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Welcome, Baptists, to Edmonton!

General Conference Number
His Word in Our World
God's Miracle in Edmonton

March of Events

• This was one of our busiest and most exciting General Conferences in North American Baptist history. That was easily attested by "the march of events" in Edmonton, Alta., from July 21 to 27. The registrations reached the all-time high of 2400 when they had to be closed because of lack of packet material. This compares amazingly well with the General Conference registrations in previous years as follows: 1154 in Burlington, Iowa (1940); 1164 in Tacoma, Wash. (1946); 1517 in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. (1949); 967 in Philadelphia, Pa., (1952); and 1160 in Waco, Texas (1955).

• The General Conference Packets were like a small suitcase filled with interesting material. The souvenir program of 36 pages with its attractive front cover pictures of the Jubilee Auditorium, the Central Baptist Church and the Canadian Rockies was called the "best ever" by many delegates. In addition, a full German program was printed. The "Official Reports" volume totalling 68 pages was a small book of reading material. The Conference Hymnal with its beautiful blue cover and gold lettering was based on our North American Hymnal. Many constitutional changes and pamphlets about Edmonton and Alberta were also included.

• A score of television and radio appearances by our General Conference leaders and people were arranged during the Conference week by Rev. Karl Korella and his committee. Dr. Paul Gebauer, missionary, made three appearances on CFRN and CBC (radio) and over CFRN-TV (television). Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, Mr. Walter W. Grosser and Rev. R. Schilke told the story of our North American Baptist churches and mission fields over radio and television station. Mrs. Edgar W. Bates, Mrs. Thomas Lutz and Mrs. Walter W. Grosser represented the women. Four other Cameroonians and Japan missionaries also made their television and radio debut in Edmonton. Several young people, including Harriet Kern of Oak Park, Ill., rendered musical selections over television. It was a busy week for these "television and radio artists."

• The General Conference offerings for the week totalled \$8720.63, as reported by our denominational comptroller, Miss Mary Leypoldt. This included the offering of \$699.73 received at the Woman's Missionary Union program. The Conference ushers, headed by Mr. Carl Lang, rendered a superb service with their "paper ice cream soda containers" in taking up the offerings speedily and in maintaining a worshipful reverence in the Jubilee

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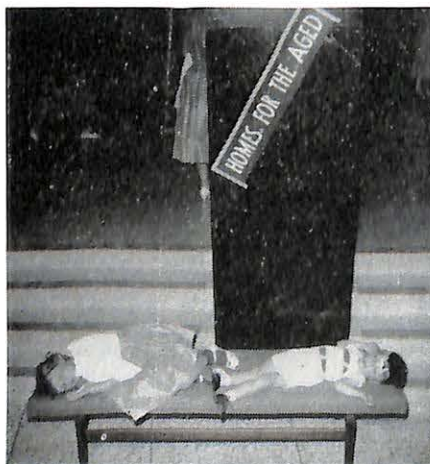
This entire issue of the "Baptist Herald" presents the illustrated story of the thrilling 32nd General Conference in Edmonton. Other messages and a few reports will be published in October.

Prints of some of the pictures are available from the editor as follows: Roy Seibel's pictures, 4½ by 3½ inches, 25 cents each; Goertz Studio pictures, 7 by 4½ inches, \$1.25 each. When ordering, state page on which picture appears and caption of photo.—EDITOR.

Auditorium. More than 30 ushers, recruited from the Edmonton churches, served during the Conference week.

• The "handsome and efficient" General Conference Announcer, Rev. H. John Vanderbeck of Anaheim, Calif., endeared himself to the Conference people for his clear and loud enunciation in making the many announcements. He had to leave for Anaheim on Friday to officiate at an important wedding. Professor Roy Seibel of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., the 1955 Conference announcer in Waco, Texas, took over during the last two days. Other announcements appeared in the two General Conference Bulletins, which were edited by Dr. M. L. Leuschner and printed by the Commercial Press of Edmonton. The 4,000 copies were quickly exhausted by the General Conference visitors for themselves and for "the folks at home."

• "It is a magnificent auditorium!" was the consensus of all General Conference visitors. The Edmonton Jubilee Auditorium was provided for the Conference by the good will offerings received by the North American Baptist churches of Alberta. This was their



Tired little Conference visitors are sound asleep in the Exhibit Hall, Edmonton, Alta., under the sign, "Homes for the Aged."

expression of love and fraternal greetings. Mr. E. J. Plewes, general manager of the Auditorium, and his fine staff of assistants, arranged for the many dramatic settings and musical groups and provided for the luxurious comfort of all Conference visitors. The building was ablaze with light, usually until 11:00 P.M. and later, to take care of rehearsals, committee meetings and a last opportunity for Christian fellowship.

• Transportation was "a headache" at the General Conference sessions for those making arrangements for it. But Mr. Sam Yeske and his committee did a splendid job at "a moment's notice." Special Edmonton city buses conveyed Conference visitors to and from the Auditorium. Two special buses provided transportation to the young people's sunrise service and to the Saturday picnic. Scores of Baptist cars met the General Conference train on Monday morning, July 21, at 6:30 A. M., and conveyed the visitors and luggage to the hotels and lodging places. Even though the Auditorium is located almost two miles from the downtown area, our people were able to arrive punctually at all of the Conference sessions. (They had to in order to get a seat!)

• Thirty-three North American Baptist pastors supplied pulpits in churches of Edmonton and vicinity on Sunday morning, July 27. These arrangements were made by Rev. Herbert Hiller, pastor of the Central Church of Edmonton, and his committee. They included Baptist churches, several United Churches, and at least one church of the following denominations: Evangelical United Brethren, Menonite, Missionary Alliance, Nazarene, Pentecostal Tabernacle and Church of Christ. From reports received, our brethren spoke "a good word" for the Lord Jesus Christ and served as able ambassadors of the Word!

• The immigration pageant, "Unto a New Land," presented on Tuesday afternoon, July 22, was regarded by many as "one of the outstanding hits" of the program. This dramatic story of North American Baptist work among German immigrants since the close of World War II was a result of combined efforts by Rev. William Sturhahn and Miss Agnes Buckles of Edmonton. Miss Buckles rewrote the script, directed the cast of people and arranged for the colorful and effective setting used. She is a teacher at McCauley Junior High School in Edmonton and was formerly a member of a North American Baptist church. Miss Buckles, Mr. Sturhahn and those assisting them

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Editorial

General Conference Records Tumble!

RECORDS TUMBLED like rocks in a mountain landslide at the 32nd General Conference in Edmonton, Alberta. The days of July 21 to 27 in the Alberta capital were record-breaking for North American Baptists in a score of amazing ways. The Conference surpassed by far the highest expectations of the most optimistic denominational leaders. Everyone in attendance at the sessions, and even the residents of Edmonton, were overwhelmed by the tremendous size of the crowds and by the thrilling things that happened day after day at this "once-in-a-lifetime" Conference.

Let's look at the list of records that were established like a page out of the Olympic Games for future generations to try to break and to better. The official registrations reached the high mark of 2400 on Thursday morning of the Conference week, which was almost 1000 more than the largest previous Conference at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in 1949, where the registrations numbered 1575. However, we ran out of registration packets and material at that time. Otherwise, the number of registrations would probably have soared to the 3000 mark! What a record that was!

The attendance at the opening service on Monday evening in the Jubilee Auditorium was a few short of 3,000. That congregation was at least double any previous opening service at a General Conference. It was an indication of other records that were bound to tumble throughout the week.

The Sunday afternoon attendance at the closing missionary rally was estimated by the "Edmonton Journal" at 6,000. At least 1200 people were turned away. More than a thousand people heard the service in overflow rooms throughout the Auditorium building over loudspeakers. About 2200 cars were parked around the Jubilee Auditorium. Residents of Edmonton said that they had never seen anything like this before. It was by far the largest and most thrilling North American Baptist Conference session ever held!

The simultaneous meetings on Thursday evening were record-breaking in a number of ways. Two world renowned Baptist guest speakers addressed these sessions on the same night. At the Convocation Hall on the University of Alberta Campus, Dr. Herbert Gezork spoke to 1100 people in German. Mrs. Edgar Bates addressed 2500 people during the same hour at the Jubilee Auditorium.

Conference records tumbled with the four hour long program on Sunday afternoon, in the number of television and radio appearances by our people, in the generous newspaper publicity given our sessions, with the colorful array of pageants and dramatic programs presented, at the thrilling Saturday afternoon picnic, in the luxurious auditorium with its astounding facilities, in the inspiring array of musical presentations that opened heavenly portals for the conference people, and in the record breaking exodus of North American Baptists into the snow-capped Rockies after the conference. The blessings of our Baptist fellowship continued for days afterwards in the national parks, on the Columbia ice-fields and with Baptist cameras everywhere viewing the majestic grandeur of the mountains.

This was our grandest and greatest General Conference in a thrilling and unique setting. Those who were in attendance—and they represented one-tenth (!) of our entire denomination—were eye witnesses to the marvelous glory of God in our North American Baptist fellowship. They established all kinds of Conference records and caught an amazing vision of God at work in our midst!

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—Photo by Goertz Studio
Mrs. Edgar Bates (right), of Hamilton, Ontario, and Mrs. Paul Gebauer, missionary in the Southern Cameroons, West Africa, compare notes about some of their world travels and experiences.

HIS WORD IN OUR WORLD

The Inspiring General Conference Address
delivered on Thursday Evening, July 24 at the
Men's and Women's Rally

By Mrs. Edgar Bates of Hamilton, Ont.
Dean of Women at McMaster University and
Vice-President of the Baptist World Alliance

WHEN YOUR Program Committee wrote to me, inviting me to speak on Layman's Night, I was reminded once again that the priesthood of all believers alike was proclaimed as one of the three great principles of the Reformation. Our Baptist forefathers were among those who insisted most stoutly on the execution of this principle—that there is no difference in kind between the preacher in the pulpit, on the one hand, and the Christian layman on the other.

For long years Baptists were the chief exponents of this principle, and it is gratifying to realize how much our witness has pervaded other Protestant groups. Today, in almost all denominations, great emphasis is laid upon the place of Christian laymen in the work of the Kingdom. But as other groups have accepted this principle increasingly, are WE somewhat in danger of losing sight of it?

At the outset of this address, I should like to underline the fact that ALL of us must awaken or reawaken to our responsibility as our Lord's priests here. There are two fellowships in the life of each one of us: fellowship with God and fellowship with humanity. We must seek to know his Word in our world and to perform his work in the world into which he put us.

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH MEN

Each one of us must add his word to the long human story and his touch to the fashioning of the world. God speaks to men through men. We are in this world, filled with the evidences of his love for us and echoing with his voice if only we have ears open to hear—and we are meant to hear, not only for ourselves, but for other people.

Most of us lead busy lives, busy in a diversity of professions, occupations, interests. We become weary, careless,

indifferent, discouraged about our capacities to do God's work in his world. At such times I like to remind myself of Archbishop Temple's admonition, "Our task is not to construct the Kingdom but to live on the conditions of this world as those who, by the grace of God through the redemption effected in Christ, are citizens of the Kingdom."

Our task is quite simply to go out into the world to put the command of Christ against our weariness, our sense of difficulty, against the reckoning of our experience and the earthly probabilities. Then each hour will count for all it ought to count for and the end shall be the doing of God's will.

GOD'S WORD INTERPRETED

We need to hear, and to interpret and to apply, God's Word in our world. It has been said that nowadays men are so busy thinking things OUT that they scarcely ever think things IN. God's Word are the truth that we need to think INTO our lives so that we may more surely, warmly and with a keener vision tell others of eternal things.

To us as Christians, to all of us, Christ says, "Ye are not of this world as I am not of this world." The age-old question confronts us as it has confronted Christ's followers across the centuries, "How can I be in the world, yet not of the world?" And I think perhaps the answer is: "By somehow demonstrating Christlike qualities in my life, by being in some way better than the kindest and most honest people who are NOT Christ's." This latter is not easy, perhaps. I have known men and women whom I could not but respect and admire because of their great moral integrity and their unflinching kindness, yet who had not found God.

One such was a most successful business man, a good husband and father, highly regarded in the community. Dy-

ing from cancer a year or so ago, he displayed great physical courage but said to his dearly loved daughter, "How I wish I could have found an abiding faith. Search, Janie, search!" He could not leave to his daughter the legacy of eternal hope, the happiness of a man going home. Rather, he left behind a terrible sadness.

No Christian, however faulty, would have left hopelessness as a heritage. The Christian in the world demonstrates a higher loyalty, a sure hope, a spiritual patriotism, intangible and unmistakable.

There are followers of Christ whose lives are such that the Christ whom they call Master shines through for the world to see. The Christian creed is not a great intellectual production. It is the outcome of what Christians have felt and our attempt to voice the unutterable. In the final analysis it is the simplicity of our faith and the depth of our patience that will make us useful and successful as priests under God.

I believe there are certain tangible areas and ways in which the guiding purpose of a Christian life may be demonstrated. It is no good just uttering our beliefs; we must LIVE them also. And we know that the two great bonds of our shared social life are Justice and Love.

GOD'S JUSTICE AND LOVE

Briefly, I should like to discuss our Lord's Word for us in these two areas and our work for him growing out of that word. Where Justice is concerned, our Lord was the Judge of the social order of his day. That aspect of his ministry is very prominent in the New Testament. I suppose the cleansing of the temple is the most vivid instance. But his criticism of the authorities in many ways was an exercising of the judging function.

In the Old Testament, Psalm 72, we are told that "all nations shall serve him. He shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also and him that hath no helper. He shall spare the poor and needy," and so on through that whole recital of our Lord's concern for and care of the oppressed.

So we, as Christians, must regard ourselves as free always to criticize that which is un-Christian in any phase of society's life. Particularly as Baptists, we must never allow our church to become compromised in her relations with the state lest she be hindered from acting as the conscience of the state. If our separation is of the genuine kind and not merely some artificial attempt to implement the doctrine, then we are both free to judge and to seek the transformation of the state.

As Socrates said of his mission to the Athenian people, we must be "the gadfly of the state." And we must remember that for the transformation of the state, our Lord sought to be the Savior of the social order and aimed at its improvement. Although he took no direct action, except in cleansing the temple, yet surely he had in view a better social order.

UN-CHRISTIAN PREJUDICES

Justice? As Christians we cannot be blind to nor acquiescent in the possible breakdown and disappearance of certain historic fundamental Christian values in our world. Christian justice demands the cherishing and guarding of perhaps the greatest, most necessary and most threatened—that of freedom from prejudice. Churchmen, the world over, are recognizing this threat and are calling for Christian action and prayer.

Prejudices of color, race, creed and national pride have brought and are



—Photo by Roy Seibel
Dr. Paul Gebauer calls the attention of other Cameroons missionaries to the large map of Africa in the General Conference Exhibit.
Left to right: Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer, Mrs. Lois Ahrens and Rev. Earl Ahrens.

bringing intolerance and even cruelty in their wake. Sometimes I feel that in an effort to rouse world conscience, we have been reminded of these so often that the topic has become almost a bore to many who hear of it only at second hand. But pain, suffering, misery are ONE deep. They may be a million wide, but they are still one deep. What are we, on this untouched continent, doing to carry out Christ's command, God's Word in our world? "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal. 6.2).

God tells us that "he hath created of one blood all men for to dwell on the face of the earth." It was his plan that we should all be equal here as we are in his sight. He did not send his Son to save a portion of the world, but all those created in his image. For all these divisions of prejudice, these injustices,

Christ presents himself as Savior. Only he can perform the miracle of causing all men to sink their differences and become truly one in him. In the area of justice, God's Word in his world is that great plea for understanding, re-deeming, creative good will. "Whatever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

THE BOND OF LOVE

In the area of LOVE, the other great bond of our social life, God has many directives for us in his Word. Summing them up, we cannot but know that we are given life in order to find some of the immortal ideas of truth, beauty, goodness, sacrifice and to develop and cherish in our hearts that love that loves for love's own sake, undeterred by indifference, unshaken by ugliness, undaunted by malice. "Love is the fulfillment of the law," said St. Paul. And John wrote, "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar."

Men were born to believe and to worship and to aspire. God made them so. Beneath the barren and trampled surface of humanity, we must seek and find the universal hunger for faith and reverence which God himself put in all human hearts. The value, purpose and motive power of our lives is the love that teaches us insight, that helps us in sympathy to bring faith and hope to enrich the spirits of others. We can only help others out of the depth of our love and our character. Our influence over others, our power, is limited by our own depth and outreach, by our expression of love to others.

This is a spiritual principle which none of us who would win souls can forget. We cannot stand helplessly and idly by and watch the stream of evil and the sorrows that evil brings with it flow past. We must give of ourselves if we are to help the maimed and crippled personalities in our world. We are Christ's messengers to bring hope and

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—Photo by Roy Seibel
The Cross of Christ shines brightly over the garden scene in the dramatic presentation by the Woman's Missionary Union entitled, "On Life's Pathway With Christ."



The Alberta Baptist TriUnion Chorus which presented the Song Festival at the closing session of the 32nd General Conference in the Jubilee Auditorium, Edmonton, Alberta, with Rev. Ed Link, director, in front row (at right of pulpit) and Miss Georgene Kern, accompanist, at the left.

GOD'S MIRACLE AT EDMONTON

The Story of the 32nd General Conference of North American Baptists at Edmonton, Alta., from July 21 to 27, 1958

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor

HOW CAN YOU DESCRIBE a miracle of God which unfolds unexpectedly like a gorgeous flower to show the glory of God? The 32nd General Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, from July 21 to 27 was God's amazing miracle to demonstrate to North American Baptists that his Presence is still with us and that he has purposed mighty things for this Conference in the years to come.

THRILLING CONFERENCE

The Edmonton Conference was tremendous — terrific — thrilling! North American Baptists trekked to Edmonton from all parts of the continent until almost 6,000 were there on Sunday afternoon, singing "Hallelujahs" of praise to God and unitedly affirming their faith in Christ. Their visit to Alberta was publicized on the front pages of the daily press, competing with front page publicity given to Princess Margaret's visit to British Columbia and to Banff. The 32nd General Conference was held in the marble-halled and luxuriously outfitted building of the Edmonton Jubilee Auditorium, a magnificent meeting place for a memorable conference.

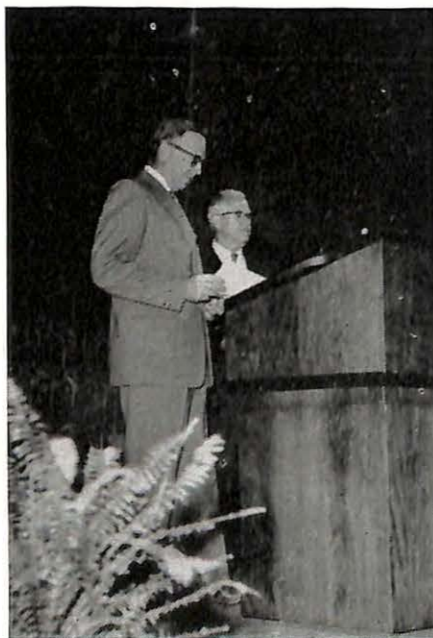
The opening session on Monday evening, July 21, found everyone tingling with spiritual excitement. We stood enthralled by the magic of lighting effects as we walked into the halls of the building. We were thrilled by the throngs of people that filled the auditorium that night to the last place, with its seating capacity of almost 3,000. We settled down comfortably in the upholstered cherry red chairs and took in the exciting music from the Conference orchestra led by Mr. Robert Neske. With great anticipation, we were ready for the Conference blessings!

The opening song, "Wonderful Words of Life," was in keeping with the General Conference theme: "Continue in My Word" (John 8:21b-32). The great

congregation was led by Rev. Bernard R. Fritzke with Mrs. James Billeter at the massive organ. The auditorium was filled "to the rafters" with thrilling singing and music.

OPENING SERVICE

On this opening night local pastors took part in the worship service: Rev. A. Lamprecht, Rev. Herbert Hiller and Rev. G. J. Thiessen. Rev. E. P. Wahl, chairman of the local Conference Committee, extended a hearty and warm welcome, and Dr. R. W. Smith spoke for the Edmonton Ministerial Association, reviewing the spiritual history of the city and province. In a blaze of glory, the large choir of 150 voices from our Edmonton churches rose to sing "The Glory of the Lord," led by Rev. Ed Link as the first of a score of



—Photo by Roy Seibel
The Hon. E. C. Manning, premier of Alberta (left), is characterized by Mr. Walter W. Grosser, moderator (right), as "a great Christian statesman."

musical delights that enriched the entire Conference week.

The opening service was led by Mr. Walter W. Grosser, General Conference moderator, who always had the right word for every occasion, the most gracious introduction for all speakers, the appropriate bit of humor when "things got warm" in business sessions, and a keen sense of parliamentary law and Baptist democracy. This session came to its climax with the address by Dr. Herbert Gezork of Newton Centre, Mass., on "The Cause of Christ Today—Advance or Retreat?" He pricked our thinking and challenged our minds and led us into the bright light of God's promises. Christians are under fire in these days with their witness. In spite of discouraging defeats and difficulties, the Church of Christ faces a tremendous opportunity to present Christ to the world today. How are we doing? Look to yourself for the answer!

With this stirring message still ringing in our hearts, we joined the crowds downstairs for the "Fellowship and Get Acquainted Hour." We shook hands with old and new friends until our arms ached and we returned to the Macdonald Hotel and other hotels and motels for the night of rest.

TUESDAY, JULY 22

Tuesday, July 22, was another GREAT DAY. God granted beautiful, bright weather for the entire week. Every session had something grand and unique to write home about. The attendance at each of the day sessions totalled almost 2,000. The devotional services led by many of our fine pastors were spiritually uplifting. The Prayer Room, with Rev. August Kraemer and Rev. O. R. Schmidt in charge, was frequently used. The song leader on Tuesday was Rev. R. Kanwischer of Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Following the organization of the Conference, the General Council

through the executive secretary, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, brought its illustrated and graphic report. This was something NEW at General Conference sessions. The General Council and almost every cooperating society presented the story of its work by means of colorful pictures and dramatic skits. The ministry and work of the General Council was impressed on all those present in this manner.

THE PREMIER'S ADDRESS

Then we climbed anew to further spiritual mountain heights. The Honorable Ernest C. Manning, premier of Alberta, welcomed us to his illustrious province but he also put his arms around us as a Conference in the fellowship of Christian brethren. As a Christian statesman, he revealed his faith in the supernatural new birth that comes from God alone and in a spiritual awakening that all of America still needs. Our Conference people are still talking with admiration about this Alberta premier and Baptist preacher!

At the close of the morning session, Mr. Walter W. Grosser brought his moderator's message on "His Disciples In Deed." It was a clear portrayal of our work and purposes as a denomination, of the tasks that Christ has entrusted to us and of the challenge to every individual and church in this hour. (We shall publish this message in full in one of the October issues of the "Baptist Herald.")

IMMIGRATION PAGEANT

Church Extension as carried on aggressively by us was reviewed in the afternoon session by Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, chairman of the committee. The highlight of the afternoon was an hour and a half long pageant entitled, "Unto a New Land," about our immigration and relief ministry since the



The closing scene in the dramatic immigration pageant, "Unto a New Land," showing many church and denominational representatives, pastors and lay leaders who benefited by this immigration ministry with the colorful map of Canada (Courtesy of Hudson's Bay Company) in the background.

close of World War II. This pageant written by Rev. William Sturhahn and directed by Miss Agnes Buckles was dramatically presented by a cast of 50 people. Refugees moved in bewilderment through ruins of burning cities. Some of them met in a ruined cellar to make plans to emigrate to Canada. They sat huddled together but singing in a railroad train crossing Canada. They were later shown, hundreds strong, in their new home, united with others in our North American Baptist fellowship. It was an exciting, dramatic account, long to be remembered.

Missions played a large part in the General Conference story. This was impressed on another congregation of 2500 people on Tuesday night with missionaries to the Cameroons and Japan, to the Indians and the Spanish-Americans taking part in the service and bringing their testimonies. In addition, Rev. Walter Sukut spoke about the spiritual needs of Japan and Mrs. Earl Ahrens depicted the challenge of women's work in the Cameroons.



Some of the 150 General Conference visitors who traveled to Edmonton by train are met at the railroad station by banners and Conference hosts. Among these is Rev. Julius Kaaz of Philadelphia, Pa. (3rd from left, front row), who was attending his 19th General Conference!

SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS

From Tuesday through Saturday evenings, simultaneous meetings were held in the German language. Besides the large conference crowd in the auditorium, there were about 800 people on Tuesday evening in the lower lobby, singing the songs of Zion in their mother tongue, listening to messages by Professor Hugo Lueck and Rev. E. P. Wahl, enjoying special musical numbers by the Edmonton German choirs, and reveling in the warm fellowship as German brethren in Christ! These meetings also grew in size and fervor as the week progressed.

The spectacular variety of musical numbers throughout the week should receive our attention at this time. Rev. Ed Link directed the Edmonton mass chorus of 150 voices, the Christian Training Institute Choristers, the mass Male chorus of Edmonton and the great mass choir of Alberta churches with more than 400 voices. The German male chorus, which sang throughout the week, was directed by Mr. Otto Kleiber. The German mixed choir, directed by Mr. Heinrich Jansen, thrilled our hearts on several occasions. The band of 50 instruments played prior to the opening of several sessions, and the orchestra of 30 instruments rendered several offertory numbers. Both were directed by Mr. Robert Neske. This was "heavenly music" which reached its climax at the two song festivals over the weekend.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

Wednesday's song leader was Rev. George W. Breikreuz of Portland, Ore. The General Missionary Society presented its report, honored Rev. H. Palfenier on his tenth anniversary as evangelist, and introduced many of its missionaries. The mayor of Edmonton, the Honorable William Hawrelak, delighted the entire Conference group with his felicitous remarks about Edmonton and its spiritual atmosphere. Dr. J. Frank Patch extended fraternal greetings from the Baptist Federation of Canada.

Dr. Herbert Gezork followed with the first of several messages in leading the Conference in meditation and

Bible study. He showed how LOVE is the central theme of the Gospel, and he made it live anew for us. He lifted high before us the Story to be told to all the nations and challenged us with Christ's commission "to go." He laid the burden upon our hearts "to observe all things that Christ has commanded us." Dr. Gezork's radiant personality, his delightful friendship with all of us, his thought provoking messages and his fidelity to the Gospel of Christ contributed greatly to the blessings of the Conference days. Thanks, Dr. Gezork!

The Christian Workers' Luncheon on Wednesday noon with a capacity crowd of 350 featured the presentation, "Contacting the Home," which depicted a phase of Christian Education as worked out by our Sunday School Union.

The Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship's program was presented Wednesday afternoon with Mr. Herman Balka, president, in charge. In successive dramatic skits on the large stage, the literature of the C. B. Y. Fellowship, the work of "Operation TFC" and Junior Camps were reviewed and other activities of the fellowship presented. It held the attention of the conference visitors and told its story effectively. Rev. L. Bienert, the CBYF general secretary, and those associated with him are to be congratulated on this unique Conference program.

EDUCATION NIGHT

"Education Night" on Wednesday evening focused the attention of the General Conference on our educational institutions, the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta. Dr. George A. Lang presided, and Rev. Karl Korella and Professor Roy Seibel spoke briefly for their respective institutions. The singing of the C.T.I.



Dr. Herbert Gezork radiates charm and delight, surrounded by several General Conference "belles." Right to left: Mrs. J. C. Gunst, Mrs. Viola Nelson, Dr. Herbert Gezork, Liz Michelson, Lodi, Calif.; and Nancy Grover, Portland, Ore.

Choristers and the Seminary quartet was another distinct blessing of this program.

Dr. Herbert Gezork spoke convincingly and with the power of the Spirit on "Our Baptist Witness in the World Today." It was a masterful, interpretive address on Baptist convictions which we hope to publish later in the "Baptist Herald" or in the "1959 ANNUAL." The German service downstairs was a missionary program with Dr. Paul Gebauer as the principal speaker.

THURSDAY, JULY 24

Thursday, July 24, was a day of happy surprises and new blessings from the Lord. More than 400 people attended the Sunrise Service, held on

the rolling lawns of Queen Elizabeth Park with Rev. Bert Milner of Spring-side, Sask., bringing the message on "Our Dedication to Christ" followed by an appetizing breakfast under the trees.

Mr. Herbert Pankratz of Chicago, Ill., served as song leader for the day. The Seminary and the Christian Training Institute brought their reports. Rev. E. P. Wahl was honored by the C.T.I. and the Conference for his 18 years of illustrious service as president of the Institute. The Publication Society brought its report graphically by means of colored slides prepared by Mr. Harold B. Johns, showing the many ways in which it serves our churches. The accompanying script was read by Rev. Adolph Braun and Rev. Bert Milner.

GROUP LUNCHEONS

Luncheons for the various conference groups were the order of the day on Thursday noon. Five hundred women were at the Trocadero to feel the ties that bind them together in the Woman's Missionary Union, to hear the devotional message by Mrs. Paul Gebauer and the varied musical numbers, to be challenged by the report of the interim Cameroons woman's worker, Mrs. Earl Ahrens, and to attend to many business matters in the meeting presided over by Mrs. Thomas Lutz.

The preachers of the "Ministers' Fellowship" and the laymen of "Baptist Men" met together at the Alberta College Auditorium for their luncheon. The group, presided over by Mr. Herbert H. Stabbert of Anaheim, Calif., featured musical numbers and a heart stirring address, "They That Serve," by Dr. Paul Gebauer, superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission.



Indian Missionary R. Neuman (in regalia) of the Muscowpetung Reserve explains some of the mission curios in the General Conference Exhibit to the excited children and adults.

Business meetings for each group were held after the program. The report concerning the laymen's group, prepared by Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht, appears elsewhere in this issue.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RALLY

Thursday evening was the BIG NIGHT with a tremendous outpouring of North American Baptist people at two simultaneous meetings. The Jubilee Auditorium was filled with almost 3000 people for the Men's and Women's Rally with Mrs. Walter W. Grosser presiding. Testimonies were given by two outstanding North American Baptist Chaplains in the United States Army: Chaplain Leslie Albus of Fort Monroe, Va., and Chaplain George W. Zinz, Jr., of Fort Dix, N. J. Mrs. Edgar Bates of Hamilton, Ont., Dean of Women at McMaster University and vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance spoke on "God's Word in Our World." She showed how "God speaks to men through men, thus fashioning his world by this touch of his. We are to be the echoes of God's voice, if only we have ears open to hear." It was a thrilling, provocative message to be remembered for its stirring challenge. (You may read it in its entirety in this issue of the "Baptist Herald.")

On that same evening 1100 people filled Convocation Hall on the campus of the University of Alberta to attend a marvelous German service with choir numbers, spirited singing, denominational announcements and a memorable address by Dr. Herbert Gezork on "The Christian's Prayer Life" (in German). Again the portals of heaven were opened to us through God's ambassador and through this heartwarming fellowship.

FRIDAY, JULY 25

Now we've come to Friday, July 25. Rev. Lawrence George of Indianapolis, Ind., served as song leader. The ministry of our Homes for the Aged was depicted by Rev. Arthur Fischer of Linton, N. Dak., and the memorial service for our departed brethren, pastors and ministers' widows was conducted reverently by Rev. Philip Daum of Vancouver, B. C.

The election of officers and board members was held on Friday with the results to be announced on another page of this issue. Dr. John Wobig of Portland, Ore., is the newly elected moderator and Mr. Edwin H. Marklein the vice-moderator.

By Friday the discussion was waxing warm concerning the recommendations of the Commission on Denominational Objectives and Organization. Copies of the report (see June 26 issue of the "Baptist Herald") were in the hands of every visitor and delegate. Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, chairman of the Commission, presented every item clearly, forcefully and with interpretive clarity. Every opportunity was given for full discussion on the part of the delegates.



—Photo by Goertz Studio
Newly elected General Conference officers, commissioned at the Sunday afternoon service. Left to right: Mr. Fred A. Grosser, treasurer; Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary; Dr. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary; Dr. John Wobig, moderator; and Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, vice-moderator.

COMMISSION REPORT ADOPTED

As a result of the long hours of consideration, the Commission's Report was adopted by the Conference IN FULL. This means that our denomination has been reorganized in such a way as to streamline many of its functions, to improve its promotional outreach and to strengthen its ministry. A Board of Education and Publication with a general secretary and board members has been created. The Christian Training Institute of Edmonton will provide ministerial training of three years for men who can serve our churches in a bilingual capacity in addition to its high school and Bible School program.

Our Publication House in Cleveland, Ohio, will be liquidated and our publications will be farmed out. But a new building will be constructed (possibly in Forest Park, Ill.) to house the offices of the Publication House and a retail book store. Four district secretaries have been appointed by the General Council and approved by the General Conference to serve in regional areas. The organization of the General Missionary Committee has also been improved by important changes. This organizational setup will provide for a more aggressive ministry by our Conference in every phase of its work.



—Photo by Roy Seibel
A thrilling picture of the Jubilee Auditorium stage on Sunday afternoon showing the many missionaries, Conference officers and orchestra at the right and the Mass Choir led by Rev. Ed Link.

WOMEN'S PROGRAM

Women in all of their winsome beauty and with a great display of their talents shone on Friday afternoon at the Conference program. Mrs. Thomas Lutz, president, led this inspiring service that featured musical numbers, greetings by many representatives, missionary testimonies by Miss Ida Forsch and Mrs. Walter Sukut, installation of new officers by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, and a memorial service led by Mrs. W. R. Muller of Carbon, Alta.



—Photo by Roy Seibel
Mrs. James Billeter of Portland, Ore., General Conference organist, contributed greatly to the inspiration of the Conference sessions by her skilled and faithful music ministry.

One of the features of the women's program was the dramatic presentation, "On Life's Pathway With Christ," written by Mrs. Harm Sherman of Applington, Iowa. Against a colorful background of an out-of-door garden, the fifty golden years of the Union's history were reviewed and the various goals of the women presented. As the representatives marched across the platform, symbolizing some person or a phase of work in the Woman's Union, a narrator told the story with inspiring music in the background. Suddenly, a lighted cross appeared above the garden group for a dedication of hearts, united in love, "for a closer walk with God."

MRS. EDGAR BATES

This was an effective story and a well planned preparation for the address by Mrs. Edgar Bates of Hamilton, Ont., on a "Challenge to Serve." "If we belong to Christ," she said, "we must be remade. Let us then go forth with a new understanding of our task and with the challenge of these days."

The Missionary Reception and Tea that followed was held in the lower lobby of the auditorium. It was another memorable opportunity for delightful fellowship at the Conference. The C. T. I. alumni luncheon that evening (5:30 P. M.) brought together many former students of the Bible

School. Open House at the C. T. I. had been held the previous afternoon.

On Friday evening the Sunday School Union had the spotlight of attention falling on it and its work. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, general secretary, presided and presented the personnel of the Sunday School Union. Mr. E. Ralph Kletke, president, spoke highly of the work accomplished by the Union during the first three years of its ministry. The program featured an illustrated presentation of an Ideal Sun-

Herrmann of Tyndall, S. Dak., led the service in which the following participated: Rev. Edward Kary, Rev. Walter Ste'n, Rev. John Wahl, and Rev. L. B. Hinz. The Saturday afternoon picnic at Victoria Park was a wonderful picture of joy and fellowship, as the Conference band played, as people ate their lunches under the trees, as games were played and as everyone seemed to be having a good time in the Lord!

Great and glorious things were still ahead of us! On Saturday evening, 1100 people crowded into the ballroom and adjoining halls of the Macdonald Hotel for the Conference Banquet. The new General Conference place mats were found at each place with Indian canoes as souvenirs nearby. Mr. Herman Balka as toastmaster had an endless array of Texas jokes, as we waited for the entire group to be present for the program. Musical numbers were followed by testimonies on the work of "God's Volunteers" by Mrs. Floyd Roehl and Miss Leona Hoffman. Dr. Walter W. Wessel's address on "The Challenge of Christianity to Contemporary Youth" reached another height of blessing in this thrilling conference.

That same evening another crowd of 2200 people were enjoying themselves at the Jubilee Auditorium, listening to the German Musical and Evangelistic Program. Various musical groups and a number of instrumentalists and soloists delighted the large audience with their numbers. Dr. Frank H. Woyke brought denominational greetings, and Rev. William Laser of Winnipeg, Man., spoke on "The Unchanging Christ." This too was another miracle of God, as he richly blessed both of these services held simultaneously.

SUNDAY, CROWNING DAY

Sunday was the crowning day of glory! Following the Sunday School sessions, the morning worship service was held in the Jubilee Auditorium with Dr. John Wobig in charge, and with Rev. Eldon Seibold as song leader. The hall was well filled. All of the local Baptist churches of Edmonton and vicinity were likewise filled for their respective morning services. Dr. Donald G. Davis of Los Angeles, Calif., brought the message on "Motives for Serving Christ" with scriptural exposition and spiritual conviction.

The afternoon service lasted for almost four hours! It was record-breaking in almost every way (see editorial in this issue). Between 5000 and 6000 people attended or were turned away. Hundreds of these listened in various halls of the Auditorium over loud speakers. At 1:45 P. M. the band of almost 50 instruments entertained "the early arrivals." The song festival led by Rev. Ed Link lasted for over an hour with more than 400 singers dressed in white thrilling the audience with songs of worship and praise, spirituals, German numbers and with the uplifting number, "His Truth Is Marching On," at the close.

INDIANS AND MISSIONARIES

New officers and the district secretaries were installed by Rev. H. Wilcke of Stafford, Kans., chairman of the Program Committee. Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, presented our missionaries at this great rally and then introduced the Christian Indians, numbering about 40 in attendance. Some of these were in full regalia. Chief James Bull of the Alberta Bull Reserve and Chief John Gambler of the Muscowpetung Reserve spoke briefly. Chief Gambler thrilled the congregation by his witty remarks and fervent spiritual testimony. Seven newly appointed missionaries for the Cameroons, Africa, were presented prior to the commissioning address and prayer by Dr. Paul Gebauer, field superintendent. Dr. Gebauer reminded them that they were not going on a picnic to Africa ("They had their last one yesterday at Victoria Park," he said.) But God's strength and presence will go before them.

Dr. Frank H. Woyke offered the closing prayer and benediction, followed by the heart stirring singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus" by the 400 voices in the mass choir. It seemed as if the windows of heaven were opened above us as God's Spirit revealed himself and gave the final benediction to the Conference sessions and to our denominational work for the future.

EXHIBIT HALL

What more shall we say about this once-in-a-lifetime Conference? The Exhibit Hall with its display of the work of the General Council, the ministry of the cooperating societies, the general mission fields in which we are engaged, and the display of Christian books and literature was a very popular feature of this Conference week. It presented our denominational work in a nut shell or at an eye's glance, and was both colorful and effective.

Meals were served in the lower lobby of the Auditorium, thus making it possible for hundreds of people to visit with one another more leisurely. Most of the restaurants and hotels in Ed-



—Photo by Goertz Studio
Cameroons missionaries try to explain African native craft to Dr. M. L. Leuschner. Left to right: Eleanor Weisenburger, Ida Forsch, M. L. Leuschner and Bernice Westerman.

monton were made aware of the Baptists in town. An attendant at the Auditorium revealed that he had never before seen so many happy and smiling people together at one time.

TOUR INTO THE ROCKIES

Bright and early (6:30 A.M.) on Monday morning, July 28, a group of 114 North American Baptists left by train on a tour into the Canadian Rockies. They visited Jasper National Park, the Columbia Icefields, Lake Louise Chateau and Deer Lodge, Banff and the Banff Springs Hotel. During these thrilling days with perfect weather throughout the week, they met other North American Baptists at Maligne Lake, in the snowmobiles on the icefields, taking pictures of one another on the shore of Lake Louise, bumping into each other in Johnson's Canyon or in front of Mt. Eisenhower, or waving to each other on the ski lift at Mt. Norquay or on the streets of Banff. There were North American Baptists

everywhere, revelling in the grandeur of God's handiwork, in the blessings of life, and in the delights of our fellowship. This was a Vacation Package Tour which contained many more gifts of God's blessings than originally anticipated.

THE GLORY OF GOD

Someone said to me during the sessions: "Mr. Leuschner, you'll never find superlatives enough to describe this conference." I agree. Words fail all of us to try to recreate this Conference in words on paper. The thousands of us who were privileged to be there in Edmonton now have spiritual impressions and memories inscribed in our hearts that will bless and enrich us so long as we live! God touched this 32nd General Conference in Edmonton with his grace and glory and made a miracle for us to behold—a host of God's happy people, unitedly serving their Christ, and bound for a great work in the years ahead!



North American Baptists (114 strong!) on the Vacation Package Tour after the conference sessions are photographed at Mt. Eisenhower in the Canadian Rockies (left) and on their way to Maligne Lake (right) in Jasper National Park.

WE, TOO, WERE IN EDMONTON

Observations of the General Conference Sessions

GOD'S GREATNESS AT OUR GENERAL CONFERENCE

By Miss Mildred Wolfe
Detroit, Mich.

Those of us who attended the 32nd General Conference in Edmonton, Alta., can join with the Psalmist in singing, "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!" for it truly was a great conference.

Taking the special conference train from Chicago to Edmonton, we were welcomed at a number of places en route. In St. Paul, Minn., we were presented with corsages by the River-view and Dayton Bluff churches. In Winnipeg, Man., the McDermot Ave. Church sang while we ate breakfast at the Fort Garry Hotel. At Saskatoon the band greeted us, and on our arrival in Edmonton, at 6:40 A.M., the WELCOME sign was out plus a band and singers. Then the people taxied us to our various homes and hotels, making one feel the closeness with our denominational brothers and sisters in Christ—although spread across the continent.

Throughout the week this was also witnessed through the hospitality of our Canadian brethren; through the

presentation of the work being done by our various denominational groups and our missionaries on the field, at home and abroad; and through the heart-searching messages by Dr. Herbert Gezork on the theme, "Continue in MY Word" through love, missions and teaching.

The music added much to the success of the conference. This year we were especially blessed to hear many numbers presented in the German language. Just to see the throngs streaming into the beautiful Jubilee Auditorium, prior to each session, made you rejoice, knowing that we are all striving for the same cause. All of this helped to make this conference one of the greatest and certainly one we will long remember.

WONDERFUL DAYS AT EDMONTON, ALTA.

By Rev. John E. Grygo
Bismarck, N. Dak.

How wonderful were the days at Edmonton! Our Lord very graciously manifested himself through his people. We praise him for it!

The spiritual fellowship of our North American Baptists was simply

grand. Many of us came wondering, but we went away marvelling. The sight of the meeting place amazed us. Such an imposing structure! Such magnificent accommodations! Such a fascinating lighting system! Such superb sound effects!

The messages of our speakers, especially Dr. Herbert Gezork and Alberta's premier, Mr. E. C. Manning, will long be remembered. The musical contributions, whether vocal or instrumental, thrilled the hearts of all. We were deeply impressed by the excellent performance of the English and German choirs as well as the various orchestras.

And what was decided at the business sessions, under the genial and able chairmanship of Mr. Walter Grosser, was done in an acceptable manner. Concerning the important denominational changes, let us state that the future will tell whether we have acquitted ourselves wisely.

We feel that not only our United States, but also our Canadian brethren, have greatly benefitted from these great gatherings. A better appreciation for one another's work can be expected. No doubt, new friendships have been made.

What also thrilled us was the kind reception which the Edmonton citizenry accorded us. The people were extremely polite and considerate. Next

CONFERENCE PHOTOGRAPH

The official General Conference photograph (shown below) was taken by the Wells Studio, 11534 Jasper Ave., Edmonton, Alta., Canada. It is still available as a larger glossy print at \$2.00 for each photo.

—EDITOR

to the Lord, our sincere gratitude to our Baptists of Edmonton and vicinity for a task well done. Let us ever remain true to him, who, above all, still expects to have the preeminence in all things—even in our beloved North American General Conference.

A FORETASTE OF HEAVEN AT EDMONTON

By Mr. Carl Jenkins
Forest Park, Ill.

Looking back to Edmonton en route homeward, we look forward with confidence and trust that God will continue to use our comparatively small group of North American Baptists to carry on the work entrusted to us.

The Conference was great! Our Edmonton people were fine hosts and did a fine job in providing the marvelous Jubilee Auditorium for our meetings. Any lesser facility would have been woefully inadequate. Nevertheless, the auditorium was overtaxed on

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God Blessed His People at Edmonton

By Miss Marion Kleindienst of Chicago, Ill.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE to compress in a few words the abundant blessings showered upon those who attended our glorious General Conference in Canada. If you partake of one church service on the Lord's Day and feel the peace and blessings from God and his people, then can you wonder at the effect upon you when hosts of believers gather together daily to absorb the beautiful music and spiritual programs, inspired preaching of great saints of God, plus the satisfaction of knowing you are about God's business!

Perhaps one of the greatest experiences was the outpouring of love and affection upon us by our North American Baptists in Canada. It was thrilling to be met by bands en route to Canada; to have the members of the churches in Winnipeg pin corsages on us; and then to be greeted by large crowds of fellow-Baptists at the railroad station on arrival in Edmonton. Many of us were moved to tears by their expressions of genuine joy to see us and the unity we felt in Christ and with one another.

We were in a world of our own. We met early each day to worship and to pray together, to learn and to listen to such great Christian leaders as Dr.

Herbert Gezork, president of Andover-Newton Seminary; Dr. Paul Gebauer, superintendent of the African Mission Field; the Hon. Ernest C. Manning, premier of Alberta; Mrs. Edgar Bates, vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance, and so many others.

The setting for our Conference was, to say the least, ideal. The magnificent Alberta Jubilee Auditorium, with its modern architecture, and the interior decorating in the main convention hall—done in tones of beige, upholstered cherry red chairs and massive draperies, which, with lighting effects changed to shaded tones of green, blue and mauve—created an impressive sight.

The business sessions of the Conference were not only important, but fascinating, due to the wisdom and skill of our denominational executives and the many pastors and laymen who give of their time and talent in the great work of our denomination.

It is always a real delight at every Conference to see our missionaries and to hear their reports of the work on their various mission fields. The climax of the Conference was the commissioning of seven more missionaries, and Dr. Gebauer's address, challeng-

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THE 32nd GENERAL CONFERENCE OF NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES AT THE ALBERTA JUBILEE AUDITORIUM, EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA FROM JULY 21 TO 28, 1958



What's Happening

● The General Missionary Society, in accordance with the reorganization of its work by the General Conference in Edmonton, Alta., has appointed Rev. Daniel Fuchs of Forest Park, Ill., as the full-time Director of Evangelism and Church Extension, serving under the general missionary secretary. Rev. Herman Palfenier will continue his ministry as denominational evangelist.

● The churches of Edmonton, Alta., were filled with General Conference visitors on the Sunday preceding the sessions, July 20. At the Central Baptist Church, two former pastors, Rev. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., and Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., spoke at the Sunday morning sessions and Dr. Donald G. Davis of Los Angeles, Calif., at the evening service. The sessions of the Northern Conference were held at the McKernan Church on Monday morning and afternoon, July 21.

● The Wiesenthal Baptist Church of Millet, Alta., held its 50th anniversary program on Saturday and Sunday, July 19 and 20, with crowds in attendance that packed the seating capacity of the church. Guest speakers were the former pastors, the Reverends Robert Schreiber, E. A. Hoffmann, Henry Smuland; O. R. Schmidt, C. B. Thole, Philip Daum and the guest speaker, Dr. M. L. Leuschner. A more detailed report will appear in the next issue.

● A feature of the General Conference Exhibit was a memorial to several outstanding denominational leaders who had passed on to their heavenly reward during the past triennium. Their pictures were shown along with a brief account of each man's accomplishments. The memorial honored Dr. O. E. Krueger, Dr. H. Theodore Sorg, Mr. H. P. Donner, Mr. Roland Ross and Rev. E. J. Baumgartner.

CONFERENCE NEWS

The news paragraphs on pages 16 and 17 are related to the 32nd General Conference sessions in Edmonton, Alberta. It was a Conference that produced "lots of news." The pictures on these two pages as well as the picture of Dr. Gezork and a group of women on page 18 were taken by Mr. M. L. Leuschner, editor.

Further General Conference articles and pictures will appear in the October issues of the "Baptist Herald" and the 1959 ANNUAL.

● A Song Festival was held in the Alberta Jubilee Auditorium, Edmonton, Alta., by the North American Baptist churches of Alberta on Sunday, June 8th, as "a dress rehearsal" for the General Conference sessions from July 21 to 27. About 2000 persons were blessed by the many musical numbers rendered by the various General Conference choirs under the direction of Rev. Ed Link. Numbers were also given by the orchestra and band. This was a foretaste of the real joys at the General Conference sessions!

● Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Link of Kelowna, B. C., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 22 with "Open House" held at the McKernan Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta. Their four sons and two daughters besides 300 General Conference visitors and friends extended congratulations to them. Rev. A. Lamprecht was in charge of the brief program. Their sons include two ministers: Rev. Ed Link of Edmonton, Alta., and Rev. Vernon Link of Sheffield, Iowa.

● Mr. and Mrs. Kuhn of Leduc, Alta., the parents of Miss Minnie Kuhn, mis-

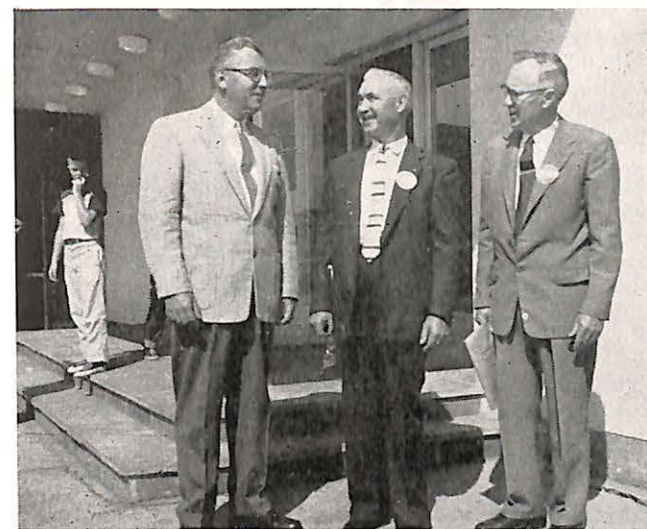
sionary in the Cameroons, Africa, and members of the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 18 with many personal friends and conference visitors in attendance. During the conference sessions, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Becker of Portland, Ore., received a telegram of congratulations from their children on their 25th wedding anniversary. This was read at the evening session. Afterwards, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Johnson and Dr. and Mrs. John Wobig arranged a party in their honor at Edmonton.

● The First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., held Home Coming Day on Sunday, July 20, with large crowds in attendance at the several services. Sons and daughters of the church who are now serving as ministers in our denomination or as missionaries, spoke and sent letters of greeting. Rev. Fred J. Knalson, pastor, was in charge of these festive services.

● The new book, "IN GOD'S HAND," written by Dr. O. E. Krueger and prepared for the printers prior to his death, sold amazingly well at the General Conference Book Store. It is reviewed colorfully in the July 21st issue of the "Baptist Herald." Its 134 pages tell the story of our denominational history and the work of our churches in a popular style and with narrative vividness. It can be secured from our Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio, at \$1.00 per copy.

● The position of promotional secretary of the denomination has been combined with that of the editor of English publications by action of the General Conference in Edmonton, Alta. Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was elected to these positions at the Conference sessions. It was stated that much of the promotional work will be carried on by the newly appointed district secretaries.

● The four new district secretaries appointed by the General Council following the reorganization of our General Conference as adopted at the Con-



Several General Conference leaders (left) view the sessions with joy: Rev. H. J. Wilcke, Program Committee chairman (left to right); Mr. Sam Yeske, chairman of Committee on Parking and Transportation; Rev. E. P. Wahl, chairman of the Edmonton Executive Committee; and (right) Rev. Rubin Herrmann of Tyndall, S. Dak., and his three sisters who sang at the General Conference. They are (left to right): Mrs. Hulda Zeitner, Mr. Herrman, Mrs. Freda Kanwischer, and Mrs. Albert Griscowsky.

ference sessions in Edmonton, Alta., have accepted their appointments. They are Rev. Frank Veninga of Pittsburgh, Pa., for the Eastern District; Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., for the Central District; Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Man., for the Northern District; and Rev. Joe Sonnenberg of Chicago, Ill., for the Western District. Details concerning this reorganization appear in the General Conference report.

● The Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, was reorganized by action of the General Conference, "providing ministerial training of three years for men who can serve our churches in a bilingual capacity" and inaugurating a program on the B. Th.-Bible College level. A prominent minister of one of our churches and an educator has been appointed president by the C.T.I. Trustee Board. The Rev. Karl Korella, acting president, presented his resignation and also resigned as a member of the faculty. Rev. O. R. Schmidt will assume the

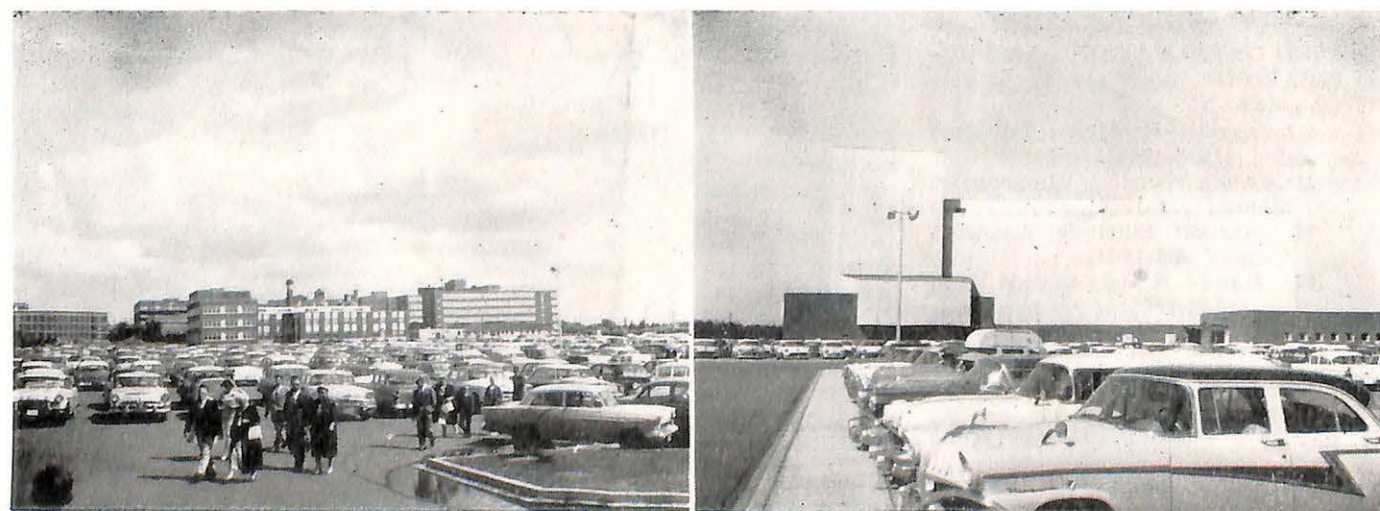
leadership of the school until the new president arrives.

● Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, left Chicago, Ill., by plane shortly after the General Conference sessions for Switzerland, Europe, where he attended the Administrative and Executive Committee meetings of the Baptist World Alliance from August 2 to 8 at Rueschlikon, Switzerland. Dr. Woyke is a member of the BWA Executive Committee. During the weeks that followed, he held conferences with German and Austrian Baptist leaders and especially with Rev. Paul Schmidt about his visit to North American Baptist churches in 1959. Dr. Woyke is returning to the United States by plane on or about Sept. 4.

● The General Conference in Edmonton, Alta., in reorganizing the denominational set-up created a new co-operating society to be known as the Board of Education and Publication. Its constitution was adopted and its secretary and board members were elected. The General Conference selected Rev. Harold W. Giseke of Lor-

raine, Kans., as the first general secretary of this Board. He has accepted the appointment and has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., which he has served since 1954. He and his family will reside in the Forest Park, Ill., area.

● On Sunday, July 20, the services on the three Indian mission fields in Saskatchewan and Alberta were attended by many General Conference visitors. At the Montana Reserve in Alberta, Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, missionary-appointee for Africa, spoke. Special music was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Jake Derman, former Indian missionaries. At the Bull Reserve, the service was held out-of-doors because of the large attendance. Chief James Bull extended greetings and Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., brought the message. Among the many visitors were Dr. and Mrs. John Wobig of Portland, Ore.; Mr. Harold Johns of Forest Park, Ill.; Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Lutz of Aberdeen, S. Dak.; and Mr. and Mrs. Harm Sherman of Aplington, Iowa.



Two views of the 2000 and more cars parked around the Edmonton Jubilee Auditorium, at the left, looking towards the buildings of the University of Alberta, and at the right, across the tops of autos toward the Auditorium.



Everybody had a glorious time at the Saturday picnic of the General Conference at Victoria Park, resting on the grass, like these three young women (left): Agnes Schroeder of Yorkton, Sask., Ruby Schindler of Edmonton, Alta., and Sylvia Stobee of Yorkton, Sask.; or listening to the wonderful music of the General Conference Band (right) directed by Mr. Robert Neske.

A BLESSED CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN

By Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz

Retiring President of the Woman's Missionary Union

WITH THANKS to you for the new pen in my hand, I accept this opportunity of expressing a few words of appreciation to all who have worked so well in the interest of our Woman's Missionary Union during the past triennium and the General Conference days. I have enjoyed the work, the women, our denominational enterprises, our representatives and all they represent.

To each of you in our local societies who have prayed, worked and cooperated in every way possible, we express our gratitude. With God working in our midst, you have made records that exceed all others in the history of our Union in giving, in membership, and in united efforts.

We are grateful for our heritage of the past, the constructive, consecrated and sacrificial effort of the retiring Executive Committee members and the continual promotion of our W. M. U. goals by all. These things were beautifully revealed to us by means of our dramatic "presentation" and other activities of our women's sessions at the General Conference.

THANKS TO GOD

We bow in thanks to God:

For bringing into our midst for our women's meetings of the General Conference: Mrs. Paul Gebauer, wife of our superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission; Mrs. Earl Ahrens, our first interim Woman's Worker in the Cameroons; Mrs. Edgar Bates, vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance and organizer of the first North American Baptist Women's Union on the Continent of North America;

For all other missionaries, home and foreign, who with their testimonies, devotion, presence, and loyalty inspired us in our missionary program, luncheon, tea and exhibits;

For our chairmen who carried the heavy responsibilities of the Women's activities;

For the beautiful Jubilee Auditorium provided for us by the Alberta churches;

For the time, talent and money given by the women of the Alberta Association as they served us as hostesses. It was they who provided the little gold pin, a favor for our luncheon, the napkins, doilies, table decorations and delicacies of our tea. We cannot thank or reward them, but we commit them to God who will give them a greater reward and feeling of "well done."

For the T.V. and press opportunities and all who made them possible;

For the printed material issued;

"BAPTIST MEN" AT EDMONTON

Report by Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht, President of "Baptist Men"

On Thursday afternoon, July 24, Baptist Men met for their business session following the combined luncheon with the Ministers' Fellowship. A large group of laymen was in attendance for the business meeting. The National Officers, Local Conference Presidents and members of the Board of Directors were introduced. The President, Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht, and the Executive Vice-President, Mr. Herbert H. Stabbert, gave reports covering activities of Baptist Men during the past triennium.

For the paintings and art work contributed;

For the messages rendered by word or music;

For the unknown giver to us but known to God;

For the Hudson's Bay Store which made heavy donations throughout the Conference. As I view the beautiful bone China cup, a gift from them to me, with its colors of blue, white and silver, I thank God for his assurances: "Every cloud has a silver lining."

For the newly elected officers and leaders. We lift them up with prayer and promise our cooperation as they take up the torch.

GOALS AND THEME

It was a blessed Conference. Our task has just begun. We were challenged to "Continue in His word." Using the newly adopted goals and the theme of the W. M. Union for the next triennium we continue "On Life's Pathway with Christ." In the home, in the church, in the community, in business, in the world.

"And he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his path" (Micah 4:2).

The Nominating Committee, with Mr. Ed Meister serving as chairman, presented the ballot for the election of Board of Directors at large. The results of the election were as follows: for a six year term, Mr. Melvin Becker, Portland, Ore.; Mr. Carl Lang, Edmonton, Alta.; and Mr. Charles Lindberg, Chicago, Ill. Mr. Richard Mulder, Parkersburg, Iowa, was elected for three years, to serve out the unexpired term of Mr. Roland Ross, deceased.

A recommendation was made by the officers that Baptist Men pay \$2,000 per year towards the financial support of the newly appointed Medical Missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr. After some discussion, this recommendation was enthusiastically adopted. This is the first project sponsored by our denominational organization. Some of the Baptist Men organizations in our local conferences have sponsored projects for several years.

During the meeting of the Board of Directors, the following officers were elected: President and Chairman of the Board, Raymond E. Engelbrecht, Waco, Texas; Executive Vice-President, Herbert H. Stabbert, Anaheim, Calif.; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles V. Lindberg, Chicago, Ill.

It was decided that Baptist Men again sponsor "Laymen's Sunday" in our denomination the third Sunday in October 1958. Plans are being made for the fifth Laymen's Conference at Green Lake, Wisc., during the summer of 1959.

During the coming triennium, Baptist Men will put forth special efforts

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—Photo by Roy Seibel

Leaders and speakers at the Woman's Missionary Union Luncheon during the General Conference week. Left to right: Mrs. Paul Gebauer, Mrs. Earl Ahrens, Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz, Mrs. Edgar Bates and Mrs. O. R. Schmidt.

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Results of Elections at the 32nd General Conference, Edmonton, Alta.

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GOD BLESSED HIS PEOPLE

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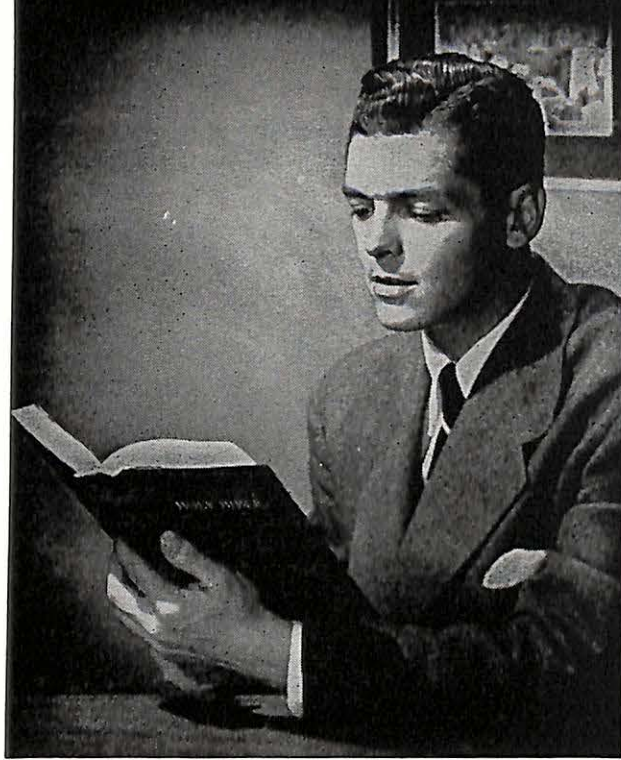
ing the missionaries and the churches to "go forth with holy boldness, and the vision of the Lord himself, and then will we see that Christ died for all, the growth of the Kingdom and in the end, the City of God."

Our only response to so rich a Conference can be the prayer offered by Dr. Gezork at one of our devotional services:

"Take, now, O God, our minds and let them think of thee,
Take our lips and let them speak for thee,
Take our hands and let them work for thee,
Take our hearts and set them on fire For Jesus' sake."

1961 CONFERENCE

The 1961 General Conference will be held in Minneapolis, Minn., as voted by the Conference session in Edmonton. The exact time will be announced later.



—A. Devaney, Inc.
David Gardner felt the call of God to study for the ministry, much to the disgust of his college roommate, Barry Carter.

The TORCH BEARER

By Sallie Lee Bell

The heart-throbbing story of young people, wrapped up in the world and themselves, who find serenity and joy in Christ.

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SYNOPSIS

Barry Carter knew that he was responsible for the death of his very close college friend, David Gardner. In deep remorse, he sought the faith by which his friend had lived and was gloriously saved. Later through the influence of Dale, David's fiancée, he entered the ministry and became pastor of a church in New Orleans, La. His former girl friend, Cicily, to whom he was once engaged, married Roy Farlan, but there was little love for each other. They visited New Orleans and attended Barry Carter's church, but Roy had a sinister plot in mind. As a result he trapped the minister in his home and accused him of trying to break up his marriage. He threatened him with a gun which accidentally went off and killed him when his wife tried to intervene. But all evidence pointed to the Rev. Barry Carter as the murderer. He was convicted of the crime and sentenced to prison for 10 years. His entire life seemed to have fallen in ruins about him. After some time, Barry was visited by Dale who tried to cheer him that "God would help him get out of this." One day in prison he overheard the plans for a prison break and reported this to the warden through the prison chaplain. But Barry was suspected of being "a stool pigeon" and was stabbed in the back.

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

DALE WAS ALLOWED to visit Barry in the hospital on visiting days. Every effort was being made to save his life, but for a while it seemed hopeless. Blood transfusions, his strong constitution, and above all, the prayers of the girl who watched and waited so anxiously for his recovery, won the battle and he began to recover. He did not know how often Dale sat beside him when he was unconscious, but as he opened his eyes and saw her sitting there quietly by his side, the sight of her reminded him of the time when he had been so near death before and she had come to him and given him comfort and hope.

She saw that he recognized her and she smiled down at him.

"What would I do without you?" he said in a weak thin voice. "Whenever I need you, you are always near to give me just what I need most."

"Isn't that what a faithful friend

should be, to give you comfort and help when you need it most?"

"You're more than a friend," he said in tones that brought color to her face. "You're an angel in disguise. I'm a selfish brute, but I hope that no one ever takes you away from me. I would be utterly lost without my prop."

"There's not even a prospect that that might happen," she said with another smile. "I'm satisfied just now to be your prop."

The next time she came he was much stronger and was sitting up in bed.

"They tell me that I'll soon be out of here," he told her. "I'll be going back to the old cell block. What a happy prospect!"

"I have good news for you," she said. "You may not have to go back."

"No? Why not?"

"While you've been so sick, we've been working on your case. I went down to New Orleans and had a talk with Mr. Barton. When I told him what had happened, he began to work for your parole. He's hoping for a pardon, but he's not too sure of getting that. He came here and had a talk with the warden and then he went to the Governor. He hopes to have good news for you before you're discharged from the hospital. In fact the warden agreed to keep you here until your case is decided. He knows that if you go back there, your life will still be in danger."

His voice shook with emotion as he said, "I can only repeat what I've said so often before, what would I ever do without you?"

In a few days Barton came to see him.

"I have good news for you at last," he told Barry. "You'll be paroled in my custody until the next meeting of the board of pardons when they will consider your case. I believe they will

grant you a full pardon. I reviewed your case with the Governor and, together with the report of the warden about this affair here, he promised to do all he could to get your full pardon. The fact of Farlan's mental condition, together with your record as pastor of your church and your statement to me that he was shot in self-defense, all stands in your favor."

"When will that parole be granted?" Barry asked eagerly.

"Just as soon as you're able to leave here."

"I'm ready to go now."

"No, you're not," Barton cautioned. "You just stay here and be patient until I come back for you. I'll take you back with me when the doctor says you are able to leave here. In the meantime think over what you want to do after you get out."

Barry's face became serious. "That is something to think about," he said. "I'll have to start life all over again and I don't know where to begin. There isn't much incentive to begin. A paroled convict! What a start for a new life!"

"But God will be with you to help you begin that new life," Barton reminded him. "Isn't that what you told me when I faced a problem almost as serious as the one you are facing?"

"I'm a pretty weak specimen," Barry remarked ruefully. "I'm leaning on you and I'm leaning on a frail little person who has been such a tower of strength where I've been such an overgrown baby."

"That little person is one in a thousand," Barton remarked. "What a jewel she would be as some man's wife."

"You wouldn't be thinking along those lines for yourself, would you?" Barry asked with a twinkle in his eyes.

"I wouldn't have the nerve to even

begin to think of that," Barton replied. "I wouldn't be averse to it, if she hadn't told me something about her life. Her heart is buried with the boy she was going to marry. I don't think she would be interested in anyone else for a long time."

"He's the boy I killed," Barry told him gravely.

"Don't start getting down in the depths again," Barton admonished. "She's not moping about the past, so you shouldn't either. All she's living for now is to help you to be what he would have been if he had lived. No one ever had a better friend. You should thank God for her."

"I have," Barry assured him. "If it hadn't been for her, I might still be a lost soul."

"And so, perhaps, would I," Barton added.

There was much for Barry to think about during the time of waiting for Barton's return. His life as a minister was finished. No church that he knew would accept the ministry of a paroled convict, or even a pardoned one. The stain of the crime for which he had been convicted would remain upon his name wherever his story was known. His only hope was to get away to some place where no one knew him.

When the prison gates finally closed behind him and he drove away in Phil Barton's car, Barry experienced a strange sensation. He felt that every eye was fastened upon him and that everyone who looked at him was saying to himself, "There goes an ex-convict."

"I can never thank you enough for what you have done," Barry told Barton when they reached the room Barton had engaged for him.

"Don't try," Barton replied, "I'm just repaying a part of the debt I owe you."

Barry had decided to go for a visit to his mother while he tried to choose his future course. He dreaded going back to the old home town, but he knew that his mother would be longing to see him. He knew how she had suffered during the long months he had been in prison. She had never been able to make the trip to see him and he was glad that she hadn't been able to come.

Dale came to the city soon after he was released. He had asked her to come. They went out to dinner at a restaurant where he hoped they would not see anyone who had known him in the past.

"It's so wonderful to be free to go and come as I please," he said as they waited for their order. "It's good to be able to eat what I want to instead of what's handed out day after day. We could tell what day of the week it was by what we got each day."

"I'm sure it must be wonderful," she answered. "But the past is gone now and you must forget it. What you have to do now is look to the future."

"I know that. That's the trouble," he responded while his eyes rested upon the glass he was twirling slowly. "The future doesn't seem to loom up so brightly just now. I have no idea where I shall go or what I can do to earn a living. When I went to college I had law in mind and so I did not specialize in any course that could help me now. As an unskilled laborer I wouldn't make enough to keep my worthless body alive. Perhaps when I get home and have time to think things over, I can figure out something."

"What has Mr. Barton done about your leaving the state?" she asked.

"He's had some special dispensation fixed up so that I can go outside the state during the period of my parole. I'll report to him until the pardon is granted, if it goes through. That's one thing I'll have to consider before I make any plans. I can't go too far away until the pardon is settled."

No mention of the attempted dynamiting plot had been made to the public. For many reasons, prison officials wanted the matter kept quiet. The penitentiary had already been under investigation and this affair would have stirred up wide-spread repercussions in the political life of the state.

They ate for a while in silence, then Barry said, "What will you do now, Dale? You gave up everything to come down here to be near me and now I'm walking out on you. Will you stay on at Baton Rouge or will you go back home?"

She smiled. "No, I shall not stay on here. I've finished my job here, so I'll be moving on to new fields of work."

"Where will that be?" There was a note of anxiety in his voice.

"I don't know. Perhaps Africa."

"You can't go there!" he cried. "That will be too far away. I still need you, Dale. Can't you work for the Lord here at home?"

"That remains to be seen," she said gravely. "I sometimes wonder whether I've done the right thing in delaying all this time. But I did so want to see you carry that torch for David."

"There's still me," he said. "Don't be too hasty about going way off to Africa. I'm still the weakling who needs a prop."

"But this prop can't go running around all over the country after that weakling," she said. "I shall go home for a little while and stay with my aunt until I find out just what the Lord would have me do."

"You told me when I was in prison that I couldn't get away from you. Now you're running away from me." He looked at her reproachfully.

"We can still write," she reminded him. "And I won't be running away at once."

"You'll be at home while I'm there and that is really good news."

"Let us hope that God will give each of us His leading for our lives while we are there," she said.

"Here's hoping," and he laid his hand upon hers.

As she smiled into her eyes he felt her hand tremble beneath his, but he did not dream of the real reason why it trembled.

The town of Meadville had for years been just a quiet village with a few stores on the main street which was not even dignified by a name, a typical country school house and not even a church. It was, however, in a section where certain mineral deposits had been discovered, minerals which could be used in the manufacture of important munitions. A manufacturing company had established a plant there and had purchased the mineral rights to the land containing these deposits.

The coming of this plant had changed the village into a town which, though still not large, became the center of interest to more than one group of individuals. The government was interested in getting the material which this plant manufactured and, as the threat of danger increased from the boiling cauldron of the East, this plant became more important to the government. It became the interest also of a subversive group who had discovered its importance and were determined upon its destruction.

It is strange and sometimes unbelievable to those who do not understand, how the hand of God moves to work out His plan, not only in the affairs of nations, but in individual lives in ways that seem unimportant but which often change the whole course of a life.

The man who had been sent to Meadville as the director of the new plant was an old friend of Phil Barton's father. In a letter which he wrote to Mr. Barton senior, he mentioned how hard it was in these days of uncertainty and unrest to find men who could be trusted in difficult and important work. It was necessary for him to employ such men and to be sure of their loyalty to the government as well as their trustworthiness.

When Phil read the letter an inspiration came to him. He had had Barry on his mind ever since he had been released. Perhaps this might prove to be just what he needed to begin a new life. He wrote Mr. Compton, the director of the plant, and gave him the whole story of Barry's life. He suggested that Mr. Compton might be able to use him at the plant. Mr. Compton was a Christian and he realized the struggle Barry might have in trying to begin life over again. He believed that he could use Barry and he wrote to Phil Barton and asked for Barry's address.

When Barry received the letter and also one from Phil Barton explaining what had happened, he felt that this was an answer to prayer. He made arrangements to leave for Meadville. He

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Vacation Bible School, Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak.

A Vacation Bible School with 72 children enrolled was held June 2 to 6 at the Alfred School by the Grace Baptist Church of Alfred and Gackle, N. Dak., and the Church of God of Gackle. In the absence of a minister, Mr. Jalmer Anderson served as superintendent.

The teachers and helpers were as follows: Beginners, Mrs. Alvin Hummel and Mrs. Edward Schlittenhard with Mary Ann Entzminger as helper; Intermediates, Mrs. Reuben Metz and Mrs. Harry De Witt with Jeannie Wolff and Adel Rutsch as helpers; Juniors, Mrs. David Blaskowsky and Mrs. Conrad Rivinius with Twyla Blaskowski as helper and group pianist.

An offering collected throughout the week was sent to the Korean orphans. A program was presented June 8 at the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle with all classes participating.

Mrs. Reuben Metz, Reporter

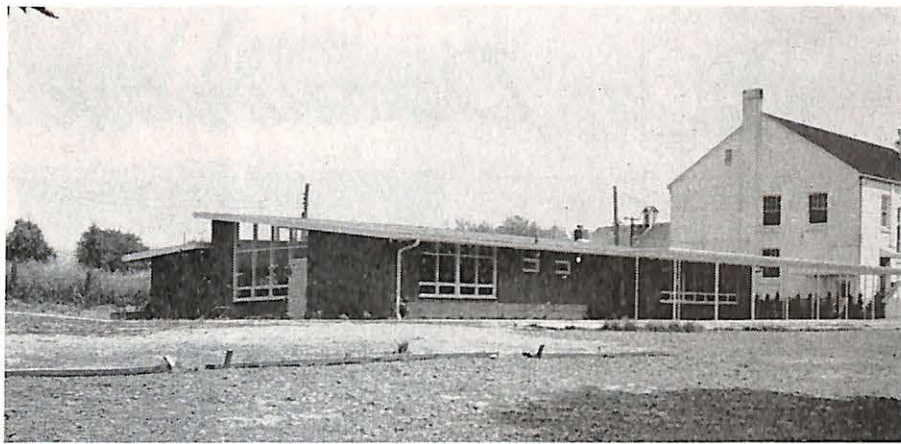
Northwestern Conference

Baptisms and Family Week, Steamboat Rock, Iowa

We as the Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, were happy for the occasion of two baptismal services recently: June 15 and 22. There were 6 candidates who were baptized by our pastor, Rev. Kurt Marquardt. Five of these along with 4 others by church letter have been given the right hand of fellowship into the membership of our church, now making a total membership of 225. We rejoiced in the privilege of seeing 45 of our young people attend the C. B. Y. F. Camp at Riverside Bible Camp near Story City, Iowa. Included in this number was our camp nurse, Miss Minnie Pruisner. We praise the Lord for the mountain top experiences at Camp and the joy of having several make decisions for Christ as Savior.

The week of July 6-13 was "Family Week" with meetings conducted by Rev. and Mrs. James Strauss of the Youth Gospel Crusade. Gospel messages were depicted by black lighting scenes, object lessons and film. There were 10 persons who made their decisions for Christ.

Verna Luiken, Reporter



The new Sunday School unit of the Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, which has been built just behind the church edifice.

Eastern Conference

Sessions of the Ontario Convention at Sebastopol

The Ontario Convention met in annual session in the Sebastopol Baptist Church from June 19-22 with delegates coming from as far away as Toronto and Neustadt, Ontario. Our theme was "I Will Build My Church." This theme was developed through a series of five messages by our guest speaker, Rev. Lawrence Bienert, and the local pastors.

In our annual business session the following officers were elected: president, Rev. Eldon L. Janzen; vice-president, Rev. Henry Ramus; secretary, Rev. Norman Berkan; treasurer, Mr. Max Kuehl. One of the important items of business was the planning for the development of our Round Lake Camp project. Work has progressed so that we are planning to hold our first camp sessions on these grounds in 1958.

The Woman's Missionary Society led the Friday evening service with Rev. Henry Ramus bringing the message. The CBYF sponsored a banquet on Saturday night, the proceeds of which went to our Round Lake Camp project. Rev. Lawrence Bienert was the speaker. The Sunday Schools were in charge of their hour on Sunday morning. Rev. Norman Berkan was the speaker at the Baptist Men's program on Sunday afternoon.

Eldon L. Janzen, Secretary



Vacation Bible School of the Berean Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., showing the many children and teachers of the school and the pastor, Dr. Donald G. Davis at right (first row, standing).

Pacific Conference

Vacation Bible School, Berean Church, Los Angeles

The Berean Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., enrolled 127 children and young people from 6 to 16 years of age in its three week Vacation Bible School conducted from June 23 to July 11. Eighteen teachers and officers were recruited, and the average daily attendance was 87.7. The program was an original one worked out by the pastor and director, Donald G. Davis. The missionary offering amounted to \$25.40, which is being sent to our Japan mission field for work with children. The entire cost of the school, about \$200, was met by the offering at the graduation program given by the school on Friday evening, July 11.

Donald G. Davis, Pastor

Sunday School Unit Dedication, Bethany Church, Portland

We of the Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., are rejoicing over a great event. On Sunday afternoon, March 30th, our Oregon and neighboring churches gathered with us for the dedication of our new Sunday School Unit. Our pastor, Rev. Arthur K. Schulz, conducted the impressive service with Dr. John Wobig of Portland bringing the main address, "An Enduring Testimony."

The unit consists of 3,500 square feet of floor area, so arranged to care for three department assemblies and 12 classes for 155 pupils. A secretary's desk, storeroom and rest rooms, as well as a heating unit, makes the building self-sustaining. This is the fourth edifice to be erected in our 79 years of service in this area. The population of our countryside is increasing as Portland extends westward over our beautiful rolling hills. Extensive landscaping with flowering shrubs, evergreens and a large patio enhance the beauty of our natural peaceful setting. With most bills paid, the building has cost \$33,000 with an approximate \$1,500 additional for furnishings.

We were also happy to conduct a very successful Vacation Bible School in our newly completed unit from June 9 to 20, under the direction of Mrs. Nola Haberman. Beginners, Primary children and Juniors assembled in the forenoons and the Intermediates at 6:30 each evening. A registration of 117 with 14 conversions was

most gratifying. An offering, in excess of \$60.00, will be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Roland Rich, members of our church, who are Wycliffe translators in Peru.

Mrs. Samuel J. Rich, Reporter

Baptism and Vacation School, Elk Grove, Calif.

On Sunday, July 6, during the morning worship service at the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., four persons were baptized: Janet Eveliegh, Donna Eveliegh, Wayne Trantham, and Diane Fandrich. After the morning message, we observed the Lord's Supper.

From July 7-11 our Vacation Bible School was held. The director of the school was Miss Marjorie Meyer. "With Christ by the Sea" was the topic of the pre-school class, with Mrs. Ernest Chinsz as the superintendent. Other superintendents for the different departments were: Primary, Mrs. Roy



Some of the Vacation Bible School sailors of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., who went on "Bible Sea Adventures" with Christ.

Dolliver; Junior, Mrs. Art Dockter; Junior High, Mrs. John Wagemann. Mrs. Leonard Fandrich was in charge of the publicity and recreation. Enrollment totalled 139 pupils and 33 staff members. Thirteen decisions for Christ were made. There was a missionary offering each day, which totaled \$44.

On July 13, our church and Sunday School held their picnic. This was also the climax of the Vacation School as the children took part in the morning service which was held in the Elk Grove Park. The day was closed with a 3 o'clock vesper service led by the pastor, Rev. W. W. Knauf.

Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter

HOME FOR THE AGED, BISMARCK, N. D., SEPT. 30

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Home for the Aged at Bismarck, N. Dak., will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 30th, at the Home with the business meeting scheduled for 10:00 A.M., and a devotional service to be held in the afternoon. We urge all of our churches in the Dakota Conference to be represented.

—George Kessler, Secretary

Southwestern Conference

Pentecost Festival Services at Marion, Kansas

On Sunday, May 4, the annual Pentecost Service of the Emmanuel Baptist Church at Marion, Kans., was held with three services during the day. We were happy to have the Durham and Strassburg congregations as our guests. Dr. George Dunger of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was the featured speaker of the day. We greatly enjoyed the inspirational messages as well as the fellowship with him and his family.

For the evening service a mass choir composed of choir members from the three churches furnished the music. The services of the day were a real blessing to all who attended. The noon and evening meals were served by ladies of the church.

Mrs. Harry Koslowsky, Reporter

Northern Conference

Vacation Bible School, Grace Church, Davin, Sask.

The Vacation Bible School of the Grace Baptist Church of Davin, Sask., was held from June 20 to July 4. There was an enrollment of 23 children, with most of the boys and girls having a perfect attendance. There were four classes with Mrs. Lester Kuehl teaching the Intermediates, and Miss Doris Rosom the Juniors. The Primary teachers were Myrna and Joyce Lindenschach and the Beginner teachers were Mrs. Wm. Rollins and Mrs. Herman Lindenschach.

The Gospel Light material was used and these lessons showed each class that our lives are like ships on the sea of life. The closing program was held on Friday evening, July 4th. A good attendance at the program showed the interest that the parents had in our school. The offering received covered the expenses of the school and provided blackboards for the Sunday School classrooms. The director of our Vacation Bible School was Mrs. Lester Kuehl.

Miss Doris Rosom, Reporter

Baptismal and Graduation Services at Carbon, Alta.

On Sunday morning, June 29, the Carbon Baptist Church, Carbon, Alta., held a baptismal service at which time three young girls were baptized on confession of their faith in Christ. Afterwards the hand of fellowship was extended to Margo Bertsch, Dorothy Rieger and Sylvia Schell by our pastor, Rev. Willy R. Muller, who spoke on 1 Cor. 11:26.

In the evening a graduation service was held in honor of the High School graduates of 1958. This also included graduates from other schools of training. Congratulations were brought to the graduates and their parents, followed by a reply by a representative of the students and parents. The graduates were presented with gifts.

On Thursday afternoon, July 3rd, the ladies of the Carbon Missionary Society held a farewell tea for Miss Ida Forsch, who is going back to the mission field in the Cameroons. The women of the Zion Baptist Church of Drumheller, Alta., were also present.

David Gieck, Clerk

Obituary

(Obituaries are to be limited to about 150 words. A charge of five cents a line is made for all obituaries.)

MRS. MAMIE KURZWEG of St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Mamie Kurzweg of St. Paul, Minn., was born on Oct. 23, 1880 at Chicago, Ill., and passed away quietly on July 7, 1958. She grew up in Chicago and found salvation in Jesus Christ in her early womanhood. She was married to August Kurzweg on March 31, 1908 and they made their home on a farm near Anamosa, N. Dak., and were members of the Anamosa Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1938.

In 1941 she moved with her daughters to St. Paul, Minn., where she became active in the Riverview Baptist Church. Until recently, when illness prevented, she was faithful in attendance of the worship services. She loved her church and Lord, and missed the services very much.

She is survived by two daughters: Anna and Ruth of St. Paul, and three sons: Harold of St. Paul; Albert of Harvey, N. Dak.; and Gottfried of Van Nuys, Calif.; as well as eight grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

S. D. GANSTROM, Pastor

MR. BENJAMIN BERTSCH of McPherson County, S. Dak.

Mr. Benjamin Bertsch, a lifelong resident of McPherson County, S. Dak., passed away suddenly due to a heart attack, July 24, 1958 while on his way home in a pick-up truck. He was born May 17, 1897 on a farm in the Eureka district where he grew to manhood and became a successful farmer, moving into Eureka in 1943. Under the ministry of Rev. Rummel he was converted, baptized, and taken into the fellowship of the Ventura Church, Bertsch Station. Here he served his Lord as deacon, treasurer, superintendent and teacher.

He leaves his bereaved and sorrowing wife and family, two sons and two daughters, two grandchildren, two brothers, four sisters, many relatives, and his beloved brethren in Christ. In the absence of the undersigned, who was in Edmonton, Alta., attending the General Conference. Rev. E. Broeckel of Bismarck, N. Dak., conducted the memorial services. The departed was faithful and loyal to his convictions, witnessing for his Lord and Savior in word and in deed.

Eureka, South Dakota

A. E. REEH, Minister

MR. GUSTAVE J. BIENERT of Leduc, Alberta

Mr. Gustave Julius Bienert of Leduc, Alta., was born on Oct. 8, 1888 in Wolynen, Russia. He came to Canada in June 1893 with his parents, and settled in the Leduc district where he resided until his death. He was one of the early pioneers of this district. He was converted at the age of 12 and was baptized in June 1901 by Rev. Gustave Schunke. During his active years he served as young people's president, Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, church clerk and trustee in the First Church of Leduc.

On November 25, 1909 he was united in marriage with Lydia Roth. Seven children were born to this union, two of whom preceded him in death in infancy. He passed away peacefully on July 10th at the age of 69 years, 9 months and 2 days. He leaves to mourn his loss his beloved wife Lydia; one daughter and four sons: Leona (Mrs. Milton Hein); Herbert; Harry; Eldon, all of Leduc, Alta.; and Lawrence (Rev. L. Bienert) of Forest Park, Ill.; and 12 grandchildren. Memorial services were held at the First Baptist Church of Leduc on July 15 with the undersigned officiating assisted by Reverends E. P. Wahl, R. Harsch and H. Pfeifer.

First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta

FRED J. KNALSON, Minister

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 14, 1958

Theme: **JUSTICE IN ECONOMIC LIFE**

Scripture: Exodus 20:15; Amos 8:4-7; Luke 19:1-10; James 5:1-5; Peter 4:10-11.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: We cannot supply our wants by depriving others of the bare necessities of life.

INTRODUCTION: In studying justice in its various aspects and areas of life, it is difficult to prevent some overlapping. Our government, our work, our family, our economic life are all related and interactive. Failure to achieve justice in one area will affect others as well, and success in one will be evident in the whole pattern.

Justice in the business and economic world is very important to our physical, mental and spiritual health. To the Christian it should be very important if he is to practice the principles of God and his word. The salvation we found in Jesus Christ must find its way to others by personal witness as well as by the way we work and do business. The Christian Businessmen's Clubs are not merely known for their effective religious programs but also for their effective business practices. J. C. Penney, Robert LeTourneau, J. L. Kraft and many others have proved that partnership with God is profitable, desirable and, for the Christian, indispensable.

I. HONESTY IN ECONOMIC LIFE.
Exodus 20:15.

When we think of stealing, we think of it as a direct, self-evident theft by professional criminals. Much of our stealing is like hidden taxes. It is indirect and crafty and we are not always aware of it, for it has become a respectable and established part of our culture. The best legal brains are employed to find loopholes and technicalities in the law so that stealing might be done legally. The Christian must continually be sensitive to the moral law of God.

II. CHRISTIANITY AND BUSINESS. Amos 8:4-7.

The business of buying and selling was so all-important in Amos' day that religious holy days interfered with their greedy appetite for gain. They were not interested in performing a service, but only in making money. The poor were thought of only in terms of what we in modern times refer to as "suckers." Even though the Christian businessman must think of profit, he must nevertheless be willing to serve his fellowmen and be concerned about their welfare. If he thinks only of per-

CORRECTION

In the report about the Atlantic Conference Woman's Missionary Union that appeared in the July 24, 1958 issue of the "Baptist Herald," page 19, it should have stated that "there were 133 women present at the meeting."—EDITOR.

sonal gain, he will lose his love of God and his love of man.

III. THE GOSPEL AND THE RICH.
Luke 19:1-10.

One of the things we often forget is that there is a great spiritual hunger for Christ and his Gospel in the hearts of all people. "Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter, feelings lie buried that grace can restore." Beneath all the riches, honestly or dishonestly acquired, is a great need which only Jesus Christ can fulfill.

IV. JUDGMENT AND THE RICH.
James 5:1-5.

James is not condemning all the rich, but only those who trust in riches, who acquired it dishonestly, and who have ignored God and the needs of his children.

V. THE GOSPEL AND STEWARDSHIP. 1 Peter 4:10-11.

More is involved here than a mere tithe or gift to the Lord. The Christian must accept the fact that all that God gives us in life is to be regarded as a stewardship. We are not the actual owners, but the administrators. Business ability is a gift of God and it must be incorporated into "the King's business."

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 21, 1958

Theme: **JUSTICE FOR PEOPLE IN NEED.**

Scripture: Isaiah 58:6-8; Luke 4:16-22; 1 John 3:17-18; Hebrews 13:1-3.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The Gospel does not end with the healing and the saving of the soul. Christian justice demands that we also provide for the physical well-being of our fellowmen.

INTRODUCTION: "For he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matt. 5:45). God supplies the basic needs to his creatures, whether they be saints or sinners, worthy or unworthy, whether they defy him or defy him. He does not lower himself to our nature; rather he reveals his nature—his nature of love, mercy and compassion. His sunshine is

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not metered to us according to our monthly rate of service, nor does he distribute the rain by quarts and gallons according to our measure of obedience. His blessings cannot be measured in ounces and pounds and inches and yards. It is his nature to bless. Our nature is revealed in the way we accept his blessings and in the way we share them. God loves a cheerful giver because he is a cheerful giver.

We marvel at the amazing patience and love expressed in the city rescue missions all over the world. The most hardened sinners sit stoically day after day without so much as a flicker of interest while the Gospel is preached. Yet no one is turned away who needs food, clothing or shelter.

I. THE CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE POOR AND HELPLESS. Isaiah 58:6-8.

Not only do we as Christians have a responsibility to help the poor and the helpless, but we are to change the conditions which bring about poverty and disease. Isaiah is quite inclusive when he says, "loose the bands of wickedness," "undo the heavy burdens," "let the oppressed go free," "free EVERY yoke."

II. THE GOSPEL OF RESTORATION AND LIBERTY. Luke 4:16-22.

For more background material on "the acceptable year of the Lord," which no doubt refers to the year of jubilee, read Leviticus 25:1-55. In this year, liberty was given to slaves and lands were returned to the original owners. (Make a spiritual as well as a practical application of the restoration and liberty we have in Christ.)

III. THE GOSPEL OF WORD AND DEED. 1 John 3:17-18.

Most of the misunderstandings among churches and denominations concern the areas of Christian faith and belief. Seldom, if ever, are there arguments about Christian deeds and sacrifice. We can be so anxious to believe the right things about God that we forget to do the right things for God. Christians who express their strong convictions in words can prove their faith more convincingly by their love in action. Someone said, "There are two sides to the Christian life—the believing side and the behaving side."

IV. THE GOSPEL OF LOVE AND COMPASSION. Hebrews 13:1-3.

It is often easier to be interested in some foreign missionary cause than to show love for our fellow-brother in church or in the neighborhood. The daily opportunities of expressing our concern in our immediate surroundings bring out the Spirit of Christ in us and remind us of his presence. Love and compassion are attitudes which are very personal and make us feel with those in prison, suffer with those in adversity and sorrow with those who mourn.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Atlantic Conference

Pastor's Farewell at Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

For the Rev. and Mrs. Walter C. Damrau, Sunday, July 13th, marked the completion of ten years of labor at the Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa. On this Sunday the Damraus closed their ministry at our church, after Mr. Damrau had accepted the call of the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., to minister there.

Following the evening service on that Sunday, the members, together with friends from the Fleischmann Memorial Church and the Philadelphia College of the Bible, where Mr. Damrau has been a member of the faculty, joined in bidding the Damraus farewell and in wishing them well in their new field. Representatives of the organizations of the church and the friends and guests expressed their regret at seeing them leave Philadelphia and presented tokens of esteem and remembrance to them.

Milestones reached during the ten years of the Damrau's ministry include the erection of a new sanctuary valued at \$300,000 (now debt free) and relocation of the church to the new neighborhood; the addition of 200 members; and advance in missionary giving that has made it possible to underwrite the support of a Cameroons missionary and one in Austria.

Ida Draeger, Reporter

Central Conference

Vacation Bible School, Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Mich.

The Vacation Bible School at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., rose to new records this year. It was held for two weeks beginning July 7th. Enrollment reached 624 with the average attendance daily of 490 and the highest attendance for a day reached 523. A very competent staff led by Mr. George Wittman brought the teaching of the Word of God to this large group of children day by day during the Vacation Bible School.

A very excellent program was held on the last night when the children presented what they had learned to the parents. It was the consensus of opinion of everyone that in quality and in quantity this Vacation Bible School exceeded all others. Many new contacts were made with boys and girls who do not attend any Sunday School. The pastor of the Ebenezer Church is Rev. E. Arthur McAsh.

Beryl England, Church Clerk

Dakota Conference

Pastor's Reception, Grace Church, Gackle and Alfred, N. D.

There was much rejoicing on Sunday evening, July 6th, as the members and friends of the Alfred and Gackle, N. Dak., churches met to welcome our



Honored Guests at the Missionary Tea, Venturia, N. Dak.
Left to right: Mrs. William Miller, mother of Missionary Eleanor Weisenburger (center) of the Cameroons, Africa; and Mrs. Orville Meth, pastor's wife.

new minister and family, Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Edinger. Expressions of welcome and gratitude were given by the deacons and those representing the ladies' groups. Rev. N. E. McCoy, radio pastor of Jamestown, N. Dak., and long time friend of the Edingers, brought the evening message.

Refreshments were served in the church parlors, thus enabling us to become better acquainted with our minister, his wife and their five children. A pantry shower for our pastor was also held in conjunction with this meeting.

Mrs. Jalmer Anderson, Reporter

Pastor's Reception at Germantown Church, N. Dak.

Sunday, July 6, was a day of rejoicing for the members of the Germantown Church near Cathay, N. D. Friends from the Cathay, Fessenden and Carrington churches joined with us in welcoming our new pastor and his family, Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Voegelé and small son, Kent, to their first church. Mr. Bryce Streibel, our Junior Deacon, presided and spoke words of welcome to the large group in attendance. Special musical numbers were

given by a male quartet, ladies' duet and a ladies' trio.

Words of welcome were spoken by our Senior Deacon, Mr. August Seidel, and by our neighboring pastors, Rev. Martin De Boer of Fessenden and Rev. David N. Zimmerman of Cathay who had also faithfully served us for two months, when we were without a regular pastor. A reading was given by Mrs. Lester Seibold.

Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Voegelé expressed their thanks to the congregation for the pantry shower and for all the work that had been done in remodeling and redecorating the parsonage. Refreshments were served in the church parlor to members and friends who welcomed our guests.

Mrs. Albert Meth, Reporter

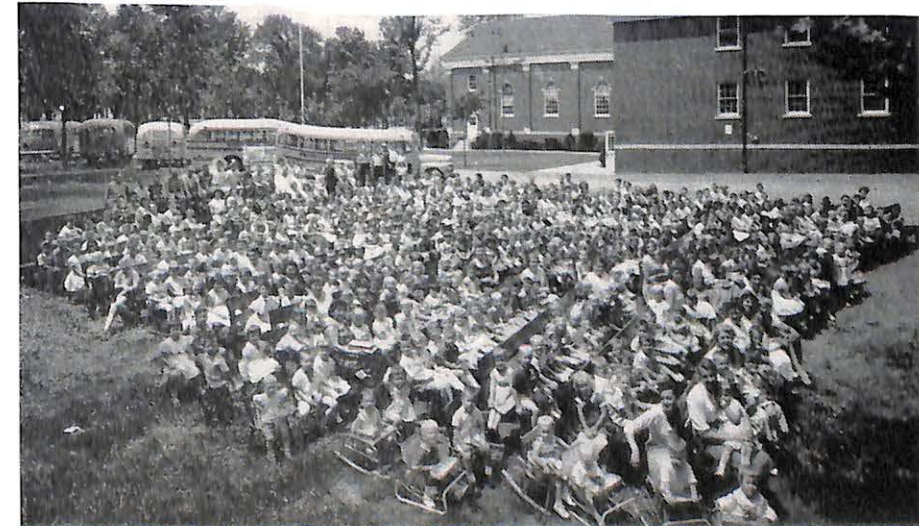
Vacation School and Missionary's Reception, Venturia, N. Dak.

A Vacation Bible School with an attendance of 48 children was held from June 2-6 at the Venturia Baptist Church, Venturia, N. D. An offering, which amounted to \$30.92, was collected throughout the week of school. This money will be used on our Cameroons mission field. A program was given by the children on Sunday night, June 8th, in connection with Children's Day.

The Woman's Missionary Society entertained a daughter of the church, Missionary Eleanor Weisenburger, home on her second furlough from the Cameroons, at a tea on June 17th. A corsage was given to Miss Weisenburger, who was the guest speaker, and to her mother, Mrs. William Miller, and also to the president, Mrs. Orville Meth, who presided at the program. About 50 ladies enjoyed the afternoon tea with our missionary.

Just as Jehoash had the temple of the Lord cleaned and repaired, so we have redecored the basement and cur church. The C. B. Y. F. has purchased a bulletin board and this has been placed in front of the church. This, too, has added to the attractiveness of our church.

Bonnie Tesky, Reporter



The Vacation Bible School of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, had an enrollment of 624 children and teachers. Rev. E. A. McAsh is pastor of the church.

MRS. BATES ADDRESS

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love into sick hearts and lives. "The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control. Against such there is no law."

OUR CHRISTIAN WITNESS

What a message of love and hope to bring to bewildered, disillusioned, despairing human beings! With those gifts, no life can be degraded, vulgar, useless. No future can be hopeless. Our whole missionary enterprise is inextricably linked with the necessity felt by the Christians among God's children to carry the story of God's love to these others of his flock and to rouse in all men a desire to "rise and go to our Father."

Men today want to believe, to love. They will accept Christ through our witness if we can demonstrate the loveliness of the Christian faith, the wonder of eternal love in the daily contacts and fulfillment of our two fellowships—that with God and that with our fellow-men.

Our task as Christian laymen permits no cessation in our demonstration of Christ's JUSTICE and LOVE in our dealings with his children. God grant that we may dedicate every thought, every instinct, every talent, every moment of our life to his service!

THE TORCH BEARER

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did not even ask what position Mr. Compton would offer him. He was satisfied to know that this was a chance to earn a living and to begin life in a place where his story would not be known.

As soon as he had received the letter he went to see Dale to tell her the good news.

"I'm so glad for you, Barry, so very glad! I knew that God wouldn't let you down."

There was a brave smile upon her lips but there was an ache in her heart. Barry was leaving her and perhaps it would be forever. If she was accepted by the mission board, she would be leaving for distant lands and she might never see him again.

She loved Barry with a love that she had never thought possible to experience again and the thought of never seeing him again brought new pain to her heart.

How empty life would be without him! She had not realized how completely he had filled her life ever since David's death until she suddenly faced the prospect of a future without him. She had known, of course, that if she went as a missionary, she would be separated from him, but that had been something that was in the uncertain future. Now she was face to face with it and it filled her with panic as well as pain.

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CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE'S NEW PROGRAM

In accordance with the action taken by the 32nd General Conference and with plans made by the C. T. I. Board, the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., will begin a ministerial training program this fall. Registration will be on September 15, 1958. Classes will begin the next day. The work offered will be on the B. Th. level. A prominent minister of ours has been called to serve as the C.T.I. president. All students who are interested should contact the school or the undersigned as soon as possible.

The High School program begins on September 15. Already we have more applications for adult students than ever before. The Bible School program gets under way on October 15. A two-year Bible School course will now be offered. All interested students should contact the school (at the address below) immediately to secure the correct information about the changes that are being made.

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MARCH OF EVENTS

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are to be congratulated on a thrilling hour which we witnessed.

More than 90 people from North American Baptist churches of Edmonton and vicinity served on various local committees in preparing for the successful General Conference sessions. Rev. E. P. Wahl as chairman and Rev. Karl Korella as co-chairman of the Executive Committee are to be commended for their inspiring leadership and thorough work. The Registration Committee with Mr. A. W. Strohschein as chairman and with Mrs. William Link as registrar rendered a herculean job! It was this committee that also arranged for the filling of the 2400 Conference Packs. A total of 21 local committees functioned with precision and with blessing for the thousands of visitors.

"The Edmonton Journal," the only newspaper in Edmonton, Alta., and "one of Canada's great newspapers" gave marvelous coverage to the General Conference sessions throughout the week. The editor assigned various reporters and photographers to the Conference who gave a faithful and vivid report of the proceedings. At least 12 Conference pictures appeared in the "Edmonton Journal," some of them on the front cover, and many columns of news covered the sessions. In addition, there were accounts of interviews with Dr. Herbert Gezork on Russia and world conditions, with Dr. Paul Gebauer about Africa, and with Mrs. Edgar W. Bates. Many thanks to the editor of the "Edmonton Journal" for a splendid job in presenting

the Conference sessions so ably and colorfully to the people of Alberta..

The General Conference Exhibit Hall was a popular place for visitors in the Jubilee Auditorium. The Exhibits told the picturesque story of our denomination in action and of our mission fields. It was ably arranged by Mr. Melvin Metke and his local committee under the direction of the denominational secretaries. The Cameroons Exhibit and the Church Extension Map featured the missionary section. The General Council picture and charts showed the diversified work of our denomination. A number of glass enclosed cases featured beautiful objects from the mission fields, historical mementoes and an invaluable collection of brass objects from the Cameroons, Africa, showing a miniature African village. This is an exact replica of a present made for Prince Charles and Princess Anne and presented to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, during her visit to West Africa in 1956 by the Peoples of the British Cameroons.

FORETASTE OF HEAVEN

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several occasions during the week. The Province of Alberta is to be congratulated on this tremendous building which seems to have everything!

The business sessions were exceptionally well handled by the moderator without any apparent ill feeling by the minority, the composition of which changed with the various issues.

The inspiring and spiritual welcome of Premier Manning of Alberta, the several addresses by Dr. Herbert Gezork, the testimonies of Chaplain Major George Zinz, Jr., and Major Leslie Albus, the reports of Dr. Paul Gebauer and other missionaries with whom we were privileged to fellowship will be renewed in our memories from time to time to challenge us to be true witnesses and prayerful co-workers in the big task before us.

To have been part of the tremendous audience on opening night and of an even greater gathering at the closing sessions on Sunday afternoon was a foretaste of the glory which we as believers in Jesus Christ as our Savior will experience at his Second Coming. Saying farewell to many friends was frequently difficult as we separated to return to our various fields of service.

"MEN" AT EDMONTON

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to assist the pastors and laymen in our churches to organize a "Brotherhood." Those churches that have an organization will be encouraged to join "Baptist Men," the denominational organization.

Packets containing helpful information are available for churches and individuals that are interested in organizing a Brotherhood. These are free for the asking and may be obtained by writing to Denominational Headquarters, P. O. Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.