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"Baptist Herald" Front Covers During Three Decades

Tin and China!
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Our Austrian Mission

March of Events

④ The long-promised Navajo New Testament is now in the hands of the printer. The complete manuscript of this Testament was brought to the Bible Society by Mrs. Edna Dalton a Navajo Indian, and presented to Dr. Eugene Nida, translation secretary of the American Bible Society, at the Society's annual meeting in May 1953. The Navajo language is exceptionally difficult, and the recording of it has been complicated by several different orthographies. There are almost 75,000 Navajo Indians living in Arizona and New Mexico, so the need for the New Testament is very great.

⑤ Emperor Haile Selassie, of Ethiopia, paid high tribute at Stockholm, Sweden, to the work Swedish missionaries have done in his country over a period of nearly a century. At a dinner given in his honor by the King, the Ethiopian ruler, who was on a 3-day visit to Sweden, said the missionaries had contributed greatly to the spiritual and cultural lives of his countrymen. "They have labored with great devotion and altruism in furthering the welfare of my people," he said. "There are no religious missions in Ethiopia which enjoy greater confidence and esteem than do the Swedish missions." The Swedish National Evangelical Union sent its first overseas mission to Ethiopia in 1866.

⑥ Gen. Wilfred Kitching, world leader of the Salvation Army who recently returned to England from a tour of the United States and Canada, said here he had been distressed by American television because it mixed "the most sacred programs with advertisements for all manner of goods." "By the time you have mixed up motor oil and baking powder with the Lord's Prayer and the 23rd Psalm," he asked, "what opportunity is there for the creation of a religious atmosphere?" The Salvation Army's biggest problem in America is recruiting young people for its officers, General Kitching said, adding that this is a problem common to most churches.

⑦ One of the world's newest gold fields has become one of South Africa's newest mission fields. The recent discovery of gold and its by-product, uranium, in the Orange Free State has brought large numbers of white people, as well as thousands of Africans, to work in the mining industry; and hundreds of houses are being built to accommodate them. Into this new concentration of activity, the Evangelical Alliance Mission has sent a missionary couple to share a parish of 45,000 Africans with three other

Protestant missionary couples. They report open doors, tracts and Bibles being gladly received and an encouraging number of people professing conversion. Mining officials have been courteous and helpful.

⑧ Two Christian business men of New York have given a one-ton truck, fitted with the latest sound equipment, to the Pocket Testament League for use in its campaign of mass evangelism and Scripture distribution in Korea. The truck has been christened "The Tutson." It has been promptly shipped to Korea, and will carry evangelists over Korea's bomb-rutted roads to cities, towns, army bases and hospitals to preach the Gospel to Korean soldiers and civilians, and to distribute Scripture portions. This is the second sound truck

to be sent to Korea by the Pocket Testament League. These trucks are indispensable in getting the Gospel to the Korean people, for they enable evangelists to reach thousands of people every day.

⑨ The small organ on which the gospel hymn "The Ninety and Nine," was composed in Edinburgh, Scotland, some 85 years ago, has been brought to the international headquarters of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The organ figured in British evangelistic campaigns of two earlier evangelists, the late Dwight L. Moody and the late Ira D. Sankey. They took the Mason and Hamlin instrument with them from the United States and used it at all their meetings in Britain. One day, while in Edinburgh, Moody laid the words of a poem, "The Ninety and Nine," on the organ at which Sankey was seated, and said, "Give me a tune that will go with them." Sankey did so, and the tune composed at that time has been since sung by millions at religious meetings and services around the world.

Baptist Briefs

⑩ Yugoslav Baptist churches are youthful. Of the 250 persons baptized in 1953, 180 were young people. About 49 per cent of the total church membership are young people. Of the ten Baptist preachers, three are under thirty, and four are between thirty and forty years of age.

⑪ Japanese Baptists have invited the Baptist World Alliance to meet in Tokyo in 1960. Meeting in fall executive session, leaders of the Japan Baptist Convention voted enthusiastically to invite the World Alliance to Tokyo and requested American Baptists to cooperate in the invitation and subsequent responsibilities. The group also voted to recognize Rev. and Mrs. Edwin B. Dozier and Dean Sadamoto Kawano, of Seinan University, as messengers from the Japan

Baptist Convention to the Baptist World Alliance in London in 1955. Dr. Kawano is a vice president of the World Alliance.

⑫ A Baptist theological seminary was opened in Semarang on the island of Java, Indonesia, on Oct. 11, under auspices of the Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, U. S. A. This is the sixth seminary to be founded by evacuated China missionaries in other parts of Asia. The Indonesian Ministry of Health has granted permit to open and develop medical work at Kediri, a city of 185,000 in a district of 3,500,000, served by only seven qualified doctors, one hospital of 40 beds, and no nurses.

⑬ Names of 2,500 Baptist refugees are on file in the Baptist World Alliance relief office, Washington, D. C., awaiting a chance to emigrate. More than 10,000 have been resettled in various parts of the world by the Baptist World Alliance since the refugee resettlement program was begun in 1947, according to the director, Adolph Klaupiks. New legislation in the USA permits the resettlement of 114,000 more homeless persons, and the BWA has submitted to the State Department assurances for 266 persons. The executive committee in session in Louisville, Ky., in September 1954 adopted a budget of \$30,000 for the relief committee's work in 1955. Dr. R. Paul Caudill of Memphis, Tenn., continues as chairman.

UNUSUAL CHRISTMAS GIFT

One of our North American Baptist pastors gave the people of his church a most unusual and deeply appreciated Christmas gift. He bought 60 copies of the 1955 ANNUAL and presented them from himself and his wife to each of the 60 family units in his church. The response of the people in heartfelt gratitude has been most exciting. Thanks, Brother Pastor!

EDITOR.

Editorial

The Rim Of Your World

AN EDITOR of a publication, as well as any Christian leader, is dedicated to the task of widening your horizons of thought, of extending the rim of your world, of lifting fences and boundaries and leading you into new fields of service. That is a great adventure for all of us, in which we can find new interests, greater joys, wonderful friends and lofty purposes with Christ, our Savior and Leader.

Halford E. Luccock in a recent book of sermons opens the volume with a message on "Marching Off the Map." He describes the consternation which came upon the Greek army following Alexander the Great across Asia Minor, when they discovered that they had marched clear off the map. The only maps they had were Greek maps, showing only a part of Asia Minor. The rest was blank space. That also happened to Abraham who "went out, not knowing whither he went" (Hebrews 11:8). Every sermon in the volume is the thrilling story of our Christian faith as "an expedition beyond familiar landmarks, a thrust outward into new and uncharted territory!" It is therefore fitting that on the last page of this book, Dr. Luccock should quote these words by Zona Gale: "I am determined to increase the area of my awareness."

Too many of us are hemmed in by the circle of our little activities and daily routine. Our spiritual style and faith are cramped by the limitations of our hard-set prejudices. We never "go places" in ventures of faith. We never lift our eyes upon new fields of Christian interest and activity. For the soul of man is made for far distances in order to think God's thoughts after him and to go with Christ and the Gospel "into all the world."

That means that we must constantly enlarge our understanding of the world's needs. There has never been a time in the world's history when the physical and spiritual needs of the peoples of the world have been brought home to us so vividly by books, newspapers, radio and television. Some of these needs must become burdens upon our shoulders, a Macedonian call to our ability to help. Are these people suffering by the side of the road any neighbors of yours? Are their needs of any concern to you? Are you interested in reading about their plight and learning how you can help them? Your answers to the question will determine before God the rim of your world!

As you widen your horizons upon the needs of the world in Christ's Name, you will discover that you have also enlarged your capacity to receive God's gifts and blessings. As you give yourself to new interests and tasks, it will be given to you increasingly from above! The limits of your capacity to receive God's gifts will then have been enlarged. You will have grown in grace and in Christ-likeness.

The "Baptist Herald" is dedicated to this important ministry to increase the area of our spiritual awareness, not only as it pertains to our great denominational enterprise under God but also to the pressing needs of people everywhere and to the great program of God's Kingdom for our day. We shall be encouraged if the "Baptist Herald" can help in extending the rim of your world for Christ our Lord!

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Happy Anniversary!

The Publication Society observes the 10th anniversary of its business manager, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, and the 20th anniversary of the "Baptist Herald" editor, Dr. M. L. Leuschner



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Tin and China!

By MR. HAROLD B. JOHNS, President of the Publication Board

IF IT WERE their wedding anniversaries we should be giving the brethren Baumgartner and Leuschner gifts of tin and china, respectively, for their tenth and twentieth anniversaries in our publication work.

Material gifts, however, would hardly be in keeping with the work involved, even if the gifts were silver and gold.

Rev. E. J. Baumgartner is entering his tenth year as business manager of our denominational publishing house and Dr. Martin L. Leuschner is entering his twentieth as editor of the "Baptist Herald."

On the business side the past ten years have been perhaps the most difficult in our more than 100 year de-

nominal history. Rising costs, material and equipment shortages and other problems have been with us most emphatically.

On the editorial side Brother Leuschner has been carrying on, along with other denominational responsibilities. In addition to his editorial work he has been Young People's and Sunday School Union secretary and later promotional secretary for our denomination during these years.

Both men have been contributing their share toward the growth and spread of our denominational activ-

ities. It is during these years that our mission activities and building program have had their greatest growth. The expanding work in Africa, Japan and the home fields, the Seminary and many local building programs scarcely have been duplicated in all of our denominational history.

May God continue to guide and care for these two servants of his as they continue to lead us to further material accomplishments and even greater spiritual heights in the years to come through the printed word! Their eternal reward will be far more than tin or china or silver or gold.

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings" (Proverbs 22:29).

Election of an Editor in 1934

By MR. H. P. DONNER, Former Business Manager of the Publication Society

WHEN THE GENERAL Conference met in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1934, it faced the task of choosing an editor for the "Baptist Herald." Thus the first editor of the "Baptist Herald" was Rev. A. P. Mihm, who fitted the dual office of general secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School Union and the editorship of the "Baptist Herald," covering a period of ten years. In 1934 Mr. Mihm had persuaded himself that his term of office was completed, and so he resigned.

The choice at the Milwaukee General Conference fell on Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It has been the conviction of the denomination that this was the over-ruling of God. He was the right man for the important office.

There are two things that have distinguished his ministry. In the first place, he discovered the latent talent of a journalistic strain. The gift was

promptly put into service and developed to a high degree. In the secular field such qualification produces outstanding men in the field of journalism. In this case the rare gift was put into exercise in the religious field. This has been a distinctive feature in his twenty years of service to our people.

The second characteristic of this editorship was the emergence of the "Baptist Herald" from a mouthpiece of the youth movement to a full-fledged organ of the denomination. When Brother Leuschner took over, the sentiment became strong for a more dignified publication to represent the various denominational interests. It has more and more assumed this place in our now organized life. Brother Leuschner has succeeded eminently in this crisis of development. He has rendered a conspicuous service which is now acknowledged on this anniversary. Rev. Martin L. Leuschner is the man sent of God.

Brother Baumgartner's Decade

By DR. H. VON BERGE,
Honorary Member of the Publication Board

Ten years of blessed ministry,
How quickly they have flown!
And what a faithful servant we
These years in him have known!
And now in grateful memory
With joy we bless the tie
That bound us through these fruitful years
Which now behind us lie.

Ten years! Oh, may they only be
A service just begun,
And followed by yet many a year
Of duties to be done;
And may God's blessing from on high,
Brother Baumgartner, rest on you,
And on us all as, heart to heart,
God's work we seek to do.

The Leuschner Anniversary

By DR. H. VON BERGE of Dayton, Ohio
Former Moderator of the General Conference

This is, we are glad to say,
Martin Luther Leuschner's Day!
Just look up the date and you'll see,
'Tis his anniversary.
Editor of the "Baptist Herald"
He now for twenty years has been!
And such true and faithful service
We all these years in him have seen!

And do our people really know
How most essential, without a doubt,
Is to our fellowship this "Baptist Herald,"
Which we simply cannot do without?
We need its stirring reports from our fields,
Its challenging messages based on God's Word.
To stir us on in united effort
And true devotion to serve the Lord.

Two Notable Anniversaries

By DR. FRANK H. WOYKE, Executive Secretary

Rev. E. J. Baumgartner 1944-1954

When Mr. H. P. Donner, after a long and outstanding administration, retired as manager of our Publication House in 1944, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner was chosen as his successor.

Brother Baumgartner has managed the affairs of our Publication Society with great skill through ten very trying years. During the first few years of his ministry the shortages created by the war were a source of much concern. The postwar years brought their own trials—constantly rising prices for materials, a shortage of skilled labor, and wage increases following each other in rapid succession.

In the midst of all these difficulties it has not been easy to supply our Christian literature promptly and economically. Brother Baumgartner has exhibited keen insight, great patience, rare tact and much courage in guiding the affairs of our Publication Society!

We congratulate the Brethren M. L. Leuschner and E. J. Baumgartner on their years of outstanding service!

Dr. M. L. Leuschner 1934-1954

With the end of the year 1954 Dr. M. L. Leuschner has completed twenty years of service in the general work of our denomination.

For ten years he served as general secretary of the C.B.Y. and S.S. Union and for another equal period he has had charge of the promotional activities of our conference. During the entire twenty years he has been editor of the "Baptist Herald," which was originally a youth paper but has now become our English language denominational periodical.

Brother Leuschner has undoubtedly become the most widely travelled, the best known and the most beloved

general worker of our denomination. Why has he endeared himself so much to us?

1. First of all, I believe that we treasure him because of the depth of his faith. How the young people, during the years of his leadership, were inspired by the contagious spirit of his boundless faith!

2. Brother Leuschner is also beloved because of the breadth of his affections. His sympathy and concern encompass all with whom he comes into contact; he is ever ready to offer a word of commendation and encouragement or to lend a hand.

3. His enthusiastic spirit has also established him in our affections. Who in our denomination has not been thrilled by the enthusiasm of his message and the veritable torrent of words that flows from his lips seemingly without any special effort? Even through the pages of the "Baptist Herald" by means of his facile pen, Brother Leuschner's enthusiasm is conveyed to every reader.

Presenting the Bread of Life

By REV. PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Secretary of the Publication Board

TWO METHODS of ministry are the spiritual supply lines in the Christian church: the spoken word and the printed page. On this twentieth anniversary of Dr. Leuschner's editorship of the "Baptist Herald," and Rev. E. J. Baumgartner's tenure of a decade as manager of the Roger Williams Press, we pay tribute to their services and to the value of our publications.

The Word of God is referred to as the Bread of Life. In keeping with this analogy we may say that Mr. Leuschner is the baker and Mr. Baumgartner the distributor. As each baker devices his own recipe in his best judgment to make his wares palatable,

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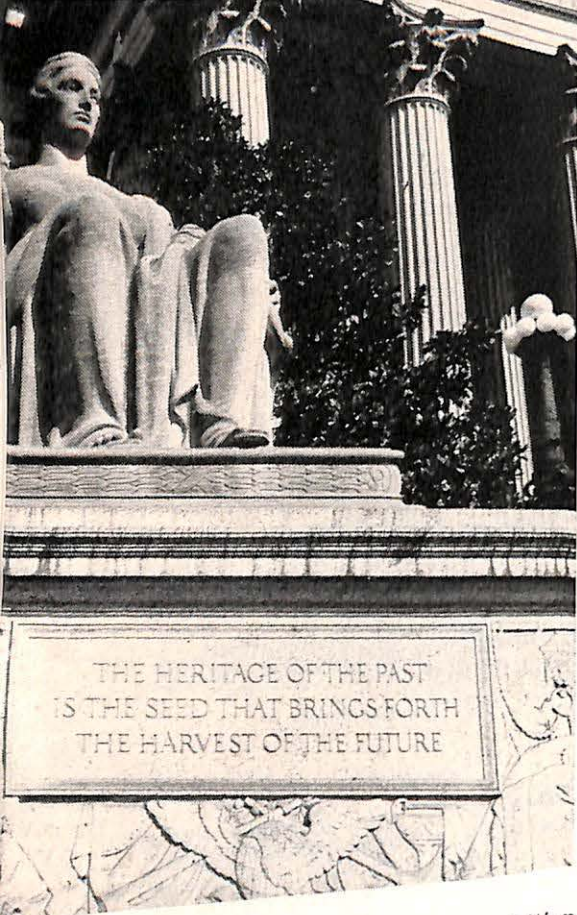
The unusual composite photo shows the seven different "Baptist Herald" covers which have been in use during the past 32 years. In the bottom row (right to left) you will see the 1927 faculty of our Seminary on a front cover used from 1923 to 1934; the wedding picture of Mr. and Mrs. David Williams at Soppo with Missionaries Carl and Hedwig Bender on the front cover used in 1935; and the Austrian scene on the cover in use from 1951 to 1954. In the top row (left to right) you will remember the humorous picture of "a boy's dream on a summer day" on the cover used from 1942 to 1946; the picture of the pioneer family on the Bismarck, N. Dak., capitol grounds (cover used in 1947 and 1948); the picture of the dedication of the Carl Bender Memorial at Soppo, Camerouns (cover used in 1949 and 1950); and the wonderful picture of Mrs. Paul Gebauer, Sr., mother of Missionary Paul Gebauer, on the front cover of the "Baptist Herald" which was used from 1936 to 1941. The present cover design is the eighth in its 33 year ministry.

so Dr. Leuschner has always given the very best in the the Bread of Life in a recipe all his own. It has been nutritious, health-giving and energizing. Rev. E. J. Baumgartner in the role of distributor has presented that Staff of Life in an appealing, acceptable way.

These two brethren have worked hand in hand, exchanging counsel and advice, for these past years as partners in the charge of Jesus: "Give ye them to eat." We of the denomination who are partakers of their spiritual food express our appreciation for their devoted and painstaking services.



The first issue of "The Baptist Herald" as it appeared in January 1923 with Henry Marks of St. Paul, Minn., president of the Young People's and Sunday School Union on the front cover



Twenty Years of Editorial Adventures

By **DR. M. L. LEUSCHNER**,
Editor of the "Baptist Herald" Since January 1, 1935

IT HAS BEEN my life-long ambition to be a writer. A short story of mine was accepted for the Anaheim, Calif., high school's "Blue and Gold," but it didn't create a ripple of excitement. As the minister of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., I started a monthly paper, "The Friend-ly Neighbor." My qualifications for editorial service had not attracted much attention up to this time.

ELECTION ON 1934
The decision of the 1934 General Conference in Milwaukee, Wis., was one of the best things and, certainly, the most providential thing that ever happened to me. At that time the dual position of young people's secretary and editor of the "Baptist Herald" was entrusted to me. During the past 20 years the responsibilities of youth leadership were passed on to other shoulders, but I have held on with unswerving eagerness and zealous tenacity to the "editor's chair." I must confess that I love this task with deepening devotion.

In these two decades the "Baptist Herald" through the eyes of the editor has witnessed epoch-making changes in our denominational life. We have grown in membership from 35,946 to 45,920. We have advanced in our missionary outreach with tremendous strides. We have gone victoriously through the world's most disastrous depression period, the Dakota's greatest drought, and the fearsome years of the second World War. The "Baptist Herald" has kept pace with this forward surge with an increase of subscriptions from less than 3000 to about 9000.

If you were to ask me to cite the most momentous hour for our denomi-

nation during the past twenty years, I would answer firmly: "Sunday afternoon, May 14, 1944 in Milwaukee, Wis., when nine new missionaries were commissioned for the Cameroons, Africa!" That General Conference in 1944 was one of the most controversial sessions in our history. There were wranglings behind the scenes affecting our Seminary, General Missionary Committee and denominational leadership. But all of this was forgotten and forgiven when Dr. William Kuhn greeted the volunteers for missionary service and launched us as a denomination on our most far-reaching evangelistic and missionary program. That was God's high hour for us as North American Baptists!

On January 1, 1935 the "Baptist Herald" under new editorial reins reported the news that Albert Schweitzer was going back to Lambarene, Africa, after delivering a series of lectures in England. (This was years before Schweitzer was world renowned.) It told about the munitions' investigation going on in Washington, D. C. with Stephen Rauschenbusch as chief investigator. It reviewed the book, "The Shadow of the Broad Brim" by Richard E. Day, the still popular biography of Charles Haddon Spurgeon. It featured an article by Dr. H. von Berge on "The Problem of the Jew" which is still a timely and terse subject. The editorial was entitled, "We," rejoicing in the work that was ours cooperatively as laborers together with God.

FIRST NUMBER IN 1935

But that first number of the "Baptist Herald" under my editorial guidance was noteworthy especially for Rev. O. E. Krueger's article, "We Are

Doomed, Unless . . ." His closing paragraph sounds like a prophet's word for 1955! "Miss Kichi Kawai, a Japanese Christian, was once asked, 'What do you think of American Christianity?' She reflected for some time and answered, 'It is too comfortable; it is a nap after a big dinner!' We are doomed unless we repent, return to the first love of our Christian faith, and



Rev. M. L. Leuschner in 1934 greeting some of the members of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa., after a service with Mr. Reuben Windisch at the left (foreground)

accomplish the first works to which Christ has called us."

It is this editor's greatest joy to realize that after 20 years this same man of God, sagacious, genial and versatile, has written another of the frequent contributions, entitled "Our Canadian Adventure" (Nov. 18, 1954), which was enthusiastically received by our readers. In fact, the demand for that issue has been so great that we are completely "sold out."

When an editor reviews 20 years, he is especially happy to remember "the scoops" of his paper when we have been "first" in presenting some unusual article or interesting account. After meeting Paul Hutchens, the novelist, in Iowa and taking pictures of him beside his trailer house, we persuaded him to give us the manuscript of his story, "From the Pulpit to the Typewriter" and published it in the Dec. 15, 1936 issue of the "Baptist Herald." Later this story appeared in pamphlet form which is still widely sold today.

EDITORIAL "FIRSTS"

The "Baptist Herald" was first in publishing the full story of Rev. George Bennard (and a picture of him and his wife in Salvation Army uniforms) and of his Gospel song, "The Old Rugged Cross" which always tops every list of favorite hymns (August 15, 1937 number). As far as I know, the only complete story about the hymn, "In the Garden" by C. Austin Miles, with a picture of the composer, appeared in the Nov. 15, 1937 issue of the "Baptist Herald."

We have had the privilege of presenting the story of Warner Sallman and his well-known paintings of Christ (April 15, 1942); of Charles E. Fuller and the Old Fashioned Revival Hour (August 15, 1942); of the Pacific Garden Mission by Dr. Carl F. H. Henry (Feb. 1, 1943); of the origin of Mother's Day by Anne Jarvis of Philadelphia, Pa., the founder of this important day (May 1, 1935); of George W. Truett by Dr. Charles W. Koller (Sept. 1, 1935); of the Christian cartoonist, the story of Vaughn Shoemaker (June 15, 1940); all of which were published in the "Baptist Herald" before these Christian leaders or places had been greatly publicized by the world at large.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 30 YEARS

If you should ask me about our "Baptist Herald" highlights, the most important issues and articles, I would have to pause and think for a while. We have tried with a good reporter's eye to cover General Conferences, Baptist World Congresses and other religious gatherings. I think that the account about the Baptist World Congress at Atlanta, Ga., that appeared on September 1, 1939, was probably the best thing we have done, largely because of the dramatic and unusual spectacle of these 50,000 Baptists in



The house in Waco, Texas, in which Rev. Martin L. Leuschner was born, was visited by him several years ago as its present occupants, Negro children, engaged him in a lively conversation

Georgia just before the outbreak of World War II.

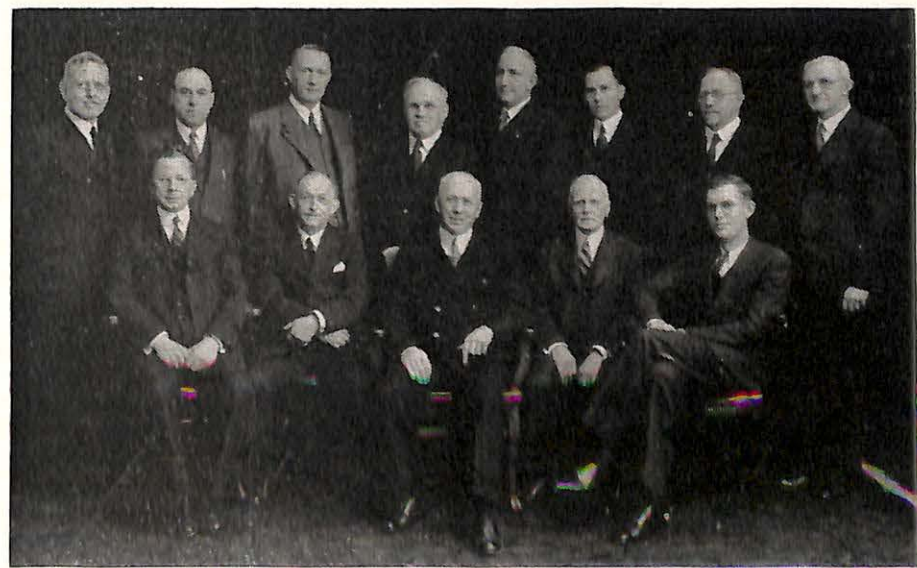
The series of articles about our denominational history prepared by Rev. Charles F. Zummach and published throughout 1942 was exceptionally interesting to our readers. There was great excitement over Dr. William Kuhn's autobiography that appeared in successive issues of the "Baptist Herald" in 1951. The article on "Why I Preach the Calvinistic Theology" prompted scores of our people to write Dr. Kuhn, expressing their personal appreciation for this message. In 1938 the editor wrote a series of articles about his visit to the Danubian Mission Fields in Southeastern Europe, including the Gypsy Baptist Church in Bulgaria. These articles were his greatest initiation into the field of Christian journalism.

We are justly proud of the late Rev. F. W. Benke's article on "The Red Man and the Jesus' Way" which appeared on Feb. 15, 1939. Mr. Benke's

picture as an Indian chief on the front cover and this message revealing his love for the Indians did more than anything else to open the door of missionary service to the Indians for us as a denomination. One of the most graphic missionary stories which we have published in these 20 years was Laura Reddig's account of the "Blood-thirsty Leopard of Mbem" (April 15, 1939). People still refer to that electrifying account. Equally thrilling was the story by Paul Gebauer about his return voyage with his wife from Africa on the "SS West Kebar" in 1940 during the dangerous war days when in a heavy storm for twelve hours they and their boat were "at eternity's door."

An editor has unusual opportunities to cross paths with famous people. It was my privilege to have lengthy interviews for the "Baptist Herald" with Gypsy Smith, the evangelist; Charles M. Sheldon of Topeka, Kans., author

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The first official photograph of the General Council taken in 1936

Left to right, seated: H. Steiger, R. Windisch, O. E. Krueger, H. P. Donner and M. L. Leuschner.
Standing: Walter Staub, Henry Marks, Arthur Schwerin, William Kuhn, H. Theodore Sorg, Charles W. Koller, H. von Berge and Albert Bretschneider.

Ten Years of "Business Plus" Service

By REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER,
Business Manager of the Publication Society

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Ps. 103:2).

THE REQUEST has come to state my impressions on the 10th anniversary of my service as business manager. There is much cause for gratitude to God, for it is from him alone that we receive daily the strength and courage to perform the task he places before us. A 10th anniversary gives occasion to pause and reflect, and in so doing the goodness and the wisdom of God become very apparent.

My first impression dates back to the first few months of ministry here. The position of associate manager was entrusted to me and my duties for the first year were to work at the side of Mr. H. P. Donner, who was then business manager, and learn from him all about the many and varied duties associated with the Publishing House. After two months of time with him an accident caused Mr. Donner to relinquish his duties. There was still much to learn and no longer was that splendid teacher and Christian gentleman at my side.

Upon the realization that the full responsibility for the Publication House and its work suddenly was thrust on my shoulders, I turned to God again and again, seeking light from him as to what would be best for the denomination and the Kingdom. God never failed to answer every

cry and to give direction for every problem.

A word is here in order regarding the life and service of Mr. H. P. Donner. It was my great privilege to work at his side and largely under his direction for almost three months. During this time I learned to know him much more intimately and, as I obtained glimpses into his life, his character and devotion to the Publishing House and the denomination, my admiration for him increased tremendously. This admiration and respect has continued to grow throughout the past ten years.

MR. DONNER'S INFLUENCE

Mr. Donner is one of those outstanding Christian gentlemen, of high and noble character; with an unusually deep and sincere devotion to the church, our denomination and the Kingdom of God. I shall always remember how this good brother, then in his 84th year, devoted eight or more hours a day to strenuous work here in the office. His boundless energy was indeed marvelous to behold. His keen analytical faculties provoked the deepest admiration, his unblemished loyalty to the Publishing House and the denomination engendered the deepest kind of respect and loyalty.

In addition to all of this, it was my great privilege to have him as a teacher in business. I learned much in the two or three months under his



Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, business manager of the Publication Society since January 1, 1945

tutelage, but the greatest enrichment came from sensing and experiencing the fine spiritual qualities of H. P. Donner. This enrichment grows as I behold his remarkable activity in his church and our denomination, as a Sunday School teacher, author and speaker. God has been good to the denomination by giving us such an intellectual and spiritual servant. May God continue to bless him for many years!

ASSOCIATIONS WITH EDITOR

The second reason for gratefulness is found in the happy relationship with Dr. M. L. Leuschner, the editor of the "Baptist Herald" whose 20th anniversary, as editor, we are now observing. The editor and the business manager must work together. Often there are situations which might cause differences, but our relationship has been the happiest, although a very busy one, throughout the past ten years.

Dr. Leuschner is a prolific worker. One often wonders how he can possibly do all he does, writing while on trains, in hotels, in homes and in his office, all of this in addition to his many speaking engagements and travel appointments. It was very seldom during the past ten years that a "Baptist Herald" manuscript was late and remember that they are being sent to us by Dr. Leuschner from all parts of the United States and Canada.

Another reason for grateful appreciation is the fine attitude of our Publication Society Board. These men have been so very helpful, so far-

sighted and business-like and, beyond that, they have been extremely patient and helpful. Our denomination has every reason to be proud of the splendid and talented men on our Publication Board, and furthermore it can be assured that this board is constantly seeking the welfare of our denomination.

Finally, a word of appreciation is due the loyalty and good will of thousands of our people. They have recognized to the fullest extent how important the Publication Society is for the advancement of our denomination. They are the readers of our "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote" and they order Bibles, books and supplies from their own Publishing House. I am fully aware that the loyalty of these people in reading and buying means so very much for the Publication Society and for the denomination.

In this connection the sacrificial and devotional service of our publication agents needs to be mentioned. During the past ten years, I have had so many occasions to see the tremendous amount of work that these people do. To them we can all be grateful; theirs is a service toward the upbuilding of our churches and the Kingdom of God.

GOD'S UNFAILING BLESSING

There is reason to believe that God has placed his blessing upon the work of the Publication Society. There have been some critical times in the past ten years, for example, the end of World War II. None of us will ever forget the difficulties experienced in war time to secure materials. After World War II there was a business recession which was immediately felt in your Publication Society. Then came Korea with a new flood of high prices and scarcities of material and labor and immediately following the end of hostilities in Korea we reached the climax of a monetary inflation.

Each experience had its own problems but somehow God always pointed the way out of them. It certainly pays, even in a hard business world, to trust in God and to be led by his Spirit. No matter how difficult it seemed at times during the past ten years, there was always a way opened to us and we believe that herein was the leading of God.

Another of the problems of the past ten years has been the need for new machinery. Practically all of the machinery in our plant of ten years ago was 25 years or more old. Since times change and methods of doing things follow suit, it became very imperative that we replace our old equipment with modern, efficient and money-saving machinery. Very much has been accomplished in this respect, but much more needs to be done.

We are very happy to report that a new high speed Miehle 50 Printing Press has been installed and a large rebulit automatic press has now re-



Mr. Elmer Walter, one of the Publication House employees, at the huge cutter machine which trims the "Baptist Herald" copies and other publications of the Roger Williams Press

placed our old hand-fed press. The old hand-fed folder has also been replaced by an automatic machine. In addition to these there are a great many other items which have been brought in to replace old equipment.

Much more still needs to be done in order to bring our printing plant and our office to a proper point of efficiency and service. For example, we are badly in need of a modern composition table and a new modern linotype machine. We are, however, grateful for the progress the denomination has made in the past ten years toward obtaining new equipment.

OUR PUBLICATION MINISTRY

There have also been changes in our publications. Both the "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote" have been improved in appearance and content. Much credit should be given to the editors, Dr. M. L. Leuschner and Rev. W. J. Luebeck. Just ten years ago our "Annual" appeared in its first issue and it has since grown to be a beloved annual publication. The Every Sunday Bulletins, now published at over 16,000 per week, is a recently new service.

The Publication Society continues its printing ministry in the "Directory," the "Conference Minutes," the "Broadcast," "Lektions-Blaetter" and numerous denominational leaflets and booklets, etc. Two books, "Religion in the Ranks" and "Call of the Camerons" appeared in the past decade. In addition to our own work we also print a considerable number of periodicals on a commercial basis all of which are new business in the past ten years.

There have, however, also been sad and disturbing experiences, such as the abandonment of our young people's publication, "Salute." At present we do not have any publication

of our own for the young people which in my opinion should be corrected. Recently we have also relinquished the printing of "Youth Compass" which is now being printed by the multilith process in our Forest Park office. It was not easy to see these two publications, which carried such a great potential for our denomination, erased by necessity from the Publication House activities.

PERSONAL DEDICATION

As a twelve-year-old boy I found my Savior while kneeling at the side of a feed box in a barn. Shortly after that, there was a pledge on my part that, God willing, my life was to be dedicated to him and to his service. After graduation from the seminary, it was my joy to serve in some small measure in a number of our churches. Ten years ago God called, as I believe, for another field of service. This time it was to be in what I like to call a "business plus" type of service and at the time of the 10th anniversary, I want publicly to express my gratitude to him for his help and guidance in these past ten years.

It is well to pause at a 10th anniversary and recall these many experiences, some of which were pleasant, and some were not. The success and the failures of the past will mellow us. However, no observance of an anniversary can be complete without a solemn and steadfast resolve for an even more complete dedication to the task God has given us. To what I believe to be a God-given service at the Publication House, again on this 10th anniversary I dedicate my life to the service of God as long as he wishes me to serve. To the members of the denomination and its friends who have been so wonderful and loyal in the past ten years, I hereby say a heartfelt and humble, "Thank you."



Linotypists are busily preparing for the next issue of the "Baptist Herald"



Baptist Church at Salzburg, Austria, on the Sunday of Rev. R. Schilke's visit to the church with Rev. Martin Gigseder at the right

Our Mission Field in Austria

By REV. R. SCHILKE, General Missionary Secretary

IN THE YEARS before World War II our mission in Europe included all of the so-called Danubian countries. Our former Gypsy Mission in Bulgaria was a part of this larger mission, and well do we remember the glowing reports that came from there and thrilled our hearts. The war years interrupted this blessed work, brought many trials upon the churches of this mission and upon its mission workers and threatened to wrench this mission field from North American Baptists. In the immediate post-war years other groups were ready to step in and take over this mission field which by that time had dwindled down to Austria because of the fact that mission work carried on and supported from America had become next to impossible in the other Danubian countries.

As soon as feasible after the war years, Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt again took up the work as "Missions-Inspector" and continued in that capacity until his retirement in 1953. His task was a difficult one. For political reasons he felt it unsafe to visit the eastern sector of Austria and so personally could only devote his time and talents to the western part of Austria.

A PERSONAL VISIT NECESSARY

In pre-war years we had one organized church in Austria, at Vienna, and all other places were considered preaching stations of the Mollardgasse Baptist Church of Vienna. However, we were determined not only to maintain our Austrian mission field but to undertake an expansion program which required the appointment of additional mission workers as well as the building of chapels. The former general missionary secretary, Rev. H. G. Dymmel, made two visits to this mission field in 1947 and again in 1949, for that very purpose. The link of our

Mission Society to this field was strengthened through those visits. For various reasons it became apparent that another visit to this Austrian Mission was required, and so by resolution of the General Missionary Committee I was to undertake this task.

After a brief visit to our brethren in Germany (concerning which I wrote in my previous article) I proceeded to Austria. The planned itinerary was to visit the main churches and stations, counsel with and encourage the brethren, concerning their work and to meet with the executive committee of the Austrian Baptist Convention at the occasion of the sessions of the second convention at Vienna. This tour was begun at Salzburg, Austria. It was again my joy and privilege to have Rev. R. Milbrandt with me, director of immigration in Germany who was to visit several refugee camps in Austria.

OUR CHURCHES IN AUSTRIA

Our church at Salzburg, with Rev. Martin Gigseder as pastor, is noted for its spirit of evangelism. Sunday, October 3rd, was spent with this church. Over 160 people were present at the morning service which was also a baptismal and communion service. Of its present membership of 140, only about five were members before 1950. Emigration could have been the death knell of this church were it not a living organism which through its Christian testimony is constantly winning others for Christ and adding them to the church.

In this historic city of over 100,000 population our forefathers, the Anabaptists, became martyrs for their faith in the early 16th century. "Die Schwemme" where these early Christians were drowned is still in the very heart of the city and its flowing waters

remind us all of the all-sufficient grace of God. "If God be for us, who can be against us!" wrote Paul of old. Our church indeed stands as a witness to that faith. To the building of the chapel at Salzburg our Southern Baptist friends have contributed freely, for which we are grateful.

Sunday evening was given to Freilassing, a station of Salzburg, just across the border into Germany. Here a faithful group of Christians meet in rented quarters. A building site has already been purchased, and the people live in hopes that in the very near future a chapel building program may also be undertaken. It was not possible to have a meeting in Seekirchen, also a station of Salzburg, where a house has recently been purchased which is to be converted into a chapel and also partly to be used to house several old people.

With our church at Bad Ischl we met on Monday, October 4th. Church membership and church building are small at this place, but Rev. A. Hirnboeck and his people are faithfully proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ. Bad Ischl is located in the beautiful and picturesque valley of the "Salzkammergut." The valley is noted for its resort places, and Bad Ischl itself has been the scene of spiritual retreats for our young people and our pastors and missionaries.

VILLACH, LINZ AND STEYR

On Wednesday, October 6th, we crossed the mountain range over Werfen to meet with our people at Villach, near the Yugoslavian border. It was our privilege to have Dr. Walter O. Lewis of the Baptist World Alliance in our company on that day, who was on his way to Vienna to be present at the sessions of the Baptist Convention over the week-end. Here at Villach

we met with our people in the barracks of the refugee camp. Villach is also a station of Salzburg and is served from Salzburg by Mr. Willi Friedsam every second week. The city of Villach has a population of over 40,000. Our investigations revealed that a more permanent meeting place must be found in the city itself and a worker placed there.

On Thursday, October 7th, we again crossed a mountain range, the Hohen-tauern Alpen, to meet with our people at Linz where Mr. Wolfram Carl is the mission worker. This is the place where over a year ago we purchased a building and remodeled it into a meeting place as well as living quarters for the missionary and his family. Linz is still a station of the Mollardgasse Baptist Church in Vienna, but we trust that in the near future this station will organize into a church.

The city of Linz is strategically located and has become a great center of industry. Its population has grown beyond 200,000 and growth in population should also afford new mission opportunities. It is our hope that in years to come a strong Baptist church might make its influence felt in this center of population. Toward the purchase of the building at Linz we received a notable contribution from the American Baptist Convention which we gratefully acknowledge.

Steyr is a sub-station of Linz where a small group of Baptists meet regularly in the lecture room of the manse of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. As we met with this group on Friday, October 8th, we were honored by the visit of Pastor Mueller, who also participated in the service and with whom we could fellowship around the cross of Christ. He has a great responsibility to his parishioners who number about 3,000, having grown to that number from 300 during his ministry. May it also please the Lord to erect a strong Baptist witness in this historical city where in Reformation times Christians were not afraid to die for their faith and so sowed the seed of the Gospel by their very blood.

THE SECOND AUSTRIAN CONVENTION

It was not possible to visit all our Baptist churches in Austria individually. We greeted those in the east sector of Austria through the sessions of the 2nd Austrian Baptist Convention which convened with our two churches in Vienna on October 9 and 10. The opening and closing services of the convention were held at Wien-Huettdorf where Rev. R. Ostermann is the faithful pastor. This church had been a station of Mollardgasse for many years but was organized into a church some two years ago. One can sense the first love among the members of this church.

All other services of the convention were held at Mollardgasse where Rev.



Rev. R. Schilke standing on the banks of "Die Schwemme" in Salzburg, Austria, where in the 16th century evangelical Christians were drowned for their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ

Arnold Koester has been pastor for the past 25 years. It is he who is also the moderator of the convention. This church is the only self-supporting Baptist church in Austria. For many years it was the only Baptist Church in Austria. The Mollardgasse Baptist Church is reaching out into all areas of the city of Vienna and beyond its borders.

More than 20 smaller groups, known as "Hausgemeinden," meet in homes for prayer and Bible study, and God blesses these efforts. It is often far easier to bring neighbors for the first time to these meetings in the home than it would be to bring them to a Baptist church.

At the convention it was our privilege to meet Dr. W. O. Lewis again, to meet for the first time Dr. J. Nordenhaug, president of the Southern Baptist Seminary at Rueschlikon, Switzerland, and also to meet again Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Meister of Berlin, Germany, again who had appeared as guest speakers at the convention. Here we also met our other brethren to whose churches we found it impractical to go: Rev. Peter Blatt, Mr. Fritz Fuchs and Mr. G. Kunzelmann, with whom we fellowshiped and whom we endeavored to encourage in their work.

Our "Austrian Baptist Union" is a new organization. In former years the mission work in Austria was supervised by Director Carl Fuellbrandt in places beyond the immediate area of Mollardgasse Baptist Church. In May 1953 our Baptist churches organized into an Austrian Baptist Union with two associations, Vienna and Salzburg, and an executive committee was elected, the functions of which still had to be clearly defined. The importance of this second convention cannot therefore be minimized. In the sessions of this executive committee, or "Bundesleistung," we came to a new understanding of what the basis of our affiliation and cooperation is.

One might well ask: "What are the needs and opportunities in Austria to carry on mission work?" It is obvious

that mission work in Austria is not easy nor simple. Austria is not a heathen country in the real sense of that word. It is a very religious country with 90 to 95 per cent of its population adherents of the Roman Catholic faith. A Baptist Mission is thus mainly carried on in witnessing to these people and this is not in the least a simple matter.

Austria has religious liberty, but our American interpretation of the term "liberty" must be re-defined in Austria. There are influences at work, directly and indirectly, which all too often curtail religious liberty and make it very difficult for people to attend a Baptist service, much less to join a Baptist church. The poverty of the land must also not be overlooked. It is a long and hard struggle for a Baptist church to grow sufficiently so as to become self-supporting.

Two special needs (to be sure, there are many more) stand out as I look back upon my brief visit to our Austrian Mission field. One need is that of more and better trained men for the ministry. We have no Baptist seminary, not even a Bible School, in Austria. Our young men who feel called of God to the ministry of the Gospel must look beyond the borders of Austria for their training, and with their poverty this becomes almost impossible financially. In spite of that fact, we are hopeful in securing two young men for the coming year: one is completing his training at the Baptist Seminary at Rueschlikon, Switzerland, and the other at the Baptist Seminary at Hamburg, Germany.

WORSHIPFUL CHAPELS

A second need is that of chapels. It is more difficult to carry on a fruitful witness for the Lord in crowded quarters, in barracks, and in refugee camps. A permanent place of worship and one worthy of its name must be established where we have gained an open ear and open door. Without such chapels, our efforts will only be of a

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Vignettes of Church History

By DONALD G. DAVIS, Ph.D.

2. THE WORD "CHURCH"

The Greek word translated "Church" in the New Testament is **ekklesia**, from two roots, **ek**, out, and **kaleo**, to call. **Ekklesia** therefore means "the called out" or "a calling out." The ancient Greeks, long before any of our New Testament was written, used **eklesia** to describe their town and city assemblies because the members were summoned by a caller.

The Greek version of the Old Testament, the Septuagint, made between 200 and 300 B.C., used the word **ekklesia** to translate the Hebrew word rendered "congregation" in the Authorized Version, the nation of Israel thus thought of as "a called out peo-

ple of God." The New Testament contains examples of both the old Greek concept of the city assembly (Acts 19:32, 39-41) and God's people Israel (Acts 7:38) by using the word **ekklesia** of both.

These are exceptional uses of **ekklesia**, however. The word is, in all other instances, used in the New Testament of a called out people peculiarly related through redemption to Jesus Christ. Ephesians and Colossians clearly set forth the truth concerning "the Church which is his (Christ's) body" (Eph. 1:22-23), often referred to as "the invisible Church." This organism is composed only of regenerated individuals who at con-

version "by one Spirit are . . . all baptized into one body" (1 Cor. 12:13), and knows no denominational lines.

The usual use of **ekklesia** is in connection with local groups of Christians gathered for worship in their own communities. Thus we read of "the Church which was in Jerusalem" (Acts 11:22) and "the Church of Ephesus" (Rev. 2:1). Every born again child of God is a member of the invisible Church, and normally he will want to be numbered with God's people in a local church. God's Word is clear that while the local church should consist of saved people, it often includes unsaved professing Christians. See for example such passages as Philippians 3:18-19.

Church history traces the progress and digression of the sum total of local churches of all denominations, always recognizing that God has always had his own, those who compose the invisible Church, his own redeemed ones, even in the midst of spiritual darkness as found in the professing Church. (Newman, pages 125-31.)

New Missionaries in Texas

By REV. LOUIS R. JOHNSON of Waco, Texas
Southern Conference Mission Secretary

THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE rejoices to report the opening of a new mission field among the Spanish-American people in the Rio Grande Valley in Texas. For years the Conference has been challenged by this mission field right at its doors. For the past two years, surveys have been made, funds collected, and prayers have ascended to God for a missionary, so that work could begin.

The answer to these prayers came in the appointment of Raymond Castro by the Southern Conference and the General Mission Committee. Mr. Castro is himself a Spanish-American and speaks both English and Spanish fluently. He was saved from a Roman Catholic background. He was trained at the Rio Grande Bible Institute at Edinburg, Texas. He has a real zeal for souls and a great burden for his people.

He has already endeared himself to those of our Southern Conference churches and people who have met him. He and his wife and two small girls are now on the field and will seek to gain a foothold for the Gospel in one of the many heavily populated Spanish-American areas in the valley. He has already reported finding several wide open fields to begin a work. The churches of the Southern Conference are praying daily for God's leading in



Mrs. Raymond Castro, who is serving with her husband as our missionary in Texas

this new venture of faith, and urge all our people to add these two new missionaries to their prayer lists.

Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist

ENGAGEMENTS

- January 2-14, Mowata, Louisiana.
- January 23-February 4, Lethbridge, Alta., Canada. Rev. Otto Ertis, Pastor.
- February 20-March 4, McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alta., Can.

WE THANK GOD:

"Brother, every time you speak you hold up the mirror to us!" A former

soldier and a member of the Foreign Legion spoke to me in these words with the tears streaming down his cheeks. This is grace!

PRAY FOR US:

Pray that health and strength may be given for the task which is ours to do. Pray that spiritual concern may be found for the lost in our churches. Pray that the Holy Spirit may lead in all things.

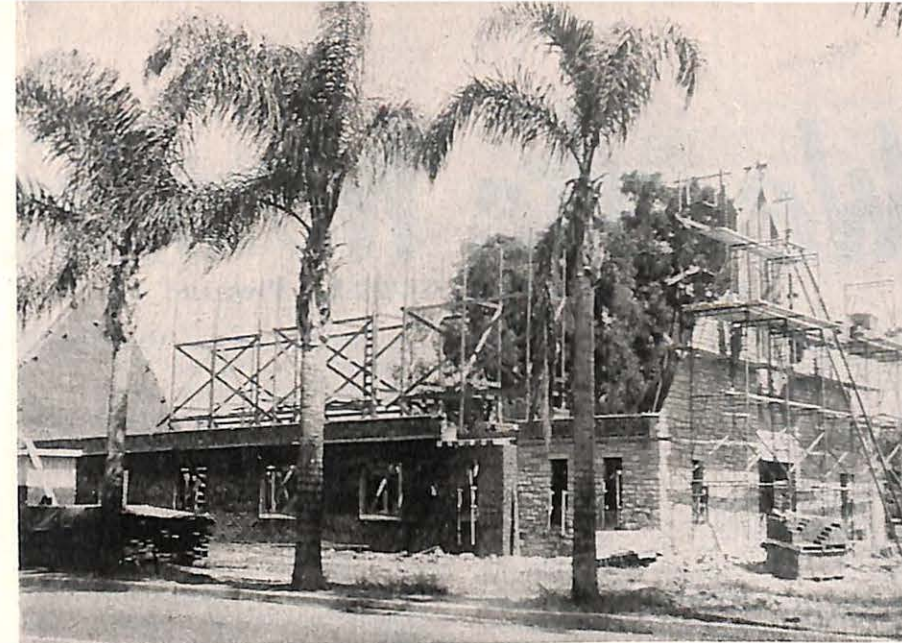
Roger Williams Press ... NEWS

By REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER

HERE at your Publishing House in Cleveland, Ohio, the subscription clerks are busy processing the new subscriptions for 1955. The purpose of this announcement is to remind our people about the urgent necessity of renewing your subscription promptly and accurately. Please help your church agent in the tremendous task of listing the thousands of subscriptions which will have to be renewed this year. Please be certain that the name is correctly spelled and the full and proper address is given.

Also bear in mind that both the "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote" will be sent free-of-charge for two months as a trial subscription to any prospective subscribers. If you have such friends who might be interested in the "Baptist Herald" or "Der Sendbote," please inform your publication agent or write directly to Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

Notice—Sunday School teachers—there is no better investment than a teaching help. You owe it to your class, to yourself, and to your church to be fully prepared. Right now your Publication House has in stock "Tarbell's Teachers Guide" at \$2.50, and "Peloubet's Select Notes" at \$2.75. Buy either one for better teaching! Any of the books reviewed in the "Baptist Herald" can also be secured through our House.



We Build a Church

By JOHN C. SLEMP, Editor of "Missions"

Upon this favored spot a church will rise!
Its broad foundation must be firmly laid,
Its walls of finest workmanship be made—
And then a spire to pierce the arching skies.
For grace and beauty to the human sight,
The plan divine must be the workman's guide,
As though a voice within, or by his side,
Said, "This is wrong," and, "This is right."
So build this church from earth to lofty spire
That it may be a holy trysting place,
Where men may meet the Master face to face
And then go out with hearts and souls on fire.
Upon this spot we'll build a house of prayer,
That men in quest of God may find him there.

BOOK REVIEWS

THE FAITH THAT SINGS. By F. Townley Lord. Broadman Press. 119 pages. \$1.50

The president of the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. F. Townley Lord, is a master of the pen as well as a dynamic speaker. This volume of 30 brief sermons is rich in beautiful diction, eloquent quotations and spiritual power. He emphasizes "the theology of the heart" as "the warm, glowing response of simple needy men to a wonderful Savior." He deals with a great variety of themes from the "Third Dimension" to "Red Tulips." His sermons on "Renovating Spurgeon" and "The Grace of Courtesy" are strikingly unique. Every Baptist who is going to London, England, for the Jubilee Congress or who will follow the Congress through our papers will want to become better acquainted with this Congress president through this book of "singing sermons."

THE GOSPELS TRANSLATED INTO MODERN ENGLISH. By J. B. Phillips, Macmillan Company. 243 pages. \$2.75.

Dr. Phillips' translation of the New Testament letters entitled "Letters to Young Churches" has been quoted by pastors and church leaders more frequently and enthusiastically than any other translation. This volume on the Gospels is equally eloquent and brilliant. The Gospel messages will shine with new luster of fresh meanings and golden words to be remembered and quoted. Dr. Phillips' translations are true to the original content. Prefacing each chapter are notes by Mr. Phillips that are helpful in clarifying themes, dates and authorship. This is an example of the arresting style of the author: "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eyes and fail to notice the plank in your own?" (Matt. 7:3.) This is a

very helpful volume for every Christian who wants a better understanding of and a stronger hold on the Gospel truths of his faith.

GIANTS OF THE MISSIONARY TRAIL. By E. M. Harrison. Scripture Press. Price \$2.50.

Dr. Harrison has produced a remarkable book in the field of missionary biography. It will meet a real need for missionary study classes or material for young people's meetings. Eight men from various mission fields of the world are vividly portrayed. Five are better known in the persons of Carey, Judson, Livingstone, Chalmers and Goforth. Nott, George Grenfell and Marsden, while not so well known, have a great story to tell. For study purposes this book is well arranged. Each chapter is typically divided, and at the end of each biography there are questions, topics and suggestions for further research. "Giants of the Missionary Trail" relives for us the lives of great missionaries of the past as though they were living today. The book is ably written and will stimulate an intelligent and prayerful interest in missions.—The Evangelical Christian.



Mr. Raymond Castro, our newly appointed missionary to the Spanish-Americans in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas

We...the Women

By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

1954 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

By MRS. EMANUEL WOLFF,
Secretary

HOW THRILLING and how easy it is to undertake a big task when there is genial cooperation, far-sighted thinking, a will to work, and, most important, Christ in the midst. Such was the case when the Executive Board of the Woman's Missionary Union met for their annual business session on November 18-19, 1954 at the Forest Park Headquarters. This being a very important meeting with items such as constitution changes and conference programs to discuss, we were happy to have ten members present.

Glowing reports from each officer showed hard, sacrificial work throughout the year. Women of our denomination have faithfully sent vast amounts of White Cross supplies to headquarters, as well as supporting wholeheartedly our mission projects financially. Because of your loyalty and willingness, the Executive Committee reaches out to even greater goals for the future.

For some time Miss Martha Remus has acted as part-time office secretary and has capably accepted a great deal of responsibility on behalf of the Woman's Union. She has consented to continue this work and also fill a vacancy by editing the "Broadcast" until the end of this triennium. The letters sent to Forest Park regarding Woman's Missionary Union matters will be answered by her or given to the proper person for attention.

Did you know your Woman's Union is represented on the General Missionary Committee of the denomination? The president and one other representative are invited to attend those meetings, but without power to vote. As women, we are definitely interested in the advancement of missions and to be present at the General Missionary Committee business sessions is revealing, helpful and inspirational.

A number of recommendations were drawn up concerning the future editing of the "Broadcast" and the "Program Packet." These items have become essential helps to the local missionary societies. Are you making the best possible use of these precious publications in your society? Last year there were almost 300 English, and about 60 German packets sold. Order this material from the Forest Park Office through the Woman's Missionary Union.

The material for the World Day of Prayer is to be edited this year in English by Mrs. Arthur Thom of Detroit, Mich., and in German by Mrs. Carl Fuellbrandt of Toronto, Ont.

Because many requests have been made concerning the forming and functioning of a Girls' Guild, a committee was appointed to edit the necessary material and make it available at headquarters. Miss Mary Leypoldt is chairman of this committee.

The Executive Committee feels that our present constitution does not adequately meet the needs of the Woman's Union. An appointed committee spent much time and effort revising and bringing it up-to-date so as to make it more suitable and effective. This is another big, important item that will come before the women at the next General Conference. You can see how important it is for you to be present at our meetings in Waco, Texas, can't you?

Also, a new missionary project for the next triennium is to be adopted. Because you have proven your devotion and financial support to missionary projects in the past, the new project will be an even greater challenge to go forward in Christ's Name.

As Program Chairman, Mrs. Walter Hill of Kyle, Texas, is busily engaged in planning a delightful program to be presented by the woman on Friday afternoon of the General Conference. Southern hospitality will be enjoyed at the Missionary Reception and Tea that is to follow the Friday afternoon program. Mrs. Ernest Steindam of Waco, Texas, is the chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the tea.

All decisions made by your Executive Committee are reached after much thought and discussion and with the best interests of the Woman's Missionary Union at heart. Each officer considers it a privilege to be able to serve the Lord in this way. It has been an inspiration to work with our very capable president, Mrs. Walter Grosser. May we all together continue willingly to do our share in the work of the Woman's Missionary Union and thus have a part in the service of our King.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance; it is laying hold on God's highest willingness."—Trench. (Quoted by Rev. Robert Hess, Tacoma, Washington.)

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke
Jan. 16 (Sunday)—Buffalo Center, Iowa.
Jan. 25-27—Southern Conference Ministers' Retreat, Mowata, La.
Rev. Lawrence Bienert
Jan. 19-30—Manitoba Churches, Canada.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner
Jan. 16 (Sunday)—Victor, Iowa.
Jan. 23 (Sunday A.M.)—Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Jan. 23 (Sunday P.M.)—Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, New York.
Jan. 26 (Wednesday)—Temple Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Miss Ruth Bathauer, Children's Worker
Jan. 16-18—Visitation trip to 13 churches of the Atlantic Conference in the interest of Scripture Memorization.

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- 1955 BIBLE READING LEAFLET—Ask your pastor or write to headquarters for this fine leaflet with suggestions for daily Bible reading and for prayer.
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C.B.Y. Fellowship

By LAWRENCE BIENERT, Youth Director

YOUTH WEEK, JAN. 30-FEB. 6

The theme for the 1955 Youth Week from Sunday, January 30 to Sunday, February 6, is "Our Fellowship In Christ." If you find it impossible to observe Youth Week at this suggested time, then select some other week more suitable to you.

Youth Week is simply a means used by the local church to focus attention on youth and youth's needs. Most people will be surprised to see the leadership ability of our young people. Youth Week provides our youth with the opportunity to learn by doing.

Youth Week observance and its activities should be related to the total youth program and not be just an "extra" or something "tacked on." Advance suggestions have been mailed to all CBY presidents. We trust that you have already made definite preparations to make Youth Week of 1955 the most inspirational and helpful one in your church's history. Take special note of the specific activities of each evening and see what your part can be in this spiritual and advancing program of the young people.

WORSHIP

On Sunday, January 30, the pastor will direct his sermons, both morning and evening, to the young people of the church. The adults will be challenged to understand their responsibility in helping the young people carry on a spiritual dynamic program.

The afternoon will be spent in visiting shut-ins. Wherever possible, make a recording of the morning worship service and play it back to those whom you visit. Visiting the shut-ins will help prepare you for the visitation program later on in the week.

Conduct a hymn festival at your evening CBY meeting. Give the background story of some of your favorite hymns.

STRENGTHEN HOME TIES

Monday evening is set aside for your entire family. Cancel all other engagements and spend the evening together as a family unit. Sing songs, play games, make candy or pop corn. Close the evening with family devotions.

PREPARATION

On Tuesday evening a business meeting and planning session will be held. Review the CBY Standard at this time to see how you are measur-

ing up to the goals described therein. Study the answers to the questionnaire which was sent to every CBY member. These questions were: 1. List a number of ways in which the CBY has been helpful to you. 2. Name the programs which have been of special interest to you. 3. How can we make our CBY more effective in meeting the needs of our young people?

If time permits, you may receive from your pastor some definite instructions for the visitation program to be held on Thursday evening.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Wednesday evening will be an inspirational hour of prayer and praise when the young people will take complete charge of the program. Singing, testimonies, prayers and brief talks by the young people should be an inspiration to all who attend. Encourage them by your attendance.

VISITATION

Thursday evening the young people will meet at the church for a brief prayer meeting before their visitation program. All young people will go out, two by two, to the homes of those whom they wish to win to the Lord and the church. Slack members should also be contacted. Your car may be needed to take some of these young people to the homes they will visit. If you know of any young person who should be contacted, let your CBY president know.

MISSION EMPHASIS

Friday evening many of the youth groups will present a missionary play or program. The play, "Bamenda New Hope Settlement" by Miss Laura Reddig, may be used at this occasion. It is found in the April-June 1954 issue of the "Youth Compass." You may help your young people by your interest, presence and generous contribution to their conference mission project.

FELLOWSHIP

Saturday night will feature either a banquet or a fellowship hour. All young people, their friends and prospective members, are invited to attend this special event.

COOPERATION

On Sunday morning, February 6, a special effort will be made to have all young people who were contacted during the week at Sunday School

and the morning worship service. Some of the young people will act as reception committee, greeting all newcomers in particular. Other will take an active part in the service by reading scripture, leading in prayer and presenting special musical numbers. The pastor will again direct his message to the youth.

The young people will have charge of the entire evening service using the theme, "Our Fellowship In Christ." The program, "Voyage on the SS Fellowship" found in the September 1954 issue of "Youth Compass" was written especially for this occasion. See the next issue of the "Baptist Herald" for special articles on Youth Week.

TWENTY EDITORIAL YEARS

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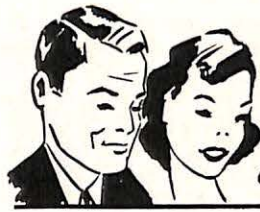
of "In His Steps"; Richard E. Day, author of many books including "Bush Aglow"; Will H. Houghton, president of the Moody Bible Institute; Dr. John W. Bradbury, editor of "The Watchman-Examiner"; and, in conjunction with other religious editors, Presidents Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower in Washington, D. C.

CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIPS

But the ties that bind most firmly are those of Christian fellowship with our great leaders and grand people in our own denomination. The tingling excitement and the tremendous thrill of travelling to our churches and meeting some of our people has never abated for me in these 20 years. The blowing of the train whistle and the stretching out of a hand in welcome at a railroad station are still the source of life's greatest joys for me as editor.

The highest honor that I have had has been the opportunity of closely-knit friendships with saints of God who have served as our denominational leaders. Dr. William Kuhn was a Gibraltar of undergirding strength for me. Dr. H. von Berge has been for me, to the present hour, an example of sterling character and stalwart service. Mr. H. P. Donner, with whom I worked for many years during his illustrious ministry as business manager of our Roger Williams Press, has been for me the embodiment of true spirituality, guided unswervingly by the Holy Spirit. My associations with Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, present business manager, have been windows of bright sunshine and joy into my life.

Above all, these two decades have taught me much about the wonderful companionship of the Lord Jesus Christ, who meets every need, guides every step of the way, and gives to open hearts gifts of joy and peace that exceed all expectations. He is the Editor-in-Chief of our publication, under whose spiritual sway we work and whose glory, as we pray, will always be seen on every page of the "Baptist Herald."



Sunday School Lessons

A LESSON PLAN

Date: January 23, 1955

Theme: THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

SCRIPTURE: John 16:7-11; Acts 2:1-4; 4:8-12.

PURPOSE: To help us understand more fully the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

GETTING STARTED: Why should it have been "expedient" for Jesus to "go away"? One should think that just the opposite would have been true—that the best thing that could possibly have happened to those disciples would have been to have Jesus with them always. And surely, if they had had any choice in the matter, they would have said so—even as we would, if the decision were ours to make. After all, what could possibly be better for us than to have Jesus with us here and now, in the flesh! How easy it would then be to follow him! What a tremendous lift his physical presence would give to faith!

Yet, strangely enough, Jesus didn't think so. He felt that it was better for the disciples that he "go away." Rather than have his physical presence, it was more important for them to have the Holy Spirit in their hearts and know his presence and ministry in their lives.

Developing the Theme:

It was expedient for Jesus to "go away" and for the Holy Spirit to be sent for the following reasons:

I. JESUS' DEATH WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE COMPLETION OF THE MISSION FOR WHICH HE HAD BEEN SENT.

1. Jesus was sent to "seek and to save that which was lost" and to "give his life a ransom for many."

2. Had he not gone away and suffered the death of the cross, the atonement would not have taken place.

3. Had he not given his life as a sacrifice, the lost would not have been found nor the slaves of sin been ransomed.

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MINISTRY WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE BELIEVER.

1. It is only through his ministry that men become believers and are made new creatures in Christ.

2. Only he enables them to walk in newness of life and to live fruitful Christian lives (Gal. 5:22-23).

3. Only his help and intercession make possible a life of vital prayer and spiritual strength (Rom. 8:26-27).

4. None but the Spirit can enable the believer to grow in "the grace and knowledge" of Christ and of the things of God (John 14:25-26; 16:13-16).

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MINISTRY WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE CONVERSION OF THE WORLD.

1. Nothing but the Holy Spirit can bring men to a sense of conviction and make them recognize their need of a Savior (John 16:7-11).

2. Without his presence and continual working, the world would go heedlessly on its way to ruin and perdition and would not listen to the message of God's redeeming love.

IV. THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MINISTRY WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE TASK OF EVANGELIZING THE WORLD (Acts 2:1-4; 4:8-12).

1. Jesus gave his disciples the great commission of evangelizing the world (Matt. 28:19-20).

2. In their own strength they could never accomplish that tremendous task.

3. Therefore Jesus sent the Holy Spirit that he might empower Christians for the task of witnessing and bringing the world to the feet of Christ.

A LESSON PLAN

Date: January 30, 1955

Theme: MAN'S NATURE AND NEED

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:26-31; Romans 3:23; Hebrews 2:6-9.

PURPOSE: To set forth the Biblical conception of the nature and need of man.

GETTING STARTED: No question could be more pertinent to the problems of our day than the one raised by today's lesson. What is man? In the final analysis, the political, social and economic philosophies and systems that men devise are shaped by their underlying conceptions of the nature of man. What finally happens to the individual in all of these realms depends on the stature that is ascribed to him. If man is considered to be a being created in the image of God, and therefore a creature of inestimable worth and dignity, then that conception will find expression in social systems that will recognize and seek to honor and enhance that worth and dignity. If, however, man is considered to be nothing more than an

animal to be used and manipulated at will, then it is inevitable that he should be trampled under foot and be made a helpless pawn in the game of power. That is why communism and democracy, organized atheism and Christianity stand in such direct opposition to each other. They represent diametrically opposed conceptions of the nature of man.

Developing the Theme:

I. CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD (Gen. 1:26a, 27).

1. Man was made a living soul with the ability to think, to know himself, and the right and power of self-determination.

2. He was to have fellowship with God and dominion over the earth (Gen. 1:26b).

II. THE DIVINE IMAGE MARRED (Rom. 3:23).

1. Man misused his right and power of self-determination and became disobedient to God.

2. Thus sin entered into the world, and the nature of man was marred with a flaw that has continued unto this very day.

3. As a result man's fellowship with God was broken, his dominion over the earth impaired (Heb. 2:8), and his God-given powers frustrated.

III. THE MARRING AGENT (Rom. 3:23).

1. It is sin—occasioned by disobedience to God.

2. Thus sin is not merely "missing the mark." It is nothing less than rebellion against God.

3. Its effect is cumulative—marring the divine image beyond man's ability to restore it.

IV. THE DIVINE IMAGE RESTORED (Heb. 2:9).

1. In Jesus we see the divine image fully restored. As man, we see in Christ the original intention of God fully realized.

2. At the same time, he, the perfect man, was made—by virtue of his death and resurrection—the means whereby man's nature can be regenerated and restored to its original intention.

V. THE RESTORING AGENT (Heb. 2:9).

1. From the divine side, it is Jesus, the Son of God, the perfect man, who gave himself as the restoring agent.

2. From the human side, it is faith in Christ as Savior and Lord and accepting the restoring work that divine grace alone can accomplish.

3. Thus the great need of "fallen" man is to be converted through faith in Christ, so that the divine image may be restored in him.

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

What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Merle Brenner of Rapid City, S. Dak., have announced the birth of a son on Nov. 25, to whom the name, David Merle, has been given. Mr. Brenner is pastor of the South Canyon Baptist Church of Rapid City.

● On Sunday morning, Dec. 19, a dedication service for infants was conducted by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman at the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis. The church choir presented its Christmas Concert on Sunday evening, Dec. 12, with Mr. Zimmerman speaking on "The Story of the Other Wise Man." At the Christmas meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society on Thursday, Dec. 16, the film, "The Spirit of Christmas," was shown.

● The services of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., are now being held in the partially completed new church edifice. Two identical services are held in the morning, one at 9:00 A.M. and the other at 11:00 A.M. The pastor, Rev. G. G. Rauser, preaches the same sermon and the choir sings for both services. "B.Y. Speaks," a mimeographed publication of the church, reported that usually about 200 people attend the early service and 450 people are at the second service.

● At the Watchnight Service of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, Christian physician and psychiatrist from Australia, was the guest speaker, describing the communist threat to Christianity. The Men's Brotherhood of the church elected Cap Lohr as its president. In Los Angeles, Calif., editor of "Vignettes of Church History" in the Bible studies. Rev. Robert Schreiber is pastor of the church.

● Miss Ilse Fuhrmann is serving as secretary for Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, in the denominational headquarters at Forest Park, Ill. She began her services on Nov. 1st. She was the secretary for the Baptist World Alliance Relief and many, for three and one-half years. She worked under the supervision of Rev. Otto Nallinger for several years, director of immigration in Germany, was received into the fellowship of the R. Kern, pastor.

● Mr. Harold Johns of Oak Park, Ill., president of the Publication Board, served as guest speaker in the

Mr. H. P. Donner was admitted to St. Luke's Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 31, 1954. He is suffering from double pneumonia. Remember him at the Throne of Grace.
E. J. BAUMGARTNER.

Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, at the Watchnight Service; at the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas, on Sunday morning, Jan. 2; and at the Calvary Church of Stafford, Kansas, on Sunday evening, Jan. 2. He showed pictures of the Cameroons mission field in Africa as well as some of the beautiful scenes in the Holy Land which he has visited last summer on his "round the world tour."

● Dr. A. J. Harms has recently resigned as pastor of the Woodlawn Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois, which he has served for 5 years. On Nov. 28 a reception was tendered him and his wife by the church. Dr. and Mrs. Harms have moved to 933 Dudley St., Pomona, Calif. He will be available for Bible studies, evangelistic meetings and special church services. He was formerly pastor of the Burns Ave. Church, Detroit, Mich., and served as Bible teacher at our 1953 Laymen's Conference in Green Lake, Wis.

● Mrs. Mary Keiser of Elgin, Iowa, celebrated her 91st birthday on Sunday, Dec. 12. She was able to attend the morning worship service at the Baptist Church for the first time in several months. Dr. and Mrs. Harry



Miss Ilse Fuhrmann of Stuttgart, Germany, has joined the Forest Park Headquarters staff and is serving as secretary to Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary

Keiser of Chicago, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Huisinga of Aplington, Iowa, spent the day with their mother. Many friends congratulated Mrs. Keiser in the afternoon, including Dr. M. L. Leuschner, of Forest Park, Ill., who was the guest speaker at the Elgin church on that day. Mrs. Keiser was baptized by Rev. William Schunke in 1882. She is the oldest living member of the Elgin Baptist Church.

● The annual students' reception for North American Baptist students in the Chicago area was held on Monday evening, Nov. 15, at the headquarters office in Forest Park, Ill. After seeing the office, the students joined the denominational officials and their wives at the Forest Park Church for the program. Following a "get acquainted" game. Mr. Hans Penner led the group in singing. Rev. J. C. Gunst extended a welcome. Dr. Frank H. Woyke brought the students up-to-date on denominational happenings. A film promoting the 1955 General Conference in Waco, Texas, was shown by Dr. M. L. Leuschner. At the close refreshments were served by the office secretaries. The program had been planned by Rev. Lawrence Bienert.

● On Wednesday evening, Dec. 1st, 13 members of the Edwin Krueger family of the Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, presented a program at the Union Evangelical and United Brethren Church near Westgate, Iowa. About 100 persons attended the banquet. Those presenting the program were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Krueger, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Habegar, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Krueger, Mr. and Mrs. Kenton Krueger and Mr. and Mrs. Selmer Erickson as well as three grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Krueger. They brought testimonies, vocal numbers and musical numbers on the cornet, guitar, saxophone, clarinet and accordion. The family plans to continue practicing and to render programs to the glory of God in this manner. The Rev. H. John Vanderbeck is pastor of the Elgin Church.

● "Christmas in Many Lands" was the theme of a colorful program presented by the Women's Guild of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., on Thursday evening, Dec. 9th. Mrs. Daniel Fuchs, Guild president, welcomed the members and their families. The play, written and directed by Mrs. Dorothy Barber, showed a mother and child (Mrs. Miles Pelikan and Miss Harriet Kern) observing the Christmas customs in other lands. More than 25 people depicted the Christmas celebration in Germany, Sweden, Mexico, England, France and Austria. The Women's Chorus directed by Miss Lydia Mihm also sang. The program was also presented to the guests of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged of Chicago, Ill., on Monday evening, Dec. 13. Christmas refreshments were served to the guests by the Guild.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Southwestern Conference

First Baptist Church, Dickinson County, Kansas, Observes Harvest and Mission Festival

The annual Harvest and Mission Festival of the First Baptist Church, Dickinson County, Elmo, Kans., was observed on Sunday, November 21.

At the morning service our pastor, Rev. Walter Weber, brought an inspirational message of praise and thanksgiving based on Psalm 116. The special musical number was a clarinet duet played by Mrs. Rolland Wuthnow and Miss Joyce Rhodes.

The Durham and Strassburg churches were our guests at the afternoon and evening services. In the afternoon Rev. L. B. Hinz of Strassburg led the devotions. Rev. Norman Miller of Durham brought us a message from the story of the ten lepers who were healed. The Ladies' Trio composed of Mrs. Robert Lindner, Mrs. Glee Anderson and Mrs. Lowell Abeldt brought a message in song.

Mr. Weber led the devotions at the evening service, the theme of which was missions. Rev. L. B. Hinz's message was a missionary challenge. The three Jacobson sisters sang. Tithes and offerings were received at all the services. They amounted to a little over \$300.

Mrs. E. S. Rhodes, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Baptismal Service and Harvest Festival Program at Mowata Church Near Branch, Louisiana

On Sunday, Nov. 7, a baptismal service was held at the Mowata Baptist Church near Branch, La., for three young people who surrendered their lives to the Lord. Before the baptism, Rev. Alex Sootzmann, our pastor, spoke on the importance and meaning of baptism. The candidates were baptized and then took part in the Lord's Supper. Those baptized were Ernest W. Bieber, Ingrid Loewer and Ellen Loewer.

On Sunday, Nov. 14, our Harvest Program was observed. The different classes of the Sunday School took part in thanking the Lord for everything he has given us this year. After the program a mission offering was raised which amounted to \$532.

We were privileged to have Rev. George Henderson, missionary to the Cameroons, in our midst on Nov. 24. At 6 o'clock everyone gathered at the church to participate in a gumbo supper. Then Mr. Henderson spoke to us about the work in the Cameroons.

Raynold Loewer, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. John Goetze by Central Church, Kitchener, Ontario

On Sunday, Nov. 14, we of the Central Baptist Church, Kitchener, Ont., had the great joy of welcoming our new pastor, Rev. John Goetze, from Munich, Germany. In the afternoon we held the reception for him and his family with friends from Toronto and Hamilton, Ont., and from Detroit, Mich., in attendance.

Mr. G. Holzaepfel was in charge of the inspirational program. A brief sketch of our church's history was given, emphasizing God's leading since the church was organized a year ago with 30 members. Dr. John Leyoldt, representing the North American Baptist General Conference, brought the main address on Romans 1:7. Rev. John Wahl extended greetings from Hamilton, and Mr. Jansen spoke for the church in Toronto. After an uplifting musical number by the choir from Toronto, Rev. Hugo Schade of the Bethel Church in Kitchener greeted the church and the new pastor's family.

At the close of the service Brother Goetze thanked the church and friends for all of the greetings and assured us that God would bless this work if love to one another and to the Lord binds our hearts together. We are going forward in Christ's Name under the inspired leadership of our new minister.

E. Goetze, Church Clerk.



Rev. Alex Sootzmann of the Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, La., and three young people whom he baptized: Ellen Loewer (left to right), Ernest W. Bieber and Ingrid Loewer

Temple Church in Buffalo, N. Y., Is Sold and New Location Site Bought

It will indeed be news to all the friends of the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., to hear of the decision which we have reached, namely, to sell our church to the Sunrise Colored Baptist Church of Buffalo.

We have succeeded in buying a small Lutheran church on Cleveland Drive in Cheektowaga, N. Y., and also a large additional lot next to our church on which we plan to build a larger church as time and circumstances permit. Therefore we are asking God's guidance and the prayers of all of you in making this a workshop for Christ Jesus.

We will keep you informed from time to time as additional information is gathered and notify you of our progress in this momentous undertaking.

Frederick W. Hall, Reporter.

Belated Report of the Eastern Conference Sessions at Forest Church, Winburne, Pa.

A church completely renovated, with many practical changes and with plenty of good food left no question as to the warm welcome that awaited the Eastern Conference at the Forest Church, Winburne, Pennsylvania. The moderator, Mr. David Baer, Buffalo, N. Y., responded to the warm welcome from the host pastor, Rev. George Zinz, Sr., and presided very ably throughout the sessions.

The theme, "Live Christ," based on Phil. 1:21, proved to be stimulating and provocative. Rev. Walter Schmidt, Arnprior, Ont., brought the key message and set the tenor for the rich blessings of the conference. The morning devotional periods were refreshing, led by Rev. L. B. Holzer, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. H. Wobig, Buffalo, N. Y.; and Rev. R. Mikolon, Erie, Pa.

The subjects for discussion were presented by: Rev. G. E. Friedenborg, Buffalo, N. Y., "Living Christ in Personal Dedication"; Rev. Arthur Weisser, Rochester, N. Y., "Living Christ in the Local Church"; Rev. Paul Loth, Buffalo, N. Y., "Living Christ to the Uttermost Parts." Our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, and our executive secretary, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, added much to the good fellowship and spiritual uplift of our Conference. Saturday morning Dr. Woyke spoke on "Living Christ Through Our Denominational Program." Missionary Alma Henderson was the speaker on Friday night to a filled house. Mr. Henderson was the banquet speaker on Saturday night.

The newly elected officers are: moderator, Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, Erie, Pa.; vice-moderator, Mr. Wilbert Neuffer, Rochester, N. Y.; secretary, Rev. Walter Schmidt, Arnprior, Ont.; statistician, Rev. R. Mikolon, Erie, Pa.; representatives to the General Council, Rev. George Zinz and Mr. Wilbert Neuffer; Rev. Arthur R. Weisser, mission secretary; and Mr. David Baer, Laymen's Council representative.

Arthur R. Weisser, Reporter.

Mr. Helmuth Wobig of Buffalo, New York, Is Honored on His 75th Birthday

A 75th birthday cake was recently presented to Mr. Helmuth Wobig of the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., in honor of his 75th birthday by his children and grandchildren. The celebration was held on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25th (three days after his birthday) at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Irving Kroecker at Como Lake Park, Lancaster, N. Y.

The cake, 16 inches in diameter and 8½ inches high, was made of cardboard, beautifully decorated. The two circles on top of the cake were made of rolled up new dollar bills with bits of colored paper stuck in the top of each to represent a flame. The idea of a cardboard cake with dollar bill candles (one for each year of his age) came from his son Orrin of Dare, Va., and the production of it was the work of two of Brother Wobig's granddaughters, Corinne and Adele Wobig of Buffalo, New York.

Present at the party were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wobig with their two daughters, Corinne and Adele of Buffalo, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wobig with son Donald P. and daughter Elaine, also of Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kroecker and daughter Beth from Lancaster, New York. Not present of Mr. Wobig's family were Jane Alice (Mrs. Rudolf Hjelm), her husband and daughter Sharon from Denver, Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Wobig and son Orrin, Jr., of Dare, Virginia.

A delightful meal of turkey with all the trimmings was thoroughly enjoyed along with the fine fellowship.

The Family.

Atlantic Conference

Twelve New Members Received and Expansion Project Offering at Jamesburg, New Jersey

The Lord has blessed us at the First Baptist Church, Jamesburg, N. J., under the leadership of Rev. Roger Schmidt, our pastor. Twelve new members were added by baptism this fall. These were the fruits of the evangelistic services held by Rev. Walter Schmidt of Arnprior, Ontario.

Our Senior and Junior Choirs have purchased choir gowns which add much to the worship services. We also have a Cherub Choir. The Woman's Missionary Society has taken on the project of remodeling the parsonage kitchen which is scheduled to be finished by the new year. A new roof has been put on the church and some of the old sheds have been torn down in back of the church, making room for our Sunday School expansion project. At this date we have approximately \$3600. We send out a weekly newspaper to our Sunday School and church members to keep them informed of events in our church.

Mrs. Fred Fowler, Reporter.



The novel wedding cake given to Mr. Helmuth Wobig of Buffalo, N. Y., on his 75th birthday by his family

Northwestern Conference

Harvest Festival With 140 People at Jeffers Baptist Church, Jeffers, Minnesota

The Jeffers Baptist Church of Jeffers, Minn., was blessed on Sunday, November 21, when we held our Harvest Festival. At the morning worship service our pastor, Rev. Elton Bleeker, spoke on "The Master's Harvest." A bountiful dinner was served at noon to about 140 friends and members.

In the afternoon a dramatic play, "The Challenge," was given by the Tabernacle Baptist Missionary Society of George, Iowa. It was a challenge to all who attended. The missionary offering was \$400.50. In the evening the church was again filled and Rev. Harm Johnson of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of George, Iowa, brought the message.

Mrs. Ted De Vries.

Sessions of the Wisconsin CBY Fall Rally at Temple Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On October 16 and 17 the Wisconsin Commissioned Baptist Youth held its fall rally at the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Our theme was "More Than Conquerors" based on Romans 8:37. Our song was "Faith Is The Victory."

Nine Wisconsin churches were represented. The CBY of the Zion Baptist Church of Milwaukee was officially welcomed into our state fellowship. As our mission project for this year we adopted the Spanish-American work in Colorado. A goal of \$1500 was set for this work. Rev. L. Bienert and Mr. M. Peterson were our special guest speakers.

The annual election of officers was held. The results were as follows: president, Robert Anderson, Kenosha; vice-president, Melvin Behr, Kenosha; secretary, Gerry Glasenopp, Milwaukee; treasurer, Don-

na Rabenhorst, Watertown; advisor, Rev. W. Quiring, Milwaukee, Bethany Church.

Gerry Glasenopp, Secretary.

Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Celebrates Its 99th Anniversary

On Sunday, Nov. 28th, the members of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., celebrated the 99th anniversary of the church. Prof. Julius Mantey of Northern Theological Seminary preached the anniversary sermon at the Sunday morning worship service.

A dedication service of our newly remodeled and modernized Educational Unit was held on Sunday evening, Nov. 28th, with the Sunday School Assembly room filled to capacity. Rev. Arthur Hyde, Youth Director of the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention, gave an inspiring message.

Since we completely renovated our sanctuary two years ago, we have realized a dream which we have held many years for the beautification of our church. We pray that with these increased facilities may also come increased devotion to each member of our congregation. Our goal in this 100th year since the founding of our church is to win 100 souls for Christ.

Mrs. Lloyd Buening, Reporter.

Special Programs and Activities of the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

We of the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., were privileged to be the host church to the Wisconsin CBY Rally on Sunday, Oct. 17. The guest minister was Rev. L. Bienert, Youth Director of our denomination, whose presentations were a blessing to all. On Sunday afternoon the young people went on a tour through the Milwaukee Museum to see the African display of Dr. Paul Gebauer.

Mr. David Nasgowitz, a graduate of our Seminary of 1954, who is continuing his studies in Milwaukee is also sharing in the work of his home church among the young people and in the Sunday School. During the summer months he was engaged by the church to conduct the Vacation Bible School and to conduct a house to house survey in the community.

During the winter months the Temple Church has a family fellowship hour on the first and third Sunday of the month. These begin at 5:30 P.M. with a fellowship luncheon prepared by a committee and followed by a planned program by the pastor and Mr. David Nasgowitz. These fellowship evenings have been very well attended.

For many years our Temple women have spent an afternoon at the County Infirmary to bring Christmas cheer to the residents there. On December 3 the ladies again made their trek to the Infirmary and brought a specially prepared basket of fruits and home made pastries for each resident. Songs were sung in both the English and the German, which included Christmas carols.

G. K. Zimmerman, Pastor.

Dakota Conference

Farewell Reception at Underwood, North Dakota, for Rev. and Mrs. Fred Knalson

Rev. Fred Knalson resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., and brought his ministry with us to a close on Sunday, Nov. 28. They have accepted a call from the Emmanuel Church, Marion, Kansas.

The farewell reception was held on Sunday evening, Nov. 28. Rev. Emanuel Broeckel of Bismarck, N. Dak., served as the guest speaker. The presidents of the various organizations of the church and one of the deacons expressed their appreciation to the Knalsons for their faithful ministry.

Several special musical numbers were requested by the Knalsons



The enlarged and remodeled edifice of the First Baptist Church, Corona, S. Dak., which was recently dedicated

which were rendered during the evening by the men's chorus, ladies' trio and a soloist. Mrs. Art Sayler presented two end tables and two lamps to the Knalsons in behalf of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Knalson responded with words of appreciation and their son, Stevie, sang a solo.

Mrs. Emma Blatchford, Reporter

Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Fuchs and Family at Anamoose, North Dakota

On Sunday morning, Nov. 28th, Rev. F. H. Fuchs brought his ministry to a close at the Baptist Church of Anamoose, N. Dak., when he brought his farewell message. In the evening of the same date a special farewell service was arranged by the church.

Mr. Edmund Wehr, one of our deacons, was in charge of this service and called on Mr. Emil Wagner to represent the Lincoln Valley Church and Mr. Charles Rust for our local church. They expressed their appreciation and blessings for this ministry. Then the representatives of the various organizations of both churches were called on, and they all expressed their feelings of days gone by.

A ladies' quartet of the Lincoln Valley Church favored us with several numbers in song. Rev. J. Engel of the Martin Church was our guest speaker. He made some fitting remarks with regards to losing a good neighbor family in Mr. and Mrs. Fuchs.

Brief talks with a deep feeling were given by both Mr. and Mrs. Fuchs, relating their first experiences as a minister's family and the many blessings which came their way. May the Lord richly bless them on their new field at La Salle, Colorado.

Thomas Derman, Church Clerk.

Dedication of Baldwin Organ at the Grace Baptist Church, Gackle, North Dakota

For some time there has been some talk of an electric organ for the Grace Baptist Church at Gackle, N. Dak., but nothing had materialized. Mr. Henry Remboldt, a very practical man, had mentioned that upon his

man of the Organ Committee. Mr. Martin acknowledged the gift and praised the congregation for their generosity in completing the drive so quickly. Dr. Leuschner brought the dedicatory prayer and sermon which thrilled and inspired all who were present.

Manuel Wolff, Pastor.

Dedication of Newly Renovated Building of First Baptist Church, Corona, South Dakota

Sunday, Nov. 14th, was a happy day in the history of the First Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak., it being the dedication day of the newly renovated church building.

For months the members of the church, both men and women, had been busy, diligently working and helping, as slowly the plan of the building began to take shape. The building, which is now 84 feet long including the entrance, is quite modern and complete in every way. The additions and changes which have been made consist of new furniture in the auditorium, all of natural oak, a chancel, an altar, and pews; new light fixtures, a loudspeaker system which reaches and covers not only the auditorium but also nursery and basement, as well as one pew which is wired for hearing aids. A baptistry has been installed with electric heating units. A modern kitchen was created with both gas and electric stoves. A steam heating plant was installed which has thermostatic controls in every room.

It was our pleasure to have Dr. G. A. Lang of the Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as our dedication speaker. For the occasion Rev. H. Hirsch of Beaver, Mich., who was the first pastor of the church had also been invited, and served as the speaker at the morning service. A number of pastors and a large number of friends from neighboring churches came to bring greetings and good wishes. Among those present were Rev. Ed. Kopf of Appleton, Minn., and Rev. Thomas Lutz of Aberdeen, South Dakota.

As a church our prayer now is that God may use this building for a real soul saving station, where the way of salvation is being proclaimed, where God's people are being edified, and, above all, where Christ is glorified.

H. Lohr, Pastor.

Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., Holds Farewell Programs for Myrtle Weeldreyer, Missionary

The Emery Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., held a series of events in which Myrtle Weeldreyer, our missionary in the Cameroons, Africa, was honored. On Nov. 3rd, the Woman's Missionary Society held its annual family dinner with Myrtle as a special guest. Rev. and Mrs. Harold Weiss of the Northside Church at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., presented musical numbers and Mr. Weiss gave the message of the evening. Myrtle was presented with some surgical instruments for her work in the Cameroons by the Woman's Union.

On November 17th, the King's Daughters and their families had their annual Thanksgiving dinner. At this time Myrtle spoke about her work and training this past summer in Kentucky and was presented with some phonograph records. A film, "Walking with God," was shown to the group.

On Sunday evening, November 21st, an impressive "Send-Off Service" was held for Myrtle Weeldreyer. All of the church organizations participated in the program of the evening. The pastor, Rev. Roy Seibel, gave a brief message on "Divine Encouragement." Myrtle was presented with 31 books for her private library from the church.

Mrs. Herman Bleeker, Reporter.

Central Conference

Building Progress and 19 New Members Received at Centerline Baptist Church, Michigan

God's people at the First Baptist Church of Centerline, Mich., are rejoicing with their new pastor, Rev. Adolph Braun. During the past few months a total of 19 new members have been received, twelve of whom were baptized. We have a new average in Sunday School of about 220.

The building program for the superstructure is going ahead full force with the men of the church doing most of the work themselves. A new reorganized young people's group, now going under the name CBY, has been richly blessed with an active president.

On Thursday, November 25, a new Hammond Organ was used at the annual Thanksgiving service with a sermon entitled, "Reasons for Thanksgiving," delivered by Mr. Braun. The offering for the evening went into the building fund. Also during the service a love offering was given to the pastor and his wife, consisting of food parcels. God is still on the throne!

Mrs. George Riederer, Reporter.

Ground Breaking Exercises for \$100,000 Sunday School Building, Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Mich.

On Sunday, Nov. 21st, following the Sunday School hour at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., ground breaking services were held for a new \$100,000 Sunday School and recreation building. This two story, 90 by 42 foot building will have space for two Adult Departments on one floor, and a Youth Department and recreation room on the other floor. It will also contain a well equipped kitchen, storage room and washrooms.

The ground breaking service was led by our pastor, Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, who reminded the people of the evident leading of the Lord in our building program. This new building is another evidence of the unity of God's people in going forward together for more effective Christian service and of the goodness of our Lord to his church.



Rev. E. Arthur McAsh speaking at the ground breaking exercises for the \$100,000 Sunday School and recreation building of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.

Others taking part were Mr. Herman Skubick, chairman of the Building Board for several years; Mr. Irvin Draewell, chairman of the Finance Committee for the past number of years; and Mr. Marvin Skubick, the general Sunday School superintendent.

This new building is separate from the main church edifice but eventually will be joined with the main building. It is scheduled to be completed by Sept. 1, 1955.

Jim Lowe, Reporter.

Dedication of New Parsonage by the Shroyer Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio

On Sunday, Nov. 21, the members of the Shroyer Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio dedicated their new parsonage. The call to worship was given by Mrs. Verne Davis, chairman of the Board of Christian Education. The scripture was read by Mr. William Bausman, chairman of the building Committee.

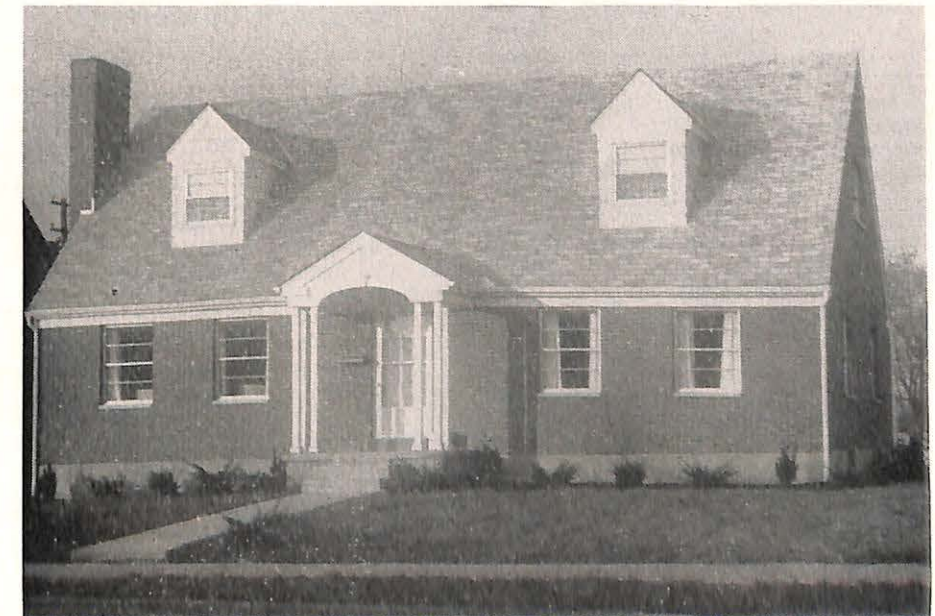
Rev. I. N. DePuy, former pastor of

the Linden Avenue Baptist Church, gave us a truly inspirational message. He reminded us that "a home is made on the inside of a visible house, a Christian home, because we have a Christian family to live there." The keys to the parsonage were presented to Rev. Alex Elsesser by Mr. Norman Templehof, chairman of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Elsesser gave a brief response.

Following the reading of the Litany of Dedication, led by Mr. Ed Kalat, chairman of the Board of Deacons, the congregation went in a body to the front door of the parsonage. The prayer of dedication was given by our own beloved Dr. H. Von Berge. A solo, "Bless This House," was sung by Mrs. Donald Haller. We were then invited into the house for an Open House tour and tea, which was served by the Fellowship Service Guild.

As a congregation, we are humbly thankful to God for his overabundance of blessings given to us, and pray that we may continue to serve him and the community as he would have us do.

Alma M. Krueger, Clerk.



The new parsonage of the Shroyer Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, of which Rev. and Mrs. Alex Elsesser and their family are the first occupants.

Pacific Conference

Ground Breaking Exercises for New Edifice, Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, British Columbia

After many months of planning and prayer, the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, has developed into a beehive of activity. On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 14th, ground breaking exercises were held at our new church site. As a result of the heavy rain, a colorful umbrella service was held and approximately 360 members and friends gathered to witness the ceremony.

The symbol of the cross took formation in the ground as Dr. A. S. Felberg, our pastor, and members of the Building and Church Committee turned the sod. We are looking forward to each stage of construction with anticipation, and are thankful to God for his guidance thus far.

Mrs. Eugen Lueck, Reporter.

Tenth Anniversary of the Portland Avenue Baptist Chapel, Tacoma, Wash., Is Celebrated

The afternoon of the Lord's Day, Nov. 14, found the Portland Ave. Baptist Chapel of Tacoma, Wash., filled to overflowing. Our hearts were filled with thankfulness unto God for answered prayer and blessing every moment of the ten years as a mission station of Calvary Church.

It humbled our hearts to realize the vision to work for the Lord that prompted the beginning of a dream that has become a reality. The recorded history of the Chapel, which can be factually traced back to July 1943 and which shows the first service was held February 1944, brought back many memories of unselfish giving, prayer, thought and energy on the part of many not named in the record books. Nor can the history tell of the thousand plus (the turnover is endless in this housing-project area) boys and girls who have heard the Gospel solely because the Chapel was there to preach it.

Letters from former pastors, Rev. Virgil Savage and Dr. J. F. Olthoff, were read; also letters from former Calvary pastors, Rev. Walter C. Damrau, who was instrumental in the formation of this chapel, and Rev. H. J. Wilcke, who helped steer it during troubled times.

Rev. Walter Dingfield, a former worker, spoke. Rev. E. Bibelheimer, one of the original prayer warriors, spoke and referred to himself as the "substitute's substitute" since he always filled in as the Lord directed. Chapel Choir numbers under the direction of Mrs. Ed. McKernan were enjoyed. Mrs. E. Bibelheimer rendered her usual faithful ministry at the piano.

Mr. Henry Schmunk, original and current Sunday School superintendent, gave a few remarks on the future. Rev. Robert Hess, Calvary Church's pastor, encouraged and inspired the entire gathering to embrace an even

larger vision for the next decade of service for the Lord. The Chapel pastor, Rev. Ed. McKernan, moderated the program.

Dave Judd, Reporter.

Dorcas Guild of Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon, Carries Out "Christian Friendliness" Theme

"Christian Friendliness" has been the theme of the Dorcas Guild of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon. Our aim is to foster closer fellowship and give assistance and co-operation in furthering the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Guild was organized six years ago at about the same time our church building project was started. So our efforts have centered around financial aid and furnishings for the new sanctuary. Our 42 members are very thankful to have contributed \$500 to the building fund, \$700 for the banquet tables and pews, as well as furnishing the rest room mirrors.

To raise part of this sum, we chose to prove the parable of the talents. Each member was given a dollar to increase in some way, and at the end of two years about \$600 had been added to the treasury.

Each year the Gebauers in the Camerons have been remembered with a food package but this year we are also helping furnish study Bibles for the Spanish-American Mission in Colorado. The Baptist Home for the Aged was given \$50 altogether on Donation Days and we have made favors and presented programs for the residents. Our endeavor this year for them was the "secret pal" idea.

At the annual election dinner in November these officers were elected: president, Mrs. Eric Pohl; vice-president, Miss Lillian Lohr; secretary, Mrs. Melvin Becker; treasurer, Mrs. Jack Doolin.

Edith Schappert, Secretary.

Northern Conference

Baptismal Service and Reception of 14 Members at McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alberta

"The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacle of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly." The Psalmist's experience has also been our experience at the McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alberta. In every division of the work of our church there is blessed activity.

A beautiful baptismal service was held on Sunday evening, Oct. 31. Rev. Karl Korella brought an inspiring baptismal message after which ten young people followed the Lord in baptism. Seven of the baptismal candidates have joined the McKernan Church and three the Rabbit Hill Church. Rev. E. P. Wahl officiated. A large number of visitors had come to rejoice with the church in this glorious blessing.

On Sunday, November 7, Mr. Wahl extended the hand of fellowship to the

seven converts who had been baptized and to seven others by letters. Thus, the work of the McKernan Church is being continued through the grace of our blessed Redeemer!

Stanley Klapstein, Clerk.

Evangelistic Meetings at First Baptist Church, Minitonas, Manitoba, With 45 Conversions

We of the First Baptist Church of Minitonas, Manitoba, had labored, hoped and prayed that God should pour out his blessing, and he did. Rev. Henry Schatz, now our Northern Conference Mission Worker, was with us from November 8 to 19. We as a church rejoice for the blessed ministry rendered by him in the challenging messages, interesting children's stories and the personal contacts. During this time 45 persons took their stand for Jesus. Children came, young people, as well as older folk. We could not help but say, "Our God is able," when we saw those step out who had resisted the Gospel for years and years. Of those who took their stand 28 were first time decisions and 17 found their way back to the Lord from the far country.

Many of our people had a great burden about the laxness of some of God's people and also for the lost. Consequently many prayers ascended to God and numerous personal contacts were made in preparation for the meetings. One service which proved a challenge to all in attendance was the prayer service conducted by the brethren of our Brotherhood prior to the meetings. The larger part of the evening was spent in relating our conversion experiences. How we were reminded of what a battle we had had and how difficult in many cases it was for us to make our decisions.

May God help us all to be more concerned for the lost and let us pray for God's servants who have dedicated themselves wholly for this special ministry of evangelism.

Isador Faszer, Pastor.

Farewell and Welcome Reception by McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

On November 17th we of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., had to bid Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Krueger farewell. We never had sufficient words to express our thanks to them for the sacrifice they made to come here and for the inspiration they have been to us. We pray that the Lord will bless them and give them many more years upon this earth so that their life may be an example to others as it has been to us.

Although we had to say "farewell" to God's servants, Dr. and Mrs. Krueger, we were also privileged to say "Hello" to our long-awaited new minister and his family. Rev. H. J. Waltereit came to us on Nov. 18th and was welcomed into the church on Sunday, Nov. 21st. The installation ceremony, performed by Dr. Krueger, on Sunday morning was very touch-

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OBITUARY

MRS. ALFRED GAERTNER of Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Alfred (Bertha) Gaertner, nee Piesch, of Chicago, Ill., born at Forst, Germany, on May 12, 1894, very suddenly came to the end of her pilgrimage on Nov. 6, 1954 through a double stroke.

She was joined in marriage to Alfred Gaertner on Sept. 17, 1922. One year later they came to Chicago, Ill., to establish their home and through the ministry of Rev. C. Baum was led to trust Jesus Christ as her Savior and Lord. She was baptized and added to the First German Baptist Church of this city. Through the years she lived a quiet testimony for her Lord.

Her sudden passing is mourned by her husband and three children: Harold, John, and Anita; and three grandchildren and many friends. We do not mourn nor sorrow without hope, for Mrs. Gaertner died in the Lord; thus she died unto hope which is eternal.

Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

JOE SONNENBERG, Pastor.

MRS. MICHAEL PRAST of Beaver Township, Michigan.

Mrs. Michael Prast, nee Schuler, of Beaver Township, Mich., was born October 26, 1867 in Russian Poland. She was married to Michael Prast in 1887. To this marriage four children were born, of whom two preceded the mother in death. She is leaving to mourn her death her husband, 93 years old; two children: Mrs. Paul Schuler of Ferndale, Mich.; and Robert of Beaver Township; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, one son-in-law, and one daughter-in-law. The family moved to Beaver Township in 1893.

Our sister was converted in 1902, and was added to the Beaver Baptist Church through baptism the same year. She was a faithful member of this church for 52 years. Grandma Prast was a quiet handmaiden of the Lord, and she was much in prayer for her grandson, Rev. Laurence Prast, and for her granddaughter, Miss Eleanor Schuler, missionary to the Cameroons, Africa.

Mrs. Prast died peacefully November 17th, and reached the age of 87 years. The funeral service was held in the Beaver Baptist Church. The undersigned spoke words of comfort and encouragement on "The Testimony of a Sainly Mother."

Beaver Baptist Church, Auburn, Michigan

HENRY HIRSCH, Pastor.

MRS. ROSE RUBLY of Cleveland, Ohio

Mrs. Rose Rubly of Cleveland, Ohio, was born in Detroit, Mich., on August 24, 1882 and passed away in her home on November 26, 1954. In June 1903 she was joined in marriage to Ernest Rubly with whom she shared the joys and sorrows of life for more than 51 years. God blessed this union with two children. Since she was 15 years of age, she lived in Cleveland.

On February 28, 1898 she was baptized upon confession of her faith and received into the fellowship of the White Avenue Baptist Church. Here she was a faithful worker for her Lord and Master. She loved the Sunday School and the women's organizations and was most unhappy when illness prevented her from attending.

She leaves to mourn her passing her beloved husband, Ernest; and her two children: Raymond Rubly of Ashtabula, Ohio; and Mrs. Evelyn Zier of Linden, N. J.; and four grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by the members of her family and the many friends of the White Avenue Baptist Church. Rev. Edward Kary conducted the memorial service based upon the words in 2 Tim. 4:7-8. Her body was laid to rest in the beautiful Whitehaven Cemetery in Cleveland.

White Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

EDWARD KARY, Pastor.

MR. EDWARD I. ROBERTS of Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Edward I. Roberts of Dallas, Texas, was born in Athens, Texas, on March 11, 1883, and went to be with his Lord on August 27, 1954, at the age of 71 years, 5 months and 16 days.

He was joined in wedlock to Anna Monschke on April 22, 1910, of which union was born one daughter, Lillie Johanna Roberts. At an early age he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. Soon after his marriage, he placed his membership with that of his wife in the First Baptist Church of Denton, Texas. Membership in that church was maintained for many years. Recently he and Mrs. Roberts joined the fellowship of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas. The members of that group found him to be a Christian gentleman and a true follower of Christ.

This devoted husband and father leaves his wife, Anna; a daughter, Mrs. Brodie Cain, and her husband; a grandson, Charles E. Cain, and his wife; a granddaughter, Mrs. Gene Hamlin, and her husband; two great-grandchildren: Linda Diane and Charles Lee; and a host of relatives and friends to cherish his memory. The last impression of Mr. Roberts that we of Carroll Avenue Baptist Church have was his presence in church the Sunday before his death.

Carroll Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

DOUGLAS H. GALLAGHER, Pastor.

MRS. ADA BAKER of Buffalo, New York.

After long months of patient waiting, Mrs. Ada Schmidt Baker of Buffalo, N. Y., was called to her heavenly home on Sunday, November 7th. On Wednesday afternoon, November 10th, members of the family and of the church gathered to pay her our tribute of affection and lay that which was mortal of her to its final resting-place.

When fellowship has been sweet, there is deep sense of sadness in farewell and we learn the true meaning of:

"When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain."

Sister Ada was born in Buffalo, N. Y., on June 25, 1890. From her infant days she attended the Sunday School and worship services of the High Street, now Temple Baptist Church. During the ministry of the late Rev. Friedrich she made her covenant with Christ, was baptized and received into the fellowship of the church.

In January 1921 she was married to James R. Baker who went into death before her in 1945. Three years ago she developed a heart ailment which made her an invalid.

at times reducing her to complete helplessness. Longingly she waited and prayed for deliverance. It came. She went home.

Those next of kin surviving her are two sisters: Mrs. E. L. Walter and Mrs. Robert Kemnitzer and three brothers: Albert, Walter and Edgar Schmidt, all of this city.

Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York

G. E. FRIEDENBERG, Minister.

MISS FRIEDA MARIE RIEKE of Burlington, Iowa.

One of the significant events in the life of a Christian is the tolling of the final bell and the Master beckoning, "Child, come home. You have completed the task assigned to you." This call came to Frieda Marie Rieke of Burlington, Iowa, on October 20, 1954. Miss Rieke was born on November 8, 1895 on a farm north of Burlington, Iowa. She was the daughter of Henry J. and Marie Rieke. At the age of 13 she joined the Oak Street Church.

In 1922 she graduated from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. She then entered the religious educational field in Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., and later in Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey. After a very short time in the latter church, she suffered a third attack of rheumatic fever. Upon recovering she entered training for the Medical Record Librarian profession in which capacity she served two Chicago hospitals, the Martha Washington and the Grant. While in Chicago she was a member of the Humboldt Park Church and served in the capacity of Sunday School teacher, president of the youth society, president of the Philathea Class, member of the Advisory Board, advisor to the World Wide Guild and church clerk.

In December, 1948 she returned to Burlington, Iowa, and was employed here in one of the hospitals until stricken with illness in May, 1952. During her illness she made her home with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Geng. She is survived by four brothers: Wm. H. of Chicago, Arthur of Burlington, Walter of Aurora, Ill.; and Elbert of New Orleans, La.; three sisters: Mrs. Frank Horn of Westfield, N. J.; Mrs. Wm. Geng and Miss Marie Rieke of Burlington; and eight nieces and ten nephews.

Due to the absence of our pastor, Rev. Eckols of the First Baptist Church of this city conducted the service. He spoke on the text selected by Miss Rieke, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). Erna Hoelzen sang, "My God and I" and "God's Tomorrow."

Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa THE FAMILY.

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

	Nov., 1954	Nov., 1953	Nov., 1952
Atlantic	\$ 5,458.79	\$ 1,979.52	\$ 1,565.10
Central	8,529.34	10,083.80	9,186.71
Dakota	18,541.58	8,579.11	12,902.13
Eastern	2,074.99	1,232.96	938.77
Northern	7,690.88	10,409.60	13,456.79
Northwestern	11,036.04	6,527.78	4,625.29
Pacific	6,100.39	4,007.70	7,520.75
Southern	1,793.68	4,412.18	2,479.72
Southwestern	9,507.82	3,523.64	6,679.05
Total Contributions	\$70,733.51	\$50,766.29	\$59,374.31

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of November, 1954	\$59,086.26	\$11,647.25	\$70,733.51
For the month of November, 1953	49,451.28	1,315.01	50,766.29
For the month of November, 1952	46,980.11	12,394.20	59,374.31

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR		
April 1, 1954 to November 30, 1954	.. \$317,244.43	\$80,978.04
April 1, 1953 to November 30, 1953	.. 333,955.63	15,533.50
April 1, 1952 to November 30, 1952	.. 271,177.32	56,234.86

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium		
April 1, 1952 to Nov. 30, 1954\$1,327,025.17	\$191,662.30
April 1, 1951 to Nov. 30, 1953 1,241,465.21	199,879.96
April 1, 1950 to Nov. 30, 1952 1,073,554.72	261,626.26

Spice of Life

"How was your garden this year?"
"Fine. The neighbor's chickens took first prize at the fair."

Customer: "Have you any wall-paper?"

Clerk: "Yes, sir."

Customer: "Is it the kind I can put on myself?"

Clerk: "I suppose so. But it would really look better on a wall."

Sally: "Which do you think is more important to a girl, beauty or brains?"

Goldie: "Well, let's put it this way: Most men can see better than they can think."

One housewife to another, over the back fence: "I got to thinking yesterday—you know how you'll do when the television set is broken."

Dick: "May I have any kind of sea food I like?"

Mother: "Yes, dear. What shall I order for you?"

Dick: "Salt-water taffy."

A stout man was walking on the promenade of a seaside town when he noticed a weighing machine with the notice: "I speak your weight."

BAPTIST CONGRESS

London, England

July 16 to 22, 1955

All travel plans and transportation arrangements must be completed at once with the Ridgewood Travel Bureau, 59-38 Myrtle Ave., Ridgewood, Brooklyn 27, N. Y.

Registration forms for the Congress can be secured from Dr. Frank H. Woyke, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois. They should be filled out by Feb. 21, 1955.

See article about the Jubilee Congress in the 1955 ANNUAL.

He put a penny in the slot and stood on the platform. A voice answered: "One at a time, please!"

MISSION IN AUSTRIA

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temporary nature and we will not make the impact upon the population centers that we should. Much help is needed to build these chapels. Our Austrian Baptists, numbering in all slightly less than 800, are too poor to do this alone. How much must we help? How much are we able to help?

Our recent undertaking was the purchase of a house in Wien-Essling which needs to be remodeled into a meeting place and living quarters,

similar to that in Linz. Although no service could be held at Essling, I did view this purchased property and was convinced that, with the right man placed on the field, a strong Baptist witness could be established. May God grant it there and in many other places. Pray with us toward that end.

RECEPTIONS IN WINNIPEG

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ing and sacred. The vows made both by the new minister and the congregation were solemnly declared before God, as we felt very keenly his presence in our midst. The choir sang very fitting numbers and Mr. Waltereit's message was based on his preaching principle to proclaim the crucified Christ.

In the afternoon we held the welcoming program to which eight Baptist churches in our province were invited. The church auditorium was filled to capacity and a public address system was installed in the basement to accommodate the others. The four choirs of our church sang their welcome and then combined for a mass number. The welcome and good wishes were humbly acknowledged by Mr. and Mrs. Waltereit.

Parting is always sad when it concerns people whom you have learned to love, but the bond that binds us in Christ will last throughout all eternity. Dr. Krueger encouraged us so often in the past that "the best is still to come," based on Ezekiel 36:11, "I will do better unto you than at your beginning . . ."

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter.

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