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Rev. Harold W. Gieseke

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## The S. S. Lesson in ACTION

By Rev. B. JACKSTEIT, Anaheim, Calif.

### A LESSON PLAN

Date: September 6, 1953.

Theme: THE CHRISTIAN'S USE OF POSSESSIONS.

SCRIPTURE: 1 Timothy 6:6-19.

PURPOSE: To show what is involved in the Christian use of possessions.

GETTING STARTED: Most of us have at some time or other thrilled to the story of Robin Hood, the dashing hero who stole from the rich in order to feed the poor. It makes fascinating reading, and Robin Hood is one of the most popular of fictional characters. However, a question arises. Does the story run true to life, and do men steal for the noble purpose of feeding the poor? There may be rare exceptions, to be sure, but by and large men do not steal for any such purpose. It may be stated as a general principle that those who have no conscience about acquiring possessions will have no conscience about the use of those possessions. Thus, whenever we speak about the use of our possessions, we cannot separate that matter from the acquiring of our possessions. For he who would be Christian in the one must also be Christian in the other.

### Developing the Theme:

#### I. THE CHRISTIAN'S WAY OF ACQUIRING POSSESSIONS

1. How we get our possessions will determine to a large degree how we will use them. Therefore if we are to use them in Christian ways, we must first get them in Christian ways.

2. The Christian way of acquiring possessions is based on the following considerations:

- A true sense of values that recognizes that money is not the most precious possession but rather "godliness with contentment" (v. 6).
- The realization that we do not really possess our possessions. They are ours only to use for a limited time (v. 7).
- A deliberate effort to keep our wants within bounds; for it's our wants that get us into trouble, not our needs (v. 8).
- The knowledge that if our desire for possessions becomes so great that we're willing to court even spiritual ruin in order to get them, we're on the wrong track and sure to miss out on the best gifts in life (vv. 10-11).

#### II. THE CHRISTIAN'S WAY OF USING POSSESSIONS

1. It must be motivated by love and Christian generosity and not by any

desire to use "religion only as a means of gain" (v. 5b, Goodspeed).

2. It guards against the false assumption that many possessions give a man a favored position with God or allow him to throw his weight around in the Christian church (v. 17).

3. It is marked by a generous and joyous spirit that delights in using the material things of life for the glory of God and the service of men (v. 18).

### Applying the Lesson:

1. List some of the ways in which we can use our possessions most effectively in the service of God and man.

2. What do you think of the statement that how we get our possessions determines how we will use them? Why?

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### A LESSON PLAN

Date: September 13, 1953.

Theme: COURAGEOUS CHRISTIAN WITNESSING.

SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 1: 3-14.

PURPOSE: To help us become more active and courageous witnesses for Christ.

GETTING STARTED: While attending a summer Bible Conference, Timothy Rider had made a new decision. By the grace of God he was going to do more personal witnessing for his Lord—especially to the fellows at work. Now he was home again and back at his job. With his decision fresh in mind, he had prayed that morning that the Lord might open the way for him to witness to someone that day. The opportunity came; but at the last moment Timothy lost his nerve and never said a word about Christ. Afterwards he upbraided himself and vowed to do better the next time. But when the next opportunity came, he still remained tongue-tied. And so it went time after time until, finally, Timothy sorrowfully said to himself, "I guess I just don't have it in me."

### Developing the Theme

When it comes to witnessing, Timothy Rider has a lot of company. How often we ourselves have lost our nerve at the last moment and have failed to speak a personal word for our Lord!

#### I. THE NEED FOR WITNESSING

1. Christ commands it and expects it of his followers.

2. Christ's cause demands it; for it cannot prosper without it.

3. A lost world understands it. Men may have difficulty understand-

### CONFERENCES AND ASSEMBLIES

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

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

September 6 (Sunday)—Northern North Dakota Rally at Washburn, North Dakota. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Guest Speaker.

September 5-6—Michigan Tri Union Rally at Gladwin, Michigan. Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens and Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Guest Speakers.

September 17-20—Atlantic Conference at Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J. Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens and Rev. R. Schilke, Guest Speakers. (See Program Announcement in This Issue).

ing our involved theologies; but they cannot miss the meaning of a personal word concerning what the Lord has done for us.

#### II. THE WAY OF WITNESSING

1. We witness through the quality of our lives (v. 5), for what we are counts for more than what we say.

2. We witness through our words: both by telling of what the Lord has done for us and by proclaiming the great truths of the gospel (vv. 10-11).

3. We witness by how seriously we take our faith and are willing to suffer hardship because of it (v. 8).

#### III. THE REQUIREMENTS FOR WITNESSING

1. A vital personal faith (v. 5), for we cannot witness to something that we ourselves do not possess.

2. An active Christian life (v. 6), for we cannot witness effectively unless our personal Christian life is glowing and active.

3. A lot of ordinary courage that depends on the Lord for help, uses plain common sense, and is motivated by Christian love (v. 7).

4. A full realization of what the Lord has done for us and how great the blessings that are ours through him (vv. 9-12).

5. A genuine loyalty to the great truths of the gospel (v. 13).

6. A firm determination to do the thing our Lord requires of us (v. 14).

### Applying the Lesson

1. Where is it most difficult to witness for Christ?

2. How can a person in an office or factory bear the most effective witness to his faith?

# Editorial

## Canada's Charms

EVEN A BRIEF SOJOURN into Canada will soon convince the visitor of the composite and congenial charms of that great land and people. In Canada you soon feel the atmosphere of your surroundings as being much more conducive to the cultivation of spiritual values. Canada still retains a pioneer spirit, a reverence for simplicity and genuineness of life, and a colorful cosmopolitan fellowship that are quickly disappearing from the rest of the continent.

Canada and its people can prize these unique characteristics as a possession to be cherished. Our seventy churches within the confines of Canada have absorbed some of these traits that are peculiar to Canada and, in turn, have strongly influenced the rest of the denomination. This truth became gradually apparent to the visitor at the 50th Jubilee sessions of the Northern Conference held at Yorkton, Sask., as the panorama of the past was dramatically unfolded.

Canada has its spectacular, breathtaking beauty. There's no place in all the world as enchanting as the bejeweled Lake Louise in the heart of the Rockies. Who can ever forget a sunset scene splashed over the quiet waters of the St. Lawrence River as viewed from the heights of the mountains as they lift their majestic grandeur into the blue heavens above? But the real Canada is to be found where people walk and talk.

The real charm of Canada is to be seen in its simplicity of life. There is less "vener" to people with their "put on" airs and sophistication. Almost everyone is caught up in the struggle for existence so that the elemental things of life lay hold on one with overwhelming power. This genuine, heart warming simplicity is seen in the dress and gait and spirit of people. It is a democratic fellowship in which the real values of what you are in life are more important than your outward appearance.

Canada still is a land of dreams. Its charm is to be seen in its unfilled achievements and its unexplored possibilities. The pioneer spirit still has a terrific hold on many of its residents. The pioneer of new Canadians are arriving each year with high hopes for themselves in their new homeland. This pioneer spirit is bound to leave its impress of sturdiness of human fibres and discipline of life upon all of the country, even upon our Canadian churches and, through them, upon our denomination.

Canada still retains a reverence for spiritual things and religious observances that amazes the tourists from across the border. Sabbath observance in Canada makes most of the Canadian cities a place of quiet rest and reverence on Sundays. There are no "fat" Sunday newspapers, no noisy sports events, few wide open stores for the purchase of everything from groceries to gasoline on Sundays. Even this nation-wide practice is undergoing some changes, but on the whole Canada is especially a delight to the Christian on Sunday!

Do not underrate the charms of Canada. It is an enchanting country, especially in the summertime, with a great people, and particularly with a God-given mission to demonstrate the eternal verities of life that is dedicated to God's service!

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# Christian, Kneel to Conquer!

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 "If the world is ever again to get on its feet, the Church of Christ will again  
 have to get on its knees"  
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By the REV. EDGAR R. KOONS of the Bethel Baptist Church,  
 Harvey, North Dakota  
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THE VERY THOUGHT of kneeling to conquer seems paradoxical in its content. Who ever heard of a soldier in the face of the enemies' bullets kneeling to conquer? Who ever heard of a lion tamer in the face of an outstretched claw and a howling growl kneeling to conquer? Who ever heard of a boxer in the face of his opponent kneeling to conquer?

The idea becomes immediately repulsive to the man of courage and adventurous impulse. The very idea in the physical realm seems nauseating but in the spiritual realm it is far different. If one is to be a victor over the powers of darkness, principalities and powers in high places, he must kneel to conquer the evils of earth's domain and hell's dominion.

The powers of darkness are ruling today in high places—thus the call to prayer—thus the reason for kneeling to conquer. As we face a spiritually cold world, devoid of godliness, filled with godlessness, we need strength and courage to hold steady and be faithful to our high calling as the "redeemed of the Lord."

## THE INTERNATIONAL PICTURE

The powers of darkness are seeking to reign the international picture. Russia of twenty years ago was a slumbering giant but today it is a Goliath daring anyone to come forth and challenge her might. Communism gives to man all that he desires. It gives him a home, promises him education, provides a job—totally makes provision for the carnality of man's being.

This is what the oppressed peoples of the world are in search of. The newly semi-civilized African native freed from the shackles of tribal tradition accepts communism with open arms for it offers to him what he desires. Communism makes man free to indulge his passion, his lust and his desire, for to the communist there is no God. Communism says, "Religion is only to be tolerated where it helps to propagate the cause of our ideals."

The conflict that is being staged today is more than a territorial conflict.

It is conflict of the spirits of darkness seeking to overthrow the spiritual leaders of Light. As we look to the future we see no immediate relief but the tension grows with the passing of each day's shadows. How can we face this foe of unscrupulous intention and method? How can we as individuals defeat this sleepless enemy?

There is one way! By kneeling to conquer! Where man in his arrogance rules, God overrules. Where man says there is no God, God proves his being by his acts. Where man says, "I'll make my own God," God devastates and leaves nothing but shambles and rubble in this world and then eternal damnation in the next. Communism will have this fate but, my friend, "kneel to conquer"! "For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever."

## THE HOME FRONT

The powers of darkness are seeking to reign in the national picture. This is very easily ascertained. We need but mention that nine times as much money is spent for liquor in the United States than that which is spent for churches and educational institutions. The people of the United States have glamorized the physical—glorified the beautiful—honored free love—popularized divorce—produced juvenile delinquents—corrupted public works—committed suicides—peddled more dope—smoked more cigarettes—than any other nation the world over.

But, in spite of all this, there is an unusual observation that we need to make. In spite of all this there is a certain minority group in the United States who remain the stronghold of the world over for evangelical Christendom who have not bowed their knee to Baal neither have they brought their sacrifice to Astaroth but they have knelt to conquer!

The powers of darkness are seeking to reign in our local communities. It matters not where you begin your observation. Just stop off at any town, U.S.A., and you will find these facts prevalent: more liquor stores than churches, more gambling establishments than youth centers, little co-op-

eration between school authorities and the church, magazine racks filled with "garbage can" romance and adventure, more illegitimate children born each year, the craze for pleasure at any cost, corrupt civil authorities and bribed police officers. But thanks be unto God, there are those who still daily kneel to conquer.

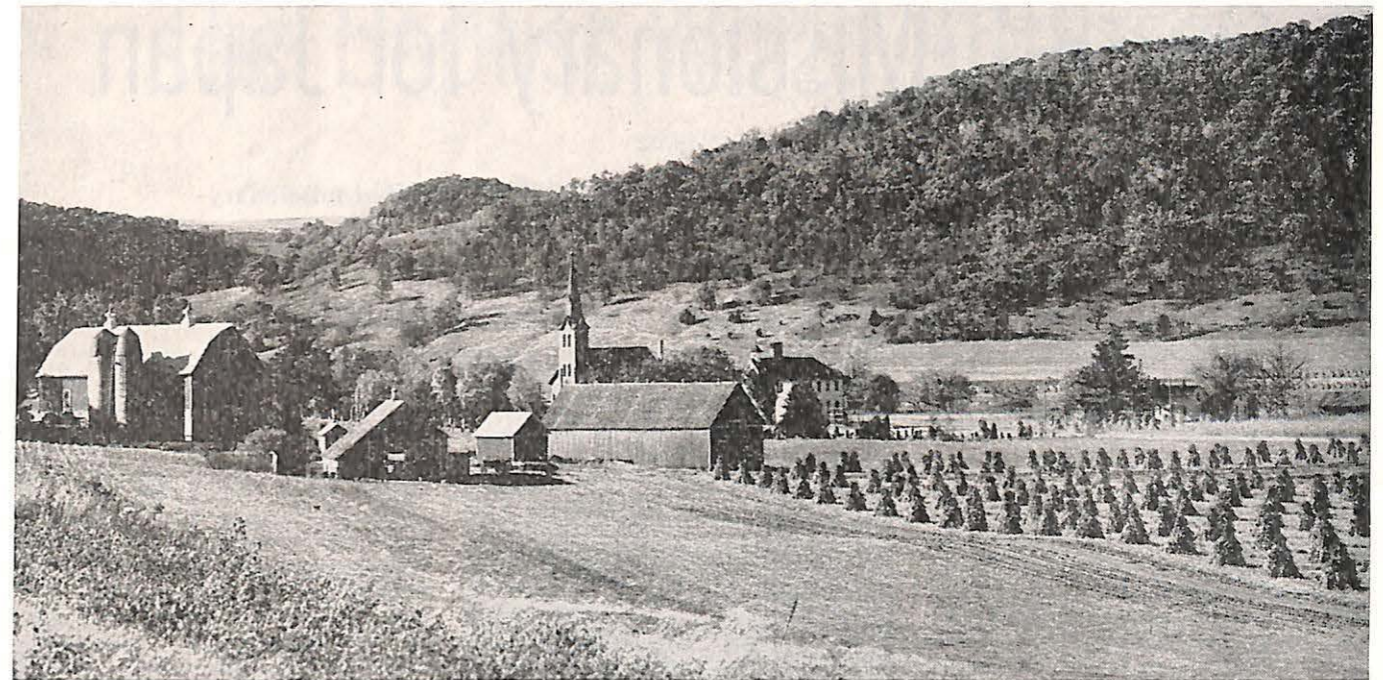
The backbone of our nation has been the rural local community. We can't keep the streets of New York City free of refuse. We can't houseclean the U.S.A. neither can we take a broom to Russia, but what we can do is keep our doorstep of the local front pure and clean and honorable.

Last year in our local community the state received \$12,000 for liquor licenses. If we double that we arrive at the figure of what it costs the people of the community in lost man hours, hospital bills, damage suits, police salaries, cures for the diseases. Add the two together and the sizable sum of \$36,000 pops up before our eyes. Think of what could be done in our church with this sum! Think of the missionaries that could be sent to stem the tidal wave of communism! We need more than ever to kneel to conquer.

## THE POWERS OF DARKNESS

Who or what is our foe that we must kneel to conquer? The powers of darkness! We crawl away to our homes when we see the human suffering, human violence, human poverty, human degradation but all this is a result of sin! In John 15:7 we read, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." We know that "God cannot lie," but can we miss the fact that the evil increases in intensity each year?

Why is it that the tide of communism is not abated? Why is it that the local evils each year take on more hideous forms? We cannot for a moment lay the blame at the door of Heaven but we can only agree with D. M. Dawson in his book entitled, "More Power in Prayer," where he says, "If the world is ever again to get on its feet, the Church will again have to get on its knees."



"Blessed is the man whose delight is in the law of the Lord; who bringeth forth his fruit in his season; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" (Psalm 1).

What is required that we with confidence may kneel to conquer? In the case of the soldier, the lion tamer, the boxer as well as in the case of the would-be victorious Christian, two things are required: separation from the world and yieldedness to the task. In 2 Corinthians 6:17-18, we read: "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

In Roman 12:1 and 2 we have another interesting comment on this subject. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but me ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." In these two verses are contained all the necessary training and preparation for the Christian to kneel to conquer. We must not only come out but we must yield!

## GOD'S FORMULA

God's formula for kneeling to conquer is basically an enlargement of these two requirements. The first two elements for his formula are, "Turn from our wicked ways" and "Seek my face." In coming out from the world we would have to "turn from our wicked ways" and the only motivating force to cause us to do this would be "to seek his face."

The second two elements of his formula, "humble yourselves" and "pray," are merely an expression of yielded-

ness to God's will. The formula works as simple as two plus two equals four. It is just as sure as the law of gravitation which says that "what goes up must come down."

In 2 Chronicles 7:14 we have the complete statement of this formula. "If my people, which are called by my name, will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land." This formula has stood the test of time because it is God's eternal law of answered prayers. Many cycles of history have been recorded since the penning of this verse but no matter where you find revival recorded in history you find this formula in operation. The history of Israel is an outstanding testimony to its validity.

The elements of this formula are: turn from your wicked ways, seek my face, humble yourself, and pray. Here is a wonderful order brought attractively before our eyes. "God cannot look upon sin"; therefore the necessity of turning from our wicked ways that we may be able to behold his Face!

## MISSIONARY MATERIAL

- **Bamenda New Hope Settlement** leaflet and map available free on request.
- **Mite Boxes** with pictures of our missionaries available free for Women's Missionary Societies or Guilds.
- **"Now We Are Fifty-five"**—48 page illustrated booklet about our missionaries. Price, 25 cts.

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How long would be our gaze? Not for long since we would burst forth in contrite, broken spirit and bow before his holiness as the King of kings and there pray the prayer of a repentant heart—"I am unworthy to look at thy purity having been born in impurity. I am unworthy to look at thy robes for fear that beneath I might see the marks that the robes of my sinful pleasures brought. I am unable to speak for thy words are as pure as silver and mine but vanity and conceit."

And in the hushed and comforting silence of his presence, he speaks, "Arise—I have heard! I will forgive your sins, and heal your land."

## YOUR SACRIFICE TO GOD

Are you ready to kneel to conquer? Can you rise from kneeling having the assurance "that beyond the ceiling, your words took their flight." This assurance is guaranteed in the bank of heavenly promise. Just put your signature on the dotted line.

What is the price to put your signature there? There is none! Just forsake sin—seek his face—humble yourself—then with power and assurance you can pray. Why forsake sin? Why seek his face? Why humble yourself? Why pray? What is the answer? Self-sacrifice to God on the altar of time brings others to Heaven for eternity: Will you KNEEL TO CONQUER?

"Take my life, and let it be  
 Consecrated, Lord to thee;  
 Take my hands, and let them move  
 At the impulse of thy love.

Take my moments and my days,  
 Let them flow in endless praise;  
 Take my intellect and use  
 Every power as thou shalt choose.

# Our 8th Missionary for Japan

An introduction of Miss Lois R. Lechner of Chicago, Ill., another missionary-appointee for the Land of the Rising Sun

By the REV. R. SCHILKE, General Missionary Secretary



Miss Lois R. Lechner of Chicago, Ill., another missionary-appointee for Japan.

so many lives. She knew she had something which the world could not give and yet she felt so inadequate to be able to present the true Christian faith to those who have it not.

This inadequacy led her to see the need for training and for preparing herself for a more meaningful Christian life. With that sense of need in her own life, the decision also began to crystallize to become a medical missionary and, in order to gain the necessary training for that, she enrolled at Wheaton College near Chicago in January of 1945.

## PREPARATION AND TRAINING

Along with the pre-medical courses at Wheaton College, she also took courses in Bible and thus increased her knowledge in spiritual things. However, college life was not easy for her. She was thrown entirely on her own resources which meant that she had to work to make ends meet and to see her way through college. Under such circumstances competition seemed too keen and so she felt led to give up her pursuit of becoming a medical missionary.

At first it seemed to her that if she could not be a medical missionary then the missionary life was not meant for her at all. During her senior years at college she was granted a scholarship and so transferred to the University of Illinois where she graduated in 1948.

Though the vision of foreign missions waned with the giving up of her medical pursuits, Lois looked around for avenues of service in order that she might be a shining light for the Lord here at home. Such avenues of service were afforded her at the YMCA Hotel in Chicago. There she lived for almost two years after her graduation from university and came in contact with many young people and many university students who also lived at the YMCA Hotel.

She soon became chairman of the Vespers Committee and each evening a worship service at the hotel was held. There she was also instrumental in starting a Wednesday night prayer meeting with a group of believers. Her interest was especially great in the young people of her own faith and background as she contacted these

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THE third person to be appointed as missionary to Japan this year is Miss Lois R. Lechner of Chicago, Illinois. With reference to her the writer cannot help but think of Cowper's well known words: "God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform."

When Miss Lechner first knocked on our mission doors and requested consideration, she found a door that seemed to be locked and an answer that meant no less than a "No." Her interest in missions had been right along in the continent of Africa and there seemed to be no opening in Africa in our mission. Her state of health had somewhat of a question but doctors definitely disagreed and in the end our medical office in New York, after a very thorough examination, gave her unreservedly medical clearance for foreign service.

Meeting obstacles at various turns, she learned that they can all be overcome if only God leads. Let us see the hand of God in the life of Lois Lechner as we get acquainted with her.

## A MISSIONARY-MINDED HOME

Lois Rose Lechner was born on July 14, 1921 at Villa Park, Ill., as the second child to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Lechner. Her parents had prepared themselves for missionary work in Africa but, due to the ill health of the mother, they could not go. But missions to them was more than merely going out into the foreign mission field. Since they themselves could not go, they became active in their own church, the Temple Baptist Church of Chicago.

Their missionary interest in their own home was very real. Speaking of her mother, Lois says: "My mother dedicated all her children to missions before they were born." Lois lost her mother through death at the age of eight years after several years of invalidism. Though she greatly missed the love of a mother in years to come, her mother's influence in missions continued to exert itself in the life of her daughter.

At the early age of six, Lois accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. Many children are too young to even understand at that age the meaning of salvation, but to Lois con-

viction of her sin came upon her while she was alone in her room and after a period of such conviction she yielded herself to Christ. At the age of eight she was baptized and so publicly confessed the Lord as her very own and whom she would follow the rest of her life.

The foundation had been well laid by the Christian teaching received in her parental home, and upon that foundation she was able to build her life, experiencing ever the power of God which kept her throughout her girlhood and school days. At various times the family moved about Chicago and its suburbs and so her membership was held at various Baptist churches in the city.

## THE CALL TO MISSIONS

Early in her own life Lois became interested in missions. Though life's goal did not seem clearly defined for her at first, her basic desire was to become a medical missionary. It was after graduation from high school and while being employed in office work that her interest in full-time Christian work and missions was definitely on the increase.

Her associations with other employees showed her the emptiness of

# The Baptist World Alliance

Report of the recent Relief and Executive Committee sessions of the Baptist World Alliance

By DR. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER,

Acting as Proxy for Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary

AN important chapter was written in the history of the Baptist World Alliance at its Relief and Executive Committee meetings which were held from June 24 to 26. The setting was the picturesque American Baptist Assembly on the shores of Green Lake in Wisconsin. Elbows were rubbed with famous Baptist preachers and leaders in a delightful fellowship. Decisions were made that will prove to be a blessing to the world-wide fellowship of Baptists. Even we as North American Baptists played a prominent role in the deliberations of those days.

As the proxy for Dr. Frank H. Woyke, it was the editor's privilege to attend these sessions. Our executive secretary is held in high esteem by the Alliance leaders and has made notable contributions to the work of the Relief Committee. Most of us are not too well acquainted with the Baptist World Alliance and its ministry.

## DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know that the Executive Committee of the BWA is composed of 53 members from various countries of the world? Are you up-to-date on the Baptist census that there are more than twenty million Baptists in the world today? Are you familiar with such names as Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary, and F. Townley Lord, the president of the Baptist World Alliance? Are you aware of the fact that we as the North American Baptist General Conference are a cooperating group in the BWA and that is our only official relationship with any larger group of Christians?

The Relief Committee under the aggressive leadership of its chairman, Dr. Paul Caudill of Memphis, Tenn., has been engaged in a great relief and immigration ministry in behalf of destitute Baptists. Almost \$500,000 have been expended by Baptists through the services of the Rev. Kenneth Norquist for chapel construction and the rehabilitation of life in Germany. Twenty-five Baptist chapels were built in Germany from such funds, that are used principally by refugee congregations.

Mr. Norquist is terminating his ministry on Oct. 1st and the Stuttgart

office for this relief work will be closed down. However, this does not mean that the Baptist World Alliance is lessening its efforts in behalf of Baptist immigration and relief. The Winnipeg office with the Rev. William Sturhahn as the director of immigration for Canada will be continued for at least another year. Brother Sturhahn's devoted services were highly praised by the BWA leaders.

## OUR IMMIGRATION REPRESENTATIVE

We as the North American Baptist General Conference, in order to continue this ministry to immigrants, offered to send our representative to Germany and to establish an office in the D.P. Camp at Bremen. This offer was gratefully accepted by the Alliance. The Rev. Rudolph Milbrandt

Golden Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance to be held in London, England, from July 16 to 22, 1955. Three thousand Baptists are expected from the North American continent, 500 from Australasia and 500 from the European continent. The evening sessions will be held in London's Albert Hall, seating about 7000 people. The thrilling story of the Baptist witness on mission fields throughout the world will be featured in the program and in the colorful exhibit. It will be a marvelous Congress with great magnetic power to draw the thousands of Baptists to London, England!

## REFUGEES IN CHINA

The Executive Committee was greatly concerned about the needs of Baptists everywhere. We heard the deep-



Some of the Baptist leaders at the Baptist World Alliance executive committee meeting at Green Lake, Wis., with Dr. F. Townley Lord, B.W.A. president, fourth from right, and Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, third from left.

of Medicine Hat, Alta., has been appointed and will soon begin his influential ministry in Germany. Through this appointment we are now more closely identified with the Baptist World Alliance than ever before.

At the Executive Committee meeting plans were formulated for the

ly moving story of 436 Baptist refugees from Russia who are stranded in China after circuitous wanderings. Most of them are facing death if they have to go through another winter in China. Plans were made for their relocation to Sao Paulo, Brazil with

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"Strong and tender and true,  
Crucified once for me;  
Ne'er will he change, I know,  
Whatever I may be.  
But all he says I must do—  
Ever from sin to keep free;  
We shall finish our course, and reach  
Home at last!  
—His child and he."

#### BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

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World Council of Churches' funds and through the instrumentality of the Rev. Adolph Klaupek of the Alliance office.

The cemetery at Serampore, India, where William Carey is buried, is in great need of repair. The famous Baptist library there also needs funds for its permanence. Even though the Alliance has to wrestle with a limited budget, everything will be done at this important Baptist mission center in India.

A small book on the late Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, former president and secretary of the Alliance, has been prepared by Dr. E. A. Payne of London, England, for immediate printing. A larger volume on the history of the Baptist World Alliance, written in a popular style by Dr. F. Townley Lord, will be ready in 1955. These outstanding volumes deserve the attention of every Baptist!

The Baptist World Alliance is primarily organized for fellowship. Baptists love to sing the song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," which was also done at the Executive Committee session. The Alliance leaders have traveled extensively with Dr. Ohrn having been in Australia and Dr. Lord in South and Central America. Both Dr. Ohrn and Dr. Paul Caudill hope to be in Africa this fall visiting with many Baptist groups.

Of great interest to us as North American Baptists is the acceptance of the application by the Executive Committee to receive the Cameroons Baptist Union of the French Cameroons, Africa, into the BWA. It has 11,000 members with 145 local churches. Originally founded by Alfred Saker in 1845, it has an intimate relationship with the nearby British Cameroons Baptist churches and our Cameroons Baptist Mission. The Baptist Union of Germany has decided to send some of its missionaries into this area of the French Cameroons.

Both Dr. Jacob Meister and the Rev. Hans Arndt of Germany were at these sessions. More than 50 members and proxies attended. It was a world-wide representation with a typical Baptist fellowship that embraces all peoples and races in the Name of Spirit of our common Lord, Jesus Christ!

#### 8th MISSIONARY FOR JAPAN

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young people and tried to interest them in church work.

Of those days she says: "I personally believe that my life at the hotel was a positive missionary experience and that the Lord had a purpose in leading me there for the peculiar purpose of witnessing in that type of a

#### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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Gackle, North Dakota

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situation. My knowledge of many types of people and working with them was much increased by this experience."

When a Christian is a shining light for the Lord, he also finds out that the adversary is not at rest. Lois together with others soon felt that with certain other groups at the hotel they were not popular. During the second summer she spent time at a Christian girls' camp and upon her return was informed that the hotel could not accommodate her.

The closing of one door did not, however, close other avenues of service for her. She continued her Christian influence in the teaching of high school girls in Sunday School, in various activities in Inter-varsity Christian fellowship, as a personal worker at the Christian Business Men's and Service Men's center in Chicago and among the students on the campus of the University of Chicago, where she continued her studies toward her Master's Degree. At the same time she taught at the Jefferson School which gave her ample opportunity of working together with children of various races, thus further preparing her for the work that God had in mind for her.

#### GOD'S WONDERFUL GUIDANCE

Through the experiences in this Christian work as well as other experiences she was again led into a greater interest in foreign mission work. This time she began to apply in all earnest but found that other obstacles had to be overcome. Already above, we stated that her first application was turned down on medical grounds. Then there seemed to be no opening and she found closed instead of open doors.

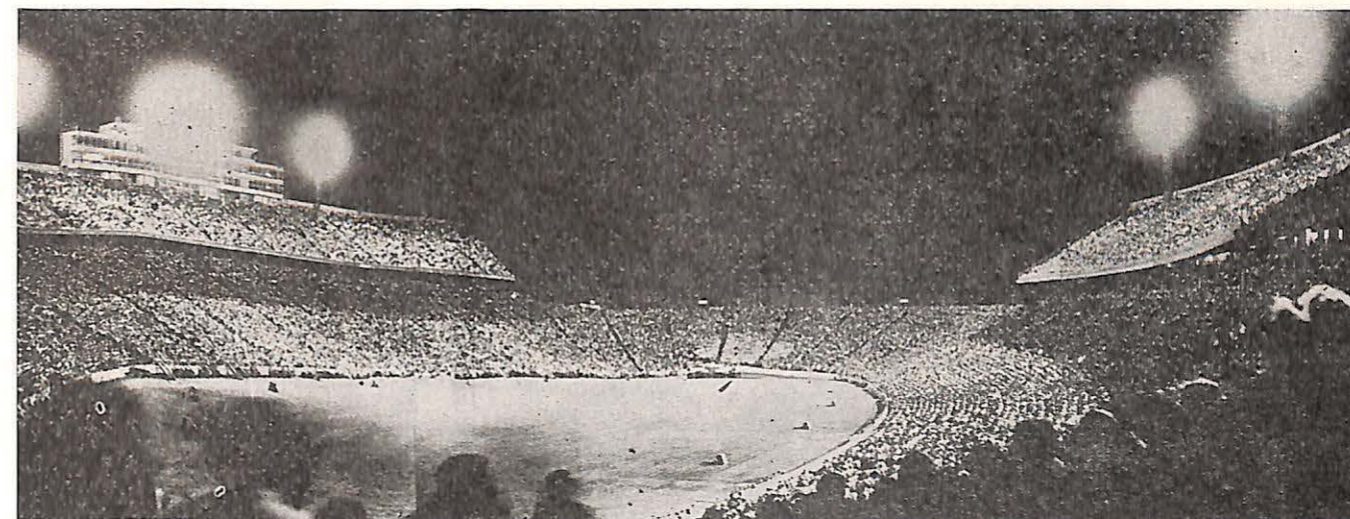
But somehow God always closes one door when he intends to open another one. Patiently but persistently she overcame the various obstacles that seemed to come in her way. Suddenly she was faced with the question of a possible consideration for appointment to Japan if she felt led that way. She hardly knew what to say at first.

Her interest had always been in Africa. Was God now leading her to Japan? Was that the reason that other doors were closed? This meant a searching of her own soul. Several times before she had experienced that God was leading her in a different way than what she at first thought her interests were. As missionary to Japan, she saw in the developments the clear indication of God's hand in her life. If Japan was where God would have her, then Japan it would be for her!

As she sailed from San Francisco, Calif., for Japan in August, we join with her church, the First Baptist Church of Bellwood, Ill., in wishing her "God speed" and God's abundant blessing in the Land of the Rising Sun.

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Crowd of 75,000 people packed into the Cotton Bowl Stadium at Dallas, Texas, to hear Evangelist Billy Graham, which he called "the largest Gospel meeting in the history of the Christian Church."

# History's Greatest Revival Meeting

On the night of June 29, 1953 the huge Cotton Bowl Stadium at Dallas, Texas, was packed with 75,000 people to hear the Gospel preached by Evangelist Billy Graham as a mighty testimony to the power of the Gospel of Christ

By the REV. HAROLD W. GIESEKE of Dallas, Texas

DALLAS' huge Cotton Bowl was filled on the night of June 29, 1953 for the final service of Evangelist Billy Graham's month-long Crusade in Texas' second city. Cotton Bowl officials said that the crowd of 75,000 was one of the largest that ever packed the football stadium. It certainly was the largest crowd ever assembled to hear the now-famous young preacher. He called it the largest Gospel meeting in the history of the Christian Church.

It was a mighty testimony to the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Though Dallas' papers headlined, "Evangelist Fills Bowl," Billy Graham gave all the credit to God. He said humbly, "This is the Lord's doing."

While the coolest breezes in a month air-conditioned the giant stadium, the Crusade Choir sang Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" and Mr. Graham spoke on "The Last Roundup." It was a clear, Bible-based message on the Last Judgment, using Hebrews 9:27 as a text.

Describing the great white throne judgment day, "when time has stopped," the evangelist reminded his listeners that all who are outside Christ will be there. The sole basis for the judgment will be, "What did you do

with Jesus?" When he pleaded for sinners to be certain that their names were in the Lamb's Book of Life, approximately 1300 came forward to register some decision for Christ.

The most dramatic sight of the evening came when Billy Graham asked the huge congregation to join him in lighting a match to illustrate what a combined testimony of Christian faith could do for the world. For one indescribable moment, the darkened Bowl sparkled in the glow of 75,000 matches, all ablaze.

The Greater Dallas Evangelistic Cru-

#### FRONT COVER

The front cover picture shows a giant, majestic tree on the shore of Green Lake, Wisconsin, on the picturesque grounds of the American Baptist Assembly. It is a vivid reminder of Psalm 1 that "blessed is the man . . . whose delight is in the law of the Lord who shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

sade, which began May 31st, made other records. In the four weeks of meetings, 513,000 persons attended. (Dallas' estimated population is a half million.) The number of decisions of all kinds—for salvation or reconsecration—was just under 5000.

"I don't have words enough to express my gratitude to the Lord and to the people of the Dallas area for their wonderful response," Mr. Graham said.

"I have had many crusades before, but never anything like this."

Members of our own Carroll Avenue Baptist Church in Dallas were active in all phases of the Crusade. Some sang in the Crusade Choir; many acted as counselors (personal workers); and the pastor served as an advisor. The blessings of these June days will warm our hearts for many days to come.

After a month's rest, Billy Graham began a campaign in Syracuse, New York, on August 2 and then will move on to Detroit, Michigan, in October. Next spring, he hopes to begin a three-month series of meetings in Great Britain.

Pray for Billy Graham and his talented team. In this fateful hour, in the field of mass evangelism, he is certainly "GOD'S MAN."



Ministers and leading laymen in attendance at the first Northern Conference held at the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., Canada in 1902 with the Rev. Benjamin Schlipf (2nd from left, seated) the only person in this historical picture who is still living.

## The Northern Conference at Its 50th Jubilee

A Report of an Historical Milestone in Canada

by DR. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of the BAPTIST HERALD

THE 50TH JUBILEE sessions of the Northern Conference, convening in Yorkton, Sask., from June 30 to July 5, were an epic historical event. At times 1500 people crowded the Yorkton Collegiate Auditorium to consider "God's Ways of Leadership" in reviewing the pioneer struggles of the past and in praising God for the amazing achievements of these five decades.

The early beginnings were small. At the first Northern Conference held in the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., from June 27, 1902 to July 1, 1902, there were 21 delegates present representing 14 churches with a membership of less than 900. Winnipeg and Edmonton were the two geographical extremes of the new conference with 1000 miles of prairie stretching between them. Today the conference includes 51 churches with about 6800 members and represents a stirring challenge of promising opportunities for the days ahead.

### REV. F. A. PETEREIT

The earliest missionary activities in this Canadian area go back to the eighties of the 19th century. The Rev. F. A. Petereit of Minneapolis, Minn., visited Canada in 1885 and preached to large groups of German and Mennonite immigrants. He had accepted the Baptist faith as a traveling salesman in England. Our seminary in

Rochester, N. Y., had trained him for the ministry. With the financial help of the Canadian Baptist Union, Mr. Petereit organized a little Baptist church in Edenwold, Sask., in 1886 with nine charter members.

In 1888 Mr. Petereit continued his pioneer work by organizing a church at Ebenezer, Sask., which became the nucleus of German Baptist activities in northern Saskatchewan. Immigrants from Poland were numerous in this Yorkton district. Then on New Year's Eve of 1889 the German Baptists of Winnipeg, Man., organized a church. Mr. Petereit served as its pastor during the first years of its ministry at this "Gateway to the West."

This man of God was made of "stern stuff" as an intrepid pioneer. The call of the West sounded loudly in his ears. In 1892 Mr. Petereit left his flock in Winnipeg to extend his missionary endeavors beyond the borders of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. In September of that year he organized a church by the strange sounding name, "Rabbit Hill Baptist Church," near Edmonton, Alta., with a membership of 17.

In 1901 the fourteen churches in these Canadian provinces belonged to the Northwestern Conference which included Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, and North and South Dakota in the United States over several thousand

miles. It was virtually impossible for the Canadian brethren to travel those long distances to conference sessions. Because of this fact, they decided to unite the churches of the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta into the Northern Conference.

### PIONEER SPIRIT

The historical panorama of this conference over the past 50 years was graphically portrayed at the sessions in Yorkton, Sask., from June 30 to July 5. The Rev. Karl Korella of the Christian Training Institute faculty had prepared a written historical sketch of five pages for widespread distribution. A paper on "God's Leadership in Our Denomination" was read by the Rev. H. Schatz of Leduc, Alberta. The historical developments in the Northern Conference were unfolded in another paper prepared by the Rev. A. Kujath of Kelowna, B. C., and read in his absence at the conference sessions.

"The Pioneer Spirit" looms large, even to the present day, in Canada. The names of the pioneers were enshrined in many hearts as their hardships and sacrificial labors were recalled. One of the highlights of the conference was the quiet but deeply moving recital of a pioneer pastor's pilgrimage in Canada by the Rev. J. Rempel of Morris, Manitoba. Even though more than 80 years of age, he

took us back to 1906 and delighted us with his sparkling reminiscences of walking for 30 to 40 miles with guitar and satchel in his hands, witnessing to Christ from home to home. "Black Jacob" was the name given to his favorite ox that pulled the heavily loaded cart over the miles. How he rejoiced to see God's blessings of leadership in the great work of the Northern Conference!

On Wednesday evening, July 1, a Pioneer Service was held addressed by "the old timers" or those who knew about those early days of the conference. The beginnings in the churches were strikingly described by Mr. Adolph Jaster of Golden Prairie, Sask., Mr. Joe Knoll of Ebenezer, Sask., Mr. Ernest Kern of Leduc, Alta., Mr. Hans Rogalski of Winnipeg, Man., Mr. John Muth of Ebenezer, Sask., and Mr. Henry Fenske of Regina, Saskatchewan. This was a rich, rewarding service that was brought to a climactic close with the showing of a missionary film about the lepers in the Cameroons, and our pioneer missionary work in Africa!

### WHAT GOD HATH WROUGHT

Before an audience of 1500 persons that taxed the seating capacity of the auditorium on Saturday evening, July 4, the historical play, "What God Hath Wrought," was presented. This colorful drama had been written by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner of Cleveland, Ohio, in consultation with the Rev. Benjamin Schlipf who was present at the organization of the conference in 1902. About 50 young people from the Yorkton, Ebenezer East and West, and Springside Baptist Churches under the direction of Mrs. Martin De Boer, with Miss Daphne Fandrey assisting, presented this exciting dramatization. Mr. Baumgartner was present at the conference to give invaluable and wise assistance.

In eight scenes the story of God's leadership in these Canadian churches

was unfolded. Renewed acquaintance was made with the hardy pioneers who "remained loyal to their high calling in spite of all hardships." The work of the Bible colporters and missionaries was portrayed. The witness of missionary pastors who were very poor in this world's goods but rich in God was extolled. The achievements of the Christian Training Institute, the mission fields among the Indians, and the Home for the Aged in Medicine Hat, Alta., were also recalled. Surely, the faith and courage of these pioneer men and women under God will bear a wonderful harvest in his Kingdom!

The honor roll of these Canadian pioneers must not be overlooked. Their names were frequently mentioned at the conference sessions and their deeds were lovingly remembered. Such men as the following ministers have their names deeply inscribed in the annals of the Northern Conference: Robert Fenske, C. Poehlmann, F. A. Mueller, Abraham Hager, William Schunke, G. Bienert, F. Hoffmann, A. Baettig, Benjamin Schlipf, J. Pekrul, H. Schwendener, A. Litwin, J. P. Rempel, F. A. Bloedow, A. Kujath, E. P. Wahl, F. W. Benke, and Phil. Daum.

### FEASTING ON GOD'S WORD

The Northern Conference sessions were also a time of spiritual feasting on God's Word in the light of great wonders of the past. The Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton brought a challenging message on "God's Leadership in the Old Covenant" on the opening night, June 30. Professor Herbert Hiller of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., led the conference "into green pastures" with his daily devotional messages, his address on Friday night, and his missionary sermon on Sunday morning, besides his report about our Seminary. The denominational enterprise was interpreted by Mr. Walter W. Grosser, General Conference moderator, by Mr.

Arthur Schwerin, Finance Committee chairman, and by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary.

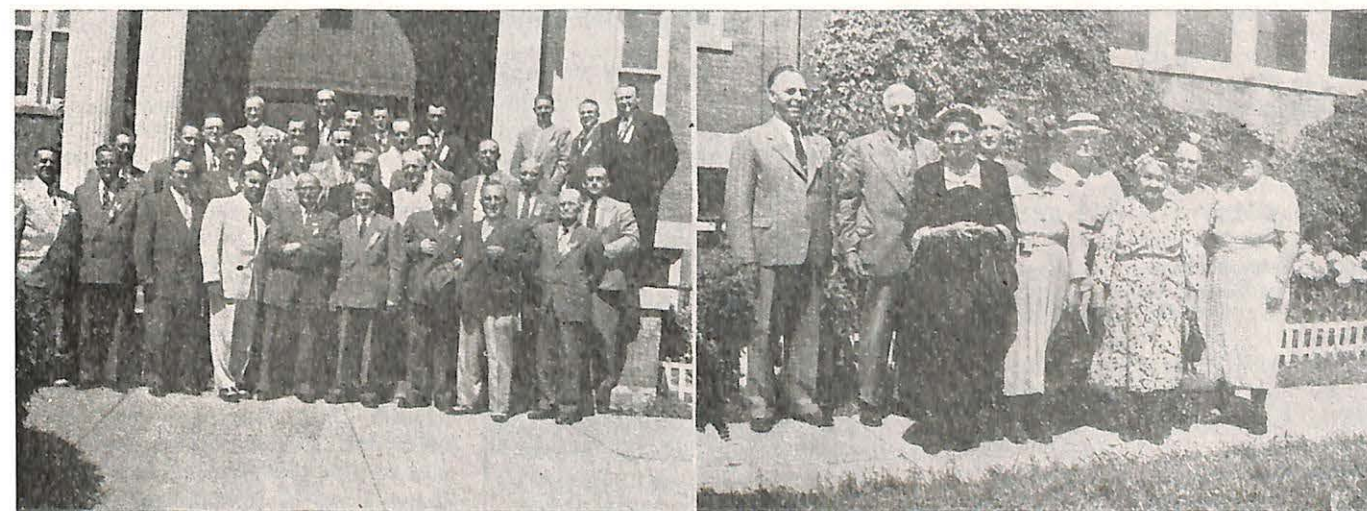
Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, medical missionary, thrilled the large audiences with his messages and pictures of the Cameroons, Africa. Other sermons were brought with the blessing of the Holy Spirit by the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, the Rev. Alexander Hart, the Rev. John Wahl and the Rev. A. Pohl. Informative reports covered the immigration work and ministry by the Rev. William Sturhahn, the C.T.I. by the Rev. E. P. Wahl, and the Home for the Aged and the mission churches of the conference by the Rev. R. Milbrandt. The memorial service was conducted by the Rev. R. H. Zepik.

### OFFERINGS OF \$2,563

The mission offerings at the Northern Conference amounted to \$2,563.00. The business sessions were ably conducted by the Rev. Henry Pfeiffer, moderator, and the Rev. C. H. Seecamp, vice-moderator. The Rev. Edward Link served as recording secretary and the Rev. Isador Faszer as statistical secretary. The Bethany Baptist Church of Lethbridge, Alta., was formally welcomed into the conference's fellowship. The Zion Baptist Church of Drumheller, Alta., formerly a mission of the Carbon Baptist Church, was also welcomed as a new church in the conference.

The new officers of the conference, installed on Sunday afternoon by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, are as follows: moderator, Rev. C. H. Seecamp, Winnipeg, Man.; vice-moderator, Rev. R. Kanwischer, Morris, Man.; recording secretary, Rev. Edward B. Link, Regina, Sask.; statistical secretary, Isador Faszer, Minitonas, Man.; Mission Committee representative, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Edmonton, Alta.; and Mission Committee chairman, Rev. Martin De Boer, Springside, Saskatchewan.

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North American Baptist pastors in attendance at the 50th Jubilee program of the Northern Conference in Yorkton, Sask., from June 30 to July 5, 1953 (left); and some of the Northern Conference visitors at Yorkton (right) who were also present at the first or some of the earliest sessions of the Northern Conference of about 50 years ago.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Fritzke of McLaughlin, S. Dak., have announced that a son was born to them on July 16 who has been named Mark Fritzke. This is their first child. Mr. Fritzke is pastor of the First Baptist Church of McLaughlin.

● The Rev. Fred R. Lemmert recently resigned as the pastor of the Seventh Street Church of La Crosse, Wis., and announced that he has accepted a consin. He is already on the new field of service. He served the Seventh Street Church of La Crosse since 1949. The church is earnestly considering the calling of a successor for its pulpit.

● The Rev. Bert Milner began his ministry at the First Baptist Church of Moosehorn, Man., in July. On Sunday evening, July 19, there were more than 100 persons present for a program of missionary slides. The average attendance at the services during the first weeks of Brother Milner's ministry has been 51. A graded Sunday School has been organized, and a church choir and young people's society are now active.

● On Sunday morning, July 26, the pulpit of the Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa, was supplied by the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt of Lorraine, Kans., a former pastor. The prayer was offered by pastor. The Rev. C. F. Zumwalt of Peoria, Ill., another former pastor. In the evening service Mr. Walter Kohrs of Peoria, Ill., showed pictures of his trip to Liberia, Africa, with Mr. Le Tourneau, which was reported earlier in the "Baptist Herald." On Thursday evening, August 6, the 35th anniversary Guild observed the anniversary program. The Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Krueger were the instigators and part-founders of the organization and were present at the service. Mr. Krueger is the interim pastor of the church.

● The First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., conducted its annual Vacation Bible School from June 1 to 5. There were 60 pupils enrolled with a daily average attendance of about the same number. Eleven teachers helped in the five classes, nine of whom were volunteer workers and two were paid teachers. A Bible school program was presented on the last day of the school to which all

parents and friends were invited. A number of conversions were reported among the children by some of the teachers. The Rev. Fred J. Knalson, pastor, was the director of the school.

● On Sunday evening, July 26, the Rev. Norman A. Berkan, pastor of the Ebenezer Church near Elmo, Kans., baptized four converts in a service held at the nearby Dickinson County Baptist Church. A Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks in May with 34 children enrolled and four converts recorded. The teachers besides the superintendent, the Rev. Norman A. Berkan, were Mrs. William Riekeman, Ardis Pschigoda, Vesta Longhofer, Mrs. Carl Pschigoda and Mrs. Norman A. Berkan. On June 14, the choir presented a sacred concert with Mr. Tracy Sandow directing. The offering went toward the purchase of a new piano for the church.

● Professor Walter W. Wessel of Los Angeles, Calif., a member of the Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif., has been called to the faculty of the Western Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary, Portland, Oregon. He is a spiritual son of the Fifteenth Street Church of Los Angeles. He has served on the faculty of Biola Bible College since 1948 and in the Talbot Theological Seminary of Los Angeles. He is a candidate for the Ph.D. degree at the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland. The president of the Western Seminary in Portland is Dr. Earl H. Kalland, formerly a pastor of the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Jamaica Plain, Boston, Massachusetts.

● The pulpit of the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., was sup-

plied for the last three Sundays of July by the Rev. George Hensel, formerly of Bridgeport, Conn., who is now living in Milwaukee and a member of the Temple Church. The organist of the church, Mr. James Bauman, after five years of deeply appreciated service, has resigned and accepted a position as organist and choir director of the Calvary Presbyterian Church of Milwaukee. Mr. Baumann is a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church of the city. The closing program of the Vacation Bible School was held at the Temple Church on Thursday evening, July 2nd, before a large congregation of parents and friends.

● On Sunday evening, June 14, the Rev. Walter C. Damrau, pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., baptized eight converts and received these into the fellowship of the church at the communion service on July 5. Recently an impressive service of dedication was held for four little children who were brought by their parents. On Sunday, July 12, the church observed the fifth anniversary of Mr. Damrau's pastorate with 247 people in attendance and with the male chorus and church choir singing "The Creation" by Willy Richter. A love gift was also presented to Mr. and Mrs. Damrau by the church at this anniversary service.

● The Rev. Robert J. Schmidt at the August commencement exercises of the University of Pittsburgh received the Ph.D. degree in Sociology. His dissertation was titled, "Sociological Factors Affecting Churches in a Metropolitan Area." In 1949 he received the M.S. degree in Rural Sociology from Iowa State College. While at Iowa State he was a granted a Research Fellowship and this last year was given a Graduate Council Scholarship by the University of Pittsburgh. From 1949 to 1951 he taught Sociology at Evansville College in Evansville, Indiana. In 1951 he came to Pittsburgh, Pa., to complete his degree requirements. At that time he accepted the pastorate of the Knoxville Baptist Church of Pittsburgh on a part-time basis and at the present time he is still serving this church. He was graduated from the North American Baptist Seminary in 1942 and was ordained that year by the Forest Baptist Church of Winburne, Pennsylvania.

## HARVEST AND MISSION FESTIVAL

The 1953 programs and recitation material for the Harvest and Mission Festivals to be observed by our Sunday Schools are being sent to all superintendents before the close of August.

This program is to be observed in September or October, preferably on Sunday, Oct. 11, 1953. The offerings are to be designated for the missionary enterprise of our denomination.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK SEPT. 20-27, 1953

Articles and pictures on the observance of Sunday School Week (Sept. 20-27, 1953) will appear in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald." Program suggestions have been sent to all churches by the CBY and SS Union.

## NORTHERN CONFERENCE

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The women of the conference met for their annual business meeting on Friday afternoon, July 3. Nine new ministers' wives were welcomed and two new societies of Lethbridge, Alta., and Oak Bank, Man., were accepted into the Union. The following officers were elected: Mrs. C. H. Seecamp, Winnipeg, Man., president; Mrs. E. A. Hoffmann, Wiesenenthal, Alta., vice-president; Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, Leduc, Alta., secretary; Mrs. Martin De Boer, Springside, Sask., 2nd secretary; Mrs. R. H. Zepik, Ochre River, Man., treasurer; Mrs. Edward B. Link, Regina, Sask., 2nd treasurer. There are 39 societies in the Union with about 850 members who contributed a total of \$17,767.26 for all purposes during the past year.

At the women's program, presided over by Mrs. C. H. Seecamp, the Scripture was read by Mrs. E. A. Hoffmann and prayer was offered by Mrs. Otto Ertis. Mrs. Ziolkowski, local president, welcomed the women. Mrs. Walter Stein of Tyndall, S. Dak., brought a brief message in behalf of the denominational Woman's Missionary Union. Musical numbers were rendered by the ministers' wives chorus, a trio from the Ebenezer East Church, by Mrs. Otto Ertis of Lethbridge, Alta., and by Mrs. E. Kern and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, and a reading by Mrs. Strauss of Edmonton and Miss Ida Hoffmann of Morris, Manitoba.

## SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS

It was thrilling to hear the large audience on Dominion Day, July 1st, sing "O Canada" and "God Save the Queen." Even more thrilling was the experience of hearing this group sing "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" and to realize that the day of pioneering is not altogether in the past in Canada. New waves of immigrants have been arriving, adding to the numerical totals in the Northern Conference churches as well as to their problems because of the strong "German stamp" which they bring with them. But in God's love and grace there is a strong tie of fellowship, and the faith in God's marvelous leadership makes the picture of the future of the Northern Conference exceedingly bright and promising!

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

## HERALD NEWS

## MY TESTIMONY FOR CHRIST

By Mrs. Esther Krombein Breikreuz,  
Recording Secretary of the  
C.B.Y. and S.S. Union

I was born in Carrington, N. Dak., on May 5, 1928. When I was two years old my parents, the Rev. and Mrs. A. Krombein, moved to Fredonia, N. Dak. Then during the terrible dry years we moved to Kelowna, B. C. Three years later we went back to the U.S. and to Bismarck, N. Dak. It was there that I accepted Christ as my personal Savior at the age of 13. The Rev. F. W. Bartel was the evangelist. A few months later I was baptized in the Bismarck Church by my father. Then a few years later we moved to Eureka, S. Dak., where my father is still pastor. I am a member of the Eureka Baptist Church.

I attended Eureka High School. Then I worked my way through college, staying out a couple of years to work and help pay my expenses. I graduated from Sioux Falls College in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in 1952, with a B.S. Degree in Medical Technology. This course included a twelve months' internship at Sioux Valley Hospital Laboratory where I am now employed as a Medical Technologist.



Mr. and Mrs. George Breikreuz at the reception held in the Baptist Church, Eureka, S. Dak., following the wedding service at which the bride's father, the Rev. A. Krombein, officiated.

I have been active in my home C.B.Y. group in Eureka. I was vice-president for one year and president for two years of the Central Dakota Young People's Assembly. It was during one of those assemblies that I dedicated my life to the Lord that he might have his will in my life. At that time I had no idea how he would use me but I was sincere in my decision. I believe now that he has a definite purpose for my life and that my work in the medical field will be used for his honor and glory.

It was three years ago that I met a fine Christian young man who was attending our Seminary. We believe that the Lord intended that our paths should cross and I was married to George Breikreuz on June 5. We are now preparing our lives for foreign missions in Africa. We trust the Lord will open the doors so that we may leave when George finishes school next spring.

For the months of July and August we are in Lodi, California, working in the Temple Baptist Church. We are grateful to the Lord for this opportunity to make new friends and to serve him.

I am grateful to the Lord for my Christian parents and for the religious emphasis that was always upheld in our home. But I am even more grateful that the Lord died on the cross for the redemption of my sins and that he accepted me as one of his own. He has led my life in a most wonderful way. I have laid my foundation upon the rock of the Lord Jesus Christ and have learned to know him as a very personal friend. One of my favorite Scripture verses is Ephesians 6:10, 11. It is a great challenge to me. "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

## CHRIST FOR A BROKEN WORLD

Captains and kings are passing,  
Banners of war are furled—  
Ours is a vision splendid—  
Christ for a broken world.

Ours is a task tremendous,  
Ours is the strength of youth,  
Let us make all things over  
After the ways of truth.

Yet is our strength as nothing,  
Never has strength sufficed;  
We have a mighty leader,  
One is our Master: Christ!

—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. Then Jenny became sick and the doctor suggested that she be examined at the Sacramento clinic. After the examination, the doctor promised to phone his report.

### CHAPTER FIFTEEN

JENNY and I drove back to Gold Springs. California was gay with another spring. It had been spring like this when I came home to Phoebe and Jason, little knowing what destiny waited for me, never dreaming then I would taste the ecstasy and agony of love. It is best that we cannot see into the future, I thought.

If Jenny was concerned over her condition she showed no signs of it.

She was fine womanhood, my Jenny. And my love for her was in me sharper than pain, heavier than any cross I had borne. My heart turned to God in prayer for her. Somehow I sensed how ill she was.

When I dialed the operator to call the Grady clinic, I intuitively knew how the report would read. Oh, sure, there was that hope that kept fluttering against what I knew. I phoned from the church study. The sweat trickled down my body, dampening my clothes, while the doctor came to the phone. He cleared his throat when I gave him my name, hesitating.

You don't need to tell me, I said in silence. Jenny, my darling.

The doctor said things, words. One word I remembered: "Malignant."

Why do they always use that word instead of the other? Why don't they just tell you? They can't fool you with a word.

My hand hurt from clenching the phone, and from a million miles away I heard the man of science talking about the nature of the thing, and what they might be able to do, but he was only saying words.

It wasn't Damon Runyon this time, or that man over in Placerville who died last week. This time it was

Jenny—my darling, with whom I had planned to share a lifetime.

I hung up and walked about the study, the hurt gnawing in me. "Why?"

I said the word aloud, and it bounced about the room like an echo and came back to me. "Why?" The old, stubborn question that has haunted me since time began. The three-letter word that has no answer. The word that even Jesus used on the Cross.

Jenny, my heart's dream. So young, so lovely. That part of me that was lost till I found you. The part I am going to lose again.

When Jenny asked me about the doctor's report I evaded her. But she came at me point-blank: "It's bad, isn't it?"

"Please don't worry, honey." I grabbed at self-control, felt it slipping. I stared at her, weaponless against an invisible dragon.

"If it were you," asked Jenny, "wouldn't you want to know the truth?"

I looked into her eyes with tears stinging my own. I nodded and said, "I think so, Jenny."

I took her in my arms and told her.

"We'll make every moment God gives us together one of joy and happiness—and service to others," she said with a calmness and serenity that was almost too much to bear.

How can she be so calm, so resigned? I thought. And here I stand of so little help. "Oh, Jenny, my own, how can I tell you and show you how much I love you?"

"I know you do, Steve. And that means everything to me."

In the middle of the night I was suddenly awake. A scream. It was Jenny in her bed next to mine. I pushed the covers away and got to her in a second, gathering her up in my arms. She clung to me, sobbing.

"Darling—what is it?"

She could not speak for a moment. Then: "They were going to kill you." Jenny, dear Jenny, even in her dreams thinking of someone else.

"There, honey, it was just a bad dream."

She nodded, burying her face against my chest. I held her close, feeling her body tremble, my love for her like a jagged piece of glass within, despising even the dreams that hurt her.

"Mrs. Gellicky stopped by today," said Jenny. "She told me about Tony Granite hitting you. Did he hurt you?"

"Of course not, darling." I patted her head gently. "Please don't worry about it." I resented the loose tongue of Mrs. Gellicky, coveting for Jenny security from the world and its wrangles.

She sighed against my heart. "What would I ever do without you, Steve?"

What will I do without you? Oh, Jenny! And my arms went securely

about her frail body. I must not think of myself only. I must give her security and peace. "You have me, sweetheart," I said smiling.

Her face lifted and her eyes sought mine. "Steve, no matter what happens, you'll know how I love you." A smile beamed like a sudden star on her pale face. "We are both in God's hand, aren't we? And what can harm us until our work is done?" Her voice was sure, secure. I held her close, never wanting to part from her.

"Yes, Jenny, we are in His hands, in His care."

She lay back on the bed and I saw the pain stir her face again. I reached for the tablets the doctor had prescribed. She took one, swallowed it and reclined again. I sat on the edge of the bed when she fell asleep, then lingered there a long time watching her.

I put my face into my hands and the tears dropped through my fingers, hot and terrible. Then I lay down on my bed and switched off the light, letting a prayer go out of me.

Sleep had just come when the phone rang shrilly. At my blurred "Hello" a woman's voice said, "Reverend Glen, this is Marie Lawlor. My husband is awfully ill. I hate to bother you at this time of night—"

I glanced at Jenny, grateful that she was still asleep from the effects of the drug. Dressing, I went into the hallway to Mrs. Grant's door and told her I was making an emergency call. She said she would keep her door open and be watchful. I went out thankful for Jenny's good mother.

The night air was cool on my face, and weariness crept through my being, as I backed the car from the garage, hoping it would not disturb Jenny.

Jenny's dream nagged me. The story had gone around about Tony hitting me with a right to the jaw. An unbidden sense of humiliation passed through me. I had spent some time trying to analyze my feelings after I had recovered from Tony's blow. Legally Tony had been in a spot and the next move had been mine. But I had refrained from making it. My self-probing had to do with whether further retaliation, or held back for another reason. The answer came to me suddenly. Like most of the men who made a beachhead in Europe I had been scared; but I don't think any of my comrades-at-arms counted me a coward. Far down in my heart I knew why I hadn't asked Tony's arrest. I was hopeful we could keep our personal grievances out of this fight.

My car moved down the dirt road in the direction of the Lawlor house. When I arrived Dr. Keyes was leaving the house, walking toward his car. Mrs. Lawlor stood inside the door.

"Is he pretty sick, Doctor?" I asked. "Food poisoning. Pretty severe.

He'll be okay, though. I've given him something to quiet him. His wife is rather shaken up. I think you can help her more than you can him."

"Thanks," I said, and started toward the steps when Dr. Keyes said, "I see both the ministry and materia medica serve night shifts at times."

I walked into the house. Mrs. Lawlor took me to the bedroom where her husband lay somewhat dazed by the drug. We talked a few moments, and Lawlor was fast slipping toward sleep, to I took my Book of Psalms from my pocket. I read from the sixty-first Psalm.

Hear my cry, O God! attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower . . .

Mrs. Lawlor bowed her head while I offered a prayer in behalf of the sick man. Lawlor, half-conscious, opened his eyes and tried to smile. He moved his hand toward mine in a gesture of gratitude. You see things like that, at a time like this—a hand moving toward you, a hand trying to hold on to something, and you realize that man has to have something and Someone bigger than he is. You can't kill that fact, finally.

I rose to leave. "I hated to call you so late," said Mrs. Lawlor.

"I'm glad I could come," I said.

She glanced toward the bed. Lawlor was sleeping. "He's all I have, you know." She didn't realize how her words went deep to my own heart.

"I know," I said calmly, thinking of Jenny—my own. "He's going to be all right."

She caught my hand in hers. "Thank you so much," she said. "You've helped us so much, you'll never know." "Try to get a good night's rest," I said. "It will help you for tomorrow. Good night."

The Lawlor house was quiet when I left it. It was two-thirty. I hadn't really done anything spectacular here. I had read a few words from God's Book and offered a prayer. Still, a certain peace and security had descended on the house. God's presence could be felt.

Climbing into my car I thought of Jenny. And then I began to wonder, and question God's wisdom. "She's all I have, God." But then the calmness of Jenny's face came before me, and her voice, "We're in God's hand, Steve."

Then a great fatigue came over me, something like the old battle tiredness we had known in the army. The headlight bathed the winding highway and I sighed wearily as I drove. Then I tried to turn the steering wheel for a long curve and drew gently at the wheel, but the road did not come under the car. I jerked the wheel

hard, a bit wildly, perhaps, my foot smashing instinctively on the brake. A steep embankment on the left rushed on me blindly. A terrible whirling motion caught me. Thunder roared in my ears. Then a fierce silence fell over the night, and agony was tearing at my left arm and shoulder.

"Jenny," I called. "Jenny, where are you?"

The woman wore white. I could see that. And she smiled, not too much, as some people do. The smile was a little blurred. My eyelids were heavy. Then I began to realize the woman was a nurse. "Here let me fix your pillow."

I'm in bed—a hospital—what about Jenny? I started to raise myself. The nurse put her hand on me, pushing me back.

"Now, now," she said. "Jenny!" I tried to shout, but it came out in a ragged whisper.

"Don't you worry, now. Everything's going to be all right. Just relax—"

Then I remembered Jenny hadn't been with me in the car, and I felt better. Little back-flashes came to me like brief runs from a recorder-tape. The car out of control for no reason I could understand. The embankment rushing upon me. The crash. Black-out, then, someone shouting to someone else, and hands dragging me from the wreck, and a friendly oblivion releasing me from pain and shock. Awareness again, then, sickness from pain, white-dressed men and women, like ghosts, voices, the smell of anesthetics and oblivion again.

After that, the tossing ship in the crazy sea, while the wind howled through the masts and the nausea knotted my stomach. An endless voyage, a black gale. The storm pounding and shouting through the riggings, till we hit the reef, and hung there, beaten to bits by mountain-high waves that crashed on our stern. Plunging into the mad waters. Then . . . the nurse, with her controlled smile.

My eyes were shut. Slowly, relentlessly, the truth came through to me, striking past the effects of the drugs, centering in a vast throbbing near my left shoulder.

Part of me is missing, my mind said. And when I tried to flex the fingers of my left hand I knew.

My hazy look leaped frantically toward my right arm, and it was there, lying of the bed. I tried to lift it but it was too heavy. Fear gouged me deeply. The nurse stooped. The needle gleamed, bright as a dagger, stinging my one arm, and I went floating out to nowhere.

Jenny was there by the bed when I woke again, her face drawn with anxiety. I knew she was too sick to be there; she looked so pale. I tried to smile, but my mouth was taut, my face stiff.

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FROM THE FIELD

### Eastern Conference

#### Overflowing Crowds at the Ontario Convention Held at the Arnprior Baptist Church

From Friday evening, July 3, to Sunday evening, July 5, the Ontario Convention convened with the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario. The theme of the convention was "Personal Evangelism." About 160 delegates and friends attended the Friday night service to hear our general missionary secretary, the Rev. R. Schilke, bring the message from Psalm 51.

The Saturday morning service began with a devotional session led by the Rev. L. George of Killaloe. Conference business was carried out under the leadership of the moderator, the Rev. W. Schmidt. After the business period the Rev. W. J. Luebeck brought a report to stimulate interest in our larger denominational enterprise. An outing at the town park under the supervision of the Arnprior CBY was enjoyed by many on Saturday.

Sunday was a full day of inspiration with morning, afternoon and evening services. The church was filled to overflowing for these services and over 450 meals were served in the church basement throughout the day. The Sunday School period was conducted by the local superintendent with Mr. Luebeck bringing us the lesson. Mr. Schilke brought the morning message from Genesis 35. He reminded us that we must return to our Bethel, where God first appeared unto us, if God is to use us for personal work.

The Sunday afternoon service was a young people's rally with the convention youth president, Mr. Gerald Kuehl, in charge. Various special musical numbers were rendered including a number from the Killaloe Choir. Mr. Luebeck, editor of "Der Sendbote," brought a challenging message, "How God Speaks to Us."

The closing meeting of the convention on Sunday evening was a consecration service with many pledging themselves anew for greater Christian endeavors. Mr. Schilke threw out a challenge to all with a text from Ephesians 5:14, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." A very impressive mission report was also brought by Mr. Schilke.

We have richly benefitted from this convention and are looking forward to greater blessings in our Lord's service.

Mrs. Walter Schmidt, Reporter.

### Northern Conference

#### Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Walter Hoffman by Ebenezer East Church, Sask.

On Sunday, June 14, the Ebenezer East Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Sask., had the joy of welcoming its new pastor and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hoffman. Mr. Gerhard Falkowsky, deacon, was in charge of the program.

Mr. Bennie Dreger, superintendent of the Sunday School; Miss Daphne Fandrey, president of the CBY; Mr. Alvin Bohn, president of the choir; and Mr. Martin Falkowski, a deacon, extended words of welcome. Mrs. Edwin Bohn, president of the Woman's Missionary Society, spoke on behalf of the ladies and presented a corsage to Mrs. Hoffman. Interspersed with the words of welcome were special numbers in song.

The Rev. A. Lueck and Rev. J. D. Elhardt, both of Yorkton, brought the messages in the German and English languages, respectively. Mr. Alvin Bohn thanked Mr. Lueck for his services during the absence of a minister, and Mr. Elhardt for his assistance with the radio broadcast. Mr. Wm. Effa, Seminary classmate of Mr. Hoffman, as well as members of neighboring churches, also greeted the Hoffmans. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman gave their response to the welcome.

After the program, the congregation assembled in the church parlors for lunch and a period of informal fellowship. As a token of kindness, the women of the church had previously partly redecorated the parsonage and arranged a pantry shower. May God richly bless us, as pastor and people labor for the cause of Christ!

Daphne Fandrey, Reporter.

#### Ordination of Rev. Walter Hoffman and Rev. William Effa at Yorkton, Saskatchewan

To set aside and ordain a divinely called servant to the work of the Gospel ministry is always an impressive service, for it is a picturesque presentation of the fact that the Holy Spirit has set apart a young man for the preaching of the unspeakable love of God. The ordination of the Messrs. Walter Hoffman and William Effa took place on Sunday, July 5, at the close of a wonderful and blessed time experienced during the days of the Northern Conference held at Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

The ordination council met in the Ebenezer East Baptist Church on the afternoon of July 4 and organized upon the request of three churches: Ebenezer East, which Mr. Hoffman has consented to serve; Yorkton Church, of which Mr. Effa is a member; and the Zion Church of Drumheller, Sask., which extended a call to Mr. Effa to be its pastor.

The council, consisting of 42 members representing all Saskatchewan churches and all visiting ministers, under the chairmanship of Rev. Martin DeBoer was well pleased with the clear testimonies and statements of faith the two candidates gave and recommended unanimously that the candidates and churches proceed with the ordination service.

This service took place on Sunday evening in the spacious auditorium of the Yorkton Collegiate, which was filled to capacity with members of the ordaining churches and visitors to the Northern Conference. The service opened under the leadership of Rev. R. Milbrandt. On the right side of the platform were seated Mr. and Mrs. W. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Effa and 16 pastors, with the Ebenezer choir on the left. This choir, under the direction of Walter Hoffman, rendered two beautiful numbers, "The Great Coronation Day" and "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Rev. E. L. Thiessen led in the opening song service. Rev. John Kuehn read 1 Tim. 1:12-18; 3:1-7, and led in the invocation prayer. The Master's Messengers Quartet from Sioux Falls, S. Dak., sang two numbers, "Launch Out Into the Deep," and "I Will Pilot Thee." Professor Herbert Hiller of Sioux Falls was introduced as the speaker chosen to deliver the ordination sermon.

In silence before God, Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., led in the ordination prayer, followed by "You Have Longed For Sweet Peace" from the Master's Messengers. Rev. Henry Schumacher presented the charge to the church, Rev. E. Gutsche gave the charge to the candidates and Rev. Henry Pfeifer, as Conference Mission Secretary, welcomed the candidates into the ranks of the ministry's fellowship. Rev. Wm. Effa gave the benediction in the German language and Rev. Walter Hoffman closed with the English benediction.

F. H. Ohlmann, Clerk.

#### Fifty New Members Received into Bethany Church, Lethbridge, Alberta, After Baptism of 37

On Sunday, June 28, the Bethany Baptist Church of Lethbridge, Alta., held its first baptismal service. This Sunday had a threefold significance for us, for, in addition to our first baptismal service, it was also the first anniversary of our church and the first anniversary of our pastor, the Rev. O. A. Ertis, in his ministry with us.

On this Sunday we met on the shores of beautiful Park Lake. More than 250 people were in attendance on this day which was made more glorious for us with bright, beautiful sunshine. The baptism and communion message was delivered by the Rev. R.



The out-of-door service on Sunday, June 28, for the Bethany Baptist Church, Lethbridge, Alta., at which the Rev. R. Milbrandt, guest speaker, brought the message (left) and the 37 converts whom the Rev. O. A. Ertis, pastor, baptized (right) in the nearby lake.

Milbrandt from Medicine Hat, Alberta. He and his wife spent the entire day with us as a church.

The Rev. O. A. Ertis baptized 37 converts on this Sunday. It was a festive scene which aroused our deepest gratitude to God and which we shall never forget. Then we held an open-air communion service under the trees of the park. Our pastor extended the hand of fellowship to the 37 new converts and to 13 others, making a total of 50 new members.

Progress is being made on the construction of our new church. The roof has been completed and we hope to meet in the church basement towards the end of August or early in September. Many of the men have been contributing sacrificially of their time and strength that our new church may soon be a glorious reality.

We have also been delighted by the messages of several outstanding visitors in recent months. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our executive secretary, brought us an inspirational Scriptural message that was appreciated. We were also thrilled by the address of Dr. Jacob Meister of Berlin, Germany, as he reported to us about the refugees and homeless wanderers in Germany. Since most of our churches have been in similar conditions of life before coming to Canada, his message brought tears to many eyes.

We are thankful to God for this new homeland of ours in Canada and especially for our wonderful church and consecrated pastor in Lethbridge. Walter Ziemann, Reporter.

### Pacific Conference

#### Woman's Missionary Union Session at the Pacific Conference, Elk Grove, California

The women of the Pacific Conference met on Friday afternoon, June 26th, for their annual meeting. Mrs. Arthur Schulz of Portland led the singing of "O Zion Haste," after which Mrs. Donald Davis of Los Angeles led in prayer. After the business meeting and welcoming of the new ministers' wives, Mrs. Berthold Jacksteit of Anaheim read John 15:5 as the conference

theme. It was a privilege to have Mrs. Walter Grosser, our national president, speak on the goals and aims of the Woman's Missionary Union.

The women presented their program in the evening at the Elk Grove High School. Mrs. F. E. Klein of Colfax led the song service with Mrs. Wilbert Wolff of Elk Grove at the organ and Miss Pat Schiedeman of Portland at the piano. Mrs. Karl Gieser of Portland read 2 Cor. 5:14-21 and Mrs. Orville Meth of Odessa offered prayer. Mrs. John Wageman of Elk Grove sang, "The Stranger of Galilee." Mrs. W. W. Knauf welcomed everyone and our president, Mrs. F. W. Bartel of Chilliwack responded.

The following new officers were presented: president, Mrs. Henry Hengstler, Los Angeles; vice-presidents, California, Mrs. Joe Quast; Oregon, Mrs. E. Wolff, Salt Creek; Pacific Northwest, Mrs. F. E. Klein, Colfax; secretary, Mrs. Orville Meth, Odessa; treasurer, Mrs. Karl Gieser, Portland.

Mrs. G. G. Rauser of Lodi opened the memorial service by leading the singing of "In the Sweet By and By." She reported that 14 ladies out of the 30 societies were called Home this past year. Mrs. June Goehring of Lodi sang, "Beyond the Sunset."

"I Must Help to Make the Kingdom Grow" was sung by Mesdames George Corrington, Robert Schreiber and Arnold Mauch of Lodi. Mrs. Walter Grosser spoke on "The Love of Christ Constrains Us." This theme was applied to the home, local church or community, and uttermost part of the world. Mrs. Klein led the congregation in a hymn and Mrs. E. Wolff gave the benediction.

We, the Woman's Union of the Pacific Conference, are looking forward to another year of service for our Lord.

Mrs. Robert F. Penner, Reporter.

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#### Twelve Converts Are Baptized and Other Programs at Elk Grove, California

We of the First Baptist Church in Elk Grove, Calif., have just had the distinct pleasure and privilege of entertaining the Pacific Conference in our church. These were busy days, both before the event and also during the sessions, but many were the blessings we received while listening to God's messengers. We as a church were proud to have had this opportunity.

Prior to that time and at the culmination of revival meeting with the Rev. G. G. Rauser of Lodi, Calif., as our evangelist, twelve persons were added to the church at an impressive baptismal service. The hand of fellowship was also given at the same time to seven more who came into the church fellowship through letters.

On Mother's Day, at the morning service, our pastor, the Rev. W. W. Knauf and his wife presented corsages to the oldest and youngest mothers present and in the evening our CBY presented a fine program in honor of "Mother."

Then on Father's Day our fathers were not slighted, but on this day our pastor and his wife presented a motto to the father who has been a Christian for the longest period of time. This honor was bestowed on Father Jacob Stotz who has been a follower of the Lord Jesus for 54 years.

It has just been learned that Posthumous Honors were bestowed on Cpl. DeRoy Kammerer, one of our fine young men who was killed in Korea on July 31, 1952. The Silver Star, the nation's third highest decoration, was posthumously awarded to him.

During the absence of our pastor on vacation, it has been a pleasure to have Mr. Hans Penner, Jr., one of our young men attending Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, Ill., assist in preaching, leading prayer services and teaching in Sunday School. We are proud of him and know he will do great things for his Master. Also, the Rev. Carl Jungheit supplied the pulpit one Sunday. He gave us a message in word and picture of his work in establishing new Sunday Schools in the California Hills.

Theodora Wuttke, Reporter.

## Central Conference

### Bethel Church of Indianapolis, Indiana, Holds First Vacation Bible School in Years

For the first time in several years, a Vacation Bible School was held at the Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Indiana. None of the teachers had had any experience with such schools, and very few of the children had ever attended one. In spite of this, all went well and the children were anxious to hear the Bible stories.

In addition to the regular memory work, many of the Junior and Intermediate boys and girls learned the books of the Bible. The total enrollment was 65 and the average daily attendance was 51. Mrs. Laurence R. Prast served as superintendent with Mrs. Norman Shoults assisting her. Although there were no visible results by way of conversions, the seed has been sown, and we feel certain that the Lord will bless his word and the efforts of his people according to his own will.

Laurence R. Prast, Pastor.



Children at the Vacation Bible School held at Creston, Nebraska.

The Intermediate class studied the missionary works as well as prophets and memorization. Betty Jane Ziemann was given an award in this department for memorizing the 15th chapter of John.



Vacation Bible School children and teachers at the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, with Miss La Verna Mehlfaff, church missionary, at left, and the Rev. Edwin Miller, pastor, at the right.

### Vacation Bible School at the Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio

The Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, held its annual Vacation Bible School from June 22 to July 3. The motto selected for these two weeks was 2 Timothy 2:15. We had a total enrollment of 110 boys and girls who were eager to learn more about the Lord Jesus Christ. The average attendance was 89, and 49 pupils had perfect attendance.

The Beginners learned many Bible stories and songs besides making fine things in craft. The Primary children studied Psalm 2:3 and had fun making lambs out of clay during craft period. The Juniors enjoyed a Bible passage contest in which Raoul Perez was winner. Dorothy Wayson was awarded a prize for bringing the most pupils.

Delores Ziemann, Reporter.

### Farewell for Rev. and Mrs. V. H. Prendinger by Round Lake Church, Gladwin, Michigan

On Sunday evening, June 28, members and friends of the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich., gathered for a farewell service in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Victor H. Prendinger. Mr. and Mrs. Prendinger completed eight years of faithful service at this church in Gladwin and made many friends in the surrounding community. They were well known by everyone for their gracious hospitality and warm Christian friendliness.

The young people of the church presented an excellent musical program featuring selections by the orchestra and several vocal duets and trios. The Girls' Chorus also sang and little Gloria Faith Rau brought the musical part of the program to a fitting close by singing, "God Will Take Care Of You." Mr. and Mrs. Prendinger both brought brief messages of farewell to the church, thanking the members and friends for their Christian love and fellowship.

Following their messages, they were presented with gifts on behalf of the church, the Ladies' Mission Society and the CBY who wished to express their gratitude for the years of work, interest, and prayer which the Prendingers gave so freely.

As members and friends of the church bade the Prendingers farewell, it was with all best wishes for God's blessing upon their new work. They left the following day for Fredonia, N. Dak., where they have begun their ministry in the Berlin Baptist Church.

Laura Pahl, Reporter.

## Southwestern Conference

### Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church of Creston, Nebraska

The Baptist Church of Creston, Neb., held a Vacation Bible School from June 15 to 19. The school was under the capable direction of our pastor, the Rev. Reuben Stading. Nineteen children were enrolled in the three departments of the school and each had perfect attendance.

For opening exercises each morning and afternoon, the children marched in to the tune of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," followed by the Christian, Bible and American flag salutes. Mr. Stading had charge of the singing of choruses and scripture. One of the teachers then told a short story to the children.

The Beginners' Department was taught by Miss Ilene Hamburger, the Primary group by Miss Ruth Husmann assisted by Miss Janice Prang, and the Junior Department by Mr. Stading.

On Friday evening, June 19, a program was held in which the pupils were able to show their parents and others what they had learned and made during the school. On the closing day we had a picnic in a nearby park.

Janice Prang, Reporter.

### Vacation Bible School, Missionary Service and Children's Day Program at Okeene, Oklahoma

The month of June proved to be one of highlights for the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Oklahoma. The days of May 25 to June 5 were a time of intense interest to those enrolled in the Vacation Bible School. "Crusading with Christ" was the theme used in all departments.

The Rev. Leland H. Friesen, our pastor, was also our general director and he was ably assisted by the teachers and other helpers. Many furnished transportation to and from school. Due to his enthusiastic leadership, the worship assembly periods, the lesson and Bible study periods, the craft hours and the recreation periods were all used advantageously.

On Sunday, June 8, during the Sunday School hour, a demonstration program was given by all departments. The lesson work books and the handcraft were displayed to all interested parents and friends. The various departments had special projects for the mission fields. These were also on display. This fine assortment of articles was then sent to the field. A mission offering was taken following the program.

Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, Cameroons medical missionary, was with us on Wednesday evening, June 25. Representative groups from the Shattuck, Ingersoll and the Loyal churches met with us to hear our medical missionary of the great work he is doing. The explanatory pictures were a message in themselves. All joined in a missionary offering.

On June 28 was our belated Children's Day program. Mr. Friesen delivered a timely message on "Our Obligations to Our Children." The evening was devoted to the presentation of a specially prepared program, consisting of readings, songs, musical numbers and dialogues. The offering was for the denomination's Chapel Building Fund.

Mrs. Al Priebe, Reporter.

### First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, Celebrates Its Seventy-fifth Anniversary

The First Baptist Church at Lorraine, Kans., celebrated the 75th anniversary of the church in a fitting manner on June 14 and 15, for not only were the former pastors and their wives present for the festive occasions, but scores of former members and friends of the church were also on hand to help celebrate.

The festivities began with a crowded church on Sunday morning to hear Dr. A. J. Harms of Chicago, Ill., former pastor of the Lorraine Church, bring a stirring message on "Christ and His Church." Mrs. Harms also brought a word of greeting in the Sunday School hour.

At the Sunday afternoon hour the local pastor, the Rev. Alfred Bernadt, had charge of the meeting and many written messages of greetings and good will were read including a letter from the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Ferris who are now serving as missionaries in Liberia,



Rev. and Mrs. Leland Friesen and their three sons, Stanley, Charles and Larry, of Okeene, Oklahoma.

Africa. Greetings were also brought by pastors and friends of many of the neighboring churches including our own churches at Stafford, Bison, Ellinwood, Vesper, and others.

Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., also a former pastor of the church, brought the evening message and Mrs. Lang brought a word of greeting. Mrs. Samuel Blum, widow of a former pastor of the church, also spoke a word of greeting at this hour.

On Monday evening, June 15, Dr. Fieter Smit of St. Paul, Minn., another former pastor of this church, was the guest speaker. He brought a challenging message based on his recollections of the joys and challenges that were his while serving the church.

Each service was very well attended and greatly enriched by the lovely music rendered by the many church choirs and singing groups that Lorraine has in abundance. The fine fellowship of the church picnic hour that preceded the Monday evening closing session will also be long remembered by all who attended. More than 300 persons tarried for the Sunday noon

meal in the Church Fellowship Hall that also afforded fine fellowship for the many members and friends who were present.

The beautiful church building with its complete renovation and lovely appointments is a symbol of the love and the devotion which these people have for their Lord and Master, and the 75 years of service to the Kingdom that have been rendered here were reviewed with deep appreciation for all that God has done for his people here at Lorraine. It is our hope and prayer that God will grant even greater victories in the days which lie ahead.

Alfred R. Bernadt, Pastor.

## Southern Conference

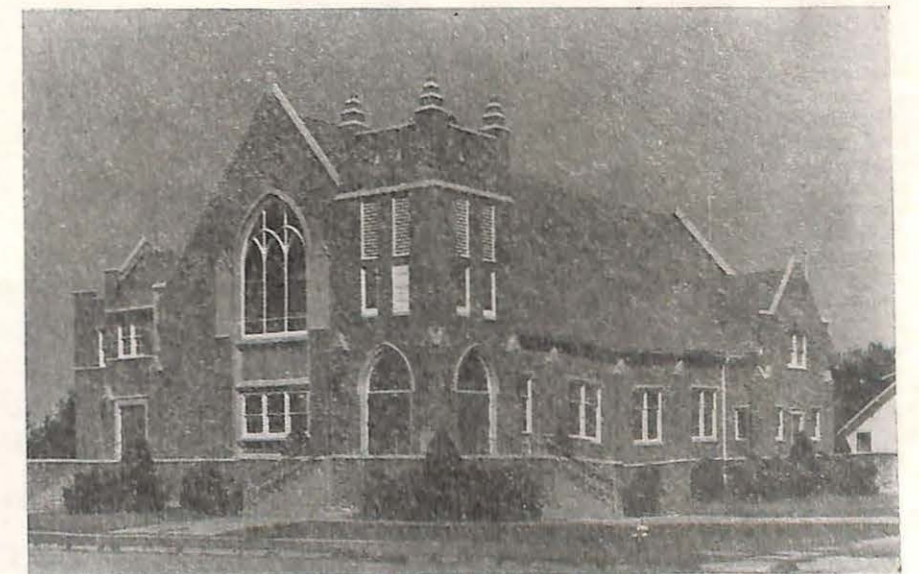
### Immanuel Church of Kyle, Texas, Welcomes the Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Schroeder

On Thursday evening, July 9, a service of welcome was held at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas, in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Schroeder of Chicago, Illinois. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, our former pastor, now of Austin, Texas.

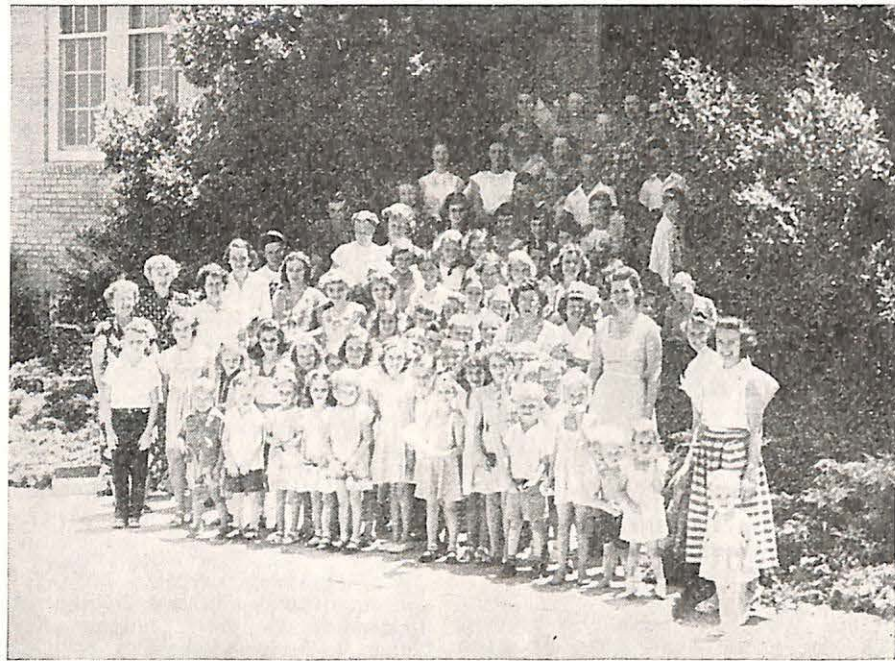
The Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn of Waco, Texas, read the Scripture, and the Rev. Louis Johnson, also of Waco, led in the prayer. The choir sang the Anthem, "Awake, Put On Thy Strength." The visiting pastors of the community and the Southern Conference brought words of welcome. The Ladies' Chorus sang, "Cleanse Me." Words of welcome were spoken in behalf of the Immanuel Church. Mrs. Brooks Dozier sang a solo, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked."

The message was brought by our interim pastor, the Rev. J. B. Holt. Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder responded with words of thanks and expressed their desire to labor with us in spreading the Gospel story. After the program all assembled in the church basement for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

Mrs. Joe Wiegand, Reporter.



The beautiful edifice of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, which celebrated its 75th anniversary on June 14 and 15.



Crowd of children and teachers at the Vacation Bible School held by the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas.

**Vacation Bible School Held by the Cottonwood Baptist Church Near Lorena, Texas**

The 1953 Vacation Bible School of the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas, proved to be one of the highlights of the year. The spirit of cooperation and the interest and zeal of the teachers and workers added to the blessings of the week. A total of 114 pupils, faculty and workers were enrolled and we had an average daily attendance of 82.

All classes met each morning for a joint worship service. A special feature enjoyed each day by everyone was an object lesson brought by our pastor, Rev. A. R. Kingman. The object lesson on our closing day led into an evangelistic service which was an inspiration to all as two Juniors found the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior and twelve pupils and teachers rededicated their lives to him.

Diplomas and workers' recognition certificates were presented at the close of school on Friday, followed by a picnic. Our refreshment committee, which had so ably served us all week, prepared a lovely picnic lunch for all. Our closing program was held on Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour and our offering was presented to Dr. Leslie Chaffee, medical missionary to the Cameroons, who was with us that morning.

Along with the teachers and general officers who served to faithfully, credit must go to the men and women who worked to diligently with the handwork. As a result of their work, the girls made lovely drawstring purses, raffia covered boxes and painted religious plaster plaques. The boys turned out some very fine "what-not" shelves.

To God, however, goes all the credit for giving us a truly blessed Vacation Bible School.

Mrs. A. R. Kingman, Principal.

**Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bohmert of Dallas, Texas**

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Bohmert of Dallas, Texas, was observed with a festive program and reception at the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of that city on Wednesday evening, June 3. The program led by the pastor, the Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, included special music and testimonies by the celebrating couple and their son. After the program in the church auditorium, a reception was held in the church annex. The church presented a com-



Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Bohmert of Dallas, Texas, members of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on June 3, 1953.

fortable living room chair to the Bohmerts as an anniversary gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Bohmert were married June 3, 1903 in Chicago, Ill., where they lived until they moved to Dallas 41 years ago. For all these years, Mr. Bohmert has been associated with Arthur A. Everts, Dallas' jeweler. Mrs. Bohmert is a graduate of the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago and the daughter of our pioneer pastor, the Rev. F. Sievers. Despite their years, they are regular, faithful attendants of Carroll Avenue Baptist Church and both are presently teachers of adult classes in our Sunday School.

The Bohmerts have three children, all of whom were able to be present for this happy anniversary. They are: Mrs. Anthony McClory of Mattoon, Ill.; Mrs. C. Y. Mankin of Goldthwaite, Texas; and Mr. Charles F. Bohmert, Jr., of La Grange, Illinois. They have five grandchildren.

We pray God's richest blessings on these honored friends, and continually praise him for his great faithfulness to them and to us!

Harold W. Gieseke, Pastor.

**Atlantic Conference**

**Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., Conducts a Vacation Bible School**

The Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., has recently concluded two weeks of Vacation Bible School, held from June 29 to July 10, with an average attendance of pupils and staff of 99. Our offering of \$91.00 was designated for the Cameroons Missions. Miss Audrey Miller was superintendent and we had a well prepared staff of teachers and helpers who presented the lessons and taught different crafts.

Our closing exercises were well attended by the parents, at which time the children gave a review of their work and showed their handiwork. A total of 46 children received certificates for perfect attendance.

Our hearts rejoiced in knowing that six of our young girls received Jesus as their personal Savior during these sessions. We give our thanks to our Lord who through his help and guidance led us all the way.

Mrs. Grace Schmidt, Secretary.

**Announcement of Atlantic Conference Program Convening in Newark, N. J., from Sept. 17 to 20**

Place: Clinton Hill Baptist Church, corner Clinton Ave. and So. 14th St., Newark, New Jersey.

Theme, "Working With Christ" (2 Cor. 6:1). "We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 17**

- 3:00 P.M. Devotions, Rev. Peter Kemper, "Working With Christ in Devotion."
- 3:30 P.M. Business session.
- 4:30 P.M. Address, Rev. G. Harold Hill, "Working With Christ by Living Our Testimony."
- 8:00 P.M. Address, Rev. Richard Schilke.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 18**

- 9:30 A.M. Devotions, Rev. Roger W. Schmidt, "Working With Christ Through Consecration."
- 10:00 A.M. Business session.
- 11:15 A.M. Memorial service. Rev. Christian Peters.
- 11:30 A.M. Address, Rev. William Kershaw, "Working With Christ in Investing Our Treasure."
- 2:00 P.M. Women's Missionary Union. Address, Mrs. Earl Ahrens.
- 8:00 P.M. Address, Rev. Earl Ahrens.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 19**

- 9:30 A.M. Devotions, Rev. Ben Zimmerman, "Working With Christ By Intercession."
- 10:00 A.M. Business session.
- 11:30 A.M. Address, Rev. Paul Wengel, "Working With Christ in Giving Our Time."
- 6:00 P.M. Young People's Banquet. Address, Rev. William Kershaw.

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 20**

- 11:00 A.M. Morning service. Sermon, Rev. Richard Schilke.
- 3:00 P.M. Young People's Rally. Address, Rev. Earl Ahrens.

**Dakota Conference**

**Dedication Services for New Church Furnishings at Parkston and Tripp, South Dakota**

The Parkston Baptist Church of Parkston, S. Dak., was the scene of an impressive dedication service for new

church furnishings on Sunday morning, July 12.

Two vocal numbers were rendered by the quartet composed of Edwin Rieb, Art Rieb, Clyde Radel, and Albert Radel. The dedication prayer was offered by the Rev. Alfred Weisser, pastor.

Dr. George A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., delivered the dedication sermon which compared the dedication of the tabernacle and people of old to the present situation—but much more: a dedication in

From July 6 to 12, a Vacation Bible School was held in Artas, S. Dak., with 19 children attending. Teachers included: Beginners, Mrs. F. Rau; Primary, Darleen Fenske; Juniors, Mrs. E. S. Fenske; and Seniors, Rev. E. S. Fenske.

This school also proved to be a great blessing and the moving of the Holy Spirit was felt in our midst, as five boys and one girl let Jesus come into their hearts. On Sunday, July 12, their demonstration program was very beautifully given.

Darleen Fenske, Reporter.



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

Christ. The church was filled with members and friends who went to the city park for a picnic dinner at noon.

At the evening service the congregation met at the Tripp Baptist Church for dedication services there. A solo was sung by Barbara Weisser. A quartet composed of Rose Marie Lippert, Barbara Weisser, Harold Lang and LeRoy Lippert also sang. Dr. Lang spoke on the theme, "Roadbuilding."

Furnishings consist of pews and pulpit furniture in blond oak and wine colored rugs for the Parkston Church, and green colored rugs for the Tripp Church. The cost of the furnishings was approximately \$2,700.

Alfred Weisser, Pastor.

**Vacation Bible Schools Are Held at Herreid and Artas, South Dakota**

The Lord marvelously blessed the Vacation Bible Schools of the Herreid and Artas Baptist Churches in North Dakota. From June 8 to 14, a school was held in Herreid, S. Dak., with a total enrollment of 59 boys and girls. Scripture Press and Fuller's materials were used by the following teachers: Beginners, Mrs. H. Rudolf and Gloria Bollinger; Primary, Mrs. E. Quenzer; Juniors, Darleen Fenske; Seniors, Mrs. E. S. Fenske; and superintendent, Rev. E. S. Fenske.

Two Senior boys, for whom the class had been praying, accepted the Lord as their personal Savior. A demonstration program was presented on Sunday evening, June 14, to a fine audience. May God bless our boys and girls so that they not only be hearers of the Word, but doers also.

**Reception by Berlin Church of North Dakota for Rev. and Mrs. V. H. Prendinger**

Sunday, July 12, proved to be a "red letter day" for the members of the Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia, N. Dak., for it was on this date that we had the joy of welcoming our new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. V. H. Prendinger, after having been without a pastor for a period of nine months. To share our joy we had invited the members of the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred and its pastor, the Rev. G. W. Rutsch, and his wife for the service.

After Mr. Gottlieb Grenz, deacon, had opened the service, the Rev. G. W. Rutsch, as guest speaker, addressed both the congregation and the new pastor. Then the various organizations of the church had an opportunity to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Prendinger. Mr. Fred Wolf, deacon, spoke for the Berlin station. Mr. Christ Wolf, superintendent, for the Sunday School, Mrs. LeRoy Fey for the CBY, Mrs. John Ketterling for the Ladies' Aid, and M. C. Buechler as church treasurer. Mrs. G. W. Rutsch also spoke a few words of welcome.

Besides these addresses, the choir rendered two numbers and two duets were sung. Finally Mr. and Mrs. Prendinger responded to all these words of welcome. Both expressed appreciation for all the church had already done for them, and also hope in God for a fruitful ministry at Berlin. After the close of the service, everybody was invited to partake of a delicious lunch in the church basement.

LeRoy Fey, Reporter.



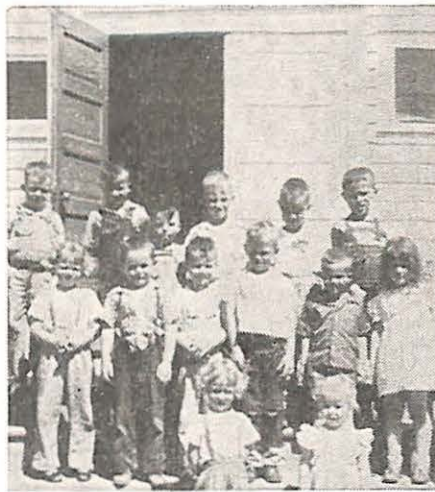
### Vacation Bible School Held by the Baptist Church of McLaughlin, South Dakota

Showers of blessing as well as showers of rain were witnessed during our week of Vacation Bible School from June 8 to 12 at the Baptist Church of McLaughlin, South Dakota. There was an enrollment of 42 boys and girls.

Mrs. Chris Aldinger and Mrs. Delferd Strobel taught the course, "Learning About Jesus," to the Beginners. Maraleen Huber of Bison, S. Dak., assisted by Gladys Rott, taught "The Lord Is My Shepherd" course in the Primary Class of 17 children. "The Christian's Birth and Growth" was the course for the Junior boys and girls. Gunther Wahl of the Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., assisted by Mrs. Ralph Hale, taught the Juniors. There were ten boys and girls. The Rev. B. Fritzke taught the Intermediates. The course was "Answering God's Call."

On Friday noon the children were treated to ice cream cones. That evening a program was rendered in which the children had the opportunity to take part. They marched into the church following the Christian and American flags and the Bible, carried by students. Gunther Wahl played a march. The program then followed which was enjoyed by those in attendance. There was a fine display of handwork in the basement of the church for the parents and friends to see following the program.

B. Fritzke, Pastor.



Children of the Beginners' Class at the Vacation Bible School of the Baptist Church, McLaughlin, South Dakota.

As a special feature the pastor's car appeared in the city-wide Memorial Day parade with signs and posters inviting all children to attend. (See accompanying picture.)

The competent staff of teachers who supervised the activities of the pupils were solemnly dedicated at the Sunday morning service on June 14. Closing exercises were held on Friday, June 26, in the church auditorium for the benefit of parents and friends. The offering received at this time totalled \$98.80.



The posters advertising the Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., that appeared on the car of the Rev. J. G. Benke, pastor, in the city-wide Memorial Day parade.

### Vacation Bible School and Junior CBY Activities at Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis.

A successful Vacation Bible School was conducted at the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., from June 15 to 26. The total enrollment was 79 with 75 who were able to complete the course and receive their certificates. The blessings of God were in evidence, as nine children accepted Christ as Savior. There were 38 children enrolled who were not members of our Sunday School and several of these had no church affiliation.

In order better to accommodate the group this year, arrangements were made to use a public school building.

The Junior CBY has just finished a successful year of activities and attendance. The boys and girls have met each Sunday night for missions study, flannelgraphs, Bible quizzes, and handwork. They have learned a great deal about our missionaries in the Cameroons, Japan, and Canada and have sent offerings to Miss Minnie Kuhn in the Cameroons and to the Indian work in Alberta, Canada.

A special "Parents' Night" was held to which all the parents were invited for a supper and were delighted to see the play, "Five Little Dollars," presented by the young people. The leaders have presented the plan of salvation in some way at each meeting and are trusting God to bring a harvest.

Mrs. Lee Krueger, Reporter.

### Sessions of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Dakota Conference at Bismarck, North Dakota

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Dakota Conference met for its annual meeting on Friday, June 26, during the conference sessions in Bismarck, North Dakota.

After a delicious luncheon Friday noon, we held our business meeting with the vice-president, Mrs. Carl Weisser, presiding in the absence of our president, Mrs. Fred Schmidt. It was our joy to have our missionary, Mrs. Lois Ahrens, with us, and also our newly appointed missionary to Japan, Mrs. Walter Sukut of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., and Mrs. Emma Mehlhaff, matron of the Bismarck Home for the Aged. These three ladies were presented with corsages by Mrs. Alfred Weisser.

Our hearts were stirred with a new missionary zeal as our missionary, Mrs. Ahrens, spoke to us briefly on "Our Partnership With the Lord," and were also thrilled over the personal testimony of our newly appointed missionary to Japan, Mrs. Walter Sukut. Two new societies were welcomed into the Union, The Ann of Ava Guild of the West Center Church in Madison, S. Dak., and the Missionary Society of Mott, North Dakota. Various phases of our work were discussed and each society was presented with a ribbon earned by the point system. Twelve new minister's wives were introduced and welcomed into our Union.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Mrs. Carl Weisser, Carington, N. Dak.; vice-president, Mrs. A. Fischer, Linton, N. Dak.; secretary, Mrs. Lawrence Biebert, Cathay, N. Dak.; treasurer, Mrs. Leland Schantz, Vida, Montana.

On Friday evening we presented our program with Mrs. Carl Weisser in charge. The Women's Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Albert Reddig, Cathay, N. Dak., sang two lovely anthems. The installation of new officers was led by Mrs. Earl Ahrens. Mrs. Walter Sukut conducted an impressive memorial service in memory of the 16 women who had departed from our midst to be with the Lord during the past year, and Mrs. LeRoy Schauer and Mrs. Chris Weintz sang a duet.

Our guest speaker, Mrs. Earl Ahrens, brought a very inspiring talk on "The Women of Africa." We were reminded again that we should pray more fervently for the laborers and natives in Africa. A short missionary play, "Love finds a Way," was presented by the Turtle Lake Missionary Society.

It was decided that \$300.00 from our treasury be added to the evening's offering which amounted to \$386.66. This was divided into four parts, one part to be divided equally between the debt on the Home for the Aged in Bismarck, N. Dak., and the new superintendent's home. The other three parts were divided equally for home mission expansion, the leper work in the Cameroons, and the construction of a new Bible School in the Cameroons.

Mrs. Raymond Dickau, Reporter.