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Our Second Largest General Conference

Statistics, human interest accounts and informative data about the 34th General Conference at Sacramento, Calif., July 13 to 19, 1964.

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE. With an official registration totaling 1,678, the 34th General Conference held in Sacramento, Calif., from July 13 to 19, 1964 ranks as the second largest in our history. More than 2,500 people were in attendance at some of the evening services and on Sunday afternoon and evening. The 1958 Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, was by far the largest Conference with 2,400 registrations. The third largest Conference was held in Minneapolis, Minn., in 1961 with 1,665 registrations. Ranking fourth was the 1949 Conference in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with 1,517 registrations.

MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

The superb accommodations and facilities of the Memorial Auditorium were made available for our Conference sessions *entirely free of charge*. This is the first time that this has occurred. The air conditioned facilities, the comfortable seating arrangements, and the spacious rooms for exhibits made for a wonderful setting for our Conference. Our sincere thanks go to the City of Sacramento, the Convention Bureau for the use of these facilities, and to Mr. Bert B. Geisreiter, Secretary Manager of the Convention Bureau, and his fine staff for the personal attention given to many important details in preparation for the Conference.

MISSIONARIES PRESENT

The Sacramento General Conference was outstanding because of the many missionaries who were present. A total of 33 missionaries and missionary appointees participated in the Conference. Mrs. Hisashi Murakami had just arrived from Japan to rejoin her husband in Sacramento and to be present for the Conference sessions. The new mission book, "Opening Doors in Japan," was sold at the Sacramento Conference sessions. The people regarded the presentation of the mission play, "So Send I You," on Sunday afternoon to have been one of the highlights of the Conference week.

YOUTH AT CONFERENCE

The Sacramento General Conference was outstanding for its large, enthusiastic representation of young people from our churches. The Conference Banquet on Saturday night attended by 850 people in the magnificent setting of the ballroom of the Senator Hotel was acclaimed as one of the finest in our history. A full program of youth activities had been arranged for the entire week with splendid at-



"THE KEY TO SACRAMENTO"

"The Key to the City" presented to Mr. Edwin H. Marklein (left), moderator, by the Mayor of Sacramento is shown to Dr. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary.

tendance. These were usually held after the evening sessions. These programs are reported elsewhere in this issue.

RADIO AND TELEVISION

Several television stations of Sacramento reported the General Conference sessions frequently in spite of the heavy demands on their time made by the GOP Convention in nearby San Francisco. KODR, Channel 13, affiliated with the American Broadcasting System, and KXTV, Channel 10, affiliated with the Columbia Broadcasting System, reported the Conference sessions over the local News Spot Hour on several evenings and in the program "Women's World." KCRA, Channel 3, affiliated with the National Broadcasting System, arranged for a news interview with Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, for the background and story of our Conference.

CONFERENCE PHOTOGRAPHER

Mr. Don Bohnet of Garden Grove, Calif., a member of the Magnolia Baptist Church of Anaheim Calif., who is the church librarian and director of visual aids, served as the General Conference photographer at Sacramento without any financial remuneration. The front cover picture by Don Bohnet shows the Sunday evening congregation (July 19) at the closing Communion Service. Most of the pictures in this issue were taken by Mr. Bohnet. Prints of these pictures are available at reasonable prices, which will be quoted on request by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

The FM radio station, KEAR, arranged for live broadcasts of the morning devotional and the evening services throughout the week. Radio stations KFBK of Sacramento and KGMS of Stockton also reported the Conference sessions in several news releases. Thanks!

NEWSPAPER COVERAGE

The newspapers of the City, *The Sacramento Bee* and *The Sacramento Union*, gave amazing coverage to the General Conference with lead articles in almost every issue. More than 225 inches of space were devoted to the reports of the Conference sessions, with *The Sacramento Bee* publishing several unusual photos. This probably set a record for newspaper coverage of our General Conference sessions. We want to express our thanks to the city desk and religious editors of these newspapers for the services rendered in our behalf.

CONFERENCE TRAIN

On Monday afternoon, July 13, "The California Zephyr" pulled into the Sacramento Railroad Station with 120 North American Baptists on board. They were greeted by the local Arrangements and Transportation Committees and were taken in 20 taxis to the hotels. Mr. H. S. Brown, passenger agent for the Burlington Lines, had arranged for the Conference Train as well as for the Post-Convention Tour to scenic places of California for the 110 tour people afterwards (see special report). What marvelous fellowship was enjoyed by our people on these tours!

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Hotel Senator, as the General Conference Headquarters Hotel, was throbbing with Conference activities throughout the days of July 13 to 19. Most of the breakfasts and luncheons sponsored by various NAB groups were held at the hotel besides the Conference Banquet on Saturday night. The spacious lobby resounded with the Christian conversation of Baptist delegates and visitors.

CONFERENCE LITERATURE

A limited number of the General Conference Souvenir Programs, copies of the Official Conference Reports, and of the "Sacrifice" leaflet describing the mission exhibits as well as other leaflets are available for those who could not attend and would like to see them. Write for your copies to the Promotional Secretary, Dr. M. L. Leuschner, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Ill.

Editorial

God Hath Spoken!

Inaudibly and yet in a clear, discernible voice God has spoken to his children and servants at the Sacramento Conference. If you could have read the thousands of postcards and letters sent from the 34th General Conference, July 13 to 19, at Sacramento or have listened to all the things reported about the sessions, this overarching truth would remain: "The Everlasting God Has Spoken!"

Not all of the Conference delegates and visitors felt the full impact of this voice of God. Some were too preoccupied with dinner plans and by droves rushed from the Memorial Auditorium, leaving a small remnant at times to meditate on the blessed truths of God's Word in his Presence. A few were critical, passing judgment on others with their own little yardstick of evaluation, and thus they missed a greater blessing that comes through Christlike understanding and appreciation of the ministry of their fellow believers. Still others simply closed their ears and hearts to the things that God wanted to say to them, and they failed utterly to see the Lord "transfigured" in their midst or to hear his call "o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea."

But this spiritual fact indubitably remains: God has spoken to us as a Conference at Sacramento! You will recognize this truth in reading the reports of the California sessions in this issue. And blessed are those who have had ears to hear and hearts to understand!

In times past "God has spoken" to us through the prophets of old and by his Son. Rev. Norman H. Vernon called our attention to this great truth in Hebrews in his Sunday morning message. God's voice in history—in our North American Baptist history—was interpreted sharply and clearly at this Conference. God has been our help in ages past and his guiding hand can be seen everywhere in these pages of history.

The Gospel messages at this Conference in Sacramento were Scripturally inspired, giving food for thought for every hungry heart and bringing every listener to the foot of the Cross of the Crucified Savior. We saw the Shekinah Glory as we were led into the presence of God. Who can forget the awe inspiring scene of Friday night, following the evangelistic message by Dr. Paul Stevens, when a procession of 57 people came forward in response to the invitation to give their hearts to Christ and to dedicate themselves for full time service? Tears of joy and compassion flowed freely that evening!

God's voice spoke in the midst of our blessed fellowship together in his Name. "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 8:35). God's will was revealed and his voice was uttered, as we confidently believe as Baptists, in the provocative resolutions that were adopted and in the elections that were held. But especially around the Lord's Table, as we remembered him, our Savior, and his blood shed for the remission of our sins, we could clearly hear his voice sending us into all the world to witness for him.

The success and inspiration of our Conference can be determined only in such gatherings when it can be said, "God has spoken," and when God's people respond to *the divine voice*. That happened in Sacramento for North American Baptists!

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A Memorial to the Glory of Christ

With this meditation on Sunday evening, July 19, at the General Conference, North American Baptists in attendance were brought face to face with the matchless love of Christ that made him go all the way to Calvary.

By Dr. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta, President Emeritus of the Christian Training Institute

THE DAYS OF another blessed General Conference are over. Truly, another great memorial has been set. The Conference carried an unmistakably spiritual tone which will long be felt throughout our entire denomination. Many lasting memories will go with all who were privileged to attend.

In this sense the conference has not really been relegated to history. Surely, the stirring of the Spirit of God will continue, driving delegates and visitors to a purer witness, to a greater activity in the service of the King and inspiring many in our churches everywhere to "lift up the hands which hang down" and "to bow the feeble knees" with renewed dedication to the honor of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

No, this conference is not totally past. It lives on in the hearts of all of us who have attended. It will be reproduced in our many churches, on our mission fields and elsewhere. It will quicken our hands and feet that had grown sluggish by discouragements and tired in the continuous struggle against the enemy of the Cross. It will be the seed for expanded vision.

These reminiscences of the confer-

ence bring to mind another great memorial set by our Lord even before he was raised up on that Cross of Calvary. It is a memorial observed by his Church ever since, even as he had commanded. In the First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, we find recorded an account of that sacred memorial (1 Cor. 11:23b-26). Jesus said, "This do in remembrance of me," and so he brings us face to face with the matchless love that made him go all the way to Calvary.

HUMBLED BEFORE GOD

Thinking of that heaven and earth stirring event we draw nigh to the Lord's table, and

I. OUR SOULS ARE HUMBLED BEFORE GOD.

How our hearts need to be humbled to fit us so that we may come into his presence, so that he might make us acceptable subjects of the Kingdom of God.

One day when the disciples of Christ were tempted to exalt themselves, Jesus called a child unto him and taught them: "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:4). The require-

ments to the citizenship of God's Kingdom are of a high and definite standard.

Man is not by nature a child of God. Neither can a mere ceremony of the church make him a citizen of that celestial realm. The Apostle Paul writing to the Ephesians (2:19) states: "Ye are fellow citizens with the saints, and the household of God." This honorable position was obtained as their souls were brought into the right relationship with the heavenly Father through Christ's sacrifice and love. He, and he alone, can make us what we ought to be.

How readily this brings to mind the admonishments we find in 1 Peter 5:6, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that HE may exalt you in due time." As we heed this commandment, we are then placed in the position to experience the blessing of which the verse that follows speaks: "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

What matchless grace flows down from Calvary's hill! As we humble ourselves before God we are made fit recipients of God's grace. Around the Lord's table, our eyes are fixed upon him on the Cross, our hearts are deeply humbled, and we hear from his lips those immortal words: "This do in remembrance of me."

OUR COMPLETE DEDICATION

The Lord's Supper is a memorial

II. CHALLENGING US TO A COMPLETE DEDICATION.

During the conference days new decisions were reached and vital resolutions were passed. We must now live up to those decisions. We must execute worthily those important resolutions! Are we able? In us lies not the strength to be found faithful to the task assigned to us by the mercy of God. We possess not the wisdom by ourselves to comprehend the Lord's will. Knowing our frailties, we are not so sure that we will be found willing at all times to carry out the denominational resolutions. Drawing nigh to the Lord's Table let us recognize these facts and may we be fully conscious of the fact how we do need HIM.

Before us as individuals, as churches of our entire denomination and as a host of God's people stands a mighty challenge. What shall we do? We want to face it. We want to conduct ourselves worthily of great decisions and purposeful resolutions. As the dele-

gates to the General Conference faced their responsibilities, new aims were taken and higher goals were set. Dare we fail to carry through?

We tremble! This is a time when we need to draw closer to our Master and right here at this communion service we seek to do that. Looking unto Jesus, we shall be strengthened inwardly and, opening our hearts door widely, the Holy Spirit will enter in to guide and direct our steps. Let the death of Jesus on Calvary grip our hearts deeply and we shall see plainly:

"Jesus paid it all.
All to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow!"

OUR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

"This do in remembrance of me." For this is a memorial to the glory of Christ, our Lord,

III. ASSISTING US TO SANCTIFY OUR CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

The Christian church of Corinth was an active church, but its action was carnal. There was life in the church; things were happening, but not to the glory of the Lord. The Corinthian church was attracting the attention of the public, but not because of a holy, Christlike service.

Activity! Never was there more activity in the Christian church than found today. What is the purpose of all this ado? What is its aim? What are the consequences of so much activity? These questions demand a plain, simple, practical and definite answer. In chapter eight of the Book of Acts we read of a man by the name of Simon. He was a strong personality, an able man, a popular fellow but a wicked character. However, Simon became a believer after hearing the Gospel preached by Philip, the Evangelist. Simon joined the church; he was active in the church and anxious to do more in the church. He wanted to be a power in the church. He offered a substantial contribution if only he might receive greater power. Peter, the Apostle, rebuked Simon unsparingly and without mercy: "Simon, thy heart is not right in the sight of God."

As we look to Calvary and remember him who hung on the Cross for you and me, and as his dying for us on the Cross becomes real to our souls, we fall down before him and cry out: "Make holy our service in thy Church, in our denomination; quicken those sacred words in our souls: 'For me to live is Christ and to die is gain.' Help us, 'that in all things HE might have the preeminence'." We want to join that great heavenly chorus and sing: "Unto him be glory and dominion for ever and ever." May we hear Jesus solemnly say to us: "This do in remembrance of me." His marvelous grace makes us true LOVE SLAVES of CHRIST, which means to die out to self and to be enslaved to him alone.



THE MEN'S CHORUS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Men's Chorus, composed of about 60 men from North American Baptist churches in Sacramento, Lodi, Elk Grove and Stockton and directed by Mr. Wilfred W. Rueb (center, front row), thrilled the General Conference audiences with their inspiring rendition of several numbers.

CONFERENCE ISSUE

This entire number is devoted to the story of the 34th General Conference held in Sacramento, Calif. Several departments such as "What's Happening," Mission News, We the Women and Book Reviews had to be omitted for this issue only. It was, indeed, a great Conference under the banner of "The Everlasting God."

The sacred ordinance

IV. SETS AFLAME THE HOPE THAT IS WITHIN US.

The hope! What hope? "This do in remembrance of me—*till he come.*" The blessed hope, the hope of glory, a living hope! He is coming again! Is this hope burning in our hearts? Or are we too busy to be mindful of it? We cannot afford to lose this hope



AUDITORIUM BULLETIN BOARD

The Baptist General Conference sessions at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium were posted alongside "Wrestling" announcements.

which exceeds all other hopes man may have. Remember: "Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as HE IS PURE" (1 John 3:3). This hope not alone inspires us but it has a marvelous effect on our spiritual life. If the church loses this blessed hope, then she becomes the tame captive of society instead of the critical and prophetic voice within society. If the flame of this hope is extinct within us, then the salt will have lost its savour. The church then will be tasteless and no longer good for anything.

The Lord's death, resurrection, ascension and COMING AGAIN must ever remain real to us if we would be builders of the Kingdom of God, if we would be soul winners. It must be real! There is no substitute for reality. The reality of the Lord's death, resurrection, ascension and COMING AGAIN will be our strength in the raging tempests. Such reality will make us overcomers when the billows are tossing high.

The hope of his coming again makes us fearless even when the sky is overshadowed with darkness. These great realities: Christ's death, resurrection, ascension and coming again will tend to sanctify our sacrifices and make the blessings of God to be showered down upon us. Let us always remember: the blessings of God are not given over bargain counters. "This do in remembrance of me" makes us to look up and behold anew:

"See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?"

"Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, MY LIFE, MY ALL."



THE MISSION EXHIBIT'S THEME WAS "SACRIFICE"

Mr. and Mrs. Hisashi Murakami (left to right) and Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman, Indian missionaries, examine the colorful Mission Exhibit showing the pagan concepts of sacrifice with the Christian revelation of Christ's Sacrifice in our behalf on the Cross. (Sacramento Bee).



34th GENERAL CONFERENCE AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, JULY 13 TO 19, 1964

The official photograph of the General Conference in Sacramento taken at the close of a morning session, showing the hundreds of people from the United States and Canada attending the Conference and some of the guest speakers and Conference leaders in the front row.

A Scintillating Conference at Sacramento

Report of the 34th General Conference of North American Baptist Churches held at Sacramento, Calif., July 13 to 19, 1964, by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

IT WAS MAGNOLIA blossom time in Sacramento. The warm summer air was scented with California's sweetest flowers. The Capitol Park resounded melodiously with the singing of birds. Majestic trees with their pleasant shade were a reminder that God's people are "like a tree planted by the rivers of water."

This was Sacramento, Calif., during the eventful days of July 13 to 19 when North American Baptists held their 34th General Conference in this city which is recognized for miles around by the gold domed capitol. While politicians argued and fought with one another in San Francisco, 85 miles away, more than 2500 Baptists demonstrated the glory of Christian fellowship in Christ and witnessed to the saving power of the Gospel.

In that way, it was a scintillating Conference in Sacramento—scintillating with the joy of people who are dedicated to a great eternal task, scintillating with the color, pageantry and excitement of Conference days!

This 34th General Conference, the second largest in our NAB history

with 1678 registrations and with attendance at times in excess of 2500 and almost 3000 in the air conditioned Memorial Auditorium, recorded several important "FIRSTS" for our Conference. It was the first time that a General Conference was meeting in the state of California. (A list of all the "FIRSTS" appears elsewhere in this issue). It was also the first time that all the evening services and the morning devotional hours were broadcast "live" over FM radio station KEAR in Sacramento, thus adding many more people to the listening audience.

The Conference sessions in Sacramento, from the opening night to the closing Sunday, scintillated with the glorious story of history. Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, moderator, opened the Monday night session with these words: "This is the week of celebration for North American Baptists." Before us in bold letters was the Conference theme, THE EVERLASTING GOD—OUR HELP IN AGES PAST; OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME. The colorful backdrop behind the choir on the large stage depicted the beautiful California Capitol build-

ing and grounds. Constantly it lifted our eyes to this scintillating view and especially, as we sang the theme song, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" by Isaac Watts, we were reminded of God's gracious and guiding hand upon us ever since the first General Conference sessions held in Wilmet, Ontario in 1865.

In the keynote message on Monday evening, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, emphasized four important things given to us by "The Everlasting God": 1. His guidance and Presence; 2. leaders with exceptional gifts and talents; 3. an intimate sense of family fellowship and of great loyalty to Jesus Christ; and 4. great tasks to carry out for God. There was much more than a recital of historical highlights in this message. For Dr. Woyke challenged our churches to greater things because of the example of the past. "I miss today the atmosphere of awesome worship in the sense of God's holiness," Dr. Woyke said. "Our forefathers had an awareness of the presence of God. We must recapture that for ourselves and our churches in this day."

GLORIOUS MUSIC

The General Conference scintillated constantly with great and grand music. A separate report will tell this story in detail. But how our hearts were lifted heavenward on the opening night as the Mass Choir of more than 100 voices directed by Mr. Calvin Lohr of Lodi, Calif., sang Haydn's "The Heavens are Telling." In this inspiring music the heavens seemed to roll back and the firmament showed forth the wonders of God's love.

Every morning's session began with a devotional service that was "mountain top experience"—Mt. Sinai, Mount of God's Covenant; Mt. Carmel, Mount of God's Power; Mt. Golgotha, Mount of Reconciliation; and Mt. Zion, Mount of Future Glory. These wonderful prayer sessions were held by Rev. Arthur Brust of Salem, Ore.; Dr. Jack Scott of Detroit, Mich.; Rev. Fred Sonnenberg of Philadelphia, Pa.; and Rev. Willy R. Muller of Edmonton.

Fraternal greetings from distinguished leaders of Sacramento were extended on Tuesday morning. Lt. Governor Glenn M. Anderson spoke in behalf of the governor of the state and welcomed the visitors to California. The Honorable James S. McKinney, Mayor



GENERAL CONFERENCE ORGANIST

Dr. Herbert Pankratz of Chicago, Ill., served with great skill as General Conference organist and conducted a 15 minute organ recital preceding some of the evening sessions in the Memorial Auditorium.

of Sacramento, extended a warm welcome, and Rev. Samuel Van Derjagt in behalf of the Ministerial Association of Sacramento extended the greetings of the Christian and evangelical groups of the city.

Evening Sessions to Be Remembered

Every evening session of the General Conference scintillated in its own unique way of showing forth God's glory and of bringing us into the presence of "The Everlasting God." On Tuesday evening Rev. Herman Palfenier, denominational evangelist for 15 years, spoke out of the fulness of his experiences and in the power of the Holy Spirit on "God's Faithfulness." The large audience laughed with him and prayed with him and were carried on wings of inspiration to see that "God has given us a wonderful work to do, and there is no greater joy than glorifying God in the witness which he has entrusted to us." He closed his stirring message with an original poem which is published in this issue by repeated request. (See page 15).

On Tuesday evening the first of several missionary testimonies were given, this one by Laura E. Reddig, honored with a beautiful scroll for 26 years of missionary service in Cameroon, Africa. Miss Reddig described her joy of "working hand in hand with God for over 25 years as a tool in the Garden of God in the Cameroons."

PEOPLE OF GOD'S WORD

"Baptists are the people of God's Word." North American Baptists should strive to be in the vanguard of God's people in this witness. This was strongly emphasized on Wednesday evening in the address by Dr. William A. Mueller of New Orleans, Louisiana, the author designate of the forthcoming history of North American Baptists. "God's Word is a creative, redemptive Word," Dr. Mueller stated. "As our pioneers like pilgrims

about the special musical features of every evening. But this musical ministry blended so beautifully into the entire program so as to leave its own spiritual impression. Dr. Herbert Pankratz of Chicago, Ill., brought a 15 minute organ recital each evening, and on Wednesday he played, among other numbers, Bach's "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" and Wagner's "Pilgrim's Chorus" with the glory of God's Word revealed. Professor E. B. Link of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta ably served as the song leader at each evening's service, making appropriate selections from the Souvenir Conference Hymnal and occasionally giving something of the background of the hymn to be sung.

OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME

Youth was served on Thursday evening with the message by Rev. Raymond P. Yahn of Pittsburgh, Pa., pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, and with the forward look of this service as seen in the announced theme: "Our Hope for Years to Come." "Our understanding of the future lies in the word, hope," Mr. Yahn declared. "In Christ this hope is certainty—certainty in God's promises, certainty in the moral fruits of our lives, certainty in our soul's establishment like an anchor to God." Miss Joyce Batek, missionary in Japan, spoke about her favorite verse of Ezekiel 22:30 and brought her testimony: "I will joy in the God of my salvation."

OUR GRACIOUS CONFERENCE WOMEN

On Friday afternoon at the Memorial Auditorium we looked out upon "a sea of femininity and loveliness," in the words of Dr. Frank H. Woyke, at the Woman's Missionary Union Program. Mrs. Harm Sherman, WMU president, presided over this well pre-



PRESENTATION OF SCROLLS OF HONOR

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, (left to right), presents a SCROLL to Rev. Herman Palfenier for 15 years of faithful service as denominational evangelist, as his wife proudly looks on; and Laura E. Reddig, Cameroon missionary for 26 years, is presented with a SCROLL for meritorious service by Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary.



MISSIONARIES AT GENERAL CONFERENCE EXHIBIT

Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rentz, Miss Barbara E. Kieper, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand. In the background are the interpretive Cameroon paintings by Missionary George Henderson.

pared and inspiring program. Gracious greetings were extended from the mission field by Mrs. Hisashi Murakami; from the Pacific Conference women by Mrs. G. G. Rauser; and from Mrs. William Christenson, wife of the vice mayor of Sacramento. The Ministers' Wives Chorus, directed by Mrs. Herbert Pankratz of Chicago, Ill., and introduced as "The Queens in the Parsonages," sang "Lift Thine Eyes" and "Thanks Be to God."

Following the memorial service led by Mrs. Emil Schmeltkopf of Kyle, Texas and the installation of new officers by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Miss Laura E. Reddig, Cameroon missionary, spoke on "Go Ye and Serve" and Mrs. Walter Sukut on "Go Ye and Teach." The dramatization, "Each One—Win One," laid the responsibility for witnessing for Christ at the front doorstep of every Christian. Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., brought the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

The Baptist procession soon wended its way to the Senator Hotel, six blocks away, for the very pleasant "Missionary Reception and Tea." There in the magnificent setting with beautifully decorated tables, the 33 missionaries and Dr. and Mrs. R. Schilke along with the pastors' wives of the Pacific Conference churches received the Conference visitors and delegates.

Large decorated shields with mission designs featured the names of each missionary and missionary couple. These shields hanging on the wall of the ballroom had been made ingeniously by Mrs. Mary Perry of the Temple Church of Lodi. Missionary designs and unique decorations added greatly to the impressiveness of this reception. Cameras flashed, hands were shaken enthusiastically, and conversation flowed freely as coffee and

punch were poured by the gracious hostesses and cookies were served in great abundance. It was a delightful, inspiring afternoon. Undoubtedly the Reception and Tea of this 1964 Conference left a most beautiful and lasting impression on the minds of all who were privileged to attend.

FRIDAY'S THRILLING SERVICE

Will anyone in that great audience of more than 2200 in the Memorial Auditorium ever forget the Friday evening service when heaven's portals were opened to bless and touch us

The Conference in Meditation

The closing half hour of each morning's sessions was spent in spiritual reflection and meditation on God's Word. These were blessed times for those who came apart to be with the Lord. It was unfortunate that some of our people towards the close of the week rushed away to restaurants. Possibly the late hour (12:00 to 12:30 P.M.) was at fault.

On Tuesday morning Mr. Edwin H. Marklein brought his moderator's address in which he gave a panoramic review of our history and extolled the greatness of God and the firmness of faith of our pioneers. (This message appeared in full in the August 13, 1964 issue of the "Baptist Herald.")

On the three following mornings Dr. John W. Bradbury of New York, N. Y., former editor of "The Watchman Examiner," brought a series of Bible expositions that were thought provoking, evangelical in spirit and stirring in their summons to more dedicated living for Christ. As one who had attended "more Baptist conventions than any other living person," Dr. Bradbury paid tribute to the gracious spir-

with divine glory? The music featured "A Medley of Hymns" sung by the Ladies' Chorus directed by Mrs. Sharla Blythe and a solo, "Until Then," by Mr. Wilfred Rueb of Sacramento, Calif., who sings with the fervor and bass tonal quality of Beverly Shea. Mr. Hisasha Murakami of Japan brought his testimony: "I am standing before you as the concrete vindication that God has given to us the Gospel that transforms life. I am evidence of the reality of the Gospel."

Thereupon Dr. Paul M. Stevens of Fort Worth, Texas, director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, who had been unable to address the 1961 General Conference of Minneapolis, Minn., warmed the hearts of all with his evangelistic message on the little known text of Ephesians 5:14. He portrayed the darkness of sin and the awfulness of disobedience to God. He pictured the glory of the light that God has revealed in Christ. He showed us the responsibility that is ours for lost souls hanging on the abyss of destruction. He called on us to love the unlovely for Christ's sake.

In response to the altar call that followed, given by Rev. Daniel Fuchs, director of evangelism, without any pressure but only with the quiet wooing of the Spirit, a thrilling procession of 57 people, mostly young people, came forward to give their hearts to Christ as Savior, to dedicate themselves to full-time service, to follow Christ their Lord all the way! This was a Conference service with deeply moving results that has not been seen in more than thirty years of Conference sessions. The beauty of the Lord our God was upon us in this highlight hour!

it evident in our Conference sessions and stated that we definitely needed "the comfort of the Gospel." He spoke out of the fullness of his life and ministry on the topics: "Fruitful in the Land of Affliction" (Genesis 41:39-52), concerning God's revelations of his truths and power to the children of men; "The Gathered Church and the Divine Presence" (Psalm 84, Deut. 31:6, published in the last issue of the "Baptist Herald."); "Conditions for Revival in Religion" (II Chron. 7:12-22) about the means of our coming to the Gospel through God's Evangel and the raising of the spiritual level in all of our churches; and "Sir, We Would See Jesus" (John 12:20-33).

On Saturday morning the testimonies by four of our ministers on the topic "We Heard God's Call," were exceedingly interesting. Rev. Fred Mashner of Erie, Pa., spoke as a pastor, Rev. Loren Fischer of Anaheim, Calif., from the point of view of activity in the field of Christian education, Mr. Ernest Zimbelman as missionary, and Chaplain Leslie P. Albus as a United States Army chaplain.

The Conference at Business

A great deal of important General Conference business was transacted during the days of July 13-19. The promptness of dispatch and the smoothly running schedule were due largely to the very able and efficient leadership of the General Conference moderator, Mr. Edwin H. Marklein. He was genial in spirit, democratic in procedure, and effective in his leadership. Our people loved him for his ministry and our Conference was proud of his services.

Throughout the days the various departments and cooperating societies brought their reports by means of pictures, informative presentations, panoramic displays and brief messages. Such reports were given by the General Council, the Publication Society, the Ministry on Higher Education, Seminary and Christian Training Institute, General Missionary Society, Department of Christian Education, and Homes for the Aged.

In addition, reports were heard from the American Bible Society with Dr. Dean S. Collins, executive secretary for the Western and Pacific

Region; Dr. Barry M. Garrett from Washington, D. C., for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; and Dr. Frank H. Woyke, for the Baptist World Alliance.

The Resolutions Committee presented a provocative report which was discussed and debated at considerable length, but which was finally adopted with changes in a fine spirit of unanimity. These important resolutions, which were widely publicized in the Sacramento newspapers, appear elsewhere in this issue (page 18).

The General Conference elections were held toward the close of the week. The results are published in full on page 24 of this issue. Dr. A. Dale Ihrle of Grosse Pointe, Mich., was elected as moderator for 1964-1967 and Mr. Herbert H. Stabbert of Anaheim, Calif., is the new vice-moderator.

Several changes in the General Conference Constitution were adopted. The revised Constitution will be printed and distributed in the near future. The 1967 General Conference will be held in Detroit, Mich., the Lord willing, from July 10-16, 1967.

The Scintillating Banquet

Everything scintillated at the General Conference Banquet held in the ballroom of the Senator Hotel on Saturday night, July 18. The spectacular setting with 850 people sitting at the tables, the colorful array of women's dresses and gowns, and the amazing decorations prepared the way for the wonderful program. The toastmaster, Rev. Ray Niederer of Warren, Mich., with his Texan accent and background sparkled with his witty humor and striking introductions. Prof. E. B. Link taught us a new chorus, "Have You Heard the Good News?"

Two of the young people, Miss Dorothy Dobrinski and Mr. John DeBoer, opened their hearts radiantly and shared their testimonies with us. "The Singing Men" of our Seminary sang "O Say But I'm Glad," and a Christian Training Institute duet of Prof. E. B. Link and Rev. Lloyd J. Kresier sang an appropriate number. Seventeen former members of God's Volunteers along with Rev. Walter Hoffman, director, sang the theme song of the past eight years: "Will You Be Enlisted as a Volunteer?" Dr. R. Schilke reported "The Good News" of a very recent development known as "God's Volunteer Program for Cameroon," calling for qualified volunteers for 21 months of special service on our mission field in Africa. (See separate announcement about this).

The address of the evening, "Dedicated Discipleship" by Dr. Douglas A. Gallagher of Parma, Ohio was a clear call for commitment to Christ that involves separation, sacrifice, and building that counts the cost and has confidence in God. This was another memorable highlight in the thrilling week.

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 1964

The glorious events of Sunday at the General Conference in Sacramento stamped this Conference as one of the most significant in decades. The day unfolded a succession of memorable hours, climaxed by the impressive Communion Service that evening with almost 3000 people present, the largest NAB congregation ever present for a Communion Service.

The day began bright and early for 62 active and retired pastors, their wives and widows who had served in



OUR INDIAN MISSIONARIES

Rev. and Mrs. R. Neumann, Indian missionaries on the Bull Reserve of Alberta, are photographed in front of the colorful Indian Exhibit at the General Conference in Sacramento.

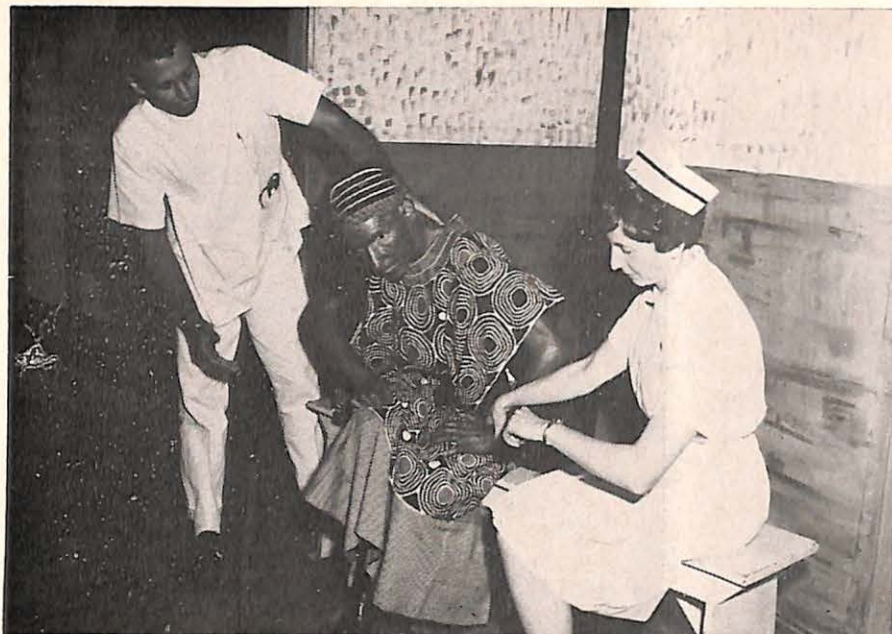
the ministry for 30 years or more at a complimentary breakfast held at Hotel Senator with Rev. Fred Sonnenberg presiding. Remarks were made by Dr. Frank H. Woyke and Mr. Edwin H. Marklein before introducing all who were present. Dr. W. J. Appel, whose father was born in Wilmot, Ontario and who was present as an 11 year old boy at the First General Conference in Wilmot, turned back the pages of history with interesting reminiscences and challenged all "to be faithful even unto the end."

Services were held on that Sunday morning in each of the six NAB churches of Sacramento, Lodi, Elk Grove and Stockton with good attendance and great blessing. At the Auditorium Sunday school classes were held for three sections in the children's department, the youth department and the adult department.



CONFERENCE MASS CHOIR AT SACRAMENTO

The inspiring Conference Mass Choir of about 100 voices which thrilled the Conference sessions with their uplifting musical selections. The director, Mr. Calvin Loehr of Lodi, Calif., is at the extreme right.



MISSION SERVICE RENDERED IN CHRIST'S NAME

The mission doctor (Dr. Peter E. Fehr, left) and the Christian nurse (Miss Gertrude Schatz) help the Cameroon native (Rev. Fred C. Folkerts, center) to his feet to prepare him for an emergency operation.

In addition, a German service of worship held in the Little Theatre Hall was attended by 150 people with Rev. Norbert Laudon of Edmonton, Alberta, speaking on "Abiding in Christ." The other German service had been held on Saturday night in the same hall. These two services in German were deeply appreciated by all who attended in good numbers.

The morning service of worship in the Memorial Auditorium was a blessed time of waiting on the Lord. With Rev. Herbert Hiller of Edmonton, Alberta, presiding, the service proceeded worshipfully in the presence of God to learn what "God Hath Spoken." Rev. Norman A. Vernon of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., gave a masterful exposition of Hebrews 1 in pointing out "danger signals" of which every Christian must beware.

"SO SEND I YOU"

Something different and something rather scintillating was presented on Sunday afternoon at the Missionary Rally and it was acclaimed by all as "wonderful!—grand!" An original missionary drama, "So Send I You," written by Prof. Dale Rott, instructor in speech and director of drama at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn., was presented in ten dramatic, exciting scenes. Some of the people thought that it should have been presented over a local television channel. The script will be available to our churches for further showings in youth, missionary and evening church services.

By means of four cleverly constructed and decorated flats and with shifting spotlights thrown on each scene, the mission fields of Cameroon, and Japan and the Indian and Spanish-American fields were colorfully depicted. We were taken from an emergency

Besides our actual missionaries who took part in the cast, there were Rev. Bruce Rich, Mr. Coe Durland and Mr. Wilbur Saylor among those who participated. Mrs. Ruby Steinfeld of Portland, Ore., was a very able narrator, whose clearness of voice and dramatic fervor added much to the play's effectiveness. Dr. R. Schilke's call for missionary volunteers and his commissioning prayer at the close of the drama brought the afternoon service to a most inspiring climax.

"IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME"

Almost 3000 people thronged to the Memorial Auditorium in Sacramento for the impressive Communion Service on Sunday night, July 19. With the joyous memories of the past week crowding in upon us, and with the wonderful singing of God's people filling the large Auditorium, we heard and responded to the question of the Negro spiritual, "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" We were in the holy presence of God, waiting to be guided and filled by his spirit.

Rev. Phil Daum of Vancouver, B. C., led the Memorial Service. (Rev. F. E. Klein of Colfax, Wash., had worked out the program but could not lead it personally because of recent illness). The names of 40 pastors, ministers' wives and prominent laymen who had been called home to glory during the triennium had been listed in the Conference Bulletin. With the comfort of Scripture verses and the inspiration of a song, "In That Bright City," we were led to lay hold on eternal life and to praise God for the triumphant victories of those who had gone before.

Rev. E. P. Wahl, president emeritus of the Christian Training Institute, led in the communion meditation. (The message is given on pages 4 and 5 of

(Continued on page 15)



EXHIBIT HALL AT SACRAMENTO GENERAL CONFERENCE

The striking mission display at the General Conference, showing the Spanish American and Indian exhibit at the right, the Cameroon Mission Field display at the center, and the exhibit of our Japan Mission Field at the left.

It Happened in Sacramento!

Story of God's blessings, special events and activities, and behind-the-scenes news concerning the General Conference at Sacramento, Calif., July 13 to 19, 1964.

FIRSTS AT SACRAMENTO

• The 1964 General Conference at Sacramento was the first time we have met in the State of California.

• This was the first time that Conference sessions were broadcast live on FM radio station KEAR in Sacramento.

• For the first time the key to the city was presented to our Conference moderator, Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, the presentation having been made by Mayor McKinney.

• For the first time an entire afternoon (Wednesday) was allotted as free time for our Conference visitors. It was a very successful experiment.

• For the first time we had special organ recitals with Dr. Herbert Pankrat of Chicago, Ill., at the Auditorium organ, playing each evening from 7:30 to 7:45 P.M.

• It was the first time that the Mission Exhibit carried out a spiritual theme, depicting pagan sacrifices as over against the Christian sacrifice in the cross of Christ and his death for our sins. The fine exhibit leaflet had been prepared by missionaries Fred C. Folkerts and George Henderson.

• For the first time many of the Conference announcements were shown on the screen, thus reducing the number of announcements to be made publicly. Rev. Karl Bieber of Okeene, Okla., the official announcer, was praised for his brief, terse, informative announcements that were given loudly and clearly and with welcome dispatch.

DISTINGUISHED HONORS

Miss Laura E. Reddig of Cathay, N. Dak., was presented with an illuminated scroll at the Sacramento Conference honoring her for 26 years of distinguished service as missionary nurse in Cameroon, Africa. The message of the scroll appeared in the July 2nd issue of the "Baptist Herald."

Rev. Herman F. Palfenier of Minneapolis, Minn., was presented with a scroll of meritorious honor for his 15 years of faithful service as denominational evangelist.

Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was given a framed scroll honoring him for his many years of service as president and teacher at the North American Baptist Seminary. Dr. Lang continues to render a distinguished ministry as Seminary teacher.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was honored by the Roger Williams Press through Mr. Harold B. Johns for his services of thirty years as editor of the "Baptist Herald" and



CONFERENCE BANQUET LEADERS

Leaders of the General Conference Banquet on Saturday night: (left to right) Prof. E. B. Link, song leader; Rev. Ray Niederer, toastmaster; and Rev. Harvey W. Mehlhoff, chairman of Youth Activities Committee for the General Conference.

of English publications. A special edition of "The Story of Christianity" by the Heritage Press was presented to him.

CONFERENCE EXHIBIT HALLS

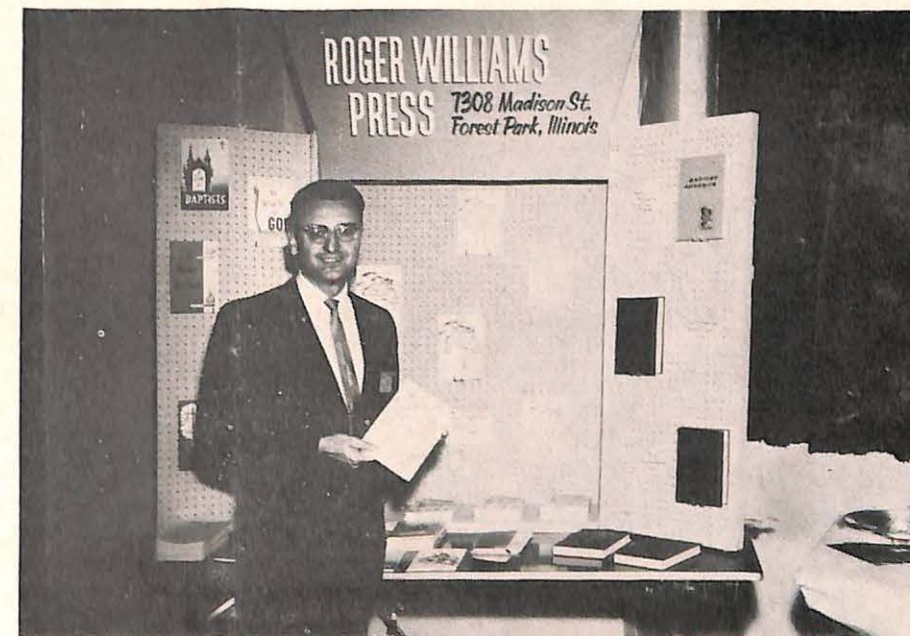
The easy accessibility of the Exhibit Halls and Book Room in the Memorial Auditorium and the unique and colorful missionary display with a striking theme of SACRIFICE helped

make this the most interesting Conference Exhibit ever shown. Crowds swarmed repeatedly into the halls to read the exhibit leaflet, to study the dramatic paintings and sketches by Missionary George Henderson, to look over all the exhibits, and to become better acquainted and informed about our denominational enterprise.

In the center display of Cameroon, Africa, the spiritual condition in which the Cameroon people find themselves was portrayed by Missionary George Henderson. Original pictures showed their beliefs in reincarnation and inhabitation of beasts and evil spirits. Objects were arranged that were associated with war, hunger, disease, treachery and sacrifice outside of Christ. On the right were pictures portraying the Cameroon Christian's faith and practice and objects in current use in churches, schools and hospitals for training, healing and witness.

Prominently in the center was the Cross of Christ, our Sacrifice, towering over the reclining Buddha and the Indian totem pole. Around the room were similar colorful displays of Japan, the Indian and Spanish-American mission fields, showing how the Sacrifice of Christ brings to an end the power of the devil and brings to reality the peace and righteousness of God. These exhibits graphically depicted the glorious hope which is offered to all peoples everywhere through the Sacrifice of Christ!

The Exhibit Halls also featured dis-



ROGER WILLIAMS PRESS AND BOOK DISPLAY

Rev. L. Bienert, business manager of the Roger Williams Press, shows the new Japan Mission book as a small portion of the large display of books, Bibles and literature at the General Conference in Sacramento.

plays about the ministry of the General Council, the Woman's Missionary Union (with the yearbooks, scrapbooks, White Cross materials and publications), the Christian Training Institute, the North American Baptist Seminary, Higher Education, General Missionary Society, Church Extension, God's Volunteers, Department of Stewardship, and Department of Christian Education. Other displays in the building told the story of the American Bible Society, Baptist Life Association and the Prairie Youth Conference held at Banff in the early days of September.

The Roger Williams Press Book Room did a brisk business during the Conference days in selling and taking orders for books, promoting the sale of the new book, "Opening Doors in Japan," introducing the new imprinted Sunday school literature for our churches as well as planning for the projected denominational quarterly beginning in the fall of 1965.

YOUNG PEOPLE AT SACRAMENTO

Not only were large numbers of young people present at the General Conference in Sacramento, but they were aglow for Christ in the programs which they led and in the activities in which they participated. A special four page program outlining these activities, which had been prepared by Rev. Harvey Mehlhoff and his committee, was included in the packet.

On Tuesday evening they became acquainted with one another in the Little Theatre Hall of the Auditorium and at an informal program. On Wednesday evening they saw the Christian film, "Is Love Enough?" That afternoon two bus loads of young people went to Coloma, Calif., to the historical area where gold was discovered in 1848 by James W. Marshall. On Thursday evening they enjoyed a Sing-spiration held at the nearby First Baptist Church. On Friday evening slides of the Baptist World Youth Conference at Beirut, Lebanon and the Youth Congress at Lake Geneva, Wis., were shown.

One of the most important events of the week for the young people was the Sunrise Service held on Friday morning at William Land Park with several hundred young people in attendance. Members of former God's Volunteers Teams combined their voices to sing several numbers and Rev. Walter Hoffman, director of God's Volunteers, brought a challenging message. Two young people also spoke on the theme, "To Know Him" and "To Make Him Known." Breakfast of donuts, coffee and milk was served afterwards.

SOUND OF MUSIC

The uplifting sounds of music at the 34th General Conference in Sacramento, Calif., "made God's praise glorious." The large Auditorium platform was filled with a scintillating

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFERINGS

MONDAY—	
General Missions	\$ 554.07
TUESDAY—	
Evangelism	710.59
WEDNESDAY—	
Bible Offering	629.90
THURSDAY—	
Christian Education	481.73
FRIDAY Afternoon—	
Woman's Missionary Union,	
New Project	618.75
FRIDAY Evening—	
Church Extension	528.04
SUNDAY—	
German Service	86.68
SUNDAY Morning—	
General Missions	939.05
SUNDAY Afternoon—	
Foreign Missions	2042.85
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$6591.66

array of several choral groups that "sang for the honor of his Name." The Choral Groups were composed of singers from the Lincoln Village and Willow Rancho Churches in Sacramento, First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, First Baptist and Temple Baptist Churches of Lodi, and Swain Oaks Church of Stockton.

The Mass Choir consisting of over 100 singers under the direction of Mr. Calvin Lohr sang at four services, rendering such magnificent anthems as Haydn's "The Heavens are Telling," an unusual arrangement of "The Ninety and Nine" by Ira D. Sankey, and the Negro spiritual, "Were You There?" The Male Chorus of 80 singers under the direction of Mr. Wilfred W. Rueb of Sacramento presented an inspiring concert from 7:30 to 7:45 P.M. on Tuesday evening and sang at two of the Conference sessions. Their presentation of Mozart's "Gloria in Excelsis" was awe inspiring. The third group was the Ladies' Chorus of over 60 voices under the direction of Mrs. Sharla Blythe of the Swain Oaks Church in Stockton. On Friday evening their rendition of "A Medley of Hymns" by special arrangement touched many hearts. Mr. Wilfred W. Rueb served as the chairman of the Music Committee for the local area.

Dr. Herbert Pankratz of Chicago, Ill., was at the manual organ of the Memorial Auditorium for most of the week, serving as Conference organist, assisted by Miss Dorothy Dobrinski of the Lorraine, Kansas, Church. Dr. Pankratz is the organist and choir director of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago. On three evenings he conducted an organ recital for 15 minutes prior to the opening of the sessions, which were well attended and deeply appreciated by those "who took time to listen."

Professor E. B. Link of Edmonton, Alberta served as the song leader at all of the evening Conference sessions. Pastors rendered an able service as song leaders during the day sessions. Special numbers were rendered by "The Ambassadors" of Vancouver,

B. C., composed of Mr. Gerry Litke and Mr. Wolf Hass. The spirited singing by the audience and the special musical numbers filled the Memorial Auditorium with the sound of music that uplifted many souls and honored the Name of Christ!

GENERAL CONFERENCE DECORATIONS

The decorations at the Sacramento General Conference were simply scintillating and spectacular. Appropriately the decoration theme was "Golden Harvest of California." No other adjectives can adequately describe the Conference decorations. They added a great deal to the beauty of the sessions and the inspiration received at the various luncheons and special functions. Mrs. Irene Colburn of Lodi and her committee of eight members are to be congratulated on an excellent job rendered with professional skill and personal charm.

The large Auditorium stage was decked with potted plants, shrubbery, trees and floral arrangements of salmon and yellow gladioli. Similar decorations also had been placed in the Exhibit Hall, Committee Rooms and vestibule. Baker's Nursery had sent at least 50 trees and shrubs to beautify the Conference sessions. The flowers came from the gardens of North American Baptists in Sacramento and Lodi areas.

At all of the luncheons and at the Woman's Missionary Union Tea the table decorations took the excited fancy of all who were present. There were miniature grapevines, sheaves of wheat and maps of California, alternating with fresh floral arrangements. The tall graceful Topiary Trees were used for decorations at the Women's Luncheon, the Conference Banquet and the Pension Fund Breakfast. The trees were aglow with miniature oranges, lemons and roses and with foliage composed of ferns, magnolia and camelia leaves. Favors of boxes of Sunkist raisins were distributed at most of these luncheons.

At the Conference Banquet large rattan baskets tied with gold bows were filled with fresh fruit, some of which had been brought from the Indio Valley hundreds of miles away and which had been donated by Mr. Dave Weigum of Lodi, Calif. The attractive baskets contained large sized strawberries, peaches, apricots, oranges, grapefruits, kumquats, plums, figs and especially delicious grapes. Favors were miniature Bibles filled with mints.

CONFERENCE BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHEONS

CHRISTIAN WORKERS' LUNCHEON. This luncheon held in Hotel Senator on Wednesday noon was sponsored by the Department of Christian Education. The program provided informative guideposts for all Sunday (Continued on page 19)

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Conference Glory in the Women's Activities

At the General Conference women's sessions, in a setting of artistic beauty, goal charts were presented, elections were held, mission projects were adopted and programs with an inspirational challenge were given, as reported by

Mrs. James C. McGladdery of Lodi, Calif.

ONE OF THE highlights of the General Conference in Sacramento, as far as the women were concerned, was the Woman's Missionary Union Luncheon which was held Thursday afternoon, July 16. Mrs. Ann Fandrich of Lodi was chairman of this event which saw 1000 women assembled at the lovely Hotel El Dorado on the outskirts of Sacramento.

The beautifully decorated tables were the result of much planning and work on the part of Mrs. Irene Colburn of Lodi and her committee. The colors predominating were yellow, white and orange. A topiary tree at the center of each table was the main focal point. These were either orange, lemon, yellow rose, or Talisman rose trees. Broad ribbons of various tones of gold ran the length of the table and the tall candles at either end were interwoven at the base with small daisies and ivy. Each woman had at her place favors which were representative of the California area.

LUNCHEON PROGRAM

Mrs. Harm Sherman, president of the Woman's Missionary Union, presided. Mrs. Earl Ahrens, missionary to the Spanish-American people in Colorado, brought devotions on the theme of "Go Ye." She reminded us that God expects obedience. "We must be able to hear his voice and be willing to be



WOMAN'S UNION PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Harm Sherman (left), former president of the Woman's Missionary Union, and Mrs. Delmar Wesseler, newly elected president, exchange a few pleasantries at the Missionary Tea and Reception.

chastened of God," Mrs. Ahrens said. Some are called to obscurity, some to feed his lambs, and to some the call of durability in the everyday walk of life is extended. Mrs. Ahrens exhorted us to serve with devotion and to be God's tool wherever we are.

Mrs. Glenn Anderson, wife of the Lieutenant Governor of California,

brought greetings from the state of California.

Mrs. Sherman introduced the officers and committee chairmen who had served with her, the hostesses at each table, and our missionaries and missionary appointees. Mrs. Hisahi Murakami was also introduced. Mrs. David Draewell, secretary, read a letter from Mr. Murakami thanking the women for their part in bringing his wife to the United States after a separation of almost three years. He wrote that they both felt constrained to love and serve Christ and their fellowmen.

Laura Reddig, Cameroon missionary, was presented with a gift by Mrs. Sherman on behalf of the WMU. Shortly thereafter, Mrs. Sherman was on the receiving end when Mrs. Draewell presented a gift to her.

Ladies present heard the report of the nominating committee and were given the opportunity to elect officers for the next triennium. The following were elected: president, Mrs. Delmar Wesseler of Kansas; vice president, Mrs. Elton Kirstein of Iowa; treasurer, Mrs. Eric Pohl of Oregon; White Cross Chairman, Mrs. H. J. Waltereit of Michigan; and Council Representative, Mrs. David Draewell of Illinois.

MEALS FOR MISSIONS

A goal chart was presented in a unique and meaningful manner. The dramatic presentation, "A Venture of Faith," written and directed by Barbara Weisser Binder, was the means used to convey the full meaning of the goal chart to the audience. The setting of the play was a Baptist Church in Anytown at the regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society. Miss Brooks, missionary, was the guest speaker of the evening. She spoke of "The Conditions of Discipleship."

The members in the play discussed ways to deny self in terms of doing something for the work of Christ on the mission field. All the ladies present, except one, were heartily in favor of voluntarily giving up meals and giving the cost of their portion of the meal to missions. The members of the society from Baptist Church of Anywhere called this project "Meals for Missions." You will be hearing more about this in the coming days through your local society. My heart was challenged as I realized the tremendous potential in "Meals for Missions" for us as a denomination as a means of furthering his work.

PROGRAM AND RECEPTION

On Friday afternoon the Woman's



PASTORS' WIVES CHORUS AT SACRAMENTO

This large impressive choir composed of ministers' wives and directed by Mrs. Herbert Pankratz of Chicago, Illinois (center, front row) sang several numbers at the Woman's Missionary Union program on Friday afternoon. The choir is seen against the background of the stage decorations of the Memorial Auditorium in Sacramento, depicting the capitol building and grounds.

Missionary Union program was held in the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium. Once again, Mrs. Harm Sherman presided. Dr. Frank H. Woyke installed the new officers of the WMU for 1964-1967. Missionary messages were brought by Miss Laura Reddig on the theme, "Go Ye and Serve," and by Mrs. Walter Sukut on "Go Ye and Teach." The dramatization "Each One—Win One" was presented to a receptive audience.

Following the program, there was a Missionary Reception and Tea at the Senator Hotel in downtown Sacramento. Mrs. Wanda Lippert of Lodi was chairman of this event. The decorations for the tea followed the general decorating theme of "California's Golden Harvest. Five tables, each 32 feet long, were set up. In the center of each was a tall tiered arrangement which held a wide variety of fresh fruit and various grains. Crystal-coated white candles were set in holders which, in turn, were set on a gold pedestal. The whole effect was one of great beauty.

As one casts a backward glance at the women's activities, it is difficult to choose one thing or event as being more outstanding than another. Each was special in its own right. Each fit into the pattern of the whole. Each will hold treasured memories for those who attended. One can say from the heart that it was good to have been present and to have participated in the 34th General Conference of North American Baptists.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" was the opening hymn sung by the 99 ladies who attended the Pastors' Wives Breakfast on July 16 in Sacramento, California. Mrs. Herbert Hiller of Edmonton, Alta., president of the Pastors' Wives Fellowship, presided. Mrs. Robert Schreiber of Kankakee, Ill., sang the beautiful song, "Channels Only" and Mrs. Frank Woyke of Forest Park,

ducted the Communion Service with worshipful dignity and stirring impressiveness.

Keenly and warmly we felt "the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." Our eyes had been opened "to see Jesus only" as we came to the close of this scintillating General Conference. The benediction and prayer were offered by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary. So as we clasped hands in fond farewell and locked away those golden Conference memories in the treasury of our hearts, we praised God for our Sacramento Conference and departed with a song of joy.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

By Rev. Herman Palfenier
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Thy faithfulness throughout the years
Is constant as the stars,
Immutable thy love appears
Not knowing time nor bars.

Thy faithfulness brings down to us
Such treasures rich and rare,
No earthly pearl, though marvelous,
With it we can compare.

Thy faithfulness gives unto man
Salvation full and free;
It bridges o'er the fearful span
And gives him liberty.

Thy faithfulness upholds thine own
When testing trials come,
It dries their tears, and leads them on
To thee, and heav'n and home.

Thy faithfulness is but the law
Expressing all of thee!
In love and grace, that fill with awe
Boundless eternity.

Thy faithfulness within the past
In gratitude we own,
It leads us on and holds us fast,
'Till we shall gain the crown.

A SCINTILLATING CONFERENCE

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this issue). The preeminent Christ was lifted up before us as we realized anew what Christ our Savior had done for us and what he expects of us in our sacrificial love to him. The pastors of the Sacramento area churches with Rev. Aaron Buhler in charge, assisted by 60 deacons of these churches, con-



MISSIONARY TEA AND RECEPTION

Mr. and Mrs. Hisashi Murakami of Japan receive North American Baptists, including Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Riffel of St. Clair Shores, Mich., (right), at the Missionary Reception sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union.



WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION EXHIBIT

Women of our churches examine the W.M.U. Yearbooks and other exhibit literature with Mrs. Harm Sherman, president, at the left in the Exhibit Hall during the General Conference days.

Baptist Adventureland in California

Story of the Post-convention tour in California for 110 North American Baptists
by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor

THE STATE OF California became an exciting adventureland for hundreds of North American Baptists following the General Conference sessions in Sacramento. But the Golden State became like a giant roller coaster for 110 of our people traveling on the Post-Convention Tour through California. In an enthralling week-long ride, they climbed to dizzy heights and coasted down into scenic valleys and marveled at the colorful wonders of the state.

FABULOUS SAN FRANCISCO

What a delightful party this was! Imagine, if you can, a procession of 110 people arriving at a hotel and railroad station with 246 pieces of luggage, touring the cities and places of California in three buses, making a thousand and one requests and inquiries of their tour leaders. In the group were pastors and their families, several missionaries, quite a number of young people, young couples with their children, and more elderly people. But all formed a harmonious group, singing songs of Zion, enjoying the fellowship in Christ, and praising God for his marvelous handiwork. This was soon evident as early as Monday morning, July 20, as the buses rolled on their way to San Francisco from Sacramento, arriving at the Canterbury Hotel by mid-morning for the

thrilling adventures of the first day of the tour.

What a remarkable city San Francisco is! It soon captivates you and clasps you fondly to its heart. We learned about its early historical beginnings at Mission Dolores founded by Junipero Serra in 1776, as we marveled at the original decorations in the Mission made by the Indians with vegetable colors and as reverently we walked about the mission garden with its blossoming bougainvillea and fragrant roses. We were taken to the magnificent heights of the Twin Peaks where we looked out on the teaming city with its dazzling white houses, out over the expansive blue bay with its giant Bay Bridge and Golden Gate Bridge, and over the surrounding ranges of mountains topped by Mt. Tamalpais.

We went through miles and miles of flowering gardens in Golden Gate Park and lingered with excitement in the Oriental Garden to view the Oriental pagodas and Japanese torii and to see the Buddhas set in the garden corners. We stopped at the famous Cliff House for its marvelous view of the vast Pacific and of the nearby seal rocks. We saw Alcatraz Island, the Coit Tower, Nob Hill and the Civic Center. After enjoying a delicious dinner at Fisherman's Wharf, we took 35 of our tour people on a cable car ride. The roller coaster ride was tame in com-

parison with this careening cable car going up and down the hills of San Francisco with these shouting, excited Baptists! A stroll through Chinatown later that evening was a colorful close to a full and adventurous day.

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

On Tuesday we were on our way to Yosemite National Park via Merced. What enrapturing sights greeted our tour people there! They wanted to stay for several days longer at this place of inspiration. The towering granite peaks, the breath-taking waterfalls, the sheer canyons and beautiful meadowlands were awe inspiring. This was a deeply moving religious experience, "lifting up one's eyes" to the heights above, such as El Capitan. It is an unforgettable adventure to see "the Fire Fall" from Glacier Point, 3000 feet above the valley floor, with the glowing red embers that seem to be a shower of falling stars from the heavens above. Here at Yosemite our eyes feasted on the grandeur and wonder of the things "that God hath wrought."

On the third day our buses took our 110 tour people to further heights to Mariposa Big Trees. This park is one of the scenic wonders of the world. For here in this grove of 200 or more trees are the Sequoia Gigantea which are the oldest living things estimated to be between 3500 and 4000 years old. The Grizzly Giant is nearly 100 feet

around. Our buses drive through the trunk of one of the trees as cameras clicked. Here in this amazing garden of living sentinels, we learned anew the truth of the words that "only God can make a tree."

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The fourth day (Thursday) was a thrilling succession of adventures, after our arrival in Los Angeles the night before and at the Alexandria Hotel. By 10:30 A.M. our buses had arrived at Knott's Berry Farm near Anaheim. There we strolled through Ghost Town, saw how gold was mined, rode on the narrow gauge Colorado train, shouted at "the robbers" as the train was held up, sipped boysenberry juice, and relived the pioneer days of the covered wagon and westward trek of early America in the face of attacks by savage Indians. The famous Knott's Farm chicken dinner with all of the delicious trimmings followed.

A few miles from there, our tour group stopped at the \$300,000 Magnolia Baptist Church of Anaheim to be met by the pastors, Rev. Kenneth and Loren Fischer, to be served with cool punch, and to be taken on a tour of the new church and educational unit by members of this friendly church. A brief organ number was played and the story of the church related by Rev. Kenneth Fischer before pictures were taken and we were off again on another lap of these adventurous experiences.

For more than three hours the exciting glory of Disneyland was unfolded to our 110 tour people. They were like delighted children riding on the fantastic submarine and the frightening jungle boat, going down the river on a paddlewheel steamer, making a tour of the grounds on the quaint old train, the horse drawn carriages and



MAGNOLIA BAPTIST CHURCH, ANAHEIM, CALIF.

The North American Baptist Tour group in front of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., with leaders of the church who took them on a guided trip through the magnificent new church.

old fashioned two-decker buses, and seeing again what America was like in the 1890's. As a climax, most of our people saw the panoramic film, "America, the Beautiful," and thanked God for all of its wonderful grandeur.

WONDERFUL BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

But the best part of the day was still to come with a stop at the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim to hear of its history and its present outreach for Christ by the pastor, Rev. William Hoover. We were invited to La Palma Park in Anaheim to be the guests of 150 members of the Bethel Church and to partake of a delicious and sumptuous buffet dinner. Leaders of the church and distinguished people in the audience were introduced and Mr. Hoover brought an appropriate devotional message. Before the buses left for Los Angeles with exhausted, happy

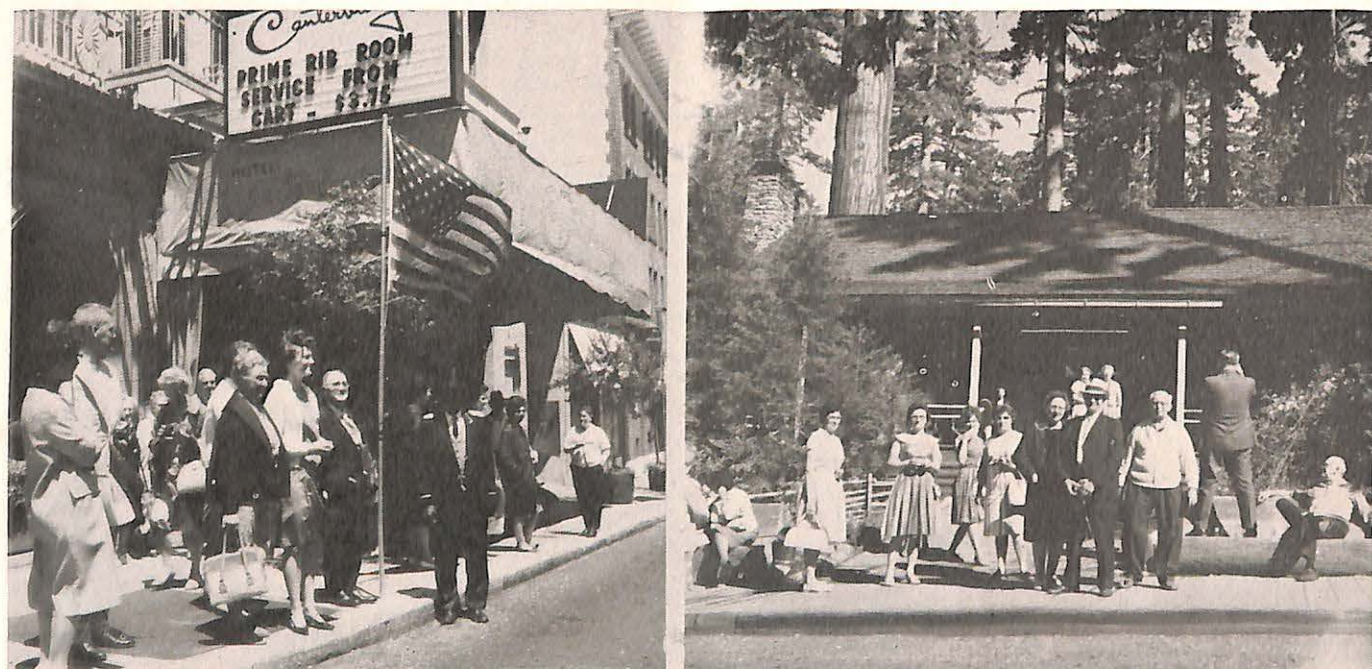
Baptists, each of them was given several oranges recently picked from an orange grove as a gift by Mr. Walter Paulus of the Anaheim Church.

Friday was another day—and a golden day of adventure it was! This trip took the tour group to the nearby city of Glendale to Forest Lawn Park. There in the midst of vivid reminders that we are only pilgrims on this earth and that Christ only can give us eternal life, we saw the stained glass recreation of da Vinci's "Last Supper" in mosaic glass, the beautiful statuary in "God's Garden" of "Mystery of Life," the Christus, Michelangelo's "David," and "Motherly Tenderness"; the "Court of Freedom" with its magnificent recreation of Trumbull's painting, "The Signing of the Declaration of Independence"; and "The Crucifixion" by Jan Styka, the dramatic and epic picture of Christ being raised on the Cross at Calvary. This painting (195 by 45 feet), the largest in the world, is shown in a building which cost several million dollars just to house this religious work of art.

GOLDEN MEMORIES

What more can we say about the adventures for our Baptist friends on this Post-Convention Tour? They spent some time in quaint Olvera Street in Los Angeles with its shops and souvenir stands with Mexican gifts before boarding the streamlined train, "City of Los Angeles," bound again for Chicago. They greeted fondly their friends who were staying behind and with whom they had shared these blessed experiences of the Conference days and Post-Convention Tour.

With these memories now enriching our minds like a string of pearls, we echoed again the words of Rev. William Hoover spoken to us in the cool of the Anaheim evening at La Palma Park that "as God craves fellowship, so the intimacy of fellowship of God with his people and of Christian people for one another is one of the most precious blessings of life." We were now RICH in this fellowship!



POST-CONFERENCE TOUR IN GOLDEN CALIFORNIA

North American Baptists wait for their sightseeing buses in front of the Canterbury Hotel (left) in San Francisco ready for a tour of the city; and (right) tour members are enjoying the grandeur of the giant redwoods at Mariposa Park near Yosemite.



WHAT A FEAST OF FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

The women of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., prepared a complimentary buffet supper for 110 North American Baptists on a tour of California which they thoroughly enjoyed as they helped themselves to generous portions.

General Conference Resolutions

Resolutions adopted by the 34th General Conference of North American Baptists in session at Sacramento, Calif., July 13 to 19, 1964.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED unanimously by the 34th General Conference called for the support of the Civil Rights Bill enacted by the United States Congress, resolving to give full support to the principles and spirit embodied in this law. Another resolution on the Constitutional Prayer Amendment was adopted, affirming the Conference's support of the First Amendment to the Bill of Rights, urging all denominational chairmen, leaders and churches to involve themselves in the study of the biblical, historical and contemporary history related to religious liberty to the end that our heritage of freedom and liberty under God may be greatly understood and appreciated, by the next generation and by everyone of the world's people.

STEWARDSHIP GOALS

BE IT RESOLVED: That our churches support the action taken by the North American Baptist General Conference regarding our stewardship goals relative to our Church Extension program.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

WHEREAS, we as followers of Christ have promised to walk in his ways,

BE IT RESOLVED: that we willingly become true stewards of our time, talent, and finances by supporting the work in our churches in all three phases, especially in dividing our churches' total income more equitably between our own expenses and that of missions.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

WHEREAS, God's Volunteers have so effectively shown the blessings and Christian growth derived from being complete stewards of Jesus Christ, in giving of their time and talent,

BE IT RESOLVED: That we as members of the 34th General Conference show our gratitude to all Volunteers by encouraging in word and action such stewards who will in turn aid in recruiting more witnesses to feed those "who hunger and thirst after righteousness."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we spend more time in prayer pertaining to the commitment of our young people to full time Christian Service such as pastors, directors of Christian education, missionaries, and teachers, and encourage enrollment in our denominational schools.

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

WHEREAS, efforts are being made to form a North American Baptist

Fellowship, and

WHEREAS, this fellowship is not of an organizational nature but is intended merely for periodic meetings of various organized Baptist groups, and

WHEREAS, our conference is among those invited to join the North American Baptist Fellowship,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we encourage the General Council of our conference to investigate and study this matter and be prepared to make suggestions regarding it at the 1967 General Conference.

BETTER PASTORS' SALARIES

WHEREAS, we recognize that the financial aspect of God's work in the local church, including the pastor's salary, must be given its proper emphasis, we highly commend those churches of our fellowship that have expressed an exemplary Christian generosity toward their pastor. In this regard, these churches are setting a noble example for all other churches of our denominational fellowship. We, also, take note, however, with genuine concern of instances where the salaries of our pastors are sub-standard and often woefully inadequate.

WE, THEREFORE, strongly urge that our churches seriously and conscientiously re-examine the salary basis of their ministers in the light of current salaries in other professions, and that they earnestly endeavor to bring the salaries of their pastors more in line with the general economic situation, both in terms of the prevailing cost of living and of the general standards of financial income of their communities. In undertaking this examination, we recommend that our churches exercise strictest honesty in making a realistic approach in their attempt to abolish sub-standard salaries or financial inequities.

CIVIL RIGHTS

WHEREAS, the New Testament teachings of love and concern recognize equality among all men in Christ, and

WHEREAS, the First General Conference held in Wilmot, Ontario, Canada in 1865 adopted a resolution expressing deep gratitude over the freeing of the slaves in the United States and welcoming the Negroes of that country to the enjoyment of all the

civil rights enjoyed by white citizens, and

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Bill has now become the law of the United States,

BE IT RESOLVED: That we urge all our churches to give full support to the principles and spirit embodied in this law.

CONSTITUTIONAL PRAYER AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, Baptists have always taught that a genuine religious experience is a voluntary response to God, and

WHEREAS, all persons have a right to the free exercise of religion, and

WHEREAS, governmental pressure to conformity in religious belief or in the practice of religion denies to people the freedom of religion, and

WHEREAS, Baptists were influential in writing the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and have been in the forefront in preserving the religious liberty that Americans have enjoyed, and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Supreme Court has ruled that governmentally written and required prayers as well as required devotions violate the First Amendment,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the delegates of the North American Baptist General Conference in triennial session—

1. Reaffirm the resolution on religious liberty approved by the 33rd General Conference. (Pages 43-46 1961 NAB Conference Minutes).

2. That we reaffirm our support for the First Amendment and its present wording, including both its prohibition upon government roles in religious programs and its protection of the free exercise of religion. In taking this position, we wish to emphasize the right of public officials and of school pupils to the free exercise of their religion in harmony with the basic principles of religious liberty. We also affirm that this does not give public officials the right to use the authority of their office for the advancement or promotion of their religious views.

3. That we urge all our denominational channels, leaders, and churches to involve themselves in the study of the biblical, historical and the contemporary issues related to religious liberty, to the end that our heritage of freedom and responsibility under God may be clearly understood and appreciated by the next generation and by ever larger proportions of the world's peoples.

WAR ON POVERTY

WHEREAS, there is still much material need in this generation of prosperity,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we give our moral and practical support to those agencies now engaged in expressing the mind of Christ in help and healing.

IT HAPPENED IN SACRAMENTO

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school and church workers. About 150 church leaders were in attendance.

THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFASTS. About 150 NAB pastors who are alumni of the North American Baptist Seminary held their breakfast and program in the Senator Hotel and enjoyed the session with Rev. H. J. Wilcke in charge and participated in the election of officers. This was the first official meeting of the Seminary Alumni. The pastors' wives (about 100 were present) met for breakfast at the same time in the Embassy Room and enjoyed an informal program.

MINISTERS' LUNCHEON. The program at the Ministers' Luncheon with 200 pastors present at Hotel Senator featured greetings from the laymen by Mr. Richard Mulder, a brief message on "Joys and Problems of Japanese Church Leadership" by Mr. Hisashi Murakami, and a provocative address on "Pertinent Issues of Washington, D. C.," by Dr. Barry Garrett of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

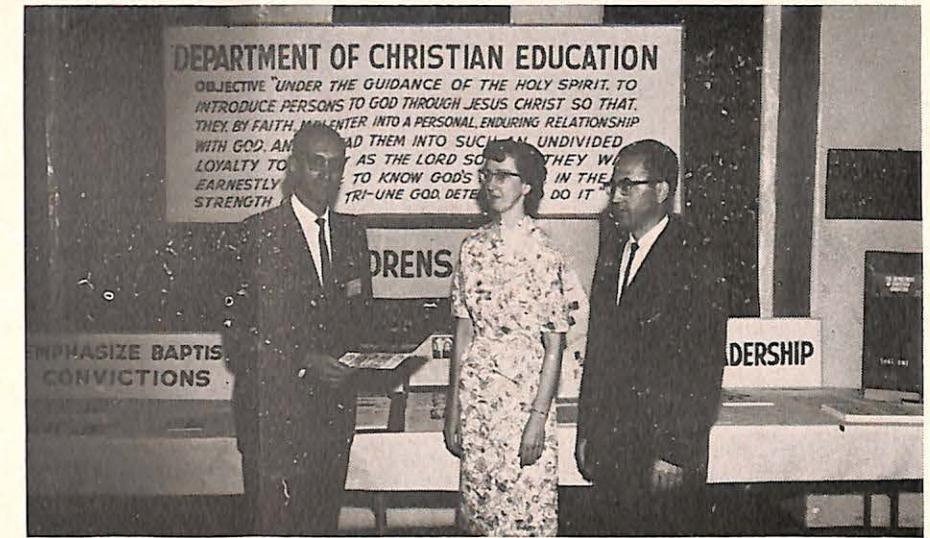
LAYMEN'S LUNCHEON. About 250 laymen met for their luncheon on Thursday noon at the Elks Club with Mr. H. H. Stabbert of Anaheim, Calif., president of Baptist Men in charge. Dr. Peter E. Fehr, medical missionary, spoke about his work in Africa. Greetings from the Ministers' Fellowship were brought by Rev. A. Lamprecht.

W. M. U. LUNCHEON. The luncheon of the Woman's Missionary Union with about 1,000 women in attendance was held in the ballroom of the El Dorado Hotel. A longer and more detailed report about this gala event and about the colorful luncheon program appears in another page.

PENSION FUND BREAKFAST. In an elegant setting at Hotel Senator on Sunday morning, 62 pastors and their wives and pastors' widows with an active service of 30 years or more in the Christian ministry were the guests of the Pension Fund Committee for breakfast. The informal program featured introductions of those present and greetings from the Pension Fund Committee leaders. The wonderful hour was climaxed with a heart warming message by Dr. W. J. Appel who will be celebrating his 50th anniversary of ordination in the Christian ministry in 1965.

BEHIND THE SCENES IN SACRAMENTO

CONFERENCE PACKETS. More than 2000 Conference Packets were filled by a large group of young people from NAB churches under the direction of Rev. Walter Berkan of Elk Grove, Calif., on Saturday, July 11. These packets contained 15 important pieces of literature including the souvenir program and hymnal, the official volume of Conference Reports, and



DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DISPLAY

By means of posters, pictures and literature, the Department of Christian Education announced its objectives and program, prepared by the Department's Directors: Rev. G. K. Zimmerman (left to right), Miss Ruth Bathauer and Rev. John Binder.

leaflets about Sacramento and vicinity. It was one of the best and most informative Conference Packets ever distributed.

CONFERENCE OFFICE. One of the busiest places in the Memorial Auditorium was the section assigned to the General Conference Office with Miss Mary Leypoldt and Rev. David J. Draewell in charge. Mrs. Len Fischer and Mrs. Louis Pryor of Lodi, Calif., members of the Temple Baptist Church, in addition to Miss Katie Michelson of the headquarters office in Forest Park, Ill., served long hours in this office taking care of important business items and typing tasks.

FIRST AID ROOM. One of the most important, even though little known, rooms was the First Aid Room with Mrs. Helen Bosserman, R.N., in charge. She is the Director of Nursing Services for the American Red Cross, Sacramento Chapter, at 1300 G Street, Sacramento. She and her staff were kept busy with minor bruises and ailments, but otherwise no serious accidents or illness was reported during the Conference Week. Thanks to all the nurses and assistants from the Local Chapter of the American Red Cross for their volunteer services in providing this First Aid Station!

REV. W. S. ARGOW. The honor for having attended the most General Conference sessions goes to Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa., who attended his first Conference as a young man in 1895 and who has been at almost every General Conference since that time from 1904 to 1964 as a pastor and delegate. He spoke prior to the General Conference offering received on Wednesday evening, July 15, and urged the people to make "a silent offering" to the glory of God. "Ask not what the denomination can do for you," he said, "but ask what you can do for your denomination."

ABOUT 200 CHILDREN were kept busy and occupied during the General

Conference sessions by the leaders of the Nursery Committee with Mrs. Edna Schulz as chairman and by the Children's Recreation and Service Committee with Mrs. Audrey Hoff as chairman. The older children heard stories by the missionaries, went on interesting trips in Sacramento, worked at various projects, and took part attentively in the well arranged programs. This was "a miniature conference" in session with the children enjoying themselves as future conference leaders!

CONFERENCE SIDELIGHTS

A sightseeing trip through Sacramento was arranged for Wednesday afternoon that had been set aside for this purpose. Three bus loads of Conference visitors went to Sutter's Fort, the Indian Museum, Crocker Art Gallery, William Land Park, Sacramento Junior College, the Redevelopment Area of the city, Sacramento State College, the Capitol Grounds and building, ending with a specially arranged tour of the Governor's offices. The General Conference Picnic at William Land Park on Saturday afternoon was a welcome time of relaxation and fellowship in a quiet, picturesque place.

The attractive General Conference Programs of 36 pages were printed with the compliments of the Baptist Life Association with its headquarters office at 1321 Kensington Avenue, Buffalo, New York. These lovely Conference souvenir programs will remind us in months and years to come of the mountain top experiences in Sacramento. Mr. Gerhard Panke, general manager, and Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, president of the Baptist Life Association, were very gracious in making this program possible. Additional copies in a limited quantity are available as souvenirs which will be sent to you in response to your requests.

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A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 20, 1964

Theme: **THE PEOPLE DEMAND A KING**

Scripture: **I Samuel 10:17-25**

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: We are often more interested in the ruler of our nation than in the ruler of our heart.

INTRODUCTION: Good government is important if a country is to be a great and mighty nation. This was the weakness of Israel for many years after Moses and Joshua had died. Of the many judges who ruled, there were only a few who proved to be strong and effective. Samuel, although imperfect, he was called of God to be a judge. This was the right procedure. But he took the liberty of appointing his sons judges when it should have been God who should do the appointing. Like most fathers he did not like to be reminded of his sons' sinfulness and corruption. Some of the blame for Israel's desire for a king must also be put upon Samuel.

On the other hand, Israel came to the place where they sought status with the nations around them. This tendency led to national pride and in the process God was often forgotten. Israel was to be separate and distinct; not like the nations around them.

I. GOD'S PLACE IN THE KINGDOM. I Samuel 10:17-18

It may be that when the delegation came to Samuel and requested a king that he interpreted this as an insult to himself. All of his life he had served Israel, and now that he was advanced in years he felt he was being cast aside. When he sincerely took this request to the Lord, he was persuaded that the actual rejection centered on God and not on him. They desired a king who would "go out before us, and fight our battles" (I Sam. 8:20). This is what the Lord had done up to the present time. (See Exodus 14:14; Deut. 1:30; 20:4). God's leading and guiding was now in jeopardy.

II. THE REJECTION OF GOD AS KING. I Samuel 10:19

Samuel used strong and direct language when once he was sure of God's will. It was not an answer that was lightly given. He took the request him seriously to God in prayer. But he also had to remind them of the demands a king will make. Taxation to support a royal family will be great; their sons and daughters will serve in

the royal household; the best of the vineyards and land will be the property of the king. Yet their insistence was adamant. Their faith in God was substituted for faith in a king.

III. THE SECOND BEST CHOICE. I Samuel 10:20-25.

The story of the choice of Saul as king may be a little puzzling and conflicting when the two accounts of his appointment are read. Chapters nine and ten should be included in our study. Saul was finally chosen as king upon the insistence of the people, but not because this was in the best plan of God. However, he made a good impression. Physically he was the tallest man in Israel. He was obedient to God. He had the qualities of leadership. He was humble. As a military leader he won some decisive victories early in his career. Samuel assured Saul of his full support but at the same time made him recognize his dependence upon God.

Questions for Discussion:

1. How does God use us in spite of our imperfections?
2. What was the difference between the weaknesses of Samuel and those of Saul?
3. What proverb would be applicable to Saul's life? Proverbs 16:8; 29:23.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 27, 1964

Theme: **THE SAVING DEEDS OF THE LORD**

Scripture: **I Samuel 12:6-15**

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: When we see God's guiding hand in the past, and experience it in the present, then we can be assured for the future.

INTRODUCTION: We now come to the end of our Old Testament studies based on the early history of the Hebrews, beginning with Joseph in Egypt and culminating with the organization of Israel as a kingdom under Saul. This particular period goes over a span of many hundreds of years. Our history in North America is very young compared to that of the Hebrews.

Throughout all the years of struggle and growth and victory, as well as defeat, God's guiding hand becomes evident repeatedly. It is possible to see the unfolding of God's redemptive purpose as well as the responsibilities which God's plan imposes upon us as the opportunities which are offered to all of his children.

The saving deeds of the Lord are a

clear reminder of what God has done in the past and of what he is doing in the present. With this strong assurance of his concern in the past and present, we ought to face the future with the full knowledge that he will be with us.

I. GOD'S SAVING DEEDS IN THE PAST. I Samuel 12:6-8.

The beginning of the chapter is important because Samuel gave a wonderful testimony as to his character during his leadership as a judge in Israel. His record of honest and faithful service was established in the hearing of all the people.

The prophet is careful to begin by giving God the glory in the advancement of Israel from bondage to freedom. It was the Lord who spared, preserved, and appointed Moses to lead Israel out of slavery. God did it for them when they were helpless and without hope. The righteousness of God stands out in sharp contrast to Israel's unrighteousness.

II. MAN'S MISDEEDS. I Samuel 12:9.

It seems strange that it should be so easy to forget God. Israel even forgot the consequences, no matter how tragic. To this day it is difficult to learn a lasting lesson from the experiences of others or even from our own experiences. Sin and its subsequent consequences did not deter Israel from making the same mistake the next time. The Psalmist said, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:2).

III. THE CONDITIONS OF RECEIVING GOD'S BLESSINGS. I Samuel 12:10-15.

A humble and contrite heart is necessary. To confess sin is the first step in establishing a right relationship with God. When Israel forgot God they sinned. However, God did not forget them. But he did permit them to be oppressed because this was the only way that would help them to remember the Lord again.

The fact that God continued his saving deeds, even when Israel chose a king, is evidence of his great love and mercy. He never forsook them even though they strayed from him repeatedly.

Questions for Discussion:

1. What are the main lessons to be learned from this early history of Israel?
2. Why should it be so difficult to remain faithful to God?
3. What forms of backsliding are evident in our churches today?

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

BETHEL, ANAHEIM, CALIF. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Quast of Anaheim, Calif., were honored July 26 on their 50th wedding anniversary by an Open House reception given by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Boettcher and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quast at the Boettcher residence. Congratulations were received from 188 guests. Refreshments, accenting the golden motif, were served by Mrs. Phyllis Chiles and the Misses Elaine Boettcher and Doreen Quast, granddaughters. Joe and Dora Quast were married July 9, 1914, in the 15th Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles (now Inglewood Knolls Church of Inglewood) by Rev. J. Merkel. For 48 years as Bethel Baptist Church members, they have faithfully performed the duties of many church offices with a dedicated loyalty to the Lord's glory. Many visiting missionaries have fellowshipped and dined in their Christian home. (Ruth Mellen, Reporter).



MR. AND MRS. JOE QUAST of Anaheim, California who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 26

GRACE, CALGARY, ALTA. On Sunday afternoon, July 5, friends and members of the Grace Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta held a farewell for Rev. and Mrs. A. Janz and family. We look back on their two years with us as a fruitful ministry. The best wishes were extended to them by our neighboring churches and various departments of our church, as they rejoin the Janz Evangelistic Team in Europe. On Sunday, July 19, it was a happy occasion to have our new pastor, Rev. C. Enns, with his family of the Janz Evangelistic Team begin his ministry with us. Our deacon, Mr. E. Bettcher, gave the official welcome to the pastor and family. (Mrs. Edith Riske, Reporter).

WILLOW RANCHO, SACRAMENTO. Rev. Eric Kuhn concluded four years of service as pastor of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., on Sunday, July 26. In grateful recognition of his consecrated ministry, members and friends gathered for a farewell service Sunday evening. Sincere and worthy tributes were expressed by representatives of the Sunday school, C. B. Y., the pastor's Sunday school class, the Woman's Missionary Society, the Men's Brotherhood, and the Board of Deacons. Representatives of several N. A. B. churches in the area, the Northern Calif. Ministerial Association, and others voiced their commendations and thanks to Brother Kuhn for the joy and fellowship they had experienced in working with him. A Danish-modern wall clock with matching sconces was presented to the pastor and his family by the church, and many other gifts

richest blessings as they establish their new home in Portland, Oregon, where Rev. Eric Kuhn assumed his new duties on August 1 as superintendent and chaplain of the Baptist Home for the Aged. (Mrs. James Gossen, Reporter).

special events

TRINITY, WARREN, MICH. We, the members of Trinity Baptist Church of Warren, Mich., through the years have heard many missionaries from different parts of the world. On July 5 we had the unique opportunity of hearing two men who heard the Gospel for the first time through missionaries working in Africa. Mr. Andrew Wambari Gichuha gave his testimony and told of the need for teachers and doctors in Africa. Mr. Gichuha is himself a teacher and God has used him to influence many children for Christ, including those of his own family. Rev. Corneille Balonge preached the morning message and took as his text the Parable of the Good Samaritan. He emphasized the fact that the doors had not closed for preaching the Gospel in the Congo and also stressed the desperate need for teachers, doctors and nurses. Rev. Corneille Balonge is president of the Africa Inland Church in Congo. (Mrs. Clarence Wheeler, Reporter).

evangelistic services & baptisms

FLEISCHMANN, PHILADELPHIA, PA. On Sunday, July 5th, nineteen persons were added to the congregation of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Eight of those who were added to our membership were baptized the previous Sunday evening, and the remaining who had been baptized previously were accepted into the membership



Nineteen new members received into the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., by baptism and letter and on confession. Rev. E. A. Hoffmann, pastor, is at the center, rear row.

by letter and confession of faith. We rejoice with our pastor, Rev. E. A. Hoffmann, who has been diligently praying and seeking out souls for the Savior's work throughout the neighborhood by tireless visits, along with the support of the congregation. At our baptismal service on the last Sunday in June, one entire family—the Ray household—was baptized, which included father, mother, two sons, and their daughter. This was indeed a joyous occasion and a blessing for our congregation who witnessed an entire family acclaim the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and a joyous event for the family who witnessed to the congregation of their faith in Christ through baptism. (Ray Noll, Reporter).

VACATION SCHOOLS

MARTIN, N. DAK. The Martin Baptist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches of Martin, N. Dak., held a Union Vacation Bible School from May 25 to 29 at the Martin Public School. With a total enrollment of 73, each day began at 9:00 A.M. and concluded at 3:00 P.M. A special mission offering was received. The closing program was presented at the school auditorium on Sunday evening, May 31. May the precious truths taught to these children fall on fruitful ground and bring lost souls to our Lord and Savior! (Mrs. Wesley W. Michelson, Reporter).

FIRST, EMERY, S. DAK. The First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., held its Vacation Bible School from May 25 to June 5. On the preceding Sunday evening, a dedication service for teachers and officers was conducted. The facilities of our new church

added much to the joy and success of the school. The school was under the leadership of Mrs. Leland Friesen and Mrs. Jake Roskens, assisted by 32 teachers. There was an enrollment of 129 and an average attendance of 124. One young person made a profession of faith in Christ. The offering project was for a \$114.65 lawn mower for the Indian Bull Reserve in Alberta. The total offering was \$159. (Mrs. Walter Heitzman, Reporter).

KILLALOE, ONTARIO. The Calvary and First Baptist Churches, Killaloe, Ontario, held a combined Vacation Bible School from June 29 to July 3. The average daily attendance was 73 pupils and 17 teachers. The total enrollment was 77. The group was divided into four classes. Four decisions were made for Christ. The daily offerings amounting to \$33.51 were designated for the Indian Mission work in Alberta. The overwhelming success of our school was due to the expert guidance by our interim pastor, Rev. E. W. Klatt, and the hard working director, Mrs. Orville Kuehl. (Lynne Felhaber, Reporter).

JAMESBURG, N. J. A capacity enrollment of 116 at our Vacation Bible School this year was an encouraging experience for the teachers and the First Baptist Church in Jamesburg, N. J. With a staff of 21 teachers and helpers directed by our pastor, Rev. Arthur W. Boymook, our school was energetically engaged for two weeks in "Making Time Count For Christ." Each year a special project is chosen for the daily offerings brought by the children. This year a Korean Orphan was adopted by the name of Choi Hong Il to which the

children readily gave their offering. The amount of \$100 was received which is sufficient to care for this orphan for a period of ten months. The children were delighted to share in this mission work in a very practical way.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

SASK. WOMAN'S SOCIETIES. The annual Fellowship Tea of the Fenwood, Springside, Yorkton and Ebenezer Woman's Missionary Societies of Saskatchewan was held on June 17 with the women of the Ebenezer Missionary Society as host. There were 125 ladies present. A program on the theme, "Women Living Abundantly for Christ," was rendered. Mrs. Paul Dregger brought a tribute to the Missionary Mothers who are members of the above mentioned churches. Afterwards the ladies were invited to the church parlor for the Fellowship Tea on the topic, "Missionary Birthday Party." A report was given on each of the missionaries who is serving on the mission field. (Mrs. Donald Neibrandt, Reporter).

YOUTH CAMP

NORTHERN MANITOBA CAMP. The Northern Manitoba Junior Camp with 62 campers and teachers was held at Wellman Lake, near Minitonas, Man., during the last week in July. Scripture Press material was effectively used in four classes by Rev. H. Bushkowsky, Mr. Wm. Rentz, and two C. T. I. students, Myrna Haller and Deloras Neher. Camp manager was Mr. Walter Bures and camp dean and director was Rev. H. A. Pohl. Missionary Wm. Rentz brought Africa near to the hearts of all campers, and at one evening service Miss Rose Eisner reported about life among the Eskimos in the Canadian North. Nine campers accepted Christ as Savior. On Sunday afternoon about 300 people assembled for the closing program at the tabernacle to praise God for "great things." (Rev. H. A. Pohl, Reporter).

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IT WAS IN SACRAMENTO

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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, governor of the State of California, sent his personal welcome to the 34th General Conference in these words:

"It is an honor, on behalf of the people of California, to welcome the 34th North American Baptist General Conference to California and to our beautiful Capital City. The people of this country look to you, the official representatives of one of this country's great religious denominations, for example and for leadership during these fast-moving and troubled times. My sincere best wishes for a successful meeting."

A total of 100 persons from the Sacramento, Lodi, Elk Grove and Stockton churches served on the various General Conference committees which had made such superb preparations for the sessions. The general chairman, Mr. Arnold L. Mauch of Sacramento, and Rev. Aaron Buhler of Lodi, co-chairman, along with their committee chairmen and members are to be congratulated on a big job that was done with remarkable smoothness and with amazing efficiency.

The Prayer Room set aside in the Little Theatre Hall of the Memorial Auditorium was frequently used by Conference visitors in the midst of hectic days and busy activities. Rev. J. C. Schweitzer of Vancouver, B. C., was in charge of the room. Many others undergirded the Conference sessions with their prayers offered during personal meditations in the hotel rooms and at the sessions. The early morning meditations were conducted in a fervent spirit of prayer.

Even from a distance, the large pulpit on the Memorial Auditorium stage was most impressive. It was a work of art especially built for the Conference sessions by Ken Schroeder who as a custom furniture maker did all the woodwork, with George Corrington assisted by Harvey Wiebe preparing the mechanical features. These men are members of the Temple Church of Lodi. The pulpit had mechanisms which enabled the Conference leader to raise or lower the lectern and to press buttons for various signals. This fine, worshipful pulpit, valued at \$400 to \$500, was to be donated to some worthy ministry after the Conference sessions.

Among the busiest people prior to and during the General Conference days was Rev. Walter Berkan, chairman of the Registration and Housing Committee, and members of this committee. Miss Theodora G. Wuttke, co-chairman of this committee, had passed away on March 30, 1964, and her memory was honored during the Conference. This Registration and Housing Committee rendered a herculean job with efficiency and dispatch and with the praise of all Conference visitors.

Obituary

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

MRS. LYDIA DONAT

of Streeter, North Dakota
Mrs. Lydia Donat, nee Grenz, of Streeter, N. Dak., was born on March 18, 1896 near Ventura, N. Dak. In 1906, her parents, the Gottfried Grenz's, moved to the Streeter area. She was united in marriage to John Donat on March 23, 1918. Mrs. Donat made her home in this area for the last 58 years. Death came unexpectedly on July 11th due to a blood clot. She had been converted to Christ before moving into Streeter in 1938. After moving into the city, she was baptized and united with the Baptist Church.
She is survived by her husband, John; two daughters: Mrs. Walter G. Dockter of Jamestown; and Mrs. Arthur J. Dockter of Streeter; also by one sister, Mrs. Katie Rivinius of Streeter; and two brothers: Ferdinand Grenz of Medina, N. Dak.; and Ausef Grenz of Lockford, Calif.
First Baptist Church
Streeter, North Dakota
A. J. BORCHARDT, Pastor

MR. AUGUST HEINLE

of Hebron, North Dakota
Mr. August Heinle of Hebron, N. Dak., was born southwest of Glen Ullin, N. Dak., Feb. 24, 1895 and was reared and educated in this area. As a youth, he personally surrendered to Christ in conversion. Rev. Rummel baptized him on confession of his saving faith in 1917, and extended to him the hand of fellowship of the Antelope Baptist Church. After his discharge in 1918 from the United States Army, he returned to Hebron. He joined in holy wedlock with Emma Fischer Feb. 1, 1921. Three children were born to this union. He farmed until 1940, when he moved to Hebron, also transferring his church membership to the First Baptist Church of Hebron.
Ailing with a heart condition for five years, he succumbed to a heart attack June 30th, having reached the age of 69 years, 4 months and 6 days. Surviving are his wife, Emma; one son, Milton of Fitchburg, Mass.; a daughter, Irene Miller of Glen Ullin, N. Dak.; 9 grandchildren; 4 brothers: Theophil and Walter of Glen Ullin; Christ of Hebron; Ted of Bismarck; and one sister, Mrs. Carl Heinle of Woodworth, N. Dak.
First Baptist Church
Hebron, North Dakota
ERVIN J. FAUL, Pastor

MR. FREDERICK K. SCHROEDER

of Vancouver, British Columbia
Mr. Frederick Kolert Schroeder of Vancouver, B. C., was born on April 23, 1888 in Klein Kupke, Wolynten, Russia. In 1904 he immigrated with his parents to Canada, taking up residence in Winnipeg. Three years later the family moved to North Dakota and in 1909 they again moved to Janzen, Sask. Mr. Schroeder was married to Natalia Rienas in 1913 at which time he began homesteading in Biggar, Sask., where he remained till he moved to Dauphin, Man. in 1937. In 1943 he moved to Chilliwack, B. C. His first wife passed away in 1946 and on March 6, 1947 he was married to Hulda Wilchinsky, nee Echert, and took up residence in Vancouver, B. C. He accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of 24. He served his Lord in whatever

NEXT ISSUE

"Christian Education Number" for the observance of Christian Education Week, Sept. 27 to Oct. 4, in all of our churches. "The God's Volunteer Program for Cameron" will be described by Missionary Ben Lawrence.

capacity he could, being deacon of the Janzen Church and also the Chilliwack Church of which he was a charter member. He died on July 12, 1964 at the age of 77. His passing is mourned by his wife, Hilda; one son, Frederick Almer; 3 daughters: Mrs. Elsie Ratke, Mrs. Myrtle Schenkel and Mrs. Irene Fishbook, all of Chilliwack, B. C.; 3 brothers; 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. The memorial service was held in the Ebenezer Baptist Church of which he was a member for 17 years. Rev. J. T. McNair and the undersigned participated in the service.
Ebenezer Baptist Church
Vancouver, British Columbia
ERNE ROGALSKI, Correspondent

MRS. GEORGIA L. RASMUSSEN

of Dallas, Oregon
Mrs. Georgia L. Rasmussen of Dallas, Oregon was born Nov. 18, 1920 at Dallas died July 26 at the age of 43 years. She lived nearly all of her life in the Buell Area near the Salt Creek Church. As a young girl she frequently attended the harmony Sunday School. From 1943 to 1945 she served in the U. S. Women's Army Corps. On Jan. 10, 1948 she was united in marriage to Max Rasmussen. Her membership in the Salt Creek Baptist Church was established in 1959 when she was baptized and received into the fellowship.
Her love for children and spiritual concern caused her to go out of her way to help many to attend Sunday School, V.B.S., and church services. Her most fervent prayer was answered when the Lord enabled her to give birth to twin daughters a little over a year ago. Survivors include her husband, Max Rasmussen; 14 month-old twin daughters Marilyn Grace and Mary Eloise; ten year old adopted son, James; a foster son, Elmer Dickman; a sister, Mary Fletcher of Salem; a brother, Kenneth Stewart, Myrtle Point; and two aunts, Mrs. Emma Seth, Sheridan, and Mrs. Otto Nelson, Portland.
Salt Creek Baptist Church
Dallas, Oregon
C. H. WALTH, Pastor

MRS. WILHELMINA KNAPP

of Bismarck, North Dakota
Mrs. Wilhelmina Noweck Knapp of Bismarck, N. Dak., was born in Germany on July 9, 1882 and was called to her heavenly Home on July 25, 1964 at the age of 82 years and 16 days. She came to Buffalo, N. Y., in 1888 with her parents and family. At the age of 18 she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized at Buffalo, New York. She was united in marriage with Charles M. Knapp in Buffalo, N. Y., on Sept. 12, 1907. She was a faithful companion and fine co-worker as a pastor's wife and served with him in the following churches: Baltimore, Maryland; Pekin, Ill.; Ashley, N. Dak.; Baileyville, Ill.; Wausau, Wis.; Hutchinson, Minn.; Wishek, N. Dak.; Hebron, N. Dak.; Rosenfeldt, N. Dak.; and as matron of the Home for the Aged in Bismarck.
Mr. and Mrs. Knapp retired to Salem, Oregon in 1948, and in 1963 came to Bismarck to become guests at the Baptist Home. She leaves three children: Esther (Mrs. Ernest W. Herr), Wishek, N. Dak.; Marcella (Mrs. George Seitz), Hempstead, N. Y.; and Charles M. Jr., Seattle, Wash.; three sisters; one brother; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Interment was in the Belcrest Memorial Gardens, Salem, Oregon.
Bismarck, North Dakota
HENRY LANG, Officiating Minister

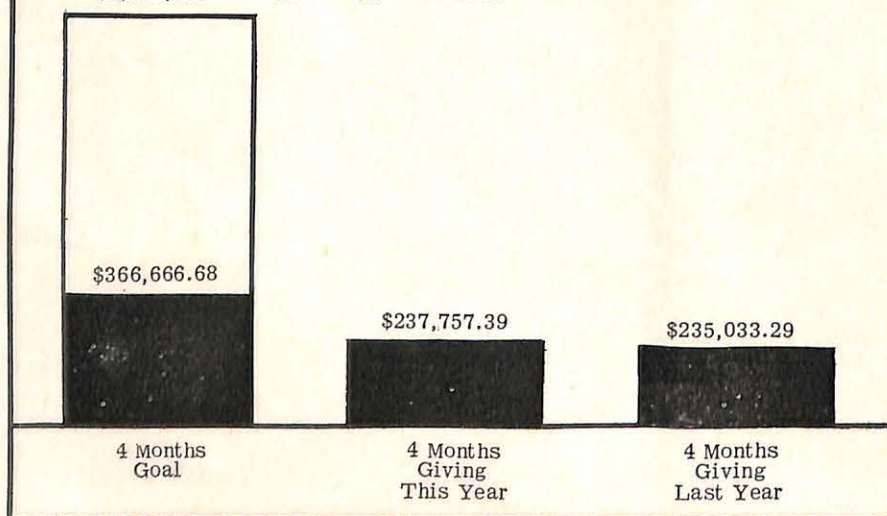
MRS. CAROLINA FINCK

of Tyndall, South Dakota
Mrs. Carolina Finck, nee Rueb, of Tyndall, S. Dak., was born near Tyndall, March 10, 1893 and died July 18, 1964 attaining the age of 71 years, 4 months and 8 days. On Jan. 23, 1913 she was united in marriage to the late Jacob Finck. This union was blessed with 3 daughters and 2 sons: Ida (Mrs. Eldon Voigt) of Tyndall, S. D.; Irene (Mrs. James Sheffield) of Rapid City, S. D.; and Elenora (Mrs. Elenora Bitterman) of Avon, S. D.; and Irwin and Calvin of Tyndall, S. D. These and 3 sisters survive her: Christina (Mrs. Jacob Schuh) of El Nido, Calif.; Mrs. Jacob Gross, Cleveland, N. D. and Mrs. Pauline Meyer of Huron, S. D. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.
She was converted and baptized in 1907 and united with the Tyndall Baptist Church and was a faithful member here for over 50 years. In 1958 she transferred her membership to the Avon Baptist Church. Because her pastor, Rev. P. J. Wiens, was away on vacation, the undersigned was asked to conduct the memorial service at the Avon Baptist Church, July 20. Burial took place at the Tyndall cemetery in the family plot.
Tyndall and Avon, S. Dak.
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