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# The S. S. Lesson in **ACTION**

By Rev. B. JACKSTEIT, Anaheim, Calif.

**A LESSON PLAN**

**DATE: AUGUST 9, 1953**

**THEME:** The Whole Armor of God.  
**SCRIPTURE:** Ephesians 6:10-20; Romans 14:19-21.

**PURPOSE:** To set forth the need for an aggressive Christian witness that recognizes its foes, uses its weapons, and dares to move out into battle.

**GETTING STARTED:** In his great hymn of militant Christianity William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, sings, "Like a mighty army moves the church of God." One wonders what General Booth would write today if he were to visit the average church on an average Sunday. Would he have the heart to repeat his famous words, or would he have to write, "Like a sleepy giant flounders the church of God"? Looking at the average Christian (and that means you and me), would he gain the impression that here's a Christian soldier "marching as to war"? Or would he be reminded instead of an arm-chair patriot doing a lot of talking and making boastful claims but never actually getting down to the job of fighting the battle of the Lord?

**Developing the Theme:**

**I. THE CHRISTIAN IS CALLED TO BE A SOLDIER AND HIS LIFE IS MEANT TO BE A WARFARE**

1. Armor is meant for soldiers who run the risk of battle, not for civilians who sit safely at home. Therefore if I'm not willing to be a "soldier of the cross," I have no claim on the armor God has provided.

2. Armor is meant to be used in battle, not to serve as a show piece in parades. Yet how we parade our faith but never put it to work!

3. There's a battle to be fought, and we are called to fight it.

(a) It's a battle against real and dangerous foes (Eph. 6:11-12). Note who they are and how great the power they possess.

(b) This battle requires every ounce of courage, devotion and strength we can muster (Eph. 6:10).

**II. THE WEAPONS THE CHRISTIAN IS TO USE IN THE WARFARE TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN CALLED**

1. The weapon of a disciplined life, a life that continually holds itself to the highest and best (Rom. 14:21).

2. The weapon of morale—doing all he can to create and maintain a spirit of unity and team play (Rom. 14:19).

3. The whole armor of God (Eph. 6:11).

(a) Note how perfectly every part of this armor is suited to meet the attack of the foe, since the nature of the foe always determines the kind of weapon a soldier uses against him.

(b) This armor enables the Christian to hold his ground (v. 13), to put up a good fight (v. 11), to overcome every temptation (v. 16), and to move on to victory.

**Applying the Lesson:**

1. What does this lesson teach us as to the kind of weapons we should use in our struggle against Communism?

2. Of the above mentioned weapons, which is the one we neglect most?

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**DATE: AUGUST 16, 1953**

**THEME:** Christ Pre-eminent.  
**SCRIPTURE:** Colossians 1:3-6, 9-20.

**PURPOSE:** To show how Christ is pre-eminent in every realm and is worthy to be given first place in our lives and our affairs.

**GETTING STARTED:** Has it ever occurred to you that every time you write the date on a letter or a bill you are giving a personal testimony for Jesus Christ? "How can that be?" you ask. Well, let's see. Today is August 16, 1953. What does the figure 1953 stand for? It represents that many years, does it not? But where do you start counting to get that many years? With the death of Alexander, the Great? Or the fall of Rome? No! You start with the birth of Christ. And 1953 simply means that it is that many years since Christ was born. But do you realize what you are doing when you say that? You are actually making a tremendous claim for Jesus Christ; for you are saying that he is the center of history and that all time revolves around him. Thus whenever you write the date, you are giving Jesus Christ the supreme spot in history and are bearing testimony to the fact that he is pre-eminent.

**Developing the Theme:**

**I. THE PRE-EMINENCE OF CHRIST**

The simple fact is that Jesus Christ is pre-eminent not only in history but in every other realm that can be named.

1. He is pre-eminent in character (1:15-16). There simply is no other life like his.

2. In power; for he made and controls the universe (1:16).

3. In prerogatives (1:15b, 16b, 18). All things were created for him, and

**FRONT COVER**

The picture of the Vacation Bible School group at the Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Ore., was so fine that we decided to feature it on the front cover. The report appears on page 11. The Rev. and Mrs. Rudolph Woyke are in the back row, standing, at the right. **EDITOR.**

**CONFERENCES AND ASSEMBLIES**

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he is meant to hold the supreme spot in all realms.

4. In accomplishments.

(a) He achieved our redemption (1:14).

(b) He has reconciled all things unto God (1:20).

(c) He has made us worthy to dwell in the Father's presence (1:21-22).

**II. THE ADEQUACY OF THE PRE-EMINENT CHRIST**

Because he is pre-eminent, he can do the following. If he were anything less, he could not. Thus we dare never reduce the stature of Christ. For either he is all, or He is nothing at all.

1. Because of his pre-eminence, he is adequate to accomplish our redemption. But without verse fifteen, verse fourteen could never have been.

2. To meet all the demands of Christian thought and faith (1:4).

3. To enable us to grow in Christian grace and lead fruitful Christian lives (1:9-11).

4. To be the head and leader of the church (1:18a).

5. To give us a sure and glorious hope for eternity (1:5).

6. To make us willing to bring all things under his dominion.

**Applying the Lesson:**

1. What are the things that rob Christ of his rightful place in the life of Christians and of the church today?

2. Is it possible for a man in business, or politics, or in the professions to put Christ first in all of his affairs? How?

# Editorial

## Blind Spots!

**EVERY MAN** has a blind spot! That is no misstatement or exaggeration. There are some things which he fails to see or to understand about himself, about the things of God, or about what is before his eyes. He is completely in the dark as to the reason for his doing certain things. Jesus asked the poignant question which revealed the blind spots in some of his disciples: "Having eyes, see ye not?" (Mark 8:18.)

At times we fail to see ourselves as we really are, mirrored in God's Word. They are the blind spots that afflict us and prevent true spiritual perception. They close the door to repentance and self-analysis. Robert Burns, the Scottish poet, prayed:

"Oh wad some power the giftie gie us  
To see ourselfs as others see us!"

The Lord Jesus Christ went directly to the heart of the matter as he said: "Wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then thou shalt see clearly."

The Psalmist was aware of these blind spots as he prayed: "Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults. Let them not have dominion over me" (Ps. 19:12-13). But as we remain humble before God, and diligently seek his truth through his Word, he reveals things to us about ourselves that can and must be changed by his grace.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision the things that God wants us to be. Because of these blind spots, we never reach the heights of life that God has intended for us as we lose out on the bounty of blessings that God has in store for us. We deceive God in our accounts as his stewards by failing to bring the tithe into his storehouse, and yet we take pride that we have done all that is required of us. We are satisfied with less than the best and so we never lay hold on the fulness of God's blessings.

Saul of Tarsus mistakenly thought that he was serving God until from his eyes there fell, it is said, "as it were scales," and he saw the beauty and wonder of Jesus Christ, glorified and winsome. Dr. Joseph Fort Newton went on to describe Saul's experience. "A thick darkness had enveloped him, when an ineffable vision awaited him. Who are we to say a word, we who have eyes, but see not the glory of God?" We must also note that immediately Saul asked with opened eyes: "Lord, what will thou have me to do?" That question always follows the experience of getting our eyes open to receive the gifts of his grace and love because of our earnest, penitent petition: "Lord, that I may receive my sight!"

Oh, to see others as God sees them, deeper than the outward appearance, and to have the love of Christ in every experience of life! Open eyes are also a gift of God, a spiritual blessing that defies description. Because such disciples have pure hearts without these blind spots, they shall see God!

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# The Temptation of Jesus Christ

A study of the great spiritual warfare that is now being waged in the universe as viewed in the temptation of Jesus

By the REV. J. K. WARKENTIN of Crawford, Texas

WE ARE LIVING in a time in which the world strategy is at stake to such a degree as never before in the history of all ages. What makes this strategic conflict so outstanding is that it exists between two forces leading into exact opposite directions, namely, democracy or Christianity on the one hand, and communism or atheism on the other.

As we see these two forces opposing each other, let us look at two powers that have stood in opposition to each other, the one power much mightier than we are, the other power the mightiest of all powers, yea, that of Almighty God.

Everything that the devil says or does is always contrary to that which is true. Even if Satan should attempt to quote a true statement, his determination therewith will in each case be of a deceptive nature (John 8:44). According to Mark 1:13 Jesus was tempted continuously throughout the period of forty days, and not merely at the close of this long desert fast. It is also significant that Mark mentions the wild beasts, as if to say, of all beasts, Satan was there.

There is no doubt in the writer's mind but that our Lord Jesus already at the beginning of his Messiahship experienced what we read in Hebrews 4:15. Realizing then that Christ was under constant Satanic pressure during this entire time, we can also understand the insight of the temptation given by Luke. The episodes of the temptation there, according to succession, differ somewhat from those mentioned by Matthew. Luke's record given was one of the many attacks of Satan, while Matthew's was merely another.

Have we not often experienced Satan tempting us with the same thing, but from different angles, different slants? This is his subtlety to catch us off guard.

## THE FIRST EPISODE

Satan as the devil of fleshly lust tempted Jesus from the standpoint of his humanity or that which pertained to his body. It is through the tendencies of the physical body that inconspicuity comes to light wherever it prevails (1 Cor. 7:5). This being the weakest part of man, Satan always



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commences with his assaults through this avenue.

Let us go back to the first temptation (Gen. 3:1). We will also notice that this is the first attack, according to Luke. More people, whether rich or poor, popular or unknown, are victims of the sins of the body than of any other sin. This is man's weakest point, and Satan takes the advantage of it.

Jesus could have gone beyond Satan's fiendish challenge. Jesus could have made human beings out of those stones (Luke 3:8; Jeremiah 32:27). In spite of the fact that our Lord was hungry, for him to have changed the stones into physical bread would not have proven his divine Sonship, but instead spiritual meat which had nothing to do with stones or bread, proved that he was the Son of God (John 4:32, 34).

Christ's victorious answer was in accord with Deuteronomy 8:3. The moral in defeating this first attack is Romans 14:17-18. Jesus herewith overcame materialism!

## THE SECOND EPISODE

Satan as the disguised angel of light tempted Jesus from the standpoint of his intellectuality or that which pertained to his mind (2 Cor. 11:14). The

American Standard Version says, "For even Satan fashioned himself into an angel of light." The language of the people by Williams is similar to it. The German translation says, "For he himself, Satan, disguises himself as an angel of light."

Personal inclinations develop life's philosophies, and this happens through the intellect (1 Cor. 3:18-21). Satan not only tempts with sins committed through the body, but he also wants to satisfy the mind with an assurance to back up the sins committed.

Again we note the second step of the temptation in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:5). Every normal person has a philosophy. Even the hobo thinks in terms of taking life easy and of getting by somehow. Humanity is eager to make itself a name by some original invention.

Did the devil quote Psalm 91:11-12 correct? He said that the Lord had given his angels charge concerning his own. But the Lord not only did this, but he gave his angels charge over his own. The devil left out completely the promise "to keep thee in all thy ways." For he knew this was not the way of the Lord. In the last distortion the devil added to the Scripture by saying, "Lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone." The Psalmist did not say at any time, for that would include this time when Satan was speaking.

Again let us look at Christ's conquering answer according to Deuteronomy 6:16. Jesus himself in no wise tempted God in claiming and following a philosophy of his own (John 12:49-50). The moral herein is 2 Timothy 3:14-16. Jesus overcame secularism!

## THE THIRD EPISODE

Satan as a roaring lion tempted Jesus from the standpoint of his deity or that which pertained to his soul (1 Peter 5:8-9). Satan did not say to Christ as in the two previous attacks, "If thou be the Son of God." Why not? Satan knew that Christ was the Son of God, and to tempt Christ to fall down and worship him would contradict his being the Son of God.

We can readily believe that in this attack, although as a roaring lion, Satan trembled (James 2:19). Everything belonged to the Lord (1 Cor. 10:

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# School for Our Missionaries' Children

Miss Esther Schultz, missionary, who conducts a school at Banso for the missionaries' children, had the boys and girls write down their own impressions of the school and Banso church

Written by ANNE and WALTER GEBAUER, JOY HOLZIMMER, PAUL and JUDY MICHELSON, NORRIS and GLENNIS ANN GANSTROM

ANNE says, "There are seven children in the Banso classes, four girls and three boys. Our school and home are in the same building.

"Auntie Esther feels we should all have some work to do. So we make our own beds, polish our shoes, and clean the classroom. Each Saturday we have to change our beds. All our drawers are also inspected on Saturday.

"There is a peach tree which is just the right size for children to climb. We love playing there more than any other place. When we decided to punish ourselves for our misconduct, we also said we would stay off the tree.

## LOTS OF FUN

"We have a school garden which we planted ourselves. It is already growing. It is fun to see the things come up. We hope it does well, so we can share some of the things with the nurses at the hospital.

"Sometimes we go on picnics. That is fun, especially if we can go wading in the water.

"Everyday after lunch we have to rest for an hour.

"At half past five in the afternoon we take our baths, and have fun in the tub. Then we take off our spreads and put down the nets for the night.

"I love the hour before bedtime because we can draw pictures, color or play games. Aunt Esther reads to us and then we have devotions. We have to be asleep by eight o'clock. My how fast six o'clock comes!

"We have a pet cat called Sooty. He always goes to school with us. Of course, the name tells you he is all black. He kills flies, so he helps us. When we eat, he always rattles his dish. He tipped the dish over one day and was very surprised at what happened.

"We make our own rules for punishment. At first, it was very hard to get used to rules but now it isn't. We have a lot of fun."

Paul Michelson says, "On Sunday morning we eat at seven. If we eat later, it means the houseboys would have to walk two miles to church and might be late. The truck comes for us from Banso at eight forty-five o'clock.

"Aunt Esther always gives us a last minute inspection so that our ears and faces are clean.

## GOING TO CHURCH

"Church services are held first in 'pidgin.' We are learning to sing the native songs and to keep time with our hands. Our Sunday School class is with the native children. Just now we are studying the story of Creation. We haven't any Sunday School rooms like you have at home, so we sit on the ground outside. Our class got the shield last quarter for the best attendance."

Glennis Ganstrom says, "I like to sleep in our nice beds, and learn how to write."

Joy Holzimmer says, "At recess time we usually play Hide and Go Seek, Little Sally Saucer, Ring Around the Rosy, Red Rover, Mother May I, and Last Couple Out."

## SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Norris Ganstrom says, "Often the nurses and the others at Banso invite us in for lunch on Sundays. We love this for the nurses read us stories, share their funny papers and play very active games with us. Sometimes they even take pictures of us. Sometimes we stay for supper. This means we take our naps on their rugs for there are not enough beds about. We sometimes can eat supper on the lawn if the weather is nice."



Children of our Cameroons' missionaries who were at the Annual Missionaries' Conference held at Banso in December 1952, and some of whom are now in the Banso School for missionaries' children conducted by Miss Esther Schultz.

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Judy Michelson says, "I like school because it is so attractive."

Walter Gebauer says, "I like school because we learn to read."

Auntie Esther says: "Now you have met our little family. We are all growing fatter and taller. Dresses have to have the hems let down! We send our best wishes for a good year in your schools. May God bless you all. Goodbye!"

# Drum Major Instincts of Life

From the book of sermons, "Ride the Wild Horses" and preached by the pastor of the famed Drive-in Church of St. Petersburg, Fla., where each Sunday the congregation numbers in the thousands and many people hear every word from the parked cars through the use of special electric equipment

By DR. J. WALLACE HAMILTON of the Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg, Florida

"They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory" (MARK 10:37).

WE ALL HAVE the drum major instinct. We all want to be important, to surpass others, to achieve distinction, to lead the parade. Or—as Carl Sandburg once put it—"We all want to play Hamlet." Alfred Adler, one of the fathers of modern psychiatry, names it the **dominant** impulse in human nature. He thinks the desire for recognition, the wish to be significant, is stronger than that of sex, which Freud put first.

While we may be provoked with James and John for asking Jesus to put them first—like soldiers holding up the battle until they have made sure of their promotion—we should in fairness admit that in a thousand subtle ways we too have tried to be drum major.

## SPOTLIGHT OF ATTENTION

We begin early to ask life to put us first. Our first cry as a baby was a bid for attention; even as we ran the gauntlet of bottles and safety-pins, we learned cute and clever ways of getting ourselves into the spotlight in the center of the stage. All through childhood the drum major instinct is a major obsession; unashamedly, children ask life to grant them first place; they are little bundles of ego, the magnification of which is their first concern. Without any formality whatever, and often without any courtesy either, they push themselves to the front, and reach for the insignia of social approval. They strive for recognition and pre-eminence, as though their very security depended on it—as, indeed, to some extent, it does.

In adult life we still have it; we never quite grow out of it. Why do we want to sing solos, paint pictures, or preach sermons? To help people, of course. But that is not the full reason. We would be surprised to see, if we could analyze objectively, how much the drum major instinct enters



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into everything we do. We like to do something good, and we like to be praised for it. Most of us are not quite sure of ourselves, or of our place in the esteem of others: we welcome

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This sermon was sent for publication in the "Baptist Herald" by Mr. William Schmidt, a member of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., a former denominational leader, and a reader of our paper for many years. He and his family are now living in retirement at St. Petersburg, Florida. He wrote: "Dr. Hamilton is one of our dear friends, and I would rate him as one of the world's greatest preachers. No doubt, many of our own people, who came here to St. Petersburg, from all over America would be pleased to read about this work and man of God."

praise because it re-establishes our self-esteem and gives us a temporary lift over the low opinion we have of ourselves.

The warm glow we feel when we hear ourselves applauded, when we see our names in print, is vitamin A to our ego. Praise has never made anyone unhappy; we like it even when we know we don't deserve it. We like it when we don't believe it and, as someone has said, we dislike it only when we hear it bestowed too much on others. Bishop Berry used to say that if a man can enjoy hearing his predecessor praised or his competitor complimented, he is qualified as an authority on the doctrine of entire sanctification.

## A MOTHER'S WISH

In Matthew's Gospel it is the mother of James and John who sought the promotion of her sons. That makes the story still more human, for parents have their daydreams, too. What we fail to achieve as parents we cherish for our children. It isn't all bad; it's a poor hen that won't scratch for her own chicks!

The mother of James and John dreamed, as all Hebrew mothers dreamed, of a coming King of Israel who would set Jerusalem free, establish his court on Mount Zion, and in righteousness rule the world. What honor could her sons have greater than to be the envy of all the mothers in Israel? "Command that these my sons sit on the right and the left in thy Kingdom."

What a monstrous tyrant it can be—this ego that wants to lead the parade, that elbows other people out of the way in the struggle to be first! Here start many of life's tragedies. For false pride, is, indeed, a major sin. In one way or another, the powerful instinct for pre-eminence will find an outlet.

Consider the havoc it has wrought in the distortion of personality. Some timid folks become oppressively aggressive. Or, tormented by inferiority,

they build themselves up by boasting until we pity them. Some fight for a place in the sun by way of envious gossip; they try to push themselves ahead by pulling the other fellow back. Some even turn criminal in order to be noticed—like the child that would rather be spanked than ignored. The criminal gains a sense of importance from being feared by everybody; take his gun away, and he becomes a frightened little man.

Think of how the drum major instinct has contributed to snobbishness, setting man against man, group against group, even as it set the disciples quarreling, two against ten. It is the kind of strife that stirs up the silt in the soul. When some of us get the idea that we are better than the others around us, when we get the idea that we are just naturally superior and ordained of the Lord to be first—then trouble really starts!

## DESIRE FOR DISPLAY

Someone has said that we have so much "organization-itis" in this country because in a democracy like ours we have no outlets for display such as they enjoy in a monarchy. We can't become kings or queens or princes. We have none of the pomp and pageantry that go with royalty. So we take it out in cliques and clubs, satisfying our hunger for display by joining something that seems exclusive, in which we can stand above the common herd. To have our own little set, to be able to exclude others, tickles our vanity and gives us a delicious sense of superiority.

But beware of the snobbishness this breeds. That is **not** harmless! Witness the spectacle of a filibuster in the United States Senate over the Negro question; is that not rooted in the idea that some of us, by reason of our white skins, are ordained of God to be first? That is not harmless in a world in which the Communist is bidding for the man we are shutting out.

But lay hold now on the answer of Jesus. Our familiarity with the words of Jesus has made them almost commonplace, and that is bad, for they are highly significant. We would expect Jesus to lash the two selfish ones with stinging words of rebuke—especially inasmuch as he was even then on his way to the cross. He would have been perfectly justified in turning on them angrily, as he turned on Peter with his "Get thee behind me, Satan."

## REAL GREATNESS

But no—he didn't do that at all! Instead, he indicated his awareness of the presence of the universal craving for importance. Far from rebuking it, or even curbing it, he lifted it up above the immediate occasion and said, in effect, "You want to be important. You want to surpass others,



A typical Sunday morning congregation at the Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg, Florida. The auditorium and Goodwin chapel seat 1200; the outdoor sanctuary has seats for 1500 and beyond that, automobile space for 3500 cars; total capacity 10,500.

and be great among men. All right. You should! To be my disciples you must! But be sure that it is real greatness you are after. Be sure it is a greatness worthy of God. If you would excel, excel in goodness. If you want to be first, be first in moral excellence. **Make the strong force of your ambition the servant of high spiritual enterprise.**

I say again that our familiarity with his words makes it too easy to miss his real point. Knowing them so well, we fail to see in them the tremendous difference between his suggested use of this instinct and our own superficial, negative notion that our human pride is something to be ashamed of and that is sinful in us to want to get ahead of others.

## IMPORTANT PEOPLE

Some cynic has said, "Neither an egg nor an ego is any good until you break it." Jesus never believed that; the truth is, he spent much of his time teaching plain people that they were highly important—more important than they realized—and that it was sinful for them to be content with being nobody. God had made them great! Furthermore, he encouraged in his followers the ambition to be superior. What do ye more than others? You must be better than others; except your righteousness exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees you are not fitted for God's Kingdom.

A Methodist bishop, examining a class of candidates for the ministry, asked them if they had a strong desire for pre-eminence in their chosen work. To a man they replied, in humble accent, that such was not their desire. "Then," said the bishop, "you are a sorry lot, all of you."

When they had caught their breath, he went on to explain that no one so much as Jesus had fired the ambitions

of men and so helped little people to be big. "Just be sure it is real greatness that you get," he said to these very earthly disciples who wanted to be first. "Take the road that leads to that. I can't give you greatness, nor make you first. Nobody can. You must earn it. True greatness comes not by favoritism but by fitness. The right hand and the left hand are not mine to give; they belong to those who are prepared."

## DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR

There was a house-painter, during the days of President Taft's administration, whose wife, knowing the President personally, kept pestering him to appoint her husband to the post of Secretary of Commerce. The genial Taft tried to cushion his refusal by suggesting that so important a post required a big man, a man prepared by long training to meet its demands. That didn't faze her, one bit. That would take care of itself: if the President would just appoint him to the position, then he **would** be a big man! That, too, may have been in the minds of James and John. Once seated on the left and the right of Jesus, they would be big just because they sat there.

It troubled Jesus that men were so slow to understand the difference between **appearing** to be big and **being** big. All around him were men laboring under the false concept; all around him were people with unworthy delusions of grandeur. The Romans of his day lorded it over the weaker peoples of the world, trying to appear more important than they were. The souls of men everywhere were made for greatness but were missing it because they sought it in ways that never lead to it. They all wanted to play Hamlet, all reached for an im-

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# Let the Facts Speak for Themselves!

The author, who is a 92-year-old saint of God, the former business manager of our Publication Society, expresses his burning convictions about our beloved denomination after reading the "1952 Conference Reports" and realizing the need of revitalized churches and of a great army of prayer warriors!

By MR. H. P. DONNER of Chagrin Falls, Ohio

"THE MINUTES of the General Conference and the Annual Conference Reports," a volume that has recently come from the press, makes good reading. I have been perusing it and have found it fascinating. It is a mirror of our denominational life. I recommend its wide distribution.

The vital things which that book reveals are momentous. One lives through the proceedings of the 30th session of our General Conference. The happenings are laden with enthusiasms. One is deeply impressed that God is in the midst of his people. We bow in deep humility before him, marvelling at what he has wrought.

## REVEALING STATISTICS

The several reports of the co-operating societies speak of progress and, in several instances, beyond anything achieved heretofore. Barring some overoptimism and the silence on problems and difficulties confronting the societies, the resume covering the past triennium is heartening. Surely, the Lord has honored the service of his people much beyond their deserts.

The statistics, speaking loudly in figures, are revealing. Looking at the financial statements, one is amazed at the response which our churches have made to the missionary appeal. Our people have shown a willingness to give themselves to the enlightenment of tribes and peoples sitting in darkness and superstition and leading them to the knowledge of him who is the Light of the world.

May the power of God be on our self-sacrificing missionaries in the homeland and in the lands beyond the seas! Many have made decisions that determine their status in life. Our churches have gotten behind these projects by assuming the support of the missionaries of the various fields. They have shown a willingness to devote large sums to this impelling cause. They have become an inspiration to the entire fellowship.

This brings rejoicing to our entire body. This enhances the glory of our Christ. He is still walking among the golden candlesticks.

Now we must turn to the tabulation of the churches as found in the reports of the nine annual conferences. What is found there is saddening and humbling. Should we, otherwise, have become elated over the glowing outlook, we now bow before a startling revelation which injects an ominous shadow into the picture that seemed so promising.

## NO BAPTISMS!

Let the facts speak for themselves! Of the 274 churches reporting, 98 of them failed to report a single baptism. The inference is that not a single soul was won for the Lord during the conference year. Which are these churches? It would not be discreet to single them out. They can be classified, however.

You may say, these are the smaller churches, or you may argue that they may have been pastorless. This is true in some instances. Forty of these barren churches, if I may use the term, have a membership of between 100 and 200. Seven of them count over 200 on their lists. Two are considerably larger. This means that exactly one-third of the churches of our fellowship have failed in one of the important, possibly the most important, mission enjoined upon them.

It might be added that 30 churches not included in the 98 had baptisms of one or two; some a trifle more. Supposing some of these churches were pastorless. Does that excuse a New Testament church? Does the pastor alone have the responsibility for the winning of souls? What if the church was small? Does it not recognize that the way, and the only right way to grow in numbers is to win people to the Lord?

What can be done about it? While this is a somber picture, rather than let it be discouraging, it should be said that some of our churches were very fruitful. That fact ought to impress us that there is hope for revival.

These tables stare you in the face. Some facts cannot be effaced. They speak louder than words. They tell us of losses. Our 274 churches report

losses by death, expulsion and erasure. Death claimed 387, exclusions 187, erasures 621. The total losses for these reasons amounted to 1195. Most of these will not be recovered. Our gains of 1851 by baptisms were greater than the losses but if there had not been so many exclusions and so many erasures, our net increase in membership would have been materially greater. We are losing too many members.

While in this somber phase of our analysis, let us study the data thus revealed. How about the exclusions? Forty-three churches practiced exclusions and 78 erasures. Six in the latter column reported the dismissal of 222. What are the deductions?

## TRAGIC LOSSES

Erasures exceeded exclusions considerably. That seems to be an easier way of solving problems. It may also indicate a lack of conviction, or even spiritual experience in those who have applied for membership. Or it may point to an absence of care in receiving new applicants without evidence of regeneration, who then deceive themselves and are classed with the "mixed multitudes," becoming troublesome or disappearing from the fellowship. It might also indicate a failure to look after the flock.

As I write, I wonder what would happen if there were no column for "Erasures." Also, I cannot find that such provision was made in the statistics of the early church. To be frank, the Pentecostal Church seemed not to tabulate details. We know that discipline was practiced. In the vigorous Corinthian church grievous sins sprang up, but discipline was observed. Paul, the ideal shepherd, saw to that. Could it have been God's plan for the purity of the church to remove by expulsion or possibly by death as in the case of Ananias and Sapphira? These are serious reflections!

In summing up these findings drawn from our denominational statistics the question naturally arises, "What can be done about it?" Or, can nothing be done? Is the present state of

affairs to be continued? Have we reached the pinnacle of achievement? Are we to perpetuate the spiritual standard maintained with fluctuations for a hundred years? Or is there a possibility, if not a likelihood of reaching out for a standard of spiritual vitality approximating the life of the primitive church?

This is not a casual question. It strikes at the roots of the New Testament norm. Have we the faith sincerely to desire and to meet the exacting conditions of a revitalized church? Is it possible in our day?

Even if there are evidences of spiritual strength in our ranks, there exists a very great need, a need of a new power that will come over every one of our churches. We need a visitation from on high, a renewal of what happened on the day the church was born. We need a Pentecost!

Considering the condition in which we find ourselves, it seems too much to be hoped for. The coming of such power will have revolutionary results. It will bring us to our knees in a humbling experience. Things that are being condoned, our compromises with the revealed truth of God's Word, our slighting of the New Testament precepts, our appalling indifference, our coldness, our materialism, all of which are sinful, will be swept out by the Spirit of God in his resistless power.

Possibly the most insurmountable obstacle is the lack of genuine desire to make this experience. We now seem quite complacent to have things continue as they are. We are so far removed from the zeal of the early church.

## PREVAILING PRAYER

There is only one hope. It is in the omnipotent God. He can rend the heavens and come down. Nothing is too hard for him. He can perform the unlikely. If we will cry to him, he will act. It is all within his purpose. It is the genius of the Gospel. He gave his Son, the Redeemer of the world, that this might be done.

Where are the intercessors? Can there be prevailing prayer? If we can pray the prayer of faith in the name of the triumphant Christ, in whom all power in heaven and on earth is vested, who is our Advocate with the Father, this thing can happen. We need it to happen soon in this generation, in this decade, in this triennium.

Remember what Jesus said before he gave his life on the cross, as quoted in John 14:13-14 and 15:16. If we can claim these promises, the power will come. This will be greater than anything we have heretofore witnessed in the history of our fellowship. And how will the name of our Lord be magnified!



—Photography by Harold M. Lambert

The Christian churches need a visitation from on high, a renewal of what happened on the day the church was born. We need a Pentecost.

It has been my privilege to read the copies of the reports of our missionaries and here again there is cause for exultation and profound gratitude to God for his marvels of grace. I wonder if it is well known to our people that our Cameroons mission reports 187 organized churches which are indigenous with tribal pastors, having a membership of over 8000 natives. Into these churches, 1808 of these natives were baptized during the past year. This number almost equals the baptisms of our American and Canadian churches. It greatly rejoices our hearts to know how richly God has poured out his grace on the land of the Cameroons.

## POWER IS NEEDED

But when you read the experiences of our missionaries, there is joy and sadness; joy over the miracles of God's love, mingled with sorrows over the defeats sustained in districts that could not be served owing to our limitations. In some instances there were backslidings and a falling back into the darkness from which they came. It makes the heart bleed.

And so the conviction is forced upon us that even there in Africa, as well as on the other fields, this same supernatural power is needed for continued progress. We need the power at home in such a volume as to overflow on the work entrusted to us on distant fields. Oh, that we might pray down this power from the heights of heaven that our North American Baptist fellowship, with its outstations, will reflect the zeal and ardor and devotion of the earthly church!

It may seem unthinkable but it is not impossible with God. It is a big thing to expect but it is not too hard for him who is the Source of all power and who in the fulness of time sent the Son of his love that this very thing might be accomplished.

## IMPORTANT FOOTNOTE

The Spirit of God has put it on my heart to be an intercessor that our fellowship may experience the revival, pleaded for herein, a revival of God's own making, with the Holy Spirit taking over that will sweep through our entire field. But I feel so alone. I need help and am wondering if there are not a few who will join me in this supplication.

I am thinking primarily of those who are retired, who have the time to devote longer periods to unceasing prayer. Possibly there are such living in our Homes for the Aged, who will agree with me in the sense of Matthew 18:19. However, I would welcome anyone into such a prayer-fellowship so that we can claim God's promises. If anyone feels the inner urge, please drop me a line, even a postcard, assuring me you have joined me as an intercessor.

There is no thought of any kind of an organization. We simply agree to pray. Address me at 31739 Shaker Boulevard, Rt. 3, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

## IMPORTANT LITERATURE

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# Church Dedication and Other Events

## A Variety of Reports from the Field

### Dedication of the New Edifice of the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas

On Sunday, May 31, members and friends of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kans., gathered to dedicate the new sanctuary to the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The activities of the day were begun by a short service at the main entrance of the building. A few remarks and scripture were given by Mr. Leon Bill and prayer was offered by Mr. Walter W. Grosser of Oak Park, Ill.

The formal presentation of the church keys were then made to Mr. Daniel Meschberger, chairman of the building committee, by Mr. Roy Hatfield, the building contractor. After the unlocking of the doors, the members and friends filed into the church as the choir sang "Holy, Holy, Holy."

The Sunday School hour was conducted by Mr. Harve Fritzeimer, Sunday School superintendent, who in turn introduced the Rev. Otto Roth, who was pastor of the church from 1926 to 1930 and who is now superintendent of the North American Baptist Old People's Home of Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Roth spoke to the Sunday School on the four types of people to be found in the school.

Immediately following the Sunday School hour, the Rev. Theo. Frey, member of the church, led the congregation in the morning worship service. The invocation was given by the Rev.

H. Palfenier, denominational evangelist. For those who were present it was, indeed, a glorious service. We were happy that the sister churches of Ellinwood and Bison were able to dismiss their morning service and come and worship with us. We were also glad for the assistance of their pastors in the worship service.

The Rev. Jack Block of Bison read the Scripture passage and the Rev. Elmer Strauss of Ellinwood led in prayer. The high point of the service was the sermon delivered by Dr. George A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He addressed the congregation on "Our Church Family." The theme of this message was that we are no longer foreigners and strangers to God but that all God's people are members of the family of God forever.

After the noon meal the formal dedication of the church building was held. The dedicatory service was under the direction of the Rev. Charles B. Thole, a member of the church. The invocation was given by the Rev. Jack Block of Bison and Scripture was read by the Rev. H. Palfenier, denominational evangelist. Dr. George A. Lang delivered the dedicatory sermon titled, "A Spiritual House." It was based on the proposition that we are all living stones in the House of God. The dedicatory prayer was given by the Rev. Alfred Weisser who was the pastor of the church from 1933 to 1941 and now serving our church in Parkston,

South Dakota. The remaining part of the service was given to greetings from visiting pastors.

The young people of the church had charge of the final service in the evening. The meeting was opened by a song service led by Mr. Donald Schimpf. Mr. Kenneth Howe read the Scripture and Mr. Joe Fritzemeyer led in prayer. A girls' trio composed of Wanda Stalcup, Della Ann Brinkman and Thais Glenn sang "Bless This House." The final message of the day, "The Challenge of the Future," was given by Dr. George A. Lang.

The services of the church choir in both the morning and afternoon under the direction of Mrs. Arvil Piepmeier were greatly appreciated and enjoyed. The day was one to be long remembered by the members and friends of the church as a high point in spiritual blessing.

Leon Bill, Reporter.

### Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Joe Sonnenberg at Camrose, Alberta

The three-year ministry of the Rev. and Mrs. Joe Sonnenberg at the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alta., was brought to a close at the farewell services held on Sunday, May 31st.

The morning service was conducted by Mr. Sonnenberg in the usual manner. Upon special request, the Sonnenbergs favored us with a beautiful vocal duet, "Waiting on Jesus." For

his farewell message, our pastor chose his text from John 1:6-7. Following the morning service, all those present were invited to a delicious fellowship dinner served by the Mission Circle. The ladies also presented Mr. and Mrs. Sonnenberg with a boutonniere of carnations and a corsage.

At 2:30 P.M. a farewell program was presented when once again the church was filled to capacity by members of the congregation and numerous visiting friends. Mr. George Soderstrom acted as chairman. Mr. Paul Weisser expressed thanks and best wishes on behalf of the Sunday School, and two Junior girls, Ruth Lemke and Lila Lange, then sang the duet, "Jesus Will Walk With Me." Mrs. George Soderstrom and Mr. Fred Gerber spoke on behalf of the Mission Circle and Men's Brotherhood, respectively, after which Mrs. and Mr. Asoph Lange sang the duet, "A Mansion Over the Hilltop."

After speeches by Joyce Miller representing the young people and Mr. Robert Neske representing the choir, Marjorie Link and Joyce Miller sang, "Be Thou Near." Mr. George Traster then spoke on behalf of the church. The German selection, "Jesus will ich folgen," was sung by Mrs. Frank Lemke and Mrs. Richard Hickman. The Sonnenbergs were presented with a large dictionary and a mix-master as a gift from the church and its organizations. The presentation was made by Mr. Art Gerber.

The thoughts expressed by all of the representative speakers were very similar, each expressing thanks for the help which the pastor and his wife have been to us and wishing them and their family God's blessing in their new field of service. The Rev. Gordon Schiek of the Camrose Church of God and the Rev. David Lockhart of the Camrose Baptist Church also expressed appreciation for their friendship and fellowship during the past three years. The final speaker was the Rev. Henry Schumacher of Wetaskiwin.

After fitting responses and expressions of gratitude by the Sonnenbergs, Mr. Robert Neske sang the solo, "When the Gates Open for Me." In closing, we all joined in singing, "God be with you till we meet again," and the Rev. Joe Sonnenberg closed with prayer.

As a congregation, we feel a great sense of loss and our hearts are saddened as they leave. Yet we are comforted to know that God's ways are best. We feel certain that God has much in store for them in their new field of service at the Foster Avenue Church of Chicago, Ill., and God will also supply our needs.

Joyce Miller, Reporter.

### Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Joe Sonnenberg by Chicago's Foster Avenue Church

After many months of waiting for immigration formalities to be taken care of, the happy day had finally arrived on June 10, when we of the Foster Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., could greet our new pastor and his family, the Rev. and Mrs. Joe Sonnenberg, formerly of Camrose, Alta., Canada. That first meeting with our pastor was our usual prayer meeting night. They were hallowed moments

—Photo by Kurt Finzel  
The Rev. and Mrs. Joe Sonnenberg are welcomed to Chicago by the Rev. John E. Grygo and others at the reception held for Mr. and Mrs. Sonnenberg and family by the Foster Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois.



spent together before God's throne, pledging anew to do our best for the Master.

On Sunday, June 14, our Sunday School presented a fine Children's Day program, with a message by our pastor and dedication of six little children also conducted by the Rev. Joe Sonnenberg.

The reception for Mr. and Mrs. Sonnenberg was held on Tuesday, June 16. The sanctuary was beautifully decorated with peonies, roses and jasmine, an expression of the joy which was in the hearts of the donors and of all of us. Anthems by our mixed choir and male chorus under the direction of Mr. Herbert Pankratz gave voice to the festive spirit of the occasion.

Our sister churches had been invited. Heart-warming words of welcome and good wishes were expressed by the visiting pastors: Rev. R. Kern, Rev. Wm. Schoeffel and Rev. J. Grygo. Rev. A. Schlesinger led in prayer. Further words of welcome and good wishes were spoken by Rev. J. C. Gunst, secretary of CBY and SS Union; Rev. Johann Kuhn, for the German members of our church, and Mr. Edward Meister, as chairman of the pulpit committee. The officers of the church and the presidents of the organizations were presented to the pastor by the chairman of the evening, Mr. Walter Pankratz, our vice-moderator.

#### PICTURE ON FRONT COVER

The picture of the Vacation Bible School of the Bethel Church, Salem, Ore., appears on the front cover of this issue. This fine group in front of the church is typical of many Vacation Bible Schools held in our churches which prove to be such a blessing to the children of the churches and communities.

Dr. Martin Leuschner in his remarks sounded a note of warning that, along with joy and happiness, the future would doubtless also bring disappointments and discouragements to pastor and people. The speaker then directed attention to the last verses of Psalm 27, wherein we are admonished to "wait on the Lord" and to "be of good courage" and thus find help and strength in all our problems.

After the response by Mr. and Mrs. Sonnenberg, the congregational singing of "Lead On, O King Eternal" and the closing prayer by our pastor, refreshments were served in the lower auditorium and a time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Louise Zoch, Church Clerk.

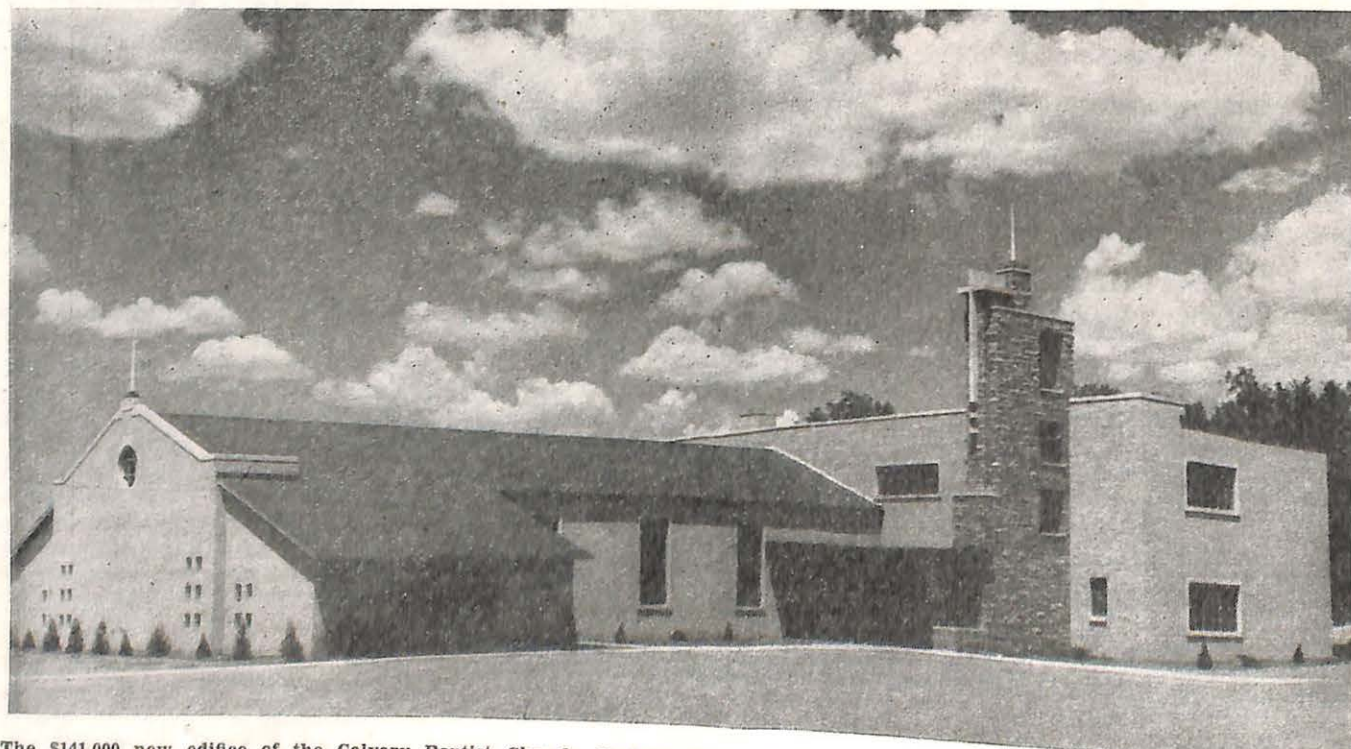
### Vacation Bible School With 70 Children at Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon

A very successful Vacation Bible School was held at the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Ore., from June 1 to 12. Seventy children were enrolled and there was an average attendance of fifty. The following served as teachers and helpers: Mrs. Norma Hedberg, Miss Norma Kuper, Mrs. Alyce Willecke, Miss Marie Schindler, Mrs. Doris Brown, Miss Ruth Rae, Mrs. Christine Kuhn, Mrs. Lydia Schirman, Mrs. Edith Sunderland and Mrs. Margot Woyke. The pastor, the Rev. Rudolph Woyke, served as superintendent.

The school was made up of three departments: Beginners, Primary and Junior. Six children made an open profession of faith in Christ as Savior for which we praise the Lord. We pray that they may be true followers of Christ through all of life.

The demonstration program was held on Sunday evening, June 14th. A large and appreciative audience witnessed the program.

Rudolph Woyke, Pastor.



The \$141,000 new edifice of the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kans., which was dedicated to the glory of God on Sunday, May 31st. —Hampton Studio Photo

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Carbon Baptist Church of Carbon, Alta., has extended a call to the Rev. Willy R. Muller, pastor of the Lauderdale Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., since 1951, to which he has responded favorably. He will begin his pastorate in Carbon on Sept. 15, succeeding the Rev. J. C. Rott, who is now serving an American Baptist Convention church in Washington.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Dale Chaddock of the Arnold Baptist Church, Union, Pa., have announced the birth of a son on June 15 who has been named Robert Dale. This is their third child. The Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Waltereit of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., have sent an announcement about the birth of a son on June 23, who has been named James William. This is also their third child.

● The Rev. Jack Block presented his resignation as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bison, Kans., on Sunday, June 14, and announced that he hoped to enroll in the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., this fall. During the summer months he and his family are in California, working in fruit canning factories and earning money for the past school year. Mr. Block served as pastor of the Bison church since 1951.

● On Sunday evening, June 25, the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., baptized eleven converts who will be received with one other person at a communion service to be held on Sunday, August 2nd. A Vacation Bible School was held by the First Church of Leduc in July with Miss Ruth Grabia in charge and at the Ard Schalm, student pastor for the summer, acting as superintendent.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. Manuel Wolff of Grand Forks, N. Dak., to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Wolff is a 1953 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He and his wife began their ministry in Gackle and Alfred on August 1st, succeeding the Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Rutsch.



Dr. Donald G. Davis, pastor of the Berean Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., which was recently recognized by a council of Baptist Churches of the California Association and welcomed into the North American Baptist fellowship at the Pacific Conference.

● Dr. George A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., attended the annual conference of the Association of American Baptist Educational Institutions held at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wis., from June 26 to 29. About 70 presidents and public relations officials of these institutions were in attendance. Dr. Marong, headmaster of the Peddie Institute in New Jersey, is the president of the association.

● Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bohmert of Dallas, Texas, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on June 3rd with a special service of recognition at the

### AUGUST 13th NUMBER

The August 13th number of the "Baptist Herald" will be abbreviated to 16 pages. No issue will be entirely omitted, as last year. However, the space for reports will be drastically curtailed during the next few weeks. Keep your reports brief and send them promptly. Be patient with the management if some delays are necessary.

Carroll Ave. Church, of which the Rev. Harold W. Gieseke is pastor. The church gave them a platform rocker as a gift. The Carroll Ave. Church celebrated its 62nd anniversary on June 19. A Vacation Bible School was held from June 8 to 12 with 69 children enrolled and with an average attendance of 60. The church also participated in the Billy Graham evangelistic meetings held in Dallas in June.

● On Sunday, June 14, Dr. Arthur Ittermann presented his resignation as pastor of the Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, and announced that he had accepted the offer of the Central Baptist Theological Seminary of Kansas City, Kans., to serve as its representative doing promotional work in the interest of the seminary's expansion program. He will begin his new ministry on Sept. 1st. He has served the Elgin church since 1948. Dr. Ittermann received his Th.D. degree from Central Baptist Seminary several years ago.

● A reception for Mrs. Lydia K. Kaaz of Chicago, Ill., on the occasion of her 80th birthday was held at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., on Saturday afternoon, July 11. Mrs. Kaaz is widely known and deeply beloved in our denominational circles. She is the widow of the Rev. Herman Kaaz and with her husband served the following churches, among others, with distinction: Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa., 1904 to 1919; Forest Park Church, Forest Park, Ill., 1920-1927.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alta., participated in evangelistic meetings held in the Exhibition Hall of the Stampede Grounds of the city from June 14 to 28 with ten other churches taking part. The Janz Quartet including Leo Janz as evangelist were in charge of the revival. About 2000 persons were in attendance at some of the largest meetings. The Rev. E. Gutsche, pastor of the Grace Church, participated in some of the worship services and announced that the meetings had been a great blessing to his church.

● The Rev. Peter Pfeiffer of the Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa, preached his farewell sermon on Sunday morning, June 28, on the challenging topic, "Your Future Looks

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

### MEET JAMES D. BILLETER OF PORTLAND, OREGON

Meet another one of our officers; this time from the Pacific Conference.

We take pleasure to introduce to our readers James D. Billeter (and his family), Council Member at Large for the CBY & SS Union. His wife, Margaret, is church organist at the Trinity Church in Portland, Oregon. James David, Jr., aged six years, and Jean Kathryn, aged five years, are important members of the Sunday School.

James D. Billeter was born July 18, 1917 in Portland, Oregon. We have not been informed how long he has been a member of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland. James served as president of the Oregon Baptist League for two years, leading the group into new ventures and giving evidence of fine growth.

At present, he is the Sunday School superintendent at Trinity Church, responsible for a Sunday School with over 400 enrolled. He has a staff of more than 50 Sunday School workers. One would conclude that this is a full-time job, but James is a traveling salesman by profession, covering the states of Oregon, Washington and Western Idaho. Once a year his office on the Executive Committee takes him to Forest Park, Ill., for the annual meetings.

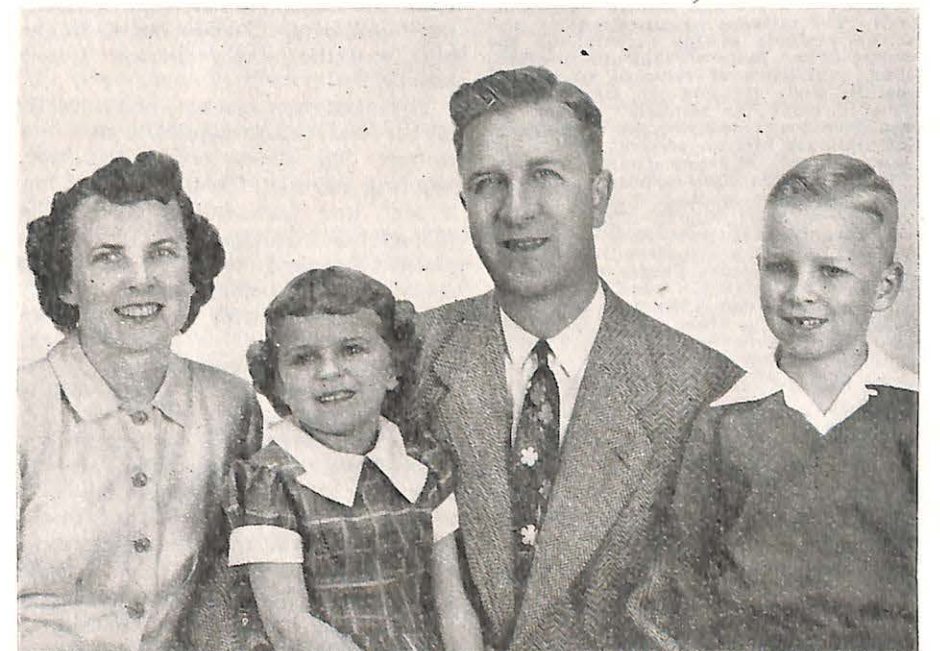
In his own words he says:

"I consider it a great privilege to greet and meet all Christian friends on this page of the BAPTIST HERALD. It was a great thrill to be asked by the CBY & SS Union after the General Conference of 1952 to serve you on the Executive Board as Council Member at Large.

"After returning from the annual meeting of the Executive Board at Forest Park in February, I am more than ever enthused and encouraged in the great work of our Lord that lies before us. The opportunities for service for consecrated Christian young people is greater today than at any time in our history. Some of our constituency are planning to enter full-time service, either at home or in the foreign mission fields. We thank the Lord for these. But to those of us who remain at home as lay workers, great opportunities present themselves for Christ's work in and around our homes, at work and in the neighborhoods of our churches.

"The Sunday School, the strongest arm of the church, needs the help of every member to further its great responsibilities in the Kingdom's work. Great days of spiritual revival, enthusiasm and growth are in store for the churches which put their labors, efforts and strength behind the Sunday School. Workers full of enthusiasm, fire and faith are needed. The

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Mr. and Mrs. James D. Billeter of Portland, Ore., and their children, James David, Jr., and Jean Kathryn.

Bright." On that evening the church held a farewell reception for him and his family. On July 3rd the Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Krueger arrived in Burlington to begin their interim pastorate with the church. Mr. Pfeiffer began his pastorate at the Central Church of Erie, Pa., on Sunday, July 12. He also received his Master of Arts degree in the field of church history from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., in June.

● The CBY of Elgin, Iowa, opened its year's work with a Family Fellowship Night on Monday, June 1st. Loreen Ittermann, the new president, was in charge. The main feature of the program was the sound film, "I Saw Petra," the story of the ancient city of the Edomites. Miss Luella Miller of Keokuk, Iowa, a former member of the Elgin church, gave an organ recital on Sunday evening, May 31. Also taking part was her voice pupil, Dale Douglas, boy soprano, who sang several classical selections. "The Master's Messengers," Seminary quartet, brought inspirational messages in sermon and song on Sunday morning, June 7th.

● Sunday, June 28, was a festive day for the Bethany Church of Lethbridge, Alta., when more than 300 members and friends of the church gathered at Park Lake, twelve miles northeast of Lethbridge, for a baptismal service. The Rev. Otto Ertis, pastor, baptized 37 converts in the out-of-door baptismal service. The Rev. R. Milbrandt, Northern Conference worker, brought the message. In the afternoon an out-of-door communion service was held at which Mr. Ertis received 13 other persons by letter and experience, making a total of 50 new members. The Lethbridge Church now has a membership of 241. It also conducts a mission at Picture Butte, Alberta.

● The Emery Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., held a Vacation Bible School from May 25 through June 5 with a total enrollment of 111 persons and an average attendance of 99, including the teachers. Twenty-four teachers gave of their time and talents to make the school a success. A total of \$105 was given in offerings during the Bible School for the New Hope Leper Settlement in the Cameroons. On Friday evening, June 5, a program was given in which another offering was taken and \$153 were added for this project. Two films on the leper work were also shown. On May 16 singers from the C.T.I. in Edmonton, Alta., gave a sacred concert; on May 17 the "Master's Messengers" quartet from Sioux Falls, S. Dak., presented their program; and on May 31 the Rev. J. H. Kornelsen presented the challenge of the Rural Bible Crusade. In each instance an offering was taken.



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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. He also became engaged to Jenny Grant. Then he and Jenny Grant were married. Four days later they were notified that Dr. Grant had had a heart attack. They returned home at once. Dr. Grant, knowing the end was near for him, asked Steve if he couldn't carry on at St. Paul's Church for a while. The next Saturday he was in his study preparing his sermon when Dian Lockwood, the rich girl of the town, dressed in her riding attire, stood in the doorway.

### CHAPTER THIRTEEN

"MAKE it a good sermon, preacher," she said lightly, a faint trace of satire in her tone. "We're used to the best at St. Paul's. And do you have to frown like that?"

"I always frown when I concentrate," I said.

"Don't concentrate, then. It ruins your appearance."

"I could not miss her effrontery, her sarcasm, but I could only hold my

peace. She was not the same girl who had disturbed me when I was a boy. Rising, I said, "It's a nice day for riding."

"It's perfect, Steve," she said, and I felt the impact of her slightly mocking familiarity. "I rode far up in the hills, and the beauty got me. I love beauty."

The mixture of mockery and sincerity in her was rather confusing at times to me. She strode across the floor, ignoring the fact I hadn't offered her a seat, and sank into a chair. She tapped her gleaming boots while she glanced around at the sweeping shelves of books along the walls. She went over and drew a volume from between others.

"Theology," she grimaced.

"There's poetry over there in the corner," I said.

"I like poetry. But not all poetry. I like Omar the Tent-maker. I hate Browning. Who is your favorite poet?"

"I'm torn between Isaiah and Paul."

She stared at me from gray eyes. "Oh, no? Please. Save them for the pulpit."

"They're good anywhere," I said.

With sudden restlessness she strode over to the door, stopped there a moment.

"By the way, how is Dr. Grant?"  
"He's no better. Had a bad night and Mrs. Grant is worried."

"If there is anything we can do, please call." And she was gone. I returned to my work on my sermon, aware that Dian had ruffled my thinking, left it a little ragged, and I was irritated at this.

An hour or so later Jenny came into the hallway, calling my name. I had just put the finishing touches on my work and looked up to see her pause at the door. She was pale, shaken. I knew immediately something was wrong.

"It's father. Oh, Steve—we may be too late—"

We hurried, hand in hand, through the glittering sunshine to the parsonage. As we moved through the door, Mrs. Grant came down the stairs. "He's gone," she said quietly, "but, oh, he went so peacefully, and with such blessed assurance." She was trying to be brave, but we knew the great loss she felt in her heart. Jenny stood clasping my hand, then ran up the stairs and threw her arms around her mother and wept. Her mother smoothed her daughter's hair in loving gesture, then held her close for a moment. But soon she raised her head, and through the tears a smile broke over her face. "Come, Jenny, we can't stand here weeping. Do you know what your father said once when we were talking?"

Jenny shook her head, wiping the tears from her eyes.

"He said, 'Don't grieve for me—you and Jenny—just remember all the happy times we've had together.' Let's try to do that." Together they came down the stairs where I stood.

Allan Grant had left us—but in another sense we knew he would always be with us.

It was three days after Dr. Grant's funeral. Jenny and her mother and I were going through his things. We did so with a sort of reverence, and we learned a great deal about him that afternoon. Jenny and her mother, with the tenderness of women, took charge of his clothes and asked me to go through his desk and study.

Never had I known what he meant to the congregation at St. Paul's. There were many letters, bound simply by a rubber band, from those whom he had helped: a young man who, like the Prodigal, had come to himself through a simple chat with Dr. Grant; a distraught father for whom Dr. Grant had found a job; a confused young woman who, having committed sin, had heard from Dr. Grant the message of pardon through the redeeming work of Christ. I read them all, every one, and read them again. I couldn't help showing them to Jenny and her mother. We wept as we read, but the tears were healing tears.

"Don't forget to take Allan's sermon notes, Steve. He wanted it that way, you know." I nodded. "And Father wanted you to have his books, too, Steve," Jenny added. He had thought of me even unto the end.

Then we released our emotion in conversation. We spoke of the funeral, of the message I had given, of the beauty and abundance of the flowers, of the many who had attended the service and done what they could to ease our grief.

"Old Mrs. Pratt even brought us a cake," said Jenny.

"Who brought that little bouquet of field daisies?" I asked. I remembered haven seen the tiny flowers in a small glass bottle beside the huge bouquets. "The little boy next door," Jenny explained. "Father always took him for walks in the woods."

"He meant so much to everyone at St. Paul's," said Mrs. Grant.

"And to me, too," I said huskily. "I'll never be able to measure the influence he has had on my life. Without him I wouldn't be here today. He's shown me the value and meaning of life—this one and the next." Then, with intentional abruptness, I said, "You know, there certainly was a huge crowd at the funeral. I even saw Dick there. That's the first he's been to church in a long, long time. I've got to see him again."

We walked to the study door. I closed it gently, almost reluctantly. As I walked down the long corridor toward the stairs, I felt as if, like Elisha, Elijah's mantle had fallen upon me and I was not worthy to wear it.

It had been some time since I had chatted with Dick. Several weeks back I had got him away from his young friends long enough to go swimming with me. We swam at the same hole where we had gone when I first returned to Gold Springs. But there was a difference this time. Between the fourteen-year-old and the eighteen-year-old there is a chasm. The changes were not only in his body, but in the toughness of his will and mind. He talked less, seemed less spontaneous and a little ill at ease. He had the deadly cynicism of the young fellow trying to decipher life, not having anything to tie to.

He was polite to me, too polite. We had become strangers. The sensation of defeat was strong in me as we returned from our swim.

"I haven't seen you in church lately, Dick," I said.

He evaded my eyes. "A guy's got to have some fun," he said.

"What's that got to do with going to church, fella?"

He seemed anxious to be away from me. "I don't think I go for religion much any more, Steve," he said bluntly.

The next few days were trying ones for me. There was some discussion

among the church elders as to whether I should be installed as permanent pastor. Adam Lockwood maintained that, though he liked me, he was afraid I was too inexperienced for the task. He made his opinion felt in the sessions.

I was somewhat chagrined by the disharmony in the sessions and was on the verge of withdrawing gracefully when Lockwood suddenly capitulated, and the three who stood with him, making it a unanimous call for me.

Later I was rather humiliated by the rumor that floated about, namely, that Dian had influenced her father in his decision.

A few days after my installation as official pastor of St. Paul's I went down to see Jason Gray in his office at the Chronicle. While I was there Tony Granite came in. He seemed in high spirits. I hadn't seen him since the day we talked on the street corner—where now stood the Gold Rush Night Club. His dream had materialized.

"Hiya, Jason," greeted Tony. He wore a bright sport shirt. "How are you, Steve? Making any impression on the heathen these days?"

"The heathen stay away from church," I said, "and build night clubs."

Tony laughed heartily. "Speaking of night clubs, look, Jason. Here's an ad I want you to run in your sheet. I want a half-page spread, with garnish!"

Jason peered at the sheet of paper Tony laid before him, and I saw his jaw harden. Tony was too eager about the ad to notice Jason's reaction.

"The Gold Rush Club, friend. Biggest, finest thing Gold Springs ever saw," Tony said. "Grand opening Saturday night. Everything free for the first hour!"

Jason Gray said, "I'm sorry, Tony." "Huh?" said Tony.

"I can't run it," said Jason.

Tony kept his smile, but his eyes turned cold. "That way, huh? Well, I sort of figured it would be. I guess the paper over in Placerville will run it."

"I never run liquor ads," said Jason. "I'm against booze."

"You mean you're against me," said Tony.

"I'm against booze. I can hate what a man does without hating him. I know what the Gold Rush Club will be, Tony. You can't, and won't, keep gambling out of it. And other things. It's in your blood. Maybe you can't help it. But I can't back you in the Chronicle. Not even for pay."

Tony's mouth thinned. "Do I have to take your little lecture with your refusal to run my ad?"

"Look, Tony," I said.

"Are you setting in?" His voice was cold.

"I'm setting in," I replied.

His look was a cold blaze. "We had a fight when we were kids, Steve. You licked me—then. You want to try it over again?"

"I won't be the one who licks you this time, Tony."

"Maybe you'll let God do it!" he sneered.

"I knew a man," said Jason, "who asked me why God didn't stop Hitler—when Hitler was going strong. I told him not to hurry God. That God would stop Hitler all right."

"Ahhh!" said Tony.

"I'll get hurt opposing you, Tony," I said. "We had some swell times together—once."

"Never mind the sentiments, fella! If you want to buck me go ahead. If you feel lucky!"

"Get this straight, Tony. I'm interested in two things—God and people. And there's a certain kid I happen to care for as if he were my own kid brother. You can't have him, Tony. His name is Dick Reubens."

Tony's face was iron. "Then keep the kid away from me. If you're so all-fired righteous, then teach the ones you love to follow you. People let their kids go out and learn the hard way; then they scream their stinking heads off because the kids like life the way they learned it. All you religious people are alike. In my book you're all stupid!"

I was pale, I know. I said, "Some of those kids who will come to you never had a chance. They practically came from the street, just like Dick would have—if it hadn't been for Jason here who took him in and gave him a home. You want to undo all Jason's done for the kid! And you talk about people being stupid!"

"I'll tell you what, Steve. You look after your own business and I'll look after mine. You attend to St. Paul's and I'll run the Gold Rush Club, huh?"

"No, Tony!" I said.

"What do you mean—'no'?"

"Your new night club is one thing—even with the gambling and other things you'll bring into it. I'll tell you one thing, though."

"Say it."

"I still have a hope that you have decency enough not to destroy the kids."

"You church people tickle me when you talk about decency. Who is decent? Is it that guy in St. Paul's with the fat wallet—Mr. Lockwood? He's cold-blooded as a wood-tick. He's sympathetic toward the underfed kids like a cat is toward a mouse. He has robbed his workers to make himself rich. He has the soul of a tulle-rat. And he's a big-jack on your board of elders. Now, if you're going to straighten out the world, why don't you get real brave and begin by tossing him out on his ear? Then you'd be a prophet worth listening to!"

"You sound like a communist!" said Jason.

"Uhuh. There you are. Everybody's a communist who disagrees with you. That was a dirty crack, Jason."

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# We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union  
By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

Introducing Mrs. C. H. Seecamp of  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Mrs. C. H. Seecamp was born in Canada and has always been deeply interested in the work of the Northern Conference. She is president of the Woman's Union of her conference. At an early age she became active in church work, teaching Sunday School classes of various ages and serving as president of the young people's organization. She served as acting secretary of the "Jugendbund" of Saskatchewan for several years.

She and her husband attended the Western Baptist Theological Seminary of Portland, Ore., together. Her preparation for full-time Christian service was applied in each of the following churches where Dr. Seecamp, her husband, was pastor: Stafford, Ore.; LaSalle, Colo.; Cottonwood, Texas; Leduc I, Alta., Canada; and at present, Winnipeg, Man., Canada.

She taught Sunday School classes and served as president of the Woman's Union of the Southern Conference. The women's group attaining the highest goal in Bible reading and mission offering received a banner. It brought good results. She is now president of the women's work of the Northern Conference. In spite of the work involved, planning and outlining programs for women's meetings is a pleasure for her. The work of the Vacation Bible School is considered by her a privilege and responsibility.

The Seecamps have three children: Clara, Carsten, Jr., and Erna Beth. Their mother feels sincerely that it is her duty to teach these children to consecrate their God given talents to serve the Lord in places of leadership in the work of the church. She wants them to feel their responsibility, "not for earthly gain nor honor, but humbly for Christ's sake." Mrs. Seecamp wants to do her best for Christ who loved her and saved her soul.

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## Be Not Weary in Well Doing

By MRS. C. H. SEECAMP

"Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9).

These are words which Paul spoke to the Galatians and these same words are directed to us who call ourselves children of God, who want to follow the Lord and serve him.

It is so easy to become weary in well doing. It is so easy to lie down on the job and let someone else struggle with



Mrs. C. H. Seecamp of Winnipeg, Man., president of the Northern Conference Woman's Missionary Union.

it. It is so easy to say, "I have done my share; let someone else carry on from here." The Lord knows our human nature; therefore, he admonishes us through Paul not to get weary, but to continue in our service for him. As we faint not, and remain true and faithful to the end, we shall reap the reward.

The reason for getting weary in well doing is sometimes found in the fact that we do not receive the gratitude we think we should get. The expression of appreciation is missing. But our service for the Lord and our "well doing" unto the needy will be rewarded by the Lord himself. His "Well done!" is the reward we must seek after and desire. Having done our very best in life, the promise of the Lord for the reward in the life to come should spurn us on not to get weary.

As women we have the most wonderful opportunities for "well doing" unto our friends, neighbors and the needy. Our mission fields at home and abroad, with their many needs, should awaken in us the realization that we cannot get weary, but must continue to serve and give. God has a specific duty and service assigned to each individual and to each organization. If we fail to fulfill our obligation, and to perform our duty, that same job will be left undone.

The field is white and ready for harvest (John 4:35). Not only is it our duty and privilege to supply material aid for the mission fields and for those

in need in our immediate surroundings, but as those who have experienced the saving grace of our Lord, we are also called upon to be a living testimony of the same. We are to witness of the Savior to those with whom we come in contact, to tell others of the loving Savior who is willing to forgive the sins of any person, and to tell that he came to this world to die for our sins and for the sins of all mankind. It is our duty to point sinners to Christ.

Yes, we are saved to save others. May God truly give us a passion for unsaved souls! May we as women be intent to do the Lord's bidding, be it in word or deed.

Northern Conference Woman's Union officers are as follows: president, Mrs. C. H. Seecamp, Winnipeg, Man.; vice-president, Mrs. Fred Ohlmann, Edenwold, Sask.; secretary, Mrs. E. H. Nikkel, Swan River, Man.; assistant secretary, Mrs. D. Berg, Trochu, Alta.; and assistant treasurer, Mrs. R. H. Zepik, Ochre River, Manitoba.

## TEMPTATION OF JESUS

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26), but the devil knew that the anointed Son of God had not come to claim any of it at this time (Matt. 8:20; 2 Cor. 8:9).

We come to the final triumphant answer of our beloved Savior and Lord with reference to Deuteronomy 13:4. We have purposely refrained from referring to the Eden temptation any sooner for the third time. The possibility of this horrible temptation which our Redeemer alone could face can be discovered in Genesis 3. It never took place, however. God in his infinite love and mercy intervened before Satan had a chance to ensnare Adam and Eva (Gen. 3:22-24).

May we never see a harshness in God driving man out of the garden. It was love for his fallen creation that prompted this. If man would have had a chance to eat of the tree of life in his sinful state and live forever, men would have become Satan worshippers, and for all eternity the coming of the Deliverer would have been an utter impossibility. This was Satan's final aim. Hence, he spat out the very core of his satanic poison to the only begotten Son of God. Praise God! Sin did not originate for the second time.

The moral? See Matthew 16:26. And what did Jesus Christ overcome? He overcame **diabolism!**

Let us ever look forward to the time when the King of kings and Lord of lords will reign in our presence in his own Kingdom (Dan. 7:27), and all struggling strategy for this earth's possession between right and wrong powers will have ended. We honor and glorify our Christ who has accomplished this through the sacrifice of himself!



FROM THE FIELD

## Northern Conference

### Northern Alberta Tri Union Song Festival Is Held at Camrose, Alberta

The annual Tri Union Song Festival for the Northern Alberta churches was held at the Church of God Tabernacle, Camrose, Alta., on Sunday, June 21. The Rev. E. A. Hoffmann was chairman for the afternoon. The mass choir under the leadership of Mr. R. Neske rendered two selections, "Fortress of the Faithful" and "Gloria in Excelsis."

The following churches were represented, each choir presenting one selection: Leduc, First Church; Temple Church, Leduc; Edmonton, Central Church with a mixed adult choir, mixed young people's choir and a male chorus; Edmonton, McKernan Church; Wiesenenthal; Pleasant Prairie Church, Wetaskiwin; and Bethany Church, Camrose.

The Rev. J. C. Kraenzler of the First Church, Leduc, delivered an inspiring message. Miss Hilda Strohschein played a violin solo, "The Holy City," while the offering was taken. The offering above expenses is to be used for our building projects at our Sylvan Lake Camp.

The young people's director, Allan Strohschein, has organized several youth rallies in our churches. These have been held at the Wetaskiwin and Olds Churches and Temple Church of Leduc. Young people from the various churches participated with special music and evangelistic messages delivered by our local pastors. These rallies have proven to be a great success and a challenge to all.

Mrs. Eunice Kern, Secretary.

### Central Saskatchewan and Alberta Association Sessions at Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan

The Central Saskatchewan and Alberta Association held its annual convention at the First Baptist Church, Golden Prairie, Sask., from June 4 to 7. The Rev. W. Reimche of Burstall, Sask., was chairman of the convention. Special speakers were Prof. Herbert Hiller of our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., the Rev. Karl Korella of the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alta., and the Rev. Otto Ertis, Lethbridge, Alberta.

Mr. Ertis spoke at the opening meeting on the advancement of God's Kingdom during peace, both in the time of Paul and here and now in North America. "The Builders of God" was the theme of a series of talks, based on



Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Ohlhauser of Carbon, Alta., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

Nehemiah, by Professor Hiller. Mr. Korella brought messages on "God's Kingdom" in prayer, in fasting and in giving.

The following officers were elected: president, Rev. G. J. Thiessen, Hilda, Alta.; vice-president, Rev. W. Reimche, Burstall, Sask.; secretary, Mr. E. Strauss, Burstall, Sask.; treasurer, Mr. Adolph Jaster, Golden Prairie, Sask.; mission representative, Rev. A. Lamprecht, Golden Prairie, Sask.; and pianist, Mrs. E. Gutsche, Medicine Hat, Alberta. The Association set up a financial goal of \$800. Besides this, the missionary offering on Sunday morning was \$405. The Association went on record that it be re-united with the Tri-Union.

Special music was provided by the mixed choir and men's choir of the Golden Prairie church and also by individual numbers from the participating churches.

Mrs. A. Lamprecht, Reporter.

### McKernan Church Young People of Edmonton, Alberta, Present Inspiring Biblical Play

The young people of the CBY of the McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alta., are pleased to report a fine response given to the play, "The King's Son," which they recently presented. The setting of this Biblical play is in the time of King Saul, when David "hath slain his tens of thousand, and Saul his thousands." Readers of the "Baptist Herald" who saw the play will recall this phrase used in the script.

The play was directed by Mrs. O. R. Schmidt, who is especially capable and talented in dramatics. She was

assisted by our CBY president, Miss Isabel Bresch. Characterizing Jonathan, the king's son, was Fred Effa; Saul, Donald Peter; David, Vernon Klapstein. Other members of the cast included Lucille Fillenberg, Betty Kiensle, and Rose Yeske. Many sources were called upon for the arrangement of costumes, stage properties and transportation to the nine churches, where we were guests.

The host churches were very kind and hospitable. We are grateful to them for their generous contributions, which has increased our project fund for church furniture considerably. We are happy for each addition made to our new edifice.

The CBY has also lent a helping hand in canvassing for the Vacation Bible School, which the Sunday School held the latter part of July. One evening a group, divided in two's, canvassed the surrounding church blocks. The results were most encouraging and promising for a well attended school. Following the canvass the Sunday School leaders entertained the canvassers with a luncheon in the church.

Lillian Peter, Reporter.

### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Ohlhauser of Carbon, Alberta

The children, relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Ohlhauser of Carbon, Alta., gathered at the Carbon Baptist Church on May 24 to commemorate their 50th wedding anniversary. A program had been planned weeks in advance by the children and when the honored couple came to the evening service, they were escorted to the platform to their surprise.

The Rev. David Berg of Trochu, Alta., brought a brief message and under his guidance the honored couple exchanged wedding rings which were the gift of the children. Other program features included songs by a quartet, a poem and a message by a son, Emil, who in behalf of the children paid tribute to their parents.

Mr. John A. Ohlhauser, deacon, brought congratulations in behalf of the church and presented the couple with a chime clock. Mr. Adam Buyer paid tribute in behalf of the Sunday School and presented Mrs. Ohlhauser with a bouquet of roses. Mrs. Adam Buyer brought congratulations from the Ladies' Missionary Society and the choir. Mr. Richard Harsch paid tribute from the Young People's Society. Afterwards a delicious lunch was served and a wedding cake was cut. After lunch several musical numbers were given and Mr. J. F. Ohlhauser, Mr. A. F. Gieck, Mr. Philip Ehnisz and others recalled some of the incidents in the lives of the honored couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Ohlhauser were married in Long Lake, North Dakota. Later they farmed at Carbon, Alta., and are now retired and living in Carbon. They are the parents of one daughter and six sons, all living. At the close, Mr. and Mrs. Ohlhauser with moving words thanked the children who had planned this celebration and everyone present for the tributes.

David Gieck, Reporter.

**Dakota Conference**

**Missionary Program and Service by Johannestal Woman's Missionary Society, Ashley, North Dakota**

On Monday evening, April 6, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Johannestal Station, Ashley, N. Dak., sponsored a meeting which was open to all members of the church. Miss Eleanor Weisenburger brought us a clear description of the conditions that confront our missionaries in the Cameroons, Africa.

On Sunday, May 3, our Society had the privilege to give a program in the Old People's Home at Eureka, South Dakota. These elderly people were very thankful to hear words of comfort and cheer and the Lord richly blessed us together.

Mrs. Emil J. Bertsch, Reporter.



Teachers and assistants serving in the Vacation Bible School, Napoleon, North Dakota.

**Vacation Bible School and CBY Missionary Play by Baptist Church, Napoleon, North Dakota**

The Baptist Church of Napoleon, N. Dak., held its Vacation Bible School from May 25 to 29. The enrollment came up to 53 children. The daily average attendance was 45 for the week. Classes were in session all day with four teachers faithfully bringing the Word of Life to the children.

Each teacher also had an assistant. Miss Helen Strobel, a recent graduate of the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, was the special teacher for the week. We pray that the seed sown might bring forth fruit in due season.

On Sunday, June 8, Dr. George A. Lang of our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., visited our church. The Napoleon CBY presented the three act missionary play entitled, "Blake's Decision" at the following churches: Bismarck, Lehr, Linton and Eureka. The play was well accepted in every church. The Rev. Henry Lang, pastor, was director of the play.

Henry Lang, Pastor.

**Activities of the Plum Creek Baptist Sunday School Near Emery, South Dakota**

The Lord has given us many blessings in the Sunday School of the Plum Creek Church near Emery, South Da-

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kota. Our attendance each Sunday for the first five months has been averaging 135. Several classes have had perfect attendance also. At our annual election Bennie Fauth was elected as our new superintendent, and Walter Jucht as his assistant. Mrs. Emil Radel is again superintendent of the Primary Department.

Each month our minister, the Rev. A. Braun, meets with all the Sunday School teachers and the lessons for the coming month are discussed. Mr. Braun reports a keen interest, and some wonderful discussions have been experienced.

There have been several programs in the Sunday School year. The first was our Bible Day program on March 8th. Each class in the Sunday School was responsible for a number on the program. Our annual Children's Day program was given on Sunday evening, June 14.

The Vacation Bible School was held from May 25 to 29 with 46 pupils enrolled. The Rev. A. Braun taught the Intermediate class, Marlene Decker and Loretta Bender the Juniors, Mrs. Edwin Jucht the Primary group, Mrs. Emil Radel and Lucille Triebwasser the Beginners. School sessions were held the entire day, and on Friday a picnic lunch was held to close the week's festivities. On the following Sunday evening, May 31, the Bible School program was given, and an offering was taken which went towards supporting a missionary.

As a Sunday School group we have felt the need of supporting a missionary. The matter was discussed and it



Rev. R. C. Stading, former pastor of the Rosenfeld Church, Anamoose, N. Dak., and six converts whom he baptized.

was decided that we would take up the responsibility of supporting a single missionary.

All of the youngsters who have enrolled in the Scripture Memorization course and have completed learning their verses will camp to be held at Madison, South Dakota.

Mrs. Marvin Fauth, Sunday School Reporter.

**Baptismal Service and Pastor's Farewell Reception by the Rosenfeld Church, Anamoose, N. Dak.**

One of the most blessed events for the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Anamoose, N. Dak., was the baptism of six young people who were brought to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as Savior. They were baptized at Fessenden, N. Dak., by the Rev. R. C. Stading, pastor, on Sunday, May 17. They were extended the hand of fellowship at the communion service on the following Sunday and were welcomed into our church.

Another event, which saddened the hearts of many, was the resignation of our pastor, Brother Stading. On Sunday, May 24, Mr. and Mrs. Stading brought their blessed ministry among us to a close in order to take up their new charge with the Baptist Church of Creston, Nebraska. During the morning service our pastor brought his farewell sermon in which he encouraged us.

For the evening service the church arranged a farewell program. Five neighboring churches, Drake, Anamoose, Lincoln Valley, Kief Baptist and Kief Mennonite, were invited to take part in the program. Due to a heavy rainfall throughout the day, only a few churches were represented, but a good sized group filled the church to say farewell to the pastor and his wife. One of the deacons, Mr. David Deiterle, presided as chairman.

After a song service and Scripture and prayer, various musical numbers were rendered by the branches of the church and also by the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Fuchs of Anamoose. Mr. Fuchs was the guest speaker for the evening and summarized our feelings by saying, "Our loss is another church's gain." The church presented the pastor and his wife with a chrome breakfast set for the fine service they have rendered here the past two years. Representatives of the Sunday School and Woman's Missionary Society spoke briefly and presented the pastor and his wife with appropriate gifts. Both the pastor and his wife responded.

During the Rev. R. C. Stading's ministry at the Rosenfeld Church, many things were accomplished. Pews for the church were purchased which were a great improvement. A church constitution was also drawn up and prepared in book form under the general supervision of our pastor. A Junior choir was organized by the pastor and a Beginners' Class in Sunday School was also organized by Mrs. Stading. We have been richly blessed under their leadership and the children have received training which resulted with these six conversions. May God richly bless them in their new field!

Mrs. William Isaak, Church Clerk.

**Ordination of Rev. Manuel Wolff by the Grace Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota**

Upon the invitation of the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, N. Dak., a council met at 2:30 P.M. on May 27th for the purpose of examining Mr. Manuel Wolff and setting him apart for the Gospel ministry. The Rev. H. J. Waltereit opened the service with song, Scripture and prayer. The council then elected the Rev. H. J. Waltereit as chairman, and the Rev. L. Bienert as clerk. The churches of Anamoose, Carrington, Cathay, Goodrich, Grand Forks, Turtle Lake and Underwood were represented with 17 delegates present. Professor Hugo Lueck was invited to join the council.

Mr. John Stroh of the Grace Baptist Church then presented the candidate, Mr. Manuel Wolff, to the council. Mr. Wolff gave a very fine, inspiring testimony regarding his conversion, call to the ministry and a statement of Christian doctrine. After a few questions which were satisfactorily answered by the candidate, the council withdrew to consider the advisability of recommending Mr. Wolff for ordination. The council was wholeheartedly agreed and unanimously recommended to the church to proceed with the ordination service.

The ordination service took place that evening when members and friends gathered in the church auditorium. The Rev. H. J. Waltereit was chairman for the evening. The Rev. Carl Weisser read the Scripture passage, the church choir rendered an anthem, and the Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer led in prayer. The ordination message was brought by Professor Hugo Lueck of our seminary. The Rev. Fred Fuchs offered the ordination prayer, and the Rev. L. Bienert welcomed the candidate into the ranks of the ministry. The Rev. F. Knalson gave the charge to the candidate, and the Rev. I. H. Schmuland the charge to the church. The church then presented a gift to Mr. Wolff who is a son of this church. At the close of the service the Rev. Manuel Wolff spoke the benediction.

May the blessings of God rest upon our dear brother as he labors in the Lord's vineyard.

L. Bienert, Reporter.

**The Rev. LeRoy Schauer Is Ordained by the Calvary Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota**

Upon the invitation of the Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, S. Dak., a number of neighboring churches met at the Calvary Church to sit in council for the purpose of setting aside Mr. LeRoy Schauer to the Gospel ministry.

The afternoon meeting was opened by the host pastor, the Rev. Chris Weintz, with singing and reading of scripture. The Rev. D. Fuchs, one of our denominational evangelists, led in prayer. The council was formed with the Rev. H. Lohr of Corona as moderator, and the Rev. R. Dickau as secretary. The candidate was then presented to the council by Mr. Jacob Fischer of Aberdeen.

The candidate presented the account of his conversion, call to the ministry,



Children, teachers and leaders of the Vacation Bible School held by the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, with the Rev. Louis R. Johnson, pastor ((extreme left, standing).

and his doctrinal views. In statements that were clear and well presented, the candidate gave a ringing testimony that left no doubt in the minds of those in the council that he had made definite experiences in his Christian life, and that he looks to God for further enlightenment and leading in the Christian ministry. After a brief period of questioning the council retired for further deliberation. It was unanimously voted upon that the council recommend the candidate for ordination.

The ordination service was held in the larger auditorium of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Aberdeen. The evening service was again under the direction of the host pastor. The local choir and a ladies' trio brought special musical numbers. The Rev. H. Lohr of Corona, S. Dak., gave the ordination prayer, while the other brethren placed their hands on the candidate.

The Rev. Maurice Wessman of the Central Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought the ordination sermon. He based his sermon on 1 Corinthians 15 speaking on "The Christian's Message." It was a heart warming and challenging message. The Rev. LeRoy Schauer, pastor at Mott, N. Dak., pronounced the benediction.

R. Dickau, Clerk.

**Southern Conference**

**Vacation Bible School With 128 Children at the Central Church, Waco, Texas**

Vacation Bible School was held at the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, from June 1st to 5th. The school was divided into two departments—one for Nursery and Beginners of which Mrs. Herbert Schneider was superintendent; the other for Primary children, Juniors and Intermediates in charge of the pastor, the Rev. Louis R. Johnson. Each department carried out a full schedule of work.

In the older group the opening exercises consisted of pledges to the American and Christian flags and to the Bible and a short devotional period at which time the Rev. J. J. Lippert presented an object lesson which was both interesting and helpful.

The following statistics are from the report of Miss Nancy Kittlitz, secretary for the school. Total enrollment 128;

average attendance 113; general offering \$14.11; special missionary offering \$9.59 which was sent to the "Challenger Club" to stimulate daily Bible reading among Junior girls and boys. There were eight teachers and ten assistants for classwork with two instructors and four helpers in handcraft. Mrs. R. G. Kittlitz and Mrs. Herbert Gummelt dispensed cold drinks and cookies after a fifteen-minute recess each morning. The cookies were furnished by the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Union.

On Sunday evening a demonstration program was presented in the church auditorium and handwork was on display. A film, "That Kid, Buck" was shown in the pavilion to climax a week of work, fun and inspiration.

Mrs. E. H. Steindam, Reporter.

**Southwestern Conference**

**New Seven Room Parsonage Is Dedicated by First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas**

The First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kans., had the joy of dedicating its new seven-room brick parsonage on May 24th. Mr. G. F. Koch, chairman of the Dedication Committee, led the afternoon service at which the Rev. Theo. W. Dons, former pastor, brought the message. Various committees were presented and our neighboring pastors brought words of greeting. The Rev. Theo. Frey offered the prayer of dedication.

The members and guests then went through the house which contains kitchen, utility, bath, three bedrooms, living-dining room combination, plenty of closets, cupboards and drawers. The full basement contains a large social room and a fourth bedroom. The garage is attached to the north side of the house. The structure is fully insulated and modern.

Construction took 20 weeks with the men donating much of the labor. One member installed all of the plumbing and another the electrical work. The Woman's Missionary Society purchased the drapes for the picture window. Plans now call for landscaping of the two acres with adequate provisions for parking facilities. Four-fifths of the cost was paid by the time of dedication.

Elmer C. Strauss, Pastor.

**Seven Converts Baptized and Vacation Bible School Held at Bessie, Oklahoma**

How grateful we of the First Baptist Church of Bessie, Okla., are for God's great and wonderful blessings to us! On Sunday, May 24, it was our privilege to witness the baptism of seven candidates as they entered the watery grave of baptism, to identify themselves as followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. The candidates were baptized in the Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Okla., during the afternoon service, by our pastor, Rev. Jacob Ehman.

These, together with two others, who came upon the confession of their faith in Christ, were received into the fellowship of the church the same evening, during which time the church also celebrated the Lord's Supper. Among this group received into the church was a mother, father, son and daughter of one family.

Some of these candidates gave their hearts to Christ during our evangelistic services held from April 12 to 24 with the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, who brought soul-searching and scriptural messages during these two weeks of services. Others were a direct result of the visitation work that was done prior to and during our services by Mr. Fuchs, the Rev. Jacob Ehman, pastor, and various members of the church, and also as a result of the many prayers that ascended to the throne of God in behalf of lost souls.

We also had a very good attendance at our Vacation Bible School conducted from May 25 to 29. Our enrollment was 41 and we had almost perfect attendance every day. The pastor was in charge and was assisted by able teachers for every department.

Jacob Ehman, Pastor.

**Central Conference**

**Vacation Bible School by the Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Missouri**

The annual Vacation Bible School was held by the Baptist Church at Mt. Sterling, Mo., from June 1 to 5. A total of 29 students representing four different denominations attended.

The program was directed by Mr.



Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Kwast of Lansing, Mich., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

Albert Bunch, a student at William Jewell College. It included memory work, Bible stories, craft work, painting, singing, and many games for recreation. This enjoyable service was climaxed by a wiener roast on Friday noon and a program by the children that night.

A blessed week in the service of the Lord was enjoyed by all. Everyone is looking forward to another fine Vacation Bible School next year.

Gene Rikard, Secretary.

**Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Kwast of Lansing, Michigan**

Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Kwast of Lansing, Mich., observed their golden wedding anniversary on May 23rd. This festive occasion took place in the beautifully decorated church parlors of the Holmes St. Baptist Church.

The program was planned and arranged by the family. The oldest son, Reinhard, acted as master of ceremonies. Rudolph led in the singing of several songs. Psalm 128 was read by Alfred Kwast. Edward Powell, a son-in-law, led in prayer. An appropriate golden wedding song was sung by all the children. A reading composed and read by Mrs. John Pede on "Life's History" depicted fifty years of married life.

Two male quartets and a ladies' duet were other musical numbers on the program. The youngest grandson, Larry Kwast, recited a poem, "Wedding Jubilee." Terrylin Kwast, youngest granddaughter, gave a reading "Golden Wedding." Edward Powell, a son-in-law, spoke in behalf of all the children. The Rev. Elmer Marquardt, who has been a life-time acquaintance, brought an appropriate message.

An appreciative response was given by the parents in thankfulness for the honor and love bestowed upon them. Refreshments of ice cream and a beautifully decorated wedding cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Kwast came to the United States from Germany in 1923. They have lived in Lansing and have been active members of the Holmes Street Baptist Church since they came to this country. We as children cherish and appreciate the Christian example we have in our parents. This anniversary occasion was a memorable and happy day for all of us.

Mrs. Reinhard Kwast, Reporter.

**Annual Meeting of the Children's Home Board of Directors, St. Joseph, Michigan**

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of our Children's Home was held at the Home in St. Joseph, Mich., on Saturday, March 14. The board now consists of the following: G. A. Achterberg, Henry Bartz, S. Beimfohr, Miss Nell Denning, all of St. Joseph, Mich.; Otto Bluschke, Stevensville, Mich.; Mrs. Meta Glanz, E. J. Russell, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.; B. V. Krueger, Watertown, Wis.; John Harms, Inkster, Mich.; Ted Hirsch, Minneapolis, Minn.; Joseph Ludwig, Parma, Ohio; Herman Siemund, Chicago, Ill.; Merle Gibbens, Erie, Pa.; Rev. L. H. Brocker, St. Joseph, Mich.; Rev. Wm. Hoover, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Dr. Frank Woyke, Forest Park, Illinois.

At this meeting Mr. Ted Hirsch was elected chairman, Merle Gibbens secretary and G. A. Achterberg, assistant treasurer. The board found that Superintendent August F. Runtz, Mrs. Runz, the staff and the local committee, are doing a wonderful job in caring for the property and the children who live at the Home. The building and grounds are well kept and the morale of the staff and children gave evidence that it is truly a Home and not just an institution.

There were 13 children being cared for at the time of the meeting but the Home can accommodate many more than that and I believe our churches and pastors should publicize the fact that our denomination has such a fine institution for the care of orphans and children from broken homes.

The members present had lunch with the children and staff and the time of fellowship was enjoyed by all. After nearly a full day of discussion concerning the present needs and future welfare of the Home, the meeting was adjourned with each one happy that we have the privilege of sharing in this portion of the Lord's work.

Merle Gibbens, Secretary.

**Unusual Luncheon by the Ever-Ready Circle, White Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio**

The Ever-Ready Circle of the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, is true to its name. It is ever ready to serve. It is composed of a group of alert women in middle life of the White Avenue Church. The president who is now about to retire in favor of another capable member is Mrs. Adeline Zoschke, the versatile wife of the pastor of this historic church.

This particular idea took form a year ago, when it materialized in a reception tendered the elderly people of the church and friends, who had qualified by "the hoary head." At that time this meeting of friends centered on Professor and Mrs. Herman Von Berge, who were then visiting in Cleveland, where they once held the place of pastoral leadership and with their departure left traces of love behind.

That experiment proved so impressive that "the oldsters" are hoping it to have become a permanent annual procedure. It was on June 10 that the second luncheon was tendered in the spacious home of Mrs. Helen Zion, a member of the Circle. There were two tables set in the ample dining room, around which gathered about 25 grey and greying heads, a few of whom wore shocks of white.

A sumptuous repast had been provided and served by the nimble hands of a few select women of the circle. While seated in lovely fellowship, songs burst forth from joyous hearts; verses of the past in choral singing brought delight to all; even the German repertoire had to yield to "Das Leben gleicht dem Sommertag," and, of course, "Gott ist die Liebe."

Mrs. Elsie Schmidt, who with her husband had motored to the Pacific Coast a few weeks before, entertained the group with a realistic travelogue, descriptive of their adventures. We heard of the beauties and charms of California, Yosemite, the Grand Canyon, of the boiling waters of Yellowstone and numerous other attractions. A visit with Miss Anna Brickman in Los Angeles, who belongs to everybody but particularly to the Ever-Ready Circle of White Avenue Church, brought fragrant memories.

Only the right evaluation of this affair can be made when it is said that these maid servants of the Lord had to provide the needed transportation from and back to the homes of the aging guests.

H. P. Donner, Reporter.

**Pacific Conference**

**Twenty-four New Members Are Received Into the Bethany Church, Portland, Oregon**

Friday, May 1st, was a day to which the women of the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Ore., had long looked forward. A Chinese dinner was planned, prepared and served by the men from our men's group, "God's Stewards." They had the tables beauti-

fully decorated, and had printed menus and programs. The program included numbers by a male quartet and a guitar solo by the Rev. Arthur Schulz. The men's president, Fred Schaeer, introduced the speaker of the evening. Prof. Winegarden of the Western Baptist Theological Seminary. On Sunday evening, May 3, the spring concert was presented by our

able to be present for the picture. Altogether 24 persons have received the hand of fellowship in recent weeks. The Rev. Arthur Schulz is diligently working for our Lord by having instruction classes for a deeper understanding of the Bible and a more victorious Christian life prior to each baptismal service.

Mrs. Bill Jenne, Reporter.



This large group of people in addition to three others were recently welcomed into the fellowship of the Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon. Most of them were baptized by the Rev. Arthur Schulz, pastor.

**Northwestern Conference**

**Vacation Bible School With 78 Children as Average Attendance at Elgin, Iowa**

The Vacation Bible School held by the First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, closed its two weeks of session with a program on Sunday, June 14, at a combined worship service and Sunday School hour. Dr. Arthur Ittermann was superintendent of the school and conducted the opening worship service each day.

The Beginners' Course was "Children of the King" taught by Mrs. Guy Probert. Mrs. Alfred Baechler taught the Primary Class on "Friends of the King." The Junior Department with Mrs. Edward Krueger and Mrs. John Schaeer, teachers, studied "A Promise God Made." Mrs. Fred Schaeer taught the Intermediate class and their course was entitled, "God's Great Promise."

Assistants in the Beginners' and Primary Departments were Marlene Durscher, Jocelyn Ittermann, Evelyn Orth, Beverly Muehlethaler, Loreen Ittermann and Marjorie Johnson. Mrs. Abe Habeger was music director and Mrs. Arbie Schroeder, pianist.

Awards were given to those having perfect attendance as well as to those who brought a guest to the school. The average attendance was 78. A total offering of \$92.42 was presented to the Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Schantz, missionaries to the Spanish-Americans in Colorado.

Mrs. Fred Schaeer, Reporter.



Children and teachers at the Vacation Bible School held by the Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Missouri.



I met George Henn on the street and asked him, "Isn't it unlawful to serve kids liquor—kids of, say, seventeen or eighteen?"

"Who serves kids?" asked the marshal.

"You know as well as I do who serves them," I said.

"I don't know any such thing, Mr. Glen."

"You wouldn't know that Tony Granite runs a gambling business in the back of his night club, would you?"

Henn took a deep drag on a pipe he was smoking. "I didn't even know Tony ever gambled," he said with an evasive smile.

"You're not interested in enforcing the law in Gold Springs, are you, George?" I asked.

"Are you ready to swear out any warrants?"

"I'll be seeing you," I said.

Henn ejected a thin stream of smoke, cuped his smelly pipe in both hands. "I'll tell you, Reverend. I had an uncle who was a preacher. He kept forgetting what his job was—started messing with politics. He finally wound up a bum!"

With taut feelings I left the marshal. I felt it was useless to go to any of the councilmen. They would act sympathetic and promise to stand by me in any lawful way; but nothing would happen. But my determination to do something was only deepened.

One man, I was sure, would back me. I went to Jason Gray and told

him how I felt and what I intended to do.

"You can count on me and the Chronicle," he said. "I'll support you to the hilt. You can depend on that."

"And so the fight begins," I said grimly.

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portance for which they were not prepared. It was hard for them to understand his dictum that "whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

His message for us is so clear! We were made for greatness; God has given us all the equipment wherewith to become genuinely important. Far from disparaging our hunger for importance, Jesus acclaimed it as a movement of God in the soul. He saw that each one of us is born with a drum major instinct that will be with us to the end of our days, and without which we would be powerless to rise to the high estate of the sons of God. Because of that desire to excel, we sing better solos and plow straighter furrows and preach better sermons.

So great a force must be dedicated to worthy ends. The "self" in us is not a worthy end. The self may be the impulse, but it must not be the goal. If we use it merely to promote the

self, we shall be frustrated. "He that exalteth himself shall be abased." We had better take Jesus' verdict, for it is the verdict of life itself. Let him who would be great among you—him whose ambition it is to be important—let him learn to be a servant. That is the only way. Life proves it.

Let us put it this way. You are important. God made you to be great. Go after it. Let us see how important we can be. Let us all try to be drum major in this worthier parade. Let us compete with each other, and try to surpass each other. Let us develop some rivalry in our churches. Let us see who can be first in generosity, in kindness, in service. Let us make the force of our ambition the servant of high spiritual achievement!

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increases in membership will not be 10 percent, but many more above our fondest expectations. Let us all as Christian workers find our place at home. In prayer and faith let us ask the Lord to do great things for us in the coming years in our local churches and for our Conference Union.

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