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The S. S. Lesson in ACTION

By Rev. B. JACKSTEIT, Anaheim, CaLif.

A LESSON PLAN

DATE: AUGUST 23, 1953

THEME: The Christian's Prayer Life.

SCRIPTURE: 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Romans 8:26-28.

PURPOSE: To help us understand the role that prayer can and should play in the life of the Christian.

GETTING STARTED: On a Sunday morning shortly before the death of Stalin a certain minister made a point of it, in his pastoral prayer, especially to pray for the Russian dictator. After the service one of the deacons went to him and said, "Pastor, I don't mean to be critical; but, frankly, I don't believe that you have any business praying for that man. He's way beyond the place where even God can help him. Why then should we waste our time praying for him?" If you had been that pastor, how would you have answered? Ought we to pray for men like Stalin?

DEVELOPING THE THEME:

I. WHY SHOULD THE CHRISTIAN PRAY?

1. Because it's required of him (1 Tim. 2:3, 8). Prayer is one of the inescapable demands his faith makes upon him.

2. Because he requires it. Without prayer the Christian simply cannot flourish in his spiritual life. He cannot, for instance, experience the truth of Romans 8:28 without first knowing the reality spoken of in verses 26 and 27.

II. HOW SHOULD THE CHRISTIAN PRAY?

1. He should pray with sincerity; for such is the basic meaning of "lifting up holy hands."

2. His prayers must be motivated by love and genuine good will; for he is to pray "without wrath."

3. Faith and confidence must also mark his praying; for he is to pray "without . . . doubting."

4. He should also pray with a sense of dependence upon the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:26-27).

III. FOR WHOM AND WHAT SHOULD THE CHRISTIAN PRAY?

1. The Holy Spirit is concerned with all things that touch the life of the believer (Rom. 8:28); therefore the Christian's prayer should be as wide as life itself and include everything that belongs to his life.

2. God is concerned about all men (1 Tim. 2:4); therefore the Christian's prayers must also extend to include all men—even dictators.

IV. WHAT SHOULD BE THE BURDEN OF THE CHRISTIAN'S PRAYER?

1. That in all things the "good" that God has in mind might be achieved and that the Christian might be willing to have it so (Rom. 8:28).

2. That at all times God might so direct events that Christians might have the opportunity to live a godly and peaceful life (1 Tim. 2:2).

3. That even men like Stalin might come to a knowledge of God's truth and be saved (1 Tim. 2:4).

APPLYING THE LESSON:

1. Does praying for our political leaders have any effect upon them?

2. Could prayer change the course of events if enough Christians prayed and were sincere in their prayer? In what way would any such change occur?

A LESSON PLAN

DATE: AUGUST 30, 1953

THEME: Standards For Christian Leaders.

SCRIPTURE: 1 Timothy 4:7-16.

PURPOSE: To show what is required of Christian leaders and to help find ways in which the need for strong, consecrated leaders can be met.

GETTING STARTED: Let's begin by taking a quick survey of the leadership situation in your church. 1. How, on the whole, would you rate the leadership of your church and its various organizations—excellent, average, or poor? 2. How is the supply of leaders in your church—abundant, adequate, or inadequate? 3. How do the people in your church respond to the challenge of definite Christian service—are eager to serve, will accept responsibility if it's forced on them, will not respond at all? 4. How does your church recruit its leadership—has a definite program of training future leaders, just drifts along and does it in a haphazard way, expects the highest standards of those who lead the program of the church, takes anybody and everybody who'll accept a job? On the basis of this survey, how would you evaluate the leadership situation in your church?

DEVELOPING THE THEME: Consider now the standards for Christian leaders as they are set forth in today's Scripture.

I. THE CHRISTIAN LEADER MUST HAVE A SENSE OF WHAT IS FUNDAMENTAL AND IMPORTANT IN CHRISTIAN LIFE AND THOUGHT, v. 7a. It's easy to get off on tangents or to become involved in the many

strange "isms" flourishing today. The Christian leader must toe the mark of what is central in the Gospel.

II. HE WILL THINK OF HIMSELF AS AN ATHLETE IN TRAINING, STRIVING CONTINUALLY TO GROW IN GODLINESS AND PROFICIENCY, v. 7b-10. In order to become a better and more effective leader, he will be in continual training.

III. HE SHOULD HAVE A SENSE OF THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF HIS OFFICE AND OF THE JOB HE IS DOING, v. 12a. Any work for the Lord is important, and as a Christian leader he will consider his job important and worthy of his best.

IV. IN EVERY WAY HE WILL SEEK TO LIVE AN EXEMPLARY LIFE, v. 12b. He will realize that what counts in the end is not what he says but what he is; for even Christian works without the life are ineffective.

V. HE WILL APPLY HIMSELF FAITHFULLY AND STEADILY TO THE TASK THAT IS HIS, v. 13, 15. It's the steady pull that counts, not the occasional jerk.

VI. HE WILL GIVE TO THE TASK BEFORE HIM THE BEST THAT HE IS CAPABLE OF GIVING AND WILL TRY TO MAKE THE FULLEST USE OF HIS ABILITIES, v. 14. God does not ask the impossible of any of us; but he does expect our best.

VII. HE WILL KEEP A CONTINUAL CHECK ON HIMSELF AND HIS WORK IN ORDER TO KEEP HIMSELF AT HIS BEST AND HIS WORK AT ITS HIGHEST, v. 16.

APPLYING THE LESSON:

1. How do you account for the tragic lack of adequate leadership in so many churches?

2. Upon the basis of the survey with which we began the lesson and the standards set forth in today's Scripture, what definite steps would you suggest to help churches get the high quality of leadership they need?

CONFERENCES AND ASSEMBLIES

August 17-24—Atlantic Conference Young People's Retreat or Assembly at Camp Hope, Silver Lake, Hope, New Jersey. Miss Berneice Westerman, Guest Speaker.

August 19-23—Southwestern Conference at Stafford, Kansas. Prof. Herbert Hiller, Rev. R. Schilke, and Mrs. Walter Stein, Guest Speakers.

August 24-29—Central Conference Assembly at Tower Hill Camp near Sawyer, Michigan. Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens, Guests.

Sept. 3-6—Eastern Conference at Arnprior, Ont., Canada. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Rev. August F. Runtz, and Miss Berneice Westerman, Guest Speakers.

Editorial

More Precious Than Gold

THE REFINING FIRES of life, when viewed in the light of God's Word and his ways, produce a type of character that is far more precious than silver or gold. Something of this truth was emphasized by the Preacher of God in Ecclesiastes 2:5: "For gold is refined in the fire, and the acceptable man in the furnace of humiliation."

Life has its share of disappointments, troubles and obstacles for all of us. No one is fully exempt from such adversities. Some people rail against them and grow bitter in their souls because of them. Others, like the Apostle Paul, find that "the things which have happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel" (Philippians 1:12).

They have been humbled by these humiliating experiences, but they have learned thereby to lean heavily on God's resources and to give all glory to God's grace. Thereby, they have been made more acceptable to God because of the refining fires of such experiences. In God's sight they are greater Christians than ever before, more precious to God than all the gold in the world.

The Christian who is filled with the Holy Spirit and who radiates true saintliness is one who has experienced the cleansing and refining power of God's fires of discipline. His will has to be completely subordinate to the will of God, and that often means the breaking of his own selfish will. His life must be wholly surrendered to Christ, and that often requires the strong hand of the Almighty God upon us to break us and to mold us. Then God can use us with his indwelling power for heroic deeds of action in his Kingdom.

One of the choruses, which has been especially meaningful to me, is also the prayer of every Christian who covets that character and life which are more precious than gold:

"Spirit of the living God
Fall afresh on me;
Break me, melt me,
Mold me, fill me;
Spirit of the living God
Fall afresh on me!"

It is something against which we often rebel and refuse to try to understand when humiliating obstacles stand in our way and when great disappointments sweep over us. All of that is our human outlook. Wait a minute! Let's try to see it from God's viewpoint. What is his will for us? Is he trying to teach us a lesson or truth in these adversities? Is he refining our characters that his glory might shine more lucidly through us?

Only such who have recognized the things of God that can break him and melt him and make him wait humbly on God's grace can also experience the blessing which comes when he molds us and fills us for noble service as "vessels fit for the Master's use" (2 Timothy 2:21). They are the only ones who can truly say with Paul, "For to me to live is Christ," for they have laid hold on the gift of God in life and character that is far more precious than gold!

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The House With Nobody In It

Seeing the futility of "self-reformation," we must go to our knees until we become a "Christ-formed" person, a true child of God.
Then we will be "servant-formed"

By the REV. JAMES B. HUTTON of Trenton, Illinois

HEAR the parable of "The House With Nobody In It." Turn to Matthew 12:43-45, and read of the "unclean spirit," walking through the "dry places," seeking a "place of rest." Finding none, this spirit returns to the house whence he came. He finds it empty, unfurnished, swept clean and decorated. This "unclean spirit" then returns with a gang of "seven other spirits," even worse than himself. The parable is lightened with the closing words, "The last state of the man is worse than the first."

SELF-REFORMATION

The foregoing parable is an illustration of self-reformation. The Alcoholics Anonymous call the New Year's resolution makers "dry drunks." Paul called them, "those who walk according to the flesh." How often do counseling pastors see this in their work. These people do want to be right with God. Some may recall grandmother's religion and may constantly refer to "Grandma and her Bible."

Generally, your preacher, or the psychiatrist, gets these people when they have been overwhelmed by the presence of the seven-fold demoniac power. The way back is then long and difficult. It seems as though for each rung of the ladder slipped, several must be climbed again. The help for such woefully stricken people is difficult to administer.

Never shall I forget a fellow whom I shall call "Hank." When first a faithful pastor met Hank, his life was being squeezed out of him by a vicious drink habit. As in New Testament cases, Hank came to this pastor as one unto God, seeking a cure. Hank came in a desperate condition—one step from being dead drunk. After an hour of counseling and prayer, Hank determined to get himself "dried up."

During the days that followed, the claims of Christ were pressed upon Hank—but he refused to accept Christ. Hank did get "dried up." He joined an Alcoholics Society. His wife and family were amazed and delighted at the change. The pay check came home uncashed. Food was plentiful. No one was cursed or beaten. Apparently, Hank had accomplished sobriety with-



Rev. and Mrs. James B. Hutton and their family of four children of Trenton, Illinois.

out conversion to Christ. This went on for a few months. Meanwhile, Hank ungratefully brushed aside the pastor, even disclaimed his friendship.

One day Hank came home with a great part of his pay check missing. He explained to Mrs. Hank, "Honey, I've just gambled a little with the boys. I haven't had a drink." The last the pastor knew of Hank, the family had abandoned the idea of buying a new home. Hank seldom spent an evening at home. Nights were spent "playing cards with the boys." Despair was once again settling down in even blacker blankets over the entire household. The son was going from bad to worse company, and a tear-filled mother was trying to run a household on a fraction of the former income, with no help.

As far as is known, to this day Hank is "a house with nobody in it."

CHRIST-FORMATION

Instead of SELF-FORMATION, would to God Hank had practiced CHRIST-FORMATION. As Paul put it, "My little children, of whom I travail again in birth until Christ be formed in you" (Galatians 4:19). A person without Christ formed in him

is a "house with nobody in it," empty, swept and garnished (decorated). All the rubbish has been removed. A thorough spring house cleaning has been effected. The house has been re-decorated: papered, painted, floors resurfaced, and new rugs put down. To all appearances, moral reformation has accomplished what surrender to Christ would have done. But with no Christ formed, the gang of hoodlums move in.

No such thing is possible if Christ be formed and is the householder. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit" (Romans 8:1). Such a person will turn away vicious habits of all kinds. To such a person we do not continually have to explain the fact, "you are your brother's keeper," and that by precept and example. The individual in whom Christ is formed has the ability to say "No" to the bad, and strength to work for the good.

INVASION OF SIN

Many years ago the famous city of Troy was taken in battle. Famous Paris had come to take fair Helen home with him to be his bride. This provoked an all-out invasion, in which many famous warriors were killed, including Achilles, with the vulnerable heel. The city of Troy was finally taken by means of sneaking soldiers into it in a wooden horse. The curious Trojans rolled the wooden horse, filled with soldiers, inside the city. When night fell, the hidden soldiers came out and caused the downfall of the city.

Our Lord has warned us to watch against the invasion of sin into the life of the Christian. Jesus used the parable of the strong man of the household, who did not watch, so the household was broken into. If Christ is the strong man of the house of the believer, it is most secure, even against disguised sin, as was the Trojan horse filled with enemy soldiers.

In order to guard against sin we must be CHRIST-FORMED. From Christ within comes the power to resist, as well as the desire to resist. Every small part of the life of the Christian is Christ-controlled, if Christ

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Paul Gebauer's Cameroons Collection

For the first time Dr. Paul Gebauer's priceless collection of Cameroons curios and art pieces is on display at the Public Museum, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where it will be exhibited through most of 1954. By all means, if time and circumstances permit, go and see it!

By DR. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Editor

THE NAME of Paul Gebauer and the work of our Cameroons Baptist Mission are headline attractions in the Public Museum of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In a spectacular display against a modernistic background, the sculpture, wood carvings and dance masks of the West and Central African peoples are exhibited by the Museum. Dr. Gebauer's curios, collected over many years, fill seven large cases and are easily the center of attraction. Dr. Robert Ritzenthaler, the museum's assistant curator of anthropology, has said that "this is undoubtedly the most exciting exhibit we have had for many years since it is the first time anywhere that these unusual curios have been publicly displayed."

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

The hundreds of pieces in Paul Gebauer's Cameroons collection have been in storage in Portland, Oregon. Some of us knew of their existence and eagerly yearned to see them. But in storage they were hidden from view. In the meantime, Mr. Gebauer had been carrying on graduate work at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., in the department of anthropology. There he met Dr. Ritzenthaler of the Milwaukee Public Museum in some of his lecture engagements at the university and became a good friend of his. It was he who persuaded Mr. Gebauer to let the public see these Cameroons curios in a special African exhibit.

As you enter the well lighted African room, you are greeted by the names of Paul Gebauer and William R. Bascom, professor of anthropology at Northwestern University, whose Nigerian collection is also on exhibit. An unusual chief's stool and some strange pieces of wood carving attract the eye at the entrance. Your excitement increases as you step into the room itself.

This is an educational exhibit which will add considerably to the knowledge of those who see it about West African peoples. In the first cases you are informed about the art of woodcarving by these people and the similarities in all this sculpture.

A large Fang Figure, which has the customary elongated features of all



The four-foot ivory tusks, exquisitely carved by Cameroons natives, which are a part of Dr. Paul Gebauer's private collection which are on exhibit along with other African items at the Public Museum, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

parts of the body, is your first introduction to Dr. Gebauer's colorful collection.

The exhibit of Dr. Bascom presents some striking things of the Yoruba people and the amazingly realistic Ife heads, of which the brass originals are now in the Oni of Life Museum in Nigeria. The Milwaukee Museum has also included some of its African curios in the exhibit.

Now we are ready to see Paul Gebauer's collection. Two African ivory tusks, over four feet in length, which are almost completely carved from one end to the other with intricate carvings of human figures, elephant heads and floral and geometric designs symbolizing the religion of those African people, are breathlessly exciting. Between these amazing show pieces of ivory tusks is a large chief's stool of one piece of wood and decorated with 56 bat heads, symbolic of wisdom, that have been carved out

of the wood. That is a powerful seat of authority for the Africans!

Nearby is an unusual display of pottery pipes, pipe stems, drinking horns and curative figurines. One of the drinking horns has a design of matchless beauty with a wealth of beads, elephants, palms and figures. Many of these things are no longer being made by the Africans and represent the priceless art of the African of years gone by.

Most of the curios are African figurines which swing by a cord from houses at ceremonial dances in the Cameroons. Of special interest to the visitor are the huge wooden Ntong megaphones, representing male and female, which are blown at funeral dirges. The grotesque dance masks from Bamun, which are cast in brass, are exceedingly striking.

A complete village scene is depicted with little figures of brass showing the daily life of the people. It is amazing what these Africans can make in shining yellow brass. You will look again and again with astonishment at the brass ring that has been decorated with 35 buffalo heads.

DANCE MASKS

The largest pieces in the collection are probably the most spectacular. From the Adamawa Province come large divining birds, masks and other figures. The best examples of the old Nkom customs are shown in the seven ghost-like masks that are worn at funerals and dances. Every case has a background of yellow, black and white walls with modernistic designs that give an exciting atmosphere to the entire exhibit.

Dr. Ritzenthaler is now preparing a handbook on the exhibit which will be ready for the public about September 1953 and will probably sell for 75 cents a copy. It will be profusely illustrated. The entire exhibit will be on display at the museum until May, 1954, and Dr. Gebauer's collection will continue to be shown throughout most of 1954. The museum is in the same building as the public library and is within a few blocks of the heart of the business district. This West African Exhibit is on the second floor to the left of the main entrance.

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Special Events and Church Programs

Additional Reports from the Field

Atlantic Conference

Atlantic Conference Young People Hold Advance Retreat at Camp Hope, New Jersey

On the week-end of June 20-21 the Atlantic Conference held an Advance at Camp Hope, New Jersey, in anticipation of our week's retreat at the same location in August. The weather was just beautiful since the sun shone brightly both days. The big lake came in very handy and about the only activities engaged in on Saturday were swimming and keeping cool since the thermometer kept climbing higher and higher.

There was much more to be remembered, however, than just sports and fun. Our faculty, the Rev. Everett Barker, and the Rev. P. M. Kemper, as well as Mr. Ralph Kletke brought us inspiring and thought provoking messages which were in line with our theme, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus." We all felt deeply moved as we thought of our lives as compared with those that Christ would have us live. Two of the highlights of the week-end were the Evening Campfire and the Sunrise Communion Service.

As we said good-bye at the end of the week-end we came away refreshed and ready to set out in our daily activities "beneath the Cross of Jesus." Every one of the seventy odd campers left determined to return again in August for more inspiring messages from the Word of God as well as more fellowship with Christian friends. We would like to thank our faculty again, as well as our President Don Middleton and Vice-President Dan Pfeiffer for all the time and effort they have ex-

pected to make this wonderful Christian experience possible for us.
Norma Sabels, Secretary.

Ninetieth Anniversary Program of the Walnut Street Baptist Sunday School, Newark, N. J.

On Sunday morning, June 7, the Walnut Street Baptist Sunday School of Newark, N. J., held its 90th anniversary program in the school auditorium before a large audience. A fine program was given under the leadership of our superintendent, Mr. Joseph Balogh. The Sunday School was organized in the year 1863 and from this work emerged the Gospel ministry of the Walnut Street Church congregation.

The program followed the pattern of an old fashioned hour of fellowship, opening with a 15 minute singspiration, the reading of God's Word by the assistant superintendent, Mrs. Harry Williams, as recorded in Nehemiah 8. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Ira V. Smith, superintendent of the Children's Temple, Newark, N. J.

The heart of the program began when the call for birthdays was answered by Mary Neuschaefer, depositing nine new dimes as we all sang joyfully, "Happy Birthday Sunday School." Mrs. Neuschaefer told us about attending Sunday School 65 years ago at the age of 14. Minutes of the Sunday School meetings of 1913, 1919, 1933 and 1943 were read by various members followed by reminiscences. Recognition was extended to Mr. Edward Kramer, an active member of the Sunday School for the past 60 years, and to Mrs. Mary Neuschaefer, who joined the Sunday School 65 years ago and was an active member for 58 years.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to all the past living superintendents and warm words of greetings were extended by them. All past teachers and officers were then presented with a white rose in gratitude of their services to the Sunday School.
Josephine M. Balogh, Secretary.

Pacific Conference

Pacific Conference at Elk Grove, Calif., Considers Theme, "Partnership With Christ"

"Partnership with Christ" was the inspiring theme that drew many delegates and visitors to the 59th annual sessions of our Pacific Conference at Elk Grove, California, from June 24 to 28. All were blessed as the timely Conference theme was fittingly keyed by the Rev. R. Schreiber, and then further high-lighted during the Conference days as the various speakers masterfully opened up, both the glorious reality, and the amazing spiritual possibilities of a vital partnership with Christ for every Christian.

Mrs. Walter W. Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., stressed the proper motives of this partnership, "The Love of Christ Constrains us." Dr. Frank Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., reported late developments on both home and foreign mission fields. Special musical numbers by the local Church Choir, Men's Chorus, solos by the Rev. H. Hengstler, and a Mass Choir of 80 voices under the direction of Mr. W. W. Rueb, enhanced the various sessions.

The church reports were most encouraging, with a total of 423 baptisms reported by the 29 churches of our conference. The Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, denominational extension worker, gave an inspiring report of the organization of a new Baptist Church in Prince Rupert, B. C. The newly organized Berean Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., was welcomed into our conference, as the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, moderator, formally extended the hand of fellowship to the pastor, Dr. Donald G. Davis.

The officers elected are: moderator, Rev. E. Wolff; secretary, Rev. R. Schreiber; statistician, Rev. C. E. Schoenleber (for his 17th term); mission secretary, Rev. W. W. Knauf. The Rev. H. Hengstler and the Rev. Phil. Daum were elected into the Mission Committee.

The Rev. W. W. Knauf, host pastor, reported that his people thanked him for perfect guests, and the guests thanked him for placing them in perfect homes. This spirit of love and Christian fellowship were also manifested at the picnic in Elk Grove Park.

F. W. Bartel, Reporter.



Past and present officers and teachers of the Walnut St. Baptist Sunday School, Newark, N. J., at the 90th anniversary program of the school.

Central Conference

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Rubly of Cleveland, Ohio

On Saturday, June 6, the congregation of the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, and many friends congregated to honor Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Rubly upon their 50th wedding anniversary. The ceremony was read by the pastor, the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, in the festively decorated sanctuary after two wedding selections had been sung by Hazel Mader and Thelma Cesal. The couple was attended by their two children.

The reception was held in the fellowship hall with Mr. Fred Linsz as master of ceremonies. Felicitations and congratulations on the part of the church were extended by the pastor, who also presented the couple with a beautiful bouquet of yellow roses. A medley of sentimental songs was rendered by a ladies' chorus. Their two children, Mr. Raymond Rubly of Ash-tubula, Ohio, and Mrs. Emil Zier of Linden, New Jersey, spoke of their parents in glowing terms of deepest appreciation with particular reference to their Christian influence and home atmosphere. After Mr. Linsz had tendered the bridal couple a purse on behalf of the congregation, Mr. and Mrs. Rubly voiced their hearty appreciation for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Rubly already were members of this church when they were married 50 years ago by Dr. Herman von Berge, who at first had planned to be present at this event. The bride wore her original gown of alic blue wool crepe which was very popular in that day. Gratitude to God for his many blessings upon the feted couple was the distinct overtone of the festivity!

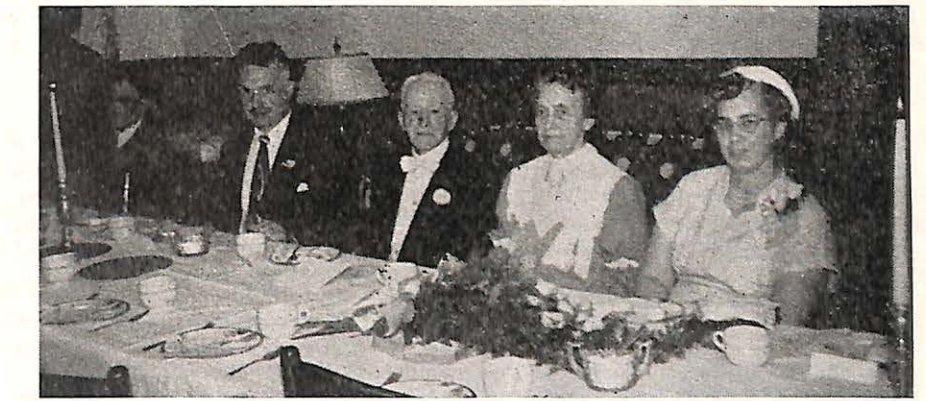
Paul F. Zoschke, Pastor.

Sessions of the Central Conference at the Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Michigan

The sessions of the Central Conference were held in the magnificent new edifice of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan, from June 18 to 21. Situated on Moross Road in Grosse Point, the church was erected in a virtual miniature forest with some of the trees removed to admit God's sunshine and permit good visibility. Its brick structure with white trim and tower is an arresting scene; even more so when flood-lighted in the evening. The spacious sanctuary and the other commodious accommodations contributed richly to our comfort and spiritual awareness.

In the opening service the host pastor, the Rev. Arthur McAsh, spoke his words of welcome in such friendly terms that we knew immediately we had been taken into heart and home by all the members. The registration was one of the largest in many a year. It totaled 175. Of these 105 were from out of town, and 70 from Detroit (Ebenezerites not counted).

The theme, "The Day is at Hand," betokened a deeply spiritual experience for us. Two of the major addresses were delivered on Friday by a guest speaker and Bible teacher, the Rev. Howard Sugden of the Central Baptist Church of London, Ontario, on the topics: "The Teachings of Jesus About His Second Coming," and "The Drama of The End Time." Other addresses were delivered by our own pastors: Thursday evening, "The Spiritual Implications of Bible Prophecy" by Rev. William Hoover; Saturday morning, "Human Factors in the End of the Age," by Rev. W. S. Sommerschild of the Bethel Church; Sunday morning, "The Problem of Missions in the Light of Bible Prophecy," by Dr. George A. Lang; and Sunday evening, "The Judgment of God in the Light of Bible Prophecy," by Rev. Edwin Miller.



Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Rubly (center) at their golden wedding anniversary celebration in the White Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

The worship services in the evenings and on Sunday were richly enhanced with soul-stirring music by the well trained choirs of the Bethel, Conner Ave. and Ebenezer churches. The moderator, Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, revealed himself as a master leader in keeping the program running on scheduled time in a truly congenial Christian spirit. To his leadership much of the success of the conference must be credited.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are: Rev. Edwin Miller, moderator; Rev. Herman Riffel, vice-moderator; Rev. Eric Kuhn, recording clerk; Rev. Joseph Sonnenberg, statistical clerk; Rev. Otto Patzia, mission secretary; Rev. Henry Hirsch and Mr. Edwin Meister as mission committee members.

The Woman's Union had its session on Friday afternoon under the presi-

SIXTEEN PAGES IN THIS ISSUE

This number of the BAPTIST HERALD has been reduced to 16 pages. For this reason a number of important articles and reports from our churches had to be held over to the next issue. The August 27 number will be the usual size of 24 pages. The reduced sizes of our denominational publications for one issue make possible a vacation period for the publication society personnel.

dency of Mrs. Paul F. Zoschke. Reports of the member societies and their varied work and achievements were very heartening. Mrs. Lois Ahrens, on furlough from the Cameroons, was the fascinating speaker. Their newly elected officers are: Mrs. Rubin Kern, president; Mrs. Herman Riffel, vice-president; Miss LaVerna Mehlhoff, secretary; and Mrs. Gilbert Luhrs, treasurer.

The C.B.Y. and S.S. Union sessions were under the leadership of their congenial president, Mr. Ed. Wolff. In the business session Saturday morning the new proposed constitution was adopted. Report of the contributions by the young people's societies and Sunday Schools to their mission project revealed that they were considerably short of their goal, but since a number of churches had not yet reported they still hoped to go over the

top. In the elections the following were chosen as their leaders: Hubert Zion, Cleveland, president; Miss LaVerna Mehlhoff, Cleveland, second vice-president; Miss Ileen Lindenberg, Benton Harbor, third vice-president; Miss Ruth Toepler, Detroit, secretary; Norman Wolfe, Detroit, treasurer; Miss Laura Pahl, Gladwin, and now a student at the Baptist Missionary Training School, project promoter; Miss Mildred Wolfe, Detroit, council representative; and Miss Ruth Pfaff, Cleveland, nominating committee chairman.

After the banquet, at which about 325 were seated, the congregation repaired to the sanctuary where the Rev. Earl Ahrens, missionary to the Cameroons, gave a very informative and challenging illustrated address concerning our work for Christ there.

The big traditional youth rally was held on Sunday afternoon under the leadership of the new president, Mr. Hubert Zion. As speaker they had secured Mr. Stuart Hamlin of the Youth for Christ movement, a converted movie star who is well known for his song, "It Is No Secret What God Can Do."

Thus another conference has become spiritual history in the lives of our churches and their members and our denomination. We are confident that the impetus received will be expressed in a greater devotion to Christ's work on the local fields and wherever our influence may reach.

Paul F. Zoschke, Reporter.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● An impressive baptismal service was held on Sunday afternoon, April 26, by the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Neb., at which the Rev. George Neubert, pastor, baptized 22 converts. Most of these were converted during the two weeks of pre-Easter evangelistic services conducted by the Rev. D. Mayson of Phoenix, Arizona.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider, our missionaries in the Cameroons stationed at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement for the lepers, have announced that a daughter was born to them on July 7th who has been named Linda Mae. They lost another daughter by death while en route to the Cameroons more than a year ago. They also have a son, Evan, in their family.

● Miss Ellen Lehr of Aplington, Iowa, has been called by Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn., to become associate professor in its Business Education Department beginning with Sept. 1st. She is a daughter of the late Rev. C. F. Lehr and Mrs. Lehr. She has spent the past nine years teaching school in Iowa. She has also served as editor of Junior Mission Material for the CBY and SS Union in recent years.

● The Rev. A. G. Rietdorf of Monte Vista, Colo., recently presented his resignation to the General Missionary Committee as the missionary to the Spanish-Americans in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. His resignation has been accepted by the Missionary Committee and became effective on July 31st. He served on the Colorado mission field since December 1952. His plans for the immediate future are not known.

● The Rev. Gottfried A. Waldvogel of Brooklyn, N. Y., passed away on June 2nd at his home after a lingering illness. He formerly served as pastor of our churches at Waco, Texas; Peoria, Ill.; and Steamboat Rock, Iowa. He was a brother of Mrs. Otto Roth of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. C. F. Lehr of Aplington, Iowa. At the time of his death Mr. Waldvogel was the associate pastor of the Ridgewood Pentecostal Church of Brooklyn, New York. He is survived by his wife and eight sons.

● On June 28th the CBY of the Plevna Baptist Church, Plevna, Mont., presented a Father's Day program with president Wilmer Huber in charge. Special poems, readings and songs by

the choir and individual groups gave honor to the Christian fathers. The Rev. G. Beutler, pastor, in his message presented Abraham of old as an example for Christian fathers of today to follow. At the close of the program a white carnation was pinned on the lapel of each father present.

● Miss Betty Gossen of Waco, Texas, and the Rev. Donald Patet of St. Paul, Minn., pastor of the Baptist Church of Randolph, Minn., were married at the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, on Saturday evening, July 18, with the Rev. Louis R. Johnson officiating. The former Miss Gossen is the daughter of Mrs. C. C. Gossen, whose late husband, the Rev. C. C. Gossen, was pastor of the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas, and of the Emmanuel Church of Marion, Kansas.

● The Rev. Adolph Braun, pastor of the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., baptized five converts on Sunday morning, July 5, at Lake Hanson, about 15 miles from the church with about 200 people in attendance. These converts were received at the communion service held on Sunday evening, July 12. Recently the church edifice was remodeled with extensive improvements made on the inside and outside of the building. Mr. Walter Jucht is chairman of the Building Committee.

● The enrollment at the Vacation Bible School held at the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., in June reached the 222 mark. Mrs. G. G. Rauser served as the school's general director. The teachers were as follows: Beginners' Department: Elsie Bolen, Adeline Zimmerman and Deborah Krause; Primary: Mabel Steinert, Frieda Michelson, Christine Pankow, and Alvina Stroh; Juniors: Melitta Sivell, Ann Fandrich, and Marian Erbele; Intermediates: Ruth Mauch. The Rev. G. G. Rauser is pastor of the church.

● Miss Martha Rose Strohschein of Wetaskiwin, Alta., and Mr. Jake Derman of Edmonton, Alta., were married on Wednesday, Aug. 12, at the Pleasant Prairie Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin with the Rev. Henry Pfeifer of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton officiating. Mr. Derman is our newly appointed missionary for the Indian Montana Reserve and Mrs. Derman is the school teacher on the same reserve beginning with this fall. They will live in the new teacherage

near the Baptist Chapel on the Indian Reserve.

● The West Baltimore Baptist Church of Baltimore, Md., has called the Rev. Henry Laube as its pastor. He began his ministry at the church on Sunday, July 5th. A reception for Mr. and Mrs. Laube was held by the church on Wednesday evening, July 1st. Mr. Laube's home church is the Calvary Church of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We welcome him and his family heartily to active service in our North American Baptist fellowship!

● On Sunday afternoon, July 12, the Rev. John Engel of Martin, N. Dak., baptized seven converts at a baptismal service held at Camp Bentley. These converts were received at the communion service held in the church that evening. A Vacation Bible School was conducted by the Martin Baptist Church from May 25 to 29 together with the Evangelical Church. There were 3 confessions of faith in Christ. On Thursday, July 2, the Woman's Missionary Society met with the women of the Baptist Ladies' Aid of Harvey, N. Dak., at the Robert Rust farm for a special program presented by the Harvey women. Mrs. John Engel is the president of the Martin Society.

● On Sunday, June 28, the Rev. Edgar B. Wesner, pastor of the State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., baptized 24 converts on confession of their faith in Christ. He received these and five others on transfer of letter into the church's fellowship. From May 4 to 10 evangelistic meetings were held at the church with the Rev. A. P. Sengpiehl of Chicago, Ill., as evangelist. During that week 42 decisions for Christ were recorded, which greatly challenged the entire church. The pastor wrote that "our evangelistic endeavors which began in October 1952 have led to 41 additions to our church's fellowship."

● The Daytons Bluff Church of St. Paul, Minn., held a Vacation Bible School from June 22 to July 3. Among other teachers was the Rev. Ethel Ruff who brought special features to the children and taught the Intermediate Class. The Rev. William Jeschke, pastor, was active in the school's teaching ministry. On Sunday evening, June 21, the Rev. Joseph

Brygger, pastor-elect of Falun, Wis., was the speaker and on Wednesday evening, June 24, the Rev. John Walk-up, pastor-elect of the Central Church of George, Iowa, brought the message. Both of these men have been members of the church until recently.

● The Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., was greatly blessed with the aid of the Seminary Student, Mr. Ed. Voigt, in holding a Vacation Bible School. Over 50 children and 12 teachers attended from June 19 to July 2. Rich spiritual blessings were received by all who participated. A fine closing program on July 2nd at 7:30 P.M. revealed the handwork as well as Bible Memory and Story work. A light lunch followed in the church dining room giving each one a chance to become better acquainted. The church was also happy to welcome the Rev. George Hensel and his sister Marie and hopes to experience many Christian blessings from them. Mr. Hensel occupied the pulpit while Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, pastor, was on his vacation.

● Miss Lorraine Biffert of Medicine Hat, Alta., and the Rev. Eldon Seibold of Canistota, S. Dak., pastor of the Spring Valley Baptist Church, were married in the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat on Friday afternoon, June 5. The Rev. John Engel of Martin, N. Dak., an uncle of the bride, officiated. Miss Biffert was formerly a member of the Christian Training Institute trio which sang at the Philadelphia General Conference. A shower for the couple was held by the Spring Valley Church on Tuesday evening, July 7, with the deacons, Ed Tornow and Ralph Oller, in charge of the program. Mr. David Nasgowitz, a Seminary student, who had supplied the pulpit of the church for several weeks was present at the reception and brought brief congratulations.

GEBAUER'S COLLECTION

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This will be your only opportunity to see Dr. Paul Gebauer's African curios which have been called "the best Cameroons collection in private hands." It will deepen your pride in Dr. Gebauer as the field superintendent of our Cameroons Baptist Mission and greatly add to your fund of information about the Cameroons people to whom we are taking the Gospel of Christ. Without any reservation whatsoever, the editor can state that a visit to this West African Exhibit is well worth your time and effort and even the expenditure of considerable money. It is a visit that you will never forget because of these exquisite pieces of African art and strange things of their native religions collected with scholarly skill by our own Dr. Paul Gebauer!

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

HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

Aug. 16, 1953—"Making History Live" by Rev. John Strickland, New Haven, Conn.

Aug. 23, 1953—"His Works Live On" by Dr. Herman von Berge, Dayton, Ohio.

Aug. 30, 1953—"Renew Your Strength" by Rev. Arthur Schulz, Portland, Oregon.

OREGON BAPTIST LEAGUE

(We are happy to present to our readers a brief history of the Oregon Baptist League, regional union of the Pacific Conference Union. We are indebted to James D. Billeter, our Council Member at Large, for the news item. J. C. Gunst.)

In the heart of the green hills of Western Oregon at picturesque Camp Adams with its cool streams and tall timbers, the young people of the North American Baptist Conference in Oregon, known officially as the "Oregon Baptist League," met in July for their 25th annual summer camp. The League was organized on February 18, 1927, with the Rev. H. G. Dymmel as its first president.

The Oregon League consists of the following churches: Stafford, Bethany, Salt Creek, Bethany, Bethel of Salem, and Villa Ridge, Glencullen, Central, Immanuel, and Trinity of Portland.



Mr. Don Rich of the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Ore., president of the Oregon Baptist League.

Through the program of the League, the young people of these churches are united in a common bond of interest.

The League holds a Spring and Fall Rally, at which a banquet is held on Saturday evening. Classes of general interest fostering spiritual growth are held during daytime sessions. The most inspirational speakers available are scheduled to speak at the afternoon and evening meetings. Also sponsored by the League are exchange programs among the churches, followed by a social hour, to promote a closer bond of fellowship among the young people.

The League has been active in the support of the mission program of our denomination. We are vitally interested in this work because of the nine missionaries of the Oregon churches who are now serving in the Cameroons Mission Field.

A consecrated and talented group of young people serve as officers of the League, consisting of the following: president, Don Rich of Bethany; vice-president, Carlton Eggiman of Bethany; secretary, Bernietta Wobig of Trinity; treasurer, Marian Giese of Bethel, Salem; registrar, Virginia Classen of Salt Creek; dean, Rev. Robert Penner, pastor of Glencullen, Portland.

A word of greeting from our League president, Don Rich, follows:

"We of the Oregon Baptist League wish to extend our greetings to the other youth conferences of our denomination. We feel that we are a small part of this great organization working with you to further the Kingdom of the Lord.

"Several years ago I felt the Lord calling me into full-time Christian service, and have come to the conviction that I am to serve the Lord in the ministry. While I am attending school in preparation for my life's work, it is a privilege for me to serve as the president of the Oregon Baptist League.

"This position is teaching me to lean more heavily upon Christ and his great promises. The more the Lord is revealed to me through the Bible and in his works, the more I realize the meaning of the verse of Scripture I have chosen as my motto, 'For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain' (Phil. 1: 21)."

● "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way." (Selected).



Of Men and of Angels

A Prize-winning Christian Novel by LON WOODRUM

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SYNOPSIS

To Steve Glen, home meant his foster parents, Phoebe and Jason Gray, and the little town of Gold Springs, California. After years of army service, battle-weary and frustrated, Steve decided to return. He soon saw Jenny Grant, the preacher's daughter, a sweet and sincere girl, as he knew. The sermons by Dr. Grant as well as the example of his parents and the reading of the Bible brought him to a profound experience of faith in Christ and trust in God. He told Dr. Grant of his plans to enter the ministry. During the next four years studying at a seminary, God equipped him for service. Then he and Jenny Grant were married. Four days later they were notified that Dr. Grant had had a heart attack, from which he died. Steve Glen was asked to take over the church for a while, at least. But his sermons that revealed the sins in town were offensive to the marshal and councilmen. Jason Gray said he could depend on the paper, the "Chronicle," to support him. Grimly the preacher said to Jason Gray, "And so the fight begins."

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

"ALL RIGHT, Steve. I think we'll attract the attention of the county sheriff. He's a pretty decent sort, I understand," said Jason.

"I hear that about him, too."

"If we set the wheels in motion and inform the people I'm sure Randy Beare will investigate."

On Sunday morning I faced my congregation, and brought the situation to public attention.

Most of the congregation responded favorably, though I could see a few registered disapproval—among them Adam Lockwood. He, like the councilmen and the mayor, wanted no strife in Gold Springs.

Jason Gray sat scribbling in his notebook as I talked. He would be criticized because of our relationship; but he would back me, as he had said he would.

At the door after the service several shook hands with me warmly, but I noted that Lockwood and one or two elders, who looked to him for leadership, were not among them. When the congregation had left the church, Lockwood came to me and asked to see me in the study. Dian was with her father, and went along with us into the office.

"You're a young minister, Steve," said Lockwood. "And you have much to learn."

"I'm learning," I replied.

"There's no use learning the hard way."

"You always remember better when you learn that way. But what are we discussing?"

"Politics won't mix with religion."

"I'm not trying to mix politics with religion, but I'd like to mix a little religion with politics."

"I didn't like your sermon," said Lockwood bluntly.

All at once I realized that my old fear of this man had gone out of me.

"I wasn't preaching especially for you," I said.

A quick flash of anger showed in Dian's eyes, but she remained silent. Lockwood said, "I'm not trying to tell you how to preach. But my advice, whether you take it or not, is to stay out of politics."

"I'm not in politics. I'm not running for office or backing anybody who is running for office. I only want to save some of the kids in this town from the devil, if I can."

"I agree with father!" Dian put in suddenly. "The pulpit is above politics!"

Facing her I said, "That statement is old, but it's too pat. I'm interested in saving lives as well as souls."

"Let's go, Dian," snapped Lockwood.

Jason Gray's editorial in the Gold Springs Chronicle was simple and to the point.

Steve Glen, pastor of St. Paul's Church, fired the opening gun in his war on crime and vice in Gold Springs. This will be a good time to see who wants a clean community, and who doesn't. The criminals will protest. And no doubt some church people will protest. But it is understood the Chronicle is on the side of public morality one hundred per cent.

The Chronicle has never been in favor of booze or vice or of crooks of any breed or gender. It has withstood, at all times, everything that would make this a less desirable community in which to live. We have wondered why other voices have not been added to ours. Now that one has been added we will not run out.

Some, doubtless, will call the minister of St. Paul's a prohibitionist, and that word has a nasty sound, somehow, to our generation; but we recognize Steve Glen's right to be a prohibitionist if he chooses. If the world ever becomes spiritual in mind, or even truly civilized, it will look back. But the present issue has to do with more than drinking. It has to do with unscrupulous men who prey on those who are too young to understand what traps they are walking into.

The Chronicle salutes the Reverend Steve Glen, and it stands ready to support him to the limit. We are against booze and against gambling, and we feel like saying so.

A few days later Jason had a call from Sheriff Beare. I happened to be in the newspaper office at the time. We both talked to Mr. Beare. He

asked me, "Do you know this condition exists in Gold Springs?"

"I'm certain of it. But Tony Granite isn't dumb. He won't be caught napping."

"You've probably alerted him," said the sheriff. "Maybe you should have come to me first."

"It's really a Gold Springs problem," I said. "I'm trying to alert the people here."

"All right," said Beare. "Better let things drop for a while. He'll get reckless again. I'll pop in on him—sometime."

"No. I'll keep on blasting him. So will the paper. We're working on the community spirit. After a while he'll think he's safe in spite of us. Then you can move in."

The sheriff was silent a moment. Then: "Sounds okay."

That evening I was coming out of the post office when someone caught me by the arm. I found myself looking into a pair of vicious eyes.

"You 'member me, Rev'nd?" asked the man in a gruff voice.

"Yes, I think I remember the face—"

"I'm Tony's pal, Hallie Moogan. I don't like what you're doing to Tony."

"Let Tony do his own talking."

"Tony don't need to while I'm around, see? I'm giving you this one warning. Lay off Tony."

He walked off.

We continued our drive. My sermons included illustrations of a town's responsibility to its youth. Jason kept up his editorials. We noticed for a while that Dick Reubens stopped going to the Gold Rush Club. But presently he began disappearing again on Saturday nights. Deep inside me I hoped Tony would make some changes, for I was not entirely free of the past I had known with him. There was an uneasiness in me over the whole setup. If it hadn't been for Dick Reubens and other fellows in the town we would have ignored Tony. But these young people meant a good deal to me. Dick was actually evading me, now, as though I were his enemy. That hurt me, too.

A month after beginning our fight, I was alone in the church study. I decided to call the sheriff. I had an idea Tony's club was in full operation. A heavy voice came over the wires, "Sheriff Beare speaking."

"Sheriff, this is Steve Glen in Gold Springs."

"Uhuh. What's the word?"

"I believe the business is on at top speed again."

"What makes you think so?"

"The kids are staying out late again. I have a hunch they're beginning to feel safe since nothing has come of our crusading."

"All right. I'll run in on some of them tonight. No, guess, I'd better

concentrate on one—the kingpin. I hope we don't make a mistake."

"So do I."

I drove over to the Grays and found Dick at home. Jason was there, too. Dick was cool toward me.

"Dick," I said, "I wish you'd stay home tonight."

He eyed me with hostility. "How come?"

"I'm asking you to stay home."

"I've got a date."

"Girl?"

"Some kids, why?"

"Come over to my place tonight. I want to talk to you."

He frowned. "I can't do it tonight. Some night I will."

Jason said, "You're staying in tonight, Dick."

Dick glowered. "You're gonna make me stay?"

"Yes."

"Maybe you can make me. Maybe you can't."

"Stop that talk," I said sharply. "Do you have no respect, Dick?"

Dick's mouth tightened. He turned and went out of the house without another word.

"The sheriff will drop in on Tony tonight, huh?" said Jason.

"Yes. I hope we haven't picked the wrong time."

"I hate to do this to Tony Granite," said Jason.

"So do I," I replied.

It was past midnight when the sheriff came into the parsonage. He looked dejected.

"No good, Reverend," he muttered. "You mean—?"

"Somebody tipped him off, I guess. The place was clean as a hospital."

I stared at him. He shrugged, frowned, and said, "Anybody know it except you and Gray?"

"No," I said.

The sheriff left and suddenly I thought—Dick!

He must have overheard Jason and me talking about the raid. He must have waited a few moments outside that door.

Heavy-hearted I went outside. I walked into town, not thinking of my direction, and abruptly discovered I was a block from the Gold Rush Club. I turned to go back when a figure loomed beside me in the moonlight.

"Well, Steve, I'm still operating," said Tony Granite.

Somehow, emptiness was in me as I saw him standing there, thinking how our boyhood friendship had been broken. Tony's face was cold with animosity.

"It's too bad, Tony," I heard myself say.

"Too bad you ever came back here," he said bitterly. "And too bad you sent the coppers after me. Sky-pilot or crapshooter, some things I resent!" He came closer, his right fist making direct aim to my jaw. The blow was

swift and unexpected, snapping straight and high from his shoulder with his weight behind it. It didn't miss. I dropped to the ground in a sudden well of blackness.

When I regained a knowledge of where I was and what had happened, I got up and rubbed my jaw. Good thing he didn't give me a black eye, I thought. Quick, impulsive Tony. Well, I'll keep this incident just between the two of us. I won't even tell Jenny about it, and I hurried home.

Jenny was already in bed, sitting up reading. "You're late, honey," she said, then gave a little sigh.

"Don't you feel well, Jenny?" I didn't mean to say it so quickly, but suddenly her face looked so colorless. "It's my back again," she said. "I don't think it's anything. Just bothers me a little."

"Tomorrow," I said, "we see Dr. Keyes."

"Really, Steve—"

"Tomorrow, Dr. Keyes."

"Yes, my lord." She wrinkled her nose at me, and there was a smile at the corners of her eyes.

While Jenny dressed in a back room, I talked with Dr. Keyes in his office.

"What about it, Doctor?"

Dr. Keyes, a thin-haired, large-waisted man, laid a look on me and touched his upper lip with his tongue. "I'm afraid my diagnosis is not complete. It would be easy to say your wife has a type of rheumatism, but that might not be right."

"You think—you think it's serious?"

"Well—it could be."

"What do you suggest?"

"I'll tell you what, Mr. Glen. I'd like to have you take her to a clinic in Sacramento for a check. The Grady Clinic. The address is—"

"The Grady Clinic?" My heart staggered. "Why, that's—" I stopped there.

Keyes nodded and said, "Yes, a cancer clinic."

All I could do was stare at him with a great unutterable sickness beginning deeper than my stomach. The doctor said quickly, "Now, don't be too disturbed. I didn't say your wife was serious. I just want to be sure."

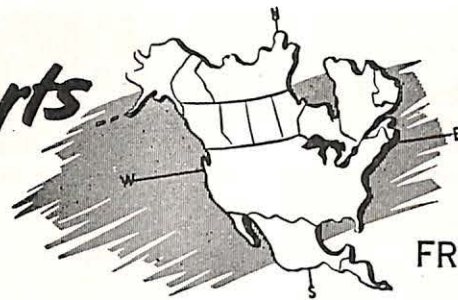
Jenny came out to the doctor's office and somehow I managed to hold back the look of fear in my eyes. My heart was loving her so.

On the way home I told her Keyes' suggestion. I was grateful when she made no comment further than agreeing to the checkup. Perhaps she had not heard what sort of clinic Grady was.

A couple of days later, after Jenny had undergone an examination, the doctor told me to phone him and he would give me the report.

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Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Northwestern Conference

Iowa Junior and Senior Young People's Camps at Clear Lake, Iowa

The Junior and Senior Iowa CBY'ers met for their annual Christian Life Camp at the Regular Baptist Camp Grounds at Clear Lake, Iowa, from June 17-21 and June 21-27, respectively. The theme for both camps was "Exultant Youth — Exalting Christ" with 1 Tim. 4:12 as our key verse.

Approximately 66 campers were enrolled for the Junior camp. The classes taught were "Youthful Examples" (David, Miriam, Samuel), and "Know Your Church." They were taught by Mrs. Carl DeVries, Mrs. Marlin Lindaman, and Rev. Frank Veniga. Besides the classes each morning, there also was an object lesson given by Mrs. William Lindaman. Miss Ruth Bathauer spoke in each chapel service.

Something new and different at the Junior Camp this year was the handcraft program. Mrs. Fred Lower was in charge of the girls' handcraft and the Rev. Fred Mashner of the boys' work. Two films, "Baskets of Blessing" and "Tammy," were shown.

At the Senior Camp about 90 were enrolled. The 1953 camp was opened with a missionary service with Miss Berneice Westerman speaking. Three very inspiring classes were taught: "Christian Etiquette," "Prophecy of Things to Come," and "Finding the Lord's Will for My Life." The teachers were the Reverends Alvin Wetter, Fred Mashner and Ronald MacCormack.

A choir under the capable direction of the Rev. Alvin Wetter sang. A film, "You Can't Win," was shown one evening and on other evenings there were campfire services. The most inspiring service of all was the Galilean Service. Campers gathered around a campfire near the lake as strains of "The Stranger of Galilee" and "My Jesus I Love Thee" were heard from boats nearing the shore. There was a time of testimony when a number of young people expressed their desire to walk closer to Christ. We praise the Lord for the four individuals who accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

At the annual business meeting the following officers were elected: president, Marilyn Junker, Parkersburg; vice-president, Norman Luiken, Steamboat Rock; secretary, Kay Schaefer, Sheffield; treasurer, George Thorne, Parkersburg. The new officers met and made the following appointments for the 1954 camp: camp dean, Rev. Fred Mashner; assistant dean,

Rev. Ronald MacCormack; project promoter, Rev. W. G. Gerthe.

The Iowa CBY raised \$2500 of which \$1500 were given for the Cameroons and \$1000 for the Japan mission. The Bansa Hospital in the Cameroons was adopted as our new mission project. We praise the Lord for the opportunity of attending a Christian camp such as this one. It brought everyone who attended closer to our Lord and Savior.

Kay Schaefer, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Kansas Ordains the Rev. Merle E. Brenner

At the call of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kans., an ordination council consisting of the pastors and delegates from the North American Baptist Churches of Kansas met on June 12 at 2:00 P.M. to consider Mr. Merle E. Brenner for ordination. The council elected the Rev. L. B. Hinz of the Strassburg Church as moderator and the Rev. Henry Baerg of the Durham Church as secretary. The Rev. Roy Seibel of Emery, S. Dak., and Dr. C. S. Roddy, professor of the Fuller Theological Seminary of Pasadena, California, as well as Mr. A. B. Henning from the First Baptist Church of Junction City, Kans., were also seated on the council.

After the other necessary preliminaries, Mr. Brenner was introduced to the council. He gave an account of his conversion, call to the ministry, education and doctrinal position. After a period of thorough questioning, the council voted, in the absence of the candidate, that the church proceed with the ordination service.

The ordination service was held that evening. The pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, the Rev. J. R. Kruegel, led the song service. The Rev. John Wood of the Bethany Church read Isaiah 6:1-8 and led in prayer. The Rev. Paul Shellhouse read the motion of the council recommending that the ordination service proceed. It was accepted unanimously.

The ordination message was delivered by Dr. C. S. Roddy. Then as Mr. Brenner knelt in consecration and the pastors present placed their hands on his head, the Rev. J. R. Kruegel prayed that God himself would place his mighty hand upon his servant to give him a fruitful ministry.

The Rev. Roy Seibel, his brother-in-law, welcomed Mr. Brenner into "God's invincible army," the Gospel ministry. The Rev. Henry Baerg gave the charge to the candidate and the Rev. L. B.

Hinz charged the church with the responsibility of upholding their brother in prayer so that God would open the doors of service to him soon. The Rev. J. Block of the Bison Church presented the certificate of ordination. After the singing of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," the Rev. Merle E. Brenner pronounced the benediction.

Mr. Brenner is a graduate of Ottawa University, a Baptist school at Ottawa, Kans., and of the Fuller Theological Seminary at Pasadena, California. He had hoped to go to the mission field, but at the present time the doors are closed. He is therefore seeking God's place of service until such a time as the Lord may open the mission doors to him. The Mt. Zion Church is praising God that he has called another of her sons into the ministry.

J. R. Kruegel, Pastor.

Northern Conference

Sessions of the Alberta Association Are Held at the Trochu Baptist Church

The 53rd Alberta Association convened from June 11 to 14 at Trochu, Alberta. Fifteen churches were represented at the gathering, and the attendance was good. The host church, Trochu, was untiring in its efforts to comfortably house its guests and to look after the preparation of food.

A most challenging theme was chosen, "What Is Your Life?" Rev. E. A. Hoffman spoke on "The Author of Life"; Rev. J. C. Kraenzler on "The Brevity of Life"; Rev. F. W. Wahl on "The Plus of Life"; Rev. J. Wahl on "The Paradox of Life"; Rev. A. Pohl on "The Object of Life." Morning devotions were conducted by Rev. E. Faul and Rev. O. Schmidt. Rev. H. Schatz was speaker for the Sunday morning worship service.

An evening evangelistic service stirred our hearts deeply as our missionary to the Indians, Rev. R. Neuman, preached on "Thou Art Not Far From the Kingdom." Youth night was in charge of Allan Strohschein who planned a different and interesting evening for us. The young people of the First Church of Leduc were invited to present the play, "The Broken Circle."

The Woman's Missionary Union program was conducted by our president, Mrs. E. A. Hoffman. Special musical numbers and recitations and a dialogue were rendered by representatives from each church. Officers for the coming year are: president, Mrs. E. A. Hoffman; vice-president, Mrs. O. Schmidt; secretary, Mrs. W. Muller; treasurer, Mrs. J. Kraenzler.

We regret that Professor Hiller was unable to be with us as planned, but we are thankful for the Rev. Karl Koralla who came in his stead. Mr. Koralla's messages were a blessing and inspiration to all.

Officers for the coming year are: president, Rev. H. Schumacher; vice-president, Rev. E. Faul; secretary, Rev. E. Hoffman; treasurer, Rev. F. Pahl. We praise the Lord for the \$845.46 which was received to be used in the furtherance of the Lord's work.

F. W. Pahl, Reporter.

Baptism of Seven Converts from East Olds and Torrington Churches, Alberta, Canada

Seven candidates from the East Olds Baptist Church and the Torrington Church near Olds, Alberta, were accepted for baptism on Sunday, May 17. This group included six young people and one adult. Two more were extended the hand of fellowship, having been accepted by letter. Before the candidates were baptized, a brief program was rendered. This included a dialogue by the young people who used the fine Junior Mission material on the difficulties encountered by those in heathen lands who wished to be baptized. This made us realize how privileged we are in this land to freely follow the Lord in his commands.

On June 21 ten Sunday Schools representing five different denominations held their annual all day rally at the East Olds Baptist Church. The theme, "The Guide to Life," was chosen. Three speakers discussed "The Bible," "The Home" and the "Sunday School" in relation to their contribution to guiding young people. A special children's worker pointed out ways and means of winning children to Christ and also conducted an afternoon rally for the children in the church basement.

Guest speakers, Mr. Sawtell from Edmonton and Mr. Ratzlaff, missionary to Ethiopia, greatly challenged our hearts with stirring messages. In this vast district of Olds each church was again encouraged in its efforts to win the lost for Christ.

Mrs. V. Pahl, Reporter.

Sunday School at Morris, Man., Helps Building Fund at Children's Day Program

Children's Day on Sunday, June 14, was of special importance to the Emanuel Baptist Sunday School of Morris, Manitoba. It brought us closer to the realization of our new church of the future and better Sunday School facilities. Seeing the ground-work all prepared, the children enthusiastically brought their program in keeping with our national theme of "Chapel Building."

The introductory music was played by Doreen Paschke, and Daniel Walters led in the responsive reading and prayer. After words of welcome by one of our superintendents, Waldemar Rempel, the children recited their verses and joyously sang in groups. The Junior Church rendered two songs under the direction of Violet Rapske and Beatrice Bergstresser. The Beginners' Class with their teachers, Alma Hoffman, Olive Remple, Otilie Wiechoutz and Alma Rapske sang, "We Know It."

Among the special numbers was a solo by Willie Buhr and a piano duet by two of our Intermediate girls, Joyce Rempel and Berneita Paschke. Also a two part song, "Lord, Make Me More Like Thee," was sung by the Senior girls of Beatrice Paschke's class.

A model of our new church was made by the Rev. J. C. Rempel and displayed by Rodney Penner, the son of one of the members of the Building Committee, Waldo Penner. The chil-



Nine new members received into the East Olds and Torrington Baptist Churches of Alberta by baptism and letter by the Rev. Fred Pahl (center, rear row).

dren sang their theme song, "Builders." After a brief message by our pastor, the Rev. R. Kanwischer, a special offering for our Building Fund was taken, amounting to \$640.

Elsie Edel, S. S. Secretary.

Dakota Conference

Vacation Bible School With Forty Children at Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana

On June 1st a happy group of 40 boys and girls gathered with their teachers for a Vacation Bible School at the Plevna Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana. The fine cooperation of the parents in bringing their children a long distance, in spite of difficult roads, helped to make it a success.

Miss Ruth Bechtold instructed the Beginners on the theme, "Learning About Jesus." Mrs. G. Beutler taught the Primary children about "Our Good Shepherd." Mrs. Arthur Sieler was in charge of the Juniors and taught "The Christian's Birth and Growth." The Rev. G. Beutler was the superintendent and also instructed the Intermediates on "Answering God's Call" and "Baptist History." Mrs. Manuel Lang also gave her assistance when sickness threatened to hinder this good work.

On Sunday, June 7th, the children led by the Bible and Flag Bearers marched into the church to the tune of "Onward, Christian Soldiers" for their demonstration program. As the children recited their memory work, answered questions on their lessons and displayed their handwork projects, all were again reminded of the great value Christ laid upon the child. Suitable songs and special instrumental numbers added zest and beauty to the program. At the close, Mr. Theodor Kusler, our S. S. superintendent, expressed appreciation of the work done by the teachers and presented the certificates and awards to the pupils.

Mrs. G. Beutler, Reporter.

Children's Day and C.B.Y. Programs and Vacation Bible School at Madison, S. Dakota

On Sunday, June 7, a Children's Day program was presented at the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, South Dakota, during the Sunday School hour. The program opened by the singing of "The Sweet Story of Old" by the congregation, followed by responsive scripture reading and then prayer by our Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Graydon Rohrer. The children rendered a very interesting program of songs, drills, recitations and action choruses.

At the conclusion of the program, a fellowship dinner sponsored by the C.B.Y. was held in the church parlor. About 135 members attended the dinner. The receipts from the dinner went to the C.B.Y. project, Missions in the Cameroons. Following the dinner a program in charge of the C.B.Y. was presented. It consisted of several choruses sang by the group, two inspirational talks, a few words from our pastor, the Rev. Fred Schmidt, two vocal solos and a closing prayer.

During the week of June 8 to 13 a Vacation Bible School was held at the West Center Street Church with 38 children in attendance. There was a Nursery Class for the 3-4 year old children, a Beginners' Class, Primary Class, and Junior Class. Classes were held from 9 A.M. until 3 P.M. daily. On Sunday, June 14, during the Sunday School hour an inspiring, worthwhile program was presented by these children portraying a portion of the work they had accompanied.

Mrs. Elmer Moose, Reporter.



Teachers and children of the Emanuel Baptist Sunday School, Morris, Manitoba, with the Rev. R. Kanwischer who is holding a model of the proposed new church building (upper right hand corner).

Northern North Dakota Woman's Missionary Union is Addressed by Mrs. W. W. Grosser

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Northern North Dakota Association met for its annual meeting on Friday, June 19, in connection with the Association sessions at Fessenden, N. Dak. Approximately 60 delegates and many visitors gathered at the Baptist Church in the forenoon for the business session. Our capable president, Mrs. Albert E. Reddig, Cathay, presided and also responded to the welcome of the local president, Mrs. Vernon Link. The 16 different societies, actively engaged in our Master's work, reported a total of 33 new members received during the year. Our total membership of 352 raised \$10,806.71, making an average of \$30.70 per member.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, Mrs. Albert E. Reddig, Cathay, N. Dak.; vice-president, Mrs. A. P. Schulz, Martin, N. Dak.; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Reuben H. Bauer, Turtle Lake, N. Dakota. At the successful noon luncheon at the O'Connor Hotel, each society reported the high-lights of its work during the year. Mrs. Reddig served as toastmistress at this luncheon.

The church was filled to capacity for the inspiring afternoon program. The Harvey and Carrington societies challenged our hearts with musical numbers. The impressive memorial service in memory of three women who had gone to their home in glory was arranged by the Fessenden society. Our president directed the woman's choir, compiled of three women from each society, as they sang, "The Holy Hour." The Germantown society then presented the humorous mission play, "Missionary Clinic."

Mrs. W. W. Grosser, our charming and capable National Woman's Union president, was our guest speaker. Our hearts were truly touched as we listened to this inspiring message based

on Phil. 2-5, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." She revealed several expressions that served as a climax to the program, namely, "Life's lessons are caught, not taught," also "Love is the highest delight in the good of another at your own expense."

The afternoon offering to be divided among the women's work in Africa, Old People's Home at Bismarck, N. Dak., and the Seminary Building Fund at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., amounted to \$153.50. The song, "I Would Be True," followed with the benediction brought this fine day's activities of the Woman's Missionary Union to a close.

Mrs. Reuben H. Bauer, Secretary.

Sessions of the Central Dakota Association at the Hebron Baptist Church

The congenial members of the Baptist Church at Hebron, N. Dak., were hosts to the Central Dakota Association which met from June 18 to 21. The guests were heartily welcomed by the Rev. C. T. Remple, pastor of the church, and by the mayor of the city. The Rev. C. Weintz delivered the opening sermon. The Rev. E. S. Fenske and Rev. J. Heer were in charge of the morning devotions during the Association.

A very timely theme, "Jesus Only" based on Matt. 17:7-8, was clearly presented in essays on "Jesus in Prayer" by Rev. G. Rutsch, "Jesus and the Family Life" by Rev. E. Kary, "Jesus and Temptation" by Rev. L. Wahl, "Jesus and Forgiveness" by Rev. A. Fischer and "Jesus and Giving" by Rev. E. P. Wahl. The Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the C.T.I. at Edmonton, Alberta, in his sincere way was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, as we meditated with him during the quiet Half Hour preceding noon. He was also the mission speaker on Sunday morning and gave the closing message.

The evangelistic message was given on Saturday evening by the Rev. J. J. Renz. During the Sunday School session the Rev. A. Krombein spoke in the German language and the Rev. N. Miller in English. All these meetings were enhanced by special music. The new officers for the ensuing year are: president, Rev. E. Kary; secretary, Rev. H. Lang; Rev. E. S. Fenske and Rev. E. Becker were elected to the Mission Committee. We want to express our sincere appreciation to the host church for a blessed Association.

J. J. Renz, Reporter.

Central Dakota Woman's Missionary Union Program at Baptist Church, Hebron, N. Dakota

One of the highlights for the women of the Central Dakota Association that convened at Hebron, N. Dak., from June 18 to 21 was the lovely noonday luncheon served by the local women on Friday, June 19. The women met in the main auditorium of the church where Mrs. Emil Becker of New Leipzig warmed our hearts in her devotions centered around the Ten Commandments of our Lord in the New Testament.

Reports, election of new officers for the coming year and other business transactions were quickly taken care of under the efficient leadership of the past president, Mrs. C. Remple of Hebron, N. Dak. New officers for the coming year are: Mrs. G. Beutler of Plevna, Mont., president; Mrs. Ed. Fenske, of Herreid, S. Dak., vice-president; Mrs. D. Fuchs of Hettinger, N. Dak., secretary; Mrs. Edward Oster of Hettinger, N. Dak., treasurer.

There were 52 delegates representing 35 societies present from the 37 societies of the union. A total of 63 new members were gained last year. The society from the newly organized church in Mott, N. Dak., was welcomed and added to the union. The sum of \$5,457.48 was raised by the women of the local societies in the past year.

The good sized Convention Hall of the city of Hebron was filled to capacity for the evening for the annual women's program. Mrs. C. Remple was in charge. Mrs. Emma Melhoff of Bismarck introduced the new officers and challenged them sincerely to faithful service in the Lord's vineyard. Mrs. C. Remple introduced the six young, talented new pastors' wives and welcomed them into the ranks of workers for the Lord in the Union. A well planned program of musical numbers, a Women's Chorus directed by Mrs. Heer of Lehr, N. Dak., and an impressive reading by Mrs. Viola Walth, were enjoyed.

Last, but not least, was the message of the evening that was brought by the guest speaker, the Rev. E. P. Wahl of the C.T.I. in Edmonton, Alberta. He based his message on Col. 3:17 reminding the women to continue in their untiring and faithful service for the Lord. The offering was \$195.86, which was designated in advance to be equally divided in four parts for the Bansa and Leper Hospitals in Africa and for the Old People's Home and Superintendent's Home in Bismarck, N. Dak.

Linda Rutsch, Reporter.

Grace Church of Hettinger, N. D., Ordains the Rev. Edward Oster, Its Pastor

At the request of the Grace Baptist Church of Hettinger, N. Dak., a council convened in the sanctuary of the church on Wednesday, June 17, to examine its pastor, Mr. Edward Oster, as a candidate for ordination into the Gospel ministry. Five churches, with two delegates and their pastors, were present.

Mr. Oster, a 1953 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., gave a very fine statement of his conversion, call to the ministry, and his doctrinal beliefs. The council recommended with joy that the host church proceed with the ordination.

A blessed and inspirational ordination service was held in the evening. The Rev. LeRoy Schauer led the song service and a passage of Scripture was read by Mr. Gunther Wahl, a first year college student also preparing for the ministry. The Rev. Walter Klempel brought the message based on Acts 1:8 and challenged us all on "Witnessing." Following the message the Rev. G. Beutler led in the ordination prayer during which all the pastors participated in the "laying on of the hands." The Rev. Chris Weintz then welcomed the Rev. Edward Oster into the fellowship of the ministry. A charge was given to the candidate by the Rev. Norman Miller, and the Rev. E. Becker gave a charge to the church.

In connection with the ordination service the host church also had a welcoming service for the new pastor and his wife. All departments of the church participated and the service was beautified with special music. The Rev. Edward Oster then dismissed the congregation with prayer. The blessed day was concluded by having a fellowship lunch in the basement.

May the Lord richly bless Mr. and Mrs. Oster as they labor with the Grace Baptist Church in the work of the Lord.

Bernard R. Fritzke, Council Clerk.

Sessions of the Northern North Dakota Association Held at Fessenden, N. Dakota

The Northern North Dakota Association was held at the First Baptist Church, Fessenden, N. Dak., from June 18 to 21. These were days of spiritual refreshment and blessing for all present. The presence of the Lord was felt throughout the entire association as the messages were presented and the musical numbers rendered.

The first day was devoted to the work of the Sunday School and its problems. The Rev. Robert Bear of Minot led in these discussions and challenged us to greater responsibilities in this field of service. He presented a fine display of Sunday School material which proved informative and educational to all S.S. workers.

The general theme of the Association, "The Mind of Christ in You," was very efficiently developed in its various topics by the general worker, Professor Hugo Lueck, and some of the local pastors. Dr. T. W. Bender of Chicago, Ill., and Dr. G. Holstein of the University of Grand Forks, N.

Obituary

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

MRS. CHARLOTTE SCHUCK of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Charlotte Schuck of Milwaukee, Wis., was born July 19, 1871 and passed away June 21, following a brief illness. She had been a faithful member of her church, the Temple Baptist Church, for 64 years. She was baptized upon confession of her faith in Christ by the Rev. R. Macholz in 1889.

Those who had known Mrs. Schuck for many years often relate about her conscientious work as a deaconess. She called on the sick and brought cheer to them. She called on those who needed encouragement to be more faithful to Christ. She was instrumental in bringing many into the fellowship of the church. She was faithful to her Savior in being loyal in carrying out sacred responsibilities. She is survived by three brothers, Herbert, Arthur and William Opitz, and also nieces and nephews and other relatives.

The text for the funeral service message was 2 Timothy 1:12. "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

G. K. ZIMMERMAN, Pastor.

REV. OTTO DANIEL WEGNER of Chicago, Illinois.

The Rev. Otto Daniel Wegner of Chicago, Ill., born July 31, 1875 at Barmen-Elberfeld, Germany, died suddenly at his Chicago home June 23, 1953 at 7:15 P.M. He came to the United States in 1902, and in the same year on June 21st he was married to Louisa Bertha Kreuger in Chicago, Illinois. In 1923 he was converted and baptized, joining the congregation of the First German Baptist Church of this city.

Feeling called of God to the Gospel ministry, he directed his steps toward that life work. On April 12, 1911 he was ordained by the Forest Park Baptist Church. Thereafter he labored for many years as a pioneer missionary both in Canada and the United States.

Left to mourn his passing are the following: his wife, Louisa Bertha; one son, Daniel, of Denver, Colo.; one daughter, Viola of Chicago; a sister, Mrs. Beutler of Chicago, and four grandchildren. The funeral service was conducted at the chapel of May's Funeral Home, June 26, 1953. Interment was in the Elmlawn Cemetery, Elmhurst, Illinois.

He died as he had lived—at peace with God! May the God of all grace comfort those who mourn!

Foster Ave. Baptist Church Chicago, Ill.

JOE SONNENBERG, Pastor.

MRS. DOROTHEA WIEDMANN of Venturia, North Dakota.

Mrs. Dorothea Wiedmann, nee Miller, of Venturia, N. Dak., was born on December 24, 1879, in Paulstadt, Russia. At the age

of two years she migrated with her parents to the United States and settled at Bridgewater, South Dakota. Several years later they moved to Venturia, N. Dak., where she resided until her passing away.

She was converted on January 18, 1901, baptized on June 2 of the same year, and became a member of the Berlin Baptist Church, and later transferred her membership to the Venturia Baptist Church after it was founded. She remained a member at Venturia until her death.

In January, 1903, she was united in marriage with Philip Wiedmann. This union was blessed with eleven children, three preceding her in heaven. She passed away on July 1, 1953, at the Ashley Memorial Hospital, at the age of 73 years, 6 months and 1 week. She had been in ill health for the past 12 years, but suffered considerable about one year, her illness being cancer.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her deeply beloved husband, three sons: Adolph of Van Nyis, Calif.; Julius of Portland, Ore.; Otto of Fargo, N. Dak.; five daughters: Mrs. Martha Bertsch of Ashley, N. Dak.; Mrs. Frieda Bower, Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Lydia Nelson, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Annetta Striebel, Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Mrs. Lea Collins, Aberdeen, S. Dak.; one brother, Fred Miller, Chester, Mont.; 23 grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Words of comfort were spoken by the Rev. J. J. Renz of Ashley, N. Dak., in the German language on Psalm 23:1, 4. The undersigned spoke briefly on 1 Thess. 4: 13-18. May the God of comfort bless the bereaved!

Venturia, North Dakota

R. DICKAU, Pastor.

MRS. MARTHA BRAUN of Lorena, Texas.

Mrs. Martha Braun of Lorena, Texas, was born October 11, 1874, in Lubtz, Poland. Early in life she came to a saving knowledge of Christ and was baptized in 1889, at the age of 15 years. On May 28, 1891, she was married to Gus Braun at Gnesen, now Poland.

In the year 1892, she came with her husband to America and settled in Falls County, Texas, in the vicinity of Lorena, where she lived ever since. In the year 1936, her husband preceded her in death.

She was a devout Christian, deeply interested in the things of the Lord and in the affairs of our denomination. She was a faithful member of the Central Baptist Church at Waco, Texas, and though she has been in failing health for several years, she was present in the services whenever possible. Her presence was always a joy and inspiration to others.

For the past five months she has been in noticeably failing health, and on June 16, 1953, the Lord took her to be with himself. She had reached the age of 78 years, 8 months and 5 days.

She is survived by five sons: Paul of Rosebud, Texas; Otto of Waco, Texas; Adolph of Lorena, Texas; Walter of Baytown, Tex.; and Fred of Lorena, Texas; one daughter, Mrs. Frank Purczinsky of Lorena, Texas; one brother, Robert Wegner of Germany; five daughters-in-law; one son-in-law; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Central Baptist Church, Waco, on Thursday, June 18, with the local pastor officiating. Interment was in the Cottonwood Cemetery.

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed."

Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas

LOUIS R. JOHNSON, Pastor.

Dak., were also among the special speakers in these days.

The musical numbers, brought by the various church groups, were inspiring and helped to beautify the services. According to the various church reports, we noted that our churches are on the march. Souls have been added, manifold improvements have been made, and missionary giving has been up.

The officers for the association for the coming years are as follows: Rev.

F. J. Knalson, president; Rev. Fred Fuchs, secretary; Mr. Derman, Anamoose, treasurer; Men's Brotherhood: Mr. Reinhold Martin, president, Mr. Vernon Wolitarsky, secretary-treasurer. Together with these officers, we of the Northern North Dakota Association are looking to the Lord for another blessed year and have joined hands to further the Gospel of Christ in winning souls and strengthening the bonds of love and fellowship among our churches. John Engel, Reporter.



Young people of the Southern Conference churches at their encampment held at Latham Springs Camp near Waco, Texas.

Southern Conference

Young People's Encampment for Southern Conference Youth at Latham Springs Camp

Another Southern Conference Latham Springs Encampment is now in the files of history, but its blessings linger on in the hearts of all who were privileged to attend. From the hectic hours of registration and unpacking to the inspirational closing rally, the week from June 16 to 21 was a "mountain-top" experience.

Every church in the Conference was represented and many of the pastors spent the entire week with their young people. Two class periods were held each morning and proved to be a great blessing. Dr. Leslie Chaffee, medical missionary to the Cameroons, spoke daily in the chapel service and was loved by young and old. Recreational activities included swimming and base-

ball and many exhausting hours were spent at the ping-pong tables.

Three of our pastors, the Rev. Harold Ekzut, Rev. J. K. Warkentin and Rev. A. R. Kingman, brought inspiring messages in our evening services. A high point was reached on Friday night when the Rev. Charles Wellborn, pastor of the 7th and James Baptist Church in Waco and well-known Baptist Hour preacher, made Zacchaeus live for us all. He again inspired us with lessons learned in the mountains at our banquet on Saturday night and he drew us all closer to the Lord with a great message in the closing rally.

Two activities which added to the fun of the camp were the daily awarding of a huge bone tied with a yellow ribbon for the person pulling the biggest "boner," and the nightly reading of the "Camp-o-log" containing daily events and gossip. To Walter Gummelt, dean of the camp, to Herman Balka, CBY president, and to all who had a part we say, "Thank you for a wonderful encampment."

Mrs. A. R. Kingman, Reporter.

YEARBOOK OF AMERICAN CHURCHES, 1953

An accurate directory of American religion, compiled for people of all faiths. Partial contents are: directories: all religious bodies in the U.S. and Canada—all faiths—national cooperative organizations and agencies having ecumenical connections—state and local councils of churches also councils of church women—all theological seminaries—Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish; accredited colleges and universities—service agencies: social, civic, religious—religious periodicals.

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PARABLE OF A HOUSE

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is really on the throne there. Frustration comes when we attempt to rush about in every area of our lives, improving here and there by means of will power. We find the wall of resistance breaks as fast as we are able to repair it, and in some cases, faster than we are able to repair the broken spots.

At any rate, we soon run out of patching materials, losing the will to resist, and we are missing the central point which Christ wants us to understand. If Christ holds the reins of the heart, dry moral effort will cease. Gladness fills the being, and the power of a prayerful, Spirit-filled life wins out for Christ, in the CHRIST-FORMED child of God.

We cease to practice SELF-FORMATION and practice CHRIST-FORMATION; then we become a "house with somebody in it." That indwelling Christ makes the Christian a servant. The moment we begin to live for Christ we begin what we may term SERVANT-FORMATION. A true Christian loves to serve others. We find in the Bible, "Let this mind be in you, which also was in Christ Jesus: who being in the FORM OF GOD, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made of himself no reputation, and took upon himself the FORM OF A SERVANT, . . ." (Philippians 2:5-7). Our Lord Jesus possessed the FORM OF GOD, and also the FORM OF A SERVANT (bond slave). To take on the characteristics of God means also to take on the characteristics of a bond slave.

Recall that before the Last Supper in the upper room, Jesus actually performed the work of a bond slave. The Lord wrapped a towel about his loins—took a basin of water—and washed the feet of the disciples. This, when the host did not supply a slave for this task! Jesus thus taught humility. But, cannot we see a stewardship lesson here? A servant relation, if you please. "The son of man came not to be ministered to, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28).

David Brainerd witnessed to the American Indians faithfully. Coming to what he believed to be a stone wall, a perspiration-drenched Brainerd prayed all night, many a night, there in the forests of New England. The Indians came out for Jesus Christ. David Brainerd, bond slave of Jesus Christ, persevered for his Master. Every Bible believing Christian is a missionary in his own field.

"Let every man examine himself." If a SELF-REFORMED person, we must go to our knees until we become a CHRIST-FORMED person, a true child of God. Thus we will then be SERVANT-FORMED.