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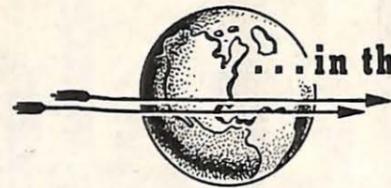
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Miss Laura E. Reddig

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...in the course of human events

● In lower Galilee a marble quarry has been located which yields a most beautiful rich red marble. Samples of the marble are being displayed in the United States and Britain with the view to establish a big export market for it.—Prophecy Monthly.

● A member of an evangelical church in Spain had to go to military service. During a military parade and Catholic mass, he was supposed to kneel in recognition of the pope. He did not do so properly and was arrested and banished 240 miles from his home.—Prophecy Monthly.

● "On the anniversary of their wedding day the Manleys came into church and I read the marriage service to them. They are not a pious or sentimental couple, but they have met in this quiet way every year since they were married seven years ago, to renew their vows in God's House."—From "Peter Parson's Log" in British Weekly.

● Along with other responsibilities, Britain's new ruler, Queen Elizabeth II, heads two Protestant churches. When she recently assumed the throne, the queen became the head of both the Church of England and the Church of Scotland. Both are Protestant bodies, but there is no common communion between them. As head of each church, Elizabeth takes the sacrament and worships in the buildings of both. Thus she is an Episcopalian while in England and a Presbyterian while in Scotland.—Moody Monthly.

● Disturbed by an announcement from the defense department that more than a third of the Kentuckians who come before the Selective Service are rejected because of illiteracy, citizens are demanding a searching examination of their state's educational system. They have discovered that about 25 per cent of the children of the state are not in school, that higher salaries in other fields are drawing qualified teachers away, and that much of the emphasis in public school education is misplaced, as indicated by the fact that many men with from six to eight years of schooling still were unable to read or write satisfactorily.—The Christian Century.

● Voters who may be wondering about the Christian views of candidates or presumed candidates for the presidency now have a rundown on the contenders' denominational affiliation. Reporting a statement by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public

Affairs that four candidates are Baptists, "Time" magazine lists as Baptists: Estes Kefauver, Harold Stassen, Senator Robert Kerr and Harry Truman. Dwight Eisenhower, who was brought up in the Brethren in Christ Church, is classified as an "intensely religious nonsectarian," Robert Taft and Douglas MacArthur are Episcopalians, and Adlai Stevenson is Unitarian. Earl Warren, "Time" reports, was raised a Methodist, but usually attends the Baptist Church of his wife and daughters.—Moody Monthly.

● Recently a poll was taken of 16,800 high school students in thirty-five states revealing that a majority favored what is in essence a police state. Dr. H. H. Remmers of Purdue University, who conducted the poll, calls the result frightening. The blanks filled out by the students showed the following: 60 per cent of those polled believe police or other groups should censor or bar books, papers, movies, radio at their discretion; 58 per cent believe police are justified in using third-degree methods to make a person talk; 26 per cent believe police should be able to enter and search homes without warrants; and 25 per cent believe that the right of peaceful assembly is not necessary. 55 per cent favour complete censorship of the press and 49 per cent contend that large masses of people are incapable of deciding for themselves what is good or best for them.—The Churchman.

● Belgian Protestantism has about 40,000 members. The movement is only a century old. The number of denominations is constantly increasing. There are Congregationalists, Methodists, Baptists, Adventists, Darbist Brethren, and now a Missouri Lutheran Church. The Catholic Church is predominantly strong; thus the Belgians are a Catholic-thinking people. The preaching of the Gospel meets with no official obstruction. All churches may possess property, but bequests and donations are subject to government control. There is a scarcity of Protestant ministers. In later years many Swiss pastors have taken over the work in the churches. There is a community of one hundred thousand German-speaking Belgians. The other languages are Flemish and French.—British Weekly.

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

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. R. Schilke  
May 25 (Sunday)—Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Rev. J. C. Gunst  
May 25 (Sunday)—Prince George, British Columbia.

CONFERENCE DATES

May 29-June 1—British Columbia Association at the Victoria Avenue Church, Chilliwack, B. C. Rev. J. C. Gunst and Miss Ida Forsch, Guest Speaker.

May 29-June 1—Central Conference at White Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer, and Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, Guest Speakers.

June 2-5—Kansas Scripture Memory Camp at Camp Fellowship near Wichita, Kansas. Rev. R. Schilke, Guest Speaker on June 4 and 5.

June 4-8—Alberta-Sask. Central Association at Golden Prairie, Sask. Rev. Hugo Lueck, Guest Speaker.

June 5-8—Kansas Young People's Assembly at Camp Fellowship near Wichita, Kansas. Rev. R. Schilke, Guest Speaker.

SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT

North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Dr. George A. Lang, President.

May 16 (Friday)—Educational Committee of Seminary Board.

May 16 (Friday Evening)—Annual Banquet of Seminary and friends. (First Baptist Church.)

May 17 (Saturday)—Seminary Board of Trustees.

May 18 (Sunday Morning)—Baccalaureate Service at Seminary Chapel.

May 18 (Sunday Afternoon)—Commencement Exercises at the First Baptist Church. Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, Detroit, Michigan, Commencement Speaker.

Miss Ida Forsch, Cameroons Missionary

May 4-20—Visitation tour to most of our churches in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, Canada.

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 11—Observance of Mother's Day in all churches. (See article by the Rev. Fred Fuchs and editorial in this issue.)

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Editorial

Bouquets of Congratulation

THE MONTH OF MAY is the time "to say it with flowers." This will be done literally and figuratively in observance of Mother's Day on Sunday, May 11. Our Christian mothers deserve more than the usual bouquet of congratulations and greetings on "their day of the year." These bouquets of verbal tributes should be a token of life-long consecration on our part to the truths and ideals which have motivated our mothers and have enabled them to wield such moulding influences in our lives.

Every person will want to express his or her tribute to "the one mother" who above all has meant so much to the individual in bringing life and blessing without measure. In our church services we shall lay the bouquets of highest esteem at the feet of Christian mothers in honoring motherhood as a power for good and for love throughout the world.

"Nobody else can ever be  
Just what my mother is to me,  
So we have set a day aside  
To make our love a thing worldwide."

On Sunday, May 18, congratulations will be flung like bouquets of flowers into the hands of nine young men graduating from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The Seminary is exerting a strong spiritual influence upon our entire denomination through its consecrated faculty, its talented graduates of recent years and its splendid facilities in the new buildings. Congratulations are in order for the Seminary itself as the news reaches us that virtually every one of the 1952 graduates is already placed in a field of service and in a pastorate. God bless these young men as they go forth to the place of God's appointment for them with all of the spiritual and mental equipment made possible by the years of study at our Seminary.

The congratulations of our people can also be extended to the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, upon the completion of another successful year. The editor had the privilege of being an eyewitness to the marvelous things of God in the accomplishments of this Bible School of ours at its recent Commencement exercises. Young people from Canada and the United States are being prepared for a greater Christian witness in their own churches. The enrichment of life in these future leaders of ours is evident in their testimonies, their school activities and their evangelistic outreach.

Our Alberta churches as well as the length and breadth of the Northern Conference are aware of the influential touch of this school upon their lives. Audiences of more than 1100 enthusiastic people attended the closing exercises. Several musical groups will tour our churches in large parts of the United States during the next few months to portray the spirit and the ministry of our Edmonton Bible School.

Bells will soon ring for the convening of our conferences and assemblies, to be climaxed by the General Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., from August 20 to 26. Program committees have been hard at work preparing "a feast of good things" at these various sessions. It looks like a banner year for uplifting, inspirational gatherings. Congratulations, officers and leaders of such conference groups!

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# Honor Thy Mother

May God bless all mothers whose lives of service, whose training and example promise, according to God's Word, sons and daughters who will in turn "glorify God and enjoy him for ever"

By the REV. F. H. FUCHS of Anamoose, North Dakota



Mrs. Fuchs of Hettinger, North Dakota, the mother of a fine family including the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, one of our denominational evangelists, and the Rev. Fred Fuchs of Anamoose, N. Dak., the author of this Mother's Day message.

ONCE AGAIN we pay tribute to our mothers. For weeks the flower shops, the card shops, the candy shops have all been urging us to remember our mothers on Mother's Day.

Why should we remember Mother? Why should Mother be honored by having a day of her own? Why should we shower her with gifts? Mother's Day as such was first observed in the United States in 1914. But the rendering of honor to Mother is simply obedience to God's command given at Mount Sinai nearly 4000 years ago! God said, "Honor thy . . . mother" (Exodus 20:12). God did not require the setting aside of one day in the year on which we should render special honor to Mother. He required and still requires us to honor her every single day of the year.

## MOTHERHOOD

During the past fifty years we have witnessed a revolution in thinking. The Oriental conception of the subordination of women has been totally discarded in America. Woman has achieved both industrial and political emancipation—freedom. The world today is undergoing terrific readjustments. Governments are passing through the fire of reconstruction. Old traditions are being discarded to the scrapheap.

But there is one tradition that is as firmly rooted and grounded today as when the fifth commandment was given at Sinai, and that is the splendor and the glory of a true and noble mother-

hood which seeks to implant the spirit of courage, of sacrifice and high ideals in her children.

Is it not strange that our mothers, who are the true molders of the world, should get so little credit and should be so seldom mentioned among the world's achievers? The world sees only the successful children; the mother is but a rung upon which they have climbed. Her face or name is never seen in the papers; only her children are lauded and applauded and held up for our admiration. Yet it was that face in the background that made their success possible.

## THE HOME

It is in the home, then, that a mother has her greatest sphere of influence. She guides her children while their minds are still as plastic. Their first ideas about God and religion come from her. What a wonderful opportunity childhood presents for wise direction on the part of mothers! It is the best time in which to impress the human heart for God. It is just at this time that mothers have their greatest influence.

The high ideals implanted by our mothers do bear fruit. Almost all of the outstanding men in the world have paid tribute to their mother. We think of such men as President Garfield who paid a high tribute to his mother when he was inaugurated on the 4th of March 1881. After Judge Waite of the Supreme Court had presented the Bible to him and proceeded to administer the oath of office, Garfield kissed the

Book and returned it to the judge. Then turning to his aged mother he gently embraced her amid the wild approval of the multitude.

We think of Abraham Lincoln who said, "All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." Thomas A. Edison said, "My mother was the making of me. She was so true, so sure of me; and I felt that I had some one to live for, someone I must not disappoint."

There are those who say that Mother's Day is lot of sentiment. It is, indeed; but it is good sentiment. It is the kind of sentiment that can wipe some of the dust and stain of the world from our eyes and from our souls. NOT ALL MOTHERS, unfortunately, are in character, worthy of salutation. God wants mothers honored. That is the duty of the child to fulfill. But he wants mothers to be worthy of honor. That is the duty of the mother.

"Be ye worthy of honor" is equally demanded of every father and mother. Parents cannot expect children to do as they say but as they are. I believe that Mother's Day has no tribute to the cigarette-smoking, child-neglecting, home-destroying mother, but rather to the old-fashioned mother whose worth is measured in noble deeds, high character and Christlike personality.

## MY MOTHER

It seems as though all of the good and fine things about our mothers have already been written, have already been thought of, and proclaimed. But it is a story which never grows old, and it bears repeating every year. I thank God today for my mother, and for the Christlike personality which is hers. I shall always be grateful when I think of the wonderful influence she has had upon my life, and of how she has led all of her children to know and to love the Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, to me she is the wonderful, the best mother in the whole wide world. I hope and pray that you can say the same of your mother today.

Many people have wondered where the Apostle Paul found the model for his marvelous dissertation on love as

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# Penny for a Daughter

The amazing story of a little African girl who was bought for \$16.80 as dowry money by our Cameroons Baptist Mission and then adopted by her present Christian parents, Philip and Lucy Nshing.

By MISS LAURA E. REDDIG of Bamenda, British West Africa

SHE WAS a mighty sick little girl of three weeks when she was brought to the mission station by her father. Her mother had died two weeks earlier, and the father had fed her palm wine and corn meal. The baby was not strong enough for such treatment, and her sick little body showed her objections.

"I bring this pekin for you. I beg you make you look him for me." The father, with his leopard-clawed face, seemed relieved to be free of his responsibility. After promising to pay a small sum monthly for the baby's milk, he left for home, and the baby became a mission responsibility.

First of all, she had to be bathed, for she was coated with red oil and dirt. Then she had to have milk. How she went for the warm milk! Then medicines were given for her fever, cough and stomach disorders. Soon she settled down to sleep in a wooden box, clean clothes around her, for the first time in her life. How sweet she looked in the White Cross shirt and blankets!

## PENNY'S NEW HOME

Having the station dispensary and the schools of the area to look after, the missionary-nurse knew that someone would have to be found to help care for this baby. Lucy, wife of Evangelist Philip, had no children of her own and eagerly took the baby to her home. She showed off the baby proudly to everyone, until she was warned that the baby was still very sick and needed rest.

When it looked as if the baby would recover from its initiation into this world, we looked around for a name. Penelope, with the nickname of "Penny," was chosen, and found easy to remember by all. Lucy became known as "Ma-Penny" and Philip was "Pa-Penny." How they loved their little charge!

Back in their minds, however, was the thought that this was not their baby, and that some day the father might claim it and take it away. Not once had the father visited her in her first eight months at the mission. When he heard how nicely she was growing, he began to talk of taking her to his house when she was able to walk alone and feed herself.

Lucy and Philip were heartbroken

at the thought of losing her. What could be done? The father said plainly that he would take her, because if he didn't, wouldn't he lose the dowry which she would one day bring him? The missionary nurse visited his village and pleaded with the father for the child's welfare, but the father thought only of the dowry. He didn't love her as a daughter, but only as a means of getting the dowry some day.

Well, if dowry was all that mattered to him, why not approach him along that line now? In many African tribes, marriage arrangements are made while the girls are very young. But Philip didn't want Penny for a wife! He had one. He wanted her for a daughter, and it seemed there was only one way to get her . . . by paying dowry for her! Would someone think this was a child-marriage? Would someone think this was buying or selling the child? We prayed much about this, that God would show us his will for the child and for those who loved her.

## A DOWRY FOR PENNY

Another visit to the father's village resulted in getting a verbal agreement from the father that they would accept dowry for the child, and let Philip and Lucy keep her. But soon the villagers persuaded him to ask for a dowry of eighty British Pounds (about \$224). Was not the evangelist working for the Mission? Therefore they would gain all they could in the transaction.

On Market Day the whole delegation arrived at the mission. Philip would not be there until later, for he had gone for a baptismal service in a nearby church. We tried to press the matter of making some agreement, for it would be very hard for Philip and Lucy to continue caring for this child, knowing the father would soon take her away.

Finally the father got up and left, only to return in a short time with a woman. "She will take care of the baby," said the father. We all gasped at this, for it would have been hard to have found a more careless and slovenly woman anywhere. She knew nothing of cleanliness. But because she was from their village, she would take care of Penny along with her own four little ones. Lucy cried when she heard this, remembering her own clean home and the love she gave Penny. What could be done?



Lucy Nshing, wife of the Cameroons evangelist, holding little Penny after adoption with Penny happily displaying her "twisted tongue" as she loves to do.

Hours of pleading and talking only showed that the people were more determined than ever to make all they could on the transaction. Where could such a large sum of money be found? It was impossible to get that much, so we prayed for further guidance. One of the Bible School boys came up to see what all the "palaver" was about. He laughed when told of the eighty pounds dowry the father wanted, and for such a wee baby! He told how he had just gotten his wife, a girl he loved, for whom his father had given but ten pounds (\$28).

More talking soon resulted in an agreement to take six pounds (\$16.80) that very afternoon. They would sign the papers, giving up the child to Philip and Lucy. Quickly the agreement (or rather adoption) papers were typed off, and more witnesses called to affix their signatures or thumb-prints.

Now the child belongs to Philip and Lucy. Penny now has both a father and a mother who really love her, and who will give her a fine Christian home and the best of care. The following Sunday, dressed in a new dress and new blanket, little Penny was brought to church by Philip and Lucy and dedicated there to God's glory. Many eyes were wet with joy that day, and many hearts lifted in grateful praise that God had been mindful of one of these little ones, and brought joy untold to this fine Christian couple. A feast was held for friends, just as if Penny had actually been born in their home. Everyone was happy and Penny was now a real daughter, with real parents!

# Christ's Ambassadors, Called of God

Testimonies of members of the 1952 Senior Class of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

The Second of Two Articles Prepared for the BAPTIST HERALD

## GOD HAS CALLED ME TO BE A SHEPHERD OF SOULS

By MR. CHRIS WEINTZ of Kelowna, British Columbia, Pastor-elect of the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota

The author of the book of Hebrews tells us that, "No man taketh this honor unto himself; but he that is called of God." It is a wonderful privilege to serve in the ranks of the ministry. If one is to lawfully begin such a great work, he must feel in the depth of his soul that this is the will of God for his life.

From the first monition of the spirit in my life, calling me to Christian service, I have felt that the ministry was my God-appointed duty in life. There have been mental revolts against this inward movement of the Spirit occasionally, but through it all the Spirit has held my mind true to its divinely appointed responsibility. During the last two or three years spent at the Seminary, the words of 1 Cor. 9:16 have burned their way into my heart. "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!"

I am very thankful that I was raised in a Christian home. It was there that the seeds of the Gospel of Christ were first sown in my heart. By the constant watering of Christian parental influence, these seeds took root and grew. The fruit was realized when, upon my confession of sin and guilt, Christ accepted me into the family of God.

Shortly after my conversion, the Christian responsibility began to weigh heavily upon me. I was not satisfied with just working in the church in my spare time and on Sundays. The Lord seemed to be asking for more.

It was because of this spiritual unrest that I decided to spend a winter in the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton. Perhaps in such a Christian environment, I thought, submitting myself to every prompting of the Spirit, I could find an answer to my questioning and troubled mind. I realize now that this "soul-bothering" I had experienced then was the Spirit of God speaking to me.

The experience which released me from the mental tension I was undergoing came on New Year's Eve. As was

the custom at the Christian Training Institute at that time, we had a Watch Night prayer service. Just before the old year passed, I felt closer to the Lord than I had ever felt before. He spoke to me and there was no mistaking what he wanted. I submitted, for I knew happiness could never be mine if I stifled that call. Peace was then mine.

A year later my path led to the North American Baptist Seminary which was at that time located in Rochester, New York. The five years spent in that institution have taught me much. Not only have I been drawn closer to the Lord, but my concept of the Christian work has also expanded its horizons. God needs men today who will be true shepherds of souls. I thank God for his trust in me to be that type of a shepherd.

## GOD'S PREPARATION IN MY LIFE FOR HIS CALL INTO THE MINISTRY

By MR. LAURENCE R. PRAST, Pastor-elect of the Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana

When I was a boy in the Intermediate Department of the Sunday School, the teacher of the class told us over and over again that if God ever called us to serve him in the ministry, we could not be happy until we yielded to that call. She told us that if we resisted God's call, we would always feel miserable and restless. Those words I could never forget, although when God first began to speak to me, I did not recognize it as a call to the ministry.

As I look back upon the eight or ten years that followed, I can see how God was preparing me to receive just such a call. The experiences of the remaining years of grammar school and high school, the two years on the farm, and the year of active service in the United States Navy impressed me with the need for placing God first in my plans.

Shortly after returning to civilian life, I enrolled in a Junior College near my home to pursue studies in the field of electrical engineering. This, since my first year in high school, was my great desire and ambition. During these college days, God began to speak definitely to me about entering the ministry. One of my Sunday School

classmates had gone to the Seminary and often spoke to me during vacations about how God needed men in the ministry. All of my close friends in college were Christians, and most of them were planning on entering fulltime Christian service. They, too, were a great influence upon my life.

During those two years at college, I could not decide whether I should continue in the field of engineering or enter Christ's service. I almost felt compelled to choose the latter but, on the other hand, I felt that the ministry had some sort of an attraction for me that was a mere passing fancy, rather than a call from God. After two years of college, I interrupted my education to work a year before continuing. During that year, I realized that my desire to enter the ministry was not my own, but was because God was calling me to serve him.

Two verses have made an impression upon me and I have felt they were meant especially for me. "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few" (Matthew 9:37).

The next fall, I took my bride of two months and turned westward toward our Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. While at the Seminary, I had many other experiences, both in and out of class, which impressed me more and more with the fields which are white unto harvest, and the need for getting out into those fields and working while it is yet day.

## CALLED FROM THE FARM INTO THE GLORIOUS MINISTRY OF CHRIST

By MR. ORVILLE H. METH of Cathay, North Dakota, Pastor-elect of the Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash.

"And the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel" (Amos 7:15). This was the personal testimony of the great prophet Amos. The Lord called him from the common task of being a shepherd and gave him the great commission to prophesy unto the people of Israel.

I too can say that the Lord has called me. He called me from the farm to prepare myself that I might go forth

teaching and preaching the "Good News" of a Savior for this lost and dying world.

The name of this Savior, Jesus, was always familiar to me since I had attended Sunday School most of my life. But it was during evangelistic services that I came to know him personally. The message that night touched my heart and I asked the question which the jailer asked of Paul and Silas: "What must I do to be saved?" The answer was found in Acts 16:31—"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." In simple faith I put my trust in him and he became my personal Savior and Lord.

However, in the next few years I was not an obedient servant unto my Lord. Other things began to take pre-eminence in my life—things which my Lord did not approve of, and our fellowship was not what it should have been. I began to drift away. As with the prodigal son, I also came to myself. The occasion was at a fall rally when a stirring and heart-searching message on Christian service challenged me to do more for my Lord.

As I began to help in the young people's society and in other church activities, the more I wanted to do. My heart was touched whenever I would hear the plea for laborers to go into the harvest fields of the Master. Finally, things came to a point and I realized that to have peace within my heart, I would have to surrender completely to the Lord and go to prepare myself for a full time ministry.

After I had made the decision to leave the farm and those near and dear to me, I felt a joy and peace in my heart. I was sure that the Lord had called me from the flock to go and to prophesy to the people the Gospel of Christ.

In the fall of 1947 I began my preparation for the ministry at the Seminary when it was still in Rochester, N. Y. During these years at the Seminary, my Lord has become very dear to me. I have learned to trust in him as I struggled with my studies, for I had been out of school for several years and learning did not come easy. But when we have faith in him and cling to such promises as he gives us in Luke 11:9—"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you," he will help us through the difficult times of our lives. I praise the Lord for the wondrous way in which he has led in my calling.

My wife and I are looking forward to the fulfillment of the Great Commission in his Name.

## GOD HAS CALLED ME TO SERVE! THAT IS MY DUTY!

By MR. EDWARD B. LINK of Olds, Alberta, Canada

A Christian home, with consecrated parents, a family altar, and a conscientious attitude of duty to Christ and his Church, provided the constant atmosphere into which I was born. At an early age I realized through the instruction of his Word, the testimony of Christians, and the prompting of the Spirit, that Christ had died to save me. I believed. From that time the burden of God's call into the ministry grew upon my heart. Until the age of sixteen I managed to dodge the call, but the claims of Christ were forcefully and continually upon me, and I knew unmistakably that as a child of God I must yield to his call to duty.

and has remained the key to understanding the various situations into which he has led.

Through the days of schooling the faithfulness of God has been great. Doubts, personal weaknesses, the dim testimony of Christianity in the world today, the apparent insincerity of professing believers, temptations direct from the silver platter of Satan—these are some of the factors that pull at the cords of the soul that idealistically has thrown itself into the task of preparation for the Lord's work. I learned that my idealism was insufficient to stand against the wiles of the Devil. This idealism had to be transformed into unflinching, unshrinking faith in God. "And God is faithful, will not suffer us to be tempted above that which we are able..."



Looking up Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., in the area of the Baptist Temple (church is at the left), with the skyscraper building of Temple University, founded by Russell H. Conwell, in the center. At the Baptist Temple the 30th General Conference will be held from August 20 to 26, 1952.

In one of his great sermons Dr. George W. Truett suggested the spirit of prayer which young people should employ when seeking divine light and leading: "Where is the niche, Father, that thou wouldst have me fill? Ought I to be a merchant? Very well. A lawyer? Very well. A teacher? Well and good. A banker? All right. A farmer, a ranchman? What is the niche Lord that I should fill? Show it to me and let me get ready for it, with learning, with information, with right habits of preparedness, with preparation. Let me be ready for that niche."

Throughout the days of preparation for the duties that await in the future, I have learned that the spirit of this prayer must be maintained. In everything it is God who must lead on. There must be faith that God can, and will lead on. "Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in him, and he will bring it to pass." This verse of Scripture came to my attention early

Through the deep, dark valley of the shadow of death the Lord has led us. My wife and I have experienced the utter despair of human helplessness, but we have also shared God's faithfulness, the hope and peace that come to the heart of the believer in time of sorrow. God is faithful.

But since God is faithful in his leadership and in all things I know, I can go forth in his service and answer the call to duty. The word, "duty," used to be spelled d-u-e-t-y, and the d-u-e suggested the true meaning of the word. Thus duty to God means "something due," something owed to God. What do I owe to God? God has created me and given me my physical and spiritual form. Jesus poured out the last drop of his blood on the cross of Calvary for me. God has the claim of creation and redemption upon my life. With faith in God who cannot fail, I must give back the life I owe. God has called me to serve!



Miss La Verna Mehlhaff (standing left), Christian Education director of the Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio, looks over a class in the Beginners' Department with the teachers ready to begin the Sunday School lesson.

## A Christian Teacher's Concern

By MISS LA VERNA MEHLHAFF,  
Church Worker for the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

MY VISIT with you will be brief, but during my stay I would like to share with you some of the things which have become a deep concern to me. It was far from my mind a few years ago that today in the year of 1952 I would be in the fair city, the "Forest City," of Cleveland, Ohio, working with the Erin Avenue Baptist Church. The leading of God truly is wonderful, we see it time and time again in our daily lives.

Turn and look about you and see the working of God's power with his mighty hand in the lives of individuals, in nations and in the world. God's plan and purpose will ever go forward, in spite of the thoughts and plans of common people or of officials of rank in our world. His warnings to the peoples of the various nations as well as to the people in our own country are ever going forth from day to day. Are we who are Christians concerned that the will of the Father be done on earth? Are we ever willing to give ourselves to his cause so that his Word may be proclaimed to every creature on the face of the earth?

### GOD'S BOUNTIFUL PROMISES

Are we ready to "seek first his will" for our lives and then claim the promise which goes with it, "and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). How can we know his will for our lives? We as his children can know his will for our lives if we will trust in him and have faith in his guidance, and through

prayer ask him what he would have us do. We can rest assured that he will lead right, for we have a Father who cares for every sparrow in the air, every lily of the valley. Wouldn't he care more for us, who to him are worth more than all of the rubies and diamonds in this world?

Will he supply all of our needs? He certainly will, for he has given us that promise as recorded in Philippians 4:19—"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." All we need to do is ask in his Name and he will supply all of our need. We have not, because we ask not. Because we ask not, we are missing many of the blessings which our Father has in store for us.

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The world in all of its schemes ventures out and tries every possible method to attract the people, young and old, boys and girls to its program. They have nothing to fall back on—no assurance of success. We as Christians have Christ our God. If we are willing to venture out into the deep in faith, in his Name, and carry out his plan, surely he will help us to succeed in the things we undertake for him. He gave us the assurance that he will guide us.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

One of my concerns is Christian education within our churches. Do our boys and girls, after having been in our Sunday School, know what they believe and why they believe the things they have been taught? In this day and age we are so concerned that the children receive the very best education in our public schools. We will hire only the finest of teachers, teachers with a good education and with the finest abilities.

I wonder how many of us would be satisfied to have unqualified teachers in our schoolroom teaching our children? How many of us would be satisfied to send the children into a schoolroom with just the meager facilities and the bare necessities for the training of the boys and girls. I believe we would soon demand a change. We desire the finest for the children in the public schools, so that after completion they might better be able to fit themselves into this world of today and rightly so.

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS

But now take a look at our Sunday Schools. Are we concerned that every one of our scholars in Sunday School has the finest of everything as they come to our churches? How are our facilities? Are they comparable to our public school facilities? How are the teachers? Well trained? If not, are opportunities made available to the teachers so that they might obtain better training in order that they might more effectively present the lessons, so that we might have the very best of systems for training? Do we demand that teachers be prepared for their job as far as their weekly lessons are concerned? Are we concerned that all teachers be present before the bell rings for Sunday School?

These and many more demands are made and enforced in our public schools. The Sunday School teachers are performing the most important work on the face of the earth as they teach boys and girls the way to live successful Christian lives here on earth as well as preparing them for eternity.

This has been one of my deep concerns ever since my teaching days. During that period of time as I taught my students day after day and saw all of the many facilities available to instruct them and then noticed how

meager were the facilities in the churches, my heart became burdened and depressed over the situation. It was that which I saw and experienced which gave me the desire to become affiliated with a church in full-time Christian service.

### THE USE OF OUR TALENTS

It is true that we need prayer, which is most important in our Christian life. Without prayer we as Christians can accomplish nothing. God supplies the strength which we need for the work which is ours to perform. Now with the use of prayer and the World of God, are we doing the best we can to give forth the Gospel?

Christ entrusted to us time, talents and money with which we are to build his Kingdom on earth. To each of us is put the question, "Am I using all of these for his honor and his glory?" If we will use them for him, he has promised to multiply them for our use. The Lord has blessed us abundantly in the past year, and our country has been prosperous. Praise, honor and glory be to God who so richly supplies and cares for us. Are we giving back to him that which is due him?

Trust in him and his guidance and he will see you through.

"I'd rather go with Jesus in the dark,  
Knowing that he holds my hand,  
Than walk in the light without the  
touch  
Of his hand on mine."

How glorious it is to know that we have a God who will lead us if we will only be willing to surrender ourselves into his care. As the song writer has written:

"His faithful follower I would be  
For by his hand he leadeth me."

### HONOR THY MOTHER—GOD'S COMMANDMENT

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recorded in 1 Corinthians 13. It has been suggested that his own mother might have posed for this picture just as Whistler's mother did for his masterpiece. At any rate, it can be and has been read this way: "Mother suffereth long and is kind. Mother envieth not. Mother vaunteth not herself, doth not behave unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, taketh no account of evil. Mother rejoiceth not in unrighteousness but rejoiceth in the truth. Mother beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Mother never faileth." Where is there to be found anything that explains what the love of God is, quite as the pursuing passionate devotion of a mother?

We would say, then, that a good mother is a symbol of sacrificial love and care. Why do we salute good mothers? Because a good mother is the symbol and incarnation of sacrificial love and care. In the Lithuanian speech the word for mother means, "martyr." How appropriate that is! God bless all mothers who implant the spirit of sacrifice within their children by their own unselfish devotion.

Another reason why we salute our mothers is because a good mother is the symbol of purity and honor in life. A famous man once said that "every man who has had a good mother regards all women as sacred for her sake." I wish that were true. Mothers' voices do seem to speak out of the past and say to young men and to young women, "Keep thyself pure." The thought of a good mother has often kept a man from doing evil.

There is an old beautiful tradition

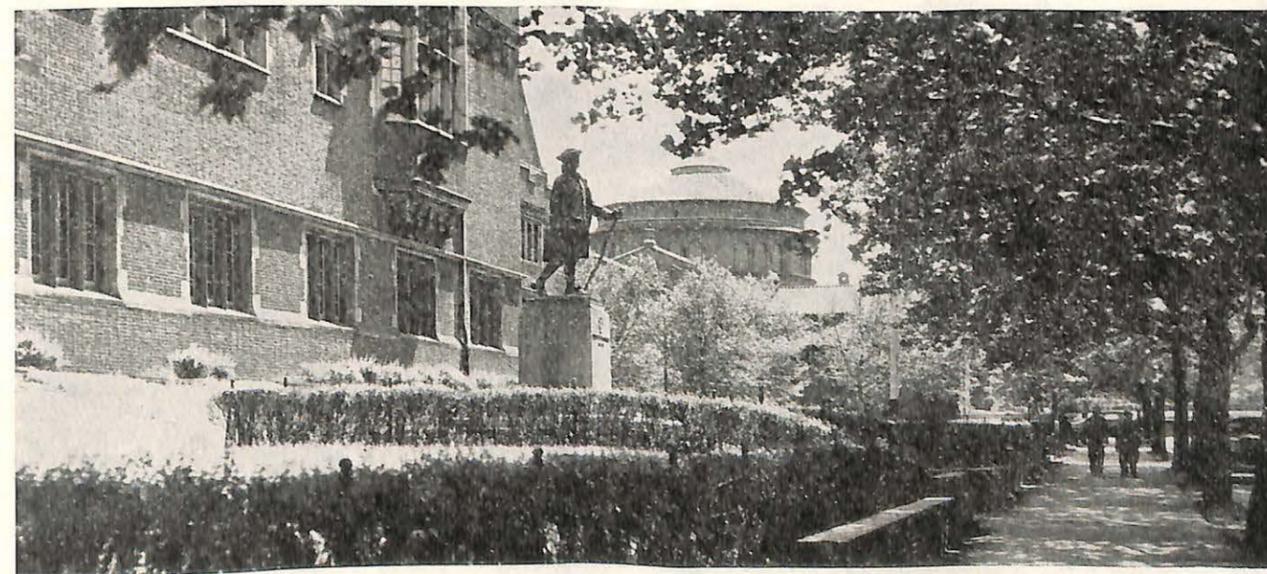
that the angel who let Peter out of the prison of Herod was his own departed mother. It's just a legend, but it embodies the truth that the memory of a good mother often takes a man by the hand and leads him out of the bondage and darkness of unbelief and sin into the light of truth and salvation.

A good mother implants the spirit of courage in her children. She is a symbol of sacrificial love and care. She is a symbol of purity and honor, and she is a symbol of faith in God.

These qualities are our heritage from our mothers. Therefore, it is no more than just and proper that we should set aside at least one day in the year and call it "Mother's Day." It is a day upon which we may stop and ponder and then pay our homage, respect and devotion to motherhood.

Anna Jarvis, who first suggested Mother's Day, has well said, "The man who does not esteem some good woman as a mother is to be pitied, not only because he has missed life's crowning joy—the inspiration of a mother's love, but because his manhood has lost a gentleness, a sympathy and a reverence that ennobles in a way that nothing else does. A man without mother love in his heart is next to a man without a country."

Thus, on this Mother's Day Sunday, we should thank God for praying mothers who bear their hardships sweetly. May God bless all mothers whose lives of service, whose training and example promise, according to God's Word, sons and daughters who will in turn "glorify God and enjoy him for ever."



The University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pa., here shown with Weightman Hall at the left and the dome of the museum building at right background, was organized in 1749 with Benjamin Franklin as president of the Board. The statue of Franklin, arriving in Philadelphia as a lad, is in center of picture. The Honorable Harold E. Stassen, former member of the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., is the president of the University of Pennsylvania.

—Ewing Galloway Photo



Officers of the National Woman's Missionary Union.

Front row, left to right: Mrs. Thomas Lutz, treasurer; Mrs. William L. Schoeffel, president; Mrs. Walter Stein, vice-president; Mrs. Emanuel Wolff, secretary.

Standing, left to right: Miss Eva Yung, chairman, Program Committee; Mrs. Walter W. Grosser, chairman, missionary education; Miss Alethea Kose, chairman, scholarship; Mrs. O. G. Graalman, chairman, Nominating Committee; Mrs. Theo W. Dons, editor, German (Mrs. Frank H. Woyke, editor of "Broadcast," unable to be present for the picture).

## Those Conspicuous Women!

Women's programs to be featured during the General Conference sessions at Philadelphia, Pa., from August 20 to 26, 1952

By MISS EVA YUNG of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,  
Registrar for the General Conference

YES, women have always made themselves conspicuous by their presence! This is true in the local churches, at local conferences, and we have every reason to believe that the 30th General Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., from August 20 to 26, will be no exception. In fact, we can say almost without reservation that the women will again outnumber the men. Wherever there is opportunity for spiritual enrichment, there you will find women! This can readily be understood for they have been the backbone of the Christian cause.

It is, therefore, only fitting and proper that a special day be set aside for the women during the forthcoming conference. This day will be Monday, August 25. Women, mark your calendar now for that "date" in the "City of Brotherly Love." Incidentally, the Philadelphia women hope to demonstrate that it is also the "City of Sisterly Affection."

Every church should have at least one woman representative to take back with her some of the enthusiasm and inspiration of this 30th General Conference, which we hope will eclipse all

previous ones. Although the women's program has fallen into a certain pattern, some slight innovations will add new color and attractiveness.

**OUR BUSINESS BREAKFAST!** Women are always early risers, so a 7:00 or 7:30 A.M. breakfast will spell no hardship for them. We can count on them dispensing with a little extra sleep, if need be, in order to be at this breakfast. Our primary purpose, of course, is to transact the business of the Woman's Missionary Union and if this can be done over a good cup of hot Kaffee und Kuchen, so much the better.

### LIBERTY BELL STICKERS

Bronze colored stickers, about two inches high, in the form of liberty bells announcing the General Conference in Philadelphia are available to pastors and church leaders. They can be used on church bulletins, personal letters, posters and special correspondence. They will be sent in any quantity without charge upon request at Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

Election of officers, reports, chart revision, new missionary projects, etc., is YOUR business and that makes it extremely important for all members of women's and young women's organizations to be up bright and early the morning of Monday, August 25. Breakfast will be in the downtown YMCA and, incidentally, the Laymen's and Ministers' breakfast will be held in the same "Y," on the same morning at the same time!

**OUR INSPIRATIONAL MEETING!** You will be very happy to know that we are to have as speaker one of our veteran missionaries home on furlough—our own Clara Gebauer. Having been on the field longer than any other of our married missionaries, she will thrill our hearts with the things that have been done in the Cameroons, the things that are being done, and the things, God willing, still to be done if "the love of Christ constraineth us."

Our devotional, in which several of our conference women will participate, will center around the conference theme, which is so significant, so inexhaustible.

Mrs. Emma B. Meier of Portland, Oregon, has willingly agreed to assume responsibility for our special music and under her splendid leadership the messages in song will add much to the service. You will again have an opportunity to see and hear the "unsung" members of our ministerial constituency. We know, and you know, that in many instances the real "power behind the throne" (the men won't like this!) is not the minister but his better half, yet she seldom gets into the limelight. At the General Conference, however, we like to put the spotlight on this devoted group of co-laborers.

Within the past three years, we dare say that from the ranks of each society there have been those who heard the "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" call. Led by Mrs. Theo. Dons of Ellinwood, Kans., we shall pause briefly for deserved remembrance.

**RECEPTION FOR OUR MISSIONARIES!** Yes, it will be a tea, but it will be more than a tea. A number of our Cameroons missionaries will be home on furlough. There will be new appointees. Home missionaries will be present. For many of our women it will be the first opportunity personally to meet those who are and will be representing us in our expanding work. You will want to be there to shake hands with them and to discuss with them matters which have interested or perplexed you. After our informal reception, we guarantee you will be able to associate at least a few more names with faces.

But, we cannot go into more details. You just must come and hear and see for yourself. So—we'll be looking for you in Philadelphia!

# Crowds of Young People in Philadelphia

A preview of the enthusiastic youth services and programs to be held during the General Conference at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from August 20 to 26, 1952

By the REV. J. C. GUNST, General Youth Secretary

We can have it again!

What? A soul stirring, good, heart-thrilling experience!

Where? At the General Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 20-26, 1952.

The theme of the General Conference in itself is captivating, inviting and challenging: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling." Naturally it refers to God's infinite and abiding love in Christ for all of us. Who does not want to know more about it and possess more of it? Then, too, the conference will be in the City of Brotherly Love. This promises to be an outstanding week in the history of North American Baptists.

All council representatives and officers from each of our nine conferences will want to be at Philadelphia from August 20 to 26. All young people, even though they may have to sacrifice, will want to make the trip to the General Conference a MUST.

Do you remember Sioux Falls, 1949? Out of forty-two of our leaders in the nine conferences, thirty-eight were present at our business sessions. The youth and Sunday School work in our local conferences has made wonderful progress as a result.

Besides the never-to-be-forgotten experiences in seeing historical sights

en route in Washington, D. C., Philadelphia proper, and New York City, the conference fellowship is always superb. More than that, each day offers a program which will be informative and a rich spiritual experience.

**Wednesday night.** No one will want to miss the opening night service, followed by that thrilling experience of the Fellowship and Get Acquainted Hour. An ideal place has been secured and the program will be tops. Your Christian life will be enriched by meeting fellow-Christians from all over the North American continent.

**Thursday noon** our council members join in a luncheon, at which time important business will be transacted. The Lord's cause requires your prayers, but also your presence and contributions for his work. We go to Philadelphia to honor Christ and to become more effective workers in his cause. "His business requireth haste."

**Friday noon** a luncheon will be held for all Sunday School workers and youth leaders. We expect particularly the superintendents, other officers, and as many teachers as possible to attend. All CBY presidents and other officers who can attend the General Conference should also be present. This is going to be a memorable hour of fellowship,

information and inspiration. We are sorry that we shall be able to accommodate only about 275 workers.

**Friday afternoon** will be most eventful and should be the most important time for all Sunday School and Commissioned Youth leaders and workers. This is when our conference business meeting, with the election of officers, takes place. Immediately following, all conference delegates will be privileged to review and preview the activities carried on by our Conference Union by means of a television program. This ought to be one of the highlights of the entire conference week.

**Saturday morning.** Yes, another one of those old favorites—a sunrise service at a nearby park, followed by an out-of-doors breakfast (if weather permits) prepared by our Philadelphia young people. We will meet with God early in the morning in a heart-stirring program.

**Saturday night.** "Sure enough," there will be another one of those General Conference banquets. Excellent facilities have been secured. A program that will be tops for spiritual blessings and entertainment alike has been prepared. In addition to so many other good things we shall

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The colorful crowd of 1200 people at the inspiring Youth Banquet held during the 1949 General Conference sessions in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, which has many abiding golden memories for those who were present.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Miller of the Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio, have announced the birth of a son on Feb. 26th. The name of the boy is James David. A son was born to Grace Rev. and Mrs. R. Rapske of the Hat Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta, on April 3rd. The name of Roger Steven has been given to the boy.

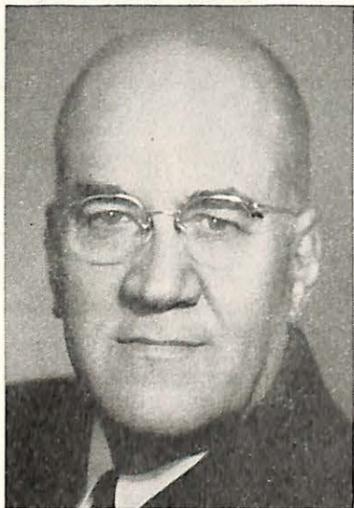
● The Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., has extended a call to the Rev. Arthur Weisser of Lodi, Calif., pastor of the Temple Baptist Church. He since 1949, to become its pastor. He has responded favorably and hopes to begin his ministry in Rochester on July 15. The church has bought a new parsonage for the pastor and his family. Mr. Weisser will succeed the Rev. O. E. Krueger at the Andrews Street Church.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Klein presented their resignation to the Board of Directors of the Home of the Aged in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They have served the Home in the capacity of superintendent and matron for less than a year. The resignation was accepted with regret by the Board. Mr. and Mrs. Klein felt unable to continue in their respective arduous offices because of circumstances of health. Their plan for the immediate future have not been announced.

● The first series of meetings in which the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, the newly appointed denominational evangelist, participated was from March 30 to April 13 at the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minn., of which the Rev. Edgar W. Klatt is the pastor. On Sunday, April 20, he supplied the pulpit of the churches in Parkersburg and Aplington, Iowa. He is also helping with a brief series of special meetings in the Bethel Church of Indianapolis, Ind., towards the close of April.

● During the last week of March the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., completed a study course taught by the pastor, the Rev. R. W. Seibel. The textbook used was J. N. Barnette's "The Place of the Sunday School in Evangelism." Thirty-nine teachers in the course were regularly enrolled and enjoyed a potluck supper. The report and picture about the recent baptismal service with 25 converts baptized will appear in the next issue.

● On Easter Sunday evening, April 13, the choir of the Baptist Church at



Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of the Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., and former president of the Baptist World Alliance, will be the speaker at the great Baptist Evangelistic Rally to be held in Chicago's Amphitheater on Friday night, May 23rd. This rally will bring together thousands of Baptists of many groups and conferences of the Chicago area. It is hoped that a tremendous spiritual impact will be made on the city of Chicago by this evangelistic service!

Cathay, N. Dak., rendered the cantata, "The Thorn Crowned King," with the choir of 28 voices directed by the pastor, the Rev. Lawrence Bienert. Mrs. Freda Reddig was the accompanist. On Good Friday evening the cantata was given by the Cathay choir at the First Baptist Church of Fessenden, North Dakota. The Rev. L. Bienert will bring the baccalaureate address for the local high school on Sunday, May 18.

● On April 5 the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman and their son, Larry, sailed from Tiko, Africa, on the "S.S. Tetala" on their homeward journey to the United States for their first furlough. On April 29 they left Southampton, England, on board the "S.S. Liberte" arriving in New York City about May 5th. They will be visiting our churches, conferences and assemblies during the summer months. Mr. and Mrs. Goodman had been stationed at Ndu in the grassland interior of the Cameroons since 1947.

● The First Baptist Church of Streeter, N. Dak., held evangelistic meetings from March 13 to 27 with its

pastor, the Rev. Paul Galambos, bringing the messages. The clerk, Mr. Theodore Meisch, stated that "Brother Galambos preached the sound Gospel of salvation through Christ. Although the response was not great, we pray that the seed which has been sown will yield some fruit in the future." Mr. Galambos has been with the Streeter and Medina churches since Dec. 1, 1951.

● Miss Alethea Kose, a member of the faculty of the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Ill., underwent a serious throat operation on Friday, April 4, at the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago. She had to be given several blood transfusions following the operation and for several days was in a critical condition. Even though she is still convalescing, it can be reported to the glory of God's healing power and grace that Miss Kose is on her way to recovery. Letters and cards can be sent to her at 510 Wellington Ave., Chicago 14, Illinois.

● The Holmes Street Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., has extended a call to the Rev. Aaron Buhler of Harvey, N. Dak., to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Buhler will begin his ministry in the Lansing church on June 8th, succeeding the Rev. H. H. Riffel, now of Kankakee, Illinois. In the Bethel Church of Harvey, N. Dak., of which he has served as pastor since 1948, Mr. Buhler has witnessed an amazing transformation with a large addition to the membership, new church building and parsonage and a tremendous increase in the church's budget.

● The Christian Fellowship Male Chorus of 25 voices of the Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Ill., presented its Spring Concert to a large, appreciative audience on Sunday afternoon, March 30. Under the direction of Mr. Herbert R. Pankratz, the chorus sang several and rendered such numbers as Handel's "Let Their Celestial Concerts All Unite" and Faning-Ryder's "Song of the Vikings." The ever popular "There Is a Balm in Gilead" was enthusiastically received. Guest artists were Dora Alanen as piano soloist and Don Gunderson as trumpet soloist. The Rev. Robert Schreiber is pastor of the church.

● The Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., held revival meetings from March 17 to 26 with the Rev. J.

B. Kornalewski as evangelist. Four conversions and two rededications were the fruit of these meetings. On Sunday, March 9, the Rev. R. Kanwischer presented his resignation to the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Regina and announced that he had accepted the call extended to him by the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba. He hopes to close his ministry in Regina with Sunday, May 25th, and begin in Morris on Sunday, June 8th. He will succeed the Rev. Otto Ertis, who for the past year served the Morris Church as interim pastor.

● On Easter Monday evening, April 14, the Women's Missionary Society of the Pleasant Prairie Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alta., presented a special Easter program with an appropriate dramatization. Mrs. William Dickau, president, was in charge of the program. A Good Friday service was held in the West Side Church of Wetaskiwin on April 11, with a message brought by the pastor, the Rev. Henry Schumacher. On Wednesday evening, April 16, Miss Ida Forsch, Cameroons missionary, was the guest speaker. On Friday evening, April 18, the young people of the McKernan Baptist church of Edmonton, Alta., presented a special program with the pastor, the Rev. Otto R. Schmidt, bringing the message.

● The Calvary Church of Stafford, Kans., held a program on a recent Wednesday evening in March to honor Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brinkman on their golden wedding anniversary. About 200 persons enjoyed the program of musical numbers, the showing of family pictures and remarks by the pastor, the Rev. Aaron Stackhouse. At noon a dinner was held for 60 members of the two families at the Legion Hall in Stafford. Open House was held in the afternoon with 125 persons in attendance. The couple even received a letter of congratulations from the governor of South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Brinkman have been members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford for many years.

● During the three months of April, May and June, Miss Ida Forsch, Cameroons missionary, is making an extensive promotional tour in the Northern Conference, visiting almost every church so far as circumstances will permit. On Easter Sunday, April 13, she served both churches of Leduc, Alberta. On Mother's Day, May 11, she will speak at the Ebenezer West and East Baptist churches of Ebenezer, Saskatchewan. From May 24 to June 1 she will visit the churches of British Columbia and serve at the British Columbia Association to be held at Chilliwack, B. C. On Sunday, June 8, she will speak at the chapel services on the Bull and Montana Indian Reserves in Alberta. In July she will serve at several conferences and young people's assemblies.

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

## YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

May 11, 1952—"Thy Father and Thy Mother" by Rev. Ronald C. MacCormack, Bellwood, Illinois.

May 18, 1952—"Thou Shalt Do No Murder" by Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, West New York, New Jersey.

## YOUR SUMMER CAMP

This year again we were able to assign some fine missionaries and instructors to each one of our summer camps and assemblies. Your camp dean and president have been informed as to who is available for your youth camp. An excellent program will again be prepared for you. We do hope that many of our young people will attend the camp in their area.

Watch for announcements. Plan early for the week at camp.

## SUMMER STUDENT WORKERS

To date some 32 students have been assigned by the Placement Committee to serve in various ways in churches and conference areas this summer. These students may be divided as follows: twelve seminary students, three college students and five students from the Christian Training Institute, one male quartet from the Seminary, one trio and one male quartet from the Christian Institute. We have more requests from churches than we can fill. No doubt additional appointments will be made before the end of the school term. Cooperate with and pray for these summer workers who serve their Lord and you.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE, PHILADELPHIA

All eyes and thoughts are on Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where the General Conference will be held from August 20 to 26, 1952. Program details are made available from time to time. We trust a large number of our young people and Sunday workers will plan to attend. A program of bounteous spiritual inspiration and information is waiting for all of us. This should prove an outstanding event in the life

## CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM

on Sunday, June 8, 1952  
Program material has been sent to all churches.  
Offerings for the Chapel Building Fund of the denomination.

of every North American Baptist. You will miss much if you miss this General Conference.

## ATTENTION, COUNCIL MEMBERS

The triennial business meeting of the CBY and SS Union will be held in connection with the General Conference. A pre-conference business session will be held on August 20th at 2:00 p.m. at the Baptist Temple, the General Conference meetingplace. All council representatives, conference presidents, and regional union presidents are members of the Conference Union Council. All members should be present at this important meeting.

## DID YOU KNOW?

"The total annual contribution to missions, home and foreign, of all evangelical churches would not build and equip one modern battle ship. The entire Protestant foreign mission force is scarcely as large as an army division."—Kenneth Scott Latourette.

## ON THE MARCH FOR CHRIST

"Why leave evangelism to special movements, non-denominational movements or evangelists? Don't we have anything to say ourselves? Of course we do! Then, let us do it! Let us go ahead in that direction!"—Joel Sorenson, B.W.A. Youth Secretary.

## BAPTIST YOUTH EVERYWHERE!

Have you ever thought of a Baptist youth witness in countries like Russia, Spain, Italy, India, Pakistan and Burma? Well, there are young Christians with a positive witness in all of these countries. Let us pray for them and their much needed witness in a country where it is most difficult to let your light shine.

## CBY STANDARD ADOPTED

We are happy that three more CBY's have reported the adoption of the CBY Standard as their guide for a wholesome youth program. Congratulations to:

First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas;

First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas;

Bethany Baptist Church, Vesper, Kansas.

Donald Wirth, president of the Bethany Baptist Church of Vesper, Kansas, writes: "We have been following the standard since we had our election in October and we believe that it is going to help a lot in getting all of our young people to participate in the CBY. It certainly gives our young people a goal to work towards."

# Then and Now!

Observations of the past five decades by the only member of the Seminary Class of 1902 who is still active in the Christian ministry as interim pastor and guest preacher

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



Professor Lewis Kaiser (left) and Professor Walter Rauschenbusch (right) photographed by Mr. Donner of Menno, S. Dak., many years ago. Mrs. Knodel, a sister of the photographer, now 86 years of age, is still living. She gave this newly discovered "old picture" to the Rev. E. Gutsche last summer.

"Grow old along with me!  
The best is yet to be,  
The last of life, for which the first  
was made;  
Our times are in his hand  
Who saith: "A whole I planned,  
Youth shows but half; trust God!  
See all nor be afraid."

SINCE THIS MONTH marks the 50th anniversary of the Seminary class of 1902, of which I was a member, I have been asked to jot down my observations and reminiscences through five decades. One of the members of the class of 1902 was Max Leuschner, the father of the "Baptist Herald" editor.

Some of the men were "diamonds in the rough, but diamonds sure enough," coming from the different environments and cities, heeding the Master's call. We needed a lot of "polishing." One day when the professor was much perturbed because of our ignorance, he exclaimed: "Hm! there you stand like the ox before the mountain!" One of the students (Max Leuschner) replied: "No, professor, we are sitting." "So," said the professor, "then I am the ox."

## IN THE DORMITORY

At one of the chapel services when the students reported on their summer activities and the new students were introduced, one young man from the farm said: "I did not come to be a minister, but want to get "eine gute deutsche Einbildung." What he meant was a good education in German, "Ausbildung."

THEN we were about 75 students

which meant a great deal of laundry. We were a crew of eight who would arise at 4:30 A.M. on Saturday mornings and run the "armstrong" washers and ringers and then carry the wet wash up to the 5th floor about 10:30 A.M. The laundress used the old-style flat irons, heated on a coal-burning stove.

NOW everything has been electrified—washing, drying, pressing.

THEN we tended the furnace fires from 5:30 A.M. until 10:30 P.M., shovelling the coal. Later on a stoker was installed.

NOW the entire buildings are heated by gas or oil.

THEN the outside doors were locked at 10:45 P.M., the hall lamps extinguished and the boys were supposed to be in bed or "burning midnight oil" preparing lessons for the next day. If it happened that they were delayed or overstayed their time, they had to climb up the fire escape or rouse the early fireman. On rare occasions, the late Prof. A. J. Ramaker would extend the use of a key for the night. Students were not encouraged in their early years to become engaged.

NOW arrangements have been made for married students to live in apartments belonging to the seminary and thus offering the wives of these students opportunities to attend classes.

THEN the Second German Church and the Andrews Street Church with its Ries Park Mission offered occasions for service in the Sunday Schools, choirs and young people's societies. There were very few instances where other local churches requested the

services of the theologians.

NOW the doors have been opened in other circles and surrounding towns for faculty and students.

THEN we walked three miles and back to the Ries Park Mission in order to save five cents carfare. On the way home we would pause to feast our eyes on the baked goods in the shop windows and then, arriving home, eat some dry crackers, a barrel of which was always available in the dining room. In our later years some of the students acquired a bicycle. There was little opportunity for manual employment.

NOW a number of the students own automobiles to facilitate commuting to churches, and many students are busy at various jobs.

It was in the spring of 1897 when Prof. H. M. Schaeffer passed away. The student body met the funeral cortege in front of the Students' Home and marched in a drenching rain to the Andrews Street Church where the services were conducted.

That fall brought the late Prof. W. Rauschenbusch to the German Department. We as a class were fortunate to have him during his entire stay with the seminary. The class of 1902 dedicated an oil portrait of him and had it hung in the chapel the following year.

The late Prof. Lewis Kaiser was like a father to me. When the sad news of the sudden death of his son-in-law, the Rev. Samuel Hamel, reached him, he wrote me in his hour of deep grief, since Sam and I had been bosom friends throughout the six years of our stay. He was a guest in our home on many occasions and gave me fatherly advice, whenever I appealed to him.

## IN THE DENOMINATION

THEN there were very few churches, if any, that used English in their services, or even in the Sunday Schools and young people's societies.

NOW we have very few, if any churches, in which German is used exclusively in the services, Sunday Schools or young people's services.

THEN the pastor used horse and buggy to meet the requirements of the parish. The farmer as a rule supplied the feed.

NOW the pastor must have an automobile and has to pay for the upkeep of it.

THEN we had our denominational headquarters, if they could be so called, in the home of the General Mission Secretary, the Rev. G. A. Schulte, in New York City and the treasurer's office was in the home of Mr. J. A. Schulte in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

NOW we have our own commodious building in Forest Park, Ill., due to a suggestion made by your scribe years ago, that we were big enough to have a denominational home. As it was to be expected, the east desired to have it located there, but the center of our work won out.

THEN we had separate election for every society, the names being written on a blackboard, a time consuming custom.

NOW, due to a suggestion made while chairman of the program committee, we have one ballot with names of all candidates printed.

## GENERAL CONFERENCES

THEN the General Conference met in local churches and the guests were entertained in the homes.

NOW, due to the increased attendance, it is necessary to meet in city auditoriums, or in the largest churches available. Most delegates and visitors are assigned to hotels, since living conditions have changed.

THEN we had never been farther west than Milwaukee, Wis., for a General Conference. It was there in 1910 that I was called all kinds of names, because in a little speech I advocated accepting the invitation of the Madison, S. Dak., church to meet there. It

**CLASS OF 1902**  
The Seminary class of 1902 was composed of the following: Willibald S. Argow, R. F. Fehlberg, Adolph Guenther, David Hamel, Samuel Hamel, Edward Kneistler, Max Otto Leuschner, Gottlob C. T. Schaible, William M. Swyter, William L. Wahl and Valentin Wolff. Mr. Wolff served as a missionary in the Cameroons of Africa from 1902 to 1905.

was the first time in our history, that we had a fully equipped train from Chicago. It proved to be an eye-opener. Some of the delegates en route wondered if there would be any Indians or if they would be lodged in sod-houses. Instead the train was met by a cavalcade of autos that whisked us to the campus of the State Normal College. Here we had at our disposal the entire buildings. One good brother was asked where he lodged and replied: "In the crematory," meaning "the dormitory."

NOW we have had several entire trains placed at our disposal, going to Portland, Ore., and Tacoma, Washington.

THEN no pastor or student would think of appearing in the pulpit without a Prince Albert coat.

NOW we ignore that propriety and appear in a business suit, wearing ties of many colors.

THEN there was opposition in some churches to "still pictures" or stereopticon slides.

NOW many churches have their own movie projectors. Our promotional secretary, Rev. M. L. Leuschner, delights his large audiences with films taken on the home and foreign mis-

sion fields, when they behold the living objects of our love in building God's Kingdom.

THEN we had eight conferences with a total membership of 27,012 North American Baptists.

NOW we have nine conferences with a total membership of 42,561.

THEN we gave \$276,885.82 for all purposes.

NOW our contributions for all purposes are \$1,879,481.64.

THEN we had several representatives in the Cameroons, which were supported by us through the Mission Society in Germany. We also supported a number of men in the European Missions.

NOW we have 31 representatives in the Cameroons, a hospital and have taken over a leper colony; a flourishing mission among the Indians in Western Canada, work among the Mexicans in Colorado, and a new work in Japan. All this shows how our work has shifted and expanded.

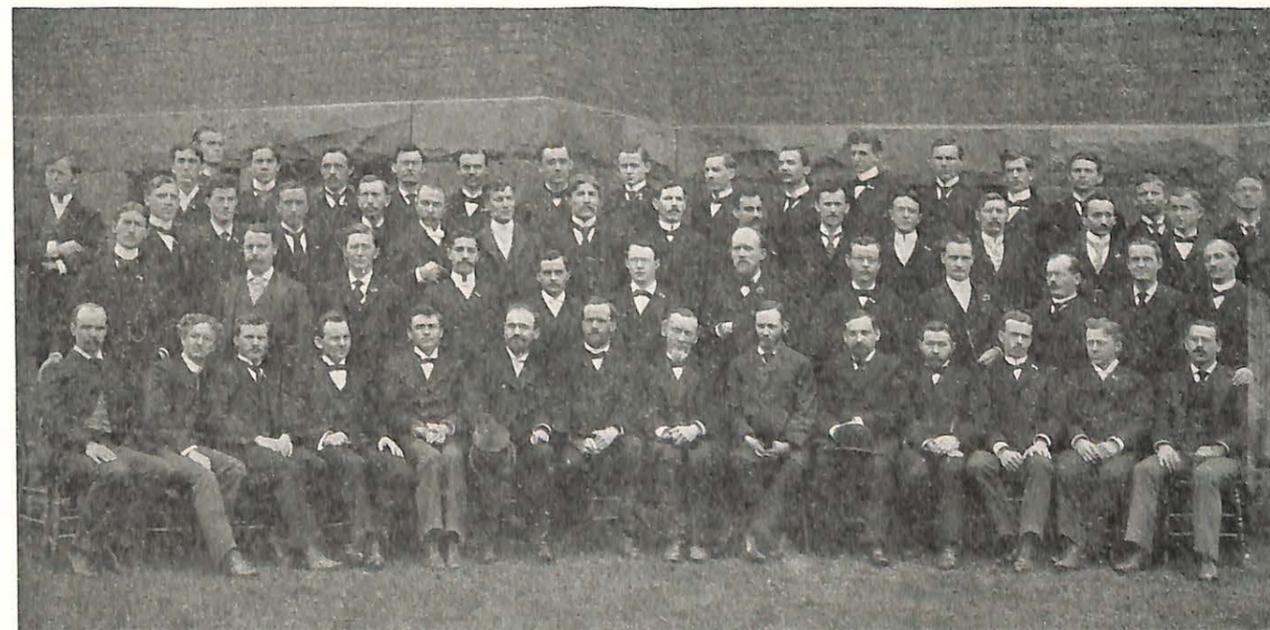
## IN MY PERSONAL LIFE

It was my privilege to attend every General Conference since 1904. God willing, I plan to be present this year in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It was my good fortune to help the seminary celebrate its 50th, 75th and 100th anniversaries. With the Apostle Paul I began my ministry (in Hutchinson, Minn.) saying: "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2).

THEN I wondered how I would ever find material with which to prepare three sermons and other addresses weekly.

NOW I am perplexed to find the

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The student body and faculty of the North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., about 1899 with Mr. Willibald S. Argow standing in the back row (fourth from the right, wearing a high collar).



The boys and girls of Junior Church at the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., stand reverently at attention as they get ready to sing another song to the praise of God.

## Building for Tomorrow at Junior Church

The story of a typical Sunday morning Junior Church service at the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

By MISS ELISABETH KAPTEINA of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

WHILE OTHERS are gathering for the worship service in the sanctuary of the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., some of us make our way to the downstairs parlor where children of all ages have been coming in, greeted by our charming and beloved leader, Mrs. Frederick J. Skyrms.

A chair placed by the door has caught our attention as we enter the room. Two girls are directing each child: "Sign your name to that letter before you sit down." Everyone cheerfully obeys, kneeling carefully to write his or her name the best way they know how.

The front of this room is attractively arranged with a flannel board, the screen for slides and motion pictures, and a simple yet graceful altar flanked by the United States and Christian flags. A blackboard listing the order of worship stands just outside this group.

It is about 10:00 A.M. now as we take our place in the almost crowded parlor. A lively group of children from three years up has been seated in most orderly fashion, not according to age, but under the watchful eye and expert direction of Mrs. Skyrms. Mrs. Arthur Luck, her faithful assistant, takes her place at the piano as the service begins with the opening song, "Holy, Holy, Holy," sung from memory by all the children as they stand and sincerely begin their worship.

Everyone remains standing, now at attention, to salute the Christian flag with: "I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands, etc. . . ." The tiniest tots may not know the words as yet, but they soon will, as they try to follow the others' example. Now all join their voices in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The offering is announced. Two of the older girls serve as usherettes today. The little basket is passed along as one by one they drop in their coins for an offering, half of which goes to missions while the other is for the use of the Junior Church. The usherettes have counted the offering and report a total of \$4.04 received.

It is time for the flannel board lesson. Mrs. Skyrms gains the attention of her entire audience as she catches their eyes by means of some fascinating paper models, manipulated almost like puppets, attached to all fingers of her hands. The lesson used is the Bible, parts and books of the Old and New Testament. Emily Luck recites all the books of the Old Testament and receives an appropriate reward.

Everyone again joins in singing a familiar hymn. Mrs. Skyrms calls attention to the new attendance chart. She compliments those in attendance and awards are given to seven boys and girls who have not missed a Sunday in three months.

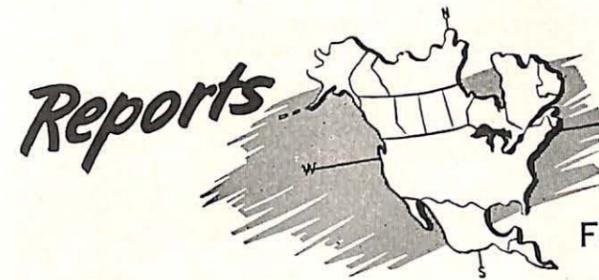
Now Mrs. Skyrms introduces her sermon by means of two large 6 by

18 inch cards on which appear in bold printed letters the words, "HAVING" and "HOLDING." Attention is then focused on three articles: a book, a pair of skates and a trumpet. These are used to illustrate that holding does not necessarily mean having. The climax, of course, is the Bible which one can only boast of having not by holding but by reading and using the same.

All this takes place in our church downstairs while the congregation is worshipping upstairs, hardly aware that a group of 47 children, the future Temple Church, is being trained under the very able leadership of Mrs. Skyrms, wife of our Sunday School superintendent, Frederick J. Skyrms, and assisted by Mrs. Arthur Luck.

Not only is our Junior Church a credit to our church and to the community, but it also reaches out to others as far as our Cameroons mission field. The letter which was mentioned earlier was written by Mrs. Skyrms to Mrs. Paul Gebauer, enclosing \$40.00 from the Junior Church for a Special Sunday School fund to be used for children in the Cameroons. This is double the amount of last year.

It was thrilling to watch each child very thoughtfully sign his name, in great big letters, the first name only, some adding the last name or initial, others writing the whole name in the best penmanship, but all very vitally interested in this their letter to our mission field.



### Central Conference

#### Tenth Annual Missionary Conference at Burns Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

The Sunday evening service of March 9, with the Rev. Paul Gebauer of the Cameroons speaking, climaxed the 10th annual Missionary Conference in the Burns Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan. After hearing the challenging message of God's need for consecrated lives, eight young people responded to the call for those who would willingly follow the Lord in whatever work he might call them.

Beginning on Wednesday, March 5, meetings were held every evening. A breakfast and a debate were given on Saturday morning, a banquet on Saturday evening and we heard the missionaries four times on Sunday, including the CBY meetings. The participating missionaries were Miss Bertha Lang of China, Miss Ida Forsch and the Rev. Baul Gebauer of the Cameroons, J. Stevenson of Haiti and K. L. Watters representing the Wycliff Translators.

The talks and motion pictures gave us a new understanding of the work and the needs of the various fields represented. Conferences such as these leave us with a greater desire to do more for the Lord in the places where the Gospel of Jesus Christ has never been taken.

Mildred Wasko, Reporter.

#### Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., Pledges \$10,000 for New Parsonage

Pledges and cash donations of over \$10,000 towards a new parsonage for the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., were made on Wednesday evening, March 26, at a dinner meeting of the church congregation.

Tentative site of the proposed parsonage is in the Curtis subdivision of West Kankakee. The church and its new pastor, the Rev. Herman H. Riffel, plan to use the present parsonage at 170 E. Bourbonnais Street as a Sunday School annex. School attendance has increased to a record 153 since Mr. Riffel came to the church in February 1952.

At the meeting attended by over 100 persons, the Rev. E. Arthur McAsh of Detroit, Mich., pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, told of the problems met and solved in a building program undertaken in his Detroit parish. A business meeting following the talk

was conducted by Mr. Gilbert Luhrs, moderator.

Entertainment was provided by Darwynne Pucek, soloist, and the Male Quartet. Potluck dinner was served. The Live Wire Class was in charge of the decorations.

Mrs. Gilbert Luhrs, Church Clerk.

#### State Park Church, Peoria, Ill., Calls Rev. Edgar B. Wesner as Pastor

The Rev. B. Wesner of Benton Harbor, Mich., has accepted the call to become pastor of the State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois. He succeeds the Rev. Frank Veninga who concluded his pastorate in Peoria on Dec. 31 to accept a call to Aplington, Iowa. Mr. Wesner assumed the pastorate of the Peoria church on Sunday, May 4th.

He completed his work toward a Bachelor of Theology degree at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., in May, 1952. His ordination took place at his home church, the Clay Street Church at Benton Harbor, Mich., in April, 1952.

Following service in the United States Navy from May, 1942 to January, 1946, he attended Toccoa Falls Institute, Toccoa Falls, Georgia. Since then, he has been studying at the Seminary in Chicago. He assisted the pastor of the Cass Community Church, Downer's Grove, Ill., and served as



Rev. Edgar B. Wesner who began his ministry at the State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., on Sunday, May 4th.

pastor of a mission church near Hartford, Michigan. He is married, and Mr. and Mrs. Wesner have three children.

His family background is rich in ministerial connections. His two brothers-in-law are in the ministry of the North American Baptist conference—Rev. Edwin Miller of Cleveland, Ohio, and Rev. Dale Chaddock of Arnold, Pennsylvania. His wife's sister, Miss Florence Miller, is missionary to Japan. His sister, Mrs. Elvera Cagle, is a teacher at Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C., where her husband Richard is a ministerial student. Parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Wesner reside at Benton Harbor where they are members of the Clay Street Church.

Walter Kohrs, Reporter.

#### Fiftieth Anniversary Services Held by the First Baptist Church, Trenton, Illinois

The First Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill., held its fiftieth anniversary on Sunday, March 16, with services in the morning, afternoon and evening. The church was organized on March 14, 1902. The Rev. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary, was present and preached at the morning and evening services.

Only one charter member was able to be present, Mrs. Minna Giedinghagen (nee Gieseke) of St. Louis, Missouri. Blooming plants were presented to her and to Miss Dorothy Schroeder for her mother, Mrs. Mamie Schroeder, a charter member who lives in Trenton but who was unable to be present. The secretary was authorized to send greetings to the two other living charter members, Mrs. Mary Brand of Cucamonga, Calif., and Dr. C. H. Gieseke of Tucson, Arizona.

Letters from every former pastor, except Rev. Peter Brunner, deceased, and Rev. Otto Roth were read at the afternoon session. Mrs. Elizabeth Brunner (nee Kehr), formerly of Trenton, widow of Mr. Brunner and now of Kenmore, N. Y., sent her greetings and Mr. Roth, superintendent of the Baptist Old People's Home of Chicago, was present to give a greeting in his own inimitable manner. Greetings were given by pastors of neighboring churches as well.

Letters from many former members were read and brought a thrill of realization that the influence of this small Baptist Church is active in so many parts of the country. Special musical numbers were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gieseke of Greenville, Mr. Norman Schauman of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sandin, Mrs. Lester Ranz and Mrs. Herbert Luginbuhl.

The evening service was in charge of the young people with "Looking Forward" as the general theme. Mr. Schilke, using Hebrews 12:1-3 as a text, ably linked the past with the present, then directed our attention toward the future. He presented August Steffens, our first Cameroons missionary and member of the Trenton group, as a follower of the Christ and a true example of one who accepted Jesus as the Author, the Victor, the Guide, the One who demands obedience, and the Finisher of our faith.

Edna W. Gieseke, Reporter.

## Atlantic Conference

### New Choir Robes Are Presented to Walnut Street Church, Newark, New Jersey

"Music places wings upon the spoken word." These words have added greater meaning for the members of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey. We shared the rare privilege recently during the singing of the processional hymn, as our choir entered the sanctuary in their new maroon robes. Our hearts were humbled at the beauty of song as their voices blended together upon this joyous occasion.



The members of the Walnut Street Baptist Church choir of Newark, N. J., with their new choir robes.

Left to right, lower row: Mrs. Josephine Rauscher, director and organist; Mrs. Freda Fiedler, Mrs. Richard Mercer, Mrs. Edward Kramer, Miss Mary Mingoia, Miss Dorothy Stillman.

Second row: Miss Mae Frank, Miss Bertha Stuerze, Mrs. Joseph Balogh, Miss Joan Lae. Third row: Rev. Richard K. Mercer, pastor; Mrs. Elmer Muller, Mrs. John Bettie, Mrs. Fred Stienke.

These lovely robes were purchased with donations from the different organizations of the church in a united effort. To further the "spoken word through music" we were favored on Sunday evening, February 17, with an organ recital by our director of music, Mrs. Josephine Rauscher.

The following selections were included in the program: "Processional March" by Guiraud, "Offertory March" by Le Maigre, "Serenade March" by Gounod, "Minuet" by Bizet, "Under the Leaves" by Thomel, "Minuet" by Paderewski and "Postlude" by Stern.

May we always remember with the Psalmist, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before his presence with singing."

Joseph Balogh, Reporter.

### Memorial Day Supper, May 30th, at the Philadelphia Home for the Aged

These are busy days at the Philadelphia Home for the Aged, Philadelphia, Pa., as preparations are being made for our annual Memorial Day activities. Mr. Paul Zabel, president

of the Board of Managers; Mrs. William Esenwein, president of the Ladies' Board of Managers; and Miss Josephine Schwartz, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, are planning, together with the matron and superintendent, the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Klein, for a very fine Memorial Day program and supper on May 30th.

Those who have attended our Memorial Day activities in past years are certain to be with us again this year. The officers and guests of our Home would like to extend a most cordial invitation and welcome, especially to members of our Atlantic Conference churches.

The grounds of the Home, familiar to us as "Beulah Park," offer an ideal spot for those who arrive early in the

## Northern Conference

### Youth Week Is Observed at Carbon, Alberta, With Indians as Special Guests

The young people of the Carbon Baptist Church of Carbon, Alta., Canada, observed Youth Week from March 9 to 16. On the first Sunday the young people took part in the opening exercises of the morning worship service with our pastor, the Rev. J. G. Rott, bringing the message on "Commissioned to Serve."

On Wednesday evening the young people took charge of the prayer service with one of the members as the speaker. A short report on the advance in the Cameroons was given so that special prayer could be offered for this mission field.

On Sunday, March 16, we brought our Youth Week to a close. At this service the church was filled almost to capacity. As our guest speakers we had Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harsch, missionaries on the Indian Bull Reserve at Hobbema, Alberta. They brought with them Mr. and Mrs. Joe White, an Indian couple from the Reserve. Our hearts and eyes were opened to the great work that is being done among our friends in Christ, the Indians.

This was a grand week for the young of our church and we all enjoyed the many blessings received from above.

Richard Harsch, Reporter.

## Northwestern Conference

### Family Night Program Held by the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

On Thursday, March 13, the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., held another Family Night and, in spite of much sickness, there was a good crowd. Supper was served at 6:00 P.M. and Mr. Francis Guenther, our Sunday School superintendent, was the toastmaster. Our pastor, Dr. M. Vanderbeck, led in prayer and made several announcements pertaining to the Sunday School and church activities and he also closed the meeting with the benediction.

Choruses were sung and enjoyed by the group. The dinner was typical of Bethel Church, and a spirit of fellowship and unity was felt throughout the evening. Another study course having been completed, certificates were given to twelve persons who took the course, and another study course has been started on "Evangelism."

The main feature of the evening was Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., who brought a brief message and followed with pictures of the Indian mission field in Alberta and of the new leper work in Africa. Dr. Leuschner was at his best and a stirring appeal in behalf of missions reached the hearts of the people. An offering was taken for the advance work of the denomination and thus an evening that will be remembered came to a close.

Elaine Schulze, Secretary.

### Sessions of the Minnesota Mid-winter Institute for Young People at St. Bonifacius

"Walk Worthily!" That was the theme of our Minnesota CBY Mid-winter Institute, which was held February 22, 23 and 24 at the Minnetrista Church of St. Bonifacius, Minnesota. The Rev. William Jeschke of the Dayton's Bluff Church in St. Paul, who is also our dean, brought the opening message on Friday evening. The first class was held after the evening service, with the Rev. James Brygger of George, Iowa, teaching the Seniors, and Miss Ida Forsch, our missionary in the Cameroons, teaching the Juniors.

Saturday was another big day. Mr. Brygger gave us a very inspiring, yet practical study of the book of Ephesians in the class periods. He also gave us a desire to study it for ourselves. Many of us never realized how helpful and practical the teachings in this book are and how effectively they can be applied in our daily living.

Miss Forsch taught a course on missions to the Junior group. But our Minnesota winter weather gave her quite a cold and sore throat. We had looked forward to hearing her speak at our Saturday evening and the Sunday morning services. However, her laryngitis prevented that. But we did have a missionary meeting. Miss Forsch had brought some slides from Africa which she explained to the Rev. R. C. Lutter, who showed the slides and explained them to us. We enjoyed the pictures and we learned some more about the Cameroons. Our Minnesota organization partially supports Miss Forsch.

Sunday morning—Sunday School, of course! Mr. Brygger brought the message in the morning worship service and the final message in the afternoon. Everyone who was present will long remember the message of that closing service, how that in order to live victoriously for Christ, we must get rid of our old sins and put away our sinful nature and walk with the Lord—"worthy of the calling wherewith we are called."

Our hosts were gracious, the meals were wonderful; the roller skating and hayride were so much fun; the young people were swell. But most of all, the lessons we learned from the Word of God through his messengers stand out in our minds as the all important feature of another Institute.

Iona Fluth, Secretary.

## Pacific Conference

### Election of Officers by Trinity Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Portland, Oregon

On Tuesday, March 11, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., held its annual election of officers with results as follows: president, Mrs. O. Boehi; vice-president, Mrs. C. Penner; secretary, Mrs. C. Carlquist; asst. secretary, Mrs. E. Rocks; treasurer, Mrs. M. Becker; pianists, Mrs. E. Moeckli and Mrs. E. Neubauer; chairman of the Sun-



Members of the cabinet of the Minnesota CBY and SS Union and Minnesota pastors.

Left to right, Back Row: Mr. Vernon Heckman, Rev. E. W. Klatt, Rev. William Jeschke (dean), Rev. Don Patet.—Second Row: Rev. D. S. Wipf, Miss Viola Wall (president), Miss Doris Glewwe (treasurer), Miss Phyllis Fratke (vice-president).—Front Row: Miss Clara Wall (registrar), Miss Iona Fluth (secretary).

shine Committee, Mrs. D. Bertuleit; chairman of the White Cross Committee, Mrs. J. Bauder; chairman of the Kitchen Committee, Mrs. H. Bertuleit; advisor, Mrs. John Wobig.

Our society now numbers 85 members. Two were called to their heavenly reward during the last year. Recently we had a drive towards our building fund within our society. There was quite a festive ceremony the day when the banks were turned in, which was our February meeting. The banks netted us \$168.23.

We are very active in the Lord's work. This is a bond which holds us together and we are happy trying to do God's will. Our meetings are well attended as also the days when we do White Cross work for our African missionaries or when we pack boxes of clothing to be sent to Forest Park, Ill., our headquarters.

Prayer Day was observed in our new building. This year we were hostesses to the other Baptist churches in Portland and vicinity. We had a wonderful time together and a fine crowd was assembled in our lovely new church parlor.

We were privileged to reach another milestone as a society. Fifty-five years ago on March 14, 1897, the first Missionary Society was organized and three of the charter members are still with us. They are Mrs. William Pfaff, Mrs. Sam Weiss and Mrs. Mary Schiewe. The first president was Mrs. Jacob Kratt. "Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever" (Psalm 106:1).

Mrs. Lillian Wuerch, Reporter.

### Northwest Pacific Conference Pastors' Retreat at the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash.

There are retreats that are caused by, or that lead to defeat. The pastors' retreat, in contrast to these, leads to a greater offensive against sin and to victory. We look forward to these few

days of fellowship and relaxation from our pastoral duties. They are not days of ease, but rather of mental and spiritual exercise. The change itself is like a vacation.

The brethren of the Pacific Conference Mission Committee met at Tacoma, Wash., the day preceding and so joined the fellowship of the following Northwest Pacific Conference Pastors' Retreat at Tacoma, Wash., from March 18 to 20. In all there were 16 ministers composing the retreat. The Tacoma church is known for its hospitality, and together with its pastor, the Rev. H. J. Wilcke, they again have been grand hosts to the refreshment of body and soul. We are grateful to these people of God!

Provisions had been made for a challenging program, which was successfully carried out. The brethren E. Wolff and R. Woyke led us in devotions, while the brethren A. S. Felberg and G. P. Schroeder brought the evening messages on "Redemption—God's Greatest Invention" and "The Triumph of Truth," respectively. The guest speakers who presented specialized studies were as follows: Rev. C. M. Shaughnessy, lecturing on rescue mission work under the topic, "Modern Miracles With Lost Men!" Chaplain K. W. Schalk of the American Lakes Veteran Hospital lecturing on "Pastoral Care and Personal Counseling;" Dr. S. C. Eastvold, the president of the Pacific Lutheran College, with two heart searching messages on "The Pastor and His Spiritual Life," while Professors V. E. Utzinger and E. C. Knorr brought lectures on "The Pew Looks at the Pastor" and "Present Day Trends in Welfare."

During one of our devotionals, a letter from "The G. Schneiders" from Africa was read, telling of the passing and sea burial of their darling little daughter. Every heart was stirred and we sent prayers up to our heavenly Father for the Schneiders as well as for our many other missionaries.

J. C. Schweitzer, Reporter.

## Southern Conference

### Youth Week As Observed by the Baptist Church of Elberta, Alabama

The young people of the Elberta Baptist Church of Elberta, Ala., observed Youth Week from February 3 to 10. We had a full week with every night except Saturday well planned. One night we visited young people in this community who are not regularly attending church services. In groups of threes we went around leaving tracts and inviting others to our services. After this we met in the church for a short prayer meeting.

On Friday we enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner with all the trimmings which some of the ladies in the church prepared. The young people from our neighboring church, the Christian Missionary Alliance, were invited as our guests and their minister, the Rev. D. Piper, was the speaker. He spoke on "The Calling of Jeremiah." Everyone introduced himself and said what they were thankful for in the past year. Roy Clipper served as toastmaster.

Our president, Vernon Bruhn, led the prayer meeting on Wednesday evening, and most of the young people took part in the service. The week was ended by giving a play entitled, "A Soldier of the Cross," on Sunday evening. The service was well attended.

We thank God for this week and pray that our young people might grow not only in numbers but also spiritually.

Evelyn Herlikofer, Reporter.

### Sessions of the South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association at Greenvine Church

The South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association of the Southern Conference convened from February 28 to March 2 with the Greenvine Baptist Church near Burton, Texas. The theme was "Christ for All—All for Christ." The Rev. J. C. Gunst, young people's secretary, was guest speaker, bringing the Quiet Hour messages each morning, the mission message on Sunday morning and the closing message, "The Moving Power of the Holy Spirit," that afternoon. We were happy again to welcome Brother Gunst to the South and to hear his soul stirring messages and also the reports and news of our denomination and mission fields at home and abroad.

The following messages emphasizing the evangelistic theme were given: "Want Them and Find Them" by Rev. Alex Sootzman; "Get Them" by Rev. H. John Vanderbeck; "Teach Them" by Rev. Arthur Schulz; "Keep Them" by Rev. Walter G. Gummelt. Two laymen, Messrs. Norman Lengefeld and Walter Kleinschmidt, presented the devotionals each morning. Hearts were touched on Saturday night, when "To Every Creature," a film descriptive of missions in Peru, was shown.

On Sunday morning the Sunday School was in charge of the local superintendent, Mr. Heineman. Mr. Vanderbeck taught the adult group and Mr.

Gummelt spoke to the young people. At the afternoon youth rally Mr. Gummelt was in charge, introducing special music from the various churches besides the closing message. The offering was designated for the young people's mission project and mission offerings during the association totaled \$170.

We are grateful to the local pastor, Rev. Frank Armbruster, and to his congregation for the gracious hospitality extended to us. The choir is also to be commended for its special music as well as those who brought the many lovely plants and flowers to beautify their newly renovated sanctuary. Truly, these were days of great blessing!

Mrs. Walter A. Hill, Secretary.

### New Parsonage is Dedicated by the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

Sunday, March 23, was a happy day for the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas, for on that day months of planning, praying and work reached their culmination in the dedication to the Lord of a beautiful new parsonage.

Former members and a great host of friends from our Southern Conference churches joined in the festivities, which began with the Sunday School hour. The attendance was a record 212. In the morning worship service, the dedication message was brought by the Rev. R. Johnson, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, who spoke on "Making Your Milestones Stepping Stones," and using John 9:4 as his text. Music by the Carroll Avenue choir, by Misses Marjorie Vogel and Betty Gossen of Waco, and by Mr. Carl Witt of our Ebenezer Church in Detroit (now a student at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth), thrilled the hearts of those present. It seemed especially fitting that during the invitation on this dedication Sunday, a Baylor University dental student came forward to confess Christ as his Savior and two Sunday School girls came to obey their Lord in baptism.

After a delicious ham dinner, served by the ladies of the church, the afternoon dedication service was held. After a song service and prayer in the church auditorium, the pastor, the Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, introduced those who had planned and constructed the new home, including Mr. Raymond Porth, the contractor. Then the entire assembly gathered in the parsonage next door for the remainder of the service. Mr. Edward Grinke, chairman of the building committee, read appropriate Scripture passages and Mr. Johnson spoke briefly. Mr. Gordon Coover, the church's song leader and student at Dallas Seminary, sang "Bless This House," and Mr. C. D. Porth, chairman of the church board and senior deacon, offered the dedicatory prayer. The pastor closed this impressive service with the benediction.

The new home is a 6-room, brick-veneer bungalow which matches the church. It was constructed last summer and fall on the site of the old parsonage at a total cost of \$15,130. The only indebtedness is \$4750, which re-

## Dakota Conference

### Anniversary Program of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Cathay, North Dakota

The Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Cathay, N. Dak., held its annual program and missionary meeting on Sunday evening, March 16. Members of the Germantown Baptist Church and many friends from the community attended this meeting. Several musical numbers were rendered and a report of the year's work and social activities was given.

The main feature of the program was a talk by Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., at which time he showed two films, one of the African lepers and one of the Indian mission field in Alberta. Both pictures were of great interest to us since our pastor, the Rev. Lawrence Bienert, spent some time working on the Indian Mission field, and the great missionary from our little church, Miss Laura E. Reddig, is taking up the work of the leper camp in the Cameroons. The offering of the evening, which amounted to \$100, was designated for the work in the leper colony.

We are thankful for the many blessings that were ours during the past year. We are especially grateful for the opportunity we have had to do some work for the Lord in his vineyard.

Mrs. A. W. Edinger, Secretary.

### Farewell Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. E. Gutsche at Corona, South Dakota

An appropriate farewell reception was tendered the Rev. and Mrs. E. Gutsche by the Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak., who for 5½ years had been our ministerial servants. The occasion was the meeting for the regular midweek service on March 27th. After the pastor had opened the meeting in the traditional manner, Deacon H. Schulte asked permission to interrupt the general proceedings because the congregation had decided to use that evening for the farewell. The pastoral couple was seated in one of the front pews to witness the unfolding of the program.

The program consisted of poetical, musical and vocal numbers. Mr. Leonard De Boer spoke in behalf of the deacons; Mr. H. Poppen in behalf of the Sunday School; Mr. D. De Boer in behalf of the young people; and Mrs. E. Schulte in behalf of the Ladies' Mission Society. She also presented as a token of appreciation of the society a large box, containing a beautiful electric lamp. Deacon H. Schulte then spoke in behalf of the congregation and presented a farewell gift of \$500. After the elaborate program was exhausted, the deeply moved pastoral couple took occasion to express its sincere appreciation. Mr. Gutsche reminisced on the work done during the term of his ministry at Corona and expressed his best and prayerful wishes for the future progress of the church. Deacon V. Joachim concluded the memorable occasion with prayer.

Mr. Dan Meschberger, chairman of the building committee, offered a few remarks and gave thanks to God for the success in the erection of the new building. Mr. Henry Schimpf offered words of recognition for the gift of the stone. Dedication ceremonies will be held when the church is completed and the old building removed. No date has been set for completion but it is expected to be in early summer.

Aaron Stackhouse, Pastor.

mains to be paid on a \$5000 loan from our denomination's Church and Parsonage Loan Fund.

For this comfortable and modern new parsonage and the careful planning and sacrificial giving which made it possible, the members of the Carroll Avenue Church are offering up a continual sacrifice of praise. May our heavenly Father "bless this house," and all who live in it through the years, to his praise and glory!

Harold W. Gieseke, Pastor.

## Southwestern Conference

### Corner Stone Laying Exercises by the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas

Approximately 175 persons were present at the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kans., on Sunday afternoon, March 23, to take part in and to witness the corner stone laying ceremonies for the new church which is nearing completion. The Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., was guest speaker of the day with Rev. Theodore Dons of Ellinwood, Kans., assisting with the Scripture reading. The Rev. Aaron Stackhouse presided during the formal ceremony and at the actual laying of the corner stone.

The corner stone, a handsome block of mahogany colored marble, was a gift of the Memorial Art Co. of Salina. It was placed in the prepared opening following a prayer of dedication offered by Rev. Charles Thole, a member of the church. Preceding the placing of the stone a sealed copper container was placed in the wall.

Items contained in the copper box were: A German Bible, denominational church publications, a hymnal, pictures of the original church and the present church, wire recordings of recent services, a list of the charter members of the church, list of present church roll, list of ministers, who have served the church, copy of stone laying ceremony, copies of the Stafford Courier, current Sunday School supplies, pictures of ground clearing, woman's society year books, a German hymn book, a copy of News Herald, statistical report of 1951 and a silver dollar.

Prior to the laying of the stone, George Thole, senior deacon of the church and the only remaining member of the Peace Creek Mission, offered brief comments. He expressed his happiness that he had lived to see the fine new church erected and told of watching the present church grow from the tiny early day mission, that was founded in 1879 and served as forerunner of the present church, the strong church that exists today.

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## CHILDREN'S DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 1952

The Children's Day programs for Sunday, June 8, have been sent to all churches along with recitation material in German and English. If more copies are desired or if the material has not been received, please make your requests known at the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio. The Children's Day offerings are designated for the Chapel Building Fund of the denomination.

The never-tiring ladies of the church then served a delicious lunch in the recreational facilities of the church. The Corona congregation anticipates the Lord's guidance in the appointment of another undershepherd.

On the previous evening the mixed



The car of the Rev. A. J. Fischer of McClusky, N. Dak., driving between high walls of snow drifts less than two months ago on a promotional tour with the Rev. M. L. Leuschner.

choir held a surprise party for the departing pastoral couple, who had also been both choir director and accompanist, respectively. The formal part of the surprise assumed the form of a program which took place in the church, whereas the informal part took place at the new and roomy parsonage. Mrs. V. Joachim was in charge of the party. Mr. H. Poppen, president of the choir, delivered a brief speech and sang an artistically intonated tenor solo. Many other vocal selections were rendered by the various members of the choir. Mrs. W. Boeger recited a very fitting poem and presented in appreciation of the service rendered by the couple a farewell gift in the form of an expensive electric clock. Build into the shape of the sailing ship it will be an ornamental incentive to them to "sail on" for "God lives and he commands."

Elmer Schulte, Clerk.

### A Promotional and Missionary Tour to the Northern North Dakota Association Churches

From March 17 to 25 a very successful missionary and promotional trek was carried out in the area of our Northern North Dakota Association

churches. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner, our promotional secretary, who is especially fitted for such missionary promotion, showed very timely and interesting pictures of our recently adopted New Hope Leper Camp in the Bamenda province of West Africa's Cameroons. He also had interesting films to show of the Indian work in Alberta, Canada. On several other occasions preaching services were conducted.

The young people of the Dakota Conference for several years have had a special project which goal for this year is \$10,000. This project, which has become part and partial of our young people's work, is known as the Cameroons Mission Crusade. The Rev. R. Dickau of Venturia, N. Dak., is the Conference director. Then we have in the Dakota Conference area four assemblies, each assuming a part in raising monies for this worthy project. Of each assembly it is desired to raise at least \$2000. So for each assembly one

promotor has been elected to foster the interest of missions locally. The Rev. A. J. Fischer of McClusky, N. Dak., is the director of this Cameroons Mission Crusade for the Northern North Dakota Association.

So recently the services of Rev. M. L. Leuschner were made available for our area. He showed the leper film and the film of the Indian mission work in Canada. Much interest was created through the showing of these pictures, and all who saw them are praising God for the great work which our missionaries are carrying on in these respective fields.

During this nine-day tour of Mr. Leuschner and Mr. Fischer eleven churches were contacted, and twelve services were conducted. The pictures were well received and the services of the brethren were greatly appreciated. Our people responded generously, and even though many were not able to attend because of blocked roads, still over \$700.00 was received for this missionary cause. We are indeed happy to have these films available that give us a first-hand glimpse of our mission work, and we are grateful to the Lord that we are co-laborers together in his vineyard.

A. J. Fischer, Reporter.

### Rev. and Mrs. L. Hoeffner Return to Hebron, North Dakota, After 23 Years

On Saturday, March 1st, Mrs. L. Hoeffner and I had the great joy to return back to Hebron, N. Dak., after an absence of 23 years. The weather was cold and well below zero. But the cordial welcome received by the pastor, the Rev. C. Rempel, and his church warmed our hearts in such a manner that we soon forgot the weather. Sunday, March 2nd, dawned as a bright "sunshiny" day. Country roads had been opened from snow drifts and soon the spacious church auditorium was filled to the last seat. I had the privilege to break the Bread of Life both at the morning and evening services to very attentive audiences.

Again we gathered at the church in the afternoon for the happy occasion of celebrating the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heinle. The Rev. and Mrs. L. Hoeffner from Emery, S. Dak., former pastor's family, were invited to have a part in this program. Under the able leadership of the pastor, the Rev. C. Rempel, a fitting program was rendered. Various numbers in music, readings and talks by children and friends were given, after which Mr. Hoeffner spoke on "God's Presence in our Lives," according to Matt. 28:20. Mr. and Mrs.

Heinle are sincere Christians and known for their loyal service to God and their church.

Looking back across a span of 25 years, we can see wonderful progress which this church has made. At present they possess a very attractive church home. A few years ago the church building was enlarged, but it is again too small to hold the crowds attending the services. Again God's people here have caught the vision and are planning this summer to push the church walls out for more room. The cooperation between pastor and members is refreshing. May our God continue to bless his people there and everywhere!

L. Hoeffner, Reporter.

### Baptismal Service, Evangelistic Meetings and Steady Growth at Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak.

Sunday, February 24, was an eventful day for the Bismarck Baptist Church of Bismarck, North Dakota. On that evening the pastor, the Rev. Edward Kary, had the privilege of baptizing seven adults. This was the first baptismal service in the new church building. It was beautiful and impressive. One of the baptized was a lady from a nearby town. She had been convinced that baptism by immersion was the biblical mode of baptism.

On March 3rd it was the pastor's

privilege to extend the hand of fellowship to those who had been baptized together with seven others who were received into the church by letter and testimony. Among this group was a mother and her three daughters who had only recently come from Germany. The father of this family was a Baptist minister in Russia under the supervision of the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt. Fourteen years ago he was secretly taken away by the Communists and the family has never heard from him again.

From February 25 to March 7 we had evangelistic meetings with the Rev. J. J. Renz of Ashley, N. Dak., as the evangelist. The church was filled each evening and the messages proved a great blessing to the whole church. Five persons accepted Christ as their personal Savior. We are now planning another baptismal service in the very near future. Several others have again indicated that they want to join the church by letter.

The Bismarck church is enjoying a steady growth. On a recent Sunday, the Sunday School enrollment reached the 200 mark. We rejoice over the fact that we constantly have strangers coming to our services. Many come to stay. May God give us grace and wisdom so to preach Christ that many will yet accept him as their personal Savior.

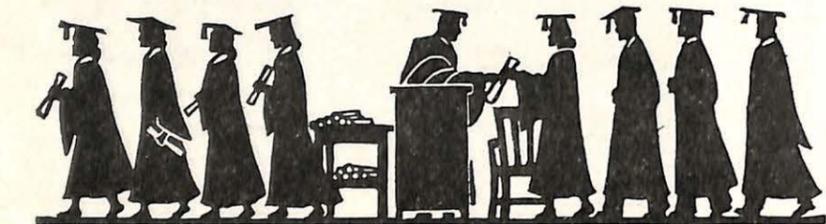
Edward Kary, Pastor.

dent, presented a special program of musical numbers, readings and a brief dramatization. Twenty voices in the Men's Chorus rendered a sacred concert on Good Friday evening, April 11, with the Rev. J. G. Rott, directing. The men were from both the Carbon and Zion churches. On March 26 Mr. Sam Yeske of Edmonton, Alta., showed his motion pictures taken on his trip to Germany in 1951. The choir of the Zion Church served at a Youth for Christ program on March 27 at the Drumheller Salvation Army Hall with Miss Ida Forsch, Cameroons missionary, as guest speaker.

● A procession of guest speakers at recent services of the Carroll Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas, has helped to swell attendance figures for the church. On Sunday evening, March 16, the Rev. G. A. Waldvogel of Brooklyn, N. Y., the son of a former North American Baptist minister, brought the message. On Tuesday evening, March 18, Dr. David L. Cooper of Los Angeles, Calif., of the Biblical Research Society, conducted a special service. Dallas Bible Institute Night was held on Sunday, March 30, with the president, Mr. Massinger, speaking. Miss Bertha Lang, former missionary in China, was one of five guest speakers during Holy Week. On Sunday evening, April 27, the church observed Dallas Theological Seminary Night with President Lewis Sperry Chafer as speaker. The Rev. Harold W. Gieseke is pastor of the church.

day afternoon, March 2nd. About fifty guests were present at the Open House and dedication service. Miss Hilda Hotchkiss sang. "O Happy House, Where Thou Art Loved the Dearest." The Rev. August Lutz of nearby Meriden, Conn., spoke briefly on "The Minister's House." Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, offered the dedication prayer. He also was the guest speaker at the Sunday morning service. The Rev. Ben Zimmerman is the pastor. He is also editing a fine 8-page monthly church paper called, "The Pilot," with news items, announcements and inspirational articles for the members and friends of the church.

● On Easter Sunday morning, April 13, the Rev. J. G. Rott of Carbon, Alta., baptized 16 converts for the Carbon and Zion Baptist churches. On that evening the Woman's Missionary Society with Mrs. Adam Buyer, presi-



In the months of May and June you will see the academic processions going across the school platforms, announcing the fact that it's graduation time again!

### WHAT'S HAPPENING NEWS

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● On Easter Sunday, April 13, the Rev. Henry Pfeifer of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., baptized 15 converts on profession of their faith in Christ at a very impressive Easter Day service. These were largely the results of the evangelistic services conducted by the Rev. G. G. Rauser of Lodi, Calif., at which 25 persons were converted. On "Victory Sunday," April 20, Mr. Pfeifer received 39 new members into the church at the communion service, of whom 24 came by letter. The Bible Day program was held on April 27 and a special Mother's Day program is planned for May 11 with a dedication service for several little children. The Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald," preached the Palm Sunday message on Sunday morning, April 6.

● The Memorial Baptist Church of New Britain, Conn., held a dedication service for its new parsonage on Sun-

## Obituary

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

### MR. DAVID KLEIN of Shattuck, Oklahoma.

Mr. David Klein of Shattuck, Okla., passed away to his heavenly home on Wednesday, March 12, at 10:30 P.M., only five days short of his eighty-first birthday. He was born March 17, 1871 in Draespetz, Russia, of David Klein and the former Marie Heinz. In 1892 he came to America, arriving in Wilson, Kans., on July 14.

On June 15, 1895 he took to him his loyal wife, Kathrina "Katie" Longhofer of Lincolnville, Kansas. They came to Oklahoma in 1902 and homesteaded on a farm south of Shattuck. Under the Rev. J. J. Abel's ministry, Mr. and Mrs. Klein accepted Christ as their personal Savior and were baptized into the Ebenezer Baptist Church in the year 1921. Together they were ever faithful in attending the church as they were able. To his last days his testimony was full of the precious, faithful Savior.

In 1943 he retired to Shattuck because of the loss of a leg to disease. He leaves to mourn his faithful wife; two daughters: Mrs. Ida Klein, Herrington, Kans.; and Mrs. Theresa Steinley of Gate, Okla.; two sons: Mr. Dave Kline, Alva, Okla.; and Mr. Alex Kline of Sattuck, Okla.; fifteen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

Many friends attended the funeral service held in the Ebenezer Baptist Church on Saturday, March 15, 1952. He was interred in the Ebenezer Baptist Cemetery. The former pastor, the Rev. Frank Armbruster of Burton, Texas, was called to assist the present pastor and convey a message in German.

Shattuck, Oklahoma  
OLIVER K. RINGERING, Pastor.

### MRS. ALBERTINA SCHOENAMANN EGERER of North Freedom, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Albertina Schoenamann Egerer of North Freedom, Wis., was born in Pommern, Germany, on Sept. 16, 1864 and passed away in North Freedom on March 17, 1952. The time of her sojourn here on earth was 87 years, 6 months, and one day. Before her death she was the oldest living member of the North Freedom Baptist Church.

Mrs. Egerer came from Germany as a child and settled with her parents at Rock Springs, Wisconsin. After her marriage to Conrad Egerer in 1885, she moved to North Freedom, where she made her home until her departure from this life. Her husband preceded her in death in 1941. One son and three daughters, nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, as well as many other relatives and friends live to mourn her departure from this life.

On December 31, 1883, the Rev. W. Kroesch had the joy of baptizing her upon the confession of her faith in Jesus Christ as her Savior. She became an active member of the North Freedom Baptist Church where she was very regular in her attendance until she became an invalid about four years ago. She was a member of the North Freedom Baptist Woman's Missionary Society and seldom missed a meeting. During much of the past four years she longed to be in the house of the Lord to worship, for as she sat by the window and observed the people entering God's house she often expressed the desire to be among them. But due to her physical condition, she had to content herself by just thinking about the services and praying for them. Now her days of care and suffering are over, and she is with her Lord in glory. She has departed from us for a little while, but the memory of her will remain with us until we meet her in glory.

### GOD'S GOODNESS

If God hath made this world so fair,  
Where sin and death abound,  
How beautiful, beyond compare,  
Will paradise be found!

—James Montgomery.

"My times are in thy hand," taken from Psalm 31:15, were used as the text for the funeral message. May the God of love comfort those who mourn!

North Freedom, Wisconsin  
THOMAS LUTZ, Pastor.

### MRS. ELLA SCHNEIDER of Goodrich, North Dakota.

Mrs. Ella Schneider, nee Kiest, of Goodrich, N. Dak., was born December 4, 1908 to David and Lydia Kiest on a farm south-east of Goodrich in Mauch Township, where she spent her earlier years. In 1923 she accepted Jesus as her personal Savior. She was baptized by Rev. Mr. Fuxa and thereby became a member of the Baptist Church of Goodrich of which she was a faithful member until her death.

On September 25, 1929 she was united in marriage with Fred K. Schneider. To this union one son was born. For a number of years Mrs. Schneider was ill. In June 1951 she was stricken with a lung ailment, and all medical help, since then, was in vain. As her suffering became too severe, she was taken to the St. Alexis Hospital in Bismarck, N. Dak., on March 17th, and she passed away shortly before midnight on March 19th.

Mrs. Ella Schneider leaves to mourn her early departure her husband, and son, El Roy; her parents; two brothers: Walter and Harry Kiest, all these living at Goodrich; and other near relatives, and many friends. Two sisters preceded her in death.

The Rev. Henry Hirsch, pastor of the Baptist Church, officiated at the funeral service, and brought a message in German, and the Rev. D. Blaskowsky brought a message in English. Burial took place in the cemetery at Goodrich on Sunday afternoon, March 23. The large gathering at the funeral, in spite of weather and road conditions, was evidence of the high esteem in which Mrs. Schneider was held.

Goodrich, North Dakota  
HENRY HIRSCH, Pastor.

### REV. ADAM LITWIN

of Nokomis, Saskatchewan.

The Rev. Adam Litwin of Nokomis, Sask., one of our pioneer ministers in the Canadian Northwest, was summoned home by his Lord on Monday morning, March 24, 1952, near Warsaw, Poland, on July 17, 1858, he lived to be 93 years, 8 months and 7 days old. Mr. Litwin was well able to take care of himself and loved to attend the church services to the very end. Only his hearing was very much impaired, making it impossible for him to appreciate the services to their fulness and carry on conversation as he would have loved to have done.

In the city of Warsaw the departed servant of the Lord received his training as school teacher, which he followed from 1880 to 1893. On October 8, 1886 he received Christ as his personal Savior. As an ardent reader of the Bible, he soon discovered the Bible truth regarding Christian baptism. On October 12, 1891 he humbly followed the Lord in water baptism. A burning desire to proclaim the Gospel News beset him from the beginning of his Christian life. In 1893 he received his first appointment as missionary worker. On April 8, 1898 he was ordained as a Baptist minister.

An urge to look for a free land and to establish his home with his loved ones brought him to Canada, arriving in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on March 24, 1903. For three years he served as pastor-at-large in the province of Manitoba. On April 1, 1906 he moved to Nokomis, Sask., to serve as pastor on a widely scattered mission field of that area. In 1914 he became the pastor of our Sutherland German Baptist Church. Later in like manner he served the following churches: Estuary, Glidden, Esk and Lockwood, being in the active ministry until 1923.

Mr. Litwin was married to Susanna Grahn on May 28, 1891. Together they walked through life for 71 years. In January 1952 when death snatched Mother Litwin from his side, he had no more desire to live but rather longed and waited eagerly to be with the Lord. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Litwin. Three of them pre-deceased the father. Four sons: Emil, Otto, Oscar and Ernest; five daughters: Emilie Schunke, Natalie Hoffman, Lydia Miller, Olga Buchholz and Wanda Felske; four sons-in-law and three daughters-in-law; 31 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and many friends mourn the departure of our brother.

The Rev. Adam Litwin was always very systematic and exacting. Two years ago he requested that the Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta, preach the funeral sermon for him. Carefully he had arranged and ordered all matters for the funeral. Mr. Wahl kindly complied with the wish and spoke words of comfort and admonishment based on Luke 2:29-30. The undersigned took part and served as chairman of the funeral service.

Nokomis, Sask., Canada  
ROBERT JASTER, Pastor.

### MR. CARL LITTKE of Lodi, California.

Mr. Carl Littke of Lodi, Calif., was born on November 18, 1880 in Neufreudenthal, South Russia. When he was two years old he moved to Rumania with his parents, where he grew to manhood and was married. This union was only a very brief one for with the coming of the first child his wife died. In 1900 he united in marriage with Mrs. Christian Smith, nee Ulbright. Four sons and three daughters were born to this union. Again the angel of death came and the young mother was taken from the home. In 1914 he joined hands in holy wedlock with Christina Rieger, his now bereaved wife. Three sons and one daughter were born to this union.

In 1900 he came to America and settled as one of the pioneer settlers in McLean County, near Mercer, North Dakota. Here he was engaged in successful farming until 1928 at which time he went into the implement business in the town of Mercer, North Dakota. In 1943 he sold his business and moved to Lodi, California. In 1905 during the ministry of the Rev. Benjamin Schliff he was converted and baptized and became a charter member of the Tabor Baptist Church. He served his Lord in many ways as deacon, church clerk, trustee, Sunday School teacher and also choir leader.

Upon his coming to Lodi, he became a member of the First Baptist Church of which he was a loyal member until the Lord called him to his eternal reward. He died on March 9, 1952 at the age of 71 years, 3 months and 21 days. He suffered much during the last years but bore it patiently in the grace of God. As long as he was able he was a very loyal visitor of the house of the Lord.

Three of his children preceded him in death: Emma, 2 years old; Lydia, the wife of Rev. Herman Derman, a Baptist minister in Rumania, Vernon Littke, husband of Emma Littke of Lodi, in Sept. 1950. He leaves to mourn his beloved wife, Christina Littke of Lodi, Calif.; six sons and three daughters: William, Elk Grove, Calif.; David, pastor of the Baptist Church, Billings, Mont.; Ben, Elk Grove, Calif.; Ernest, Mercer, N. Dak.; Edwin, Wapeton, N. Dak.; and Carl, Sacramento, Calif.; Mrs. Annie Schenfish, Elk Grove, Calif.; Mrs. Pauline Bauer, Butte, N. Dak.; Mrs. Earnestine Olson, Spokane, Wash.; 26 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; three stepsons: Carl Smith, Chicago, Ill.; Gus Smith, Phoenix, Ariz.; Walter Reiger, Fargo, N. Dak.; and two stepdaughters: Mrs. William Rauser, Elk Grove, Calif.; and Mrs. Frank Russ, Stockton, Calif. He also leaves nine step-grandchildren and six great-step-grandchildren, besides other relatives in Germany and Rumania.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." In the absence of the pastor, the Rev. G. G. Rauser, who was engaged in evangelistic meetings in Edmonton, Alta., the Rev. W. W. Knauf of Elk Grove officiated at the funeral services.

First Baptist Church,  
Lodi, California  
G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.

**THEN AND NOW!**

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time to present the inexhaustible riches in Christ Jesus.

It was possible for me to say with the Psalmist: "My lines have fallen in pleasant places," and easy to quote Paul: "All things work together for good to them that love God," when comforting troubled souls. But when the dark clouds rolled over us and my dear life's companion suffered a nervous breakdown, I was inclined to say: "Paul, you did not know what you were talking about," for we could see no good in it for anybody. My only consolation was when he said: "All things."

Gradually after 15 years the clouds have lifted, and the idealized object of my love is almost normal again. God had opened the way to a larger ministry, in which I was able to serve six of our own churches as interim pastor, to serve in promotional work and evangelistic services, besides preaching in 40 different churches in and around Erie, Pennsylvania. The Lord not only saved, but he has kept us.

But what about the future? I believe we are standing at the golden dawn of a new morning. It will be a day of battle and conquest. The world is waiting to yield itself to those who are worthy to receive and possess it. God always gives his best to the best! The truth is written upon every page

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