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It Happened at Minneapolis

Interesting facts about the 33rd General Conference sessions at Minneapolis, Minn., July 31 to August 6, 1961.

• The 33rd General Conference in Minneapolis, Minn., July 31 to August 6, was the second largest in North American Baptist history. Registrations for the week reached the high total of 1,665. Only the 1958 conference in Edmonton, Alberta with 2,400 registrations surpassed this year's conference. The attendance of all conference visitors and delegates at the Minneapolis Conference was estimated to have been about 2,500 persons. A total of 1,017 tickets were sold for the Conference Banquet on Saturday evening at "The Hall of States" in the Leamington Hotel.

• The First Baptist Church of Minneapolis was an ideal meeting place for most of the General Conference sessions. The pastor, Dr. Curtis B. Akenson, and his congregation made all visitors and delegates feel very much at home. Mr. Arthur Thom, the pastor's assistant, led the great Conference Choir and served as song leader at several sessions. Dr. Theodore Bergman, the church organist, served as the General Conference organist. Dr. A. Dale Ihrie and President Frank Veninga were the guest speakers in the pulpit of the First Baptist Church on Sunday, July 30, and Rev. H. J. Waltreit brought the sermon on Sunday morning, August 6. Many members of the First Baptist Church were present at the closing communion service of the General Conference, helping to swell the congregation to the total of 2,000.

• About 100 people served on the 16 General Conference Committees from the four local churches in the Twin Cities. The Twin Cities' Executive Committee was led by the co-chairmen of the Conference Committees, Rev. J. C. Gunst and Mr. Henry Fluth. All of the committees functioned efficiently and smoothly, thus contributing greatly to the success of the conference. Miss Ellen Lehr and her committee were in charge of all registrations and reservations. The chairmen of these local Twin Cities' Committees were presented to the Conference on Sunday afternoon at the rally and thanked for their faithful services.

• Dr. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa., was one of the oldest North American Baptist ministers in attendance at the Conference sessions. This was his 20th consecutive General Conference. His first Conference was in 1901 at Berlin, Ontario. Mr. Argow is now in his 87th year. He spoke briefly at the Pastors' Fellowship luncheon and at the Sunday Breakfast for retired ministers and for those with 30 years or more of ministry. He led in the prayer

at the communion service on Sunday night in the First Baptist Church.

• The Roger Williams Book Store was visited frequently by General Conference visitors and delegates. Book sales totalled \$2,462.93 during the week, as reported by Rev. L. Bienert, business manager. Several book bargains were very popular with the people. It was the best and largest display of books and Christian literature by the Roger Williams Press in several decades. Copies of the new denominational publication ADVANCE were on sale, and the new catalog of the Book Store was distributed.

• An average daily attendance of 105 children, ages 6 to 13, participated in the Children's Recreation and Service Group during the Conference week. Miss Alma Zimmerman of Minneapolis was chairman of this Recreation Committee. The children went on tours to a candy factory, library, and bakery, saw the planetarium program, enjoyed a picnic at Como Park in St. Paul and an outing at Loring Park, and visited the capitol in St. Paul. Rev. David Keiry, missionary to the Spanish Americans in Colorado, was a featured speaker on Wednesday morning.

• Fourteen nurses served in the Nursing Service during the General Conference week. It will be of interest to all to know that 20 adults were given special care and 5 children were treated by the nurses. Dr. Eugene Stockdale was the doctor who graciously served whenever needed. Mrs. Emma Stahnke coordinated the various nursing services and gave five days of her time to this conference ministry. Those giving generously of their time included Miss Lueck, Miss Huber, Miss Bibelheimer, Miss Daphne Dunger, Mrs.

FRONT COVER

The front cover shows a television program with the story of our 33rd General Conference sessions in Minneapolis about to start. The TV station is WCCO—Channel 4 (Columbia Broadcasting Company outlet)—with Miss Arle Heberle about to interview Dr. Paul Gebauer, Cameroons missionary, and President Frank Veninga of our Seminary, concerning the Conference sessions. Rev. H. J. Wilcke of St. Paul, Minn., made the arrangements for the television program and provided transportation to and from the station. The complete story of the General Conference sessions and the wonderful coverage received in local newspapers and over radio and television stations in the Twin Cities will be found in the exciting pages of this issue. EDITOR

Ahlquist, Mrs. Westerman, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Buxa and Miss Geraldine Glasenapp.

• The General Conference voted to hold the 1964 conference sessions in California if the satisfactory arrangements can be made. The General Council in consultation with the executive secretary, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, will make the final decision. A proposal has been suggested to hold the 1964 conference in Sacramento, Calif., at its new air-conditioned civic auditorium. This city is within 40 miles of about 2,000 North American Baptists who are members of our churches in that vicinity. Considerable enthusiasm was voiced by conference visitors for the projected site of the 1964 sessions.

• The beautiful, General Conference programs with their colored cover scene showing the skyline of Minneapolis, were printed by the Baptist Life Association without charge to the conference. It was undoubtedly one of the most attractive programs ever printed for our conference sessions. The appreciation of the General Conference was expressed to Mr. Gerhard G. Panke, general secretary, and to Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, president of the Baptist Life Association, for this ministry. Rev. Adolph Braun of Center Line, Mich., and Dr. M. L. Leuschner, of Forest Park, Ill., served for the General Conference Program Committee in editing the program. Souvenir copies of the program can be secured without charge by writing to Mr. Leuschner, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Ill.

• Several citations were presented to honored denominational leaders during the General Conference sessions. Mr. Fred A. Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., and Mr. Arthur Schwerin of Burlington, Iowa were honored by the General Council for their many years of distinguished service. Mr. Grosser served as treasurer of the denomination from 1943 to 1961, and Mr. Schwerin has been chairman of the Finance Committee since 1934. On Friday evening, August 4, Mr. Edwin H. Marklein presented a citation of recognition to Dr. Frank H. Woyke on his 15th anniversary as the executive secretary of the denomination. On Sunday afternoon, August 6, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer were honored by the General Missionary Society for their 30 and 25 years of missionary service, respectively, in the Cameroons. Dr. M. L. Leuschner presented the citation and Mrs. R. Schilke pinned a corsage on Mrs. Gebauer after appropriate remarks had been made.

Editorial



A Conference Of Distinction

It was, indeed, a conference of DISTINCTION! Even though the 33rd General Conference at Minneapolis, Minn., ranks second in registration (1665) and in attendance (2500) in our history, it stands head and shoulders above all previous conferences because of several outstanding *distinctive* features. These have given the sessions at Minneapolis from July 31 to August 6 an aura of unusual splendor, long to be remembered by the thousands of North American Baptists in attendance.

Sometimes themes are selected by the program committee and are then sadly overlooked by the conference participants. Not so in Minneapolis! On the opening night Dr. Carl H. Lundquist based his keynote message on the conference theme, "Greater Things Through Christ," in a stirring message and with dynamic forcefulness. Almost every speaker on the program wove the conference theme into his or her message. It stood out dramatically during the week as a theme has never done before in our conference programs. It ought to be the call to decisive and aggressive action for the entire denomination in the three years ahead of us!

The Conference Banquet was hailed by the 1017 people present as the highlight of the entire week. It was certainly *DISTINCTIVE*. The magnificent setting in the Hall of States provided a thrilling backdrop for a most inspiring program. From the rousing selection by three young trumpeters, to the uplifting musical selections, the delightful humor of the toastmaster, Mr. Art Patzia, and several inspiring testimonies, climaxed by the heart-searching message by Rev. David J. Draewell (published in full in this issue), it was an outstanding and memorable occasion.

For the first time in General Conference history, the Seminary held its colorful commencement exercises during these sessions. Before a capacity crowd of 2300, the academic procession moved to the front of the church and the program presented an exciting array of distinctive features. The address by Dr. Josef Nordenhaug of Washington, D. C., was both scholarly and deeply spiritual. This was a once-in-a-lifetime event for many conference visitors!

One could sense a strong spiritual note in all the sessions and messages. Dr. Ralph E. Powell brought a heart-warming evangelistic and consecration message at the Armory in spite of acoustical and weather difficulties. The music of the General Conference program seemed to lift us to heavenly heights. Who will ever forget the inspiring anthems, the rousing chords of the organ, and the glorious singing of the congregation? As never before in our conference history, we had tremendous news coverage over radio and television and in the four newspapers of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

A *DISTINCTION* of this conference was certainly the closing communion service with 2000 persons in attendance. In an atmosphere of fervent worship, quiet dignity and overflowing joy, we opened our eyes to behold the Presence of Christ and closed the sessions by bowing humbly and with dedication at the foot of the Cross.

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Passionate Believing

Not "What do you believe?" or "Why do you believe?" but "How do you believe?" is the most important question I can ask of you. For "believe" is the key word of the Christian faith.

General Conference Banquet Message by Rev. David J. Draewell, Pastor of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

I WISH to speak to you about an important New Testament word. It is a key word of the Christian faith. It is the word "believe." I would like you to answer personally a question with reference to this word. The question is not "What do you believe?" though this is always important in defining a man's theology. The question is not "Why do you believe?" though this is significant in the study of apologetics. The question is not "When do you believe?" though this question may be of help in charting a chronology of Christian experience. The question is not "Where do you believe?" though this may have rather interesting spiritual and psychological connotations. The one question which I wish to place before you is: "How do you believe?"

THE FOCUS OF ATTENTION

In asking this question, I am not as much concerned about an analysis of your belief as I am about its activity. I am not as much concerned about a detailed description of your belief as I am about its determination. I am not as much interested in the particularization of your belief as I am in its passion.

I am firmly convinced that one of the great needs which we have today as Christian ministers and laymen is not for finding new beliefs, nor for correcting old beliefs, but for believing our presently held beliefs with a passion. I personally find it all too easy to offer merely a nodding type of agreement to the statements of Scripture instead of allowing them to grip my soul and consistently direct the course of my life. Though all areas of Biblical truth need passionate believing, I would like to focus your attention upon three statements of the Word of God which greatly need the vital belief of God's people today.

SIN IS WRONG!

The first is: "Sin is wrong!" While most of us may believe this truth, we must recognize that not all men would say that the most important fact about sin is its wrongness. The psychologist might say that the most important thing one can do about sin is to analyze it. The sociologist may say the most significant thing one can do about sin is to describe it. The penologist may say simply, "Punish it." The sick comedienne may say, "Laugh at it." The policeman may say, "Control it." The playboy may say, "Try it." The fatalist may say, "Expect it."

The Bible says, however, that the most important thing we may do about sin is to *abhor it*. Why? Because sin is wrong! It may be exciting, thrilling, interesting, tantalizing, but basically sin is wrong. The only way we may believe this truth with a passion is by abhorring it with every fiber of our being.

We may reveal our abhorrence of sin by staying away from it. Paul had this in mind when he wrote to the Thessalonians: "Abstain from every appearance of evil." We may also reveal our disdain for sin by fighting it. The prophets of the Old Testament revealed a fighting spirit against sin. Amos thundered forth in words loud and clear against the sin of oppressing the poor. He spoke against the sin of spiritual dullness. He fought the sins of indulgence and immorality. In king's palaces, in market places, and on the hillsides, the prophets gave evidence of their belief in the wrongness of sin. Unfortunately, it seems that the 20th century Christian possesses very little of this prophetic abhorrence of sin.

CONFESSING OUR SINS

Today when we encounter sin in personal and social forms, we must be willing to fight it. This is true with reference to the sin of racial discrimination, the sin of dishonesty in business, the sin of immorality, the sin of ignoring righteous means in achieving worthwhile ends.

The third way we may reveal our abhorrence of sin is by confessing it. It is difficult to convey to others our belief that sin is wrong if we harbor it in our own lives. I saw a cartoon recently which depicted a small Sunday School pupil coming home from church and saying to his mother with evident satisfaction: "Today I learned that you and daddy are sinners, too." It is all too easy for a child to confess the sins of his parents. It is just as

easy for parents to confess the sins of their children. It is also easy for a pastor to confess the sins of his deacons and for the deacons to confess the sins of the congregation. This type of confession is meaningless. Confession must be made by the sinner himself. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

HEAVEN IS REAL!

A second truth that needs passionate believing today is the Scriptural statement that *heaven is real*. I have observed that almost the only time Christians believe seriously this truth is at a funeral service when they are mourning the loss of a loved one or friend. They say then, "Thank God for the reality of heaven." They listen with appreciation to the words of Paul: "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord," or the words of Jesus: "I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there you may be also." Between funerals, however, heaven seems to be a peripheral belief for many.

To believe in the reality of heaven with a passion means to anticipate it—day by day and moment by moment. Paul says in his letter to the Colossians: "Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth." Jesus expresses a similar idea by saying: "Lay not up for yourself treasures on earth where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal, but rather lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal." We may lay up treasures in heaven by showing kindness, mercy, and concern for those who are round about us. Jesus indicated that even a cup of cold water given in his Name would not be without its reward. We may also lay up treasures in heaven by using earthly treasures for heavenly purposes.

ANTICIPATING HEAVEN

Anticipation of the reality of heaven is also carried out when we recognize that this world is not our permanent abiding place. I love the words of the old spiritual: "This world is not my home; I'm just a passing through. My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue. The an-

gels beckon me from heaven's open door, and I can't feel at home in this world any more." Too often when we hear this song sung, however, we exclaim: "What beautiful harmony," instead of saying, "What beautiful reality!"

Another way in which we may anticipate heaven is by trying to get along here and now with the future inhabitants of the place Jesus is preparing for his own. You may say: "I would like to be that man's friend, but he holds so many different opinions than I do." May I remind you that the only opinion worth considering in heaven will be the opinion that the saved have of the Son of God. You may state: "I would like to become that man's friend, but he is of a different race than I am." May I further remind you that the only race in heaven will be the race of the redeemed to cast their crowns at the feet of the Redeemer—this race has nothing to do with skin color. You may exclaim: "I would like to become that man's friend, but he speaks a different language than I do." I would also remind you that the only language spoken in heaven is the language of love and worship.

CHRIST'S BODY!

A third truth that needs passionate believing today is: "The Church is Christ's Body." Although I have been only six years in the Christian ministry, I have become exceedingly aware of the centrality of the Church in the work of the Kingdom of God. When someone speaks to me about a personality in the Kingdom, or a plan, or an idea, or a program for the Kingdom, I instinctively ask the question: "How will this affect the Church?" "Will it help it or will it hinder it; will it strengthen or weaken it; will it unify or divide it; will it elevate or ignore it?"

We may show passionate believing in the truth that the Church is Christ's Body by doing all in our power to strengthen it.

The church is strengthened by our love for it. When I speak of loving the church, I do not speak of a sentimental attachment that one might have for a building, or for a pattern of worship, or for a particular kind of church organization. Loving the church means living in a sacrificial relationship to it. Paul says, "Christ so loved the church that he gave himself for it." It is only when we are willing to give ourselves, our time, our talents, our enthusiasm, our energy, our interest, our concern to the church that we genuinely show our love for the Body of Christ.

We may also strengthen the church by praying for it. Jesus once said to Peter, "I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not." The subsequent events in the life of Peter revealed the fact that though his faith faltered, it did not fail. Why? Simply because Christ prayed for him in a time of spiritual testing. The multitude of in-



THE GENERAL CONFERENCE BANQUET

Speakers' Table at the General Conference Banquet held in the "Hall of States" of the Leamington Hotel with Mr. Walter Kerber, song leader (left to right); Mrs. Arthur Patzia; Mr. Arthur Patzia, toastmaster; Mrs. David J. Draewell; Rev. David J. Draewell, speaker; and Mrs. Eugene Stockdale.

active members on our church rolls today is an indication, I believe, not just of the failure of these who have gone astray, but the failure of pastors and deacons and concerned members in the ministry of intercessory prayer. If we would pray for the indifferent as Jesus prayed for Peter, their faith also would not fail.

Certainly another way we may strengthen the church is by serving in it. I have found that those who are most vocal in their denunciation of the inadequate program of the church are those who do the least to insure its adequacy. Those who disagree with the musical program of the church are generally those who have no time to attend a weekly choir rehearsal. Those who complain most about the work of the deacon board are those who generally refuse nomination to church offices. Those who feel that the youth activities are not sufficient say that they simply do not have time to give to this area of church work.

A final way we may strengthen the Body of Christ is by cooperating with all parts of the Body. I have heard that a prominent physical culturist of our day declares that he can build strong bodies through "Dynamic Tensions." By this he means that the muscles of the body may be strengthened by pitting one against the other and by straining with all of one's might. I submit to you that this is a most unnatural and abnormal procedure for the strengthening of one's body. How much more fruitful it is to use one's muscles cooperatively in the accomplishment of an important task than to simply strain in pitting one muscle of an arm against another muscle in the other arm!

There are some who definitely feel that the Body of Christ may be best

strengthened by pitting one part of the Body against the other. It is possible that rivalries within the Body of Christ may add some kind of strength to the Body, but it is extremely doubtful that this can be considered at all to be a natural and a normal and a God-desired way to strengthen the Body of Christ. God's way is to have the arm, the leg, the eye, and the ear work together cooperatively with the Head to build the Kingdom.

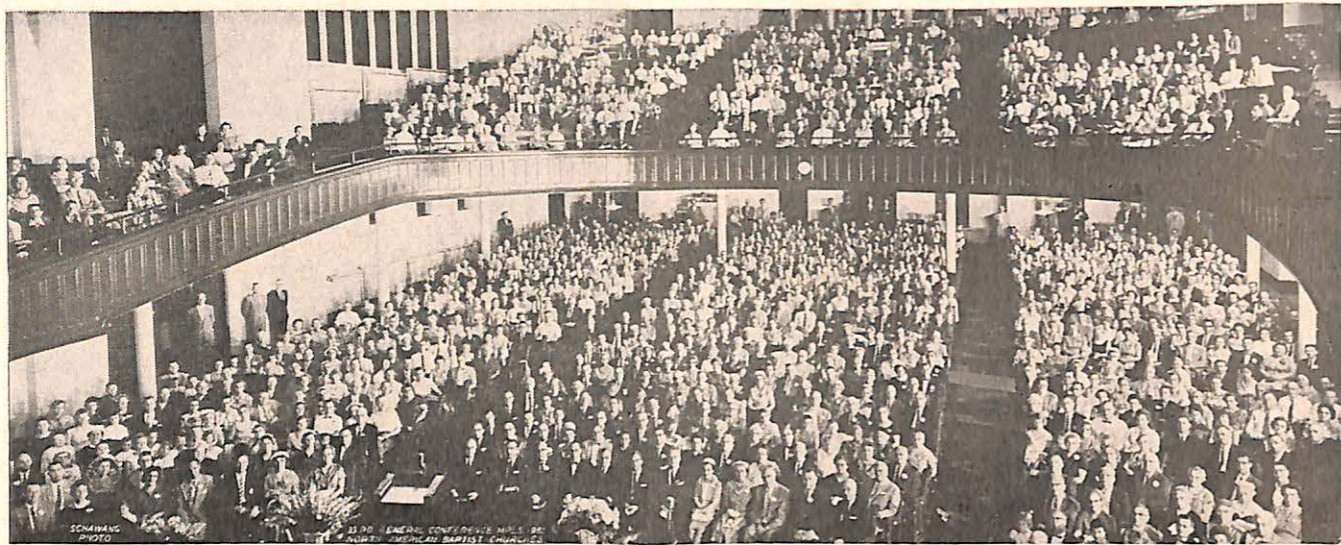
These three truths need passionate believing by the people of God today. *The Church is Christ's Body! Heaven is real! Sin is wrong!*

THE ULTIMATE QUESTION

Dr. W. J. Dawson has made famous the death experience of the British criminal, Charles Peace. Charles Peace was convicted of both burglary and murder in England. For these crimes he was sentenced to die by hanging. As he mounted the steps of the scaffold, the prison chaplain came forward to offer to him the "consolations of religion." After listening for a few moments, the sin-hardened criminal turned to the chaplain, his eyes blazing, and asked: "Do you believe that? Do you really believe that? If I believed the things that you say you believe, I would be willing to crawl on my knees and hands upon broken glass from one end of England to the other to declare them to men."

It is rather tragic that we must be reminded by a criminal that a nodding type of agreement to spiritual truths is not sufficient to win a world for Christ. But whether the admonishment comes from Charles Peace, the Apostle Paul, or any other servant of God, let us learn to believe the truths of the Word with a passion. HOW DO YOU BELIEVE?

GENERAL CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE
Minneapolis, Minn.,
July 31-Aug. 6, 1961
REGISTRATION—1665
(2nd largest conference in our history)
ATTENDANCE—2500
BANQUET—1017
WOMEN'S LUNCHEON—636.
MINISTERS' LUNCHEON—247.
LAYMEN'S LUNCHEON—217.



33rd GENERAL CONFERENCE OF NORTH AMERICAN BAPTISTS

More than 2000 North American Baptists almost filled the large sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., on the opening night for the General Conference sessions held from July 31 to August 6, 1961.

Beside the Mighty Mississippi!

Report of the marvelous blessings experienced by 2500 North American Baptists at their 33rd General Conference held in Minneapolis, Minn., from July 31 to August 6, 1961.

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary.

THE 33rd General Conference of North American Baptists, convening at the First Baptist Church and Armory at Minneapolis, Minn., July 31 to August 6, came to grips with great challenges during the event-packed week. Dramatically the Conference visitors became aware of the mighty Mississippi River, flowing southward with seething urgency only a few blocks away, as the Conference visitors also experienced the surging power of God's Holy Spirit flowing through their lives.

The Conference theme: "Greater Things Through Christ," was more than a sign on the wall in front of the delegates arresting their attention. The challenge of this theme was presented and reviewed with increasing insistence by almost every speaker on the program. On the opening night, July 31, with 2,200 people filling almost every seat in the sanctuary, the opening song trumpeted its answer to the question, "Are ye able?" said the Master," with these words:

"Lord, we are able." Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
A beacon to God, to love and loyalty.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

This theme song was "a favorite" of the Conference. It was sung again and again. Its message was a tremendous spiritual challenge. It be-

came the closing hymn of the Conference on Sunday night.

The speaker on Monday night, Dr. Carl H. Lundquist of St. Paul, Minn., sounded this keynote with Scriptural clarity and spiritual forcefulness. He lifted up "The God of Wonders" before us until the question: "Is God in this Conference?" became of paramount importance.

A few sentences from his remarkable address will show you this key thought that he hammered home: "Wherever there is a church that believes in a mighty God, there you will find a supernatural aura about it. So much of what we do can be easily explained. What I look for is that intangible note that says that there is no connection between what is happening and the fact that God is at work! You can never postulate anything of God that is harder or easier. All the unlimited resources of the Almighty God are behind his will. We are the ones who limit God by our prayerlessness—by our faithlessness—by our sinfulness. If the Lord God be among us, where are the miracles our fathers talked about?"

What a glorious beginning for a mighty and memorable Conference! We were welcomed warmly by Rev. J. C. Gunst for the Local Committee on Arrangements and by Dr. Curtis B. Akenson for the First Baptist Church. Our hearts were warmed spiritually by the anthem, "The Lord's My Shepherd," sung by 80 voices and directed by Mr. Arthur Thom. We became acquainted with the Conference

announcer, Rev. Aaron Buhler, who carried out his task throughout the week with a radiant spirit, with energetic dispatch and with a welcome humor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Baptist Church was an ideal meeting place for our General Conference sessions. Wherever you were sitting in the large sanctuary, you felt intimately close to the platform and the pulpit. This downtown church is within a few blocks of most of the hotels, Y. M. C. A., department stores and restaurants. Processions of North American Baptists were always moving to and from the church. We were welded together in a wonderful fellowship of "togetherness" for the entire week.

On Tuesday morning, August 1, we settled down for the important business transactions of the Conference. The attendance at the day sessions was very gratifying with 1,000 to 1,500 people usually present promptly at 9:00 A. M. for the devotional services led by our faithful pastors. God's Word and prayer were given the preeminence in these precious devotional periods.

The General Conference was organized by the moderator, Dr. John Wobig. The General Council reported through its executive secretary, Dr. Frank H. Woyke. The district secretaries were presented, and two of the laymen, Mr. Fred A. Grosser and Mr. Arthur Schwerin, were given citations and gifts of honor for the many years

of faithful service to Christ and our denomination. Fraternal greetings were brought by the Honorable Arthur Naftalin, mayor of Minneapolis; Dr. Marbury Anderson, representing the Ministerial Association of Greater Minneapolis; Rev. H. B. Prince, for the National Association of Evangelical Ministers' Fellowship; and Dr. Curtis B. Akenson, speaking for all the Baptists of the Twin Cities.

CONFERENCE MODERATOR

Dr. John Wobig was the genial, patient, and wise moderator of the Conference. With great skill he led the sessions through stormy periods into the quiet waters of the harbor. He manifested a baptistic and democratic spirit which won for him the admiration of the entire Conference. His moderator's address, "The Great Challenge," reminded us of the tremendous opportunities that are unfolding before us. "As Christ challenged his disciples, so he still challenges us today." This fine message will be published in full in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald."

The work of the Sunday School Union is growing in all directions. This was clearly evident at several of the inspiring programs led by the Sunday School Union. A great step forward was taken by the Conference in adopting the plan for a new Department of Christian Education in our denomination, about which more will be said later. The activities of the Sunday School Union were presented dramatically on Tuesday afternoon in a panel program. On Wednesday noon a Christian Workers' Luncheon was held at the Central Lutheran Church with about 300 persons present. Sunday Schools Around the World" were depicted by a number of pastors, missionaries and lay leaders.

The Tuesday evening service on August 1 challenged the Conference



SUNDAY SCHOOLS AROUND THE WORLD

Participants in the Sunday School Workers' Conference Luncheon held on Wednesday noon.

Left to right: Rev. Herbert Freeman, Mr. Vernon Heckman, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Miss Ruth Bathauer, Miss Delores Henne, Miss Helen Lohse, Rev. Eugene Stroh, Rev. Philip Grabke and Rev. Bernard R. Fritzke.

to "A Deeper Study of the Word." The Sunday School Union was in charge with Rev. G. K. Zimmerman presiding. Rev. Roger Schmidt, pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., spoke on this provocative subject. He presented the Bible as the matchless and inspired Word of God and then drove home the fact relentlessly that its power and glory can be seen best in Spirit-filled lives who live by the truths of this Word and who teach it with a firm faith to others.

BAPTIST JOINT COMMITTEE

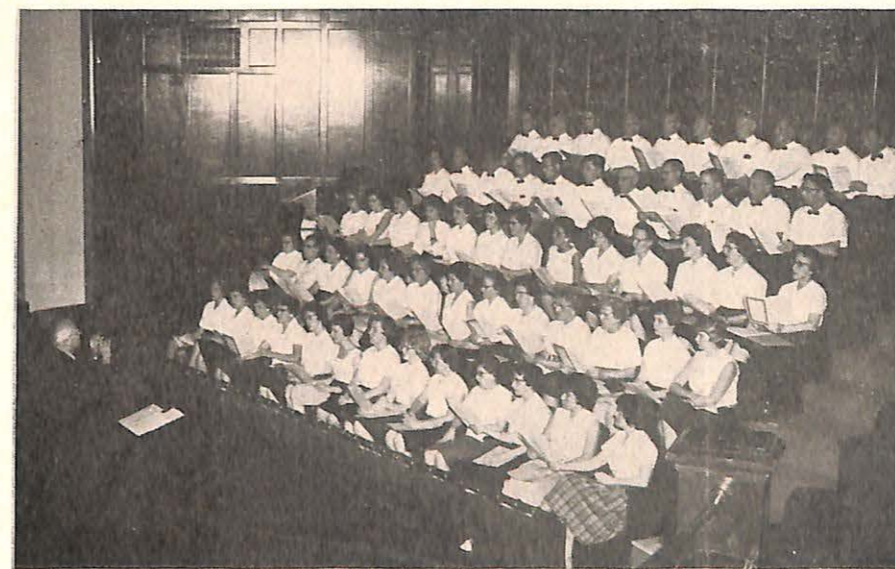
Our Conference became well acquainted with the ministry and ob-

jectives of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. On Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Barry Garrett of Washington, D. C., associate director of the Committee, gave a passionate plea for Baptists to be concerned about religious liberty and the great issues facing this country and the world at present. He reported at length what Baptists are doing in this field. The literature of the Committee was in the Conference Packets and in the Exhibit Hall. Mr. Garrett assisted the Resolutions Committee in the preparation of several important resolutions on this critical subject. In addition, he met the press of the Twin Cities and some of our pastors in personal conferences. His contribution to our General Conference sessions was of major proportions.

The challenging ministry of Church Extension was graphically brought to the attention of the Conference visitors. The 52 Church Extension projects in which we have had a part, the 16 projects now being supported, and the many possible new projects to be undertaken if we had the funds, were portrayed in a dramatic presentation on Tuesday afternoon, August 1, and with pictures at the Church Extension night program on Thursday, August 3.

CHURCH EXTENSION

Rev. Kenneth Fischer, pastor of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., one of the former Church Extension pastors, stirred the hearts of all present by picturing "The Glorious Church." "What kind of churches would we need in our Conference to really reach out in these hundreds of Church Extension fields?" he asked. He gave the answer with a challeng-



THE GENERAL CONFERENCE CHOIR

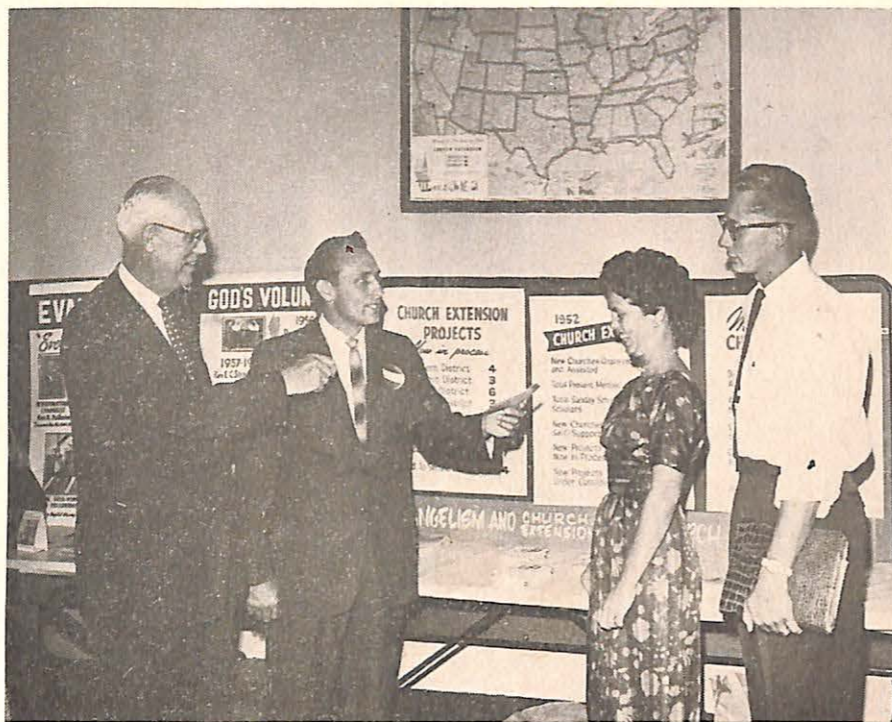
The General Conference Choir directed by Mr. Arthur Thom lifted the Conference audience to heavenly heights with their sweet and inspiring selections. The singers came from all four of our churches in the Twin Cities.

ing appeal for a consecrated membership, a glowing prayer life, a burning missionary zeal and a clear vision of stewardship. "It will take such glorious churches in the North American Baptist General Conference to accomplish the great task in Church Extension."

On Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, chairman of the Church Extension Committee, launched the program of Church Extension Builders. The envelopes and enlistment cards were distributed and the challenge was clearly presented. It will cost only \$1.00 a month or \$10.00 a year for you to become a Church Extension Builder. The objective is 10,000 volunteers. The first response was not overwhelming, but it is hoped that a more intensive drive can be made in our churches this fall for thousands of volunteers. In this ministry alone, North American Baptists ought to open their eyes to the mighty work of God and his Spirit which can be accomplished if we are faithful in our obedience to his command to evangelize the unchurched.

EXHIBIT HALLS

One of the very successful features of the General Conference was the section devoted to the Exhibit Halls and Roger Williams Book Store. Throngs of people crowded these rooms and were delighted by the things which they saw. New and colorful exhibits with informative posters presented the Cameroons Mission Field in Africa, our Japan Mission, the mission work and churches in Austria, and the ministry to the Spanish Americans and Indians of North America. Dr. and



THE CHALLENGE OF CHURCH EXTENSION

A lively discussion is started at the Church Extension exhibit at the General Conference with Dr. M. L. Leuschner (left to right) engaging Rev. Kenneth L. Fischer of Anaheim, Calif., (Church Extension speaker on Thursday evening), and his wife in the discussion, as well as Mr. Arthur Patzia, Seminary student.

Mrs. W. J. Appel had brought some priceless things from beautiful Austria which were artistically arranged. Our missionaries in Japan had prepared bookmarks with the Japanese characters for "Greater Things Through Christ" which were distributed free to the visitors.

The story of Evangelism, God's Vol-

unteers, and Church Extension was described by pictures and posters. The exhibits of the General Council, Baptist Men, Seminary and Christian Training Institute were likewise very popular. The Woman's Missionary Union devoted a large section in the Exhibit Hall to the story of White Cross work, program booklets, and the W. M. U.'s chart. The Baptist Life Association also had a very interesting exhibit. In adjoining rooms were the fine exhibits of the Sunday School Union and the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship.

OUR BOOK STORE

The Roger Williams Book Store had its best and most varied display of books, Bibles and Christian literature for many years. Business was brisk, especially with the announcement of a number of special bargains. The books on Adoniram Judson were being featured in connection with the Baptist Jubilee Advance Program. The new denominational volume *ADVANCE* was on sale for the first time. The latest book catalog and the Conference issue of the "Baptist Herald" were distributed free. Rev. Lawrence Bienert and his staff are to be commended on the excellent book display and the successful presentation of its Christian ministry in behalf of our churches.

A new feature of the busy Conference week was the "Youth and Get-Acquainted Hour" held every evening (except Monday) after the evening services. These were attended by large, enthusiastic crowds of young people. The Sunrise Service attracted 125

young people on Thursday morning to Theodore Wirth Park. A more detailed report of these youth gatherings written by Mr. Arthur Patzia, president of the C. B. Y., appears elsewhere in this issue.

BIBLE STUDIES

On Wednesday morning, August 2, several cooperating societies of the denomination presented their reports. Promptly at 11:30 A. M., Dr. Carl H. Lundquist, president of Bethel College and Seminary, brought his first of a series of studies on Philippians on "Christian Ideals and Spiritual Health." These were Bible meditations with a simplicity of characterization, a fervent presentation and a practical, down-to-earth application. Dr. Lundquist's ministry in these wonderful "Half Hours for Bible Study" was mightily used of God to make these periods highlights of the Conference.

On Wednesday afternoon Chaplain Leslie P. Albus of Fort Dix, New Jersey brought his testimony. He is one of three U. S. chaplains in our conference. The program of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship was featured at this session with Mr. Dick Rabenhorst of Watertown, Wis., presiding. The new theme, "Launch Out Through Your C. B. Y. F." was emphasized and reviewed.

Something NEW was added to the General Conference program on Wednesday evening. The North American Baptist Seminary in a blaze of glory held its annual banquet and Commencement Exercises at the First Baptist Church. The banquet in the dining hall of the First Baptist Church was limited to about 200 persons, but it was a delightful, festive occasion for all who attended. The Seminary seniors were presented and the senior gift of beautiful Christian and United States flags was announced. Rev. Robert Schreiber of Lodi, Calif., brought the address on "The Person in the Parsonage."

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Soon afterwards, the academic procession entered the church's sanctuary with an audience of more than 2,200 people looking on. Wearing their colorful robes, Seminary professors and president, graduating students and members of the Seminary Board marched to their places to hear the stirring commencement address by Dr. Josef Nordenhaug of Washington, D. C., general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. His address, "A God of Residue," stressed the glorious truth that "Christ is God's redemptive gift to man—not the answer to the world's needs. What matters most in life is this that you really get in touch with HIM!" This was again the major challenge of the Conference theme that the Almighty God, revealed in Christ, must be Lord of our lives without reservation.

The exciting commencement program continued with the conferring of degrees, musical numbers, an-



Dr. Carl H. Lundquist of St. Paul, Minn., president of Bethel College and Seminary, endeared himself to General Conference visitors by his stirring keynote address and daily Bible meditations. (Photo by Harold B. Johns).

nouncement of scholarships and honors, and the processional at the close. Our Seminary was envisioned more clearly as an integral part of our denominational life because of this eventful, unique evening!

The women held their luncheon at the Pick Nicollet Hotel with 631 persons present. (A full account about this event appears under the report of the women's activities). A new record breaking total of 247 ministers attended the Pastors' Fellowship Luncheon with Rev. S. Donald Gantstrom in charge. Dr. Curtis B. Aken-son of the First Baptist Church considered "seven troubles and difficulties that have never stopped Church Extension" and challenged the men again to overcome obstacles in the way and to go forward with their Lord. The laymen held the "Baptist Men's" luncheon at the Central Lutheran Church with 215 men present. Dr. A. Dale Ihrie brought the message on "Our Liberty in Christ." The results of the election of officers for these three groups will be announced in the Sept. 28 issue.

The Woman's Missionary Union program on Friday afternoon at the First Baptist Church showed what it meant to "Live Abundantly" in the home, community and the world at large. (See the detailed report in another article by Mrs. E. A. Hoffmann).

MISSIONARY TEA

More than a thousand people gathered afterwards under the sparkling chandeliers and in the festooned "Hall of States" at the Leamington Hotel



CAMEROONS BAPTIST MISSION EXHIBIT

Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider (right), Cameroons missionaries, tell the story of the brass objects in a miniature African village and of other fascinating things in the Cameroons Exhibit to some of the General Conference visitors.



NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY GRADUATES

The eleven students in the 1961 graduating class of the North American Baptist Seminary have taken their places in the First Baptist Church with the rest of the colorful academic procession following them.

Following the report by the General Missionary Society on Thursday morning, a brief account of the work in Austria by Dr. W. J. Appel, greetings from the Baptist World Alliance by Dr. Nordenhaug, and another devotional message by Dr. Lundquist, the Conference moved to several luncheons for their respective business meetings and programs.

for the Missionary Tea. Six 16-foot tables each with a floral bouquet and Bible verse, were the center of attraction at this tea. Some of the most unusual decorations were the yellow snapdragons and white candle on Table No. 3 with the words, "I am the Light of the world." Bronze lilies decorated Table No. 5 with the Scripture verse, "Consider the lilies, how



HONORS FOR BAPTIST LAYMEN

Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, vice moderator, (left) presents a citation of honor to Mr. Arthur Schwerin (shown with his wife), chairman of the Finance Committee and member of other denominational committees for many years. A similar citation was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Grosser (right). He was the treasurer of the denomination from 1943 to 1961. (Photo by Harold B. Johns).

they grow" (Luke 12:27). A striking pitcher from Africa filled with huge gold daisies and an antique gold cup adorned Table No. 6 with the Bible verse, "Whosoever shall give a cup of cold water in my name" (Matt. 10:42).

To the accompaniment of soft, pleasant music and, later, to the wonderful din of Christian people engaged in conversation, the Conference visitors drank tea and coffee, ate the dainty and tasty cookies, met the missionaries and women officers of the Union, admired the colorful hall, and thanked God for this memorable, never-to-be-forgotten occasion.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICE

By Friday afternoon the General Conference had swelled to new totals. We were beginning to overflow the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church. So for Friday evening, August 4, we went to the Minneapolis Armory, seating 8,000 people. To be sure, our 2,500 people felt somewhat lost in this arena at first and found the acoustics and heat in the building not to their liking. But the Spirit of God moved upon the hearts of the people as Mr. Heartsill Wilson of Grosse Pointe, Mich., a dedicated layman, led the service with joyous enthusiasm.

Dr. Paul Gebauer challenged the Conference audience by reviewing the critical dangers and unusual opportunities now facing us in the Cameroons of Africa. "The Eyes of the World Are on Africa," he asserted. Mr. Flavius Martin, a Christian national from Africa, told us what Christian missions had done for him and for other Africans, especially because of our faithful witness as Baptists in the Cameroons.

The evangelistic and consecration message by Dr. Ralph E. Powell of

the Seminary faculty presented "The Man Who Came At Night—Nicodemus." "Like Nicodemus, ours must be a total dedication, for Jesus Christ is still the only way of salvation and abundance of true life. When communists are prepared to give all to conquer the world, dare we do less? Such consecration cannot be delayed. It must be now!" In response to the invitation, several young people came forward and many hearts were bowed humbly before God in making new resolves for Jesus Christ as Lord. We left the Armory, sensing that we had met our Savior in this place and had seen him in new glory in this hour!

BUSINESS SESSIONS

On Saturday morning testimonies were given by a number of our pastors who had experienced "Greater Consecration in my Christian Life." The elections were completed. Decisions were made creating the new office of Secretary of Higher Education and Stewardship which will be

THREE GERMAN SERVICES

Three services were held for our German-speaking brethren during the General Conference week at Minneapolis. They were well attended with 125 to 150 people present. On Tuesday evening, August 1, the service that was held in Jackson Hall was addressed by Rev. G. P. Gebauer of Vancouver, B. C. On Thursday evening, August 3, the speaker was Rev. Elvin Schuelke of Chicago, Ill. The Saturday evening meeting was held in Hotel Leamington in rooms just below the banquet hall. The speaker was Rev. Wieschollek of Edmonton, Alberta. German song books and programs had been prepared for these services by Rev. Wm. Sturhahn and the promotional department.

filled later by the General Council. The Education and Publication Society was discontinued. New cooperating societies have been formed with an increase in board members for the North American Baptist Seminary, Christian Training Institute and Publication Society (also known by its trade name, Roger Williams Press).

Earlier the newly created Department of Christian Education was approved with its general secretary (Rev. G. K. Zimmerman), and its assistant secretary (Rev. John Binder). Three directors will still be appointed by the department to supervise the adult, youth and children's programs within this Department of Christian Education. The important report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted (Read this report in full in this issue).

DR. CURTIS B. AKENSON

Dr. Curtis B. Akenson led the Conference in the closing Bible Study on Saturday morning dealing with: "Traits of So Great a Salvation." The General Conference picnic at Minnehaha Park on Saturday afternoon was a refreshing and uplifting experience for more than a thousand people on a beautiful afternoon of sunshine and cool breezes.

Music was a highlight of these Conference sessions. The church organ with Dr. Theodore Bergman and Dr. Herbert Pankratz at the keys thrilled the audience. Brief recitals on the organ prior to the evening sessions were well attended. The Bonney Trio of Winnipeg, Manitoba and the Musical Messengers of the Seminary brought joy to many hearts. The song leaders throughout the week rendered a fine service. The splendid choir, enlarged by several scores of people for the weekend services, and led by Mr. Arthur Thom, was the source of outstanding blessings.

GREAT CONFERENCE BANQUET

The Conference Banquet on Saturday night, August 5, was described by many "old timers" as "the finest and most wonderful banquet in our General Conference history." A total of 1,017 people sat at the festive tables in the Hall of States in the midst of a spectacular beauty! Mr. Arthur Patzia, C. B. Y. F. president, led the program both with spiritual dignity and with delightful humor. Heart-warming testimonies by Patricia Quenzer of Herreid, S. Dak., and Dr. Eugene Stockdale, Cameroons Missionary, were given. Thrilling musical numbers were rendered by a Minneapolis Trumpet Trio, the Pankratz String and Piano Duo, and the Musical Messengers.

The banquet address on "Passionate Believing" by Rev. David J. Draewell of Cleveland, Ohio, opened the Word of God to every person present and laid the claims of Jesus Christ for a firm, fervent faith on each heart. By urgent request, the message appears in full in this issue of the "Baptist Herald." This program, sponsored

by the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship, was outstanding and will be remembered as such for years to come.

COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST

At a fairly early hour on Sunday morning, August 6, another new feature was unfurled. A complimentary breakfast was held at Y. M. C. A. for 65 retired pastors, pastors' widows and ministers with an active service of 30 years or more, sponsored by the Pension Fund of the denomination. Dr. Walter W. Grosser presided and introduced the retired men and their wives who were present. Rev. W. S. Argow brought some delightful reminiscences among the various impromptu speakers. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, paid a tribute to the faithfulness and sacrifices of these ministers who have served so well "in the heat of the day."

On Sunday morning the Conference visitors attended the services in the various churches and heard Rev. H. J. Waltreit at the First Baptist Church; Rev. E. Arthur McAsh at the Faith Church, Minneapolis; Rev. R. Dale Chaddock at the Brook Park Church of Minneapolis; Rev. Robert Schreiber at the Daytons Bluff Church of St. Paul; and Dr. Louis R. Johnson at the Riverview Church of St. Paul.

MISSIONARY RALLY

The Missionary Rally on Sunday afternoon, August 6, attracted a crowd of more than 2,500 to the Armory. Almost 50 missionaries (past and present) of our Conference were on the platform. The new conference officers were installed by Rev. Adolph Braun, chairman of the Program Committee. A missionary offering of \$2,256.25 was received. Mr. Flavius Martin gave a stirring missionary address. He called attention to the fact that this was the first time in our history that a native from the Cameroons could bring a personal report from the Cameroons as a representative of our mission field. He also stressed the fact that a new era in the Cameroons has begun, fraught with dangers and opportunities. Our task in this new age for Africa is that of reconciliation—"be ye reconciled to Christ."

Three new missionaries were presented by Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary. They were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Witt of Detroit, Mich., and Miss Alma Zimmerman of Minneapolis, Minn. For the present, only Mr. Witt will be able to go out to the Cameroons. A citation of honor was presented to Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer for their 30 and 25 years of missionary service, respectively. The citation by Dr. M. L. Leuschner was followed by the presenting of a corsage to Mrs. Gebauer by Mrs. R. Schilke.

The commissioning address was both uniquely challenging and personally intimate. Rev. Gilbert Schneider, missionary, challenged the new missionaries to be "On Safari for the Lord."

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DR. CURTIS B. AKENSON

Under the sign, "To Know Him and the Power of His Resurrection," Dr. Curtis B. Akenson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, spoke forcefully "with power from on high" to the pastors, at their luncheon.

(We hope that we can publish this address in the "Baptist Herald" at a later date). The commissioning prayer by Rev. Robert S. Hess of Peoria, Ill., brought this impressive service to its climax.

CLOSING COMMUNION SERVICE

This 33rd General Conference was exciting and memorable because of many new features. For the first time



BAPTIST MINISTERS "HARD AT WORK"

A fine group of 247 North American Baptist pastors enjoyed the delicious luncheon at the First Baptist Church and were inspired by the program that followed, led by Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom (center of speakers' table), president of the Ministers' Fellowship.

since 1940 the Conference closed with a communion service, and what a heart-warming service this was! More than a thousand people gathered in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, sang the songs of Zion, and followed the Scripture reading and prayer by two elderly veterans of the faith, Rev. E. Broeckel of Bismarck, N. Dak., and Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa. Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, the newly elected moderator, led the services with worshipful dignity. The Conference choir thrilled the audience by singing "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked."

The Memorial Service led by Rev. H. R. Schroeder left a deep impression on the audience. The communion message by Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., opened the Scriptures to listening hearts and prepared us for the Communion Service. This was led by H. J. Wilcke of St. Paul, Minn., assisted by the other pastors and deacons of our Twin Cities' churches. We were in the Presence of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and we felt his hand on us as we sang the closing hymn, "Are ye able? Said the Master."

May that touch of our Lord and Savior upon us never grow dim throughout this triennium ahead of us! So we parted from one another, happy for the rich and rewarding impressions of this Conference week and challenged by the tremendous needs of today's world calling for the faithful, sacrificial service of every one of us!

CONFERENCE LEADERS

What more can we say that our limited space will allow? Dr. Frank H. Woyke as executive secretary of the denomination and as recording secretary for the Conference gave wise counsel and exerted his general lead-

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Resolutions of the 33rd General Conference

Important resolutions adopted by the North American Baptist General Conference at Minneapolis, Minn., by the chairman of the Resolutions Committee, Rev. Robert Penner of Lansing, Michigan.

WHEREAS, not all of our missionaries, retired pastors and former officers were able to attend the General Conference sessions,

BE IT RESOLVED: that we as North American Baptist General Conference send them letters of greeting and enclose a copy of the General Conference News and the General Conference Program.

WHEREAS, our missionaries and churches face a critical period in the Southern Cameroons,

BE IT RESOLVED: that we assure them of our continued prayers and support and our remembrance of them.

OUR RENEWED DEDICATION

WHEREAS, our 33rd General Conference theme has been "Greater Things Through Christ," and

WHEREAS, the Bible-centered addresses of our inspirational speakers have faithfully applied this theme, and

WHEREAS, the Philippians Bible studies of Dr. Carl H. Lundquist have further enriched our understanding of God's Word,

BE IT RESOLVED: that each of us determine to give himself to a renewal of dedication to Christ, his Church and his Word.

CHURCH EXTENSION

WHEREAS, in the past seven years 52 Church Extension projects (31 in the United States and 21 in Canada) have been undertaken, with the result that we now have 3,700 members in these churches, with 4,700 Sunday School scholars, and 46 of these projects are duly organized churches, 12 of which are self-supporting, and

WHEREAS, eight projects have land but no buildings, and five have neither land nor buildings, and fourteen others are under consideration, BE IT RESOLVED: that the local churches, associations and regional conferences within the North American Baptist General Conference give vigorous, active and generous support to the Church Extension program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that new areas and opportunities be promptly investigated and, where possible, actively followed through by local churches, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the challenge and responsibility of Church Extension be squarely and deliberately placed before the members of our churches as an irrevocable commission from the Lord of the Church, Jesus Christ, whose we are and whom we serve.

WHEREAS, the Gospel of Jesus Christ produces religious liberty wherever it is preached and believed, and

WHEREAS, religious liberty is the basis and safeguard of all other liberties, and

WHEREAS, separation of church and state has proved to be a satisfactory safeguard for religious liberty in the United States, and

WHEREAS, our National Constitution guarantees both religious liberty and separation of church and state, and

WHEREAS, Baptists have always believed in religious liberty not only for themselves but also for all peoples regardless of race, creed or national origin, and

WHEREAS, President Kennedy assured the nation during his campaign that he believed in the separation of church and state, that he opposed the granting of public funds for parochial schools, and that if elected president he would be a free man beyond the reach of ecclesiastical authorities in matters of public policy, and

WHEREAS, certain authorities in the United States have stated their opposition to any Federal legislation for public schools unless parochial schools were also included, and

WHEREAS, support for the public schools is a responsibility of all citizens, whether or not they have children and whether or not they attend public schools, and

WHEREAS, the public school system has proved itself to be an effective means for education in a democracy, and has been an instrument of impartiality to all citizens,

SIX-FOLD DEFINITION

BE IT RESOLVED: that the North American Baptist General Conference in triennial session at Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 31 to August 6, 1961—

1. Recommend to the churches and to the nation the six-fold definition of

IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS

The resolutions on this page pertaining to religious liberty and the separation of church and state are very important. They were adopted unanimously by the General Conference in Minneapolis, Minn., July 31-August 6, 1961. Our pastors and church people are urged by the Conference to communicate with their Congressmen in Washington, D. C., and with their legislative representatives in Canada and to inform them about our convictions as North American Baptists. These issues are crucial for all Christians today!

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separation of church and state as advocated by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, as follows:

a. *Separate Reasons for Being.* Separation means that the church has its own "reasons for being" and that these reasons are distinct from those of the state.

b. *Separate Publics.* A person is born into the state. Citizenship normally includes all the people. The New Testament church, however, is composed of regenerate people, and its fellowship is voluntary.

c. *Distinct Methods.* While the state uses methods of law which are appropriate to its purposes, the church must use spiritual methods which can nurture true Christian experience and character.

d. *Separate Administration.* The church cannot be a "department of ecclesiastical affairs" of the state. Each must govern its own affairs.

e. *Separate Sources of Support.* The state derives its revenue from the power of taxation, while the church is supported by voluntary stewardship.

f. *Separate Educational Programs.* The churches cannot delegate the education of their members to the state; neither should the churches become educational tools for the established political and economic order. The educational programs of the two institutions must be kept separate.

"WE STRONGLY APPROVE"

2. Assert our belief in and loyalty to the public school system of the nation, and to that effect we urge increased participation on the part of our constituency in public school activities, such as teaching, membership on school boards, and in Parent-Teacher Associations.

3. In the interests of religious liberty and separation of church and state, we strongly approve the principle of "public funds for public schools" and we equally disapprove of the use of public funds for the use of sectarian and religious schools not only of our own fellowship but of all other groups. We oppose the erosion of this principle by whatever means or methods may be employed, such as, direct grants, indirect aid disguised as loans, and aids to religious schools under the pretext of "national defense."

4. We commend the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs as one of our denominational agencies for its faithful presentation of the Baptist witness to both governmental and non-governmental groups in instances where principles of religious liberty, separation of church and state are involved. We commend the BJCPA for its effective reporting and interpretation of events at the nation's capital, and

We recommend to our members that they become readers of "Report from the Capitol" and inform themselves of the meaning of the Baptist witness in relation to public affairs, both in the local community, the state and the nation.

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"We, Too, Were There in Minneapolis"

Impressions of the 33rd General Conference held in Minneapolis, Minn., July 31 to August 6, 1961.

First Impressions of Conference Days

By Rev. Richard Schroeder,
Forest Park Baptist Church,
Forest Park, Illinois

As one attending a General Conference for the first time, the week in Minneapolis proved to be a delightful time for information and inspiration.

The daily devotions, the business sessions, the banquet, the mass meetings, all proved to be a blessing, and it would be difficult to place them in order of preference. As one might expect, the conference choir and all those taking part in the musical program performed most ably as they lifted their voices in praise to our God.

Perhaps the highlight of the Conference was the opportunity of meeting and conversing with those of like mind and like faith from all over the United States and Canada. The word "fellowship" best describes it—the renewing of old friendships, meeting for the first time fellow-laborers, and the sharing of experiences and ideas. So often the phrase was heard, "It's so good to see you again," and one knew that all concerned were indeed enjoying the fellowship of the General Conference.

This feeling of fellowship was evident not only in the smaller social groups but also as the conference was in session. Challenging messages served to motivate each delegate to think further on the conference theme, "Greater Things Through Christ." The reports of the various secretaries and cooperating groups indicated that much had been done, but the days ahead hold unlimited opportunities to do greater things as all join together in the common task.

The Joys of Christian Fellowship

By Rev. Arthur K. Schultz,
Bethany Baptist Church,
Portland, Oregon

"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above." The General Conference is a wonderful experience in the life of every North American Baptist. Meeting many old friends and making many new ones makes this Christian fellowship a vital reality.

The messages we heard were especially adapted for the crucial times in which we are living. Dr. Carl H. Lundquist drew our attention to some of the great truths in Philippians, saying that through Christ we can experience peace, joy and contentment despite our difficulties. One thing he mentioned was that the greatest problem in our churches today is that of clashing per-

sonalities. To meet this difficulty, he urged all believers to look for points of superiority in the one they disliked.

Dr. Josef Nordenhaug said, "The right to disagree is a cherished Baptist right; but there is a greater and higher right and that is the right to agree. Fellowship is teamwork under the leadership of the Holy Spirit."

The special emphasis upon missions, Church Extension and evangelism; the humility of Dr. Paul Gebauer's response to the honors conferred upon him and the wise words of counsel from a veteran missionary to the new missionary appointed deeply impressed us.

Christ-Centered Messages At Minneapolis

By Rev. Howard Johnson,
Oak Street Baptist Church,
Burlington, Iowa

Having returned to the fold of the North American Baptist General Conference after a ten year leave of absence, the meeting of old friends and making of new ones was a most joyous experience at Minneapolis. My outstanding impression of the Conference was the Christ-centered messages of the speakers as they emphasized the need of a vital, personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior from sin and as Lord of life.

Some of the most notable advances, from my observation, have been in the areas of Church Extension and foreign missions. These are paramount in the Great Commission. The faithful



CONGRATULATIONS, BROTHER!

Mr. Kenneth W. Miller of Milwaukee, Wis., (left) and Mr. Herbert Stabbert of Anaheim, Calif., congratulate each other as the newly elected General Conference Treasurer and as Baptist Men's president, respectively.

attendance by the delegates and visitors at the business sessions was noteworthy and certainly bespeaks a real concern for the cause of Christ in our churches. The discussion of business items was spicy and interesting and proved that it is possible to disagree without being disagreeable. The decisions made proved also that there can be unity in diversity.

A deep spiritual tone prevailed throughout the Conference and I believe, with God's help, a high sense of dedication will characterize our Conference constituency as together we seek in the coming triennium to do "greater things through Christ."

An Exaltation of Jesus Christ

By Rev. Ralph E. Cooke,
Grace Baptist Church,
Sheffield, Iowa

Our 33rd General Conference was indeed an exaltation of our Lord Jesus Christ. His Word was preached. His people worshipped and worked together. The thoroughly Biblical and most practical messages were greatly edifying. Reports from the various sectors of cooperative effort were encouraging. Our investments in missions at home and abroad have reaped excellent dividends. These facts inspire one to even greater support of these objectives in the future, trusting God for greater things in every area of endeavor.

Conference business sessions were charged with the air of Baptist democratic action. Lively discussion from differing minds was most wholesome. Although actions taken in structural reorganization may not have been agreeable to all, the fact that there is desire for improvement and efficiency of operation is commendable. Enlightenment as to the tremendous responsibilities of the General Council and the various Boards and Committees makes one much more conscious of his own obligation to pray for these and lead others to do the same.

The devotion of the pastors and laymen and the radiance of our Christian womanhood give great cause for rejoicing. My first General Conference experience was a wonderful introduction to that larger fellowship of which I became a part upon accepting the call to the Sheffield Church a little over two years ago. I am deeply grateful that God has given this high privilege.

A Foretaste of Heaven In Minneapolis

By Mrs. Vernon Heckman
of Saint Paul, Minnesota

What a wonderful privilege was ours as women to meet together with the

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"We, the Women" in Minneapolis

By Mrs. E. A. Hoffmann of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

MINNEAPOLIS can never be quite the same as it was! For that matter neither can Philadelphia, or Portland, or Winnipeg, or Waco, because women from these and many more places were among the 631 who attended the Woman's Missionary Union luncheon at the General Conference on August 3. The homes, churches and communities, from which they came, must become influenced by these hundreds of women who so enthusiastically adopted the new goal, "Women Living Abundantly for Christ," (John 10:10).

"WE, THE WOMEN," SPEAK

It was our high honor to have Mrs. Elmer L. Andersen, the first lady of Minnesota, wife of the governor, speak at the luncheon. In a gracious and beautiful manner she told us a little of the greatness of Minnesota. Then she challenged us with William Carey's words, "Attempt great things for God. Expect great things from God."

Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, chairman of the North American Baptist Women's Union, representing organized Baptist women of the North American continent and surrounding islands, reminded us, "Wherever we can strengthen our fellowship with each other and Jesus Christ, it is significant. When we learn to work together, love each other, it is important."

But the luncheon was a mountain top experience because to these marvelous truths were added adventures of not one but of five missionaries, representing all our mission fields except Japan. Mrs. William Appel told of the poverty and devotion of the Austrian women. Miss Delores Henne told of women to whom she ministered at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement. Mrs. William Rentz brought greetings from the women's group in Soppo. Mrs. Philip Grabke described exciting and somewhat unusual incidents of the work among the Indians of the Muscowpetung Reserve, and Miss Helen Lohse in a wonderful way gave vivid descriptions of the three churches on the Spanish American field.

"WE, THE WOMEN," GIVE

Every woman present at the luncheon was thrilled to learn that our goals for the last triennium were attained. Our goal of \$60,000 was exceeded by \$4,000. Besides that, our Denominational Advance Building Fund goal of \$12,000 was exceeded by \$500. Our total giving for the past three years was over \$128,000. We thank our Heavenly Father for the way in which he has blessed us, and we thank our women for their faithfulness in giving. Therefore, wholeheartedly we adopted a new goal of \$65,000.

The Woman's Missionary Union program on Friday afternoon, August 4, was again a time of spiritual feasting. Mrs. Walter Grosser, our beloved former president, seemed to set the mood for the program, "Living Abundantly." She reminded us that the abundant life not only goes vertically, from me to God, but it also goes horizontally to my fellow man.

THE WOMEN'S PROGRAM

Our theme was presented in the form of a panel discussion by three capable speakers. Mrs. Frank Veninga of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., challenged us to take Christ seriously, to be totally committed to him. Living abundantly means that we must make the Word of God alive in our churches. It means experiencing the power of prayer to bring new devotion to our churches. It means showing a greater love for each other.

In her charming and unique way, Mrs. Gilbert Schneider of the Bamenda New Hope Settlement explained what "Living Abundantly" means to a missionary. The African proverb, "One stone no hold pot," is applicable. It takes three stones, she explained, to hold the African pot to cook a meal. Thus, our missionary emphasis is based on three phases endeavoring in these ways to give the leper patients a more abundant life, namely, medical, educational and spiritual. By serving in this three-fold way we are effective in our missionary outreach.

As we heard Mrs. Maurice Hodge again, she truly won our admiration. The challenge of the Christian church is a concern about the women who work and their relationship to Christ. Our vitality comes from Christ and we must take Christ to others.

The Ministers' Wives Chorus, directed by Mrs. Emma B. Meier, was highly privileged to be able to sing two hymns during the program. The words, which she wrote on our theme, and set to a melody arranged by Deems Taylor, still ring in our hearts and minds. (This hymn is published elsewhere in this issue.)

"WE, THE WOMEN," SERVE

In a lovely and quiet candlelight service the new officers were installed. Dr. Frank H. Woyke challenged our new officers with Christ's words, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

Pray for these officers often: president, Mrs. Harm Sherman; vice president, Mrs. Harold Gieseke; secretary, Mrs. David Draewell; treasurer, Mrs. Henry Schmunk; White Cross chair-

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Youth Activities at the Conference

By Mr. Arthur Patzia of Winnipeg, Manitoba

A GENERAL CONFERENCE always means that there is opportunity for young people to gather and to have fellowship with one another. Our young people took advantage of this opportunity and made their way to Minneapolis, Minn. There was never a dull moment. Besides the regular Conference meetings and business sessions, there were special fellowships planned for us. These proved to be a real success and were greatly enjoyed by all.

The purpose of these youth activities was two-fold. First, they provided fellowship opportunities for our young people, and secondly they instilled within each young person a greater love for Christ and their local C.B.Y.F.

GET ACQUAINTED EVENINGS

All activities were planned with the purpose of promoting a "Greater Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship Through Christ." The Conference theme provided this challenge for us, and we as young people responded enthusiastically. Our "Get Acquainted Night" on Tuesday provided the first chance for this fellowship. The number of young people that turned out surprised everyone. Only because of an alert and able committee did everything function well.

Robert Ricker acted as master of ceremony for the evening leading us in some get acquainted games. Yours truly led in a brief devotional along the lines of a "Greater C. B. Y. F." No get-acquainted time would be complete without some refreshments. The committee again met the need and responded with Kool-Aid and cookies. All 185 young people appeared to enjoy the entire evening.

Wednesday night was strictly for the young and physical fit. This was Y. M. C. A. night with swimming and per-gym activities available. It was a perfect way for some of the more robust to flex their muscles and to let off some excess energy in a constructive way. I wonder if all 90 present felt as energetic the next morning.

MOONLIGHT CRUISE

For those of you unable to be at the Conference, we express our sympathy. Imagine what you missed on Thursday night... a Moonlight Cruise on "Tonka-Belle" on Lake Minnetonka. This evening was inspirational and spiritual. Leaving in busses from the church, the young people were quickly transported to the dock. Many were already sung out because they had been singing during the bus ride, but there was also more singing aboard. The evening was educational, giving visitors a view of the lake and surrounding scenery.

Last but not least, this was a ro-



The Bonney Trio—Janice, Joyce and Sharon—of Winnipeg, Manitoba, who thrilled the General Conference on several occasions with their inspired singing and close harmony.

mantic experience. The setting was conducive to closer fellowship and one could see new and stronger friendships being developed. Then, of course, several pastors and their wives were along for their second honeymoon and also to recall their "youthful days." With the pastors the attendance was 270.

It is obvious that the Sunrise Service on Thursday morning did not affect most of the younger generation. In the morning the young people and many others gathered in Theodore Wirth Park for this occasion. Although the sun did not break through the clouds, there was sunshine in our hearts as we sang and listened to a dramatic play reading entitled "The Way of the Cross." Coffee and rolls were served.

POW-WOW SINGSPIRATION

Young people love to sing. With this in mind, a wonderful Pow-Wow Singspiration was planned for Friday

MORE TO COME!

The September 28, 1961 issue of the BAPTIST HERALD will feature the moderator's address by Dr. John Wobig delivered at the General Conference, some colorful General Conference impressions by the missionaries, Mrs. Clara Gebauer and Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel, a great many more pictures, and the results of the General Conference elections. We also hope to publish some of the General Conference highlights and new pictures in the 1962 ANNUAL. EDITOR.

evening. Rev. Elmo Tahran led us in the singing of many wonderful songs and choruses. Previous to the singing, we were fed delicious hot dogs and pop. Once again the local committee responsible for planning did an excellent job. Apparently 140 young people there ate enough to feed 200.

Saturday afternoon was picnic time at Minnehaha Park. Here young and old gathered for a wonderful time in the out-of-doors. For the young people softball and volley ball facilities were available. One could not stay too late because the banquet started at 6:30 p. m. and everyone wanted to look their best.

ALL YOUTH CONFERENCE

We as North American Baptist young people are grateful for the wonderful time we had at the General Conference in Minneapolis. You can be sure none of us will miss the next one. We want to thank the individuals responsible for making all these youth activities possible. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Herb Legler, Jr., who headed up the committee, composed of Miss Winifred Nicholason, Mr. Hugo Treptau, Mr. Jerry Dahlin, Mr. Thomas Lutz, Miss Carol Stanke, and Miss Louann Jahn. Also many thanks to any others who assisted in any other way.

The response of the young people (and) to these after-service functions was a real joy. It proved there are many young people wanting this spiritual and social fellowship. Why not an all Youth Conference to be held on some future date? Pray for this!



WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION LUNCHEON

Mrs. Albert Reddig of Cathay, North Dakota, president of the Woman's Missionary Union, addresses the 635 women at their General Conference luncheon held in the Pick-Nicollet Hotel.

Conference Publicity in the Twin Cities

Report of newspaper, television and radio publicity given to the General Conference sessions by Dr. M. L. Leuschner.

THE PEOPLE of the Twin Cities in Minneapolis and St. Paul were vividly made aware of the sessions of the General Conference through the newspapers, by television and over radio. We had the best publicity coverage at the 33rd General Conference that we have ever had.

The four newspapers—Minneapolis Star, Minneapolis Tribune, St. Paul Dispatch and St. Paul Pioneer Press—publicized the Conference, interviewed our missionaries and guest speakers, and constantly requested more copy. At least *three full pages* were devoted altogether to articles and reports about our Conference by these four newspapers. In addition, five prominent advertisements announcing the Conference sessions and the Armory meetings over the weekend appeared in three of these newspapers. All newspaper readers in the Twin Cities became well acquainted with our Conference, its meetings, mission fields, and its spiritual objectives.

TELEVISION PROGRAMS

Two television studios welcomed our General Conference leaders for important programs. Over Station WCCO—Channel 4—Dr. Paul Gebauer and President Frank Veninga participated in an interview program, responding to questions about our Conference, mission fields and educational institutions. (See front cover picture). On July 31st Dr. Frank H. Woyke and Mr. Edwin H. Marklein appeared over Station KMSP—Channel 9—the National Broadcasting Company outlet. They took part in a program entitled "Mary Joe's Interview" and brought an interesting story about our North



Some of the 105 children and leaders who participated in the children's recreational activities during the General Conference week at Minneapolis, Minn.

American Baptist General Conference sessions in Minneapolis.

Radio Station KTIS gave prominent time for a series of broadcasts over the air. Live broadcasts were made each morning over the "Northwestern Chapel Hour" with Dr. Ralph E. Powell, Dr. John Wobig, Dr. Paul Gebauer and Rev. Fred Sonnenberg bringing the messages. Each afternoon interviews were held with our denominational leaders, missionaries, woman's union officers, district secretaries and presidents of our educational institutions concerning the work of our Conference. Some of these programs were rebroadcast the following week in several mid-western cities.

RECORDINGS FOR RADIO

During the General Conference week, tape recordings were made by

Children's Recreation at the Conference

Activities for 105 children at the General Conference provided by the Children's Recreation and Service Committee reported by Miss Alma Zimmerman, Chairman.

THE CHILDREN of ages 6 through 13 had a busy but enjoyable week of activities at Minneapolis during the General Conference sessions. An average daily attendance of 105 participated in the following activities. Tuesday's tour through Fanny Farmer's Candy factory was a "sweet" experience. The children also enjoyed a story time at the new Minneapolis Library that afternoon. Wednesday's tour through the Wonder Bread Bakery was a very educational trip.

15 of our denominational leaders, missionaries, and Chaplain Leslie P. Albus that were later sent to various radio stations throughout the country. These interviews featured impressions of the Conference, the story of our General Conference, and a review of our spiritual objectives as Baptists. The recordings were made and distributed by Mr. Trace Goddard of the Midwest Broadcast Service.

The local committee that arranged for these interviews and programs and that channeled the many reports and articles to the press was composed of the following busy people: Rev. Robert Zimbelman, chairman; Mr. John Firko, Mr. Vernon Hildebrandt, Miss Doris Patet, Mr. Seth Carlson, Mr. A. E. Brachlow, Mr. R. H. Kampfer, Mr. Silas Dahlin and Rev. H. J. Wilcke. Dr. M. L. Leuschner assisted the committee in this busy program.

General Conference pictures were taken officially by Professor Roy Seibel of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Mr. Gerry Blank of Minneapolis, Minn. Some of these pictures were made available to the press and television studios for Conference publicity.

Thursday morning was spent considering God's glory as displayed in the heavens, supplemented with a visit through Minneapolis' new elaborate planetarium in which instruments reproduce the sky in a unique way. This made everyone aware of God's greatness, yet his love is extended to us. At noon the children and adult workers went to Como Park in St. Paul for a picnic to see "Sparky the Seal" perform in an outstanding performance as well as to visit the zoo. On Friday the children saw the magnificent Minnesota State capitol, historical society, and science museum. Saturday morning was spent in a nature hike through Loring Park.

The morning sessions were devoted to spiritual activities of Bible stories, object lessons, songs and missionary emphasis. Rev. David Keiry, Spanish American missionary, was a featured guest on Wednesday morning, and the children presented \$9.20 as a missionary offering to Mr. Keiry to be used to purchase Bibles and Sunday School materials.

Sincere thanks are expressed to all committee members and workers as well as to the parents and children for their cooperation. It was only because of this wonderful cooperation that the program was such a success and the task was completed.

To God be our praise for his continual protective care over us, for we had no serious injury whatsoever. We also thank him for the enjoyable

weather, without rains to interfere with our plans, for his beautiful creation and for the many opportunities he so graciously provided.

As a committee we sincerely pray that the influence, contacts, efforts and experiences of this week will be rewarded in richer lives of these young people.

WE, THE WOMEN

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man, Mrs. Arthur Weisser; and General Council representative, Mrs. Herbert Hiller.

The Missionary Tea held in the beautiful Hall of States in the Leamington Hotel, was the crowning event of the women's activities. The six tables arranged around the spacious room were decorated to perfection. We met and talked with many of our missionaries and leaders.

Looking back on two days of so much that was GOOD, we thank our speakers, and our executive and program committees. But to Mrs. Albert Reddig, president, goes our deep appreciation. "Our amiable president gave unstintingly of her time and shared her talents with us. Her devotion to duty is beyond reproach." Mrs. Arthur Weisser called her a "bundle of Christian energy, bubbling over."

To us remains the responsibility of the success of the next triennium. As we intercede for our new president and executive as we contribute of our individual abilities, as we labor in our churches, and as we pray for our missionaries, to that degree will we write three years from now, "Living abundantly makes a difference!"

LIVING ABUNDANTLY

The theme of the Woman's Missionary Union for 1961-1964 and the words for a song rendered by the Ministers' Wives Chorus at the women's session of the General Conference, August 4, 1961.

By Mrs. Emma B. Meier
of Portland, Oregon

Lord, we bring thee our prayer,
Humbly calling on thee,
Make us strong in thy care,
Living abundantly.

Though temptations assail,
Thou wast tempted as we,
Help us still to prevail,
Living abundantly.

Days of sorrow may come
Sorrow was not strange to thee;
Thou didst all overcome,
Living abundantly.

May our love overflow,
That the lost across the sea
Thy great mercy may know,
Living abundantly.

When thou callest us home,
O what glory 'twill be,
Faith and sight shall be one,
Living abundantly.



BAPTIST MEN AT THEIR LUNCHEON

Mr. Raymond E. Engelbrecht of Waco, Texas, president of "Baptist Men" (behind the pulpit) leads the Laymen's Luncheon meeting. Mr. Herbert Stabbert, newly elected president, is third from the left. Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, luncheon speaker, is at Mr. Stabbert's left.

"Baptist Men's" Luncheon

Report of the Laymen's Program and Business Session by Mr. H. H. Stabbert of Anaheim, California, President of "Baptist Men."

IT WAS encouraging to see the interest shown by the fine attendance of men at the Baptist Men's banquet held on Thursday, August 3, during the days of the General Conference at Minneapolis.

President Ray Engelbrecht of Waco, Texas, was the master of ceremonies. The highlight of the program was the thought-provoking and inspirational message delivered by Dr. A. Dale Ihrie of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich. He urged us to go one step beyond the mere call of duty and thereby taste "the delicious fruit" of this type of service. The Central Lutheran Church was the place of the meeting for the 217 men in attendance.

FUTURE PLANS

Following the banquet, the directors of Baptist Men met to discuss future plans and to elect officers for the next three year period. Since more publicity concerning these plans will appear in future issues of the "Baptist Herald," suffice it to say, momentarily, that it was decided to continue the Dr. Peter Fehr Project and to endorse and support the Church Extension Builders program adopted by the General Conference.

Several items of interest were brought forth. It was reported that we have 54 dues paying churches in our membership. We pray that many more will join our ranks during the

next triennium.

Plans are in motion to meet at Green Lake, Wis., from July 21-28, 1962, in the Abbey Area for our next Laymen's Conference. More about this in the months to come. Mr. Gerhard Panke, editor of our "Newsletter," reported that our circulation totals about 3,200. Please forward news items to him in order that our periodical may be of continuing interest to our men. His address is 1321 Kensington Ave., Buffalo 15, N. Y.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers and three directors at large resulted in the following: H. H. Stabbert of Anaheim, Calif., president; Richard Mulder of Parkersburg, Iowa, vice-president; Fred Paul of St. Paul, Minn., secretary-treasurer; and Vernon Heckman of St. Paul, Minn., Gerhard Panke of Buffalo, N. Y., and Richard Mulder of Parkersburg, Iowa, as directors at large.

The retiring president, Mr. Ray Engelbrecht, expressed his appreciation for the cooperation from the Board of Directors and encouraged us to carry on. To you, Ray, let us express our appreciation for your faithful service and devotion for the work of "Baptist Men." We will endeavor to carry on in the same spirit of Christian love and patience that you have exemplified during the last six years.

CONFERENCE IMPRESSIONS

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"Invisible One always before us" and his saints surrounding us at our 33rd General Conference at Minneapolis, Minn. What delight we had as women to meet together and to share together the experiences of our own area fellowships and local Woman's Missionary Union gatherings in greater service for him.

What fun it was to meet the families of our conference members! What a joy to see our children, now young people, living more abundantly for him as they use their talents to make him known! What a thrill again to be with his under-shepherds who with our parents have prayed for us, encouraged us and helped us to choose him—**The Way, The Truth and The Life.**

What a foretaste of heaven as we gathered together to praise him with our lips, as our hearts and voices were united in thanksgiving for his great love for us. What blessings were showered down upon us throughout the week! We can truly join in with the Psalmist and say, "In thy presence is fullness of joy." May we attempt "Greater Things Through Christ," knowing he is with us always.

Highlights of the General Conference Days

By Rev. Raymond Harsch,
Temple Baptist Church,
Leduc, Alberta

Many were the blessings that were experienced by us at the General Conference. The beautiful city of Minneapolis welcomed us warmly, and



Dr. Josef Nordenhaug of Washington, D. C., general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, following one of his General Conference addresses (Photo by Harold B. Johns).

all was prepared for us that the conference could be enjoyed to the fullest.

There were a number of highlights. In my opinion, the Bible study periods led by Dr. Carl H. Lundquist were rich and inspiring, bringing a most fitting close to the morning usually filled with business and reports.

The challenge of Church Extension was outstanding. It was good to see such a healthy emphasis placed on such a needy work of our day. God's open doors were made evident to us all around and it was inspiring to behold what "God hath wrought" through his

SUNDAY, OCT. 8

The observance of the Harvest and Mission Festival program in most of our churches has been set for Sunday, Oct. 8, or some more suitable Sunday to be selected. The program leaflets and recitation material have been sent to all Sunday Schools early in September. Additional material can be secured by writing to North American Baptists, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

people who saw the vision in new areas in their cities and began churches to the glory of God.

Conference time is an ideal time to meet and to hear our missionaries who are home on furlough. Not only was this our joy but it was also a thrill to be a part of that great Missionary Rally at which new missionaries were commissioned to their new fields of service for the Lord.

How wonderful it was to gather about the Lord's Table with Christians from all over our denomination and to bring the Conference to a close in this fitting way. I praise God for the blessings of this conference!

Conference Impressions on a Teenager

By Miss Sherryl V. Hess
of Peoria, Illinois

The 33rd General Conference sessions at Minneapolis, Minnesota are history. It was my first experience as a registered delegate, and certain impressions remained with me. Four facts were fixed deeply on my mind.

1st, the Family Spirit expressed. It reminded me of a big family reunion. The terms "brother" and "sister" were fitting. All of us felt closely related in the bonds of love and faith. This manifestation of "oneness" is all the more remarkable to me since our denominational family is made up of citizens of two countries, speaks several languages, is of different cultural backgrounds, and meets once only every three years.

2nd, the Faithful Allegiance to the Word of God. I am not a theologian but I was aware that all the messages were Christ-centered and the Bible was the sole authority for what was taught. These messages were a real help.

3rd, the Fervent Desire to make Christ known at home and abroad. I was impressed by the earnestness of feeling to make the Gospel influential in all walks of life. We were made to see the necessity of revealing Christ in holiness of life, and of fashioning our lives according to his truth.

4th, the Fostering of Youth was encouraging. This was seen in the prominent part youth had in Conference participation, the planned daily activities, and the General Conference Banquet entrusted to the C.B.Y. Fellowship.

I know our denomination is promoting youth. I am glad to be a member of the family, and to "launch forth" with the other young people of our Conference.

What's Happening

DAYS OF PRAYER

SEPT. 30 — OCT. 1

On Oct. 1st the Southern Cameroons' unification will take place. At that time British security forces will be withdrawn. Unification talks between the two premiers of the Cameroons have been successful. But in this period of transitional unification, there are still many uncertainties. So we urge our North American Baptist people to set aside Saturday evening, Sept. 30, and Sunday, Oct. 1st as a time of prayer that this transitional period in the Cameroons, Africa, will be orderly and without any untoward incidents.

—Secretarial Staff.

● Rev. R. F. Fehlberg of Detroit, Mich., was called to his heavenly home on May 23, 1961 at the age of 86 years. He had served North American Baptist churches at Hurnville and Gatesville, Texas, before coming to the Linden Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., which he served for 10 years. Illness brought his active ministry to a close many years ago. The memorial service was held for Brother Fehlberg at the Lindon Church with Rev. Stanley F. Geis officiating.

● The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas is very proud of one of its girls, Donna Jean Helmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Helmer, who completed her ninth year in Scripture Memory work and was awarded the grand award prize on July 9th by her sponsor, Agnes Ehrlich. This award along with the pins and bars for the other memorizers was presented at the Sunday morning service of the church as reported by Mrs. Harry Koslowsky.

● The Second German Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., has called Rev. Frank Friesen of Forest Park, Illinois as interim pastor. He began this ministry in the church on Sept. 1st. He and his wife are living in the parsonage and serving the church until a successor to Rev. E. A. Hoffmann, now pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., can be found. Mr. Friesen brought his interim pastorate at the North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., to a close on July 30th.

● The Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, Mount Sterling, Missouri, had the privilege of having Rev. Walter Hoffman, director of "God's Volunteers," for a series of revival meetings from June 25 to July 5. Mrs. Hoffman and their sons were also present for the services. The church held its Vacation Bible School from July 31 to August 4 with an enrollment of 23 pupils and 7 teachers and helpers. The commencement program was held on Sunday evening, August 6, as reported by Mrs. Harvey Lipskoch, church clerk. The church is pastorless at present.

● A very fine Vacation Bible School was conducted recently in the newly relocated Hillcrest Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Evelyn Rymer of Pound, Wisconsin, who worked under the Summer Student Placement Plan, was in charge of the school. She was ably assisted by Miss Carol Murr, Director of Christian Education of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, and Mrs. Steve Schneider of the local church. Several young people served as teachers' helpers. An excellent pro-

gram was given on the last day of the school for the benefit of the parents. Forty-four pupils were enrolled. Rev. Edward Kary is the pastor.

● Mrs. Herbert Koch of Denver, Colorado, was called to her heavenly home on August 1st as the result of a heart ailment. She had been admitted to the Denver Hospital on the previous day but was not considered to be seriously ill. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bickel, having been born in 1883. Mr. Bickel, her father, served as business manager of our Publication House for many years. She was the widow of the late Rev. Herbert Koch who served for several years as the pastor of the East Side Church of Chicago, Ill. At the time of her death Mrs. Koch was a member of the Bonnie Brae Baptist Church of Denver, Colorado.

REV. G. L. FREIGANG of Tacoma, Washington

May the Lord's cup of blessing run over for you at the General Conference sessions from the first to the last day of being together. May your closing testimony echo out in the sweet words: "And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man save Jesus only." I have a strong desire to be with you in person but my health and high age do not permit it. No doubt, I am one of the very aged, if not the oldest of all the family in the denomination, having been born on March 24, 1861. Enclosed you will find a gift for denominational missions. I wish I could have it multiplied, but what I have done I have done joyfully.

● On Sunday morning, July 30th, Rev. Herman Effa of the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, S. Dak., was privileged to baptize 20 young people on confession of their faith in Christ. The majority of these young Christians were saved during Vacation Bible Schools during the past years as well as this year. As each candidate stepped into the waters of baptism, he or she was given a special promise from God's Word by the pastor. At the evening service, the hand of fellowship was extended to the new members and a Communion Service was observed. "Truly, our experience was one of rejoicing during this particular day which the Lord hath made," as reported by Mrs. Herman Effa.

● On May 26 the friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Steinkraus of Gladwin, Mich., were invited to an Open House to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Refreshments were served, including a four-tiered wedding cake. Rev. Leon Franck, pastor of the Round Lake Baptist Church, read scripture, gave a short message and offered prayer. The guests sang songs, both in the English and German languages. Mr. and Mrs. Steinkraus were both born in Poland and became members on the Round Lake Baptist Church in the early 1900's. Mrs. Steinkraus has faithfully served for many years through the ministry of providing beautiful flowers for the church's sanctuary.

● Mrs. C. L. Young of Ventura, California, died on May 20 after a brief illness. She and her husband served for several years as missionaries to the Spanish Americans in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. They were stationed at that time at Saguache, Colorado. She and her husband presented the story of our Spanish American field in Colorado at the 1959 General Conference sessions in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Rev. C. L. Young continues his faithful visitation work in the huge camps of Mexican nationals in Ventura County where he has been successful in reaching thousands from below the border for the first time with the Gospel. His address is 420 S. Santa Cruz, Ventura, Calif.

● Since September 5th the 1961-1962 team of God's Volunteers" with its director, Rev. Walter Hoffman, is engaged in an intensive period of training at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Members of the Seminary and Christian Training Institute faculties are teaching the courses of study for this month. The members of the team are Barbara Ann Hirsch of Minneapolis, Minn.; Shirley Ann Lamprecht of Camrose, Alta.; Arlene Mattis of Bismarck, N. Dak.; Ruby Wolff of Ellendale, N. Dak.; Dwight Orrin Enockson of Washburn, N. Dak.; and Lyle William Grenz of Billings, Montana. Their first evangelistic engagement will be at McIntosh, S. Dak., beginning with Oct. 1st.

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A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 24, 1961

Theme: **GAIUS, A CHRISTIAN LAYMAN**

Scripture: **III John**

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: A layman is a spiritual leader who is able to help in areas in which he is more expert than the pastor.

INTRODUCTION: This name is mentioned in five places in the New Testament. One Gaius was Paul's host at Corinth, converted and baptized by him (Rom. 16:23, I Cor. 1:14). He was probably the same "Gaius of Derbe" who accompanied the apostle from Greece to Asia (Acts 20:4). If so, he was a native of Derbe, but a resident at Corinth. The Gaius of Macedonia, Paul's "companion in travel" who was seized in the riot at Ephesus (Acts 19:29), and the Gaius addressed by John are thought by some Bible scholars to be different men. At least, we have reason to suppose that the Gaius of today's lesson was converted under John's ministry (III John 4).

There is no mention of any important office in the church which Gaius held. From John's letter we know only that he must have had unusual Christian qualities which made him stand out among his fellow men. In a spiritual and practical sense, he was a model layman in the early church.

I. A BELOVED LAYMAN, III John 1-4.

From the way in which John addresses Gaius, we get the impression that he was a man of more than usual popularity. If there was anyone who was qualified to see love in others, then it was certainly John, "the disciple whom Jesus loved." It was not difficult for him to see this all-important fruit of the Spirit in Gaius. And we may conclude that it was not a wishy-washy kind of love that overlooks all wrong; it was a love based on truth and on sound theology.

II. A WORKING LAYMAN, III John 5-8.

John does not commend Gaius for any office he may have held in the church, even though he may have been a deacon or elder. He was commended primarily for being a working layman. Such a man need not wait until he becomes an officer of the church before he begins to serve God. Doors of opportunity for all kinds of service are always open. Further study reveals to us that Gaius was not known so much for what he did in the church but for what he did at home. He simply opened his house to any Christian who might be passing his door en route from one place to another. Even

the stranger was given Christian hospitality when he stopped there.

III. A DIPLOMATIC LAYMAN, III John 9-10.

Perhaps Gaius was hindered from using his strong Christian influence and talent in the church because of a jealous Christian brother who was more interested in personal honor than in personal work. To get along in church with such a fellow member is not always easy. He does not complain nor criticize but he does what he can to make his influence felt. An open conflict may cause much harm to the church because the weak members may not be aware of the real issues.

IV. A GROWING LAYMAN, III John 11-14.

In spite of Gaius' ideal Christian character, he is still big enough to take advice from someone bigger than himself. John does not hesitate to give him a friendly warning, but with the warning he also includes a word of encouragement.

The mention of Demetrius may also have been a reminder to Gaius to cultivate the friendship of other like-minded laymen who are not as self-centered as Diotrophes.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: **October 1, 1961**

Theme: **HOW JESUS GREW**

Scripture: **Luke 2:39:52**

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Ideal Christian growth can best be achieved in an ideal Christian home.

INTRODUCTION: The last quarter of the year deals with the subject of Christian growth. It involves wisdom and knowledge, self-control, sympathy, love and service. To stimulate and encourage such growth, there must be a greater interest in Bible study, meditation, prayer, worship, fellowship and devotion to Christian service.

In order to see growth at its best, it is natural that we turn to Jesus Christ as our example. To begin with, it should be stated that Christian growth is for the Christian. It is for those who have experienced the blessing of salvation in the new birth. In the physical life it is necessary that a person is born before he can grow. The same prerequisite is demanded in

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the spiritual life. Physical growth has its limitations. It has its beginning and its maturity, but it also has its decline and final end. Spiritual growth, however, need never decline. It goes from glory to glory and its aim is no less than Christlikeness.

I. RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN'S RESPONSE—FIRST STAGE, Luke 2:39-40.

Our lesson begins with a sweeping statement: "And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord." These were not parents with a little religion who followed the minimum requirements of the law. They were satisfied with nothing less than total and complete obedience to God—all or nothing! Jesus was their responsibility and they saw to it that he was carefully, prayerfully, lawfully and lovingly trained.

Jesus responded quickly to the spiritual atmosphere of this warm, pious home. There was an immediate effect upon his physical and spiritual life. He grew according to the expectation of his parents, and what was even more important, according to the expectation of God.

II. RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN'S RESPONSE—SECOND STAGE, Luke 2:41-50.

We have a wonderful example of the religious consistency of Joseph and Mary: ". . . went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover." There was no let up in their religious life and custom. The strict observance of the law can again be noted in the words: "When they had fulfilled the days." This was no half-hearted religious duty but a faithful and loving participation in the feast of the passover.

The second stage shows not only the responsibility of the parents but the transference of accountability to Jesus. He was close to the age when he would be a full member of the Jewish church and community. Jesus responded even above and beyond what his parents expected. The responsibility for Jesus' religion was no longer in the hands of Joseph and Mary, but in his own hands. It was his heavenly Father's business.

III. RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN'S RESPONSE—THIRD STAGE, Luke 2:51-52.

One of the most difficult times in the life of parents is when children surpass the growth of father and mother. Physically and spiritually, children often become stronger than their parents. The responsibility is still there but it becomes a responsibility of the heart.

Joseph and Mary felt that they taught Jesus all they knew and they must now stand back and let God take over. Jesus' response to God is the greatest evidence of spiritual growth in history.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Northern District

Vacation Bible School, Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask.

The one week of Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask., was a wonderful time with the children who attended. We had an enrollment of 75 eager children from pre-school to intermediate ages with 7 classes and a staff of 15, who were kept busy in teaching God's Word to the children. Miss Elaine Kurtz was director and Rev. R. Neuman conducted the worship periods and led the singing.

Friday night was the climax of the week's activities. It was a joy to see all the friends and parents attend this program where they could hear and see the work of the children. The mission project was a tentful of small donations by the children, which were school and toilet articles and clothes for an Indian Mission Station near North Battleford, Sask.

Mrs. Frank Brucker, Reporter

Ordination of Rev. Walter Goltz At Edmonton, Alta.

The Capilano Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta invited 10 churches to send their pastors and delegates to form an ordination council on July 24. The council heard a very clear and concise statement from Mr. Walter Goltz as to his conversion, call, preparation, and statement of faith, and with much joy and satisfaction they recommended to the church that they proceed with the ordination service.

Rev. A. Lamprecht presided at the service, while the Scripture was read by Mr. Waitkus, and Rev. A. Rapske led in prayer. The minutes of the church and of the council were read by Mr. J. Benke, church moderator, and Rev. A. Lamprecht, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Klingspon and Mr. and Mrs. Tobert sang a beautiful number in song. The ordination message was given by Rev. E. P. Wahl, former pastor of the church. Rev. H. Hiller offered the ordination prayer. The charge to the church and to the candidate were given by Rev. E. Link and Rev. P. Siewert. Rev. R. Harsch welcomed Brother Goltz into the fellowship of Gospel ministers and Rev. Walter Goltz closed with the benediction.

Raymond Harsch, Reporter

Central District

Baptism of Eight Converts At Beulah, N. Dak.

"Beautiful" was the setting by the river near Beulah, N. Dak., recently when the members of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah gathered for a baptismal service. After some singing and a brief message, our pastor, Rev. John Wood, baptized eight persons on confession of their faith in Christ as Savior.

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The new parsonage of the First Baptist Church, Fessenden, N. Dak., of which Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Thomas and family are the first occupants.

Following this, we met in the church at Beulah for a communion service. There the newly baptized along with two other people were given the hand of fellowship into the church. We praise the Lord for the bountiful blessings he has bestowed upon us.

Mrs. Victor Bettger, Reporter

Baptist Parsonage Is Dedicated At Fessenden, N. Dak.

The First Baptist Church of Fessenden, N. Dak., held Open House and a dedication service for their new parsonage on July 22 and 23. Over 250 members and friends attended. The dedication service was held in the church on Sunday afternoon, July 23rd. Rev. Gordon Thomas had charge of the service which included a short talk by the Contractor Elmer Seibel of Harvey. A solo by Gordon Mayer of Harvey and a few remarks by Rev. Wm. Effa of Germantown were also given. Rev. Thomas gave a short message and led in the service of home dedication. Miss



Rev. John Wood, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, N. Dak., and eight young people whom he recently baptized in this river.

Betty Martin sang "Bless This House."

Guests were conducted through the house by Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Thomas and the building committee which consisted of Irving Driesner, Arthur Pepple, Carl Thygeson, Clarence Martin, Arnold Knodel, Mrs. James McBain and Mrs. Victor Fuhrman. Refreshments were served by the ladies. This home has 1,500 square feet of floor space. It has a living room, dining area, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bath and study. The basement has a half bath, utility room, bedroom and family room. There is also an attached garage. The old parsonage was sold and moved and the new building was built on the same location.

Mrs. Arnold Knodel, Reporter

Vacation School and Baptism, Buffalo Center, Iowa

The Daily Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist Church Buffalo Center, Iowa, was held for one week from June 5 through 9, with our program on Sunday evening, June 11. Our attendance was around 75. Several of the children and older ones stepped out for the Lord, some to be saved and others for baptism, for which we praise the Lord. In June and July we have had nine persons follow the Lord in baptism. We pray the Lord will continue to bless these who have made that step.

The churches around Buffalo Center have entered in together in a Christian Crusade which has been held the last Wednesday of each month, starting in May. All of the meetings except the last one have been held in the Buffalo Center school house. On the last Wednesday night in July the meeting was held in the Titonka schoolhouse. The attendance has been very good at these meetings and souls have been saved and others have dedicated their lives to the Lord. We have seen Billy Graham's films, "The Heart Is a Rebel" and "Oiltown, U.S.A." We have also had Phil and Loui Palermo and at our meeting on Aug. 30 Eddy Menaldino was with us. We pray the Lord will continue to bless these meetings.

Mrs. Tony Geiken, Reporter

Eighty-First Northwestern Conference Session at St. Paul

The lovely new edifice of the River-view Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, with its cordial pastor and people entertained the Northwestern Conference at the abbreviated session of our Conference on July 31, 1961. Our business was handled quickly, yet efficiently, so that we might all attend the General Conference session that evening. Reports were encouraging and inspiring, especially in regards to our missionary and Church Extension endeavor. Missionaries Ruby Salzman, and Gilbert Schneider and Pastors Adam Huber and Bernard Fritzsche were present representing these endeavors. We were delighted to welcome the Brook Park Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., into our Conference.

Luncheon was served by the host church to over one hundred guests, a surprisingly good attendance. This



Rev. Elmer Buenning, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Parkston, S. Dak., with five baptismal candidates.

Left to right: Mrs. Gilbert Radel, Mrs. Alex Bucholtz, Rev. Elmer Buenning, Ronald Bucholtz, Frederick Buenning and Allen Frederick.

testifies to the warm bond of fellowship within our Conference. After the luncheon the CBY, Woman's Missionary Union, and Baptist Men met in separate meetings to carry on their respective activities.

Officers of the Conference this year were moderator, Rev. K. W. Marquardt; Vice Moderator, Rev. J. J. Renz; Recording Secretary, Rev. Ralph E. Cooke; and Statistician, Rev. Elton Sandau. The 1962 Conference will be at the Grace Baptist Church, Sheffield, Iowa.

Baptism of Five Converts, Parkston, South Dakota

The members and friends of the Parkston Baptist Church, Parkston, S. Dak., who attended the morning service on May 21 witnessed five new Christians following their Lord in baptism. Rev. Elmer Buenning, pastor, spoke words of encouragement to the new converts and between the singing of hymns, sung by the audience, he baptized these two adults and three school age children.

On that Sunday evening at the Tripp Church, the hand of fellowship was extended to these new members after the observance of the Lord's Supper. Our prayers go with them and for the continued growth of our church.

Mrs. Herb Radel, Reporter

Memorable Events at Berlin Church, Fredonia, N. Dak.

The Berlin Baptist Church near Fredonia, N. Dak., cannot be classed as the busiest church, but we have had a full schedule this summer. Coupled with all the usual summer activities, peculiar to the churches of this area, we found time for a successful Vacation Bible School. In spite of the fact that our church is located out in the country, we had a well attended school of three classes and six teachers.

Since the folk of this community are quite musically inclined and possess considerable talent, a musical Talent Night was arranged. This was an occasion for everyone to express themselves according to their ability and thus to glorify God's great and holy Name. This was done very effectively.

From far and near people filled the building to capacity. With the offering on this occasion, we launched an Organ Fund.

Since considerable renovations on the parsonage had been undertaken, such as Vanitory and tile in the bathroom, elaborate birch cabinets and broom closet in the kitchen, it was decided to hold Open House, to which the public was invited. The inside as well as the outside had been newly painted and also a new woolen rug laid for the living room. The weather for the occasion was ideal and the cookies, punch and coffee served very well to give it "the finishing touch." The attitude and relationship of the members to their pastor is to be highly commended.

David Littke, Pastor

Eastern District

Golden Wedding Anniversary, Rev. & Mrs. J. H. Landenberger

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Landenberger of Gladwin, Michigan, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 12 at the Round Lake Baptist Church. The reception was held in the social room with 110 guests present. A program was presented by the members of the family and Rev. Leon Frank pastor, spoke briefly on the sanctity of marriage and the home.

Mrs. Landenberger came from Brazil to attend the Baptist Bible School at Rochester, N. Y., and met Mr. Landenberger there. Following their graduation, they were married and went to serve the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., where Mr. Landenberger was ordained. They traveled to Argentina as missionaries for two years and then on to Brazil for 14 years. It was in Brazil that their children: Erika, Samuel, Walter, Ulrich, Hugo, and Kurt were born. In 1933 they settled on a farm in Gladwin and became members of the Round Lake Baptist Church, where they have served faithfully these past years.

Arlene Franck, Reporter

Western District

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kroll

Nearly 150 friends and relatives were on hand to greet Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kroll of Lodi, Calif., on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary recently. Arriving from McMinnville, Oregon with their families were the couple's sons, Ervin and Ray Kroll; and Mr. Kroll's sister from Reno, Nevada; from Los Angeles, two brothers of Mr. Kroll's, Albert and John and their

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wives and another sister of Mr. Kroll. Relatives present from Lodi included Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kroll. Mr. and Mrs. Kroll were reared in Gackle, N. Dak., and in their young married life moved to Oregon, where Mr. Kroll was engaged in business. In 1951, the couple moved to Lodi. The Krolls are active members of the First Baptist Church.

During the open house, Rev. Aaron Buhler, their pastor, spoke on Psalm 62 and praised them on their services to their church. Greeting guests at the door of the Kroll home was Mrs. Margaret Goehring. The buffet table was decorated with pink gladioli and golden bells. Refreshments were served by the daughters-in-law of the honored pair. Also assisting were the sisters-in-law of the couple. The house was filled with flower arrangements sent by well wishing friends.

Mavis Goehring, Reporter

Pastor's Farewell at Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash.

On Sunday, July 23rd, the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., held a farewell program for our pastor, Rev. Robert S. Hess, and family. The choir sang two of Pastor Hess' favorite anthems. A girls' trio, the Harmonettes, which included Sherryl Hess, sang. Various organizations of the church gave words of appreciation and best wishes for the future. Stan Johnson spoke in behalf of the youth groups. Mrs. Julius Schmittke represented the



Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kroll of Lodi, Calif., members of the First Baptist Church, who recently observed their 50th wedding anniversary.

Woman's Mission Society. Linda Stoltz thanked the pastor for his Sunday evening stories for the children. Henry Schmunk spoke in behalf of the Sunday School, and Gay Kageler for the church as a whole. DeForrest Bullock presented the gifts from the church.

Pastor and Mrs. Hess responded with thanks for the love shown them. The Men's Chorus closed the program with a selection and Pastor Hess pronounced the benediction. We are grateful to Pastor Hess for his 7½ years of faithful service. His ministry has been a great blessing and the church has grown spiritually, as well as in membership. Mrs. Hess has done a wonderful work with the children in DVBS and Children's Church. We wish them God's blessing in their new field of service at Peoria, Illinois.

Jo Ann Dugwyler, Reporter

BAPTIST HERALD

Obituary

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

MR. PAUL RETZLAFF of Vancouver, British Columbia

Mr. P. Retzlaff of Vancouver, B. C., was born on Feb. 17, 1903 in Alexandrow, Poland, and passed away after prolonged illness on July 2, 1961 at the age of 58 years and 4½ months. He accepted Christ as his Savior in 1922 and was baptized in the First Baptist Church of Lodz, Poland. In 1927 he was united in marriage to Miss O. Kubik at Lodz. In 1945 the Retzlaffs had to leave their homeland and settled down in Bamberg, Germany, where Mr. Retzlaff became a co-founder of the local Baptist Church, consisting mostly of refugees from behind the Iron Curtain.

In 1950 Mr. Retzlaff and his family came to Vancouver, Canada, and joined the Bethany Baptist Church. He served the church faithfully for a number of years, lately as a member of the Finance Committee of our new church building project. In 1959 he became ill and, as his state of health grew steadily worse, he spent the last six months of his life mostly in the hospital until the Lord took him home. Those left to mourn are: his wife, Olga; his daughter, Almuth Wimmer; his son-in-law and 3 grandsons, 2 brothers and 3 sisters.

Bethany Baptist Church
Vancouver, British Columbia
CAESAR DYMEL, Church Clerk

MR. EMANUEL BERTSCH of Isabel, South Dakota

Mr. Emanuel Bertsch of Isabel, S. Dak., was born Dec. 19, 1897 near Eureka, S. Dak. He was one of 12 children of Gottlieb and Katherine Bertsch. He was united to Bertha Krause on Feb. 19, 1920. To this marriage seven children were born: Theodore, Lawrence, Lorraine, Calvin, Marvin, Doris and Ramona. Following their marriage, they moved to a farm five miles southeast of Isabel and raised their family. In March 1946 they retired to a Home in Isabel where Mr. Bertsch died on the morning of July 5. His death resulted from a heart ailment of several years duration. He had reached the age of 63 years.

He was a member of the Isabel Baptist Church for many years and was one of its most faithful members. He is survived by his wife, three sons and three daughters. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Lawrence.

Isabel, South Dakota
HERBERT VETTER, Pastor

MRS. ELIZABETH PFEIFFER of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pfeiffer of Philadelphia, Pa., was born on Dec. 10, 1878 in Spreyerdorf, Germany. In 1901 she was united in marriage to Frederick Pfeiffer and the Lord blessed their union with 10 children. She accepted Christ as a young mother and was baptized by the Rev. Link in Egg Harbor, N. J. The family moved to Philadelphia in 1911 and joined the Second German (now Pilgrim) Baptist Church where our sister served joyfully and faithfully until the end of her earthly pilgrimage. In 1949 she and her late husband entered our North American Baptist Home as guests. The Lord called her to her heavenly home on June 10, 1961 at the age of 82.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a son, Frederick; and two daughters. She leaves to cherish her memory 3 daughters: Mrs. Martha Oster, Mrs. Elizabeth McCoach, Mrs. Lydia Richards; 4 sons: Jacob, Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, Carl and Robert; 15 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held from the North American Baptist Home on June 12th with her son, Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, and the undersigned officiating.

Pilgrim Baptist Church
Philadelphia, Pa.
ROGER W. SCHMIDT, Pastor

MR. GOTTLIEB LINDEMAN of Eureka, South Dakota

Mr. Gottlieb Lindeman, retired farmer of Eureka, S. Dak., was born May 21, 1880 and came with his parents to this country at the tender age of four years, settling on a farm in Campbell County, where he grew to manhood. On March 10, 1903 he married Miss Magdalene Fischer of the Spring Creek area. To this union were born 13 children, of whom two preceded the father in death. In 1923 he was converted and on Dec. 7, 1930 he was baptized in Herreid, S. Dak.

Upon retirement to Eureka, he became a member of the First Baptist Church, a trustee for ten years, helping faithfully in the building of the new church with his labors of love and financially.

He leaves to mourn his devoted wife and partner through life, seven sons and four daughters, one sister and two brothers, 42 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren. Rev. A. J. Fischer, pastor of the Linton Baptist Church, a nephew of the departed, assisted the local minister at the memorial service. A quartet sang two selections and James 4:13,14, "What is Your Life?" served as text for the meditation.

Eureka, South Dakota
A. E. REEH, Minister

MR. REINHOLD H. HORNBACHER of Harvey, North Dakota

Mr. Reinhold H. Hornbacher of Harvey, N. Dak., former North Dakota State Representative for Wells County, died at his home recently. Born on July 15, 1886, in Russia, he came to the United States in 1895. He settled southwest of Goodrich in Sheridan County, and moved into Goodrich in 1939. In 1941 Mr. Hornbacher moved to the Moorehead Ranch south of Anamoose, later coming to Harvey. In his earlier days he farmed and dug wells. He was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey.

He is survived by his wife, the former Sophie Brenneise, whom he married at McClusky on March 2, 1910. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1960. Other survivors are nine sons: Leo of Bismarck, Richard and Donald, both of Anacanda, Mont., Robert of Anamoose, Alvin of Rugby, Roy and Harold, both of Harvey, Melvin of Bowdon and Willis of Minot; two daughters, Mrs. William (Lydia) Bodewin of Denhoff and Mrs. George (Alice) Kline of Anacanda.

Bethel Baptist Church
Harvey, North Dakota
HENRY LANG, Pastor

MR. ADOLPH E. SCHNEIDER of Portland, Oregon

Mr. Adolph Schneider of Portland, Oregon was born April 12, 1890, in Russia, and came to the United States as a youth. In 1910 he came to a personal faith in Christ as his Savior, and was baptized the following year by Dr. Jacob Kratt, becoming a member of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon.

On June 10, 1914 he was united in marriage to Florence Villwock, and for over 47 years he was a loving husband and a faithful father to his four children. Following his marriage, he joined the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon, and served the Lord faithfully for many years, raising his children in the ways of the Lord. In his retiring years he and his wife returned to Portland, and united with the Trinity Church, where his life has been a blessing to many.

On August 3, 1961, at the age of 71 years, 3 months, and 21 days, the Lord called him to his eternal home after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife; Florence; two daughters: Mrs. Mildred Denney of Truckee, Calif.; and Mrs. Viola Voth of Portland, Ore.; two sons: Gilbert, recently returned

Missionary from the Cameroons of Africa; and Eldon of Healdsburg, Calif.; two sisters: Mrs. Linda Boehl and Mrs. Bertha Clemens of Portland; two brothers: Otto of Hillsboro, Ore.; and Theodore of Portland; and ten grandchildren.

Trinity Baptist Church
Portland, Oregon
BRUCE A. RICH, Assistant Pastor

MRS. OTTO ROTH of Portland, Oregon

Mrs. Otto Roth, nee Anna Waldvogel, of Portland, Oregon, was born in Germany on July 20, 1887 as the oldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Waldvogel and went to be with the Lord on August 4th in Portland at the age of 74 years and 14 days. She spent her youth in Switzerland where her father was a Baptist minister for many years, until in 1907 the family moved to Chicago, Ill. In 1914 she was united in marriage with Rev. Otto Roth, which union was blessed with seven children, one of whom passed away in early childhood. The surviving children are four sons: Gerhard of Spokane, Wash.; Norman of Portland, Ore.; Howard of Tigard, Ore.; and Otto of Lake Grove, Ore.; and two daughters: Wally of New York and Doris Sims of Portland. There also remain 16 grandchildren.

Mrs. Roth spent her entire life in parsonages, first in Trenton, Ill.; after that in Greenville, Texas; later in Dayton, Ohio; then to Stafford, Kansas; and also to Marion, Kansas; from where she and her husband moved to Portland, Oregon, and the Immanuel Baptist Church. After her husband retired from the active ministry, she became Matron of the Chicago Home for the Aged and in 1960 she and her husband became guests of the Home for Aged in Portland, Ore. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Bruce Rich of the Trinity Baptist Church while the sermon was preached by the brother of Mrs. Roth, the Rev. Hans Waldvogel of New York.

Trinity Baptist Church
Portland, Oregon
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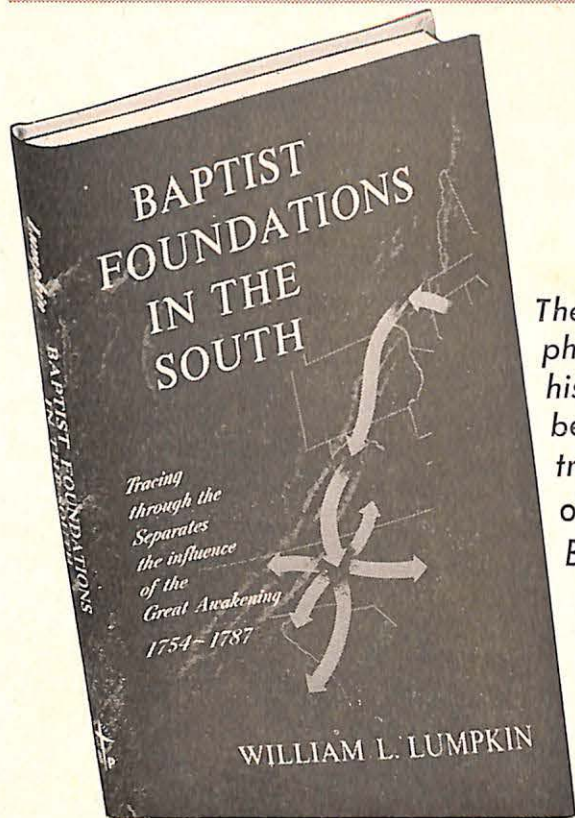
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DR. VON BERGE'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio will celebrate his 90th birthday on October 5th. He is widely known and beloved in our Conference as a gifted pastor, beloved Seminary teacher, a member of many denominational boards and committees, contributor to our denominational hymnals and inspiring lay leader in our publication ministry. The Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, of which he is a member, will honor him at the worship service on Sunday morning, October 8. His many friends can send him birthday cards and congratulatory greetings to Dr. H. von Berge, 1426 Grand Avenue, Dayton 7, Ohio.—EDITOR

BESIDE THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI

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ership in a Christian and democratic spirit at all times. Mr. Edwin H. Marklein of New Hempstead, L. I., New York, is the new General Conference moderator. He is well prepared for this responsible position, having given of his time and talents on many denominational committees and boards in years gone by and having served as vice moderator during the past triennium.

Rev. Adolph Braun and the Program Committee of which he served as chairman, are to be commended on the outstanding program for the Conference week which was carried out with very few changes. Rev. J. C. Gunst and Mr. Henry Fluth, co-chairmen of the Twin Cities' Executive Committee, heading up all of the arrangements committees, rendered a monumental service in making the many preparations for this conference. The Conference Packet with its 17 pieces of literature was unusually interesting. Read the 56 page volume of "Official Reports" from cover to cover, for it is filled with invaluable information.

GOLDEN MEMORIES

Whenever we look back upon the memorable sessions of the 33rd General Conference in Minneapolis, many of us will think of the mighty Mississippi and its surging waters flowing onward to the south. At the same time we will think of the mighty blessings of God that can be ours in unlimited abundance if we only try to live by this theme: "Greater Things Through Christ." We who expect great things of God must attempt great things for him! It was an outstanding and wonderful General Conference experienced together beside "the Mighty River" in Minneapolis.

MORE REPORTS AND GENERAL CONFERENCE PICTURES

will appear in the Sept. 28 Issue—"Baptist Herald"