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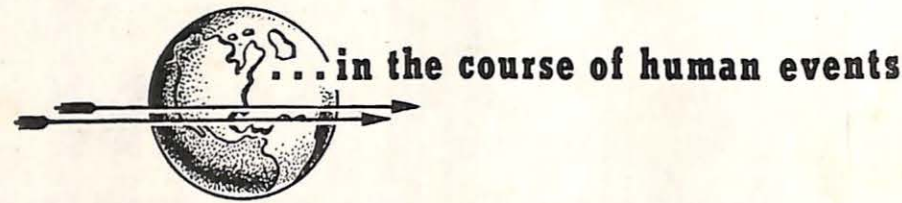


*"The Bible Colporter of the Publication Society in 1913"*

**Centenary Jubilee of Der Sendbote**

**30th Anniversary  
of the Baptist Herald**

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● "The Protestant World" a national Protestant newspaper published since January 1951, has been suspended temporarily in order to raise a fund of \$200,000 so that publication can be resumed again.—The Protestant World.

● The total Baptist church membership in the British Isles is now 335,640. It decreased 1,008 in 1951. There are now 329 fewer ministers than was the case 40 years ago. Each year 65 ministerial recruits are needed to fill the vacancies caused by death and retirement.—The Christian Century.

● The Marshall Plan aids interests in this country and needy in Europe. The law provides ECA dollars to buy tobacco for Germany. It stipulates that it must be bought in the USA. It amounts to \$45 millions. US. tax payers also are subsidizing over \$30 million for Greek tobacco which is rotting in Greek warehouses.—The Bible Advocate.

● Israel today has 26,000 more Jewish males than females . . . New government ruling—all Arabs in the employ of state, municipalities and public institutions, as well as prices paid

**FRONT COVER**  
The front cover picture shows Mr. Daniel Lampert, the Bible colporteur and representative of the Publication Society for the Pacific Coast in April 1913. The picture was taken in Los Angeles, California. The colportage wagon was named after Mr. J. O. Fleischauer of Hanover, Ont., Canada, one of the early pioneers interested in the Publication Society. Records show that he was a delegate to the historical General Conference held at Williamsport, Pa., in 1891.

Arabs for produce, must equal to those paid Jews . . . New law for Israel motorists—applicants for driver's license must take psychological tests.—Prophecy Monthly.

● The Roman Catholic Press reports that at last the long-lost site of the Roman circus where Nero raced his chariots and where early Christians were tossed to the lions may have been rediscovered beneath St. Peter's Basilica by the Rev. Joseph Lynch, director of the Fordham University seismographic laboratory, Bronx, N.

Y., and by the Rev. Daniel Lienham, director of Boston College Observatory.—The Register.

● A new law nationalized the churches in Bulgaria and forbids them any contact with the outside world. The law gives a privileged position to the Bulgarian Orthodox Church, so long as it remains faithful to the People's Democracy. Priests, like state employees, must take the oath of allegiance to the regime of Bulgaria. The new law obliges church leaders to dismiss all priests for actions against the state.—The Living Church.

● A laboratory model of a new type wrist watch powered by a tiny "energy capsule" was shown recently at the Elgin National Watch Company in Chicago. Said to be one of the major innovations in watchmaking in several hundred years, the new power unit eliminates the need for the mainspring mechanism found in conventional-type watches. The unit, designed to produce energy for a year, is about three fourths the size of an ordinary vitamin capsule.—Signs of the Times.

● In many Army installations chapels are never locked and the lights kept on all night for those who wish to enter and pray and meditate. According to the Office of the Chief of Chaplains, an Army chaplain recently secluded himself in his chapel on three consecutive nights to see if anyone availed himself of the sanctuary. On the first night, eight men came in from 1:00 to 2:30 A.M. to worship. Six men used the chapel on the second night between midnight and 1:45 A.M., while three men came in to pray during the period of 11:30 P.M. and 1:00 A.M. on the third night.—The Sabbath Recorder.

● Approximately 900,000 Arab refugees are being compelled by the United Nations to live in abject poverty, because they have endorsed the freezing of hundreds of thousands of pounds of Arab money by Israeli banks. The Jews also have taken by force, with UN. approval, thousands of furnished Arab houses in the new Jewish part of Jerusalem. All banks were in that portion of the city, not in the Old City, and most of the good homes had been built and owned by Arabs in the now Israeli part of the city. Many injustices are suffered by Arabs, both Christian and Moslem, in Arab Palestine, Syria and Lebanon. Many of the Israeli tours are financed by American Jews and American Christians are shown very little of the great Christian work carried on. Leaders of these Christian institutions hardly get a chance to speak to American Christian tourists. Recently, a world famous American news writer and columnist has not been permitted to present the Arab case in our newspapers or on the radio.—The Living Church.

# Editorial

## Literary Milestones

WHEN A PUBLICATION CELEBRATES its 30th anniversary, it has the right to consider some of the literary milestones along the way. What articles or series of articles stand out above others? What are some of the things that are most vividly remembered by the readers? It is a pleasant and profitable experience to dig into the past and to recall some of the publication's highlights of yesterday.

The first issue of the "Baptist Herald" on January 1, 1923 was a notable launching of the paper under the able editorship of the Rev. A. P. Mihm. The front cover picture showed Mr. Henry Marks of St. Paul, Minn., the first president of the organization now known as the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union. The editor called attention to New Year's resolutions and wrote appropriately: "We will not grow better unless we resolve to be better." The Rev. O. E. Krueger began a series of articles on his faith by pointing out why he believed in God. His message was lighted up by colorful stories from the old pioneer days of the Dakotas and from his early pilgrimage.

An editorial milestone in those early years was certainly the popular feature entitled, "Our Musical Page," edited by Dr. H. von Berge of Dayton, Ohio. Those who will remember that page, sparkling with stories and musical facts, must sadly miss that page today. It brought song anecdotes, announcements of new hymnals and choir publications, suggestions for organizing, inspiring and robing a church choir, and exhortations as how to get a song into your heart!

The Nov. 1, 1927 issue was another literary milestone with the celebration of the 75th anniversary of our Seminary, at that time located in Rochester, New York. An array of striking pictures, an article about the anniversary by Dr. John Leyboldt and the scholarly historical treatise by Prof. A. J. Ramaker make this "a classic number" in the "Baptist Herald's" ministry.

The Rev. A. P. Mihm served as editor for almost twelve years with the present editor beginning his ministry on Jan. 1, 1935. Certainly, one of the most memorable milestones in 1935 was Paul Gebauer's fascinating article, "The Pentecostal Field in the World," in which he envisioned a great mission for us in the Cameroons field with open doors for the winning of hosts of people by a strong staff of missionaries. That message was prophetic in its vision, heart burning in its fervor, thrilling in its presentation. It appeared in the April 1, 1935 number of the "Baptist Herald."

Following his trip with Dr. Kuhn to Germany and to the Danubian mission fields in the Balkans in 1938, the editor published a series of six articles about his experiences and about people and churches in these Danubian countries. This series was probably read by more people in America and Europe than anything else the "Herald" had presented in many years. One of the articles about the Gebauer family and shoe store at Bolkenhain is still vividly remembered. Two articles were devoted to our Gypsy mission field in Bulgaria.

Especially outstanding was the captivating series of autobiographical articles by Dr. William Kuhn in 1950. His testimony, "Why I Preach the Calvinistic Theology," aroused more comments than any other article ever published. These are a few of the editorial milestones along the 30 year way which bring us great delight as we recall them.



Publications printed in 1920 by our Publication Society in Cleveland, Ohio, showing "The Yokefellow" which was the predecessor of the "Baptist Herald."

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# A Memorial Pillar in God's Temple

A tribute prepared by the author for his friend, the late Rev. A. Guenther of Startup, Wash., which also applies beautifully to all servants of God who have gone before us and who have given us a great heritage!

By the REV. LEWIS B. BERNDT, Pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

the refined. He may have to go through life buffeted by unkindly circumstances, and lie down and die amid the dreariness of abject poverty, but he has a glorious prospect. He will be made a "pillar in God's temple," in a temple not of human construction or material structure, but in a temple spiritual, in a place of God's highest and most glorious manifestation.

There is no structure of the Almighty so glorious in his eyes as this one. Christ will make the persevering Christian a prominent part in this place of the highest manifestation of God. The most imposing, the most ornamental, if not the most useful parts of a great edifice are its pillars. Such is the steadfast saint to be in the temple! He is not to be a wall or even a mere buttress, but an imposing column, a majestic pillar in God's holy temple. He will be a shaft of beauty in the corridor of God's building, beautiful with the holiness of beauty, challenging the admiration of the beholder.

### THE CONQUERING SAINT

The conquering saint is assigned this place of honor and surpassing beauty because of his unswerving devotion to Christ. He was a witness for Christ here on earth with little strength. He will be a witness for him hereafter, when that which is sown in weakness shall be raised in power. He has kept Christ's Word and denied not his Name. There he will stand as his faithful one for ever and ever, like the seven pillars which wisdom had hewn out for her house (Proverbs 9:1).

This conspicuous position marked the prominence and importance of James, Cephas and John to be "reputed as pillars" in the church at Jerusalem (Galatians 2:9), and glorified the church when called "the pillar of the truth" (1 Timothy 3:15). As Barnabas and Cephas are called "pillars" because

of their noble preeminence in upholding the truth, so also is every triumphant saint.

He will give him eternal permanence in that temple. "And he shall go out no more." Here he is surrounded by the evanescent and transient. Within the sweep of his vision there is nothing that is enduring. The proudest productions of his genius are subject to decay.

But while all shall disappear, and the towers, the glory of man, shall totter and fall into ruins, the pillar that Christ shall make out of the saint of his shall stand forever. O glorious truth! The triumphant Christian will occupy a place of eternal prominence in heaven. His home is in the innermost shrine in the heaven of heavens, a pillar, like Boaz and Jachin, in Solomon's temple, forever (1 Kings 7:15, 21), exhibiting permanency, strength and beauty.

### THE NAME OF GOD

He will write on him the Name of his God. To be made an everlasting pillar in the celestial temple is an expression of the highest honor. This honor is enhanced by the inscriptions on it by the divine architect himself—the Name of God, the Name of the new Jerusalem, the new Name of the architect himself, to wit: "Faithful and true—King of kings and Lord of lords."

Columns or shafts are often inscribed with the names of the great heroes and dedicated to their memory. This conqueror will be as a glorious pillar with a triple inscription: that of God, to whom he dedicated himself fully; that of the heavenly City, which he entered as a citizen; and that of the Captain of salvation, under whose command he fought and conquered.

What an honor! What unending glory! To be the pillar on which Jehovah's Name is carved, and from which it shall blaze forth in the eternal temple.

# We Have Reached the 30th Milestone

The thirtieth anniversary of the "Baptist Herald" is observed by this informative article about its history and ministry

By DR. H. VON BERGE of Dayton, Ohio,  
a Member of the Publication Board for Many Years

WE ARE this year celebrating the centenary of our German denominational paper, for it was in 1853 when Konrad Anton Fleischmann began to publish "Der Sendbote des Evangeliums." It had no forerunner and no successor but has remained with us under practically the same name to this day.

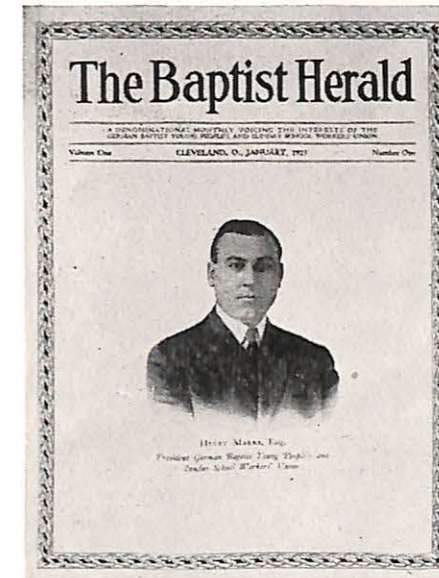
The story about the "Baptist Herald," however, is quite different. It definitely had its forerunners, out of which it gradually developed until it all climaxed into the present English denominational paper, the "Baptist Herald." In order the better to understand its historic background, let us briefly review the history of its forerunners.

### ITS FORERUNNERS

The first in the line of these publications was "Der Jugendherold." The credit for its appearance in January, 1889, goes largely to Julius C. Haselhuhn, at that time the editor of "Der Sendbote." "Der Jugendherold" started as a 16 page monthly and became very popular among our young people. When illness compelled Haselhuhn's retirement in 1892, one of the most outstanding men in our denominational history succeeded him. It was Walter Rauschenbusch who became the new editor.

During the five years of his editorship, the wave of the new movement of the youth reached its crest and "Jugendherold" became the indispensable organ of our young people's societies and of their social, cultural and missionary activities. When Rauschenbusch accepted the professorship at our Rochester Seminary in 1897, the Rev. F. W. C. Meyer succeeded him as editor.

In 1908, however, the "Jugendherold" was changed into "Vereinsherold." This was done in order to make it a publication also for our women's societies and thus also to increase the number of its subscribers. For the next two years Mr. Meyer continued to serve as editor, after which the editorship was transferred to the Rev. Gottlob Fetzer, editor of "Der Sendbote," because the heavy demands on Mr. Meyer's time and strength in his Milwaukee church made it impossible for him to continue



The first issue of "The Baptist Herald" in January 1923, showing Mr. Henry Marks of St. Paul, Minn., on the front cover who served as the first president of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union.

the fine service he had rendered through the "Jugendherold" and the "Vereinsherold."

The final two volumes of the "Vereinsherold" in 1918 and 1919 show a rapid encroachment of articles in English, which then finally brought about the suggestion of splitting the "Vereinsherold" into two separate publications, one to appear in German and the other in English, and thus in 1920 began the publication of "Jugendfreund," with the Rev. Gottlob Fetzer as editor, and "Yokefellow," with the Rev. Frank Kaiser as editor.

### BAPTIST HERALD'S APPEARANCE

When the 20th General Conference met in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1922, it was recognized that the experiment with "Jugendfreund" and "Yokefellow" had not been a success and so it was voted to discontinue the "Jugendfreund" and to enlarge the "Yokefellow" to a 16-page paper and to have it appear monthly and under a new

### EDITORS OF THE BAPTIST HERALD

Rev. A. P. Mihm, 1923-1934  
Rev. Martin L. Leuschner,  
1935—

name. This new publication was to enlarge its horizon and to include into its field of service not only our young people, but also the fast growing English-speaking membership at large in our denomination. The new name chosen for it was the "Baptist Herald."

But in spite of the increasing recognition of its widening field of service, it still remained primarily a publication for our young people for some years to come. At the 1922 General Conference, the organization of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union took place, of which the Rev. A. P. Mihm became the general secretary and as such also the editor of this new young people's periodical. He served in that capacity ably and successfully until he withdrew in 1934.

When the General Conference met in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1925, it was reported that "the spirit of youth was dominant in the outlook and make-up" of the "Baptist Herald." In that year, now three years after its birth, it had a circulation of 4634, which was a gain of 912 over the total of that of the former "Jugendfreund" and "Yokefellow" together. The number of subscribers to "Der Sendbote" however was far above that, for through during the editorship of Gottlob Fetzer it had achieved an all-time high of over 8000. It reached another outstanding peak in 1925 with its 7596 subscribers.

### DR. LEUSCHNER BECOMES EDITOR

The next three triennials after the 1925 General Conference must have been very trying ones for the editors of our denominational periodicals, for both of them experienced a bad slump in their circulation. That of the "Baptist Herald" dropped from 4634 in 1925 to 2315 in 1934. It was in 1934 that the Rev. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner was elected to succeed the Rev. A. P. Mihm, who had withdrawn as general secretary of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union and as editor of the "Baptist Herald." Mr. Leuschner's responsibility began with January 1, 1935. From then on there has been a steady increase in circulation with the exception of the triennium which ended with 1949

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Imposing Greek columns on the campus of the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

IN HIS LAST MESSAGE to the world, the Lord made an exceedingly precious promise to the persevering saint. He said, "Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh I will make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go out no more: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God . . . and I will write upon him my new name" (Rev. 3:11, 12).

When men erect memorials of granite or marble, they go to the quarry and gather the hewn fragments of stone and build them into pyramids, monuments, temples or tombstones in honor of the deceased. From time immemorial, man has reared monumental pillars of commemoration to preserve his fame, his exploits, and often his boasted glory, in the memories of eternity.

### AN IMPOSING COLUMN

Thus in preparing a memorial for one of God's honored saints or pioneers of faith, one gathers facts and figures and weaves them into a memorial wreath, summing up the chief exploits of life and the leading features of character, as an expression of kindness and appreciation. God calls his tired servants home and gives them positions in his temple and they are ever with him.

"A pillar in the temple of God!" That thought defies human imagination! What a prospect the conquering Christian has! His place in the world may be a very obscure one. He may be considered unfit for the society of

# Footprints in the Sands of Time

The thrilling story of a great century for our denomination with the publication of "Der Sendbote" one hundred years ago and with strong spiritual foundations laid by outstanding men and women of God

By the REV. WILLIBALD S. ARGOW of Erie, Pennsylvania

"Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints in the sands of time."

WHILE ENGAGED in a recent search for data in the bound volumes "Der Sendbote" and conference minutes of many years ago, ye editor asked me to share my impressions with the readers of the "Baptist Herald" about the days of long ago.

## A DISTINCTIVE RELIGIOUS LIFE

Our denominational life was perhaps more distinctive in the past than at present. Our German work, as it is generally termed, was not a simple transplanting of Baptists from Europe to the United States of America and Canada, as the late Prof. A. J. Ramaker has stated. At times this has been erroneously affirmed. In our beginning in the 1850's and 1860's small groups were reported formed in many different places. Nor was there a noticeable influence of English-speaking churches on our German work, for the language problem was an almost insurmountable barrier for many years. However mention should be made of the fatherly interest and financial support given in those early years by the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

It was in the East, where many of our German-speaking churches originated, to which a number of our leading men came from the Pietistic and Separatistic groups in Germany and Switzerland. This type of Christian life, which they represented, was evident for many years, especially in their views about a conference. They put special emphasis on matters of experience, the giving of testimonies and relating of their conversions. The men would give a short account of their history, birthplace, education and when and how converted. The so-called "love feasts" offered them a rare opportunity. These were held on the last day of the conference and often lasted until the wee hours of the morning.

Those men in the early days were original in their make-up and efficiency. The early graduates of some seminaries seemed to have been cast in the same identical mould, speaking with a holy whine in a bombastic pulpit tone, wearing the same style of



Rev. J. C. Haselhuhn, editor of "Der Sendbote" from 1878-1892 and the first editor of "Der Jugendherold" (1889-1892), a forerunner of the "Baptist Herald."

beard and necktie. This cannot be said of our men, as the early photographs show. They retained their originality in dress and mannerism and used the gift of speech as God gave it to them.

Among our forefathers were orators, poets, composers, executives, organizers, statesmen, missionaries, editors, creative thinkers, pioneers, teachers, preachers, ministers and pastors with the shepherd's heart. Many of them were especially gifted and could have attained places of honor in any other profession. But they preferred to cast

## DER SENDBOTE'S 8 EDITORS DURING THE PAST 100 YEARS

Konrad A. Fleischmann,  
1852-1862  
A. Henrich, 1863-1865  
Philipp Bickel, 1866-1878  
J. C. Haselhuhn, 1878-1892  
J. C. Grimmell, 1893-1901  
Gottlob Fetzer, 1902-1934  
Samuel Blum, 1934-1946  
W. J. Luebeck, 1947—

their lot with our little group. And why? Because in their innermost thoughts they felt called to serve where God had found them and where God knew them best. They had convictions and not merely opinions. Of course, they were not all saints. As there was a Judas among the twelve, so some of these men had "feet of clay," and did not measure up to the high calling in Christ Jesus. Then others dropped by the wayside for various reasons, but these were surprisingly few.

## MISSIONARY ENDEAVORS

The fervor of Christian life which was so distinctive in those early churches in contrast to a formal Christian life, expressed itself in the desire to impart experiences to others. The pastors were permitted to undertake longer or shorter missionary journeys and to contact scattered groups, even though many of these never developed into churches.

It was a step in the right direction, when shortly after the organization of the Western Conference, a missionary society was founded, whose first duty was to secure missionary funds. From 1859 to 1869 only \$1000 was available. This was paid to the traveling ministers, who received \$4.00 per week, which was later increased to \$6.00, because of the high cost of living. They had to make both ends meet on a salary of between \$300 and \$400 per annum.

The members were concerned about spreading their interpretation of the Gospel, for they had definite convictions, especially in soul winning. Just as Christianity swept through the Roman Empire because each convert told "the old, old story of Jesus and his love," so these early members were consumed with a burning desire to "tell others." You could not have worked with them day after day and year after year without knowing they loved Christ.

If Andrew, the disciple had five minutes with you, he would have told you about Christ and invited you into his presence. So also would these forefathers of ours. There was warmth and enthusiasm, because evangelism was not supposed to be the exclusive and professional business of the pastor. It is noteworthy that this little group sent 770 copies of "Der Sendbote" to our men in the army at the time.

\$13.00 had been promised them that they might send "Der Sendbote" to Australia, Africa, Poland, Russia and Denmark.

An unforeseen problem that arose with the founding of a new conference was the desire and need for a new publication, "Die Biene auf dem Missionsfeld." This could easily have led to a division in their ranks, but common sense and a desire for a united work prevailed. Later on the two publications, "Der Sendbote des Evangeliums" and "Die Biene auf dem Missionsfeld" were combined into one paper. The desire for the founding of a publication society was evident as early as 1862.

## INTEREST IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The question of slavery was uppermost in their minds. It was warmly debated in pulpit and press. They expressed their convictions in a resolution: "Even if in hundred of years it has silently been passed over, we declare it is in disagreement with the Gospel and must not be tolerated in a Christian church."

They were outspoken in the matter of drink which often led to poverty and intemperance and so they passed a strongly worded resolution, provoked by remarks by the Rev. K. A. Fleischmann: "Imagine this pathetic picture—a town of 2500 poor inhabitants which has 32 saloons, in which more than \$20,000 are spent annually, two theaters, open even on Sunday; and the majority of these folks are of German descent."

They were much concerned about women taking part in a church service. The brethren gave as their opinion "that the women could relate their religious experiences, take part in elections, but—in all humility and modesty. However they were not to give advice or admonish, which is forbidden in God's word."

In their endeavor to keep the church pure, they would not tolerate membership in secret societies or lodges. At conference time they received many requests as how to deal with this question and so it was resolved: "Men must not be received if members of such societies, or if already members, they would either have to resign or be excluded from the church, since these secret societies put themselves in place of the church."

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

The desire on the part of the ministers to remain humble expressed itself in a motion "that they refrain from the use of the title 'Reverend,' this being a sign of the times, which is contrary to the simplicity of the children of God (Matt. 23:8) and that they address each other simply as minister or pastor." One of the most prolific scribes of that time added the letters V. D. M. (verbi divini minister) to his signature. Was there a great deal

of difference between an affix and a prefix?

The matter of publishing a church paper, as well as a suitable hymnal, was discussed at the very first conference. They had a comprehensive plan for the new venture of publishing a paper. They affirmed that they would not attempt to please everybody, not even all Baptists. And what an all-inclusive plan it was! "We declare that this paper should, above all, contain reading matter of an instructive and informative nature and reports of: about our German churches here in America; about important happenings in the English-speaking

study present to our esteemed readers." Certainly, that was an unselfish and world-wide vision!

We marvel at the faith they had, for they started this venture of "Der Sendbote" with the small sum of \$200 which came from several English-speaking churches and men. If there was a deficit, the churches pledged to make it up; if a surplus, this was to go to missionary work.

One fact stands out in the records. As a denomination we have never had a disturbing theological controversy. Occasionally a minister would try to introduce a "strange" doctrine, but he was soon weeded out by the



The Rev. Gottlob Fetzer in his office at the Publication House in Cleveland, Ohio. He served as editor of "Der Sendbote" from 1902 to 1934 and of the "Jugendfreund" from 1920 to 1922.

churches; about the sorrows, encounters and victories of our brethren in the Fatherland; about the progress of foreign missions in Baptist circles and other mission societies; about the history of the Baptists, especially biographies of Roger Williams, John Bunyan, William Carey and other men of God. However articles of a dogmatic and polemic nature should be printed very rarely and with exceeding care."

"Der Sendbote desires to inspire the immersed Christian with renewed enthusiasm to be the servant of the Lord. All that he recognizes as fruit of the spirit, be it in doctrines, reports, in songs of praise, in sorrows, he will gather all with pleasure and make it a message to everyone. Finally Der Sendbote desires to proselyte, for that is what everyone desires at present, and those, who understand it least, desire it most. But this is not to be done in a low, contemptible manner, in which one undermines that which God has blessed. We desire to proselyte in an open clear demonstration of what we recognize as divine truth and which we after prayerful

churches and conferences. During our entire history, our churches have been characterized by saneness. Religious cranks and fanatics were obliged to go elsewhere for the exploitation of their hobbies. For this we can be exceedingly grateful.

## PICTURE GALLERY

As one reads the accounts of the departed, as they labored for the Lord, one seems to walk in that historic picture gallery in Hebrews, chapter 11. God gave to us a large number of unselfish, consecrated, loyal men and women, without whom the past accomplishments would not have been possible. They upheld the arms of their pastors in many ways. The early title page of the conference minutes reported it as a "gathering of ministers and co-operating brethren." The women seem to have been too self-effacing and modest, for they are never mentioned in the reports. It should be noted here, that even in those early days, the "brethren" were given a large part in the work. It meant a great deal more in those days, for

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# Like a Tree Planted by the River

The story of the ever widening ministry of our Publication Society in Cleveland, Ohio, during the past century and of its meaning to North American Baptist Churches

By the REV. E. J. Baumgartner, Business Manager Since 1946

THE 100th ANNIVERSARY of "Der Sendbote" and the 30th year of the "Baptist Herald" will be observed at the General Conference in Philadelphia. One hundred years is a long time, and it is in order to ask what has been accomplished by these two publications and just what is the meaning of the Publication Society to our denomination. It is often said that "an informed people are a growing people." The same can be applied to our denomination which has grown steadily during the past century. They were an informed people because of the ministry of the Publication Society.

A little over one hundred years ago, the founders of our denomination took steps to provide for the training of ministers. They recognized the urgent need of making the "spoken word" available, and our Seminary was founded. A few years later, measures were taken to bring the "written word" to young churches and to the unsaved, and the first of our publications appeared. Thus, the "spoken word" and the "written word" were provided for.

To this we must add what can be called the "living word" as represented in the faith, devotion and sacrifice of the men and women who started our denomination. This unbeatable combination, based on the Word of God and faith, is one of the secrets of our growth. This article, however, will deal only with the meaning of the "written word" as printed by the Publication Society during the past one hundred years.

## THE PUBLICATION HOUSE

In our Publication House at Cleveland, Ohio, the employees, editors and business manager have a definite part in the work. Each one will place his own interpretation on the real meaning of the Publication Society. The present business manager has been asked to present his views as to what our own Publication Society has meant and now means to the denomination.

The business manager is primarily concerned about the mechanical and organizational aspects of the society. At the present time we have a strong and active Publication Board which governs the policies of the organization. There is a two-story building, the top floor of which is devoted to offices



Mr. Herman Schulte, the first full-time business manager of the Publication Society who served from 1878 to 1892.

and a book and supply department. The first floor contains all kinds of printing equipment.

As in every business, there is much activity every day in your Publication house. The sound of the typewriters and other machines, people busy at work packing books for shipment, the roar of the huge press and other machinery in the printing department, the careful attention given to almost endless routine details connected with the business of publishing, and the constant effort to provide the best possible kind of service to our people, as well as the ever present problem of finances, are all a part of the business manager's life. It is only human to ask at times, "Just what is the meaning of it all?"

The question is not prompted by a feeling of futility, but it does arise because of the lack of important visible results, except those of mechanical production. So very frequently the real spiritual values are not noted in the hurry, rush and pressure of the present day activities in printing our many publications. However, the business manager has no right to see and feel only one side because there are factors which point to the spiritual value of

all the activity associated with his business duties. One of these is historical, and to discover this value during the past one hundred years, it is well to start at the beginning when a tree was planted.

## BUSINESS MANAGERS

When our publications first appeared, the editors were the business managers. In fact, for the first few years, they were also the publishers and thus carried the entire responsibility. The Rev. Konrad A. Fleischmann was the first of these men, and the reports show that he went into debt each year in order to publish the paper. He received no salary! How can one understand a man who will go into debt in order to make a paper possible, except that we remember the love of Christ that dwelt in him.

The same fine spirit prevailed in the other editors and business managers: the Rev. A. Henrich, who organized the work on the foundation laid by Mr. Fleischmann; the Rev. P. W. Bickel, under whose leadership much expansion took place. Soon it became necessary to appoint a full-time business manager and Mr. H. Schulte was selected for this position. He served from 1878 to 1892. He was followed by the Rev. P. Ritter, 1893-1904; and by Carl Bickel, 1905-1910. In January, 1912, Mr. H. P. Donner became business manager, a position which he held for 34 years.

The work of the Publication Society prior to World War I was almost entirely German. It was during the administration of Mr. Donner that the transition from German to English took place and with it also a significant expansion. A new building was erected specifically for our purposes. The printing plant was equipped with the necessary machinery to print our publications. Mr. H. P. Donner left an indelible mark in the history of our denomination by his loyal devotion and wise counsel during the 34 years of his service.

A little over one hundred years ago, thousands of German people came to the United States to establish homes and start life anew. A small number of these were Baptists who soon won others. Although they possessed the Holy Bible, which is the foundation upon which all else must be built, they

had no other Christian German literature. Christian literature was needed to interpret the Bible and its application to living faith, and also to provide a means of information regarding matters of missions, church policy and reports of the progress of the Christian cause at home and abroad.

## DIFFICULT BEGINNINGS

The beginning was beset with many difficulties. English-speaking friends and churches provided an initial \$200 to start the venture, and under the leadership of Konrad A. Fleischmann, the first publication, "Der Sendbote des Evangeliums," was started in the year 1853. Subsequently, other German publications came into being, such as "Der Muntere Saeman," "Die Biene," "Der Wegweiser," "Vereins Herold," "Lektions-Blaetter" and "Jugend Herold." Then followed such English publications as "Yokefellow," "Baptist Herald," "Salute" and "Youth Compass." The tree has grown!

During the first twenty years there was much tribulation caused by the Civil War and the economic conditions preceding and following the war. Our churches were small in number and in membership. Our people were poor and in such hours and days, the uplifting power of new inspiration was needed. It seems providential that "Der Sendbote" came into homes of our people with its messages of hope and its expositions of truth, with its reports of victories from other churches and mission fields, with its heart challenging appeal for spiritual steadfastness, and its constant admonition to seek the face of the Lord for spiritual guidance and help. It provided the new inspiration when it was so badly needed in those dark and critical days. Herein is one of the great values of our publications.

Another value is found in the educational functions of our papers. From the very beginning the denomination was interested in providing educational material and books of a religious character for its children, young people and adults. The Sunday School papers were concerned primarily with the task of teaching the truths of the Bible. "Der Sendbote" and other publications, through articles on church polity, Biblical interpretation, doctrinal exposition and missions rendered an educational service which cannot be expressed in words. It has been and still is being revealed, however, in the lives of those men and women who have been the real pillars in our denomination.

## DENOMINATIONAL UNITY

One of the great dangers facing every group is that of dissention and division. There were many critical times in the history of our denomination when these forces threatened to disrupt our life. When our denomina-



An interesting picture from yesterday's album showing the printing shop of the Publication Society in Cleveland, Ohio, more than 50 years ago with women at the hand presses.

tion is spread out over most of the United States and Canada, there is need for a unifying medium, and here in our various publications have again served. They have made all acquainted with the tasks and challenges before them.

In 1925 in an address to the General Conference, the late Professor G. H. Schneck stated in effect: "Our Publication Society has made it possible that the denominational desire has been achieved in the denominational attainments. It has, under the leading of God, prevented our ranks from being invaded in the beginning of our work by divisions, tearing apart that which had been erected. It has fostered the spirit of evangelism through the publication of our periodicals as well as the many tracts. It has made our beliefs what they are at present. It has made provision for religious instruction as well as giving a worldwide vision. It has contributed immensely to the spiritual growth of our denomination through 'Der Sendbote'."

Missionary interest was always predominant in our publications. The opening of new fields in the United

## VERY IMPORTANT!

There will be only one issue of the "Baptist Herald" in August, namely the August 14 number. The issue scheduled for August 28 will be omitted in order to give the Publication House employees a well deserved vacation. The following issue of the "Herald" will appear on September 11.

States and Canada, the appeals as they came from Africa, China, Europe and elsewhere were constantly held forth to our people. Missionary articles were numerous. Tracts were published and distributed. In fact, the major activity of the Publication Society has been missionary, with the hope that through the liberal distribution of the "Printed Word" in all of its forms, souls might be won for Christ.

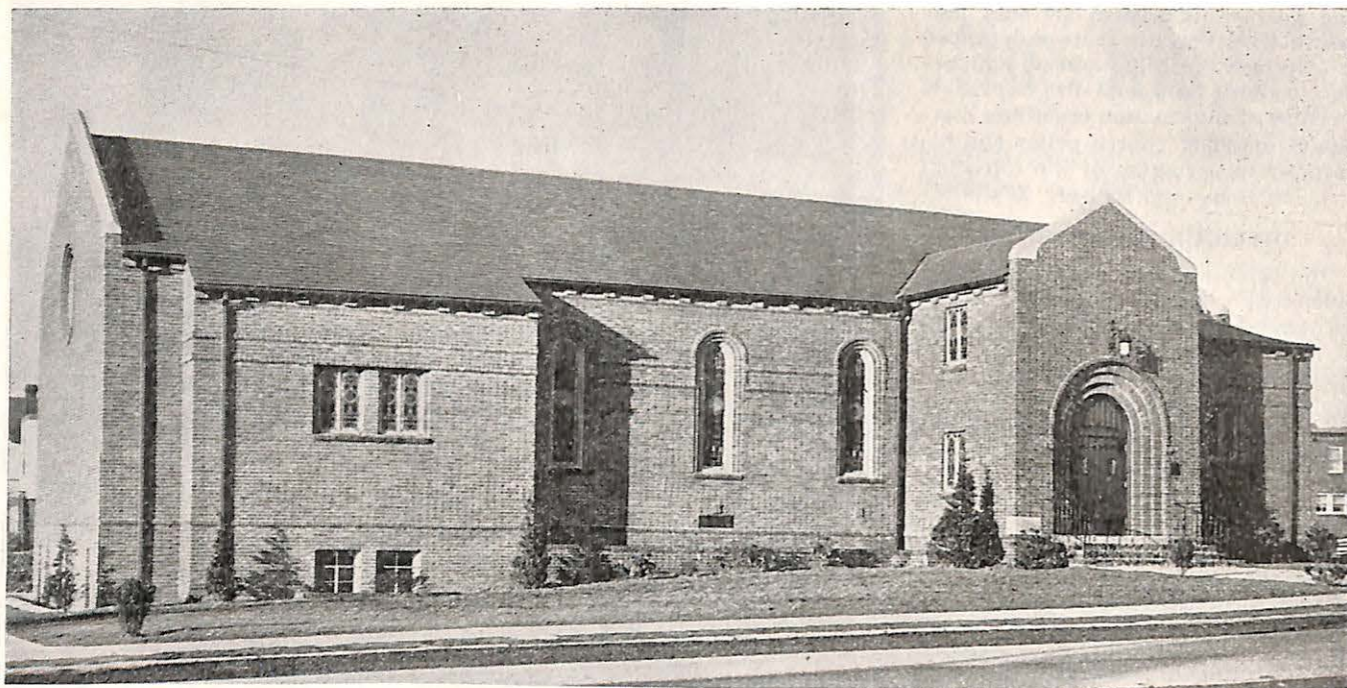
As an illustration, take the "Baptist Herald" of recent years, or "Der Sendbote," and see how much space is given to the promotion of our missionary work. Recently a "Baptist Herald" subscriber wrote: "Please renew my subscription. May I congratulate you on all of our publications, but the wonderful mission reports in the 'Herald' mean so much to me." This short glimpse into our history gives evidence of the inspirational, educational, unifying and missionary value of our Publication Society.

## INTERESTING MAIL

The other factor, showing the value of our Publication Society in our present day, is the mail which comes to the manager's desk each day. In addition to the many items that are purely of a business nature, there are also those comments which tell of an inspirational value, an educational help, a unifying spirit, or a missionary action which came about through some ministry of the Publication Society.

People write and tell us that next to the Bible, they value "Der Sendbote" most highly. We have on record readers who have read "Der Sendbote" for over 50 years. There are reports from Europe and South America in-

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The \$155,000 edifice of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., which will be dedicated on Sunday, August 17, 1952, just before the General Conference sessions. The Rev. Walter C. Damrau is pastor of the church.

## Philadelphia's Pilgrim Baptist Church

This is one of the most outstanding North American Baptist Churches, both in its history and in its missionary and spiritual outreach, which will serve as one of the hosts for the General Conference from August 20 to 26, 1952

By the REV. WALTER C. DAMRAU, Pastor of the Church

THE BEGINNINGS of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., date back to the year 1864, when members of the First German Baptist Church (now the Fleischmann Memorial Church) spurred on by the missionary and evangelistic zeal of their pastor, the Rev. Konrad Anton Fleischmann, organized a Sunday School in their own neighborhood, the Kensington District of Philadelphia. This first session in the fall of 1864 was held in an upper room of the Kensington Water Works and was attended by eleven adults and eleven children. Their number increased and after a few weeks, Pastor Fleischmann began to preach regularly every Sunday to the assembled group after the close of the Sunday School session. Later another Sunday School was started in a home near Second and Cumberland Streets.

Early in the year 1868, the Fleischmann Memorial Church purchased a chapel formerly used by a Presbyterian congregation on Second near Norris Street, and both schools were combined

in this new center. However, the Rev. K. A. Fleischmann did not live to see the culmination of his hopes and plans. Under his successor, the Rev. J. S. Gubelmann, the church called a church missionary, the Rev. G. D. Blesene, to serve in the chapel. After two years of a consecrated ministry Missionary Blesene accepted a call to another field, and was succeeded by the Rev. John Linker. His ministry was a fruitful one with increased attendance and a number of souls converted.

After prayerful consultation with the pastor and membership of the First Church, ninety-four members under the leadership of the Rev. J. Linker received their letters on September 16, 1874, in order to form the "Second German Church of Baptized Believers." The chapel and the responsibility for the work in the new neighborhood were transferred to the new congregation.

The church continued to grow rapidly and the chapel soon had to be enlarged. As early as 1880 plans were being made for a new building. After years of delay and disappointments,

the church building of the Moravian Brethren located on Hancock Street above Dauphin was offered for sale early in the year 1889. The old chapel and some lots, acquired earlier for building purposes, were sold and the proceeds used to buy this church building. Dedication of the new place of worship was held on October 20, 1889.

Brother Linker closed his ministry with the church in April 1897. During the 23 years of his services with the church, 375 converts were baptized and added to the church.

In June 1897, the Rev. William Kuhn, a son of the Fleischmann Memorial Church and recently graduated from our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., was called as pastor. Under his leadership the church debt was liquidated. He was noted as a powerful preacher and as a real shepherd of the flock. The Lord honored his ministry with a harvest of many souls, of whom he baptized 271 during the seventeen years of his ministry. The membership increased to over 400, which made Pilgrim Church the largest church of

the Atlantic Conference.

The 17th General Conference held at Madison, South Dakota, in 1913, elected Brother Kuhn to the newly created office of denominational field worker. But Pastor Kuhn had endeared himself to the church to such an extent that the members by congregational vote as well as by individual persuasion sought to keep him from accepting this position. Mr. Kuhn, however, felt God's call to the larger field and the church reluctantly saw him leave to accept his new responsibilities.

### BETWEEN TWO WORLD WARS

After an interim of only four weeks after the departure of the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, the Rev. S. A. Kose began his ministry with the church in April 1914. It was his lot to shepherd the congregation through the trying years of the First World War, but the Lord graciously blessed both pastor and people. Missionary giving, as well as giving to the local work more than doubled, while at the same time 135 converts were added to the membership of the church.

In 1920 the Pilgrim Church called Mrs. Emma B. Meier of Portland, Oregon, as her first missionary to work particularly among the young people and in the Sunday School. Her faithful ministry is still being remembered by many who are now active in the work here and elsewhere.

When failing health compelled Mr. Kose to resign in February 1928, the church prayerfully elected the Rev. John G. Draewell of Marion, Kansas, as his successor. During the six years of his ministry 59 persons were added to the membership, and in 1929 Miss Erna Hoelzen of Burlington, Iowa, was called to serve as missionary of the church.

It was during the ministry of the Rev. Assaf Husmann, which began in July 1934, that the evening Gospel services were held in the English language. A weekly radio broadcast was sponsored over a local station for about one year.

In the late 1930's a shift of the membership away from Kensington and into the northeast section of the city began. Alert to the possibility of relocation, and in order to continue serving her constituency, the congregation, under the leadership of Pastor Husmann, began a building fund. A building committee was appointed in July 1938, and in September of that year a site at Comly Street and Rising Sun Avenue was purchased. Accepting the position of promotional secretary of the General Conference, the Rev. A. Husmann closed his ministry here in January, 1941, a ministry which saw 47 new members coming into the membership by baptism, in addition to numerous others by letter.

In February 1941, the Rev. Herman Palfenier became the pastor. The

## Church Dedication in Philadelphia

Announcement about the dedication of the new edifice of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., on Sunday, August 17, 1952

By MRS. ETHEL ZABEL, Church Clerk

ON SUNDAY, August 17, the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., will hold dedicatory services for its new church building. This day will be one long to be remembered by the members of our church since it will mark the completion of a project in which we have all been so vitally concerned.

On this very important Sunday, we hope to be privileged to have a guest speaker at our Sunday morning service. In the afternoon at 3:00 P.M. we will have the opportunity of hearing Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, give the message. Following the afternoon meeting, an informal light supper will be served after which there will be a short outdoor Vesper Service. At this service we

also anticipate the pleasure of having a guest speaker with us. The Rev. W. C. Damrau is our pastor.

It will be a day of happy activity for all those attending the dedication services, and we would like to extend an invitation to all our members and to all our friends to join with us if such is possible. It will be a day of deep thankfulness for all the members of the Pilgrim Baptist Church for all the Lord has done in providing for this new building. He has made it possible for us to build a beautiful church building, and we are justly proud of it. May it not only be architecturally beautiful, but may the spirit found within its walls be beautiful to those on the outside so that they, too, may seek to enter in.

services, still largely conducted in the German language, were now increasingly conducted in English in order to meet changing conditions and to keep the youth of the church actively interested in the work. The name of the church was changed in 1943 from the Second German Baptist Church to Pilgrim Baptist Church. Baptisms totaled 37 in number during this period, and substantial amounts were raised for the building fund. Finally in 1947 the old edifice on Hancock Street was sold to the Baptist Union, which granted the congregation the privilege of using it until the new church building would be ready for occupancy.

Once again the conference called the pastor into a larger ministry. Mr. Palfenier in February 1948 entered upon his new work as denominational evangelist.

### A DREAM IS REALIZED

Construction of the edifice did not materialize until October 1948, when ground was broken. Under the leadership of the present pastor, the Rev. Walter C. Damrau, whose ministry began in July 1948, the construction was begun and successfully carried forward. On May 8, 1949, the cornerstone of the new edifice was laid. The last service in the Hancock Street building took place on June 26, 1949, and on July 10th of the same year the first public service was held in the new church auditorium, even though the building was still not completed. The dedication of the completed building is being planned for August 17th, the Sunday before

the General Conference is to commence in this fair city.

The building and furnishings cost about \$155,000, exclusive of the grounds. In addition, scores of the men of the church under the faithful leadership of Mr. Otto Draeger, chairman of the building committee, have given thousands of many hours of free labor to finish this edifice to the glory of God. The total value of the plant at current prices is in excess of \$225,000, though the total indebtedness at this date is just under \$10,000.

While the Lord prospered the church materially, he has done even greater things spiritually. Many persons have been added to the membership during the short ministry here at the new location. Attendance at the services has greatly increased. The Bible School under the able leadership of Mr. Ralph Kletke, superintendent, and Mr. William McClain, assistant superintendent, has more than doubled in membership and attendance, reaching a new record of 306 on Easter Sunday.

Missionary giving during this period has been maintained at the same high level as before, and, in fact lately has exceeded that of former years. The members of Pilgrim Baptist Church have become aware more than ever that the age of miracles in the Christian Church is not past, and that to God should be given all the glory for the achievements in the church. "Come and see, what the Lord hath wrought," is our invitation as you come to Philadelphia to attend the General Conference.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., has requested Dr. John Leyboldt of Forest Park, Ill., the denomination's interim and supply pastor, to fill its pulpit from July 13 to August 17. He is already on the field in favorable response to the church's request, preparing the way for the pastor-elect, the Rev. Robert Schreiber of Chicago, Ill., who will begin his ministry at Lodi's Temple Church on Sunday, Sept. 21st.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Adolph Braun of the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., became the parents of twin daughters on June 4th. They have been named Carol Lynne and Carla June. Mr. Braun was a member of the 1951 graduating class of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The Rev. and Mrs. Paul E. Loth of the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York, have announced the birth of a son on June 12th, who has been called Paul John. This is the third child in their family, the other two being Joanne and Esther.

● The Humboldt Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., is being served by the Rev. Edwin Antin as interim pastor. He and his family are living in the parsonage at 3267 W. Cortland Street, Chicago 47, Ill. He has rendered this interim service since July 1951. On Tuesday evening, June 24, the church held a Family Night with a supper and a program of musical numbers, recognition of the first year of service of the Rev. Edwin Antin, followed by missionary pictures shown by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner.

● The Woman's Missionary Society of the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Wessington Springs, S. Dak., held its anniversary program on Sunday evening, June 15. The president, Mrs. Herbert Kludt, presided over the program which featured musical numbers, a dialogue entitled, "The Gate of Prayer," and special numbers by a men's chorus of 18 voices and a chorus of 23 women. Decorations were a rose covered arch with garden flowers added. The offering of \$88 was for missions. Mrs. Arthur Tiede served as pianist. The Rev. Walter Sukut is the pastor.

● Miss Esther Kaiser, oldest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Kaiser of Startup, Wash., and Mr. Clarence Weisser, a brother of Rev. Arthur R. Weisser of Rochester, N. Y., Rev. Alfred R. Weisser of Parkston, S. Dak., and Rev. Carl Weisser of Carrington, N. Dak., were married on July 3rd at the Grace Baptist Church of Startup, Wash. The Rev. R. G. Kaiser officiated. The former Mrs. Clarence Weisser served formerly as librarian at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. Mr. and Mrs. Weisser are now residing at 9930—84th Ave., Edmonton, Alta., Canada.

● The Rev. Fred Erion, a graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., in the class of 1927 and a member of a former Seminary quartet, celebrated his ordination into the Christian ministry and with his wife observed their 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 29. Open house was held in the First

Baptist Church of Green Bay, Wisconsin, where he is the pastor at present. Some of the members and the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of the Temple Church of Milwaukee, Wis., participated in the festivities. Mr. Erion's address is 131 S. Oneida Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

● On Sunday, June 8, the members and friends of the McKernan Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, held ground breaking exercises for its new edifice. A great deal of rain has hindered the progress in the construction of the new church, but a good start has been made, as reported by the Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the nearby Christian Training Institute. The pastor, Rev. O. R. Schmidt, led the service with the Rev. Willy Muller of the Lauderdale Church reading the Scripture passage and the Rev. Henry Pfeifer of the Central Church leading in prayer. Mr. Wahl brought a brief message, appropriate for the impressive occasion.

● The Daytons Bluff Church of St. Paul, Minn., expressed its appreciation to its choir director for the past 2½ years, Mr. Maurice L. Lundh, on Sunday evening, June 22. Mr. Lundh has accepted the call of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Waterbury, Conn., following the completion of his studies at Bethel Seminary in St. Paul. On June 8 the church presented him with a 6 volume set of Alexander Whyte's Bible Expositions. The choir also gave him a gift presented by Mr. Fred Pahl, choir director. The guest speaker at the Sunday morning service on June 22 was the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill.

● The Board of Trustees of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. Hugo Lueck of Edmonton, Alberta, to become professor of Church History, Greek and related subjects in the seminary. He has accepted the call and will fill the vacancy of Prof. Albert Bretschneider who has retired and is now residing in Rochester, N. Y. Professor Lueck plans to begin his work at the seminary on Sept. 1st. In Edmonton he served on the teaching staff of the Christian Training Institute and as conference worker for the Northern Conference churches. A sketch of his life and educational training will be prepared by Dr. George A. Lang, seminary

president, and published in a forthcoming issue.

● Mrs. Anna Weber of Burlington, Iowa, a member of the Oak Street Baptist Church of that city, quietly observed her 104th birthday on Sunday, June 22. She came to the community of Burlington as a 16 year old girl during the height of the American Civil War in 1864. Until her health failed last year, Mrs. Weber had not spent a birthday anniversary in bed. The pastor, the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, stated that the church remembered Mrs. Weber on her birthday and that the Baptist Church also proudly boasts of two couples who have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversaries and an additional six couples who have observed their 50th wedding anniversaries. "The Iowa climate and surroundings must be pretty good, after all!"

## LIKE A TREE

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dicating that "Der Sendbote" is the only religious publication they have. It needs no stretch of the imagination to realize how much good is being done.

We have received letters stating, "I would not be without the 'Baptist Herald.' To me it is the best religious paper and it helps me so much." Many similar expressions can be found in the business manager's mail relating to our publications or to some service we give. Yes, from the hearts and minds of our people comes the testimony of what the real meaning is of our Publication Society's ministry.

A former business manager, Mr. Peter Ritter, had as his motto, "Every German Baptist home should have the Bible, a hymnal, and Der Sendbote." Today we might well change this to "Every North American Baptist home should have a Bible, a hymnal, the Baptist Herald, or Der Sendbote."

Almost one hundred years ago when the Publication Society was formed, the tree was planted, and it has grown to such an extent that its branches have spread far and wide. The fruit which it bears today is a help and blessing to many.

To operate the Publication Society involves the expenditure of much money and the application of hard work. Sometimes it seems that all the activities are purely mechanical in order to print a paper. However, from time to time a letter will come and tell us that our real purpose is spiritual, that someone was drawn closer to Christ and led to greater efforts for the church and the denomination because of our publications. Will you pray that God might continue to bless the Publication Society, and by his grace and help cause the tree to grow larger and bear better fruit in its second century?

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

## HERALD NEWS

### YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

August 3, 1952—"Can You Take It?" by Rev. Frederick Y. Lower, Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

August 10, 1952—"Get Off Your High Horse" by Rev. Ruben Kern, Forest Park, Illinois.

### SCRIPTURE MEMORY WORK

We are confident that this year we have had the largest enrollment in Scripture Memory Work. Reports indicate decided spiritual progress for the many youngsters who have benefited by Scripture Memory Work. The local sponsors have done a great work in leading the boys and girls. If you have not ordered your supplies for the fall program, do so immediately. A great many orders have already been filled.

### SUMMER CAMPS

Those assembly questionnaires are very helpful to your officers in their overall planning for your camp program. Now that nearly all assemblies have been held for this year, let us have that questionnaire immediately if you have not yet sent it in. We are interested in knowing how God has blessed your camp.

### SPANISH-AMERICAN MISSIONS

This summer Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Erickson have been employed as student workers on our Spanish-American mission field. The Ericksons have already done a great work. They will hold several Vacation Bible Schools, have church services, carry on Sunday School work and an intensified visitation program. In the first school they had 42 enrolled. Please pray for this fine couple as effectively and faithfully they serve on our Spanish-American mission field. Look for a good report about our work in this field.

### RENEW YOUR YOUTH COMPASS SUBSCRIPTIONS!

Most of our CBY's are using "Youth Compass" for program materials in their meetings. This is the time to check and see if you need to renew your subscriptions for the year. Do not wait until you need the material—renew now!

Send your order to Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

### GREAT NEWS

Many of our officers and all of our young people will be happy to know that the recording secretary of our CBY and SS Union, Miss Ramona Schacht, was married on July 18th. The fortunate young man was Eldon Schroeder, former president of our Kansas State Union, and now student at the seminary. Both Ramona and Eldon are from Lorraine, Kans., where they are members of our Lorraine Baptist Church. We extend our sincere best wishes to this splendid Christian couple for a very happy married life in continued service for our Lord.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK

It is not too early to make definite plans for Sunday School Week, September 21-28. A detailed program outline, with new and different suggestions, will reach every Sunday School superintendent in the very near future. This week should definitely prove to be a highlight event in your annual Sunday School program. Materials for the Sunday School Standard are also available for the asking. Every Sunday School should strive for the Sunday School Standard certificate of award.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL STANDARD CERTIFICATE

Recently we mailed thirty Sunday School Standard certificates to that many Sunday School superintendents. This means that a good percentage of the goals in the Sunday School Standard have been attained. Was your Sunday School among the thirty? If not, we are confident that you are interested in a Standard Sunday School for your church. No one has ever attained unto a goal unless he has set out to do something about it. Leaflets and poster of the Sunday School Standard are available. Write to your general secretary, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., for your supply.

### "CAMEROONS CRUSADE" DAKOTA CONFERENCE UNION MISSION PROJECT

Here is the way the conference Union of the Dakota Conference have contributed to their annual "Cameroons Crusade" project:  
Badlands Baptist Assembly—\$741.57  
Central Dakota Assembly—\$2,377.91  
Northern North Dakota Assembly—\$1,814.16  
South Dakota Assembly—\$2,934.12  
Dakota Conference Union—\$377.12



The Glory Gospel Trio of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, which will sing at the Philadelphia General Conference.  
Left to right: Lorraine Biffert, Ardath Schmierer and Estella Schell.



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.

## SYNOPSIS

The chemistry teacher of Melbourne College, known as "Prof," singled out two of his students to work with him at experiments. One of them was Peter Dunning who later decided to become a missionary to Africa. The other was Bill McAdams who was preparing for a medical career. Peter told the "Prof" about his faith in Christ and the teacher had to admit that the student had something which he lacked and needed! After Peter had gone to Africa as a missionary, the "Prof" often found himself lying awake at night, wondering how his former student was and what was really happening. One day after a Teachers' Convention, the "Prof" and Bill McAdams had dinner together at a nearby restaurant. Bill read a letter from his friend in Africa, telling him about leopard men in a hidden valley and suggesting that he, Bill, come out to Africa and make a team for God!

## CHAPTER THREE

THE ARRIVAL of dinner interrupted Bill, and he began eating with relish. Everything about the man seemed to show the steel spring tension that had characterized him from the first. The professor tried to picture him settling into the strenuous but staid routine of general practice. It didn't fit somehow, and as they talked and ate, he found

the clouds. While I'm a Christian, thanks to him, I can't see the value of throwing my life away on Africa. I could be plenty busy at home. But I wish I could take him up on it and see him for awhile. He's one great fellow, and he might help me to straighten out my thinking a little." Bill's look and voice both became wistful.

Perhaps his nights of wondering and thinking had already come to fruition. Or they were just the germinating seed. The Prof didn't know what it was, but it seemed that he had been thinking the same thing, and longing to see Peter. He wanted to talk to him again.

"Bill," he said suddenly, "I would give a lot to see him, too. Think we could manage to go for a few months?" and the decision was made even as he asked the question. He felt as though he had planned it for months. Yet he was as surprised as Bill must have been, to hear the words come out of his mouth.

"Listen," he went on, now eagerly letting his hemmed-in thoughts come out, "for a long time I've been fed up with my job. I need a good change. We close school in three weeks, and I have three months ahead of me. Let's go," and he was as enthusiastic as the child whose Christmas has arrived and who stands with a full stocking in his hand.

Listening to the spate of words, Bill's face first lit up. Then he became glum.

"Okay, okay," he was almost muttering to himself. "You know I can't make it. Why rub it in? My training has taken every cent I could scrape together. I couldn't pay for this dinner if I hadn't tagged onto you." He began to jab savagely at his plate with the fork.

There was no stopping the Prof. He was born along on the wings of his own plans. Nothing could hold him, now that he had started planning.

"Listen to me, man," he said, reaching across the table to grab the other's arm. "What do you think I have been doing for the past eighteen years? Hoarding my lucre for just such a time as this! I have neither chick nor child," he continued, as Bill made a movement of protest, "and I owe myself a good holiday. Who wants to travel alone? Besides," he salved the wounded pride, "you'll soon be rolling in the stuff and you can pay it back. It's all settled," and he leaned back, utterly content with himself.

Bill toyed with his food and began thinking up arguments against the plan. He sputtered and protested, only to shatter on the rock of the Prof's imperturbability. The latter was so tickled with himself he could have gone back to the hated Teachers' Convention with glee. Bill couldn't change him, and soon he was caught in the stream of enthusiasm.

Their dessert lay before them untasted; they were sipping the cup of pre-adventure. They talked and planned until for very shame they had to pay their bill and leave the restaurant.

They headed for the Prof's apartment, and were soon settled as had been their custom years before. Only now Peter was missing.

Their talking led to concrete plans. Bill was free and on him fell the burden of arrangement. He was to get passports and visas; plane passage as near to Peter in Africa as he could manage and buy whatever was necessary for the trip. In their state of mind they felt that jet propulsion would be too slow to land them with Peter. Their impatience was drumming a quick tattoo on the door of time.

The time passed quickly enough. Bill reported almost daily progress in getting passages and tropical kit. He was able to get plane tickets direct to London, then to Lagos, the capital of Nigeria on the west coast of Africa. The apartment looked like a department store as Bill kept sending stuff up for inspection.

Lunch hours found the teacher frantically buying what he thought would be needed. Bill had the grand idea of contacting the office of the Mission that Peter was working with, where they received some invaluable advice and help. Before the Prof met his last science class, they were all ready.

McAdams was like a young child on a spree. Once he got over the first rough spots of using someone else's money, he really let himself go.

His first big job was to get the most compact medical kit possible that would fit in with the small luggage allotment. He badgered and pestered every friendly medical supply house and doctor that he knew, until at last he was satisfied. He added a small Winchester repeating rifle, while the Prof was content with a 16 mm camera as his sole weapon.

Friday morning they left for New York and spent the next day finishing their buying and getting their papers straight. Then they waited impatiently for Monday morning and the early start.

Neither of them had flown before, but after the first few hours its monotony lulled them to sleep. The London stop-over of a few hours soon slipped by, and their excitement mounted as they clambered aboard for their last lap.

Flying above the great white mass of clouds was like being in another world. The tremendous drone of the engines and the occasional bump of an air pocket were the only means of knowing that they were moving. It was almost with surprise that they

heard the warning to fasten their safety belts. Africa at last!

The jagged hump of the West African coast line, with its great sweep of mangrove swamp, towering palms and meandering rivers, did not disappoint their eager eyes as they came down through the clouds. The quick glimpse through wisps of fog left a picture of overall loveliness on their minds, as the plane banked and lowered to the air strip.

The immigration and customs officials did not hold them up long. They were soon jolting and rumbling to the railway station in an ancient vehicle. From its bowels came alternate shrieks and groans that protested the heavy black hand that impelled it onward at even greater speeds. Bill grinned at his companion delightedly as they slipped past whitewashed buildings, incredibly dirty, tin-roofed shacks, naked children and long-robed Africans. The latter seemed to be vying with the splendor of European clothing that was worn with such sauntering swagger by some of the natives.

The train to which they were eventually driven was English style, with compartment coaches. The two men settled into their first class section. It was not long before the train broke away from the semi-civilized atmosphere of Lagos and into primitive Nigeria. The train crossed great plains, wobbling its way through the fields, turning its head this way and that like a giant centipede. Herds of gazelle and antelope, feeding on the marshy grasses, raised startled heads, then gracefully bounded away to safer haunts.

Into jungled bush, the dwelling place of the dark unknown, the engine puffed and panted.

Giant creepers bound giant palms together with bush and shrub. From its dark fastness peeped glowing eyes. Little grey monkeys chattered to and fro. Great baboons swung with undignified haste to safer regions. With switching tail and tense muscles, the leopard and the lion watched the passing of this prey that snorted and rumbled through their domain.

Often in climbing some hill, the laboring engine was assisted by men running alongside, throwing sand under the skidding wheels as they jerked and spun their way upward.

Not the least fascinating thing to meet their eyes was the haughty African, who, with bow and arrow over his shoulder, knife bound to his upper arm, moved stealthily along the forest pathways. His tufted hair, bone-pierced nose and almost naked body, took one back through the centuries, when the strongest arm and the quickest eye were the criterion of manhood and power.

As they passed a group of these men, a young man fell to the ground, clutching at grass and shrubs as though

to prevent his being dragged after the snorting, chugging train.

The train clattered around the sides of great hills, clinging to them with iron fingers. It crossed raging torrents, recently fed by heavy rains, and plunged into dark, sunless valleys, then up to the hilltops where clouds swirled round like gossamer caught in a playful wind.

Bill was in his element. He was constantly at the window or out the door as they stopped at some station. A great clanging of bells, shouting, laughter and fighting seemed to be the normal procedure for the Nigerian railway stations. He bought coconuts and oranges by the basketful. Before long coconut shells and orange peels were strewn around their compartment until the place looked like one of the roadside markets that dotted the whole length of the railway.

Their own stop was Jos, where it was arranged that they should meet with members of Peter's mission. They had been promised all necessary help in starting off on the long trek to their destination in the bush.

After two days of sweltering heat, soot and smells, the Prof for one was glad to swing off the train and into the welcome that awaited them from the missionaries. It was a joy to feel a warm handclasp and to submit to the care of those who knew the wiles and rascalities of some of the native population. A few barked commands did what the newcomers had been unable to do since they landed from the plane: get rid of the panhandlers, beggars and evident thieves who plagued their every step.

The two visitors spent the next few days looking around Jos, arranging for transportation, interviewing the men who were to go with them and getting keener to leave as soon as possible.

The Prof had one good talk with the director of the mission before he and Bill finally set out for Peter's station. The director was a man of wide experience, having first opened the territory where Dunning was now working. The Prof was struck by the evident capabilities of the man and moved by his utter humility.

"Peter Dunning is about 350 miles east of here," he told the two visitors, in the midst of much questioning. "About two hundred and fifty miles of that you can do in native lorry that we have arranged for you. Incidentally you can take out his mail to him. He hasn't sent a man in for over a month, and it has been accumulating."

"Is it unusual for him to wait so long for his mail?" he was asked.

"No," the director replied smiling, "and if what I hear is true, he is quite anxious to get mail from a certain young nurse at our headquarters here. He usually sends a



man in every three or four weeks, or we try to send one out."

"The scamp," ejaculated the Prof, "and never a word about a nurse in all his letters. Wait until I get hold of him!"

That night, the Prof and Bill were introduced to Ruth Hill. They were sitting in the wicker chairs in front of the mission guest house, talking idly to some of the missionaries, when she came up the path.

The two men rose to their feet as she approached them. One of the missionaries made the introduction.

The Prof looked closely at this girl whose name he had heard linked with Peter's. He saw a tall, well-built girl, whose white nurse's uniform set off the deep tan and dark hair that became her so well. Her hair was swept cleanly back from a broad, rather high forehead. Dark brown eyes, a somewhat wide, upturned nose and a face that narrowed to the chin forbade the adjective beautiful. Yet as her strong white teeth flashed in a smile at the visitors, some hidden depth of character transformed and made her strongly handsome. A worthy mate for Peter, mused the Prof.

"You are Peter's friends?" the words followed the strong handclasp she gave the two men. "He has told me so much about you. What a surprise he will get when you walk in on him!"

She sat between the two men and soon their strangeness had evaporated. Vivacious and keen, the girl was soon telling all about her work. Suddenly she stopped and turned to the Prof.

"You will be seeing Peter in a few days. I've been rather worried about him. His letters lately have been rather taken up with some trouble that seems to be brewing among his people. He hasn't sent mail in for several weeks, and that is unlike him. I hope he isn't sick or had some trouble. I feel much easier in my mind, now that I know that you and Dr. McAdams will soon be with him."

"Bill," corrected the one named, smiling at his friend's fiancée. "You might as well get used to that right now. I'm like one of the family. And don't worry about Peter. He can take care of himself and we'll be there in a few days and make him write you, even if he doesn't want to."

The girl smiled back, "All right, Bill," she hesitated over the name. "I have a letter ready for you to take out when you leave. Tell him it's special — delivery," she added mischievously, as Bill started to say something. "But I would like to know how he is, so I'm hoping he'll send a man right back, once he gets over the shock of seeing you two."

The three of them continued talking as the moon rose higher. Then Ruth bade them goodnight.

"I won't be seeing you before you leave," she said, "I start our dispensary work early, and it is too far off in

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and which showed a loss for both of our periodicals due to the cancellation of shipments to foreign lands, where they could now again supply their own literary needs.

In 1937 the "Baptist Herald" was enlarged from a 16 page to a 20 page paper, and the price was raised from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per annum. It now had 3891 subscribers, and the goal was set at 5000. Because the periodical was published at an annual financial loss, the Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union offered to subsidize it to the extent of \$500 a year. However, when the 1940 General Conference met in Burlington, Iowa, the "Baptist Herald" showed a profit of \$336.38, and so the subsidy was given up.

### A DENOMINATIONAL PERIODICAL

It was at the General Conference at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1944 that the Publication Board announced: "The plan to make the 'Baptist Herald' a denominational paper has been realized. The Young People's and S. S. Workers' Union has relinquished its prerogative, and the 'Baptist Herald' is now published by the Publication Society, and the editor is now responsible to the denomination through the Publication Society." Dr. Leuschner was now no longer the general secretary of the Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union, but had now become the promotional secretary of the General Conference and as such was to give part of his time to the editing of the "Baptist Herald."

When the next General Conference convened two years later in Tacoma, Washington, the highest circulation in its history had been achieved with a list of 9460. At that conference it was again enlarged, this time from a 20 page periodical to a 24 pager, and the price was raised from \$1.50 to \$2.00. Still another important change took place when we met for our Sioux Falls General Conference in 1949, at which it was now made a bi-weekly instead of a semi-monthly, and the price was raised to \$2.50 a year.

This action now placed the "Baptist Herald" on an equal footing with "Der Sendbote," our German denominational periodical, which had appeared as a weekly ever since it had

the town. I'll be waiting for word before too long," and with another handclasp the girl was gone. Bill and the Prof turned towards their own room and bed.

Early the next morning the two men made their last preparations, packed their few belongings, and at long last were all ready to leave.

The mission had loaned them one of their reliable Christian boys named Amos to act as guide and interpreter, although they were to find he was not

been united with the "Biene auf dem Missionsfelde" in 1865, and which henceforth was to appear every other week interchangeably with the "Baptist Herald." When the Publication Board met for its annual session this year, it was reported that "Der Sendbote" now had 4163 subscribers and that the "Baptist Herald" just about doubled that with its present subscription list of 8307.

### ITS MISSION FOR THE FUTURE

Our denomination is fortunate indeed in having its two denominational periodicals, the one serving our German-speaking constituency, the other the English-speaking people. With the present heavy influx of Germans from all kinds of foreign lands, "Der Sendbote" is still greatly needed in spite of the almost constant dropping of its circulation. But still more needed is the service which the "Baptist Herald" has so efficiently and successfully rendered to our fast growing number of English-speaking North American Baptists.

Without our denominational periodicals and what they have done for us, we would never have become the denomination which by the grace of God we have come to be. It is largely through our fine periodicals that we have been bound together so closely in our Christian fellowship, our common interests and our united effort in Christian service. What these periodicals have done for us in the past, they must continue to do in the days ahead, and must do it increasingly.

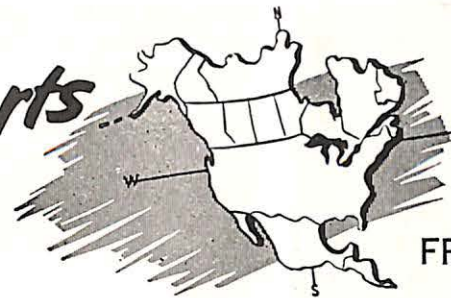
It is the common experience in all denominations that really true and loyal church members are readers of denominational church papers. To build up denominational loyalty in our churches and to increase interest and devout participation on the part of our members in our denominational efforts, we need drives to increase the subscriptions to our periodicals. They need the earnest help of the churches as well as the churches need their help. Let us not forget that this applies to our beloved "Baptist Herald" if it is to continue increasingly to be the blessing that it now has been to us for the thirty years of its mission among us.

much help in the latter capacity. The lorry they had hired was an old chassis on which had been built a mahogany frame body. On this were piled bags and boxes, including those of the two white men, in such a heterogenous fashion that they wondered how it would ever stay in place.

With many a shout from helpful bystanders and the banging answer of the engine with its timing out, they started off.

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## Reports



### FROM THE FIELD

#### Central Conference

#### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schoch of Peoria, Illinois

The State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., honored its new pastor, the Rev. E. Wesner, and his family on Sunday, May 25th. The parents of Mr. and Mrs. Wesner were present. Messages and greetings from various church boards and organizations were given. About 200 persons attended.

On June 5th Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schoch celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They have four children, eleven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. On June 4th a reception was given in their honor by members of the State Park Church of Peoria.

Lydia E. Vinz, Reporter.

#### Seventieth Anniversary Is Celebrated by the East Side Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

The East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., celebrated its 70th anniversary on Sunday, June 15, with services held in the morning, afternoon and evening. The speaker at the morning service was Dr. Thorwald W. Bender of the Northern Baptist Seminary, a nephew of our pastor's wife, Mrs. H. R. Schroeder. His message of the worth of a small church and what it can do was very encouraging.

The afternoon service was a fellowship meeting with some of the pastors of our sister and neighboring churches bringing brief messages. The words, "If these walls could speak," brought back so many memories! Supper was served in the church parlors following this service.

The evening speaker was Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., who also brought to us the latest missionary pictures which were beautifully filmed, true to life; being both tragic and happy, a wonderful tribute to our missionaries and very inspiring.

The anthems sung by the choir that day express the gratitude of the church members: "O Lord of Heaven and Earth," "It Is Good to Give Thanks," "Thanks Be to God." Other special music was rendered by the organists, pianist and choir members.

We were happy to have had our lower auditorium, halls, kitchen, etc., renovated and the entire church redecorated for this occasion. This fact, plus our new parsonage, made us feel this was a day to celebrate and give thanks! Back of the supper, the pro-

gram, the renovating and redecorating is the co-operation of the members and the leadership of our pastor, the Rev. Henry R. Schroeder which made it all possible.

May we, looking forward just five years to our 75th anniversary, become more and more a blessing and an inspiration for Christ in our community! Mrs. Ralph J. Schauer, Reporter.

#### Annual Business Meeting and Surprise for Pastor, Shroyer Road Church, Dayton, Ohio

The Shroyer Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, has come to the end of the first year of its services in its new building. And a very inspiring time it's been, too. Our membership has been increased by 86, with more people showing interest all the time. Our spirit has increased with our membership as has also participation in organizations and church activities.

On May 14th, the annual business meeting was held in the church's social room, preceded by a banquet honoring the new members. There were 155 who attended this meeting, and after the business, we were privileged to hear an inspirational message presented by Dr. Luman Marsh.

The Rev. Alex H. Elsesser and his family were quite surprised on May 25th when presented with a check for \$600 to be applied to a "new" car. They now drive a black 1950 Tudor Chevrolet and are very grateful to the members who made this possible through special contributions.

So you see, this has been a good year for us, and we're looking forward to many more. Improvements are being made all the time, and each one helps to make our building a more beautiful place in which to worship and



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schoch of the State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

have fellowship. We thank God for enabling us to build this church and pray that it may help in the advancement of his Kingdom.

Pat Bersuder, Reporter.

### Dakota Conference

#### Special Events and Reception of Ten New Members at Washburn, North Dakota

On Easter Sunday the young people of the First Baptist Church, Washburn, N. Dak., presented a fine program at which time an offering for our denominational work was taken. The Mother's and Daughter's banquet and program were appreciated by all who were present. Father's Day was also recognized by our Woman's Missionary Society, and the fathers and sons were invited to be honor guests.

The ladies and friends surprised Mrs. Frederick Alf, and the men did likewise for the Rev. Frederick Alf on their birthdays. Each was presented with a purse of money and lunch was served. On Pentecost Sunday evening our pastor had the joy of baptizing four adults and a Sunday School scholar. One of the young men plans to attend a Bible School this fall. On the following Sunday these baptized converts, together with five others, received the hand of fellowship.

Mrs. Orrin B. Enockson, Clerk.

#### Reception for Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Fischer and Family at Linton, North Dakota

On Sunday, June 8th, at two great union services, it was our joy at the First Baptist Church of Linton, N. Dak., to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Fischer and Family into our midst. We are truly thankful to our Lord and Master for so soon leading us to another shepherd, and we pray that together we might serve his cause.

At the morning service Mr. Fischer brought his first message to a large, receptive congregation. At the evening service, the Rev. and Mrs. R. Dickau of Venturia, N. Dak., were guests in our midst, as well as many other people from both Venturia and Herreid. Mr. Dickau brought a fitting message, after which the Fischers were introduced.

Words of welcome were spoken by the following: Alma B. Kremer for the Senior CBY; Sammy Tschritter for the Junior CBY; Raymond Wagner for the Hazelton Sunday School; Fred Kremer for the Linton Sunday School; Mrs. Sophia Bibelheimer for the Linton Ladies' Mission Society; and Deacons Jacob Baumiller and Edward Kiemele for the church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fischer responded. Several musical numbers enriched the service.

After this service, all guests were invited to the church parlors for fellowship and refreshments. We are indeed happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Fischer, their daughters Geraldine and Sharon, and their sons, James and Robert. May God richly bless, as we labor together for him!

Alma B. Kremer, Reporter.

**Bible School and Building Improvements at the Rosenfeld Church of North Dakota**

From June 2 to 6 with sessions both in the morning and afternoon, the children of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Anamoose, N. Dak., enjoyed their Vacation Bible School. Our enrollment was fifteen and this also was our average attendance. We had two classes, the Primary and Juniors, of which the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. R. V. Stading, were instructors. The Juniors studied about sailing on the sea of life with Jesus Christ as their Pilot. The Primary children studied about making discoveries in the Bible.

Besides these studies, we had handwork and much singing. We thank God for the children and the parents who sent them to learn more about the Lord. Jesus loves the little children, and it is our duty to bring them to him.

Recently we purchased some pews for which we had a very fine dedication service on June 1st. The Drake, Anamoose and Lincoln Valley Baptist Churches were invited to rejoice with us in our accomplishments. The Rev. J. S. Hefta of the Drake Baptist Church brought a message entitled, "Christianity in the Pews!" The service came to a close with a fellowship lunch which the ladies of our church had prepared and served in the basement of the church.



Boys and girls at the Vacation Bible School of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Anamoose, North Dakota.

convenient for those coming from a distance, it was decided to hold all day sessions for the period of one week. The pastor, the Rev. J. J. Renz, served as superintendent of the school. The Scripture Press material was used by a fine staff of teachers, who were ably prepared to present their material to eager young minds. Sixty-six children composed the school and had an almost perfect attendance record.

A demonstration program was presented the following Sunday evening. It was a beautiful sight to see the children, led by one holding the Holy Bible, and the flag bearers march into



Teachers and children of the Vacation Bible School held by the Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana.

During this past year we have been working with enthusiasm on our church property. Our parsonage has been modernized, the church building painted and a garage built. The bathroom furnishings were purchased by the Woman's Missionary Society. We are grateful to God for those many blessings and by his grace we will continue to labor for him in his vineyard.

R. C. Stading, Pastor.

**Sixty-six Children at Baptist Vacation Bible School, Ashley, North Dakota**

The Ashley Baptist Church of Ashley, N. Dak., and its stations held a very successful Vacation Bible School of one week's duration beginning June 9th. In order to make it more

the auditorium to the strains of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." After the pledges of allegiance were given to God's Holy Word and also to the flags, the groups displayed their handwork and gave interesting highlights of their courses. This was done by various members of the classes giving memory work, a resume of their studies, and by means of a radio skit. Enthusiastic singing of new choruses learned during the week were much enjoyed by all.

God's Spirit had been working quietly throughout the week, and we rejoiced greatly when a fine number of Juniors and Intermediates gave their hearts to the Lord at the final session of the school. Many expressed the opinion that the time had passed by too quickly. May God richly bless the seed that was sown!

J. J. Renz, Pastor.

**Vacation Bible School With 42 Children at Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana**

The Plevna Baptist Church of Plevna, Mont., was the scene of a busy and joyful Vacation Bible School from June 2 to 6 with 42 boys and girls enrolled and an average attendance of forty. The pastor, Rev. G. Beutler, was in the hospital with pneumonia at the time and unable to take charge as usual. But Mrs. Arthur Sieler was willing to help out on the staff in this emergency, and so the school was carried out to a successful conclusion.

Miss Alice Follmer instructed the Beginners on the topic, "The Creation and How God Talks to Us." Miss Frieda Lang taught the Primary class on "God's Family—How to Belong to It and Live in It." Mrs. Arthur Sieler taught the Juniors on the theme, "The Christian's Time and Talents," and Mrs. Beutler instructed the Intermediates on "Questions of Young People about God."

Many of our people live a great distance from church, and their fine co-operation in enabling their children to attend school was well rewarded in the enthusiastic response shown by the children to the fine lessons.

On the last Sunday afternoon, a colorful procession led by the flag and Bible bearers, opened the demonstration program, under the direction of the pastor, Rev. G. Beutler. The beautiful handwork displayed at the front of the church was an impressive evidence of the timely topics that were studied. As the boys and girls recited their memory verses and answered questions on their studies, interspersed with lively songs, the teachers as well as the audience knew that their efforts were not in vain. Mr. Beutler thanked the teachers for their diligent work in his absence, and Mr. Ted Kusler, superintendent, also commended the teachers for their faithful ministry to the children in the word of God. He then handed out the certificates and remembrances to the boys and girls and their teachers. The daily offerings of the children, together with that received at the program, amounted to \$50.00 and was designated for the support of our adopted native missionary in Africa.

Mrs. G. Beutler, Reporter.

**Session of the Northern North Dakota Woman's Missionary Union at Underwood, N. Dak.**

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Northern North Dakota Association met at Underwood, N. Dak., on June 13 for its annual meeting in connection with the Association's sessions.

Mrs. John Engel of Martin led the devotions. Miss Winifred Wolitarsky then favored us with a solo. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Fred Knalsen presided at the business session. Sixteen societies responded to the roll call with a total of 53 delegates. The Union now has a total of 352 members who raised \$11,730.36, which amounts to \$33.32 per member. During the past year 41 members were gained and two were taken by death. Mrs. Freda Reddig of Cathay was

elected president and Mrs. A. W. Bibelheimer of Turtle Lake was elected secretary-treasurer.

The afternoon meeting was well attended and an interesting and varied program was presented. Special numbers were rendered by the Harvey, Mercer and Underwood societies. Mrs. Vernon Link of Fessenden read the Scripture passage and Mrs. F. Alf of Washburn led us in prayer. Mrs. Schafer, president of the Underwood Missionary Society, welcomed the visiting members and Mrs. A. W. Bibelheimer responded to this welcome. Mrs. Bibelheimer also called our attention to the fact that our organization is 30 years old, having been organized June 8, 1922.

The new pastors' wives who were introduced are Mrs. Carl Weisser of Carrington, Mrs. Fred Fuchs of Anamoose, Mrs. R. Alf of Washburn, Mrs. Lawrence Bienert of Cathay, Mrs. A. W. Bibelheimer of Turtle Lake and Mrs. John Engel of Martin. They then sang the appropriate song, "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me."

Mrs. Henry Hirsch of Goodrich had charge of the memorial service, at which time we paid tribute to two members of our union who have gone to their heavenly reward. Mrs. Wolff of Grand Forks led in prayer.

Our guest speaker, the Rev. R. Sigmond of Bismarck, gave us a challenging message. He spoke of Jesus' conversation with the woman at the well and pointed out that we also can invite others to drink from the well of living water. The offering amounted to \$138.36 which is to be divided proportionately between our new leper camp in the Cameroons, our Old People's Home at Bismarck, and our Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Mrs. Vernon Link, Reporter.

**Northwestern Conference**

**Vacation Bible School for the Baptist and Methodist Churches of Randolph, Minnesota**

The Lord marvelously blessed the Vacation Bible School of the Randolph Baptist and Methodist churches at Randolph, Minn., from June 2 to 13.

Total enrollment of the school was 88, the highest attendance 74, and the average attendance 69. The Gospel Light material, "Sailing With Christ," was used with great enthusiasm. Several of the boys and girls indicated their acceptance of Christ as Savior. Children and teachers alike were enriched by the school and regretted its close.

The daily offerings were sent to the American Bible Society for Bibles in Korea. The superintendent was the Rev. Donald Patet of the Baptist Church; pianist, Mrs. Arthur Miller; Beginners' teachers, Mrs. George Engler and Mrs. Royce Miller; Primary teacher, Mrs. Al Lewison; Junior teachers, Edna Miller and Marie Lufi; Junior High teacher, Mrs. William Hallcock.

The final program was held in the school gymnasium to accommodate the large audience.

Donald Patet, Pastor.



The Rev. and Mrs. John Rhoads and their family (left), our missionaries in Japan, and the Rev. and Mrs. John Reimer (right) of the First Baptist Church, George, Iowa.

**Rev. and Mrs. John Rhoads, Missionaries to Japan, at First Church, George, Iowa**

For some time several of our members of the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, felt that it was high time that the church broaden out its missionary endeavors. Our pastor, the Rev. John Reimer, deepened this conviction through inspiring missionary messages on the special Sundays set aside for missionary emphasis. We sought God's guidance concerning some person or person whom we could send and support in a foreign mission field. The Lord in answer to our

ing not only the local church's missionary program, but also in giving the church an enlarged view of the denomination's mission program which resulted in an aroused interest in the work as a whole.

April 20th was set aside by the church as a farewell Sunday for our outgoing missionaries. Our pastor spoke at the morning service to a full house. The church, as a whole, as well as the candidates, were reminded of their high and holy privilege and responsibilities in the matter of sending and going forth as missionaries. The afternoon service was given over to Mr. and Mrs. Rhoads. They reaffirmed the church's conviction that they had been called to serve Christ



A good sized crowd of children from the Baptist and Methodist Churches of Randolph, Minn., enjoyed the Vacation Bible School held at the Baptist Church.

prayers laid the Rev. and Mrs. John Rhoads on our hearts.

On March 9th the Rhoads were adopted by the church as our representatives to Japan. Our earnest desire then was to send them out through our General Missionary Committee at Forest Park, Illinois. We made our wish known to the committee, and our joy was full and overflowing when we were notified that the missionaries had been accepted.

On March 23rd we were privileged to have Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., in our midst who portrayed to us our missionary progress by word and the use of several films. On April 6th we had the Rev. Richard Schilke as our special speaker for our quarterly Mission Sunday. The visits of these two men of God proved to be both timely and a blessing in further-

in the field of Japan. The evening service was again given to the Rhoads in which they expressed their deep joy to the Lord and to the church for the wonderful ways of God's guidance.

On Sunday morning, June 1st, we enjoyed the service of the King's Stewards Male Quartet and, on the following morning, our Vacation Bible School opened with an enrollment of sixty-four, with no absentees throughout the entire week of school. The school closed with a demonstration program on Friday night. So throughout the last six months we have enjoyed a very busy and blessed time in the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa. God's storehouse of blessings never runs dry. We are expecting even greater things from the hand of our Lord in the future.

Mrs. John Reimer, Reporter.

### Mother's and Daughter's Banquet at Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa

On Monday evening, May 12, in the social hall of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, the annual Mother's and Daughter's banquet was held by the Service Guild.

After a delicious meal served by some of the younger men of the church, we enjoyed a program of music, both vocal and instrumental, including several numbers by our all-girl orchestra, and readings by several of the young daughters. Miss Erna Hoelzen served as song leader, and the undersigned acted as toastmistress, introducing the various numbers with an original bit of verse.

The highlight of the evening was an address given by our guest speaker, Mrs. Wm. L. Schoeffel of Chicago, Ill., the president of the Woman's Missionary Union of our denomination. She gave us a most interesting talk, beginning each new thought with the phrase, "What have you in your hand?" stressing the point that no matter what our station in life, or what our occupation, we can all be working for the glory of God.

Ruth Lohmann, Reporter.

### Ordination Service for the Rev. Lorimer Potratz by Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa

The ordination service for the Rev. Lorimer Potratz was held at the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, on June 10th. Twenty-two delegates from our North American Baptist churches had convened at 2:30 that afternoon to consider the propriety of ordaining Mr. Potratz into the Gospel ministry.

After the statement of the council clerk in the evening service, the Sumner choir sang the anthem, "I Will Pilot Thee," and a Scripture portion was read from the first chapter of Colossians. Dr. A. Ittermann of Elgin, Iowa, brought the message emphasizing the task of the minister. The first task is to bring others to Christ. The second is to feed the lambs, those who are weak in the faith. The third task is to help the sheep, bringing help and comfort. The Rev. Paul Zoschke of Cleveland, Ohio, brought the ordination prayer and Mrs. Fred Mashner sang a solo, "Thy Will Be Done." An offering was taken to help the candidate purchase books for his pastoral library and the service was closed by a testimony from Mrs. L. Potratz and benediction by the candidate.

The Rev. Lorimer Potratz is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill., and Taylor University. At present he is matriculated at Wheaton College for the fall term to study for the master's degree.

Alvin Wetter, Council Clerk.

### Eastern Conference

### The Rev. Miles M. Strodel is Ordained by Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York

At the call of the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., a council com-

posed of twenty-five pastors and delegates from fifteen of the area churches met on Friday, June 6th, to consider the setting apart of Mr. Miles M. Strodel for the Gospel ministry.

After examination the council voted to "recommmend to the church that it proceed with the ordination and that the candidate be commended for his testimony, declaration of doctrine and the manner in which he conducted himself during the examination."

The service of ordination was held on Sunday afternoon, June 8th. The ordination message was delivered by Dr. J. Palmer Muntz, pastor of the Cazenovia Park Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York. Our hearts were stirred as the choir beautifully sang "The Twenty-third Psalm," capably accompanied by our organist, Mrs. Dorothy Kroeker.

Mr. Strodel was one of three who gave their lives to the Lord at Bethel's first missionary conference ten years ago. The other two of that group are Rev. Frank Wuest, who is home after 2½ years of missionary work in China, and Miss Isabelle Swanson, who is a missionary in India. Mr. Wuest was ordained at Bethel Church in January, 1947.

Mr. Strodel received a B.A. degree in 1947 from Wheaton College, and a B.D. degree from Gordon Divinity School, Boston, Massachusetts. He also was awarded the master of education degree from Boston University. Our prayers go with the Rev. and Mrs. Miles M. Strodel as they go to the mission field of God's choice.

Mrs. Daniel Earnst, Reporter.

### Atlantic Conference

### Centenary Jubilee Is Observed by the Evangel Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey

From May 21 to 24 the Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., observed its Centenary Jubilee with our pastor, the Rev. G. Harold Hill, in charge of the program. Mr. Arthur Niebuhr served as chairman of the anniversary committee.

Our celebration started with "Evangel's History in Music." The church was well attended and many hymns such as "How Firm a Foundation," "Great is Thy Faithfulness" were sung and used effectively by the choir between the readings of our church's history. Soon our oldest member, Mr. Henry Lauterwasser, was called upon to pray in German. (He has been a member for almost 60 years.) Then his daughter, Mrs. F. Dinger, sang the first hymn in the "Neue Glaubensharfe," i. e. "Grosser Gott, wir loben Dich." His son, Mr. William Lauterwasser, who had been our organist for 35 years, played for us a special number on the organ. Miss Lydia Niebuhr, another member of long standing, testified to the Lord's faithfulness during all the years she has been privileged to serve him.

Our present organist and director of music, Mr. Warren Adams of the Westminster Choir College, did an excel-

lent piece of work in conducting the choir's inspiring presentation and the two narrators did a marvelous job with their reading. The close was a roll call of pastors (former and present), deacons, trustees, Bible School workers and teachers, organizations and entire membership of congregation and friends rising in response and listening to the choir's "Hallelujah Chorus."

This opening night was a splendid rendition of the keynoter and a good congregation enjoyed the program. Interest was keen right at the start and seemed to mount during the five-day celebration and Sunday's close left us with a feeling of deep appreciation and gratitude, blessing unmeasured and of a real challenge for the future.

We did regret that the Rev. Wm. E. Schmitt could not be with us because his doctor advised him to take it easy for the next six weeks but we were glad that the other former pastors, Dr. Brushwyler and Dr. Darroch, were able to celebrate with us from Saturday to the finish.

On Thursday evening Dr. James McGinlay, pastor of the Brooklyn Baptist Temple, brought a stirring message about God's precious jewels and how we ought to glory in the fact that we are his, for expensive as we were, he paid the price.

Friday was an informal evening. After some special music and greetings from some of our neighboring pastors, our own pastor, the Rev. G. Harold Hill, brought a short message.

Close to 350 people filled our downstairs auditorium on Saturday evening to enjoy the delicious meal that was catered, and to laugh at the humor of our toastmaster, our own Bill Roberts. Former pastors and friends of Evangel brought brief greetings. The male chorus under the direction of Warren Adams entertained between the courses. The Rev. Joseph M. Stowell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hackensack, N. J., was the speaker.

Despite a terrific downpour many came on Sunday morning to hear the special program arranged by our Sunday School under the direction of Miss Eleanor Ohlsen.

Dr. M. A. Darroch, a former pastor of Evangel and now Home Director of the Sudan Interior Mission, spoke to us at the morning service. His message, "A Faithful Witness," challenged us to be more faithful to the Lord who is always faithful to us. On Sunday afternoon we had the privilege of ordaining one of our own young men, Mr. Walter T. Hoops, into the Christian ministry. After this impressive ceremony we enjoyed a buffet supper served by our young people's society.

The anniversary came to a close with Dr. Vincent Brushwyler, a former pastor of Evangel and now general director of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, bringing to a full house a stirring message on Christian service. The whole congregation stayed after the service to see a film only recently released, "It Is No Secret What God Can Do," which gave us a very good description of some of the fields where the mission society headed by Dr. Brushwyler is working. Hilda Rattasep, Reporter.

### Southwestern Conference

### Vacation Bible School at the West Side Church of Beatrice, Nebraska

Two weeks of a successful Vacation Bible School have recently been concluded at the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Neb., under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. G. Neubert. Children of the church and community gathered together for Bible knowledge and activities to compose the enrollment of 115.

There were four departments, two of which were held in the basement of the new church, which is still under construction. The studies were centered around great men of the Bible and how their lives counted for the Lord. The teachers were Miss Barbara Jantzen, Mrs. George Neubert, and Miss Elaine Lange. The Beginners and Primary departments were headed by Miss Esther Jantzen, Mrs. Harvey Ahl, and Miss Beverly Whitehead. Their themes were "A Christ-centered Home" and "Bible Heroes."

The working of the Holy Spirit was manifested in our midst by fifteen boys and girls accepting the Lord as their personal Savior.

Elaine Lange, Student Worker.

### Vacation Bible School and Baptism at Dickinson County Church Near Elmo, Kansas

From May 19 to 29 the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County near Elmo, Kans., conducted a successful Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 25 children and under the supervision of their pastor, the Rev. Herbert Schauer.

On Sunday evening, June 1st, we had the joy of witnessing the testimony of two adults as they entered the waters of baptism. During the communion service which followed the baptism, these two people and two other adults were given the hand of fellowship by our pastor, Mr. Schauer. May the Lord truly bless these new members as they follow him all the way!

The neighboring Ebenezer Baptist Church joined us in the evening worship service on June 8, when we had Dr. Thorwald Bender of Chicago, Ill., as guest speaker. It was a real privilege and blessing to hear Dr. Bender.

Mrs. Milton Jacobson, Reporter.

### Evangelistic Services and Vacation Bible School at Baptist Church, Bessie, Oklahoma

From April 27 to May 9 it was our privilege at the Baptist Church of Bessie, Okla., to have the Rev. H. Palfenier, our denominational evangelist, with us for two weeks of special services. Even though there were no evident results of conversions, the church was blessed from evening to evening as Mr. Palfenier brought heart-searching messages to us. We continue to pray that the seed sown will bear much fruit in the community and in our church constituency.

From May 26 to June 4 we held our Vacation Bible School in the local school building. The total enrollment was 47. Those helping in the school were: Mrs. Carl Borchers, Mrs. Buel Allen, Jr., Miss Wilma Borchers, Mrs. Viola Schilberg, Mrs. Ada Sanders, Mrs. Finnis Simmons, Mrs. Adolf Kosake, Mrs. Ervin Balzer, Mrs. Andrew Bußing and Mrs. John Littke. Our pastor, the Rev. J. Ehman, was supervisor

well attended and we rejoice in having so many young people present at all our services. God has blessed our church with a host of young people which assures its future. We are thankful to God for the time of refreshing we have experienced and trust that God will send us a pastor who will equally lead us on in the work of the Gospel.

G. F. Koch, Church Clerk.



Children and teachers at the Vacation Bible School of the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Neb., with the new church edifice in the background.

of the school.

The children presented a well prepared program on June 4th at the Public School building. Christ was presented to the children in our daily devotional period led by the pastor and in the classrooms. We are earnestly praying that the Spirit of God will convict those who have not yet accepted Christ, so that they will not delay in their decision for him.

Mrs. Oscar Buffing, Reporter.

### Resignation of the Rev. Theo W. Dons from the Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas

We of the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kans., regret deeply that our pastor, the Rev. Theo W. Dons, resigned to assume a very important office with Sterling College. It was with great reluctance that his resignation was accepted but we are glad that he and his family will remain in our membership.

The ministry of Mr. Dons and his family has been a most blessed one in our midst. When they came to us eight years ago, conditions were very discouraging. God used them to rally the church and to lead us in an ever widening ministry. During this time the old building was replaced with a beautiful modern church building entirely free of debt. The membership has experienced a steady growth, missionary giving has been most gratifying and the relationship of pastor and church has been most cordial.

Our services on Sundays as well as our prayer services are consistently

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### Kansas Scripture Memory Camp for 108 Children at Camp Fellowship Near Wichita

The Kansas Association of North American Baptist Churches had a greater number of Scripture Memorizers finishing their courses in memory work this year than ever before. At least 108 youngsters qualified and were able to go to Camp Fellowship near Wichita, Kans., for three full and exciting days from June 2 to 5.

Each camper was on a vacation trip, riding on the "Gospel Train." The various cabins, each housing about 20 campers and their counsellors, was named after a train. After a period of private devotion and another assembly, the campers were free to enjoy the afternoon recreation led by able adult leaders. These consisted of baseball, games, swimming and boating.

Evenings were spent in assembled singing, testimony and worship services with messages from various speakers as the campers gathered around the campfire. One evening a fine wiener roast was enjoyed by all and another evening a religious film was presented.

Classes were taught in each age group on the following subjects: Salvation and Assurance, Personal Devotion, Worship, Baptism, Communion (Lord's Supper), Witnessing, Tithing and Missions. The campers took a keen interest in these subjects.

Except for a severe thunder storm one evening, the activity of camp ran smoothly, thanks to the combined efforts of the planning committee, participating adults, the camp advisor, Mrs. William Wirth of Vesper, Kans.; the camp dean, Rev. Leonard Hinz of Strassburg near Marion; and our able, hard-working camp manager, Mr. Walter Kohrs of Lorraine Kansas. At least one young person found Christ as his Savior and many "babes in Christ" grew in grace through the experience of camp life.

Jack Block, Reporter.

**Pacific Conference**

**Combined Mother-Daughter and Father-Son Banquet at Salt Creek Church of Oregon**

Friday, May 16, was a special day on the calendar for the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas Oregon. On that evening the Woman's Missionary Society sponsored a combined Mother and Daughter—Father and Son banquet which was very well attended. The dining room of the church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The delicious dinner was prepared by the ladies. The highlight of the evening was the program, which was both inspiring and amusing.

Our president, Mrs. Mable Voth, was toastmistress. Music consisted of a piano solo by Miss Alice Nallinger, a girls' trio by Shirley Wolff, Alice Nallinger and Virginia Classen and a vocal duet by Loren Lange and Myrl Thiesies. Mrs. Bertha May gave a reading, "Mom's Apron," which was very amusing. Our speaker was Dr. Willard M. Aldrich, president of the Multnomah Bible School in Portland. Dr. Aldrich was well qualified to speak at such an occasion since he is the father of nine children. His comparison of the relationship of children to their heavenly Father was unique and inspiring.

The evening of Christian fellowship was one that will be long remembered. Ruth Aebi, Corresp. Secretary.

**Recent Events and Programs at the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington**

Mr. Walter Klapstein, one of the sons of the Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash., graduated recently from Dallas Theological Seminary. He also became the father of a little girl, Annette Maier, on June 10. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Klapstein. As yet, he has no definite field of service.

During the summer months, Mr. Walter Dingfield, a student at Dallas Seminary, is serving the Portland Ave. Chapel of Tacoma. He has just completed two of his seminary years, and expects to return there this fall.

June 8 was a Sunday long to be remembered. At the beginning of the morning worship service, the Rev. H. J. Wilcke baptized six people. These were converted during revival meetings in our church, at which time the Rev. H. Palfenier served as evangelist, and also during the city-wide revival with the Merv Roselle party. After the morning service, these young converts were accepted into the church at a memorable communion service.

On May 18th during the evening service, a concert was given by the Harmonettes. This is a group of nine girls, teen agers, who have been singing together for several years. They are called upon to sing for the local "Youth for Christ" meetings and broadcasts, and often sing at PTA meetings, hospitals, and whenever called upon. They sing only spiritual songs, which are sung to the glory and honor of their Lord. Mrs. Phyllis Bi-

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belheimer is the able accompanist, and Mrs. Marie Schmunk is the director. The girls are Beverly Heidt, Shirley Wilson, Audrey Johnson, Ora Lee Longen, Anita Beringer, JoAnn Schmunk, Gloria Helmrich, Audrey Franzkeit and Jeannette Heidt. Mrs. Henry Schmunk, Reporter.

**Ordination of Rev. Benjamin Lawrence, Missionary-Appointee to the Cameroons, in Portland, Ore.**

Twenty-six delegates, representing the churches of the Oregon Association of North American Baptists, the Hinson Memorial Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., the Western Baptist Seminary and the Oregon Baptist State Convention met at the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland on May 27 to examine Mr. Benjamin Lawrence for ordination to the Gospel ministry.

After the usual formalities, the Rev. John Wobig, pastor of Trinity Church and of the candidate, introduced Brother Lawrence to the gathering. Brother Lawrence told briefly but convincingly of his Christian experience and call to the ministry, and then gave his doctrinal statement in a concise and clear manner. After a few questions, the council declared itself fully satisfied and voted unanimously to recommend the candidate for ordination.

On the evening of the same day the members of the Trinity Church and a large number of friends met for a very impressive ordination service. The Rev. John Wobig brought a stirring and challenging ordination message. Dr. Milikin, professor emeritus of Western Baptist Seminary and teacher of the candidate, led us to the throne of God in prayer. The brethren Spencer, Wolff, Penner, Barnet, Berndt and Woyke assisted with the service. A male chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Emma Meyer, added much to the beauty of the service by singing two appropriate numbers.

Brother Lawrence then expressed his deep appreciation to those who had taken part in the service in various ways and requested the continuous prayers of all present, not only for the present, but also when he and Mrs. Lawrence will begin their work in our Cameroons Mission Field of Africa. This meeting was closed with the benediction by the Rev. B. Lawrence. E. Wolff, Reporter.

**Ten Converts Are Baptized and Received Into Temple Church, Lodi, California**

The Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., was fortunate in securing Johnnie Lavender, well known evangelist, to minister to us during a recent week. He brought soul stirring messages each evening and showed pictures of his recent evangelistic tour in Europe. A good number accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

On Good Friday evening a very impressive joint baptismal and communion service was held with the Preston School of Industry in Ione, California. The Rev. J. Monroe Warner, the chaplain, gave the message of the evening. Our baptistry, which is under our choir loft in our present sanctuary, was transformed into a beautiful garden through which the candidates approached the waters of baptism. The organ played softly throughout the service and special vocal music was rendered.

Our former pastor, the Rev. Arthur R. Weisser, baptized ten converts upon their confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It was a thrill, indeed, for him to baptize his daughter, Arlyce Anne. It was also heart warming to see eight boys from the school baptized by their chaplain.

On Easter Sunday evening, our choir gave the lovely cantata, "Victorious King," under the very able direction of Mr. Calvin Lohr. We always enjoy and appreciate the fine work of our choir. We thank God for the privilege of being able to attend our services not only each Sunday, but also on these special occasions. Mrs. Pauline S. Gigax, Clerk.

**Northern Conference**

**A Three-fold Baptismal Service for the Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta**

We of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., are happy to report of increased attendance in our prayer meetings. These midweek sessions have become in reality real hours of great happiness and prayer. The glowing testimonies radiate gratitude for what God in his love and mercy has done.

On Sunday evening, April 27th, our Sunday School observed Bible Day in a very delightful program. On May 11th we observed Mother's Day and several parents came to dedicate their children to the Lord. Our hearts were lifted to God in prayer for spiritual growth and development for both parents and children. Another great event took place on Monday evening, May 26th, when we saw more than 300 German people rejoice in the observance of Family Night. It was a night of song and music, of poetry and the presentation of glowing testimonies.

Another great Sunday service gave evidence of victory and triumph when we gathered for a three-fold baptismal service. It was Pentecost Sunday, June 1st, when the McKernan Baptist Church and the Lauderdale Baptist

Church joined us in a great baptismal service. The Rev. O. R. Schmidt baptized two converts, the Rev. W. R. Muller baptized nine converts, and the Rev. Henry Pfeifer baptized seven converts. Brief messages were brought by each pastor on the general theme. "The unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" and especially on "One Lord," "One Faith" and "One Baptism." The choir from the Lauderdale church rendered several selections and a group from the McKernan Church also sang that night before an audience that more than filled our church.

The field here indeed is ripe unto harvest and more workers and soul winners are needed. May the united prayers of all continue to ascend unto the Father in thanksgiving and praise and petition!

Henry Pfeifer, Pastor.

**Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. August Arndt, Springside, Saskatchewan**

On May 21 Mr. and Mrs. August Arndt of Springside, Sask., observed their golden wedding anniversary. The Springside Baptist Church in conjunction with the Arndt children arranged for the observance of this anniversary. While the pianist played the wedding march, their two oldest children ushered the honored couple down the aisle of the church and to the platform to take the seats of honor. The platform and church were appropriately decorated for the occasion. Besides musical numbers, congratulations and messages from the children, representatives of the church and Woman's Missionary Society and the pastor, the Rev. Martin De Boer spoke.

After this service we gathered at the decorated tables in the church basement for refreshments. Next the gifts were unpacked which the honored couple had received from friends, relatives, the church, the missionary society and the children. Then followed the individual congratulations by those present. All eight children of the Arndts were privileged to be present with their families and to take part in the festivities. The honored thanked all very sincerely for the love and congratulations received, and expressed gratitude to God for the grace which they so richly experienced throughout their lives.

Mr. and Mrs. Arndt were married in Europe 50 years ago and later migrated to Canada. They came directly to the vicinity of Springside, Sask., where they lived on a farm until 1948. Then they ceased farming and moved into Springside where they are still residing. At first they became members of the West Ebenezer Baptist Church near Springside, and later they united with the Springside Baptist Church where they still are faithful members. Mr. Arndt served in the church as Sunday School teacher and as deacon for a while. Mrs. Arndt likewise is always willing to help serving the Lord in the Woman's Missionary Society or wherever she can serve. May the Lord keep and bless this honored couple in the future!

Ewald Tillman, Church Clerk.

**Obituary**

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

**Mr. JACOB GRETSCHMANN of Tyndall, South Dakota.**

Mr. Jacob Gretschmann of Tyndall, S. Dak., was born Oct. 11, 1881 in Southern Russia and died in the Tyndall Hospital of a heart attack on July 14, 1952 at the age of 70 years.

In the year 1889 he came with his family from Russia to the United States and lived with his parents on the farm in Bon Homme County. On Sept. 16, 1913 he was united in the bonds of holy matrimony with Frieda Heib. In 1948 Jacob Gretschmann was converted to the living Christ. The Rev. Albert Itermann baptized him and was a faithful member of the Tyndall Baptist Church.

Brother Gretschmann is survived by his wife and five brothers and sisters: Gus Gretschmann, Springfield, S. Dak., William Gretschmann, Springfield, S. Dak., Alexander Gretschmann, Flandreau, S. Dak., Alice Gretschmann, Springfield, S. Dak., Emma Gretschmann, Tyndall, S. Dak., and by many friends and neighbors. May the Lord of all comfort bless the bereaved!

Tyndall, South Dakota

W. STEIN, Pastor.

**MRS. SALMA GRANADA of Emporia, Kansas.**

Mrs. Salma Borchert Granada of Emporia, Kans., was born on Easter Sunday, April 13, 1884 at St. Joseph, Michigan. Her parents, Elisabeth and Peter Borchert, then moved to a farm near Lorraine, Kans., where she spent her childhood. At the age of nineteen, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized by the Rev. Robert Stracke.

In 1907 the Borchert family moved to St. Joseph, Michigan. Ten years later they made their home in Hillsboro, Kans., and Salma was married to William Granada. To this union were born two daughters: Mildred Elisabeth and Eunice Marcelle. In 1936 her husband passed to his heavenly reward. In 1944 Mrs. Granada moved to Emporia, Kans., where she was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church. On April 1, 1952 she passed to her heavenly home.

Mrs. Granada is survived by her two daughters: Mrs. Lyle Kennedy of Mt. Carmel, Md., and Mrs. Robert Hume of Emporia, Kans.; two granddaughters: Charlotte Kennedy and Sharon Hume; and one sister, Mrs. John Granada of Emporia, Kansas.

Emporia, Kansas

THE FAMILY.

**MRS. HERMAN LAMPRECHT of Chicago, Illinois.**

Mrs. Herman Lamprecht, nee Freiwald, of Chicago, Ill., was born in Chicago on Dec. 2, 1893 and was called to her heavenly home on June 14, 1952, aged 58 years, 6 months and 12 days. When ten years old, she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized on confession of her faith and received into the fellowship of the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago and remained a faithful member until the time of her death.

On October 6, 1914 she was married to Mr. Herman Lamprecht and shared with him the joys and sorrows of life for 37 and a half years. She is survived by her bereaved husband, three children, two daughters and a son and three grandchildren. Three sisters, Mrs. Carrie Zimmerman, Mrs. Erna Rampke, Mrs. Elvera Peterson, and one brother, Mr. Harold Freiwald, also mourn her untimely death. The funeral services were held in Hammond, Ind., on June 17th. Dr. Miller of the First Baptist Church of Hammond also participated in

the service. May God grant unto all who knew and loved her a glad and eternal reunion in heaven.

East Side Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

HENRY R. SCHROEDER, Pastor.

**MR. RYAN LUBBERS of Tyndall, South Dakota.**

Mr. Henry Lubbers of Tyndall, S. Dak., was born on Feb. 27, 1857 in Ostfriesland, Germany, and died on June 12, 1952 in the Tyndall Hospital at the age of 95. In the year 1866 the Lubbers family came from Germany to the United States, where they settled on a farm in Greenport, Illinois.

As a young man of 21 years of age, Mr. Lubbers was converted and baptized by the Rev. J. Wilkens, and became a member of the Baileyville Baptist Church. On Sept. 1, 1879 he was united in the bonds of holy matrimony with Ella Zimmerman and God blessed their union with nine children, three of whom preceded their father in death. Mrs. Lubbers died in 1927.

In 1883 the Lubbers moved from Baileyville to Parkersburg, Iowa, where they farmed for about ten years. In Parkersburg, Brother Lubbers served as deacon, Sunday School superintendent and young people's president. In 1894 he came with his family to Tyndall, S. Dak., and settled on a farm where he lived until his death.

through his life he enjoyed good health until the last year when his physical strength was impaired by old age. In spite of his age he came regularly to the house of worship. For many years he served as deacon. For many years he was a member of the Tyndall Baptist Church. The pastor of the Tyndall Baptist Church, as well as the members of the church, as well as the members of God's saint. He was a warm friend in

his family to Tyndall, S. Dak., and settled on a farm where he lived until his death. Brother Lubbers is survived by six children: Fred Lubbers, Tyndall, S. Dak., Mrs. Sheffield, Tyndall, S. Dak., Mrs. Freepport, Ill., Mrs. Rusk, Freepport, Ill., Mrs. George Lubbers, India, Ill., Mrs. Albert, Ill., Ill.; 26 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren, many friends and neighbors.

Tyndall, South Dakota

W. STEIN, Pastor.

**REV. JOSEPH SCHLIPF of Rochester, New York.**

"A man who trusted God, whom God could trust." This is the tribute to the Rev. Joseph Schlifp of Rochester, N. Y., which came from his brother, the Rev. Benjamin Schlifp of Cleveland, Ohio. All who knew him agree that he well deserved this evaluation of his Christian life and character. Joseph Schlifp was born in Newark, N. J., on Jan. 29, 1873. He spent part of his boyhood in Jamesburg, N. J. At the age of thirteen he accepted Christ as Savior and received baptism at the hands of his father, the Rev. C. A. Schlifp, pastor of the church.

He received his training for the ministry at our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., from 1890-1896. He married Elizabeth Meyer of Rochester in 1896 and followed a call from the church in Arnprior, Ont., the same year and was ordained in that church. He served other churches in Wisconsin, North Dakota and Saskatchewan. He made an evangelistic tour in the German churches in Rumania. God crowned his pioneer work in North Dakota with many conversions. At a baptismal service in Martin, N. Dak., fifty-six persons followed Christ in the act of obedience and silent confession.

After his withdrawal from the active ministry, he made his home in Rochester, N. Y., the birthplace of Mrs. Schlifp. His two sons made their home here also. Beside these he leaves five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, two brothers and one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Baum of Oak Park, Illinois. As long as health permitted he took an active part in Christian work, not confining it to one church.

He served our Andrews Street Church as deacon and clerk. He always had a joyous testimony for Christ. The fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace—could be seen in his life, which was marked by a deeply grounded faith, and an unshakeable trust in God. He bore his afflictions with patience. The love of Christ constrained him to love everybody. Upon an errand of love he was stricken with a heart attack on June 12th, in his 80th year.

Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, New York

O. E. KRUEGER, Pastor.

**FOOTPRINTS IN THE SANDS OF TIME**

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they had very little of this world's goods, distances were great, and traveling was primitive and expensive.

What an array of names it would be, if we could turn back the pages of records and name them! What a consolation to know that they are written in the records of God and will be rewarded by him. The names of many of these heroic workers have faded from memory, because "a new generation, that knew nothing of Joseph" has arisen, but their names are recorded in God's book of remembrance.

We could sit at the feet of the founders of our denomination, listen to their discussions of the advisability of publishing a religious paper and hymnal, sharing with them the visions of a "field white unto harvest" and sacrificing with them in supporting a crying need. Their willingness to sacrifice was shown when a deficit in the publishing of "Der Sendbote" had been announced, which had been increased because of the theft of \$130 in the mails. An offering was taken and a good brother dumped the contents

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of his purse on the table (a goodly sum), leaving him barely enough for his return ticket.

What a thrill to live over with them the exciting prospects of a "new life in Christ Jesus," sitting "where they sat," venturing out in faith into new projects when they had little or no means to support the undertaking, knowing their trust in God. Some groups claim to be "faith" groups, but insist on the funds being there before proceeding. Our forefathers had even greater faith, undertaking a task without any funds, trusting the Lord would provide. And their faith was rewarded time after time!

It was in 1904 at the General Conference in Chicago, Illinois, when the late Professor L. Kaiser stirred the large audience present. His sum-

mons must be proclaimed anew after 48 years. He said: "We dare to take a firm hold of faith when we gaze into the future before us. New successes seem to beckon us on. All of the land has not been possessed. Our feet have not trod upon all the soil that God has promised us. Oh, woe unto us if our lack of faith knocks the weapons of victory out of our hands or if the spirit of compromise robs us of the strength to serve and the joy to labor. God grant that we may have the faith of Adoniram Judson, who was asked the question after many years of apparent lack of results in missionary work in Burma: 'My prospects are just as bright as the promises of God!'"

May not our prayer as individuals, as well as churches be:

"God give us men!  
A time like this demands,  
Strong minds, great hearts,  
True faith and ready hands."

As we stand in the midst of the footprints of the sands of time we shall behold:

"A noble army, men and boys,  
The matron and the maid,  
Around the Savior's throne rejoice,  
In robes of light array;  
They climbed the steep ascents of heaven  
Though peril, toil and pain.  
O God, to us may grace be given  
TO FOLLOW IN THEIR TRAIN."

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