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Sunday Afternoon at the General Conference in the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.

**The 30th General Conference
in Philadelphia, Pa.**

October 9, 1952

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In the Course of the Conference

Interesting Data About the 30th General Conference at Philadelphia, Pa., from August 20 to 26, 1952

● Attendance figures released at the General Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., from Aug. 20 to 26 showed a total of 967 registrations, including 444 official delegates. An enthusiastic crowd of 830 people enjoyed the conference youth banquet. The breakfasts were attended by 256 women, 135 ministers and 85 laymen. It was estimated that about 1300 people were present at the Sunday afternoon mass meeting.

● Twenty-four pulpits in Philadelphia and vicinity as well as in the metropolitan area of New York City were filled by our pastors on Sunday morning, Aug. 24. These included Dr. A. Dale Ihrie at the Baptist Temple, Rev. Walter Stein and Rev. H. J. Wilcke at the Fleischmann Memorial Church and Rev. Otto Patzia and Rev. G. G. Rauser at the Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia. Serving on the committee on pulpit supplies were Rev. W. J. Appel, Rev. Robert Zimbelman and Mr. Raymond Yahn.

● The news coverage for the 30th General Conference was excellent. "The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin" devoted about 75 inches of copy in reporting the conference sessions, including an illustrated article about Paul Gebauer and Africa. "The Philadelphia Inquirer" also reported the conference at length. Mr. Walter Kohrs of Peoria, Ill., was director of publicity for the local press. An Associated Press wire release concerning the results of the election also appeared in Chicago, Ill., and other cities.

● The colorful souvenir programs of the General Conference were the compliments of the Baptist Life Association, which also had an interesting booth in the Exhibit Hall. The Atlantic Conference C.B.Y. and S.S. Union presented the banquet program with its compliments. The "General Conference News" bulletins with a printing of 2000 copies for each issue were printed by the Roger Williams Press of Cleveland, Ohio, and the American Baptist Publication House of Philadelphia, Pa., respectively.

● The platform of the Baptist Temple was always bedecked with an array of gorgeous flowers. Mrs. Marie Gewiss, chairman of the Flower Committee, reported that about 65 large baskets of flowers were on display during the conference week. These flowers were largely made possible by generous donations by the various

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women's missionary societies of the Atlantic Conference who responded eagerly to the request for aid by the Flower Committee. These lovely decorations certainly enhanced the conference sessions!

● The memorial conducted by Dr. John Leyoldt of Forest Park, Ill., on Tuesday morning, Aug. 26, included the names of 25 ministers and of three leaders whose homegoing had occurred during the past triennium. Among these were Dr. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., and of Mr. E. Elmer Staub of Detroit, Mich. The names were published in the second edition of the "General Conference News." Extra copies can be secured from our headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

● A wonderful group of 20 people from the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, including their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Louis Johnson, were at the Philadelphia General Conference. In 1937 the church was represented by 19 visitors at the conference in Portland, Ore., again a distance of more than a thousand miles. The 1955 General Conference may be held in the city of Waco, Texas, if the opinion poll of the conference is taken into account! Texas, we are COMING!

● The moderator's gavel which was handed by Dr. George A. Lang to Mr. Walter W. Grosser, the newly elected moderator, at the closing service of the General Conference, was made some years ago by the Rev. Paul Zoschke, who at that time was living in Elgin, Iowa. It was made from a tree on the Baptist parsonage grounds of Elgin. Dr. Lang said that the gavel is symbolic of an instrument of service as the new moderator leads the conference to greater heights of achievement.

● The three oldest ministers in terms of denominational service who were

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. Richard Schilke
 Oct. 9 (Thursday)—Isabel, S. Dak.
 Oct. 10 (Friday)—Hettinger, N. Dak.
 Oct. 12 (Sunday A.M.)—Lemmon, South Dakota.
 Oct. 12 (Sunday P.M.)—McIntosh, South Dakota.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
 Oct. 12 (Sunday A.M.)—Lauderdale Church, Edmonton, Alta.
 Oct. 12 (Sunday P.M.)—Central Church, Edmonton, Alta.
 Oct. 13-17—Leadership Course, Central Church, Edmonton, Alta.
 Oct. 19 (Sunday A.M.)—Wiesenthal Church, Millet, Alta.
 Oct. 19 (Sunday P.M.)—Camrose, Alberta.

Rev. Martin L. Leuschner
 Oct. 9 (Thursday)—McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Man.
 Oct. 12 (Sunday A.M.)—Onoway, Alberta.
 Oct. 12 (Sunday P.M.)—McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alta.
 Oct. 13-17—Leadership Course, Central Church, Edmonton, Alta.
 Oct. 19 (Sunday A.M.)—Trochu, Alberta.
 Oct. 19 (Sunday P.M.)—Bridgeland Church, Calgary, Alta.

Rev. J. C. Gunst and Rev. M. L. Leuschner
 Oct. 20 (Monday)—Olds, Alberta.
 Oct. 21 (Tuesday)—Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist
 Oct. 12-24—Hilda, Alberta.

Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist
 Oct. 12-24—Conner Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

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present at the General Conference in Philadelphia were the Reverends W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa., Julius Kaaz of Philadelphia, Pa., and J. F. Niebuhr of Ocean Grove, N. J. Mr. Kaaz was a member of the class of 1899 of our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., Mr. Niebuhr of the class of 1900, and Mr. Argow of 1902. Together these three stalwart soldiers of Christ represented 155 years of service for the Kingdom of God since graduation from the seminary.

Editorial

So Send I You!

GOD'S CALL to action, his summons to heroic deeds, was distinctly heard by everyone who attended the 30th General Conference at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It ought to be heard in days to come by every North American Baptist in every church at home, echoing the words of Dr. H. von Berge's song, "So Send I You!"

The General Conference enthusiastically adopted and endorsed the STEWARDSHIP program for the next triennium. This will mean a strengthening of spiritual disciplines for all of us, a more effective carrying out of our responsibilities before God, and the putting to a test of God's promises concerning tithing and giving. Even as every Christian's life should give forth light, so this call to give a faithful account of his or her stewardship comes to everyone. "So send I you," holding forth the word of life.

The call to greater action will be felt like a spiritual earthquake on the far flung mission fields of the world, as a result of the 30th General Conference. Another missionary for the Cameroons, Africa, was appointed, making a total of 38 altogether. She is Miss Eleanor Schuster of Detroit, Mich., who will leave for the field next spring. Our stirring missionary advance has the full support of our people as well as the benediction of the Holy Spirit upon it.

But even this was not enough! Because of several conference resolutions, of strong agitation by many church leaders and of decisive action taken by the conference itself, our people under God are determined to strengthen the home mission base and to be used of God in the establishment of new mission stations and churches. At least, two extension workers are to be appointed by the General Missionary Committee for this new, forward looking ministry. One can almost hear the rustling in the tops of the mulberry trees as the Spirit of God commands: "So send I you!"

The devotional messages by Dr. Norman W. Paullin, pastor of the Baptist Temple of Philadelphia, emphasized the practical demonstration of our faith and convictions in the daily pilgrimage of life. The theme of the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union for the next triennium is to be, "Live Christ." This was also the burden of a fine, uplifting message by the Rev. Robert Zimbelman of Brooklyn, N. Y., at the young people's sunrise service of the General Conference. Throughout those memorable days in Philadelphia, the stamp of God's summons to definite, decisive action for him and his Kingdom was indelibly laid upon all of us. These are days of serious crisis for the mission fields of the world. It is an hour when the time needs to be redeemed by Christians with a spirit of God's commission burning in their souls.

The 30th General Conference was brought to a grand climax as the large congregation stood on their feet listening to the strains of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." That stirring music which crowned Christ King of kings and Lord of lords also moved the feet of delegates and visitors into swift and jubilant service for Christ. May that procession of North American Baptists ever be kept moving!

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How They Love One Another!

A review of the 30th General Conference sessions at Philadelphia, Pa.,
from August 20 to 26, 1952

By DR. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of the "Baptist Herald"

YOU CAN pin several blue ribbons of distinction on the 30th General Conference held in Philadelphia, Pa., from August 20 to 26. It was a great conference for heart-felt fellowship. In fact, the Philadelphia conference, meeting in "the city of brotherly love" around the theme "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," can best be described in one warm, pungent phrase: "Behold, how they love one another!"

967 REGISTRATIONS

With 967 registrations, the conference did not break attendance records. But it was amazing that so many people traveled the long stretches to the Atlantic seaboard to make the 1952 General Conference the fourth largest convale in our history. It left its stamp of spiritual fervor and unifying fibres upon our Atlantic Conference churches which experienced a stronger feeling of belonging to our conference enterprise.

The uplift of this Christian fellowship was an exciting upsurge in al-

most every heart! The spacious sanctuary of the Baptist Temple provided an ideal setting for fellowship before and after the sessions. The fine hotel arrangements found most of the conference visitors housed in two adjoining hotels. The buses and subways going up and down Broad Street echoed with the talk and laughter of Baptist visitors. Even the Harvey House near the hotels served as a Baptist rendezvous after the evening services to continue this pleasant fellowship. The attendance of 830 people at the Saturday night banquet, in spite of a high price for tickets, was evidence that these conference people loved to be together in ties that bind our hearts in Christian love.

This fellowship was also facilitated by the excellent EXHIBIT HALL where people gathered to observe the curios and mission objects, to meet one another and to discuss the trends in our denominational life. The long line at the cafeteria across the street from the church found our Baptists still in the glow of this fellowship.

The conference theme, music, addresses, deliberations and decisions all contributed wonderfully to make this a really great General Conference for fervent fellowship that will be remembered by those who were in Philadelphia for many years to come!

PERFECT WEATHER

Let's not forget the weather! God always has the last word in all human affairs. Preceding the conference week, Philadelphia had experienced the hottest summer for many years and had undergone a deluge of rain extending over several days. The week after the conference a hurricane with torrential rains struck the eastern seaboard.

During the General Conference days we had seven full days of balmy sunshine, cool nights with one night registering a cold 55 degrees, and delightful crisp air in which to say, "It's grand to be alive!" The editor cannot remember a General Conference during the past 25 years when the weather was more ideal or perfect than at Philadelphia. That's something for the record books!

The Pilgrim and Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Churches of Philadelphia were splendid hosts to the conference. Their official committees under the general chairmanship of Mr. Arthur Schwerin for the General Conference and Mr. Otto Draeger for the local group functioned with precision, smoothness and efficiency. Miss Eva Yung with her able assistants arranged for all hospitality and registrations with remarkable success and to the complete satisfaction of all concerned. Our Philadelphia people rose to great heights of eminence in preparing the way for the 30th General Conference!

The opening song, "He Keeps Me Singing," led by the Rev. Richard K. Mercer of Newark, N. J., on Wednesday evening, Aug. 20, set the tempo for the week that followed. For we really "feasted on the riches of HIS grace!" A gracious welcome was extended by Dr. Norman W. Paullin for the Baptist Temple, by Mr. Gustav Straub for the Fleischmann Memorial Church, and by Rev. W. C. Damrau for the Pilgrim Church which had just dedicated its new edifice on the preceding Sunday.

MESSAGES AND MUSIC

The opening message was given by the Rev. Rubin Kern of Forest Park, Ill., on "The Romance of the Redeemed" in which he reviewed the denominational achievements of past decades and emphasized the purpose of our ministry in showing forth the indwelling love of God in our hearts. (This sermon appeared in the Sept. 11 issue of the BAPTIST HERALD.) After the service a large throng of young people continued the festivities at the "Get Acquainted and Fellowship Hour" under the auspices of the CBY and SS Union held at the nearby Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. (See separate report in this issue.)

The musical selections at this conference were superb. You felt an Unseen Hand opening the portals of heaven and revealing a glory, not seen on land or sea, as the choirs rendered their thrilling anthems. Mr. Fred Hofmaier of Philadelphia directed the mass choir of the Philadelphia churches, singing on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and also the male chorus of Philadelphia that rendered two selections at the Layman's Meeting on Monday night.

The Rev. A. Husmann of New York, N. Y., directed the mass choir of churches of New York and vicinity on Friday evening, and the great chorus of all General Conference choirs that sang on Sunday afternoon and evening and at the closing service on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Josephine Rauscher of Newark, N. J., was at the console of the melodious Temple organ as the official conference organist. Mrs. Margaret Yost of Philadelphia assisted at the piano.



Dr. Norman W. Paullin, pastor of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pa., and guest speaker at the General Conference devotional services, stands between Mr. Harold Johns of Forest Park, Ill. (right), chairman of the Publication Board, and the friendly policeman (left), stationed at Broad and Berks Streets in front of the church.

Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought his address as conference moderator on Thursday morning. In a thoughtful presentation he dealt with the issues of our day and with the challenge that is ours as North American Baptists to witness for Christ. (His address will be published in the 1953 ANNUAL.) With genial spirit and untiring patience he led the conference as moderator for the third successive term, and then turned over the moderator's gavel to his successor in a well deserved "blaze of glory."

The various cooperating societies brought their reports with informative data (supplemented by the 64 page Official Reports) and inspirational highlights. Throughout the days the procession of reports presented the work of the General Council and the Ministry of Relief and Immigration, the General Missionary Committee, the Publication Society, the C.B.Y. and S. S. Union, the Seminary, the Christian Training Institute, the Children's Home, the Woman's Missionary Union, Baptist Men and the Homes for the Aged.

EVANGELISM AND STEWARDSHIP

Our emphasis on EVANGELISM which was so fruitful during the past triennium was brought to a burning, focal point in the message of the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, one of our denominational evangelists, on Thursday evening, Aug. 21. He made his challenge personal and practical by speaking on "New Testament Evangelism and You."

The brief testimonies by pastors and laymen (one each evening) were gems of Christian experience showing the blessings and witness of evangelism in these lives. They were given

by Rev. Fred Lower of Steamboat Rock, Iowa; Rev. John Vanderbeck of Kyle, Texas; Miss Virginia Glewwe of St. Paul, Minn.; Mr. David Draelwell of Detroit, Mich.; Rev. Paul E. Loth of Buffalo, N. Y.; and Rev. Ben Lawrence of Portland, Oregon (missionary to the Cameroons).

The General Conference enthusiastically adopted the projected program and emphasis for the next triennium of STEWARDSHIP. The address by the Rev. Edwin Miller of Cleveland, Ohio, on "Joyful Sacrifice, the True Revelation of Love" sounded the keynote for this program still to be carried out in our lives and churches. (This message will also be published in the HERALD.)

DR. NORMAN W. PAULLIN

Dr. Norman W. Paullin, the distinguished pastor of the Baptist Temple, was also the most outstanding speaker on the Conference program. His four devotional messages at the close of the morning sessions were greeted by large crowds of eager listeners. He endeared himself to the conference visitors by his genial, unassuming spirit and by his unique ability to captivate audiences for the eternal truths of Christ's Gospel. His stirring, heart to heart talks on "Revealing Jesus Christ," "Strength at the Center," "Keeping Purpose and Courage" and "Marching Orders" will cast spiritual glory on many lives for years to come.

Those who heard Dr. Paullin will not soon forget his beautiful stories over which to chuckle or to shed a tear, or his sentences and questions which like an arrow went straight to their mark. His informative remarks about the history of the Baptist Temple and the continued influence of



Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman (center and left), Cameroons Missionaries, and Rev. Ben Lawrence, missionary-appointee to Africa, talk over things about the Cameroons in the colorful exhibit of the General Missionary Society at the General Conference.

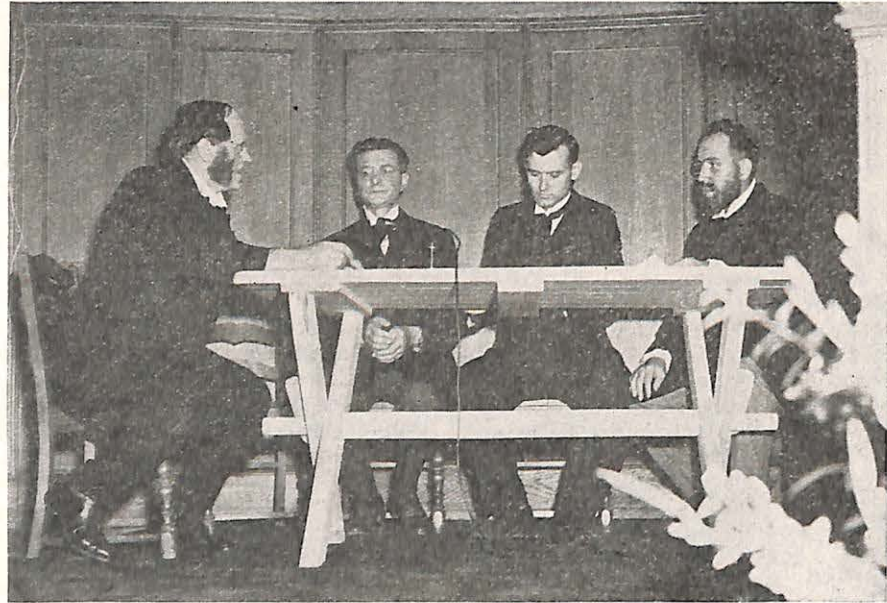
Dr. Russell H. Conwell were another highlight of his deeply appreciated ministry to our conference!

The 30th General Conference was also a colorful historical pageant. The 100th anniversary of "Der Sendbote," founded by Konrad A. Fleischmann in Philadelphia, Pa., and the 30th milestone of the "Baptist Herald" were dramatically celebrated on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 21, with the pageant, "Faith Conquers," written by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner and presented by a cast of about 15 persons who were realistically dressed and "made up" to represent the early leaders of the

for all to repossess for themselves!

But there were still greater heights of inspiration to climb! On Sunday afternoon, Aug. 24, before the largest congregation of the week of about 1300 people, the mass choir under Brother Husmann's direction sang, "Let Mount Zion Rejoice," and the Rev. Berthold Jacksteit of Anaheim, Calif., spoke with fervor and challenge on "Fission or Fusion." This service was under the auspices of the C.B.Y. and S.S. Union and will be reported more at length in its account.

Sunday evening was one of the thrilling climaxes of the conferences.



Historical figures from yesterday's album presenting the pageant, "Faith Conquers," to celebrate the centenary jubilee of "Der Sendbote."

Left to right: Konrad A. Fleischmann (Rev. Paul Zoschke); A. von Puttkammer (Rev. Edward Kary); J. Eschmann (Rev. Edwin Miller); A. Henrich (Rev. R. Kern).

Publication Society. The Exhibit Hall also featured interesting memorabilia from the early days of "Der Sendbote." At the young people's program (reported at length elsewhere) on Friday afternoon, a TV presentation of "Thirty Years of Progress" colorfully reviewed the highlights in the ministry of the C.B.Y. and S.S. Union during these years.

On Saturday morning, Aug. 23, Professor Albert Bretschneider was honored in well chosen words by Dr. Frank H. Woyke for his 25 years of faithful service as seminary professor and president. Then Professor Bretschneider brought a lucid and interesting address with thought-provoking observations about life and our denomination during the past quarter century. (This address will appear in the 1953 ANNUAL.) On Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 26, Professor Herbert Hiller of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., lifted the conference to further heights from which to view the historical milestones of our churches and denomination in a Jubilee message. (This message will also appear in the 1953 ANNUAL.) The heritage of the past was a rich treasure of this conference

Wonderful singing lifted the rafters of the temple as the congregation sang from the heart and the mass choir rendered "My God and I" and "Alleluia." The Rev. William Hoover of Benton Harbor, Mich., poured out his soul in his message on "Impelling Love" and gave the altar call for consecration to which hundreds of our people responded. Around the pulpit they gathered with God's ambassador for the words of spiritual admonition and the prayer of consecration. Such moments of dedication make for spiritual greatness in our lives and beloved denomination!

The closing service of the week was another memorable hour in the Presence of the living Christ. It was Missionary Night with a brief message by the Rev. R. Neuman concerning our Indian mission fields; the presentation and commissioning of nine missionaries (two of them in absentia—Rev. and Mrs. John Rhoads in Japan) with a brief challenge by the Rev. R. Schilke, secretary; and a thrilling missionary message by the Rev. Paul Gebauer on "Eternal Love and Imponderable Africa." Following the benediction, the audience remained

Personal Recollections of the General Conference

Various Viewpoints in Reviewing the Conference Sessions

A BAPTIST NEWSPAPER REPORTER'S RECOLLECTION OF THE PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE

By MR. WALTER E. KOHRS
of Peoria, Illinois

Vivid recollections of the Conference at Philadelphia: the beauty of its setting . . . worshipful Baptist Temple . . . the rich red upholstery of its 3100 seats . . . the golden illumination along its walls . . . the spotlights shining down from its vaulted ceiling onto the opened Bible in the front of the sanctuary . . . the beautiful pulpit containing olive wood from Jerusalem and the significance of the carved inscription on the side facing the speaker: "Sir, we would see Jesus" . . . the many-tiered choir loft ascending from the console of the giant organ which thundered out the great hymns of the church as the Conference raised a thousand voices in song, or as accompaniment to the 100-voice mass choir which lowered a musical curtain of triumph on the Conference on the climactic Missionary Night.

High among the conference joys: the stirring "keynote" sermon by Rev. Rubin Kern on "The Romance of the Redeemed" on opening night; the calmly-compelling voice of Dr. Norman H. Paullin, Temple pastor, as he conducted "Conference in Meditation" periods before the noon-hour break; the devotion evidenced by Philadelphians for that spiritual giant Russell H. Conwell, founder of Baptist Temple and Temple University; the cold freshness of early morning at the sunrise service in Burholme Park followed by the warmth of fellowship at the breakfast at the Baptist Home for the Aged; the thrill of worshipping

NEXT NUMBER

Several other brief articles with General Conference observations will be published in the next issue. EDITOR.

at our "pioneer" church—Fleischmann Memorial, there hearing greetings extended by delegates representing more than 50 churches scattered the length and breadth of the United States and Canada; the Seminary Quartet "bringing down the house" with "Dry Bones" and the melodious harmonies of the C.T.I. Trio; the record of accomplishment unfolded in "Faith Conquers" and the CBY and SSU TV presentation; the sense of challenge of greater things yet to be undertaken with the conference supporting far-flung church expansion and evangelism programs.

Such is a quick look back on the 30th General Conference held in "the City of Brotherly Love."

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AS SEEN FROM A WOMAN'S VIEWPOINT

By MISS ALETHEA S. KOSE
of Chicago, Illinois

It is said that one of the few differences between men and women is that women tend to see details more than men. Such details as the kindness of the Transportation Committee in taking us to our lodging places, the excellent accommodations provided, the courtesies of the hotel personnel, the fine reception given at the registration desk "manned" by attractive, efficient young women, all gave a setting of comfortable, joyous expectancy, greatly appreciated by all, but particularly by us women.

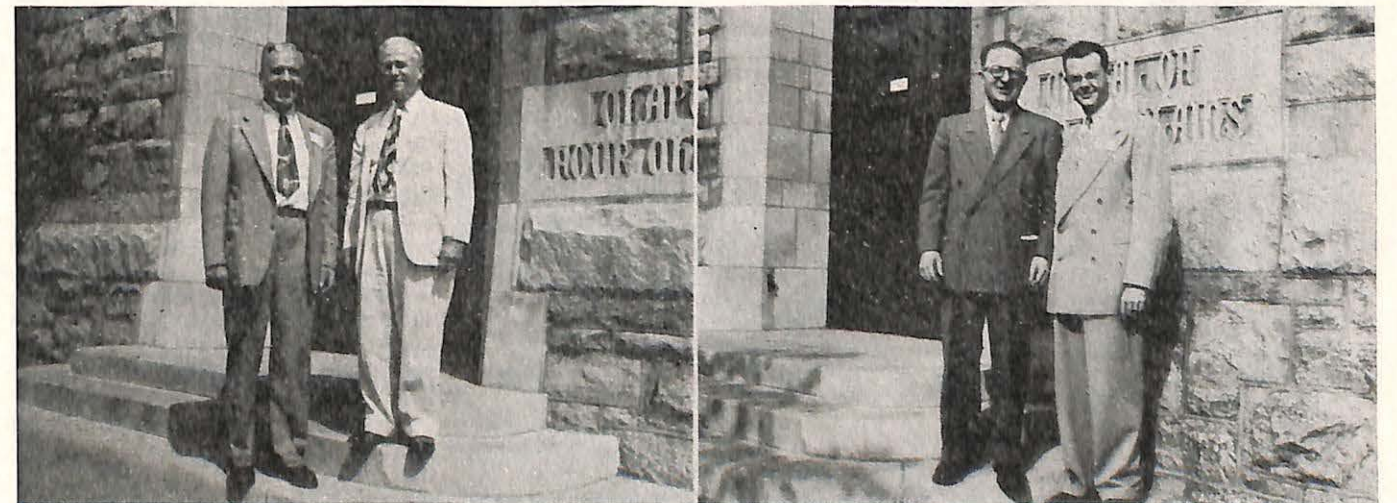
The fellowship and the renewing of old friendships are perhaps some of the most rewarding aspects of conference days. It was gratifying to note how many of our pastor's wives attended this year. Who would deserve this more than they? A goodly number of our churches "send" their pastor's wife to conferences just as they do their pastor and church missionary. This is to be commended.

Much will be written about the sermons and addresses given. However at one point young and old, men and women all will agree that "Dr. Paullin was tops." Greatly appreciated was his graciousness, his genuine humility, and the deep sincerity of his message. The lift we received each day was along worth the trip.

From a woman's viewpoint this conference was important in further establishing the status of women in the work of our denomination. The president and one other officer of our Woman's Missionary Union are now privileged, not only to "sit in" but to participate in the discussions of the General Missionary Committee. Dr. Theodore Sorg's speech suggesting that local conferences be encouraged to consider and elect competent lay women as representatives on local and on the General Missionary Committees will long be remembered. Thank you Dr. Sorg!

The Woman's Missionary Union business session held during Monday's breakfast proved anew that women can do their own thinking, can differ in their opinions, can express themselves briefly and intelligently and then after careful consideration can agree. Perhaps the day will come when women will feel just as free

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Leaders at the 30th General Conference, Philadelphia, Pa., standing at the entrance to the Chapel of Four Chaplains in the Baptist Temple. Left to right: Rev. Paul Wengel, vice-moderator, and Mr. Walter W. Grosser, moderator of the General Conference; Mr. Henry Schmunk, General Conference announcer; and Mr. E. Ralph Kletke president of the CBY and Sunday School Union.

standing as the mass choir sang the "Hallelujah Chorus" and sent us on our way REJOICING!

BREAKFAST MEETINGS

The breakfast meetings of the respective groups on Monday morning, Aug. 25, were outstanding. The laymen listened to a memorable address by Dr. Albert Kaiser of Rochester, N. Y., a son of the late Professor and Mrs. Lewis Kaiser. Dr. John W. Bradbury of New York, N. Y., the editor of "the Watchman-Examiner," thrilled the ministers with his helpful hints for the ministry and his message on "Emphasizing Baptist Principles Anew." The woman's program consisted largely of a business meeting.

On Monday afternoon, Aug. 25, the Woman's Missionary Union presented its program with a beautiful, winsome presentation and with the challenge of high objectives for the next three years. (Reported elsewhere in this issue.) On that same evening the Baptist Men were in charge in a "new and different program." With Mr. J. O. Johnson as chairman, the program moved briskly and smoothly featuring an address by Mr. Harry L. Jenkins, prominent Baptist layman of Philadelphia.

More than 300 people braved the "cold out-of-doors" on Saturday morning, Aug. 23, to a lovely spot in Burholme Park to attend the fine youth sunrise service. The Rev. Robert Zimbelman's message on "God in a Day's Work" was a good tonic for the beginning of this day. The inspirational youth and conference banquet on Saturday night at the Town Hall, attended by 830 people, will be reported at length in the account of young people's events. The address of Dr. Clarence Cranford of Washington, D. C., on "Putting the Plus in Life" was another fine address to remember and over which to reflect for months to come.

But there is still more to report! It was a joy to listen to the announcements at the sessions as given by the genial, witty, ever smiling Henry Schmunk of Tacoma, Wash., General Conference announcer. He knew how to make exciting proclamations out of boring announcements! The call to worship God at the time of the offerings was given by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary.

ELECTION RESULTS

The election results are listed elsewhere in this issue. For the first time in its history the General Conference elected a layman as its moderator, Mr. Walter W. Grosser of Oak Park, Ill. He has served on important committees and in prominent denominational positions and will be a most capable leader for the next triennium. The Rev. Paul Wengel of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Ridge-

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Mrs. Florence E. Schoeffel (right) presents North American Baptist missionaries at the Missionaries' Reception and Tea on Monday afternoon, August 25. Left to right: Ida Forsch, Eleanor Schuler, Eleanor Weisenburger, Tina Schmidt, Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman, Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, Rev. Kenneth Goodman, Larry Goodman, Rev. Ben Lawrence, Minnie Kuhn, Rev. Paul Gebauer.

"We, the Women" at the Conference

A report about the programs and business session of the Woman's Missionary Union at the General Conference

By MRS. EDWARD KARY of Bismarck, North Dakota

WHEN GOD SO LOVED the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life, he included us as women. And so, because we have experienced his redeeming grace and love and because we have accepted him as our Savior, we obligate ourselves to have a share in the Kingdom work, as every true child of God should, because "faith without works is dead." Our motto for the present triennium, "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us," explains our zeal for the Master's work.

BUSINESS BREAKFAST

At an early hour on Monday, August 25, the spacious dining hall of the Arch St. Y.M.C.A. in Philadelphia was filled for the Business Breakfast of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Florence Schoeffel of Chicago, Ill., our gracious and beloved president, presided at the speaker's table. In appreciation of her capable leadership during the past two trienniums, Mrs. Walter Stein of Ashley, S. Dak., vice-president of the Union, presented her with a gift from the group and spoke a few words of tribute, stating that it was largely due to Mrs. Schoeffel's influence that we as a Union have as much voice in the denomination as we do today.

Leading the devotions was Miss Alethea Kose of the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago, Ill., prominent and consecrated worker for many years in our denomination, who, in her typically enthusiastic and vivacious way, told of the manner in which her faith had been strengthened and had become victorious over the trials by fire that had been hers during the last two years when twice she had been led down to the very brink of the "valley of the shadow of death." Truly, Miss Kose's testimony and even her very presence at the conference were a revelation of God's power and love as well as an indication of her own indomitable courage and zest for life.

In the report of the secretary, Mrs. Emanuel Wolff of Salt Creek, Oregon, we heard that during the last triennium \$48,000 had been contributed by the women of our denomination toward the denominational budget, \$29,919 of this amount having been for the two-fold mission project, namely, the Bansa Hospital and the Seminary kitchen.

The two recipients of the scholarship awarded during the last three years by the Woman's Union to deserving Baptist Missionary Training School girls were presented, Miss Minnie Kuhn of the Rabbit Hill Church, South Edmonton, Alberta, and Miss

Tina Schmidt of Calgary, Alberta. Both of these girls are now under appointment, Miss Schmidt having been assigned to the new position of becoming a missionary specifically to the women of the Cameroons. Miss Laura Paul of Gladwin, Michigan, the new Scholarship Girl of this triennium, was also introduced.

A decision was made to raise the annual dues for the various societies to \$5.00. This is because of our increased activities in recent years and also to keep pace with the rising costs of our day. This amount is to be paid by each society yearly.

NEW CHART GOALS

The Seven Chart Goals for 1952-1955 were adopted, two of them being completely new, namely, the encouragement of Christian Friendliness and the \$30,000 Missionary Project. \$10,000 of this amount is to go for the support of Miss Tina Schmidt as missionary for women in the Cameroons, \$10,000 is for Home Mission Expansion and the remaining third is to be for Leper Work in the Cameroons.

The results of the election revealed the satisfaction and appreciation of the women for the work of the past officers. All those eligible for reelection received their offices back for the coming triennium, namely, Mrs. Walter Stein as vice-president, Mrs.

Emanuel Wolff as secretary, and Mrs. Thomas Lutz of North Freedom, Wisconsin, as treasurer. Mrs. Walter Grosser, the able wife of the newly-elected General Conference moderator, became the new president of the Woman's Missionary Union. We should make even greater strides this triennium in letting our influence be felt in the affairs of the conference!

MONDAY AFTERNOON'S PROGRAM

To Miss Eva Yung of Philadelphia, Pa., program chairman, goes much of the credit for the worshipful, yet challenging program given by the Missionary Union on the afternoon of August 25th in the Baptist Temple.

Again Mrs. Schoeffel presided and brought greetings, beautifully adorned with a gorgeous orchid as a token of our esteem.

The call to worship consisted of the reading of Scripture alternating with the singing of refrains by an ensemble of ministers' wives in the choir loft under the skillful direction of Mrs. Emma B. Meier of Portland, Oregon, with Mrs. Josephine Rauscher of Newark, New Jersey, at the organ.

Mrs. Frank Veninga of Aplington, Iowa, led the congregational singing throughout the afternoon.

Four meditations on various phases of the theme, "Because of Love" by Mesdames W. J. Appel of Jersey City, New Jersey; Walter Hill of Kyle, Texas; Dan Behr of Kenosha, Wisconsin; and H. Waltereit of Grand Forks, N. Dak., were interspersed with verses of softly-sung hymns by the chorus of ministers' wives.

During the course of the afternoon's program two more selections were sung, one by the smaller ensemble, "How Lovely Are Thy Messengers" and the other, "Savior, Teach Me Day By Day" by the complete group of ministers' wives.

The always-effective memorial service for those in our ranks who have gone to their reward was led by Mrs. T. W. Dons of Ellinwood, Kansas, editor of the German sheet in the "Broadcast." The C.T.I. Girls' Trio from Edmonton, Alberta, helped to beautify this service.

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of our denomination, while installing the new officers, based his brief message on II Timothy 2:15—"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." God's approval, he said, depended upon our being skillful workers—"a workman who needeth not to be ashamed."

MISSIONARY SPEAKER

Highlight of the afternoon was the missionary speaker, Miss Ida Forsch of the Cameroons. Putting her whole heart and soul into her words, Miss Forsch commanded our attention as she, with great earnestness, spoke of



The chorus of North American Baptist Pastors' Wives singing at the program of the Woman's Missionary Union on Monday afternoon, August 25.

the dire need for a worker among the women of Africa. Unless we can reach the women, she said, the family will be neglected, for the women are the ones who build the home. Unfortunately, the African woman is still a slave to the African man. He it is who dominates her and fills her with an indescribable fear. She spoke,

too, of the great good already being done by the Christian African women, in spite of opposition from the older women, steeped in their superstitions. In closing, Miss Forsch reminded us that our prayers for these people and for the work being done were eagerly coveted.

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Officers of the Woman's Missionary Union for 1952-1955 with Mrs. William E. Schoeffel, past president. Left to right: Mrs. Thomas Lutz, treasurer; Mrs. E. Wolff, secretary; Mrs. William E. Schoeffel, past president; Mrs. W. W. Grosser, president; Mrs. W. Stein, vice-president.

Highlights of Conference Youth Activities

A report of the programs and activities of the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union at the Philadelphia Conference

By MISS ELLEN LEHR of Grundy Center, Iowa

A LARGE GROUP of young people and Sunday School workers gathered for the activities of the Conference Union during the days of the General Conference in Philadelphia, Pa. The Conference Union events were launched with the fellowship and get-acquainted hour following the opening session of the conference on Wednesday evening, August 20.

A radio program, "Don McMiddletton's Conference Club," was presented by the Philadelphia youth organizations with General Conference Union leaders participating in the program. Announcements were made in a very unique way of the activities

this informative and inspiring gathering.

The business session of the Commissioned Youth and Sunday School Union was held on Friday afternoon. We learned how our youth and Sunday School leaders have accepted the challenge of the past triennium, "Commissioned to Serve," and have served more effectively and accomplished much to the glory of God. The general secretary, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, gave a report of the achievements and progress of the past triennium. We pray that in the years to follow we may be more faithful and that through our ministry and service many will come to know the

events in the history of the Union and brought a resume of the progress made in these years. Our attention was directed to the present program of the Conference Union, stressing the efforts that are being made by youth and Sunday School leaders to give our Union a firm foundation in God's ways.

GREAT YOUTH CROWDS

On Saturday morning, August 23, a large group of conference delegates and visitors boarded chartered buses for Burholme Park for an early sunrise service. It was a time of real blessing for those who attended. Special music was furnished by the Seminary Quartet and the Trumpeteers of Brooklyn, New York. The Rev. Robert Zimelman, of Brooklyn, New York, spoke of "God in a Day's Work." Breakfast was enjoyed at the Baptist Home for the Aged.

Saturday evening 830 conference guests gathered for the Conference Banquet at the large banquet room at Town Hall. Our hearts were thrilled as we participated in the singing of choruses, German and English songs. We rejoiced as we listened to the musical messages brought by our talented young people, the Seminary quartet, the C.T.I. trio, the Trumpeteers of Brooklyn, and Miss Verda Scheeler of Alberta. The guest speaker, Dr. Clarence Cranford, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church of Washington, D. C., challenged us with his fitting message, "Putting a Plus in Life." Everyone seemed to remark that this was the best conference banquet yet!

The conference youth mass meeting was held on Sunday afternoon, August 24, at the beautiful auditorium of Temple Baptist church. This was the largest gathering of the conference. Again our hearts were thrilled with the anthems of the mass choir under the direction of the Rev. Assaf Husmann. Other musical numbers were brought by Violet Eckert of New York City, Grace Appel of Brooklyn, N. Y., the Seminary Quartet, Eldeen Kohrs, and Arthur Witt. Dr. Frank Woyke presided in an installation service for the new officers. He urged them to seek God's guidance in the direction of the work of the Conference Union as we as a conference seek to live up to the new theme of the Union, "Live Christ," in the years to come. The Rev. Berthold Jacksteit of Anaheim, California, brought the



Young people who participated in the historical television presentation of the work of the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union at the Friday afternoon meeting of the General Conference.

of the Conference Union during the conference days. Special events for the CBY's and Sunday Schools in the year to come were featured. Refreshments were served by the young people of the Philadelphia churches.

MEMORABLE PROGRAMS

A noonday luncheon for CBY and Sunday School leaders on Friday, August 22, drew a capacity crowd to the dining room of the Bethlehem Presbyterian church. The Rev. Herbert Freeman of West New York, New Jersey, brought a brief inspirational message. A review of our work in our Sunday Schools, Junior and CBY groups was presented by various youth and Sunday School leaders. All were highly pleased with

Lord as their Savior and all will serve him even better than in the past.

The newly elected officers for the coming triennium are: president, E. Ralph Kletke, Philadelphia, Pa.; vice-president, Herman Balka, Dallas, Texas; recording secretary, Esther Krombein, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; general secretary, Rev. J. C. Gunst was re-elected. The Council Member at Large on the executive committee of the Conference Union is James Billeter of Portland, Oregon.

The program of the afternoon was given in the form of a historical television presentation of the work of the Commissioned Youth and Sunday School Union in the past thirty years. The program depicted outstanding

message of the afternoon.

We are extremely grateful to all participants in any and all of the programs of the CBY and SS Union during the General Conference days.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS

Members of the Council of the General Conference Union met many times during the days of the conference. Important decisions regarding recommendations to the General Council and other boards of our denomination had to be made. In all, efforts were made to promote the work of the Conference Union and to build stronger Sunday Schools and CBY's, which will ultimately result in stronger churches. We aim for youth and Sunday School leaders who are planted on a firmer foundation in our Lord Jesus Christ. We would again urge our Sunday Schools and Commissioned Baptist Youth to strive to accomplish the goals set for them in the Standards of their organizations. With these as their guides, they will be Christ-centered and growing in his will.

Our triennium challenge for 1952-1955 is more urgent than ever. This is it! Our motto: "Live Christ!"; Bible verse: ". . . Christ liveth in me . . ." Gal. 2:20; theme song: "Live Christ Throughout the Day." We urge our leaders and entire constituency to make much of our motto, to pray about it, but above all so to live and serve that Christ may have preeminence in our lives and become real to those with whom we associate.

GENERAL CONFERENCE REVIEW

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wood, N. Y., was elected vice-moderator. The time and place for the next General Conference in 1955 will still have to be decided but the opinion poll of the conference showed it to be overwhelmingly for Texas (either Waco or Dallas).

A final word, but a very enthusiastic one, must be said about the EXHIBIT HALL. The chairman of the Properties Committee, Mr. William Reeh, had transferred the Sunday School hall of the church into an out-of-door stockade by setting up 140 feet of rustic fence made of cedar wood around the entire room. It had the aroma of the woods and a very pleasant appearance as a background for the excellent exhibit of our mission fields, cooperating societies, denominational enterprise and Roger Williams book store. Mr. Reeh is a partner in the Rustic Arts Fence and Furniture Company of Cheltenham, Pa., which made this superbly fine exhibit possible without charge!

In addition, Mr. Jacob Gruhler of the Exhibit Committee prepared two large show cases where under glass the historical things of the Publication



At the exhibit of the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union, Ellen Lehr (left) and Ruth Bathauer enjoy a brief time of fellowship as they wait to distribute literature to the many conference visitors at the Exhibit Hall.

Society, the fascinating momentoes of the late Dr. William Kuhn's life and ministry, and the valuable missionary objects could be seen. This was something new at the General Conference which proved to be of interest to the conference visitors. Mr. Gruhler is owner of the Gem Refrigerator Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia. He made and provided these show cases also without charge for the conference.

That was the spirit of the 30th General Conference. Because of LOVE

for Christ and the work of our denomination, many people sacrificed and made notable contributions that the conference sessions might be a real success. The memorable achievements of the Philadelphia Conference are now recorded in the pages of history. But the spirit of the conference continues to burn in the hearts of those who were privileged to be there. And that spirit is a reflection of the conference theme as expressed in these words about North American Baptists, "Behold, how they love one another!"



Newly elected officers of the CBY and SS Union for 1952-1955 with the Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Dallas, Texas, past president.

Left to right: Mr. E. Ralph Kletke, president; Rev. J. C. Gunst, general secretary; Miss Esther Krombein, secretary; Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, past president; Mr. Herman Balka, vice-president.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The Rev. C. L. Young, former missionary among the Spanish-Americans in Colorado, is now teaching in the Hawthorne Christian School of Hawthorne, Calif., and serving as the pastor of a small Baptist Church at Gardena, four miles away. He reported that Mrs. Young's health is improving. Their address is 1501 S. Jefferson Ave., Hawthorne, Calif.

The Rev. A. Milner brought his ministry at the Baptist Church of Moosehorn, Manitoba, to a close on May 31st. His son, the Rev. Bert Milner, and his wife served the Moosehorn Church under the summer months during the summer Youth Service Plan. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Milner then returned to Chicago, Ill., where Mr. Milner is enrolled for his Senior year in the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Stafford Baptist Church of Sherwood, Oregon, has extended a call to the Rev. Ervin Gerlitz of McIntosh, S. Dak., to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Gerlitz closed his ministry at McIntosh on Sept. 22nd, where he had served as pastor of the Baptist Church since 1949, and began his pastorate in Oregon on Oct. 1st, succeeding the Rev. Leland Friesen, now of Okeene, Okla.

The Rev. R. C. Schmidt has terminated his services as high school instructor and chaplain at the Crippled Children's School, James-town, N. Dak., in order to continue graduate studies at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona. He and his wife and daughter are living at the address listed elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Schmidt was formerly pastor of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Anamoose, N. Dak., and a student at our Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

A great farewell service was held by the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., for the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer and for Dr. and Mrs. William Boutwell and their families on Sunday evening, Oct. 5th. The Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, pastor, was in charge of the service in which many leaders of the church expressed their farewell wishes to these missionaries who sailed for Africa a few days later. Dr. and Mrs. Boutwell and Mr. Gebauer are members of the Ebenezer Church of Detroit.



Mrs. Josephine Rauscher of Newark, N. J., the official General Conference organist, and Rev. Assaf Husmann of New York, N. Y., the director of the General Conference mass choir and of the chorus of New York churches and vicinity.

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Wausau, Wis., held a Vacation Bible School for two weeks from Aug. 11 to 24 with an enrollment of 52 pupils. Mrs. Kenneth Rynning and Miss Ann McDonald served as directors of the school. The closing program was held on Sunday evening, Aug. 24 in the church's sanctuary. On Sunday, Aug. 31, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker, showing missionary pictures in the evening service. The Rev. Wallace A. Olson is the pastor.

Miss Lenore Kruse of New York, N. Y., a daughter of the late Rev. F. P. Kruse, has become the director of student field work of the Baptist Missionary Training School, Ill. She has been working toward her Master of Arts degree at Columbia University and Union Seminary in New York City. She was able to attend some of the General Conference sessions in Philadelphia, Pa. Miss Kruse will be associated with Miss Alethea Kose on the official personnel of the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago.

Miss Adeline Zimbelman of McClusky, N. Dak., and the Rev. Edward B. Kopf of Holloway, Minn.,

will be married in the Baptist Church of McClusky, N. Dak., on Friday, Oct. 31st. The Rev. Arthur Fischer of Linton, N. Dak., former pastor at McClusky, will officiate. Miss Zimbelman has been serving as director of Christian education at the Oak Street Church of Burlington, Ia. Mr. Kopf is a 1952 graduate of our seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He began his pastorate in Holloway, Minn., in June 1952.

The Rev. and Mrs. John Borchers of Columbus, Nebraska, want to express their sincerest gratitude for the many cards and letters which they received from General Conference visitors and delegates after it was announced that both of them, and especially Mr. Borchers, were quite sick. Mrs. Borchers wrote: "It means a great deal to us who are going through hours of trials and testings to know that Christian friends are praying for you. We commit all into the Lord's hands. Continue to pray for us!"

A Vacation Bible School was conducted from August 11 to 15 at the Neustadt Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ontario. There was an enrollment of twenty-six children. The teachers were Misses Eunice and Marion Derbecker, Mrs. J. Schnurr and Rev. G. McLean with Misses Elsie Helwig and Ruby Hahn assisting the latter part of the week. A short program was presented to the parents and friends on Sunday morning, August 17. Certificates and awards were presented by Mr. Schnurr. Afterwards the parents and friends viewed the handwork and notebooks which were on display in the Sunday School hall.

On Sunday evening, Aug. 17, the C.B.Y. of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., presented the play, "Bless This House," during the vacation absence of the pastor, Rev. W. W. Knauf. The activities of the Elk Grove C.B.Y. consist of one Sunday evening church service a month, a Bible study every two weeks, a project partially to support three young people who are in Bible Schools and two students who are in nurses' training. The group also sends packages every other month to five of its service men, as reported by Cleo Heitzmann.

The Rev. R. Kern observed his first anniversary as pastor of the

Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., on Sunday, Sept. 7, by preaching on "Superintending to Honor the Lord" at the evening service. Miss Lydia Mihm sang a lovely number at the morning service entitled, "Soft Were Your Hands, Dear Jesus" by O'Hara. Mr. Kern also received two new members at the communion service on Sept. 7. He is bringing a series of Bible studies on the book of Acts at the midweek prayer services.

The Rev. Richard A. Blandau of Puyallup, Wash., observed his 80th birthday on Tuesday, Sept. 16. That evening the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., of which he was the esteemed pastor from 1912 to 1920 and from 1927 to 1928 and of which he has been a member for more than 40 years, held a festive birthday program in his honor. The Rev. H. J. Wilcke, pastor, was in charge of the service and brought an appropriate message. Various representatives of the church expressed their felicitations and best wishes, to which Brother Blandau responded with gracious words. Refreshments were served afterwards in the Sunday School room by members of the Woman's Missionary Society.

The Golden Prairie and Rosenfeld Baptist Churches of Saskatchewan, Canada, have extended a call to Mr. Alfonz Lamprecht to become their minister. He is a 1950 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He has accepted the call and is already on the field, living in the parsonage at Golden Prairie, Sask., where he has succeeded the Rev. Isador Faszer, now of Minnetonka, Manitoba.

WOMEN AT THE CONFERENCE

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The offering of the afternoon was appropriately designated for the Special \$30,000 Missionary Goal.

At the Missionary Tea, which was held in a neighboring church following the afternoon program, we were privileged to come into closer contact with those of our foreign and home missionaries who heretofore, perhaps, had only been names to some of us. In an atmosphere of friendly sociability, over refreshing cups of coffee, we were able to relax for a few moments and to make new acquaintances and to renew friendships of the years as well.

Yes, it was wonderful to have been at the General Conference in Philadelphia. It is even more wonderful to know that one is a part of that great body of believers, working side by side with our men in helping to bring about God's Kingdom!

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

HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

October 12—"Life Unshackled"
by Rev. A. Wetter, Victor,
Iowa.

October 19—"Tips or Tithes?"
by Irma Grieger, Forest Park,
Illinois.

a fine piece of work in storing God's Word in their hearts and lives. A word of appreciation also, to the local sponsors who direct thousand of boys and girls in not only committing to memory large portions of the Bible, but who get these children acquainted and definitely interested in the Bible.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Daily Vacation Bible School reports are still coming into our office. We have been pleased with reports this year since they reveal that there are more schools reported than last year. We are happy for this improvement and trust that it might serve as a challenge to all leaders for an even greater Vacation Bible School year in 1953.

Vacation Bible School year in 1953	
Number of schools reported	136
Enrollment	9,323
Attendance	8,315
Volunteer workers	1,008
Missionary offering	\$3,035.91
Conversions	387

Is the report of YOUR DVBS in? If not, why not drop a post card in the mail today?

SUNDAY SCHOOL ACTION

Does your Sunday School superintendent receive a copy of the superintendent's leaflet ACTION? If not, we shall be most happy to mail a copy regularly if we may have the name and address of the superintendent. Write to: Sunday School Union, Box 9, Forest Park, Illinois.

YOUTH COMPASS

This is the time to check your "Youth Compass" subscription. Be sure to renew your subscriptions for your CBY organizations as well as your own copy. "Youth Compass" will not be coming to you if your subscription has expired. Be sure you have sufficient copies for all of your young people's leaders.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

MATERIAL

A large number of orders for Scripture Memory materials have gone out already. We trust that our schools are now enrolled and are ready for the fall and winter season. If your Sunday School has not ordered supplies, please do so immediately. It is expected that every child be enrolled by October.

GENERAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

A great big "Thank you" right from the heart goes to Donald Middleton, E. Ralph Kletke, and their entire Youth Committee who did such a grand job in making all necessary arrangements for a real successful General Conference Union program. The youth and Sunday School leaders of both the Fleischmann Memorial and Pilgrim churches did a perfect job in entertaining.

YOUTH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL REPRESENTATION

Youth and Sunday School leaders, visitors and delegates, representing these two departments were present from all nine local conferences at the General Conference in Philadelphia. The largest representations and greatest contribution in service came naturally from the Atlantic Conference Union. The Southern Conference Union had the second largest representation.

GRAND AWARDS

Each year the Conference Union presents the grand award, a large, beautiful, framed picture of Sallman's HEAD OF CHRIST to boys and girls who have completed the Scripture Memory course. This means that the grand award winners have successfully completed all nine courses or have committed to memory 700 Bible verses.

We are happy to announce that the grand award winners for 1952 are: Arleen Leuenberger, Presserville, Montana; James Socolofsky, Ramona, Kansas; Neva Stenzel, Marion, Kansas; Virginia Willims, Hillsboro, Kansas; Phyllis Eisenhour, Stafford, Kansas; Sharron Hall, Lorraine, Kansas; Ann Myers, Lorraine, Kansas; Barbara Ploog, Lorraine, Kansas; Carol De-Werff, Ellinwood, Kansas; and Betty Jo Wirth, Vesper, Kansas.

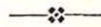
Our congratulations go to these ten boys and girls who have done such



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

Hidden Valley

An African Mystery Novel by DOUGLAS C. PERCY



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



SYNOPSIS

The chemistry teacher of Melbourne College, known as "Prof," singled out two of his students to work with him at experiments. One of them was Peter Dunning who later decided to become a missionary to Africa. The other was Bill McAdams who was preparing for a medical career. Peter told the "Prof" about his faith in Christ and the teacher had to admit that the student had something which he lacked and needed. After Peter had gone to Africa as a missionary, the "Prof" often found himself lying awake at night, wondering how his former student was and what was really happening. One day after a Teachers' Convention, the "Prof" and Bill McAdams made plans to travel to Africa and to see Peter's mission for themselves. In the meantime, Peter Dunning in Africa was hearing all kinds of mysterious things. Baru, the evangelist, told the missionary that the natives had reported the return of a black man from the grave. There was trouble ahead as Baru led the missionary to the sacred grove one dark night where the Fulanis had raided the place some years before. They found a Fulani, almost beaten to death, whom they brought to the mission hut. Then, strangely, his body disappeared. The missionary and Baru, utterly confused, sat down to pray together.

CHAPTER SEVEN

HAPPILY acquiescent, Peter took his Hausa Bible and opened it to Second Corinthians chapter four. Reading together in the beautiful Hausa language

of Paul's faith in Christ and of his assurance of help, Peter and Baru strengthened their hearts. "... troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed but not in despair... cast down but not destroyed... bearing in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus."

As he read, Peter's eyes went to Baru's face. The dark, gloomy look was giving way to an inner radiance. As he ended on the note that the things seen were only temporal, the African boy nodded his head, while his face glowed.

At the end of the reading, they both knelt beside the camp cot, black and white acknowledging a common need before their one Lord. As Peter finished praying about the problem that had so suddenly confronted them, asking the Lord to show His way and His will and to glorify Himself through all that should happen, the "Amin, amin" of Baru sealed the petition.

As they rose from their knees they both realized that the feeling of evil had indeed been dispelled. They were safe in His hands! Baru particularly

looked such a new man that Peter marvelled. When Peter asked him the reason for the two extremes of mood that he had seen on him during the past, Baru sat quiet for a moment, stroking his chin.

Then he answered: "When I went into the hut this morning to see the Fulani, I noticed on the door step a little mound of brown ash. I knew what had happened and quickly brushed it away lest the boys should see it. Our witch doctors," he went on, "have many kinds of medicine. Some are weak and foolish, some are strong and fearful. They have one in particular that thieves will pay much money to obtain. But never can they learn how to make it. It is a brown powder, like the color of the powdered tobacco that these people snuff up their noses. If it is burned at a door or open window, and the smoke is forced into the room, it will make everyone in that room go into a deep sleep. I have seen it before in my days of darkness. And I saw it this morning." He stopped speaking.

"You mean," Peter said almost breathlessly, "that someone put the boys to sleep and stole the Fulani? But he would have called out—no, he would have been asleep too. What is it, Baru?" and Peter asked the question while his heart fluttered.

"The ancients, Mai gida," he replied. "They have stolen your evidence. But that does not worry me too much, although as you say the joji will not like your calling him without need. I am wondering what will follow.

"Well, at present we won't worry. What is going to follow is my breakfast and some sleep. I'm not an owl or a cat like you people," and he grinned at the African, "and if I don't sleep I can't work. You had better go home for awhile, and I'll see you this afternoon. Peter's back had begun to ache, due doubtless to a chill after having gone half clad during the night. He rose stiffly to his feet. A good sweat under a heavy woolen blanket would be the best thing possible.

Baru also rose to his feet and walked to the door. "Sai an jima," he saluted the missionary on leaving him, "I'll see you this afternoon when the sun has bent over," and his expressive fingers indicated a four o'clock sun in the sky.

Peter walked over to the table where Audu had been busy fussing with breakfast, and he looked down with disfavor at the guinea corn porridge in the bowl. Nausea suddenly gripped him. The ache was spreading to shoulders and legs.

Peter licked his dry lips and hastily poured himself a cup of hot tea. The stimulating liquid revived the man as he drank cup after cup, but he had already read the signs. He was in for a bout of malaria. Dunning groaned within himself, and reached for his

quinine bottle and quickly swallowed an extra five-grain capsule.

By this time the aching had become worse. He kicked off his shoes, crawled under his mosquito net back lay down. Just then Audu came back from the kitchen to clear off the table. He walked over the bed.

"Not hungry, Mai gida?" he asked solicitously.

"Not just now," replied the sick man, pulling the blanket up over shorts and shirt. "But I'll eat a better dinner. What's cooking, good looking?" and he lapsed into English and grinned at the baffled cook. "What are you getting ready for dinner?" he repeated to the boy.

The African paused in his clearing of the table, and began enumerating what to him was a gourmet's meal. To the missionary it was tiresome in its sameness. "There is chicken," ("That scrawny rooster that has been plaguing me for a week," muttered Peter) "yams, boiled onions and pawpaw," and the faithful boy looked towards the bed for approval. At a nod from the feverish man, he flashed his white teeth in a great grin, then marched off to continue his task of dismembering the bird. The missionary could almost taste the chicken, such as he had eaten for months past, and the thought nauseated him. He turned over on his narrow cot and dropped into a fitful doze.

The last wisps of fog gradually cleared away from Peter's mind, and from the distance came the low mumble of voices. He struggled into a sitting position, and as his eyes focused, he saw two forms beside his bed, their heads between their knees. Slowly he made them out to be Baru and Audu, and as his head cleared, he distinguished the voice of the evangelist. Baru was praying.

"And, Oh Lord, make Mai gida better again. Lay Thy hand upon his body, and rebuke the fever. Give him back to us and our people. We need him to tell us more of Thee and of Thy Word," and from the other boy came the quiet "Amen," as the prayer finished.

Peter moved again, and at the sound they looked up. A great grin overspread Baru's face.

"At last, Mai gida," he cried, relief evident in his voice, "you have awakened at last."

The man in bed shivered as he threw the blanket back, and the cool air swept over him. Then he noticed he was in his pajamas, and saw his other clothes lying in a heap on the table in the middle of the room.

"Did I sleep long?" he asked Baru.

"The most of two days," the boy answered. "And you talked such funny things that we were afraid for you. But you are better now. Ubangiji (the Lord) heard our prayers."

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Two days, and these two boys had cared for him! Peter looked at them, and saw the fatigue that lined their faces, and their eyes rimmed with red.

"You sweated so, and we took your clothes off, and put on those that you sleep in," went on the faithful evangelist. "But after that you frightened us with your talk, and you wouldn't let us touch you. But you are better now," he repeated, "you are better now. Do you feel strong?"

"I feel as though I was a baby," replied the other. "Give me that quinine bottle, and you, Audu, boil some water. I could drink some tea."

As Audu went off, Baru brought the quinine and the water canteen to Peter. Then at the white man's direction, he took a towel, and stripping off the soaking pajamas rubbed him down thoroughly. Getting into another pair was a major effort, and Peter lay back again with a sigh of relief. He was terribly thirsty, and had queer gnawing pains in his stomach. These were symptoms that he knew would clear up.

Suddenly he sat up again. He had recalled the events of the days before, and he looked at Baru. The latter was staring at the white man with his mouth partly open. He was just starting to say something. They both waited, then Baru said:

"My brother is back."

"What, so soon? Could a man do it in two days? Did he meet anyone?"

"He met someone and he has come back."

"Did he send the letter on then?" asked the other impatiently, for this was not the native way to tell news.

"He met someone," Baru repeated, "and they took the letter all right. But he didn't give it to them. They took it..."

"You mean—?" Peter interrupted him.

"Yes," he answered the unspoken question, "the ancients met him. I have since heard that every road, every path, and bit of bush is watched. They stopped him before he got to the boundary of the town. It was near the sacred grove," he went on, looking somberly at the other man, "and they stopped him there. He was carried in two nights ago, just before Garba came to tell me you were so sick, and they didn't know what to do for you."

"Carried in?" Peter repeated, puzzled. "You mean they beat him?"

"They beat him," assented Baru, "but not only that. You remember the Fulani?" Peter nodded his head weakly. "Well, my brother looked like that!"

"The leopard's claw," the phrase began ringing in Peter's mind. "Where is he now?"

"I had him brought here, and he is in that little storeroom at the back of this room. The only door is through here, and I felt he would be safe if I was here too."

Peter nodded his head. Then he lay back on his pillow and tried to think.

The people are really wrought up, he thought. That means that they won't stop at anything. If they will wound a white man's messenger, they won't worry about the white man too much. What kind of hornet's nest is this? and the sick man rolled his head helplessly.

Just then Audu arrived with the teapot on a tray, and rummaged in the packing-case cupboard for a cup and some sugar. Peter had long since learned to drink tea without milk, and the hot amber liquid was soon doing its restorative best.

The cook returned again, this time bearing some unappetizing toast, looking much the worse for a smoky fire. While the boy was gently setting it down on the blanket beside his master, Peter looked at his young, honest face.

"Audu," he said as gently as he could, munching the toast, "you have heard that there is trouble?"

"I have heard, Mai gida," he replied. "Well, I just wanted to say that if you cared to, you could leave your work here and go back home until it all quiets down. I'm sure Garba would go with you. I can manage all right by myself for a while."

Audu looked at the missionary, amazement written on his coal black face. "Leave you?" he ejaculated. "Why? Don't you want me any more? Have I not done my work well?" and the boy's face began to pucker and his eyes to redden.

"It's not your work, Audu," Peter hastened to assure him. "It is just that I wanted to spare you trouble, if any should come to me. You could always come back again," he added as salve to the wound.

Audu merely shook his head. "As long as you are happy with me, I'll stay," he said. "Besides, are you not my father in my new faith? Shall we leave you, as you tell us His disciples left Yesu when He died? If we leave you, to whom should we go?" and the boy used the phrase of the disciple that he had heard used in preaching some time ago.

Peter heard Baru speaking from the other side of the cot. Had there been a Hausa equivalent of 'Hear, hear,' he must have used it, for he certainly commended Audu, although the sick man only caught the accent and not the words.

Peter settled back on his pillow. An overpowering drowsiness crept over him and he slept.

(To Be Continued)



Southern Conference

Evangelistic Meetings and Baptismal Service at Canaan Baptist Church, Crawford, Texas

A week of evangelistic meetings were held from August 3 to 10 at the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas, with the Rev. Alastair Walker of Capetown, South Africa, as the evangelist which brought many blessings and much inspiration to the members and friends of the church. Mr. Walker, who was born in Scotland, shared with us the Spirit-filled sermons which will bear fruit in the lives of believers for weeks and months to come.

We rejoice in that ten persons accepted Christ as their personal Savior. The climaxing service was on the last Sunday evening when two adults of our church came forth on the profession of their faith and desire to be baptized. After many, many years our prayers were answered.

The church was filled for the baptismal service on Sunday evening, August 17, when our supply pastor, Mr. Robert Stoner, baptized the ten converts and welcomed them into the church.

Many musical selections were rendered by the choir and various individuals during the week. Our song leader for the week was Mr. Joe Bob Alexander, a ministerial student at Baylor University. Our church has been pastorless ever since the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur K. Schulz left last May. We look to our Lord as our Guide in supplying us with another shepherd and pray that an answer will soon come our way.

H. T. Engelbrecht, Clerk.

Annual Meeting of the Southern Conference Woman's Missionary Union at Dallas, Texas

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Conference met for its annual meeting on Friday, July 25, in connection with the conference held at Dallas, Texas.

Our business session was held on Friday morning, with Mrs. Frank Armbruster, president, presiding. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, Mrs. Chas. Marstaller, Waco, Texas; vice-president, Mrs. Harold Gieseke, Dallas, Texas; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Edwin Kraemer, Gatesville, Texas; council member, Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, Waco, Texas.

Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht led the song

service for the afternoon meeting. Miss Ella Mae Schaffner, Hurnville, Texas, used Mark 14:3-9 for the devotional. The Ladies' Chorus rendered two numbers, after which Mrs. Emil Schmeltekopf of Kyle led a very impressive memorial service in memory of three women who had gone to their reward during the year.

Mr. Clemence Auch, one of our student workers, sang "My Task." Mrs. Thomas Lutz, our general treasurer, brought an inspiring message for the afternoon. The theme of her message was, "Have We Done What We Could?"

Mrs. Henry Nuss and Mrs. Otto Balka of the Dallas society presented a skit, "An African Surgeon." Mrs. Louis Johnson brought the offering speech in the form of a reading, "Others With Me," after which an offering of \$66.78 was received. This amount plus \$234.86 was voted by the Union to be sent to Forest Park designated as follows: \$150.82 for Banso Hospital and \$150.82 for the North American Baptist Seminary.

Mrs. Edwin Kraemer, Secretary.

Laymen's Meeting at the Southern Conference Sessions Held at Dallas, Texas

On Friday morning, July 25, the annual business meeting of the Baptist Men of the Southern Conference was held with Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht, vice-president, presiding in the absence of our president, Mr. Marstaller.

Many things of importance were discussed. However, the main topic considered was the advisability of our men adopting another project for the coming year. Since we did not reach our goal in the past year, we felt that this matter should be thoroughly discussed. After much deliberation, we decided that we would not adopt a specific project, but at the same time we would put forth more emphasis as men in our individual churches, as to the need of finances for headquarters so that they might be able to promote our African missionary work. We further agreed that all money received during the year for this purpose would be forwarded directly to headquarters.

New officers were elected as follows: president, Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht; vice-president, Mr. Edwin Gummelt; secretary, Mr. Harry W. Haefner; and treasurer, Mr. R. G. Kittlitz.

The men were in charge of the conference program on the evening of July 25, with special music being rendered by our two Seminary students, Mr. Edwin Kern and Clem Auch. The program for the evening was closed with Dr. R. Jeschke, of our Seminary bringing an inspiring message.

Harry W. Haefner, Secretary.

Northwestern Conference

Nash Car Presented to Rev. John Reimer of First Baptist Church, George, Iowa

In the beginning of the year the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, with prayer and simple faith in Christ took on a heavy missionary program. We rejoice that the Lord has amply supplied the means to meet all our obligations.

Though fully interested in foreign missions, the church has not neglected its own home field. Recently a new oil furnace was installed in the parsonage of the church. But the pastor, the Rev. John Reimer, and his family were overwhelmed by the manifestation of the love of God flowing through the hearts of his people, when on August 24 the keys to a new 1952 Ambassador Nash and a card of well wishes were handed to him by the deacon. This is the third car that was given to one of his servants by this congregation. It was with a feeling of greater responsibility and deep humility that the pastor received this tremendous gift.

We praise God for such churches who remember to honor and cherish those whom God has sent to nourish them with the Word of God.

Esther Reimer, Reporter.

Successful Vacation Bible School at the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

This year the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., conducted its Vacation Bible School from July 28 to August 8 instead of immediately after the spring school term when, in previous years, summer assembly dates and family vacations interfered. With one-third increase in attendance over last year, we found the new dates worked out very well. The children welcomed the change of having something to do late in the summer, and we were able to secure two teachers for each class, one for lessons and one for crafts, in addition to other helpers needed especially in Beginners and Primary departments.

Going along with the theme, "Sailing with Christ," the nautical theme was carried out in postcard and handbill advertising, choruses, Bible stories, Scripture memorization, handwork and decorations.

Our pastor, the Rev. Adam Huber, conducted both opening and closing assemblies each day, telling Bible and other stories with and without the pictograph; explaining our leper work in the Cameroons; and teaching choruses to enthusiastic boys and girls. Half of the \$140 offerings for our leper project was brought by the children in daily offerings, with parents contributing the other half at the closing program.

With all glory going to our heavenly Father, we had a very successful two weeks, successful because souls were saved; successful because our teachers concerned themselves with pointing the way of salvation to many children.

Mrs. Alvin Quiring, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Construction of a \$25,000 Sunday School Building for First Baptist Church, Lodi, California

On Sunday, July 27, we of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., realized an answer to prayer when our pastor, Rev. G. G. Rauser, turned over the first shovelful of dirt which began the erection of a new \$25,000 Sunday School building and the remodeling of the front exterior of the church building itself.

For a long time we have realized that our Sunday School facilities were far too small to accommodate the many children who attend our school, and because of the faithful prayers and generous giving of money by our people a completely departmentalized Sunday School will be realized in the near future.

The new structure will be 148 feet long and 30 feet wide with a porch extending the full length of one side providing an outdoor entrance to all departments. At the north end of the Sunday School building a Junior church chapel is being built which will accommodate 120 people. The building is being erected at the west side of our present church building. It is of wood frame construction with stucco finish.

The front of the main church will be remodeled into a colonial style building with a stucco finish and part brick facing. The largest portion of the work is being donated by members and friends of the church who are harmoniously working together toward a great cause, that of building the lives of our children for God's work. We have to be thankful for and especially for the faithful, God-fearing labors of our beloved pastor and his wife who have spurred us on to a greater love for God's work.

Mrs. Thelma Fischer, Reporter.

Joys and Sadness in the Baptist Family at Elk Grove, California

Our Baptist Church in Elk Grove, Calif., is like one big family. When one suffers, we all suffer; when one rejoices, we all rejoice. So in the past few weeks we have had both sadness and gladness.

Recently one of our members was instrumental in having his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Stumpf, Annamarie and Hans, come from Germany to make their home in Elk Grove. It was with great joy that we welcomed them. When relatives here invited the church to a kitchen shower after the evening service on August 10, the church basement was filled to capacity and two tables full of things needed to start housekeeping were presented to them. Our pastor, the Rev. W. W. Knauf, was in charge of the program. He spoke briefly in the German language and many of us refreshed our memories by singing a number of old familiar German hymns.

Along with the joy of the evening, we also mourned with the Phillip Kammerer family who on Friday, August 8, had received the very sad



Rev. G. G. Rauser, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif. (right), breaks ground for the new \$25,000 Sunday School building now under construction.

news that their son, Corporal DeRoy Kammerer, had been killed in action in Korea. However, DeRoy loved the Lord and we mourn not as those without hope, but we know we shall see him again.

We as a church always rejoice when one of our many students come home to visit. For the past few years we have had three young ladies in Nurses' Training. Two have now graduated. Three young people are in Bible School and seminary and two more are leaving for Bible School this year. It was our special privilege to have Mr. Hans Penner, Jr., who is a Junior at the Northwestern Theological Seminary in Chicago, home on vacation. He very ably filled the pulpit in the absence of our own pastor, Mr. Knauf on vacation. The Lord is blessing our brother! Theodora Wuttke, Reporter.



The Rev. J. B. Kornalewski (right), pastor of the Grace Baptist Church Kelowna, B. C., and the 31 converts whom he recently baptized.

Reception for New Pastor and Baptism of 31 Converts at Kelowna, British Columbia

God graciously led the Rev. J. B. Kornalewski and his family to the Grace Baptist Church, Kelowna, B. C.,

and we were able to welcome them at our church with a reception on June 22. The church auditorium was beautifully decorated with flowers for the service. The church orchestra opened the service, as the Kornalewski family was asked to come to the platform by one of the deacons, Mr. R. Link. All branches of the church took their turn in expressing their joy in having a new servant of God in their midst. The male chorus under the direction of Mr. Arthur Grapentine, sang several very fitting numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Kornalewski also were given an opportunity to express themselves, which they did in asking the support of the church in their prayers, as they pledged themselves to whole-hearted service. Brother Schalm brought fitting words on behalf of the Vernon church, and the orchestra of the Vernon church rendered several numbers.

A Vacation Bible School was held at the Grace Church from July 7 to 12 with morning and afternoon sessions. The teachers were Lydia Affholter, Agnes Fried, Ida Hemmerling, Edith Hoffman, and Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Kornalewski. The attendance averaged some 40 children.

On Sunday, July 27, we had the joy of having a baptism service. It was a glorious sight as the thirty-one candidates walked down the church aisle with Mr. Kornalewski, and took their places on the platform to await baptism. The choir sang several fitting numbers after which an earnest message on the Biblical truths of baptism was brought by our minister.

In the evening service the hand of fellowship was extended to those baptized and also to two others who were accepted by letter. The Rev. A. Kujath, our former pastor, was well enough to be able to bring a message in the evening service. God has wonderfully answered our prayers on his behalf, so that he is now again fully recovered. It was a special joy to Mr.

William Henkel, Church Clerk.

Crowd of 170 Children at the Glencullen Vacation Bible School, Portland, Oregon

The Glencullen Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., held its largest Vacation Bible School from June 16 to 27. Twenty teachers and helpers instructed 170 children. The blessings of God were much in evidence as eleven children accepted Christ as Lord and Savior and ten children made rededications. Ten of these 21 children had never been to our church prior to this school. Over \$70 was received in our daily mission offerings.

The theme for our school this year was "Keep Flying for Jesus." Aviation was accentuated and each boy and girl was given a pair of pilot or stewardess wings which were donated by one of the local air lines of our city.

In the evening of the first Sunday following the close of the school, a demonstration was held at the church to which all parents and friends were invited. This fellowship gave ample opportunity for teachers and parents to become acquainted. The reporter, who was superintendent of the school, and the other teachers and workers are looking forward to an even bigger and better school next year.

Robert F. Penner, Pastor.

Missionary Speaker and Vacation School at Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles, California

The past summer days have been profitable, challenging ones for us of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California. Being in a large metropolitan area does have advantages, for during the vacation absence of our pastor, Henry Hengstler, and his wife who were greatly missed, we were privileged to hear professors from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and missionaries on furlough.

Upon returning from our summer assembly at Lake Hume, we were



Children and teachers at the Vacation Bible School of the Ebenezer Church near Elmo, Kansas.

theme used to invite boys and girls to our Vacation Bible School held August 11 to 22 as 60 enrolled and about 40 attended daily. The closing program, "Echoes and Embers," on Friday, August 22, was well attended as the precious Gospel story through the vehicles of song, Bible study, Scripture memorization, story, finger play, and visual aid traveled to the eyes, ears, and hearts of parents and friends.

Helena B. Wiebe, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Vacation School, Baptism and Study Course at Ebenezer Church Near Elmo, Kansas

The Ebenezer Baptist Church near Elmo, Kans., recently held its Vacation Bible School. We had an enrollment of 42 with an average attendance of 40. We do not rejoice in the number but praise God for the twelve boys and

for the candidates using the booklet, "What Saith the Scriptures?" We gained one other member by letter.

We are planning special meetings in October with Rev. Alfred Bernadt as evangelist. The pastor taught a study course on the "Life of Christ" for the teachers and officers of the Sunday School. The CBY has just completed a course on soul winning. They put their learning into action by holding a street meeting and doing some visitation. The choir is doing an excellent work under the direction of Mr. Tracy Sandow. They are now making plans for the Christmas cantata.

As a church we can say the Lord truly has blessed us and we join in with the many other voices singing, "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Norman Berkan, Pastor.

Farewell Service for the Dons Family at Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas

An overflow congregation filled the beautiful Baptist Church at Ellinwood, Kans., to capacity to say farewell to their beloved pastor, Rev. T. W. Dons, and his devoted wife, Mrs. Dons, as well as their charming daughter Joanne who also rendered a splendid service at the church.

Mr. Dons has been appointed Director of Public Relations for Sterling College located at Sterling, Kans., and assumed his new duties at that school on September 1st. The family has moved to Sterling where they will live in one of the college homes just off the campus.

Under the able direction of Mr. Dons, the Ellinwood Church has made splendid progress during the last years, for in spite of material shortages during the war years they undertook the building of a new \$50,000 church building which now stands as a beautiful memorial of what can be done through the united efforts and sacrifices of a pastor and people.

Many lovely tributes were paid to the pastor and his family in this farewell service and many tears were shed by those who had learned to love these servants of God. Among those from the local church who had part in the program were: G. F. Koch, who was the moderator; R. Marchund, the church treasurer who presented the pastor with a substantial check for the many years of service that was rendered; J. Damborn of the Board of Deacons; Austin Widener who spoke in behalf of the Sunday School; Ruth DeWerff of the Sunday School who also presented a lovely gift to Joanne Dons; Harold DeWerff of the Home Builders Class; and Clara Scheuffler of the Ladies' Missionary Society who also presented a love gift to Mrs. Dons.

The Rev. Alfred Bernadt was the speaker of the evening and several neighboring pastors brought greetings from their churches.

Refreshments were served by the women of the church in the beautiful basement after the program and many carried to wish the Dons family well in their new work. The heartache of parting was mellowed by the fact that the Dons family will retain their membership in the Ellinwood Church.

Alfred R. Bernadt, Reporter.

Baptism and Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church, Durham, Kansas

The Lord has prospered and blessed us in the past few weeks at the Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas. It was a thrill to see six individuals follow the Lord in baptism and then to have them, together with four others, received into our fellowship by our pastor, the Rev. Henry R. Baerg. Among those baptized were three mothers, two young husbands and one boy. We rejoice that these have joined our ranks to strengthen Christ's cause here.

We can also report that our Vacation Bible School was a success. Fifty-eight children were enrolled. They were taught by nine teachers who graciously volunteered to instruct the youngsters. Our pastor served as superintendent of the school. We are also happy to report that a number of boys and girls gave their hearts to Christ during the days of instruction.

Dave Zimmerman, Reporter.

Sessions of the Southwestern Conference Held for Two Days at Salina, Kansas

The churches of the Southwestern Conference met for an abbreviated session at the First Baptist Church of Salina, Kans., on July 30 and 31. Moderating at all of the sessions was the Rev. J. R. Kruegel assisted by the other officers: Rev. John Broeder, vice-moderator; Rev. Herbert Schauer, recording secretary, and Rev. John Wood, statistician, as well as many others. Approximately 70 delegates in addition to a goodly number of visitors were in attendance, despite the fact that there was no church of our own in the immediate vicinity.

The outstanding spiritual contributions came through the ministry of our guests: Professor R. P. Jeschke and Mrs. Thomas Lutz. Professor Jeschke brought four messages which were very helpful and thought-provoking. Mrs. Lutz of North Freedom, Wis., also rendered a good ministry in addressing the conference during the session of the Woman's Missionary Union. The pastors of the conference were also privileged to meet together for a profitable hour under the leadership of the chairman of our conference Ministers' Fellowship, the Rev. David Zimmerman.

Newly elected officers are the following: moderator, Rev. J. R. Kruegel; vice-moderator, Rev. O. K. Ringering; recording secretary, Rev. Alfred Bernadt; and Rev. Herbert Schauer, statistical secretary.

There are numerous problems as well as opportunities that confront us as a conference, but we pray that by God's grace we will be equal to them in grace, faith and vision, and that this new year will be marked with considerable growth numerically but primarily spiritually. We go forward in this confidence knowing that "... greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

Leland H. Friesen, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Summer Activities at the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey

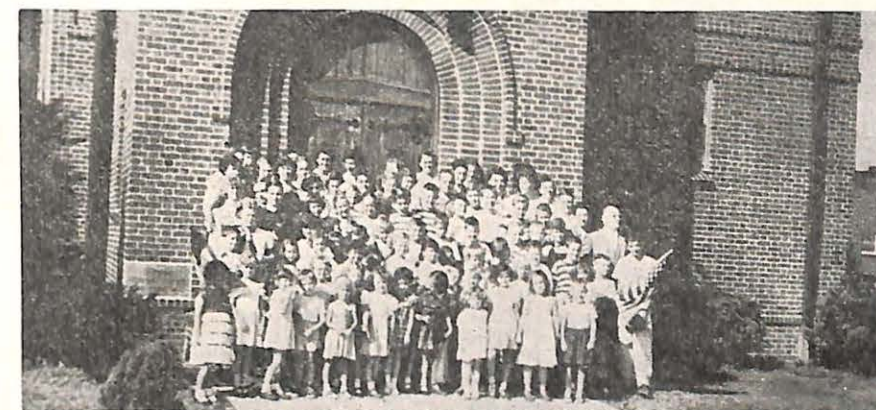
Church activity comes to a standstill or is discontinued altogether in the metropolitan area of New York City and vicinity during the summer months. But this is not true at the Clinton Hill Church, Newark, New Jersey. Our Sunday morning and evening services, young people's meetings, Bible School and prayer meetings are in session the whole year. Though this summer was one of the hottest on record, we experienced real blessing in our church life.

Gifts of new pulpit and communion furniture from two church families consist of nine pieces and adds to the beauty of our sanctuary and aids in our worship. The Vacation Bible School was larger and more fruitful than last year. Our North American Baptist Seminary quartet visited our church

torium for the opening session which featured chorus time, object lessons and Bible slides. Bible study period followed with the pupils in their individual classes. One of the favorite features of the day was the mid-morning recess—"treat-time" and games on the church lawn. After recess, the children went back to their classes for a period of handcraft until 11:30 A.M. when they once again met in the auditorium for choruses, prayer and dismissal by the superintendent.

The closing exercises were held on Friday evening, July 11. The handwork was displayed on tables in the auditorium for the benefit of parents and friends. The program was presented in the form of a television show, each class participating. The offering for the two weeks was \$80.00. This was sent to our Forest Park headquarters for our mission work. The following day, July 12, our Vacation Bible School was climaxed with our annual Sunday School picnic at Burholme Park.

Raymond Yahn, Superintendent.



Children and teachers of the Vacation Bible School at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dakota Conference

Central Dakota Youth Rally at the Baptist Church, Herreid, South Dakota

On Sunday, August 10, the CBY of Herreid, S. Dak., served as host to the Central Dakota Young People's Union at its annual rally. In the morning service, Dr. George A. Lang, president of our Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., spoke on "Decisions That Are Made." The Herreid choir sang several songs.

The afternoon service was conducted by the young people. The inspiring messages were given by Miss Ehman, Lehr, N. Dak.; Mr. Walth, Hebron, N. Dak.; and Mr. Sukoth, Wishek, North Dakota. Many special numbers in song were also given.

In the evening service, Dr. Lang spoke on the subject, "When You Are Touched by Jesus Christ." The mass choir sang, "The Light Will Triumph" and "So Send I You." The assembly quartet sang "Redeemed" and "A Little Talk With Jesus."

The total offering of the day was \$629.42 which went to the Cameroons Mission.

Rosemary Fode, Reporter.



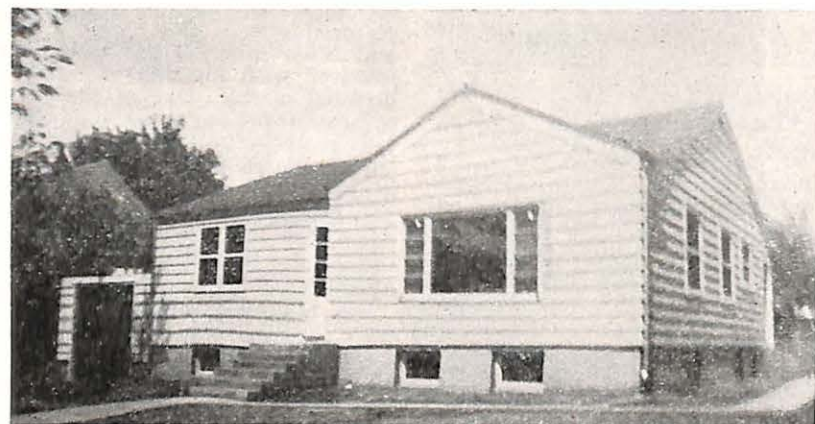
Rev. and Mrs. Theo. W. Dons and their daughter Joanne who are about to open a large gift box at the farewell reception accorded them by the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas.

again thrilled to hear our field superintendent in the Cameroons, Africa, Paul Gebauer, present via discourse, discussion and pictures on Tuesday evening, August 5, the spiritual and secular conditions of a changing Africa. The Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, of which Edmund Mittelstedt is the pastor, were our guests.

"On the Trail With Christ" was the

girls who accepted Jesus as their Savior. The teachers were Yvonne Haynes, Elaine Eisele, Mrs. Louis Guthals, Mrs. Maynard Riffel and Mrs. Norman Berkan. The pastor, Rev. Norman Berkan, was in charge.

On August 17, five of the boys and girls who were converted during the school followed the Lord in baptism. The pastor conducted a study course



The new Baptist parsonage at Washburn, N. Dak., in which the Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Alf are the first occupants.

Dedication of New \$13,500 Parsonage by Baptist Church, Washburn, N. Dak.

We have had many blessings in the Washburn Baptist Church of Washburn, North Dakota. However, the dedication of the new parsonage was one of the highlights in the history of our church.

Sunday, July 6, with the Underwood and Turtle Lake churches and their ministers and choirs present, we celebrated the dedication of this new parsonage. In the afternoon the Rev. E. Broeckel, who was for many years our minister, gave an impressive sermon which touched all our hearts.

A delicious supper was served by our ladies of the church to all of our visitors. In the evening service our church was filled to capacity. The Men's Chorus from Underwood and the Mixed Choir of Turtle Lake, solos by Mrs. Fred Knalson and Verne Alf and messages by the Rev. Fred Knalson and the Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer were highlights of this service of happiness. Our pastor, the Rev. Frederick Alf, thanked all who made this building project a success.

We sold our old parsonage for \$7,000. Then we solicited from members and friends of our church and collected over \$7,000. The building cost us \$13,500 with \$2,500 paid for 2½ lots. Many thousands of hours of free labor were contributed by members and friends of the church.

Mrs. Orin Enockson, Secretary.

Eleven Converts Baptized and Vacation Schools Held at Tyndall and Danzig, South Dakota

Many spiritual blessings have been experienced by the people of the Tyndall and Danzig Baptist churches of Tyndall, South Dakota. We have had two series of evangelistic meetings. One was at the Danzig Station with the Rev. R. Seibel as evangelist and the other at the Tyndall Station with the Rev. Wm. H. Jeschke as evangelist. As a result of these meetings our pastor, the Rev. Walter Stein, had the joy of baptizing eleven converts at the Danzig church. One of the evangelists, Mr. Seibel, was guest speaker for the baptismal service.

We have also had Vacation Bible Schools at both churches. The Tyndall church held its school first with Mr. and Mrs. Stein and Mrs. Fred Lubbers as instructors. At the Danzig Church, Mr. and Mrs. Stein and James Berndt were the instructors. There were 60 children enrolled in these two schools. We are especially happy to report that there were four conversions during Bible School.

We are grateful for the many blessings which the Lord has bestowed upon us and for the wonderful work that our pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Stein, are doing in our church.

Mrs. Irvin Finck, Reporter.



The Rev. Walter Stein (left) of the Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches, S. Dak., and eleven converts who were recently baptized.

Twenty-one Members Added to the Baptist Church of Selfridge, North Dakota

The Baptist Church of Selfridge, N. Dak., held a Vacation Bible School for one week in June. Four groups of classes were held. Our teachers were: Miss Meraleen Huber of Bison, S. Dak.; Mrs. John Walker, Jr., and our pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Norman Miller. Assistant teachers were: Mrs. George Walker, Jr., and the Misses Alvina and Violet Geigle. The highest attendance was fifty-four. Each day was filled with work, play and blessings. An altar service was held on Friday morning, the closing day of the Bible School, at which twenty-four (many from our immediate church families) accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

Plans were immediately made for a baptismal service on Sunday, Aug. 3. Special classes were held for the candidates and upon questioning the candidates, it was learned that besides the Bible School conversions, there



Rev. Norman Miller (right) and 21 converts whom he baptized and received into the Baptist Church, Selfridge, North Dakota.

were those who had accepted Christ in the home, some in the pastor's study, and one upon a hospital bed. This harvest of souls has surely been an answer to prayer. To help these new converts, our pastor has been bringing a series of messages under the theme, "What God Expects of Every Christian." Nineteen persons followed the Lord in baptism and along with two others received the hand of fellowship into the church. Among these were a displaced family, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Huber, and their two teen-aged sons, Victor and Leo.

A Junior CBY has been organized and most of its members are new Christians. The Junior director is Mrs. John Walker, Jr.; president, Victor Huber; vice-president, Deloris Geigle; secretary, Teddy Walker; and treasurer, Teddy Goehring. The Juniors meet the second Wednesday of each month.

The Senior CBY held its annual election in July. The new officers are

president, John Walker, Jr.; vice-president, Mrs. Albert Walker; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Norman Miller, reporter and pianist, Irene Geigle; ushers, Albert Walker and Wilbur Snyder.

The mid-week prayer services continue regardless of rain or harvest. Attendance at prayer meetings has been most encouraging. We are especially thankful that the Juniors are faithful in attending the prayer services.

Our church membership has been more than doubled in one year. Our pastor's stressing of family devotions has done much toward strengthening church ties and bringing us individually closer to God.

Mrs. Albert Walker, Reporter.

Evangelistic and Baptismal Services at First Baptist Church, McLaughlin, South Dakota

During the first two weeks of June, the Rev. C. Rempel of Hebron, N. Dak., served the First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, S. Dak., as evangelist. Through the work of the Holy Spirit a number of Sunday School scholars accepted Christ as their Savior. The unceasing efforts on the part of the evangelist, as well as our pastor, the Rev. Bernard Fritzsche, were an inspiration to all.

It was another great Sunday when we gathered in the open for a twofold baptismal service on Sunday, Aug. 10. The Baptist Church of McIntosh, S. Dak., joined us in the baptismal service. The Rev. Ervin Gerlitz of McIntosh baptized six young people and the Rev. B. Fritzsche four converts.

In the evening our pastor extended the hand of fellowship to the newly baptized with the observance of the Lord's Supper. This was indeed a great day for our pastor since this was his first baptismal service at which he had officiated.

J. J. Schweigert, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church, Lashburn, Saskatchewan

We of the Lashburn Baptist Church, Lashburn, Sask., are indeed thankful to God for another year of Vacation Bible School held at the Lashburn Church. In spite of much rain, the children were eager to come, and parents were eager to send their children in our care for one week. We had an attendance of 25 children every day, and had it not rained we would of had over 30 beginning school on July 14 and continuing to July 18.

On Friday evening, July 18, we had our closing program, whereby we opened the door of our small church to all parents and visitors, and they filled it to its capacity.

As a church we express our thanks to Leona Reis and Elsie Schock, both members of our church and CBY, who were prepared to help as teachers with the student pastor, Mr. Arthur Zeller, who is a student of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Mr. Arthur Zeller, Reporter.

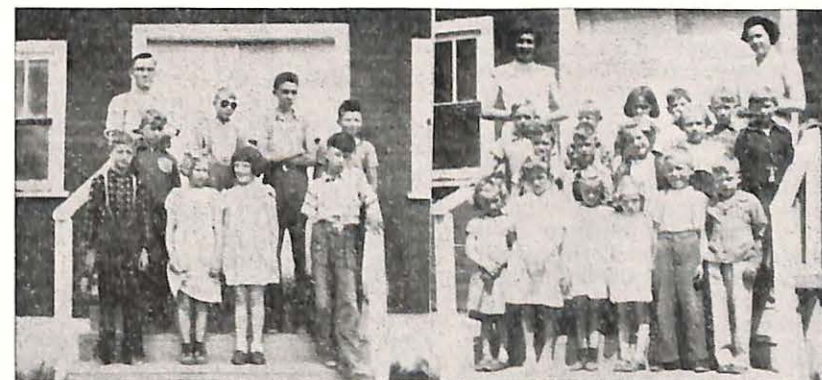


Vacation Bible School group at Lauderdale Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

Baptism of Nine Converts and Vacation School by Lauderdale Church, Edmonton, Alberta

The Lauderdale Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., has had many reasons for joy and rejoicing. The work, organized on the 25th of December 1950, is growing slowly but very steadily. Increased attendance at all of the services and activities is very encouraging to all.

On the 1st of June we were privileged to baptize nine converts upon the confession of their faith and to receive them into the church. A total of 30 members has been received into the church since the beginning of this present year. God has sent to us a number of families from Germany who have strengthened our ranks. We had a good group of children but lacked adults in our little group. Now we are blessed with a fine proportion.



Vacation Bible School classes at Lashburn, Sask., showing the Junior Class and Arthur Zeller, student worker, at the left, and the Beginners' Class with teachers at the right.

Our Vacation Bible School held from July 21 to August 1st was a great success. A total of 109 children enrolled for the two week course. Our very limited facilities were taxed to the utmost. We have been able to win a goodly number of these children to our Sunday School and, with the help of God, would like to win them to Christ. The fifteen helpers and teachers did an excellent piece of work under exist-

ing circumstances. Our closing program on August 3rd was witnessed by a congregation that crowded out every available seat in the building. The evening offering was designated for enlarging and improving our facilities.

W. R. Muller, Pastor.

Vacation Bible School on Three Indian Reserves of Alberta, Canada

Happy days of Vacation Bible Schools were spent on the three Indian Reserves of Alberta, Canada, Bull, Montana and Samson, from July 21 to Aug. 8 with one week of school on each reserve. With great enthusiasm the Indian boys and girls came each day to the classes which were held in their churches.

Every week was well attended with an enrollment of 20 on Bull Reserve, 28 on the Montana Reserve and 43 on the Samson Reserve.

The teachers throughout these weeks were the Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman, missionaries of the Montana Reserve, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Harsch, missionaries on the Bull Reserve. On the Samson Reserve we were privileged to assist Mr. and Mrs. John Kay in the school which was held in the United Church. Mr. and Mrs. Kay are the newly appointed missionaries on this reserve and it has been a joy to be able to work together in this Lord's work.

Our courses of study centered around the parables of Jesus with the topic, "Earthly Stories With Heavenly Meanings." The devotional period was a series of pictorial talks on the Lord's Prayer. Surprise period brought to each Indian boy and girl a missionary challenge when each day a true flannel story was given called "Bambi and the Witch." Several new choruses were taught during these days as well as many Scripture verses memorized.

Each of these Bible Schools closed

Mrs. Raymond Harsch, Reporter.

Alberta Tri-Union Junior Camp for 140 Children at Sylvan Lake, Alberta

The days of July 7 to 13 passed much too quickly for those who attended the Alberta Junior and Intermediate Camp held at our camp site on beautiful Sylvan Lake, Alberta.

After the 7:30 "Rise and Shine" bell, we began each day with a 20 minute devotion, led by the different teachers of the camp. Because of the 140 boys and girls enrolled, we always had a large meal line-up. After a hearty breakfast, we began our first class session. The Rev. R. Neumann, our missionary to the Indians on the Montana Reserve, taught the Intermediate boys and Mr. Raymond Harsch, missionary to the Indians on the Bull Reserve, taught to Junior Boys. Miss Martha Leyboldt, one of the members of our staff at Headquarters, Forest Park, Ill., assisted by Miss Irma Schonert, was



Large crowd of children and teachers at the Vacation Bible School of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

in charge of the Intermediate girls. Miss Jeanette Buchner, assisted by Miss Joan Ashton, was in charge of the Junior girls. The study course, "Not Your Own," was taught the Intermediates while the Juniors studied the topic, "Living For Jesus."

After this 45-minute class we had our period for handwork, the girls making a book entitled, "Take My Life and Let It Be" and the boys worked on plywood tie racks. The reward for the best and neatest in each respective class was rewarded on Sunday afternoon with a beautiful framed Bible picture. Then we went to chapel for a 10-minute singspiration after which we went to our second 45-minute class.

At the evening chapel, the Rev. H. Pfeifer, pastor of the Central Church, Edmonton, and dean of the camp brought the message in the ever popular and interesting Felt-O-Scene pictures. Then we had inspiring fireside services. At our last fireside we buried a treasure of testimonies from this year's campers which will be dug up and read at the opening session next year. After an inspiring week of services, we must thank God and praise him for the 13 precious souls who came to know Christ as Savior.

Irma Schonert, Reporter.

Enrollment of 158 at McKernan Baptist Vacation Bible School, Edmonton, Alberta

Much prayer had gone up to the throne of grace on behalf of the Va-

cation Bible School of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, which was held at the Christian Training Institute from July 21 to August 1st.

The total enrollment was 158 with an average attendance of 105. The first day's attendance was 67, and the highest was 123.

The teaching staff totalled 17 as follows: Nursery, Mrs. Harry Brucks, Mrs. Peter Schroeder, Miss Rosie Yeske, Miss Hilda Heine; Beginners, Mrs. Stanley Klapstein, Miss Betty Kienzle, Miss Giesla Lueck, Mrs. O. R. Schmidt; Primary, Miss Alvina Faszer, Miss Helen Faszer, Miss Freda Derman; Juniors, Miss Isabel Bresch and Miss Gertrude Schatz; Intermediates, Rev. O. R. Schmidt; crafts and handwork, Mrs. Henry Schroeder, Mrs. E. P. Wahl and Mrs. R. J. I. Morrison. The officers were: director, Mrs. O. R. Schmidt; pianists, Miss Helen Faszer and Miss Giesla Lueck; secretary-treasurer, Miss Alvina Faszer.

CONFERENCE PICTURES

Mr. Herman Siemund of Chicago, Illinois, ably served as the General Conference photographer. Most of the interesting pictures in this issue dealing with the conference were taken by him.

Mr. Siemund will be happy to fill orders for pictures and then donate all the money received to our missionary offering. Pictures that are 8 by 10 inches in size will cost \$1.00. The price is 50 cents for pictures 5 by 7 inches in size. State what size you want and send your order to General Conference, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

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The pictures that appear on pages 5 and 7 are snapshots, taken by the editor. Many more General Conference pictures by Mr. Siemund, Mr. Robert Wright and the editor will appear in the 1953 ANNUAL and in forthcoming issues of the HERALD.

PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS

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to express themselves in the regular conference sessions. It is significant that for the first time, a lay woman is president of the Woman's Union. This coupled with the fact that also for the first time we have a layman as moderator is especially interesting. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grosser have a great work entrusted to them.

Women in general love the beauty and dignity of a well-planned worship service such as we enjoyed at our women's afternoon session. The beautiful choral responses during the reading of Scripture and the brief inspirational talks by four of our women created an attitude of readiness for the speaker of the afternoon. Missionary Ida Forsch knew what women would want to hear about their sisters in Africa. In her own dynamic way she gave graphic word-pictures which thrilled us and warmed our hearts.

Much more could be written for our experiences were many. The closing session with its recognition and dedication of our missionaries and the stirring message of Paul Gebauer was a fitting climax to all the experiences we packed into one brief joyous week of Christian fellowship.

To sum it all up, the conference as seen from a woman's viewpoint was a rich, meaningful, God-blessed experience.

On the last morning of the school, the Rev. O. R. Schmidt spoke to the Primary, Junior, and Intermediate children giving them a final opportunity to make a definite decision for Christ. Our school was crowned with 17 decisions for Christ.

Miss Alvina Faszer, Secretary.

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. BERT DEVRIES of Baileyville, Illinois.

Mr. Bert DeVries, age 79, a resident of Baileyville, Ill., died in his home on Thursday morning, July 3, after a three-week illness.

He was born in Germany on Sept. 9, 1872, the son of Albertus and Jennie DeVries, and came to America at the age of nine years. He engaged in farming in this vicinity for many years and operated a grocery store in Baileyville. He retired in 1932 and moved to town. His marriage to Anna Janssen took place on March 25, 1897. They were privileged to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in 1947.

Mr. DeVries was converted in the year 1905 and was baptized by Rev. J. G. Draewell and became a faithful member of the Baptist Church and served as a trustee.

He leaves to mourn his departure: his wife; three sons and three daughters: Ellert of Pearl City, Albert of Baileyville, Mrs. Clay Vogt of Baileyville, John of Forreston, Mrs. John Meiners of Baileyville, and Mrs. Calvin Bauman of Baileyville; one sister, Mrs. Staas Wilkens; and one brother, Mr. John DeVries of Freeport, Ill.; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Three brothers: Abe, Jake, and Johannes; and two sisters: Mrs. John Johnson and Mrs. George Frei preceded him in death.

Baileyville, Illinois

JOHN J. KROEKER, Pastor.

MR. KARL BECK of Lind, Washington.

On July 4, 1952 Mr. Karl Beck of Lind, Wash., passed on to his heavenly reward, leaving to mourn the following: his wife, Magdalena of Lind, Wash., sons, Edwin and Fred of Lind, Wash., and Bennie of Cheney, Wash.; daughters Johanna and Mrs. Pauline Roloff of Spokane, Wash., Mrs. Rheinhold Wahl of Newberg, Wash., Mrs. Amelia Sauer of Portland, Ore., Mrs. Helen Guttschmidt of Wilbur, Wash., Mrs. Justine Winkler of Plymouth, Wash., Mrs. Rose Scheeler of Lind, Wash.; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a brother, John Beck of Zap, North Dakota. Heaven will be nearer to these loved ones because of his departure.

Born on April 29, 1871 in Odessa, Russia, he emigrated to America and resided at Parkston, South Dakota. Very shortly he became a Christian and was baptized, joining the Baptist Church of Parkston. On April 26, 1898 he was united in marriage to Magdalena Schulz which proved blessed as eleven children were born, one of whom preceded the father in death. Shortly after their marriage, they migrated to Lind, Wash., becoming charter members of the Odessa Baptist Church. Later they united with the Baptist Church of Lind, Wash., but since it closed its doors they found a church home with the German Congregational Church which they joined a year prior to his death. May these examples of the faith of his saints revitalize our own lives that we may prove faithful unto death!

Spokane, Washington

WALTER BERKAN, Correspondent.

MRS. HILDA REMINGTON of Hettinger, North Dakota.

Mrs. Hilda Ruth Remington of Hettinger, N. Dak., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schneider, was born March 24, 1923 at Haynes, N. Dak., and passed away August 23, 1952 at the Hettinger Community Hospital at the age of 29 years, 4 months and 29 days. The immediate cause of her death was malignant hypertension.

The deceased grew to young womanhood in Adams County, N. Dak., and received her elementary education in a rural

school in Kansas City Township, graduated from the Hettinger High School in 1942 and from Dickinson State Teachers College in 1946. She taught elementary grades for one year at Reeder and one year at Haynes, North Dakota.

On August 4, 1946 she was united in marriage to Kenneth Remington of Mott, North Dakota. This union was blessed with three children, two of whom preceded their mother in death in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Remington made their home at Hettinger, N. Dak., prior to Mr. Remington's enlistment in the U.S. Army. Since then they had resided at Port Townsend, Wash., Lawton, Okla., and Killeen, Texas. Following Mr. Remington's departure for overseas duty last May, his wife and son Wayne had resided at Hettinger.

The departed leaves to mourn her husband, Warrant Officer Kenneth Remington of the U.S. Army, stationed in France; one son, Wayne, age 4; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schneider of Haynes, N. Dak.; the brothers, Irvan, Stanley, Clifford, Hugo and Robert; the sisters, Vera, Doreen, Loretta, Ella-May, Cleo and Phyllis, as well as many other relatives and friends.

Funeral rites were held at the Grace Baptist Church of Hettinger, N. Dak., the pastor, the Rev. E. Gutsche, officiating. Appropriate songs were rendered by several young Christians, all of whom had been close friends of the departed. The large amount of memorial contributions in money and flowers indicated both the popularity and belovedness of the departed and her family, the Schneiders. Interment took place at the Hettinger Cemetery.

Hettinger, North Dakota

E. O. GUTSCHE, Pastor.

MR. ANDREW ONTJES of Aplington, Iowa.

Mr. Andrew Ontjes of Aplington, Iowa, was born February 12, 1883 in Butler County, Iowa. His death came after a four months' illness resulting from a stroke, on Thursday morning, August 14. In the presence of his devoted wife and several family members, he peacefully passed away to his eternal reward.

Mr. Ontjes was united in marriage to Louise Schmetman on March 22, 1905. Two sons and four daughters blessed this happy marriage. Their first residence was on a farm north of Parkersburg and later Mr. Ontjes was engaged in business in Aplington. For several years he served on the Aplington School Board, town council and fire department.

During special meetings in February 1921, he accepted Christ as his personal Savior. Upon public confession of his faith in Jesus Christ, he was baptized by the Rev. H. Wedel and was received into the fellowship of the Aplington Baptist Church, where he held membership at the time of his death.

Funeral services were held in the church on Saturday afternoon, August 16. The Rev. Kenneth Larrabee, serving the church in the absence of the pastor, conducted the service and spoke words of comfort to the bereaved family. Interment was at the Pleasant View Cemetery, north of Aplington.

Monetary contributions received from family and friends have been designated by Mrs. Ontjes as a Memorial Fund and have been mailed to Forest Park, Ill., for foreign missionary purposes. This splendid gesture is deeply appreciated.

Mr. Ontjes is survived by his wife; two sons: Andrew, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Louis, Cedar Falls, Iowa; four daughters: Mrs. Harm Sherman, Aplington, Iowa; Mrs. Roy Anderson, Stillwater, Minn.; Mrs. Walter Paul, Stanley, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Otto Schmidt, Edmonton, Alta., Canada; one sister, Mrs. Peter DeBuhr, Aplington, Iowa; three brothers: Fred, Mason City, Iowa; William, Minneapolis, Minn.; John, Santa Ana, Calif.; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Aplington, Iowa

FRANK VENINGA, Pastor.

MRS. MILDRED C. KEARNEY of Burlington, Iowa.

As the daughter of George and Amelia Schafer, Mildred C. Kearney, nee Schafer, of Burlington, Iowa, was born in Warsaw, Ill., on May 30, 1893. After a long illness of much suffering, she had the privilege of going home to God on August 3, 1952,

having reached the age of 59 years, 2 months, and 4 days. She received her education in the Warsaw High School, Gem City Business College, and Peoria Bradley Tech. On September 24, 1917 she entered what proved to be a very happy marriage with John Kearney, with whom she served as co-minister in organizing and ministering to the needs of the Baptist Sunday School and Church at Lennox Park. After that they were called to the church at Mediapolis. A few years ago the Kearneys united with the Oak Street Baptist Church. Mrs. Kearney was the beloved teacher of the Win-more Class of girls. She took great pleasure in visiting the shut-ins and lonely people of the area and in bringing the Lord Jesus Christ to the un-saved and in leading others into a fuller and richer Christian experience. She was well equipped for bringing the message of salvation.

God gave her the pleasure of seeing her children enter the Christian service. Her son, Ray L. Kearney, is the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Macomb, Ill., her daughter, Mrs. Betty Becker, who with her husband are missionaries serving in Oda Mura, Japan, and her daughter, Virginia, is staff member of the Mission Board in Chicago. Besides these and her husband, she is survived by four grandchildren, many other relatives, and a host of friends. She knew what it meant to possess the peace of God which passes all understanding and could claim the promise: "In thy presence is fulness of joy; and at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." In the absence of the pastor, Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, the Rev. L. K. Eckols of the First Baptist Church assisted the Rev. O. E. Krueger in the funeral services.

Oak Street Baptist Church,

Burlington, Iowa

O. E. KRUEGER, Officiating Minister.

MR. JOHN SCHMIDT of Fessenden, North Dakota.

Mr. John Schmidt of Fessenden, N. Dak., was born on February 24, 1904 in Marion Turner County, South Dakota. He was united in marriage to Amelia Rothacker on March 3, 1924. For less than a year they resided on a farm near Isabel, S. Dak., and then moved to Wells County, N. Dak., where they resided until his passing.

He accepted Christ as his Savior in 1925 and was baptized that same year by Rev. August Kramer. He then became a member of the Fessenden Baptist Church. In 1941 he was elected Sunday School superintendent which office he held until his passing. For a short time he also served as church clerk. He was a very active and faithful church member and a pillar in the church.

In the community he held numerous offices from time to time. Outstanding among them was his service as an officer on the Cottonwood School Board and an officer on the board of the local Farmers' Union.

Mr. Schmidt passed away on August 14, 1952 at the age of 48 years, 5 months and 21 days. The cause of his early passing was a malignant stomach cancer from which he had been suffering for more than two years. The last weeks of his life he suffered much, but in spite of it he never failed to be a Christian testimony or an inspiration to everyone.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife and 13 children: Mrs. Kenneth Anhaum of Waseca, Minn.; Robert of U.S. Army; Mrs. Ray Simon of Iowa City, Iowa; Arlo, James, Lorne, Allen, Margaret, Joanne, Lynwood, Catharine, Amy and Beatrice, all at home; one brother, Jake Schmidt of Hayden Lake, Idaho; two sisters, Mrs. Charles Geide of Chamberlain, S. Dak.; Mrs. Charles Kercher of La Salle, Colorado; three grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held from the Fessenden Baptist Church on August 18th. One of the largest crowds ever to attend a funeral in Fessenden came to pay their last respects. Brother Schmidt had left many requests in regard to the funeral service and they were carried out as much as possible. The Rev. Vernon Link, the local pastor, officiated assisted by Rev. Daniel Klein of McClusky, North Dakota. The funeral text, as he chose it, was Psalm 17:15, "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness."

Fessenden, North Dakota

VERNON LINK, Pastor.

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The Official Election Returns of the 30th General Conference
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