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# March of Events

- Scouts during the past five years has far surpassed the increase in juvenile delinquency during the same period, according to Arthur A. Schuck, of New York City, chief Scout executive in the United States. At the opening of the "University of Scouting" which was attended by more than 1,000 leaders, Dr. Schuck said Boy Scout membership is now 3,400,000, an increase of a million since 1949.
- Ceremonies were held at Oxford, England, to mark the 400th anniversary of the martyrdom of two Anglican bishops who led the Reformation in Britain. Hundreds of people from all parts of the country were present, despite England's paralyzing rail strike. Bishops Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley were burned at the stake there in 1555, after refusing to recant at their trials for heresy ordered by Queen Mary I.
- A new Roman Catholic hymnal being compiled will contain many hymns of Catholic origin now used only by Protestants, according to Rev. Richard Ginder, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's church, Pittsburgh, Pa. The hymnal also will include hymns written by non-Catholics but considered suitable for Catholic use. he said. Each hymn will be submitted to a jury of 100 representative musicians. The book must have the final approval of the American Catholic hierarchy before publication.
- "Hilfswerk," welfare agency of the Evangelical Church in Germany, has received from abroad and distributed more than 211 million pounds of relief supplies since 1945, according to its annual report issued at Stuttgart. United States' church groups, which donated 72 million pounds, top the list of about 40 countries contributing to Hilfswerk, followed by Switzerland (8 million pounds), Sweden (5.5 million pounds), Norway (2.1 million pounds), and South Africa (1.9 million pounds).
- Magdeburg, Germany, one of East Germany's largest war - destroyed Evangelical church buildings, has been rebuilt, but Communist officials of the Soviet Zone have refused to let it be opened to the public, it was reported in Berlin. The Evangelical Church had planned a festive opening of the rebuilt edifice which would coincide with the 1,000-year history of the cornerstone laying for the cathedral on September 22, but the Red authorities have forced a cancellation of the plans.

- Growth of membership in the Boy A blueprint for a new center of religious learning at Harvard University has been drawn up by the faculty of the Divinity School. A new interdenominational churchfield. manship, will represent the growing importance of the movement toward unity among Protestant and Orthodox groups symbolized by the World Council of Churches. New emphasis will be placed on Old Testament, post-Biblical Judaism, American church history, and religious educa-
  - A significant event in the production of religious films is the new Korean sound motion picture". . . My Right And My Cause . . ." prepared by the American Bible Society and available on a free-loan basis. The

title comes from the 9th Psalm, part of which is read on the sound track. The picture tells the true and dramatic story of the making of the Revised Hankul Bible for Korea, a Bible in which the simplified Hankul spelling replaces the classical, ornate Koraen alphabet and can be read more easily and with greater understanding by the Korean people. The picture is filmed in 16mm Kodachrome color with sound. The film, with sound track, runs for about 26 minutes, and comes on one 1200-foot reel. For the opening and closing of the picture, a professional Korean musician plays on the cheng, a Korean pipe organ used only for sacred music. Drums, harp and pipes playing traditional Korean numbers, create an additional musical background for the film. The picture may be secured on a free-loan basis from the Visual Materials Department of the American Bible Society, 440 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., or any of the Bible Society's district

# Saptist Briefs

- tist Theological Seminary recently boasted the possession of a rare book printed in Venice in 1489 found among stacks of uncatalogued volumes in the basement. The Rev. Harry Oliver discovered the book on canonical law while browsing through stacks in the basement where it had lain for 66 years. The volume, entitled "Supplementum," was written in latin by Nicholas of Osimo and printed during the early days of printing in the 15th century.
- The first Baptist high school in Texas was dedicated in September, it was announced by Dr. Stuart Mc-Birnie, of Trinity Baptist Church, San Antonio. It is housed in a \$335,-000 youth and recreational center which is nearing completion. Dr. McBirnie added that the school, accommodating 250 girls and boys, will have "a level of education higher than that of most public high schools." In addition to its 40 classrooms and assembly rooms, he said, there are "a score of ultra-modern features found in few youth buildings in the nation."
- Billy Graham's international headquarters will remain in Minneapolis, Minn. Reports that it would be moved to Washington, D. C., are incorrect, George M. Wilson, business manager and secretary-treasurer of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Asso-

- The library of the Southern Bap- ciation, said. The association, however, is thinking of opening a small central office in Washington for members of Mr. Graham's team, most of whom now live along the East coast, Mr. Wilson said. Such an office little used — previously had been at Dallas, Tex. But the big main headquarters which processes the mail that comes to Mr. Graham from around the world will stay at 1620 Harmon place in Minneapolis, Mr. Wilson said. It has a staff of some 125 persons at its three-story headquarters here.
  - God's Acre" plan is being tried out by some of the rural churches of the General Baptist Association in midwest U.S.A. Each family in the church is asked to set aside one acre of his crop and dedicate it to God. If he rents his land, he is asked to dedicate his share of the acre; if he owns it, he is asked to give the income from that one acre. The few church members who receive a salary are asked to dedicate one week's pay to the "God's Acre" program. The paper reporting the story from Maumee (Indiana) Church stated that 23 families signed up last year. The income from the sale of the corn, melons, and vegetables produced on the acres they dedicated amounted to \$2200. The church has 95 resident families, with 330 members in the community. This year 38 families signed up, and the pastor confidently expects to meet the goal of \$10,000.

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#### Give Attendance to Reading

EADING PLEASURES are available at small cost to every Christian. A wealth of inspiring literature can be yours for little effort in books, publications and leaflets. But many Christian people are woefully negligent in taking time to read, in establishing reading habits, in surrounding themselves with Christian literature.

The Apostle Paul laid down a fundamental rule for his young friend Timothy; "Give attendance to reading" (I Timothy 4:13). Concentrate on your reading. Go out of your way and make an extra effort to secure a good book and read it with understanding. In some way or other set aside some money as all important for your Christian growth and buy the book that has been recommended to you for its Christian message or interpretation.

Make an effort then to lay hold on good reading material and to place it into others' hands. Be on the lookout for good, wholesome books. Get the habit of using the books in your church library. When the next issue of the "Baptist Herald" arrives, give it more attention than usual and try to read it "from cover to cover." You might be surprised at the results of such a reading experiment for yourself.

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But even these subscriptions or purchases will not be worth-while unless you make the effort to read the book or the magazine with enjoyment and with understanding. Find the time to read it leisurely. Approach the reading experience as an adventure, looking for some unique or unusual blessing. Be prepared for the next Sunday School hour by having read with open Bible the lesson exposition in the "Baptist Herald."

It's sound advice to "give attendance to your reading." It will multiply your Christian joys and increase your effectiveness as a witness for Christ. But you will have to make the effort. That kind of extra effort is always worth-while!

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## Baptists Visit Baptists in Russia

The amazing story of a "Soviet Journey" by several Baptist leaders to fellowship with some of the 500,000 Baptists in their 5,400 Baptist chapels and churches in Russia!

By DR. ARNOLD T. OHRN, General Secretary, Baptist World Alliance

UN AUGUST 4, 1955, a group of Baptist ministers met at the airport of Helsinki, Finnland, and enplaned for Leningrad, Russia. Thus began a two weeks' odyssey that embraced cities and villages, and no less than seventeen religious services, besides sight-seeing, social engagements, audiences with high officials, and conferences with Baptist leaders. On August 18 a Russian Aeroflot plane set us safely down at Helsinki again, somewhat breathless and travel-worn, but the richer for an unusual spiritual

#### HOW THE TRIP ORIGINATED

It really began in 1953, when Swedish Quakers and Baptists decided to invite fellow-believers in England and in the United States to meet religious leaders from the Soviet Union in Sweden in August 1954. Four Baptists crossed the Atlantic to take part: Theodore F. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia; V. Carney Hargroves, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joseph H. Jackson, pastor of Olivet Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill,; and the general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

The contacts made and the friendships born during the conference in Sweden led a few months later to an invitation to the above four to visit fellow-Baptists in Russia after the Jubilee Congress in London, England, as the guests of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists. The fact that one of the men invited, Dr. Adams, was elected president of the Baptist World Alliance added much to the value of the visit. Likewise the coincidence that both Dr. Hargroves and Dr. Jackson happened to be elected members of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Commit-

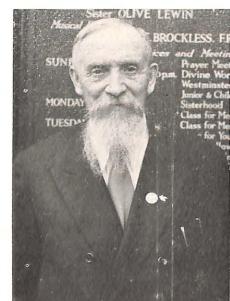
#### THE ITINERARY

The first stop was the beautiful city on the Neva River, once called Petrograd, and before that St. Petersburg, with a large and thriving Baptist Church, From there we went by night train to Moscow. From Moscow on, airplanes were used wherever possible, otherwise automobiles. The third stop was Kiev, ancient capital of the Ukraine. Odessa on the Black Sea was next; then Simferopol in the heart of the Crimea.

The trip over the mountains to the Minister of Cults and his colfamous Yalta on the Soviet Riviera had to be made in cars over a narrow winding road. A special police escort on a motorcycle went ahead and enthirteen Baptist churches in twelve sured our safety by either stopping cars and trucks in the most dangerous curves, or waving all other traffic off to the side of the road. Cars were likewise used to Bakchisarai, and Eupatoria; Simferopol remaining our basis. From there we flew to Kharkov, and thence returned to Moscow. On the entire journey we were accompanied by Jakob Zhidkov, president; Alexander Karev, general secretary of the All-Union Council, and a skilled interpreter, Mrs. Novi-

#### RUSSIAN HOSPITALITY

From the moment we touched Soviet soil at Leningrad until the day we left that city for the Western world we were overwhelmed with the heartiest hospitality. Deputations met us with flowers in every city. We were entertained lavishly in hotels and private homes. We were embraced in Russian fashion at every meeting and loaded with love gifts in town after town. Nowhere, inside or outside of Baptist circles, did we ever meet with anything but friendliness. This was true also of our visits with



Rev. Jakob Zhidkov, president of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists of Russia, who accompanied the Baptist leaders on their trip through the Soviet Union.

leagues, and with the Metropolitan of Moscow.

Ours was a journey with strictly limited objectives: to visit as many of our co-believers as possible, to foster Baptist fellowship, and, incidentally, to contribute our bit towards building bridges between East and West. We did not visit Russia in order to study the political or economic aspects of life in the Soviet Union.

Two weeks, mainly spent in cultivating Christian brotherhood together with the great companies of believers we met in our churches, did not qualify us for answering questions in areas with which we had neither time nor occasion to occupy ourselves. But in the field of religion we saw and experienced as much as could possibly be pressed into the small measure of time at our disposal.

#### BAPTIST LIFE IN RUSSIA

In January of 1952 Martin Niemoeller visited Moscow and preached in the Baptist church. A year later, in India, the present writer heard him say: "I am sometimes asked if I believe Christ has a living church in Russia. When I am asked that question, my thoughts go back to that Sunday night in the Baptist church in Moscow. If ever I stood face to face with a living church, it was there, and if that was not a living church of Christ, I do not know where to find one."

It was impossible not to be reminded of these words again and again during our journey. The genuineness, spontaneity and intense vitality of Christian life in the churches we met was beyond any possible doubt. You sensed it in the very spirit of the congregation before the service had begun. It was throbbing in the wonderful singing, which seemed to burst from the very hearts of the people.

#### LOVE OF GOD'S WORD

You could feel the spiritual pulsebeat of the great audiences, as one voice, and then another, lifted them to God's throne in prayer. It was beautifully revealed in the mutual love of Christian to Christian, so evident to us all. It was shown in the eager and spontaneous giving, from people who certainly were not overburdened with worldly goods. And if was abundantly evidenced by their great thirst for the Word of God.



Baptist leaders who visited the Baptists of Russia after the Baptist World Congress in ondon, England (Picture taken in London with Royal Albert Hall in background). Left to right: V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, Pa.; former president of the American Baptist Convention; Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Va., president of the Baptist World Alliance; Joseph H. Jackson of Chicago, Ill., pastor of Olivet Baptist Church; and Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

Not all believers own Bibles or New Testaments, and the lack is keenly felt. It is a cause of much rejoicing that the Baptist Union has been given permission to publish a new edition of the Russian Bible. As matters stand, many of our people borrow Bible and snatch such hours of day or night as may be available in order to feast on the precious words of our Lord, or even to copy great portions in longhand.

Exposition of the Scriptures from the pulpit plays an exceedingly important role in every service, and two or three sermons in one meeting are more the rule than the exception. When the four preachers from abroad had given four addresses in a row all of them through the interpreter neople sometimes asked for more, and when one or two Russian speeches had been added for good measure, they still had to be asked to go home. This happened time and again in churches where more people were standing than sitting, squeezed together in one solid mass of perspiring humanity for three hours, or more, oblivious to all the wearying discomfort of the hot nights, eagerly drinking in every word that was

#### RELIGIOUS TOLERATION

It is clear that the Soviet system of the present day admits of a large measure of religious tolerance. No religion, and no denomination, receives financial support from the State, a principle with which we Baptists have no quarrel. Our people unquestionably enjoy freedom of worship within the approximately 5,-

#### FRONT COVER

The front cover picture shows the young people of the Oregon Baptist League at their Senior Camp along with the camp pastors and teachers. This camp was held at the Conference Grounds at Falls City, Oregon. A report about this camp appears in the department, "Our Denomination in Action," in this

Two other fine pictures of the Junior and Intermediate Camps could not be published in this number but they will appear in a later issue of the "Baptist Herald" and in the 1956 ANNUAL along with many other interesting pictures and articles.

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400 buildings registered for that purpose with the authorities, and no one interferes with the preaching of the Gospel in these places of worship.

Most of the buildings in question belong to the State; a modest ground rental and the cost of repairs are provided by the local church. In some places small churches are able to rent a room from a farmer or some other house owner. Owing to the enormous devastations during the war and to the rapid growth of the population, there is great scarcity of building materials and of skilled labor. Such a situation does not make it easier for the churches to contend with their particular "housing shortage". Everywhere we saw the same lack of adequate facilities for the growing and multiplying churches.

#### THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A phrase repeatedly suggested itself as we experienced the impact of spiritual life in Baptist churches: "These are God's people!" As in New Testament days you will not find many wise according to this world, or well born, or highly placed, but you will find simple folk in great numbers, like the "common people who heard him gladly". You will find brotherly love abounding. You will find fervency in prayer and a wonderful wholeheartedness in the following of Christ.

Under the stress of circumstances so different from those we have known, the half-million Baptist church members have in a sense become a spiritual elite. They constitute the vital core of a much larger army of believers, many of them under eighteen and therefore too young to receive baptism under the present rules, many others on probation for a year or longer before being admitted to baptism, others again residing in places where they are too few to be registered as an organized church.

On the fringes of this greater group are to be found increasing numbers of churchgoers, of seekers, of sympathizers - no one knows how many. One need not marvel at the words of a non-Baptist visitor to the Soviet Union who declared that in his opinion the Baptist movement in that great land constitutes the greatest hope he can see for the spiritual future of the Russian people.

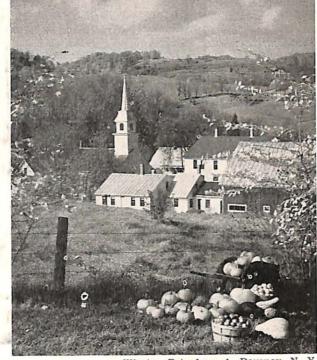
#### **Church Extension Campaign**

- Objective of \$250,000 to be reached by July 31, 1956.
- Church Extension Program and Offering in every church during October or at some other opportune date.
- Secure an attractive Church Extension Coin Folder with space for 16 quarters from your pastor.
- Pray that God will bless this united effort and send forth laborers into his harvest field!

## **Evangelizing North America!**

An Address Delivered to the Baptist Jubilee Congress at Westminster Chapel, Buckingham Gate, London, England

By DR. FRANK H. WOYKE, Executive Secretary



The vital question in the spiritual harvest of today is not how many names are on church rolls but how many men are in living, vital relationship to Jesus Christ!

Baptist World Alliance. The fellowship, inspiration and instruction of the fact that the year of my birth was and expository preaching. 1905, I am especially thrilled to attend this Jubilee Congress. My interest in the Alliance is also heightened by my international background, for I was born in Russia, of German par- ture are consistently on best seller ents, brought to America at the age of four and reared there.

#### UNPRECEDENTED BOOMS

"Evangelizing North America" is a tremendous subject but doubly so when it is to be discussed in ten minutes. Does North America still need évangelizing? At first glance the religious situation in my country, the United States, seems rather encouraging. Church membership has been increasing until now it stands at nearly 95 million. This represents approximately 60 percent of the total population of the country, whereas in 1850 the percentage was only sixteen.

precedented boom in the construction of new church buildings. Thousands of new houses of worship, many of them magnificent modern structures, have been and are being erected. Such activity does appear to indicate vitality in our church life.

It can further be noted that there is abroad in our land a renewed interest in theology. A well known divinity school formerly included its teaching of theology in the department of the philosophy of religion, but in recent years the situation has been reversed. The courses in philosophy of religion are now included in the department of systematic the-

T HAS BEEN my good fortune to ology. This is not an isolated or un- people outside the churches in our attend the last five Congresses of the usual situation, for such changes of country. What of all the beautiful emphasis have occurred frequently in new church buildings that have been recent years. The new interest in every one of these gatherings have theology has often found its way into are, they do not of themselves assure meant much to me; but because of the pulpit, resulting in more doctrinal

The great popular interest in religion should also be noted. This inter- ago many great churches and catheest is evidenced in various ways: by the fact that books of a religious nalists; by the great prominence that is given to religious material by newspapers and magazines; by the popularity of televized religious programs; and by the huge throngs that come to hear such outstanding evangelists as Billy Graham.

#### A SPIRITUAL PEOPLE

Although such encouraging signs are present, there is another side to the picture. There has been a great increase in the quantity of church membership, to be sure, but are we quite confident that the quality of the average church member is high? Are the 95 million people in the churches We are also experiencing an un- actually also "in Christ"? Standing as we do for a spiritual church membership, we as Baptists need to be deeply concerned about this matter. The decisive question is not how many names are on church rolls but how many men are in living, vital relationship to Jesus Christ as their personal Savior!

Although church membership is high, the divorce rate is also high, the number of alcoholics is increasing, our mental institutions are crowded to overflowing and juvenile delinquency has reached alarming proportions. Even if it were granted that all is well with all of those on the

erected? Valuable as such facilities a spiritually minded people.

There have been other booms in church building. Hundreds of years drals were built in Europe. Most of them are still standing in all their splendor, but they do not guarantee a Christian people. Several years ago, together with a German friend, a pastor of the Lutheran church, I visited the Cologne Cathedral and a number of other great church buildings in Germany. When I inquired about the actual spiritual program carried on in these buildings, my friend assured me that their primary value today was "Museumswert".

And it is true! Each year thousands of tourists swarm through these cathedrals, photograph them and admire their architecture, paintings and other treasures. But are they always centers also of evangelistic activity? It was refreshing indeed when a London guide informed a group of tourists that it would not be possible to troup through Westminster Abbey on a certain afternoon because a meeting was being held!

#### LIVING STONES

My German friend further informed me that some of these buildings heavily damaged by bombs are not to be rebuild but that instead a small chapel - a "church within the church" for the active, praying membership is being built inside the huge

We in America need to remind ourselves that the true church consists of living stones-of those who have be-



The Bethany Baptist Church of Lethbridge, Alta., on Dedication Sunday with the new edifice in the background. This is a new North American Baptist Church representing our evangelistic outreach and assistance to European refugees and immigrants.

come new creatures in Christ. The renewed interest in theology and in the Word of God is surely commendable, but it does not necessarily signify a spiritual people. History demonstrates only too clearly that a preoccupation with intellectual formulations of our faith can easily lead to we do not control it! complacency, a sterile literalism, intolerance and bigotry.

What of the great popular interest in religion and in literature about religion? This can be an encouraging sign, but it can also merely signify a deep-seated and unsatisfied need among the masses of our people - a groping for spiritual sustenance rather than a wholesome feeding upon God's Word.

Some have questioned the quality of the literature that is so avidly read. Is it really a presentation of the Gospel of Christ, with its appeal to the humbling of the self, or is it primarily an attempt to bolster the human ego-an appeal to its self-impor-

#### THE WORK OF GOD

As we look at the entire situation. then it is clear that there is great need for evangelism in North America. It is important, however, to remember our own limitations in the accomplishment of this task. In a real sense, the salvation of a soul is always the work of God. In Philippians 2:13 we read: "For it is God who worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Again the Apostle Paul writes: "So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:7).

Perhaps it is because we have forgotten this truth that we have so many lukewarm, ineffective, inactive church members on our rolls. Christian churches are constantly in dan-

ger of attempting to manufacture Christians and of forgetting that such products are but counterfeit copies of the real thing, which must be created by God. We are not saviors—there is only one Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ. We proclaim God's grace, but

But when that has been said, it must immediately be added that we are commissioned to preach the Gospel of God's grace. As the Apostle Paul said, "We are ambassadors for Christ" (2 Cor. 5:19) and "laborers together with God" (1 Cor. 3:9).

How are we to carry out our commission? Charles Templeton has emphasized that, grateful as we may be for the success of mass evangelism, the task of soul-winning is primarily the responsibility of individual Christians and of the local churches. What could the mass evangelist accomplish without the work of local churches, both before and after his arrival on the scene?

#### OUR DENOMINATIONAL TASK

Considering the task from this point of view, even such a relatively small group as the North American Baptist General Conference can have a share in evangelizing North America. Ever since the organization of our first church in 1843, our primary responsibility has been the proclamation of the Gospel to German-speaking immigrants in the United States and Canada. Many of the children of our early churches have long since found their way into other conventions, but succeeding waves of immigrants have presented new chal-

Some may ask: Why bilingual churches in North America? Perhaps only an immigrant can fully understand this need. My father was fortyeight years of age when he came to

America. As a boy I often heard him tell of the language difficulties he encountered. Asking for directions to the city of "Shee-kah-go" he could get no information until it finally dawned on someone that he meant Chicago.

Several years after our arrival in America my father was reading an advertisement in a newspaper. After puzzling over the words for some time with considerable annoyance, he asked me what could possibly be meant by the words, "tieress and toobess". Upon closer examination I found out that the words were "tires and tubes". Immigrants like my father can never really learn to worship in any language other than their mother tongue.

Beyond our language task, we believe that we also share responsibility for bringing the Gospel to any others who need it and are not receiving it. At all times we want to remind ourselves that our work is to be carried on in a spirit of cooperation and com-

#### CHRIST'S ONWARD MARCH

It is obvious that the major responsibility for evangelizing North America rests with the larger groups. Yet we know that our task involves not only members but also completeness of devotion to Christ. The first two men to run the mile in less than four minutes were Roger Bannister of England and John Landy of Australia. It is interesting to note that both of them were paced by Chris Chafaway, who since that time has also run the mile in less than four minutes.

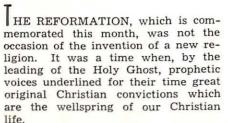
Although we may not win the race. it is our hope as a North American Baptist General Conference that we may "pace" and challenge the larger groups and thus share in the onward march of the Church of Jesus Christ.

## **Reformation Day** Message

At this time when the Lord has given us an opportunity to reap a great harvest for him, we need to be as sound in our Christian convictions as we can be.

That is the message of Reformation Day

By DR. JAMES A. PIKE of New York, N. Y.



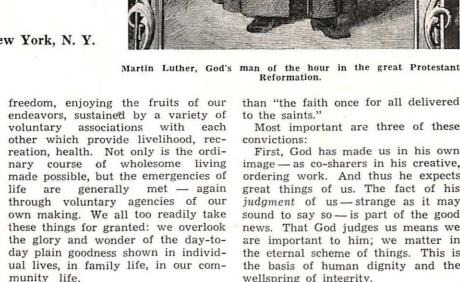
We can never hear these convictions repeated often enough. They are good news for men of our age no less than they have been for the men of every age, and it is for the proclamation of this good news - and for the living of it together - that ine church exists - today as of yore.

They say that most public speeches consist of "viewing with alarm" and "pointing with pride." And it so happens that these are two ways of making evident the power of the Gospel. We can show what is wrong with man, and with society in general, when it doesn't have the Gospel. And since there is plenty that is wrong with us and with our common life things first, this approach is a valid one and a true one.

#### COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

But in our quite proper concern for what is wrong we sometimes forget how much is right, how much of order and decency and love is constantly being displayed in our common life. And the recognition of this is also an avenue to understanding the Gospel. And this is the approach I wish to use in this brief message.

Let us count our blessings. Most of us are living our lives in peace and



It has often been pointed out that this sort of thing isn't news: if a man leaves his wife and runs off with someone else, it's news; but when a man night after night returns from his day's labor to his home and family, it isn't news. When a man is attacked on the street by a thug, it's news; but the much more common experience—that we walk the streets in assurance and safety, often without a policeman in sight - isn't news. and because we haven't put first And yet, taking history as a whole, and the world as a whole today, these good things are news!

> Generally men have had freedom or order, but not both in abundance. Our having them both is no accident. What has enabled our people, by and large, to live cooperatively together with a minimum of force from above? Ethics, some will say. Surely; but I ask this question, where do the ethics come from and why have so many wanted to keep the ethics? It's something deeper than ethics; it's the very root of the ethics. It's a set of convictions about things: it is nothing else



Martin Luther, God's man of the hour in the great Protestant

Most important are three of these

First, God has made us in his own image - as co-sharers in his creative, ordering work. And thus he expects great things of us. The fact of his judgment of us - strange as it may sound to say so - is part of the good news. That God judges us means we are important to him; we matter in the eternal scheme of things. This is the basis of human dignity and the wellspring of integrity.

#### RESPONSIBILITY TO GOD

When there is a policeman in every heart, we don't need one on every block. There are only two ways to keep a lot of people working together - either they are whipped together from the outside or they are held together from the inside. The latter has been our way. I believe it was William Penn who commented, "To avoid tyrants, obey God." Of the Puritan forefathers it has been said, "They feared God so much, they feared nothing else."

Especially did the Reformation highlight a man's direct responsibility to God for the conduct of his life-a theme our Bibles stress over and over again.

Second, God not only judges us; he redeems and heals us. He accepts us when we are unacceptable; he meets us as we are. In his Son Jesus Christ he has entered our estate, shared our hurts-for our salvation. And men's grateful response ever since has been to do this very thing for others. This

is why with the Christian era came concern for the outcast, the sick and the weak, the wrong and wronged of the world. All our social service institutions rest historically and logically on this concern of which God himself is the Author, this concern which he has revealed in Jesus.

Especially did the Reformation highlight the fact that man's standing with God is God's gift, not man's earningand emphasize what has always been should be good to each other because God is so good to us.

Third, God wants us to work out our salvation together. It is he who has set us in families and communities, and our growth in interrelatedness, our involvement with each other, is part of the grand purpose of creation. Not isolated, self-sufficient "rugged individualists," but mutually dependent men, each contributing according to his gifts, are the fulfillment of God's purpose. He is known as Holy Spirit-holy "esprit de corps" if you wish - speaking and working through the fellowship of men. So all that interlaces our lives for good is of God.

Especially did our reforming fathers stress the corporate responsibility of men for their common life and assure us of the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the work of the fellowship.

#### SOURCE OF BLESSINGS

In short, the blessings of sound community life rest on a view of what man is meant to be which in turn rests on what God is and does. He is Creator and Judge; as made in his image we are meant - without force, but freely - to rise to the dignity of creative responsibility. He is Redeemer and Healer; as made in his image we are meant to redeem and heal those in need around us. He is Inspirer and Ground of Community; as made in his image we are meant

REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 30, 1955 day of worldwide remem-

brance by Protestants!

So, Father, Son and Holy Spiritone God- is the Source of our blessings of free, constructive ordered life in community. And this faith in what he is and does with us and through the dynamic of Christian ethics: we us is "the faith once for all delivered to the saints."

> Now some of you are doubtless thinking at this point that there are a lot of good men who don't hold this faith, a lot of good men that don't go to church. That's right, there are. But these men are living off the income of a Christian endowment without contributing to the capital. They are good because their grandfathers feared God. And in many aspects of our society we are seeing the demonstration of Elton Trueblood's fine definition: "Ethics is cut-flower religion. Cut-flowers look fine for a while, but when too long cut from their roots, they wither."

> There was a time in recent decades when it looked as though these roots would die - from the inattention of men preoccupied with the cutflowers. But we can rejoice that it is now evident that the tide has turned. More men and women in this land are part of the Christian cause today than at any time in our history, and more than ever before gather together eagerly to hear the good news which is our health and the salvation of our common life.

One of the signs of the times was the landmark statement of President Pusey of Harvard a couple of years ago repudiating the negative attitude of his predecessors toward supernatural religion and calling for "fresh and convincing . . . leadership in religious knowledge, and even more in to be builders of a community among religious experience"-which he set above "industrial might" and "more

research facilities" as the important thing for our time.

If the churches which share in the heritage of the Reformation are to take full advantage of this turning of the tide, it is not sufficient that they speak the Gospel of judgment and grace to those outside; they must look at their own life and work critically and seek the grace of regeneration for the church itself. Such selfcriticism and renewal should be the constant hallmark of any church which regards itself as "Protestant."

#### HERITAGE OF THE REFORMATION

Martin Luther did a crucially important thing when he brought to the fore again the doctrine of justification by grace through faith which had become submerged by the medieval system of "merits", but even more basic than this was the fact that he transcended the situation that the church was in, looked critically at it, and was a means of judgment upon it. Out of this more fundamental thing came the particular reforms; it, rather than any special doctrine is "the Protestant principle", to use Paul Tillich's phrase.

Thus a church is not truly Protestant simply because it has had a reformation, or arose out of the Reformation. A church is truly Protestant when it recognizes that it always needs reformation. To be Protestant is to see the church as under judgment-and this means the church today as well as the church of the 16th century.

Thus the annual celebration of the Reformation should be an occasion not so much for rehearsing the failings of the pre-Reformation western church, as for facing honestly the failings of our churches today. Especially is it important that we do so now, because with the renewed interest in religion today and the opportunity the Lord has given us to reap a great harvest for him, we need to be as sound and as effective as we can

#### CLOUD OF WITNESSES

So, as we open ourselves to God's judgment to purge the church and to his grace to renew its life, let us look confidently toward the future. As we do, let us remember in reverence and awe our forebearers in the faith: the first Christians, who, with much less tangible evidence for it than we have, nevertheless had utter confidence in the power of the Gospel; the reformers of all ages who in their times reaffirmed the Gospel; and all the saints, known and unknown, who have lived it out.

"Seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith . . ." (Heb. 12:1).



The international monument of the Reformation at Geneva, Switzerland, showing four great spiritual giants of the Reformation: (left to right) Calvin, Farel, Beze, and Knox.

BAPTIST HERALD

## Mr. Roland E. Ross, Our Comptroller

Further Tributes to Mr. Ross of River Forest, Illinois, Who Passed Away on August 1, 1955

by the Board of Directors, Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Illinois

The Board of the Directors for the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill., wishes to make known the esteem in which it held the late President, Roland E. Ross. He rendered kind, loving, faithful, and efficient service to the Home and to his Lord and Master. He worked hard, but did it with a quiet cheerfulness and unforced dedication.

The late Mr. Roland E. Ross was elected as president of the Board on November 18, 1946, and served in this capacity until the time of his death. Before assuming the position of president, he served as a member of the Board. It was during his years as president that the plans of the new Home gradually were realized, and these will always remind us of his unselfish service. Fred Sonnenberg, Secretary.

A FAITHFUL SERVANT OF GOD

By MR. EDWIN H. MARKLEIN of Brooklyn, New York

WELL DONE, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make you ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of the Lord." This passage of Scripture has been running through my mind ever since the homegoing of our beloved Brother Roland E. Ross. How fitting and appropriate these words of commendation, spoken by Jesus, apply to his devoted life!

Our denomination, through his death, has sustained a great loss. We who have been closely associated with him in the many phases of our denominational work will miss him, for he was endowed with an energetic spirit and a willingness to be helpful

TRIBUTE TO ROLAND E. ROSS at all times, and above all he was a faithful servant of his Lord.

> It was my privilege to work together with Brother Ross for the many years of his association with our denominational staff. I know that his rich and well rounded experience was a great value to his associates. In the performance of all of his denominational duties, he was guided by an earnest desire to carry on the work of the Kingdom.

> He had a profound knowledge and understanding of the accounting profession and he applied himself with patience and industry to the many complex problems which were presented to him for consideration. Time was never a factor in the performance of his duties. Night after night he would be at his desk working on denominational reports, doing them cheerfully because he had dedicated his entire life to the Lord's work.

It was also my privilege to be a friend of Roland's for many years. We played golf together, bowled together, traveled together, spent many days and hours at his home. In fact, on several occasions I told him that because of the many over-night visits I considered his home my "second home." The wonderful fellowship which I always enjoyed with him and his dear wife Marie will never be forgotten but will always be cherished in my memory of him. Their home was always open with a cordial welcome awaiting all who entered. Roland and Marie in my estimation were the perfect host and hostess.

I know that the members of our North American Baptist General Conference share their feeling of sadness. Some of you knew him as our comptroller and others knew him as I did, a valued friend. He had our esteem, our respect and our affection. We profoundly regret his passing and yet are confident that he is with his Lord whom he served so faithfully and has heard Jesus say: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

#### THERE WERE GIANTS IN THOSE DAYS

By REV. CHARLES F. ZUMMACH of Peoria, Illinois

The unexpected death of Mr. Roland Ross, our denominational comptroller, was a tremendous shock to every North American Baptist, and many asked themselves: "Now what?" We were reminded of that fateful day of April 1945, when the radio announced the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Meeting one of the citizens on the street that afternoon, she cried: "Now what!" It seemed we had lost an indispensable man in the critical hour in our history.

When King Joash stood beside the death-bed of the Prophet Elisha he cried: "My father, chariots of Israel and its horsemen" (II Kings 13:14). He was merely echoing the lament of Elisha over the departure of Elijah (II Kings 2:12). It is not my purpose to survey the value of Mr. Ross's service to our denomination. Others, more able than I, have done that.

#### GOOD WORKS FOLLOW

But I am impelled to think how our denomination has survived the death of many of its great leaders. Truly, as we survey the history of our denomination, we are compelled to say: "There were giants in those days!" Our denomination would never have attained such heights if it had not been for its great leaders. To enumerate them would be impossible, and there would be the danger of omitting the names of many, who had played an equally important part in its development. "They rest from their labors, but their works follow

We are reminded of Mr. Garfield, as he stood on the courthouse steps in New York, when news of the assassination of President Lincoln had reached that city, crying out to the multitude that "God still lives and rules." When Ussiah died, (one of the ablest kings that Judah ever had), it must have seemed to the young Prophet Isaiah that the bottom had dropped out of everything, for the future looked dark indeed. But it was then that he had the vision of the living God, who rules over the destiny of nations. God was preparing a new leader, as he always does.

So let us not despair! While it may be difficult to replace Mr. Ross, let us not forget that God still lives and he will provide a successor.

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Dormitory (left) of the Manitoba Tri Union Camp on the shores of Lake Nutimek (center) near the Whitemouth Baptist Church,

### What God Can Do With a Dollar

The miraculous story of the new camp site of the Manitoba Tri Union at Nutimek Lake with hundreds of young people in attendance last summer

By REV. J. KUEHN of River Hills, Manitoba, Canada

OD LEADS in a mysterious way his the signing of that little paper menwonders to perform. Last fall the future of a camp site for the Manitoba Baptist Tri Union looked very dark. All efforts at locating a site seemed to be futile. In many a mind the thought came, "There will be no camp for the Manitoba Tri Union."

But then, when it looked the darkest. God stepped in. While visiting one of my deacons, Mr. A. Kuhn, and telling him of our efforts he recalled a statement made by a trapper, Mr. Vansicle, that some day he would give his beautiful lot of eleven acres with a shore line of 300 feet for a boys' camp. I then asked the deacon to see the man and tell him that we were looking for a camp site and whether he would be willing to sell his property for such an undertaking. This was done.

#### "A LITTLE PAPER" SIGNED

Upon the request of the trapper, I went to see him, and he told me that he would not sell but that he would give it as a gift. This was quite a surprise, since I had never seen the man nor was he affiliated with our church. I then asked him whether he would be willing to sign "a little paper," and he answered he would.

To make it lawful I wrote down his conditions, that he was selling us the property for one dollar. He then signed it and my deacon and I signed as witnesses. Since it is the custom of the pastor to have a little devotion when visiting, I read out of the Gospel of John, chapter 3, the first 16 verses. Then I prayed and remembered him in my prayer. He thanked me for the prayer and we parted.

The next day Rev. R. Kanwischer, Mr. A. Kuhn and I visited him once more and the necessary steps were taken for the transaction of the property. While this was being done, eight days later, the trapper was found dead in his cabin. However,

tioned above saved the situation. The executrix and the court found the paper binding, and now we are owners of a beautiful camp site.

In the spring of this year the Manitoba Tri Union got busy in erecting two buildings under the supervision of Mr. A. Kuhn. One building is the dining room with kitchen, 42 by 28 feet, and the other is a dormitory, 48 by 22 feet. This was constructed in a hurry since the camp for the boys was to convene from July 11 to 17. There were 53 boys registered for that week. The following week was girls' camp with 59 girls registered. Among these boys and girls, there were fifteen souls won for Christ. Jesus said: "A soul is worth more than the whole world."

Then the third week was camp for young people. For the entire week 33 young people enrolled but at the end of the week for the last three days there were 175 young people registered. They came by bus and cars! Tents had to be put up for sleeping quarters since the dormitory was much to small to accommodate them all. Other cabins were made available by our friends and neighbors for the young people who had come.

#### CROWDS OF PEOPLE

The premises reminded one of the Israelites in the olden days living in tents. On Sunday, July 31, the climax came with people from everywhere to see and to hear the wonders of the Lor . Prof. H. Lueck of the North American Baptist Seminary, and President E. P. Wahl of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton brought inspiring messages. Everybody was convinced that it was the Lord's doing in the securing of the property.

The young people pledged themselves to lay aside one penny for every dollar that they will earn for the building of the camp. The pledge

cards had the motto: "Penny a dollar is all it will take to build the buildings at Nutimik Lake." Everybody was inspired with the idea!

On Monday everyone went home thanking God for the blessings and the good time experienced. Although the camp activities have come to a close, different societies are having their outing there for the weekends. On August 13 and 14 the Men's Choir of the McDermot Church of Winnipeg met there; on September 3 and 4 the young people of the Mission Church were there.

#### A PROMISING FUTURE

What does the future have in store for us? I do not know! One thing I do know, it is the Lord's doing and he will use us as we let ourselves be used. Next spring, God willing, we shall build another dormitory and a chapel and the diner will have to be extended since it proved itself too small for the crowd which will be even bigger in the future.

What the future has in store for us? If I am a prophet at all, I can see the camp open from early spring till late in fall, people coming and going, receiving not only bodily strength but also spiritual blessings. With the help of God it took only a dollar to secure the property. "Penny a dollar is all it will take to build the buildings at Nutimik Lake."

Then we have the promise, "Ye shall reap without ceasing." God can do wondrous things with our dollars and with our cents if we only let him. "Prove me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

A general in the Civil War, when asked whether he thought that God was on his side answered, "I am not concerned if God is on our side. I am concerned if we are on God's side." May this also be our concern!

By DONALD G. DAVIS, Ph.D.

#### 19. THE TRIUMPH OF TRINI-TARIANISM

HORTLY AFTER PEACE came to the Christian Church through the Emperor Constantine's Edict of Milan in 313 A.D., he began to realize that the Christians were now at peace with the Empire but not with themselves, doctrinally speaking. A personal guarrel between a priest of Alexandria, Egypt - Arius - and his bishop, Alexander, resulted in the calling of the First General Council of the Church at Nicaea in the year 325 A.D. and a most important doctrinal settlement.

Arius believed that Christ was less than God, actually created by God at some remote period before the creation of the universe. Since Christ came into being as God's first creative act, he of course is of a different nature from God. Alexander held that Christ was of the same essence with the Father and had existed coeternally with God. Each was supported by his friends among the bishops of the Church, and soon even Constantine became aware of the controversy.

The emperor called all the bishops of the entire Church to meet at Nicaea, near Constantinople, and more than 300 came from all over Chris-

tendom to find their expenses and entertainment paid for by Constantine. Many of the bishops had scars and disfigurements from the Roman persecutions so recently brought to a close. No wonder one has described the experience of the Church in those days as "from the dungeon to the throne!"

The parties among the bishops supporting Arius and Alexander were relatively small, and the majority of the council consisted of the middle-of-the-road group who did not sense the importance of the problem. The Arians presented their views, after which the supporters of Alexander spoke. Eusebius of Caesarea offered the creed of his own Rev. A. Theodore Ekholm church, which described Christ in New Testament terms without touching the problem at hand. A committee added to this creed such expres- Rev R. Kanwischer sions concerning Christ as "begotten, not made," "very God of very God." and "of one essence with the Father." It pronounced anathemas on all who Rev. A. Lamprecht say, "there was (a time) when he was not" and "he was made of things that were not." Arius and two bishops refused to sign the creed and Rev. Edwin Michelson were exiled. The eternal nature of Christ and his Scriptural place in the Trinity became assured Church doctrine. (Cairns, 142-45; Newman, I, Rev. Herman A. Pohl 325-30; Walker, 114-18).

#### **ENGAGEMENTS**

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

Oct. 25-27-General Commission on Chaplains, Washington, D. C.

Rev. R. Schilke

Oct. 19-23-Bible and Missionary Conference, Corn, Oklahoma.

Oct. 30-Nov. 1-Missionary Conference Colonial Village Church. Lansing, Michigan.

Nov. 6 (Sunday)-Berlin Church, Fredonia, North Dakota.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

Oct. 19-23-Pacific Northwest Association at Calvary Church, Tacoma, Washington.

Nov. 3-6-First Baptist Church, Appleton, Minnesota.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

Oct. 22-23-Wisconsin CBY Rally at North Freedom, Wisconsin. Oct. 30-Nov. 2-First Baptist Church,

Ellinwood, Kansas.

#### CONFERENCE AND COMMITTEE DATES

Oct. 19-23-Pacific Northwest Association at Calvary Church, Tacoma, Washington.

Oct. 22-23-Wisconsin CBY Rally at North Freedom, Wisconsin.

Oct. 24-26—Saskatchewan Association at Nokomis, Saskatchewan.

Nov. 3-6-California Association at Fifteenth St. Church, Los Angeles, Rev. Otto Roth Calif. Dr. George A. Lang, Guest Speaker.

#### CHRISTIAN WORKERS' CON- Mr. Edward Schmeltekopf FERENCES IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Team: Miss Ruth Bathauer, Rev. L. Bienert and Rev. G. K. Zimmerman. Oct. 30-Kelowna, British Columbia. Oct. 31-Chilliwack, Brit. Columbia. Nov. 1—Ebenezer, Vancouver, B. C. Rev. Walter Sukut (Bethany Church invited.)

2-Tacoma, Wash. (Startup Church invited.)

Nov. 3-Bethany Church, Portland, Ore. (Stafford Church invited.)

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Communion Offering to be received for the Aged Ministers and Relief Fund of the denomination. Let us remember this ministry in Jesus' Name to those whom we love! ининининининининининининини Nov. 4-Trinity Church, Portland, Ore. (Immanuel Church invited.)

Nov. 6 (Sunday A.M.)—Immanuel, Portland, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman; Stafford, Sherwood, Rev. L. G. Bienert; Villa Ridge, Portland, Miss R. Bathauer.

Nov. 6-Afternoon Conference at Glencullen Church (Villa Ridge Church invited).

Nov. 7-Salt Creek Church, Oregon.

Nov. 8-Salem Oregon.

Nov. 9-Colfax, Washington.

Nov. 10-Spokane, Wash. (Odessa Church invited.)

Nov. 11-Missoula, Montana.

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By REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER

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In response to many requests we have now stocked Doehla Line of Greeting cards, including Christmas cards. This give us an exceptionally fine variety of scripture text cards, for we now can offer a Sunshine Line, the Bible Verse Line, and the Doehla Line. Attractive colored folders describing the lines will gladly be sent on re-

The 1955-56 Catalog contains many suggestions for Christmas gifts. Buy a book for a Christmas gift! All readers of the "Herald" will receive a copy of the catalog.

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German Bibles in good condition are available to North American Baptist Churches, that can use them, from the Willow Avenue Baptist Church, Hoboken, New Jersey.

Expenses for parcel post or express will have to be paid by the party or church asking for the Bibles, however. If interested, please write and make your request known to the pastor, Rev. Herman Kuhl, 177-20th Street, Union City, N, J.

#### Rev. Daniel Fuchs,

DENOMINATIONAL EVANGELIST

ENGAGEMENTS:

Oct. 23-30-Loyal, Oklahoma, Rev. Eleon Sandow, Pastor. Nov. 6-18—Herreid, South Dakota. Rev. E. S. Fenske, Pastor.

#### WE THANK GOD:

Christ meets the deepest needs of every human heart. For your biggest problems he is the solution.

#### PRAYER REQUEST:

Help us by your prayers to lift up the Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus said: all men unto myself."



The Baptist Chapel at Ise, Japan, with a Gospel message on the bulletin board in front of the church. This chapel has been the center of evangelistic activity by our missionaries and Christian Japanese in making Christ, the Savior, known to the people of this village and surrounding area.

#### A Mission Cry

By DR. A. B. SIMPSON

A hundred thousand souls a day Are passing one by one away,

In Christless guilt and gloom, Without one ray of hope or light, With future dark as endless night, They're passing to their doom.

O Holy Ghost, thy people move, Baptize their hearts with faith and love.

And consecrate their gold; At Jesus' feet their millions pour, And all their ranks unite once more, As in the days of old.

Armies of prayer your promise claim, Prove the full power of Jesus' name, And take the victory. Your conquering Captain leads you

The glorious fight may still be won, This very century.

The Master's coming draweth near, The Son of man will soon appear, His kingdom is at hand. But ere that glorious day can be. The Gospel of the Kingdom we Must preach in every land.

They're passing, passing fast away, A hundred thousand souls a day, In Christless guilt and gloom, O Church of Christ what wilt thou

When in that awful judgment day, They charge thee with their

-The Evangelical Christian

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Conferences	Aug. 1955	Aug. 1954	Aug. 1953
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Northern		968.19	1,469.73
Northwestern	2,872.60	2,992.80	
Pacific		1,901.80	6,655.37
Southern		2,073.98	1,128.38
Southwestern	6,117.57	3,356.93	2,085.91
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Same as for the "Fiscal Year."

# We...the Women

EVERAL YEARS AGO, Mrs. Edward Kary and I, at that time young brides, each of us having married ministers whose first pastorates were in Kansas, were visiting in a church basement. The wives of our husbands' classmates were with us. Alas, I was the only Kansas girl by birth. Most of the ministers of the circle had met, married and brought their wives, either from Rochester or the East.

Mrs. Kary said to me, "We welcome you into our ranks. We want you to be one of us." Little did we think then that we would be called to be your servants for our Master in the Woman's Missionary Union of our denomination.

It gives me pleasure to say, "Mrs. Kary, we welcome you into our ranks. We want you to be one of us." It is not only a pleasure to turn over the treasurer's books to her, but to introduce her to you on this "We, the Women" page.

Mrs. Edward Kary was born in the picturesque little village of Cos Cob, Conn., which was named after an Indian chief. Her mother was a devoted Christian. She was carried to church as an infant and went to Sunday School as soon as she could walk. Not until she was eight, however, and moved to Rochester, New York, where they attended the Andrews St. Baptist Church, were they able to go to the church of her mother's choice, a church of the North American Baptist denomination.

She was baptized when she was eleven by the Rev. David Hamel, who was still pastor at Andrews Street Church, when, after her marriage to her husband who was just completing his studies at the Seminary, they left for the middle west for their first pastorate in Durham, Kansas. In Rochester she had received the major portion of her schooling, including four years at the University of Rochester from which she graduated in 1936. Besides Durham, they have served churches in Napoleon, N. Dak., and Bismarck, N. Dak., before returning to the East where they now serve the White Ave. Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

She is a loyal wife, a devoted mother to their four children (three boys and a girl): Lowell, Michael, Lois and Gayle, and willingly gives of her time, talent and money for his service. May we do our part to make her work as treasurer of our Woman's Missionary Union a pleasure.



Mrs. Edward Kary of Cleveland, Ohio, treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Union.

#### THE WOMAN'S SHARE IN GOD'S WORK

By MRS. EDWARD KARY, Cleveland, Ohio

STOOD IN THE HALLWAY at Waco, where the Woman's Union had its display, and I was reading the figures on the Financial Chart. Truly, I was amazed! Working closely and enjoyably with them, as I have the past several years in the various churches which we have been privileged to serve, and in the conferences, I have always been conscious that the women who make up the women's societies in the churches of our denomination were doing a great work in their loyal, devoted, unobtrusive service in God's Kingdom. But not until I saw the figures did I receive the full impact of how great this work really is.

My experience has been that where we as women so often fall short is in our lack of confidence in our ability to do things. We are inclined rather to leave things to the men. And yet here the figures clearly told the astounding story - close to \$96,000 sent in by the women in cash for missions and denominational purposes during the last triennium plus an additional \$30,000, which, it was estimated from the reports sent in by the

#### CORRECTION

Due to an unfortunate error in the composing room, the article, "We the Women" in the "Baptist Herald" No. 20. October 6, had as its author Rev. Lawrence Bienert when it should have read Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz. In spite of our greatest care, errors are bound to happen, and we offer our apology to the parties concerned.

local societies, was spent for the purchasing of new White Cross material, so that all in all the grand total can be said to have reached more than

And then ten shipments of White Cross materials sent across the seas weighing approximately 30,815 lbs. and valued at \$16,000 as well as nine shipments for relief! One can only say that it all goes to show what can be done, even by those who think they can do little, when there is a worthwhile goal and when all work together

Our inspiring motto of the last three years, "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us," has been a powerful motive in the successful accomplishment of this magnificent labor of love. Once we know Christ, once we love him, we must serve him, we must work for him - we "cannot do otherwise!"

From early times until our day women who loved the Lord have been at work. Lydia, Priscilla and Mary, the mother of John Mark, are only a few of those we know by name, but there were also many whose names were not mentioned. There is no doubt whatsoever that the early churches were as much indebted to the devotion of women as are the churches of today. They did not go around blowing trumpets about their good deeds. Tradition forbade their receiving due credit or publicity, I am sure. But in my mind's eye, I can see them-the women who ministered to Jesus and the women who ministered to Paul - working even as they still work today, quietly, efficiently, dependably and persistently.

As I stood in the hallway at Waco that day, reading those figures, little did I realize that only a matter of a day or two later, I would be the one chosen to be entrusted with part of these monies in the next triennium. As I am daily learning more and more the full significance of this responsible position, so capably held by my predecesors, I feel the need of humbly asking God to make me more worthy, more efficient and, above all, more consecrated to the task.

I have no fear whatever that the noble women of our denomination will fall short in doing that which is expected of them. They have shown what they can do and they will ever strive to do greater things! Our new motto, "Christ for the Whole Wide World," has wide horizons. It is clear call that comes ringing to us to join the hosts of Christian women who have gone before us, carrying the Gospel story to Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

One woman alone or even one individual society would find the task too huge, but all together, and with God's help, - therein lies the secret! May God help us to realize what a glorious privilege is ours to be partakers in his Kingdom work!

# Sunday School Union

By REV. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary

HEN OUR OLDEST SON returned is singing for them and refuse to parhome from school one day after learning several of the multiplication tables, he began to rehearse his newly acquired knowledge by saying that two times nine equals eight-ones and one-ten. This was not the way we were taught to give the answer when I learned the multiplication tables. We said, two times nine equals eight-

"How are they teaching arithmetic in this school?", was our immediate question. We arranged for a conference with the teacher because we wanted to know more about this method of teaching arithmetic. The teacher explained the method in detail and then stated at the close of the interview that she welcomes the initiative on the part of parents to arrange parent-teacher conferences.

Many parents will join me in placing great value on parent-teacher conferences in public school. What about the parent-teacher conferences

in Sunday School?

Parent-teacher conferences in Sunday School may seem at first somewhat unnecessary because you feel that the teacher of your child is so well known to you that if there is something you ought to know about the child's problems in the class the teacher would be sure to let you know. Parent-teacher conferences are not only "problem solving" conferences, but through them we also acquaint ourselves with the objectives of the class.

We as parents have many hours during the week to supplement the lessons taught on Sunday. We can guide the child in reading from the Bible and other books which will help in grasping the lesson more fully. The child should be given the opportunity to share at family devotions the lesson studied in Sunday School. This participation by the child will not only add variety to the family devotional period but it will give parents the information on the lesson taught in class.

#### THE LESSON CONTENTS

We need to become familiar with the lesson contents. We should be acquainted with the way lessons are being taught and request a report on the child's participation in the class sessions. With younger children it is especially important that parents have frequent contact with the teach-

Some children find singing in a group to be quite an adjustment. They may even think that the group

ticipate, even though the teacher may encourage them to sing. Parents will make a real contribution by learning the songs themselves and sing these at home with the child. Even if the child already participates in singing and is attentive for the story period, it will be good to rehearse at home the happenings in Sunday School.

Interviews may best be held in the room where classes meet, however, not at a time when the class is in session. Parents should be given the opportunity at a planned open house in Sunday School to visit class sessions.

Parent-teacher interviews, which are requested by the parent, will more likely bring to light discipline problems which the teacher feels more free to share because the parent requests the report. Misbehavior in Sunday School requires the attention of both parents and teacher. As parents we very likely know the disposition of our child well enough to welcome the teacher's suggestions for cooperative steps to direct the child's energy toward constructive ends.

A child's interest in Sunday School can also be stimulated through parent - teacher conferences. A child

needs to know that as parents we consider the Sunday School sessions important to the extent that we spend some time acquainting ourselves with the ways in which we can apply the lessons to daily living. Within the home we will find many opportunities to lead the child in applying the lesson.

For example, I recall a child which had been deeply impressed by the lesson taught in Sunday School that Jesus expects his followers to "love their enemies and do good to those that hate you and pray for those who despitefully use you." During the week, as the children were playing together, this child must have been wronged by a playmate to the extent that he felt deeply hurt. The lesson, which had been taught on Sunday, came to the child's mind because, while reporting to his parents about the injustice he had received from his playmate, he exclaimed, "I wish I could hate her." He knew it was wrong to hate.

The parents took the opportunity to further explain and assure the child that the teaching of Jesus was right and that through kindness this playmate will much sooner see the wrong committed and again become a friend.

If you wish to strengthen the teaching ministry of your child's Sunday School teacher, then arrange for a parent-teacher conference. The Lord needs both parent and teacher to mold the lives of our children according to the teachings of his Word.

#### TWENTY-FIVE GRAND AWARD WINNERS Announcement About Awards in the Scripture Memory Program by MISS RUTH BATHAUER, Children's Worker

ACH YEAR the Sunday School ta; Erma Schiwy, Victoria Avenue presented the grand award to boys and girls who have completed all nine courses in the Scripture Memory Program. This year the Sunday School Union has awarded twentyfive grand awards, a lovely painting of Sallman's HEAD OF CHRIST to the following people:

Marilyn Broeder, First Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho; Sandra Doering, First Baptist Church, Goodrich, No. Dakota; Lou Anne Fuchs and Sarah Lou Gunst, Forest Park Baptist Church, Illinois; Darei Wendelburg, Gordon Hildebrand and Glendon Hildebrand, Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas; Anita Jacobson, First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Elmo, Kansas; Jim Schmunk, Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington; Barbara Stroh, Cheryle Balogh, and Diana Kranzler, Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota; John F. Thielenhaus, First Baptist Church, Bison, Kansas; Judy Klock and Marjorie Weeldryer, First Baptist Church, Emery, South Dako-

Union and the CBY Fellowship have Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., Canada; Larry Kratzer, Richard Janssen, and June Peters, First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas; Jeanine Martinitz, Mount Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas; Janell Lengefeld, Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, La.; Dallas and Dennis DeWerff, First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas; Dorothy Sturhahn, McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; and Lois Neubert, West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Sincere congratulations are extended to these young people who have worked so diligently in hiding God's Word within their hearts. This is an excellent record and we trust that the habit of reading God's Word and applying the principles in daily living has been established in the lives of the young people mentioned above. May we encourage more boys and girls to enroll in the Scripture Memory Course! It has been revised recently and we feel confident that it will aid them in their Bible study.



#### A LESSON PLAN

Date: October 30, 1955

#### Theme: JESUS PROCLAIMS HIS MISSION

SCRIPTURE: Luke 4:16-24, 28-30. PURPOSE: To set forth the nature of Jesus' mission and its meaning for

GETTING STARTED. The city of Nazareth must not have had a Chamber of Commerce, or else the city fathers weren't aware of the value of publicity. Otherwise they could not have muffed this chance of a thousand life-times to put their little city forever on the map and bring honor and glory-and, incidentally, profit-to themselves. In publicity-wise America such a thing could never happen. Miracle-worker, great prophet, new popular idol followed and sought out by multitudes!-What American publicity agent would not give his right eye to have a subject like Jesus, the carpenter from Nazareth, on hand to put some backwoods, run-down-atthe-heels, despised little town on every front page and bring the curious running in a stream and fill the city coffers with the money they'd leave behind! But not so Nazareth! It would have none of Jesus! And having none of him, it went down in infamy instead of rising to the fame that would have clung to it forever if it had recognized, received and honored the most illustrious native son that ever walked

#### I. THE PROCLAMATION.

a city's streets and called it home.

- 1. Behind it lay the years of preparation; so that by nature, discipline, experience, and training Jesus was superlatively qualified for his mission.
- 2. Behind it lay also the early days of his ministry in which he had already proven himself to be indeed the One he now claimed to be (v. 23b).
- 3. It was set forth in the language of Scripture, so that all who would might understand the full import of Jesus' proclamation and know that he was the Christ (vv. 17-21).

QUESTION: Why did Jesus choose his native city to proclaim his mission? II. THE MISSION.

- 1. To usher in God's Jubilee, the new spiritual order, the day of salvation, the Kingdom of God into which men may now enter if they but will.
- 2. This means a) new hope for a spiritually bankrupt and sin-cursed world (v. 18a); b) release for all the captives of sin (v. 18b); c) light and life for spiritually blinded humanity

(v. 18d).

3. To reveal himself as God's Anointed, the Christ, the only Son of God who brings all this to pass (v. 21).

QUESTION: Why did Jesus choose this prophecy from Isaiah?

#### III. THE RECEPTION.

- 1. At first wonder, admiration, acclaim (vv. 22-23).
- 2. But then unbelief and rejection, occasioned probably by pride, jealousy, resentment because Jesus' words struck too close to home (vv. 28-30).

QUESTION: Why did the people of Nazareth turn against Jesus and reject

#### IV. THE APPLICATION TO OUR-SELVES.

- 1. How would we receive Jesus if he came to our community today?
- 2. We would, no doubt, acclaim him and roll out the red carpet for him; but would we continue to honor him, or would we finally reject him? If so, why?

#### A LESSON PLAN

#### Date: November 6, 1955.

#### Theme: JESUS, FRIEND OF MAN.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 5:12-15, 27-32. PURPOSE: To become friends and helpers of Jesus in his ministry of

GETTING STARTED: I like J. B. Phillips' translation of Jesus' answer to the leper who appealed to him for help. To that unfortunate man's rather hesitant suggestion that if Jesus really wanted to, he would make him clean, the Master replied, "Of course, I want to!" There's never any question about Jesus' wanting to help any man who appeals to him for aid. He wants to! If only we'll let him. For he always takes the first step, not we. He is the shepherd who goes out seeking the lost sheep, not we who seek out the shepherd. His is the heart of love and compassion that longs to pour out showers of blessing upon us, not we who plead for those showers to fall.

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

(v. 18c); d) strength and uplift for And yet sometimes we approach him those crushed by the burdens of life as though he were unwilling and we had to coax him to do for us something that is good. And we're all wrong! He doesn't need to be wheedled into doing that which is good. Rather, it's we who need to open our hearts and loves so that he might have the opportunity to pour out upon us the blessings he so very much wants to hestow

#### I. JESUS, THE FRIEND.

- 1. He came seeking men, eager to bestow on them his friendship, his love, his redeeming grace (vv. 27, 30 - 32)
- 2. He came to men in love, never in condescension or self-righteousness, but always in love, offering men his help and friendship (vv. 13, 30).
- 3. He came and gave himself with all his gifts-the giver with the giftdwelling among men, sharing their lives, that there they might know him as Friend, Helper, Lord (vv. 29-30).
- 4. He never forced himself on men, but gave himself and his help only where he was wanted and men desired his help (v. 31).

#### II. JESUS, THE FRIEND OF MAN.

- 1. Jesus came to be friend to all men, regardless of their position or condition-to all who wanted his help and recognized their need of him (vv. 13, 27, 31-32).
- 2. Jesus came to minister to every area of man's life: physical, spiritual, social. No part of life lay outside his concern or his ability and willingness to help (vv. 13, 27, 32).
- III. JESUS, THE FRIEND OF MAN, NEEDS OTHER FRIENDS TO HELP HIM IN HIS MINISTRY OF LOVE.
- 1. As he invited Levi to become his friend and helper, so he invites us to become his friends and share in his ministry of love (v. 27).
- 2. The effectiveness of his ministry today depends on our willingness to become his friends and helpers; for he has made himself dependent upon us and without our help and co-operation, his hands are tied.
- 3. If we are to be true friends and effective helpers in Jesus' ministry of love, we must hold ourselves to these standards:
- a) Like Levi, we must put Christ first and be wholly dedicated (v. 28);
- b) Like our Master, we must seek after men, go to them in love and minister to every area of their

# What's Happening

- Jamaica Plain, a suburb of Boston, Mass., has announced that its new pastor is Rev. A. Theodore Ekholm. He is already on the field, having succeeded Rev. William R. Kershaw, who is now serving on the faculty of Gordon College of Theology and Missions in Boston. Mr. Ekholm's address at the parsonage is given elsewhere in this issue.
- On Sunday, September 11, Rev. Phil Daum, pastor of the Hager Memorial Baptist Church, Prince George, British Columbia, baptized four adults on confession of their faith in Christ. Mr. Daum wrote: "The testimony of these children of God had a tremendous effect on the large congregation. It was a real victory for the Lord and the church of Christ in our city."
- The Emery Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., has called Rev. Leland Friesen of Okeene, Okla., pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, as its minister. The church has received a favorable reply from Brother Friesen. He will begin his pastorate in the Emery Church in the near future, succeeding Rev. Roy Seibel who is now a member of the faculty of the North American Baptist Seminary. Mr. Friesen has served as pastor of the Zion Church of Okeene since
- The Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa, has extended a call to Rev. James Brygger of Pipestone, Minn., pastor of the Baptist Church of that city which is affiliated with the General Baptist (Swedish) Conference, to become its pastor. He has responded favorably and will begin his pastorate in George, November 1, 1955, succeeding Rev. John Walkup, now of Minneapolis, Minn. He is a former pastor of the Central Baptist Church, having served there for several years from 1948 to 1953.
- The reception for Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Holzer was held at the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., on well attended by many friends of the church. Mr. Holzer preached his farewell sermon on Sunday, August 28, after a memorable ministry of 18 years in the church. He is serving at present as the assistant pastor of the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church of Pittsburgh of which Dr. Hayes M. Braker

- The Rock Hill Baptist Church of The German Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, which was organized during the past year and recognized at the 1955 session of the Northern Conference, has extended a call to Rev. Waldemar Ertis of Jansen, Saskatchewan, to which he has responded favorably. He and his family are already in Calgary, where Mr. Ertis is serving as pastor. The first minister of the church for several months was Rev. August Rauschenberger who has moved to the new Baptist settlement for immigrants at Terrace, B. C.
  - Chaplain George W. Zinz, Jr., has been transferred from the Tokyo Army Hospital Chapel in Japan to take over the responsibilities as Protestant Chaplain at Grant Heights Chapel Center, Tokyo, Japan, beginning with August 17, 1955. The Sunday School of the Chapel has had a peak attendance of nearly 1300 people and the church attendance has reached the high mark of 1100. One of the best choirs in the Far East sings at the services. Chaplain Zinz has promised to send an article and pictures about this ministry of Grant Heights Chapel for "Baptist Herald" readers.
  - Beginning on Sunday evening, Sept. 11, Rev. J. R. Kruegel, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kans., began a sermon series on the Apostles' Creed. The announcement in "The Mount Zion Herald" read: "This series of messages will be quite extended and will be equal to a short course in Christian theology." Mr. Paul Jury, Jr., of the Mt. Zion Church is the new custodian at the Rio Grande Bible Institue, Edinburg, Texas, of which Rev. Raymond Castro, our Spanish-American missionary in Texas is a graduate. Paul Jury spoke about his work at the school at the prayer meeting of the Mt. Zion Church on Sept. 14.
- Two of our highly esteemed pastors' wives were recently called to their heavenly Home after a long and Tuesday evening, August 30. It was Mrs. Elizabeth Brunner of Buffalo, well attended by Tuesday evening August 30. It was community as well as from the Brunner (who died in 1927) passed church. Mr. Holze away on Sept. 1st at 88 years of age. Mrs. Bertha Wuttke of Elk Grove, Calif., the wife of the late Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke (who died in 1948) was called Home on Sept. 3rd after a lingering illness at 84 years of age. Tributes to these saintly women appear on page 23 of this issue, pre-

- pared by their respective pastors, Rev. G. E. Friedenberg and Rev. W. W. Knauf.
- The German Baptist Church of Toronto, Ontario, has called Rev. Philip Scherer of Porto Alegre, Brazil, South America, as its new pastor. He and his family came by plane to Canada in order to be at the church by Sunday, September 25, when a festive welcome was accorded them by a iarge congregation. Mr. Scherer is a former mission-pastor who served in Jugoslavia in the Danubian Mission supported by the North American Baptist General Missionary Society, with Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt as director. All who know Brother Scherer personally and are acquainted with his ministry are sure that God will bless his leadership in the Toronto Church.
- At a business meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill., on August 15 Mr. Daniel B. Granzow was elected as the new president, replacing the late Roland E. Ross, and Rev. Fred Sonnenberg was elected secretary. The Home is going ahead with its plans for the new building and on Sept. 12 approved the projected building plans. Preparations are also being made for an appropriate memorial in the new building for Roland E. Ross, president of the Board for almost 13 years. Rev. and Mrs. R. Sigmund, formerly of Billings, Montana, began their ministry as superintendent and matron of the Home early in July.
- Seven new churches were officially received into the North American Baptist fellowship of various Conferences during the summer months. These churches are the Bible Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., with Rev. Purl Atkinson, pastor, and the Bethel Baptist Church of Windsor, Ontario, with Rev. Alfred Luck, pastor, received by the Central Conference into the denominational fellowship; the South Canyon Baptist Church of Rapid City, S. Dak., with Rev. Merle Brenner, minister, welcomed at the Dakota Conference sessions; the Faith Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, with Rev. Herman Pohl, pastor, and the German Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, with Rev. W. E. Ertis, minister, received by the Northern Conference; the First Baptist Church of Geneva, Nebraska, with Mr. George W. Inman, pastor, and the First Baptist Church of Dighton, Kansas, with Mr. William R. Berger, minister, welcomed into the Southwestern Conference. This brings the total of North American Baptist Churches to 285 for the current year.



#### **Atlantic Conference**

#### Vacation Bible School and Camp Scholarship Awards at Calvary Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

The Vacation Bible School of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., attracted 85 children from four to twelve years of age this year. The average daily attendance was 71. The theme for the sessions was "Heroes of the Cross." Rev. Robert Cook was the superintendent and Mr. Harry Mills was his assistant. Mrs. Harry Mills was in charge of the Junior department, Mrs. Ernest Zentgraf of the Primary department and Mrs. Wallace Rich of the Beginners department. A total of 24 teachers helped with this work.

Three young people were awarded scholarships to Camp Hope by participating in a contest last spring. They are Beverly Schuyler, Dennis Schuyler, and Diane Leeb. Others attending this Bible Conference Camp from August 28 to September 2 were William Lewis, William Faust, Ronald Williams, Charles Goleman, Jr., Mildred Klausen, and Constance Bevlin.

D. Dorozowski, Reporter.

#### **Dakota Conference**

#### Betty Wiese and David J. Draewell Are Married in Sioux Falls, South Dakota

One of the lovely early September weddings in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was held in the Trinity Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon, September 3, which joined in marriage Miss Betty Mae Wiese, Oak Park, Ill., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wiese, and David J. Draewell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Draewell of Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. G. A. Lang solemnized the ceremony after 150 guests had been seated. Mrs. Paul Drake played the wedding marches and accompaniment for Edward Thompson, Harvey, Ill., soloist. Varance Althaus, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., was best man assisted by Delmar Wiese of Sioux Falls. Mr. Wiese gave his daughter in marriage. She wore a Chantilly lace and nylon tulle dress made with rows of scalloped appliqued lace on the billow skirt in full length, which was attached to a bodice with keyhole neck trim, Peter Pan Collar, and long sleeves.

Mrs. Bennard Wiese, Sheldon, Iowa, matron of honor, and Mrs. Varance Althause, Grosse Pointe Farms, bridesmaids, were dressed alike in nylon crystalette with matching jackets and shoes. They carried yellow chysanthe-

mums encircled with bronze and yellow pom pons. Barbara Wiese, niece of the bride, was flower girl.

The reception followed in the North American Baptist Seminary Hall. Misses Virginia De Boer, Gladys Hoogestraat, Sena Plucker, Lizzie Blucker, Etta Blucker, Barbara, Weisser, and Mesdames Bert Itterman, John Ziegler, Elmer Harms, Paul Siewert, Lyle Wacker, John Plucker, and Harold Strasser assisted.

Betty is one of the charter members of the Trinity Baptist Church. She was active in the Sunday School and youth program of the church before going to the Forest Park headquarters to serve as office secretary. Mr. Draewell is a graduate of Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago. Since July 1, he has been engaged in activities and as youth director of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. Louise A. Dunger, Reporter.

#### Youth Rally of Central Dakota Association Churches at Ashley, North Dakota

Sunday, August 28, was one of the outstanding days for the young people of the Central Dakota Association when they held their Youth Rally at Ashley, North Dakota. The Sunday School superintendent of the host church was in charge of our first meeting. He introduced Rev. George W. Breitkreuz from Lehr, who taught the Sunday School lesson to the young people.



Rev. and Mrs. David Draewell following the wedding ceremony in the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

In the morning worship service which followed, pastors from different churches took part in Scripture reading and prayer. This was followed by an inspiring message by Rev. B. Edinger of Selfridge, N. Dak., on the topic, "Two Know Him Through the Heart."

Miss Dorothy Michaelsohn, our Assembly president, was in charge of the afternoon session. Each society responded with some special number for roll call. The young people from various societies rendered special numbers and gave three topics centered around the theme, "That I May Know Him."

Before the afternoon service, we held our annual business meeting. The following officers were elected: president, Rosemary Fode; secretary, Jeannette Hirsch; treasurer, Tommy Lutz; "Assembly Journal" editor, Alma Zimmerman; Editor of Music, Rev. R. Dickau; and the Cameroons Mission project director, Rev. George W. Breitkreuz.

Mr. Edinger again spoke at the evening service on, "What on Earth Are You Doing Here?" which provided to be a very challenging service. Also during the service Rev. A. Bibelheimer was in charge of the installation of officers. We pray that as young people we may look forward to a great year of service in the Lord's vineyard.

Jeannette Hirsch, Secretary.

#### South Dakota Young People Enjoy Successful Camp Sessions at Camp Riverside

On August 1st the South Dakota Junior Camp got under way at Camp Riverside at Mitchell, South Dakota. As the youngsters kept arriving, the counselors realized that they had to search for more sleeping quarters to accommodate a record average attendance of 90 Juniors.

Miss Alethea Kose of Chicago, Ill., and Miss Margaret Kittlitz, Cameroons missionary, were the two guest speakers and spoke on "God's Plan for Life" and "If I Lived in Africa," respectively. The Juniors really enjoyed the classes, devotional periods, choir rehearsals, recreation periods, etc., but, most of all, the meals, for so much activity stirred up hearty appetites.

On Friday evening parents came to take home their tired, happy children who were bubbling over with the news of the events of the past week. The counselors also went home where they rested up over the weekend, and then on Monday they returned to Camp Riverside for the opening of Senior Camp.

There was an average attendance of 45 young people at this camp. Miss Kittlitz taught a class entitled, "African Ways and Wisdom," which was very interesting. Rev. E. P. Wahl was the other guest speaker and his topics were, "More Like the Master" in worship, social life, prayer and soul winning. These talks proved to be very heart-stirring.

The highlight of the week was probably Thursday evening at which time the young people under the direction of Barbara Weisser presented the

pageant, "More Like the Master." Much work was done by the director in making costumes for 19 cast members and in reading the narration. Rev. Rubin Herrmann also worked diligently in directing the camp choir which had a large part in presenting the pageant. After the pageant a religious film was shown which stirred many young hearts to make a full surrender of their lives to Christ.

On Friday evening camp closed for this year and all returned home with renewed determination to be "more like the Master."

Rose Marie Lippert, Reporter.

#### Baptistm of 17 Converts for the Berlin Baptist Church Near Fredonia, North Dakota

There was great joy at the Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia, N. Dak., recently when 17 people gave the testimony of their genuine conversion and requested baptism. Fifteen of these were converted during the special meetings, when Rev. Daniel Fuchs served us as evangelist.



Rev. V. H. Prendinger (right), pastor of the Berlin Baptist Church, Fredonia, N. Dak., and 17 converts whom he recently baptized.

On Sunday afternoon, August 21, we held an impressive baptismal service at the Wishek Baptist Church. Among those baptized were three couples. It was a touching moment to see these couples step into the waters of baptism together, to bury the old life and start together in a new. We are also thankful for the young people who made their decisions to follow Christ. Above all, we are thankful to God who gave us the blessing. On Sunday. September 4, at the observance of the Lord's Supper these 17 persons received the hand of fellowship into the church.

V. H. Prendinger, Pastor.

#### New Ranch Style Parsonage Is Dedicated by Baptist Church, Wishek, North Dakota

On September 4th another milestone was reached in the history of the First Baptist Church of Wishek, N. Dak., for it was on this day that our new parsonage was dedicated.

Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker gave an inspirational dedication message. The congregations from the Lehr, Napoleon, Venturia, and



Vacation Bible School children and teachers of the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota,

Linton churches attended and participated in the service. After the service in the church the guests were conducted through the parsonage, and then they were invited to the church parlors where a light lunch was served.

The parsonage is of ranch type architecture with a painted white exterior and gray stone facing. It measures 84 by 28 feet and faces south on a 100 by 125 foot lot. There are three bedrooms, a study, living room, kitchen, utility room, dining room and in the basement an amusement room and a guest room. The living room and amusement room each have a large gray stone fireplace. Mahogany paneling flanks the living room fireplace and is also used in the study. In the living room is a full room length picture window. Elsewhere throughout the house windows are generously proportioned. The study has a separate outside entrance.

Knotty pine walls, tile floors and the fireplace are amusement room features. Finish throughout the entire structure is of birch. Closets are cedar lined. A garage adjoins the house on the east and in the rear a small patio has been added with a fireplace in one corner.

The members of the Building Committee are Ernest Herr, T. T. Donner, Art Bender, J. J. Kramer, Mrs. Christ Herr and Mrs. Wilbert Ammon.

Mrs. Vernon Herr, Reporter.

#### Vacation Bible School at Trinity Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with 79 Children

The Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., held an effective Vacation Bible School from August 15 to 26. Our school was led by our student interim pastor, Henry Ramus. There were 13 workers serving in four departments. The theme was "Sailing with Christ," and was taught with the use of memory work, handiwork, missionary stories, Bible stories, and singing.

The enrollment was 79 with an average attendance of 52, and many of the boys and girls came from the nearby apartment dwellings. Some parents thought that the time for the Bible School at the end of the summer was a good idea since most of the children were beginning to get restless for the school routine! The daily offering for our Japan Mission amounted to \$24.22.

The program for the parents and friends was held on the evening of the closing day and despite the extremely hot weather we had an excellent attendance. Each department gave a display program. The two weeks passed swiftly and we trust that the memory of the happy days at Bible School will remain in the hearts of the girls and boys and bring forth continued blessings in the lives of the children and their families.

Louise A. Dunger, Reporter.



New parsonage with ten rooms of the First Baptist Church Wishek, N. Dak., of which the Rev. and Mrs. L. O. Wahl and family are the first occupants.

#### Vacation Bible School With 36 Children at the Baptist Church, Bison, South Dakota

A Vacation Bible School was held at the Baptist Church of Bison, S. Dak., from August 8 to 12 with a record attendance of 36 children attending each day. The theme "Sailing With Christ," by the Gospel Light Press, was used and enjoyed by the pupils.

On Friday evening, August 12, a program was presented by the children at which they eagerly recited the Scripture passages and sang songs which they had learned throughout the week. Their handwork was displayed to their parents after the program. Two films were shown to the audience that evening. The first film, "David and Goliath," was enjoyed immensely by the children. It was followed by the film, "Out of the Night," a Pacific Garden Mission production. It left a tremendous impact upon many hearts. The teachers were: Beginners, Mrs. Edwin Voigt; Primary, Miss Ruth Huber; Juniors, Rev. Edwin Voigt.

During the week many hearts, minds and hands were kept busy. It was the desire of each teacher that every child might receive the Lord Jesus Christ as the Pilot of their life as they travel out of life's sea.

Ruth Huber, Reporter

#### Woman's Missionary Society Is Organized at Baptist Church of Bison, South Dakota

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Bison Baptist Church, Bison, S. Dak., held its organizational meeting on August 4 with eight ladies present. A short devotional service was led by Mrs. Edwin Voigt with hymns by the group, Scripture reading by Mrs. Thilip Huber, and mediation by Mrs. Ted Fried. Mrs. Herbert Fried led in a closing prayer.

The election of officers followed with Mrs. Edwin Voigt being elected president. The other officers are: vice-president, Mrs. Carl Brockel; treasurer, Mrs. Herbert Hoff; secretary. Mrs. Herbert Fried. The new president then appointed the committees for the remainder of the year, following the adoption of the constitution and By-Laws of the society.

We pray that the Lord will bless this new society and use it to his honor and

Mrs. Berthold Fried, Reporter.

#### **Northwestern Conference**

#### Reception for Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Klatt and Family by Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin

On Monday, Sept. 12th, the members of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., held a welcome reception for their pastor, Rev. Edgar W. Klatt, his wife and two sons, Leighton and Roger. Mr. Walter Kopf, church moderator, was in



Mr. Edwin Voigt (right), pastor of the Baptist Church, Bison, S. Dak., and the Vacation Bible School group of children and teachers.

charge of the service. The various officers of the church spoke as follows: Dean Ehlert on behalf of the deacons; Mr. Don Kopf, Sunday School superintendent; Mrs. Walter Kopf, Woman's Missionary Society.

Rev. Martin L. Leuschner brought greetings from our Headquarters in Forest Park and Myron Dudeck from the Grace Baptist Church in Racine. Pastors from a number of churches in town also spoke words of welcome. Mrs. Klatt expressed her joy in coming to the church and Rev. Klatt brought a few thoughts from 1 Corinthians 3:9.

Mrs. Joe White wrote and read a poem describing the difficulties encountered "Until the Pastor Came." Musical numbers were rendered by a ladies sextette and a vocal solo by Janet Schneider. Leighton Klatt played the piano and Roger sang a solo. The presence of Mrs. Leuschner and Miss Adelaide Klatt, sister of our pastor, added to the enjoyable time of fellowship that was had in the church basement following the program.

The Rev. E. W. Klatt has already blessed our hearts in the short time he has been with us and we pray that God may grant him a blessed and fruitful ministry in Kenosha, even as God has blessed his efforts in the past

Hertha Behr, Church Clerk

#### Sixty-two Children Enrolled in Vacation Bible School, Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

A very profitable Vacation Bible School was again held at the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis. The school was a project of the Sunday School. Mr. David Nasgowitz, a graduate of our seminary and at present a student at Marquette University, served as general superintendent of the school.

An excellent staff of willing workers made the school an enjoyable experience for all of the pupils. The superintendent of the Beginner Department was Mrs. Corene Lewis. Mrs. June Hatley was the teacher and was assisted by the Misses Margo and Priscilla Nasgowitz and Francis Chin.

The taught lessons about "God's World and Word."

Primary department was The headed up by Mrs. Clara Evenson, who had as helpers Mrs. Mabel Mc-Ginnis, Mrs. Shirley Arndt and Miss Janalee Johnson. They conveyed to their pupils the basic truths of "God's Family." Mrs. Dorothy Schmidt was superintendent of the Juniors and had the teaching assistance of Mrs. Carol Montgomery. They succeeded in making the pupils conscious of "The Christian's Time and Talents." The oldest group was taught by Mr. David Nasgowitz and Mrs. Arvilla Mueller. This class delved into the answers to "The Why's of Young People."

The program was held Friday evening and demonstrated the value of such a school. The daily missionary offerings amounted to \$42.42 and the offering at the program totalled \$19.-23. The total enrollment of pupils and teachers was 62. There was an average attendance of 55.

The pastor, Rev. Rudolph Woyke, came to Milwaukee the day before the school started and was occupied with other duties during the weeks of the school. He is grateful for the splendid work done by all of the teaching staff.

R. Woyke, Pastor

#### Missionary Conference and Farewell for African Misssionary at Central Church, George, Iowa

On Wednesday, August 24, a Missionary Conference was held at the Central Baptist Church commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society. The theme of the conference, "Cross of Christ—Lead Onward," was carried out in decorations which were very beautiful. On Wednesday afternoon messages by the returned missionaries, Miss Margaret Kittlitz of the Cameroons, Africa, and Miss Ruth Veenker, were followed by a silver tea in the church parlors.

On Wednesday evening Miss Margaret Kittlitz spoke on the status of women in Africa. On Thursday messages by G. Christian Weiss were inspiring and uplifting. The conference proved to be a real time of blessing.

On Sunday evening, Aug. 7, a farewell service was held for one of Central Church's daughters, Rosalyn Bettenga. She will be sent out as a missionary to Fresch West Africa under the Sudan Interior Mission. At present she is studying the French language in New York for ten weeks. The latter part of October she will sail for France where she will continue her language study for a year or more until she receives a teacher's certificate in French. From there she will sail for Africa where she will be engaged in missionary work.

The farewell service consisted of musical numbers, special prayers by the deacons, expressions of blessings received or bestowed for Miss Bettenga, and messages by Mr. Schmidt, moderator, and Miss Bettenga. The evening offering was taken as a love offering for her.

Mrs. Kenneth Harms, Reporter



More than 100 young people attended the Pacific Northwest Assembly at Pinelow Camp on Deer Lake in eastern Washington,

#### **Pacific Conference**

#### Vacation Bible School With Ninety Children at Portland Ave. Chapel, Tacoma, Washington

When 90 children go "Sailing With Christ" in a Vacation Bible School there are bound to be many blessings. Our Portland Ave. Baptist Chapel of Tacoma, Wash., conducted a most successful school this year. Through studying and learning God's Word, and the making of crafts, each child came into direct contact with Christ.

Since our Chapel building is small, we were divided into two groups. From Nursery through Primary, Mrs. Melvin Kageler was superintendent, with Mrs. D. Judd, Mrs. Christensen, Mrs. Shelton, Mrs. M. Longen, Mrs. J. Dugwyler, Mrs. E. Ruff, Mrs. J. W. Yost and Mrs. F. Neumann as teachers and helpers. The Junior and Intermediate teachers were Mrs. D. Wilson, Louise Smith, and Mrs. H. Schmunk, Ir.

For the past two summers our Sunday School has sponsored a contest. There has been no "summer slump." Attendance has increased, and on more than one occasion our entire Junior and Senior Departments have had no "late-comers." Henry Schmunk, Jr., is the capable superintendent of our Chapel School.

The Calvary Church has extended a call to Mr. Duane Nelson to serve as pastor of the chapel. Mr. Nelson has been serving as interim pastor since Rev. E. D. McKernan resigned. Just before Brother McKernan left, a baptismal service was held in Calvary Church and nine converts followed the Lord in baptism.

Mrs. Marie Schmunk, Reporter.

#### Inspirational Programs and Receptions at the Bethany Baptist Church Near Portland, Oregon

We at the Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., continue to praise the Lord for his abundant mercy and faithfulness to us. Our young people enjoyed a weekly recreation program on the church grounds during the summer months.

A very special treat was in store for those attending our September 1st Guild Meeting. All church members were invited to view the beautiful colored slides which Mrs. Ben Graf

showed to us of their trip to the Baptist World Congress in London, England. A blessed time of fellowship followed as we partook of refreshments. Due to the untimely death of Rev.

Arthur Schulz' sister-in-law, we had two guest speakers during his absence on September 4. Dr. Stuart Hackett brought us a stirring message during the morning service. Miss Doris Motely, missionary from Nigeria, Africa, gave us a colorful description of the work there. After the evening service a farewell for Bruce and Sharon Rich was held in the church basement. This fine young couple has left us to attend our North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., this fall.

September 10th found our church host for the monthly meeting of the Christian Business Men's Group of Washington County. An intensive religious census, to be followed by visitation in our area, was carried out during September.

Grace Jenne, Reporter.

#### Oregon Baptist League Holds Three Summer Assemblies at Their Own Camp Grounds

Using the theme, "Follow Me," the Oregon Baptist League held its annual summer assemblies at the Oregon Baptist Conference Grounds at Falls City. Oregon. Our first camp was from August 6-13 and was led by Harland Buhler, Rev. Eldon Seibold, and Mrs. Mabel Voth. The ages for this camp were third, fourth, and fifth graders. Our Intermediate camp was held from August 13-20 and was led by Bruce Rich, Rev. Arthur Schulz, and Miss Dolores Kuper. The ages for this camp were sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. For our Senior camp Don Rich. Rev. John Wobig, and Mrs. John Wobig were the leaders. This camp was held from August 20 to 27 and included high school and college age campers.

All three of our camps were based on the verse found in John 12:26, "If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor." To bring this verse even closer to us, we were privileged to have Rev. and Mrs. Ben Lawrence from the Cameroons at all of our assemblies. We also felt very fortunate in having Rev. Lawrence Bienert, Youth Director from headquarters at the last two camps.

Our mornings at camp were spent in classes studying and learning more of God's leading ways. We learned how we may more closely follow him at home, at church, at play, and at school. After lunch the camps were divided into small groups which were to be found all over the camp in prayer bands.

The early evening hours were spent in games, stunts, talent from the campers, wiener roasts, and singspirations. This was followed by vesper services.

Sharon Rich, Secretary.

#### Pacific Northwest Assembly for Baptist Youth at Pinelow Camp, Deer Lake, Washington

Our Pacific Northwest Assembly met at Pinelow Camp on Deer Lake, situated in eastern Washington. God crowned each day with sunshine, so that the fellowship of his people could be sweet, indeed. Our dean, the Rev. C. T. Remple of Missoula, Mont., was smiling his welcome as nearly 100 people of all ages met in the chapel. This is a family camp, where young and old enjoy the days together. Miss Myrna Palfenier, the camp president, gave the official welcome.

The Junior Camp was directed by the Rev. A. Meth of Odessa, Washington. Mrs. E. Hess of Missoula, Mrs. H. Neumann of Tacoma, and our denominational Children's Worker, Miss Ruth Bathauer, worked with the Junior boys and girls. There were class periods, music time, nature studies, hikes, craft periods, marshmallow roasts, treasure hunts, etc., scheduled for each day.

The Senior Group was joined by the Juniors at the morning chapel, where the various churches led in devotions. The Senior Classes were "The Life of Paul" taught by Rev. W. Berkan of Paul" taught by Rev. W. Berkan of Spokane, Wash., and "The Church and The Responsibility of Its Members" taught by Rev. Walter Dingfield of Startup, Washington.

We were privileged to have our general mission secretary, Rev. R. Schilke, as our guest. He spoke at several services and showed some mission pictures, bringing our denominational work closer to our hearts. In the Open Forum discussions he shared with us the joys, sorrows, problems, and needs of our missionaries and our mission work as a whole.

Our evening programs were varied with stunt night, pictures, a film, various speakers, and a fireside consecration service.

Mrs. Marie Schmunk, Reporter.

#### Northern Conference

#### Vacation Bible School Is Held by the Zion Church of Drumheller, Alberta, Canada

From August 1 to 5 the Zion Baptist Church, Drumheller, Alta., conducted a Vacation Bible School. Classes were in session from 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. each day. The material, "Sailing with Christ," was used in each of four clases. Our lives were likened to ships sailing on the sea of life. If we are Christians we have Christ as our Pilot.

There were 35 children enrolled for the week's course. The Beginners Class was taught by Mrs. Arthur Freitag and Miss Lorraine Ziegler as assistant. Miss Frieda Freitag taught the Primary Class assisted by Mrs. John Grose. The Junior Class was taught by Mrs. William Effa, who had Miss Ida Heinrich as assistant. Rev. Wm. Effa, pastor, taught the Intermediate Class, several of the men assisting with the handicraft. Mrs. Grose also directed the music periods aided by Miss Ziegler at the Piano.

The program was presented on Sunday evening, August 7th, to the congregation. The best student from each class received a prize at the program. Winners were Bonnie Fraser, Beginner; Merna Seibel and Shirley Rheinhardt, tie, Primary; Florence Ziegler, Junior; and Stella Steinbach, Intermediate.

Mrs. Wm. Effa, Reporter.

#### Vacation Bible School With Evening Classes, McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Man., Canada

From Aug. 8 to 19 we conducted a Vacation Bible School in the McDermot Ave. Church of Winnipeg, Man., under the direction of Mr. Herman Effa. Due to the shortage of teachers, it was decided to hold it evenings when they would be available. As daylight lasts quite long. it would not be too late for the children to go home.

At 6:45 P.M. the bell was heard summoning the children to opening exercises. The Gospel Light Press material, "Sailing With Christ," was used and the teachers were: Baby Class, Louis Effa; Primary, Joyce Kort and Jean Graumann; Junior, Irma Bergstresser and Erna Redlich; Intermediate, Adina

Our average attendance was 65, and what an enthusiastic group they were! The work-books provided were energetically tackled. It was an effort to break up this period and have a short recess. The handiwork was also received with much interest and great care was shown by many to turn out a very neat article. A prize was given to the ones bringing the most children, as well as the best boy's and girl's work-books.

Needless to say, each one was very attentive during clases. We pray the lessons and Bible verses will become deeply engraved on their hearts and



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

#### MR. ENOCH K. OKKEN of Anaconda, Montana

Mr. Enoch K. Okken of Anaconda, Mon-Mr. Enoch K. Okken of Anaconda, Montana, was born at Steamboat Rock, Iowa, May 19, 1873, where he also grew to manhood and was united in marriage to Grace Hanson on April 4, 1900. Mrs. Okken passed away in 1920. Nine children descended from this wedlock of whom one passed away prior to the father. Those mourning his tragic departure are: 5 sons and 3 daughters, 36 grandchildren, 9 greatgrandchildren, 2 sisters, and many friends.

Mr. Okken was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Dallman in 1890 and was united with First Baptist Church of Steamboat k. In 1911 the family moved to Corona, S. Dak., and in 1923 to the vicinity of New Leipzig, N. Dak., where the deceased united with the local Baptist church in which he also used his talents to the glory

Since 1937 he had made his home at Anaconda, Mont., where he died an accidental death practically immediately after he had been struck by an automobile on August 31, at the age of 82 years, 3 months, and 12 days. At the time of his death he was a member of the Grace Baptist Church of Anaconda. The burial was conducted from the New Leipzig Bap-tist Church on September 5. The grace and consolation of our Lord be with all mourners.

New Leipzig, North Dakota EMIL BECKER, Pastor.

#### MRS. MARIA WAGNER of Southey, Saskatchewan.

Mrs. Maria Wagner, nee Frombach, of Southey, Sask., passed away on July 21, 1955 in Grey Nuns Hospital, Regina, Sask. She was born in Bucouina, Austria, on September 4, 1877 and married in 1896 to Jacob Wagner. With two children they migrated to Canada in 1904, the Lord having taken two of the children. While in Canada, the Lord blessed them with 7 more children. After residing at Edenmore children. After residing at Eden-wold for one year, they homesteaded in the Earl Grey district. Here they lived until her husband passed away in 1942. She then moved to Southey.

Mrs. Wagner acknowledged Christ as her Mrs. Wagner acknowledged Christ as her personal Savior in 1909. In the same year she was baptized and received into the fellowship of Southey Baptist Church by Rev. Pekrul. She was a joyful and faithful Christian to the end of her life. Funeral services were conducted from Southey Baptist Church on July 24 by the pastor. The church was packed to capacity and an estimated 40 people were outside

Mrs. Wagner leaves to mourn 6 children: Carl of Earl Grey, Jacob of Minburn, Alta., Philip of Regina, Johl of Earl Grey, Mrs. Caroline Glass of Earl Grey, and Martha of Toronto; 26 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and a host of

Southey, Saskatchewan

E. L. THIESSEN, Pastor.

that those who do not know Christ as their Savior will accept him as their Pilot on the sea of life-the only One who can guide them safely

Erna Redlich, Reporter.

#### Sessions of the Northern Conference Woman's Missionary Union at Minitonas, Manitoba, Canada

The women of our Northern Conference are active in the Lord's work (Continued on Page 24)

#### MR. HENRY SCHMIDT of Chapman, Kansas.

Mr. Henry Schmidt of Chapman, Kansas, was born on December 25, 1883 in Dickinson County, Kansas, to Joseph and Caroline Schmidt. On March 23, 1911 he was united in marriage to Amelia Zernickow and to this marriage four children were born. On August 17, 1919 he was baptized on the confession of his faith by the late Rev. R. Klittzing and united with the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. For many years he served faihfully as a trustee. Then, as the result of an auto accident in which his wife was critically injured, he was instantly called to his heavenly home on Friday afternoon, September 9, 1955 at the age of 71 years, 81% months.

He was preceded in death by his parents as well as by one sister and one brother. He is survived by his wife; by his children: Gerhardt and Pearl (Mrs. Noten Martinitz), both of Chapman, Kansas; Austin, sergeant in the U.S. Army; and Raynard of Wellington, Kansas; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild; as well as by three brothers and one sis-

Services were held at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church and interment was at the Mt. Zion Cemetery on Tuesday, September 13, at 2:00 p.m., with the Rev. J. R. Kruegel officiating.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Junction City, Kansas

J. R. KRUEGEL, Pastor.

#### MRS. CHRISTINE ROTHMANN of Washburn, North Dakota

Mrs. Christine Rothmann of Washburn N. Dak., was born near Odessa, South Russia, March 4, 1867. She was also mar-ried there to Matthias Rothmann in 1899. A couple of years later the couple came to the United States and settled on a farm near Parkton, S. Dak., where they remained until 1914. In that year they came to Washburn, N. Dak., where Mr. Rothmann died shortly afterwards.

Our sister continued to live in Washburn with her children until 1954 when she came to the Baptist Home for the Aged on the 9th of March. We appreciated her quiet, satisfied nature. She loved her Lord sincerely and never tired reading and hearing about him and testifying for him. On the 16th of May we were obliged to take her to a local hospital from where she went to meet her Lord on June

Those mourning her departure are four sons: Matth., Jake, Rheinhold and John Rothmann, all of Washburn. N. Dak., and four stepdaughters: Mrs. John Walker, Turtle Lake; Mrs. Fred. Jesser, Underwood; Mrs. John Schlafmann, Bismarck; and Mrs. Albert E. Sayler of Underwood, N. Dak. She also leaves her one sister, Mrs. Karolina Schuh; and her brother, Jacob Hepper, both of Underwood, N. Dakota.

Because of a vacation for the local pas-tor of Washburn, it was the privilege of the undersigned to conduct the services and assist in laying to rest a saintly sister in the Lord. Mrs. Rothmann journeyed on earth for 79 years and 2 months but is now with the Lord forever. Our thoughts for the funeral services were based on Gen. "Behold, I die; but God shall be with you.

Washburn, North Dakota

B. W. KRENTZ, Correspondent.

#### MR. CARL JOSEPH MICHTA of Eatonia, Saskatchewan.

Mr. Carl Joseph Michta of Eatonia, Sask., was born in Russia on March 19, 1872. He was united in holy matrimony to Christina Worth on March 5, 1896. That same year they came to North America, settling on a homestead in North Dakota. In 1908 he brought his family to Canada and settled on a homestead near Leader, Sask. He bade farewell to his beloved wife as she passed through the valley of death on Dec. 5, 1918. This marriage had been blessed with 12 children of whom 3 pre-deceased him. pre-deceased him.

On Jan. 9, 1920 he was united in holy matrimony to Mrs. Dorothy Grabinsky. This marriage was blessed with 2 children

of whom one pre-deceased him. In 1932 Mr. Michta moved with his family to Glidden, Sask., where he farmed until 1941 at which time he retired from his work and made his home at Eatonia,

Mr. Michta was an active member of several North American Baptist churches and served in the offices of deacon, church clerk and Sunday School superintendent for more than 30 years in the various churches. At the age of 83 years, 4 months and 21 days he passed away on Aug. 12 to be with the Lord. Thus death has ended his pilgrimage among us and his fondest hope has now become a real-

He leaves to mourn his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Michta; 5 sons: Carl, William, Joseph, Henry and Adolf; 5 daughters: Mrs. John Wenz, Mrs. McCarty, Mrs. Harry Smith, Mrs. R. Gove, Mrs. William Bennet 5 step-daughters: Mrs. John Purpur, Mrs. Ezra Muma, Mrs. Fred Wilson, Mrs. Carl Mulder and Mrs. Edward Nagel; 20 cardebilden 7 great-grandchildren. 17 Carl Mulder and Mrs. Edward Nager, agrandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, 17 step-grandchildren, and 7 step-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held in Eatonia, Sask., with Rev. W. Reimche officiating. Interment was made at Eatonia, Saskatchewan.

Calvary Baptist Church, Glidden, Saskatchewan WILFRED REIMCHE, Pastor.

#### MRS. ROSINA SIELER of Plevna, Montana.

Mrs. Rosina Sieler of Plevna, Mont., daughter of Philip and Katherine Huber, was born July 25, 1886 at Glueckstal, South Russia, and died Aug. 25, 1955 of a heart attack. Left an orphan at the age of six, she found her way to America by God's care in 1905. On April 23, 1908 she was married to Edward Sieler of Java, S. Dak. This union was blessed with 9 sons and 5 daughters. In 1910 the family moved to Westmore, Montana, and later to a farm south of Plevna. from which they retired Westmore, Montana, and later to a farm south of Plevna, from which they retired to Plevna in 1939. Mrs. Sieler was converted in 1915 and baptized in 1920 by Rev. H. P. Kayser. She was a faithful member of the Plevna Baptist Church and served as Sunday School teacher for 12 years. Her family, all converted, bear testimony of her sincerity and faithfulness.

years. Her family, all converted, bear testimony of her sincerity and faithfulness.

Three daughters died in infancy; one son lost his life in a mine accident; three stepsons preceded her in death, as did her husband in 1949. She leaves to mourn her passing two daughters: Ruth of Plevna, and Mrs. Hulda Heuther of Baker, Mont.; eight sons: Arthur, Emil, Edward, Tony, Simon, Hable and David, all of Plevna, and Benjamin of Billings, Mont.; 13 grand-children, 8 step-grandchildren; two sisters: Mrs. Christine Reich of Lodi, Calif., and Mrs. Fredricka Sieler of Lemon, S. Dak.; a brother, Christ Huber of Follon, Mont.; and an aunt, Mrs. Fredricka Hultman, Hitchcock, S. Dak. Also missing her is a great host of friends and acquaintances. The service was held in the Plevna Baptist Church with the pastor conducting. We pray for the comfort of God for the bereaved. the bereaved.

Plevna, Montana

R. H. ZEPIK, Pastor.

#### MR. JOHN FANDRICH of Lodi, California.

Mr. John Fandrich of Lodi, Calif., was born on December 22, 1878 in Admajah. Rumania. In 1900 he came to the United States of America and settled near Kief, N. Dak., where he was engaged in farming for many years. In 1937 he left the farm and came to Lodi, where he resided until he was called to his permanent home in the Father's House above.

in the Father's House above.

In 1903 he was united in marriage with Frederica Ebel, his now bereaved widow, with whom he was privileged to share the responsibilities and the joys of life for over 52 years. Thirteen children were born unto them, of whom four preceded their father in death. In 1907 he was converted and baptized on profession of his faith by Rev. Benjamin Schlipf and united with the Rosenfeld Baptist Church. After coming to Lodi, he united with the First Baptist Church, of which he was a faithful member until the Lord called him to his eternal reward. his eternal reward.

He always responded to the call of duty, and many were the hours of labor he do-

nated to this new church building. His nated to this new church building. His happy and contented nature will be missed by many. He was a very faithful attender of the house of prayer. Now there is fulfilled for him the saying that is written, "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to vicit in his temple." to visit in his temple."

Our departed brother passed away very Our departed brother passed away very suddenly from a heart stroke on Friday morning, September 2, 1955. He had reached the age of 76 years, 8 months and 10 days. He is survived by his beloved widow, Mrs. Fredericka Fandrich; and nine children, who are Emil Fandrich, Kief, N. Dak.; Sam Fandrich, Mrs. Blonding, Venegor, Beuben, Fandrich, Mrs. Medica, Venegor, Beuben, Fandrich, Mrs. Kief, N. Dak.; Sam Fandrich, Mrs. Blondina Krueger, Reuben Fandrich, Mrs. Melitta Sivell and Johnny Fandrich, all of Lodi: Arthur Fandrich, Elk Grove, Calif.; Mrs. Eleanor Bischel, Vallejo, Calif.; and Alvin Fandrich of Lodi. He also leaves a brother, Sam Fandrich of Carrington, N. Dak.; one sister, Mrs. Munnie Wyman of Benton Harbor, Mich., and 13 grandchildren. A host of relatives and friends also mourn his homegoing. mourn his homegoing.

First Baptist Church, Lodi, California

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.

#### MRS. PAULINE D. KECK of Washburn, North Dakota.

Mrs. Pauline D. Keck of Washburn, N. Dak., was born on May 27, 1868 in South Russia. She was saved by our Lord whom she accepted as her Savior and was baptized in that faith in 1885 with the Rev. August Kludt officiating. She married Johannes Keck on Mach 20, 1889, and shared joys and sorrows wih him for 47 years un-til in 1936 he was taken from her to the neavenly home. The family had come to this country and settled in the neighbor-hood of Venturia, N. Dak., with six chil-dren in 1900. They changed their resi-dence from Venturia to Washburn in 1933.

Mrs. Keck lived with her children until she decided to move to the Bismarck Home for the Aged. She came to the Home in 1953. It was her belief that the Lord would permit her to be with us for six years: then after one year had passed, she counted that off and believed that five years were still left for her, when we had to take her to the hospital where she had to undergo a serious operation. In this she was still confident for a while that the she was still connoent for a white that the Lord would restore her health. As her strength slowly faded she became resolved that she had rather "depart and be with the Lord" and prayed to this effect. The Lord heard her prayer and released her on her 87h birthday.

on her 87h birthday.

She leaves to mourn her going seven sons: John and Jake of Monroe, Wash.: George of Snohomish, Wash.: Emmanuel, Bismarck, N. Dak.; Dave J., Aurora, Ore.; Adam, Wilton, N. Dak.: and three daughters: Mrs. Rev. Daniel Klein, McClusky, N. Dak.; Mrs. Jake Rothmann, Washburn, N. Dak.; Mrs. Omer Chapman, Bremen, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Donald Murray, Chicago, Ill. One daughter preceded her in death and was laid to rest at Venturia, N. Dak. In the absence of the pastor the undersigned was asked to conduct the services at Washburn. 2 Cor. 4:18 and 5:1 were the basis on which our thoughts gathered basis on which our thoughts gathered words of comfort and assurance.

Washburn, North Dakota B. W. KRENTZ, Correspondent.

#### MRS. BERTHA WUTTKE

#### of Elk Grove, California.

Mrs. Bertha Wuttke, nee Dressler, of Elk Grove, Calif., the wife of the late Rev. John Wuttke, was born October 13, 1870 at Weisstein, Silesia, Germany. At the age of 21 she came to America to make her home in Sacramento, Calif. In 1897 she was united in marriage with the Rev. John was united in marriage with the Rev. John Wuttke with whom she shared life's joys and sorrows for over 51 years. Four sons and two daughters were born to this union, but God permitted death to claim the four sons in their infancy and early childhood. Sorrow came again to her when her husband passed away in 1948 after the years of physical augments. efter two years of physical suffering, following a streke.

As a young woman she experienced the forgiving grace of God by accepting Christ as her Savior, Following her marriage to Mr. Wuttke, she was baptized and

added to the fellowship of the Calvary Baptist Church in Sacrameno, California. Having been a pastor's wife, she stood faithfully by her husband as he served successful pastorates in North American Baptist Churches in Tacoma, Wash.; Winnipeg, Man., Canada; Portland, Ore.; and Los Angeles, California.

In 1936 when Brother Wuttke retired from the active ministry, she returned with him to Sacramento, Calif. It was at that time that they became members of the Baptist Church at Franklin, Calif., in which fellowship she found ample oppor-unity to continue her service for her Savior whom she loved so well. In 1948 they made their residence in Elk Grove, where she lived until she went to her heavenly home on September 3, 1955.

For the past two years she suffered repeated light heart attacks. But it was not until the early part of this year that she became confined to her home and only on rare occasions was well enough to attend the servicees at church where she loved to be so much. For several weeks she suf-fered considerably but she is now at rest.

She is being survived by her two daugh-Mrs. Naomi Neher and Miss Theodora Wuttke, both of Elk Grove, Calif.; one brother, Ted Dressler of Lutz, Florida; and a large host of relatives and friends. Rev. G. G. Rauser of Lodi assisted the pastor at the funeral service at the church.

First Baptist Church. Elk Grove, California

W. W. KNAUF, Pastor.

#### MRS. ELIZABETH BRUNNER of Buffalo, New York.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brunner of Buffalo, N. Y., has gone from this earth to the better Y., has gone from this earth to the better land we know. On the morning of September 1st, the Angel of Death came as the porter to open the gateway for her into the Father's House of many mansions. We know that death has cut off her walk with us, but as we think of her longing "for home," we say: "You are not dead—life has but set you free."

Mrs. Brunner nourished her heart and mind feeding on the spiritual gems from the Bible. Two Psalms she loved and enjoyed in particular, Psalm 84 and Psalm 107. As she confirmed it: "I know 'he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness." How glad she must be to be in her desired haven.

Mrs. Brunner lived to be a'most 89 years of age. She was born in Trenton, Ill., on December 29, 1866 and bassed away on September 1, 1955. Until her physical strength was not equal to it, she devoted her life to faithful Christian service, was her life to faithful Christian service, was active in all the branches of the work of the churches where she served and in which she shared the full responsibility with her minister-husband, the late Rev. Peter Brunner, to whom she was married on April 21, 1907 and stood faithfully at his side until his death in July, 1927, service with him in Kyle Teyas from 1907ing with him in Kyle, Texas, from 1907-1914; Kansas City, Mo., College Baptist Church, from 1914-1921; and the High St. Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., from 1921-

Mrs. Brunner was a lover of music and in her younger days an accomplished player of the violin, the piano and organ, inspiring the formation of orchestras and musical clubs in the churches she and Peter Brunner served together.

Members of her immediate family sur-Members of her immediate family surviving her are: Herbert Z. Brunner, Mrs. Agnes Brunner Schmidt, 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. A daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Brunner Bell, preceded the mother in death, January 1931.

In a quiet memorial service, with mem-In a quiet memorial service, with members of the family and the church, we paid a tribute of affection, with thanksgiving to God, to a beloved mother, a faithful friend, an uncompromising Christian and faithful and loyal member of the Temple Baptist Church. Rev. Walter Schmidt, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Arnprior, Onario, who has known Mrs. Brunner since his boyhood, took part in the memorial service and brought a message on Christian faithfulness and the comfort of our hope through faith in God.

Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York

G. E. FRIEDENBERG, Minister.

#### NORTHERN CONFERENCE WOMEN

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and striving to do God's will. We gathered for our annual business meeting on July 8, 1955 at Minitonas, Man., during the sessions of the Northern Conference. The business sessions as well as the program were led by our president, Mrs. J. C. Kranzler, and the Lord richly blessed our endeavors for him.

Four new societies were accepted into our Woman's Missionary Union, namely, the societies of the following churches: Fenwood, Sask.; Lauderdale, Edmonton; Mission Church, Winnipeg, Man.; Immanuel Church, Edmonton. It was decided to donate \$300 towards the new project of the Woman's Missionary Union which will go to Africa, Japan, and Church Extension.

The results of the elections were as follows: president, Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler of Leduc, Alta.; vice-president, Mrs. R. Jaster of Regina, Sask.; asst. secretary, Mrs. E. Jansen of Fenwood, Sask.; treasurer, Mrs. Walter Hoffman of Ebenezer, Sask.; and asst. treasurer, Mrs. H. Schatz of Morris, Manitoba.

We were privileged to have several guest speakers in our midst, Mrs. W. Stein, Missionary Laura Reddig, and Mrs. R. Schilke. The program of the afternoon proved to be a rich blessing. The ministers' wives choir sang two numbers under the leadership of Mrs. W. Hoffman. Rev. R. Schilke installed the new officers. We heard two very interesting recitations and the Swan River ladies favored us with a choir number. The Minitonas ladies presented one of Mrs. Fred Pahl's plays entitled, "The Key to the Handcuffs."

Finally Miss Laura Reddig, our missionary from the leper work in Africa spoke to us about White Cross work and brought a message on "Black Jewels for Jesus."

Mrs. Isador Faszer, Reporter.

#### Vacation Bible School and Baptism of Ten Converts at Minitonas, Manitoba, Canada

It has been a long time since you have heard from Minitonas, Man., in the "Baptist Herald," but we have not been inactive. In fact, this summer has found us very busy since we were the host church to the Northern Conference.

During the last week of July we held a very fine Vacation Bible School. Our enrollment of 110 children, with an average attendance of 95, broke previous records. Perhaps there are two reasons to account for this; a house to house canvass conducted by the teachers a week prior to the school, and an afternoon outing at a nearby lake for those who attended regularly and did satisfactory work.

It was our privilege to have another beautiful baptismal service at a lovely spot on the banks of the Swan River. The gatering was enlarged considerably since the Temple Baptist Church of Swan River graciously accepted our invitation to spend the day with us. We were able to lead ten converts into the waters of baptism. It was good to have the Rev. A. Hart of Prince Rupert bring a brief message in the German language. The pastor spoke briefly in the English language. At the evening service, where the hand of fellowship was extended, Rev. Joe

Sonnenberg of Chicago, Ill., brought a challenging message.

On returning from our vacation this year, we were pleasantly surprised when one of the brethren from the board of deacons informed us of the decision of the church to give us a substantial raise in salary. May God bless his people for it!

Isador Faszer, Reporter.

#### Vacation Bible School at the McKernan Ave. Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

With an enrollment of 51 children and average attendance of 44, the Vacation Bible School of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., was conducted from July 25 to 29. The closing program on Friday evening evidenced the fact that the teachers had very capably taught the children in the brief school period. Enthusiastic singing, the performance of the band, well acted playlets, recitations, the awarding of prizes, and the examination of handiwork proved to the parents the great value of the school. An offering for the children in the Leper Hospital in the Cameroons was received during the course of the week.

Teachers who were faithful in their duties were: Beginners, Mrs. D. Kuhnert, Mrs. S. Klapstein, Mrs. M. Lang; and Helpers, Mrs. Lorraine Rierson and Mrs. May Schroeder; Primary, Mrs. G. Yeske and Miss E. Pranke; Juniors. Mrs. E. Mielke and Mrs. K. Korella; Intermediates, Miss R. Schindler who also served as directors; handiwork, Mrs. E. Link and Mrs. W. Brown.

Mrs. E. Link, Reporter.

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