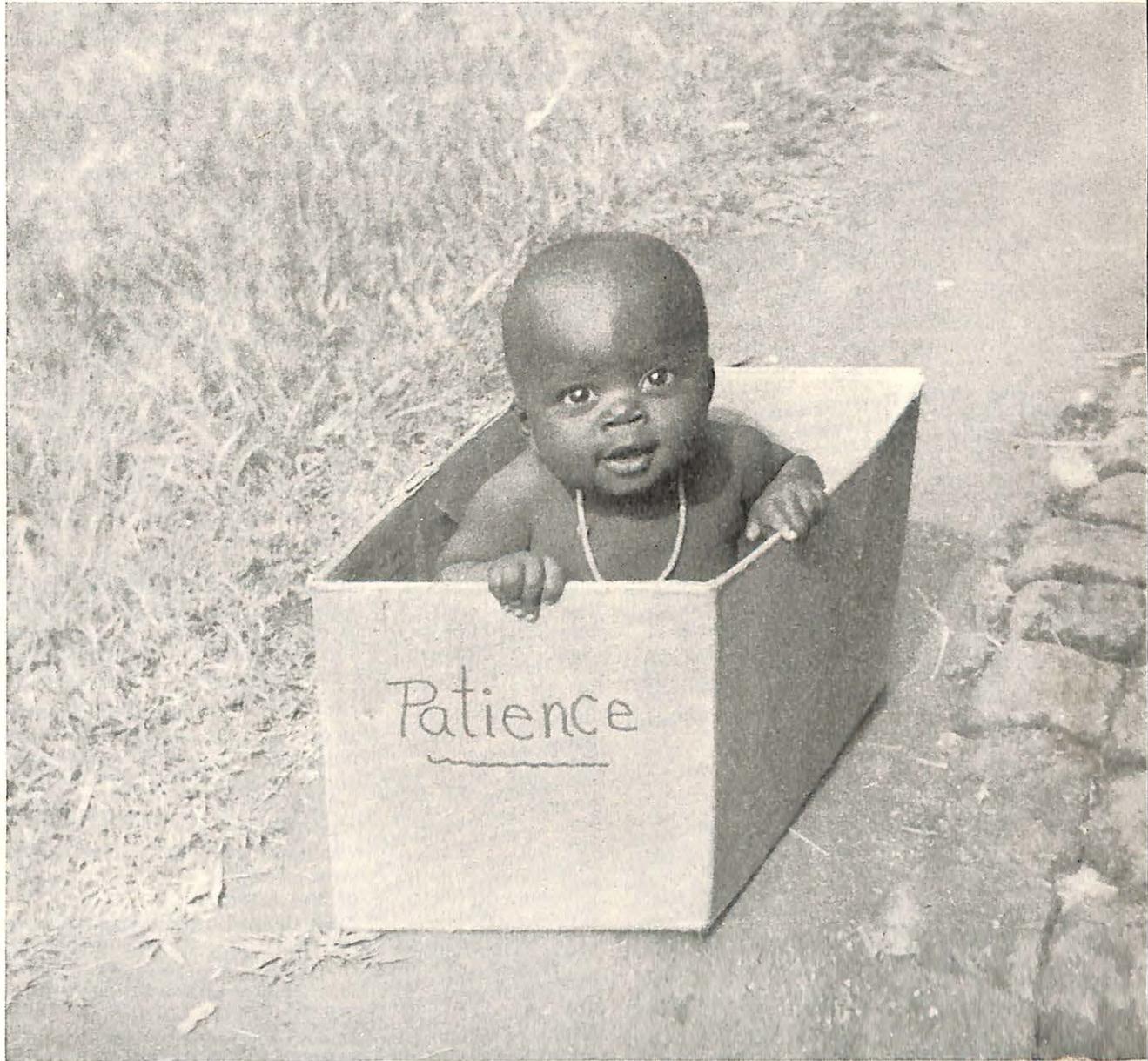


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● It is reported that a statue of Count Bismarck, famous statesman, disappeared from a city in the Soviet Zone of Germany one day. The next morning it was discovered that a prankster had put a sign on the spot during the night: "Gone to Moscow for indoctrination. Back soon. Otto."—Prophecy Monthly.

● Reports from Jerusalem indicate that unless drastic remedial action is taken soon, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the Holy Land faces deterioration and possible collapse. Change of the slightest detail of the historic church, however, entails nearly insurmountable problems, because before work can be started consent must be obtained from Greek Orthodox, Copts, Armenians, Syrian Orthodox, Ethiopians and the Roman Catholics. All own various sectors of the church and there must be unanimous consent before a stone can be moved.—Moody Monthly.

● The New Greek Constitution, which has just gone into effect, prohibits proselytizing and "any interference at expense of prevailing religion in Greece," which is that of the Eastern Orthodox Church. "The freedom of religious conscience is inviolable," the Constitution states, "but the practice of religious duties is not allowed to offend the public order or the good customs of the country. None can be exempt from carrying out his civil duties toward the country or from executing the country because of his religious convictions."—The Protestant World.

● A German nun, Sister Erintrudis, reported the following upon her return to Berlin after having visited many schools in the United States under the State Department exchange program: American schools have too much visual education material—which serves to make the children's imagination lazy. In Germany great emphasis is put on homework, whereas in the United States she found that many children do not even take their books home. She admired the large school buildings here. In Germany many children do not even know the names of such rooms as cafeterias, libraries, and cloak rooms. German children usually eat their lunches in the hallways.—The Register.

● In the "Ask Anybody" column of the New York Sunday News for September 9, 1951, one of the questions was, "What is the most popular book in the New York Public Libraries?"

The answer was in part as follows: "To select the one book most constantly in demand from the millions of volumes in the New York Public Library and its seventy branches is not as difficult a task as it seems. The one perennial 'best seller', which retains its following from generation to generation, is the Bible. Morning, afternoon and evening, until the main reading room closes at 10 P.M., there is always a group immersed in many translations and editions from our extensive collections of the Holy Scriptures."—The Baptist News.

● All the leaders of Gospel work, both Venezuelan and foreign, even property owners and those born in the province of Guajira-Perija in western Venezuela, have been ordered to leave under the pretext that religious and educational work has been contracted to the Capuchino Monks. The order was issued by the National Ministry of Interior Relations. Upon appealing the case, the Ministry ruled that the constitutional liberty of worship means only liberty of conscience and belief, and not the liberty of outward forms of worship, not of propagation of any religion except that ordered by the Ministry, which has the right of inspection of all religious observance. The case has been placed in the hands of the Supreme Court of that country.—Prophecy Monthly.

● The following question was sent to the editor of "The Sign Post," a department of the national Catholic magazine "The Sign": "How about my reading certain books (list enclosed) by non-Catholic authors?" A part of the interesting answer reveals the following attitude of the editor: "That a Catholic waste time in reading non-Catholic religious books is a human misery. Such books are, to say the least, potentially misleading. There are tons of religious literature authored by Catholics—ancient, medieval, modern. Duly approved publications are reliable; amply varied presentations are adapted to the capacity and taste of any and every reader. There is no need to excursion beyond Catholic sources for religious information or inspiration; to do so is, more often than not, futile; to do so is forbidden by Church law, because so dangerous."—From The Sign.

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

# Editorial

## God's in His Heaven

THERE IS MUCH in the world that is dark and dreary. The forces of unrighteousness are unleashed everywhere. Men love darkness rather than light in their sinful ways. All of this is a most discouraging and disillusioning experience in the modern world.

But when we sing that "Christ, the Lord, is risen today" we are declaring that the love of God in Christ is abroad in a world that stands desperately in need of love. Love was the power that drew the Savior from the grave-clothes, tore asunder the seals, rolled away the stone and put to flight the sentinels of a loveless empire. It was this victorious love that enabled the weak men and women, who had forsaken him and fled, to rally to his Gospel and to bear him as a gift within their hearts to the ends of the earth.

Easter is the proclamation that God is still in his heaven, in spite of all that looks dark about us. The Risen Christ towers over all the wrecks of time as the same mighty, omnipresent Lord "yesterday, and today, and for ever." For Easter demonstrates to us the mighty power of God "which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 1:20).

Easter Sunday has therefore a message of cheer and comfort to bring to every individual. The Risen Lord comes to each soul, when the shadows of the valley creep in upon you and when your heart is heavy, saying: "Peace be unto you!" His message is reassuring: "God is not dead! It is HE in whom you live and move and have your being." The words we hear convince us of the reality of his resurrection from the dead: "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:13). The resurrection of Christ becomes the cornerstone in our Christian faith, as the Apostle Paul pointed out, because it gives us the firm assurance that God is in his heaven, ever mighty to save, always encompassing us with his love and grace.

Easter Sunday also has a message of truth and triumph for the world at large. The world may go about its business to the accompaniment of the thundering of guns, the reverberation of bombs, the destruction of cities, the creation of battlefields, the monstrous accumulation of debts, until the day of reckoning comes with the words of divine judgment: "Ye fools!" God will hold you to account for what you have done. This is the truth of God that abides in the relationship of men and women with one another in what we call "civilization." Unless we return to the Lord Jesus Christ in faith, to the principles of his Word, to the experience of the power of his resurrection in the new birth, then there can be no sure and certain civilization.

Easter Sunday gives us a clear and confident upward look. God's in his heaven, because Christ is risen, indeed! This is "the spiritual stuff" that makes conquerors of his disciples, royal heirs of earthly pilgrims!

**GOD'S INDIAN FRIEND**  
The poem, "God's Indian Friend," which was a tribute to the late Rev. Fred W. Benke and which appeared in the Jan. 3, 1952 issue of the BAPTIST HERALD, was written by Mrs. Paul Strohschein of Wetaskiwin, Alberta. She and her husband are the ones who gave the initial inspiration for the Benke Memorial Chapel which now stands on the Bull Reserve.

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April 13 (Easter Sunday)—Sumner, Iowa.
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April 6 (Palm Sunday)—Watertown, Wisconsin.
- Rev. Martin L. Leuschner**  
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April 6 (Palm Sunday A.M.)—Central Church, Edmonton, Alta.  
April 8—Commencement Exercises, Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.

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## Jesus Christ, Our King

The story of the first Palm Sunday, recorded in Mark 11:1-11 and interpreted by MISS THELMA FORSCH of Lodi, California

YESTERDAY Jesus was at Bethany. The little village was full of Passover pilgrims. The news that the prophet of Nazareth was on his way to the feast would speedily be carried into the city. People were full of expectations. Jesus had now been going up and down the country for three years. He had preached in city after city and many had seen his miracles.

It was known through all the length and breadth of Judea, Samaria and Galilee, that this new prophet had arrived, claiming to be the Messiah. It was known, also, that his claims were utterly disowned by all the prominent church men, and that at last the religious authorities had politely proclaimed him to be a deceiver and a dangerous person, and had given orders that he should be arrested. Most people, especially in Jerusalem, sided, as the world's way is, with those who were in authority. Many others were quite different, but were interested in the day's happenings, as people are, and ready to join a crowd at any time to go in any direction.

Others there were in whose hearts sounded still some word which Jesus had spoken in the streets of their town, in whose eyes was still the sight of him as he went along one day, which they well remembered, blessing little children, healing the sick, comforting the sad. A strange and terrible thing, it seemed to them, that he should now be hunted after like a thief by Scribes and Pharisees. If he came to the Pass-

over, he came in peril of life. There were his enemies, also, wondering what he would do.

### THE KING'S RECEPTION

When the news reached Jerusalem that he was coming near the city, ready to hold his entry, thousands went forth to meet him. The garments were spread in the way. What a sight it must have been—the thousands coming to meet him with palm branches in their hands, waving them over their heads, while the multitudes which followed did the same!

Then they broke out in the glad shouts, quoting partly from the 118th Psalm, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest." When that wonderful entry took place with the king riding upon the colt, and the whole city moved as by a mighty earthquake, his enemies declared among themselves, "Behold, the world is gone before him."

What a triumph it was! The King entering Jerusalem. And in all he is undisturbed. Others might have been swept away by this enthusiasm; but he is calm in all his kingly majesty.

### THE KING'S REACTION

Now the way descends into a valley; then it rises again. Suddenly the Holy City lies outspread across the deep ravine, all white with marble walls and set about with shining roofs like gems. Here it was, no doubt, that "he beheld the city, and wept over it,"

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"Crown him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem  
drowns  
All music but its own!"

Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of him who died for thee;  
And hail him as thy matchless King  
Thro' all eternity."

❖  
HE came so simply, speaking so directly to the hearts of men, caring so little for all their costly ceremonies, but they did not know him! How he wanted to be crowned the King of their lives!

not with silent tears, but with long lamentation, for Jesus loved that city. Every stone of it was precious in his eyes. Here he had preached bearing the message of God, and few had heeded.

Outside in the country, ignorant people, unprivileged people, had listened and believed. And even in the towns of Galilee, where men thought more about their business than they did about the services of the church, there had been many disciples. There some had been willing to give up everything and follow him. But here, in Jerusalem, the Religious City," here Jesus had preached and done his deeds of mercy and blessing, and they had despised and hated him. And the day of divine visitation had come, the last of all the manifold opportunities which the town had had, the final call of God. The city lay there, beautiful beyond expression, but deaf and dumb and blind.

After all the elaborate preparations to receive Christ, he had come and was rejected. He came so simply, so naturally, speaking so directly to the hearts and lives of men, caring so little for all their costly ceremonies and their fine ritual, that they did not know him. They had deceived themselves by their emphasis upon the dress and posture of religion, by their interest in the forms and ceremonies of the church. They had dwelt so long upon the mere externals of devotion that they had ceased to be devoted.

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## The Joy of Easter Morn

Sorrow can be translated into joy. This is the joyful message of Easter. May the witnesses of the resurrection guide us in seeing "the true Light" that lights the pathway of life

By the REV. H. J. WILCKE of Tacoma, Washington

"Weeping may endure for a night,  
but joy cometh in the morning."

Psalm 30:5b.

"Ye shall be sorrowful, but your  
sorrow shall be turned into joy."

John 16:20b.

ALCHEMY, as the early form of chemistry, was occupied with the supposed art of turning all baser metals into silver and gold. It is interesting to follow the struggle of man, who by his supposed ingenuity, sought to create something valuable from something cheap. It occupied so much of man's thinking that in the third century a decree was issued that all establishments engaged in this art were to be burned. Yet through the centuries men toiled in vain—but they struggled on.

### SORROW INTO JOY

All men have sought to be alchemists. Man ever struggles with the situations that face him. He seeks by his own devices to translate sorrow into joy. The futility of his contemplation is ever apparent but he still seeks to find his own solution for the problems of life.

Sorrow can be translated into joy. This is the joyful message of Easter. Yet it can be done only by the alchemy of God. May the witnesses of the resurrection guide us in seeing "the true Light" that lights the pathway of life.

Mary Magdalene, out of whom the Lord had driven the evil spirits, was the first to wend her way to the tomb on that hallowed Easter morning. Jesus Christ had given her a new understanding of life. In turn, she had ministered unto him. As he was led to the cross she stood with others to be near him in death. It was she who with one of the other women followed Joseph of Arimathea to see where his body was to be laid to rest. Now on the third day she comes with spices and ointments to show her true respect to a deceased friend.

A number of things stand out to grant unto her the blessings of this first Easter morn. We, too, can experience like blessings as we meet him who is able to change life, even for eternity. May we be confident that "he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6).

### THE EASTER QUESTION

As Mary sat weeping at the entrance of the tomb, the angels spoke to her. "Why weepest thou?" What a question! Could they not see the sadness of her heart? Were her tear-stained eyes not a true evidence of her sorrow? Simply she answered the question. "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him." Her mind was asking them for help. Could they do nothing for her?

"Why weepest thou?" Once more the question rang out. Another bystander seemingly wondering about these tears. Futility gripped her heart. "Supposing him to be the gardener, she said unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him."

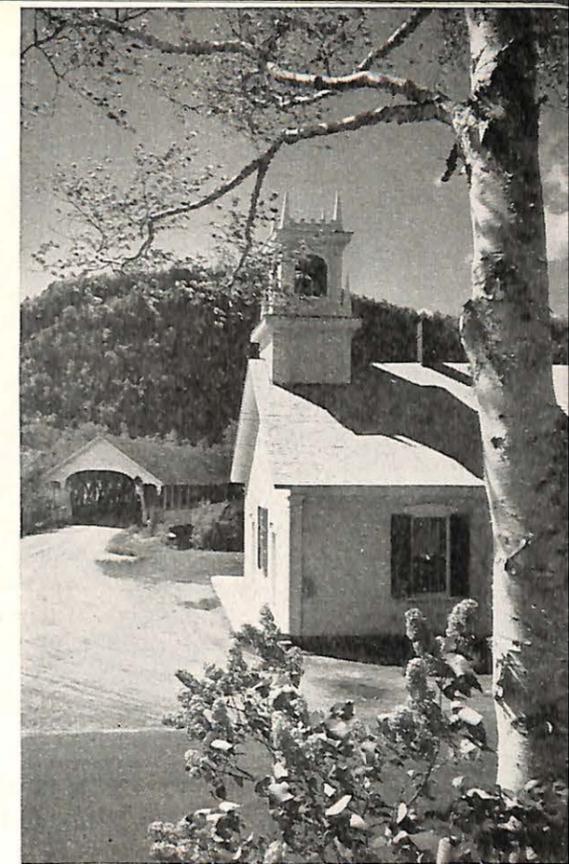
"Why weepest thou?" The question still needed a positive answer. Perhaps Mary could have honestly said, "I cannot help myself with my problems in this hour." How true! The alchemy of our own suggestions can never change sorrow into joy.

Have we an answer for our own lives to such a question? Look up—God is near! Look—you can see him. Listen—you can hear him. Wipe away those tears and behold the Lord. He will help. His help is sure. He alone can translate sorrow into joy. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." This is morning! Easter morning! The Lord is here to speak.

### THE EASTER GREETING

The supposed gardener is Jesus. As she looked at him in the hopes that he might be able to answer the question that she had asked him, he spoke. Only one word. "Mary." It is the Lord's voice. "MASTER." Just one word. It is the Lord!

Words lose their meaning. One word makes known what a thousand words can never utter. Wherever we see man come to grips with the Lord, words are forgotten. When a man really begins to pray, he isn't at all interested in the language that is the common link of man to man. Are you weeping today? "Why weepest thou?" Look up—see the Master—hear his voice. He is calling you by name. What a greeting! Loneliness, heart-sickness, sorrow, grief, pain—all are



—Winston Pote from A. Devaney, N. Y.

cast aside when the Master comes to help and to heal.

Has the Master ever called your name? He called Mary who had been looking for the Master. Perhaps you are not sure. Look to the Word of God. Wherever you turn, your name can be found. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). It is to you that the Lord says, "Come." Everywhere he speaks. Hear him today. It is to YOU that he speaks.

This is the alchemy of God. The world can offer only sorrow for sorrow, loss for loss and death for death. Christ offers life in place of death. "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). He offers gain for loss. Paul vows: "What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ" (Phil. 3:7).

Mary needed nothing more than to hear the Master speak to her. She was now able to go forth in his strength for he had spoken to her and called her by name.

### THE EASTER TESTIMONY

Leaving Christ she rushed back to the city. Her desire was to make her experience known to the disciples. She had A REAL testimony. She had seen the Christ. He had spoken to her. This was her testimony.

Is that not always the testimony that we are to bear? Peter and John appearing before the council defended with confidence the testimony that they bore. "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). This Easter Day the Lord

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Stoney Indians of Alberta, Canada, at their annual festivities with one of their chiefs (right) dressed in his finest Indian regalia.

## Christ on the Indian Trail

Your Easter gifts will help to send others forth to represent Christ on the Indian trails and strangely warm the hearts of our dear Indian friends

By the REV. R. NEUMAN, Indian Missionary

OUR LORD Jesus Christ, although not known by face to the Indians, makes himself known to them by his Word.

Jesus is not here to walk the dusty, winding Indian trail, but were that possible, he would be sure to inquire why the feet of them who carry the Gospel of peace haven't traveled there. Jesus was used to walking trails across the country and he would feel much at home on the Indian trails. But he is not here and is depending on your feet and mine. We must carry the "Good News" to every creature and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

The two disciples on their way to Emmaus later told what things were done in the way. It behooves us to relate how Christ has appeared on the Indian trails and what things were done in the way.

### INDIAN CHIEFS

On an Indian trail several years ago, it pleased God to bring Chief John Bear and the late Rev. F. W. Benke together. During the course of their conversation Jesus was introduced to the Chief of the Cree Indian tribe on the Montana Reserve. While God's servant was expounding the Word of God the chief's heart became strangely warm and invited this servant to bring the Gospel to his people. On this Reserve the Baptists are well established, and the Lord Jesus whom they have preached and taught has been received into many hearts. His Word not only warms but also gives light.

The trail did not end on the Montana Reserve. As we continue over the cliffs, around the groves and over the streams, we come to the Bull Reserve. Here is another chief (Francis Bull) whose heart has been warmed by God's Word and by the passing of God's servant. He too has cried for help, "Please, come and bring us the Word of God." The hearts that have heard the earnest plea from the lips of the chief and from others were truly warmed and have taken up the challenge. Today our mission is well established on the Bull Reserve.

### BIG HORN RESERVE

The trail continues and leads us southwest to the Big Horn Reserve near Nordegg, Alberta. It was my happy experience and great privilege to meet Mr. Beaver, a Stoney Indian, who with arms and heart open received me and the blessed Christ for whom and about whom I came to preach. He invited me to the people he represented and asked me to stay with them and make my home with them.

In a log house on Big Horn Reserve crowded with "God's Sheep," as one Indian put it, many hearts were strangely warmed while the story of Jesus with pictures was told. It was very evident that God's Word warmed many hearts when more than twenty expressed their desire to become Christians and to follow the Christ on the Big Horn Reserve trail.

The trail continues and takes us to the Duffield Reserve near Edmonton, Alberta. After an invitation, we learned that Christ would walk the

Indian trail on the Duffield Reserve but that he needed our feet to do so.

In Luke 14 we read about the Lord sending his servants into the lanes and hedges to bring in the poor and less fortunate so that his house might be full. Perhaps those in the lanes and hedges are "the poor" we find on the Indian Reserve. If so, I thank God that he has called me to be his servant among the poor.

The Indian does not fall into the category of the rich as far as earthly possessions are concerned. We are thankful to God that he welcomes all into his house, regardless of color and creed. From near and far the call comes to Baptists to make Christ known on the Indian trail.

At times, one feels rather reluctant to explore other fields for fear an invitation might be given for a missionary and we have not one or no means with which to send one.

### THE JOYS OF GIVING

As for per capita giving, the Baptists rate among the highest. The reasons for such giving are many and certainly scriptural. The requirements of the spiritual life are given to us in Luke's Gospel, chapter 6, verse 38, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you mete withal, it shall be measured to you again."

Our blessed Lord Jesus emptied himself and gave his all willingly when nailed to the cross. He first had

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## The Christ of Our Denomination

When you hear the Easter message, "He Arose," remember that Christ lives to redeem a lost world. In his program of redemption he is depending on his disciples of today, on your prayers and gifts for the Easter Offering

By the REV. J. C. GUNST,  
General Secretary of the National CBY and SS Union

"I AM COME that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Therefore the Christ of the Cross has become the theme of our song. We praise God that he lives today within the hearts of men.

We, the members of the North American Baptist General Conference, have many reasons to rejoice over the manifested power of God visible in the lives of individuals and in the functions of our churches. God's favor is upon his people. His salvation, so rich and free, has been experienced by ever so many souls in the past year.

### SEVEN THOUSAND SOULS

In the past triennium our goal has been to win 7,000 souls for Christ and his Church. At the end of the triennium in August this year we may be short of that goal. We know however that the plan of salvation, an introduction to Christ, has been presented to thousands who never made a decision to follow him at this time. In the hearts of these thousands the seed, the Word of God, has been sown and it will bear fruit in due season. Our prayers and efforts of service in their behalf shall continue.

We have every reason to believe that the risen Christ is in every undertaking, be it great or small, in our General Conference work. In our denominational missionary enterprise Christ goes on before and is at work in the many activities. Marvelous advance and intensified service have been evident among us, abroad and at home.

Christ has captivated, mellowed and moved the hearts of our people to make this enlarged missionary program possible. Many consecrated, youthful, and courageous young people, fully committed to Christ, have come out of our ranks and gone forth at his command into active mission work in the Cameroons and Japan. The prayers of our people, and their sacrificial gifts have not only sent forth these messengers of the cross, but are keeping them well supplied to build the cause of Christ in the respective fields.

In addition to our foreign mission interests, our leaders and people are united and have not lost interest nor vision of the increasing needs for mission emphasis on the home fields. Our work among the Indians in Alberta, Canada, has been making unusual progress. We have had a fine harvest of souls in recent months. New missionaries have gone to the field. A new church building has been completed to assure a more intensified evangelistic and Christian training program.

### PROGRESS AND ADVANCE

Our schools, the seminary and Christian Training Institute are being generously supported by our people. What could we do without properly trained leaders? Our youth and Sunday School work in churches and conferences is making great progress. There is every evidence of better planned organizations and a stronger spiritual program. Our homes for the aged and orphanage are well provided for.

Our Woman's Missionary Union Baptist Men's organization, and the Publishing House, all have been rendering a greater service in recent years. Behind all this, or we may well say, at the head of all these organizations, ordained men and women of God, laboring at his command, are the representative heads, our officers and secretaries. These men are elected and supported by our people; therefore a headquarters office and staff.

It would be absolutely impossible to carry on the activity of any one of the many organizations engaged in an excellent program without the support of all the other organizations. We all belong together. We not only continue to exist fully cooperating with each

The Risen Christ and His Gospel  
Will Be Made Known Through-  
out the World by Your  
EASTER OFFERING  
GIFTS

Palm Sunday, April 6, to Easter  
Sunday, April 13



—Eva Luoma Photo

other, but by closely working together we can more speedily extend God's Kingdom through our efforts and outreach.

Review the work of our denominational emphasis and outreach and you will become strikingly aware of God's mighty Spirit working in and through us. We are greatly humbled in his presence and before our people when we realize his mighty power at work in every General Conference activity.

If you were privileged to travel in his name, as your secretaries are, you could bear us out when we say, "Wherever we go in the work, Christ is there, too!"

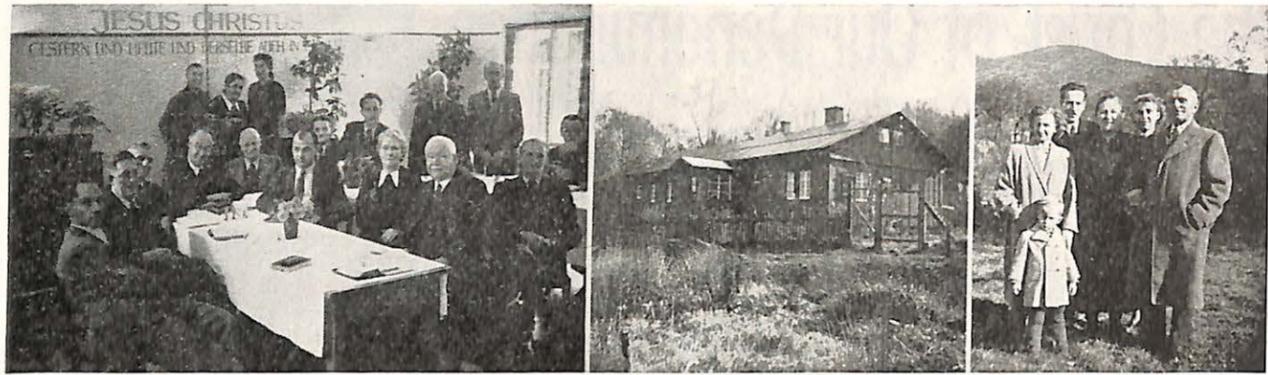
### ASSEMBLIES AND CAMPS

We visit assemblies and youth camps, and Christ is there, too. A week at camp in daily study of the Word, group and private devotions, attending prayer bands, hearing missionary messages, and enjoying Christian fellowship and fun, young people surrender to Christ. They confess their sins before God and their fellow campers. Many young people declare themselves ready to serve this Christ at home or abroad because his presence is so vitally real.

We visit conferences and rallies, and Christ is there, too. Christian youth assumes leadership, leads in prayer and song services. These young people give helpful testimonies and often bring the main messages. The Spirit of Christ is felt distinctly prompting all these activities. Young people are thrilled and inspire those who are present.

We visit many of our churches and Christ is there, too. In the Sunday

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Baptist ministers and missionaries of Austria with several members of their families (left) get together at the Bad Ischl Church for a retreat. In the center and at the right the Baptist Chapel at Huetteldorf, a suburb of Vienna, is shown as well as the pastor, Rev. R. Ostermann, and his family.

## Our Mission Work in Austria

You will find the risen and triumphant Christ in the high mountain passes and along the flower-banked roads of Austria, where God is blessing this mission field of ours and the faithful witness of nine Baptist missionaries whom we are supporting

By the REV. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Promotional Secretary

WHEREVER men reach out in spiritual need to God, there you will find the Risen Lord walking among them. Bishop Vincent said: "Reach up as far as you can, and God will reach down all the rest of the way." That is the story of God's love and of his redeeming grace for all peoples everywhere. It shows us the ever living Christ, at all the crossroads of life today, ministering to the souls of needy men and women.

You will also find this Christ in the high mountain passes and along the flower-banked roads of Austria. Our nine Baptist missionaries in this land at the heart of Europe are constantly reporting spiritual victories, baptismal services, plans for ministers' conferences and youth assemblies, the opening of new mission stations, and the building of Baptist chapels. The work of Christ in the evangelical proclamation of the Gospel is expanding, even though hardships and persecution have to be confronted. God is blessing this mission field of his, in which we have a large part, in Austria.

### CITY OF STEYR

Every church historian knows the story of Anabaptists in Central Europe in the 15th and 16th centuries. In Steyr, Austria, there were many Anabaptists, the spiritual forerunners of the Baptists today, who were burned at the stake because of their faith. The old "Bummerlhaus," built about 1492 which was formerly a restaurant



The famous "Bummerlhaus" in Steyr, Austria, built in 1492, which was the center of Anabaptist activity centuries ago.

building known as "The Inn at the Golden Lion," still stands in Steyr today. (See accompanying picture.) This was the center of Anabaptist activity centuries ago. Here they prepared the messengers of the Gospel before they were sent forth to proclaim their faith. The people nicknamed these Anabaptist preachers "Bummler" (which means about the

same as "bums"). The house still bears that strange name, as a memorial tablet on the wall testifies.

It is even more important for us to realize that in this city of Steyr since 1910 we have had God's people of Baptist conviction and faith. Since 1929 we have had a small but virile Baptist church group. Our missionaries serve this congregation frequently. But it still needs a chapel and meeting-place as well as a full-time minister. The work is promising and the field is white, but funds are needed for the chapel and for the minister of God in the city of Steyr.

### SECOND LARGEST CITY

The city of Linz with its population of 200,000 people, as the second largest city of Austria, is also associated with the preaching of the Anabaptists in the Middle Ages. The city has grown to be an important industrial center.

Linz has also become one of our Baptist mission fields. A Baptist family which had been living in Linz since the second World War, gathered together a good sized group of Baptist refugees and displaced persons who then met regularly in various homes. Since December 1950 the congregation is being served by the Rev. Wolfran Carl who with his family of wife and three children is witnessing winsomely to the Gospel.

As yet we do not have a chapel in Linz. The Baptist congregation is meeting at present in the military hall

of the United States Armed Forces as a result of the influential help of the Baptist chaplain, Major Mayfield. This is only a temporary arrangement, and other facilities must ultimately be found. There is promise of greater things for the Risen Christ here in this throbbing city of Austria!

### SALZBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

Salzburg is another Austrian city in which Anabaptists have left their spiritual imprint. It is a city of musical culture, historical associations and natural beauty. In 1928 a small Baptist work was begun with twenty members. From private homes the group moved into the classroom of the famous Mozart Museum. Since April, 1950, the Baptist congregation has had its own church building, largely provided by generous gifts from the Southern Baptist Convention.

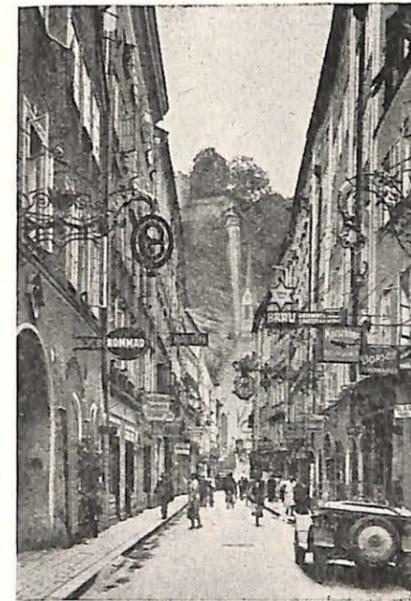
The Salzburg Baptist Church, with the energetic Rev. Martin Gigseder as pastor, now has about 200 in its membership with services being held at five different mission stations. During 1951 forty converts were baptized at three impressive baptismal services. Enthusiastic youth groups carry the Gospel into the surrounding mountainous country. A church building is greatly needed at Seekirchen. The Rev. Willi Friedsam is serving the several mission stations and carrying on the evangelistic and youth work in the surrounding area. It is pioneer work, like that of the Anabaptists of 400 years ago!

Bad Ischl lies like a sparkling gem in the heart of the Austrian Alps near the borders of Bavaria. It has majestic scenery which shows forth the handiwork of God. But it also shows forth the more sordid side of life in the sins of people's hearts where the grace of God must touch and transform life.

### BAD ISCHL AND HUETTELDORF

In the new Baptist Chapel of Bad Ischl there have been several baptismal services. The Rev. August Hirnboeck is rendering a splendid service as the pastor and as our missionary. The church is steadily growing in numbers and in influence. The ministers' retreats and youth assemblies are usually held at Bad Ischl where our Austrian church is. A pastors' course is given annually here for the training of young men in greater evangelistic efforts and pioneer missionary work.

Near the city of Vienna is a good sized suburb known as Huetteldorf. As early as 1923 the Rev. R. Ostermann came into this vicinity from his exile in Siberia and began a Baptist work with Christians of like-minded faith. He served as a missionary for us in the Danubian countries for several years, but since the beginning of World War II he has again assumed



An interesting street, known as "Getreidestrasse" in old Salzburg, Austria.

leadership of this Baptist group in Huetteldorf.

In this suburb of about 12,000 persons, known as Eden because of its beautiful surroundings, Baptist services have been held regularly, first in the home of Missionary Ostermann and since July 1949 in the little Baptist Chapel which used to be military barracks.

God has blessed the preaching of his Word in this plain wooden chapel with his power and grace. The church now numbers 78 and has become self-supporting. Numerous strangers attend the services from week to week.

Austria, has a memorable history behind it. It was founded almost a century ago by an English Baptist by the name of Edward Millard. For almost twenty years it has enjoyed the dynamic ministry of the Rev. Arnold Koester, a Baptist preacher of great spiritual power and personal charm. The name of the church is the Mollard Street Baptist Church of Vienna. The church sanctuary is located on the top floor of a downtown building.

But the evangelistic outreach of this Vienna church extends into the highways and byways of the city. The church conducts at least twenty missions in private homes where services of prayer meetings are held and to which the neighbors are invited for worship and for the study of the Bible. The ministry of this church in the winning of souls for Christ is remarkable. God is using this church at the heart of Vienna as a bright lighthouse for the Gospel of the Christ.

The name of the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt is known to almost every North American Baptist across the miles. He has visited this country several times, spoken at conference sessions and at the General Conference meetings, and written for our publications. He is serving as director of our mission work in Austria, encouraging the missionaries, helping to found new mission stations, carrying on the many administrative duties and rendering an important ministry and relief and in the preaching of the Word.

### BALTHASER HUBMAIER

Balthaser Hubmaier, the forerunner of Baptists who suffered a martyr's death in Vienna, Austria, in 1528 once said: "Truth is immortal." This is the



The large congregation of the Baptist Church in Salzburg, Austria, just before a baptismal service, with the Rev. and Mrs. Carl Fuellbrandt in the front row (seated, left).

Brother Ostermann continues to serve the church with joy and accompanying success. This is also the home church of the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, the director of our Austrian Mission, and of his wife.

### MAGNIFICENT VIENNA

The Baptist Church in Vienna,

truth of God's revelation of which the Lord Jesus spoke when he announced that he was the Way, the truth and the Life that alone lead to God. This is the truth of the Gospel which we are proclaiming through our missionaries in Austria as Christ reveals himself as the Way to God along the Austrian roads and Alpine trails.



Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson and their children, Paul and Judy, on the "Samaria" bound for Liverpool, England, and the mission field in the Cameroons.

## Back Again to Africa!

It has been our privilege during the past seven years to see a remarkable growth of faith in our churches at home and on our mission fields. God has answered your prayers in our behalf. We rejoice to be God's ambassadors again in the Cameroons!

By the REV. and MRS. EDWIN MICHELSON of Soppo, Africa

SEVEN YEARS AGO we left our home in the United States for our new home in the Cameroons for the first time. We were young and inexperienced, but we ventured out in faith with the assurance of God's call to serve in Africa. Everything was new to us as we crossed the Atlantic for the first time and came to Portugal to a strange people.

Later, together with Earl and Lois Ahrens and Lillian Jacobsen, we set foot on African soil. How happy and relieved we were as we arrived there after three months of wartime travel. The beauty of the land struck us even as we were filled with compassion, as was our Savior, when we saw a neglected and sin-sick people.

### TRUST IN GOD

Now we have again left America for Africa. We have at least increased in age if not experience. Surely our trust in God has grown as we are constantly reminded of his promises by seeing his working in the lives of his people. As we look over the Atlantic, we fear less because now there are no German submarines, and if it gets stormy and rough we have the new "dramamine" pills which help prevent seasickness.

We now feel at home among people with a foreign accent—British, Scotch, Irish, German and even Indian. Soon

we shall again feel the thrill of seeing majestic Mt. Cameroons and the tropical countryside of Coastal Africa. Even the odors will make it feel "homey." In a greater measure we shall be burdened with the needs of our Africa.

In looking over the past seven years we can only say that God's blessings are far greater than any of us deserve. We have seen the native church grow in numbers and in spirit. Passing time sees growing saints in a difficult and changing land. The height of this growth has been the offering of men for full-time service at a sacrifice.

It has been our privilege to see growth of faith in our Baptist churches and Christians in America, too. This growth is reflected on our Cameroons Mission Field. From a mere "half dozen," we have increased our missionary number to thirty-one in the

### MISSIONARY NEWS

The Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson and their family have arrived safely in the Cameroons. The news about their field of service will be announced later.

The new mission field among the lepers in the Cameroons has been begun with Miss Laura E. Reddig and the Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider serving as our first missionaries there.

The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman and their son Larry were scheduled to leave Africa on March 20th for their first furlough to the United States.

Cameroons and we have also gone into Japan by three. There has been the removal and rebuilding of our Seminary as well as the enlarging of our Edmonton Bible School. Most churches have made building improvements.

### INSPIRING ADVANCE

In Africa the advance is shown in the undertaking of the Bansa Baptist Hospital, our African Bible School, new and better English schools, the Elementary Teachers' Training Center, opening of new stations, and now the opening of the Leper Colony. The biggest step forward is the active participation of the African Christian in God's Kingdom work.

In our own lives we have seen testing and disappointment in "sick leave return" before our furlough was due. This was the second experience of that nature and it seemed sure to be the last. However, the Lord has heard the prayers of our people at home in America and at home in Africa, and we are returning. We know it to be our Savior's will, and we look forward to the joy of being his ambassadors in the Cameroons again.

As you continue to give and pray, we can go and work. We thank you, one and all, for your support. We say with Paul in Colossians 4:2-5: "Continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving; withal praying also for us that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds; that I may make it manifest as I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time."



—Picture by Herda Heinrich  
Paul and Judy Michelson, children of the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, Cameroons missionaries, playing in the water of Sylvan Lake at the Alberta Young People's Assembly last summer.

# Train Accommodations to Philadelphia

Plans for special General Conference cars on the Milwaukee Line and Northern Pacific Railroad for those going to Philadelphia, Pa., for the conference sessions from August 20 to 26, 1952

By the REV. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Promotional Secretary

POWERFUL DIESELS and luxurious streamlined trains will take many of our people across the prairies and through the central states to the city of Philadelphia, Pa., for the General Conference sessions from August 20 to 26, 1952. A train ride like that is always an exciting adventure!

But it will be even more thrilling if it can be shared with many friends and fellow-Baptists. The hours of a trip become golden with joys if you can travel together with others whom you know.

### MILWAUKEE LINE

Arrangements cannot be made for a complete special Conference train, but accommodations can be provided for those who would like to be in the same Pullman or coach cars with other North American Baptists. If enough of our people make use of these accommodations and several cars can be reserved for the benefit of our General Conference visitors, then we can plan to transfer these cars in Chicago to the Pennsylvania Railroad train and enable you to travel from your home town all the way through to Philadelphia without changing trains.

That will be both a convenience and a great time saver!

The Milwaukee Line will attach special Pullman cars with air conditioned equipment to its Columbian train which will leave Tacoma, Wash., on Saturday night, August 16, at 8:45 P.M. Clergy certificates are honored on this train. Our North American Baptist people can board this train at any place along the line, leaving the Twin Cities of Minnesota on Monday night, August 18, and arriving in Chicago on Tuesday morning, August 19. People from Canada can also make arrangements to connect with this train at any convenient place.

If you are interested in traveling with this special party of North American Baptists, please write to the Reverend M. L. Leuschner, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Ill., and state your tentative plans. Let us know where you hope to board the train and what accommodations you would prefer for yourself and your friends. Your requests will be turned over to Mr. W. Van Buren of the Milwaukee office in Chicago and he will arrange for a Passenger Agent to get in touch with you with full particulars as to your trip to Philadelphia.

You will be under no obligation whatsoever by expressing your interest. We shall not know whether we can provide for these special cars and accommodations until we have learned how many of our people are planning to travel in this way. If you are at all interested, please write at once to our headquarters office in Forest Park.

### NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD

For those North American Baptists living near or along the route of the Northern Pacific Railroad, the facilities of the North Coast Limited, on which clergy tickets are also honored, will be placed at our disposal. We shall plan for one or more special Pullman cars if the request for tickets warrant it. This train leaves Tacoma, Wash., on Saturday evening, August 16, at 9:40 P.M. If we have enough passengers on this train for several special cars, these also will be attached to the same train of the Pennsylvania Line as those of the Milwaukee Road. It will therefore be possible to travel together as a large group of North American Baptists from Chicago to Philadelphia just prior to the General

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—Courtesy the Milwaukee Road  
The Milwaukee Road's Streamliner, "The Olympian Hiawatha," leaving Chicago's Union Station on a long haul across the country.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● On Sunday, Feb. 3rd, the Rev. Erich Gutsche presented his resignation to the First Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak., and announced that he had accepted the call extended to him by the Grace Baptist Church of Hettinger, North Dakota. He has served the Corona church since 1946. In Hettinger, N. Dak., where he will begin his ministry on April 1st, he will succeed the Rev. Norman Miller, now of Selfridge, North Dakota.

● On Friday evening, Feb. 22, the annual Washington Birthday Rally for the New York and Vicinity Young People's Union was held at the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York. The principal speaker at the rally was the Rev. G. Harold Hill, pastor of the Evangel Church of Newark, New Jersey. Mr. Victor Prendinger, president of the Union, presided at the business session which was held from 7:30 to 8:00 P.M.

● Recently the Baptist Church of Swan River, Man., extended a call to the Rev. E. H. Nikkel of Southey, Sask., to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Nikkel will begin his ministry in Swan River on April 1st and will succeed the Rev. Alexander Hart, who served the church for a brief pastorate before going to Winnipeg to become the assistant pastor of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church. In Southey Mr. Nikkel has served the Baptist Church since 1949.

● Dr. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., supply pastor for the denomination, will serve the Salem Baptist Church of Scottsbluff, Neb., for the three months of April, May and June as interim pastor. His appointment to this ministry was made by the Southwestern and General Missionary Committees in an effort to strengthen the work and to revive the spiritual fires of the small group there. The Rev. Marvin Bostow was the former pastor of the Scottsbluff church.

● On Feb. 11 the Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider, missionaries to the Cameroons, Africa, reported that their eight month old daughter, Mary Alice, had died on board ship as they were bound from England to the African coast. Mary Alice was born in Dallas, Ore., on August 23, 1951. She was the second child of the Schneiders. Her body was laid to rest in the waters of the Atlantic. The heartfelt sympathy of our entire denomination goes out to the sorrowing parents.

● The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., held evangelistic services from Feb. 6 to 20 with Dr. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., serving as evangelist. The average attendance at all of the meetings was 231 with a high attendance on Sunday morning, Feb. 17, of 347. There were six conversions during the services. The missionary offerings by the church reached the fine sum of \$450.31. Dr. A. S. Felberg is the pastor of the church.

● On Sunday evening, Dec. 16, the Berean Songsters of the Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, presented a special radio program over station KOEL in Oelwein, Iowa. Again on Sunday, Dec. 23, the male chorus of the Elgin Baptist Church rendered an hour program over the same radio station. Youth Week was observed from Jan. 27 to Feb. 3 at the Elgin Church with visitation night, midweek meeting and the Sunday evening services in charge of the young people, as reported by Mrs. Clarence C. Schneider. Dr. Arthur Ittermann is pastor of the church.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., will hold evangelistic services from April 15 to 27 with the Rev. William Hoover, pastor of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., as evangelist. The first three week-day services and the two Sunday night meetings will be conducted in English and all the rest of the services in German. The pastor, the Rev. Assaf Husmann, has stated that "all sister churches of New York and vicinity and all those interested

are most heartily invited to attend. We also covet your prayers in our behalf."

● On Sunday, March 9, the Rev. Roy Seibel of Emery, S. Dak., baptized 26 converts in a very impressive baptismal service at the Emery Baptist Church. He had conducted evangelistic services at the church from Jan. 9 to 20 with 26 decisions for Christ. Five other members were recently received into the church by letter. Mr. Seibel also served as evangelist at special meetings for two weeks which were held at the Danzig station of the Tyndall Baptist Church of South Dakota, with ten decisions for Christ. The Rev. Walter Stein is pastor of the Tyndall Church.

● As a result of an extensive promotional tour to all of the churches of the Southern Conference which was conducted by the Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Dallas, Texas, and the Rev. H. John Vanderbeck of Kyle, Texas, offerings were received for the mission project of the Southern Conference CBY Union totaling \$803.30. Mission films were shown and inspirational messages were given by the brethren. Because of this enthusiastic response to the mission project, it is expected that the Southern Conference will go over the top with its \$3000 project goal.

● The Calvary and First Baptist Churches of Killaloe, Ont., have extended a call to the Rev. Lawrence W. George of Benton Harbor, Mich., to which he has responded favorably. He and his family hope to be in Killaloe for Easter Sunday, April 13, when Mr. George will succeed the Rev. Carl R. Weisser, now of Carrington, North Dakota. Mr. George served for some time as assistant pastor at the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Mich., while he was studying at a Bible School in the city. Both Mr. and Mrs. George at present are members of the Clay Street Church of Benton Harbor, Michigan.

● The Eureka Men's Club of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., sponsored the Sunday evening service on Jan. 27 with missionary pictures of the Cameroons, Africa, and of the Indian field in Alberta, Canada, shown by Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois. Mr. David Dunn is the president of the group. The membership is 31 men at present. Mr. Abram Wall served as chairman of

## DONATION DAY at Chicago's Home for the Aged, April 14, 1952.

The annual Donation Day for the benefit of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago, Ill., will be observed on Easter Monday, April 14, 1952 at 1:30 P.M. at the Home. A very interesting program will be rendered under the auspices of the Women's Service Union of Chicago and Vicinity. Donations will be gratefully accepted and may be sent directly to: Central Baptist Home for the Aged, 1851 N. Spaulding Ave., Chicago 47, Ill. Hildegard Wutke Schieber, Secretary.

the program committee and Mr. John Schreiber as chairman of the committee on refreshments. The Men's Chorus sang several fine selections. The offering was designated for the denomination's Missionary Advance Program.

● The Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. Richard A. Grenz of Alpena, Michigan. He has responded favorably to the call and on Sunday, Feb. 10, presented his resignation to the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church of Alpena which he has served since 1947. The Trinity Church has been meeting in the chapel of the Seminary at Sioux Falls since it was organized in November 1940. Mr. Grenz will become the first full-time pastor of this church as he begins his pastorate there on April 1st. The Trinity church is known as "the Seminary church" since it ministers to the seminary faculty and student body as well as to other North American Baptists in the city.

● The First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wis., has extended a call to Mr. Harvey A. Rakow who began his ministry there on Feb. 1st, succeeding the Rev. E. M. Wegner. Mr. Rakow is a graduate of the Sheboygan High School and of the Northwestern Bible School and Seminary in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He also attended Bethel College in St. Paul, Minnesota. He served several years as pastor for the Home Mission Society of the American Baptist Convention in a small copper town of Morenci, Arizona. On Thursday evening, Feb. 14, the church held an informal reception for the new pastor, combined with a Valentine party and a pantry shower. Mr. Rakow expressed his eagerness to go forward with the church in Christian wisdom, love and power.

● Sunday, January 20, was a very happy day in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Smith of Pearl, Texas. On that day they celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary, and their 93rd birthday. This sounds almost incredible, but it is very true. The couple was married 75 years ago, on the day each was 18 years of age. The Smiths are native Texans and have lived in Pearl for many years. An informal celebration was held for them at the home of their daughter, Mrs. W. A. Bynum. Before the family dinner, a special prayer was offered praising the Lord for this godly couple and for their long and useful lives. In the afternoon, open house was held, when friends from far and near came to congratulate them on this happy and memorable occasion. Miss Lendal Bynum, a granddaughter, until recently a member of the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas, is now a member of Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

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

## HERALD NEWS

### YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

March 30, 1952—"Cameroons Surgeon" by Mrs. Harold W. Gieseke, Dallas, Texas.  
April 6, 1952—"Hospital Supply Base" by Mrs. W. L. Schoefel, Chicago, Illinois.

### REPORTS OF YOUTH WEEK

Here are quotes from some of the many reports about Youth Week held this year which have been received at the office. We are happy to share these delightful experiences with our readers.

#### Detroit, Michigan

"It was the first time in the history of our group that we had a visitation night. It was a good beginning because we were all enthusiastic about going out again and inviting others to join in the blessings received from such an activity."

Lydia Youngton, president,  
Conner Church.

#### Ellinwood, Kansas

"Our climax, which was the banquet given at our church basement, was very well attended and each church invited presented a special number. The CBY members truly showed a spirit of sharing and working together to his honor and glory."

Joan Koch, president.

#### Wishek, North Dakota

"The activities for the entire week were divided as equally as possible



Two young ladies in attendance at the Pacific Northwest Assembly which was held in the summer of 1951 near Spokane, Wash.

among the various commissions." After the Sunday evening service the group met at the president's home. "We picked out the parts (of Youth Week program) that needed improvement so we will have even a more wonderful Youth Week next year."

Arlean Kramer, president.

#### Spokane, Washington

"On Tuesday evening the cabinet met to make final plans for the week, planned new ideas to better our programs, chose new books for our newly formed library, and discussed ways to increase our membership. . . . This was the first year our group had observed Youth Week as we wished. Despite bad weather conditions, the programs were well attended."

Barbara Schauwecker, president.

#### Marion, Kansas

"On Sunday we presented a 'Request Program'. We had a request box in the hall asking the members to put in requests for numbers by different CBY members. We gave our program according to what was in the box. Our program was a success and an offering was taken for missions with the members responding wonderfully."

Theodore Longhofer, president.

#### LaSalle, Colorado

"The young people assisted in the morning worship service by reading Scripture, leading in prayer, serving as ushers and by having two of the young people provide the special music. The Rev. David Zimmermann spoke on 'Committed in Christ'. Sunday afternoon the young people presented a program at Bonnell Home in Greeley (Home for the Aged)."

Clarence Schmidt, president.

#### New York City, New York

"The midweek prayer meeting was held by the CBY and led by members. All incidentals were performed by the CBY."

Eddie Schairer, president,  
Second Baptist Church.

#### Wessington Springs, South Dakota

"Youth Week has again proven to be a blessing to all who participated. It is wonderful to work and to fellowship together and we are grateful for Youth Week."

Darlene Kludt, president.

#### HOLIDAYS—HOLY DAYS

Palm Sunday is a memorable day for Christian youth. Make the most of these immediate days ahead, Palm

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# Withering Grass

A Christian Novel by BERNARD PALMER

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and with families of their own."

"You must be the baby."

"No. But I was always called 'the Brat'."

Ernest laughed, deep and full throated. It had been months since he'd laughed like that. It was good to be with Sue, whose gaiety touched a responsive chord in his heart. There was no comparing her with Karen. Indeed, there seemed to be no common grounds for comparison, as though each belonged to a different phase of his life.

It was not until he got home that remorse overtook him. How unfair he had been to Karen! Was she but a memory to be pushed ruthlessly aside as though she had never mattered? Was that all his love for her had meant? He tossed restlessly on the bed until daylight.

He could not remember when his feelings toward Sue changed. It had not been a sudden thing, coming with a rush as to leave him breathless, nor had it been accompanied with violent emotions, with the infatuation that grips so many and may or may not blossom into love. Rather it was as quiet as their friendship had been; a deep subtle, growing affection that crept slowly upon him through the weeks and months. But, though it had been void of spectacular emotions, of days in the clouds and hours in the cellars of despair, it was genuine nevertheless—a deep running river moving quietly and undisturbed but with relentless force. He was more startled than anyone else when he finally came to realize that he loved her.

At first it did not seem possible. He in love with another! That could not be! He had given his heart to Karen. There was no room for the love of anyone else. And yet—and yet he did love Sue. There was no use in denying it. He loved her as deeply as ever he had loved Karen.

"I don't know whether to be happy or ashamed of myself, Nels," he said. "What business do I have of thinking of marriage to anyone?"

"All the business in the world."

"I can't understand it," he went on. "I think I still love Karen as much as I ever did. I miss her so deeply at times that it doesn't seem possible to go on. And yet I do love Sue."

"I think that's part of God's doing,

Ernie. His plans occasionally call for the removal of a dear one, but He gives us the gift of forgetting, the healing agent of time so that these tragedies don't leave us miserable and lonely the rest of our lives."

"That sounds like a sermon, Nels."

"It ought to. I've preached it enough."

There had been no outward evidence that Ernest and Nels were stirring opposition within their churches until they launched a little mimeographed sheet which they called the Christian Visitor. A battery of small boys covered the town with them. Nothing happened when the first two issues appeared, a week apart, but on the afternoon the third came out an irate Board member came to visit Ernest.

"Reverend Henning," he said in an effort to be genial. "We've all seen and appreciated this new interest you've taken in our church."

"Thank you."

"We appreciate what you're trying to do, but this passing out circulars seems to the Board to be ill-advised."

"I'm afraid we disagree."

"Ours has always been a dignified church," the caller went on. "We've maintained a respected place for our church and our pastor in the community. We've always taken great pride in that."

"I don't think you need worry about our paper causing you any embarrassment."

The caller got to his feet. Well, I just thought I'd tell you that the Board is planning to talk with you about it."

"That's fine. Tell them I'll be glad to meet with them at any time or place they say."

Ernest half expected the officials to call him within the next day or two and he was prepared for them, but a week passed. The regular meeting came and went and nothing whatever was said. He had almost forgotten the incident when the nominating committee met to arrange a ballot for the annual congregational election. On previous years he had merely approved the ballot mechanically as though that was what was expected of him. But on this occasion he took an active interest in every name that was put up for every office.

"I think Dr. Fredericks would make a good chairman," one of the committee members said, looking down over

her gold rimmed lorgnette at Ernest."

"I've been thinking of him, myself."

It was Mr. Christy, the Board member who had come to see Ernest about the Christian Visitor. "He'd be an excellent man to head our new building program in case we see our way clear to go ahead this year. He would lend dignity, prestige, to our drive."

Ernest waited hopefully, looking from one member of the committee to another, waiting for a word of opposition. It was there, he knew, because he knew the sincerity of most of the committee.

Finally, when no one else spoke, he shook his head. "I'm talking frankly now, and I hope, in confidence. But it doesn't seem to me that Dr. Fredericks is the type of a man we want to head our church as chairman, even though he is an influential figure in the community."

"Just what is the matter with him?" The voice was icy.

"The church chairman should be a spiritual man, one who's interested in the spiritual welfare of our people. I don't have to go into detail about Dr. Fredericks. I'm sure you all know what I'm talking about."

"I'm afraid that I don't," the somewhat portly matron countered, adjusting her lorgnette with nervous fingers.

"We know, or should know that he takes the name of the Lord in vain, not once in a while, but almost constantly. We know that he attends every dance and entertains quite a party at his basement bar on dance nights. He does attend church, I'll have to admit. I'm thankful for that. But in the time I've been here he hasn't shown the slightest interest in Christ or spiritual things. I don't see how we can have a man like that for chairman."

"Remember, Reverend Henning," Mr. Christy told him. "Thou shalt not judge."

"I don't call it judging to insist upon spiritual Christians in the offices of our church, whether they're teaching Sunday School, on the Board of Trustees, or the Board of Deacons."

He would have said more but one of the other committee members cut in, "I move that we vote on Dr. Fredericks."

There was a quick second and when the ballots were counted Dr. Fredericks had received only two votes.

The rest of the meeting went smoothly enough, but the tension was there. Ernest could feel it all about him.

That night, concerned about the first ugly head of opposition he knelt until he lost all sense of time praying that God would guide both him and the church over any opposition that might develop, into closer fellowship with Christ.

The following Sunday morning one of the faithful on the Board came up

to him at the close of the morning worship.

"I hate to tell you this, Reverend Henning, because I'm afraid that it means we're going to lose you."

Ernest braced himself. He had been the last one he expected to oppose him or carry tales of discontent. "What's the matter now?"

"Did you see those four men sitting near the center of the church this morning?"

"I can't say that I noticed them. Why?"

"I know them. They're from the biggest church in this part of the country. And that church happens to be without a pastor."

That would be Elba City, and their pulpit committee was out to hear him speak!

Ernest waited hopefully for word from the church at Elba City but three weeks and then a month passed without further contact. It was probably true that they had come, as Mr. Clarke had said, but they must not have liked what they heard from the pulpit or some of the church members. Likely they had gotten word of the opposition that had developed and shied away. Pulpit committees could be like that.

He was sorry that in a moment of enthusiasm he had written to Burt in Indo-China telling him all about it. Now there would be questions and he would have to answer them. It would be hard telling him that it was all a false alarm, that the committee had come, but that was all.

The undercurrent of unrest in his own church was growing. It had not become audible. Indeed it seemed to be centered in a tiny handful, as yet not large enough to make themselves heard, but it was there nevertheless. He could feel it at the Board meeting. The hint of suspicion and lack of trust was there. He talked it over with Nels.

"I hate to say, I told you so, Ernie, but it didn't seem possible that we could accomplish our purpose without opposition."

"It doesn't seem to be coming from the church body. I believe most of the congregation is well satisfied."

"Long before you get as old as I am, Ernie, you'll find that most of a pastor's difficulty isn't caused by the rank and file of his congregation. But there are always a few who either have been running the church or want to run it and can only tolerate the pastor as long as he goes their way."

"But what would you do, Nels?"

"If it were me I'd go right ahead, not antagonizing them, but not compromising either."

Ernest had been planning, when the opportunity presented itself, to tell Sue that he loved her; but it slipped out quite unexpectedly one evening in the hotel dining room when they were having dinner.

"What have you been doing with yourself, Ernie?" she asked after half a dozen false casts into the realms of conversation.

"Just the usual things."

"I thought perhaps you'd forgotten where I lived."

"On the contrary I've been thinking more about you than ever before."

"Methinks thou hast a peculiar way of showing it." Her eyes were dancing with merriment although her face was sober.

"I'm not much good at this sort of thing, Sue."

"Now it is riddles he tells me."

"You're not making it any easier." He was surprised at the harshness of his voice.

"I'm sorry, Ernie. I'll be good."

The waitress came with their dessert and he waited until she was gone before he continued.

"Sue," he said softly, so that only she could hear, "would you laugh at me if I told you that I love you?"

Her eyes raised to meet his, growing starry and radiant. She started to speak but a smile seemed to crowd away the words momentarily, a warm, eloquent smile that said more than ten thousand words.

"Ernie," she almost whispered at last. "I've been waiting for weeks to hear you say that."

The first Sunday morning Ernest brought her to church with him she could feel the tension, the icy politeness, the exaggerated friendliness and displeasure. When Billy wrenched away from Mrs. Lanier and went running to Sue with excited squeals of delight they looked at one another with disapproval.

They were married three weeks later in a simple wedding at Sue's home with only the members of the immediate families present. Nels read the lines and Mr. Bailey, standing straight and proud, gave Sue away.

Billy sat there, dry-eyed and trembling throughout the ceremony. When the wedding was over and the nervous tension of the moment had given way to ease and happiness he went up to Sue and pulled at her dress appealingly.

"Are you happy, Billy?" she asked, taking him in her arms.

He nodded his head. "Sure."

"Do you love me?"

"Awfully much." He put his arms around her neck and hugged her tightly. Then he whispered, "Auntie Sue, can I call you 'mother' now?"

Ernest and Sue had scarcely gotten settled in the parsonage when the storm clouds began to gather. The rumbling within the church began to grow and on every hand Ernest could feel its binding threads. Nels, who had been corresponding with evangelists from everywhere took that moment to secure the services of just the man he wanted. He came over to the parsonage excitedly.



—Eva Luoma Photo

## SYNOPSIS

The Rev. Ernest Henning had finally arrived! The greatest opportunity of his career was at hand, that of candidating in the big, influential church of Elba City. If only Karen could have known the glory that now had come his way! Suddenly his mind was flooded with memories, meeting Karen at "an open house" party the first week of college. How vividly he remembered those days of many years ago at Indiana Christian College! Later Ernest and Karen were married in the seminary chapel and went to their first pastorate in Kansas. A son came to bring joy to their family life, and also a call from a big church at Prairie Grove. Then with tragic suddenness Karen died. Everyone tried to comfort Ernest, but he felt bitter toward life until Pastor Wilcox, a neighboring minister, helped him with his wise counsels. He also persuaded Ernest to start a little missionary work in the country school-house north of town. His church organist, Sue Bailey, helped with the music. Soon Ernest became aware of Sue's fine companionship.

## CHAPTER SIXTEEN

HER PARENTS were solid Christian stock of German origin. Her father was tall and angular, not as tall as Ernest, but tall enough to wear his shock of white hair with dignity. And her mother was short and plump and jovial. He imagined that he was seeing a prototype of Sue in thirty years or so.

"Your folks seem very nice, Sue."

"Thank you, I think so, too."

"Do you have any brothers and sisters?"

"Oh, my yes! Scads of them."

"Now wait a minute. You're sure you're not stretching that a little?"

"Well, not very much. I've got four brothers and five sisters. All married



"I've got him, Ernie," he said as he entered the study.

"That's fine." And then Ernest's face clouded. "But what am I going to tell my Board?"

"I haven't said much about it, Ernest, but I've been having trouble, too. I'm convinced, however, that those who are doing the talking represent only themselves and not the church."

"That could be, but they can cause an awful lot of trouble, especially if they're on the Board."

"I'm not going to take the matter up at a board meeting," Nels went on. "I'm going to bring it up at a regular quarterly congregational meeting. In that way I know it'll pass."

"That's an idea," he said without enthusiasm.

"We want to pray this through thoroughly, Ernie. We've got to be sure that the Lord is behind whatever we undertake."

"I can say 'amen' to that."

As it happened Nels' church had its quarterly meeting two or three days before Ernest's. The three of them, Nels, Ernest, and Sue, spent the afternoon in prayer that God's Will might be done. And when the meeting came the decision to call an evangelist for a two-weeks' campaign was passed with but few dissenting votes.

"The people are not only willing," Nels said elatedly. "They're actually enthused. I didn't believe it possible. I'll tell you, Ernie, the Lord is going to do big things here in Prairie Grove."

It was the following morning that Ernest received the first definite word regarding the church at Elba City. And then it was not from the church itself but a pastor friend who called him about another matter.

"... And now can you stand some big news?"

"I think so."

"The church at Elba City contacted me this morning. It seems they're seriously considering you for their pulpit."

"I—I don't know what to say."

"Hadn't you had word of it before?"

"Not directly at all. A member of my church said he thought the committee was in the congregation one Sunday morning, but nothing ever came of it."

"You'll hear from them this time, I'm sure."

Ernest could scarcely believe it. The opportunity to candidate at Elba City had come after all. The opportunity was coming for him to serve a church that was widely known. Now he needn't fear answering Burt's letter!

The afternoon before the congregational meeting Ernest had visitors, Mr. Christy, followed by two other members of the Board.

"Good afternoon, gentlemen." He was in rare good humor. "Won't you sit down?"

"Thank you."

"Is there something I can do for you?"

There was a significant pause.

"Reverend Henning," Mr. Christy began. "You know that we have only the best interests of our church at heart."

"Yes?"

"And that our chief concern is that it maintain its place in the community, a respected and influential organization."

He nodded.

"We all like you a great deal. We like your sincerity and the fervor of your ministry. We like your concern for those outside the church. But there have been several things that have happened in the past few months that have caused us considerable apprehension."

"I see."

"We stood by when you and Reverend Wilcox began to put out that little circular, although it was against our better judgment. We let you block the nomination of a fine and respectable church member for the office of chairman. We're willing to go a long way with you towards making our church an effective messenger for Christ. But this time we feel that you're going too far."

"I don't believe I follow you."

"The other night at the quarterly meeting of one of the other churches here in town the pastor brought up the matter of taking part in a series of special meetings. He went over the head of his Board and manipulated it through the congregation."

"I see."

"It was said at that meeting that the plan was to go in with us on such a program. As members of the Board that had never been presented to us. Do you know anything about it?"

"Reverend Wilcox and I talked it over at length, but of course I wouldn't commit the church to a decision without getting the consent of the congregation."

"Were you planning to take it up tonight?"

"I thought it was a matter for consideration by the church as a whole."

"I'm certain that you can never get the consent of the Board to make our church a party to the emotional, rabble-raising of some travelling preacher who's only out after the money he can get."

"I wouldn't ask the church to be a party to anything of that sort."

The other two Board members shifted uneasily as though they had been talked into doing something they didn't relish, but Mr. Christy stood his ground.

"I think it only fair to tell you, Reverend Henning, that because of your insistence upon carrying out this—this ultra-evangelistic program you are threatening our church with a split. There are those who are heartily in favor of this new approach. And then

there are those, like myself, who cannot stomach the turn of things. If you bring this to a head tonight at the congregational meeting I could not say what the result might be."

"I'm sorry, Mr. Christy, but I must do as my conscience dictates."

"Think over what I've said, Reverend Henning. I like you. We all do. And you know a split church never does anyone any good."

Ernest turned wearily back into his study. Backing down now would undo most of what had been accomplished already. And yet a split church would certainly blast any opportunity to be called to Elba City. No one wanted a trouble maker in their pulpit.

He dropped to his knees and prayed fervently, but the answer would not come. The vision of the Elba City pastorate stood firmly in the way.

That night as soon as the congregational meeting was over Nels called Ernest by phone.

"Well, Ernie boy, how'd you come out?"

"Not so good." He spoke reluctantly.

"Don't tell me they voted it down!"

"No. Not that. I—" he gulped hard the words tearing at his soul as they came out. "I didn't bring it up."

"I didn't hear you, Ernest. What was that?"

"There's too much at stake right now, Nels. I couldn't risk trouble. I—I didn't bring it up."

"I—I see." His voice was flat and dead. "I'm sorry."

Ernest turned away from the phone almost fiercely, with tears standing unshed in his eyes.

Nels did not go over to see Ernest and Sue, and Ernest made no effort to contact him.

They met several days later on the street. Ernest did not see him until they were face to face or he would have ducked into a store to avoid him. But there was no bitterness, no scorn in Nels' voice.

"Hello, Ernest. It's been quite awhile since I've seen you."

"I've been pretty busy."

Nels suggested that they stop for a cup of coffee and before he realized it Ernest was reluctantly following him into a little cafe. He wanted to blurt out the whole story to his friend. But somehow his reasons failed to sound like reasons when confronted with the quiet, penetrating gaze of Nels Wilcox.

Nels said nothing to draw him out or to criticize his actions. Instead he talked pleasantly of other things. As they parted he took Ernest's hand and said quietly, "I'll be praying for you, my lad."

Sue took Billy into her heart as unreservedly as though she had brought him into the world herself. At first it seemed as though he returned her affection just as unreservedly. But

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## Rev. C. Fred Lehr, "Called of God"

A memorial to the Rev. Carl Frederick Lehr of Grundy Center, Iowa, who was called Home on Feb. 11, 1952

By the REV. FRANK VENINGA, Pastor of the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa



Rev. C. Fred Lehr of Grundy Center, Iowa, pastor of the Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa, from 1935 to 1951, who died on February 11, 1952.

"I AM still in the land of the dying; I shall be in the land of the living soon," are the words spoken by the late John Newton. Little did we realize the truth of these words so applicable to our departed friend and brother, the Rev. Carl Frederick Lehr of Grundy Center, Iowa.

Though ill for a long time, he seemed to show progress in gaining physical strength and improved health. The end, however, came rather suddenly early Monday morning (2:45 A.M.), February 11, 1952. He died at his home in Grundy Center, Iowa, in the presence of his loved ones.

It was the writer's privilege to visit with him and Mrs. Lehr shortly before his death. At that time he was highly optimistic and looked forward to preaching in the not too distant future. His Lord, however, had other plans. Brother Lehr is now in "the land of the living."

The memorial service was held in the Aplington Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa, on Wednesday, February 13. It was in this church, the most recently served, where he found great joy in living for his Lord and serving his fellowmen. The beautiful sanctuary was crowded to capacity. All listened attentively and eagerly to words of tribute and comfort as spoken by fellow-ministers. Twelve pastors were present to pay their last respect.

Participating in the service were: Rev. Herman Lohr of Parkersburg, Iowa, who read selected scripture passages; Rev. C. B. Nordland of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill., who led in prayer; Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Forest Park, Ill., who spoke in behalf of the denominational family, the North American Baptist General Conference; Rev. Howard Johnson, First Baptist Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa, who spoke on the theme, "Called of God"; Rev. A. J. Koopman of the Aplington Reformed Church, who led in the closing prayer.

The church quartet composed of Mrs. Walt Popkes, Mrs. George Roos, Arend Dreyer, and Jans Popkes rendered two selections, "Saved by Grace" and "Beneath the Cross of Jesus." A vocal solo, "God Understands," was rendered by Mrs. Frank Veninga. Appropriate organ selections were played by the church organist, Miss Jean Dreyer.

At the request of the family flowers were kept at a minimum. However, many monetary contributions were received toward the "Rev. C. Fred Lehr Memorial Fund." It is the wish and desire of the Lehr family that this fund will eventually be used for the

Christ as his personal Savior to whom he was faithful throughout life. He was baptized in the Central Baptist Church at Waco, Texas. He graduated from the Moody Bible Institute and the Northern Baptist Seminary Chicago, Illinois. After this thorough preparation he was ordained into the Gospel ministry at Pound, Wisconsin.

Mr. Lehr served the following North American Baptist churches: Pound, Wis., 1918-1921; East Side Church, Chicago, Ill., 1921-1925; Shaker Square Church, Cleveland, Ohio, 1925-1934; Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, 1935-1951. Due to illness he retired to Grundy Center, Iowa, in August, 1951. Although distant from the church he served so faithfully, he maintained his membership in the Aplington Church. He participated in the morning worship service just two weeks prior to his death. We can truly say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

Brother Lehr is survived by his faithful and devoted wife; two daughters: Ellen Lehr, Osage, Iowa, and Mrs. R. O. Stevens, River Falls, Wis.; two sons: Charles F., Grundy Center, Iowa; and Stanley, Woodward, Iowa; and two grandchildren, Robin and Mary Ellen Stevens. He will be greatly missed by his loved ones, a host of friends, members of the Aplington Church, his last pastorate where he served long and well, and by all who knew him.

It was the writer's privilege to succeed this devoted and faithful servant of the Lord in the Aplington pastorate, and it was also an honor to be in charge of the funeral service.

"Loving and kind in all his ways, Upright and just to the end of his days, Sincere and true, in his heart and mind, Beautiful memories, he left behind."

### CBY HERALD NEWS

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Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

For those still looking for good program material, turn to "Youth Compass," the January-March issue. On pages 53 and 54 are excellent suggestions for a Palm Sunday meeting.

On Good Friday young people will want to join the church family and attend the special Good Friday services.

Miss Ruth Bathauer has prepared excellent program suggestions for your Easter Sunday youth meeting. Turn to pages 55 to 57 of "Youth Compass," January-March issue.

purchase of a new piano for the church sanctuary. This thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated by the church. Interment was at the Pleasant View Cemetery, just north of Aplington. The Rev. Gene Siekman, pastor of the Aplington Presbyterian Church, led in closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Since many had to travel long distances in their homeward journey, the ladies of the church, under the leadership of Mrs. Frank Lindaman, served light refreshments to a large group. This gave occasion to fellowship briefly and to express our heartfelt sympathy to the members of the Lehr family.

Mr. Lehr was born December 14, 1891 in Germany and came to the United States as a boy in 1906. In those early years he lived with relatives at Columbus, Ohio, and San Antonio, Texas. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Frederick Lehr, preceded him in death. His father died in 1905 and his mother in 1923. One brother died in infancy. His brother and sisters — Luise Lehr, Wilhelm, Herman, George, Adolph, and Mrs. Emma Schreiner—are all in Germany.

On October 17, 1918 he was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Waldvogel at Kenosha, Wisconsin. God granted them many years of joy and happiness together. Faithfully they served their Lord, their fellowmen, and each other.

Mr. Lehr experienced the regenerating power of God and accepted Jesus



FROM THE FIELD

Southwestern Conference

Twenty-Five Converts are Baptized at the Bethany Baptist Church Near Vesper, Kansas

It was indeed a time of rejoicing when on Sunday, Dec. 30, and on Sunday, Feb. 3, twenty-five candidates were baptized on confession of their faith in Christ at the Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas. Following the baptismal services, the hand of fellowship was extended to the new members.

The pastor, the Rev. John Wood, held special instruction classes for the candidates on Sunday mornings through November and December. We believe that the seed thus sown will bear fruit in these young lives.

Mrs. Frank Will, Reporter.

Observance of Week of Prayer by First Baptist Church of Gotebo, Oklahoma

We, of the First Baptist Church of Bessie, Okla., observed the Week of Prayer at a later date than scheduled for the denomination beginning with January 21 and continuing until January 25. We had fine evenings with inspiring messages on prayer and how God answers prayer. These were brought by three neighboring pastors and the Rev. Jacob Ehman of our church.

Each evening the congregation was divided into different groups for prayer. Many prayers were offered at this time and many blessings were received by all who attended these meetings. May God richly bless us as we continue to labor for him!

Mrs. Annie Buffing, Reporter.

The Bethel Church of Ingersoll, Oklahoma, Welcomes the Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Weber

The Rev. W. L. Weber of Hillsboro, Kans., accepted the call extended to him by the Bethel Baptist Church of Ingersoll, Okla., and took charge here on the first Sunday in February. A reception for Mr. and Mrs. Weber was planned by the church for Monday night, Feb. 4th.

Mr. Roger Meyer, superintendent opened the service with a song and Scripture reading. Then he spoke in behalf of the Sunday School and welcomed the new pastor and his wife. Mr. Henry Weber, chairman of the board of deacons, spoke in their behalf. Mr. Marvin Knopf, president of the CBY, spoke on behalf of the young



The Rev. John Wood (left), pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Vesper, Kans., and some of the 25 converts whom he recently baptized.

people's organization. Mrs. Lena Meyer spoke words of welcome for the Woman's Missionary Society and Mr. H. A. Meyer spoke for the church as he described God's leading in Acts 10 and in the coming of Brother Weber to our church.

The male quartet sang, "Brave Men Are Needed For Christ Today." Opportunity was then given the Rev. W. L. Weber and his wife to respond and to say what they intend to do with God's help.

H. A. Meyer, Reporter.

Concert Tour by the North American Baptist Seminary Male Chorus

Easter holiday schedule for the Male Chorus of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Twenty men will sing in the chorus. Dr. Ralph E. Powell is the chorus director and Mr. Eldon Seiboldt the pianist. The itinerary released by Dr. George A. Lang, president of the Seminary, is as follows:

- April 10 (Thursday)—Beatrice, Neb.
- April 11 (Good Friday)—Ebenezer (Elmo) and Mt. Zion Churches at First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Kansas.
- April 12 (Saturday)—Marion, Strassburg and Durham Churches at Auditorium of Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas.
- April 13 (Easter Sunday A.M.)—Staford, Kansas.
- April 13 (Easter Sunday Afternoon)—Bison and Ellinwood Churches at Ellinwood, Kansas.
- April 13 (Easter Sunday P.M.)—Lorraine, Kansas.

- April 14 (Monday)—Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas.
- April 15 (2:15-2:45 P.M.)—Radio Broadcast from Station KJSK, Columbus, Nebraska.
- April 15 (Tuesday)—Shell Creek and Creston Churches at Creston, Neb.

Dakota Conference

The Immanuel Baptist Church Is Organized in Wessington Springs, South Dakota

A mission church was recently organized in the town of Wessington Springs, South Dakota. It has been named the Immanuel Baptist Church (God with us). Truly, God has been with us in a marvelous way.

Preliminary organization was made late in September 1951 for the purpose of building. Thanks to the hard work carried on by our members, we were able to get the bricks laid (concrete blocks) and a roof put on our basement before cold weather set in. After we had finished most of the work on the inside, and had obtained the necessary equipment to hold services, we organized permanently and elected our officers on January 3rd.

POSTERS

for the Mission Projects of the sectional or conference CBY and SS Workers' Unions have been sent to youth leaders.

WATCH FOR THEM IN YOUR CHURCH!

Thus far, we have maintained an average attendance of 50 people in our Sunday services. This has been above our expectation. But when God's people go forward in faith and in prayer, God always sends greater blessings than we anticipate. A part of these blessings can be seen in the fact that the hand of fellowship was extended to four new families on Sunday, Feb. 17. These families are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pritzkau, who come to us by letter from our Danzig church at Tyndall, S. Dak., Mr. and Mrs. David Bucholtz and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schulz and children came to us by letter from the First Baptist Church in Wessington Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Gust Radke were received upon confession of their faith.

At the present time we are also planning to have a baptismal service on Easter Sunday, at which time we hope to have a number of new people coming into our fellowship. During two weeks of revival meetings which we held in November at the Ebenezer Church, with the Rev. Henry Smuland from Sheffield, Iowa, as evangelist eleven persons accepted Christ and many others rededicated their lives. We praise God for this spiritual awakening.

Thus God has been blessing in both fields here, and our prayers are that his Spirit may live in us and work through us so that many others will learn to know and to follow Jesus Christ.

Walter Sukut, Pastor.

Baptist Church of Martin, North Dakota, Welcomes the Rev. and Mrs. John Engel

The Baptist Church of Martin, N. Dak., welcomed its new minister, the Rev. John Engel, and family of Ebenezer, Sask., at reception held on Sunday evening, February 10. Floral displays from the Sunday School decked the platform for the festive occasion to which neighboring congregations had been invited.

Words of welcome were spoken by officers of the church, Sunday School, CBY, choirs, and Woman's Missionary Society. The latter presented Mrs. Engel with a corsage. The Rev. A. Buhler of Harvey and the Rev. Fred Fuchs of Anamoose spoke words of greeting from their respective churches. The choir directed by Mr. Albert Seibel presented two anthems, "Let Mount Zion Rejoice" and "Praise Him for Evermore." The men's chorus of the church also gave two selections after which both Mr. and Mrs. Engel expressed their desire to work harmoniously with the church in furthering the Kingdom of God. A fellowship lunch in the church parlors brought the evening to a successful close.

Mrs. Betty Kessler, Reporter.

What will be your SHARE in the denomination's EASTER OFFERING?

The Calvary Baptist CBY of Carrington, North Dakota Observes Youth Week

The days of January 27 to February 4 were a great week for the Commissioned Baptist Youth of Carrington, N. Dak., as it observed Youth Week. On the first Sunday the young people took part in the opening exercises of the evening service with our pastor, the Rev. Carl Weisser, bringing the message on "Commissioned to Serve."

Monday night was devoted to "Question Night." Questions were placed in a box several weeks beforehand and our pastor answered them on this night. On Wednesday evening we took over the Prayer Service with two of the young people speaking. Special numbers were also rendered at all meetings.

Friday evening was spent as fellowship night. The young people of Cathay were invited for this service along with their pastor and his wife. The young people and their pastor and his wife from the Federated Church of Carrington were also present. The Rev. Lawrence Bienert from Cathay spoke to the group briefly. Following the program games were played followed by lunch.

Sunday, February 4, closed our Youth Week. Three of the young people spoke on "Whose We are and Whom We Serve." A testimonial service was also held. This was a grand week for the youth of our church and we all enjoyed the many blessings received from these services.

Mrs. Lowell Leppke, Reporter.



Rev. John Engel, pastor of the Martin Baptist Church, Martin, North Dakota.

Pacific Conference

Four Converts Baptized and Six Members Received at Bethel Church, Missoula, Montana

The familiar story of our Savior's Virgin Birth was presented in music and in word during the Christmas season at the Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Mont., with all musical groups, children's and young people's groups participating. A Christmas offering of \$70.97 was received at the children's program on Dec. 24th. This amount was designated for the Baptist Children's Home at St. Joseph, Michigan.

On New Year's Eve we heralded the year at a Watch Night service beginning at 9:00 P.M. A baptismal service highlighted the evening with four of our people baptized by our pastor, the Rev. G. P. Schreder. The local



The large chorus of the choir and men's group combined of the Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Mont., using every bit of available space in the choir loft, with the pastor, Rev. G. P. Schroeder (right) serving as director.

Church of God and its pastor, the Rev. S. Rife, worshiped with us, two of their number receiving baptism. The spoken testimonies of the baptismal candidates, together with their visible joy in the privilege of following their Savior in this step, was uplifting and encouraging to all present.

On Sunday, January 6th, the communion service was observed, and the hand of fellowship extended to six persons.

Mrs. Esther Junkert, Reporter.

Ministry of the Rev. Henry Barnet at the Immanuel Church, Portland, Oregon

Since Nov. 16, 1951 the Rev. Henry Barnet has been the pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon. After six months of being without a regular pastor, our hearts were filled with gratitude toward the Lord for his goodness in sending us a "shepherd" who has been a direct answer to prayer.

The church honored Mr. Barnet and his family with a reception which included best wishes from our local churches and from other organizations of the city. Representatives of the various branches of our church also expressed their willingness to co-operate in the work of Immanuel. Both Mr. and Mrs. Barnet graciously responded and expressed the desire to work together with the church in proclaiming the Word and winning sinners to Christ.

We have had a time of real blessing during Prayer Week. Then came Youth Week with our young people taking a leading part in the meetings. Our newest organization, "The Men's Fellowship," is performing a fine ministry in needed places. They have a regularly functioning male quartet who sing for shut-ins and add to the beauty of our regular meetings. The choir is very faithful in its ministry.

We also had a time of blessings and victories during the weeks of Feb. 17 to 29 when the Rev. Herman Palfe-nier, our denominational evangelist, was with us.

Jennie C. Hoelzer, Clerk.

**Bible School Attendance Contest at the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon**

In October, 1951, the Bible School of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., entered the "Christian Life" magazine Bible School attendance contest. This was a nation-wide contest for Bible School attendance, based on the increase shown over a six Sunday period, October 21 to November 25, compared to the average attendance of the previous year.

In our promotion program, approximately 600 homes were visited, 2400 phone calls were placed, special announcements over the public address system were made every night of one week of our special meetings, and an original skit was presented at our Harvest Program advertising the worth of Bible School attendance. Our theme song was, "Everybody Ought to Come to Bible School." Our slogan posted before us every Sunday was "Every Church Member in Bible School Every Sunday."

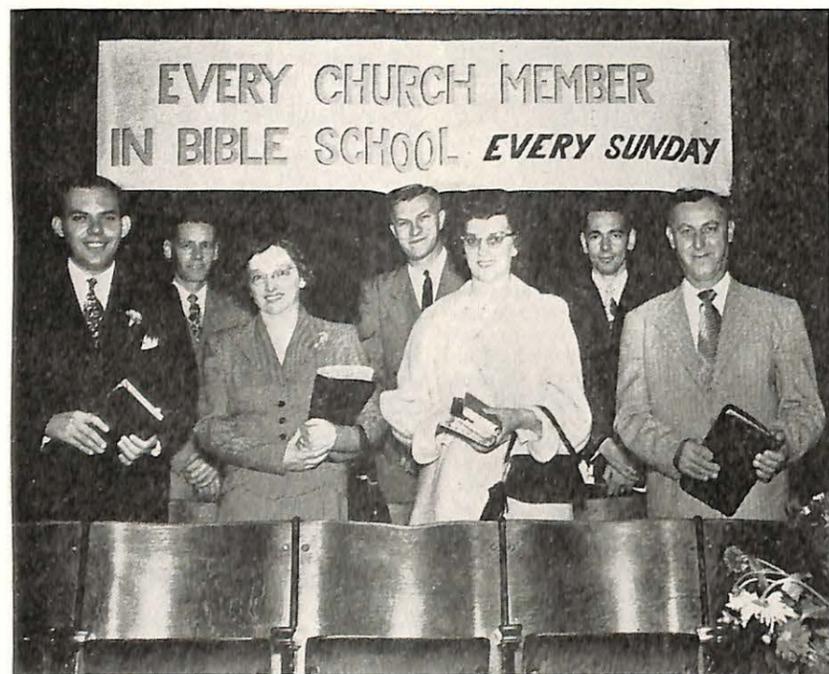
The Lord truly blessed us during this contest, and many were the pray-

first Christmas service in our new educational unit.

The Trinity Church also wishes to share the spiritual blessings which we have been able to enjoy recently. In December we were privileged to add six new members to our church rolls, five by baptism. We were all quickened and refreshed anew by our Spiritual Crusade held earlier for two weeks under the leadership of the Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Missoula, Montana. On February 3 we again welcomed eleven new members into our fellowship, six by baptism, and four by letter. It was indeed a thrilling and strengthening experience to hear the sincere testimony of these new Christians.

On Sunday, January 27, we bade farewell to our associate pastor, the Rev. Robert Penner, and his wife Melba and son David. They accepted a call to minister at the Glencullen Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., which was formerly a mission of our church. The Lord blessed Mr. Penner's ministry in our midst, and we wish him the Lord's blessing in his new field.

Martha Becker, Reporter.



—Photo by Eric A. Pohl.

Committee in charge of the Bible School Attendance Contest at the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.

Left to right: Rev. Robert Penner, Victor Loewen, Mrs. Alice Pohl, James Billeter, Miss Beverly Kuehn, Benjamin Lawrence, and Edwitt Rocks.

ers and personal sacrifices offered, for which he will give the reward. We do not boast but give Christ the honor, and present these facts for other Bible Schools' benefit and encouragement. During this period we increased our average attendance from 250 to 380. We have just received word that we have won fourth national prize in our division. Our prize was \$100 worth of Suedegraph, Gospelgraph, and flannelgraph material from the Scripture Press.

At our Bible School Christmas program a special Bethlehem city scene background was used with great effect. Over 500 persons attended this

**Observance of Youth Week at the First Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho**

It was a great joy for us in the First Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho, to be privileged to start our Youth Week with a baptismal service on Sunday evening, Jan. 27. A couple and their daughter and another Junior girl were baptized on confession of their faith in Christ. Two of these found Christ during evangelistic meetings in which the Rev. W. W. Knauf of Elk Grove, Calif., helped us so ably. The other converts are still undecided whether to follow the Lord all the way or not.

The young people helped with the worship services from the two Sundays and had charge of the prayer service on Wednesday. Visitation was done privately because of the scattered territory. But the results were gratifying since there were quite a few strangers in each service. On Thursday evening we had an overflow crowd for our banquet. The arrangements committee had worked up an interesting program with some special instrumental and vocal numbers. The pastor, the Rev. J. J. Lippert, brought the main address of the evening. "And they all with one accord began to make excuses," was the text. On the closing Sunday evening of Youth Week we had an elaborate candle light church wedding. One of our young men, Bob Renz, was married to Murine Douglas of Hazelton.

The officers of the young people's society were installed on February 10 in the evening service. The pastor spoke on "Publish and Conceal Not," laying special emphasis on advertising the meetings of the society and then backing them up with SERVICE. Two eggs were used to illustrate advertising—the chicken egg with much cackle and the goose egg covered up and hidden. After the installation the new officers rendered a fine program.

Mrs. J. J. Lippert, Reporter.

**Northern Conference**

**Anniversary Program by the Woman's Missionary Society of Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Canada**

On Sunday, January 6, the Ladies' Aid of the Baptist Church of Yorkton, Sask., presented a most interesting program. Since our new church is not completely finished, the program was held in the basement which was filled to capacity. Friends from the Spring-side, West and East Ebenezer Baptist churches were also present.

The program opened with congregational singing, after which the president, Mrs. Hemrich, welcomed every visitor. Mrs. I. Katzberg read the Scripture passage and Mrs. Hoffman led in opening prayer. After a song from the Ladies' Aid Choir, Mrs. Preis read a poem. The double trio then rendered a song, after which a dialogue entitled, "A Dream," was given in the German language. In this dream the story of the Ten Virgins was very well enacted by ten women, and everyone of us was again reminded to have our lamps filled with oil and waiting for "the Bridegroom."

The Ladies' Aid Choir then sang a fitting song, "Watch and Pray." Mrs. Exler brought a recitation which blended well with the dialogue. Another song was rendered by the Ladies' Trio after which the Rev. Alfred Lueck, our pastor, spoke a few words. He also announced that the offering of \$117.50 for the evening was to be for the building of our new church. After the offering the Ladies' Aid sang another number and the Rev. John Engel of Ebenezer, Sask., closed a very enjoyable program with prayer.

Frances L. Reshke, Reporter.

**Atlantic Conference**

**Community Christian Kindergarten Is Conducted at the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Del.**

A Community Christian Kindergarten is being conducted in the basement of the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Del., every Saturday from 10 A.M. until noon. The project is headed by Mrs. Christian Peters, wife of the pastor. This kindergarten is composed of boys and girls from two to eight years of age. They come from Marshallton, Willow Run, Vilone Village, Elsmere Gardens, and Elsmere Manor, Delaware.

The school was started by the Rev. Christian Peters and his wife in October, 1949. The pastor furnishes transportation from the children's homes and return. While mothers are doing their Saturday shopping the children are safe and in good hands.

The children are taught how to work and play together. They learn how to act out hymns and songs and are taught Bible stories by the instructor with the use of an illustrating board. The instructor first tells the tots the stories, and after clearing the board the tots retell the story to her. They are taught to clip out and draw religious figures. Refreshments are served every Saturday. On Christmas, Easter and special holidays they are given a party.

The instructors are Mrs. Christian Peters, Margaret Peters, Mrs. Miriam Shoemith, Lucie Shoemith, Mrs. Emmy Howell and Jeannette Peters.

—Wilmington "Record."

**Youth Week Is Observed at the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania**

The young people of the Bethlehem Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., observed Youth Week from Jan. 27 to Feb. 3 with many activities. On Tuesday evening the regular business meeting was held with election of officers. Miss Jean Lobas was in charge. New officers are Joseph Dorozowski, president; Clara Rabb, vice-president; Marlene Masteller, secretary; Paul Dorozowski, treasurer. The young people have decided to have a Bible study.

Margaret Peters tells a fascinating Bible story to an interested group of children in the Community Christian Kindergarten held every Saturday morning in the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware. The teacher is a daughter of the pastor, the Rev. Christian Peters.



**THE JOY OF EASTER**

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may choose to speak to us in certain, clearly audible words. What will we do about it? Will we tell others of our experiences in meeting with the risen Christ?

Oh, how we need strength in making use of the talents that the Lord has set at our disposal. Not our strength, but God's strength! Again it is the alchemy of God. Not my strength, but God's strength! My weakness—his strength! "My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9).

Let us cease groping in the dismal alleys of the night. The world and all its pleasures offer nothing but momentary excitement. There is no alchemy in these things. Look unto the Lord—hear his voice. He gives a new life for the old. He will wipe away your tears and turn them into joy this Easter Morn.

**TRAINS TO PHILADELPHIA**

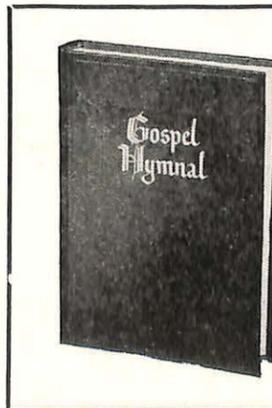
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Conference sessions, arriving in the Conference city early on Wednesday-morning, August 20.

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**CHRIST, OUR KING**

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There is such difference between church-going and religion, between righteousness and ritual, between our way of looking at things and Christ's way. We are busy and are interested in many matters which have something to do with the Christian religion, in the services, in the singing, in the adornment of the house of God. How much does it all mean? Jesus Christ looks upon our stately churches. Does he behold them as he beheld Jerusalem, looking into our hearts and seeing cause for lamentation?

**THE KING'S REJECTION**

The rude procession moves on with waving palms and singing, Jesus riding in the midst. Thus comes the King! Here is noise and tumult, people running together and heads thrust out of windows, the whole city moved, and everybody saying, "Who is this?" And the bearers of the palm branches answer, not with confidence which they had shown as they sang along the road, but retreating a little from their high enthusiasm in the presence of their unsympathetic questioners. "This is Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth of Galilee"—a perfectly safe saying.

"Hosanna to the Son of David," they had been singing. "Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord." They do not sing that in the streets. By and by there will be another crowd in these same streets, and some of these same people in it crying: "Crucify him!" That is the way with crowds. Jesus rides on, silent and sad, knowing how little it all means.

In every company, in every congregation, some are present because their hearts are filled with sincere interest and genuine devotion, and they cannot stay away. Others are there because they have seen people going in that direction and have gone with them, or because it is the conventional thing to do, and they join their voices in the general acclaim because it is the way of human nature, doing what their neighbors do. There is a little company of true disciples standing afar off, watching the end, when the darkness falls upon the cross.

But the crowd utters no voice and is not visible. It sits trembling at home, or is on the other side, when the tragedy comes. When Jesus needs men to stand up in the midst of his enemies and speak for him. Opposition tests religion, so that we may see of what sort our religion is. Some unsympathetic and incredulous questioner comes, like the people who looked down from the window, crying, "Who is this?" and then—what do we say?

Along the streets the simple procession moves, up to the temple, into

which Jesus enters and looks about, making no comment. He sees the priests and the people, he sees the money changers and the traders. But he stands there silent. Then the sun goes down and in the dusk with only the twelve disciples with him he leaves the city and seeks the peace of Bethany. The Day of Palms is over!

**WITHERING GRASS**

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as the days wore on he seemed to resent her being there. He wanted her to have nothing to do with Ernest and refused to let her do a thing for him while his daddy was around. Whenever she scolded him resentment grew in his tiny voice.

Shortly after they were married Ernest brought Billy a pup, a nondescript little mongrel some fellow up town had given him.

"Oh daddy, a puppy!" He gathered the little ball of fur into his arms and squeezed him tightly.

"Yes sir, he's your very own."

"Let me see him, Billy." Sue squatted down beside him.

"No, he's mine. You can't have him. He's mine!"

"Well, you two fight it out," Ernest said, getting to his feet. "I've got to go over and practice for a wedding."

Sue let Billy play with the puppy for a few minutes until he grew tired and started to whimper.

"Now, Billy, the puppy's tired. Let's put him in his box."

"No. He's mine." Sue moved to take the dog from him. "You can't have him!" He hit and slapped her angrily, defiantly.

"Billy Henning, you can't do that to me." She took the puppy from him, paddled him soundly and put him to bed.

Later, as Ernest opened the front door, a plaintive wail came from Billy's room. "Daddy. Daddy! Daddy!"

"What's the matter, old man?"

"She took my puppy and spanked me." His lips curled bitterly and in self-pity. "She spanked me."

"Well, I think you must have deserved it. Now go to sleep."

Sue was almost in tears.

"He's just a baby, honey," Ernest told her. "You shouldn't let it worry you."

"But I can't help it. He's so jealous of you. And so defiant. Before we were married he seemed to think so much of me, but now I believe he hates me."

"Now dear, that's imagination. He does love you."

"I wish I could be sure."

"I'm sure of it."

But she was not so easily quieted. Although Ernest shrugged it off as imagination she was concerned and prayed about it often.

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**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.)

**MISS MARTHA STALDER**  
of Portland, Oregon.

Miss Martha Stalder of Portland, Ore., was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, on December 31, 1875. She came to America with her parents when she was only three months old, settling near Cedar Mills, Oregon. She was converted and baptized by the Rev. John Croen on February 3, 1889. Miss Stalder had been a faithful member of the Bethany Church for many years. She was very active in the Sunday School and the Woman's Missionary Society.

Our departed sister kept house for her aged parents for many years. In 1941 she entered the Home for the Aged in Portland, Ore., and soon thereafter she became a member of the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland. On January 23, the Lord called her to her heavenly home. Her work on earth was done and done well. She is survived by one brother, Emil Stalder; and two sisters: Mrs. Lina Ritter and Mrs. Lydia Marks. May the gracious Lord bless the sorrowing ones with the comfort of a blessed reunion in glory.

Laurelhurst Baptist Church,

Portland, Oregon

LEWIS B. BERNDT, Pastor.

**MRS. AMANDA HACK**  
of Parkersburg, Iowa.

Mrs. Amanda Hack of Parkersburg, Iowa, nee Kuenstler, wife of the former Rev. Raymond Hack, was born Nov. 19, 1868 at Philadelphia, Pa., and died Feb. 2nd, at the Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo, Iowa.

She was married to the Rev. Raymond Hack on Sept. 12, 1898 with whom she faithfully shared the joys and also the sorrows of a minister's work and home while he served the following fields: Elgin, Iowa; Higginsville, Mo.; Madison, S. Dak.; Newark, N. J.; Parkersburg, Iowa; and Ableman, Wisconsin. After the death of her husband she moved to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., living with her son, Herbert, and serving as part-time matron of Sioux Falls College. During the last three years of her life she lived mostly with her daughter, Mrs. Bert Heerts of Stout, Iowa.

Early in life she came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior, becoming a member of the Second Church, now known as the Pilgrim Church, of Philadelphia, Pa., when she was nine years of age. Only eternity will reveal what such a lifetime of service has meant for the Kingdom of God. During the last three years of her life she has been a loved and respected member of the Parkersburg Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters and four sons: Carl and Walter, of Newark, N. J.; Ruben of Anchorage, Alaska; Herbert of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Mrs. Frieda Rohrer of Yankton, S. Dak.; and Luella, Mrs. Bert Heerts, of Stout, Iowa; also twelve grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and a host of friends. Funeral services were conducted at the Parkersburg Baptist Church, and also at the Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, with the Rev. A. Itermann speaking there briefly. The interment was made at the Elgin Cemetery by the side of her husband.

Parkersburg, Iowa

H. LOHR, Pastor.

**MR. JACOB T. GRAF**  
of Medina, North Dakota.

Mr. Jacob T. Graf of Medina, N. Dak., son of Theobald and Katharina Graf, was born in 1891 in Logan County, south of Dawson, North Dakota. After several years he moved with his parents to a farm southeast of Medina, where he spent the years of his youth. On April 9, 1917 he was married to Lydia Staiger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Stephan Staiger, with whom he lived for nearly 35 years in a happy wedlock. This marriage was blessed with three children: one son, Alfred Walter, living with his family in Sacramento, Calif.; and two daughters: Lillian Irene, senior student at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alta., Can., and Adella Mae, who is employed at the Vita Bakery in Jamestown, North Dakota.

Besides his wife and children, Mr. Graf is mourned by two granddaughters: Diane and Deborah Graf; and by four brothers and four sisters: Magdalena, wife of Simon Makus, in Chewelah, Wash.; Emmanuel of Fairfield, Mont.; Mary, wife of Fred Bennett at Terry, Mont.; Mrs. Martha Becker in Billings, Mont.; Albert at Terry, Mont.; Joseph at Brockway, Mont.; Emma, wife of Harvey Springer at Bison, S. Dak.; and Benjamin at Haynes, N. Dak.; and by many friends, especially by those of Medina, in which town he lived with his family since he was married.

In January 1920, Mr. Graf was converted to God through the activity of the Rev. S. J. Fuxa and in 1930 he was baptized and joined to the First Baptist Church of Medina, in which church he was a faithful member until the Lord called him home. For the past several years he was the deacon of this church. Mr. Graf was the town treasurer of Medina for about 21 years, and was the manager of the Peterson-Biddick Store in Medina. He passed away at his home early on Monday morning, Feb. 4th. He was 60 years old.

The funeral service was held in the City Hall of Medina, where over 500 people gathered to give him the last honor. The Rev. Fred Alf brought a message in German and the local pastor in English. Members of the Streeter and Wishek Baptist Churches sang a duet and two songs as a Men's Quartet.

First Baptist Church,

Medina, North Dakota

PAUL GALAMBOS, Pastor.

**MRS. MARTIN KRUSE**  
of George, Iowa.

Mrs. Martin R. Kruse of George, Iowa, nee Jennie Kruger, was born in Lyons County, Iowa, on January 22, 1897. In 1920 she was married to Martin R. Kruse with whom she lived happily until her departure. To this union was born one child, Elmer Ray Kruse, who lived three days. Mrs. Kruse had a deep and abiding love for children which manifested itself in many ways. Arlene, her niece, was raised in the Martin Kruse home. Many of her nieces have experienced her affection for children in lasting love deeds.

At the age of twenty-six she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. On her confession of faith in Jesus Christ she was baptized and given the hand of fellowship into the First Regular Baptist Church of George, Iowa, by the Rev. C. F. Dallmus. Sister Kruse never failed to take her place and do her portion in the work of the church. She served as church organist for many years, as well as held the position of treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society for twelve years. It was ever her joy to serve the Lord in whatever opportunity was offered to her.

She did not enjoy good health for many years. She bore the affliction of diabetes patiently for about twenty-one years. In spite of her grave affliction, she was always ready to cheer someone else along the way. She reached the age of 54 years, 11 months and 25 days. Mrs. Kruse went to be with the Lord on January 16, 1952.

Her father and mother preceded her in death by three years. Her brother, John Kruger, died in 1934, and her brother, Ailt, died in 1951.

Mrs. Kruse leaves to mourn her departure her husband, Martin R. Kruse; and seven sisters: Helen, Mrs. Helmer DeBerg, Ellsworth, Minn.; Nancy, Mrs. George Bloen, Ellsworth, Minn.; Martha, Mrs. Maynard Kruger; Tillie, Mrs. Henry Schulte; Lena, Mrs. Andrew Wagenaar; Grace, Mrs. Karl Kramer; June, Mrs. Otto Renken; George and Arlene Arend who lived in the Kruse home; and a great number of cousins, nephews and nieces and a host of friends and neighbors, who extend their deep sympathy to all the bereaved and mourning.

First Baptist Church,

George, Iowa

JOHN REIMER, Pastor.



Pfc. Robert C. Rand of Humboldt, S. Dak., a member of the Spring Valley Baptist Church, who was killed in action in Korea on October 3, 1951.

**Pfc. ROBERT RAND**  
of Humboldt, South Dakota.

Pfc. Robert Calvin Rand of Humboldt, S. Dak., was born near Monroe, S. Dak., on January 17, 1928 and was killed in action on October 3, 1951 in Korea. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was received into the membership of the Spring Valley Baptist Church of Canistota, S. Dak., through the ordinance of baptism on April 18, 1943. The ordinance was administered by the Rev. Arthur Schulz.

Robert Rand was inducted into the armed forces on January 18, 1951 and after a brief training period was sent to Korea for active duty on May 31st. Among his other duties in Korea, he served for one month as honor guard at the Kaesong Conferences after which he was placed in the iron triangle area as assistant machine gunner of a seven-man light machine gun crew, operating as combat patrol in advance of the front lines. Pfc. Rand was killed by a direct mortar shell hit, along with two of his fellow soldiers, while on patrol duty in the region of Heart Break Ridge and immediately, without suffering, was taken to be with his Lord.

Robert Rand was by nature rather quiet, indicative of the peace and calm which God had placed in his heart. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eilert Rand, and two brothers, Ivan and Marlyn. His death is mourned, not only by his parents and brothers, but also by a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on January 28th with the Reverends Heinz Grabia, assistant pastor at First Baptist Church, and Alvin Wetter, pastor of Spring Valley Baptist Church, officiating. Special music was provided by a quartet consisting of Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Wetter and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Krieger who sang "Lights of Home" and also by Miss Ardell Woltzen who sang "After and Beyond the Sunset." The message was brought by Mr. Wetter who used Job 19:25-27 as his text. The body was laid to rest at the Monroe Cemetery where, after the committal, Sgt. Jack H. Wolfe presented the flag to the mother, Mrs. Eilert Rand, the Humbolt Legion fired a last salute over the grave, and the bugler played taps.

Spring Valley Baptist Church,

Canistota, South Dakota

ALVIN WETTER, Pastor.

**MR. OTTO LUEDEMANN**  
of Brenham, Texas.

Mr. Otto Luedemann of Brenham, Texas, was born near Carmine, Texas, on June 21, 1880. Later he moved to Greenvine with his parents where as a young man he received Christ as his personal Savior, was

baptized, and became a member of the Greenvine Baptist Church. On April 9, 1903 he was united in marriage to Miss Lula Schulte by the Rev. A. Becker. Two girls and three boys were born to this union.

Brother Luedemann lived in Greenvine until about six years ago when his wife passed away. Since then he had been living in the nearby city of Brenham with his daughter, Mrs. Arnold Deiss. During the past year he had been ill which made it impossible for him to attend church services. On January 22, 1952, the Lord called him to his heavenly home. Brother Luedemann was a man who lived for God, was loyal and faithful to him and the church, and tried to rear his children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. He had served the church as deacon for some ten years.

He is survived by two brothers: William of Mill Creek, Texas, and August of Jackson, Mich.; two sisters: Mrs. Henry Schulte of Greenvine, and Mrs. Charles Brandes of Jackson County, Texas; one son: Albert of Greenvine; and two daughters: Mrs. Arnold Deiss and Mrs. Peter Demuth of Brenham, Texas; nine grandchildren, many other relatives and a host of friends. The Rev. Frank Armbruster had charge of the funeral service and used the words, "Come up hither" found in Revelation 11:12, as his text. The sorrowing ones found comfort in the fact that they shall see their loved one again some day.

Greenvine Baptist Church,

Brenham, Texas

FRANK ARMBRUSTER, Pastor.

**MRS. LOUISA ANNA GRUHN**  
of Missoula, Montana.

Mrs. Louise Anna Gruhn of Missoula, Mont., widow of the Rev. Carl A. Gruhn, passed away on January 27th at Missoula. Mrs. Gruhn had been happy in the service of her Lord and in reasonably good health until a few weeks before her death.

Mrs. Gruhn was born on November 20, 1873 in New York, N. Y., the daughter of Carl A. and Caroline Stuenkel Vahlsing. She grew up in a Christian home, spending her childhood in New York City and in Folsomdale and Buffalo, New York. Her father was a Baptist minister, serving for some years as pastor in Buffalo, New York. Early in life she accepted Christ as her Savior and consecrated her life to his service. She did much missionary work as a young woman in Buffalo. She studied to be a missionary in China.

On May 1, 1902 she married the Rev. Carl A. Gruhn, then pastor of a Baptist Church in Jeanette, Pennsylvania. This was the beginning of a long ministry in which Mrs. Gruhn participated actively. She served particularly in music work and among the young people, directing the choirs and playing the organ in several of the churches of which Mr. Gruhn was pastor. After leaving Jeanette, Mr. and Mrs. Gruhn served the King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Conn., 1903-1907; Second Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., 1907-1909; First Baptist Church Goodrich, N. Dak., 1909-1915; as a missionary in North and South Dakota, 1915-1931; Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Mont., 1932-1936; and six months as a missionary in Prince George, Brit. Columbia, in 1936-1937.

Mrs. Gruhn was loved by all who knew her for her friendliness, for her sense of humor, and for her deep faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Her love of young people and her influence on them was one of her particular contributions to the service of her church. She was a devoted mother, having raised six sons and one daughter, all of them professed Christians and active in the Lord's work in their respective churches. Her husband preceded her in death on April 8, 1948.

She is survived by seven children: Carl V. of South Pasadena, Calif.; William T. of Storrs, Conn.; Otto A. of Omaha, Neb.; Herman A. of Riverside, Calif.; Lillian (Mrs. Edwin Kramer) of South Pasadena, Calif.; Elmer E. of Missoula, Mont.; and Earle A. of Baltimore, Md.; and by sixteen grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Gruhn were held at Missoula on Tuesday, January 29, with the undersigned, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, bringing words of comfort.

Missoula, Montana

G. P. SCHROEDER, Pastor.

**ON THE INDIAN TRAIL**

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to carry the crown of thorns before he received the crown of glory. He tasted death first before permitted to return to the glory which was his from the beginning. He gave when he came to earth. He gave while ministering, and he gave when dying on the cross. And he still gives!

Such must be the spirit of giving in us. The more we give, the more he gives to us. The need is pressing. There are Indian trails on which Christ as yet has never traveled because he is not here in person and there are no feet to present HIM on these forgotten trails.

Your giving will help to send someone forth to represent Christ on the Indian trail and strangely warm the hearts of our dear Indian friends.

**CHRIST OF OUR DENOMINATION**

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School the teachers teach the same Gospel which Jesus taught on the mountain side of old. A compassion for the lost is plainly evident. In the sanctuary people from all walks of life worship in praise and prayer.

The Word of life, proclaimed by the minister of the Gospel, brings peace to the troubled souls. He comforts the bereaved. Food for the hungry soul comes through the preaching of the Word. There is stimulation and inspiration of mind and heart for the wor-

**THE EASTER OFFERING**  
for our mission fields and denominational enterprise will be received from  
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shiper. Fellowship with Christ and his own is a balm to the soul. At the youth meetings there are many who seek guidance for their perplexing problems which they face in school and everyday life. In the study of the Word and the search for the Christian way of life, peace comes to the restless soul, all because Christ is there.

We visit our Woman's Missionary Societies and Christ is there, too. Need after need is presented to the group by the leaders. Prayers are offered to God for the sick, the homeless and for parents and boys who are away in the service. Provisions are made to assist the homeless and the destitute and to help heal the sick on the mission fields. The missionaries are prayed for and sacrificial gifts are laid on the altar in their behalf. At such magnanimous Christian services one is reminded of the words of the Master himself, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

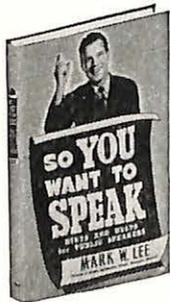
We visit our denominational schools, the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta, and Christ is there, too. Hun-

dreds of our choice young people are training in these institutes with full-time Christian service as their goal. They are aware of his presence to inspire them in their preparation and guide them in every activity of life.

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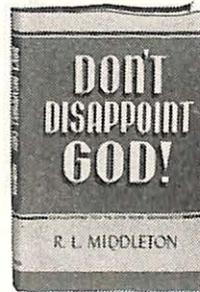
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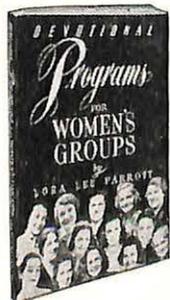


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