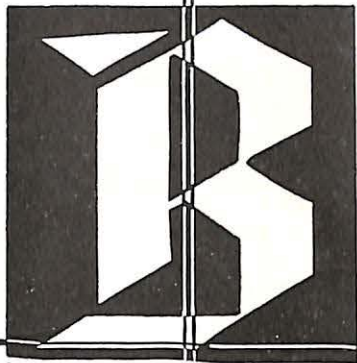


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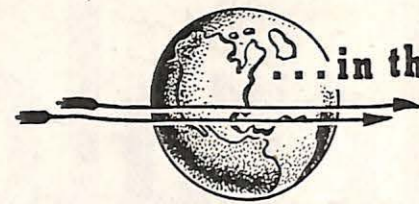
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● Refusal to carry liquor advertising has cost radio station KOMA, Tulsa, Okla., its place in the Mutual Broadcasting System. The radio station is owned by John Brown University.—Moody Monthly.

● A Federation of Former Communists is being organized in Washington, D.C., known as "The Christianform." It developed two years ago by Major Nicholas T. Nonnemacher, a World War II fighter pilot. A group of sixty Catholic and Protestant young people from 19 to 30 years of age are said to form the nucleus of the Washington branch of "The Christianform."—The Register.

● "The Old Rugged Cross" was recently selected as the favorite hymn in a national hymn poll conducted by the Word of Life Fellowship, New York City, over its weekly radio program and telecast, according to Jack Wyrzten, director. Next in order of preference were, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "In the Garden," "It is No Secret" and "The Love of God."—Moody Monthly.

● The American Baptist Foreign Mission Society has decided to open a new mission field in Thailand (Siam) for a ministry particularly among the Karens and the Chinese. Many of these are refugees from Baptist areas in Burma and China. With an approximate area of 200,000 square miles, Thailand has a population of 19,000,000, of whom nearly 4,000,000 are Chinese. There is a Chinese Baptist Church at Bangkok, which was founded by a Baptist missionary in 1835.—Missions.

● Nearly one-half of amnesia cases investigated by a trio of University of Pennsylvania neurologists during an eight-year study of fifty-nine patients are attributed to malingering. Malingering is described as "the feigning of illness, or incapacity for service." In their report the neurologists say, "In malingering and hysterical cases, amnesia is used by the patients as a means to escape unpleasant situations or their consequences. By feigning amnesia, the forgetter gained sympathy, shelter, or personal oblivion at a moment when maintenance of identity would have meant serious consequences."—Signs of the Times.

● All Christian bodies in India, missions and churches, are cooperating to observe the 1900th anniversary of the Apostle Thomas' going to India. Steps are being taken to have a com-

FRONT COVER
The front cover picture shows Walter (Butch) Gebauer, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer, playing with a small African antelope at Bamenda. The fine picture was taken by Missionary Gilbert Schneider. It reminds us that Children's Sunday is almost here (June 8) when our Sunday School children present their special programs.

bined celebration of all the churches and missions working in India on a nation-wide scale. A tour to places associated with the Apostle Thomas is planned this year in India. A bus pilgrimage may be started from Cranganore, where Thomas is said to have landed, and pass through Parus, Niranom and Quirlom, which are sites of churches founded by him, and through many other places of interest in the Syrian church history.—The Watchman-Examiner.

● Churches on the Kansas plains are harvesting money this year. The reason is that tithing has greatly increased their spiritual and material yield. One church reports that over 60 percent of the members had become tithers. Another church reports that fourteen of the fifteen members of the finance committee are tithers. The Rev. Clayton Brown named three results of the tithing program in Kansas: 1) Many people began to think and talk about tithing, 2) the Tithing Adventure caused many to reconsecrate their lives, and 3) those churches that followed this program had notable increases in their giving to local current expenses and in giving to missions.—The Baptist News.

● A crime wave has been sweeping Istanbul, Turkey. It was climaxed some weeks by a number of sensational murders committed by people belonging to the more cultural classes. The mayor called a conference of high government officials and eminent professors of medicine, law, economics and sociology to investigate the whole situation. These men discovered that most of the crimes committed in the city are perpetrated by visitors from the provinces. They also came to the conclusion that wide circulation of gangster films, bad examples set by parents, and the general weakening of moral standards are actively creating an atmosphere favorable to crime. They also agreed that punishment is too lenient.—Christian Century.

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

SUMMER CONFERENCES

- June 4-8—Alberta-Sask. Central Association at Golden Prairie, Sask. Rev. Hugo Lueck, Speaker.
- June 5-8—Kansas Young People's Assembly at Camp Fellowship near Wichita, Kansas. Rev. R. Schilke, Guest Speaker.
- June 12-15—Alberta Association at Wiesenthal Church, Millet, Alberta. Dr. George A. Lang, Guest Speaker.
- June 12-15—Northern North Dakota Association at Underwood, North Dakota. Prof. Ralph E. Powell, Guest Speaker.
- June 12-15—Manitoba Triunion and Association (Place Uncertain). Prof. Herbert Hiller and Rev. W. J. Luebeck, Guest Speakers.
- June 17-21—Minnesota Young People's Camp at Lake Independence, Loretto, Minnesota. Prof. Herbert Hiller and Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Guest Speaker.
- June 17-22—Southern Conference Young People's Encampment at Latham Springs, Texas. Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, Guest Speakers.
- June 18-22—Central Dakota Association at Bismarck, North Dakota. Prof. R. P. Jeschke and Rev. W. J. Luebeck, Guest Speakers.

ENGAGEMENTS

- Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist
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June 8-20—Fenwood, Sask.

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Editorial

A Good Start in Life

A GREAT DEAL of life's success is due to a good start. That fact makes the training of a child exceedingly important. It justifies the repeated preparations year after year for Children's Day. This and focuses attention upon the spiritual significance of every start that is made in a growing life.

No one can minimize the influence of Christian surroundings. It belongs to a good start in life. It ought to be the heritage of every child. Our lives are constantly being influenced by everything of every us with which we come in contact. Much of this goes on without our giving definite, conscious thought to it. But the power to mould and to direct is there. A life is being shaped in these early years.

It behooves us therefore to create surroundings that will be wholesome, upbuilding and Christian, as far as possible. This can easily be done in the home and Sunday School. We can help to develop the right choices in the life of the child. We can bring constructive criticism to bear upon the community, school environment and social surroundings, in which our children live and grow up, especially if these surroundings need to be made more Christian. But the setting of a child's start in life is important. We can never lose sight of that!

There is also the power of Christ-like examples. To whom do the children look up in the formative years of their lives? Who are their heroes? The answer to these questions can almost completely tell you the story of their unfolding growth. It helps greatly to a good start in life. The Apostle Paul was aware of this in his young friend, Timothy, when he called "to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois and thy mother Eunice and I am persuaded that in thee also" (2 Timothy 1:5). Parents, teachers, chums, friends, even acquaintances are touching young lives constantly with the tremendous moulding power of their Christian example.

Let us not forget the blessing of spiritual seed that is generously sown in the lives of those who are just starting out. Everything depends on the kind of seed that is sown! "My word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11). It is important how the seed is sown, in what spirit it is scattered. But we have this assurance that his Word will not return void, that our labor in the Lord is not in vain, that "whoso shall receive one such little child in my name, receiveth me" (Matthew 18:5). That is Christ's promise with eternal reward for everyone that helps to give a child a good start in life.

This ought to be the blessing of Children's Day with its colorful programs, its gay laughter and cheerful singing, its generous offerings for the Chapel Building Fund of the denomination and its challenge for the entire year. This is one of our greatest privileges and responsibilities, to give every child a good start in life!

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Room for Jesus!

The amazing story of Tafu, the juju priest and sorcerer of Mbem, Cameroons, who burned his fetishes to make room for Jesus in his heart, and who courageously faced trouble and persecution for his decision

By MISS MYRTLE WEELDREYER, Missionary at Mbem

finished, I was called out of the women's class by Thomas. He was almost bursting with joy as he related to me his experience in his class of town men. Although only three men had attended his class, he had much reason to rejoice.

One of them was Tafu, one of the big men of the town, whom Thomas had visited a number of times in his home to talk about his need to come to Jesus. Thomas was teaching about John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." He gave as an example the drawing power of a magnet, how it can draw a piece of steel to it, comparing it to the drawing power of the love of Jesus and how this love draws men to himself.

TAFU'S DECISION

Suddenly Tafu arose to his feet declaring that Jesus was drawing him to himself, and that he wanted to burn his juju to make room for Jesus as he had heard in the previous service. When Thomas asked him if he would like him to call together some of the Christians to witness this, he readily agreed, but he wanted to do it immediately. His own children, who were all Christians or attending Inquirer's class, rejoiced that their prayers had been answered.

The Mbem missionaries, along with the Michelsons, who were temporarily teaching in the Bible School, and a group of the native Christians followed the man to his compound. It was a happy, excited procession wending its way to witness this event.

But he did not stop at his house to burn his juju. Where was he lead-

A THRILLING STORY

This is the most exciting missionary story which the BAPTIST HERALD has published in the past decade. It is a story in three parts, which begins on this page and continues with "The Talk of the Town" by Mrs. Lois Ahrens on page 14. We have published all three articles in this number so that the reader can feel all the tingle of excitement and the full dramatic impact of this true missionary tale!

ing us? On he went until he reached his "sacred grove," the place where he had always made his juju.

Yes, he meant business! In a big basket he had gathered his many fetishes. Among them were bones, some human ones, feathers, teeth and the like. These were the things he had used during his priesthood. There was a small, carved wooden idol and a calabash with a wooden head resembling an animal. These had all been handed down to him from his fathers from one generation to another as a sacred trust. This means there is no one to carry on this juju (priesthood) for that particular clan.

Fearlessly he placed his basket with all his fetishes on the dry grass which he ignited with a flint. Then he stood back as we all witnessed the victory, the joy, which transfigured his face. Anyone seeing that radiant expression and that look of triumph in his eyes could not doubt the transformation that had come over this man. Truly, "he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

TROUBLE AHEAD!

As the last embers burned away the Rev. Edwin Michelson read from God's Word the passage so fitting for this occasion, Exodus 23:24-26—"Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works; but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images. And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water: and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land; the number of thy days I will fulfill."

While Tafu was listening to these words he said, "Mela poi," meaning that he was finished with it all and washed his hands of all the "old things." That very afternoon he went to tell of the "good news" and to witness to another big man in a neighboring compound. He told him what Jesus had done for him, warning him that he was now without excuse, for he had heard.

This event could not have occurred at a more strategic time, for that same week was "Soh Juju," a big affair for

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Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer

A glowing testimony by MRS. KATHERINE BORNSCHLEGEL of Emery, South Dakota, widow of one of our former pastors, and now 82 years of age

"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:7-8).

CHRIST'S COMING to this sinful earth to die the cruel death on the cross meant far more than merely dying as one man would for another man. It meant leaving the glories of heaven, where he was the brightness of God's glory and the express image of his Person (Heb. 1:3); where in the beginning the Lord laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens were the work of his hands (Heb. 1:10); where all things were made by him (John 1:3); where the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy (Job 38:7) at the wonderful work of creation. In Proverbs 8:30 we read: "Then I was daily with him as one brought up with him, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him."

HE CAME PREACHING

All these glories of heaven, which cannot be described nor comprehended, and his loving fellowship with his Father, Christ left in order to come to this sinful earth. He made himself of no reputation, took on him the form of a servant, had nowhere to lay his head, and was despised and rejected of sinful men while he preached the Gospel to the poor, healed the broken-hearted, preached deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, set at liberty them that are bruised and preached the acceptable year of the Lord (Luke 4:18-19). He not only preached but also performed these wonderful works among men while on earth.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, while on earth, spent whole nights in prayer and fellowship and understanding love with the Father who so loved the world that he gave his Son to redeem the world. In his high priestly prayer, Christ recounted the glories which he had with the Father before the world was and committed those who would believe on him into the Father's care.

Likewise, the Father yearned for his Son. His voice was heard from heaven on different occasions, saying: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Hear him." When the Lord Jesus prayed to the Father to glorify his Name, the answer came



The Rev. and Mrs. George Bornschlegel at their golden wedding anniversary on May 25, 1942 when they were still living in Omaha, Nebraska. Since then Mr. Bornschlegel has been called to his heavenly Home.

from heaven: "I have glorified my name and will glorify it again." Also the angels who adored Christ in heaven, brought the glad tidings to earth when the Savior was born and, when Christ was tempted in the wilderness, angels ministered unto him. While he was in agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, sorrowful unto death, so that his sweat was like great drops of blood and his disciples were sleeping, an angel strengthened him.

HE BORE THE CROSS

At the trial, Christ Jesus was falsely accused, spat upon, mocked, scourged, crowned with thorns. There he stood alone as one judged for our sins, yet he knew no sin. On the cross he bore the awful pains of a crucified one, but the soul agony was much greater for he hung on the cross condemned and made a curse for the sins

THE AUTHOR

On May 17, 1952 Mrs. Katherine Bornschlegel arrived at her 82nd milestone in life. She is now living with a daughter, Mrs. John H. Jansen of Emery, South Dakota. She is a member of the Emery Baptist Church of which the Rev. Roy Seibel is the pastor. A son, Ted Bornschlegel, who submitted the manuscript for his mother, lives in Anaheim, California.

of the world. "He was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities" (Isaiah 53:5). He bore it all alone; no angel came to strengthen him. Darkness was round about him. He cried out: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

At last it was finished, our great salvation, the work of redemption. "By his stripes we are healed." Loving hands laid his body in the grave but he arose again the third day and angels heralded his resurrection and said to the women, "Go, tell!"

HE INTERCEDES FOR US

The Lord Jesus Christ then showed himself to his disciples and spoke peace and love to their troubled minds and hearts. Before he ascended into heaven to be our Advocate with the Father, he gave command to his disciples to preach the Gospel of salvation to all the world.

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25).

"Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.
Oh, love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure —
The saints' and angels' song."
—F. M. Lehman.

SAVIOR AND REDEEMER

O my Savior and Redeemer,
How I love thy holy name!
Thou hast guided me through shadow
And through sunshine, just the same.

Thou wert with me when the morning
Of my life was bright and sweet,
With me when life's dearest treasures
"Lay in ashes at my feet."

How I've felt thy holy presence,
In each hour of deep despair,
Knowing that thy love still brooded
Over me in tender care;

Knowing that no grief could touch me
Were it not thy sovereign will,
Hearing o'er the stormy waters,
"Peace, O troubled heart, be still."

How I've proved thy tender mercies,
Ever, always, just the same;
O my Savior and Redeemer,
How I love thy precious name!



The beautiful sanctuary of the Benke Memorial Chapel on the Indian Bull Reserve of Alberta, Canada, reflected in the quiet waters of a nearby pool, as photographed by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner on the day before Good Friday, April 4, 1952.

Easter Sunday on the Bull Reserve

By MR. RAYMOND HARSCH, Newly Appointed Missionary to the Indians on the Bull Reserve, Near Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada

THE EASTER DAY brought joy to the disciples. To the first generation of saints, the resurrection meant reunion with their blessed Lord and empowerment for his service (Acts 1:8). His death and resurrection were to become both a doctrine and a dynamic in their witness. To them the resurrection became the source of joy and spiritual blessings.

As we read the Acts, we see the apostles placing this great truth in the forefront of their teaching and preaching with remarkable results. Belief in such a fact changed the whole face of the world, and within a few decades it was carried to the utmost bounds of the Roman Empire, which was turned upside down by the message of Christ as the Conqueror of death.

THE BENKE CHAPEL

Easter brings joy to all who believe. Are we not privileged to live on the resurrection side of Calvary and have the bells of joy, hope, assurance and triumph ringing in our hearts?

The hearts of the Indian Christians are filled with thanksgiving because the good news of the resurrection of Christ and his saving power has been given to them. We as ambassadors of Christ are very happy that the Master has spurred us on to spread this good

news among the Indians on the Bull Reserve. It has given us great joy to see precious Indian souls rejoice in the Lord.

The Easter season has been a blessed one on the Bull Reserve in Alberta, Canada, not only because it is the time when our Savior rose from the grave, but because it was the first Easter services to be held in the new chapel, known as the Benke Memorial Baptist Chapel. This new edifice has certainly brought much joy to our Indian friends. Many of the Indian friends have looked forward prayerfully for many years to this new house of worship which the Lord has given them.

On Good Friday many of the Indians came to the service held at 10:30 A.M. in remembrance of the pain and agony Jesus bore on the cross for the lost souls of this sinful world. Several Indians who know the Lord as their Savior gave inspiring and heart stirring testimonies.

In John 20:1 we read, "The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre." When Mary came to the tomb with the spices, she found the stone rolled away and the Savior not there. The Savior had risen. A never ending stream of joy went from Christ's empty tomb. Gladness quickly

followed gloom on the resurrection morning.

So in remembrance of this great resurrection morning, several of the Indians met with us on top of the hill, just in front of the old chapel, for a sunrise service as the sun was moving over the horizon. It was a beautiful morning with all of God's wonders of nature portraying his love and power all about us. After a brief service, we all knelt in prayer giving God the praise and thanks for his unspeakable gift. It was on this very hill that the late Rev. F. W. Benke would often stand and send forth musical strains of Gospel hymns on his trumpet.

EASTER SERVICES

Then at 10:15 o'clock we could hear the rumbling of wagons and the trotting of horses coming towards the Baptist Church for the Easter service. It was during this service that the children of the reserve presented their Easter program. All of the Indians came to the service in their best and brightest apparel. The children presented their recitations and Easter songs very well, not just to please their parents and missionaries, but as unto the Lord. Some of these boys and girls have surrendered their young lives to the Lord, and have been little witnesses

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The Baptist Temple of Philadelphia

Some interesting facts about the Grace Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., and its famous pastor, Dr. Russell H. Conwell, as well as about its present dynamic preacher, Dr. Norman W. Paullin, who will address the General Conference sessions from August 20 to 26, 1952

By MRS. WINIFRED J. GOEBEL and the Philadelphia Publicity Committee for the General Conference

ON THE WEST WALL of the sanctuary at the Grace Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa., a modest bronze plaque is placed in loving memory of Russell Herman Conwell, who was the beloved pastor there for many years. Indeed, the Temple itself could well be pointed out as a memorial to the greatness of this man of God, as could the surrounding buildings of Temple University and, farther north in the city, the Temple University Hospital. These are all an outgrowth of the spirit which Russell Conwell was able to impart to his fellow-citizens.

He was born in Worthington, Mass., in 1842, and spent his early years in that state. He studied law at Yale University, leaving there to join the Union forces in the Civil War, in which he rose to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. After the war, he practiced law in Minnesota, then went to Europe as foreign correspondent for the "New York Tribune" and "Boston Traveler." He returned to the United States in 1870 and resumed the practice of law in Boston. During the next nine years his reputation as lecturer became well known and he was much in demand in this capacity.

RUSSELL H. CONWELL, PREACHER

At the same time, he began to feel a calling to the ministry and finally surrendered to this call and prepared himself for this work. In 1879 he was ordained, and his first pastorate was in Lexington, Massachusetts. All the qualities which had made him a brilliant lawyer, newspaperman and lecturer, were now turned to the service of his Lord, and under the leading of the Holy Spirit, he became a dynamic preacher and exponent of the Word of God.

In 1881, the people of Grace Baptist Church in Philadelphia called him to the pastorate of their church. Consequently, on Thanksgiving Day, 1881, he found himself the leader of a small but faithful group of 300 constituents. In an incredibly short time the little mission church was inadequate to accommodate the large number of people to hear the Word of God preached by this man. Therefore, the beautiful Grace Baptist Church, also known as

the Baptist Temple, was built, and Russell Conwell continued to lead thousands of men to God.

It was during his pastorate at the Temple, that two young men came to Dr. Conwell for advice. They desired to give themselves and their lives to God's service, but were financially unable to attend a college or seminary to equip themselves for such calling. Dr. Conwell told them if they could find a few more young men with a similar problem, he would teach them himself at the Temple. His first class consisted of ten young men. As an outgrowth of these classes, in 1888 Conwell founded Temple University for deserving but financially handicapped students.

Even today, more than three-fourths of its students earn all or part of their tuition. Dr. Conwell was the first president of Temple University. From his lectures and books, he made six to eight million dollars, and gave most of it to the University and its Hospital. His most famous lecture, "Acres of Diamonds," was given more than six

thousand times. Among his books are biographies of Bayard Taylor, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, and James G. Blaine, as well as "Lives of the Presidents."

In 1923 he received the Edward Bok prize of \$10,000 known as the Philadelphia Award, established in 1921 for bestowal upon the man or woman in Philadelphia who has contributed services that were of signal help to the city's civic and social welfare.

In 1925, Russell Conwell went to be with the Lord whom he had served faithfully and well, leaving behind him the Temple University, the Temple Hospital, and Grace Baptist Church, to continue the ministry to man's mind, body and soul.

PHILADELPHIA'S BAPTIST TEMPLE

The Grace Baptist Church was founded as a mission in 1870. It was organized as a church in 1872, beginning its worship in a tent at Mervine and Berks Streets. It had finally completed its stone edifice late in 1882, when the church called Russell H. Conwell to be its pastor. At that time the membership was almost 300. Soon, at the evening services, many could not get in, even after the seating capacity had been increased from 600 to 900.

A little five-year-old girl, Hattie May Wiatt, was crowded out of the Sunday School early in 1884. She began saving her pennies to build a larger one. A few weeks later she died, leaving 57 cents in a red pocketbook, which was turned over to Pastor Conwell. This was the nucleus of the building fund which culminated in the purchase of the present site of the Temple in 1886. The present church building was first occupied on Sunday, March 1, 1891. The Upper Temple seated slightly over 3,000, and in four years the membership had grown to that figure. The Tioga Baptist Church, organized in 1891, and the Logan Baptist Church, organized in 1901, were the outgrowth of the Temple's home missionary work.

In 1891 the Temple Guard was organized for young boys of the church and Sunday School. Fully equipped

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Dr. Norman W. Paullin, pastor of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pa., who will bring the daily Bible expositions and devotional messages at the General Conference from August 20 to 26, 1952.

Baptist Relief in Germany

The first of a series of two articles about the relief ministry of the Baptist World Alliance in Germany and with observations of life in post-war Europe

By MR. HERMAN STREUBER of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Baptist Relief Representative

AFTER having accepted the call from the Baptist World Alliance to go over to Germany and to organize the emigration of our German Baptist refugees and expellees, I left Quebec on board the "S.S. Empress of Scotland" on September 20, 1950. Mrs. Streuber was not with me at that time. She followed me later in June 1951.

I stopped a few days at London visiting a number of Canadian Offices and also the Allied High Commission in order to get the necessary special entry permit for Germany. On October 4, 1950 I set foot on German soil. About 50 years ago we had emigrated from Germany and our last visit had



Mr. and Mrs. Herman Streuber of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada (front row, center, right and left), with several refugees, mostly Baptists, in the Bremen Camp for Refugees under the auspices of the Canadian Christian Council for Resettlement of Refugees (CCRR).

been 25 years ago. Much has happened since then, and particularly five terrible years of war had left their imprint everywhere. The first impression I received was that of destruction. It struck me when coming in by train that nearly all the railway stations were badly damaged. There were no roofs over most of them, and that meant no shelter against rain or snow when boarding or leaving the trains.

ARRIVAL IN BREMEN

In Bremen I was welcomed by representatives of our CCCRR (Canadian Christian Council for Resettlement of Refugees). This CCCRR was organized at Ottawa in June 1947, and this was the first step toward helping German refugees and expellees to immi-

grate into Canada. Up to that time, the Canadian laws did not permit immigration of people of ethnic German origin and less so of German nationals. Associated with us in this CCCRR organization are also the Lutheran and Mennonite churches of Canada whose efforts are mainly financed by their respective churches in the United States.

In fall 1950, the Allied Occupational Powers were still exercising a much greater control in Germany than they are doing now, and travelling and living there were quite a problem. For that reason a number of privileges were usually granted to citizens of Allied countries who were engaged in

work helpful in the coming back of Germany and, as in our case, bringing benefits to thousands of stranded people who had become a burden to the country.

Since the Baptist World Alliance, the World Council of Churches, and the International Refugee Organizations were highly recognized relief organizations, the United States and British military authorities granted us the privilege to travel and sleep on their military trains and planes, free of charge, to stay at their occupied hotels, to eat at their messes and restaurants, and to buy at their stores at very reasonable prices. These granted privileges were not only a convenience for those who were entitled to use them but also a great saving of ex-

penses for their respective voluntary agencies. In obtaining these many privileges we, as the Baptist World Alliance representatives, are particularly grateful to the various officers of the World Council of Churches and the International Refugee Organization for their advice and assistance.

OFFICE IN STUTTGART

Dr. W. O. Lewis of London, England, director of relief for Europe for the Baptist World Alliance, had flown to Germany prior to my arrival in order to pave the way for me. He came to Bremen with the Rev. Kenneth Norquist who is the representative of Baptist World Alliance Relief for Germany with offices in Stuttgart, and all three of us went by car to Stuttgart where our immigration office was in due course of time opened. I was also able to live at Stuttgart at some U.S. Officers' Bachelor Quarters, which were taken up in a large confiscated dwelling.

However, by the time Mrs. Streuber arrived in Germany, the occupation forces had increased to such an extent that we were unable to get an apartment for the two of us. It was also impossible to find a decent room or rooms in a German family or home. So there was no other choice for me but to stay in my Bachelor Quarters while Mrs. Streuber rented a room in a German hotel which was close to my quarters and office. It was further a very inconvenient matter that the hotel room could not be rented for a month or for a longer period (due to regulations by the German "Wohnungsamt")—Rental Office. Every time Mrs. Streuber returned from a trip she had to make a new reservation for a hotel room.

The United States Army has built and is still building large, modern apartment blocks for the army personnel and their dependents since so many of these families are still separated due to the housing shortage.

But the housing problem is even more critical for the German population. It made me very sad, and many a question came to my mind as to the sense of waging war when I saw that hundreds of thousands of small homes and large apartment blocks, public buildings and even hospitals, and numerous churches that had been destroyed by bombing. Nearly every-

where the debris was being cleared away.

Only here and there smaller or larger pieces of walls would remind the passerby of what had once been there. In some cities where they did not know where to put all the debris, they hauled it into some open lots, perhaps to the outskirts, grass was sown on them, and now they help to beautify the landscape. We saw one such "mountain" in Berlin near the Tempelhof airfield.

CORPSES IN THE RUINS

In Pforzheim it struck me to see little wooden crosses arising out of the debris. Upon inquiring I was told that there were still corpses beneath the ruins. Pforzheim, once a thriving industrial city where fine instruments were manufactured, was practically erased during one night's air raid. About 40,000 people lost their lives during that night.

Passing by streetcar through Hamburg one day I noticed a wide area which was covered with ground red bricks, the way our tennis courts are covered. When I asked the motor-man why these large areas were not built on, he replied that large apartment blocks in which tens of thousands of people had once lived had been there, and the owners of the apartment houses to whom these lots still belonged had no money to start rebuilding.

Nevertheless, I must say that the program of reconstruction has made wonderful progress during the fifteen months while I lived in Germany. Most of the railway stations had repaired roofs or new roofs over the station buildings and platforms, houses were repaired, and many new buildings constructed.

However, the city fathers of some German cities have their problems how best to construct. In many of these old German cities you will find the quaint, crooked, narrow streets. In order to meet the needs of the ever-growing traffic, adjustments have to be made, and that causes headaches and delay in the reconstruction here and there.

LIVING CONDITIONS

The stores in the West Zones are well supplied with goods, and not only with things that are essential to life but also with such commodities that make life more comfortable. This was not so during the years of 1945 through 1948. It was then when people used to walk for miles in order to get an extra loaf of bread. Others went by train into the country sometimes to exchange their last belongings for some food. The farmers made very good bargains, and it is said that some of them had great supplies of rugs, linen, clothing, jewels, etc.

A German joke may illustrate this. A farmer when being asked for a bag



Refugees like these two women number hundreds of thousands in Germany, living in overcrowded camps and waiting hopefully for an opportunity to emigrate to America.

full of potatoes in exchange for a Persian rug exclaimed: "Oh my, again a rug! I have plenty of rugs. My hogs, my cows, my horses, they all have rugs in their stalls. What I still need are golden earrings for my cows." It was during that time that stout men and women reduced considerably in weight and sometimes got down to a hundred pounds and less.

I think all of us on this continent have heard of the alarming conditions existing in Germany at that time. Our North American Baptist Conference was the first Baptist group to take up the challenge and to send at first parcel post packages with relief goods to Germany. Later, when the regulations were changed and eased, we sent bulk shipments of food and clothing to our suffering brethren in Germany and Austria.

The Baptist World Alliance had a comprehensive relief program for these devastated countries, and over nine million dollars worth of relief goods have gone there through its channels. Wherever I came in contact with our Baptist brethren and churches, I was asked to pass on the heartfelt thanks to the brethren on this continent for their wonderful deeds of charity. Many of our German Baptist brethren confessed that they would have actually

CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM on Sunday, June 8, 1952

Program material has been sent to all churches.

Offerings for the Chapel Building Fund of the denomination.

starved if it had not been for the help which came to them from Baptists on this continent, "In the Name of Christ."

RELIGIOUS REVIVAL

Our Baptist church services everywhere in Germany are well attended. In many places our Lutheran brethren are also very active, and their services are also well attended. However, there are other places where the state church members do not show much interest in religious life. Many a soul turned to God when all the earthly goods were gone. But, unfortunately, there are even more who have become indifferent to God and Christianity. In my opinion, the Nazi regime and its theories helped a great deal toward this sad development.

Often I wondered whether Germans had really committed such crimes as they were accused of in our newspapers. However, when I saw the gas chambers and crematories in the concentration camp of Dachau near Munich and when I talked to people who knew a little more about it, I became convinced by the facts.

One of our Baptist pastors told me: "We knew nothing. But one day my brother had to take an order to one such camp. When returning from there, his family noticed a frightened and changed expression on his face from which they concluded that something terrible must have happened to him. However, he would not talk about it, not even to his wife. Only after the end of the war would he open his heart to us. Then he told us of the things which he had seen in the camp while handing his order over to the camp officer. If it had leaked out what he had seen, it would have meant the end for him and his family." Well, such are the consequences of a fanatic one-sided regime!

As a result of World War II many people are rather nervous. But when you hear what they had to go through, that they had to rush several times during the day and during the night down to the air-raid shelters in order to save their lives, one understands why the people here and there have suffered physically and mentally. As a further result of World War II one can see plenty of cripples, but not only among adults but also among children.

The spirit of the old German "Beamtentum" (bureaucracy) is still alive among the German population. You will meet with it here and there in the trains, in the streetcars, or when dealing with German authorities. We often noticed the discrimination made between "Germans" and "Americans." While Germans in disputes or even in ordinary dealings among themselves are sometimes a "little rough," to put it mildly, they are generally very polite toward us "Americans." Canadians are generally called Americans too.

(To Be Concluded)

Seminary Chorus Concert Tour

A Report About the Easter Holiday Trip to Nebraska and Kansas
by DR. RALPH E. POWELL, Chorus Director

WITH CONSIDERABLE apprehension due to some of the worst flood conditions in history, but with trust and confidence in God's providential protection, the Male Chorus of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, started out on its scheduled concert tour over the extended Easter weekend. After a touching season of earnest prayer, beseeching the Lord for journeying mercies and for a ministry of rich blessings in song and word, the men set out in private cars for their appointments in Nebraska and Kansas on Thursday, April 10. A bus had been chartered for the tour, but only a few days before leaving time the contract was cancelled in view of load limitations on roads due to soft road beds and flood conditions.

The highway leading to Beatrice, Neb., was in doubtful condition, since

the primary dike had broken in the Sioux City area, but cars were able to get through the flood zone by taking a short detour. Soon after the chorus passed through the danger area, the secondary dike gave way and from that time on no traffic was permitted to go through that general region. So it was with a spirit of great thanksgiving for God's providential protection that our seminary men sang their first concert at our West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Neb., to the largest congregation assembled there in recent years on Thursday evening, April 10.

After a long, rainy drive over a bumpy highway and then on slick, muddy Kansas roads, the chorus arrived at the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County near Elmo, Kans., where the Ebenezer and Mount Zion Baptist churches were also cooperating in sponsoring the concert. In spite of the

unfavorable weather, a good number of people traveled far to be present for this Good Friday program on April 11.

At Tabor College auditorium in Hillsboro, Kans., where the Emmanuel and Strassburg Baptist church people from Marion, together with those of the First Baptist Church of Durham, gathered on Saturday night, the chorus sang enthusiastically and the program was well received by an appreciative audience.

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday, April 13, was a big day with concerts at Stafford, Ellinwood (the Bison Baptist Church cooperating), and Lorraine, Kansas. It was a strenuous day of travel and singing, but the men gave of their best, which was easy to do, since in every place visited they were hospitably received and graciously entertained by the good people of our North American Baptist fellowship. At the end of a long day the chorus sang magnificently in the evening service, bringing Easter Sunday to a grand spiritual climax.

On Monday evening, April 14, at the Bethany Baptist Church of Vesper, Kans., it was a joy to have people in the congregation who had never been in church before. Thus, the concert had definite evangelistic values, as did also the broadcast the following day over station KJSK of Columbus, Nebraska.

The final concert of the tour was at Creston with the Shell Creek Baptist Church cooperating. Our seminary men were thankful that here we had one of the best concerts with which to conclude the itinerary before driving back to Sioux Falls. They arrived home in the "wee" hours on Wednesday morning, April 16, but at 8:00 A.M. classes were held "as usual."

SINCERE GRATITUDE

The Seminary Male Chorus is grateful for all the accommodations which our churches made to make this tour possible. Meals were wonderful; housing provisions excellent. The pastors and various congregations were most gracious in receiving the twenty-two men, and it was certainly a privilege to become acquainted with so many loyal Christian people of our denomination. Among the many benefits of the trip were contacts made with prospective students for our school and good will established in the Southwestern Conference.



The Student Chorus of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with Dr. Ralph E. Powell as director.

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY

The speaker at the commencement exercises of the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on Sunday, May 18, was Dr. A. Dale Ihrie of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan. The baccalaureate speaker on Sunday morning was the Rev. John Wobig of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon. Dr. Frank H.

Woyke, the executive secretary, addressed the alumni banquet gathering on Friday evening, May 16.

A full report about the commencement exercises will appear in a forthcoming issue. Nine young men were in the graduating class of 1952. Most of these have already been placed in North American Baptist churches.

Publishing the Good News

The report of the annual session of the Publication Board held on April 25 by the Rev. Robert Schreiber, Secretary of the Board

"And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region" (Acts 13:49).

ANOTHER YEAR of activity of the Roger Williams Press has come to a close, and we are grateful to God for the privilege of publishing the good news of Jesus Christ in this country and abroad. The reports that were brought to the annual meeting on April 25 were encouraging as well as optimistic in their attitude towards the future work of our publication ministry.

Due to some extra financial help that came to us in the course of the year, we were able to conclude the past year without a deficit. In view of the fact that we have incurred some fairly large deficits during the past years, we consider this to be a major source of our rejoicing. However, it is an impossibility to measure in terms of dollars and cents the spiritual value of the work such as that which is carried on by our Press. Dr. Leuschner expressed it very well when in his report he mentioned the fact that it is the dominating purpose of our publications "to present the best in spiritual articles and messages as prepared by our own people."

For this spiritual ministry we are grateful and praise God for those victories which are not immediately evident either in a financial report or in any other kind of report. We shall have to wait for eternity to reveal these evidences.

As we considered the expanding work of our publication ministry, we also realize that our work cannot be carried on effectively with antiquated equipment. Consequently a two-year program for the replacement of major items of equipment has been instituted. For the first year we plan to replace the large press and the folder. These two items will cost approximately \$10,000 but their saving in time and money cannot be measured by the original cost.

For the second year the plan is to replace other major items of equipment at an approximate cost of \$15,000. We are certain that the denomination will look with favor upon such a plan to increase the efficiency of our plant at Cleveland, Ohio.

For the past several years a constitution committee has been working to revise our constitution in order to bring it into conformity with the General Conference constitution. This revised constitution has been approved

by the board and will be submitted for approval at the General Conference at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Our children's paper, "Salute," has been one of the major problems with which we have had to wrestle in the past two years. While we are convinced of the need for the ministry of such a paper, we are also aware of the fact that we are not reaching as many of the boys and girls of junior

and intermediate age as we would like. This problem has been met objectively and we are seeking to work out a satisfactory solution that will produce the effects which should come through such a paper. In the meantime, we would again heartily recommend "Salute" to the Sunday Schools of our denominational churches.

In concluding this report, we want to express our deepest appreciation to the editors and the business manager who have labored so faithfully and sacrificially to make this encouraging report possible. We commend all of them to our denominational constituency and request that their ministry be made a regular burden of prayer, both in private and public devotional life.

Thanks for Your Letters!

We would like all North American Baptists to know that their prayers and kind words have not been in vain since the death of our baby, Mary Alice, on February 11, 1952

By GILBERT and MILDRED SCHNEIDER, Cameroons Missionaries

THIS OPEN LETTER is in response to the many letters and cards we have received since the death of our baby, expressing sympathy and giving encouragement. It would be impossible to answer each one personally. We would like you to know, however, that your prayers and kind words have not been in vain. When sorrow falls there is little anyone can do to ease the loss, but it has comforted us to know that there are heartfelt thoughts and earnest prayers from others who understand and care. We know our heavenly Father makes no mistakes, and having loved ones with him makes heaven and all its precious promises just that much nearer.

We would like to share with you some of the thoughts that were especially helpful to us from the many letters and cards which are still coming in. Perhaps someone who reads this can also find peace and encouragement in his sorrows. We are thankful to Mrs. Richard Schilke who referred us to 2 Cor. 1, 3 and 4: "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."

We labor in a land where there is much opportunity to comfort the troubled and sorrowing and most of them are unsaved. We do pray that our ministry of comfort to others may

now be more valuable. Many are the sorrowing parents of this land whose babies have been lost through sickness and death. Even though it may be through tears, perhaps we can help to win souls through the precious Word of God for him by our testimony, telling of our own experience and his abiding love and power.

Our sister and brother-in-law have recently buried their two only children. They were two fine young boys who were taken so suddenly. Knowing the real understanding of sorrow within each sentence, we received perhaps the greatest comfort from their letters. It was in their letters we read: "God never wastes his children's pain." Farther on they wrote: "Every wind that blows can only fill your sails." The most heart-searching, however, was the last paragraph: "There is one danger in sorrow: that in our grief for those who are gone we lose interest in those who are living, and slacken our zeal in the work which is allotted to us. However great our bereavements, we must not drop our tasks until the Master calls us away."

We have leaned upon the Lord heavily during these past weeks. Praise be unto his Name for the strength and peace he has provided for each day! Without this great faithfulness of our heavenly Father, burying our little darling at sea would have been unbearable. Surely, the Lord is a refuge and strength in time of trouble.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Ehman of Bessie, Okla., have announced the birth of a daughter on April 24 who has been named Deborah Joan. This is the third child in their family, the other two being David Paul and Dorothy Helen.

● Since Sunday, March 30, Miss Rose Leschert of Kelowna, B. C., has been serving as the church worker in the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. G. G. Rauser. Her ministry is largely with the Sunday School, Junior League and Junior church. More details about her appointment appear in a report from the church elsewhere in this issue.

● The Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. Herman Lohr of Parkersburg, Iowa. He has responded favorably to the call and hopes to begin his ministry in Corona in July. This will be his second pastorate in Corona, having formerly served the church from 1935 to 1936. He has been in Parkersburg, Iowa, since 1937. In the Corona church he will succeed the Rev. E. O. Gutsche now of Hettinger, North Dakota.

● The Baptist Church of Holloway, Minn., has called Mr. Edward A. Kopf of North Freedom, Wis., a member of the 1952 graduating class of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as its pastor. He has accepted the call and is already on the field, succeeding the Rev. Elmer Buening, now pastor of the Germantown Church near Cathay, North Dakota. His testimony as to God's call appeared in the April 24 issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The Rev. John F. Meyer of Pound, Wis., a retired North American Baptist minister, died on April 27 as a result of a heart attack suffered a week earlier. He had served as pastor of Baptist churches at Baileyville, Ill., George, Iowa, Wausau, Wis., and Pound, Wisconsin. Funeral services were conducted in the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wis., on April 30 with the Rev. J. F. Conner officiating. The obituary notice appears on page 23 of this issue.

● The Rev. A. Guenther of Startup, Wash., was called to his heavenly home on April 21. He and his wife have been living in retirement in the community of Startup for several years. He was in church on Sunday

morning, April 20, and at work early on April 21. The memorial service was held in the Startup Baptist Church with the pastor, Rev. R. G. Kaiser, in charge. The obituary will be published in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Ore., has extended a call to the Rev. Arthur K. Schulz, pastor of the Canaan Church near Crawford, Texas, to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Schulz will begin his ministry in the Bethany Church on June 15 where he will succeed the Rev. Frank Friesen. He has served the Crawford Church of Texas since 1948 during which the edifice was completely renovated and an attractive educational unit was erected.

● The choir of the First Baptist Church, Colfax, Wash., presented the cantata, "The Story of the Resurrection" by Carrie B. Adams, on Easter Sunday evening, April 13. The choir of 24 voices is directed by Mrs. F. E. Klein, the pastor's wife. The missionary offerings for the North American Baptist fields on this Sunday amounted to \$723. At the morning service the Rev. F. E. Klein spoke on "The Message of the Resurrection." Plans have been made for a large Vacation Bible School this summer.

● The Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School groups of the First Baptist Church, Streeter, N. Dak., presented an Easter program to a large congregation on Sunday evening, April 13. The younger members of the Sunday School participated with songs, poems and other recitations. The highlight of the program was an Easter pageant entitled, "The Empty Tomb," presented by the young people. The offering was designated for the Cameroons mission. The Rev. Paul Galambos is pastor of the church.

● The Rev. Fred Trautner has presented his resignation as pastor of the Immanuel Church of Beulah, N. Dak., and its station at Zap. He will bring his ministry to a close on June 30, following three weeks of evangelistic meetings with the Rev. Joseph Larson of Denver, Colo., at Beulah and Zap. An Easter sunrise service was held in the Zap church with a breakfast that followed. The Easter offering for the churches amounted to \$75. Mr. Trautner will serve the Beulah church until a new pastor has been called.

● On Sunday morning, May 11, a combined Mother's Day and baptismal service was held at the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota. The Rev. E. W. Klatt baptized 15 converts at that time. Evangelistic meetings were held at the church from March 30 to April 13 with the Rev. Daniel Fuchs denominational evangelist, bringing the messages. The results were most gratifying with 23 persons confessing Christ as Savior. On Easter Sunday evening a special musical program was rendered.

● The Fourth Avenue Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., has extended a call to the Rev. Erich Kuhn of St. Paul, Arkansas. He has accepted the call and began his pastorate in the Alpena church on May 11, succeeding the Rev. Richard A. Grenz, now of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Mr. Kuhn has been serving as a home missionary in Arkansas for several years. His home churches are the Holmes St. Church of Lansing, Mich., which recently ordained him, and the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., where he and his wife, who is the sister of Prof. R. P. Jeschke of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., are members.

● The mission offerings on April 27 and May 4 at the Ebenezer Church near Elmo, Kans., amounted to \$240. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, was the guest speaker at the morning, afternoon and evening services on May 4. From Oct. 1st to April 30 the Rev. Norman Berkan, pastor, conducted a series of prayer meeting studies on the book of Hebrews. Special music was rendered by the 30 voice choir on Mother's Day with Mr. Tracy Sandow directing. A Vacation Bible School was held by the church from May 19 to 30 with six teachers assisting the Rev. Norman Berkan as superintendent.

● The Rev. Theo W. Dons has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas and announced that he will devote his full time in the department of public relations of Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas. He and his wife will continue their membership in the Ellinwood Baptist Church. His pastorate will terminate on August 1st, after a very successful ministry of eight years. During that time the new church edifice was built and dedicated. An article on the need of Christian colleges and the Christian emphasis in higher institutions of learning by Mr. Dons ap-

peared in the May 22 issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The Erin Ave. Church of Cleveland, Ohio, held a Father's and Son's banquet on Friday evening, April 25, with a large group of men and boys in attendance, besides the special guests who were members of the Publication Board meeting in Cleveland on that day. The Rev. Edwin W. Miller, toastmaster, introduced the numbers on the program, following the delicious chicken dinner. Mr. Aubrey Park, FBI agent, spoke about the Christian Service Brigade. Mr. Leon Franck spoke for the sons and the Rev. J. C. Gunst for the fathers. The Rev. Otto Patzia of Detroit, Mich., led the singing. The message on "A Model Prisoner of Christ" was brought by the Rev. Robert Schreiber of Chicago, Illinois. Norman Ludwig with his violin and the male chorus of the church furnished the music.

EASTER ON THE RESERVE

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for the Savior. Bibles which had been sent to us by various church groups have been placed in the hands of these young converts as well as to the adult Christians. The Word of God is finding a dwellingplace in many of the Indian hearts.

When the offering was taken the Indians gave their little to aid the great work of the Lord. As the widow cast into the treasury all that she had, likewise many of the Indians give all that they have to the glory of God.

The commemoration of the Lord's Supper was observed in the evening at the Benke Memorial Chapel. The Rev. and Mrs. Reinhard Neuman, Mr. Jacob Dermann and students of the Christian Training Institute were present with us for this solemn service. Our allegiance to the King of kings was unitedly renewed as we examined our lives in the light of Christ's life as we gathered about the Lord's table. At this first communion meeting held in the Benke Memorial Chapel, the communion service presented to the Indian mission by the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas, was used.

In the few months that full-time Christian service has been given to the Indians on the Bull Reserve, God has done wonders in the hearts of our friends. Each day as we come into contact with these dear people our hearts rejoice, because we have seen the changes that have taken place in these lives which were at one time groping in darkness.

God grant that as the joy bells of Easter continue to peal forth their melody, our own hearts will respond with that consecrated living and surrendered service which are pleasing to Christ who is the "resurrection and the life."

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

HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

June 8, 1952—"Nothing But the Truth" by Rev. Wilmer Quiring, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

June 15, 1952—"Hands Off!" by Rev. John Vanderbeck, Kyle, Texas.

SUMMER STUDENTS

For some years we have had a Student Service Program. This year again we have a fine group of students serving in various churches and conference areas. We are happy to present these student workers so that our people may acquaint themselves with these fine young people. Let us not only support them in their work, but also have them on our prayer list.

SUMMER STUDENT WORKERS, 1952

Miss Helen Lohse, West Baltimore Church, Baltimore, Maryland. Two months—Church Missionary.

Mr. Raymond Yahn, Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Three months—Church mission worker.

Mr. William Effa, Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Missouri. One week—Vacation Bible School.

Miss Elaine Lange, Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Illinois. Two weeks—Vacation Bible School.

Mr. Gordon C. Huisinga, Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota. Three months—Church mission worker and supply.



Rev. J. C. Gunst (left), young people's secretary, and Mr. Paul Krueger of Colfax, Wash., Pacific Northwest youth leader, at Ross Point Camp, Idaho, last summer.

Miss Iola Kludt, Miss Meraleen Huber, Medina and Streeter Churches, Streeter, North Dakota. Two weeks each—Vacation Bible School.

Mr. Carter Preston, Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pennsylvania. Three months—Church Mission Worker.

Mr. Arthur Zeller, Lashburn Church, Lashburn, Sask., Canada. Three months—Student Pastorate.

Mr. Bert Itterman, Glidden Church, Glidden, Sask., Canada. Three months—Student Pastorate.

Miss Linda Stober, Miss Eunice Kern, Peace River District, Valley View, Alta., Canada. Six weeks each—Vacation Bible School.

Mr. Bert E. Milner, Moosehorn Baptist Church, Moosehorn, Manitoba, Canada. Three months—Student Pastorate.

Mr. Dave Nagowitz, Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Six weeks—Church mission worker.

Mr. William Effa, Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Two months—Church mission worker.

Miss Ruby DeBoer, Seventh Street Baptist Church, LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Three weeks—Vacation Bible School.

Mr. Oscar Fritzsche, First Baptist Church, Mound Prairie, LaCrosse, Minnesota. Three months—Student Pastorate.

Mr. Clemence Auch, Mr. Edwin Kern. All churches in Texas, Alabama, Louisiana. Two and half months—Conference Workers for Southern Conference churches.

Miss Elaine Lange, West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Nebraska. Eight weeks—Vacation Bible School.

Mr. George Lang, Jr., Baptist churches of Isabel and Bison, South Dakota. Three months—Student Pastorate.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Erickson of Chancellor, South Dakota. Summer months—Missionary workers on the Spanish-American Field, San Luis Valley, Colorado.

"Faith is the root of all blessings. Believe, and you shall be saved; believe, and you cannot but be comforted and happy." —Jeremy Taylor.



At the Mbem juju ceremonies, a native is talking to the small calabash (gourd) called Kai-Yam (left) which is supposed to know the past, present and future according to native superstitions; and juju houses, medicine stones and ancient ceremony place at Koffa in the Mbem area (right) into which only medicine men can go to remove the wooden gods.

The Talk of the Town -- Mbem, Africa

In the excitement of the Soh Juju ceremonies in Mbem, Christians prayed as never before, and Tafu, the converted witchdoctor, held out faithfully for Jesus Christ

By MRS. LOIS AHRENS, Missionary at Mbem

IT IS THE TIME of the "Soh Juju"—the ancient African rituals practiced to assure the fertility of the soil during the planting season. This is always an exciting time, for it is believed that if any women see the Soh-tab, or anything involved in the ceremonies, she will die. For one week women and children are cooped up in their huts, most of them quivering with fear.

This year, however, the villages seethed with more than the usual excitement, for it was rumored that there would be a mass persecution of the Christians through "the Soh," so enraged were the pagans that one of their juju men had burned his fetishes publicly and claimed the Name of Jesus. (See page 4 of this issue.)

After the market scene described by Myrtle Weeldreyer, many wild threats were made. The juju men convened and said, "If we do not stop the name of this Jesus from being said, our country will be ruined. We must persecute the Christians through the Soh. It is the only way the government cannot find us out!"

THREATS AGAINST TAFU

Here are some of the claims which they made publicly:

1) That Tafu, the man who burned his fetishes, would die within three days, and that all who witnessed the burning would die within two weeks, white man included.

2) They promised to destroy Tafu's house, the houses of all his sons, and all their possessions.

3) They threatened to burn the houses on the mission compound, especially the church teacher's house and the church.

4) They threatened to kill the church teacher, for surely, they thought, he must have ordered Tafu to burn his jujus.

5) They threatened to thrash all the Christians who dared to walk about during "Soh" week.

6) They sent news that anyone carrying a book through town would have it taken from him and destroyed. This was to be an attempt at getting hold of all Bibles.

7) They promised to wait at all the crossroads on Sunday after church service, to beat women who dared to come out of their houses to church.

So with these threats out in the open, every house was agog with the talk of what would come. Christians prayed as never before! A small delegation went to the chief saying, "We are not forcing your women to come out and see the juju, nor even asking them to do so. We have respect for your customs. However, we Christians do not force, neither can you force any women to stay away from church. We come to tell you that a number of Christian women say they are determined to come to church on Sunday, and that they have no fear. We tell you this in advance, out of respect to you, chief, so that if you do not want the women to see, you will not allow the jujus to come out until after church is over." The chief was plainly confused that they should bother to tell

him, but he stated openly, "If women go to church that Sunday, they will be beaten severely!"

With the dawning of the next day the "Soh Week" began with the tooting of horns and hoarse cries of "Hoi! Hoi!" (This is supposed to be the sound of the juju.) That morning Christians were all apprehensive, and many came to Earl Ahrens to ask what they should do if the juju men should beat them. Whereupon he countered by saying: "What do you think Jesus would want you to do? What did he tell us to do when someone smites us?" The Christians then promised that they would quietly go about their business, trusting God and not returning evil for evil.

THE SOH JUJU

To understand the apprehension of the Christians, the American must need to understand the history of this "Soh." It is commonly believed that if the "Soh Juju" does not move about for a week during planting time, the crops will surely not grow. Furthermore, in ancient tribal society, this was a means of keeping order, particularly among women and children. If a child is not obedient to his parents, they might tell him: "Just wait until the 'Soh' comes out; it will flog you." Likewise, women who are not properly submissive to their husbands are threatened.

Yefa (meaning "the starter") first sends one of his young men out, wearing the "Soh-Tab," a juju suit made

from the fibres of a wild banana tree. This suit covers face, hands and body, leaving only the feet exposed. (Incidentally, it scratches terribly if it becomes wet.) After Yefa's "Soh-Tab" is out, all the other family groups may send out their own. The young men wearing the costumes go about drinking wine, shouting and stealing or destroying sugar cane and plantain.

Their coming is always heralded by three or four young men or boys who wake giving a peculiar kind of call. This is the signal that all children should run, lest they be beaten. However, only male children are allowed outdoors, and they dare not say what they have seen, lest the women find out that the juju is only a man, and no longer be afraid.

THE PAGAN CEREMONIES

Two other things are an essential part of the "Soh" ceremonies. There is a small ceremonial calabash (gourd) called Kai-Yam, with two partially opened ends and a hole in the center. A special kind of tender leaf is put over the fire until it becomes membranous. This is then held over the center opening, and the man will talk into the calabash. The sound produced is very much like that made by children in America by means of wax paper and a comb.

Now all the women are taught that this Kai-Yam knows the past, present and future. The reason for this belief is simple. The husband of the family may come into the house where his women are huddled, stop to eat, meanwhile observing everything in the hut. Then after a time he will say, "I am tired of the house. I am going out." He will then go a little distance from the house, call through the Kai-Yam, "I am coming, I, the Soh-Kai-Yam am coming."

As he nears the hut, he will call, "I know you. In the house are Taku, and Yense, etc.," naming all he knows to be in the house. Then he proceeds to tell them just what they are doing. He tells the shortcomings of every woman in the house, accurately, of course. They call through the door, "But how do you know all this about us?" whereupon he answers, "Oh, I, the Soh-Kai-Yam know all things. Now you must give me salt."

The poor frightened woman must then set out a generous supply of salt for the man, opening the sliding door quickly, and without looking. During this time the "Soh-Manjip" is also used, which is simply a rope tied to a short stick of very hard wood. This is swung about the head rapidly to cause a deep whirring noise, which is much feared by the women and children.

In the light of these things is it any wonder that Deuteronomy 18:10-12 holds more significance for Christians here than for us at home? It reads like this in the Basic English (the version

we use here in Africa since it has the simplest wording.) "Let there not be seen among you anyone who makes his son or daughter go through the fire or any one using secret arts, or a maker of strange sounds, or a reader of signs, or any wonder-worker, or anyone using secret force on people, putting questions to a spirit, or having secret knowledge, or going to the dead for directions. For all who do such things are disgusting to the Lord; and because of these disgusting things the Lord your God is driving them out before you."

GOD'S PROTECTION

Let us see how these primitive believers have acted under Satanic pressures. On Sunday eight Mbem women and twenty "stranger" women (wives of Bible School students and school teachers employed by the Mission) came to church. For the eight Mbem women this was a real test. They came voluntarily. Christian men

realizing new boldness in witnessing to her family. The husbands who brought their wives to church last Sunday have been cursed and threatened, but nothing has happened to harm any one of them.

God has marvelously protected Tafu and his family. You have read that all of his children are Christians. One of them, Solomon, is a carpenter under the employ of the mission. Last Saturday, about noon, I happened to be walking by the carpenter shop when Solomon stopped me. He asked whether he could hurry home and be with his father, since someone had just come running to tell him that right at that moment the "Soh" people were at his father's door, ready to break down the house and do his father violent physical harm. He was so upset that his mouth trembled as he asked.

After talking it over, he decided that if he went there, the people would think he was afraid. He said his father was not at all afraid, that he was even



—Photo by Paul Gebauer
A striking picture of a sacred circle of stones used for sacrifices by the witchdoctors and jujus of the British Cameroons, Africa.

from their compounds accompanied them to see that no harm befell them. This was a very small proportion of the female membership, to be sure, but how many American women would come to church under threat of severe beatings and sure death? Would not many say, "Oh, I'll just stay home, and worship God here!"

Realizing that unity brings strength, they travelled after church in a sort of convoy as far as the market place. As we watched them wind their way down the path and divide at the market square to take their individual paths, our hearts rejoiced over these few brave souls who walked with Jesus by faith. God is faithful, and answered their prayers by bringing each one safely home. Not one met with the juju people, who were supposedly lying in wait for them. Each one is

willing to die for Jesus' sake. He decided then to keep on with his work, having faith that God would protect his father and his family. Again, God stayed the hand of the pagans from doing violence.

THE MARTYR SPIRIT

On yet another day, word was sent to the mission that the juju people were going to burn the church, the church-teacher's house, and Tafu's house (in that order) in only a few hours' time. At the appointed time, the biggest medicine man of Mbem, the Nangngong (his title) did come out with his young men, one of whom was dressed in the "Soh-Tab." He was supposedly going with them to see that they carried out the threats which had been made.

They walked down the path in front

of the church and over towards the church teacher's house. We saw them and prayed. Earl could have gone out and warned them to stay off the mission, but we preferred to let God hinder them without the aid of man, especially the white man. But they got "cold feet" and didn't even go near the house of Thomas, the church teacher. Nor did they again go near Tafu's house.

Thomas had packed all his belongings in the Bible School teacher's house. He sat alone in his house, waiting for the worst—praying, and not at all

afraid. He said he kept saying, "Lord, just make me act as you would have me, and let them see that you mean everything to me."

No books were taken; no houses destroyed. However, Thomas Kwenchi and two of the Bible School students were severely beaten. Thomas says with a big smile, "Even though the man who beat me two times was covered with the "Soh-Tab," I knew who he was. I am praying that God will give me the opening to make friends with him and win him to Christ. I shall go to him and say, 'I know you

are the one who beat me, but I come to tell you I forgive you. I have something I want you to have—Jesus. . .'"

News has spread over the whole Kaka area about all these doings, and many have said: "What kind of black people are these, who are beaten and do not fight back, who are threatened and do not fear!" This "Soh" is practiced throughout the entire Kaka area, and Christians elsewhere are being strengthened through the witness of these at Mbem. Truly, our Gospel of Christ is "the power of God unto salvation!"

Tafu's Victory Over the Jujus

The Sequel to "The Talk of the Town" written a few days later by MRS. LOIS AHRENS of Mbem, one of our Cameroons missionaries

EARLY THIS MORNING old Tafu was here, sitting before the church, waiting for the Inquirers' Class to begin. He was hours early. Unknown to us, he was again threatened by the "Soh" people, and told that if he would dare to show his face publicly, he would be beaten to death. Even many of the Christians who saw him sitting outside the church in the morning said to him: "Old father, it is very foolish of you to come out today. There will be many other Inquirers' Classes that you may attend. You'd better go home at once before the market is filled with those who will be in drunken rage against you."

Quietly he replied, "Oh, my young friends, have you so long claimed to be Christian, and still do not know the peace and protection that God has promised us? I am not afraid, neither should you fear for me, for I KNOW that no ill shall befall me."

READY FOR THE WHIPPING

It was noon. Inquirers' Class was over. Tafu had to pass through the market square to reach his house. By this time the market was filled with pagan men—dancing, singing, and decidedly drunken. Some of the Bible School students offered to escort him home, since they were fearful that some harm would befall him. He

thanked them, but refused this kindness.

Off he went, and many a prayer followed him. Reaching the market place, people saw him and started shouting, "There is the ——— man who has burned his jujus. There is the man who has gone crazy and accepted the white-man's religion!" He walked quietly on as if he had not heard, and was nearly home when a mob came after him and said, "Come back to the market place and take your beating, or worse will befall you! Are you coming peaceably, or shall we drag you there?"

Those who witnessed the scene say that the pagans were amazed, because old Tafu turned without a word, and followed them to the market place. When they got there, they said he should sit down beside a certain stall and wait for the men in the "Soh-Tab" (the juju suit previously mentioned) for seven of them had been ordered to flog him nigh unto death.

Meanwhile, these seven men in the "Soh-Tab" had gone to the chief to ask permission to go at once to the church teacher's house and burn it. The chief refused them such a request on the grounds that if the government heard of it, he would receive severe punishment. They were greatly angered and decided to go and do it anyway.

They reached the church teacher's house, encircled it, and began arguing as to which one was actually to set fire to the grass roof. Each was shouting to the other, "You do it! You do it." Naturally, the result was that they all became afraid and made some pretext for going off again. They went back to the market place, and before anyone could draw their attention to old Tafu and his son, Solomon, waiting for the worst to come, there arose a new commotion.

The mission station is situated near

We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union
By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

INVESTMENT IN LIVES

Another year of school is almost over. Graduation at the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago will be June 9, and in the graduating class will be our Scholarship Girl of this year, Miss Flossie Wangner.

SCHOLARSHIP GIRL

It has been our custom to give the scholarship to a newcomer to the school. However, last fall we had no application from a prospective freshman. Your committee felt that the money should be put to use, and selected a worthy girl from those already attending the school. Miss Wangner is a member of the Fleischmann Memorial Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is especially interested in work with children. Here is the "Thank You" letter written by Flossie last fall.

Dear Friends:

My "thank you" has been much delayed by several weeks trying to recuperate from my hospital stay. I'm sorry it had to be this way because you had no way of knowing how very much I appreciate receiving the North American Baptist Women's Scholarship.

Miss Kose told me of your generous action on my birthday, and the day before I entered the hospital. The gift, therefore, had unusual meaning for me. It was in reality an answer to prayer, for I was considering the necessity of leaving school temporarily before my senior year was completed. Your gift has made this unnecessary.

WANTED

Women's Missionary Society
Yearbooks
for the exhibit at the General Conference. Send yours now to the president at the above address.

You may readily see that all the anger formerly stored up for the Christians had been given vent upon the Fulanis. All threats are now directed towards them. Pagans now pass Christians on pathways without the former cursings.

We wish that only for a moment you could see the excitement of the Christians as they talk over these events! Many of them have said, "We prayed for God to protect us, but never did we dream of such a turn of events!" Dramatic as they are, they go over

Thus, at this thanksgiving time, I shall not only be thanking you, but thanking God for you, and praying that I shall use wisely that which you have invested, by learning as well as I can how best to serve him.

Gratefully,
Flossie Wangner.

BMTS—Cameroons.

In this same graduating class will be two former scholarship girls, Miss Minnie Kuhn and Miss Tina Schmidt. Both of these girls hope to go out to the Cameroons as our missionaries.

It is interesting to note that several of the missionaries now in the Cameroons were our Woman's Union Scholarship girls in years past. They are: Eleanor Weisenburger, Berneice Westerman and Ida Forsch. Surely, we as women can feel that we have invested wisely in these girls. We have had a small part in helping them prepare to take the Gospel to the natives in Africa.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

With the closing of this school year, many high school graduates are trying to decide where to continue their education. Any girl interested in going into full-time Christian service could find no better school in which to prepare herself than the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Illinois. As foreign missionary, home missionary, director of religious education, children's worker, settlement house worker, or in any other phase of Christian service, the training received at BMTS would be most valuable.

If you know of any girls who would be interested in receiving the Woman's Missionary Union scholarship, please have them write to the Scholarship chairman, Miss Alethea Kose, 510 Wellington St., Chicago, Ill.; or to the president, Mrs. Wm. Schoeffel, 1725 N. Burling St., Chicago, Illinois.



—Photo by Paul Gebauer.
A native altar photographed at Mbem, where the story of Tafu takes place. Three or four things make such an altar: a big stone of sacrifice, the fireplace, the pot, the holy tree or bush. In this picture the stone stands in the upper left. The fireplace is seen in the lower right corner. The pot stands between altar and fireplace. The holy bush or plant stands to the extreme left of the big stone. In such a place primitive man sacrifices to spirits, to the ancestors, to gods. Here the native doctor performs his cures; here also the magician does his work of trickeries.

and over the story, laughing and slapping their sides with glee. Even apart from the spiritual thrill in all this, we find it unequalled as entertainment!

You may be interested to know that later in the evening the pagans started fighting among themselves, juju man fighting juju man. Some of the young men wearing the "Soh-Tab" flung it off, saying: "This thing has brought me only trouble. I shall never be induced to wear it again." Many of the Christians believe this will end the

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Southwestern Conference

Young People's Anniversary Program Is Held at Baptist Church, Creston, Nebraska

On Sunday, April 6, the Commissioned Baptist Youth of the Baptist Church, Creston, Neb., held its anniversary program to which the neighboring Shell Creek Baptist Church was invited. Mr. Fred Hamburger opened with the song service which was followed with the welcome by the president, Ilene Hamburger. Mr. Herbert Husmann read scripture and Mr. Marvin Herrmann led in prayer.

"The Holy City" was sung by Miss Ruth Janssen. After the secretary's and treasurer's report, Mr. Marvin Herrmann read, "How God Answered a Little Chinese Girl's Prayer." After a congregational song, Mr. Leroy Kallweit read "The Conversion of a Brahman."

This was followed by the main attraction of the evening, a playlet, "Soldier of the Cross," depicting the challenge, the trials and the sacrifices required of one going to the mission field. Between the scenes we had musical interludes. This play was very well received. The offering went to the Southwestern Conference Young People's Project.

Janice Prang, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Evangelistic Meetings and New Church Worker at the First Church, Lodi, California

God is true to his promises and because of the faithful prayers of the members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., we had a wonderful series of evangelistic meetings from February 10 to 21 with the Rev. Fred E. Klein of Colfax, Wash., as our evangelist. It was indeed a thrill to our hearts to see thirty people come to seek and to accept Christ as their personal Savior. Our Easter Sunday services were climaxed with a baptismal service at which time twenty-one converts were baptized upon their confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and the hand of fellowship extended to these and seven others by our pastor, the Rev. G. G. Rauser.

For some time the church has been praying about a church worker. God has answered our prayer in sending to us Miss Rose Leschert of Kelowna, B.

C., Canada. Rose has a zeal and a love for God and his work and her friendly personality radiates with the love of God. On Sunday, March 30th, she began her work with us. She will be working largely with the Intermediates and Juniors of the Sunday School, Junior League and Junior Church. Thelma Forsch, Reporter.

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Reichert of Los Angeles, California

Easter Sunday was an especially happy day for Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Reichert of Los Angeles, California. It was their golden wedding day! They were married at Hebron, N. Dak., on April 13, 1902 by the Rev. A. DUBY. In their honor their children, one daughter and four of the five sons arranged to have open house for them. The other son, living in Spokane, Wash., could not be present.

About 130 friends and members of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, of which they have been members for over twenty years, called to congratulate them. The pastor, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, had a brief service at 3:00 P.M. In his message he referred to the grace of God being sufficient to care for all the needs of those who trust him.

Many fine gifts were presented to the honored couple. A fine time of fellowship was enjoyed by all as the



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Reichert of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., on the occasion of their recent golden wedding anniversary.

bride and groom cut the first piece of the beautifully decorated, four tier wedding cake, and refreshments were served.

Edmund Mittelstedt, Pastor.

Atlantic Conference

Easter Services for the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Easter season was a blessed one for the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church and again it revived in our hearts the great resurrection story of Christ. On Holy Thursday our Senior Choir presented the cantata, "Olivet to Calvary" by Maunders. This inspiring rendition of the beautiful cantata was followed by the communion service.

Easter morning started with a sunrise service sponsored by the young people of Fleischmann and Pilgrim Churches. The morning worship service was well attended and the Rev. Victor J. Hammond, our interim pastor, brought a message entitled, "The Incontestable Proof of the Resurrection."

The church was filled again for the evening service at which time the Junior Choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Alma Ziegenthaler, presented the lovely cantata, "Hail! King of Glory." Following the message in music, a baptismal service was held at which time the pastor baptized seven young converts. Those baptized were: Miss Grace Blackney, Miss Jeanne Keiser, Miss Helen Drake, Miss Dianne Pfisterer, Miss Barbara Sullivan, Master Paul Keiser, and Mr. Raymond Rollick.

Mrs. Ruth Toner, Church Clerk.

95th Anniversary Is Observed by the Central Baptist Church, New Haven, Connecticut

On Tuesday, April 15, the Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., which was founded in 1857 celebrated its 95th anniversary. A buffet supper was served by the Ladies' Missionary Society. Chairman of the supper committee, Miss Helena Spalty, was assisted by Mrs. Virgil Hicks, Mrs. George Gohlke and Miss Pauline Eichman. After the supper corsages were presented to Mrs. Charles Hoffman, Mrs. Marie Nallinger, Mrs. Carl Disch and Mrs. Eva Robinson.

Among the invited guests were members of the Bridgeport, New Britain and Meriden churches. These churches are "children" of the Central Baptist Church. Remarks and congratulations were given by the Rev. George Hensel of the Kings Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., the Rev. A. Lutz of the Liberty St. Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn., and from our own pastor, the Rev. John O. Strickland.

Entertainment and a skit were furnished by three Yale Divinity Students who call themselves "The Sleepy Hollow Trio," after which a movie, "Salt of the Earth," was shown and made a fine anniversary program complete.

Henrietta Pasternak, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Big Crowds at the Easter Sunday Services Held at Hebron, North Dakota

Our little church in Hebron, N. Dak., was bursting out at the seams on Easter Sunday during the morning and evening services. Our choir assisted by the male chorus, gave the Easter cantata, "The Lord Is Risen" in the evening under the able leadership of Mrs. C. T. Rempel.

Our regular Sunday morning attendance is around 200, but we had to find room for 350 people for the evening program. The offering of \$187 goes into our Electric Organ Fund, and we now have \$1500 for this purpose. Our young people were asked to give the program again at our neighbor church at Beulah on Sunday evening, April 20th.

Right now our people are very busy on a project to enlarge our church. In 1948 we moved a country church building into town, and attached it to our town church. However, we used most of that building for Sunday School rooms, baptistry and platform, and did not gain too much on auditorium space. We are now adding an addition to the main auditorium which will cost us over \$6000 when completed, but will give us the necessary auditorium space properly to take care of our people.

Our Woman's Mission Society is now preparing for a special program at the Old People's Home in Bismarck, N. Dak., and plans are under way to bring the old folks a few baskets of good old fashioned "Kuchen" and entertain them with a short program at the same time.

I. E. Giedt, Correspondent.

Easter Services and Woman's Missionary Society Program at Lehr, North Dakota

On Sunday, March 30, a special program for Bible Day was given in the Baptist Church in Lehr, North Dakota. In the absence of our first superintendent, the program was in the hands of the Sunday School teachers and the pastor's wife, Mrs. John Heer. Our superintendent was present on this Sunday but due to blocked roads he was unable to help with the preparation. An offering was taken and the same was used to buy Bibles for distribution among the less fortunate. Pre-Easter services were held with the Rev. John Heer speaking on passages from the time of Jesus' crucifixion to his resurrection.

The Easter Sunday morning service was very well attended and was the first Sunday on which many of our country members were able to attend church. Several Easter selections were sung by the choir under the direction of John Kranzler. A large offering was received for missions.

The Ladies' Missionary Society rendered a program on Sunday evening, April 20, to a large audience. Two dialogues were given, one in German and the other, "The Challenge of the Cross," presented by seven women.

The offering which was taken was put aside toward our Kitchen Fund for the future new church. Other branches of the church are active and continuing to serve Christ who gave his all that we might have life abundant.

Mrs. John Kranzler, Reporter.

Easter Sunrise Service and Baptism at Ashley Baptist Church of North Dakota

The CBY of the Ashley Baptist Church of Ashley, N. Dak., held a very interesting and varied program recently for its Youth Week. The young people presided over and took active part in the mid-week prayer service, and at one meeting recounted their experiences of visitation. The week's activities was climaxed with a Valentine party with 68 young people pres-

ent. For several months we had planned a joint baptismal service with the Berlin Church, of which the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler is the pastor. Due to unfavorable weather conditions and roads, this event was postponed to April 27th. When the evening arrived, the service commenced before schedule as the church was filled to overflowing at an early hour. Special music from both churches beautified the services, and messages were given by the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler and the Rev. J. J. Renz. The 18 candidates from both churches portrayed the burial and resurrection with Christ by going through the baptismal waters. The majority of them were adults, and we are expecting all of them to be a real asset to their respective churches.

J. J. Renz, Pastor.



The choir and male chorus of the First Baptist Church, Hebron, N. Dak., under the direction of Mrs. C. T. Rempel (center, left) which presented an Easter cantata. The Rev. C. T. Rempel is at center, right.

ent. From an observer's viewpoint, it was evident that all of the CBY's had enjoyed the week immensely.

The Easter season was begun with a 6:30 A.M. Sunrise Service. The program, which consisted of musical numbers, readings and a talk, portrayed the different phases of Christ's suffering and his triumph over death. Here again we were gladdened by the excellent attendance which was above our expectations. The Dorcas Society and the Ladies' Aid served an Easter breakfast in the church parlors. The tables had appropriate centerpieces of colored Easter eggs.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE PROGRAM at Tyndall, S. Dak., June 25 to 29

Conference Theme: "Looking Unto Jesus."
Conference Song: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Wednesday Evening, June 25

Message: Rev. Roy Seibel, Emery, South Dakota.

Thursday Evening, June 26

Message: Rev. R. Schilke, Forest Park, Illinois.

Friday Evening, June 27

Woman's Missionary Union program. Speaker, Mrs. Florence Schoeffel, Chicago, Illinois.

Sunday, June 29

Guest Speakers: Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, and Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, Camerons missionaries.

INVITATION

The Tyndall Baptist Church cordially invites the delegates and guests to the 44th Dakota Conference convening in Tyndall, S. Dak., from June 25 to 29. Our church will provide free lodging to all if names are submitted prior to the conference dates. Please send your names to the undersigned.

Rev. Walter Stein, Pastor, Tyndall, South Dakota.

Evangelistic Meetings, Easter Cantata and Woman's Missionary Program at Carrington, N. Dak.

On March 17 the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., along with the Rev. Arthur Fischer of McClusky, N. Dak., were in the Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, N. Dak., to promote the Northern North Dakota Young People's Project. The program of films showed the work being done with the lepers in Africa. We know that God is doing a wonderful work there.

From March 18 to 28 the Rev. H. J. Waltereit of Grand Forks, N. Dak., conducted two weeks of special meetings in our church. These were two grand weeks for members and friends. Everyone attending received many spiritual blessings from the sermons and a new desire to do more for our Master. There were two converts during these services.

On Easter Sunday the CBY had charge of an Easter sunrise service, and also the breakfast afterwards. In the evening the choir presented the cantata entitled, "Hail, the Easter King," to a very appreciative audience. The choir at this time wore the new robes which the women of the church had made.

On Sunday, April 27, the Woman's Missionary Society of 30 members gave its annual program. A 45-minute film in color, "Regions Beyond," was shown and a play, "Love Finds a Way," was presented. A monolog, piano-organ duet, piano solo, trio and quartet numbers were rendered. The offering for this meeting went for the Cameroons Hospital Project. The Cathay Church joined us for this program. A time of fellowship in the church parlors followed this service. Mrs. Lowell Leppke, Reporter.

Grace Church of Hettinger, N. Dak., Welcomes the Rev. and Mrs. E. O. Gutsche

The Rev. and Mrs. Erich O. Gutsche were officially welcomed by the Grace Baptist Church of Hettinger, N. Dak., on Sunday afternoon, April 6. For this special occasion we were privileged to have as guest speaker the Rev. G. Beutler of the First Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana. Mr. Beutler's message was taken from Exodus 17 concerning ministerial imperatives.

The Rev. E. S. Richards, pastor of the local Methodist church, assisted by reading from the Scriptures, and expressed a welcome on behalf of our interdenominational union. Mr. Phillip Ketterling, church deacon, tendered the church's official welcome, and other departments were represented by Mr. Emanuel Fuchs, Sunday School superintendent; Mrs. Philip Ketterling, president of the Woman's Missionary Society; Miss Ella May Schneider, president of the CBY; and Mr. Edward Follmer, church treasurer.

The choir sang "Waiting for Jesus," as a prelude to the message by Mr. Beutler and the hymn, "Somebody Did a Golden Deed," after the introductions. The Woman's Missionary Society prepared a delicious luncheon in the church's dining room at noon and,

after the welcoming ceremonies, coffee, cake and ice cream were served. Many visitors and friends were present to extend greetings and best wishes as the Rev. and Mrs. Erich O. Gutsche began their pastorate here. We trust that the Lord will richly bless this union so that his Name might be glorified.

E. Fuchs, Reporter.

Anniversary Program of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Anamoose, N. Dak.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Anamoose, N. Dak., has experienced another year of blessing in the Lord's work. Although our group is small in number, under the leadership of our capable president, Mrs. Fred Fuchs, we meet once a month striving to work for Christ and to further his cause. We had the privilege of having several missionaries as guest speakers, namely, Mrs. Verna Michelson and Esther Schultz from the Cameroons mission field and Twila Bartz of Elgin, Ill., doing home mission work. We are endeavoring to carry out all the goals set up by the National Woman's Missionary Union.

On Sunday evening, April 6, we presented our annual program. The church was filled to capacity, and friends from the Lincoln Valley, Martin, Harvey, Rosenfeld and Drake Baptist Churches were present.

The program was opened with a prelude on the organ played by Mrs. F. Fuchs, followed by a song service, Scripture and prayer. Words of welcome were spoken by the president, followed by a varied program. Several readings, special music in solo, duet, trio and quartet form were also rendered. The secretary's and treasurer's reports revealed various activities and money donations to foreign and home missions and wherever needed.

A missionary play was given by seven women entitled, "Unto the Least of These." The guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. A. Buhler of Harvey, North Dakota. The offering of the evening was designated for the new Leper work in the Cameroons field. A fellowship lunch in the basement brought the evening to a successful close.

Mrs. Edmund Wehr, Secretary.

Northwestern Conference

Inspirational Easter Sunday Services at Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa

On Easter Sunday, April 13, the young people of the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, held a sunrise service. Music was presented by the Girls' Trio and an instrumental duet by Norman and Royce Luiken. Chaplain Howard Blandeau of the Iowa State Training School brought the message on "Have You Applied the Easter Message to Your Life?" Group singing was led by the Rev. Fred Lower and the young people responded with some thrilling testimonies on the joy that has been theirs

in knowing the Risen Lord. After the service a hearty breakfast was served by Alice Frerichs, Bernadine De Vries and Jeanine Knight assisted by Mrs. Fred Lower and Mrs. William Schuneman.

At the worship hour the choir under the direction of Mr. Harry Luiken presented the cantata, "The Golden Dawn" by Lillenas. The platform was beautifully decorated by the flower committee and the choir stood on risers in the shape of a cross. The members wore new white surplices with black collars and presented a lovely picture to the eyes as well as an inspiring message in song to the ears.

The Easter offering at this occasion amounted to \$1822.27. Of this, \$1500 were to care for the passage of our new missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. John Rhoads and family to Japan, and the remainder for the general mission fund of our denomination. In the evening a color film was shown entitled, "The Resurrection Story," and special music was presented by the young people's mixed trio.

Marie Eilers, Correspondent.

Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Welcomes the Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Esperson

The members of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., extended their welcome to their new pastor, the Rev. A. J. Esperson, and his wife at a reception held on Sunday evening, April 20th.

Mr. H. E. Wichtel, chairman of the arrangement committee, gave the invocation prayer, followed by the Scripture reading by Mr. Lyle Albrecht. Greetings from the two "daughter" churches were given by the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, pastor of the Temple Church, and the Rev. W. Quiring, pastor of the Bethany Church, both of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Dr. F. H. Woyke, executive secretary, extended greetings for the North American Baptist General Conference, and Dr. Ezra Roth, executive secretary, spoke on behalf of the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention. Speaking for the church was Mr. E. C. Quade, chairman of the board of deacons.

The church choir, under the direction of Mr. W. Penzek, and Mrs. C. Rohrback, at the organ, sang "Hail, Gladdening Light" by Kastalsky and "The Creation" by Richter. Mr. and Mrs. Esperson responded to the greetings and after the singing of a hymn, Mr. Esperson led in a closing prayer.

At the end of another fiscal year, we at the Immanuel Baptist Church can look back over the past year and thank God for the many blessings we received. We were without a pastor and were very fortunate in obtaining the services of Dr. T. W. Bender, professor of theology at Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., for the greater part of the time. He concluded his ministry with our church with a very impressive candlelight communion service on Thursday evening, April 10th, and a baptism on Easter Sunday. During the year, seventeen persons were added to the membership of the church, a great number of whom had been in this country for a short time.

Betty Freigang, Reporter.

Palm Sunday and Good Friday Services at Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa

On Sunday afternoon, March 30, the Berean Songsters of the Elgin Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, presented an Easter program over station KOEL at Oelwein, Iowa, under the direction of Dr. Arthur Ittermann. Our pastor also conducted special meetings in Pound, Wis., from April 2 to 9.

On Palm Sunday evening, April 6, the church choir gave the Easter cantata entitled, "The First Easter," which was directed by Gustav Krueger. The church presented Dr. Ittermann, the organist, pianist and choir director with Easter lilies. Professor G. A. Dunger of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., former missionary to the Cameroons and now professor at our seminary, was guest speaker on this Sunday.

A Union Good Friday service was held at the Elgin Baptist Church on Friday afternoon, April 11. On Easter morning the annual sunrise service was held at the Methodist church. The Baptist, Methodist and Lutheran churches all participated in the services.

Mrs. Clarence Schneider, Reporter.

Extensive Improvements in the Baptist Church and Parsonage at Victor, Iowa

"So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work" (Neh. 4:6). This was the theme of the message brought by the pastor on the evening of April 27th, as the newly redecored sanctuary of the Victor Baptist Church of Victor, Iowa, was dedicated. The worshipful service was held in candlelight and coupled with the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Two special numbers, a quartet selection entitled, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus," and a solo, "Come Unto Me, All Ye That Labor" accentuated the thoughts of the communion service. A third special number, "Have I Done My Best for Jesus?" underscored the closing remarks of the pastor. For while we thank God for the wonderful things which have been accomplished, there are still other walls to build, other souls to save, other tasks to do for the Lord. Thus the people left the dedication service with the challenge to again return to the work of the Lord (Neh. 4:15).

In recent months, in addition to the regular local and mission budget of the church, not only was \$1,247 raised for completely redecoreating the walls of the church sanctuary which have been a problem for many years, but also a \$1,340 automatic oil furnace was installed in the church, and \$616 was used in parsonage improvement, including the purchasing of a new refrigerator.

We pray that in the months ahead the spiritual attainments of the church may even surpass these material improvements for it is indeed wonderful what can be accomplished through the grace of God when his people have "a mind to work."

Alvin Wetter, Pastor.

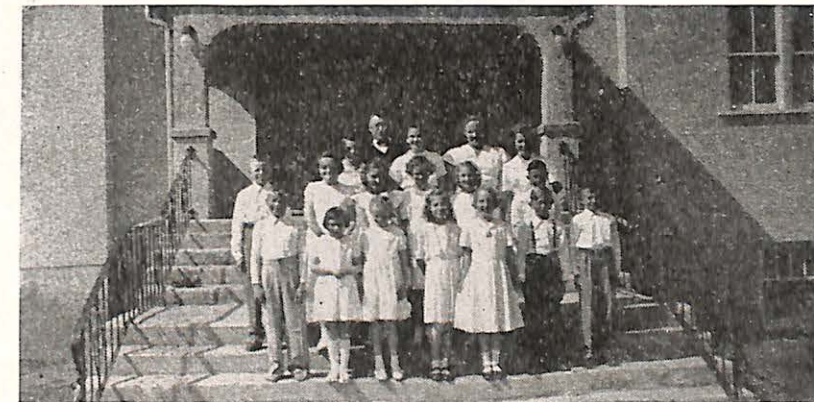
Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Adam Huber by Faith Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

"Because faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God," we of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., rejoiced that we are able to welcome a new under-shepherd to preach the "unsearchable riches of Christ." The Rev. Adam Huber began his ministry with a Communion Service on Good Friday and an inspiring resurrection message on Easter Sunday.

Preparatory to the arrival of our new pastor and his family, the parson-

age had been completely redecoreated, a new refrigerator and electric range installed, and the pantry well stocked. On Friday evening, April 25, a reception was given for Mr. and Mrs. Huber, Douglas and Wallace, with Mrs. Albert Boettcher presiding. The two St. Paul churches were invited, with their pastors conveying their good wishes. The Twin City Baptist Union was also represented. The presidents and representatives of the various organizations were introduced to the Hubers and both Mr. and Mrs. Huber responded with sincere gratefulness for the many kindnesses already shown to them. They both feel that God has definitely called them to Faith Church and they accept the challenge and responsibility presented to them. Appropriate music by the church choir, girls' trio, and male chorus added much to the spirit of the service. A time of refreshment always seems a proper climax and the meeting and greeting of friends was enjoyed by all.

Doris Adam, Asst. Clerk.



Seventeen converts baptized by the Rev. J. G. Rott for the Carbon Baptist Church and Zion Station of Carbon, Alta., on Easter Sunday, April 13th.

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Northern Conference

Annual Program of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Morris, Manitoba

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Man., presented its annual program on Sunday afternoon, March 30, to a large audience.

Mrs. Alvina Kran, our president, spoke a few words of welcome to the congregation. The Ladies' Chorus brought two numbers in song. A trio,

as a piano duet and a dialogue, "Annie Comes Home for the Easter Holiday," were greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Selma Kran was in charge of the program. The Rev. Mr. Buech of Winnipeg was our guest speaker. He described the good influence of Christian women in the home, in the church and in the community. A missionary offering was received.

We as a society are truly grateful to the Lord for his blessings and wonderful guidance in the past year and we are looking forward to much greater service and blessings in the year to come.

Mrs. A. Paschke, Secretary.

Great Blessings at the Carbon and Zion Baptist Churches, Carbon, Alberta, Canada

It was our special privilege of the Carbon and Zion Churches, of Carbon, Alberta, recently to have had the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, our promotional secretary, with us. On Thursday evening, April 3rd, in Carbon Mr. Leuschner showed the interesting mission films of our work among the Indians in Alberta as well as our work in the Cameroons in Africa. On Friday evening he spoke to a large gathering in the Zion Baptist Church where he thrilled our hearts by telling us that the Lord has used us as North American Baptists for a great missionary enterprise and that we are ready to extend our missionary goal to greater fields of labor, even into the leper colony of Africa where we can help the most neglected sufferers.

On Good Friday evening the Carbon-Zion Male Chorus gave a sacred concert at the Zion Church where the little chapel was filled to its capacity. Easter Sunday morning was a very special time of blessing and great joy. After the Easter message the pastor, the Rev. J. G. Rott, had the privilege to step into the baptismal grave and to baptize 17 converts upon confession of their faith. After the baptism the hand of fellowship was extended to the newly baptized persons as well as to three others who were received by letter. A special Easter mission offering was received amounting to \$217.00. In the evening the Woman's Missionary Society presented a very fine Easter program including the play, "From Night to Light." The offering was \$70.00. J. G. Rott, Pastor.

New Organ Dedicated and Missionary's Message at Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta

On Easter Sunday we of the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., were especially blessed by having one of our Cameroons missionaries, Miss Ida Forsch, with us. She gave us a better view of the need in Africa and of our great duty toward that field, not only in our prayers, but materially also. In the evening, the choir of the church presented an Easter cantata entitled, "The Exalted Christ." The offering of that day amounted to \$210 and our prayer is that this money might be used for a harvest of souls.

On Sunday, April 20, we had another festive occasion. It was at this time that we dedicated our recently purchased Menschell Electric Organ. Mr. and Mrs. Jake Huber, active members in our church, felt led to purchase this beautiful organ for the church and as Mr. Huber presented it to the church, he said, "It is my prayer and desire that this organ will be used only for the Lord's service and that through it many may be brought to church, where they will come under the hearing of the Gospel." For this occasion we were privileged to have the Rev. Karl Korella and his congregation of the Rabbitt Hill Church with us. He brought the dedicatory message in very challenging words. Our own pastor, the Rev. H. Schatz, offered the dedicatory prayer.

Eunice Kern, Reporter.



The Soh Juju of Mbem, dressed in his grotesque suit that covers the face, hands and body. As he dances and shouts wildly through the streets, he must not be seen by the women and children of the village.

ROOM FOR JESUS

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the juju society, which was to come out with all their jujus. Naturally the other big men and pagans were very upset because Tafu had been a juju priest as well as a sorcerer (ngambi), thus being an outstanding man in his quarter. When families had disputes they came to him to restore order, for he was considered the peacemaker.

As ngambi, they came to him to inform them what was causing the illness of their child or some other member of the family. If they were willing to give the fowl, goat or whatever he demanded, the ngambi would disclose what was causing the illness and whether the sick one would become well. What effect would Tafu's decision to turn to Christ have upon those who had known him as such? Considering the place of prestige he had held in the past, this step he had taken took much courage.

Trials have already come for the stand he has taken. On market day, following the Sunday he burned his fetishes, the other big men took his spear from him. This was to signify that his case was to be judged before the chief, threatening to hang him. Tafu, calm and speaking quietly, said he had done nothing for which they could bring a case against him. Had he not burned his own fetishes, which were his own property? Amazing as it may seem, it was the pagan young men who intervened in his behalf,

saying they could do nothing to him. After Tafu had left the market place these enraged men shouted about: "Jesus! Bah! Who is this Jesus they say came out of death? Where is he that he does not help these Christians?" Little did they realize that as they ranted and raved, they were only furthering the Name of Jesus, as they called attention to him, even in their unbelief!

The above scene was followed by the sound of drums and singing as Thomas Kwenchi, with his class of inquirers and some Christians, marched into the market place, as is their habit every market day. Totally unaware of the previous excitement before their entrance, they proceeded to carry on with their usual service of singing and preaching. This infuriated the big men and they attempted to stop them.

The young man who was preaching was hesitant about continuing the service, but dauntless Thomas told him to finish his message. He was turn-talking so all might hear, at the same time warding off the offenders. Imagine his surprise when his own father, also a juju priest, commanded the people to be quiet during prayer and to bow their heads. Just the day before he had threatened his son that if he ever again spoke the name of Jesus in his compound he would spear him.

After the market Thomas went to see Tafu at his home to encourage him, but the old man assured him that he did not fear—he had just prayed before Thomas had arrived.

Although the big men continue to threaten him, Tafu is undisturbed. Yes, this man will have many adjustments to make, many habits to change, which is not easy for an old man. He will face many problems. But he has that inner peace which can only come from making room for Jesus in one's heart.

TAFU'S VICTORY

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"Soh-Tab" at Mbem. We are inclined to doubt this, having seen how deep-rooted is the belief that crops won't grow without it, and knowing that Satan is a die-hard. Yet who can say? May God give us more faith!

The thing for which we especially praise God is that only one of our church members was found dancing with the pagans. Formerly, nearly all the Christian men would join in the dance, saying that so long as they didn't actually put on the suit, it didn't matter. Not one word has been said concerning this in the church. However, in the last several years a great deal of teaching has been given in the churches concerning God's desire that all believers be separated from the world.

Please do let the Christians at home know that God IS answering their prayers, and using their gifts in a wonderful way.

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.)

REV. JOHN F. MEYER
of Pound, Wisconsin.

The Rev. John F. Meyer, retired Baptist minister of Pound, Wis., died Sunday, April 27, at Marinette General Hospital. He suffered a heart attack on Monday, April 21.

Mr. Meyer held pastorates at Baileyville, Ill., for six years, at George, Iowa, for six years, at Wausau for four years, and was at Pound for ten years, after which he was again pastor at Baileyville for two years. In 1939 he retired and moved to Chicago where he was a member of Albany Park Baptist Church. In May 1951 he returned to Pound.

Born May 21, 1876 in Germany, he came to the United States at the age of nine years with his parents and settled in Platte Center, Nebraska. In 1906 he married the former Grace Schomanski in South Dakota and they operated a farm until 1909, when they moved to Rochester, N. Y., where Mr. Meyer attended the Rochester Theological Seminary until 1912.

Surviving are his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Henry Breadel of Green Bay; two sons, Milton of Menominee and Carl Meyer of Chicago; two brothers, four sisters and four grandchildren. A son died in infancy.

Funeral services were conducted on April 30 at the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wisconsin. The Rev. J. F. Conner officiated and burial was made in the Ridgewood Cemetery at Chicago, Illinois. Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wisconsin

J. F. CONNER, Pastor.

MRS. CAROLINA KNOPF
of Whitemouth, Manitoba.

Mrs. Carolina Knopf of Whitemouth, Manitoba, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Litke, was born on October 24, 1868 in Bjalas, Russian-Poland, and was called to the heavenly Home after much suffering through a prolonged illness on Wednesday afternoon, April 23, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grabke, having reached the age of 83 years, 5 months and 29 days.

In 1886 she was married to Gottlieb Knopf who preceded her in death in the year 1916. This union was blessed with ten children, five of whom survive. Our departed sister accepted the Lord as her personal Savior while still in Poland and through baptism was united with the Baptist Church. In 1896 she emigrated with her husband and family to Canada, settling in the Whitemouth District and joining the Baptist Church of Whitemouth, of which she remained a faithful member till the end.

She found much joy in serving her Lord. She was a loving mother to her children, teaching them the way of the Lord. During her extended illness of many years, and during the last year of her life when she was bedridden, she was cared for and nursed by the loving and tender hands of her daughter Ida.

Mrs. Knopf is survived by three sons: Julius of Whitemouth, Man.; Otto of Portland, Ore.; Herbert of River Falls, Man.; two daughters: Mrs. Olga Kuhn, Vancouver, B. C.; Mrs. Ida Grabke of River Hills, Man.; 24 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren; three brothers: Fred, Albert and William Litke, all of Connecticut; two sisters: Mrs. Roloff, California; Mrs. Potz, Connecticut; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The local pastor was in charge of the funeral services held on April 26 at the Whitemouth Baptist Church using as his text, John 14:1 and Matt. 8:11. May God's comfort console the sorrowing with eternal hope!

Whitemouth Baptist Church,
River Hills, Manitoba

JOHN KUEHN, Pastor.



Pfc. Ervin Steinert of Lodi, Calif., who was killed in a plane crash in the Swiss Alps on March 7, 1952

Pfc. ERVIN LEE STEINERT
of Lodi, California.

Pfc. Ervin Lee Steinert, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Steinert of Lodi, Calif., was born July 21, 1931, in Regan, North Dakota. From 1944 to 1948 he lived in Bismarck, North Dakota. In 1948 he came to Woodland, Calif., with his parents and sister and completed his High School there.

In 1949 they established residence in Lodi, California. In 1946 as a young man Ervin accepted the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior and was baptized on profession of his faith by the Rev. Edward Kary and united with the Bismarck Baptist Church. After coming to Lodi he united with the First Baptist Church here, of which he was a loyal member until his untimely death. Ervin was an upright young man, very active in young people's work, loved and appreciated by all. He was also a member of the choir.

Ervin joined the U.S. Air Force on October 17, 1950. He took up special training in Radio Operation. On August 5, 1951 his assignment took him to Germany where he was continually flying in peace time activities. He met with accidental death on March 7th in a plane crash in the Swiss Alps on a flight between Germany and Madrid, Spain.

He reached the age of 20 years, 7 months and 16 days. He leaves to mourn his loving parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Steinert; one sister, Mabel; his grandfathers, Gottlieb Steinert and George Hochhalter; also his step-grandmother, Mrs. Gottlieb Steinert; three aunts: Mrs. John Zelmer, Mrs. Wm. Steinert and Mrs. Edna Delzar, all of Regan, N. Dak.; 13 uncles: Ted Hochhalter, Lodi; Ed. Jacob and David Hochhalter of Regan; Fred Hochhalter, Bismarck, N. Dak.; Gottlieb and Edwin Steinert of Bismarck; William Steinert, Regan, N. Dak.; Emmanuel Steinert, Garrison, N. Dak.; Ted Steinert of Cook, Minn.; and David Steinert of Minneapolis, Minnesota. He leaves many cousins in North Dakota and in Lodi, Calif., besides many friends in Lodi, Woodland and North

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Yesterday!
Betrayed, forsaken, crucified,
By friend and foe alike, denied;
Between two thieves our Savior died!

Today!
Risen, exalted, glorified,
By angelic hosts magnified;
Adored throughout the whole world wide!

Tomorrow!
He comes to claim his spotless bride,
Who for his coming long has cried—
To live forever at his side.

—Ruth M. Williams.

Dakota. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saint."
First Baptist Church,
Lodi, California

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.

MRS. ELLA SUMP
of Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Ella Sump of Dayton, Ohio, was born on January 17, 1881 in Dayton, Ohio, to William and Fredericka Kitt. She was baptized at Cleveland, Ohio, by the Rev. F. A. Licht. She was united in marriage on Nov. 28, 1905 to Charles Sump. One son, Howard, was born to them, but died at the age of twelve years. After ill health for nearly a year, she was called to her Eternal Home on Wednesday, April 16, 1952.

Except for her short stay in Cleveland, she was a lifelong member of the Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton. She was active in many of the organizations of the church and Sunday School, but she will be remembered especially for her services in the choir and on the Music Committee. Faithful in her service until failing health forced her to withdraw, nevertheless, we have felt her continuing prayers on our behalf.

Her loss is mourned by her husband, Charles; two sisters: Mrs. Charles Haller of Cleveland, and Mrs. Paul Tiedt of Dayton; several nephews and nieces and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held on April 19th with the Rev. Alex H. Elsesser officiating. The Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, a former pastor in Dayton and a close friend of the family, spoke words of comfort, pointing out the faithfulness of her Christian life and the promises of God.

"Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matt. 25:34).

Shroyer Road Baptist Church,
Dayton, Ohio

ALEX H. ELSSESSER, Pastor.

MRS. BERTHA BURGSTÄHLER
of Lodi, California.

Mrs. Bertha Burgstahler, nee Boese, of Lodi, Calif., was born July 22, 1866 in Southwest Russia. In 1885 she came to this country and took up residence in South Dakota. Two years later her family moved to the Germantown Community near Fessenden, North Dakota. In 1906 she came to Lodi, Calif., where she remained until she was called to her heavenly Home.

In 1890 she joined hands in holy wedlock with the late Mr. Albert Burgstahler who preceded her in death in 1946. This union was blessed with eleven children: eight boys and three girls; one twin boy died in early childhood. Mrs. Burgstahler was converted when she was 16 years old. She was baptized on profession of her faith and united with the Baptist Church. After coming to Lodi, she became a member of the First Baptist Church here.

Our sister was very active in the church work. For many years she was Sunday School teacher, a very faithful and active member of the Woman's Missionary Society. Her joy and delight were to be in the house of the Lord and in fellowship with God's people. She was a loving mother to her children, a very consecrated and sincere Christian. The last few years brought her much suffering through ill health which she accepted with great patience and resignation as God's will for her life. She passed away April 21, 1952, at the age of 85 years, 8 months and 29 days.

She is survived by seven sons and three daughters: Adele, Mrs. Milton Lohr, Lodi, Calif.; Edith, Mrs. Albert Burgstahler, Oakland, Calif.; Lillie, Mrs. H. F. Seidel, Cathay, N. Dak.; Anton H., William, Herb, Fred and Rueben Burgstahler, all of Lodi, Calif.; Gust Burgstahler, Goodrich, N. Dak.; and Elmer Burgstahler, Fessenden, North Dakota. She leaves three sisters: Mrs. Minnie Folendorf, San Jose, Calif.; Mrs. Mary Truedson, Ore.; and Mrs. Anna Beiswinger, Montana; two brothers: Mr. Emil Boese, Lodi, Calif.; and Mr. Harry Boese, Stockton, Calif.; also eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

First Baptist Church,
Lodi, California

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.

THE BAPTIST TEMPLE

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with real rifles, somewhat smaller than the standard Springfield of that period, they were of great assistance in dramatizing many occasions having a militant keynote.

The Temple Congress (modeled after the National Congress) was organized in 1893. At first, most of the Senators and Representatives were members of the church or young men's association. Later college students were admitted, and outsiders, proficient in public speaking, were attracted. Many of Philadelphia's public-spirited citizens of later years received their initial training in this organization.

Along with all Philadelphians, we rejoice in the knowledge that the University and the Hospital (long since incorporated and independent institutions) are internationally known in their own right. Temple University Hospital's present facilities enable it to care for 17,000 patients annually. Enrollment for the current semester at the University stands at about 25,000.

The church, too, carries on its important work. The Temple today has the largest Baptist church membership in Philadelphia. Its ministry, as always, is missionary and evangelistic. During the pastorate of Dr. Daniel A. Poling, the Russell H. Conwell Me-

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morial Church was established in suburban West Oak Lane; the Temple also sponsored the reorganization of a Baptist Church in Mayfair, which was renamed the Russell H. Conwell Memorial Church of Mayfair. Today the three congregations share with similar institutions in a task recognized by thinking people everywhere as no less than VITAL.

DR. PAULLIN, PASTOR

Norman W. Paullin, minister of Baptist Temple, began his work February 16, 1948. His early training, educational qualifications and service record have prepared him admirably for this important post. He has been very active in the work of Christian Endeavor and the "Youth for Christ" movement. He speaks regularly before the nearby state conventions as well as youth rallies of the various counties and cities within the Middle

Atlantic Region of Christian Endeavor. At the present time he is pastor counsellor of the Pennsylvania State Christian Endeavor Union, and of the Philadelphia County Christian Endeavor Union. He is the religious advisor of the Conwell Club of the Temple University and an instructor in the field of evangelism at the Baptist Institute of Philadelphia.

In 1941, at the age of 35, he was honored with the Doctor of Divinity degree. The citation read in part, "He is an effective preacher of the Gospel of Christ, who combines with his pulpit ability the pastor's understanding of and care for his people; he demonstrates the thoroughness of a good administrator, and his spiritual leadership commands the confidence and respect of both the youth and older members of his congregation."

His position as minister of the Temple lays upon him the responsibility for the administrations of the spiritual affairs of the congregation with and through the official boards of the church, as well as the preaching ministry of Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday night. He will be the guest speaker at the daily "Quiet Half Hours" bringing Bible expositions during the General Conference to be held at his church in Philadelphia from August 20 to 26, 1952.

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