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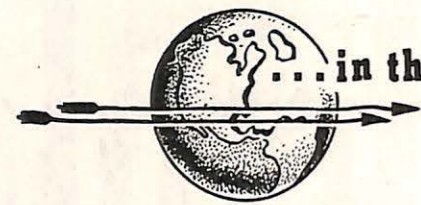
*"It's Summer Again and Time for Fishing!"*

**Better North American Baptist Churches**

Dr. John Leypoldt

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...in the course of human events

The American Bible Society has initiated a publication project with the Bible Society of India that will give the people of that country the Sermon on the Mount in 15,000 to 200,000 editions in seven major languages of India. The little books will be done in simple, easy-to-read translations and bound in colored covers. A wide reception among India's millions is expected because of Gandhi's devotion to this portion of the Scriptures.—American Bible Society.

Thirty-seven Mennonite and Amish churches in Elkhart County, Indiana, participated in a two-week meat canning project for foreign relief sponsored by the Mennonite Central Committee. The 30,000 cans processed will be sent to relief distribution centers in Korea, Jordan and West Germany. About 30 tons of meat were canned in the operation, the equivalent of 120 head of beef each averaging 1,000 pounds on the hoof. The cattle were purchased both on the open market and directly from herds owned by church members. Some poultry and pork also was canned. The processing work was carried on at a plant in Waukarusa, near Elkhart, where a portable canning outfit owned by the Mennonite Central Committee was in operation.—United Evangelical Action.

A resolution calling for a half-mile wide "dry zone" around the United States Capitol was adopted by the Ministerial Union in Washington, D. C. The group, representing more than 200 protestant ministers in the nation's capital, specifically condemned the serving of liquor at the new Capitol Hill Club, a lavish social club established by Republican Congressmen. They also urged that Republicans drop plans to include a bar in the proposed seven-story office building which will be erected near the Capitol. The ministers asked in their resolution that the dignity of the Capitol and the importance of the work and decisions made there be safeguarded by banning the sale of alcoholic beverages within one-half mile of the building.—United Evangelical Action.

Dr. Ralph Mortensen, secretary for the American Bible Society's work in China and now in the United States following his release from Shanghai, tells of the increasing need for Chinese Scriptures and of Scriptures in the tribal languages which he observed while on a four-day tour of northern

Formosa. "There are some young missionaries studying the tribal languages with a view to translating the Bible into them," he reported to the Bible Society. "Various Chinese groups sought out missionaries in Formosa in order to learn more about God and his Word. I preached at a government-operated leprosarium to an attentive congregation of over 200 lepers, each of whom followed the reading of the lesson in his own Bible which had been donated by the American Bible Society."—American Bible Society.

Remains of some seventy Biblical scrolls believed to be 2,000 or more years old have been found in a cave on the shore of the Dead Sea about 25 miles east of Jerusalem. The discovery, made by Arab shepherds, was announced by Jordan's British-born Director of Antiquities, G. Lankester Harding. Mr. Harding, who called the find "perhaps the most sensational archaeological event of our time," said 38 of the scrolls had been identified by Dominican scholars as manuscripts of 19 books of the Old Testament. The rest were described by the priests as commentaries and paraphrases of Biblical books, many known and hitherto unknown Apocrypha and descriptions of the conduct and organization of the Essenes, the Jewish sect to which the scrolls belonged.—Religious News Service.

On the Fourth of July, a year-long "March of Freedom" campaign will get under way in Washington, D. C., with a spectacular hour-and-a-half demonstration at the foot of the Washington Monument, culminating in a signing of a seven-point Declaration of Freedom by President Eisenhower, Congressmen and other government leaders. Originated by the National Association of Evangelicals, with active support from Evangelist Billy Graham and other religious leaders, the March of Freedom not only will attract great throngs to Washington, D. C., for the kickoff of the historic event, but also will be carried into every corner of the nation after 48 facsimile documents are signed by the governors of the states. This event in Washington, D. C., will be known as "Capital Crusade Day." Based on the 23rd Psalm, the Declaration of Freedom encompasses these seven specific points: freedom (1) from want; (2) from hunger; (3) from thirst; (4) from sin; (5) from fear; (6) from danger, and (7) freedom to live abundantly.

CONFERENCE DATES

- June 18-21—Central Dakota Association at Hebron, N. Dak., Rev. E. P. Wahl, Speaker.
- June 18-21—Central Conference at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan. Dr. George A. Lang, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner and Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens, Speakers.
- June 18-21—Northern North Dakota Association at Fessenden, N. Dak. Prof. Hugo Lueck and Mrs. Walter W. Grosser, Speakers.
- June 21-27—Iowa Young People's Camp (Senior) at Clear Lake, Iowa, Professor Ralph E. Powell and Miss Berneice Westerman.
- June 24-28—Dakota Conference at Bismarck, N. Dak. Rev. J. C. Gunst and Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens, Speakers.
- June 24-28—Pacific Conference at First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, California. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Mrs. Walter W. Grosser, Speakers.
- June 26-28—Eastern Conference Young People's Convention at Forest Baptist Church, Winburne, Pa. Prof. George A. Dunger and Mr. Ralph E. Kletke, Speakers.
- June 29-July 5—Central Dakota Young People's Assembly at Jamestown College, Jamestown, N. Dak. Prof. Ralph E. Powell and Miss Berneice Westerman, Speakers.
- June 30-July 5—Northern Conference at Yorkton, Sask. Prof. Herbert Hiller, Dr. Leslie Chaffee, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, and Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Speakers.

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# Editorial

## Nine New Missionaries and Leaders

THE APPOINTMENT of nine new missionaries and denominational leaders and workers in recent weeks and in the immediate future is news for the headlines! We are not standing still. We are blowing the bugles to advance for Christ and for his Kingdom. We believe that this is God's hour for us in which we must make every effort to strengthen the home base and to proclaim the Gospel to the far ends of the earth.

These new appointments represent an encouraging advance in our cooperating societies and denominational institutions as well as on the mission fields of the world. The North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, is securing the services of an additional faculty member, about which more detailed news will be released at a later date. The General Council has appointed Dr. John Leypoldt as interim promotional secretary until 1955, thus enabling the Rev. M. L. Leuschner to devote himself more exclusively to his ministry as Editor of English Publications.

The land of Japan is very much in the limelight these days, in our newspapers as well as in our missionary annals. Our family of five missionaries already in Japan has been enlarged to eight with the appointment of three others. They are the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut of Wessington, South Dakota, and Miss Lois R. Lechner of Chicago, Illinois. More information about these consecrated, talented missionaries will be found elsewhere in this issue and will appear in forthcoming numbers.

The Spanish-American mission field in Colorado is the object of our prayerful concern these days that God might revive his work among these people of the San Luis Valley. Miss Florence Eisele of Los Angeles, California, has been appointed a missionary for this field. She will give herself to the work in a full-time ministry following her services of the summer months with Miss Helen Lohse. Miss Eisele has had missionary experience in Old Mexico and speaks Spanish quite fluently.

Another new appointee is Mr. Jacob Dermann who will soon begin his missionary services among the Indians on the Montana Reserve near Ponoka, Alberta. He was the contractor who erected the Benke Memorial Chapel on the Bull Reserve. He and Miss Martha Strohschein will be married this summer and his wife will then be the school teacher on the Montana Reserve. Here is a fine young layman who is "all out" in his glow for Christ and in his zeal for the Indian mission field.

The procession of new appointments continues. The General Missionary Committee has selected Dr. William J. Appel of Jersey City, New Jersey, to serve as the second denominational extension worker. This important task of laying foundations for new churches and home mission fields was the burden of many hearts at the Philadelphia General Conference. Dr. Appel is peculiarly gifted for this ministry with his genial personality, his administrative experience and his missionary fervor.

The Commissioned Youth and Sunday School Union is earnestly considering the appointment of a Director of Youth Work who will assist the Rev. J. C. Gunst in the ministry of his department. These and other evidences of denominational advance and of God's blessing in our work are a great encouragement in this hour of spiritual need.

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"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork" (Psalm 19:1).

# The Right Use of Time

What does God expect of me? What are God's plans for me? Should I not spend time to find satisfactory answers to these questions so that my life may become more profitable to my Maker?

By the REV. E. BECKER of New Leipzig, North Dakota

fore that intends to attain to the more inward and spiritual things of religion must with Jesus depart from the multitude and press of people" (Thomas A. Kempis).

Our Lord felt the need of such prayer. He withdrew from the public, because it was profitable to him and to his followers to spend some of his time in this manner. In private prayer one may become strengthened to face trials in public life. Solitude with God brings us in greater solidarity with him.

Apply time for family worship. Often people complain about the brevity of time. There is not enough of it to have family devotions. However, when the day has slipped into the past, some find that they have tended to all matters except the family devotions. Such negligence in religious life deprives a person of close fellowship with other members of the family and of true communion with God. In short, some of the time is lost.

### TIME FOR WORSHIP

Apply time for public worship. The acceptance of this form of worship does not suspend the former; it should merely become a necessary extension thereof. Public worship is not a gathering where one may spend his leisure time. On the contrary, it is precious time used to give expression to a soul charged with heavenly power.

This power must find an effluence. It is divine; therefore, it should neither be suppressed nor be wasted, but it should be put to public use. It is not given for a selfish purpose, for divine power is not imparted to be used to perform demonstrations for self-glorification of an individual. This form or practice of prayer is edifying to others, and it is that sort of procedure in religious life which inspires the hearers and brings them to a decision for God and his cause.

Take time to study God's Word. This present generation produces a surplus of books, magazines, daily and weekly papers. Should a person attempt to read all literature that is offered or that one is expected to read, there definitely would be no time to read God's Word. In many homes secular literature takes the place of Bible

reading; but if one wants to learn to know the Lord he must turn to sacred reading: "For my plans are not like your plans, nor your ways like my ways—so the Eternal one declares; nay, as heaven is higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my plans than your plans" (Isa. 55:8-9, Moffatt).

What are God's thoughts and plans with me? Should I not take time to discover them? Or what is expected of me? Should one not spend time to find satisfactory answers to such questions, so that his life and time may become more profitable to his Maker?

The Lord is gracious by giving people time to repent from sin. He gave the generation of Noah's age 120 years to repent from sin, but those people merely wasted that time.

"Wake up, sleeper!  
Rise from the dead,  
And Christ will dawn upon you!"

"Be very careful, then, about the way you live. Do not act thoughtlessly, but like sensible men, and make the most of your opportunity, for these are evil times. So do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is" (Goodspeed's Translation). The shipmaster came to the sleeping Jonah and asked him: "What meanest thou, O sleeper? Arise call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not."

### A STEWARD OF TIME

The good steward of time can not carelessly go to sleep, unconcerned as to what will happen while he is asleep. A thoughtful person will seek to become a good administrator of time, so that during the course of his life this time will be profitable to him, and as he uses this time according to God's will his life will become useful to him and to God for all eternity.

These are difficult times, which cannot be enjoyed by everybody. At such a time the Lord needs helpers, too. "Who knoweth whether thou art not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Some of the foreign missionaries waste time because they are held as captives by anti-Godly forces. Millions of young men spend years in the

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# Better North American Baptist Churches

Observations and report of experiences by the interim pastor of the denomination serving under the supervision of the General Council

By DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT of Forest Park, Illinois

DURING THE PAST twenty months it has been my privilege to serve as interim pastor, evangelist and worker for our General Council in 30 churches in three Canadian provinces and 11 different states, extending from New York in the east to California in the west and from Alberta in the north to Texas in the south. I have found the pastors very cooperative and our people very hospitable and generous. The work has been strenuous, but God has always helped. I never tire of riding on trains. I let other people travel on planes.

### IMPROVEMENTS IN CHURCHES

When our churches send in their reports to the "Baptist Herald" or "Der Sendbote," they usually mention the highlights in their church life. That is what we like to hear or read. In my report, however, I desire to point out some things that could be improved upon.

Let me begin by calling attention to something that may seem very insignificant. Why do many of our good people always crowd into the last benches? In concert halls or public auditoriums we rush for the front seats. No one need be afraid of the minister if he has a clear conscience. Why not practice the golden rule in church and let the latecomers slide into the last seats. God wants us to advance even in the church pews! Encourage your pastor by filling up the front seats.

In my long ministry it has been my privilege to work together with some of the finest laymen in our churches as well as deacons who were loyal to their church and their pastor. Seldom did I find the opposite. A layman can be of great help to his pastor. He can also be a big heartache.

One of our most esteemed and best known laymen tells a story about his father who was one of our faithful ministers. He had two deacons in his church who caused him sleepless hours and much heartache. He was a firm believer in prayer. So he prayed that God would take them to heaven. And he did. As a result a revival broke out in his church and in the course of years six young men entered the min-

istry, some of whom became prominent in our denominational life.

As I have gone from church to church, I have found that sometimes good men are probably blocking the way for God's blessings to flow freely. When will some of our church members learn that unless we forgive we cannot be forgiven?

A shadow rests upon more than one church because some brother has a grudge against another and is unwilling to forgive. Christ has some very strong words to say about such Christians who harbor any ill will or hatred against another (Matt. 6:15).

### FORGIVE AND FORGET

Only recently I read the following short prayer: "Lord, as we pray to thee to forgive our debts, enable us to forgive and forget. Amen." In the very same chapter (Matt. 16) where Jesus speaks of Peter as a steppingstone, he also refers to him as a stumblingblock (Matt. 16:18 and 16:23). We as church leaders and church members must be on our guard not to choke the channels of church life. We must be humble and Christ-like enough to forgive and forget.

In serving various pastorless churches I have found that some ministers create a difficult situation for themselves and their church because of an apparent lack of proper church administration. We all make mistakes but some could be avoided if ministers knew more about church administration. At our Pastors' Conferences and at our Seminary more attention should be given to this important subject.

We ministers must seek to put the welfare of the church first and ourselves last. The big thing in any church is not the minister or the layman but the Church of Christ. Ministers come and go but the Church of Christ remains. Christ must have the preeminence in our churches as well as in our personal lives.

### PASTORAL CALLING

My work as interim pastor has proven anew to me the importance of pastoral work. For many years I have believed what Dr. T. Cuyler said years ago: "A house-going preacher makes a church-going people." I was told in a certain city by two church officials that I belong to "the Old School,"

meaning that I believe in making pastoral calls. In that very city the executive secretary of the Baptist Union said to me that what they need are ministers who will do pastoral work.

One of my most important tasks is to visit the members of a pastorless church. Some people tell they haven't had a pastoral call for years. Early in my ministry I learned to be impartial in my visitation work. I wish I had learned some other things as well. It is wrong for a minister to neglect some of his sheep because he finds it more congenial to visit certain members of his church.

Once I heard Dr. George Truett, that great Baptist preacher of the south, say to a group of ministers that we had lost "the shepherd heart." We must be preachers in the pulpit but also shepherds under the pulpit. Paul was not only a great missionary but also a great pastor (Acts 20:20b). In the light of all the counter attractions that the church must face today, pastoral work is more necessary than ever.

### OUR BELOVED CONFERENCE

While we ministers are not always ideal, our churches are certainly not always blameless. I firmly believe that certain denominations respect their ministers more than Baptist churches sometimes do. Think of the long terms of service which many Protestant ministers have in one church. Christian ministers know too well they are not perfect. Not even the apostles were perfect. But if churches would remember more that ministers are representatives of the Most High, prophets of God and ambassadors of Christ, they would sometimes speak more reverently of the minister's office and be more respectful in their attitude and actions.

Having traveled extensively in our General Conference territory during the last year and a half, I am convinced that we are a minority, a scattered, a united and a growing group.

Down through the centuries God has used minority groups to further his cause. Think of Gideon's army of three hundred in the Old Testament and the twelve apostles in the New Testament. The early Christians met

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# Our Indian Mission Fields

The story of many changes and developments on our Indian mission fields of Alberta, Canada, as evidences of God's continued guidance and blessing

By DR. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER of Forest Park, Illinois

MANY CHANGES are taking place on our Indian mission fields in Alberta, Canada, which almost sound like the familiar game of "fruit basket upset." But in God's work we are convinced that these changes will be for the best and that his Kingdom will be advanced among our Indian friends.

## MR. AND MRS. HARSCH

Several months ago Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harsch left the Bull Reservation to go to Calgary, Alta., where they are both working during the summer months prior to their going to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Mr. Harsch will study at our Seminary this fall in order to equip himself for more effective service in the Lord's vineyard. On the Bull Reserve Mr. and Mrs. Harsch were eyewitnesses to God's miracles of grace and power among the Indians. During their two-year ministry they helped to build the beautiful Benke Memorial Chapel and missionaries' house, witnessed the completion of the \$18,000 government school building, led in a stirring revival among the Indians, participated in the baptism of Chief Francis Bull and many others, thanked God for the evident transformation of character in

the lives of these Indians. The cries of "God bless you" by the Indians and of God's words, "Well done," can be a sweet memory for Raymond and Bernice Harsch in the months and years to come.

## NEUMANS ON BULL RESERVE

In the meantime, the Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman and their family of four children have moved from the Montana to the Bull Reserve. Since the chief is a professing Christian on the Bull Reserve, the more important meetings are held in this chapel and the communion services are observed here. God has given us a spiritual stronghold on this reservation.

Renovations have been made in the missionaries' house with two rooms furnished upstairs in the attic of the house, with a cement floor completed in the basement and a soft water tank installed. As yet there is no telephone on this reserve to the chapel.

The Montana Indians were very sad over the departure of the Neumans to the neighboring reserve. A petition signed by Chief John Bear and 27 other Indians requested them to stay. It was a unique tribute of love to the missionary ministry of Brother Neuman among them.

"We all know that Mr. Neuman is a real good Christian," the Indians said, "who preaches God's Word to the lost souls to be saved and to the Christians to be better each day. We know he is working for God to win the Indian people to Jesus Christ. As for us we try to help him and have become as brothers and sisters to them in Jesus Christ. The love of God helps us to love our white friends."

## MR. JAKE DERMAN

God in his providence has raised up another missionary for the Montana Reservation. Mr. Jake Derman of Edmonton, Alta., was the contractor who built the Benke Memorial Chapel and missionaries' house at a great saving for the denomination. He has been witnessing to the Gospel of Christ on the Pigeon Lake Reserve. He has been appointed by the General Missionary Committee as the missionary for the Montana Reserve. His love for the Indians, his talents as a builder and handyman, and his youthful eagerness will soon give him a big place in the hearts of these Indians for Jesus' sake!

## NEW SCHOOL TEACHER

Now the story unfolds how God is prepared for all human changes. For the past three years Miss Faye Strohschein has been serving as the efficient teacher at the Montana Reserve school. In her quiet winsome way she has let her light shine for Christ and has carried on a wonderful teaching ministry. She will be leaving this field late this summer in order to continue her studies elsewhere.

Her successor, who has already received her appointment by the Canadian Indian Agency, is Miss Martha Strohschein, another Baptist girl from Wetaskiwin, Alberta. She is the fiancée of Mr. Jake Derman. This fine young couple hopes to be married this summer and then to move into the new teacherage on the reserve.

This new teacher's home is another "change" on the Indian field. It was built with government money and is ideally suited as a home. With Mr. and Mrs. Derman moving into the teacherage this fall, the additional

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Baptist missionaries and friends with Chief Francis Bull at the Benke Memorial Chapel on the Bull Reserve.

(Left to right: Bernice and Raymond Harsch, former missionaries; Rev. Henry Schumacher, Wetaskiwin; Chief Francis Bull; and Mr. Jake Derman, newly appointed missionary for the Montana Reserve.)



Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, medical missionary in the Cameroons, and the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., appointees for the mission field in Japan (left); and (right) Rev. R. Milbrandt of Medicine Hat, Alta., who spoke on Canadian immigration at the Missionary Rally in the Foster Ave. Church, and the Rev. Otto Patzia of Detroit, Mich., chairman of the General Missionary Committee.

# Our Faith in Action

At the sessions of the General Missionary Committee held on April 29 and 30 important decisions were made affecting our mission fields and a budget of \$295,700 was recommended to the General Council.

Report by DR. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Editor

THE GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE in action is like a miniature General Conference. Representatives from all of our nine conferences gather to make vital decisions that will determine our ministry on far flung mission fields of the world. The spiritual quality of its faith is synonymous with the greatness of faith of our General Conference. The recent annual sessions of the General Missionary Committee held on April 29 and 30 at the Forest Park headquarters dramatized this bold faith in worldwide action.

## BUDGET OF \$295,700

The 15 representatives in attendance elected the Rev. Otto Patzia of Detroit, Mich., as chairman and the Rev. John Schmidt of New York, N. Y., as vice-chairman. Then they heeded the earnest words of their general missionary secretary, the Rev. R. Schilke, when he wrote in his report: "I trust that all of you have come with vigor and strength of body and spirit to do the business that is ours to perform these days and to wait upon the Lord for guidance in all matters."

The total budget requests of the committee amounted to \$295,700, a new high in the missionary needs of our denomination, with \$170,000 of this

sum being designated exclusively for foreign mission fields. The appropriations for the mission-supported churches were made with Christian concern for those in need and with a sense of stewardship before God in distributing these funds. A total of 57 churches were given such assistance. It is gratifying to note that six former mission-aided churches have become self-supporting.

The Cameroons mission field is today enjoying the fruit of many labors and sacrifices for Christ in years gone by. We have now reached an all time high of 38 missionaries under appointment. During the year 1952 a total of 1808 baptisms was reported. The new buildings of the Banso Baptist Hospital under the supervision of Mr. Ernest Hildebrand with facilities for 74 beds will be completed by the end of this fiscal year. The Bamenda New Hope Settlement for the lepers is making wonderful progress. The sum of \$10,000 has been designated for the projects of purchasing cattle, planting coffee trees and building leper huts in order to make the settlement self-supporting within a few years. Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, our medical missionary, was present as the representative of the Cameroons missionaries and im-

parted important information and helpful council.

Our Japan mission is growing. God's blessings are enlarging its boundaries. A mission field has been selected in the rural Mie-Ken area, some 300 miles southwest of Tokyo, with the first mission to be started in Uji-Yamada, a city of 68,000 population. A new home for the Rev. and Mrs. Jay Hirth at Uji-Yamada is now under construction.

## OUR JAPAN MISSION

Three new missionaries for the Japan field were appointed. They are the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut of Wessington Springs, South Dakota, and Miss Lois R. Lechner of Chicago, Ill. Mr. Sukut is a graduate of our Seminary in the class of 1951. He is now serving as pastor of the Ebenezer Church of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., with distinction. Miss Lechner is a qualified school teacher with considerable experience, a devoted Christian and Baptist young woman, who is eager to go forth to witness for her Master. An informative article about these new appointees for Japan will appear in the "Baptist Herald" before their sailing date, tentatively scheduled for the early fall, 1953.

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# The Baptist Witness in Brazil

The story of German Baptist churches in Brazil, South America, and of the fervent witness of young people for Christ as related by the Youth and Sunday School Director in Brazil

By MISS VALLERIE STILLNER of Porto Alegre, Brazil

IN THE SOUTHERN part of the large and beautiful country of Brazil you will find the state of Rio Grande do Sul. I was born in its principal city, Porto Alegre, and that has been my home to the present day. Here in Porto Alegre my father, the Rev. Vicente Stillner, was pastor of the First Baptist Church for 30 years. Here also my seven brothers and sisters and I were reared in a Christian home and in early youth experienced the blessing of faith in Christ and of fellowship with believers in a Baptist church.

## BEGINNINGS IN 1882

The German Baptist work in Brazil has an interesting background. The first Baptist immigrants from Germany arrived in Brazil in 1882. They settled down in the most southern part of the country at Linha Formosa where a Baptist church was established.

The second Baptist church to be started in Brazil was at Porto Alegre in 1888. This work was supported in the early years by the North American Baptist General Missionary Committee. You sent us several missionary workers and helped us financially. God blessed the church, and German immigrants and Brazilians came to a saving faith in Christ, a public school was organized and Missionary Roth began a Bible School. But the financial support was cut off and the small church, confronted by many difficulties, made very slow progress.

But this Baptist work in Brazil has the seal of God's blessing upon it. The sacrificial efforts of our forefathers have had fruit in human lives and in radiant churches and chapels. We have 15 Baptist churches with several mission stations in Brazil, 29 Sunday Schools and 16 young people's societies.

World War II set our German Baptist work in Brazil back by several years. No German could be spoken in public meetings, and this and other government regulations made it virtually impossible for our ministers to work except under the greatest possible handicaps. Our Sunday Schools and youth work were especially hard hit. But in the years since the close of the war, we have found new cour-



Miss Vallerie Stillner of Porto Alegre, Brazil, who is visiting in the United States for the summer months.

age and grace to build God's Kingdom as never before! One of our brethren, Mr. Otto Kepler, who has since gone to his heavenly reward, was especially concerned about our youth work. He was the leader in organizing a Baptist Youth Conference with definite spiritual objectives and with zealous devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ.

## YOUTH WORK

Let me tell you something about this youth work in Brazil, since this is the field in which I am active and in which I have been an eyewitness of God's victories.

In my early youth I was converted and immediately wanted to serve my Master. I was busy in the Sunday School, choir, youth and girls' work. For three years I was a teacher in a Christian school. All of this brought me intense joy, but I wasn't quite satisfied. I felt that God had called me to full-time service for him.

Then God answered prayers when in 1948 at our Youth Conference, I was asked to give my entire time and strength to the youth work of our conference. It was stated that someone traveling among the youth societies and making many personal contacts

could accomplish a great deal. It was a tremendous task and I definitely felt incompetent. But the ministers encouraged me and God's promises strengthened me in accepting the appointment.

What was my ministry? At that time we had twelve youth societies. I had to visit each of these, conduct Bible studies, missionary courses, and give inspirational messages. Since our societies stretched over a distance of 528 miles, I faced many difficulties in this travel program. Transportation in Brazil is very, very different from that in the United States. Often I had to travel for many miles on a bus. Once our bus became stuck in the mud on one of our better roads and had to be pulled out by two teams of oxen. Many times I had to go by horse and buggy over long distances to my destination.

But these difficulties are soon forgotten when you see the joy on the faces of the young people after your arrival at a church and lead them in a study of God's Word. The youth work has grown and today we have 16 societies with 539 members who show an enthusiastic interest in witnessing for Christ and in missionary work.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAPER

During the second year of my ministry, we began to edit a youth paper called "Jugendfreund" (Friend of Youth). At first it appeared every three months, but now we publish it every month. It was printed for us originally by a publishing concern, but this was not satisfactory. We dreamed of our own publishing house, but this was out of the question. Finally, our youth conference dared to take a bold step for us and purchased our own large mimeograph machine. This is a great undertaking for us when you realize that this 16-page paper with its 600 copies in every printing and with many illustrations is prepared entirely by volunteer help of our young people in their spare time.

We are still hoping and praying that we can take the next step (which to us seems necessary) and purchase our own small printing press for this paper of ours. But most of the printing presses in Brazil are imported from other countries and with the inflation

of Brazil's currency have mounted steeply in price.

At the youth meetings, which I conducted every evening whenever I was with a church, the older people were also present and participated in the discussions. I have also worked with the young women's groups and Women's Missionary Societies. But the afternoons always belonged to the children. They would come for miles to these gatherings. "Miss Wally," as I was known, was going to tell stories with pictures! The Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Landenberger of Gladwin, Mich., had provided us with flannelgraph materials and pictures. The Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Mich., has sent me other visual aids. This was something NEW for these children and the seed of God's Word for eternal life has been sown abundantly into these young hearts! In Brazil so little has been done with the best materials known today to make the Gospel alive and real for these people!

## FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

A heavy burden is on my heart whenever I go into the more primitive rural and wooded areas of Paraná and there see the wonderful possibilities for pioneer missionary work. My hands are tied in such situations for I cannot provide the workers nor the supplies which are so sorely needed. In this area we have 15 churches with only eight pastors, and one of these will retire soon because of his age. We need laborers for the field and for God's harvest!

There is a brighter side to this picture. Four of our young men have gone to Rio de Janeiro to attend the Baptist Seminary and three of our young women are students in the Missionary School in that same city, both of which were founded and are supported by the Southern Baptist Convention. These seven young people came from homes with very modest incomes, so that it means effort and sacrifice on their part to be able to attend these schools. Recently I visited with them and learned that, although we as a Baptist Convention have helped them a little, they still have to battle with heavy expenditures and at times they can become discouraged.

Several of our young women are studying to become registered nurses. They would like to serve in some missionary project for us as Baptist deaconesses if the opportunity should be presented. We have started a Deaconess Society and we hope it will be recognized by the government and given financial support. Then these young women could serve in this way as deaconesses.

Once a year all of our young people gather for a conference. At that time we listen to reports, adopt new ob-



The 1952 Baptist Youth Conference held at Porto Alegre, Brazil, with more than a hundred young people in attendance in addition to pastors and leaders.

jectives, make plans for the future, and determine the course of our work for the days ahead. The ministers are present to give inspirational messages and spiritual counsel. These young conferences have been growing in interest and numbers, so that last year we had more than a hundred present for the sessions.

Our Baptist young people in Brazil are happy in their service for the King and ready to do the Lord's bidding! They compose a small minority in a land of great spiritual darkness! Our prayer is that God may use them more and more, so that great things may be accomplished by his grace.

For several months this summer I am here in America to become acquainted with the ministry of the North American Baptist General Conference, to visit some of the young people's camps and assemblies, to worship with you in some of your church services, and to learn a great deal so that I can be of greater service and blessing to our churches in Brazil.

## THE USE OF TIME

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armed forces of the various nations, but for the most of them it is nothing but a waste of time. If all these men could use their time for the welfare of the underprivileged and primitive peoples, time would soon bring a new dispensation, and it would be used for him in whom it originated.

"Come, my Father's blessed ones, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty, and you gave me drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in; I was naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to see me" (Mrs. Montgomery's Translation).

The people here referred to take time to discharge their duty toward their fellow-men. The use of time for good deeds is time well spent. It is pleasing to God and beneficial to men. Such stewards of time derive eternal blessings from the right use of it.



Young men from German Baptist churches of Brazil who are studying at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Rio de Janeiro and three Baptist young women who are students in the Missionary School in the same city.

# Annual Session of Publication Board

Report by the REV. PAUL F. ZOSCHKE of Cleveland, Ohio,  
Secretary of the Publication Board

THE BOARD of Trustees of the Publication Society met in Cleveland, Ohio, on Friday, April 17, for its annual session under the able presidency of Mr. Harold B. Johns of Oak Park, Ill.

The new members of the Board elected at the last General Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., were introduced and cordially welcomed. They are Rev. Edwin Miller of Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. John Grygo of Chicago, Ill.; Rev. G. E. Friedenbergh of Buffalo, N. Y.; Mr. Walter Schmidt of Lorraine, Kans.; and Mr. Paul Ludwig of Cleveland, Ohio. We were also very happy to have our member emeritus, Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio; our editors, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner and Rev. W. J. Luebeck; Rev. J. C. Gunst, the executive secretary of the CBY and SS Union, Mr. H. P. Donner, our former manager; and Rev. Paul Wengel, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a former president of our Board, in all or part of our sessions.



Members of the Publication Board in Cleveland, Ohio, for its annual session.

A source of deep gratification to the Board was the financial report which revealed the wise and economical management on the part of the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner. This is due to the many hours of overtime by the manager himself and the hearty cooperation of his employees.

## MANAGER'S REPORT

The manager's report, too, was very heartening. We appreciate his diligence and conscientious service. Every phase of the work is going forward to accomplish the purpose of the Roger Williams Press, which is to serve the

denomination in all its literary needs.

We were particularly happy to note that some departments which have operated on denominational subsidy are now showing a slight profit. This is to be credited to the fact that more churches and ministers are ordering their materials from the Roger Williams Press. One could wish that still more would do so. Any book or supply for the Sunday School or church from whatever publisher can be ordered from our press. The order is relayed the same day it is received. The cost to our customers is no higher, but the publishers give our press a substantial share of their profits. Even bulletin boards and pulpit furniture can so be ordered.

## BIBLE DAY FUND

The Bible Day fund is used to distribute Bibles and other literature as the needs may present themselves. Out of this fund free subscriptions for one year to "Der Sendbote" or "The Bap-

tist Herald" upon certification by the pastor or the immigration officer have been given to immigrant families as a good piece of missionary work. Over 500 subscriptions in all have been granted, and now 340 to "Der Sendbote" and 32 to "The Baptist Herald" are in effect. Due to the rapidly depleting funds, these subscriptions have now been limited to six months.

The reports of the editors also gave reasons for gratitude to God for the work accomplished. These editors have worked long and hard to supply our constituency with sound spiritual

stimulation and information. To them goes a very cordial "thank you."

The "Every Sunday Bulletin" is a splendid denominational service and promotional feature. A total of 14,500 is now being sent out every week.

Due to the fact that the subscription list of our junior paper, "Salute," has never been high enough to make the necessary denominational subsidy a wise expenditure, it was voted to discontinue this paper with the last issue of June. Any adjustments on paid subscriptions for the year are to be made with the Roger Williams Press. A cordial vote of gratitude and esteem goes to the editor, Miss Martha Leyboldt, for her good services and constant efforts to offer her readers the very best.

## NEW HYMNALS

A number of inquiries have been made by our churches for the German hymnal, "Die Glaubensharfe." In view of this growing need due to immigration, it was decided to request the General Council to make available through the finance committee a loan of \$2500 for the printing of a small edition of this hymnal, because no other German book meets the temperament of our people like this one.

Another need increasingly manifested in our churches is for a hymnal in the English language of our own compilation. Then, too, the Rev. Paul Wengel has made a goodly number of translations of well-known chorales and songs from the German. Since this became known Mr. Wengel has had more demands than he could supply with mimeographed copies. Therefore the Board voted unanimously to petition the General Council that the Roger Williams Press be authorized to publish a hymnal in the English tongue with a section of Mr. Wengel's translations and possibly others.

In recent years the old equipment in the print shop has caused many delays through breakdowns. Last year the management was given a two-year program of improvements. Part of that has now been realized in the installation of a completely rebuilt automatic press and a folder. These are already paying off in interruptions avoided and accelerated efficiency. Other major equipment to be installed in the future are a linotype machine and an addressograph. Thus, our shop is being modernized to meet the increased demands.

## OUR INDIAN MISSION

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space of the former home in the Montana Chapel can be used for Sunday School classrooms and for special meetings.

For the summer months Miss Faye Strohschein is staying on the Montana Reserve and helping in the Vacation Bible School, Sunday School and church services. She has a very fine associate in Miss Velma Shippy who has been appointed for the summer by the Student Placement Committee. Miss Shippy is a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kans., who in April 1953 was graduated from the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta.

She was introduced to the Indians and the work on the Montana Reserve on Sunday, April 19th, by Brother Neuman. She and Miss Strohschein are living in the teacherage quarters.

Adjoining the Montana Chapel are several newly built log houses for the elderly Indians. They will be like Old People's Homes, for which government aid has been given. These Indians will be near the missionary who can keep an eye of Christian concern upon them. With the chapel, school, teacherage, gardens and homes for these elderly Indians all close together, it certainly looks very much like a missionary compound, a wonderful sight to see on this Indian Reserve!

Other changes are bound to occur and announcements about them will be made in due course of time. But the greatest joy in this mission work among the Indians, in spite of these many changes, is the assurance that God's hand holds us fast and leads us aright, even as he has drawn many of these dear Indians to himself by his saving grace and redeeming love!

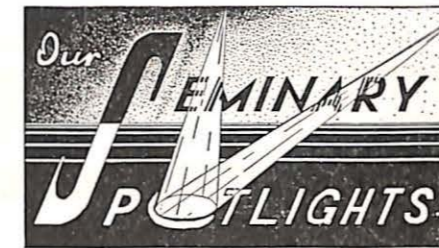
## BETTER BAPTIST CHURCHES

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in homes. They certainly were minority groups, but what a spiritual power they manifested! The minority groups filled with the Holy Spirit in various centuries of the Christian era kept the Church alive. We are only a very small segment of the more than 17 millions of Baptists but God through Christ has used us as a minority group for over a century.

We are a scattered group. Neither the American Baptist Convention nor the Southern Baptist Convention are as scattered as we are. We rightly call ourselves the North American Baptist General Conference, because some of our churches are in Canada.

Even though we are scattered over a great part of the North American continent, we are united in faith and spirit. One of the inspiring things that I have experienced again and again



## THE SPRING CONVOCATION

By DR. GEORGE A. DUNGER

What is a "seminary"? What kind of a place is it? What do you DO at a "seminary"? Immediately certain pictures spring up in our minds: medieval-looking buildings whose stone walls are covered with ivy, gothic windows with delicate, flamboyant tracery and maybe the mellow sounds of a bell tolling the call to worship! Or is it the picture of antiquated houses, squeaking doors and creaking floors, a musty-smelling library with rows of dusty books and listless ancients poring over lecture notes, drilling bone-dry knowledge into docile heads?

Or is it a picture—as it should be and as it is in our case—of functional architectural units designed for effective training, with plenty of sun and air where professors, students and staff share the spiritual responsibilities of the age in joyous affirmation of the living Christ, where serious study abounds and the halls occasionally ring with hearty laughter?

"Sharing the spiritual responsibilities of the age in joyous affirmation of the living Christ" is a serious thought to think, a profound thought to express, a far-reaching thought to print. Spiritual responsibilities are expressed in devotion, in theology, in actual contact with souls. This is a reality at our Seminary. Here young minds and hearts measure themselves against the thoughts and experiences of God's servants and the currents of contemporary events, including new trends in theology and philosophy. Such reality was experienced a few weeks ago during the Seminary Spring Convocation.

The time was set for April 22nd and 23rd. Provision was made for lodging and feeding the convocation guests.

was to come into a church as a total stranger, but as soon as one knew that here were also brothers and sisters in Christ, there was immediately established a bond of Christian fellowship. One learned to know new faces, new names, made new friends and found joy in serving another group of fellow-Christians, believing in the same God, the same Savior and working for the same cause.

We are a growing group. Our mission is not finished. We began over a hundred years ago with about 12 members in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Faculty and students anticipated a time of mental and spiritual stimulation and fellowship. Then our guests arrived. They were our pastors from South Dakota and the surrounding states and pastors largely from the American Baptist Convention churches of Sioux Falls and vicinity. Among the visitors was a local rabbi, a Reformed Church pastor and a Mennonite minister from Minnesota. They had come in response to our invitation, no doubt attracted by the timely theme, "Certain Emphases in Karl Barth's Theology," and the name of the convocation speaker, our own, well-known and very capable executive secretary, Dr. Frank H. Woyke.

The program provided for four lectures, two forums, an evening service—conducted in conjunction with the Trinity Baptist Church—special music by the "Master's Messengers" quartet and including two devotional periods conducted by the Rev. Alfred Weisser and the Rev. Frank Veninga respectively. Dr. George A. Lang, president of our Seminary, presided over the convocation. Delicious and ample meals, served in the dining room, proved occasions for strengthening ties of friendship.

The forums designed for a free exchange of thought on the basis of Dr. Woyke's lectures proved to be times of serious discussion and evaluation of trends which stimulated inward searching, prayer and new and deeper commitment to the treasures of Biblical Truth entrusted to us as followers of Christ and co-workers with God.

When the time for parting arrived, many of the guests and visitors said "Goodbye" accompanied by a hearty handshake, a kindly twinkle in their eyes and: ". . . if not sooner, see you at next year's convocation!" Thus our Spring Convocation ended. It was a time of rich blessings and wonderful fellowship in the name of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

That is the picture of our Seminary in Sioux Falls! Sharing the spiritual responsibilities of the age in joyous affirmation of the living Christ! Our Spring Convocation was an evidence of such sharing, a throbbing reality of victorious spiritual life.

Today we are over 44,000. Let us not forget that probably 85,000 to 100,000 believers may have been baptized in our churches during the last 110 years. "Speak unto the children of Israel (the North American Baptists) that they go forward" (Exodus 14:15).

I have counted it a privilege to serve our Christ and our beloved denomination. The Lord has opened doors beyond expectation. Seeing the need at home and abroad in a troubled world today, I have said: "If I had ten lives, I would give them all for the cause of Christ, my Savior and my Lord."

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. Henry Baerg resigned recently as pastor of the Baptist Church of Durham, Kans., and brought his ministry there to a close on June 1st. He has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Henderson, Nebraska. He served as pastor of the Durham Baptist Church since 1949.

● The Emanuel Baptist Church of Valleyview, Alta., Canada, would like to secure used copies of the hymnal, "New Awakening Songs," published by the Rodeheaver Company but church has now out of print. If any to be sent to this church, please notify Mrs. Ruth Lehman, Valleyview, Alta., Can., the clerk of the church.

● The Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas, has called the Rev. A. Russell Kingman as its pastor. He has accepted the call and is already rendering a deeply appreciated ministry for the Cottonwood congregation. He was formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church of Covina, California. He has succeeded the Rev. J. O. Zillen, now of Elm Mott, Texas.

● Miss Adelaide Klatt has presented her resignation as church missionary at the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., which was effective on May 31st. Miss Klatt served the church in this ministry with devotion and effectiveness since May 1, 1949. She has entered the business field in the Chicago area and will remain a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church. The Rev. R. Kern is the pastor of the church.

● The play, "Soup, Sand, and Sagebrush," was presented recently at the Baptist Church of Martin, N. Dak., for the CBY annual program. New officers for the coming year were installed by the pastor, the Rev. John Engel, and an offering was taken for missions. On Easter evening, April 5, the choir of the Martin Baptist Church rendered the cantata, "The Thorn-Crowned King." Visitors from several neighboring churches attended the program.

● The Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia, N. Dak., with its two churches, Berlin and the Fredonia Mission Church, has extended a call to the Rev. Victor H. Prendinger of Gladwin, Mich., pastor of the Round Lake Bap-

tist Church since Sept. 1945. His resignation at the Gladwin Church will take effect on June 3, and he will begin his new pastorate at the Berlin Baptist Church on Sunday, July 5th, succeeding the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, now of Leduc, Alta., Canada.

● On Sunday, April 19, a total of 151 people signed the guest book at the Open House held at the new parsonage of the Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa. The dedication of the new parsonage was held on Sunday, May 24, with festive exercises. Recently seven converts were baptized by the pastor, the Rev. Frank Veninga. It was announced that the Easter offering of the church amounted to \$1200 and that the total receipts for the past church year amounted to \$29,828.75.

● The General Missionary Committee recently appointed Dr. William J. Appel, pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, N. J., since 1951, as one of its extension workers. This appointment was confirmed by the General Council. Dr. Appel has accepted the appointment and will begin his ministry in behalf of the denominational expansion program on August 1st. The other extension worker is the Rev. John C. Schweitzer.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., has extended a call to Miss Martha Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., to become the Director of Christian Education of the church. She has accepted the call and will begin her ministry at the Anaheim church on Sept. 1st. Miss Leypoldt has been the Editorial Staff Assistant of the CBY and SS Union for the past seven years, ably assisting the Rev. J. C. Gunst in his secretarial ministry. At the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., she will be associated with the Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, pastor.

● The Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., found much encouragement and joy in our baptismal service on Easter Sunday evening. Eleven candidates gave testimony of their faith and obedience. Further evidence of God's continued power and grace were evidenced in that six of the eleven persons were adults. Those who had been baptized had been in attendance in the training class conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Robert Zimbelman, were interviewed by the

Board of Deacons, and then gave their testimonies before the church.

● Mr. and Mrs. Albert Losli, prominent members of the Trinity Church, Portland, Ore., sailed on the "S.S. America" from New York City on May 1st for a three-month tour of Europe. They will spend most of this time visiting relatives and Baptist churches in Germany and Austria, but they also hope to visit Holland, Italy, France and Switzerland. They attended the morning service on April 26 at the Forest Park Baptist Church of Illinois and heard Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, medical missionary, in a heart stirring message.

● Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Tatter of Oak Park, Ill., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, May 3rd, with 250 members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Oak Park in attendance at the afternoon festivities. They were married on May 1, 1903 at the Third German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., with the Rev. Jacob Pfeiffer officiating. Mrs. Tatter's maiden name was Susan Pfaff. Mr. B. Maxant of Forest Park, Ill., served as the best man at their wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Tatter are widely known in North American Baptist circles in the Chicago area.

● The Rev. Hans Arndt, youth secretary of the Baptist Union of Germany, is spending the summer months in the United States, visiting Baptist churches and conference sessions. He attended the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas, and the American Baptist Convention in Denver, Colo., in May. From June 16 to 17 he was an interested observer of the Southern Baptist Assembly at Ridgecrest, North Carolina. From June 24 to 26 he will attend the sessions of the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance at Green Lake, Wis., at which Dr. Jacob Meister of Berlin, Germany, will also be present.

● The Zion Baptist Church near Carbon, Alta., has extended a call to Mr. William Effa of Yorkton, a 1953 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The Zion Church was formerly a mission of the Baptist Church of Carbon. It was organized as a separate Baptist church on May 17, 1953 and will be recognized at the Northern Conference in July 1953. Mr. Effa and Miss Ruth

# Christian Workers' Training Conference

Tentative Program for the Conference to Be Held at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., from July 13-19, 1953

SOMETHING GREAT will take place this summer for all Christian workers and leaders in our Sunday Schools and young people's societies. Never in the history of our denominational life have we been able to have a Christian Workers' Conference to include ALL workers from our churches in the United States and Canada. The location of the meetingplace, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and the facilities offered at the North American Baptist Seminary, as well as those of the lovely city of Sioux Falls, all lend themselves beautifully for such an occasion.

We are happy, indeed, to announce our tentative program for this great conference. Lodging and meals are to be only \$2.50 per day per person. A registration fee of 50 cents per person will be charged. All Christian workers over the age of 16 years are welcome.

Programs with a supply of registration blanks have been mailed to all pastors or Sunday School superintendents for the Christian workers in their churches. Where more registration blanks are needed, please write for blanks at Headquarters Office. The deadline for registration blanks to be in is July 1, 1953. All registrations must be mailed to the North American Baptist Seminary, 1605 South Euclid Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Attendance will be limited because of the space available. It is therefore urgent that you mail your registration and reservation as soon as possible.

## TENTATIVE PROGRAM

### Monday, July 13

2:00-4:00 P.M. Registration, Evelyn Lang.  
5:30 P.M. Supper.  
7:30 P.M. Opening Meeting.  
Devotional.  
Welcome, Dr. G. A. Lang.

Meet the Conference Personalities. Message, Rev. Roy Seibel. Get Acquainted.

### Tuesday, July 14, through Saturday Noon, July 18

7:30 A.M. Breakfast.  
8:20 A.M. Bible Study and Prayer. Dr. G. A. Lang.  
9:00 A.M. Class Period: "The Baptist Faith," Dr. F. H. Woyke.  
9:00 A.M. Class Period: "Guiding Others in Christian Growth," Rev. O. R. Schmidt.  
10:00 A.M. General Assembly: Supervised by Dr. M. L. Leuschner.  
11:00 A.M. Class Periods: "The Baptist Faith," "Guiding Others in Christian Growth."  
12:15 P.M. Luncheon.  
1:15 P.M. Project Activities: Audio-Visuals. M. Leypoldt, M. Leuschner.  
Missionary Promotion. Rev. R. Schilke.  
Daily Vacation Bible School. Ruth Bathauer.  
Camp Programs and Ideas. Rev. J. C. Gunst.  
2:30 P.M. Supervised Recreation. Rev. Roy Seibel.  
5:30 P.M. Supper.  
6:15 P.M. Church Music, Directing and Choir. Dr. R. Powell.  
7:15 P.M. Vesper Time: Supervised by Rev. R. Grenz.  
8:30 P.M. Sharing Findings of Project Activities: Supervised by E. Ralph Kletke.  
9:30 P.M. Twilight Fellowship. Rev. H. Weiss, E. Lang.  
10:30 P.M. Lights Out.

### Saturday Afternoon and Evening, July 18

1:15 P.M. Free time.  
5:30 P.M. Supper.  
6:15 P.M. Church Music and Choir Practice.

7:15 P.M. Vesper Service.  
8:30 P.M. Visual Presentation of Denominational Program. Dr. Leuschner and E. Ralph Kletke.

### Sunday, July 19

7:00 A.M. Morning Watch.  
8:15 A.M. Breakfast.  
9:45 A.M. Sunday School.  
11:00 A.M. Worship Service.  
12:15 P.M. Dinner.  
2:30 P.M. Reports on Activity Projects and Class Periods. Missionary Message by Dr. Leslie Chaffee.  
5:30 P.M. Supper  
7:15 P.M. Mass Meeting. Church Music Activities' Report. Message by Dr. G. A. Lang. Conference Choir.

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## FOR THE WEEK

### General Assembly

10:00 A.M. each day.

Tuesday: Dr. M. L. Leuschner. "Stewardship."  
Wednesday: Dr. Leslie Chaffee, Rev. R. Schilke. "Missions."  
Thursday: Dr. F. H. Woyke. "How the CBY and SSU fits into the Denominational Program."  
Friday: Dr. Leslie Chaffee. "Missions through the CBY and SSU."  
Saturday: E. Ralph Kletke. "Conference Union Promotion."

### Vesper Services

7:15 P.M. each day.

Monday: Rev. Roy Seibel.  
Tuesday: Rev. O. R. Schmidt.  
Wednesday: Rev. R. Schilke.  
Thursday: Dr. Leslie Chaffee.  
Friday: Dr. Ralph Powell.  
Saturday: Dr. Leslie Chaffee.

Geary were married in the Trinity Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on May 31st. Mr. and Mrs. Effa will be living in the parsonage located at Drumheller, Sask., after July 12 when they will also begin their ministry at the Zion Church.

● On Sunday, April 5, a third German Baptist Church in Winnipeg, Man., Canada, held its recognition service. This church meeting on Furby Street was organized in January 1953 with 89

members. Most of the members are newly arrived German immigrants. Its new minister is the Rev. H. Hermann, also a recent immigrant from Germany. At the recognition service the Rev. William Sturhahn brought the message, the Rev. A. Hart, the Rev. E. Hein, the Rev. A. Busch and Miss Ida Hoffman brought greetings from their respective churches in Winnipeg and Morris, and musical selections were rendered by the McDermot Ave. Church choir and by other choirs.

● The commencement exercises of the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., were held from May 15 to 17. The commencement banquet was held on Friday evening, May 15, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Evan A. Reiff, president of Sioux Falls College, as speaker. The Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, extension worker of the denomination, brought the baccalaureate address on Sunday morning, May 17. At the commence-

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## Of Men and of Angels

A Prize-winning Christian Novel by LON WOODRUM

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### SYNOPSIS

To Steve Glen, home meant his foster parents, Phoebe and Jason Gray, and the little town of Gold Springs, California. After years of army service, battle-weary and frustrated, Steve decided to return. Before long, he met Dian Lockwood, with whom he had gone to high school, and her rich father. He soon saw Jenny Grant, the preacher's daughter, a sweet and sincere girl, as he knew. At first, Steve did not want to go to church, but a strange impulse prompted him to go one Sunday morning. He was blessed and went again and again. 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. He also told Dian that was now engaged to Jenny Grant. Later he went to Los Angeles and entered a seminary for studies. He was surprised one day by a visit from Dian Lockwood and in his loneliness he invited her to dinner. They agreed to be "just friends."

### CHAPTER TEN

FOR THE CHRISTMAS holidays I went back to Gold Springs. I found the little town ablaze with trimmings and trees. The nights were chilly for there was snow lying white on the peaks of the Sierras beyond us.

It was during the holidays that Jenny and I had a quarrel which hurt me deeply. It started with a little tiff that grew on our hands. After the months at school, during which I had

missed her terribly, I asked her to change her mind and marry me during the Christmas season.

"No, Steve," she said. "It's not best."

"But I've got three and a half years to go. Do you want to wait that long?"

"Don't you remember what we said—love can wait?"

"Look, honey, if you really love me."

"It's not that. It would work a bigger hardship on you if we were married before you finish school. I'm thinking about our future."

Resentment rose in me and I cried, "Are you sure you're not just afraid to take a chance on me—till after I prove myself by finishing school?"

That hurt her, and it showed in her face. You know how it is. Words lead to more words—and half the words don't make sense. That night I phoned her. Some young people had been invited to a Christmas party Dian was giving at her home—and I asked Jenny what time I should pick her up. She pleaded a headache. I asked if I should come by and stay with her and she said no. So, I went to Dian's party alone.

I was irked and Dian noticed something was wrong. She found me in the library where I had wandered in my moodiness, trying, I suppose, to get away from the people who were making a great noise with their chatter.

"You're supposed to be joyous at Yuletide, Steve," said Dian.

"Uhuh." I shrugged, and looked into the fire that was burning in the fireplace in the room.

"Where's Jenny?" asked Dian.

"She didn't come. She has a headache."

"Quarrel, huh?"

"Just a little disagreement."

"Hmmm." Dian came nearer to me, touched my arm. "I know a girl who wouldn't disagree with you."

I turned around to meet her gaze. For a second the idea startled me. Then I realized she didn't know what our disagreement was about.

"Listen, Dian—"

Her gaze was intent. "What makes you think we couldn't be happy? Just because I'm not a preacher's daughter?"

"Because I love her!" I said confidently.

"How do you know? You're already quarreling, aren't you? You say you love her, but are you sure she loves you? Well, I do, Steve."

She didn't lack for words. "Now that I've made my confession, perhaps you'll think about it. I could make everything easier for you, don't you realize that? You can go to school like a gentleman. And you won't have to wait until you've finished school to have a wife."

There was trembling inside from her unexpected words. I couldn't answer her. Words seemed to be bottled up. Through my mind were whirling the thoughts she had put there. I didn't have to be poor. I could be Adam Lockwood's son-in-law. But I found my poise after a moment.

"It's no good, Dian. I'm sorry."

"No good?"

"The pattern's all wrong."

"We'll make a new pattern. With what we have between us we would make a pattern that's out of this world. What do you mean by pattern, anyhow?"

"Maybe I can't explain. It wouldn't do any good if I did. The big thing is, I love Jenny!"

The fire faded from Dian's face and it turned cold, beautifully cold. "Well—I've done it again, haven't I? Thrown myself at you. It's getting to be a habit, isn't it?"

Again I was sorry for her. I almost had the strange wish that I wasn't in love with another girl. But I was in love with Jenny.

It isn't all clear to me just how I got away from the party that evening. I remember one thing though: Dian told me good-bye at the door, and she had regained her poise completely.

"Good-night, Steve," she said. "If you change your mind give me a buzz."

I drove by the parsonage and found Jenny propped up on the davenport reading.

"How's the headache?" I asked. I thought she looked pale and tired.

"Better, thank you. How was the party?"

"Oh, so-so."

"How was Dian?" Her eyes were leveled on me.

"Oh, Dian was so-so, too. Did you miss me?"

She pursed her full lips. "You know what, Steve? I've been thinking. Maybe I'd better marry you right away. You're awfully handsome—and who knows when some ravishing girl will close in on you?"

I grinned at her, happily. "Don't worry, honey. I've got that settled. I've been thinking, too. I'll finish school first. Love can wait, remember, until I finish school."

The Christmas holidays over, I returned to my studies at the seminary. As much as my selfish desires prodded me to talk Jenny into marrying me immediately, in my more thoughtful and unselfish moments I knew it was not fair to insist on it. She would want to be with me, I knew, and that would mean a one-room home for two, with a hotplate and none of the niceties I wanted my wife to enjoy. It was for the best for us to wait I knew.

There were many moments during the years I spent in school, however, that I could easily have argued myself out of any previous decision. Suppose there should be another war. I would always feel that I should enlist, and go with the troops. Then, if we married hastily, there probably would be nothing more than a one-room home for us. Perhaps Jenny and I should take these precious moments, and live our lives together now—now. Who knew what the future would hold? I was impulsive at times.

One holiday when I drove back to Gold Springs I stopped at the parsonage to see Jenny before going home. I was in one of those rare moods. She was sitting at the window. When she saw my car in front of the house she came running down the stairs to meet me.

"Steve, Steve, it's so good to see you again."

I gathered her in my arms and kissed her.

"The neighbors, darling, the neighbors."

"Forget the neighbors," I said. "Our engagement's official, might as well let the whole world know it."

Jenny was radiant, her coppery hair a beautiful contrast to her deep green dress. "Shall we go inside?" she asked.

"Well, why not take a little ride? I'd like to see you alone—all alone."

We climbed into the car and before long we were out on the edge of town.

"The sunset is beautiful, isn't it?" she said.

"Not as beautiful as your hair and the lights in your eyes. Still love me, Jenny? No one else who's taken my place?"

"Oh, Steve, you're always kidding. I thought by this time you would know what a dependable and unchangeable person I am."

"Guess I should know, by this time. I can't talk you into marrying me! Seriously, darling, don't you think we should get married?"

"But you've only six months more to go until you finish. You'll be through in June—you'll need the next few months to study and prepare for your examinations. A wife, well, a wife might get in the way."

It was my old selfishness again. I knew it was best that we wait.

"Besides, Steve, we've only begun to plan the wedding, to make my dress. Mother wants everything to be nice."

"All right, Jenny. I guess you win. We'll wait. But let's set the date right after graduation. What do you say?"

Jenny nodded her head. I would return to the seminary, concentrate on my studies and wait until June.

At home that evening Phoebe was working in the kitchen. I opened the door and the deliciousness of homemade cookies spread through me as I took a deep breath. For a moment I imagined that this was our home—Jenny's and mine—that we were preparing for Christmas celebrations. A year from now, we will, I thought.

Phoebe was lifting the cookies from the oven. Her face was flushed, and her eyes were merry. "Just in time, Steve," she said. "Here, help yourself to a morsel or two."

"I was hoping you would ask me, Phoebe."

"Steve, you don't have to ask. You know this is your home, and what is ours is yours. It'll always be that way."

"You're a wonderful person, Phoebe. Whatever would I have done all these years without you?"

"Well, one of these days you'll have your own home, and your own wife, and family."

"What are you doing, reading my mind? I was just thinking ahead to this time next year. We've set the date, Phoebe. Right after graduation."

"Steve, I'm happy for you. If I were to choose a girl for you I could not have picked anyone more perfect for you than Jenny."

I stood munching cookies. It was good to know that my folks approved the girl of my choice. It gave me a warm feeling deep inside to know that they would take Jenny into their hearts as a daughter of their own. What more could a man ask, than to have the love of a woman and the respect of his own folks?

It was the first of June and I was in Gold Springs again. I shall never forget that first afternoon with Phoebe and Jason. As we leaned over the steaming cups of Phoebe's inimitable coffee, the difficulties of the past four years at seminary seemed to disappear like the fragrant steam. I was conscious only of a strange but supremely pleasant feeling of satisfaction. I had completed successfully four years of seminary and was now a bona fide pastor; I had the heartening prospect of a small but promising church; moreover, I had also the dream of a manse with Jenny—my Jenny—in it.

How good it was to be with Phoebe and Jason again! Suddenly Phoebe's best red-checked tablecloth blurred and the thin cup trembled in my hand. My heart was full and overflowed as it had overflowed so many times before, in talk.

At first we spoke of little things—inconsequential in themselves, yet part of the pattern of security. Jason shifted the conversation gently.

"Steve, it's certainly good to have you here with us again. It's like old times. Tell us about yourself." He glanced subtly at Phoebe, who rose to replenish the silver tray with the best cookies baked in the county. "Say, how about another cookie first?" Jason asked.

"I never had cookies like these at school—unless you sent them," I answered. Phoebe's laughter was pleasant as ever. "Your best china, and the special cloth—how come?" I asked. "I feel like some visiting dignitary."

"For your home-coming, Stevie," Phoebe said gaily.

For a swift moment I wished that I could stay in this pleasant sun-filled kitchen for a long time.

"So you're a full-fledged preacher now, eh, Steve?" Jason asked. "Phoebe and I are sure proud of you, boy. You really stuck to your goal. There are a lot of junked goals these days, you know," he added philosophically.

"Yes, Jason, I know. But you were a powerful factor in my succeeding—you and Phoebe. Don't forget that," I said firmly. "I'll never forget those precious dollars you sent me, and those letters that kept me plugging when the going was tough. And that advise that kept me steady. I knew that you and Phoebe and Jenny were praying for me. Prayer has terrific power, Jason. I've learned that, too, in the last four years."

There was no sound except Phoebe's journey to the stove and her return to pour second cups of coffee. I had never been so acutely aware of sounds—all part of the familiarity which made this a beloved place. That was Phoebe, calm, quiet, yet always intensely active in the background of her husband's life—and mine.

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# We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

## MEET YOUR PROGRAM PACKET EDITOR!

Mrs. Albert E. Reddig's advent into the service of the North American Baptist family began when she was only three years old. In the little sod school house, standing on a chair, so everyone could see her, she sang, "Gott ist die Liebe." That was on the lonely plains of Montana, where her father, the Rev. Daniel Klein, was a pioneer preacher. Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Klein are still active in our work, ministering to the McClusky, North Dakota, Church.



Mrs. Albert E. Reddig of Cathay, North Dakota, and her family of four sons. Left to right: Michael, Mrs. Reddig, Mark and Gary with Robert at the back.

It was natural for Mrs. Reddig (Freda) to grow into the various phases of church work. At the age of ten she played the reed organ (standing to pump the pedals) when the regular player was absent. The congregation usually sang, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," in deference to her, for she could play it best. About that time she was asked to join an adult choir because they needed altos and she could read notes. At twelve she was elected secretary of the young people's group in a country church which her father was serving in Oklahoma. While she was in training to become a teacher, she held services in a little country school. Her father came every six weeks to give her help and encouragement.

The summer before Freda Klein and Albert E. Reddig were married, she

was elected recording secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School workers' Union at the 1937 General Conference in Portland, Oregon.

Besides teaching classes and directing choirs at summer assemblies, she kept up her activities in the local church at Cathay, North Dakota. There she has served as Sunday School teacher, church organist, choir director, president of the young people's group, teacher every summer in the Daily Vacation Bible School, and vice-president of the Woman's Missionary Group.

In the realm of women's work Mrs. Reddig had been secretary of the North Dakota Association Woman's Union before her more recent election as president of that organization. Her four sons: Gary, 12; Robert, 10; Michael, 7; and Mark, 5, have been a challenge to her in participating in Parent-Teacher Association organizations.

It seems miraculous that such a busy mother could find the time to be a local and district P.T.A. president besides belonging to the North Dakota P.T.A. State Board of Managers. She concluded her work in these avenues, however, when she assumed the very important position as chairman of our National Woman's Union Missionary Education Committee.

Mrs. Reddig's only brother is a Baptist minister and her three sisters are all active in Christian work. Her hus-

band is the brother of our missionary, Miss Laura Reddig, in the Cameroons. She considers as one of the nicest compliments ever paid her these words: "You seem more like Laura's sister than her sister-in-law." Mrs. Reddig's chief interest in life is her family. Together Mr. and Mrs. Reddig's supreme aim is to rear their four sons to become useful Christian men. Those who have been in the hospitable Reddig home report that it is beautifully managed.

Mrs. Reddig has just edited the biggest and best Program Packet. It is a real bargain. Send your orders, specifying English or German, at \$1.00 each packet to: Woman's Missionary Union, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

## THE PROGRAM PACKET

By MRS. ALBERT E. REDDIG.

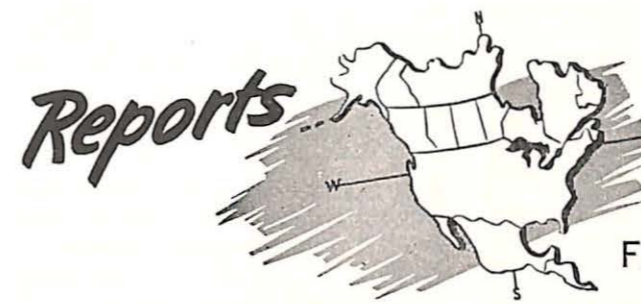
The Program Packet, which is available to all missionary groups who wish to use it, is a compilation of contributions from women throughout the denomination. The committee who helped plan and produce the material includes many faithful women who responded so willingly to requests for program material. To my pastor's wife, Mrs. L. Bienert, goes much credit for her listening ear, into which I poured my "notions" concerning the packet. She was my sounding board. Her advice and counsel were invaluable. To our president, Mrs. Grosser, I owe much more than can be enumerated. Without her guiding hand, her wise suggestions gleaned from first-hand experience, and countless other helps, I should never have undertaken the task of Missionary Education Chairman.

In a sense, my committee constituted all the contributors to the packet—the nine conference presidents, and many, many others—ministers' wives and lay women, to whom requests for suggestions and program ideas were directed. Whenever the opportunity presented itself, I interviewed women's groups and individuals personally to learn their preferences for program material. Dozens of letters were written in a similar quest.

As each suggestion and program preference was received, it was filed, and on the basis of these ideas garnered from every section of our denomination, the program material in the new packet was compiled. Perhaps the one term most frequently used in letters received was the request for "more simple" materials. Therefore, if, to some groups, we seem to have over-simplified things, we hope to make amends in future packets. Remember, as you use these programs, all of them can be expanded and adapted. They may serve at best as suggestions to be elaborated upon, if you find them too simple.

The contents of the packet are varied with the hope that they may appeal equally to every group, large or small.

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FROM THE FIELD

## Northern Conference

### Evangelistic Meetings and Baptism of 18 Converts at Baptist Church, Yorkton, Saskatchewan

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday were two days of special blessing for the Baptist Church of Yorkton, Sask., Canada. Several weeks previously, we had the privilege of having the Rev. E. H. Nikkel of Swan River, Man., here for two weeks of evangelistic meetings. The first week, he spoke in the German language, and the second in English. Eighteen persons accepted the Lord as their personal Savior.

On Palm Sunday morning, March 29, the Rev. Alfred Lueck brought a stirring message to a packed house, after which he had the honor of baptizing these 18 converts. The choir rendered several hymns during the baptism. The Hand of fellowship was extended to them on Easter Sunday morning, followed by the communion service. This is the second baptismal service held in our new church, the first having been held in April 1952, when eight candidates followed the Lord in baptism.

We feel that the Lord has been good to us under the capable leadership of our pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lueck. The attendance has been very encouraging, and we hope and pray that many more might accept the Lord Jesus as their own personal Savior.

Mrs. A. Eckert, Reporter.

### CBY Play and Easter Cantata at the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta

The CBY of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., worked hard and long to present the heart-stirring play, "The Broken Circle," which presents a striking message with regard to the Second Coming of Christ. The play was presented very effectively in our church on March 1st, after which it was presented in the neighboring Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Rabbit Hill Church, Clover Lawn Mission, the Willow Creek School, the McKernan Baptist Church of Edmonton, Wiesenthal and Wetaskiwin churches.

Offerings received by the young people in conjunction with the play amounted to \$146. This will be used for the annual project for the Youth Camp at Sylvan Lake and also for other mission work. We praise God for such privileges of serving him and pray that we might use each opportunity that presents itself.

### Meeting of the Baptist Haven of Rest for the Aged Society at Yorkton on June 30th.

The Baptist Haven of Rest for the Aged Society will hold its annual meeting in the German Baptist Church in Yorkton, Sask., on June 30, 1953, at 2:30 o'clock just prior to the sessions of the Northern Conference.

R. H. Zepik, Secretary.

Our mixed choir, under the faithful and capable leadership of Mr. Bill Peters, rendered the beautiful Easter cantata, "Christ Victorious," in our church and also in the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc. Our hearts were lifted as the 30 voices rang forth the beautiful story of our victorious Savior.

Mrs. Rudolf Ohlmann, Reporter.

### Observance of Easter at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, Canada

In preparation for the Easter spirit of the Immanuel Baptist Church at Morris, Man., we held a week of Lenten services in the High School auditorium, sponsored by the Ministerial Association of Morris. The meetings were well attended and consisted of special music and singing with special speakers selected to bring the message



Rev. R. Kanwischer, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Man., and six converts whom he baptized on Easter Sunday.

for each evening. The Rev. R. Kanwischer was the speaker at the Good Friday Memorial service and the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn brought the message on Easter Sunday morning.

Easter Sunday was a special day this year, not only because it was the day of Jesus' triumphal victory over death and sin, but because six converts were baptized on Sunday afternoon and pledged obedience to our Lord. Their names are: Walter Weisser, Earnest Kurz, Eric Fuellbrandt, Lorne Bergstresser, Doris Bergstresser and Gloria Penner. Our prayer is that they may grow in their spiritual lives to the honor of God, our Father.

The Sunday evening program was under the leadership of the young people. They made Easter more realistic with the presentation of the play, "The Gardener."

I might also mention that we are planning to build a new church this year. Plans are now well under way, with the cement and some lumber already purchased and the blue prints now practically completed. Immediately following the spring seeding, we will begin excavating and pouring the cement for the basement. We hope to have it fairly complete and ready for use by this fall.

Melvin Bergstresser, Reporter.

## Southern Conference

### Tornado News from Waco, Texas, and from Our Central Baptist Church

Many North American Baptists have been concerned about the welfare of the Central Baptist Church family here in Waco, Texas, since the tragedy of Monday, May 11, when a destructive tornado hit our city. Our church and parsonage were spared. Fortunately, as far as we can ascertain, all within our church family were spared. Though some suffered property damage, no one was killed or injured.

One incident stands out: Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Lippert, who operate a day nursery, were in the direct path of the storm here on the west side. Although there was terrible destruction all around them, they were miraculously spared and all the children are safe.

As you know from news reports, hundreds within our city were not so fortunate. Among those killed were members of other Baptist churches. We have been told that twelve members of the Columbus Avenue Baptist Church were taken.

A pall of gloom and sorrow covers our city. Though dazed and bewildered, we are trying to emerge from this greatest tragedy in the history of our city. Never has a tornado struck here, and an Indian legend of centuries has persisted that Waco was so situated that a storm could not strike here. Such false security has suddenly been swept away. God has spoken and we are seeking to learn the lessons that he would teach us through this disaster. We have appreciated the prayers and material help that have come to our stricken city from friends everywhere.

Louis R. Johnson, Reporter.

**Banquet for Southern Conference Baptist Men at Central Church, Waco, Texas**

The Baptist Men of the Southern Conference are happy to have had the privilege to attend a banquet recently at Waco, Texas. It was indeed a joy to have Christian fellowship with one another and enjoy things that are common among Christians.

The purpose of the banquet was to create more interest among the men of our Conference and to impress their responsibility to their God and their churches. The part that our men's organization is supposed to play in missionary emphasis was stressed. A missionary offering of \$52.24 was received and forwarded to Headquarters in Forest Park, Illinois.

We had a total of 74 men present which included a good representation from Dallas, Gatesville, Crawford, Cottonwood and Elm Creek, Texas.



Guests at the 50th anniversary program of the King's Daughters Mission Circle, Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Norman W. Paullin of Philadelphia, Pa. (center); Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Appel of Jersey City, N. J. (right); and Rev. and Mrs. Robert Zimbelman (left).

Some favorite hymns were sung by the group and several special numbers were given by a quartet. We were also favored by a couple of trombone duets.

The singing was followed by a challenging message by the Rev. J. K. Warkentin, the new pastor of the Canaan Baptist Church at Crawford, Texas. He brought a very challenging message on "Naaman, the Leper."

Harry W. Haeffner, Reporter.

**Atlantic Conference**

**50th Anniversary of King's Daughters Mission Circle of Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, New York**

At the 50th anniversary of the King's Daughters Mission Circle of the Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Friday, April 24, the great missionary challenge of our day was the major emphasis. This meeting marked 50 years during which the Circle has continued its missionary work, as described by our pastor, Rev. Robert Zimbelman, "The circle has not only supported missionary tasks suggested by the ministers, but has done pioneer

work in-keeping the challenge of mission service before the church."

Mrs. Edwin Marklein, president of the Circle, presided over the challenging program presented. Five charter members were honor guests, calling to remembrance the firm foundations that were laid in the past. The large number of Circle members present gave emphasis to the work of today. In comments by Miss Martha Hafner, the challenge to tomorrow was voiced.

Highlight of the evening's activities was found in the message by Dr. Norman Paullin of Philadelphia, Pa., who called for a new individual consecration to the basic truth of the Christian faith. Dr. W. J. Appel, former pastor of Evergreen Church and now serving the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Jersey City, N. J., and Mrs. Appel were our guests for the evening.

Special responsibilities for the program were entrusted to Miss Margaret Macoskey. The missionary offering received for the evening was desig-

nated for the New Leper Settlement Work in our Cameroons field. A Women's Chorus of 25 voices from the Circle rendered two musical selections, adding much to the beauty of the service. Miss Grace Appel added her talents in the singing of, "I Talked to God Last Night." Our Mission Circle under the leadership of Mrs. Edwin

**INVITATION TO NORTHERN CONFERENCE**

Our churches in the vicinity of Yorkton hereby extend a cordial invitation to the churches of the Northern Conference to attend the Fiftieth Anniversary Sessions of the Northern Conference convening in Yorkton, Sask., June 30 to July 5, 1953.

All delegates and visitors are kindly asked to send requests for lodging reservations to Rev. Alfred Lueck, Yorkton, Sask.

By order of our churches of the Yorkton vicinity,  
Rev. Martin De Boer  
Rev. Alfred Lueck

Marklein looks forward to continued service in the work of the Kingdom.

Dorothy S. Zimbelman, Reporter.

**Pacific Conference**

**Easter Services and Cornerstone Laying Exercises at Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon**

Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., has again experienced a wonderful Easter Day. Over 500 people were in attendance at the Bible School and because of lack of space in our present educational unit many could not attend the morning worship service. Many people were seated in the parlor and other rooms and took in the service over the loud speaker but were unable to see the speakers or singers.

The day started with a sunrise Easter service sponsored by the CBY and a breakfast following. The guest speaker for this service was the Rev. Russell A. Shive of Hinson Memorial Baptist Church. The pastor, the Rev. John Wobig, spoke at the morning service on the subject, "When Doubt Confirms." In the evening our choir rendered a beautiful Easter cantata with Mrs. Ruby Steinfeld doing the reading. A communion service was held on Good Friday evening at which several new members received the hand of fellowship. Seven more new members were welcomed into our fellowship on the first Sunday in May.

The cornerstone for the new church edifice was laid following the morning service on Sunday, April 19th. Victor Loewen led in the singing of "The Church's One Foundation" and "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken." Gordon Bronlewwe read Psalm 132. Gordon's father, Thomas Bronlewwe, Sr., donated the stone. The Rev. Theodore Leger, 91 year old retired pastor and member of the church, offered the dedicatory prayer. The pastor, the Rev. John Wobig, gave a brief message.

Mr. Harry Johnson, contractor, then placed the following articles into the stone or box: articles from old cornerstone of S.W. Fourth and Mill. 1. Resolution to build and historical sketch. 2. "Verhandlungen der Jahres-Konferenzen der Deutschen Baptisten Gemeinden von Nordamerika 1895." 3. Copy "Der Sendbote," Jan. 11, 1893. 4. Pictures of the Rev. W. C. Rabe, his wife and son. 5. Various inclosures; for the new cornerstone—1. Resolutions and data to build. 2. Copy of "Oregon Journal," April 28, 1951 containing articles on relocation and new buildings. 3. Copy of "Baptist Herald," June, 1951 containing articles on relocation and new buildings. 4. Annual Conference Reports of North American Baptist General Conference 1952. 5. Church Directory of Trinity Baptist Church of 1951 to April 1953. 6. Pictures of pastors and buildings. 7. Some 1951 coins. 8. Miscellaneous articles.

After this Mr. Albert Shuholm, foreman of masonry, sealed the stone. Dr. Stuart Hackett, professor at Western Seminary, gave the closing prayer.

John Wobig, Pastor.

**Evangelistic Meetings and Woman's Missionary Program at Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash.**

From April 15 to 24 special meetings were held at the Odessa Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash., with Rev. H. J. Wilcke, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., as speaker. Considerable advertising was done before the meetings which included a large sign that was placed at the side of the church. It was built by one of the members and the printing was done by some of the young people.

The meetings were well attended. Many rich blessings were ours as a church and community during these days with Brother Wilcke. However, no visible results were witnessed in that no one took a definite stand to accept Christ as his Savior. On the closing evening a number of Christians stepped forward as an act of re-consecration.

Another highlight of late was the annual program of the Woman's Missionary Society held on Sunday afternoon, March 29th. Musical numbers, a dialogue and presentation of a corsage and gift to the secretary of the Society, Mrs. Hattie Schlimmer, for serving in that capacity for the last ten years, represented the first part of the program. The Rev. R. M. Klingbeil of Colfax, Wash., was the special speaker of the afternoon. He related many interesting experiences of his recent trip to Germany.

Orville H. Meth, Pastor.

Send all reports promptly within one month after the event to the Editor, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

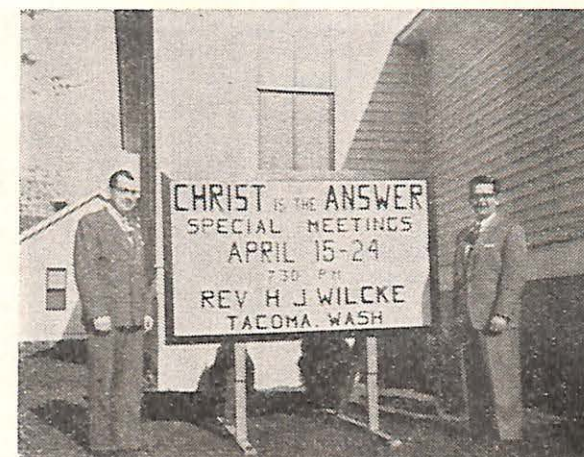
**Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Bansemmer of Los Angeles, California**

On Wednesday, April 22, 1953 it was fifty years since Mr. and Mrs. Gus Bansemmer of Los Angeles, Calif., were united in holy matrimony. Fifty years ago they solemnly pledged their allegiance to each other, and the Lord has guided them wonderfully through all these years. This union was blessed with seven children: three sons, Arthur Eric and Paul (Eric and Paul have gone to be with the Lord); and four daughters: Ann (Mrs. F. Post), Esther (Mrs. C. Johnston), Jerry (Mrs. C. Lawson), and Sarah (Mrs. C. Stewart).

For this occasion a celebration was planned by the children and held on Sunday, April 26th, at the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church. All the children, grandchildren, daughters and sons-in-law were present. The sanctuary was beautifully decorated with huge baskets of yellow iris and snapdragons and banked with palms.

At seven o'clock the organist, Mrs. Henry Wetzler, started with the strains of familiar wedding tunes. Many had gathered from near and far. Then to the music of the traditional wedding march, Mr. and Mrs. Bansemmer were escorted down the aisle by two grandchildren, Sharon Ann and Norman Lawson. After the opening prayer by

The special sign for the evangelistic meetings at the Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash., with the Rev. H. J. Wilcke of Tacoma, Wash., at the left and the local pastor, Rev. Orville H. Meth, at the right.



the pastor, Mrs. Leonard Marangi sang, "The Sweetest Story Ever Told," and the four daughters sang, "Whispering Hope," both numbers being accompanied by Margaret Stuermer. The pastor, the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, read a scripture passage and spoke briefly on, "My God Shall Supply All Your Needs." Then the honored couple renewed their sacred vows and a dedication prayer was offered. Mrs. Marangi then sang, "The Lord's Prayer."

All were invited to the church parlor where the reception was given. The bridal table was adorned with a sumptuous four-tier wedding cake. Mr. Ferdinand Post, a son-in-law, acted as master of ceremonies. After the refreshments were served the following program was given: a solo, "Golden Years," by Mrs. Marangi; a double duet, "It Is No Secret What God Can Do," by the four daughters; a recitation, "On This Golden Wedding Day," by Sharon Lawson; also a beautiful tribute written by Esther Johnston and read by Sarah Stewart entitled, "Fifty Golden Years." Congratulations were expressed for the church by Mr. Chas. Walpus and Mr. Henry Wetzler and a beautiful flower-

ing azalia was presented to them. With the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" the evening came to a close.

Upon coming to this country Mr. and Mrs. Bansemmer established their first home at Underwood, North Dakota. From there they moved to Lodi, Calif., and 30 years ago they came to Los Angeles. Since coming to Los Angeles they have been faithful workers in the church. Mr. and Mrs. Bansemmer are sincere Christians who have reared their children in the fear of the Lord. They are highly esteemed for their consecrated lives and loyal service. Mr. Bansemmer is serving on the Board of Deacons, is head usher and has served on the Board of Trustees.

Among the many guests it was a joy to have relatives of Mr. Bansemmer from afar, including Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Suelzle and son and Mrs. Lydia Beckert of Lodi, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Berg and Mr. Jerry Hyske from Stockton, California. May God richly bless Brother and Sister Bansemmer with health and strength to serve him many more years and may they have many more anniversaries in our midst.

Edmund Mittelstedt, Pastor.



Mr. and Mrs. Gus Bansemmer of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., on the happy occasion of their golden wedding anniversary surrounded by their fine family of a son and four daughters.

### Welcome for the Chaffees by the Bethany Baptist Church Near Portland, Oregon

Easter Sunday morning found about 240 people out for the Sunday School program at the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Oregon. The Easter Sunday morning services were well attended. The choir furnished special music as well as a vocal solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple," sung by Mr. Herbert Sturhahn from the Bethany Church of Vancouver, British Columbia. The Lord's Supper was observed as a fitting climax to the morning service.

A dramatic Easter play entitled, "The Shadow of Peter," was presented on Sunday evening. The message was soul stirring and prayerfully portrayed by the cast which was as follows: Bruce Rich, Don Rich, Lola Mae Timmons, Lois Findley, George Findley, and Grace Jenne.

Friday evening, March 10 was the scene of a big event at the Bethany Church. It was the banquet welcoming home our returned missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Chaffee and their family. The church basement took on a lovely "jungle" air, as the palm tree decorations lent real atmosphere. After a sumptuous banquet, the Rev. Arthur Schulz led the group in some choruses. The Rev. Frank Friesen, our former minister, then had the honor of introducing our guests of honor, the Chaffees.

The musical program included a piano duet by Lois Findley and Lorraine Rich; a song by a group of the Sunday School boys and girls, and a saxophone solo by James Copeland. Melba Schaer, Lulu Schulz and Avalon Eggiman sang a trio. Dr. Chaffee then spoke to us, after which questions were asked him by the group. Our male quartet sang a closing number for the evening. Dr. Chaffee closed with prayer.

Sunday, March 12, was a busy day for the Chaffees. Both Dr. and Mrs. Chaffee spoke in the various Sunday School classes. In the morning service the doctor told about much of the leper work now being carried on in Africa. For the evening service we invited the Village Ridge and the Stafford Churches to join us as Dr. Chaffee showed pictures of the work in the Bansa area.

Mrs. William Jenne, Reporter.

### The Oregon Baptist League Spring Rally at Portland's Immanuel Baptist Church

"His We Are" was the theme used for the Spring Rally of the Oregon Baptist League held at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., on April 24, 25 and 26.

Mr. Fred Moore of Villa Rildge opened the meeting on Friday evening with a song service. Our devotions for the evening were led by Everett Schirman from Trinity. Our special number for the evening was a vocal selection by Mr. and Mrs. Milo Kuhn of our Bethel Church. The Bethany Church presented the play, "Shadow of Peter," which portrayed Biblical scenes during the time of our Lord's crucifixion and its effects upon various

people of that day. A singspiration and time of fellowship was enjoyed by all following the service.

Two classes each were held on Saturday morning for Juniors and Junior High with Mrs. Earl Ahrens, Mrs. Milton Zeeb and Howard Peach as instructors. They stressed the importance of living the Christian life and being adept in soul-winning.

A delightful banquet was held on Saturday evening. Mr. Vic Loewen of Trinity led in a rousing song service. Miss Virginia Classen of Salt Creek read our scripture and offered prayer. Our special music for the evening was furnished by Lois Findley and Lorraine Rich from Bethany and Myrl Thiesies of Salt Creek. Our speaker for the evening was Dr. Earl S. Kalland, president of Western Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary. He spoke to us on Psalms 100:3 using as his text, "We Are His People."

Following this inspiring message we held our election of officers and business meeting. Myrl Thiesies of Salt Creek was elected vice-president and Sharon LeClair of Immanuel was elected secretary. They will take office after the Summer Assembly which is to be held July 25th to August 1st. President Don Rich presided over the business meeting.

On Sunday afternoon the installation of officers was held with the past officers handing over their offices to those newly elected. The Rev. Robert Penner, dean for 1953, then installed the new officers. The Rev. Dwight Wadsworth, a former U.S. chaplain who is at present preparing himself for missionary work in Germany, delivered a heart-searching message on "Prayer and Revival." Special music was furnished by the Trinity trio.

Many thanks go to the Immanuel Baptist Church for their splendid hospitality during our rally, and we pray that as a League we may work faithfully in building God's Kingdom and consecrate ourselves anew to the tasks that lie ahead for youth and Sunday School workers.

Bernietta Wobig, Secretary.

### Northwestern Conference

#### Anniversary Program by the CBY at the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wisconsin

On Sunday evening, April 19, the CBY of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., presented its annual program. The main highlight of the program was an hour long, three-act play entitled, "The House on the Sand." Everyone of our active members participated in the play, and a blessing was received by all. The theme of the play was based on the Scripture passage found in the Gospel of Luke 6:48, "He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock." The offering which was received was added to our state project

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fund, which goes for the Leper Colony in Africa.

Our CBY has also been taking complete charge of the evening service on the fifth Sunday of the month, when it comes around. Special music is provided, and topics are usually assigned to various members of our group.

This year our society has been holding two meetings a month, one on the second Monday and one on the fourth Monday. The first is set aside for business and social, while the latter is for Bible study and discussion. We also edit our State CBY paper, "Broadcasters," for the coming year.

We thank God for the uplifting experiences of days like these. It is our prayer that we may continue to work together for the glory of God in the furtherance of his work.

Donna Mae Rabenhorst, Reporter.

#### "Divine Love in Action," Theme of the Minnesota Women's Spring Rally

The Woman's Missionary Union of Minnesota and LaCrosse, Wis., met for their annual spring rally at the Randolph Baptist Church on the beautiful Sunday of April 26. The service was one of great inspiration and fellowship. The little church bulged with about 180 people representing the nine churches of the state. The program blended together in a most beautiful manner. Mrs. Wm. Jeschke, our state president, presided and also responded to the welcome of the local president, Mrs. Elmer Miller.

Four societies brought a variety of musical treats. Mrs. A. Uistad, Mrs. E. Kopf and Mrs. J. Mikkelson, a women's trio, represented Holloway. A lovely clarinet number by Miss Phylis Magnuson was a Randolph contribution. Mrs. Frank Stassen of River-view Church of St. Paul brought a melodious number on the ivory keys, and a women's quartet from St. Bonifacius Church challenged our hearts with the number, "With the Pilot's Hand on Mine."

Mrs. Walter Grosser, our charming and very capable National Woman's Union president, was our guest speaker. Her encouraging report of the "Mary Minds" and "Martha Hands" of our women's groups challenged us to even greater efforts to put "Divine Love Into Action" through our individual and united efforts. She quoted an expression that holds much food for thought, namely, "Love is the highest delight in the good of another at your own expense."

An action of love for our Cameroons work was the display of about 20 quilts made by the nine churches. The sight around the church was lovely. The sum of \$245 collected for this project plus \$94, as the afternoon offering, to further aid in our mission efforts, was indeed gratifying.

Mrs. Adam Huber of Faith Church, Minneapolis, led us in a period of fun and fellowship. After a satisfying supper by our hostesses, we returned to our homes and churches rejoicing that we had been to Randolph and in what God had done.

Mrs. H. Stanke, Secretary.

### Central Conference

#### Evangelistic Meetings With Rev. Aaron Buhler at Fourth Ave. Church, Alpena, Michigan

Manifold blessings were received during evangelistic services held at the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., from April 13 to 24. The Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor of the Holmes St. Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., served as guest evangelist, and our hearts were warmed and blessed as he brought messages from God's Word to us. Spiritual victories were wrought as a fine group of young people and adults came to know Christ as their personal Savior. The pastor, the Rev. Eric Kuhn, is now planning a class of instruction and a baptismal service will be held within the near future.

During Mr. Buhler's stay in Alpena, we were privileged to use his services for four mornings on Alpena's WATZ Radio Station program known as "Morning Devotions." He also served as special guest at the ground breaking service for our new church edifice held on April 19.

Interest has been good in our Wednesday night prayer services during past months as the pastor led the church in a rich study of the book of Acts. In a few weeks a course of study on soul winning will be started. Our desire is to be better equipped for Christ's service.

Eric Kuhn, Pastor.

#### New Members and Pipe Organ at the First Baptist Church, Trenton, Illinois

The First Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill., has had several additions to its membership during the months since the Rev. James B. Hutton became pastor in September, 1952. We have had two baptismal services, with five youngsters and four adults professing the Lord in the Scriptural way. There have been eleven additions by letter. Six members have left the fellowship, having taken their letters to other churches. Two of these have been non-resident members for many years. Death took one member in April.

We have an active youth group and all members are enrolled in the Scripture memorization course.

A pipe organ has been installed, and was played for the first time for our Easter services. We feel that this instrument will be an asset to our worship services and a blessing to every member. The expense of this organ was met by an "Every Member Pledge."

The Men's Brotherhood has presented the pastor with a good used car to help him in his pastoral calling and for family use.

In March, we had a week of evangelistic services, with the Rev. Charles Forsberg of Old Stonington Baptist Church, Stonington, Ill., as speaker. His inspiring messages were a blessing to all who were privileged to hear him.

Florence Ranz, Asst. Church Clerk.



Miss Eleanor Schulert, missionary-appointee who has just arrived in the Cameroons, Africa, is shown in front of the missionary map of the Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Mich., with the Rev. E. A. McAsh, pastor, at the right and Mr. Christian Fink, mission committee chairman, at the left.

#### Farewell to Missionary Eleanor Schulert at Her Home Church, Ebenezer, Detroit, Michigan

A farewell service for Miss Eleanor Schulert, missionary to the Cameroons, Africa, was given from her home church, the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., on Sunday evening, April 26th. This is the second time that Ebenezer has said goodbye to Eleanor, as she returns for her second term as a missionary in Africa, and for her first term to the Cameroons.

Pastor E. Arthur McAsh introduced Mr. Christian Fink, the chairman of our Missions Committee. Mr. Fink spoke of the love of the church for Eleanor Schulert and, on behalf of the congregation, wished her "God speed!" Eleanor Schulert then gave her testimony to the Lord's grace and leading. Pastor McAsh led the congregation in prayer, asking God's protection and power for his servant being sent forth in his service.

Mr. McAsh spoke on "Three Motives for Missionary Service" from 2 Corinthians 5:9-14. We labor that we may be accepted of him, because we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ and give an account of our faithfulness. Also "knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." Judgment upon sin requires us to bring the Gospel of righteousness to those who sit in darkness. And lastly, "The love of Christ constraineth us." Because of God's forgiving grace and mercy to us, we are impelled to be his witnesses to the whole world for which Christ died. The Communion Supper concluded the inspiring service, and the congregation, joining hands, sang, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

The Missions Committee at Ebenezer Church headed by Mrs. Christian Fink is very active. Our church now

has seven of its members active on the foreign mission fields. Four of these are in the Cameroons, namely: Paul Gebauer, Dr. William Boutwell, Delores Boutwell and Eleanor Schulert. Two others are in Liberia and one in Ethiopia. We praise God for his leading and provision.

Mrs. Gladys deCaussin, Church Clerk.

### Dakota Conference

#### Anniversary Program of the Women's Mission Circle at Martin, North Dakota

We, as members of the Martin Baptist Mission Circle of Martin, N. Dak., can surely say with the Psalmist of old, "The Lord hath done great things for us." Although we are a small group, 20 members in all, we have been working hard for the Lord's work. We are also very thankful for his love and guidance this past year.

We have again aided our missionaries on the foreign and home fields by prayer, financial aid and White Cross support. We remembered the sick with cards and flowers, and on various occasions remembered the St. Joseph's Children's Home, Home for the Aged and the Crippled Children's School. Our most recent project was that of purchasing a mimeograph machine for the church.

On Sunday evening, April 19, we celebrated our 40th anniversary, with Mrs. Fred Fuchs of Anamoose, N. Dak., as our guest speaker. A mission play entitled, "Aunt Fannie's Miracle," was given. The offering for the evening which amounted to \$70.00 was given to the mission work in Japan.

Under the capable leadership of our president, Mrs. John Engel, we are looking forward to doing great things for our Lord this year.

Mrs. Vernon Dockter, Secretary.

### Easter Sunday and Missionary Programs at Grace Church, Gackle and Alfred, North Dakota

Easter Sunday was climaxed by a series of blessed services and programs in the Grace Baptist Churches of Gackle and Alfred, North Dakota. Prof. and Mrs. H. Hiller and their two children of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., were our guests over the Easter weekend. They left unforgettable traces of blessing and inspiration through their God-given messages in word and song. The crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord were vividly presented by the young people and Ladies' Chorus during the Sunday School hour.



Members of the King's Daughters Group of the Grace Baptist Church, Gackle, N. Dak., with Mrs. G. W. Rutsch, advisor, at the right.

On Good Friday the Alfred mixed choir under the direction of Mrs. G. W. Rutsch rendered the cantata, "The Prince of Life," very effectively to a full house. They gave it again in the Berlin Baptist Church on Sunday evening, April 12, to a most appreciative audience.

On Palm Sunday the Gackle Gleaners portrayed, "The Life of Christ from the Cradle to the Grave" in Scripture reading and song. The program was brought to a stirring climax with the congregation's singing, "He Is Coming Again."

We appreciated having our Camerons missionary, Miss Eleanor Weisenberger, and the Rev. Arthur Fischer with us on March 18th. Miss Weisenberger brought a very challenging picture of our mission fields in Africa. This was of special interest to our youngest organization of the church, the teen-aged girls who are called, "The King's Daughters," to hear and to meet Miss Weisenberger in person, since they have made several various articles, bandages and compresses for the immediate needs of the Bango Hospital. On March 1st, "The King's Daughters" gave their first annual program and had a fine display of all they had gathered and done in one year's time, after which it was all sent to Headquarters to be forwarded to Africa.

In contrast to the youngest branch of the church, the oldest group also gave a fine program on Feb. 15. It was the Senior Ladies' Aid, which was functioning even for several years be-

fore the church was organized. They are still active and willing workers of the church. It was a joy to hear them testify to God's saving and keeping power through years of joy and sorrow.

Linda Rutsch, Reporter.

### Southwestern Conference

#### 75th Anniversary is Celebrated by the Bethany Baptist Church, Vesper, Kansas

From April 17 to 20 the Bethany Baptist Church of Vesper, Kans., celebrated its 75th anniversary. Guest

women in the church was presented after which the Rev. John Wood, presiding pastor, brought the closing message.

The Vesper Baptist Church was organized on April 14, 1878 in the home of Mr. J. G. Miller. The church was first named, "The German Baptist Church of Battle Creek, Lincoln County." The name "Bethany Church" was adopted on July 26, 1880.

Up to that time the congregation had been meeting in a schoolhouse, but on Jan. 15, 1883 the members decided to build their own permanent church. Rock was obtained from adjoining farms and the structure of stone was erected. That building was used until 1930 when the old stone church was torn down and the present building erected.

The church records for the past 75 years are: for local work, \$40,558.10; for missions, \$80,028.00. The Sunday School has given to the local work \$4,241.48 and for missions, \$4,651.89. The CBY gave for local work \$1,642.85 and for missions, \$2,684.55. The mission society has contributed for local work \$4,590.50, and for missions \$3,294.68. The total that has been given by all the organizations of the church for local work amounted to \$51,037.94 and for missions \$90,659.12.

Mrs. Frank Will, Reporter.

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ment exercises held that afternoon in the First Baptist Church, the address was brought by Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, medical missionary in the Cameroons. Dr. George A. Lang, seminary president, addressed the eight graduating students with a parting word of challenge. A more detailed report will appear in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The North Freedom Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wis., observed its 95th anniversary on Sunday, May 3rd, with Dr. Frank Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., as the guest speaker for the morning service. At noon a fellowship dinner was held for all who were in attendance. "We enjoyed Dr. Woyke's challenging message and pray that God continue to use us in building his Kingdom in this community," as reported by the Rev. Thomas Lutz, pastor. The CBY was in charge of the evening service during which a large cast under the direction of Mrs. Thomas Lutz presented the play, "What Shall It Profit?" The church was filled for this service. The play was written by Rev. D. C. Trapp. It has a very timely message and can be heartily recommended for any church, especially since the denomination has undertaken the present "Stewardship" program.

## Obituary

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

#### MRS. BERTHA BEISE of Mound, Minnesota.

Mrs. Bertha Sellin Beise was born in Geigitz, Germany, on May 13, 1864, and died in the Nagel Hospital, Waconia, Minn., on April 27, 1953 at the age of 88 years, 11 months and 14 days.

Mrs. Beise came to America with her parents at the age of 18 years and made her home with them at Junction City, Kans., and later near St. Bonifacius, Minnesota.

On September 18, 1888 she was united in marriage with Fred Beise, with whom she shared the experiences of home life for almost half a century. Her husband having passed away on January 17, 1937, she lived the life of a widow for 16 years. To this union seven children were born of whom four preceded her in death.

At the age of 31 years, she was baptized upon the confession of her faith in Christ, and was accepted into the fellowship of the Minnetrista Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful and respected member until death.

She leaves to mourn: one son, Albert; and two daughters: Hattie and Minnie, all of Mound, Minn.; besides many friends and relatives.

Minnetrista Baptist Church,  
St. Bonifacius, Minnesota

D. S. WIFE, Pastor.

#### MR. ALVAH ALFRED IHDE, of Elmo, Kansas.

Mr. Alvah Alfred Ihde was born Jan. 31, 1898 in the community of Hope, Kans., son of Otto and Anna Ihde. He lived in this vicinity all his life and passed to his eternal reward on April 27 of a heart attack. He had suffered a heart ailment for the past year.

He joined the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County at an early age through baptism and faith in the risen Christ. He remained a member of this church, faithfully serving as Sunday School teacher, superintendent, deacon and in many other capacities. He was also very active in community organizations.

On Nov. 10, 1929 he was joined in marriage to Miss Lu Ella Scheuffler of Ellinwood, Kansas. This union was blessed with one son.

He leaves the following loved ones: his wife and son, Robert; and the following brothers and sisters: Arthur of Hope, Elsie Jacobson, Elmo; Esther Lord, Merriam, Kans.; Mildred Platt, Hutchinson, Kans.; Ira of Portales, N. Mex.; Virla Piper of

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rural or urban. In the packet you will find a section of devotionals, which can be used at the beginning of monthly meetings, or as a nucleus upon which to build a short program. There is a section of longer, varied programs suitable for every month of the year, stressing our Union goals. You will also find book reviews for help with your missionary and inspirational reading.

Because there have been several requests for hints on parliamentary procedure and a sample constitution, these, too, have been included. If you enjoy a Bible Study, or Bible quiz occasionally, perhaps you will welcome

Hope, Kans.; Ruth Duffy of Detroit, Kans.; and many other relatives and a host of friends. His parents and two sisters preceded him in death. "Because I live, ye shall live also."

First Baptist Church  
of Dickinson County,  
Elmo, Kansas

H. SCHAUER, Pastor.

#### MISS SOPHIA MARTHA LUGINBUHL of Trenton, Illinois.

Miss Sophia Martha Luginbuhl of Trenton, Ill., daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Eugen Luginbuhl, was born in Trenton, Ill., March 7, 1889, and passed on to her heavenly home on Saturday, April 4, 1953, after a long illness. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church of Trenton on Tuesday, April 7th, the Rev. James B. Hutton officiating.

In her youth, she accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Savior and became a member of the First Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill., during the pastorate of the Rev. L. Gasser.

Martha loved her church and remained a loyal member to the end. Her life was one of service and good works. No task was too great or too small. She rendered many services of love for her family and friends. Children were a great joy to her. Especially during her late illness she looked forward to their laughter and play. They were always greeted with a smile in return.

She leaves to mourn two sisters: Mary Luginbuhl and Louise (Mrs. Art Schneider); and three brothers: Otto, Henry and Charles, all of Trenton. Other surviving relatives are five nieces, seven nephews, and three great nieces. A brother, Chris, preceded her in death a year ago.

We grieve her loss but rejoice to hear her Master's, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

"Death is one of God's angels,  
Commissioned to gather where sent,  
The beautiful souls of life's garden  
Whose days upon earth have been spent."

Trenton, Illinois

JAMES B. HUTTON, Pastor.

#### MR. PAUL MOSAL of Harvey, North Dakota.

Mr. Paul Mosal of Harvey, N. Dak., was born near Strasburg, West Prussia, Germany, on May 20, 1869, and passed away May 1, 1953 at the age of 83 years, 11 months and 10 days. He left his home in Germany at the age of 13, coming to the United States, where he made his new home in Albany, N. Y., and Cleveland, Ohio, respectively. In 1892 he came west to Bridgewater, S. Dak., where he met and married Miss Martha Boehlke. This union lasted 38 years, when Mrs. Mosal passed on to be with the Lord in the year 1913. The union was blessed with ten children, six boys and four girls.

Due to the drought and hard times in 1898, the family was obliged to migrate to ten miles northwest of Harvey, N. Dak., where a homestead was taken up. This move was made in a covered wagon. Much hardship was endured in those pioneer

those which you will find in the packet. All women's groups have occasion to serve meals at one time or another. For that reason, we felt a section of quantity recipes and a few banquet ideas might be useful. Then there's the problem of finding suitable material for that special annual program, or perhaps the reception for the new minister. The short plays, readings and poems included, we hope, will fill that end.

The eager acceptance of past packets indicated that this source of program material is serving a useful purpose. May the new packet, larger than ever, help you planning and preparing better monthly meetings. Every missionary group has a sublime duty and specific

years, but the family braved the storms of life.

Mr. Mosal was converted, baptized and received into the fellowship of the Martin Baptist Church in June, 1909, by the Rev. B. Schlipf. He served the church as treasurer for 28 years and remained a faithful member of the church until his death. Mr. Mosal visited the worship service for the last time on Easter Sunday morning of this year and enjoyed the service immensely.

He leaves to mourn his sudden death five sons and four daughters: John, Fred, William and Lydia Mosal, all of Minneapolis, Minn.; Jonathan of Fargo, N. Dak.; Robert of Goodrich, N. Dak.; Ella Bartz of Anamoose, N. Dak.; Mrs. Martha Noss of Harvey, and Mrs. Violet Halvorson of Wildrose, N. Dak.; twelve grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; one brother, Fred, of Albany, New York.

Funeral services were conducted from the Martin Baptist Church with the Rev. A. Bibelheimer of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., bringing the message. The pastor officiated. May the Lord of comfort bless and keep those who mourn!

Martin, North Dakota

JOHN ENGEL, Pastor.

#### MR. MARTIN UNRATH of Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan.

Mr. Martin Unrath of Golden Prairie, Sask., was born in Altelf, Bessarabia, Russia, on January 27, 1880. In 1906 he was united in marriage to Ida Stach. Four years later, with a family of three children, he emigrated to Canada and took up his homestead in Golden Prairie where God blessed his family with three more children.

Mr. Unrath became a Christian through the ministry of the Rev. A. Kajuth and was baptized in 1920 by the Rev. Kraecker. He was a faithful member of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church for many years, rendering service as dean, treasurer and trustee. In 1945 he was one of the charter members of the Golden Prairie Baptist Church, serving as trustee as long as God gave him strength.

Early Friday morning on April 24 he suffered a stroke and was taken to the Maple Creek Hospital. His strength ebbed until he passed away Monday night, April 27, at 11:55 p.m. He reached the age of 73 years and 3 months. Up to the last minute he talked with his children, and desired that God would soon take him home.

His wife preceded him in death on June 4, 1951. He is survived by one sister, 15 grandchildren, and six children: one daughter, Bertha, Mrs. Daniel Jacksteit; five sons: August, Reinhold, Albert, Martin and Arthur. Five children stayed close to the original homestead; the youngest, Arthur, is in Vancouver, B. C.

Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church of Golden Prairie on April 30. The pastor chose the text, "Dying, and behold we live" (2 Cor. 6:9). To Mr. Unrath death, although unnatural to face, was the birthday of Eternity. He is now with his God and with his loved ones who have gone on before, because in his "Father's house are many mansions."

Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan

ALPHONZ LAMPRECHT, Pastor.

calling to advance the cause of Christ and help spread the Word.

Then we will make our meetings more than a monthly social gathering consumed with much business discussion, little spiritual emphasis and the usual womanly worry, "What shall I serve?" There is a greater need than ever before for effective Christian witnessing in an insecure world, both at home among our neighbors, and among the heathen in the far-flung corners of the earth. May the material contained in the new packets inspire you to greater service in the fields that women best can fill and, in particular, the work which the Lord has specifically entrusted to North American Baptist women!

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Our Mission among the Indians of Alberta is also blossoming, in spite of numerous changes. (See the article about the Indians on another page of this issue.) We welcome Mr. Jacob Derman, the newly appointed missionary for the Montana Reserve, and his bride-to-be, Miss Martha Strohschein, into this missionary fellowship on the Indian Reserves.

Several of our Saskatchewan churches have undertaken a mission work among the Indians on the Muscouptung Reserve in Saskatchewan. The Northern Conference mission committee has requested the Saskatchewan Association to transfer this mission work to the General Missionary Society in order to bring it under denominational supervision. When this is done, illustrated articles about the field will appear in the "Baptist Herald" to give you a clear insight into a new mission work among the Indians of Canada.

Our faith is also going into action on the Spanish-American mission field in Colorado. We have believed that this work is of God and we are putting that faith to a test. The Rev. A. G. Rietdorf who was appointed to the missionary post last year has resigned. For the summer months two young women will serve in the Vacation Bible Schools held on the field. They are Miss Florence Eisele of Los Ange-

les, Calif., and Miss Helen Lohse of Sioux Falls College. In the fall Miss Eisele will continue as missionary to the Spanish-Americans under appointment of the General Mission Committee. She has had experience in Old Mexico and is well qualified for the task. The Mission Committee is also considering the appointment of another couple for our Colorado mission.

In Austria the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt is bringing his illustrious ministry of 31 years to a close. He has resigned and he and his wife hope to emigrate to Canada at an early opportunity. But he can look back upon the years of his ministry with profound gratitude to God and see in the present mission field of Austria many monuments of his remarkable ministry. We are continuing to support eleven missionary-pastors and, more than ever, we are supporting several churches with aggressive building projects. The sum of \$2500 is to set aside annually for three years for the building program in Austria.

On the home field appropriations were made for 57 mission-supported churches. The two evangelists, the Rev. Daniel Fuchs and the Rev. Herman Palfenier, were reappointed as well as the extension worker, the Rev. John Schweitzer. A second denominational extension worker was elected by the committee, Dr. W. J. Appel of the Pilgrim Church, Jersey City, N. J. He has accepted the appointment and hopes to begin his new ministry on

August 1st. This is a significant phase of our advance program, of which we can expect great things from God in the future.

The missionary rally was held on Thursday evening, April 30, in the Foster Avenue Church of Chicago. Dr. Thorwald W. Bender, supply pastor of the church, opened the service. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Herbert Pankratz, rendered several uplifting anthems. The Rev. R. Milbrandt of Medicine Hat, Alberta, portrayed the stirring story of immigration into Canada and shared with us the joys and problems of these new Baptist friends of ours. Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, our medical missionary, brought his address with memorable words and colorful pictures. Refreshments served afterwards by the women of the church made possible a time of delightful fellowship for the hundreds of people in attendance.

The work the General Missionary Committee is a tremendous enterprise at present that reaches out to many places in the world with an expenditure of almost \$300,000 annually. It is the bold proclamation of our faith that Jesus Christ is the world's Savior and his Gospel the only power by which men can be saved. The ministry of the Missionary Committee is that faith put into action with the firm assurance that God will bless every missionary contribution, large or small, and every ministry rendered in his Name.

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