm products can be sold, and workshops where different trades will be taught.

WONDERFUL POSSIBILITIES

As we covered most of that area that day, Dr. Davey went on and on about the wonderful possibilities and advantages at hand. "With the past experiences of all leper workers to draw upon, and a chance to begin without the mistakes made in other settlements, and the new drugs available now, this should become a model leper settlement."

He was very pleased with the plans of the Rev. Gilbert Schneider, the missionary-manager of the new camp, toward the self-support of the settlement in five years. He mentioned some

trades and by-products which this agricultural scheme would bring with it. Again and again the men went to their maps of the area, placing and replacing buildings according to the contours of the land, and "seeing" the roads and paths.

In the meantime, Mrs. Davey shared with me many of her "teacher" experiences of their many years in leprosy service. She spoke of the many clinics in Nigeria now closing down for lack of patients. The miracle-powers of the new sunfone drugs, they believed, ought to wipe out all leprosy of Africa in 30 years time!

Dr. Davey left the settlement site with a fairly clear picture in his mind as to what it would look like in three or five years from now. "God has given your mission a great work, with wonderful land and a wonderful climate," he said.

STARRED LEPERS

Returning to Bamenda, Dr. Davey spent one day visiting the leper segregation camp near Bamenda. Approximately 130 lepers from different parts of the Province have come here by themselves. Having been cast out of their villages, they have sought a place to stay and farmland on which to grow their food.

Every leper was seen and classified according to the type of leprosy and the extent of the disease. Those who should be the first to enter the camp

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An entrancing and exciting sunset scene over a lake near Madison, South Dakota, where the Rev. O. E. Krueger as a lad used to go fishing and swimming.

My God and I!

The deeply moving story behind the anthem, "My God and I," with its beautiful music that has been sung by many of our church choirs. This has been adapted from a printed account published by the Kama Company, Chicago, Illinois

By the REV. O. E. KRUEGER of Rochester, New York

SEERGEI WANTED to become a composer, but not merely for the purpose of making a living. However, she found no inspiration for her work. When she took her problem to Peter Kalnin, he suggested that they go to the harbor and listen to Happy Anna.

Happy Anna, who had lost her parents in infancy, awoke to consciousness in a Lithuanian orphanage, where she lived in dirt, poverty and cruelty until the age of twelve. But the orphanage had given her one priceless possession. She had learned how to pray. Incessantly she pleaded with God, in tears and in smiles, that he might deliver her from the orphanage.

ESCAPING THE ORPHANAGE

Then suddenly the answer came when one day she saw a hole in the high fence, big enough for her to crawl through, and away she darted like a partridge. The matron, the gardener and the guard made futile attempts to get through that hole. Anna felt sure God had made it just

for her to make good her escape into the woods. Other homeless children have foraged in the woods before and since her day.

Happy Anna felt that God would take care of her. She found kind-hearted farmer folk who gave her food, clothing and shelter, as she wended her way westward. Sometimes she would catch a fish in the brook and fry it on a fire which she kindled in the woods. The lush verdure of the forest and the gorgeous colors of the sunset thrilled her soul. Finally she reached and passed through Riga to the harbor to get a sight of the boundless ocean.

The women of the crew of a Swedish steamer, lying at anchor, took pity on this gypsy-like youngster, bathed her, fed her and taught her a few Swedish songs. They discovered her wonderful voice, were intrigued by her perpetual smile and called her "Happy Anna." She began to sing every day to the dock-workers, many of whom were convicts with chains on their ankles. That had been going on four years

when Sergei asked Kalnin for some source of inspiration, and he had suggested that they go to hear Happy Anna sing.

GOD'S MESSAGE IN SONG

They were disappointed with their first visit. The great crowd prevented them from getting within range of her voice. When Sergei chanced to meet her a few days later, she found her with disheveled hair, poorly clothed in discarded garments, but with a very beautiful expression on her face. Sergei told her that she would like to write down some of her songs. She answered, "I am sorry; that will be impossible. I have no songs that can be recorded. I make up new songs every day as I am directed, and I do not recall them after they are sung."

When they arrived at the little shack, Sergei could not understand why it was so bare of comfort and so poverty stricken, since she knew that the captains, navy officers and other people of wealth had tossed liberal donations at her feet. Happy Anna ex-

plained, "I love silver and gold as much as anybody, but I know true values too. Every night before I go to sleep I have proved to God that he means more to me than silver and gold. And every day he gives me a message in a new song."

When Sergei said she could not do that, Happy Anna replied, "You must read the Bible! All people who have companionship with God make great sacrifices. Gold is a temptation to me. If I would keep it, I should lose my companionship with God." Then she sang for Sergei and Sergei had an experience really out of this world.

After another futile attempt to study music in western Europe without an inspiration, Sergei came back to Riga to find Happy Anna again and suggest to her that they go into partnership and together make religious music with a vital message available.

HER CLEAR DUTY

When she arrived at Anna's little shack, she found the door ajar and heard a man's voice pleading with her. Captain Oscar of a Swedish ship had fallen desperately in love with her and had tried to persuade her to marry him. She told him that that would be impossible for she had a message to all these men who had chains on their feet and on their souls. God had saved her from that terrible orphanage not to be any man's wife, but to sing God's message to these broken lives so that they might be made whole again.

"My duty is clear, Oscar. Go, take your love and all you offer me; go from here never to see me again."

Oscar replied, "Anna, I am going, but I shall never stop praying that God will give you to me. I shall wait

for you until my last hour on earth."

In the depth of this terrible agony, she suddenly became aware of the presence of Sergei, and begged her to help her overcome herself. "I gave my soul to God. No man shall ever own me. I must read God's Word."

Giving Sergei the Bible, she asked her to read about the Gethsemane agony of Jesus. The struggle lasted until midnight when Sergei left her to meet at the dock on the next day at noon.

Just before beginning to sing, two sailors from Oscar's ship stepped up to her, doffed their caps and said, "The captain is dangerously injured and needs you. His boat is anchored a mile off shore. We want to take you to him."

ON ICE FLOES

She answered, "This is the case of one man's life against a hundred. If the captain is injured, let him seek a physician. If he needs spiritual help, let him pray and read the Bible." But that day Happy Anna could not sing. After several futile attempts, she excused herself and slipped away to seek the sailors, but they were gone. She wanted to go to the ship, but there were no boats available on this side of the river.

On the other side were a dozen tug-boats ready for hire. Armed with long poles Anna and Sergei tried to cross on ice floes. When they got to mid-stream the ice floes were going so much faster that they were carried beyond the tugs on the other side. But Happy Anna didn't worry? She thought they were being carried toward the captain's ship. She became quite jubilant.

"Are you going to marry him?" asked Sergei.

"No, that I cannot do, I want to set his mind straight, to direct him away from his marrow purpose, to give him back to himself."

As they drifted out to sea, Sergei asked again, "Have you a key thought for me, to inspire my music?"

She replied, "Only this; I use my song to reach these people, these convicts, these dockworkers, these drunken sailors, these lost women who sell themselves to drunken sailors. They need the message in music that they can understand. I must write about the constant companionship of God, about his constant care."

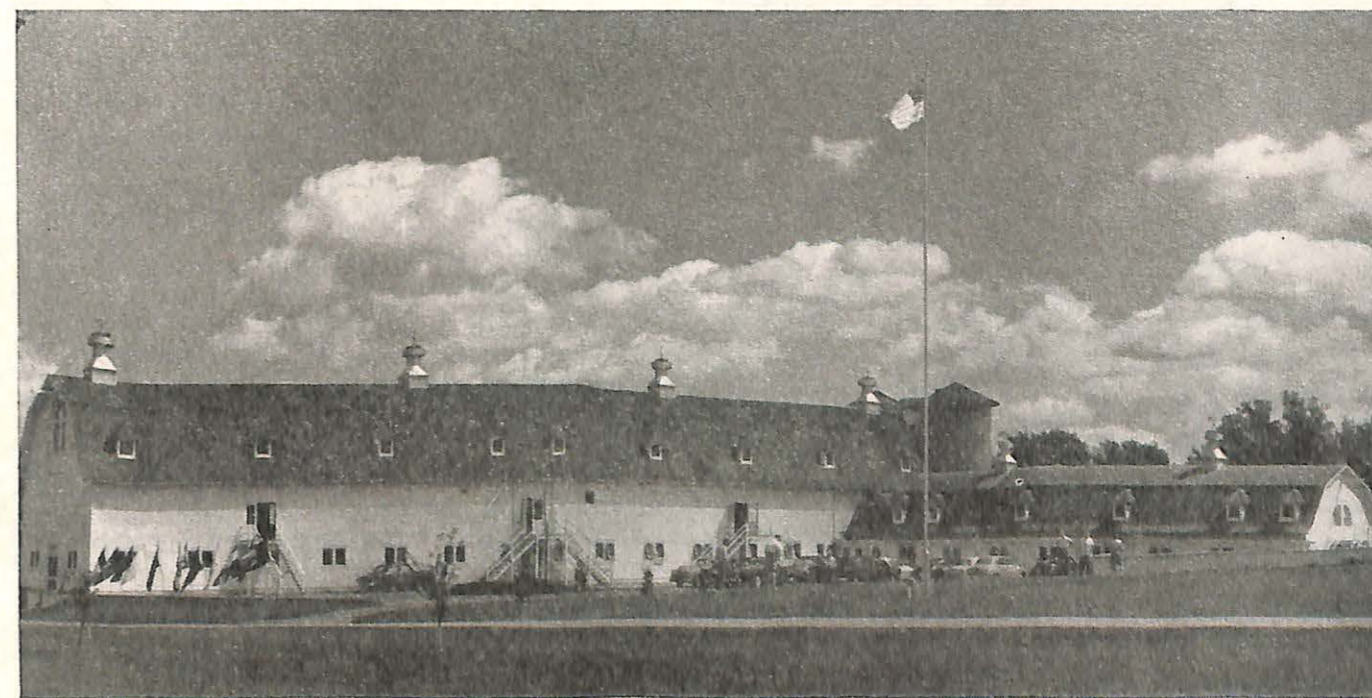
"I shall strive to write that kind of music," said Sergei.

NOT ALONE

They were drifting directly toward a projecting rock upon which once had stood a beacon. Happy Anna directed Sergei to check the speed of her ice floe and to make a landing on the piling where she would be picked up, but she herself would drift to Oscar's ship.

But her ice floe had drifted only a few rods when it became evident that Oscar's ship had lifted anchor and had turned to the open sea. Then a heavy mist settled down on Happy Anna, and no human eye ever saw her again. But she was not alone. Underneath were the Everlasting Arms. Her Companion was with her.

This is the story of Happy Anna, the girl who inspired Sergei to write, "My God and I go in the field together."



The William Carey Abbey at Green Lake, Wis., where the sessions of the Pastors' Conference, Youth Leaders' Retreat, and Laymen's Conference for our churches was held in July and August 1951.

—Photo by Herman Siemund

The Seminary's 102nd Commencement

Report of the alumni banquet, baccalaureate service and commencement exercises held from May 16 to 18 at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

By the REV. EDGAR W. KLATT, Secretary of the Board of Trustees

THE MORNING SUN shone brightly on Sunday, May 18, at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., giving indication of the possible fine day ahead. The air was vibrant with expectancy for eight young men who had prepared themselves at the North American Baptist Seminary to spread the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ. The time had come for these graduates to receive their degrees at the 102nd commencement exercises of our seminary, which indicated that the requirements had been met for graduation. But it was more than a graduation. It was, indeed, a day of commencement, a beginning of service in the vineyard of the Master.

The commencement exercises were held in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls. Following the academic procession, Dr. George A. Lang, president of the Seminary, presided over the program, and extended a warm welcome to almost 1000 guests and friends. Mr. H. Streuber of Winnipeg, Man., father of the

wife of Professor H. Hiller, read the Scripture passage, and Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of our denomination, offered prayer. The Seminary Male Chorus, under the direction of Professor Ralph Powell, inspired the congregation with two beautiful renditions, "Open Our Eyes" by MacFarlane and "O, Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly" by Bach.

Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, pastor of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., was the speaker. In his address, "Defiant Faith," and using the text, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," he placed a great challenge before the graduating class to "dare and do" for Christ.

PROF. BRETSCHNEIDER HONORED

Professor Albert Bretschneider, who for twenty-five years has rendered our Seminary faithful service as a scholarly professor, was awarded the Sigma Rho key by Mr. Arthur Schwerin of Burlington, Iowa, a board member. On the previous day the Board of Trustees voted to bestow the honorary

title of Professor Emeritus upon Professor Bretschneider. He assisted greatly in piloting our seminary through calm and troubled waters. His influence has made an indelible mark upon our seminary and denomination, and will remain as a glowing and undying light in the years to come.

In his brief address to the graduates, Dr. George A. Lang indicated that their responsibilities as students to the professors had ended, but that new and other responsibilities to God and the denomination would be placed upon them. Nearly all of the fine graduates have received and accepted calls to our churches.

Mr. Edward Bennie Link of Olds, Alta., Canada, and Mr. Irvin Harold Schmuland of Fenwood, Sask., Canada, were awarded the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. Mr. Edward Arthur Kopf of North Freedom, Wis., Mr. Orville Herbert Meth of Cathay, N. Dak., Mr. Laurence Raymond Prast of Midland, Mich., Mr. Eldon Seibold of Cathay, N. Dak., Mr. Christopher Weintz of Kelowna, B. C., Canada, and Mr. Harold Ernst Weiss of Olds, Alta., Canada, received the degrees of Bachelor of Theology. Our prayer is that the Lord will lead the graduates into a spiritually abundant ministry. After the singing of the hymn, "Eternal Spirit, Evermore," Professor Reuben P. Jeschke closed the service with prayer.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

The baccalaureate service on Sunday morning, May 18, was preceded by the unveiling of the Kaiser-Ramaker Memorial Plaque in the library of the seminary. It was a brief service but of great significance, especially to those who had been students of both Professor A. J. Ramaker and Professor Lewis Kaiser. It was also fitting that Professor Albert Bretschneider should be the speaker because he had served with both on the faculty for some time. In paying tribute to both men of God, Professor Bretschneider mentioned the greatness of Professor Ramaker as a student and teacher and the greatness of Professor Kaiser as a preacher. After Dr. Frank Woyke had offered prayer, the people gathered for the baccalaureate service.

This service was held in the chapel of the seminary, with an overflow crowd in attendance. Dr. Lang presided over the service. Mr. Eldon Seibold, efficient pianist and one of the gradu-

ates, played, "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings" by Handel. After the invocation by Dr. Lang and a hymn by the congregation, the male chorus in a very effective manner rendered "Sanctus" by Gounod. As the strains of beautiful music echoed in the chapel and re-echoed in the hall, one became aware of the fact that music is a great way to render God praise and to edify man. The prayer was offered by Professor Bretschneider.

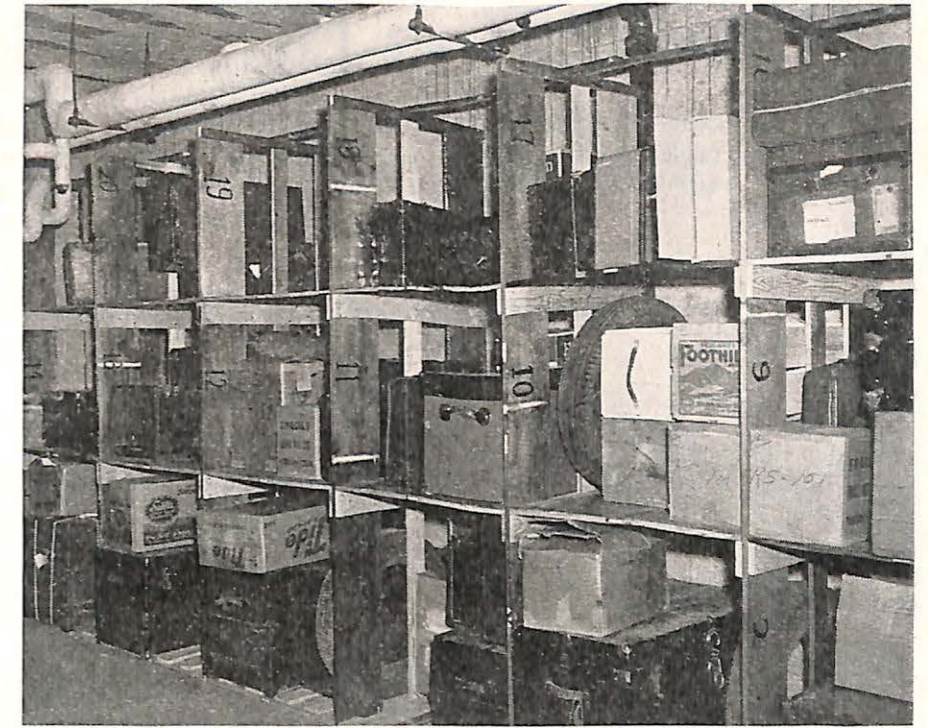
After the singing of the beautiful hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," the Rev. John Wobig, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., brought the message on the theme, "The Preacher Looks At Himself." In his message Brother Wobig stressed the need of adequate equipment, both in the spiritual and in the mental realms. Every preacher needs to have strong convictions and must not be swayed by every influence or by every doctrine. He must be grounded firmly in the Lord Jesus Christ in order to be a true preacher and spiritual leader of men. The singing of Handel's "Holy Art Thou" by the male chorus, and the prayer and benediction by Professor Bretschneider brought this service to a close.

THE ALUMNI BANQUET

The Seminary Commencement Banquet was held on Friday evening, May 16, in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church, where well over two hundred people enjoyed a fine program and a delicious meal. The Rev. Edgar W. Klatt, pastor of the River-view Church, St. Paul, Minn., was the toastmaster. Professor Herbert Hiller offered the opening prayer, and an enjoyable "sing-song" was directed by Professor Powell. The evening was highlighted with music by the King's Stewards Quartet, the Seminary Male Chorus, and a Ladies' Trio composed of Miss Sylvia Reischke, Mrs. David Plett and Mrs. Ernest Zimbelman.

The Seniors were presented by Professor Bretschneider, and Mr. Orville Meth, president of the Senior Class, responded not only with appropriate words, but with the presentation of a painting as a gift from the graduating class to the seminary. Following this presentation, Mr. Harold Weiss, one of the graduates, presented Professor Bretschneider with a gift from the student body, and Mrs. Harold Weiss presented Mrs. Bretschneider with a gift from the wives of the faculty and students.

The faculty and students will miss Professor and Mrs. Bretschneider as they will leave Sioux Falls and take up residence in the beautiful "city of many flowers," Rochester, N. Y., where the Bretschneiders lived for many years and which is also the former home of our seminary. Professor



The baggage room at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., where trunks, suitcases and cartons with the students' luggage are neatly stored away in individual compartments.

Reuben Jeschke was in charge of the memorial service of the alumni from our seminary whom God had called to their eternal home within the past year.

GOD'S CONTINUED BLESSINGS

The main address of the banquet was given by Dr. Frank H. Woyke on the intriguing theme, "Twenty Years After." Dr. Woyke referred to the greatness of God's abiding love as Paul stated it in 1 Cor. 13. Dr. Lang spoke briefly on the theme, "In Retrospect and Pre-view," and referred to God's blessings, the accomplishments of the seminary for God, and the hope of continued progress. He mentioned the name of Professor Bretschneider who was terminating twenty-five years of faithful service at our seminary: as professor, 1926-1934; as dean, 1934-1940; as president, 1940-1944; as Huntley Professor, Church History and New Testament, 1934-1952. In behalf of the faculty Dr. Lang presented to him a beautiful, framed citation expressing due honor and appreciation to the recipient. After the singing of the beloved "Alma Mater," Professor George A. Dunger pronounced the benediction.

The seminary buildings, flooded with newness and sunlight, partially framed the panorama of the slanting landscape and made it a picturesque setting for the seminary's 102nd Commencement activities. It is here that God prepares his laborers. May God's continued blessings rest upon faculty and students!

WHEN CAN WE COME?

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were marked with a star in the record book. Several children and young people got "starred" at once. "These should be getting treatment right now," Dr. Davey said. Those who are not to go into new settlement will be taken care of in one of the four or five segregation villages in different parts of Bamenda Province.

Going over pages and pages of figures and statistics, Dr. Davey estimated that Bamenda Province has well over 2000 lepers, and if the statistics were incorrect, as they often are, the figure might even reach the 3000 mark.

All through the examinations, the lepers sat in the shade, with not even a whisper among them. Here was a doctor who knew their kind! What was the meaning of this visit? Some had a look of interest and even of hope in their faces as the doctor told them what they wanted to hear: Bamenda Province would soon get a leper settlement, and there would be new and better treatment, and all of them would be helped. "WHEN CAN WE COME? That very minute they would have packed their pots and baskets and farm hoes and marched off to their 'New Hope.' 'We hope you will be getting treatment before this year is over.'"

Are you praying for the doctor needed to make this "New Hope" become a reality to these lepers of Bamenda Province? Are you finding other ways to help? Let us not fail to help some of the "least of these."



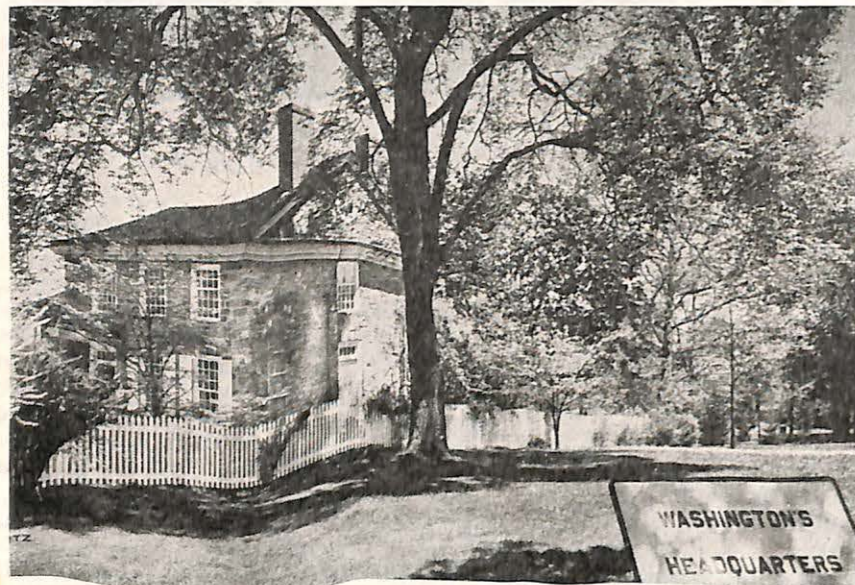
Prof. Albert Bretschneider with his characteristic smile and in his informal manner teaching one of his classes at the North American Baptist Seminary. At the recent commencement exercises Prof. Bretschneider was made Professor Emeritus by the board and presented with gifts upon his completion of 25 years of service at the seminary and upon his retirement from the faculty.

Pennsylvania's Charm and Landmarks

The many points of interest in "the keystone state" of Pennsylvania and its natural beauty will put the conference visitor in a relaxed and receptive mind as he reaches Philadelphia for the thrilling General Conference sessions

By MR. E. RALPH KLETKE of the local Committee on Publicity

THE ADVENT of the 30th General Conference in Philadelphia this August will afford the "touring minded" delegate an excellent opportunity to explore the diversified beauties of the "keystone state" of Pennsylvania. As one of the thirteen original colonies and because of its undaunted role in



The old stone house at Valley Forge, Pa., where George Washington, general of the Colonial Army during the Revolutionary War, made his headquarters in the severe winter of 1777-1778.

Pittsburgh, and the Carnegie Institute.

For the tourist who is intent on making time through the state, the Pennsylvania Turnpike is just the answer. The western terminus is located on the Pennsylvania-Ohio border about 25 miles south of Youngstown, Ohio. The seventy miles per hour speed limit permits rapid travel, aided

by adequate service stations and restaurants at frequent intervals. The motorist travels with the highway through dense mountain country, across the Appalachian Range which curves through the state. Instead of spending many hours going over or around the mountains, long tunnels carry you through them. The present eastern terminus is located near Valley Forge National Park, 25 miles west of Philadelphia.

TURNPIKE TO VALLEY FORGE

Travelers will not want to miss making a pilgrimage to hallowed grounds of Valley Forge National Park. The park is famous as the place where Washington and the Colonial Army of about 11,000 men endured the terrible privation during the severe winter of 1777-78. The field with the trenches thrown open by the "ragged continentals" remains substantially unchanged, and the old stone house where Washington made his headquarters still stands. An area of two-hundred and fifty acres, including the old camp site, comprises the park.

If the conference delegate is a nature lover, and is entering Pennsylvania from the northwest, he is afforded an opportunity to see some of the most eye-filling spots in the beautiful northern section. These may be seen via

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the founding of our country, Pennsylvania has stamped upon it an indelible colonial charm. In its cities and rural areas one finds rich sources of historical significance and birthplaces of great industrial empires.

If you enter western Pennsylvania via the "Lincoln Highway," Route 30, you are led into Pittsburgh, proudly known as the "steel city" of America. It is located at the confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers, the source of the Ohio River. The industrial greatness of Pittsburgh is brought forcibly to the attention of the tourist by virtue of the fact that the river banks are lined with mile after mile of huge industrial plants.

At night, the edges of the city glow in the brilliance of the great converters and blast furnaces of the steel mills. Pittsburgh is also renowned for such landmarks as the Cathedral of Learning, which houses the University of

Our Home for the Aged

Introducing the Philadelphia Home for the Aged with its spacious facilities and worshipful chapel

By MR. PAUL ZABEL, President of the Men's Board, and MRS. WILLIAM ESENWEIN, President of the Ladies Board of the Home

THE NEEDS of the aged people are becoming more pronounced each year. The expectancy of old age is not unusual but common. Therefore, we are happy that in 1895 some people had the inspiration and vision to found a Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In February 1896, the Ladies' Board of Managers was organized. The members who organized this

Home have given us such a high precedent that we must always be active in working and planning for the welfare of the guests.

In 1896 we purchased property on Rising Sun Avenue. Our first guests entered the Home in April, 1897. The dedication on June 10, 1897, was both inspirational and satisfying. Our present building was erected in 1905 at a

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The Gospel Midgets of Kenosha

The Testimony of Mr. Joseph M. White of Kenosha, Wis., who with his wife is engaged in young people's and Sunday School work, Bible magic, music and Bible stories. Both Mr. and Mrs. White are members of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha

By MR. JOSEPH M. WHITE, formerly of the Ringling Brothers Circus

PRaise GOD for what he has done in my life. He turned my life of revelry, sin and worldly "good times" into a life of true love, purpose and promise. He turned me from a life of show business to a life in "HIS business." I thank God for the greatest miracle of all, the miracle of salvation, of having been born anew.

Old things have truly passed away. The old life seems so unreal now that I have experienced new life with Jesus more than three years ago. I sometimes wonder how grateful the boys and girls must be who are raised and brought up in Christian homes and who have come to know and love the Lord all through their childhood. It must make them all the more ambitious for the work of the Lord, to win souls, knowing that they have Christian mothers and fathers and loved ones praying for them.

I had none of these. I was raised in foster homes and had little or no church training. The little I do remember was all ritualistic and I carried no lasting impression of them. I was brought up in a world that taught that everyone had to look out for himself in order to get along. I had only one person to love and to look out for. That was myself.

THE CIRCUS

About ten years ago I ran away from a job and a home to join the Ringling Brothers Circus. This was the year that they had the terrible fire. We are called according to God's purpose. That is truly my testimony. I believe I escaped that fire because God had my future planned so that I might be a witness to boys and girls and tell them of Jesus who loved them and said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me."

That fire was a terrible thing. The first thing I saw from the dressing tent was a black cloud of smoke appearing over the far side of the top. Minutes later, the licking flames were racing across the top and completely submerging it amidst the screaming of panic-stricken and burned men, women and children. The greatest casualties were among the children who were trampled under foot and caught in the runway cages.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. White of Kenosha, Wis., who as "The Gospel Midgets" conduct special services and programs for children.

I saw one girl running out of the tent with her clothes a mass of flames. She was gone before anyone could reach her. Imagine all who died that day without the knowledge of the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ!

The only tragedy I have seen comparable to that was the Coconut Grove fire in Boston, Massachusetts. I worked at the Statler Hotel, just opposite it. How many died there not knowing that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life!"

I was with Ringling Brothers Circus just that one year. The following year I joined a carnival as a "talker" or "barker" inside a sideshow. I picked up a few rope tricks that year and included them between acts. Gradually, in a few years, I devoted myself to magic learning and practicing sleight of hand and buying other tricks. During the last three or four years of my travels I had come into my own, so to speak, as a midget magician.

The most important series of events, however, was God's plan for my life in that I found the Lord. I have always liked to read, and would read almost anything available in the hotel room at night, since I am a somnambulist,

or "late-to-get-to-sleeper."

Before I knew it, I was reading the hotel Gideon Bibles frequently. As I read, I found myself getting uneasy. There was something lacking in my life. I needed peace and joy which this life could not give me. My inner self bothered me constantly. My greatest fear was fear of death and of its aftermath.

It was not until I came to Kenosha, Wis., that I began to realize that there was Someone who could still that fear, Someone who said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. I will give you rest." Through the girl whom I met in Kenosha and her pastor, I came to accept Christ as my Savior.

My wife had heard of the "little people," like herself, who were in town and she came down to visit us. She is three feet, four inches tall and had worked in Kenosha as a secretary and stenographer. She came to know the Lord, about eight years ago at a Youth for Christ meeting.

Since then she had taken over the secretarial duties of a local minister, played the piano in our church and taught a primary class of ten to twelve little children, ranging from three to six years old. She takes care of a two and a half room apartment, as well as drive the car. She has extensions on the car to facilitate driving. We are at present working at Great Lakes Naval Depot. She is an electric typist and I am an electronic's clerk.

SERVING CHRIST

We still find time to serve our Lord. We are doing child evangelistic work as the "Gospel Midgets" and we have taken as our guiding Bible verse: "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus, as Lord" (2 Corinthians 4:5). My wife plays the piano for choruses and solos, tells Bible stories and flannelgraph lessons and I bring the magic illustrated Gospel sermonette. We have spoken and witnessed before children in churches of various denominations. The Lord has led us to win many children for him!

I pray that God will continue to use my wife and me as effective witnesses. I would like to have other Christian midgets contact me so that the Lord may give us a fellowship together and may help us share our experiences.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The mothers of the members of the Junior Church, CBY of the Herreid Baptist Church, Herreid, S. Dak., were honored at a Mother's Day Tea on Sunday afternoon, May 11. A brief program was given at which each mother was presented with a red carnation. Mrs. E. S. Fenske, the pastor's wife, was presented with a small gift from the Junior mothers in appreciation of the work which she had rendered in preparing for the happy occasion.

The Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash., held a farewell reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Foll at a dinner in the church basement on Sunday, April 27. Mr. Foll had served the church faithfully for seven years. At this time a gift of money was also presented to Mr. and Mrs. Foll. They have moved to Mr. Odessa church, a member of the 1952 Seminary class, as its pastor-elect.

The Rev. W. H. Buening of Cuero, Texas, was called to his heavenly home on May 16 following an illness of several months. He was a member of the Central Church of Waco, Texas, at the time of his death. His obituary appears on page 23 of this issue. Mr. Buening served many of our churches, among them being Emery, S. Dak.; Stafford, Kansas; Ashley, N. Dak.; Immanuel Church, Portland, Ore.; Corona, S. Dak.; and Gatesville, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lohr of Lodi, Calif., and Mrs. G. E. Lohr, the widow of the former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, spent some time in June 5 visiting the headquarters covered in Forest Park, Illinois. They are visiting more than 6000 miles on this trip, visiting friends in Michigan and the former church served by the Rev. Mrs. Lohr at Emery, South Dakota. Mr. Lohr and Mrs. Calvin Lohr are prominently identified with the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi.

The First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, recently purchased a former United Brethren Church in the city which had been vacated because of a merger that had taken place. Hitherto, services were held in a large dwelling. June 1st the congregation has been enjoying the added seating capacity, more worshipful facilities and better Sunday School units. Picture of the

church and report will follow soon. The Rev. F. W. Mashner began his ministry here in February 1952.

A large congregation filled the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., on Wednesday evening, May 21, to hear the North American Baptist Seminary quartet. The program of spiritual songs and messages by the group was well received. The four Canadian students who are touring the central and eastern parts of the United States this summer are Walter Hoffman, George Breitreuz, Victor Priebe and Rubin Herrmann. Myrna Cotton reported the event. The Rev. Walter Sukut is pastor of the church.

The Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, California, has extended a call to the Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor of the Easter Avenue Church, Chicago, Ill., to become its minister. He has responded favorably to the call and will begin his ministry in Lodi on Sept. 21st. He will succeed the Rev. Arthur R. Weisser. Mr. Schreiber has been the pastor of the Foster Ave. Church of Chicago since 1947. Last year the church dedicated its beautiful new edifice.

On Sunday afternoon, May 25, more than a hundred friends of Mrs. Gertrude Kliese of Detroit, Mich., the widow of the Rev. E. G. Kliese, visited her in her house on her 80th birthday. Open House was held by her and her daughters, Miss Lenetta Kliese and Mrs. Ruth Rumminger. Mr. Edward H. Giessler, reporter, stated that "God has held this Christian lady very close to himself and has watched over her in a wonderful way." She is a member of the Bethel Baptist Church of

Detroit, of which the Rev. Ted Place is serving as interim pastor.

The Baptist Church of Napoleon, N. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. Henry Lang of Wolf Point, Mont., pastor of the Presserville Baptist Church. Mr. Lang has resigned at the latter church, effective July 27, and has accepted the call of the Napoleon church where he will begin on August 3rd. In Napoleon he will succeed the Rev. Theodore Frey. During his ministry of seven years at the Presserville church, the membership has been tripled, the church edifice was renovated and a new parsonage was erected.

The CBY of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church near Millet, Alta., recently presented the play, "The Life of Fanny Crosby" and "Thou Fool," in four of the neighboring churches. The offerings at these programs were designated for missions. On Sunday afternoon, April 27, the Wiesenthal group presented a special program at the Benke Memorial Chapel on the Indian Bull Reserve. Recently the Rev. E. A. Hoffmann, pastor, gave instructions on "How to Deal With the Unsaved" and Mrs. Hoffmann completed a teachers' training course with a group of the young people.

On Monday, June 9, the degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred on the Rev. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., the executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference by Yale University at the impressive commencement exercises held at New Haven, Connecticut. Dr. Woyke's thesis was entitled, "The Doctrine of Predestination in the Theology of Karl Barth." Dr. Woyke also holds the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred on him by the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., at the dedication of the new buildings in 1950.

The 71st anniversary of the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., was observed from May 23 to 25 with Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, as the guest speaker bringing four messages. Dr. von Berge became a member of the Evergreen Church in 1884 when he arrived as a lad of about 13 years from Germany. During the days of May 23 to 25 the church building was rededicated following its renovation and new hymnals were dedicated. The young people of the

church presented their annual play, "Blessings on This House," on Tuesday evening, May 20. The Rev. Robert Zimbelman is pastor of the church.

At the commencement exercises of the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill., on Monday evening, June 9th, four North American Baptist young women received the Bachelor of Arts degree. They were the Misses Minnie Kuhn of the Rabbit Hill Church near Leduc, Alta.; Ernestina Schmidt of Calgary, Alta.; Luanna E. Majeske of the Beaver Church near Midland, Mich.; and Florence E. Wangner of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Miss Kuhn and Miss Schmidt are missionary-appointees for the Cameroons, Africa. Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa of the First Baptist Church of Chicago was the baccalaureate speaker on June 8th and the Rev. Granger E. Westbury, chaplain of Chicago's Augustana Hospital, brought the commencement address.

On Friday, May 23, an enthusiastic group of about 55 North American Baptists and those formerly identified with our churches gathered for a luncheon at the Stock Yard Inn during the sessions of the American Baptist Convention held at the nearby International Amphitheater. The Rev. William F. Schoeffel was the genial toastmaster who presided over the informal program. Greetings and reminiscences were blended in the brief messages brought by many of those attending. It was especially a joy to have Miss Alethea Kose present after her siege of illness. The attendance at the American Baptist Convention totalled 11,558 visitors and delegates, thus making it the second largest enrollment at any convention. Mr. John A. Dawson of Willamette, Ill., was elected president of the American Baptist Convention.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Landenberger of Gladwin, Mich., were able to attend the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Fla., from May 13 to 18. The session on the first day was the largest indoor meeting ever held in the Dinner Key auditorium of Miami with over 15,000 people present. But even that record attendance was shattered when Billy Graham, evangelist, spoke at the Youth Rally on Saturday evening before a great crowd of 20,000 people. Total Southern Baptist contributions for last year reached \$222,000,000. There were 375,000 baptisms reported in 1951. The Southern Baptists have stationed 832 missionaries in 32 countries of the world. Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the convention said: "The glory of these achievements is greatly reduced when we consider that it took 19.6 of us working the whole year to bring one person to the confession of Christ as Savior."

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

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS
 July 6—"How to Have Fun" by Rev. Roy Seibel, Emery, South Dakota.
 July 13—"Are You a Nervous Wreck" by Rev. Alex Elsen-ser, Dayton, Ohio.

ATTENTION, YOUNG PEOPLE

Are you making vacation plans? Are you looking for a fine time of Christian fellowship? Are you looking for a time of spiritual refreshment? Are you looking for an opportunity to make new and interesting friendships? Here is a list of camps which will give you just that.

June 2-5—Kansas Scripture Memory Camp, Camp Fellowship near Wichita.

June 5-8—Kansas Young People's Assembly, Camp Fellowship near Wichita.

June 17-21—Minnesota Young People's Camp, Lake Independence, Loretto, Minnesota.

June 17-22—Southern Conference Young People's Encampment, Latham Springs, Texas.

June 22-28—Iowa Young People's Camp, Cedar Lake, Iowa.

June 28-July 3—Northern North Dakota Young People's Assembly, Lake Bentley, Drake, N. Dak.

June 30-July 6—Central Dakota Young People's Assembly, Jamestown, North Dakota.

July 7-11—Badlands Young People's Assembly, Billings, Montana.

July 7-13—Pacific Northwest Young People's Assembly, Lake Retreat, near Kent, Washington.

July 7-13—Sask. Tri-Union Assembly, Echo Lake, Saskatchewan.

July 7-13—Central Saskatchewan and Alberta Assembly, Elk Water Lake, near Medicine Hat, Alberta.

July 7-13—Junior Camp, Alberta Assembly, Sylvan Lake, Alberta.

July 9-13—Manitoba Home Builders Camp, Lake Dauphin, Manitoba.

July 14-20—Manitoba Young People's Assembly, Lake Dauphin, Man.

July 14-20—Alberta Young People's Assembly, Sylvan Lake, Alberta.

July 16-20—Oklahoma Senior Camp, Roman Nose Park, Oklahoma.

July 18-25—Oregon Youth League Assembly, Camp Meehan, Spirit Lake, Castle Rock, Washington.

July 20-23—Oklahoma Junior Camp, Roman Nose Park, Oklahoma.

July 21-26—South Dakota Young People's Camp, Camp Lakodia, S. Dak.

July 21-27—Manitoba Junior Camp Lake Dauphin, Manitoba.

CAMPING

"The Camp Counselor will constantly remind himself that each camper is not a problem, but a God given opportunity to help him spiritually."

"A good camp program will include a place preferably at the day's end, when the counselor leads in a short devotional period with his group."

"Regardless of what course of study may be offered, let us remember that our basic educational task in camp is to mold character, change attitudes, stimulate growth in the image of the stature of Jesus Christ."

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A group of young people of the Oak Street Baptist Youth Fellowship of Burlington, Iowa, gathered in front of a new stage curtain which they purchased in February. This completed a project on which the group had been working for the past year. On Easter Sunday the group completed its Iowa mission project by paying pledges amounting to \$92.00 for the Banso Hospital.



A striking, colorful picture of a native village in the heart of the Cameroons, Africa, photographed by Missionary Gilbert Schneider.

Hidden Valley

An African Mystery Novel by DOUGLAS C. PERCY

HIDDEN VALLEY by Douglas C. Percy is being run in serial form by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

FOREWORD BY THE AUTHOR.

The stranger a story about Africa might be, the more likely it is to be true. Even after long years in Africa, one expects the unexpected, believes the most impossible story and daily forgets events such as witchcraft operations, demon possession and pagan life that are so unusual that any one of them would surpass the wildest dreams of the most imaginative writer. Life in the raw, strange and awesome adventures every day, and the spiritual battle against the powers of darkness make an unending African tale. In fact African stories practically write themselves!

I was sitting in front of a small mud hut—my home while on trek—watching a glorious, full-orbed moon play its weird light on the African countryside. Squatting near me was Chuna, faithful evangelist-companion of many a long journey, and the Baru of my story. And as he squatted, he talked.

"And over there, Mai gida," he said to me at one point in his tale, and ex-

pressively shooting his chin out at a great V cleft in the hill directly in front of us, "over there the chief used to live. But he moved. He couldn't stand the voices without bodies or the stones that floated."

I looked quizzically at my companion. I had heard many things in this strange land. In fact anything can happen here. But floating stones? Never!

"Come," he answered my unspoken question. "I will show you." But he had no opportunity. Other things happened:

My horse went mad. The village people suddenly disappeared into their huts. And I shivered but not from cold that night.

My horse was a quiet, docile animal that suited my tropical travels. But when a tree near his hut suddenly blazed up, as though engulfed with fire, he went wild. But there was no smoke, no combustion, no heat. There was only the great tongue of flame that we watched in awe. We heard threatening voices. We didn't go near

the place of the floating stones!

I must confess I hesitated to tell others of those stones. Was there no law of gravity? Were these self-propelled rocks? I know that it is possible for demon-possessed men to have rocks and stones carried by unseen hands. I had seen stranger acts of those possessed. But would others believe it?

Then several months after this manuscript was in the publisher's hands, proof came. A Canadian paper had sent a correspondent to Africa and was featuring his articles. I read them all eagerly. One glad day there blazed this headline: STONES FLOAT, GIVE FEAR OF BLACK MAGIC EVILS. In the body of the article I read: "Strangest part of the business was that the stones didn't actually fall. They just wafted through the air as though someone was carrying them. And when they landed they didn't bounce, but rested in position as if placed there by unseen hands." Perhaps this would vindicate us in the minds of the skeptical!

Many of the other things recorded in the following chapters actually took place. Others are taken from the moonlight stories of wonderful African friends while trekking with the Gospel into the African hinterland. They are woven together into an imaginative tale that we trust will be interesting, and perhaps create a deeper understanding of the problems and gigantic task that still face the missionaries of the Cross.

August, 1951

DOUGLAS C. PERCY.

CHAPTER ONE

TO THE WAKEFUL MAN, the eerie cry of the hyena sounded too close for comfort. He felt grateful for the added protection of the mosquito net tucked securely around his camp cot. Working himself lower into the bed, aroused and thoughtful, he looked out at the soft velvet of the African night that pressed closer upon him.

In the distance he could hear the wild, barbaric rhythm of the tomtoms, and the weird, shrieking cry of men as they responded to the challenge of the drums. The ceaseless, broken beat made the man's pulse warm and race. It seemed to hit his body with all the force of a restrained blow.

Later, when he had been swept into the horrendous adventure, that even then had begun, he was to know something of the power of the drums' staccato message.

A gentle, almost apologetic cough near his ear brought the man sitting up in his cot. With shaking hand, he pulled the flashlight from under his pillow. In its wide, white beam that poured into the darkness surrounding his net, he saw a lithe, spotted form slinking back to the darkness of the jungle. It was a leopard!

The man clutched his light as though it was a weapon, and lay down again, shaking and sweating, yet chiding himself for his fear. There had been no sound or movement from the other camp cot so close to him, and he peered through the mist-like curtain. He could faintly make out the silhouette of Bill McAdams in bed, and wondered if his companion was awake also. This first night out in the tropical bush made sleep as remote as the seven-starred Southern Cross that even then was beaming in benediction upon projected but unlikely slumbers.

As he lay there in the sparse clearing, the surrounding trees seemed to bring their potential hidden danger closer. The erstwhile chemistry teacher from Melbourne College, and known there affectionately as the "Prof," felt a shudder run up his spine again.

This African venture is a foolish thing, was the constant chide of his mind. Yet he seemed irresistibly drawn into it. He burrowed his head deeper into his small pillow and let his mind play over the events of the past years that had culminated in this moment.

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A few years before the Prof had found life beginning to taste insipid. Teaching had begun to pall on him, and he was feeling a peculiar restlessness unbecoming to a man of his age. He found himself looking carefully into the mirror every time he shaved, measuring with his eye the increasing line of grey hair. He searched his face as though he expected to see signs of decay already setting in. For a man just over forty, when life is supposed to begin, he was not happy.

The Prof saw himself looking over his chemistry class again, his eyes coming to rest on the two students that the whole school was talking about. It was a new experience for him to be really interested in his students. Having taught in that same laboratory for more years than he cared to remember, the new group of each year was just a maze of faces to him. Some he called by their first name, some by their last. But out of the hundreds that had broken test tubes, mixed chemicals, made experiments and raised smells, not one had ever stood out above the others in any other kind of a relationship than that of student and teacher. To find after all these years that two of them might interest him beyond the means of bread and butter was something new.

He was not a brilliant lecturer as some of his colleagues were. His interest was in chemistry, his lectures were about chemistry, then the class was dismissed. Not for him were the informal class discussions of this and that—formulae which never led to anything much deeper than the making of H₂SO₄. Evidently none of his students ever thought of asking those thought-provoking questions that he had heard so much about in the teach-

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ers' lunchroom. At any rate, he lectured, gave exams, failed or passed the candidates, then waited for the new lot.

Thus it was an agreeable surprise to single out two as different, and the teacher watched them as they worked over their experiments together. Peter Dunning was tall, slim and fair, with dark brows in sharp contrast to his hair, shading the eye of a dreamer. He was rather good-looking, although a slightly large nose forbade the adjective handsome. He was neither scholar nor saint, yet one would get the impression of both from him. Peculiarly enough in this day of materialism, he was interested in what he called "active Christianity" and at the same time managed to take first-class honors in his studies.

Listed in the totally inadequate curriculum of Melbourne was a travesty of truth called Sociology, which, as far as anyone could make out, was merely another name for comparative religions and was particularly anti-Christian. The teacher of that subject was called Oldham, variably nicknamed "Old Ham" and "Old Soc" by his students. He was a newcomer to the staff. From what was heard of him, he was "more stuffed with" haivers than an egg with meat," as John Buchan would say. Where he got his drivel from, no one would ever know. He seemed to make any and every discussion grist for his mill. He would grind out his anti-religion line in the class or with the teachers until most of the latter felt they could stand no more of it.

Many a time this authority on religion and believer in none arrived late for his lunch, wilting after a bout with Peter. It seemed that Peter knew more about religion than Oldham did, and had the added power of practicing it.

Stories of their verbal battles were legion, and Peter might have been a leading figure in the school had it not been for the fact that he believed and lived outside the class what he argued inside. The antipathy of youth against being serious or religious would not sink beneath the weight of Peter's own vital personality, his fair ability in class and outstanding ability in athletics. School standards made no allowance for religion, and Peter Dunning was accorded a peculiar mixture of honor and contempt by these self-appointed judges.

The second of the pair whom the Prof had singled out was Bill McAdams, as dark as Peter was fair. Lithe and wiry as a steel cable, his every

movement seemed the result of hidden energy that must be released. There was no slow dreaminess about him. Action, movement, physical exertion, these were as necessary to him as meat and drink. Sometimes while at the desk, he would grip his hands as though working off some excess steam that could no longer be held in.

His was the more hardened, unsentimental nature. He, too, had his one absorbing interest, and there was no doubt where his work would be. He was heading for medicine, and only under the physical and mental strain of surgery and research would his burning vitality and innate desire for information be fully realized.

These two lives, diametrically opposite by nature, by that very difference were drawn together. The mystic in the one sought the energy and materialism of the other. The worldly materialism of Bill found something definite in the spiritual power of Peter.

Lunch was nearly over one day when Oldham arrived at the dining room, glowering and red-faced.

"Looks like another dose of Dunning," remarked the math professor as he sipped his tea.

"That Dunning!" corroborated the newcomer. "Will I be glad when he's through! I've a good mind to pass him just to make sure I get rid of him at the end of the year! Have you heard the latest?" he asked as he threw his books on the couch and sat down at the table. The other teachers waited while he helped himself to lukewarm food and began eating.

"Well," inquired the Prof, "what is it now? He hasn't turned Mohammedan, has he?"

"No such luck," replied the other, "it might be better for him if he did. He couldn't be more fanatical than the Moslems are anyway." He threw down his fork. "Today I was lecturing them on the modernizing of religion to keep up with the times, and eadeavored to show that people have always tried to keep their faiths in pace with progress. Then up bounces that blight of my life, Dunning, and says he doesn't agree with me! He said that for two thousand years there had been no change in true Christianity, that it was modern enough to meet our needs today, tomorrow and for all eternity. I was so startled at his outburst," went on the speaker, "that I just stood there while he preached a regular sermon to me and the rest of the class. Where he got it all from, I don't know, but I can guarantee it wasn't from his required reading. I must admit though," he added with grudging admiration, "that he spoke well. Had his arguments in hand, and as usual seemed to take them as accepted by everyone."

"Well," chimed in another, "you've had a set-to with him before now. What got your dander up?"

"The fact is that it didn't stop at the end of his arguments. When he had

finished, I shot back with, 'Well, why doesn't your argument apply to all society as well as to yourself? Why doesn't your modern active Christianity, as you call it, show some activity in something besides words? We are dealing with the organization of society, and while religion is a strong force in it, I haven't heard that pious ejaculations ever did anything for it. Why doesn't it work?'

"You should have seen his face. You would think I had hit him. He just looked at me for a moment, then quietly sat down saying: By God's grace, I'll show you it will work. That was all, but it sounded as though he had suddenly been challenged and had taken up the glove." Mr. Oldham attacked his food afresh, then pushing his plate from him, went on:

"After the class, I cornered Dunning and apologized for hitting at him like that. He just smiled at me, and said he was glad I had done so. He was going to prove to us that Christianity was modern and applicable to moderns. He said it would even help students. On pressing him, he told me, that he was going to start what he called a 'Christian Fellowship Group' meeting for prayer, Bible study and discussion, and a few other antiquated items I've forgotten. Knowing that such a step in the school would mark him, I've been trying to persuade him to forget the idea. I even said no one would think of meeting with him." Oldham groaned. "I might as well do a Canute and try to stop the waves. He will go ahead in spite of all that I could do or say."

"Of course that would egg him on," replied another teacher, while the Prof mentally gave Peter full marks for his stand. He must have good stuff in him if he carried through his plan.

When Old Soc had gone, the teachers talked it over between themselves before the gong sounded for the next class. The only ones who felt that Peter might have something were the Prof and Watson, the librarian, whose wife had recently died, and who was rather groping after religion himself. The rest dismissed it as a lot of nonsense, and dropped the matter for their own affairs. The Prof determined to have a talk with Peter at the first opportunity.

Peter was just going out the door at the close of the lecture when the chemistry teacher stopped him.

"Dunning," he said, detaining him with a hand on his shoulder, "could you come in this afternoon during the detention period? I'd like to have a talk with you."

"All right sir," Peter answered in his respectful way. "Er, it's not a detention for me is it?"

"Not yet," laughed the teacher, "your record is clear as far as I'm concerned." One of the latest rules was that if too many detention slips

were held by a student, he was automatically eliminated from getting credits on recommendation instead of writing the exams. The Prof could imagine that the twenty-odd dollars thus saved would be appreciated by Peter.

At the close of the last lecture the boy duly appeared at the laboratory door and was motioned into the small office at the end of the room. When the names of the delinquents in the room were recorded, the teacher followed Peter into the office. He declared the beakers and test tubes from the top of the desk and sat behind it, looking quizzically at the student.

"You know, Peter," the Prof said to him, "I've been watching you for some time this past year. You seem to be one of the few who has his feet on the ground. I think you know something besides the latest dance craze and jabberwocky. Now I hear you are going to start some sort of a religious club. Care to tell me about it?"

"There's not much to tell, sir," Peter replied, his eyes seeking the window and the playing field beyond. "It's just a Christian Fellowship Club that I thought might be helpful, both for myself and any who care to join with me."

The teacher could feel the hesitation behind his words. He was most like-meddling teacher or a ridiculous Oldham, who would warn him from the scoffing and branding of the students. "Humpf," the Prof almost snorted. "It's needful all right. From what I can see of the others in the school, we

ligion. But who besides yourself would ever want it? I've seen very little desire for religion so far. For you who make-up, it may be all right. But any other . . ." Again he nearly snorted in scorn. Peter said nothing for awhile, merely sat there looking around as though trying to settle something for himself. Finally he spoke, and the teacher heard for the first time the story of what Peter called his conversion. It was no great tale to startle a world. It was simply the age-old story of a young man who had followed one path, then through various circumstances was brought up with a

There was no fanaticism about him as he spoke. His quiet sentences had all the more power for their shade of hesitancy and the throb of deep feeling that seemed to underly them. While he spoke, the older man saw beneath the hesitant flow of words, the boy's reluctance to embellish his tale, telling the secret workings of mind and heart. It was the old strife between the spiritual and the worldly. The battle of right against wrong. The young man wanting to hold fast to that which is good, yet tempted by the not-so-good.

"And so," Peter concluded, "I found that when I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior, something happened within me that made me know I had found the life that is more abundant. And you know, Prof," he caught himself as the nickname slipped out, then grinning at the other, went on, "you know, I found that there was nothing sentimental or soft about it all. What a Man Jesus must have been! There was nothing soft about the fishermen whom He touched. There was nothing sentimental about Him when He stood before Pilate. And I found He hit me hard where it hurt and made me like it and love Him! At any rate, following Christ is the best thing that has happened to me, and I want Him to have my life. I hope to be a missionary."

The two sat silent after that. The teacher was aware of a queer feeling in himself. He had had no experience in matters of this kind and could not talk to Peter with any authority. But he had not reached maturity without some knowledge of life, and he was beginning to feel that his own lacked something. The man peeping out from behind the boy intrigued him to probe further.

"Dunning," the boy turned and from his slim height he looked down into the eyes of the older man, "all you have said today has interested me. It is not entirely new, for while I can't call myself a religious man, I believe just the same things that you do." As he looked at the youth, the teacher had to admit that here, at least, was something that he lacked and needed. Age envied youth!

"Time's up," the chemistry teacher said at last, "how about some other night? Could you come over to my place? I'd like to talk about this some more. Bring McAdams. I'm free on Thursdays. Could you make it?"

"We'll be there," said Peter, leaving. The other turned to dismiss the detention class.

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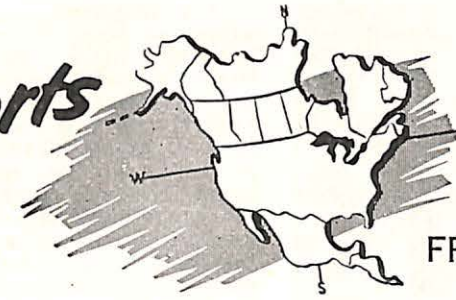
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"Around the campfire with all the mystery of the deeply shadowed wood behind, the immensity of sky with its myriad suns above, the lake with its bosom shimmering in the moonlight, and the dying fire, man's best friend in the wooded darkness, all help the mind to enter into the mystery of God and stir the heart to be alert for his Voice."

All this information and more is found in "The Camp Leaders' Guide." If camp planning and preparations seem a bit overwhelming, you will be interested in this new booklet which can be secured for 20 cents by writing to Rev. J. C. Gunst, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

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FROM THE FIELD

Southern Conference

Mother-Daughter Banquet for the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, held its annual Mother-Daughter Banquet at the YMCA on May 16th. The theme for the banquet was "A Flower Garden" and table decorations, souvenir programs and place markers carried out this theme.

Mrs. E. H. Steindam presided and introduced each number on the program in a unique manner, comparing the various participants with different flowers. After a delicious meal, Mrs. Charles Marstaller led the group in the singing of choruses.

The program consisted of a piano duet played by Dorothy Niederer and Joyce Wilhite; a vocal duet by Peggy Koch and Penny Edens; a reading by Emily Sue Boyd; a vocal trio composed of Mrs. Louis Johnson, Betty Gossen and Mary Lou Hoeffner; a reading by Mrs. Roger Edens. Mrs. Edwin Kraemer of Gatesville, Texas, was guest speaker and her message on "Weaving a Tapestry" was a challenge to everyone present.

Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, Reporter.

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bieber, Mowata Church, Louisiana

On Wednesday, May 7, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bieber of the Mowata Baptist Church of Louisiana celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Relatives and many friends from far and near came to be with the Biebers for this special day.

A program composed of music, recitations from their grandchildren, church choir, a duet and poems served to make the service impressive. The undersigned spoke on Psalm 103. Congratulations and presents were presented by the church, children, relatives and friends. The children formed a choir and sang their favorite song, followed by a short address by the oldest son, Edgar, thanking the parents in the name of the children for that what the home means to them.

After the service all were invited for a barbecue dinner at the place of the oldest son. After 2:00 P.M. the Biebers held open house when refreshments, coffee and cake were served. Different groups rendered songs in German and English to praise God who has been so gracious to Mr. and Mrs. Bieber in the years gone by.

Both are sincere Christians, who are known in the community for their loyal service to God and man. They are also charter members of this church, where Mr. Bieber serves as deacon. May the rich blessings of the Lord abide with them in the days and years to come!

Alex Sootzmann, Pastor.

Banquet for Southern Conference Baptist Men at Central Church, Waco, Texas

It is our privilege to report a banquet that the men of the Southern Conference held at Waco, Texas, on April 24. The purpose of the meeting was to get some members of the various churches together and explain in detail the special project that the men of the Southern Conference had accepted. During our conference last summer the laymen of the conference accepted a project to raise \$500 during the year, and contribute this amount toward the building of the Bansa Baptist Hospital in our mission field in the Cameroons of Africa.

We are happy to report that the banquet was a success in every way. We had a very good response from the various churches from the standpoint of attendance. Our program was opened with the Rev. Frank Armbruster of our Greenville Church giving the invocation. This was followed by a splendid song service which was led by the Rev. J. O. Zillen of our Cottonwood Church.

Since our president, Mr. William Marstaller, Sr., is not living in our conference area, Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht, vice-president, took charge of the program. First, the visitors were



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bieber of the Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, Louisiana, on their golden wedding anniversary.

recognized and this was followed by remarks regarding the above mentioned project by Mr. Engelbrecht. Then we were privileged to hear Ronald Coleman, student at Baylor University, play some favorite numbers on a marimba. Incidentally, Ronald was a member of Billy Graham's team at one time. We were further entertained by the Rev. Harold Gieseke of our Dallas Church, and Mr. Alastair Walker, student at Baylor University, with a couple of special numbers in song. This was followed by a trombone solo given by Oliver Thompson, one of our fine young men of our local church.

For the main speaker we had Alastair Walker, who as mentioned above is a student at Baylor, and was born in Scotland, the son of a missionary in Africa. He brought a stirring message on "How the Child of God Should Glory in the Cross," using Gal. 6:14 as the text. We are sure that all who attended can say that it was a joy to have this Christian fellowship and we shall be looking forward to greater things for the Lord.

Harry W. Haeffner, Secretary.

Atlantic Conference

Easter, Mother's Day Services and Baptism at Kings Highway Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut

The Easter services of the King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Conn., were very well attended and a substantial Easter offering for our denominational missionary projects was received. A special feature at the evening service was a pageant entitled, "Joseph of Arimathea," presented by the following young people: Barbara Zack, Robert Zopf, Robert Hahner, Evelyn Zopf, Joanna Farnsworth, Doris Newell with Donald Hallquist as organizer. It was very well presented. The offering went to our new Leper Mission Project in the Cameroons. After the program, the young people served refreshments to all.

The following young people, members of our church school, followed Christ in baptism on Sunday evening, April 20th: Barbara Zack, Judith Wehger, Joanne Farnsworth and Raymond Taylor. A seven weeks course of instruction had been presented to the candidates by the pastor, the Rev. George Hensel, in preparation of baptism and church membership.

At our well attended Mother's Day service a small potted plant was presented by the Sunshine Society to each mother present and also to the sick mothers who could not be present.

Extensive repairs are being made to our church roof and the brick at a cost of \$1800. A new large boiler and heating equipment for baptismal purpose have been installed. In the near future we shall also have a new outdoor Sign Board with special lighting features, and a new indirect lighting system for our Sunday School rooms downstairs. The Lord has blessed us richly in our work and we are looking forward to even greater blessings.

George Hensel, Pastor.

Eastern Conference

The Killaloe Baptist Churches of Ontario Welcome the Rev. and Mrs. L. W. George

The Rev. L. W. George, formerly of Benton Harbor, Mich., began his ministry in the Killaloe Baptist churches of Killaloe, Ont., on Easter Sunday, April 13. He brought two inspiring messages to members and friends of the Hagarty and Calvary churches who filled the auditorium for both services. A song of welcome, written for the occasion by Mrs. Martha Zummach, was sung by three young ladies of the Sunday School.

The renovating of the parsonage, prior to our pastor's arrival, included the installation of a pressure system, modern bathroom fixtures, new electric range and built-in kitchen cupboards. A pantry shower, held by the women of the church, helped fill the empty shelves.

We feel that God has answered our prayers by leading the Rev. L. W. George to accept our call, and we pray that together we might go forward, doing great things for the cause of Christ.

Mrs. Lawrence Getz, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Missionary Banquet and Scripture Memory Worker at Mt. Zion Church of Kansas

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Junction City, Kan., held its spring banquet on Monday evening, May 5th, with the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forrest Park, Ill., as guest speaker. About 70 persons enjoyed the message which he brought, the musical numbers, and the showing of pictures on the leper colony in the Cameroons and of the Montana Indian Reserve in Alberta. An offering was taken later which went toward missions. We shall remember this program with Mr. Leuschner for a long time to come. Attractive programs with African designs were prepared for the banquet.

We were also privileged to have Miss Ruth Bathauer, the Scripture Memorization Worker, with us in March. She stressed the importance of teaching God's Word to the children and also urged upon the parents as Christian workers the need of helping their children and showing them the blessing of Bible memorizing. We believe Miss Bathauer is very happy in doing the Lord's work through children, and may she continue in this service!

Mrs. A. Shippy, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings and Baptism of Ten Converts at Salem Church, Gotebo, Oklahoma

From April 23 to May 4 the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Okla., held a series of meetings with Evangelist F. P. Billings of Dallas, Texas, as guest speaker. The meetings were well

attended with an increase nightly, climaxed with a record attendance on Sunday, May 4, of 116 persons. The Spirit of God moved mightily and there were three conversions. However, we are still experiencing the blessings of God which we feel were direct or indirect results of the meetings. Evangelist Billings has recently resigned as pastor of the Galilean Baptist Church in Dallas to devote all his time to evangelistic work. He has held meetings in our Carroll Avenue Church of Dallas and has also served as camp evangelist for the Latham Springs Encampment near Waco, Texas.

From May 19 to 23 a Vacation Bible School was conducted at the Salem Church of Gotebo. There were 40 students registered with an average attendance of 38. Of this number 15 made their decisions for Christ and three of these were later baptized by our pastor, the Rev. B. F. Taylor.

On Sunday, May 25, the Salem Church witnessed a baptism with its pastor, Mr. Taylor, officiating. Ten candidates were baptized, eight of which were saved recently. The church is happy to report that God is blessing in a marvelous way and that our attendance has almost doubled since Mr. and Mrs. Taylor arrived on the field in September of last year.

Delores Weber, Reporter.

The Awoik Group of La Salle, Colo., Dedicates Bibles and Honors Mothers

The First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., held the following activities on Sunday evening, April 27th. At 7:30 P.M. the five study groups met at their various places for the regular CBY study periods. At 8:00 P.M., Miss Irene Croissant, president of Awoik and in behalf of the group presented a dozen Bibles to the use of the church, with a dedicatory poem and prayer. A play entitled, "Time," was given by Mr. Robert Croissant as detective Sam Shovel and Allan Zimmerman as Bud.

On May 8th the Awoik served a banquet in honor of the mothers of the church. Eighty-six people attended. The color scheme of lavender and yellow was carried out in the streamers and balloons used to decorate the stage end of the banquet hall; also in the lilacs and yellow tulips used to grace the six tables and piano.

The program centered around the theme, "Time," which was given following the meal. To help carry out this theme the individual programs at each place were in the shape of an alarm clock, with movable hands set at the hour of the banquet. The programs contained these verses as introduction to the theme: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose 'A Christian should be like a good watch, with open face, busy hands, made of pure gold, well regulated, full of good works.'" Individual salads were decorated to resemble a clock face. Alarm clocks on the tables, set to ring at a Pacific Time completed the decorations and helped to carry out the theme.

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After the guests were seated at the tables, all sang "Living For Jesus." The Awoik group sang "Times." Miss Irene Croissant, president of Awoik, gave a "Timely welcome" and Mrs. Fred Meyer gave the response. Miss Joann Oster, song leader, led the group in singing banquet songs. The Rev. David Zimmerman offered grace preceding the meal. Mrs. David Zimmerman as "The Clock" served as toastmistress and introduced the people with clever sayings. The thought of the following speeches was "Who wins, mother or the clock?"—"The Alarm," Joann Oster; "The Springs," Ruth Zimmerman; "The Hands," Frances Meyer; "The Face," Lorene Croissant. Mrs. Albert Croissant sang, "Mother." The toastmistress closed the program with a reading on time.

Evelyn Meyer, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Ordination of Rev. Harold Weiss of the Northside Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

On Tuesday, May 20, delegates from our churches in the area of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., met at the Northside Baptist Church to consider the propriety of ordaining Mr. Harold Weiss, one of our seminary graduates and now serving the Northside Church, to the Gospel ministry. Since the commencement exercises for the seminary were held on the previous Sunday, many visitors were also present, among them the parents of the candidate.

The candidate gave a clear and impressive statement regarding the many things required of a candidate for ordination and the council enthusiastically recommended that the local church proceed with the ordination. This service was held at the Trinity Baptist Church the same evening.

A large audience was present to witness this impressive ceremony. The Rev. R. Grenz, moderator of the council, served as chairman. Mr. Rubin Herrmann led the song service. The Rev. J. Reimer led in prayer. The Scripture lesson from 2 Timothy 4:1-8 was read by the Rev. Fred Schmidt. Mr. Edward Link sang, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go." Dr. George Lang delivered the ordination sermon on 2 Timothy 4:2 which proved most effective and challenging. The ordination prayer was offered by the Rev. Rudolph Rapske. Mr. and Mrs. Carter Preston sang the hymn, "I surrender ALL." The Rev. Walter Sukut welcomed the candidate into the fellowship of the ministry. The charge to the candidate was given by the Rev. Roy Seibel and the charge to the church by the Rev. Walter Stein. A ladies' double duet from the Northside Church sang, "Here am I, Send Me."

The Rev. Harold Weiss dismissed the service with the benediction and there was joy in the hearts of all because another was dedicated and pledged to the ranks of Christian workers. May the Lord make Mr. and Mrs. Weiss to be a great blessing in the work of his Kingdom!

Alfred Weisser, Clerk.

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CBY and Mission Circle of Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana, Honor Their Mothers

On Sunday, May 11, the CBY and Mission Circle of the Baptist Church at Plevna, Mont., combined forces to present a program in honor of our Christian mothers. Following the opening exercises, Mrs. Earnest Bechtold, president of the Mission Circle, who was in charge of the program, extended a welcome to a large and attentive audience. The choir sang "Mother of Mine," and a variety of numbers including a recitation, solo, duet, trio and mixed quartet numbers enhanced the program.

The dialogue entitled, "The Most Precious Crown," showed the worth of the humble and faithful Christian mother in the light of eternity. Our pastor, the Rev. G. Beutler, challenged all mothers to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Then our girls pinned a red carnation on each mother present and those who were sick were also remembered. Mr. Beutler brought this well presented program to a close with prayer and benediction.

Anna Bechtold, Reporter.

Memorial Service for Rev. A. Guenther and Mother's Day Program at Ventura, N. Dak.

On Sunday, April 27, a brief memorial was held in the Ventura Baptist Church of Ventura, N. Dak., for the late Rev. A. Guenther. He had been pastor of this church for almost nine years, having served during the years 1935-1944. His untiring efforts in the Kingdom work will long be remembered by many.

This memorial service followed the evening meeting and was led by the pastor, the Rev. Raymond Dickau. The Scripture passage was taken from Psalm 90:1-12. While a brief talk was given on the work of Mr. Guenther, nine candles were lighted signifying the years of service given to this church. This was followed by the reading of a German poem, a duet and an English poem. The service was then closed with a minute of silent tribute and prayer. In this we were reminded how God uses many different vessels to perform his work.

The CBY honored the mothers of our church by rendering a program. The dialogue entitled, "My Hour of Memories in Music," was given. The rest of the program included numbers in song, a mixed trio, words of welcome by the president, an octet, two readings, a solo and a short talk by the pastor. The offering that was taken that evening was designated for our Cameroons Crusade.

Recently the church voted to raise the pastor's salary \$300. The Lord has blessed us and we are seeking higher spiritual goals as we work together to his honor and glory. One indication of this is that we held a baptismal service on June 1st when ten persons followed the Lord in the waters of baptism. A Vacation Bible School was also held in which we endeavored to teach the eternal truths of God to children.

Raymond Dickau, Pastor.



The Rev. John Engel (right) of Martin, N. Dak., presents corsages to the oldest and youngest mothers at the anniversary program of the CBY.

Left to right: Mrs. Mary Derman, Mrs. John Engel and Mrs. Art Kessler.

The CBY of Martin, North Dakota, Celebrates Its 39th Anniversary On Mother's Day

A program commemorating the 39th anniversary of the Commissioned Baptist Youth of Martin, N. Dak., was presented on Sunday, May 11, with a Mother's Day theme used for the occasion. Highlighting the program was a three-act play entitled, "Now Is the Time," in which a present day mother was taken back to the time of Moses and enlightened through the experience of his mother. Another feature of the program was the presentation of corsages by the Rev. John Engel to the oldest and youngest mother attending the service. Mrs. Mary Derman and Mrs. Art Kessler, both of Anamoose, N. Dak., were the oldest and youngest mother, respectively. At the close of the program, a special offering was taken for the leper work in the Cameroons.

Our CBY with Mr. Wesley Michelson as its present leader has been active throughout its 39 years of existence. It now has a total of 70 active members. We meet on two Sunday evenings of every month. Our sound projector has been used extensively as a medium of Bible teaching and instruction. Recently our group completed a group of "Life of Paul" films which proved both informative and inspiring. A yearly program of films is planned and approved by a committee of the church so that both variety and sound material are used.

With conferences and summer camp nearing, we are looking forward with eager anticipation to enjoying Christian fellowship with other young people's groups.

Betty Kessler, Reporter.

Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Adam Huber at Linton, North Dakota

On April 6th the Rev. and Mrs. Adam Huber brought to a close a ministry of many blessings with the Baptist Church of Linton, North Dakota. To many it seemed as though we had just had time enough to get well acquainted, when it already again was time to say "Goodbye." However, we

believe God does lead, and we trust in him for future blessings, as he has blessed in the past. Mr. Huber brought his farewell message during the forenoon service, after which the congregation gathered about the Lord's Table for the joy and blessing of communion.

In the evening we again gathered in the church for a farewell reception. The Rev. R. Sigmund of the Baptist Home for the Aged of Bismarck was guest speaker, and each organization of both stations was given an opportunity for words of appreciation. Both Mr. and Mrs. Huber responded. In the church parlors afterwards we gathered for fellowship and refreshments. The local Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist pastors also joined us at this time.

On Monday, because of the spring thaw, the van was delayed in coming. So it didn't get loaded and going until evening, which made it necessary for the Hubers to stay over another night. On Tuesday, however, by taking quite a detour, since part of Highway 83 was under water, they got started for Minneapolis, Minnesota. We wish for Mr. and Mrs. Huber and their boys, Douglas and Wallace, God's richest blessings in their new field of service at the Faith Church of Minneapolis.

Mrs. Gottlieb Kremer, Reporter.

Central Conference

Anniversary Program of Woman's Missionary Society, Round Lake Church, Gladwin, Michigan

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Round Lake Baptist Church near Gladwin, Mich., held its anniversary program on Sunday, May 11. We now have 25 active members, having gained two new members during the past year. We have contributed to the Leper Mission, Japanese Mission, the Spanish-American Mission, the Indian Mission, the Old People's Home, the Seminary kitchen, and the Banso Hospital.

Our program was well attended. The president, Mrs. V. Prendinger, was in charge. The congregation sang several songs followed by the vice-president's reading the Scripture passage. Words of welcome were extended to all, including our guests from the Beaver Church near Midland, Michigan. The yearly reports were given. We are again a Gold Star Society. Our total income for the year was 342.80, of which \$150.86 was spent for missions.

The ladies' group sang two songs and two women recited poems. Miss Esther Schultz, missionary to the Cameroons, was our speaker, reminding us of the importance of women's lives. Our pastor, Rev. V. Prendinger, pronounced the benediction.

Our mission offering for the evening amounted to \$40.00. Our officers for the coming year are: president, Mrs. V. Prendinger; vice-president, Mrs. H. Stange; secretary, Mrs. A. Schindler; treasurer, Mrs. H. Doede; mission treasurer, Mrs. G. Schmidt; birthday treasurer, Mrs. M. Schindler; and pianist, Mrs. H. Doede.

Mrs. A. Schindler, Secretary.

Musical Programs and Ministry to German Immigrants at Chicago's Foster Ave. Church

It is about two years since we of the Foster Ave. Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., moved into this new church and neighborhood. The Sunday School has gained many new scholars and gradually the children's parents are coming too. Quite a few were added to the church, both through baptism and testimony. We are glad to see these participate in the various activities of the church. Our women's organizations are especially beneficial. The attendance at the monthly meetings having almost doubled, and when some real labor is to be done, our new friends are among the first to volunteer.

Many of God's children have come from Europe during the past year. What a joy it was to see them receiving the hand of fellowship soon after their arrival, and many uniting with



The decorated platform of the chapel of the Christian Training Institute Edmonton, Alberta, for the Easter services of the McKernan Baptist Church of which the Rev. Otto R. Schmidt is the pastor.

us after proclaiming their faith through baptism. Many of these are young people. In order to meet their need, a separate young people's meeting is being held each Sunday afternoon. In order to ease the work a little for our pastor, the Rev. Robert Schreiber, our heavenly Father also brought across the ocean and into our fellowship one, who had labored faithfully in Bissingen, near Stuttgart, Germany, among refugees, and before that among the German Baptists in Budapest, Hungary. He is the Rev. Johann Kuhn. He now conducts the German prayer meetings, brings the message in the German worship service during our pastor's absence and also helps in the German young people's work.

Our mixed choir and men's chorus, under the faithful and efficient direction of Mr. Herbert Pankratz, continue to enrich our services. Recently the Men's Chorus (CFC) presented a concert, which proved to be a musical as well as spiritual treat. The variety of the program took into consideration every taste and age. Many of the num-

bers were especially arranged for the chorus by Mr. Pankratz.

With awe and reverence we listened to such magnificent anthems as: "Salvation Belongeth To Our God," "Who Can Equal Thee, O Lord?" and "Let Their Celestial Concerts All Unite." A bit of history was well portrayed by the voices of men as they brought us "The Song Of the Vikings." The Negro spiritual, "Joshua Fit De Battle Ob Jericho," with Charles Misar as soloist, was done in a powerful and dramatic fashion. Special music was provided by guest artists, Dora Alanen at the piano, and Don Gunderson, trumpet soloist. Several German songs were included in the program and enjoyed by all.

Our hearts were stirred to the very depths as we listened to such Gospel songs as "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" and "There Is A Balm in Gilead," the solo part being beautifully rendered by Fred Sonnenberg. "The Call Of the Savior," with Robert Ver-

derber as soloist, told with deep feeling and conviction the wonderful story of salvation. The program concluded with the theme song of the chorus, "Ich bete an die Macht der Liebe."

Mother's Day was observed in a special way, the Dorcas Guild and King's Daughters jointly sponsoring a Mother's and Daughter's Tea on that afternoon. A fine program was presented, the theme being, "What A Christian Home Should Be Like." A buffet luncheon was served after the program and together with the time of fellowship thus provided was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Loise Zoch, Church Clerk.

Northern Conference

Parsonage Improvements, Children's Meetings, Easter Program at Baptist Church, Hilda, Alta.

A busy round of activities have kept us going at the Baptist Church of

Hilda, Alberta. An important project undertaken by the church was the redecoration of the parsonage. First, the entire house was rewired according to government standards. One entire room was redone with plaster board, and then all of the rooms painted in beautiful pastel shades. Inlaid linoleum was placed in the living and dining rooms. In the kitchen built-in cupboards were made by the pastor, the Rev. Fred Pahl. We thank God for the hard work accomplished by the many willing hands in this great task.

Approximately six children's meetings are held each month—two of these being held at a private home of one of our members of our Surprise, Sask., field.

A heart-stirring play entitled, "For God So Loved the World," was presented at Easter by the young people's society. The cast included Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Heinz, Rev. and Mrs. F. Pahl, Albert Anderst, Harry Zeitner, Myrna Schatz, Joyce Wuerfel, Darlene Croissant and Peter Mehrer.

We would like to praise the Lord for the new step of faith our church has taken. At the last business meeting it was decided that the church become self-supporting. With such a small membership we feel that this has been a decision which shows determination and ambition to go forward with the Lord.

Mrs. Vida Pahl, Reporter.

First Anniversary Program and Ground Breaking Exercises for Edmonton's McKernan Church

On Sunday, May 25th, we of the McKernan Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., held a special program for our first anniversary. The Rev. E. P. Wahl showed pictures that were taken at the first service of this group on May 20, 1951. Mr. Robert Hoffman, who was the student pastor for the first three months before the church was organized, brought the message for the evening. After the evening's program the church met for a social hour in the dining hall of the CTI.

The first baptismal service of our church was conducted on June first in conjunction with the Lauderdale Baptist Church at the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton.

Our young people presented an Easter play entitled, "For God So Loved the World." It was given in our church and in six of the neighboring churches. Mrs. O. R. Schmidt directed the play and also the choir of twenty-five ladies' voices that sang at every occasion when the play was given. The young people have the project of buying the pulpit furniture for the new church. They raised about \$250 through giving this play.

Thus far we have been meeting in the chapel of the Christian Training Institute. But we hope to have ground breaking exercises within the next few weeks for the church that we are planning to construct. We are looking forward to the time when we will have our own church building, even though we have had many blessings in the chapel of the Christian Training Institute this past year. Our membership is now over ninety.

Otto R. Schmidt, Pastor.

Northwestern Conference

Wisconsin Young People Hold Their Spring Rally in Milwaukee's Bethany Baptist Church

The Spring Rally of the North American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin, met at Milwaukee's Bethany Church on April 26 and 27. The theme of this rally was, "To Know Him Is To Serve Him," and the theme song was, "Everybody Ought To Know."

The sessions were opened with devotions by the CBY of the Bethany Baptist Church. Following the period of devotions, our president, Donald Kopf, called the business meeting to order. Various items of business concerning future plans for the group were discussed.

Supper was served and after a brief period of intermission, the evening service began. The devotions were led by the Kenosha CBY. The Rev. F. W. Benke of Watertown led the group in testimonies. The speaker of the evening was the Rev. D. Parry of Racine, Wis., who brought an inspiring message on the purpose of our life and our attitudes. The recreation that followed the evening meeting was led by the host church, and consisted of games and refreshments.

On Sunday there were three services at which time Professor R. P. Jeschke of our seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought the messages. We had a blessed time of fellowship with God and our Christian friends. The next rally will be held at Watertown, Wis., and we are looking forward to another time when we can get together and rally for God.

Reporter.

Baptismal Services and Farewell Reception for Japanese Missions at Buffalo Center, Iowa

We of the First Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa, with the Rev. W. G. Gerthe as pastor, have many reasons to sing praises unto the Lord. First of all, we thank God for the souls that have been saved.

On Feb. 24th thirteen young people upon the confession of their faith were baptized and added to the church. A number of young people, one a nurse who had been a lifelong Catholic, were saved during the ten day evangelistic meetings conducted by the Rev. R. C. Lutter, then of St. Bonifacius, Minnesota. On April 20 six others were baptized and joined the church, while a little later three were added by letter.

We are also thankful that we are able to help support a number of missionaries, the latest being the Rev. and Mrs. John Rhoads, who for the past years had served as missionaries in China until the communists forced them to return to America. Mrs. Rhoads, formerly Lydia Swyter of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, and their two children returned in the spring of 1951, while Mr. Rhoads remained in China and Japan until October. Shortly thereafter the Lord laid it upon their hearts to serve as missionaries in Japan. Plans and preparations were



Officers of the Wisconsin CBY confer with Professor R. P. Jeschke at their Spring Rally. Standing, left to right: Glenn Rabenhorst, vice-president; Donald Kopf, president; Rev. J. G. Benke, advisor.

Seated, left to right: Lorna Lee Arndt, secretary; Prof. R. P. Jeschke; Barbara Holzer, treasurer.

made accordingly and they sailed on May 24th, reaching Japan on June 4th.

The First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock is providing the passage for the family while the First Baptist Church of George and the First Baptist Church of Buffalo Center are underwriting their support on a two-third and one-third basis, respectively.

Our sincere prayer is that the Lord may use them mightily in their venture in the land of the rising sun. May the Lord continue to save to the uttermost here and everywhere in these appearing last days.

D. H. Feldick, Reporter.

The 39th Anniversary Program of the Immanuel Baptist Missionary Society, Kenosha, Wisconsin

We as the Missionary Society of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., can say with thankful hearts, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Our March meeting was very interesting and educational. At this time we showed slides which the Gebauers had brought with them concerning some of our work in the Cameroons in Africa.

As a missionary society we have reports on missionary books twice a year. April being one of the months, Mrs. Jack Tracy gave us a report on the book entitled, "Autobiography of Barbara Bowen."

During the month of May we held two celebrations. The first was our Mother's and Daughter's banquet. Our decorations consisted of tulips which Mrs. Charles Anderson made. After a delicious turkey dinner which was served to us by several of the young

men of the church, our program took place. A welcome was given by our president, Mrs. Max White, after which Mrs. Walter Kopf led us in devotions and prayer. Mrs. Daniel Behr and daughter Elayne then favored us with a vocal duet. Miss Lillian Hivited gave a Mother's Day charge to the mothers and Mrs. John Obermiller gave a charge to the daughters. Our guest speaker was Mr. George Goepfert of Racine. She gave a talk on different mothers from the Bible. Our program then concluded with the presentation of plants by our president to the oldest and youngest mother, and to the mother who has the most children.

On Sunday afternoon, May 18, we had our 39th missionary anniversary program. Mrs. Max White, our president, opened the meeting with a hearty welcome to all. Mrs. Walter Kopf, our vice-president, read the Scripture after which Mrs. Daniel Behr led in prayer. The musical part of the program included a young ladies' trio from the Kenosha Bible Church, two vibra harp selections from Mrs. Gilbert Howe of our own church, and a solo from one of the ladies from the Grace Baptist Church of Racine. Our guest speaker was Mrs. Paul Gebauer who gave us a message on some of their work in the Cameroons. The offering from this program went toward the support of one of our missionary teachers in Africa.

Besides our regular monthly meeting, our society holds two meetings at which time we do White Cross work for our nurses and doctor in Africa. We also have two meetings at which we select different projects to work on for our Old People's Home or Children's Home.

Our prayer as a society is that the Lord may continue to use and bless us in the future as he has in the past.

Mrs. Walter Kopf, Reporter.

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THE PREACHER LOOKS AT HIMSELF

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ly, "There are two things people undertake to do without training, editing a newspaper and preaching the Gospel." I am not judging as to how truthful the statement may be, but I do want to emphasize the importance of a thorough training in and knowledge of the Bible for every minister of the Gospel. They of all people dare not be swayed by changing outward circumstances. It reminds me of the man who went to hear several candidates for the presidency of the United States. After every one he had heard, he changed his political convictions and his choice for president. A good minister must stand by the basic doctrines and religious convictions.

Next he must be an example in character and life. In verse twelve we read, "But be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." A good minister must be real. Never pretend to be over-religious on the one hand, and irreverent on the other. The motto of the paint shop, "Save the surface and you save all," does not hold true here. A good example is an inspiration to others. In that one must be conscientious. One cannot invite others if he himself does not go, or ask others to give for the cause of the Lord if he himself does not do so.

The story is told of a teacher in a Vacation Bible School who had been warning her pupils about running across a freshly seeded lawn around the building. One day as she closed the school, she was in a hurry to get downtown to meet an appointment. Coming out of the building she saw the bus arriving and could have caught it had she run across the freshly seeded lawn. But remembering her instructions to her pupils she walked around it, missing the bus, and had to wait twenty minutes for another. But her conscience was clear as far as her class was concerned.

STUDY IS IMPORTANT

Then the good minister must also be an example in study and practice. Verse thirteen says, "Give attendance to reading and exhortation." Every minister must give attention to study to enlarge his stock of teaching material. You can't always teach on first principles. If you do, your sermon may at first be a juicy steak, but using it over and over, it becomes a warmed over steak, then hash, and finally only soup out of the bones.

The difference between success and failure is often the difference between ambition and laziness. It is like the man who wanted to burn some brush when lightning came along and set it on fire. Then he decided to cut down more trees but waited until a cyclone came along and uprooted them. He finally managed to get some potatoes

MY GOD AND I
The anthem, "My God and I," which is described in the story on pages 6 and 7 of this issue will be sung at the Philadelphia General Conference sessions.

planted but sat around most of the summer. In the fall someone asked him what he was waiting for now. "Oh," he said, "I'm waiting for an earthquake to come along and shake the potatoes out of the ground." A true minister must "study to show himself approved."

Finally, as a minister looks at his example, he must stir up by exercise any spiritual gift with which the Lord has endowed him. Verse fourteen says, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee." How important for every minister to call to memory and reawaken within himself again and again that call when first he or she felt gifted to become God's messenger to present Christ to lost men! Shortly before his death, one of my professors of seminary days, Prof. F. W. C. Meyer, said to me, "Brother Wobig, are you still happy in your calling?" Another elderly veteran of the preaching ministry put it this way, "John, it is easier to get the call than to keep it." Both point out the need of daily stirring up the gift which God has imparted to every true minister of the Gospel.

The story is told of a young man who was playing in a crucial football game. His team was behind and needed a touchdown to win. In the last minute of play, the ball was suddenly flipped into his hands. He ran for the goal but was forcibly tackled a few feet from the goal. In the scuffle that ensued his leg was broken. But with the ball firmly in his hands and with his opponents straining on his broken leg he managed to wriggle the ball across the line for a touchdown. He was rushed to the hospital at once. There the doctors informed his father that the leg would have to be amputated. Rushing into the boy's room, the father asked his boy, "Son, why didn't you let the ball go and save your leg?" "But Dad," said the boy, "we were one point down!"

FAITHFUL SERVICE

I wonder, young men, as you go out into full-time service, are you prepared, or are you still one point down in your development of spiritual culture, in doctrine, in life and character, and in daily stirring up of the spiritual gifts which the Lord has imparted to you? The measure of your success will not be wealth, nor pleasure, nor fame, but faithful service. Look to yourself to excel in the matter of your teaching, to develop in others an enthusiasm for spiritual culture, to be an example

in doctrine, in character and life, in study and practice, and in stirring up daily those spiritual gifts that God has given you.

Clifford Lewis has written a poem entitled, SPEAK OUT FOR JESUS, which so well expresses what I have sought to convey to you.

"You talk about your business,
Your bonds and stocks and gold;
And in all worldly matters
You are so brave and bold;
But why are you so silent
About salvation's plan?
Why don't you speak for Jesus,
And speak out like a man?"

"You talk about the weather,
And the crops of corn and wheat;
You speak of friends and neighbors
That pass along the street;
You call yourself a Christian,
And like the Gospel plan—
Then why not speak for Jesus,
And speak out like a man?"

"Are you ashamed of Jesus
And the story of the cross,
That you lower his pure banner
And let it suffer loss?
Have you forgot his suffering?
Did he die for you in vain?
If not, then live and speak for Jesus
And speak out like a man."

"I'd like to tell the story sweet
Of Jesus. Wouldn't you?
To help some other folks to meet
Their Savior. Wouldn't you?
I'd like to travel all the way
To where I'd hear my Jesus say:
'You've helped my work along today,
I'd like that. Wouldn't you?'"

HOME FOR THE AGED

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cost of \$40,000. The dedication was not without sadness for we had a debt of \$20,000 on the building. Several loyal members gave unstintingly of their time, energy and talent so that our Silver Jubilee could be celebrated without debt.

In 1931 our thoughts were lofted heavenwards as our chapel was dedicated. Each Sunday the guests are inspired by sermons and other religious programs prepared especially for them by various ministers, laymen, and organizations. With the annexation of a chapel, we were able to add six rooms for guests and to connect the chapel and the Home with a very spacious sun parlor. Here the guests may relax by reading, listening to the radio, watching television, or just chatting with one another.

The dining room is light, airy and inviting with its many small tables. They give a real homey atmosphere. The infirmary provides the nurse with facilities to care for our sick efficiently. The Social Hall provides the accommodations for the many programs given by the Ladies' Auxiliary, the Ladies' Board, and outside organizations.

Today we are faced with a great future, which we hope to meet and with which we hope to be challenged. We are sponsoring an Expansion Fund, so that the cry of the Aged will never again be heard in vain. We hope that your gifts and prayers will enable us to prove that God can and will answer prayers if we but keep the faith!

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. MAGDALENA EHNES
of Regan, North Dakota.

Mrs. Magdalena Ehnes, nee Bittermann, of Regan, N. Dak., was born in the vicinity of Odessa, South Russia, on Sept. 19, 1882, the daughter of Conrad and Fredrica Baullett Bittermann. She was married to Friedrich Ehnes on Sept. 18, 1900. They came to the United States in 1903, settling in South Dakota, where they lived for nine years. Then they moved to North Dakota, settling in the vicinity of what is now known as Alta, later living in Regan, North Dakota.

Mrs. Ehnes was converted in 1902, and was baptized by the undersigned on July 29, 1917 and united with the Washburn Baptist Church, station Alta. She was a faithful Christian and member of the church. Mr. Ehnes died on Sept. 6, 1950. Her parents and one son also preceded her in death. After the death of her husband, she was for most of the time in the Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck, North Dakota. She died in the Bismarck Hospital on May 15th, following a three years illness and attaining the age of 69 years, 7 months, 26 days.

She leaves to mourn her departure: three daughters: (Katherine) Mrs. Edward Hochhalter, Regan, N. Dak.; (Minnie) Mrs. Gustave Heinle, Denhoff, N. Dak.; (Freda) Mrs. Alfred Borth, New Rockford, N. Dak.; and one son, Will Ehnes, Baldwin, N. Dak.; and relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted in Regan and burial was made in the Regan Cemetery. Revelations 14:13 was the appropriate Scripture used for comfort and admonition.

Turtle Lake, North Dakota
EMMANUEL BROECKEL, Correspondent.

MR. WM. IBLINGS, SR.
of New Leipzig, North Dakota.

Mr. Wm. Iblings was born on Sept. 20, 1870 at Freeport, Ill., and passed away at the hospital in Elgin, N. Dak., on May 10, 1952 at the age of 81 years, 7 months and 20 days. During his childhood he moved with his parents to Parkersburg, Iowa, and in 1895 he was united in marriage to Etta Veen of Parkersburg. Ten children were born to this union. In 1911 the family moved from Parkersburg to Corona, South Dakota. The year 1920 brought sorrow into their home, for then the mother was called into eternity. Since 1924 Mr. Iblings lived in New Leipzig, N. Dak., and its vicinity. Our departed friend was converted while he lived at Corona, and was baptized upon his Christian faith in the year 1912 by the Rev. Henry Snuit. Shortly after his arrival at New Leipzig, he became a member of the local Baptist Church whereof he remained a faithful member until his death.

Those of the family and near relatives who preceded him in death besides his wife were: his son, Harold, four brothers, one sister, and two grandchildren. Those left to mourn his passing are four sons and five daughters: John, Minneapolis, Minn.; Arend, Grandview, Wash.; William, Jr., New Leipzig, N. Dak.; and Albert, Corona, S. Dak.; Jenie, Mrs. Emil Klindt, Glencoe, Minn.; Alice, Mrs. George Schulte, and Swanetta, Mrs. Fred Sprung, both of Corona; Ida, Mrs. Carl Okken, New Leipzig, and Rose who lived with her father to the time of his departure. There are also 27 grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. Besides he is survived by three brothers and two sisters.

A service was conducted in the New Leipzig Baptist Church on May 13, after which the body was taken to Corona, S. Dak., for burial where another service was held by the Rev. Dale Bjork. Mr. Bjork is married to a granddaughter of the departed. The eternal rest for which our brother was waiting is granted to him.

New Leipzig, North Dakota
EMIL BECKER, Pastor.



An old historical cemetery on Arch Street in Philadelphia, Pa., with graves dated more than 200 years ago and with strange, quaint epitaphs on the tombstone slabs.

MRS. OTTO ERNST
of Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. Otto Ernst, nee Wolfe, of Detroit, Mich., was born April 5, 1885, at Mitchell, Ontario, Canada, and passed away on Easter Sunday evening owing to a heart attack. During the afternoon she had complained of not feeling well, but this ill feeling came suddenly to an end by a heart attack when she was about to attend her last meeting on earth. The report of her sudden death was not only a terrible shock to the bereaved family but also to the whole church. Mrs. Ernst is being missed greatly because she had taken such a deep interest in the welfare of her church for nearly a half century. She not only held the responsible offices of the woman's missionary society for a number of years, but she was always ready to serve on various committees of the church whenever called upon. Special mention must be made about her untiring service in calling upon the sick and the shut-ins. Her good car was always in the service of acts of love and mercy. What a joy it was to her to practice generous hospitality in her beautiful home!

Thus it was only last summer when she extended a hearty invitation to the older folks to spend a sociable afternoon on her spacious lawn, and what an enjoyable afternoon we spent together! Again last winter she invited all the leading members of the church to spend the evening in a most happy and blessed fellowship. Not only had the many guests enjoyed themselves but it was noticeable that the gracious hostess had experienced a special blessing. It can be said of Mrs. Ernst that "she hath done what she could." She really loved her Savior, her dear family and her church with its great task of missions.

In 1903 Mrs. Ernst came from Canada to Detroit. In 1905 she was converted and baptized under the ministry of the Rev. D. Walters. In 1906 she was united in marriage to Br. Otto Ernst who passed away in 1941. To this union were born two sons: Stanley and Merrill.

The funeral service was held at the Burns Ave. Church on Wednesday afternoon, April 16, with Dr. Dale Ihrie, the pastor, conducting the same. The message of the occasion, the fitting songs rendered, the tears of sorrow shed by the large congregation as well as the sight of so many flowers were a demonstration that Mrs. Otto Ernst was highly esteemed and deeply loved. After the service the interment took place at the Evergreen Cemetery in Detroit. The departed is survived by two sons: Stanley and Merrill, by four grandchildren, by three brothers, as well as by the daughters-in-law.

Burns Ave. Baptist Church,
Detroit, Michigan
H. P. KAYSER, Correspondent.

REV. W. H. BUENNING
of Waco, Texas.

The Rev. William Henry Buening of Waco, Texas, was born May 25, 1880, at Jefferson County, Wisconsin. During his youthful years he surrendered his heart and life to Christ, and was baptized at the age of 17 years at Lincoln, Kans., by the Rev. Mr. Butz.

On September 9, 1903, he was married to Mary Leona Schulz at Vesper, Kansas. Having felt the call of God into the Gospel ministry, he entered the Rochester Theological Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., in 1907 to prepare himself for the ministry. He was ordained as a Baptist minister at Vera, Ill., on November 28, 1911, where he served his first pastorate. During his more than 35 years in the ministry, he served churches in the North American Conference at the following places: Vera, Ill.; Pekin, Ill.; Emery, S. Dak.; Tampa and Herrington, Kans.; Stafford, Kans.; Ashley, N. Dak.; Portland, Ore.; Corona, S. Dak.; and Gatesville, Texas, from which field he retired from the active ministry in 1947, when he moved to Waco.

Eighteen months ago he went to live with his son, Chester, at Cuero, Texas, where he assisted in directing the Mollenhauer Funeral Home at Yorktown. After an illness of several months, he went to his eternal reward on Friday, May 16, 1952, at the age of 71 years, having lacked just nine days of reaching the age of 72. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife who went to be with the Lord on April 22, 1950.

He is survived by his son, Chester A. Buening of Cuera, Texas; his daughter, Mrs. Ruby Sanders of Philadelphia, Pa.; four brothers: Henry and Richard of Hope, Kans.; Lorenz of Emporia, Kans.; and Ed of Monette, Mo.; one sister, Miss Sarah A. Buening of Topeka, Kans.; one granddaughter, Mary Boyd of Cuero, Texas; and a number of nephews and nieces. Among the nephews is the Rev. Elmer Buening of the Germantown Church, Cathay, North Dakota.

Funeral services were conducted from the Central Baptist Church at Waco, Texas, on Monday, May 19, with the local pastor, the Rev. Louis R. Johnson and the Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn officiating. Mr. Ehrhorn brought words of comfort and hope from Brother Buening's own selected Scripture portion for the occasion, 1 Peter 1:3-7. Interment was in the Waco Memorial Park.

"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

Central Baptist Church,
Waco, Texas
LOUIS R. JOHNSON, Pastor.

**PENNSYLVANIA'S
LANDMARKS**

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the "Roosevelt Highway," Route 6, which passes through some of the most beautiful scenery in the East. From the Ohio state line to Warren, Pa., at the entrance of the Allegheny National Forest, the road passes through a pleasant agricultural section. At Warren, it reaches the upper regions of the Alleghenies at about 2200 feet. Here one travels through magnificent areas of virgin timber, a remnant of the primeval Penn's Woods.

Near Wellsboro, Pa., is situated one of the outstanding scenic attractions of the state, Leonard Harrison State Park, including Pine Creek Gorge, and one of the most densely wooded tracts in Pennsylvania. The park affords the delegate inspiration and relaxation through scenery of outstanding beauty. The views from the various lookouts in the park are considered among the most commanding and picturesque in the state. Pine Creek Gorge, because of its ruggedness and depth has become known as the "Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania."

Following along to Wyalusing Rocks, an observation point above the banks of the Susquehanna River overlooks the site of the French Azilum. Here the French Loyalists established a settlement in 1793 in anticipation of providing a haven of safety for their doomed queen, Marie Antoinette. A

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farm house on the remains of the settlement houses many pieces of furniture dating from the time of the French Colony.

After leaving the snake bends of the Susquehanna River, the motorist travels through Scranton, the richest coal mining city of America. Joining Route 611, he travels southward through the Pocono Mountains, a resort area with accommodations from the most exclusive to the needs of the casual camper. The Delaware River Gap, a narrow gorge in the Kittatiny Range on the borders of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, is one of the beauty spots of this area.

Many of the delegates coming from the south over the Skyline Drive or through the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia, will meet Route 15, which leads over the Pennsylvania border to Gettysburg. This is the site of Gettysburg National Military Park. Here in 1863, the Union Army defeated the Confederate Army during the Civil War. The entire battlefield, comprising 2392 acres, has been converted into a national monument, in which memorial structures mark the sites of

the particular actions which took place during the conflict.

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