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Pat Neff Hall on Baylor University Campus

**Trek to Texas!
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March of Events

● The entire Bible in Cambodian, translation of which was done by missionaries of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, printing by the British and Foreign Bible Society, is now in the hands of the people of Cambodia, of which there are over 4,000,000. Cambodia is in Indo-China. A representative of both Societies had the honor and privilege of presenting to the King of Cambodia a special gift copy, which was well received.

● "The African Challenge" is a magazine published by the Sudan Interior Mission for English-speaking Africans. It has recently started its third year of publication with a major building project—a modern printing plant, with offices and staff homes, at an initial cost of \$58,000. Since July, 1951, when the magazine was first printed in the port city of Lagos, Nigeria, the Mission has been looking for a suitable piece of property. It now has a 99-year lease on five acres outside Lagos. While the main circulation is in West Africa, the Sudan Interior Mission hopes to cover Africa with evangelical literature produced in Africa from an African standpoint, in an attempt to counteract the great volume of literature being distributed by false cults, materialistic concerns, and communism.

● Mennonite leaders in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio are considering the establishment of a Christian psychiatric treatment center for this four-state area. Three study committees have been appointed to investigate this possibility. Directing the study is a 14-member group representing Mennonite, Brethren in Christ and Amish churches. The committees will survey the extent and nature of mental illness and available treatment facilities in the area, possible types of physical facilities, financial prospects for support and available personnel for a mental health program. Should a mental hospital result from this study, it will be the fourth such treatment center established by Mennonite, Brethren in Christ, and Amish churches through their Mennonite Central Committee. The hospitals are located at Hagerstown, Md., Newton, Kans., and Reedley, Calif.

● Senator A. S. (Mike) Monroney (Democrat of Oklahoma), in a Senate speech, criticized Washington, D. C., business houses which hold bargain sales on Sunday. He said that if the practice is not curbed voluntarily by merchants he will consider introducing legislation to halt it. Displaying

four full-page advertisements from Washington newspapers announcing the Sunday sales, Sen. Monroney told his colleagues that he fears Washington will be "turned into a Baghdad on the Potomac." The Oklahoma lawmaker said he hoped Congress would not find it necessary to enact "blue laws" for the District of Columbia but he is becoming "very apprehensive" over the growing tendency "to turn the Sabbath into a bargain shopping day." "Since the founding of this nation," he declared, "the Sabbath has been a day of rest, of worship, of family association, and of outdoor recreation."

● A pioneer in radio—Dr. Charles E. Fuller—has entered his 30th year of continuous broadcasting. His "Old Fashioned Revival Hour" has experienced a phenomenal growth. From a modest beginning over a single California station, this popular hour is now carried by more than 600 stations around the world each week to an audience estimated at ten million persons. In 1949 the "Hour" began broadcasting over the ABC network, in addition to the hundreds of other stations already carrying the program by transcription. So great is the present coverage that there is scarcely an area in America—and in many foreign countries—where this Sunday program cannot be heard. The broadcast originates each Sunday afternoon from the 5,000 seat Long Beach Municipal Auditorium, where there are represented visitors from most every state in the union.

● At the annual meeting of the National Association of Evangelicals to be held in Chicago, April 18-22, 1955, there will be panel discussions, sponsored by the Association's Commission on Evangelical Social Action, of which Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, professor of Systematic Theology and Christian Philosophy of Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., is chairman. The subject for one of the discussion periods is "Spiritual and Moral Values in Public Education." This subject will be discussed among others by: Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive secretary, Protestants and Other Americans United, Washington, D. C.; and Dr. Frank E. Gaebelein, headmaster of Stony Brook School, Stony Brook, N. Y. To sharpen up the panel discussion the issue is stated this way: What ought to be done with spiritual and moral values in public education in the light of the Bill of Rights and recent Supreme Court decisions for example, The McCollum School Case?

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke
Feb. 18-20—Midwinter Institute, Minnesota CBY and SS Union, Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Rev. R. Schilke
Feb. 25-27—Southern Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association at Elberta, Ala.

Rev. J. C. Gunst and Rev. Lawrence Bienert

CHRISTIAN WORKERS' CONFERENCES

Feb. 21—Elk Grove, Calif.
Feb. 22—First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.
Feb. 23—Temple Church, Lodi, Calif.
Feb. 24—Anaheim, Calif.
Feb. 25—Costa Mesa, Calif.
Feb. 26—Berean and Ebenezer Churches, Los Angeles, Calif.
Feb. 27 (Sunday Afternoon)—Fifteenth St. Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner
Feb. 13 (Sunday A. M.)—Temple Church, Buffalo, N. Y.
Feb. 13 (Sunday P. M.)—Andrews St. Church, Rochester, N. Y.
Feb. 20 (Sunday)—Centerline Baptist Church, Centerline, Mich.

Dr. John Leypoldt
Feb. 20 Sunday — Immanuel Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

FEBRUARY DATES

Feb. 13—Race Relations Sunday.
Feb. 18-20—Midwinter Institute of Minnesota CBY and SS Union, Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Guest Speaker.
Feb. 20—Brotherhood Week.
Feb. 25 (Friday) — World Day of Prayer.
Feb. 25-27—Southern Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association at Elberta, Ala. Rev. R. Schilke, Guest Speaker.
Feb. 27—First Sunday of Lent.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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● **New Pictures for Missionary Packet.** New pictures of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Stockdale, Rev. and Mrs. Clemence Auch, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Appel, and Miss Helen Lohse are now available. If you already have secured a "Missionary Packet," then ask for these free additional pictures. If you want a complete packet of missionary pictures, including these latest ones, then send \$1.00 to Headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

Editorial

Come and See!

ALL OF US HAVE HEARD some of the tall tales about Texas and wondered at the inexhaustible braggadocio of a Texan. Smiles have come to our lips as we listened intensely to the superlative adjectives used by a Texan to picture his empire in the Southland. There's nothing like it in all the world, if you believe everything you have heard or read about Texas.

At the 31st General Conference in Waco, Texas, from June 6 to 12, you will be able to test the reality of these wonderful things of Texas and see them for yourself! There is a warmth and contagion in southern hospitality which is not to be found in other parts of the nation. It makes you feel happy to be alive, to be a brother to every one you meet. You want to shake hands with everybody as you feel that "God has got the whole wide world in his Hand"! That is no exaggeration. Come to Texas and see this amazing southern hospitality in action!

A great deal is said about the big Baptist churches and hosts of Baptist people in the Southland. You will not only be surprised but your pride as a Baptist will be inflated as you see the many Baptist churches everywhere in Waco and the rest of Texas. These people of Texas love to go to church on Sunday, and their intense loyalty to their churches will soon be evident in conversation with them. Re- vivals are still momentous events in the Southland that are attended by capacity crowds and that stir the souls of men. Come to Texas and see for yourself! Baptists have a mighty witness for Christ and his Gospel in the Southland.

Baylor University has been called "the largest and most important Baptist college in the world." That is a big claim for this school, but you will be impressed by the picturesque campus, new buildings, spacious and wonderful facilities, and religious atmosphere of Baylor. You will not see the large student body since our Conference Week falls between semesters. It is not as large a campus as state universities, but the compactness of Baylor's grounds will enable you to enjoy its beauty and buildings without having to walk too far. Everything is within easy reach. Come and enjoy its hospitality and "the good old Baylor spirit."

The General Conference program has also been announced as unusually promising and inspiring. The Program Committee has caught the spirit of Texas and as a result is using some of the Texans' colorful adjectives to describe its plans. You will not be disappointed by coming and seeing for yourself what God has in store for our 31st General Conference. The spiritual emphasis and missionary rallies, the presentation of our denominational witness for Christ, the devotional messages by Dr. W. R. White, president at Baylor University, the evangelistic service and all the other meetings will be highlights to be enjoyed. A great Negro choir will render a half-hour program of spirituals as one of the many musical treats during the week.

Your invitation to the General Conference in Waco, Texas, is spread out in a great spiritual feast in this issue of the "Baptist Herald." Now it's up to you to come and see for yourself!

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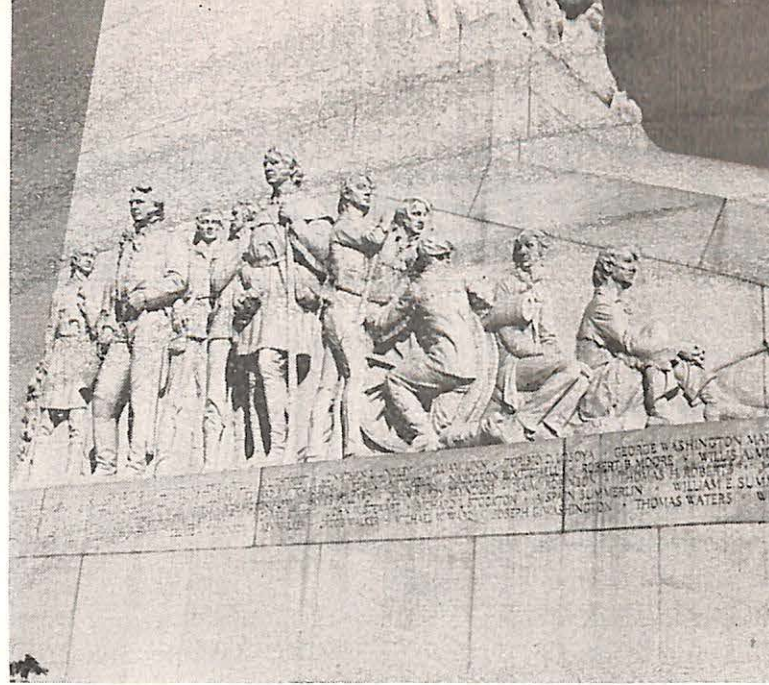
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"Y'ALL COME!"

Our Trek to Texas

The 31st General Conference of North American Baptist Churches from June 6 to 12, 1955
at Waco, Texas



—Photo by M. L. Leuschner

The Texas Cenotaph on the Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Texas

Come to the Conference!

By DR. FRANK H. WOYKE, Executive Secretary

AS THE TIME FOR the sessions of the 31st triennial General Conference draws near, we feel confident that God will grant us another great gathering.

The sessions this time are to be held at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, during the week of June 6-12, 1955. Some of our people have inquired concerning the date that has been set, since our General Conference sessions are normally held during the third week in August. A number of reasons can be given in explanation of the change in the dates for the sessions this year:

1. We were limited to a choice of one of two weeks in the month of June, since the Baylor University facilities were not available at any other time.

2. The Jubilee Baptist World Congress is to be held in London, England, so that our usual dates would have been inconvenient for many.

3. The weather tends to become rather warm in Texas after the middle of June.

FIVE REASONS FOR COMING

We are hoping to welcome a large number of visitors in Waco next June. What can I say to encourage you to come to the conference? Permit me to list five good reasons.

1. A warm welcome will await you, and I am not referring to weather (although that may be warm too)! This will be the first time in the more than 110 years of our history that we shall be meeting in the area of our Southern Conference churches, and they are really going all out to welcome us. Led by the host church, the Central Baptist Church of Waco, they are preparing to give us a true Southern welcome.

2. A great program is being prepared for us. The theme taken from the Book of Revelation is: "What the Spirit Saith to the Churches." Come to hear outstanding speakers develop this vital and challenging theme.

3. The facilities of the largest Baptist University in the world will be at our disposal. Waco Hall offers a fine meeting place for the large gatherings. In addition, there are smaller auditoriums, there is a beautiful lounge in the Student Union Building and there are numerous committee rooms. Baylor University is making all these wonderful facilities available to us free of charge. We also will be served in the university restaurant for approximately \$3.00 per day for three fine meals. Those who wish to stay in

the university dormitories, may do so at a cost of \$1.50 per day, including linen. When have we had more favorable and economical facilities?

4. You will want to come to fellowship with North American Baptists from all parts of the United States and Canada. Those who have previously attended General Conferences will join me in saying: "Enough said!"

5. Attendance at the conference will give you an opportunity to become better acquainted with the great state of Texas and with the Southland in general. Texas is also a great center of Baptist strength. Visit some of the famous Southern Baptist churches, see the Gulf of Mexico, the unique American city of New Orleans and other places of interest.

Plan to register now. We shall be waiting to greet you in Waco next June!

A Wonderful Conference Week

By MR. WALTER W. GROSSER, General Conference Moderator

IN JANUARY we plan our activities for the year before us. High on the list of objectives for children of God should be this question: What will we do during 1955 to advance the Kingdom of God? Any heart-searching concern over this question must include consideration of our responsibility to our church as well as to our denominational outreach. It is most important that the answer to this inquiry will result in a new commitment to Jesus Christ.

About the middle of the year most of us will be anxious to have some new inspiration in order to carry out our promises to God. We will need a clear-cut definition concerning that which God can accomplish through us. Since the General Conference theme will be, "What the Spirit Saith Unto the Churches," those on the program as

speakers will have earnestly looked to God for guidance and will inspire us to new faithfulness.

Why not then, right now, plan to combine this year's vacation to include a trip to Waco in the fabulous state of Texas? From June 6 to 12 the General Conference of North American Baptists will convene on the campus of Baylor University. Every moment of this important week has been planned to be helpful to delegates and visitors. For one solid week, amidst the most delightful fellowship of people of like faith, we will be considering what God has done for us and what he expects from us.

The city of Waco, as well as the campus of Baylor University, are both modern, new and attractive. The accommodations available to us are by far the best ever available to our

conference. The Southern Conference is made up of fine, hospitable ministers and laymen.

We are keenly aware of the important part played by our ministerial leaders. We recognize the urgency of raising up new virile young people for future leadership. The strengthening of leadership must come through a revitalized lay membership. We are expecting a large representation of laymen and laywomen at Waco. The meetings are being streamlined, permitting free time for sightseeing and fellowship. Inspirational evening meetings will climax every exciting day of the week.

Plan now for a glorious week in Waco June 6-12, 1955. Pray fervently that God will bless beyond our expectations, and he will!!

THE CENOTAPH

The Cenotaph on the Alamo Plaza just outside the walls of the famous Texas shrine in San Antonio was erected by the Texas Centennial Commission in 1936 in memory of the brave men who sacrificed their lives in the Alamo on March 6, 1836, in defense of Texas. At the base of the Cenotaph are inscribed the names of Travis and his men. The shaft rises 60 feet from its base and rests on the site where the bodies of the Alamo dead were heaped and burned by the Mexican General Santa Anna. This is an inspiring page out of the volume of Texas history!

The Waco Welcome Wagon

By REV. LOUIS R. JOHNSON, Pastor, Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas

THREE YEARS AGO this pastor and his family entered the empire of Texas. In the midst of unpacking and settling in the beautiful parsonage at Waco, there was a sudden knock at the door. Who could it be? A neighbor to bid us welcome? A member of the church to offer a helping hand? It was neither. It was instead the Waco Welcome Wagon.

There was a cheery "Welcome to Waco" and in our hands were placed a number of gifts and scores of gift certificates from as many local merchants. This was our introduction to southern hospitality. This welcome service is a carry-over from frontier days when a welcome wagon went out to meet pioneers arriving at a new settlement.

There will be a Welcome Wagon to welcome you to the 31st General Conference at Waco, June 6-12. On board, first of all, will be the wonderful, hospitable people of the Central Baptist church, your hosts for the Conference. They're a great group, wonderfully efficient, and they are working hard to make every possible arrangement for your comfort and enjoyment. You will be in good hands in their care.

SOUTHERN CHURCHES

Added to them will be the good folk from our other Southern Conference churches. Needless to say, all the churches of the Southern Conference are happy that for the first time in history a General Conference will be held in the south. Voices from all these churches will be blended together in the thrilling choral music being planned for the Conference. From Texas, Louisiana and Alabama they will come.

Just south of Waco is the beautiful country church of Cottonwood; to the

west, in the midst of some of Texas' fine farm country, is the Crawford church; farther west, in a wonderfully peaceful setting, is the Gatesville church; to the north, in the thriving city of Dallas, is the Carroll Avenue church; farther north near Henrietta, Texas, is the friendly church of Hurnville; to the south are the churches of Kyle, Greenvine and Elm Creek; way down in the Rio Grande Valley is the church at Donna; to the east, among the rice plantations in Louisiana, is the Mowata church; and in the state of Alabama there is one lone church at Elberta. From these farflung churches will come the warmhearted people of the Southern Conference to join in welcoming you.

A Listening Mood

By REV. PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Conference Program Committee Chairman

"BE STILL AND KNOW that I am God," is the Psalmist's way of admonishing us to get into the listening mood. Isaiah urged for God: "Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and ye shall live." This speaks of a deeper hearing than with the ears alone. With the ear we catch the precept, but with the heart we perceive the principle.

One day Jesus and the disciples were in a ship and had only one loaf of bread with them. When in conversation the Master warned them of the leaven of the Pharisees and of Herod, they thought he referred to their lack of provision. Jesus had to speak rather pointedly to them: "Having eyes, see ye not; and having ears, hear ye not?"

There is hearing with the ears and hearing with the heart. The first is immediate, the second may come only after pondering. A listening mood is far more important than an ear that catches a word on the run. We Americans are such pragmatists that we have neglected the mystic mood. God's mind

On board too will be the great friendly family at Baylor University. Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor, symbolizes the cordiality that permeates the campus. Every contact with Baylor in planning for this conference has been a most pleasant experience. You will feel you are among friends on this Baptist campus.

Then there will be the great host of Baptists here in Waco. There are almost 25,000 of them. They have done much to provide the kind of setting that a conference like ours will appreciate, and to make this city a delightful place to visit.

SOUTHERN FRIENDLINESS

Last of all, there will be all the friendly people of Texas. They will treat you as honored guests. You can expect from them courteous treatment with a sincere desire to be at your service. As you leave their places of business, and ultimately as you leave Waco, they will tell you, "Y'all come back!" and really mean it!

These are some of the people who will be on the Welcome Wagon to welcome you to Waco. Some will be wearing Texas hats and cowboy boots. They will be loaded with Texas stories and without invitation will be ready to extol the virtues of their state, but underneath will be hearts that beat in unison with all the wonderful people of our fellowship, hearts that love the Lord and who are deeply concerned about furthering the great work of the Gospel.

So this wonderful group on the Welcome Wagon all join their voices together in one mighty chorus, inviting you to the General Conference in Waco, Texas style, by simply saying, "Y'ALL COME!"

and being are infinitely greater than his spoken word. We should be very quiet in our hearts to perceive the Spirit of God as he speaks to us.

Even God's chosen people of old, known for their spiritual sensitivity, needed to be told this over and over. The Jews had heard with their ears but not with their hearts. They had not known the Spirit of God. We of the Christian churches are in danger of committing the same error.

That is why the glorified Lord in his Letters to the Seven Churches in Revelation concludes each letter with "He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH TO THE CHURCHES." This sevenfold repetition becomes a refrain with accumulative effect as one reads these communications in one sitting. From this refrain we take our theme for the next General Conference to be held in Waco, Texas, June 6-12. As a group of believers and churches we want to

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General Conference Reservations

By MR. ARTHUR SCHWERIN,
Chairman of the General Conference Arrangements Committee

EVERY GENERAL Conference presents a challenge to every one who is in any way connected with its many activities. There are all kinds of arrangements made of which the average visitor is not aware. These all contribute to a smooth running, efficient conference. As far as the guest is concerned, the two most important questions are: "Where do I sleep?" and "Where do I eat?"

The decision to hold our 1955 Conference in Waco and the selection of Baylor University as the meeting place was most opportune. It is located approximately one mile from the railroad station and the downtown business section.

Baylor University is a Baptist school, and everybody from President White on down have been most helpful in making all of the facilities of this splendid institution available to us. Business sessions and evening meetings will be held in their auditorium. The Student Union, completely air conditioned, with its luxurious lounges, display rooms for our exhibits, cafeteria and coffee bar have been placed at our disposal.

In the cafeteria you will be able to eat in air conditioned comfort. The food is good and the prices most reasonable. It is estimated that by buying their fixed price meals, you can eat for around \$2.00 per day. Or, if you wish you may make your own

selection and eat as much or as little as you want. Portions are ample, being adjusted to the appetites of growing boys and girls. In addition to the cafeteria, there are numerous restaurants, all air conditioned, only a few minutes drive from the campus.

The Roosevelt Hotel in downtown Waco has been chosen as the official headquarters hotel. It is completely air conditioned. The rates are:

Single room	\$4.50	5.00	5.50	6.00
Double room ..	\$6.50	7.00	7.50	8.00
Twin bedded room	\$7.50	8.00	10.00	

Each room has a tub and shower as well as circulating ice water. There is a large parking lot back of the hotel, big enough to hold two hundred or more cars with a very nominal parking fee.

FIRST CLASS MOTELS

There are several first class motels and tourist courts in Waco. All of them are air-conditioned, with private baths and free parking for automobiles. The rates are:

Tam O'Shanter Hotel Courts:

Single room	\$4.25
Double room	5.75
Twin beds	6.75

Castle Motel:

Single room	\$4.50 to 5.00
Double room	5.50 to 7.00
Twin beds	7.00 and up

Western Motel:

Single room	\$4.00 and 5.00
Double room	5.50 to 7.00
Twin beds	7.00 and 8.00
Family units, with two rooms, one with double bed, and the other with twin beds	\$12.00 per day

Town House, Hotel:

Single room	\$3.50
Double room	5.00
Twin beds	6.00

Should you wish to stay at a motel, it will be necessary for you to state the time of your arrival, if you expect to reach Waco after 5 P.M. All reservations, in accordance with the Motel Operators Association agreement, are automatically canceled if not taken up by 5:00 P.M. Therefore, if you expect to arrive at a later hour PLEASE indicate this fact on your housing blank. Or better yet, send along a remittance for your first night's lodging, and your reservation will be held until any hour of the night or early morning.

UNIVERSITY DORMITORIES

Baylor University has turned over to us approximately 1,000 beds in their dormitories for the use of our guests. The price of these will be \$1.50 per person per night. There will be separate dormitories for men and women. Most of the rooms are arranged for two people in a room, but there are some rooms arranged for three and four occupants. Therefore, please specify on your blank if you must have a room for only two people, or if you would be willing to go into a three or four bedroom unit. Most of the dormitories are arranged with baths between two rooms, but the older dormitories have large baths and wash rooms serving several rooms.

Naturally we will be able to accommodate a reasonable number of married couples in the dormitories, and the price will be the same, \$1.50 per person per night.

The university has built and is using for the first time this year two new dormitories that are completely air conditioned, one for men and the other for women. The price of beds in these rooms will be \$2.50 per person per night. We will have a limited number of beds in these rooms made available to us. But we will not know how many until about June 1st. The university is reserving these rooms for their summer school students, and we will get the ones they do not use.

It will be okay for you to designate the air conditioned dormitory on your blank, but please indicate a second
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One of the Men's Dormitories of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, as seen from an athletic field where many General Conference visitors will find comfortable lodging during the Conference week

Waco, the Jewel on the Brazos

This "Six Shooter Junction" has been changed into a "City With a Soul," as General Conference visitors will soon learn for themselves

By MR. DOUGLAS BOYD

THERE LIES A CITY of about 100,000 souls at the junction of the Bosque and Brazos Rivers in the very heart of Texas where God's children of the North American Baptist General Conference will assemble in June 1955 in the furtherance of the Master's business. The conference will not be unto itself. There are more churches where Christ is proclaimed in this City of Waco than in any other town of comparable size in Texas, and there are more Christians anxiously waiting to meet and greet you there.

THE CITY WITH A SOUL

Since 1848, when Rev. Joseph P. Sneed, a "circuit rider," came and brought Christ to the Waco wilderness, this city, sometimes known as the "Jewel on the Brazos," has been called by many "the City with a Soul." Yet, just before the turn of the century, a gang of liquor-drinking, gun-totin', rugged individualists carved into the city's history the name of "Six-Shooter Junction." But Christ was here and Christ stayed and won!

It was in 1873 that G. B. Erath, an Austrian immigrant, adventurer and Indian fighter, envisioned a settlement on the banks of the Brazos-Bosque fork. In his memoirs he wrote:

"Waco was in the possession of buffalos and only a short time before had been vacated by the Waco Indians; corn stalks were found in the fields they had cultivated and peach trees were growing where the city of Waco now stands."

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Today, Waco has grown to a city of distinction in the southwest, not only because of its growth, but also because of its tradition and warm Christian spirit. Contributing largely to Waco's renown is Baylor University, one of the leading Baptist educational institutions of the nation. Now attended by over 4,000 students, Baylor has ex-

perienced physical and spiritual growth for over 100 years and sends out to serve the world many missionaries, preachers, doctors, lawyers and dedicated business men and women.

Lovers of the poet, Robert Browning, have traveled from many lands to visit and study the famous Browning collection housed in the magnificent Browning Building on Baylor's campus, a monument to Professor A. J. Armstrong, world famous Browning authority. Displayed in the awe-inspiring Hall of Meditation are the original bronze-case, clasped hands of Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Letters, first editions of books and relics of literary note created by the Brownings are displayed and available for inspection.

Recently there has been completed on Baylor's campus the Tidwell Bible Building where students of "Baylor" come for worship, spiritual refreshment and study. Adjacent to Tidwell Bible Building is Waco Hall where the North American Baptist General Conference will meet in June 1955. Arrangements have been made for the use of nearby campus dormitories to house those who come to the conference.

BEAUTIFUL CAMERON PARK

Visitors look forward to driving and strolling through 560 acres of nature's finery in Waco's distinctive Cameron park, all within the city limits. Paved roads, well-trimmed lawns for picnic grounds, and brilliant flower gardens maintained by year-around attendants combine with the beauty of nature's woods to make this park one of Texas' greatest attractions.

At the north end of the park, a jagged cliff descends to the shaded waters of the Bosque River and overlooks miles of level and fertile farm land. Legend has it that an Indian maid of the Comanche tribe and her lover of



A beautiful summer view of Brazos River from the heights of Cameron Park in Waco, Texas

the Waco tribe, grieved because their chiefs forbade them to wed, leaped to their death from this cliff. Now guarded by stone walls, "Lovers' Leap," as it is called, is a favored spot from which to observe the real beauty of God's creation.

Two miles to the west following a route known as Park Lake Drive lies inviting Lake Waco, a man-made lake surrounded by green hills, dotted in the springtime with masses of deep blue and bright orange flowers known as Bluebonnets and Indian Paint Brushes.

Christ came to "Six-Shooter Junction" and changed it to Waco, "The Jewel of the Brazos." As his children come from afar to the General Conference in June of 1955, his cause will be strengthened and even more will his reign be secure in your hearts and in our town.

CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS

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choice. These rooms will be allocated strictly on a first come, first served basis. Since we do not know ourselves and will not know until about the first of June, how many of these rooms will be available, we cannot make any guarantee that you can have one. But our head of registrations will do her best.

You can see from the above, that there will be accommodations for everyone and at most reasonable prices. You can eat and sleep in air conditioned comfort. Warm or even hot weather will not mean a thing, with man made temperature for the asking.

Your pastor has a supply of reservation blanks. Get one from him and send it in today or as soon as possible to:

Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht
2618 Trice Avenue
Waco, Texas

See You at Waco, Texas

Conference Union activities at the Central Conference,
June 6-12, 1955

By REV. J. C. GUNST
General Secretary of the CBY and SS Union



The imposing entrance to Karem Temple, the Masonic Lodge, of Waco, Texas, where the General Conference Banquet for 1200 people will be held on Saturday evening, June 11, 1955, under the auspices of the CBY and SS Union

IT IS GENERAL CONFERENCE time for all North American Baptists. From east and west, the far north, our mission fields and from everywhere, we shall meet "deep in the heart of Texas" at Waco. Never has there been a General Conference held where bigger and better facilities were available than at Waco. Here you will find the right atmosphere for Christian workers and youth. The program too of the General Conference is better than ever.

Leaders of your Conference Union, together with the General Conference program committee, have arranged a program which will inspire every delegate and visitor to the Conference. Here are some of the highlights to prepare you for the many planned activities:

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, June 6th, at 2:00 p.m. the Conference Union Council will meet on Baylor Campus at the Tidwell Bible Building. All members of the Executive Committee, all Council representatives, and all presidents of the local Conference Unions are expected at this meeting.

Right away, on the first night the Conference Union will be off to a good start. After the opening program at Waco Hall, the Fellowship Hour will be held at the Amphitheater on Baylor Campus. Here is an opportunity to get acquainted, for entertainment, fellowship and refreshments.

On Wednesday a Christian Workers' Luncheon will be held at the large Roosevelt Hotel dining hall. Only 300 tickets will be available. The price is such that every Christian worker can attend. An excellent program is arranged. Sunday School superintendents will have a special part during this Luncheon Hour.

The Sunrise Service will be at beautiful Cameron Park. An exciting ex-

ursion plus a fine program with a challenging message by one of our own pastors has been arranged. There will be an outdoor breakfast, Texas style. You will love it!

CONFERENCE BANQUET

For all Sunday School workers and CBY leaders, the General Conference Banquet is always "the highlight" which stands out as an event that no one will want to miss. The beautiful banquet hall at the Karem Temple is ideal for this purpose. The banquet program will be inspirational, different, informative, and geared to excellent Christian fellowship. The banquet meal will be Texas style and at a price every North American Baptist can afford. Sorry, but only 1200 tickets can be sold. If you want to be present at a great banquet, you will have to purchase your ticket upon arrival at Waco.

Sunday morning there will be a Sunday School hour. This will be a new innovation at the General Conference. Plans for a children's department, a youth department, and possibly two Bible classes are arranged. Excellent teachers for each department are scheduled.

A GOLDEN ILLUSTRATION

The oriental shepherd was always ahead of his sheep. He was in front. Any attempt upon them had to take him into account. Now, God is in front. He is in the tomorrows. It is tomorrow that fills men with dread. But God is there already, and all tomorrows of our life have to pass him before they can get to us.

— F. B. Meyer.

The Sunday afternoon Youth Rally will be held at the Waco auditorium. The large General Conference choir will sing. There will be special music by a number of our talented young people with a challenging message by one of our own former Conference Union presidents, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Lorraine, Kansas, which will thrill our hearts.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS

At this General Conference, history for our Youth and Sunday School work will no doubt be made. Plans are rapidly formulating whereby a division of the Sunday School department and the CBY Fellowship will be presented to the General Conference for consideration and final action. It is expected that the Sunday School department and the CBY Fellowship will then operate as two departments, each one having its own officers. It is hoped that this will be a step in the right direction for the General Conference to take in order to provide for a better Sunday School program and better youth emphasis in our denomination. Every person now holding office in our Conference Union Council will want to have a part in these vital decisions before us.

So you see, every day, every hour, every last minute will be filled with exciting events and inspiration at this 1955 General Conference. Our many fine churches in Texas and the southland are making great preparations for all Conference delegates and visitors. You will love it at Waco.

Let's have a good representation of Sunday School superintendents and workers and all of our youth leaders from the nine conferences present. In the meantime, pray for the work of the Conference Union and the leaders who are responsible for helping to prepare a great General Conference program.

Official General Conference Program

For the 31st General Conference, Baylor University Campus, Waco, Texas,
June 6-12, 1955

CONFERENCE THEME

WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH TO
THE CHURCHES

Text: Revelation 2:7

MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 6, 1955

7:45 P. M. OPENING SESSION
Presiding: Rev. Paul Wengel, Brooklyn, N. Y., Vice-Moderator.
CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
Song Leader: Rev. Edward Link, Edmonton, Alberta.
SCRIPTURE READING
Rev. Edwin Kraemer, Gatesville, Texas.

PRAYER
Rev. Eldon Schroeder, Kyle, Texas.

ANTHEM
Mass Choir, Southern Conference Churches.

Director: Mrs. Louis Johnson, Waco, Texas.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS
Rev. Roy Seibel, Emery, South Dakota.

ADDRESSES OF WELCOME
Rev. Louis Johnson, Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, Host Church.

Dr. Guy D. Newman, Promotional Vice-president, Baylor University.

RESPONSE
Rev. Paul Wengel.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFERING

HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION
KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Mr. Walter W. Grosser, Oak Park, Illinois, General Conference Moderator.

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
Douglas H. Gallagher, Dallas, Texas.

MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 6, 1955

(After the Evening Service)

FELLOWSHIP AND GET-ACQUAINTED HOUR

Auspices of the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union.

Place: University Gymnasium—Get acquainted games.

Singing of choruses followed by refreshments at the Amphitheater outside of the Student Union Building.

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 7, 1955

SONG LEADER FOR THE DAY—
Rev. Arthur Schulz, Portland, Ore.

9:00—9:30 A. M. DEVOTIONAL SESSION

Theme: "Thou hast left thy first love" (Revelation 2:4).

Leader: Rev. Alex H. Elsesser, Dayton, Ohio.

9:30—9:35 A. M. ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE
Presiding, Mr. Walter W. Grosser.

9:35—10:15 A. M. THE GENERAL COUNCIL REPORTS
Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary, in charge.

10:15—10:40 A. M. OUR MINISTRY OF RELIEF AND IMMIGRATION
Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary, in charge.

10:40—10:50 A. M. MUSICAL INTERLUDE

10:50—11:30 A. M. CONFERENCE BUSINESS

11:30—12:00 A. M. THE CONFERENCE IN MEDITATION AND BIBLE STUDY

Dr. W. R. White, Waco, Texas, President of Baylor University.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON,

JUNE 7, 1955

2:15—2:30 P. M. DEVOTIONAL SESSION

Leader: Rev. Walter Schmidt, Arnprior, Ontario.

2:30—3:00 P. M. THE PUBLICATION SOCIETY REPORTS

Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, Business Manager, in Charge.



Rev. Paul F. Zoschke of Brooklyn, N. Y., chairman of the General Conference Program Committee

3:00—4:00 P. M. RECOGNITION PROGRAM BY THE PUBLICATION SOCIETY
10th Anniversary of Rev. E. J. Baumgartner as Business Manager.
20th Anniversary of Dr. M. L. Leuschner as Editor.

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 7, 1955

7:30 P. M. PROGRAM OF EVANGELISM

Presiding, Mr. Walter W. Grosser, Oak Park, Illinois, Moderator.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
Song Leader: Rev. Arthur Schulz, Portland, Oregon.

SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Leonard Hinz, Marion, Kansas.

PRAYER
Rev. Emmanuel Wolff, Burlington, Iowa.

ANTHEM
Mass Choir, Southern Conference Churches.

Director: Mrs. Louis Johnson, Waco, Texas.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFERING

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS
Rev. Roy Seibel, Emery, South Dakota.

HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION
ADDRESS

"Witnessing in the Power of the Spirit" Acts 1:8.

Rev. Herman Palfenier, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, Denominational Evangelist.

HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION
PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Fred Schmidt, Madison, South Dakota.

WEDNESDAY MORNING,

JUNE 8, 1955

SONG LEADER FOR THE DAY—
Rev. Assaf Husmann, New York, N.Y.

9:00—9:30 A. M. DEVOTIONAL SESSION

Theme: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock" (Revelation 3:20).

Leader: Rev. H. J. Waltereit, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

9:30—9:50 A. M. GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY REPORTS

Rev. R. Schilke, General Secretary, in charge.

9:50—10:05 A. M. RECOGNITION OF REV. CARL FUELLBRANDT

(For many years director of the Danubian Mission Fields and more recently of our Austrian Mission Churches).

Rev. R. Schilke, General Secretary.
 10:05—10:25 A. M. FRATERNAL GREETINGS
 Dr. Frank Connally, Mayor of the City of Waco, Texas.
 Dr. Forrest Feezor, Executive Secretary of the Texas Southern Baptist Convention.
 Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson, Washington, D. C., Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.
 10:25—10:40 A. M. PENSION FUND COMMITTEE REPORTS
 Mr. Walter W. Grosser, Chairman, in charge.
 10:40—10:45 A. M. MUSICAL INTERLUDE
 10:45—11:30 A. M. CONFERENCE BUSINESS
 11:30—12:00 A.M. THE CONFERENCE IN MEDITATION AND BIBLE STUDY
 Dr. W. R. White, Waco, Texas.

WEDNESDAY NOON, JUNE 8, 1955

12:15 P. M. LUNCHEON FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS
 Sponsored by the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union.
 Place: Hotel Roosevelt Dining Hall. \$1.00 per Person.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 8, 1955

2:15—2:30 P.M. DEVOTIONAL SERVICE
 Leader: Rev. Robert W. Cook, Bethlehem, Pa.
 2:30—3:00 P. M. CONFERENCE BUSINESS
 Discussion of the Reorganization of the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union.
 3:00—4:00 P. M. COMMISSIONED BAPTIST YOUTH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION PROGRAM
 (Details of the program for Wednesday afternoon will be announced later by the Rev. J. C. Gunst, General Secretary).

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 8, 1955

7:30 P. M. CHURCH EXTENSION PROGRAM
 Presiding, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Forest Park, Illinois, Executive Secretary.
 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
 Song Leader: Rev. Assaf Husmann, New York, N. Y.
 Rev. Edward Kary, Cleveland, Ohio.
 SCRIPTURE READING
 PRAYER
 Dr. William J. Appel, Church Extension Worker.
 ANTHEM
 Ministers' Chorus, North American Baptist Pastors.
 Director, Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, Los Angeles, California.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFERING

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS
 Rev. Roy Seibel, Emery, South Dakota.
 HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION MESSAGE
 "Our Church Extension Program."
 Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, Brooklyn, N. Y., Chairman, Church Extension Committee.
 HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION ADDRESS
 "Building in the Power of the Spirit."
 Rev. John Wobig, Portland, Oregon.
 HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION PRAYER AND BLESSING
 Rev. H. J. Wilcke, Stafford, Kansas.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 9, 1955

6:30 A. M. SUNRISE SERVICE—Cameron Park, Waco, Texas.
 Auspices of the C.B.Y. and S. S. Union.
 Speaker: (Still to be selected).
 (Breakfast will be served at the Club House of Cameron Park at 30 cents per person.)

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 9, 1955

SONG LEADER FOR THE DAY
 Rev. Walter Hoffman, Ebenezer, Saskatchewan
 9:00—9:30 A. M. DEVOTIONAL SESSION
 Theme: "I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it" (Revelation 3:8).
 Leader: Rev. J. K. Warkentin, Corn, Oklahoma.
 9:30—9:50 A. M. THE CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE REPORTS
 Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.
 Rev. E. P. Wahl, President, in charge.
 9:50—10:20 A. M. THE SEMINARY REPORTS
 North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
 Dr. George A. Lang, President, in charge.

10:20—10:30 A. M. MUSICAL INTERLUDE
 10:30—11:00 A. M. BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE
 Message by Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, Washington, D. C., General Secretary.
 Message by Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee.
 11:00—11:30 A. M. THE CONFERENCE IN MEDITATION AND BIBLE STUDY
 Dr. W. R. White, Waco, Texas.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 9, 1955

1:00 P. M. LUNCHEONS FOR BUSINESS MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS
 WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION—Mrs. Walter W. Grosser, President.
 BAPTIST MEN—Mr. J. O. Johnson and Mr. Harry H. Geis, Chairman

of Board and President, respectively.
 MINISTERS' FELLOWSHIP—Rev. R. Kern, President.
 (Places for luncheons still to be designated and programs to be announced.)

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 9, 1955

7:30 P. M. MISSIONARY RALLY
 Presiding, Rev. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary.
 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
 Song Leader: Rev. Walter Hoffman, Ebenezer, Saskatchewan.
 SCRIPTURE READING
 Miss Florence Eisele, Spanish-American Missionary.
 PRAYER
 Miss Laura E. Reddig, Missionary at New Hope Settlement, Cameroons.
 ANTHEM
 Mass Choir, Southern Conference Churches.
 Director: Mrs. Louis Johnson, Waco, Texas.
 CONFERENCE OFFERING
 CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS
 Rev. Roy Seibel, Emery, South Dakota.
 MISSIONARY TESTIMONIES
 "Go Ye in the Power of the Spirit"
 Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom, Cameroons, Africa.
 Mrs. Fred Holzhammer, Cameroons, Africa.
 Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, Cameroons, Africa.
 Miss Margaret Kittlitz, Cameroons, Africa.
 HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION MISSIONARY MESSAGES
 Mrs. G. Ben Lawrence, Victoria, British Cameroons, Africa.
 Rev. Fred Holzhammer, Mbem, British Cameroons, Africa.
 HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION PRAYER AND BLESSING
 Professor George A. Dunger, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1955

SONG LEADER FOR THE DAY
 Mr. Elmer Wengel, Detroit, Michigan
 9:00—9:30 A. M. DEVOTIONAL SESSION
 Theme: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10).
 Leader: Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, Los Angeles, California.
 9:30—9:45 A. M. CHILDREN'S HOME REPORTS
 Baptist Children's Home, St. Joseph, Michigan.
 Rev. A. F. Runtz, Superintendent, in charge.
 9:45—10:30 A. M. CONFERENCE BUSINESS
 10:30—10:40 A. M. MUSICAL INTERLUDE
 10:40—11:30 A. M. CONFERENCE BUSINESS (Continued)
 11:30—12:00 A. M. THE CONFERENCE IN MEDITATION AND BIBLE STUDY
 Dr. W. R. White, Waco, Texas.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 10, 1955

2:15—4:00 P. M. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION PROGRAM
 Presiding, Mrs. Walter W. Grosser, Oak Park, Illinois, President.
 (Details for this program will be worked out by the Woman's Missionary Union. The speaker will be Miss Laura E. Reddig, Missionary at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement, Cameroons, Africa.)
 4:00 P. M. MISSIONARY TEA
 Sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union.
 (Place and details of Missionary Tea still to be announced.)

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 10, 1955

7:30 P. M. BAPTIST RALLY SPONSORED BY BAPTIST MEN.
 (Details of program to be worked out by BAPTIST MEN.)
 Speaker: Mr. Raymond R. Lindsey of Little Rock, Ark., President of the Gideons International.)
 SPECIAL MUSIC
 Male Chorus of the Strassburg Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1955

SONG LEADER FOR THE DAY
 Rev. Edward Link, Edmonton, Alberta
 9:00—10:00 A. M. DEVOTIONAL AND INSPIRATIONAL SESSION
 Leader: Rev. D. Raymond Parry, Racine, Wisconsin.
 TESTIMONIES
 (Five minutes in length.)
 Topic: "The Power of the Holy Spirit in My Life."
 1. Rev. William H. Jeschke, St. Paul, Minnesota.
 2. Rev. Eldon Janzen, Fenwood, Saskatchewan.
 3. (Speaker still to be named).
 4. Rev. Raymond Dickau, Venturia, North Dakota.
 5. Rev. J. R. Kruegel, Junction City, Kansas.
 10:00—11:30 A. M. UNFINISHED CONFERENCE BUSINESS
 11:30—11:40 A. M. MINISTRY OF OUR HOMES FOR THE AGED
 Speakers (Representing the Five Homes).
 11:40—12:00 A. M. MEMORIAL SERVICE
 Leader, Rev. Henry Hirsch, Midland, Michigan.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 11, 1955

PICNIC AND RECREATION IN CAMERON PARK, WACO
 Place: Emons Cliff, Cameron Park.
 Box lunch to be served.
 (All recreational arrangements in charge of local committees).

SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 11, 1955

6:30 P. M. GENERAL CONFERENCE BANQUET



The Union Building of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, which contains the Students' Lounge, Cafeteria and other air conditioned rooms and which will be used extensively by General Conference visitors

Auspices of the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union.
 Place: Karem Temple Ballroom, Waco, Texas. Banquet tickets at \$2.50 per plate for 1200 persons.
 Speaker: Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Foster Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 12, 1955

SONG LEADER FOR THE DAY: Rev. Paul Wengel, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 9:00—10:00 A. M. SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSION
 (Program to be arranged by the C.B.Y. and S.S. Union.)
 10:30 A. M. GENERAL CONFERENCE WORSHIP SERVICE
 Presiding: Mr. Walter W. Grosser, Moderator.
 HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION SCRIPTURE READING
 Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer, Ashley, North Dakota.
 PRAYER
 Rev. Ronald C. MacCormack, Parkersburg, Iowa.
 ANTHEM
 Mass Choir, Southern Conference Churches.
 Director, Mrs. Louis Johnson.
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 HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION SERMON
 Dr. Ralph E. Powell, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
 HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION PRAYER AND BLESSING
 Rev. Phil Potzner, Elberta, Alabama.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 12, 1955

2:30 P. M. YOUTH RALLY
 Auspices of the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union.

Mass Chorus of General Conference young people and the General Conference Choir.
 Speaker, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Lorraine, Kansas.

SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 12, 1955

7:00—7:45 P. M. MUSICAL TREAT OF SPIRITUALS AND SPECIAL NUMBERS
 Negro Chorus of Toliver's Chapel Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.
 7:45 P. M. GREAT CLOSING SERVICE
 Presiding, (The Chairman or Vice-chairman of the General Missionary Committee for 1955.)
 7:45—8:00 P. M. INSTALLATION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICERS
 HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION INSTALLATION SERVICE
 Leader, Rev. Paul Zoschke, Brooklyn, New York, Chairman of the General Conference Program Committee.
 8:00 P. M. PRESENTATION OF MISSION FIELDS
 Home Mission Churches—Rev. H. Schatz, Morris, Manitoba.
 Austria—Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, Salzburg, Austria.
 Indian Missions—Rev. Reinhard Neuman, Bull Reserve, Wetaskiwin, Alberta.
 Spanish-American Field—Rev. Paul Appel, Monte Vista, Colorado.
 Japan—Missionary Representative.
 Cameroons, Africa—Miss Laura E. Reddig, New Hope Settlement for Lepers, Africa.
 HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION COMMISSIONING OF NEW MISSIONARIES
 Rev. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary, in charge.
 CLOSING NUMBER BY THE MASS CHOIR
 PRAYER AND BLESSING

Vignettes of Church History

By DONALD G. DAVIS, Ph.D.

4. THE CHURCH AT THE CLOSE OF THE APOSTOLIC AGE

BEFORE THE DEATH of the last apostle, John, in the late nineties of the first century, the Christian Church contained a number of different elements, divergent from the normal doctrine and practice. New Testament writers sought to correct these tendencies, and even the passing of centuries has not eliminated them.

About the middle of the first century some in the Church of Corinth were trying to perpetuate certain spiritual gifts which already were waning. Among these were the gifts of knowledge, healing, prophecy, tongues and interpretation of tongues, given by the Holy Spirit for a definite period and purpose in the Church. The Apostle Paul announced that such gifts were only temporary and would cease (1 Cor. 13:8-11).

Paul was continually plagued in his work as a missionary and church organizer by the Judaizers, Jewish Christians who believed firmly that Gentiles must essentially become Jews before they might become Christians. This may be seen before the fifteenth chapter of Acts, and it involved the Gentile convert in circumcision, the keeping of the Mosaic law, and wor-

shipping on the seventh day. Paul's letter to the Galatians was written to combat this error.

Oriental-Greek mysticism had its followers among the early Christians. They were taught that physical matter is evil, and God could not have created it; Jesus could not have had a physical body because he was holy. Only spirit is good and real—salvation comes through this peculiar knowledge. Paul wrote the epistle to the Colossians against this Gnostic error in the church.

Concentration of power in the hands of the "clergy" marked another group within the Christian Church. "Diotrephes," wrote John, "loveth to have the preeminence among them . . . neither doth he himself receive the brethren and forbiddeth them that would and casteth them out of the church" (3 John 10). The Nicolaitanes, those who conquered the people, appear in the book of Revelation (2:6, 15). Here is the tendency toward a priestly class in the Church—episcopalism.

These heretical tendencies recur in the Church through the centuries and are with us today in the form of legalism, pentecostalism, Christian Science, centralization of government and similar movements. Meanwhile, the true Church marches on.

Roger Williams Press
... NEWS
By REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION Award Pins and other similar pins are taxable under the Federal Retailer's Excise Tax. The exception will be made when these pins are used solely for religious purposes and the proper exemption certificate is signed by the person making the purchase. These certificates must accompany your order, otherwise the 10 per cent tax will be charged. If you are contemplating the ordering of award pins, please send for a supply of certificates.

BIBLE DAY PROGRAMS

These have now been prepared and sent to the churches. If your school has not received them in past years, or if they have come to the wrong person or address, please advise and we will make the necessary corrections.

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL

"The present year has about passed into eternity and my subscription to

the 'Baptist Herald' is not yet off. I hope I am not too late to begin the new year with the first copy. It is a spiritual uplift to me as I read of the victories on the mission fields, the unlimited opportunities for service everywhere—at home and abroad—and am thankful that so many are accepting the challenge to give all that salvation might be brought to those still floundering in darkness."

Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist

ENGAGEMENT:

We shall be in Edmonton, Alta., with the McKernan Church, Feb. 20-March 4. We look forward to this appointment with prayerful anticipation. This will be our first venture in the city of Edmonton. May the Lord give us a harvest of souls. May we be fit vessels in the Lord's hands for the blessing of many!

WE THANK GOD:

She came to the services a number of times. Then she stayed away. The Holy Spirit had brought conviction of sin upon her heart. She told others that she did not like the evangelist, nor his preaching. He was much too

General Conference Publicity

Waco, Texas, June 6-12, 1955

By DR. M. L. LEUSCHNER

A SET OF COLORED transparency slides about the General Conference and the city of Waco, Texas, as well as a written script describing the pictures is available at our headquarters, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Ill. These lovely pictures were taken by Rev. Louis R. Johnson of Waco. They require about 40 minutes to show. Please give several choices of dates in requesting the pictures.

A motion picture film in Kodachrome color of 16 mm. size has been prepared by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, promoting the General Conference to be held in Waco, Texas, from June 6 to 12. The film shows scenic places of Baylor University at Waco, some of the Southern Conference churches, and historical sites to be visited in the Southland. Please give several choices of dates in requesting use of the film for your church, since this film is in considerable demand. It requires about twenty minutes to show. A written script or explanation goes with the film.

The General Conference leaflet giving detailed information about the General Conference in Waco, Texas, lodging facilities, railroad rates from Chicago and St. Louis, special coach and Pullman cars for General Conference visitors and other transportation information is available for the asking from your pastor. The special Conference cars going to Waco, Texas, from Chicago and St. Louis will be operated on the Frisco-MKT "Texas Special," a streamlined train of the Frisco Line and the MKT railroad. You may also write for a copy of this leaflet to headquarters, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

outspoken; in fact, she hated him! On the last evening of the services she was present again and the Lord gave her grace to repentance and faith in Christ. With the cry, "I'm so lost!" she bowed in prayer before the Lord and confessed her sins and accepted Christ as her Savior. Then she said to the evangelist, "I don't hate you any more." Amazing grace!

PRAYER REQUEST:

Pray that the Lord may give your evangelists strength and health to do the task which the Lord has given them to do. Pray that the Lord may visit his people with true revival and sanctification of life!

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Give some people an inch and they want to become rulers.

1955 CONFERENCES

ATLANTIC—Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa., May 12-15, 1955.
CENTRAL—Forest Park Church, Forest Park, Ill., May 19-22, 1955.
DAKOTA—Sioux Falls, South Dakota, June 22-26, 1955.
EASTERN—(Still to be determined).
NORTHERN—Minitonas, Manitoba, July 7-11, 1955.
NORTHWESTERN—Aplington, Ia., May 27-30, 1955.
PACIFIC—Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif., June 1-2, 1955.
SOUTHERN—Latham Springs Encampment Grounds, July 11-12, 1955.
SOUTHWESTERN—(Still to be determined).

BIBLE DAY, MARCH 13, 1955

Bible Day will be observed by many of our churches on Sunday, March 13, 1955. Programs and recitation material (available in English and German) have been sent to all churches for use by Sunday School scholars. A Bible Day song by Dr. H. von Berge appears in the programs.

The offering is to be designated for the distribution of Bibles and Christian literature of our Publication Society to immigrants from Europe and on the mission fields of our denomination.

BOOK REVIEWS

THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS. By Dr. Charles Fuller. Fleming H. Revell Company. 96 pages. \$1.50.

For the 30th anniversary of his radio ministry in the internationally known "Old Fashioned Revival Hour," Dr. Fuller has prepared this significant and enlightening volume. His wife in the foreword has given us a few glimpses behind the scenes of this gentle yet powerful speaker, whose audience each week totals nearly 20 million people throughout the world. In the same beautifully simple, thoroughly understandable language of his radio messages, Dr. Fuller writes of the Tabernacle—the Brazen Altar, the Laver, the Table of Shewbread, the Golden Candlestick, the blood-sprinkled Mercy Seat, the Ark of Covenant, and the Pillar of Fire. Included, too, is an illustration of the Tabernacle,



The main street in Waco, Texas, looking towards the Roosevelt Hotel. This city of more than 100,000 population will be host to our 31st General Conference from June 6 to 12, 1955.

Swinging Toward the Light

By GEORGIA HARKNESS

"I do believe the world is swinging toward the light." So spoke a soul on fire with holy flame. Amid the dark such faith pierced through the night, The dreamers wrought and living fruitage came. To give of self, and not to count the cost, To learn, to teach, to labor, and to pray, To serve like Christ the least, the last, the lost, These were the beacon fires that lit the way.

Our light grows dim; the air is thick with doom, And everywhere men's souls are crushed with fears Yet high above the courage and the gloom The call resounds across the teeming years: "Lift high Christ's cross! Serve God and trust his might" "I do believe the world is swinging toward the light."

This book is a sobering report of world trends in Europe, the conflict in the Near East, and misfortunes of the Holy Land. You will understand more keenly what is going on in the world of today as illuminated by the pages of Scripture after a careful reading of this book of alert observations. Here are chapters on England, France, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Hashemite Jordan and Israel. A closing chapter on "America: Land in the Valley of Decision" and an appendix chapter on Dr. Henry's sermon entitled "Paul's Address on Mars Hill," delivered in Athens are thought-provoking. This is a book to make you think—yes, to think God's thoughts after him!

GLIMPSES OF A SACRED LAND. By Carl F. H. Henry. W. A. Wilde Co. 240 pages. \$3.50.

Anyone can write a travelogue with fleeting impressions of places that have been seen and visited. But it takes a scholar of disciplined mind and an author with the fine skill of interpretation to analyze the great movements of thought in our day and the drift of current events in many parts of the world. Dr. Henry as professor at Fuller Theological Seminary of California, and as former newspaperman and editor (as well as a former North American Baptist minister in Chicago) is well qualified for this monumental task following a world trip of his.

JEHOVAH OF THE WATCHTOWER. By Walter R. Martin and Norman H. Klann. Biblical Truth Publishing Society. 125 pages. \$1.75.

Rev. Norman H. Klann, pastor of our Second German Baptist Church in Union City, New Jersey, has attained considerable fame as an author. He is co-author of this volume as well as of a forthcoming book, "The Myth of Mother Eddy." A chapter of the latter (Continued on Page 24)

We...the Women

By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

THE WOMEN'S PROGRAM AT WACO

PROGRAM BUILDING TO BE successful calls for group thinking, whether it be for a small local society of women or for the General Conference. When the leader of an organization has a good program chairman who knows how to work with a committee, she is indeed fortunate.

It has been rewarding while visiting the local women's groups in a number of North American Baptist churches to note the decorum with which the well-balanced programs were executed. The designs, the blue prints and the approval of the Master Builder had built the foundations of the programs in prayer by consecrated women. The outcome was successful.

CONFERENCE PLANNING

Your Woman's Union is in the progress of completing an inspiring and helpful program to be given at the General Conference in Waco, Texas, June 6-12. The planning started in November 1953 when the program chairman, Mrs. Walter A. Hill of Kyle, Texas, was elected to work out plans with the Executive Board. Because the General Conference is to meet for the first time in the Southland, it was recommended that the program chairman be selected from the Southern Conference.

The second step was taken when the Executive Board and the program chairman met in Forest Park during the annual Board meetings. The final deliberations are being carried out by mail. The results promise to be good.

Mrs. J. J. Lippert, president of the W. M. U. of the Southern Conference, is sharing some of the conference program highlights in the March-April "Broadcast." Miss Martha C. Remus, editor, will include the completed program in the May-June issue just before the conference.

Because this copy of the "Baptist Herald" carries special news of the Waco Conference the women are sharing several highlights of their program. The presidents and ministers' wives who lead the local women's groups are urged to give their women the news found in the "Broadcast." It is edited for all women and is not to be considered a personal publication.

Together with the General Conference, the emphasis of the women's program will be in keeping with the general theme, "What the Spirit Saith to the Churches" (Rev. 2:7).

The ultimate aim of the General Conference is not entertainment or diversion, plus the sociality these afford. However, the more attractive a program can be in persons and equipment used, the greater will be the earnestness, inspiration and loyalty to the missionary cause of Jesus Christ.

INSPIRATION FOR ALL

In turn, inspiration leads to ACTION. The programs planned will challenge women to a deeper consecration to Christ and his Church. They will inspire a greater devotion to the cause of world missions.

The entire program of the General Conference is for women as well as for men. Women work in every avenue of the church and need to become informed concerning their various departments of work.

One woman is to take part in the regular conference program. She is to give a testimony on the subject, "The Power of the Holy Spirit in My Life." A lay woman was chosen by the General Conference program committee and her name will soon be announced.

Instead of a breakfast meeting, the women will have their business session at a 1 o'clock luncheon on Thursday, June 9, in the lovely, large Union Lounge of Baylor University. Mrs. Charles Marsteller, Jr., is chairman of the local luncheon arrangements committee. It promises to be a delightful occasion with good food and colorful tables. The musical and devotional program will enhance the reports and business to follow.

No rushing to another afternoon meeting will be necessary because the Women's Conference program and Missionary Reception and Tea are to be held the next day, Friday, June 10, at 2:30 P. M. and 4:00 P. M., respectively.



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS AT THE SEMINARY

By Prof. HERBERT HILLER

WHEN THANKSGIVING IS barely over with its manifold expressions of gratitude, there begins to break upon the world a flood of new, delightful blessings which come softly and in refreshing stillness like the fall of the

tively. All conference guests, both men and women, are invited to the Friday Woman's Union program and reception. The place and other details will be given in a later report.

LAURA REDDIG, SPEAKER

The highlights of the Friday program are many. Variety increases interest in any program, although the theme may impart the same God-given aim of previous conferences. A new conference setting projected the committee thinking into a geographical area where talented people with good ideas and musical ability had never been heard at a General Conference. The women's chorus, for instance, has been chosen this time from the Southern Conference to be directed by Mrs. Louis Johnson. Greetings, worship meditation, and the memorial and installation services will reflect a little change in pattern but none will change the spirit for which it is intended.

A colorful missionary pageant prepared by Mrs. Albert E. Reddig and Mrs. Walter A. Hill will introduce the speaker of the afternoon. She is the beloved, pioneer missionary nurse, serving the Bamenda New Hope Settlement for lepers, Miss Laura E. Reddig.

The missionary reception and tea sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union together with the Southern Conference committee has as chairman, Mrs. Ernest Steindam, of Waco. The tea will be both meaningful and colorful. Your missionaries will be introduced and refreshments will be served from decorated tables depicting the missionary fields at home and abroad. Women in costumes representing the missions will be hostesses.

Program ideas are funny little things because they won't work unless you do. They won't work for God unless his Spirit is your partner. Your prayers, his Spirit and your presence are needed at Waco. This job of the program is a joint responsibility. As laborers together with Christ women may look expectantly and confidently to a great General Conference in Waco, Texas.

beautiful, fleecy-white snow, until people everywhere are enveloped by the wondrous Christmas spirit of love and joy! And when the rush of preparations is over and, after all the glad excitement, the last of the reluctant children is tucked into bed and kissed "Good night," how blessed for exhausted parents to rest amidst the unaccustomed finery of sprigs of holly, silver bells, and beside the tinselled, glittering Christmas tree and hear the angels sing of abiding Christmas meanings.

It is always a thrilling experience to see Christmas come, transforming churches, institutions of learning and people, instilling in them a tenderness, consideration and kindness which make life a joyous adventure. We

could again witness the happy crescendo in our seminary life when in preparation for the festivity classroom teaching and chapel meditations took on the glow of Christmas, when the singing of the lively carols filled hearts with holy awe and the simple but tremendous Christmas story bent our knees before the divine mystery—God's coming into human flesh, (revelation's triumph over reason).

When greeting cards arrive and mysterious packages and boxes come from thoughtful churches and friends, with nuts, homemade cookies and other gifts of love for students and faculty, there is a noticeable heightening of joy and thankfulness and thoughts of home turn into plans to be realized when classes end. "Home" is a word of extraordinary sweetness; "no place like home" at Christmastime.

C.B.Y. Fellowship

By LAWRENCE BIENERT, Youth Director

"HOW CAN WE MAKE our youth program more interesting? How can we win our young people to Christ and keep them in the church?" These are serious questions. The church needs its youth now and for the future. As someone has said, "The church on this earth is only one generation removed from extinction." What can be done?

A CBY Fellowship will certainly help to solve this problem, but an organization alone is not enough. Adequate facilities for youth activities will lend encouragement but will not solve the difficulty. Good program material is essential, but if it is not used properly, it too is not the complete answer. Even a young minister who understands youth may add impetus to the youth program, but he must be impartial and give of his services to every department of the church program.

The combination of the above suggestions will assure you success in winning and keeping your young people. However, there is one more important person who makes the answer to your problem complete. That one is the CBY COUNSELOR. In every successful youth program there is usually found that self-sacrificing, dedicated, youth loving man or woman, or both, who is the youth counselor or advisor. To those youth groups who do not have a counselor we offer our encouragement with the following helpful information.

The counselor must first and foremost be a born again believer, preferably a member of the local church. It is essential that he have the ability to

The Seminary Christmas party this year featured two films of John the Baptist and the Nativity, various vocal selections and a musical ensemble by the members of the faculty, and a delightful time of fellowship with refreshments in the Seminary dining room. After the last festive chapel service, students and professors, loaded with the season's greetings and best wishes from the Seminary family, scattered in all directions to find "home" for Christmas, eager to share Christmas joys and blessings with churches far and near.

Due to the Lord's mercy and good roads all returned safely, telling of blessed times with God's people, feeling refreshed and encouraged by the love of homes and churches they visited and served. Two missionary students, Clinton Berndt and Verna Mae

Helm, began the New Year with the promise for life, having been married at Cathay, N. Dak., on January 1st. Mrs. Ralph Powell is recovering slowly and still in need of our united intercession. Now the students are getting ready for the examinations and diligently continuing their preparations for the most challenging work in the world.

Christmas 1954 is a beautiful memory, the new year has come, and there is in us the growing conviction that Bethlehem is the steady Rock amid the changing tides of war, strife and peace, and the living Christ in us is the Hope of Glory, the same in the struggles of Yesterday, in the opportunities and trials of Today, and in the great Tomorrow when the ever-brightening joys of Christmas never end.

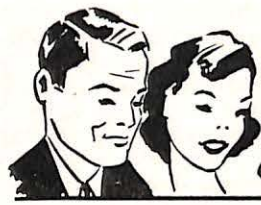
The duties of the counselor may consist of more things than most of us realize. He must, first of all, be aware of the characteristics, needs and problems of youth. This will help him to understand the young people and to guide them correctly. There are a number of psychology books which are helpful and informative in this respect.

The counselor is to give spiritual counsel and advice to the members of the youth group. He is to guide them in making important decisions without making the decisions for them. In giving spiritual counsel, it is important that the counselor be a good listener as well.

The counselor will familiarize himself with the entire youth program—the organization, available program material, mission projects, and the goals as outlined in the CBY Standard. He will help supervise the activities of the various commissions. The young people should not get the impression that the counselor is there to do all the work. His duty is to delegate responsibility and to give encouragement. Refer also to the list of duties as found in your "CBY Guide."

In order to keep an accurate check on the progress of each member, it may be well to keep a confidential record book. In this would be kept a record of the names of the young people, their address, telephone number, special abilities, data regarding their salvation and church membership, Christian growth, participation in activities, and records of special events. In this way the counselor can tell if there is Christian growth and also know in which areas the individual needs help. This list could also serve as the prayer list to guide the counselor as he intercedes for each one individually.

A successful youth counselor will help the young people to place Christ at the center of their youth program and also make him the center of their lives.



Sunday School Lessons

A LESSON PLAN

Date: February 20, 1955

Theme: THE CHURCH AND ITS ORDINANCES

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:38-41; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29.

PURPOSE: To help us see the importance of the ordinances of the church.

GETTING STARTED: Nowhere do the differences between the various Christian communions stand forth in sharper relief than in their observance of baptism and the Lord's Supper. We as Baptists call these observances ordinances, because they were ordained by Christ. Other Christian groups call them sacraments, derived from two Latin words: "sacro," meaning to make sacred; and "sacramentum," meaning a pledge, or more specifically a Roman soldier's pledge of loyalty to his emperor. For us as Baptists they are symbols of great spiritual realities. For others they are nothing less than the means of salvation. Some groups—but enough! There isn't room to set forth all the differences between us with regard to these observances. The question is, Who is right?

For the answer we must turn to the Bible. For the final authority in these matters does not lie in us or any other group but in the Scriptures; and our position is valid only if it is Scriptural.

DEVELOPING THE THEME:

I. CHRIST GAVE TWO ORDINANCES TO HIS CHURCH: BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

1. Both ordinances are therefore binding upon the Christian and not to be taken lightly but must be faithfully observed.
2. It is the business of the church, and only the church, to administer them in compliance with the command of Christ and the teaching of Scripture.

II. THE ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM (Acts 2:38-41).

1. Since it rests on divine command, it should be obeyed (v. 38a).
2. It is a step of obedience, not a means of salvation (Matt. 3:15).
3. It is valid only when it follows the experience of salvation (vv. 38,41).
4. It is the employ of the New Testament pattern of immersion (Rom. 6:3-4).
5. It is a pre-requisite to church membership (v. 41).

6. It is further: a symbol of spiritual rebirth, a seal of God's approval, a testimony before the world, a pledge to faithful discipleship.

III. THE ORDINANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (1 Cor. 11:23-29).

1. Since it was instituted by Christ, it should be faithfully observed.
2. Since it was given to the disciples, it was meant only for believers; but no believer should be barred from fellowship around the Lord's Table.
3. It is a memorial—to remind us of Christ's sacrifice on our behalf, his continuing ministry to our souls, our fellowship with him through faith, and our fellowship with one another as followers of Christ.
4. It is a symbol—of the giving of his body and the shedding of his blood as the all-sufficient atonement for sin—the only means whereby men can be saved and brought into a right relationship with God.
5. To be observed worthily, it requires of us: honest self-examination, harmonious relationships with our fellow-Christians, and constant renewing of our consecration and devotion to Christ.

APPLYING THE LESSON:

1. What should be our attitude toward the growing practice among Baptists of receiving non-immersed believers into the membership of our churches?
2. Should non-Baptists be allowed to participate in our communion services? Why?

A LESSON PLAN

Date: February 27, 1955

Theme: THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE GOSPEL

SCRIPTURE: Romans 10:8-15; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.

PURPOSE: To show that the church is responsible for proclaiming the Gospel.

GETTING STARTED: A few years ago Howard Thurman, then pastor of "The Church for the Fellowship of

The editor of these Sunday School Lessons is Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California.

All Peoples" in San Francisco, wrote a book entitled, "Deep Is the Hunger." To me that title describes better than any other brief statement I know of the spiritual climate of our day. Never within the memory of living man have the hearts of people everywhere been consumed by so deep a hunger for peace, security, a sense of inner well-being, a faith that gives meaning and purpose to life. Often that hunger is unrecognized for what it is and goes unexpressed. But it is there, nonetheless, gnawing with increasing insistence and clamoring to be stilled.

Over against this deep hunger, today's lesson sets forth three significant facts:

I. THERE IS A GOSPEL.

1. For all the deep needs and hungers of men there is good news.
2. That good news is that men can be saved (Rom. 10:9,13).
 - a. Saved from the degradation, power, condemnation, misery of sin.
 - b. Saved to a new life of forgiveness, peace, joy, power.
3. This salvation is for all men (Rom. 10:12,13).
 - a. For it is not a reward given to the good, the wise, the powerful.
 - b. Rather, it is a gift that God offers freely to all men—a gift that he, himself, made possible through Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross (1 Cor. 2:2).
 - c. This gift may become any man's simply for the taking—if he will but believe in Christ and accept the salvation God offers him through his Son (Rom. 10:8-10).

II. THIS GOSPEL MUST BE PROCLAIMED.

1. Men cannot accept God's gift unless they are told about it (Rom. 10:14).
2. Therefore men everywhere must be told the good news.
3. This telling of the good news, however, must keep "Jesus Christ, and him crucified" at its center (1 Cor. 2:2).
4. Nor must it resort to human machinations but rely fully on the leading and power of God (1 Cor. 2:1, 4-5).

III. IT IS THE BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH TO DO THE PROCLAIMING.

To do so, the church needs—
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What's Happening

● The name of Rev. Olland F. Cole of Mt. Sterling, Mo., was inadvertently omitted from the 1955 Directory of the North American Baptist General Conference. He is the pastor of the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church. The name and address of Rev. Olland F. Cole, Mt. Sterling, Mo., should be added to the present Directory listing.

● Rev. and Mrs. Robert Schreiber of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., have announced the birth of a son on Dec. 28, who has been named Timothy Robert. This is their third child. Rev. and Mrs. Dale Chaddock of Arnold, Pa., have sent word that a girl was born to them on Nov. 23rd, to whom the name Gloria Joy has been given.

● On New Year's Eve a baptismal service was held at the First Baptist Church of Linton, North Dakota, at which Rev. A. J. Fischer, pastor, baptized 17 persons and received them and another person by letter into the church's fellowship. More than \$5500 was raised for the Parsonage Building Fund in 1954. On Sunday morning, January 2, Rev. A. J. Fischer spoke on "Life Is Your Battle!"

● Mr. Fred Sonnenberg, a graduate student at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., has been serving as interim pastor at the Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago since Rev. John E. Grygo left for Bismarck, N. D. Mr. Fred Sonnenberg is a brother of Rev. Joe Sonnenberg of the Foster Avenue Church of Chicago and a member of a former North American Baptist Seminary quartet.

● On Sunday, Dec. 19, Rev. John Engel, Pastor of the Martin Baptist Church, Martin, N. Dak., presented his resignation to the church and announced that he had accepted the call from the Mennonite Brethren Mission Church of Minot, N. Dak. He began his ministry there on January 30th. In his letter Mr. Engel stated: "We deeply regret making this change, but we feel that the Lord is leading us to a greater challenge and wider scope of service."

● On Sunday, Jan. 2, Rev. Victor H. Prenderger of Fredonia, N. Dak., baptized eight persons on confession of their faith in Christ. The baptismal service was held at the Wishek Baptist Church, since there is no baptistry in the Berlin Church. The Berlin CBY presented its Christmas program on

December 19, and on New Year's Eve the young people held a social evening and testimonial service.

● The First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Richard Grenz of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to which he has responded favorably. He resigned as pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls on Sunday morning, January 9, and announced that he would begin his ministry in Underwood on March 1st, succeeding Rev. Fred J. Knalson, now of Marion, Kans. Mr. Grenz has been pastor of the Trinity Church of Sioux Falls since 1952.

● Evangelistic meetings were held at the Emery Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., in November with Rev. Edwin Miller of Cleveland, Ohio, as speaker. His messages challenged not only those who had never accepted Christ, but the Christians as well, and proved a real inspiration to all. On New Year's Eve Rev. Roy Seibel, pastor, baptized three adults and two children on confession of their faith. This was followed by the Lord's Supper. Afterwards there was a period of fellowship and testimonies.

● Rev. and Mrs. G. Ben Lawrence, Cameroons missionaries, stationed at Victoria, Africa, sailed for London, England, on Dec. 28 from Tiko. Mr. Lawrence has been asked to study at London University for at least six months in preparation for his important ministry as the supervisor of schools (SOS) of our Cameroons Baptist Mission. After several months Mrs. Lawrence will return to the United States from England for a brief stay at home and will attend the General Conference at Waco, Texas, in June 1955.

● Miss Margaret Kittlitz of Waco, Texas, has presented her resignation as missionary on the Cameroons Baptist Field in Africa. She is now at home on furlough, following her second term of service in Africa, during which she was in charge of the nurses' training program at the Banzo Baptist Hospital. Miss Kittlitz has felt that she is urgently needed to take care of her ailing foster mother in Waco, Mrs. Fritz Doye, and, in view of this, her resignation was regretfully accepted by the General Missionary Committee. She began her Cameroons service as a missionary-nurse in 1945.

● The Junior Sunday School class of the First Baptist church, Paul, Idaho, bought a Pulpit Bible for the congregation, and presented it to the church on Christmas evening at the Sunday

School program. On Sunday, December 26, this Bible was dedicated at the morning worship service. The members of the class raised part of the money to pay for the Bible by not giving each other a gift exchange, but after studying the verse, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," they decided to put the verse to the test. They truly found out that it is true. Rev. John Brodter is pastor of the church.

● The Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., has extended a call to Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom of Albany, Ore., Cameroons missionary who is now home on furlough with his family. Due to health conditions, Mr. Ganstrom has received an extended leave of absence from the Cameroons Mission Field by the General Missionary Committee and has accepted the call of the Riverview Church. After visiting churches in the Pacific Northwest during January in the interest of the Cameroons Mission, Mr. Ganstrom will begin his pastorate in the St. Paul church about March 1, succeeding Rev. E. W. Klatt, now on the CTI faculty in Edmonton, Alberta. Mr. and Mrs. Ganstrom have served as our Cameroons missionaries since 1946.

● Mrs. Berthold Jacksteit of Anaheim, Calif., was recently invited by some friends of Pennsylvania to accompany them on a luxury liner to Spain and on a trip to other parts of Europe. She was in need of physical rest in recuperating from an illness, and so this was considered to be the leading of the Lord. She sailed from New York City on Jan. 4 and will stay on the trip for several months. She will later provide some pictures and an article about her experiences for publication in the "Baptist Herald." The children of the Jacksteit family are being cared for in the meantime by her parents who reside in Anaheim. Mr. Jacksteit is continuing "on the job" at the Bethel Church of Anaheim with its many activities.

● Rev. Charles J. Anderson, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., presented his resignation as pastor to the church, following the week of opening dedicatory services of the new house of worship. This resignation was accepted at a special congregational meeting on Sunday, January 2nd. Mr. Anderson will return, temporarily at least, to the field of evangelism, where he was used of the Lord both in the United States and Canada, as well as overseas, before accepting the call of the Kenosha church to spearhead the construction of the new church. His resignation will be effective on March 12th, after which he plans to serve in the evangelistic field until definitely called of the Lord to another field of service. The Andersons will continue to live in Kenosha at their present address.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Northern Conference

CBY of First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., Presents Play, "The Sacrifice"

On Sunday, Nov. 28, the CBY of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, presented the play, "The Sacrifice," at its annual program. Our president, Margaret Benke, who was in charge, led the song service, after which Ivan Grabia read the Scripture passage and Ruth Hammer led in prayer. The members and friends of the church were welcomed by Margaret Benke.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given by Lois Radis and Darline Hammer, respectively. Two duets and a trio were sung during the course of the evening. The offering will go to the Tri Union Mission. The play was also presented to our churches at Leduc, Wetaskiwin, and Wiesenhal, and to the McKernan Church in Edmonton.

The officers of the CBY elected at the annual business meeting are as follows: president, Margaret Benke; vice-president, Ivan Grabia; secretary, Lois Radis; assistant secretary, Gordon Kern; treasurer, Darline Hammer; and pianist, Beverly Roth.

Doreen Bienert, Reporter.

Ordination of Rev. Oscar Fritzke, at the Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask.

At the call of the Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask., an ordination council was formed on June 30, 1954, to examine Mr. Oscar Fritzke, a candidate for the Christian ministry. Six churches were represented with 20 delegates. The council elected Rev. Martin DeBoer as moderator and Rev. E. L. Thiessen as secretary.

After Mr. Fritzke had been introduced to the council, he proceeded to give an account of his conversion and call to the ministry. He also gave a detailed statement as to his beliefs.

The ordination service was held that evening. The moderator, Rev. Martin DeBoer, presided. Rev. Robert Jaster read an appropriate Scripture passage and Mr. John Lang led in the invocation prayer. Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta, delivered a challenging ordination sermon, "Prepared to Preach the Gospel." The ordination prayer, with the laying on of hands, was offered by Rev. Robert Jaster. While the candidate knelt, the choir sang a dedication hymn. Rev. Martin DeBoer delivered the charge to the church and Rev. E. L. Thiessen the charge to the candidate and welcomed him into the ranks of Christian ministry. The choir sang the closing number after which Rev. Oscar Fritzke offered the benediction.

E. L. Thiessen, Secretary

Annual Program by the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Carbon, Alberta

On Sunday, Dec. 5th, the Carbon Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Carbon, Alta., held its annual program which was led by Mrs. A. Weigam. Words of welcome were given by our president, Mrs. Adam Buyer. The group sang two songs. The grandmothers of the society sang a number. A solo, "I Walked Where Jesus Walked," was sung by Mrs. Willy Muller with pictures showing on a screen.

A dialogue, "Unto the Least of These," was presented after which "The Story of the Bandage" was read. A musical reading by Mrs. Art Becker was given. The offering was designated for missions, half of it given to the New Hope Settlement and the other half to the women's worker in Africa. The program was concluded by a short talk by Rev. Willy Muller, our pastor.

Our missionary group is divided into four groups, each group responsible for three programs a year. As a special project we have each laid aside one penny a meal with proceeds going toward the support of a native worker in Africa.

Mrs. E. Bettcher, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Impressive Watchnight Service Held at the First Baptist Church, George, Iowa

The First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, enjoyed unique blessings at its Watchnight Service. Our young people rendered many musical numbers, while our beloved retired pastor, Rev. J. J. Jordan, in his 89th year, thrilled our hearts as he related how God has led the church during the past 60 years.

The Christian Hour Circle presented a soul stirring play, "The Challenge of the Cross." After a time of fellowship, we spent the last hour of the year in testifying, singing praises to God and in prayer.

It was also our joy to witness the baptism of an elderly couple in November. The church building is being enlarged and remodeled, and our pastor, Rev. John Reimer, has received a \$600 raise. For all these blessings, we praise the Lord!

Esther Reimer, Reporter.

Christmas and New Year's Eve Festivities at Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa

Christmas festivities at Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa, were held with much joy. The auditorium was bright with new paint as well as the gay colored lights on the Christmas

trees and the shining faces of parents, teachers and children gathered for the annual Christmas program. There was also a new Baldwin Hamilton model piano purchased by the Sunday School.

Mrs. Ivan Bartels of Sheldon, Iowa, Mrs. Henry Van Briesen and Mrs. L. A. Heeren of George, Iowa, directed the well arranged program under the theme, "Christ Is Born." A place on the program was given each of the Sunday School department superintendents of whom we are justly proud: Mr. Harvey Schmidt, superintendent; Mr. Gaylord Schrick, ass't superintendent; Miss Alma Schrick, Junior Dept.; Mrs. Ivan Bartels, Nursery Dept. Voices of the smallest children were heard over the amplifying system cared for by one of our members, Mr. Henry Mulder. Homes of several shut-ins served by direct wire from the church also enjoyed following every number, since the entire program was mimeographed this year and copies were sent to them in advance of Christmas Eve.

Generous bags of treats were distributed and teachers vied with their pupils in exchanging gifts of mutual love and appreciation. Mr. George De Neui, faithful deacon of the church, presented a large offering to the pastor, Rev. John W. Walkup, and his family, on behalf of the congregation. Several of our service men were returned to us during the year by the gracious hand of God, and they joined in the festivities in their homes and the community with that grand feeling of having fulfilled their duty to our country.

Sunday evening, Dec. 26, the Church Choir, directed by Mrs. Harvey Schmidt, presented "The Christmas Story" in song, assisted by the Junior Choir, directed by Mrs. Gaylord Schrick and Mrs. Raymond Sudenga, piano accompanist. Mrs. Schmidt served as narrator, unfolding the story, which at intervals was accompanied by a hymn, anthem or cantata selection. Eunice Walkup sang "Baby Jesus" and Mrs. Gaylord Schrick also contributed a solo number, "Sweet Little Jesus Boy." Piano and organ duets played by Mrs. Raymond Sudenga and Miss Norma Jean Sudenga were greatly enjoyed as was an organ medley by Miss Lola Kix.

Church decorating was beautifully done again this year by a committee of the Married Couples' Class led by Mrs. Glenn Kruse, chairman, and assisted by Mrs. Norman Veen, Mr. Henry Van Briesen, Mrs. Albert Ibling and Mrs. Ernest Krull.

Miss Glenda Van Briesen, president of Central's Senior C.B.Y., led the group in caroling on Dec. 23rd. A social time following was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dreesman. Miss Rosalyn Bettenga, newly appointed missionary to French West Africa under the Sudan Interior Mission, returned home from a visit to the S.I.M. Mission Home in New York and with Miss Van Briesen assisted the C.B.Y. in taking charge of the Watchnight Service on New Year's eve.

John W. Walkup, Pastor.

Centenary Jubilee Is Observed by the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wisconsin

December 4, 5 and 6 marked the centennial observance of the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wis. Speakers who highlighted the celebration were former pastors, Rev. Hugo Schade of Bethel Church, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada; Rev. F. Zoschke of the Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Ray L. Schlader of the Bethel Church, Wyandotte, Mich.

The weekend celebration, beginning on Saturday evening with a Homecoming Musicales, was followed by a social hour. Monday evening featured the centennial banquet, at which time Dr. Pieter Smit, pastor of the First Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., spoke. Greetings were brought by Rev. Arthur J. Hyde, representing the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, representing the North American Baptist General Conference, and Mayor John E. Gother of the city of Racine.

The centennial celebration climaxed close to four years of rapid advance in the life of the church. During the present pastorate, 103 members were received into the life of the church. The budget has about doubled. The support of missionaries has been assumed, and a church secretary has been added to the staff. A number of improvements have been made in the church edifice and new equipment purchased.

During this period also the Church School has had a steady increase, necessitating the construction of two new rooms in the building. If the present trend continues, the church faces the problem of supplying more space for the Sunday School.

God has been good and has blessed the work of his people. What has been done here has been possible only through God's grace and guidance. May this church family be conscious always and grateful for all the blessings and abundant gifts which he has so bountifully showered upon us.

D. Raymond Parry, Pastor.



Children of the Oak Street Baptist Sunday School, Burlington, Iowa, present their Christmas program and pageant with beautifully lighted Christmas trees and decorations on the platform

Christmas Echoes from the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa

We of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, have experienced a most delightful Christmas season. To open the season, the Men's Chorus favored us with their concert on Dec. 12th. Then on Dec. 19th the children of the Sunday School presented their annual Christmas program with songs, recitations and unexpected antics by the tiny tots. The church was dressed in its holiday best with greenery and candles in each window, and two beautifully lighted Christmas trees.

Our Christmas Eve service, from 10:45 P. M. to midnight, was in the form of a candlelight service including various numbers by the choir, the singing of carols and interspersed with scripture readings by our pastor, Rev. E. Wolff.

The crowning event took place on Tuesday evening, Dec. 28th, this being the annual banquet sponsored by the Youth Fellowship. Their theme this year was "Far Away Places," and in keeping with this theme the social hall was decorated with Japanese lanterns, fans, umbrellas and cherry blossoms. After partaking of a delicious

meal of turkey and all the trimmings, there were various musical numbers by the young people.

These special numbers included a clarinet and violin duet by Helen Hansen and Evelyn Bohlken; a vocal trio by Sherrill Bohlen, Rosella Bohlen and Ruth Weyl; a vocal solo by Marvin Kelley; and a French horn duet by Mildred Kubis and Edward Stone. Janie Havenhill was mistress of ceremonies.

We were then privileged to hear Rev. Martin L. Leuschner who told us of the work of the missionaries among the Spanish-speaking people of Colorado and also of the work in Japan. The movies he showed were beautiful and most interesting. He also brought along for display a miniature Japanese shrine and various articles of Japanese clothing, which had been brought back from Japan by Rev. Jay Hirth. We are sure that after the enthusiastic talk by Mr. Leuschner and seeing these various pictures, we were all enthused to do more for these missionaries.

The CBY was also in charge of the first hour of the New Year's Eve watchnight service which was a very impressive candlelight service.

We have not kept all these good things to ourselves only but have made



The Centennial Banquet of the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wis., during its 100th anniversary festivities with the speakers' table in the foreground. Rev. D. Raymond Parry, pastor, is to the left of the flower bouquet

tape recordings of the services during the month, which have been re-broadcast to our shut-ins, who report that "it was wonderful to go to church again." We are now in the process of purchasing such a tape recording machine, so our shut-ins will be able to share in the good things more often.

families presented to the Sunday School, and dedicated unto the Lord, a new projector to be used for Christian educational purposes. The church sanctuary was filled to capacity at each of these inspiring and memorable Christmas services.

Albert Fadenrecht, Pastor.



The new parsonage of the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., which will be occupied by Rev. and Mrs. Peter Pfeiffer and family on March 1, 1955

This is the first Christmas that Rev. and Mrs. Emanuel Wolff have been with us, and we have been experiencing a most blessed year with them as our leaders.

Ruth Lohmann and Lois Bohlen, Reporters.

Eastern Conference

New Parsonage Is Purchased by Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa.

The Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., has taken its first step in a long-range relocation by purchasing a lovely New England Cape Cod type parsonage.

The new parsonage represents one of the more complete homes in the Southlands section of Erie. It is built on a well landscaped level lot measuring 50 by 142 feet. The home has one bedroom and a powder room on the first floor and two bedrooms with complete bath on the second floor. The home is heated automatically with gas.

One of the chief reasons for getting a new parsonage was to make the present parsonage available for additional Sunday School rooms and also to serve as a center for social activities and the smaller meetings of the various organizations of the church. The parsonage to be occupied about March 1st is located at 2728 Auburn St., Erie, Pa.

Peter Pfeiffer, Pastor.

Pacific Conference

Christmas Programs and Recent Events at Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

A brief summary of recent events at the Bethany Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., prove we've enjoyed a

full schedule. A delicious ham dinner, served at Henry Thielie in Portland, was enjoyed by all the choir members. We were privileged to have a real Scotch bagpiper play several numbers for us at this gathering. The program consisted of solos, both vocal and instrumental and several male quartet numbers. Corsages were presented to the choir director, Mrs. Ernie Schaer, and organist, Miss Darlene Glaske, by our choir president, Carlton Eggiman.

We praise the Lord for the safe return of four of our boys who have been away in the Service. Since November we've welcomed home Bud Taennler, Douglas Graf, Harold Rich and Allan Croeni. A blessed time of spiritual refreshing was experienced during our "Deeper Life Crusade" with Dr. Collins, professor from Western Baptist Theological Seminary.

We of Bethany were very happy to welcome the Dallas Keck family into our Sunday School teaching staff. Mr. Keck is a student at Western Baptist Seminary. He teaches the college group Sunday School Class; his wife teaches the Junior High Class; and together they conduct a growing Junior Church. They were surprised with a bountiful grocery shower and gifts for the two children on the Sunday before Christmas. The Ladies Missionary Guild with Mrs. Ben Croeni as president was responsible for this expression of our appreciation for their service.

Christmas Eve found the church beautifully decorated. The Junior High and High School Departments presented a Christmas pageant entitled "The Star-lighted Path," which was directed by Mrs. Arthur K. Schulz and Mrs. Eleanor Rich. Special music during the pageant included numbers by the choir, a ladies trio, a duet and a trumpet solo. A fine Junior Choir directed by Miss Darlene Glaske sang a Christmas carol. Then the combined Junior and Senior Choirs sang "Holiest Night" with the Senior Choir closing the program with the number, "The Birthday of the King."

Sunday morning after Christmas, the "wee" children gave their Christmas program during the Sunday School hour. Bags of candy, nuts and oranges were then presented to all classes. We constantly praise the Lord for the blessings we receive from our faithful pastor, Rev. Arthur K. Schulz.

Grace Jenne, Reporter.

Forty-Four "Pioneer Girls" in the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington

The Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., is now sponsoring a local group of Pioneer Girls. The committee, headed by Mrs. B. F. Yost, has appointed young women to be Guides of two groups. The Guides receive material, training and program helps regularly from the national headquarters in Chicago, Ill.

The Pioneer Girls differ from other nationally known girls' organizations, many of which are doing a splendid work, in that it makes a strong Christian emphasis its prime consideration, while at the same time presenting a

similar program of interesting, attractive activities for girls of all ages. The "Colonists," of Junior High girls, were organized on September 19th and now have a membership of 25 under the leadership of Mrs. A. Klapstein and Mrs. A. Ormay, Guides. The "Pilgrims," or elementary grade girls, started on November 11th and have 19 enrolled. Mrs. W. Klapstein, Mrs. D. Bullock and Mrs. S. Heritage are their guides.

The weekly meetings feature a variety of crafts, games, songfest time, Bible exploration and other activities. There is also special emphasis on missionary giving and serving others. Pioneer girls pledge to win other girls for Christ, to be trained in effective Christian living and to prepare for Christian leadership and service, and to develop attractive Christ-centered personalities. There is a pal for every "gal" in order that each girl will have a prayer partner. Adult church women have volunteered for this assignment and deem it a happy privilege to have a girl as her special prayer interest. Being a pal is a personal thing and a wonderful privilege. Pals are special people to the girls too. Each girl seems to have a warm place in her heart for this older friend who takes a definite interest in her.

Gertrude E. Ahrens, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Christmas and Watchnight Services at Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington, North Dakota

On Christmas Eve the Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, N. Dak., presented its annual Christmas program. The superintendent, Ben Edinger, welcomed a well filled church of parents and friends of the neighborhood. The Beginner and Primary classes gave their recitations and songs which was followed by two plays, "A Little Child Shall Lead Them" and "How Bobby Found the Christ-child" by the Juniors, Intermediates and young people. On Sunday evening, Dec. 26, we had a program of Christmas carol singing led by our pastor, Rev. Carl Weisser.

On New Year's Eve we met again in the house of the Lord to give thanks to God for another year of bountiful blessings. A film, "Honor Thy Family," was shown during the first hour.

Our Woman's Missionary Society sponsored an annual birthday banquet recently. Husbands were invited and a wonderful time of fellowship was enjoyed. The women divided into groups and each month was appropriately represented with a stunt.

During the week of Dec. 5 to 12 evangelistic services were held with the Rev. Olaf Nelson of Alexandria, Minn., as evangelist who brought heart stirring and inspiring messages. Prior to the meetings the Woman's Missionary Society conducted cottage prayer meetings.

Mrs. Ben Edinger, Reporter



The "Colonists," Junior High girls of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., with a membership of 25 and under the leadership of Mrs. A. Klapstein and Mrs. A. Ormay, Guides

Bismarck Baptist Church, North Dakota, Holds Reception for Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Grygo

Sunday, Dec. 19, was a very important day for the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak. On this day, Rev. John E. Grygo began his ministry in our church and brought his first sermon on Sunday morning.

For the evening, the church had arranged a reception, at which Rev. J. R. Matz was in charge. After making fitting introductory remarks and welcoming our new pastor, Mr. Matz also extended the hand of fellowship to the Grygos. Then representatives of the various organizations of the church spoke words of welcome. Both our pastor and Mrs. Grygo responded, expressing their joy and appreciation for the Lord's guidance in bringing them to Bismarck. The choir under the direction of Rev. B. W. Krentz helped to beautify this service with fitting selections. Other musical numbers were given by members.

After the service in the auditorium, everyone was invited to the church dining hall where refreshments were served by the "Twosomes," our young married couples group. Rev. B. W. Krentz was in charge of the program here, leading us in group singing and also bringing us more choir music.

Many of us were concerned at the time when Rev. Edward Kary left us, but the Lord provided for us wonderfully. We were indeed fortunate to have such men of God with us as Rev. J. R. Matz and Rev. Emanuel Broeckel, who are retired, yet they served us most effectively. Rev. B. W. Krentz, who is very busy as superintendent of the Baptist Home for the Aged, also found time to bring us several messages.

We are very happy now and feel that God has answered our prayers by sending to us Mr. and Mrs. Grygo. We are expecting great blessings from the Lord as we go forward in his work.

Walter Amen, Reporter.

Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Walter Stein and Family at Tyndall, S. Dak.

On Friday evening, Dec. 3, the members of the Tyndall Baptist Church with stations Danzig and Tyndall, S. Dak., gathered for a farewell service

in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Walter Stein and family. A program was presented with Jake Pritzkau, chairman of the church board, presiding.

Presidents of the various organizations of the two stations, the superintendents of both Sunday Schools and one of the deacons expressed thanks to the Steins for their faithful ministry during the past four years and presented them with gifts. Special music was presented by the children of the Sunday Schools, a double trio representing both Woman's Missionary Societies and a male quartet from each station. The members of the Avon Baptist Church were the invited guests for the evening and their pastor, Rev. H. Smuland, gave the farewell address after which Rev. and Mrs. Walter Stein responded with words of appreciation.

We praise God that he has permitted the Steins to labor at Tyndall these past four years. The blessings we have received are manifold, so many that only a few can be mentioned. The Steins introduced the Vacation Bible School, Scripture Memorization and Junior C.B.Y., all for the advantage of our children, our future church. They worked untiringly with the young people. Through their efforts we were especially privileged to have a music instructor for the young people at several different times and have had great joy in the rendering of cantatas and music. Mrs. Stein greatly increased the interest of our women in missionary work so that more good was accomplished than we ever felt possible.

Both churches and the parsonages were completely redecorated. Many other improvements were made to the parsonage, including a new oil furnace, wool rugs for two rooms, inlaid linoleum in the kitchen and bathroom, a deep freeze, electric stove and refrigerator. Three church signs were erected on highways near the churches and a large bulletin board was also purchased.

During Mr. Stein's ministry the church celebrated its 75th anniversary. We have also been hosts to the Dakota Conference and South Dakota Association meetings. Even Murray, their son, proved an inspiration to our children, for he was always ready to serve wherever he was needed.

Mrs. Irvin Finck, Reporter.

Spice of Life

"Hey," said the patient. "That wasn't the tooth I wanted pulled."
"Calm yourself," said the dentist. "I'm coming to it."

"I won't eat this awful stuff. Call the mess sergeant."
"It's no use. He won't eat it either."

Sue: "Don't you think that a cook book is fascinating reading?"
Lou: "Yes, it contains many stirring events."

Teacher: "Where are elephants to be found?"
Gordon: "Elephants are so big that they are very seldom lost."

Jack: "I lost my dog."
Joe: "Have you advertised for him?"
Jack: "It wouldn't do any good. He can't read."

The farm boy home from college for the week end said at the breakfast table: "Dad, I got up at dawn just to see the sunrise."
"You couldn't have picked a better time," replied his dad.

Science Professor — Which travels faster, heat or cold?
Co-ed—Heat.
Science Professor—What is the reason for your answer?
Co-ed—You can catch cold!

REGISTRATIONS FOR BAPTIST CONGRESS AT LONDON, ENGLAND

It will be necessary for everyone going to the Baptist Congress in London, England, to be registered. Registration forms can be secured from Dr. Frank H. Woyke at 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. The application must be filled out and signed with the necessary church and conference commendation. It must then be sent along with the registration fee (for a single person, \$10.00; for married couple, \$15.00; for dependents under 18 years of age, \$5.00) to the Baptist World Alliance office, 1628—16th Street, N.W., Washington 9, D. C., not later than Feb. 21, 1955.

Young man to clerk: "I wish to pay the last installment on the perambulator."

Clerk: Thank you. And how is the baby?"

Young man: "O, I'm fine, thank you."

Two little boys in the hospital were talking.

"Are you medical or surgical?"
"What does that mean, medical or surgical?"
"Were you sick when you came, or did they make you sick after you got here?"

A LISTENING MOOD

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cultivate the listening mood in order to understand the deeper implications of God's revelation. Let us become still at this conference and know God better than ever before. Thus we will become imbued with his Holy Spirit.

Let us not only pray for a good representation at the conference, but even more earnestly for the perceptible movement of the Spirit of God within our hearts. May the 1955 General Conference become a new high mark of spirituality in our history.

BOOK REVIEWS

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book (not published as yet) appears in the January 1955 issue of ETERNITY. Both of these young men and authors are investigators who have dedicated themselves to the task of exposing the growing number of cults in the United States. This is the first full length portrait and objective analysis of the movement known as "Jehovah's Witnesses" yet published. It is documented in detail with every point answered by Scriptural truth. It is a book that is notable for "patient investigation, careful thinking, and sound Biblical and theological knowledge" in the words of the foreword by Dr. Frank E. Gaebelein. Its conclusions that the Jehovah's Witness doctrines are the diametric opposite of Scriptural teachings ought to arouse Christians everywhere to join their hearts and hands in this struggle against the swiftly rising tide of cultism.

IMPORTANT PUBLICATIONS

CONFERENCE MINUTES

This important book of 176 pages covering all conferences of 1954, describing their sessions, reports, decisions, and recommendations, is now available. The book also contains letters from our churches and statistical and financial reports. The North American Baptists have enjoyed a tremendous expansion both in the foreign mission fields and at home. This is largely due to the splendid activities in the churches under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. For your information and inspiration read about these activities as reported in the 1954 CONFERENCE MINUTES. The price is only \$1.00 per copy postpaid.

1955 DENOMINATIONAL DIRECTORY

This vest pocket type booklet containing 192 pages contains the names and addresses of our churches, our ministers, the church clerk and treasurer. It also contains the birth dates of our missionaries, the names of all important denominational committees and has a listing of the churches by conferences. There are ample blank pages for notes and important dates are listed. The Sunday School Lessons for 1955 are also named. The booklet is substantially bound and is intended primarily for members of the North American Baptist Conference. The price is 75 cents per copy.

1955 ANNUAL

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