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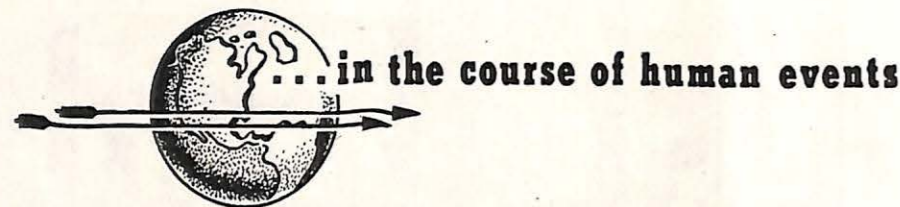


The Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pa., During the General Conference Days

Dedication of the Indian Chapel

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...in the course of human events

One out of every 610 registrants for the draft is a conscientious objector, opposed to giving combatant military service by reason of religious training of belief, the National Service Board for Religious Objectors disclosed in Washington, D. C., recently.—The Register.

Alcoholism has hit a record high in the United States. Dr. Robert V. Seliger, chief psychiatrist of the Baltimore Neuropsychiatric Institute in Baltimore, reported recently. He claims that there are now 1,000,000 chronic addicts and 4,000,000 heavy drinkers. The figure of 1,000,000 chronic addicts includes only those who have been treated at a hospital. In addition to these and the heavy drinkers, the doctor says, there are 40,000,000 "social drinkers."—Signs of the Times.

The General Board of the National Council of Churches has approved plans for setting up a religious program for visitors to United States national parks. Seminary students will conduct preaching services on Sunday, vesper services during the week, and other religious activities in Yellowstone Park next summer. The program will be extended to other parks each year until all are covered.—The Watchman-Examiner.

There are certain leaders in the Catholic church of France who wish to enter into friendly relations with Protestants. This is discouraged by the Vatican. There are both priests and laymen in the church in France who are dissatisfied with this attitude of the authorities in Rome. According to recent statistics, about 2000 Roman Catholic priests have left the church in France since 1945. The movement still continues.—W. O. Lewis in "The Watchman-Examiner."

Harvest festivals at the end of the rice harvest are described by a Lutheran pastor in India thus: "At St. Matthews Church, Guntur, the crowds were so great that the speeches could not reach the people except through megaphones. The festival ended with a 'kalakashepam', story narration with musical accompaniment. Five thousand people were present, and the story of Joseph was told. It began at 9 p.m. and lasted until five in the morning."—The Sunday School Times.

When the 3,000,000th copy of Hurlbut's "Story of the Bible" is sold this year, its buyer will find a modern

FRONT COVER

The front cover picture shows the Baptist Temple and Temple University on Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., photographed on the second day of the 30th General Conference sessions by Mr. Herman Siemund, conference photographer.

The complete General Conference Issue with many pictures and colorful reports will appear on October 9. Watch for it.

Anniversary Edition of the nation's number one Bible Story Book. The author, a Methodist minister, told these stories to his own and neighbor's children at the turn of the century. The book was first published in 1904. Dr. Jesse Lyman Hurlbut also was the author of 12 books on church history and study. He has held pastorates in the following New Jersey cities: Newark, Montclair, Paterson, Plainfield and Hoboken.—The Christian Advocate.

In many villages of western Persia one will find people calling themselves the People of God. They must be a residue of Christianity who were never absorbed into Islam. They have their own religious writings, which show marked resemblances to the New Testaments. As Persia was in the early days a great center of Nestorian Christianity, it is probable that their origins run back to it. These people have many marks of a Christian origin. They seek to return good for evil, are just in their economic arrangements, and have no class distinctions. At worship they sing hymns and have also various festivals.—British Weekly.

The North Atlantic Treaty organization charged that war prisoners in Russian hands were being systematically killed off by forced labor in Russia and northern Siberia. "It is likely," said a NATO report, "that most of the three million missing prisoners have filled common and nameless grave pits along the new trans-Siberian railway." It added, that at the end of 1946, two million western prisoners—Germans, Italians, Hungarians and French—and about 800,000 Japanese were working in Siberia on the new northern link of the trans-Siberian railway, which runs from the middle valley of the Volga to the northern tip of Lake Baikal.—Chicago Daily Tribune.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke
Sept. 9-Oct. 9—Extended trip to Germany with 100 invited Americans as guests of the German Federal Government to acquaint themselves with conditions in the new Germany. (See announcement in this issue.)

Rev. Richard Schilke
Sept. 25 (Thursday) — Northside Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
Sept. 26-28—Emery, S. Dak. (Missionary Conference).
Oct. 5 (Sunday)—Hebron, N. Dak.
Oct. 6 (Monday)—Beulah, N. Dak.
Oct. 7 (Tuesday Afternoon)—Home for the Aged, Bismarck, N. Dak.
Oct. 7 (Tuesday Evening)—Selfridge, North Dakota.
Oct. 8 (Wednesday)—McLaughlin, South Dakota.
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
Sept. 26-28 — Immanuel Church, Portland, Oregon (60th anniversary).
Sept. 29-30—Churches of Portland, Oregon, and Vicinity.
Oct. 1-7—Bethel Church, Missoula, Mont. (Leadership Training Conference).
Oct. 12 (Sunday A.M.)—Lauderdale Church, Edmonton, Alberta.
Oct. 12 (Sunday P.M.)—Central Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

Rev. Martin L. Leuschner
Sept. 28 (Sunday)—Washburn, N. Dak. (50th anniversary).
Oct. 5 (Sunday)—Martin, N. Dak.
Oct. 12 (Sunday A.M.)—Onoway, Alberta.
Oct. 12 (Sunday P.M.)—McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

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Editorial

Putting God to the Test

GOD IS THE SOLE OWNER of his creation. Human ownership is, therefore, a trusteeship. This trusteeship, or stewardship, lays upon man a grave and holy responsibility. Tithing is an important phase of every Christian's ministry in faithfully carrying out his responsibility before God.

Tithing is one of the most debated plans of Christian administration of money. But it is as spiritual and as Biblical as prayer. Christians who have given it a trial are enthusiastic about it. Those who have never practiced it shrink from the mere mention of the word. No one should be coerced into it. For tithing stands as a high mountain of spiritual attainment with wonderful divine promises that challenges every thinking Christian to give it a real trial.

That is God's call to every disciple of his to put him to the test: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10).

A small leaflet, "Holy Unto the Lord," presents tithing as a dynamic plan of satisfying and enriching Christian living. That will be the challenging program to be earnestly laid before our people by the Stewardship Team and the pastors of our denomination in the months to come.

Tithing acknowledges my personal accountability to God from whom I have received all that I have. It verifies my faith in God's promises that I shall not be left in want, and in Christ's assertion that it is more blessed to give than to receive. "The tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or the fruits of the tree is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord" (Leviticus 27:30).

Tithing also incorporates me in a partnership with God, through which I work with him for the redemption of all people. This Partner of mine challenges me to put him to the test, to discover great blessings in this service and to lay up treasures in heaven. "Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth" (Deuteronomy 8:18).

Tithing also disciplines me by my own choice so that I grow in spiritual stature and influence among my fellowmen. It saves me from the snare of thinking that a carefree, irresponsible existence is the secret of happiness and shows me how to grow strong spiritually through daily bearing of responsibility before God. "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12). "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1 Corinthians 4:2). "God shall bring every work into judgment" (Ecclesiastes 12:14).

This teaching of tithing, which is as old as recorded history, has been acclaimed by those who have dared to try it. God wants you to put him to the test. That is a Scriptural truth. Will you try it for three months as a good steward of the Lord? The windows of heaven are waiting to be opened over those who sincerely put God to the test!

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God's Power for Our Age

We need the presence and power of the Holy Spirit if the Lord is ever going to use us for his glory in the salvation of souls and the upbuilding of the Body of Christ.

By the REV. G. HAROLD HILL of the Evangel Baptist Church,
Newark, New Jersey

"BUT YE SHALL receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

These were interesting days for the apostles whom the Lord had chosen, interesting in the sense that there was a post-resurrection ministry which many people fail to recognize. Our Savior was with them for forty days teaching them, following his resurrection from the dead. These must have been glorious hours in which the disciples rejoiced, and in which they revelled as they looked back upon those conversations with the Son of God.

Among other things in which they were interested was this matter regarding the kingdom. As you will recall, they went to him and said, "Lord, will you now restore the kingdom to Israel?" They wanted an answer, but the reply was, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons which the Father hath put in his own power." That is, this is in the realm of divine authority, this belongs to God, and it has not pleased him to make known to you the exact time when the kingdom shall be set up.

"But I have something of great importance to you, and that matter concerns your witness. But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

PROMISE OF POWER

I would like to suggest some lessons which are found in this eighth verse in the light of our missionary obligation and the urgency of our Lord's command. We might mention his will for our lives. There are three things I would offer that are found in the verse itself. You will be able to pick them out once you have seen them and I trust they shall be a constant reminder and challenge to your Christian life as you seek to do the Lord's pleasure.

Note further that the promise of power is dependent upon the Spirit of

God. That certainly is not new but it is an emphasis which the Lord places before these disciples as they are facing an altogether new age, with a new program that has been committed to their trust by the Son of God. THE PROMISE OF POWER IS DEPENDENT UPON THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

I say that is not new. I think any one of us will recognize this basis even in Old Testament teaching. You, of course, will remind me of that verse in Zechariah 4:6 where the angelic messenger is speaking to Zerubbabel who came back in order that he might restore the temple. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." It is similar to what our Savior now says is the equipment for his own disciples as they go forth in witnessing, for the promise of power is dependent upon the Spirit of God.

Now if you will examine New Testament Scripture, you will find that there was the promise of Christ repeatedly given. In John 7:37-39, you will remember in that great day of the feast, the Lord Jesus stood and cried concerning the individual who believed upon him, that out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water, but we learn this spake he of the Holy Ghost, for the Holy Ghost was not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified. I believe the means of ministering to multitudes all about us is dependent upon the Spirit of God in our lives, not only as he has liberty to exercise his prerogatives, but as he has such control of us what we move at his bidding and do that which brings pleasure to his heart.

If you would examine the gospel of John further, you would find that in chapter 14, verses 16-17; chapter 15: 26-27; chapter 16:7-11 and then verses 13, 15 of the same chapter, our Savior is talking about the coming of the Comforter. He is speaking of his ministry in their lives, for it shall be a ministry of conviction. As far as the world is concerned, of sin, because they believed not on him. Of righteousness, because "I go to my Father and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the Prince of this world is judged." The Spirit's presence in the world will mean conviction to the

souls of sinners and I believe that every child of God in this dispensation is dependent upon that promise of power.

The enduement of the Spirit of God is necessary in order that he might be effective in his work, regardless of the sphere of labor to which the Lord sends him. But as far as the child of God is concerned, the Lord Jesus says the Holy Spirit will be a comforter to us. He will be a paraclete. He will be the one who will be called alongside to help us. He will be the one to bring to our remembrance the things the Lord Jesus said. He will be the one who will show us things to come. He will be the one who shall glorify Christ.

PROOFS OF POWER

You and I are dependent upon the Spirit's ministry, as much dependent as those apostles were on the day of Pentecost, for our ministry shall not be effective, shall not be successful unless he is the one who has control over us and he is the one who is able to work out God's plans and purposes in your life and in mine from day to day. This is not only the promise of Christ, but I believe you will find in the examination of Scripture that this is the power for our day. I don't believe there is anything else.

Certainly it is not a matter of eloquence on the part of the preacher. It is reliance upon the Son of God! It is not a matter of various tactics which a person may use in order that he might get results. I believe it is full surrender to the Holy Spirit in order that he might speak and make the Word of God real to those who sit under his ministry. For unless he accomplishes this in the life of sinner and saint, there will be very little permanent results in the hearts of those who hear the Word. We are entirely dependent upon him.

You will remember in Acts 1:5, the Lord Jesus said to those disciples, "John baptized with water but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." I believe that he is the power for Christian service, no matter what sphere of labor God has in mind for his children. But I am

confident there are illustrations in order that you and I might have proof from the Word of God. If I went to the Old Testament, I would note that the Spirit of God came upon Saul and David when they were anointed. It is said regarding the Lord Jesus, "That the spirit of the Lord is upon me for he hath anointed me to preach."

"And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read." Our Savior made reference to Isaiah 61. When I turn to the New Testament, I know that there are some glorious experiences which are patterns for you and me as we endeavor to bear witness of the saving grace of Christ. Acts 1:4, "And, being assembled together with them, he commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me" (Acts 1:4).

POWER FOR OUR AGE

The Spirit of God came upon those disciples on the day of Pentecost and they began to preach. Three thousand were brought to a knowledge of Christ in one day. I do not believe it was because of Pentecost, for I am sure those people who gathered were mystified, for you will remember they said something like this as they beheld, "These men are full of new wine, they are drunken." This is strange. Peter said, "I want to tell you we are not drunk but his is that which was spoken by the Prophet Joel." And when you go to the Prophet Joel, there he predicts concerning the latter days. There are the results of the Spirit's ministry. There shall be unusual evidence of God's presence and power in the lives of his servants.

Turn to chapter 6 of Acts, verse 5, and notice that those deacons who were chosen were men all filled with the Holy Ghost. It was manifest; everybody noticed it. In Acts 7:55, I see a man by the name of Stephen who is standing before Saul of Tarsus and other tormentors of they are about to stone him, and Stephen stood there "being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God." The Spirit of God had brought Stephen to the particular time in life when he was willing to be the first martyr of the Christian faith, and I believe the Spirit of God enabled the man to bear a testimony that shook the very foundation of Saul's life. How many others were affected!

This is the power for our age, regardless of the extremes to which some may go in their teaching on the Holy Spirit. Brethren, let us understand once and for all, no matter what terminology may be used, we need the



—A Devaney, Inc., N. Y.

"But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me."

presence and power of the Holy Spirit if the Lord is ever going to use us for his glory in the salvation of souls and the upbuilding of the Body of Christ. You will find the practical effect as it is seen in the Book of Acts and evidenced in everyday life.

There will be enmity, separation, persecution, rejection on the part of some people. There will be faith, obedience, willingness on the part of others. For as the Spirit of God begins to work in the lives of people, there are those who are resentful to his approach. They feel they are being coerced and are of the opinion they are disturbed by emotions. They fight against the Spirit of God in their lives and continue in sin. There are others who are softened. They are transformed, made new creatures. I believe this is the practical effect in the lives of the people as they see the Spirit of God working through the lives of those who are his servants.

CHRIST, THE CENTER

"And ye shall be witnesses unto ME." THE PURPOSE OF ALL SERVICE IS RELATED TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. I wish we could see that. There is no other reason for service on the part of the children of God engendered by the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God will never tire. Go back to Luke 24 again and see Jesus as he is walking with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. They are wondering about the things that took place in Jerusalem. This is the third day. He began to reveal himself to them and showed them in Moses, the Psalms

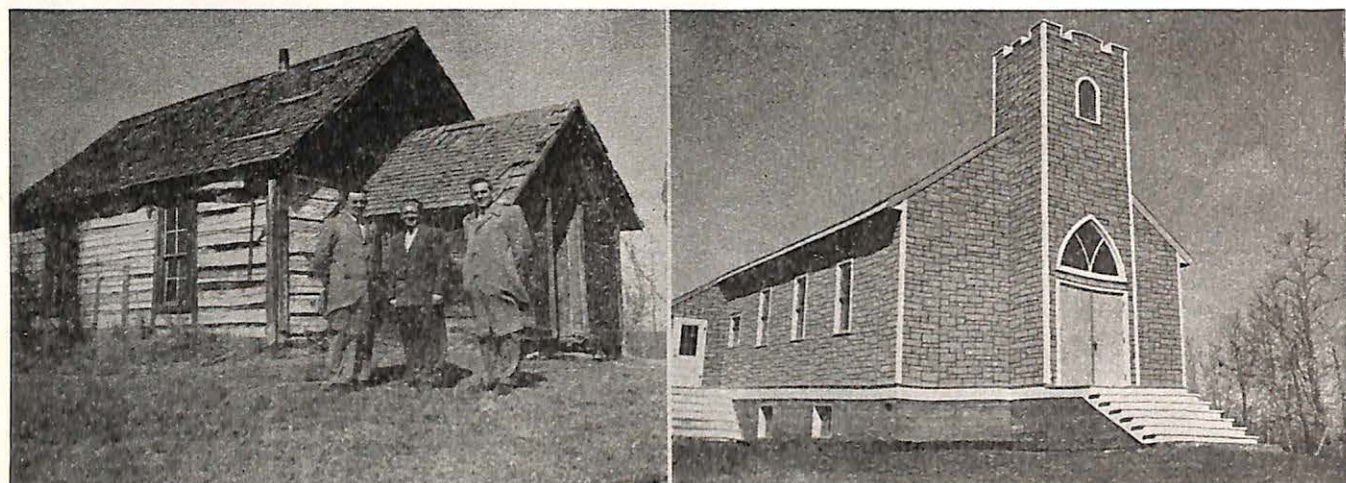
and the Prophets the things concerning himself.

For proper understanding and for sane interpretation the Lord Jesus Christ must be central. If he is not in the center, then I do not believe our interpretation is proper. God decreed it must be Christo-centric. If you would go to Luke 24:46-48, you will find that he is talking to them about his death and resurrection "and we are witnesses of these things." God has called me in order that I might talk about Christ, not current events. He has called me in order that I might present the Son of God to my congregation. This is our responsibility wherever we go.

The message is Christo-centric. The medium is the Christian. If you have to rely on preachers only, souls will be going to a Christless eternity while we are fooling with God's program. You are his witnesses. Every redeemed person is a testimony. If not, something is wrong in the life that God purchased with the blood of his Son.

The modus operandi, the manner of operation, is witnessing day by day. This is the way the message gets out, telling of the old story of Jesus and his wonderful love. The purpose of our service is related to the Lord Jesus Christ. "But ye shall receive power and ye shall be witnesses unto me." Magnify the Lord Jesus in your life day by day so people shall see him in you. That is what God wants and the Spirit will enable you.

THE PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED.
"Both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea
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The old, broken down chapel on the Indian Bull Reserve (left) with Rev. Henry Schumacher, Mr. Raymond Harsch and Rev. Isador Faszer in front, and (right) the Benke Memorial Chapel on this Indian Reserve which was dedicated to the glory of God on Sunday, July 27, 1952.

Dedication of the Indian Chapel

The story of the dedication of the Benke Memorial Chapel on the Indian Bull Reserve near Hobbema, Alberta, Canada

By the REV. REINHARD NEUMAN, Indian Missionary

THE DEDICATION of the Benke Memorial Chapel was held on Sunday, July 27, on the Bull Reserve near Hobbema, Alberta. After several unsuccessful attempts to hold the service on previous days, it was quite evident that this was THE DAY.

The weather certainly did not look very promising in the morning, but at noon the clouds broke up, rolled

back and made room for the warm rays of sunshine. The baptismal service that was held on August 3rd, was originally planned for the morning of July 27th. Due to the cold and wet grounds, the baptismal service was postponed until the following Sunday.

The Rev. R. Milbrandt, the guest speaker, had arrived on Saturday night. He was met at the railroad

station and taken to Montana Reserve where he spent the night. On Sunday morning he spoke to the Indians assembled in the Montana Indian Chapel on the Montana Reserve. He brought a splendid, down-to-earth, easy-to-understand message on "Steps to Salvation." Alex Mackinaw was the interpreter.

After dinner, we hurried to the Bull Reserve for the dedication of the beautiful chapel in memory of the late Rev. F. W. Benke. Upon our arrival many people had already gathered from near and far to witness the blessed occasion. It was decided to hold the service outside. Most people stood while our Indian friends, preferring the more comfortable position, squatted on the ground in Indian fashion.

AGENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Led by Mr. Raymond Harsch, the program opened with the singing of the doxology. Missionary Neuman led in the opening prayer, after which the congregation sang the Christian hymn, "The Solid Rock." Scripture reading followed in English and in Cree by the Rev. Joe Sonnenberg and Mr. Joe White. A duet was then rendered by Chief Francis Bull and Mr. Joe White of the Bull Reserve. They sang, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" in Cree.

The history of the church was given by Mr. Neuman, followed by a duet beautifully rendered by the Stroh-schein sisters, Faye and Hilda, members of the Pleasant Prairie



The Rev. R. Neuman (left), and Mr. Raymond Harsch (right), our missionaries to the Indians of Alberta, Canada, with Chief John Bear of the Montana Reserve.

Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin. After a warm welcome by Mr. Harsch and Chief Francis Bull, the former Agent of Indian Affairs of Hobbema, Mr. H. N. Woodsworth, delivered a brief encouraging message, as follows:

"This is a happy privilege for me. It is not enough just to dedicate this church building to God. We must dedicate ourselves to God. This church will enable you Indians on the Louis Bull Reserve to dedicate your souls to God. The school which the government built is not enough. The Christian teaching is essential. Mr. Gooderham, the superintendent of all Indian Agents, told me recently that much progress and many improvements in habits have been made on the Indian Reserves where the Baptists are established. The Indian Department is anxious to see that this church is a success. The efforts put forth and gifts given to this church to promote the Christian teaching are also appreciated by the Indian Department."

Our hearts were warmed and encouraged by these words. We greatly appreciate the information and guidance of Mr. Woodsworth and we are especially thankful for the negotiations with the Indian Department on our behalf.

Mrs. Goodhand, a pioneer missionary and teacher on the Bull Reserve in the late 1890's, was also present and expressed her joy over the splendid work of the Baptists. Mrs. Goodhand, who now lives in Detroit, Michigan, was the first white teacher on Bull Reserve. Her school was the little old log Methodist Church in which we held meetings before the Benke Memorial Chapel was built.

GOD BLESS THIS HOUSE

Then the Rev. R. Milbrandt spoke challenging words to whites and Indians concerning our responsibility and obligation to God as Christians and also to one another. Miss Arlene Scheeler, a member of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church, then beautifully rendered the number, "God Bless This House." The Rev. E. P. Wahl of the Christian Training Institute offered the dedication prayer.

Several fitting remarks were made by Brother Harsch about the plaque in the church in memory of the late Rev. F. W. Benke, after which the Rev. H. Schumacher led in prayer. The plaque was unveiled and the congregation sang, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

The people now were free to examine the building after which a social hour was enjoyed outside of the chapel. The women of Wetaskiwin again rallied to the need of the hour, supplying the refreshments. This was THE DAY! God made the choice and we rejoice because of it.



Indian leaders and guests at the dedication of the Benke Memorial Chapel on the Bull Reserve, Alberta, Canada. Left to right: Joe White, Mr. H. N. Woodsworth (Indian agent), Mrs. Goodhand of Detroit, Mich. (first white teacher on Bull Reserve), Chief Francis Bull and Tom Bull.

Eight Indians Baptized

The story of the third baptismal service on the Montana Reserve and the baptism of eight converts on Sunday, August 3rd

By the REV. REINHARD NEUMAN of Ponoka, Alberta

IT WAS a glorious sight to behold on Sunday, August 3rd, when eight Indian converts, who had been washed in the precious blood of Jesus Christ, in obedience to their Lord's command stepped into the waters of baptism. It was one of those never-to-be forgotten afternoons when God blessed the occasion with every means possible. At least, that is how we felt as we witnessed the transcendent scene.

EIGHT CONVERTS

The service took place in the afternoon at the Baptist Lake on Montana Reserve, with Mr. Raymond Harsch of the Bull Reserve in charge. The Rev. H. Schumacher of Wetaskiwin read the Scriptures, after which the Rev. R. Neuman spoke on "Discipleship." Mr. and Mrs. Harsch sang a very fitting duet, "Thy Will Be Done." After this number and a congregational hymn, the candidates stepped into the water for baptism.

One of the eight candidates was from Pigeon Lake, the field on which Jake Dermann of Edmonton has been serving. This was Jacob Yellowbird, the first Indian to be baptized from Pigeon Lake. Another candidate from Montana Reserve was Mrs. John Cattleman, the wife of John Cattleman who was baptized in 1949. From the Bull Reserve we had six converts. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Crane, almost sixty years of age, and their son, Bert, and his wife and also their youngest boy,

Joseph, who always was a favorite of the late Rev. F. W. Benke.

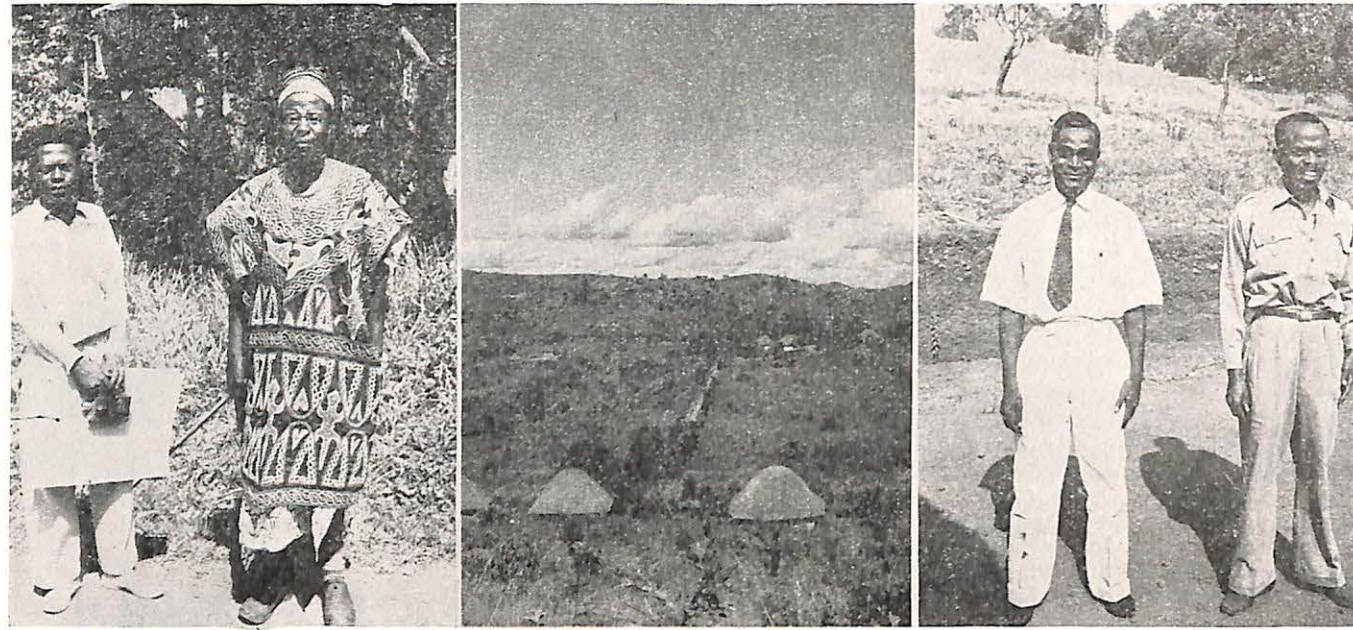
The other candidate was Anne Marie Bull. Anne Marie was recently married to Pete Bull in the Benke Memorial Chapel. Anne Marie had her training in a Catholic school. When she came home to her parents, her sister, Victoria Stoney, who is a Christian and baptized last year influenced her to come to the services in the Benke Memorial Chapel. She attended gladly and developed a hunger for the Word of God. It was New Year's Day after a message on, "There is no room in the inn" and the invitation given by the Rev. H. Schumacher that she responded and became a child of God. She has been a grand witness ever since. Both she and her husband are Christians. Her husband has not yet decided to be baptized.

THE LORD'S TABLE

After the baptism of these converts, all Indians and the ones baptized on previous occasions gathered around the Lord's Table along the shore.

People from neighboring churches came to witness the blessed scene. A vote of thanks is certainly due our kind friend, Donald Dickau, for bringing the Indians from the Bull Reserve across three reserves and Indian trails to Baptist Lake.

One could readily see God's approval upon the services of the day as we witnessed a triumphant and glory crowned festival.



Elías Tubouh, church teacher, is holding camera at left and shown with the Banso "big man," and at the right Mr. George Haddison and David Williams, "Travelling Teacher-Preachers," are photographed by one of our missionaries. In the center picture you can look over the Cameroons hills in the grassland area.

Village Visitation in the Cameroons

As Christ took time for those who needed him, so we must also continue to take time to carry the Word of Life to those who are content to sit under the shadow of their country gods in their compounds

By MISS RUBY SALZMAN of Ndu, Cameroons, Africa

OPPORTUNITY for witnessing to the saving power of our Lord and Savior and opportunity of witnessing the results of the saving power are both present as the missionaries visit in Cameroons compounds, either near the mission or out on the bush path.

SINGING AT A FUNERAL

What Christ means to the believer in times of sorrow was made evident anew to us at a compound near Belo Station. News came to the mission that a young mother had passed away. We saddled the horses and were off on a half hour ride, arriving at the compound as the guns were being fired and the women were wailing in true native fashion.

As the young men placed the last bamboo on the casket and carried it from the house to the center of the compound court, the pagan women off to one side continued their awful howling while the pagan men sat on another side holding their guns and talking in subdued tones. What a testimony it was then to see the Christians of the compound gather in a large circle around the casket to sing their Christian native songs! Over

the bamboos they draped a white piece of cloth and on this they fastened several small bouquets of native flowers. With a piece of charcoal one man drew the symbol of the cross at the head end. The wailing women were silenced and all was quiet as the missionary read the comforting verses of John 14 and after a few words of encouragement, closed with prayer.

No sooner had we turned to leave the compound and begin the trek to the church, than the pagan natives began shooting off the guns and crying the weird native chants. The Christians, however, followed the casket to the church where again they sang songs of Christian faith and prayed until the men had completed the digging of the grave in the church cemetery and the body was laid to rest.

TUBOUH'S WITNESS

One Sunday afternoon we went visiting to several nearby compounds accompanied by Tubouh, a young man who had just returned from a year at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Nigeria. In one of the compounds we were welcomed by an elderly man, the head of the compound. Our conversation followed the usual rounds

of salutation and general remarks and then turned to spiritual matters. Tubouh grasped the opportunity to discuss the practice of the sacrificing of animals to their native gods and then persuasively presented Christ as the supreme sacrifice. The old "papa" listened carefully to the story which undoubtedly he had heard many times before. He shook his head in agreement—yes, Jesus was the greatest sacrifice.

We put the question to him: "Are you ready to accept this Jesus?" Much to our surprise, he agreed. Then Tubouh explained about praying for forgiveness which the old "papa" also was ready to do. Just how sincere the man was as he folded his hands and repeated the prayer after Tubouh, only God knows, but when we left the compound, Tubouh said: "That man is the biggest sorcerer in Belo. I've never seen anything like this experience." May God grant that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in this man's heart until he is thoroughly convicted and turns to Christ!

LITTLE WAINDIM

Stopping in at the next compound, we met a different situation. This Quarter Head was quite satisfied with

his present condition. He listened politely to our conversation as he had done to many others who had talked with him. He assured us that he knew that "God is," but to accept God's Son is something he was not interested in doing.

One of his little sons, Waindim by name, came in and the father spoke proudly of the fact that this boy was in our school in the fourth grade. We asked about the many other children who were also standing nearby. No, none of them were in school and none of them came to church. At our request the father consented to send the children to church and Sunday School.

Several Sundays later little Waindim came to us after church and enthusiastically reported that he had succeeded in bringing three of these children to church. After a few weeks had passed, the boy came again following the church service to tell us that he could no longer bring his little sisters and brothers to church. The mothers in the compound had treated him badly following their first visit to church. We knew when he said, "treated me badly," that he meant they had flogged him.

About a month later the new church teacher, just out from our own Bible School, went with us to visit this same compound. We sensed that the old father resented our visit. The conversation drifted to country medicine and its power to heal and protect. Oh no, he didn't believe that it really had power beyond the white man's medicine.

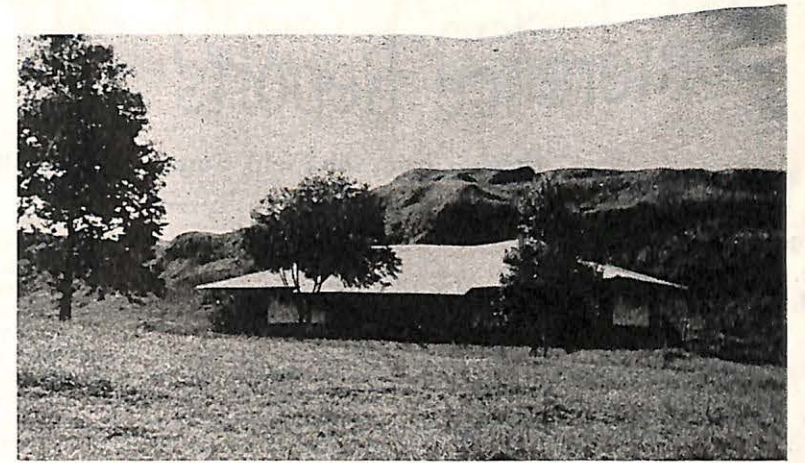
"Then why do you have it hanging under the roof of your veranda?"

"It was there when I was born," he replied, "and I wouldn't think of taking away something that my father has handed down to me."

ENCOURAGING REPORTS

All our words were to no avail. The old man resented having this youthful church teacher speak to him about his "country fashions" and the future of his soul. Shortly after I was transferred, I received a letter from the church teacher with this report: "That big father in that compound, which we went to last time, came to me and said he does not want me in his compound again. He came right in the mission the very day you left. Yesterday he sent a boy to me again and said if he sees me again, he will punish me or have me beaten. The father does not want to see me at all, and I do not know how his people can come to the Lord."

As you read this, will you pray that the old father's son, little Waindim, will continue to be a "fisher of men" right in his own compound, and that God will give an abundance of wisdom and love to our young men who come out from Bible School only to face



The Belo mission house for the missionary-nurse and teacher in which Ruby Salzman and Eleanor Weisenburger lived for some time.

these seemingly impossible situations.

While visiting in the interest of enrolling new children for our school, we came to the compound of one of the most important village heads. During the conversation he recalled that years ago the Rev. Paul Gebauer had visited many times with him, and he said that he had attended church in those days. But the church did not permit its members to dance their juju dances, so the Quarter Head and his family gradually lost interest.

He has many children who are not in school, but he says he has no money to pay school fees and buy books. The real reason is that the school teaches against all their evil native fashions and the parents resent it when a school child refuses to take part in juju worship. Three little girls have come to school from this compound. We pray that they might find Christ and

bring others of their family to him.

Many encouraging reports are coming from various areas of our work. Through the efforts of our newly appointed Seminary trained "Visiting Teacher and Preacher" who has been visiting schools, churches and village homes, many souls are being won to Christ. Two hundred boys and girls in the Ndu Area Schools accepted Christ in the last month. However, we especially pray that our church and school teachers alike might catch from this leader a vision of the possibilities of winning many more of the lost through personal contact in their homes.

As Christ took time for those individuals who needed him, so we must also continue to take time to carry the Word of Life to those who are content to sit under the shadow of their country gods in their compounds.



Brass masks, African trinkets and life-like Negro dolls brought from the Cameroons by the Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson and placed on colorful exhibit in the Saint Joseph, Mich., home of relatives.

Conference Reports and Special Events

Reports from the Field, Summer Assemblies and Churches

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Schulz by Bethany Church, Portland, Oregon

On Friday, July 11, the Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., held a reception for its new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur K. Schulz, and their family.

Pastors from nearby community churches brought messages of welcome and the following ministers of North American Baptist churches brought greetings: Rev. Rudolph Woyke of Bethel Church, Salem; Rev. Emanuel Wolff, Salt Creek Church; Prof. Paul Finley, Stafford Church; Mr. Joe Simms, Villa Ridge Church, Portland; Rev. Robert Penner, Glencullen Church, Portland; Rev. Henry Barnet, Immanuel Church, Portland; Rev. Lewis Berndt, Central Church, Portland.

Dr. Stuart Hackett brought greetings from the Western Baptist Theological Seminary of Portland. Melba Schaer arranged special music for the program, and refreshments were served to all.

Mrs. Woodrow W. Joss, Reporter.

Senior young people presented the play, "The Lost Church," the proceeds of which went to the young people's mission project. The Junior young people presented an appropriate service on Mother's Day. Another special event was the Rev. Paul Gebauer of the Cameroons who spoke on "The African Woman" during the morning services.

On Children's Day, a special service was held for the dedication of children. The purpose of this service was for Christian parents publicly to dedicate themselves to the guidance of their children in the faith and nurture of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are happy to relate that there were six decisions for Christ as a result of our Vacation Bible School. There were forty-two who completed the two weeks of Bible training, thirteen of whom were not members of our Sunday School. At the end of the period a special program was held in which demonstrations were given of the materials and handwork that were used.

Mrs. W. Lee Krueger, Reporter.

Saturday morning at the business session it was reported that over \$1000 had been raised by the Eastern Conference churches for the mission project of the year, and \$200 was added to this sum from a surplus in the conference treasury. Mr. Paul Neumann of the Andrews St. Church in Rochester was elected president of the conference for the next two years, and Esther Lingenfelter of Arnold, Pa., was elected treasurer. Mrs. Ruth Avery of Rochester and Miss Corinne Wobig of Bethel Church, Buffalo, N. Y., remain vice-president and secretary, respectively, for one more year.

The high point of the conference was the banquet on Saturday night. The banquet speaker, Dr. Woyke, held the people's attention with a most interesting and challenging talk. He made keen analogies between army life with which he is well acquainted and our Christian experience as soldiers of the cross. He called for loyalty, courage, cooperation and unity. Other highlights were Dr. Woyke's sermon on Sunday morning and the Rev. Dale Chadock's message of consecration on Sunday afternoon.

Reporter.

Sessions of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Pacific Conference, Colfax, Wash.

The women of the Pacific Conference churches met for lunch on Friday noon, June 27, at the Baptist Church of Colfax, Wash., to transact the necessary business of the Union. The meeting was opened with the singing of the doxology, after which Mrs. John Schweitzer led in prayer. The devotions were conducted by Mrs. Henry Barnet. The secretary's report as well as the treasurer's report were given by Mrs. Henry Hengstler and Mrs. J. J. Lippert, respectively. The new ministers' wives were welcomed into the Union by the president, Mrs. F. Bartel.

The Mesdames Berndt, Littke, Renz, and Glaske served on the balloting committee for the election of officers. The following were elected: president, Mrs. F. W. Bartel; vice-presidents, Mrs. August Auch; Mrs. Henry Barnet and Mrs. F. Klein, representing California, Oregon and the Northwest, respectively. Mrs. Henry K. F. Hengstler was elected secretary, and Mrs. K. Gieser, treasurer. Mrs. F. E. Klein was elected to the General Committee and Mrs. J. Wobig as alternate.

The Woman's Missionary Union had charge of the evening service on Friday, June 27. Mrs. Berndt led in prayer which was followed by the Colfax Ladies' Chorus singing, "Lift Thine Eyes." Mrs. Orville Meth read the Scripture and Mrs. Smith, local president, extended words of welcome to all visiting societies. Mrs. F. E. Klein favored us with a solo entitled, "How

The Glory Gospel Trio

Transcontinental trip of the Girls' Trio of the Christian Training Institute from Edmonton, Alberta, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

"We'll sing it and tell it wherever we go, We want all to hear it, we want all to know The joy of salvation that makes the heart glow. For we have been born again."

WITH THIS as our theme, we, the Glory Gospel Trio, left Edmonton, Alberta, on July 1st to begin our two months' tour of promotional work for the Christian Training Institute and to present the Gospel message in song and testimony.

Let us begin by telling you who we are and where we come from. Singing first soprano, we have Estella Schell, from Carbon, Alta., a 1952 graduate of the school. Our second soprano, Lorraine Biffert, comes from Medicine Hat, Alta., and has completed her sophomore term. Thirdly, singing alto, is Ardath Schmierer from Trochu, Alta., who has completed her Junior term at the Institute.

FIRST ADVENTURES

Having sung together during the past school year, we were given the opportunity to do this type of service for our Lord and Master. So with much prayer and preparation, we set out, anticipating great blessings from the Lord.

We are grateful to Lorraine's father, Mr. Charles Biffert, also from Medicine Hat, for donating his time and his 1952 Hornet Hudson and thus providing the very important transportation part of our tour.

Our first stop was in Woodrow, Sask., Mr. Biffert's home town. There we had our first taste of the 58 programs which were ahead of us. There, too, we were excited over the fact that in our audience was a very unusual but attentive guest, "Mr. Church Mouse."

From here, we continued southward to visit our churches across the border. The only requirement we had to meet in crossing the border was to sing a song for the custom's official. Our first stop was at Presserville, our only service in Montana. Here we had a blessed time of fellowship as we participated in their July 4th celebration.

SINGING TO GOD'S GLORY

The greatest part of our first month was spent visiting our churches in North and South Dakota. We also had the privilege of visiting the Bismarck

Home for the Aged and to sing to many shut-ins in North Dakota. In South Dakota, we experienced great blessings as we spent a short time of fellowship together with the South Dakota young people at Camp Lakodia, near Madison.

AT OUR SEMINARY

Our hearts were thrilled as we finally reached Sioux Falls and beheld the beautiful edifice of our other "school of the prophets," the Seminary. We had long been looking forward to this visit and the beauty and facilities of our Seminary were beyond our expectations.

Thus, with a month behind us, we left the heat of South Dakota and entered the state of Iowa, to begin our second month of service. After a few services in Iowa, we wended our way to Wisconsin, where in Sheboygan we had our first glimpse of Lake Michigan.

Leaving the fresh country air of Wisconsin behind, we entered the state of Illinois and the metropolis of Chicago. There, we served the Foster Avenue and Forest Park Churches. We also had the thrill of visiting the Headquarters' offices and seeing and meeting those who labor there so untiringly and efficiently to help keep the work of our denomination moving onward.

AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

As we continued eastward to Detroit and Cleveland, we were surprised to note the amount of German still being used in the churches. Thus, we didn't get out of practice singing the few German numbers which we knew.

In Philadelphia, Pa., we had a wonderful time of Christian fellowship and blessings from the Lord as we represented our CTI at the General Conference. We spent the week after the conference visiting points in Pennsylvania, Illinois, Minnesota, and North Dakota, with our final service on September 4th in Regina, Saskatchewan.

We thank our many friends and churches for supporting us in prayer. Especially do we praise the Lord for journeying mercies, health and strength and, above all, for all his blessings which he has bestowed upon the Glory Gospel Trio. "For I am (we are) not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

Beautiful Upon the Mountain." An impressive memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Henry Schmunk. The Ministers' Chorus as well as the Edmonton Quartet favored us with suitable songs.

Missionary Paul Gebauer brought a challenging message which stirred our hearts. The offering received amounted to \$290.20 which was added to \$254.80 which was in the treasury, thus making a total of \$545.00 that was designated for the Banzo Hospital, the leper work in the Cameroons, and missions in Japan.

Mrs. L. B. Berndt, Reporter.

California Young People's Assembly With a Crowd of 286 at Hume Lake

Picturesque Hume Lake near King's Canyon National Park was again the location of another summer conference of the California Assembly of North American Baptist CBY and SS Workers from July 28 to August 4, with 286 young people in attendance.

With Rev. G. G. Rauser of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., our dean; Mr. Edwin Schuh of Elk Grove, Calif., president; and the qualified faculty and leaders, we experienced a time of spiritual refreshment and renovation. Such classes as "Many Infallible Proofs" by Rev. P. G. Neumann, Costa Mesa; "Conquerors Through the Ages" by Rev. H. K. Hengstler, Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles; and "The Bible Hour in the book of Romans" by Rev. E. Jacksteit, Anaheim, followed through the conference theme, "More Than Conquerors." Miss Rose Leschert of Lodi and Miss Helena Wiebe of the Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles, assisted by Miss Lydia Wiebe, instructed the primary and junior ages.

The missionary hour in the morning and pictures in the evening with our superintendent of missions in the Cameroons in Africa, the Rev. Paul Gebauer, were highly anticipated as the speaker in succinct, compact form told us of a changing Africa both for the better and worse, and of missionary requisites.

The Rev. W. W. Knauf of Elk Grove in the evening services gave messages conveying the summons to the young people to "Win With Christ," "Get on the Ball for Christ," and "Know the Lover of Your Soul," which also found a challenge in the adult hearts. The distressed land of Japan is again designated as our missionary project of \$1200 this coming year.

Following are the newly elected officers: Rev. W. W. Knauf, Elk Grove, dean; Ray Jantz, Fifteenth St. Church, Los Angeles, president; Kenneth Mitchell, Costa Mesa, first vice-president; Henry Siefken, Costa Mesa, second vice-president, Marilyn Litz, Anaheim, secretary; Lucille Meyer, Elk Grove, treasurer; Barbara Wunsch, Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles, registrar; Mary Threet, Costa Mesa, camp hostess; Powell Forrester, Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles, Milton Fischer, First Church, Lodi, and William Pertel, Temple Church, Lodi, representatives at large.

Helena B. Wiebe, Secretary.



Attractive billboard sign with a Christian message erected by the Men's Fellowship of the Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., on Highway 16 and 26.

Christian Billboard Sign Erected by Men's Fellowship of Baptist Church, Watertown, Wisconsin

The Men's Fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., undertook a new home mission project this spring. It was the erection of a large Christian sign just outside Watertown on Highway 16 and 26. This sign will proclaim Christ with four different messages this year. "Now is the day of salvation — Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass."

Both the Junior and the Senior young people's groups have contributed programs for church services. The

Annual Convention of the Eastern Conference Young People and Sunday School Workers

The 29th annual convention of the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union of the Eastern Conference was held from June 27 to 29 at the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, New York. The conference theme was, "Marching for Christ" with 2 Timothy 2:3 as the text. Guest speakers were the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner and Dr. Frank Woyke.

On Friday evening Mr. Baumgartner addressed the conference on, "At Attention—for Christ." On Saturday morning a devotional service was conducted by the Rev. Lawrence DeBoer, a member of the Rochester Church.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. Isador Faszer of Minitonas, Minn., have announced the birth of a son on July 25 who has been named Loren Keith. This is their third son, the other two being Timothy Gordon (aged 7) and Theodore Maurice (aged 5).

● The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bismarck Home for the Aged will be held at Bismarck, N. Dak., on Tuesday, Oct. 7. All members of the board are urged to attend since important business matters are on the agenda. The Home is without a superintendent since the resignation of the Rev. R. Sigmund some time ago.

● The Emanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Minn., would like to secure copies of the following German song books for its men's chorus: "Evangelische Maennerchoere" and "Evangelische Maennerchor." If any church has such copies, please send them collect to Mr. Waldemar Rempel, Box 153, Morris, Minn., Canada.

● It was announced at the General Conference sessions in Philadelphia, Pa., that the Rev. John Borchers of Columbus, Neb., former pastor of the nearby Shell Creek Baptist Church, is seriously ill. His friends are requested to pray for him and to re-reach at 1950-22nd Ave., Columbus, Nebraska.

● On Sept. 15 Prof. Rudolph Schade began his seventh year on the teaching staff of Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois. He teaches Greek and philosophy. Elmhurst College is a school of the Evangelical Reformed churches. On Sunday morning, Aug. 10, Dr. Schade brought the German message at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., of which he is a member.

● The Villa Ridge Baptist Church near Portland, Ore., has extended a call to the Rev. Frank Friesen to serve as its pastor. A favorable reply has been given and Mr. and Mrs. Friesen are already on the field and living in the parsonage. Formerly as pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church of Oregon, Mr. Friesen was also responsible for the spiritual welfare of the Villa Ridge Church which was a mission of the Bethany Church at the time. It is now a fully recognized North American Baptist Church.

● The Rev. R. Sigmund has resigned as superintendent of the Home for the Aged at Bismarck, N. Dak., effective August 21st. He served in this capacity since 1948, during which the new \$200,000 building was constructed and dedicated. He has also announced that he has accepted the call extended to him by the Calvary Baptist Church of Billings, Mont., which he formerly served from 1946 to 1948. He is already on the field at Billings, having succeeded the Rev. David Littke.

● The Baptist Church of Herreid, S. Dak., held a Vacation Bible School from July 7 to 11 with 75 children in attendance. Classes and teachers were: Beginners, Mrs. Ervin Quenzer and Mrs. H. Rudolph; Primary, Darlene Fenske; Juniors, Mrs. E. S. Fenske; and Seniors, Rev. E. S. Fenske. A closing program was given on Sunday evening, July 13, to a large audience. God richly blessed every effort in the teaching of his Word, songs, memorization and handwork.

● The Baptist Church of McClusky, N. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. Daniel Klein of Cathay, N. Dak., to which he has responded favorably. Mr. and Mrs. Klein served on the personnel of the Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., prior to their return to Cathay, North Dakota. He was the interim pastor of the McClusky church when the call was extended to him. He has succeeded Rev. Arthur Fischer, now of Linton, North Dakota.

● On Sunday evening, July 27, the Rev. Harry Pfeifer of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., baptized nine young people on confession of their faith in Christ. This was the third baptismal service of the year. The Lord's Supper was observed afterwards at which the hand of fellowship was extended to these nine converts and to several others. On Sunday morning, July 27, the closing exercises of the Vacation Bible School were held.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, the Cameroons missionaries who are now at home on furlough, visited the North American Baptist churches of Ontario from Aug. 31 to Sept. 5. On Sunday, Aug. 31, they spoke at the Baptist Church of Arnprior and the Calvary Church of Killaloe. On Sunday, Aug. 17, they were guest speak-

ers at Mt. Sterling, Mo., and Trenton, Ill., and on Monday, Aug. 18, at the Bethel Church of Indianapolis, Indiana.

● The Baptist Church of New Leipzig, N. Dak., conducted evangelistic services from July 6 to 18 with the Rev. Daniel Fuchs as evangelist. Mr. Fuchs' messages were sound, constructive and inspirational. Twelve persons accepted Christ as their Lord during this campaign. The church also held a baptismal service on Sunday, July 27th. Nine persons were baptized by the Rev. Emil Becker, pastor, six of whom were converted during the recent revival services. Another person united with the church by letter.

● The Fourth Ave. Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., recently held its Vacation Bible School with Mrs. V. Johnston as superintendent. The department leaders were: Beginners, Mrs. Carter Preston; Primary, Mrs. Harry Paad; Junior, Rev. and Mrs. Erich Kuhn. The school had an enrollment of 67 children. The offerings for the week were designated for our mission in Japan. The theme of the school was "Sailing With Christ." The final program took place "on board ship," as reported by Mrs. Oramel Burnham.

● On Sunday, Aug. 10, the Rev. Karl Korella resigned as pastor of the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church near Leduc, Alta., and announced that he had accepted the appointment of the General Missionary Committee to become Northern Conference mission worker in addition to his duties as full-time teacher at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton. He has succeeded the Rev. Hugo Lueck, now professor at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. His address will remain the same as it now appears in the Directory.

● On Sunday morning, Aug. 10, the Rev. H. G. Dymmel supplied the pulpit of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., in the vacation absence of the pastor, the Rev. R. Kern. Mr. Dymmel spoke on the words of Job. 4:4, "Your words have helped to put men on their feet" (Moffat's translation). In recent months he has also preached at the Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa, and at the Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Brother Dymmel has fully recovered from his recent illness, for which his many friends are rejoicing.

September 25, 1952

● On Sunday, July 20th, a beautiful baptismal service was held in the Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa. After the singing of a hymn, the Rev. J. A. Brygger, pastor, entered the waters of the baptism. From there he preached a sermon on "Bible Baptism." As the choir sang softly in the background, four converts followed the Lord's command to be baptized. Following this an impressive candle-light communion service was held at which time five people were welcomed into the fellowship of the church, one of them being received on confession of faith.

● On Wednesday evening, Aug. 6, the Carbon Baptist Church of Carbon, Alta., held a farewell service for Miss Ida Forsch, Cameroons missionary, who returned to Africa in September. The pastor, Rev. J. G. Rott, led the service. The choir sang two anthems and the Ladies' Sextet rendered a selection. Miss Forsch spoke on, "Why I Am Returning to Africa." The offering of \$103 has been used to help transport the missionaries freight to Africa. Miss Forsch's parents and family are members of the church, although her membership is in the Bridgeland Church of Calgary, Alberta.

● The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kans., has extended a call to the Rev. Paul Shellhouse of Wheaton, Ill., to which he has responded favorably. Mr. Shellhouse is a spiritual son of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Illinois. He is a graduate of Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. For several years he has been on the teaching staff of Wheaton College, but he was eager to return to the active pastorate. He and his wife have been on the field at Marion, Kans., since August 1st. A report about the church's reception appears elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Shellhouse has succeeded the Rev. J. Kroeker, now of Baileyville, Ill., in the Marion pastorate.

● The Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia, N. Dak., held a very impressive baptismal service at the Baptist Church in Wishek, N. Dak., on Sunday evening, July 27th. After the Berlin Church choir had rendered the anthem, "My God And I," the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler was privileged to baptize six adults. On the following Sunday the hand of Christian fellowship was extended to them. On Sunday evening, August 3rd, the Woman's Missionary Society, under the leadership of Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, observed its annual birthday program. The twelve tables, representing each month of the year, were appropriately decorated. After an interesting program was rendered in which all the members of our church family participated, an offering of \$100 was realized.

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

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

Sept. 28, 1952—"Harvesters of Men" by the Bender Fellowship, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Oct. 5, 1952—"On Common Ground" by Rev. W. S. Argow, Erie, Pennsylvania.

OUR NEW OFFICERS

1952 General Conference days of Philadelphia are now history. Momentous decisions were reached. Spiritual blessings received will continue to make themselves felt in our churches for months and years to come. We are happy to announce the results of the election for the Executive Committee of the Conference Union: president, E. Ralph Kletke, Philadelphia, Pa.; vice-president, Herman Balka, Dallas, Texas; recording secretary, Esther Krombein, Eureka, S. Dak.; general secretary, Rev. J. C. Gunst. Details of the conference activities will appear in a forthcoming issue.

It can also be announced that Mr. James Billeter of Portland, Ore., has been appointed Council Member at Large.

GREETINGS FROM ABROAD

The delegates and visitors to the General Conference were happy and thrilled with personal letters and greetings from the following young people's leaders from other countries:

Rev. Joel Sorensen, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance Youth Organization, Stockholm, Sweden.

Rev. Johannes Arndt, Secretary of Youth Work in Germany, Hamburg, Germany.

Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, Youth Worker, British Cameroons, West Africa.

We are grateful to these leaders for the greetings and best wishes. We are grateful to God for their ministry among young people in other lands. Above all, we greatly rejoiced in the fact that we are bound by Christian fellowship in carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ in so many places in the world.

A NEW LEAFLET

"Twelve Denominational Emphases" have been prepared by the Committee on Education. These twelve areas of concern are listed in an attractive leaflet to give your church a well bal-

anced spiritual progress. Sunday School officers can use this leaflet to help them in planning worthwhile workers' conference. Youth leaders will be helped in their program planning for rallies, assemblies and leaders' conferences. A list of good books for each area of concern gives direction to further study in some often neglected areas. Copies of this leaflet may be secured by writing to: Committee on Education, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

1952 SUMMER ASSEMBLIES

Watch the forthcoming issues for a detailed report on our larger and better programs at our summer assemblies with greater results for consecrated talents and services on the part of our young people, also for much greater vision for missionary interest and giving. Our leaders and instructors have done a great work this summer at these important youth camps.

LIBRARY AT HEADQUARTERS

May we remind you again of your Loan Library at Headquarters. Sample textbooks in the selecting of your local church training courses are available on a loan basis. You merely pay return postage on the books. Books for collateral reading on the text you select are also available. These books are listed in our Christian leadership training curriculum leaflet.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK

This is Sunday School Week. It is now well under way. Make the most of the week. Report to us about your achievements, for this important week can encourage hundreds of other Sunday Schools to do better. Get your report in early.

"The Sunday School has the soul winners in its organization."

"The Sunday School has the combined influence of the workers."

"The Sunday School prepares the hearts of people for the acceptance of the Gospel."—J. N. Barnette.

JUNIOR MISSION MATERIAL

As Junior leaders you will find our Junior Mission Materials, the Junior Leader and the Junior Union Quarterly some excellent helps for your Junior organizations. If you are not subscribing to this material, why not give it a trial? Place your order directly with the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio.



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.

CHAPTER SIX

AS THEY NEARED the place of their previous talk, the African stopped, and turning to Peter, he spoke.

"Mai gida," he said in a low voice, "I am a Christian. Through your message I have been freed from the

power of Satan to that of God. With myself and those of us who believe, what you shall see tonight has no more meaning. But many of my people are still in its bondage. I would give my life to see them free.

"When I spoke to you the other day, you didn't believe all I told you. Now I want you to see, that you might have more understanding of the darkness of my people. God grant that He will use this to help you to know what you fight. And in that fight may He give victory."

Finished speaking, the boy pulled his shirt over his head, revealing himself dressed only in a small leather loin cloth. Muscles rippled under the black skin as he rolled his shirt up and set it in the crotch of a tree.

The missionary looked down at his own pajamas, but seeing they reflected little light decided they were better than the showing of his light skin.

Baru turned to his companion. "Stay close to me," he warned, "and don't move anywhere or say any-

thing unless I do it first." They moved off in the darkness.

As they came closer to the sacred grove, clambering down the steep side of the saucer-like valley, they could hear the low chanting of men and women. Soon a light flickered through the trees. As they neared the grove of the demon worship, they moved more slowly than ever.

Baru came to a stop behind a huge baobab tree, one of those ungainly specimens, short and squat, whose trunk grows like a three-walled room. Into this shelter they moved as they had often done when caught by storm and rain. From behind its protection they peered almost directly into the barren, open space in the heart of the grove.

A flickering fire lit up the whole area. A single glance revealed an awesome scene. A great altar of dark red stone towered some eighteen feet into the air. Atop of it lay a row of grinning skulls. In front of the altar a fire burned, while around it, squatting on their haunches, was a group of incredibly ancient men and women. Their parchment-like skin did not even reflect the light of the fire that burned so close to them, so dry and lifeless had it become.

From this group was coming the chanting they had heard from the distance. Now the monotonous repetition fell with deathly persistence upon their ears. Even as they watched, one of the women rose slowly from the group, and stood almost motionless, facing in the direction of the hidden men. She was naked, save for a wisp of a skirt made from leaves. Her body looked as though it had been in the grave already, so wrinkled and dried did it appear in the firelight.

"A mummy," muttered Peter to himself. But looking into her face he corrected himself. No mummy ever had eyes that flamed and glowed as hers did. So intently did the eyes burn into the darkness where Peter was hiding that he instinctively drew back.

Peering out again he realized she had seen nothing. It was a stare of hypnotism and the fascinated white man watched.

The woman stood taut and tight in the flickering firelight. Then she moved. Almost imperceptibly, muscles began rippling and writhing up and down her body. From her feet to her shoulders there developed one vast convulsion of muscle, as though some tremendous inward exertion was taking place. Yet she never moved from the one spot.

The muscle dance became more and more violent. Suddenly the hands as though freed from invisible chains, began thrashing round her head. Beating her scrawny breast, Peter saw the talon-like nails were tearing at the flesh. Red glowed in the long

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streaks, as blood streamed down her body.

From the ground around her came a change in the rhythm of the chant. Peter tore his eyes away from the woman and looked at the still squatting group. They were staring fixedly at the woman and the missionary followed their eyes.

He almost cried out. The woman was still tearing at her flesh, but no longer with her fingers. On her hands were great, curving claws, whether real or metal, he could not tell. With these she was gouging out her own flesh, still peering in his direction. Her face was a grotesque death mask of Africa.

Peter had been oblivious of everything save the horror of the scene before him. Then he felt a start beside him. He looked down, and saw his African friend staring past the woman and to one side. The quick eye of the native had noticed something over there, and Peter looked intently in that direction.

Then he saw what it was. Coming from the shade on the far side of the clearing was a man. He was slim and light-colored. Suddenly someone behind him gave a great shove, and the newcomer thrust spinning into the circle of crouching, chanting people. In the light of the fire, it was not hard to tell who he was. His long black hair, entwined with brass and silver ornaments, his light skin and fine features revealed him as a member of the Fulani tribe, once the ruling class of West Africa.

Even as he noticed these characteristics of the man, Peter recalled the story that Baru had told, of the raids of this tribe upon his defenseless people.

Thrust thus into the circle, the man turned almost yellow with fear. Spinning dizzily from the push, he revealed hands, tied behind his back, and a dirty cloth stuffed into his mouth. Falling, slipping, striving for balance, the Fulani lad moved up almost beside the woman whose chest was red with blood and strips of flesh.

Baru had gripped Peter's hand as though to restrain him from any movement. The missionary himself scarcely knew what to do, nor what would happen. He found himself praying inaudibly as the nightmare scene unfolded slowly before him.

Then it was all over. The Fulani had ended up almost beside the demon-possessed woman. The latter had been motionless during the entrance of the stranger. Now she was galvanized into action.

Springing into the air, she ran her clawed hands from his head to his thigh, leaving great lines of jagged flesh in their wake.

Peter had gripped Baru's arm so tensely that it must have carried a welt for days afterwards. In another

instant he would have plunged into that hellish scene, when suddenly the fire was out. There was a great scrambling and scraping through the bush, then silence.

From the baobab tree came a sigh slowly exhaled, for from that tree where the men hid, had come a flash of light, and Peter's heart stood still for an instant, waiting.

In the hush that followed the last scraping of twig and branch as the people crashed through the sacred grove, Peter did not move. He had caught the beam of light as it shone from near the tree. Now he waited.

His hold on Baru's arm relaxed, and the African slowly pulled away. Then Peter felt something in his other hand. Tensing his arm slowly, he brought up his hand. It held his flashlight. In that second he realized where the light had come from. His own hand.

In that awful moment of seeing flesh torn from a living body, he unconsciously tightened his grip on the light, and must have pressed the switch. At any rate he had done it, and Peter breathed more easily.

He turned towards Baru, to see that he was moving slowly into the clearing. Peter followed. Flashing the light on the ground, its beam picked up the form of the unconscious Fulani, huddled at the base of the altar.

There was neither sight nor sound of the ancients. He looked at Baru. "There will be no silence after this," he said to the boy who was leaning over the form on the ground. "Let us get this fellow back to the mission, then we'll get word off right away to the government District Officer. This is his job, and it will have to be cleared up at once, or it will spread farther."

Baru merely nodded his head. They bent over the man, who now seemed to be coming to. Dunning took off the top of his pajamas, and tearing it into strips, tied them round and round the lacerated torso. Baru supported the man while Peter bandaged him. While they worked, the eyes opened wider and wider, as he saw the white and black men leaning over him.

"All right," assured Peter in the Hausa language, "you are all right now. Nothing can touch you while we are here," and he talked on quietly until he saw the fear die out of the man's eyes.

When they had finished the bandaging, Peter and Baru supported him to his feet, then they set off for the mission house. It was a long walk slowly and painfully accomplished by the suffering Fulani. He had lost a great deal of blood, and was fast weakening, when at last they reached Peter's house and placed him gently on a spare camp cot.

Lighting the pressure lamp, Peter busied himself with hot water and

bandages, while Baru spoke to the wounded man in a quiet voice. Then together they re-banded him until he looked like a white mummy.

Their efforts proved successful. With the soothing of the salve on his dreadful wounds, and the quieting of his fears, the man slipped off into an uneasy sleep, Baru sitting cross-legged at his side.

Soon Peter returned to the side of the sleeping man and motioned to Baru. Together they picked up the camp-bed upon which the man was sleeping, and gingerly carried it outside and over to the medical hut on the edge of the compound.

The missionary whistled softly, and Audu, the house boy, came running up, followed by the lumbering figure of the compound laborer, Garba. Telling the two newcomers to stay with the wounded man and call if help was needed, Baru and Peter walked slowly and thoughtfully back to the house.

The white man settled into his deck chair, while his evangelist squatted on the grass mat at his feet. Finally the latter spoke:

"Oh, Mai gida," he almost moaned the words, "had I only known, you would never have seen those things tonight. I thought it was just the walking of the dodo to celebrate the return of the old witch doctor. Now I see that things have gone deeper. Blood will flow. What can we do?" he went on, turning his great, dark eyes, up to Peter. "What can we do?"

"One thing we must do, Baru," Peter replied. "And that is to get word to the District Officer as soon as possible. Could you get a man to leave at dawn? It is about one hundred and thirty miles to where the District Officer should be, staying at Bambam. A good runner could make it in two or three days without a load."

"It will have to be one of the Christians then," Baru answered, "for no one else will dare to move from the village now. I'll see who I can get and be back soon. Mai gida," he looked at Peter a trifle shamefacedly, "I would suggest you keep your doors locked at night. I cannot tell what this night's work might bring forth. But it will be bad. That they should have been seen, will stir the ancient ones; once they are stirred, they are mad, mad. When I come back I will bring my sleeping mat and stay with you, just in case something should happen." With that, he opened the door and stepped outside. As the door opened, Peter was surprised to see the grey light of dawn bringing into relief the trees of the compound.

When Baru had gone he sat down at his table and began writing a note to the D.O. asking that he come as quickly as possible and explaining the reason for his anxiety. He made the note brief, giving only the suggestion of the possibility of some kind

of an uprising in this part of his area. Then Peter settled into his deck chair again to await Baru.

Baru was not long in coming, and showed up with his younger brother in town. The boy was still in his teens, but towered over the short, stubby figure of the Zaccheus-like Baru.

They boy came forward with a "salaam alaikum," but no expression whatsoever crossed his dark, pumpkin-shaped face. His features were typical of many types that Peter had seen during his years in Africa. His nose was a mere knob in his face, with the two nostrils peeping openly on either side of it. They appeared like slits in his face that would lead straight back into the skull. Thick, protruding lips, as black as the rest of his face, shaven head and wide, black eyes completed the picture that appeared before him that memorable morning.

He was rubbing his teeth industriously with a piece of splayed chewing stick, whose fibre made a good substitute for a toothbrush. His ragged shirt hung in strips from his shoulders. How he ever found his way through the maze of that intricately contrived garment was a mystery to the missionary. He could have put his head and arms through any of the rents and the effect would have been the same.

After saluting him, Peter said to him, "I want to send a letter to the joji. Can you take it for me?"

"He has already agreed to that, Mai gida," interposed Baru, "and he has come ready to make the start," and the boy motioned to the bow, arrows and spear that his brother carried over his shoulder.

"How long will it take?" Peter asked him.

"Two, three sleeps," the lad replied laconically, "but I will take the shorter bush path, and should be back in five or six days."

"Good," replied the other, "here is some money for food on the road. If you come back in five days, I will add a 'dash' to your pay," and he slipped the money and the letter to Baru who handed them to the boy.

Passing the things over to his brother, Baru muttered something the white man did not catch, then turned back as though the messenger was already out of sight. The latter swung his quiver into a more secure position, gave a hitch to his ragged shirt, clasped his bow and spear with his free hand, and with a "Sai na dawo" disappeared through the compound hedge. Peter turned to Baru: "Let us see to our patient of last night," and motioned him towards the hut.

As they reached the hut, Peter stopped low to peer into the doorway. In the gloomy interior he made out two sleeping forms near the door.

Baru stirred the two men with his foot, and Audu and Garba rose blinking and yawning and came out through the low doorway.

"How is the Fulani?" asked Peter.

"All right," they both assured him. "He was very quiet after you left us, so we rolled up here and slept."

As Peter talked to them, Baru again entered the dark doorway, and in a moment appeared again.

"He's gone!" ejaculated the boy. "There is no sign of the Fulani."

Audu and Garba uttered sharp cries of fear as Peter brushed them aside and entered the medical hut. Surely enough, the filtering dawn light showed the cot where the wounded man had been left. One part of the canvas showed the still wet, dark brown stain where blood had seeped through the layers of bandage. But of the man himself there was no sign.

"X marks the spot where the body was," muttered Peter to himself. "Now what will the D.O. say when he comes? No body, no crime." He shrugged his shoulders as though to forget, and stepped outside.

Audu and Garba became vociferous in their assurance that the man could not have gone. He couldn't have left in his weakened condition, they reasoned. And how could a man so sick have stepped over both of them while they slept in front of the doorway! He couldn't have gone, and on and on their tongues waggled.

Finally Baru barked something that effectively quieted them, and Peter turned gratefully back to the house. Audu mentioned something about getting his master's breakfast ready, and he and Garba set off for the kitchen, still assuring themselves that the Fulani could not have gone.

Baru walked slowly beside the missionary. His usually smiling face was drawn and solemn. In silence the two friends reached the house and entered.

Peter's head was feeling heavy through lack of sleep and the rapid succession of events. He threw himself wearily on his own camp cot. As he felt the roughness of the blanket under him, he realized he was still wearing half of his pajamas. Telling Baru to wait, he gathered up his khaki shorts and shirt and stepped behind the partition where his galvanized bath tub stood.

It still had bath water in it from the night before, and he splashed some of it over his aching body. The cool water refreshed him. Hastily shaving and dressing, he rejoined Baru, who was still waiting by the door.

The latter was picking aimlessly at the wide grass blades of the mat on which he sat. He looked up at the approach of the missionary.

"Mai gida," he said hesitantly, "we are in the hands of the Lord. We will need His help. Could we pray together?"

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GOD'S POWER FOR OUR AGE

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and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." It was announced by the Lord Jesus and concerns the entire world. There is no person left out. There is no class omitted. We begin at Jerusalem, the home base, and reach out further and further, until by the grace of God and the power of the Spirit in our lives, the gospel of redeeming love is made known to everyone. Some people think nothing of the mission field and feel there is enough work at home, but they are doing nothing for their next door neighbor. God has given us a program; Jesus announced it; it concerns the entire world. It is inclusive, not exclusive.

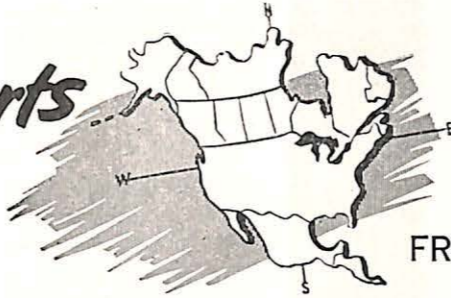
I believe God has included all people of the world and wants his own children to get the gospel out. It is international, not national. It is for all people everywhere. It is intensive, not half-hearted. The half-hearted person is doing very little for foreign missions and home missions. You listen to some of these men who are rather liberal in theology and they will talk about bringing in the kingdom of God. Their evening services are cut off; they close for the summer months and yet they are supposed to be bringing in the kingdom of God. They are not interested enough in the community to

make a stir of revival fire. The child of God, endued by the Holy Spirit, is enabled to carry on a ministry which God can honor and bless. Not in a half-hearted way!

The fields remain before us as a challenge and the harvest is white. I suppose you have heard the illustration, and of course it is only fiction, that the angel Gabriel talked with the Lord Jesus when he entered heaven. "Now who is going to carry on that work?" The Lord Jesus looked at the angel and said, "My disciples, they are going to carry on the work in order that others might know of me and my redeeming love." "But suppose they do not obey?" The Son of God with bowed head said, "I have no other plan."

God has no other plan than this. "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Let us be faithful in the consecration of our lives, talents and gifts, that joy shall be brought to our Savior by our obedience. The world is lost in sin, but we have the remedy. Let us not withhold the message. God help us to move toward the uttermost part of earth with his saving grace.

Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Northwestern Conference

Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa

The closing program of the Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, was held Sunday morning, June 1.

Classes during the school were as follows: Beginners, "I Learn About Jesus," taught by Mrs. Guy Probert assisted by Marlene Durscher and Beverly Muehlethaler; Primary, "What Jesus Taught Us," Mrs. Arthur Ittermann and Marjorie Johnson; Juniors, "Old Testament Heroes," Mrs. John Schaer and Mrs. Hugo Hackmann; Intermediates, "Pageant of New Testament History," Mrs. Fred Schaer. LaFonda Miller was secretary-treasurer and music was in charge of Mrs. Abe Hazeger and Mrs. Arbie Schroeder. Dr. Arthur Ittermann was superintendent of the school.

The average daily attendance was 77, and the total offering was \$73.13. This is to be used for the Iowa project of the CBY. Awards were presented to pupils who had perfect attendance as well as to those who brought visitors.

Mrs. Fred Schaer, Reporter.

Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. H. Lohr by Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa

The faithfulness of a pastor and his family was recognized on Thursday, July 24th, by the Parkersburg Baptist Church of Parkersburg, Iowa. A large group attended the farewell program given in honor of the Rev. H. Lohr and his family.

The Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor of our neighboring church at Aplington, Iowa, was the able master of ceremonies. Every department of the church participated in various matters and numerous speakers lauded the splendid services rendered by Mr. Lohr during his 15 years of ministry. In 1937 Mr. Lohr came to our church. We had an approximate membership of 85 and to date we have a membership of 175, having more than doubled in this period of time. In 1937 our finances were low and were in debt several thousand dollars. Our budget was a little more than \$2,000. Since then our own debt has been paid, many improvements have been made on the parsonage, our church was moved, enlarged and a new piano and organ installed at a cost of more than \$20,000 all of which is paid at this time. Many changes have been made

but Mr. Lohr's message has never changed, it being founded on the Rock of Ages, Jesus Christ.

The Rev. and Mrs. Howard Johnson were also present as well as many friends and members of the church. Not only were words of appreciation spoken by representatives of the various church organizations, but the Sunday School and church's appreciation was also shown by a \$100 gift from the Sundry School which was presented to Mr. Lohr by our superintendent, Mr. L. Dreyer, and a \$400 cash gift by the church. Other gifts were given Mr. and Mrs. Lohr by the Ladies' Aid, Sunshine Club and Sunday School classes.

Mr. and Mrs. Lohr and Ronnie left soon thereafter for Corona, S. Dak., where Brother Lohr began his ministry on Sunday, August 3rd. May God grant the Lohr family a great blessing in their new charge and may we obtain the right shepherd who shall continue this fine work.

R. H. Mulder Reporter.

Central Conference

Recent Activities and Programs at the White Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

We of the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, are grateful to our Lord that twelve new members have recently come into the fellowship of the church. Seven came by baptism and five by letter or confession. Only several weeks after her baptism, one lady was called home to glory. All who were baptized came



Children of the Vacation Bible School held by the Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa.

with a clear ringing testimony for their Savior.

In May the Ever Ready Circle entertained the "oldsters." About thirty people were served at dinner in the Jacob Lindenbaum home. Dr. and Mrs. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, a former pastor of the church, were the guests of honor, and Mr. H. P. Donner was the dean. Dr. von Berge entertained the group briefly with "eloquent" chalk drawings and designs. Reminiscences were contributed by others. A little nostalgia was mingled with the merriment. Oh yes, even party hats were in vogue!

The kitchen was provided with a new ten-burner, two-oven stove in preparation for our entertaining the Central Conference. This was a gift by the Harmony Club, an active organization of young adults, who meet monthly and have a keen interest in church life.

Since a conversion gas burner was installed in the heating plant, the boiler room, in part, has lately been remodeled as a classroom, thus expanding the educational facilities. An excellent group of young boys are the happy occupants.

Paul F. Zoschke, Pastor.

Eastern Conference

A Combined Welcome and Farewell Reception at Andrews Street Church, Rochester, New York

A welcoming reception and a fond farewell service were combined in one service at the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y., on Sunday evening, July 13. The Rev. Arthur Weisser and his family are the incoming workers, and the Rev. and Mrs. Otto E. Krueger are the retiring leaders.

After a short song service led by the Rev. Arthur Kanwischer, prayer was offered by Mr. Krueger dedicating the efforts of the new pastor and his people to the service of God. The Rev. Roger Schmidt sang two solos, and Mr. Alfred Kanwischer rendered a piano solo. Welcoming speeches from the various organizations were next in order. Mr. John Helwig represented the congregation and pledged the support and cooperation of the people. Then the church expressed its gratitude to the outgoing couple by presenting them with declarations of esteem from each organization, and in a more tangible way, with an electric roaster to enjoy in the days of their retirement.

The Baptist Union of Monroe County and the Federation of Churches had as their spokesman the Rev. R. R. DeMott to greet the incoming pastor and commend the outgoing pastor.

Mrs. Weisser spoke a few gracious words in thanks and then played a selection on her violin, "It Is Well With My Soul" which was very much appreciated. The Rev. Arthur Weisser then expressed his thanks and some hopes for the future of the work. Mr. and Mrs. Krueger voiced their thanks for the gift and for the opportunity of serving the church.

D. E. Kanwischer, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Briel, Great Bend, Kansas

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Briel of Great Bend, Kans., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, July 13, with open house at their home. Present to help with the celebration were their son and daughter and their families. They are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Paul of Evanston, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin G. Briel and children, Judith, Joyce and Jonathan of Great Bend, Kansas.

Nearly 200 relatives and friends called during the afternoon and evening showering them with good wishes, flowers and gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Briel are members of the Baker Avenue Baptist Church of Great Bend, Kansas. They were married July 15, 1902, in Evansville, Ind., by the late Rev. J. P. Brunner, brother of Mrs. Briel. They moved to Great Bend in 1908, where they have resided since. Mrs. Briel will be remembered as Bertha Brunner, daughter of the late Rev. Gustave Brunner.

The Children.

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Paul Shellhouse of Emmanuel Church, Marion, Kans.

On Sunday evening, August 3rd, the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kans., held a reception and welcome for its new pastor and his wife, the Rev. Paul Shellhouse of Wheaton College, Weathon, Illinois. Words of welcome were expressed by various organizations of the church. Dr. Hiebert of Tabor College of Hillsboro, Kans., delivered a real spiritual and instructive message. He spoke on "Follow the Leader."

Mr. Shellhouse responded with expressions of faith and conviction that it was God's leading that brought them to us. Mr. C. Neve, our honorary deacon, also spoke words of welcome. We then retired to the dining room of the church for a time of fellowship and refreshments. It was at this time that the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Shellhouse were presented with a kitchen shower,

Our prayer is that the Lord may bless this relationship of church and pastor and that we will work harmoniously together to the honor and glory of God.

Wm. O. Schroeder, Church Clerk.

Vacation Bible School With 35 Children at the Shell Creek Church, Nebraska

From June 9 to 13, we of the Shell Creek Baptist Church of Columbus, Neb., conducted our Vacation Bible School. There were 39 children registered and they kept almost a perfect record of attendance throughout the week. Our classes were held from 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M..

The daily schedule began with the children marching into the church and giving salutes to the United States and Christian flags and also to the



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Briel of Great Bend, Kansas, who recently observed their golden wedding anniversary.

Bible. A brief worship service was then conducted by our pastor, the Rev. P. T. Hunsicker. The Rev. A. J. Abuhl, field representative for the Rural Bible Crusade, then took charge. After the singing of several choruses, the children were divided into four classes. The Beginners were taught by Mrs. Vernon Mohrman and Miss Doris Buss; the Primary children by Mrs. A. J. Abuhl; the Juniors by Rev. A. J. Abuhl and the Intermediates by Miss Mary Heinerman, district secretary of the Rural Bible Crusade.

A mission offering of \$15.00 was given by the children to help in the supporting of a missionary family now serving their Lord in Africa. On Friday evening the children gave a demonstration program for the benefit of parents and friends. Prizes and awards were presented to both pupils and teachers.

May the seed that was sown through the week grow into a fulness of Christian living!

Doris B. Buss, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Anniversary Program of the Baptist Prayer and Service Group at Whitemouth, Manitoba

On Sunday evening, June 22, the Prayer and Service Group of the Baptist Church, Whitemouth, Man., observed its anniversary program under the capable leadership of its president, Mrs. Ida Tiede. The theme for the evening was "Soul Winning."

The program, which included two duets, two recitations and a dialogue, "Die Lebenskrone," proved a blessing to all. Mrs. J. Kuehn, the pastor's wife, was the speaker. The offering on this occasion was \$23.69.

As a society of 21 active women, we meet every second Tuesday throughout the year. We send \$200 annually to our Forest Park Headquarters for the support of a native Cameroons worker. The sum of \$136.67 went into

our parsonage building fund. The ground breaking exercises for our new parsonage at River Hills took place on July 27. There were 160 sick calls made by the members throughout the year.

Mrs. J. Kuehn, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings and Vacation Bible Schools at Whitemouth and Beausejour, Manitoba

From July 9 to 20 it was a privilege of the Whitemouth Baptist Church of River Hills, Man., to have the Rev. H. Palfenier, our denominational evangelist, with us for special services. Even though there were no evident results of conversions, the church was spiritually revived and one young man re-dedicated his life anew to Christ.

During the same time a Vacation Bible School was held in the River Hills school building. The total enrollment was 35. The teachers were Rev. J. Kuehn, Mrs. Herbert Knopf, Mrs. J. Kuehn and Mrs. Otto Lueck.

Vacation Bible School was also held during these days at Beausejour, Man., where Miss Betty Friesen, Mrs. Albert Best and Mrs. Carl Dohms did a fine work in bringing the word of God to a total enrollment of 71. The children of each of the above schools held demonstration programs.

The male quartet, "The King's Couriers," from the CTI of Edmonton, Alta., visited the Beausejour Church on Monday, July 14, and Whitemouth on July 15. The young men also brought several songs and stories at the Vacation Bible School on July 16.

Mrs. J. Kuehn, Reporter.

Saskatchewan Young People's Assembly is Held at Beautiful Echo Lake Camp

The annual assembly of the Saskatchewan Tri Union was held at Echo Lake Camp from July 7 to 20. A record enrollment of young people and children attended the classes and experienced the blessing of God throughout the two weeks. The Rev. J. C. Gunst was the guest speaker the first week and conducted the class in "Christian Ethics." The other class, dealing with another important subject, "Soul Winning," was led by the local pastors. The music during the two weeks was directed by Miss Erna Schwanke of the Christian Training Institute Staff in Edmonton, Alberta. Miss Schwanke was also one of the teachers during the Children's Camp, when the lesson topics were, "The Doctrine of Salvation" and "Missions."

At the annual business meeting, the directors reported good progress among the CBY's and Sunday Schools of our churches. Three very successful rallies were held this spring at Jansen, Edgewood and Yorkton, with capacity crowds in attendance.

The results of the election of officers were as follows: president, Rev. E. L. Thiessen; vice-president, Mr. Henry Fenske; dean, Rev. Fred Ohlmann; secretary, Artrude Ziolkowski; treasurer, Darleen Scheirer; young peoples' director, Rev. Ed. Link; Sunday School director, Rev. M. DeBoer.

Artrude L. Ziolkowski, Secretary.

Farewell Service for Minnie Kuhn, Cameroons Missionary, by Rabbit Hill Church, Alberta

Sunday, August 3rd, was a memorable day for the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church near Leduc, Alta., because we had the joy of sending forth Miss Minnie Kuhn, one of our young people, on her long trek to Africa as a missionary-nurse for our denomination.

Special worship services conducted by the Rev. K. Korella, pastor, presented the challenging theme, "A Glorious Obsession" (Luke 7:26-50) in the morning, after which a fellowship hour was enjoyed in the church basement.

Then we assembled for the farewell service for Miss Minnie Kuhn. Mr. Korella served as chairman of the program, which consisted of several musical numbers, farewell wishes from the various organizations of the church and a missionary play, concluded by the presentation of a gift of money from the Sunday School and CBY organizations of which Miss Kuhn has been an active member. Our church and its organizations pledged themselves to uphold her in prayer on her distant field of labor. May her choice spur us on to more faithful service to the One who "is altogether lovely!"

Mrs. Karl Korella, Reporter.

Manitoba Young People's Assembly Held at Beautiful Dauphin Lake, Manitoba

A happy time and spiritual blessings were enjoyed by all who took "time out" to attend the Manitoba young people's camp at Dauphin Lake from July 14 to 20. Although the group was not very much larger than previous years, yet many expressed themselves by saying: "This is the best time we ever had at our camp." The weather was ideal, the spirit and cooperation of the campers was wonderful, and the teachers and speakers brought their very best.

We were privileged to have Dr. George Dunger of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Rev. Hugo Lueck of Edmonton, Alta., as guest speakers and teachers. Dr. Dunger taught two courses, "The Missionary" and "The Missionary Church." Mr. Lueck taught a course on the Gospel of John and brought inspirational messages at the evening services. We were very happy when one young lady accepted Christ and confessed him as her Savior, and one young man re-dedicated his life to the Lord. The many joyful testimonies at the "Fireside Hour" by the lake shore gave evidence that many others also consecrated themselves to a closer walk with the Lord.

R. Kanwischer, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School With 64 Children Enrolled at Trochu, Alberta, Canada

From July 21 to 28, the Baptist Church of Trochu, Alta., held a Vacation Bible School, with an enrollment of 64 children, and an average attendance of 60. Under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. D. Berg, and a staff of eight teachers, these children were



Miss Minnie Kuhn, missionary to the Cameroons, Africa, who is already on her way to the mission field.

instructed in biblical truths, from the Beginners' class to the Intermediate class. Our course this year was entitled, "Sailing With Christ." This proved very interesting to the boys and girls, as they were little sailors all week, sailing from one port to another.

The teachers and courses were: Beginners, "With Jesus by the Sea," Mrs. D. Berg, assisted by Darlene Schimke; Primary department, "Bible Ship Stories," Mrs. A. Franke and Rovia Haller; Junior class, "Anchors Aweigh," Mrs. M. Falkenberg and Manetta Froehlich; Intermediate class, "Aboard Ship With Christ," Rev. D. Berg, assisted by Jean Haller. We rejoice in the blessings of the Lord during this week, and also for the joy of seeing some of these pupils make a decision to accept Christ as their Savior.

The school came to a close with an inspiring program on Sunday evening, July 30. During the program the children presented the choruses, memory verses and stories which they had learned during the week. A display of handwork and work books was also given.

Manetta Froehlich, Reporter.

Manitoba Association and Tri Union Sessions at the Morris Baptist Church

The Manitoba Association and Tri Union convened at the Baptist Church of Morris, Man., from June 12 to 15. The central theme was, "The Church of Christ," which was very timely. The opening service was conducted by the Rev. R. Kanwischer of Morris, with the Rev. John Kuehn of Whitemouth bringing the opening message. During the following days, the pastors of our Manitoba churches spoke on various topics under the theme.

We were led "beside the still waters" by our visiting speakers, the Rev. W. J. Luebeck, editor of "Der Sendbote," and Prof. Herbert Hiller of our Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A special time each day was designated for business purposes, during which we heard reports from the vari-

ous organizations and from the churches. Newly elected officers are: Association: Rev. R. Kanwischer, moderator; Mr. R. Stober, secretary and treasurer; Tri Union: Rev. Hugo Zepik, president; Miss Ida Hoffman, secretary; Mr. Paul Bergstresser, treasurer; Miss Lynda Rempel, Sunday School and Scripture memorization director; Rev. I. Faszer, CBY director; Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, director of the choir; and editor of the Tri Union News, Miss Irma Bergstresser.

Saturday and Sunday were special Tri Union days, with a young peoples' cutting and supper on Saturday afternoon and a great youth rally in the evening. The Morris CBY presented a program in which the various churches participated with special numbers. The play, "The Dawn on the Dark and Lonely Trail," written by Lynda Stober of Morris, was presented which depicted the history of our Leper Mission work in Africa from its earliest beginnings to the present time. The meeting of the Tri Union was climaxed by two grand services on Sunday with a large mass choir participating in the closing service.

Arthur Boymook, Reporter.

Choir Robe Dedication at Carbon, Alberta, and Vacation School at Zion Church

Sunday evening, June 22, will long be remembered by the members and friends of the Carbon Baptist Church, Carbon, Alberta. The choir members marched into the choir loft robed in their beautiful, royal blue choir robes.

A fine program was presented by the choir director and the pastor, Rev. J. G. Rott. There was a group of three choice anthems, followed by Scripture and prayer and then another group of three anthems. The pastor brought a fitting message on the topic, "Special Robes in the Bible." The choir sang another group of requested anthems.

These robes are a special gift to the choir from the church for the untiring work they are doing and in appreciation for their service. Our choir has twenty to thirty members. The change is due to our young people leaving us in the fall to go to different schools. For two summers one of our choir members has been touring with the Glory Gospel Trio.

A Vacation Bible School was conducted in the Zion Baptist Church near Carbon from July 21 to 25. Since rains were heavy and the roads very soft, it appeared as though not many children could come to our school. But the school grew in numbers and the efforts were not in vain. Miss Leonora Bertsch taught the Beginners, Miss Frieda Freitag the Primary Class, Mrs. Emanuel Bertsch and Mr. Art Forsch the Juniors, and Mrs. Art Bertsch helped with music and wherever needed. On Sunday evening, July 27, a special program was given at which time the teachers as well as the students gave a demonstration of what they have taught and learned. A fitting message followed by the pastor, Rev. J. G. Rott.

Mrs. Adam Buyer and Rev. J. G. Rott, Reporters.

Vacation Bible School for Baptist and United Churches in Carbon, Alberta, Canada

Two weeks of a successful Vacation Bible School were held in the Carbon Baptist Church of Carbon, Alta., and local schoolhouse commencing July 21st. Approximately 75 pupils were enrolled from the Baptist and United Churches in the community. It was under the leadership of Miss Ruby Schindler of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.

The teachers and topics of discussion were: Mrs. Mary Prawsz and Miss Joan Ohlhouer, Nursery, "The Creation;" Miss Myrna Schell and Miss Ella Bertsch, Beginners, "The Creation Story;" Mrs. J. G. Roth and Mrs. Mildred Ohlhouer, Primary, "God's Family;" Miss Phyllis Schuler and Miss Nova Buyer, Juniors, "The Christian's Time and Talents;" Miss Ruby Schindler, Intermediates, "Answering the Why's of Young People."

On Thursday, July 21, a special picnic was held in the park for the children and their parents. The closing program was held in the Baptist Church on Friday, Aug. 1st. The children of each department gave a demonstration of what they had learned.

Phyllis Schuler, Reporter.



Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Tiede at Oak Bank, Manitoba

On July 13 Mr. and Mrs. Emil Tiede of Oak Bank, Man., observed their golden wedding anniversary in the decorated church at Oak Bank, Manitoba. The members and friends, together with the children of the Tiede family made this a well planned and happy occasion. The Rev. A. Hart of Winnipeg tactfully led the service.

Words of greeting were brought by the two pastors of the Winnipeg, McDermot Ave. Church of which Oak Bank is a station, Dr. C. Seecamp and Rev. A. Hart. Mr. L. Paschke of Morris and Rev. A. Bibelheimer of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., also spoke fitting words, the latter's wife being one of the relatives of the happy couple. At the close of this service the Tiede children brought special greetings with appropriate gifts.

Of the five daughters one was unable to be present. Altogether there are six children. Mr. and Mrs. Tiede

responded graciously and warmly expressed their deep appreciation for this fine service and for the many gifts. Refreshments were served by the women of Oak Bank church. Mrs. Maria Tiede, sister-in-law of the honored couple, attended the wedding 50 years ago. Since then she has been called to her reward.

Mr. and Mrs. Tiede came to Canada 26 years ago and have enjoyed the Christian fellowship and the opportunity for service. They have a fine family and all of their children have their own homes and are active in Christian work.

A. Bibelheimer, Reporter.

Reception for Dr. and Mrs. Seecamp at McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

In March of this year the Rev. D. Fuchs, pastor of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Man., accepted the call of the General Mission Committee to become denominational evangelist. He thus terminated his services with us after four years and three months of a ministry which was visibly blessed of the Lord.

It was not until July 13th that we had the joy of welcoming our new minister, Dr. C. Seecamp, and his family who came to us from the First Baptist Church in Leduc, Alberta. In the interim the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, Immigration Secretary, provided guest speakers for our services in the English language. The Rev. A. Hart is our associate minister, serving in the German language and ministering especially among the great number of immigrants arriving here from Europe.

The official reception for Dr. and Mrs. Seecamp and family took place on July 16th when approximately 800 people attended. Music rendered by two choirs and inspiring words of welcome from several ministers residing in our midst, as well as from a visiting minister, were the highlights of the evening. Mr. Hart was in charge of the program.

Representatives of the deacons, the church committee, Sunday School, Ladies' Mission Society, the two choirs, and the two branches of CBY spoke in succession. Our daughter church in Oak Bank was represented by Mr. D. Albrecht. Mr. Sturhahn spoke words of welcome in the name of the immigrants. Our mission church in the city

was represented by Mr. Zinser who spoke fittingly on Acts 18:170. The visiting minister was Rev. A. Bibelheimer of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., who addressed mainly the church members. The Rev. A. Milner and Rev. D. Unrau spoke words of encouragement. Our sincere thanks was expressed at this time to Mrs. Linda Vicars, our second organist, who terminated her services that evening.

The response of the Seecamp family began with the daughters and the son, followed by hearty words of thanks from Mrs. Seecamp. Dr. Seecamp added to his words of appreciation some of his principles and aims as shepherd of the flock.

Edith Streichert, Church Clerk.

Southern Conference

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Doye of Waco, Texas, Celebrate Their Golden Wedding Anniversary

Following the evening worship service on Sunday, July 6, members of Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, assembled in the Fellowship Hall to honor Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Doye who had just returned from a motor trip through the Southern States in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary which occurred on June 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Doye joined the fellowship of our church in 1913 shortly after arriving in America from Germany and through the ensuing 39 years have been staunch and faithful supporters of every phase of our church program. Both are regular in their attendance upon the worship services, in Sunday School and Training Union, setting an example for the younger generation. Mr. Doye was for many years director of the choir, was active as a deacon and as a member of the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Doye is an inspiration to the women of our church by her enthusiastic devotion to the Woman's Missionary Union, especially in the White Cross work. They have given liberally of their financial means both to the home church and to the entire denominational program but their greatest joy comes from the fact that their home has contributed an ambassador for Christ to the African mission field in the person of our missionary, Margaret Kittlitz.

In observance of the festive occasion our pastor, the Rev. Louis Johnson, read Psalm 34 and congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Doye on reaching this coveted milestone in their married life together. Milton Lippert dedicated the poem, "For a 50th Wedding Anniversary," to them. Mr. Raymond Engelbrecht, chairman of the Board of Deacons, reviewed the highlights of their association with our church and presented them with a leather-bound volume of inspirational poems entitled, "Leaves of Gold."

Our church, as well as the many friends whom this dear couple have made in their very close association with our denominational activities, wish for them God's richest blessings.

Mrs. Ernest Steindam, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Musical Ministry of the Baptist Male Chorus of Ashley, North Dakota

The Ashley Baptist Male Chorus of Ashley, N. Dak., has given many sacred programs, and is organized for the purpose of promoting male chorus work in our churches. Any church or community wishing our services, may write to Mr. John A. George, secretary of the organization.

The names of the members of this chorus are as follows: back row, left to right: William Hein, Gideon Weisser, Jacob J. Bertsch, Vernon Jenner, Isadore Lang, Andrew Schauer; second row, left to right: Theodore Woehl, William Baumann, Walter Bauer, Floyd Bertsch, Gotthilf Zimmermann, Fred Jenner; front row, left to right: B. F. Heitzmann, John A. George, Andrew Bertsch, Milton Will, Bobby Bertsch (junior soloist), Theodore Schock, Emil J. Bertsch, Judy Baumann.

Officers of the organization are as follows: William Baumann, president; John A. George, secretary-treasurer; B. F. Heitzman, director; Walter Bauer and Isadore Lang, librarians; and Judy Baumann, accompanist.

B. F. Heitzmann, Reporter.

Farewell for Rev. and Mrs. Henry Lang at the Baptist Church, Presserville, Montana

On Sunday evening, July 2nd, 27 friends and neighbors gathered at the Presserville Baptist Church of Presserville, Mont., to bid farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Lang and family. After a brief song service, a program was given. Representatives from the various organizations of the church gave short talks expressing their appreciation for the faithful service and kindness of the pastor and his wife and presented them with a gift. A love offering was also taken and presented to them.

The Langs expressed their appreciation for the gift and for the kindness shown to them during their stay at Presserville. After the close of the service refreshments were enjoyed by all in the church basement. As the evening was well spent, friends and neighbors bade the Langs "Goodbye" and wished God's blessing upon them at Napoleon, N. Dak., in service to their Master.

Gary Buechler, Church Clerk.

Northern North Dakota Association at First Baptist Church, Underwood, North Dakota

Days of special blessing were experienced in Underwood, N. Dak., from June 12 to 15 at the Northern North Dakota Association. After the opening welcome by the host pastor, Rev. Fred Knalson, and music by the Underwood singing men, Rr. Ralph E. Powell of our Seminary, brought the opening and challenging message.

After the devotions on Friday morning, group sessions were held with the women's meeting in the church and

Male Chorus of the Ashley Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak., with Mr. B. F. Heitzmann at the left, and Miss Judy Baumann, accompanist, at right.



the men in the school gymnasium. At the men's session, four laymen spoke on the need for a men's organization. The last speaker was Attorney Oscar Benson of Bottineau, North Dakota. This resulted in organizing the Northern Dakota Men's Brotherhood with Geo. Kessler as president; Gordon Mayer, vice-president; and Vernon Wolitarsky as secretary-treasurer.

The fine ladies' program was closed at 3 o'clock since Mr. Knalson had arranged a guided tour to the Garrison Dam construction project. About 165 delegates and friends took part in this very interesting tour.

Saturday was given to a study of the association's theme by the pastors of the area. The large service on Sunday was again held in the school gymnasium. Dr. Powell again was the messenger for the mission service at which over \$700 was received for foreign missions. Sunday afternoon was the young people's meeting with the assembly president, Lyle Wacker, leading. Dr. Powell was the speaker.

Officers for coming year are: moderator, F. Knalson; vice-moderator, A. Bibelheimer; secretary, F. Fuchs; treasurer, Thomas Werman.

A. Bibelheimer, Reporter.

Welcome Home for Missionary Eleanor Weisenburger by Baptist Church, Venturia, North Dakota

The Baptist Church at Venturia, N. Dak., was very happy for the recent occasion of Miss Eleanor Weisenburger's homecoming. The church has felt that in a wonderful way she has represented us out on the mission field of the Cameroons. It was with expectation of hearing great things of God's wonderful grace, that we awaited her arrival. Again we wanted to hear of the work on the field that is being carried on in the "Name of Jesus" by God's ambassadors.

On Sunday evening, August 17, the church welcomed her home. After the opening exercises, which were led by the young people, the pastor, the Rev. R. F. Dickau, asked Miss Weisenburger to come to the platform. After words of welcome were spoken by the pastor in behalf of the church, Mrs. R. Dickau presented her with a corsage of roses. Following this, the various societies of the church brought welcome messages in song and in readings. The pastor spoke on Hebrew 11:8, "By Faith—Abraham."

During our Vacation Bible School, the children brought an offering every morning. It was decided at that time that the offerings would go toward the work in the Cameroons, in the form of equipment for Miss Weisenburger. This gift was then presented to her with the prayer that it might help someone see the Light of Jesus Christ. Miss Weisenburger then expressed her deep-felt gratitude to God and the church for all that had been done unto her.

Our prayers continue to go with her as with all of the missionaries out in the field that God might do a mighty work through them. We are looking forward to hearing more of the work that is being done out in the Cameroons when Miss Weisenburger returns from her deputation work.

R. F. Dickau, Pastor.



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R. F. Dickau, Pastor.

The picture below illustrates the report about the Vacation Bible School at the Shell Creek Church of Nebraska that appears on page 18 of this issue. EDITOR.

Vacation Bible School group at the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Neb., with the Reverends A. J. Abuhl and Paul Hunsicker at the right.

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary, On a Study Tour to Germany

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our executive secretary, is in Germany on an important study tour! This will come as a surprise to many of our people. It certainly represents an honor which has been conferred on Dr. Woyke and has come to us as North American Baptists.

He was one of 100 leading personalities of America to be invited by the German Federal Government to make a study of present day conditions in the new Germany. All expenses of the trip are being paid by the German government. Dr. Woyke was selected as a member of the group, "Churches and Church Relief Agencies."

He left New York City by plane on Sept. 9th and hopes to return to the United States soon after October 9th. While in Germany, he will also attend the executive committee meeting of the Western Zone of the Baptist Union on Sept. 19, and will be present at the General Council session of the Baptist Union at Muehlheim on the Ruhr from Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, and then will participate in the 50th anniversary of the Baptist Church at Munich which we helped to build.

HARVEST AND MISSION FESTIVAL PROGRAMS

The Harvest and Mission Festivals to be observed by our Sunday School and churches will generally be held in October. The programs and recitation material were sent out recently. The story of Dr. Leslie Chaffee and Dr. William S. Boutwell is featured on the program.

If more programs are desired, write to the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio, with your requests. The gifts are to be designated for the Missionary and Benevolent Offering of the denomination.

He has promised to write several articles about his trip to Germany for the "Baptist Herald." It is an enriching experience for him and will enhance the prestige of North American Baptists in our world-wide witness of tomorrow. The trip was made with the full approval and best wishes of the General Council.

PROGRAM of the Minnesota Association at Jeffers, Minn., from Oct. 2 to 4.

THURSDAY, Oct. 2

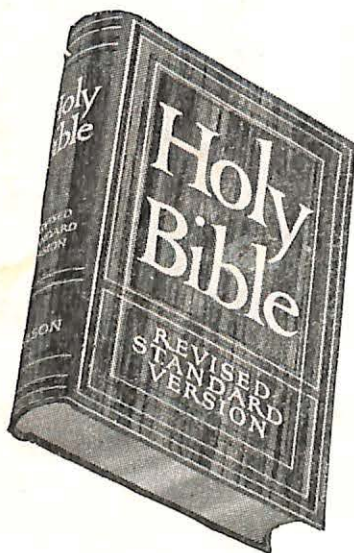
- 2:00- 2:30 P.M. Devotions, Rev. Arthur Odens.
2:30- 3:00 P.M. Organization.
3:15- 4:00 P.M. "The Redeeming Christ," Rev. William H. Jeschke.
8:00 P.M. Missionary Eleanor Weisenburger and Message by Seminary Professor, "The Majestic Christ." (Special service.)

FRIDAY, Oct. 3

- 9:00- 9:30 A.M. Devotions, Rev. Donald Patet.
9:30-10:30 A.M. Business Session.
10:45-11:15 A.M. Missionary Eleanor Weisenburger.
11:15-12:00 A.M. "The Priestly Christ," Seminary Professor.
2:00- 2:30 P.M. Devotions, Rev. Edgar Klatt.
2:30- 3:00 P.M. "The Returning Christ," Rev. David Wipf.
3:00- 4:00 P.M. Women's Business Session.
8:00 P.M. Women's Meeting (Music).

SATURDAY, Oct. 4

- 9:00- 9:30 A.M. Devotions, Rev. Edward Kopf.
9:30-10:00 A.M. Unfinished Business.
10:15-10:45 A.M. "The Changeless Christ," Rev. Adam Huber.
10:45-11:30 A.M. "The Living Christ," Seminary Professor.



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