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**Twin Rocks Along
the Picturesque Ore-
gon Coast, Near the
Site of the Young
People's Assembly of
the Oregon Y. P. and
S. S. W. Union.**

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What's Happening

The Rev. Benjamin Schlipf, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Bismarck, N. D., baptized two persons on confession of their faith in Christ on Sunday, Sept. 6. They were received into the fellowship of the church at the communion service which followed.

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The Rev. August Heringer, a retired minister of our denomination residing in Ashley, N. D., left for Oregon at the beginning of October to spend the winter months with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Haas, near Dallas, Oregon. Mrs. Haas is teaching in the Salt Creek community.

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On Sunday, Sept. 6, the Rev. F. W. Bartel, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Avon, S. D., baptized five persons and received them into the fellowship of the church. The church served as host to the South Dakota Association from Sept. 23 to 27 which was attended by many delegates and visitors from the South Dakota churches.

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Mr. Richard Blandau, son of the Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Blandau of Puyallup, Wash., is a graduate student at Brown University in Providence, R. I., where he is continuing his studies leading toward a Masters Degree in the department of biology. He is a member of the German Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., of which the Rev. George Lang is pastor.

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The Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Nokomis, Saskatchewan, Canada, has resigned his charge and has begun his new service on October 9 as missionary among the Russian Baptists of North Dakota. He is under the appointment of the state convention in cooperation with the Home Mission Society of the Northern Baptist Convention. He and his family will reside in Max, N. D.

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On Sunday evening, Sept. 27, the B. Y. P. U. of Berlin, N. D., held its anniversary with a program of recitations, dialogues and musical numbers. A large attendance of friends was present for the festive occasion. On the preceding Sunday evening, Sept. 20, the Women's Missionary Society of the same church held its anniversary program. The Rev. A. Krombein is pastor of the church, serving also the nearby Fredonia church.

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At the annual business meeting of the German Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago, Ill., held in June the Rev. E. R. Lengfeld, pastor of the Englewood Baptist Church, was elected president of the Home's society. He is also acting at present in part time service as superin-

tendent of the Home for the Aged, engaged in an intensive campaign in Chicago and vicinity to deepen the interest of German Baptists in the Home and to provide for several necessary renovations.

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The Rev. W. S. Argow is serving as supply pastor of the Calvary and First German Baptist Churches of Killaloe, Ontario, Canada, during the months of September and October. The Calvary Baptist Church, located in the city of Killaloe, was reorganized as an independent church at the Eastern Conference held at Arnprior from August 19 to 23.

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The newly elected officers of the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union of the Southwestern Conference held at La Salle, Colorado, from August 15 to 16 are as follows: Gustave Gabelman of Lincoln, Kansas, president; Robert Meyer of La Salle, Colo., vice-president; Gladys Brenner of Junction City, Kansas, secretary, and Alvin Zeckner of Woodbine, Kansas, treasurer. The sessions of the young people's program at the Southwestern Conference were well attended by the young people.

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On Sunday, Sept. 13, the Rev. Phil. Potzner, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Elberta, Alabama, since July 1, baptized five adults on confession of their faith in Christ. The Sunday School attendance on the same Sunday was 95. The services of the church are very well attended. The new church building, recently dedicated, and the diligent ministry of the pastor and his wife have deepened the interest of the entire community in the work and message of the German Baptist church there.

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On Friday evening, Sept. 18, the B. Y. P. U. of the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., held its anniversary with the Rev. I. Westhouse, pastor of the neighboring People's Congregational Church, as guest speaker. During the program held that evening the newly elected officers of the Young People's Society were installed. They are Agnes Steinbring, president; Thomas Ferguson, vice-president; Marion Novak, secretary; and Violet Petersen, treasurer. The Rev. A. Ittermann is pastor of the church.

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The Rev. C. A. Daniel of Detroit, Mich., has recently entered upon part time service under the auspices of the Detroit Mission to Lepers in securing new contacts in Protestant churches of Detroit for the mission. He is serving without receiving any salary from mission funds. There are 195 mission sta-

tions in 46 different countries which receive support or aid through some branch of the American Mission to Lepers which render an invaluable physical and spiritual ministry to a large number of the three million lepers in the world of today.

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The B. Y. P. U. of the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Elmo, Kansas, has recently used the "Special Denominational Issue" of "The Baptist Herald" as a study course, according to the pastor of the church, the Rev. John Broeder. On Tuesday evening, Sept. 1, the B. Y. P. U. gave a program featuring the play, "The Greatest of These is Love," and a large missionary offering was received. On Sunday, Sept. 13, the play was repeated by the Ebenezer young people in our church at Durham, Kansas where it was very favorably received.

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On Monday evening, Aug. 31, the German Baptist Churches of Springside and Homestead held a farewell service and reception for Mr. Walter Stein, student at the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., who had served the churches so ably during the summer months. Because of Mr. Stein's interest in the youth of the churches and the organizing of a B. Y. P. U. at Homestead, the service was in charge of the young people. Many expressions of esteem and gratitude were spoken by representatives of the church after which Mr. Stein responded with a beautiful message of farewell.

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A Fathers' and Sons' banquet was held on Tuesday evening, Sept. 15, by the Immanuel Brotherhood of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis. In spite of inclement weather there was a response of 45 men and their sons who participated in a delicious supper pre-

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THE message of the gospel of Jesus Christ finds many highways, upon which it reaches the hearts of men and women. Sermons have pro-

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claimed that "good news" with great persuasiveness in almost every city and hamlet of the world. Tracts have rendered their quiet ministry in the hidden places of life, making known the redeeming grace of God. Prayers have been the golden cord, binding hearts around the entire world with heaven. Christian books have brought many readers to an understanding of God's truths. But a simple gospel song, which seems to echo the heavenly music of angels, has often opened more hearts to Christ as Savior and brought more souls to the foot of the Cross than any other religious ministry.

Such Christian hymns and gospel songs are constantly enriching our lives. Their strains are the portal into the happiness which those share who as co-laborers of God help to build his Kingdom. Their words and music are a soothing comfort to the bereaved, who stand at the open grave, sorrowing over the death of a loved one. Their stirring notes challenge the youth of our churches "to stand up for Jesus," even amidst adverse circumstances and strenuous testing times. Their melodies prepare our hearts for worship until in the garden of prayer One walks with us and talks to us and tells us we are his own.

How much we owe to those noble men and women whose lives were touched by the spirit of God so that they were privileged to give us these treasures of song with their spiritual magic of melody! The time might come when the history of the Reformation might be almost forgotten but the majestic hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," will never die. Charles Wesley will always be known more widely for his hymn, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," than for his efforts in helping to inaugurate a great evangelical movement. Fanny Crosby, Philip P. Bliss and Frances Ridley Havergal are already immortalized in the annals of

time because of their songs which have found an echo in human hearts everywhere.

Some phases of worship are often neglected by us in our churches, and we are the losers thereby. We fail to enter into the depths of truth of some hymns because we are not acquainted with the story of their birth, how they came to be written amidst the travail of anguish and sorrow. Have you ever caught yourself singing some song without understanding nor following the words? The hypocrisy of such meaningless singing of mere notes is certainly worse than the pitiful Buddhist prayer wheels. The half-hearted and ponderous movement of some congregational singing can never be to the glory of God. But the singing of a single hymn, whose story is known to one, whose words are followed with prayerful concern, whose music peals from one's lips with joyous fervency, will leave a divine benediction transcending all other blessings in a service of worship.

Singing is the emotional expression of thoughts and truths which are treasured deeply in one's heart. It is most hearty and sincere whenever meaningful associations in one's experience and with the lives of others come to mind as one sings the hymn. Such associations increase in significance as one enters intelligently into the background and story of the church's hymns.

This issue of "The Baptist Herald" enables the reader to state his or her preference for five favorite hymns or songs. On page 331 the reader will find a questionnaire, by which it is hoped we shall learn which are the most beloved hymns in our churches. The answers will serve as a basis for several articles, later to appear in "The Baptist Herald," which will interpret the story and message of these favorite hymns. Send in your vote at once as well as that of other members of your family or church.

Melody has a magic all of its own. Its touch is inspiring. Its benediction is divine. He who follows the example of the Psalmist by "serving the Lord with gladness and coming before his presence with singing" will join the most blessed company of life's pilgrims.

The African Rain Maker

The author of this interesting and instructive article, who is known to many in our denomination because of his studies at the German Baptist Seminary and his brief ministries in our churches at Bridgeport, Conn., and South Chicago, Ill., is at present pastor of the German Baptist Church of Berlin, South Africa.

By the REV. LOUIS BAIER of Berlin, Capetown Province, South Africa

IT is now raining for the third day. I am sitting at my writing desk. Outside the wind is moaning and sighing. The trees at my window are swaying, and from time to time shaking off the surplus water in showers of big drops. On my window screen the raindrops keep rolling, rolling down.

Yesterday a visitor from a distant land arrived at our home—not a stranger, but a dear old friend, "The Baptist Herald." This is a most welcome friend here on this quiet and distant fringe of civilization, always new, interesting, instructive, ever better! Besides other news, we also read the further news of Paul and Clara Gebauer's departure for their mission field in Africa.

Lately we returned from a 1,400 mile trip to Capetown, the main port and gateway to South Africa, where we had our annual Baptist assembly this year. Capetown is absolutely unique, a marvel and a beauty spot on this planet of ours. The city lies in a semi-circle on the shore of Table Bay, backed by Table Mountain rising abruptly some three thousand feet high. I was up on Table Mountain, and looking down upon the city the sky-scrapers appeared like mere ant hills! What are the achievements of man compared to the mighty works of God! All about Table Mountain are the most wonderful natural rockeries, a veritable paradise of flora. What a great variety and abundance of flowers and plants! Only the One great, divine Artist can produce such profusion and beauty.

Hardly had we left Capetown, going inland, we came to the desolate Capeflats where only a few shrubs and slender trees manage to grow because of the brack soil. Most of South Africa has been built in terraces, and this largely accounts for many of the great contrasts which one meets by traveling only a few more miles inland, or vice versa. You can go up and through a mountain pass and you are on a different plateau and surrounded by a new world. Passing through the Capeflats we started to climb to the next terrace, and as we climbed the landscape improved and we saw wheat field upon wheat field. Soon we were through a mountain pass and in a new world, the rich and beautiful fruit-belt of the Cape. In a few hours more we came through the famous Hex River Valley, where irrigation is the only salvation of the farmer. Then we went through another mountain pass and, behold, we were in the desert, called the Carroo. All this in only a half a day.

Along the Garden Route

For the rest of the day we saw nothing but the sun, blue sky, hills and stones, here and there a few small dry shrubs and a few shaggy goats. We slept that night in an up-to-date hotel in a little village far off in the desert, but God was there as well as on State and Madison streets in Chicago, and, somehow, seemed such nearer. We also heard some music that evening, coming at that minute from somewhere in New York, which jarred on my nerves for it seemed to be out of place. With day-break we were off, headed for the coast. By noon we had gone through a most majestic, awe inspiring mountain gorge and climbed a zigzag road up a mountain side over a thousand feet high and then down, down to the next lower terrace and a new world. Here we first had a look at the famous Cango Caves, the mammoth caves of South Africa, and then headed for home along the famous Garden Route of the South Coast district with its great forests and hillsides and roadsides covered with the most beautiful flowers.

We stopped and picked a few, a big sack full of mountain roses. I have measured one of these flowers and it measured eleven inches across from petal to petal. It is of a most delicate pink color and has a very unique, beautiful form. The mountain rose bushes are from two to ten feet high. Just try to imagine the hillsides and roadsides covered with these bushes of various colors besides many other flowers.

But Africa is not all flowers. We have here not only great contrasts but also great extremes. It is still raining. All this year we had good rains in our districts. We are in the so-called rain belt, but even here we often get no real rain for four or even eight months. This accounts for the great importance of the rain maker. Of course, we Christians believe only in the One divine "Rain Maker," who sends the sunshine and the rain. But the heathen, the superstitious natives, have their human rain makers who profess to have the power of bringing rain by invoking or propitiating certain spirits and by performing certain mystic rites, which often are not only mystic but wicked, criminal and diabolic. Naturally, a country in which there are frequent droughts and a superstitious race dependent on its herds and scanty corn crops is an ideal environment for the human rain maker. Here are two examples of the African rain makers' mischief.

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Rain Makers' Mischief

In the Transkei district, not far from here, there there was a severe drought some time ago. The corn had dried up, the cattle had begun to die and even the drinking water had become scarce and bad. The natives appealed for help to their rain maker. He received their presents, performed certain rites, but the rain did not come. They appealed again. He received the presents, performed some more tricks and got in touch with the spirits. And this is what he claimed the spirits had told him. His rites were not effective because of a certain man, and so long as this man lived the rains could not come. Then he named the man. Now this was a terrible thing for the poor man who was named, who, by the way, happened to be at odds with the rain maker. Had he been a rich man he might possibly have persuaded the rain maker or the spirits that they had made a mistake somewhere, and another man would then probably have been named. But as it was, this poor man soon died, and then the drought broke and it rained and rained, as it only can rain in Africa! How did the man die? Who knows? But usually they do die in such cases, very soon, through some accident, or they suddenly take very sick after a meal or a drink and die. And then it rains!

Here is another example, given to me by the same missionary. This time the rain maker was an elderly hag, who, as will be seen, had some very young ideas. The drought had lasted a very long time. The cattle and people were suffering. Again and again the natives appealed to her for help, for rain. They brought many presents, and she performed many tricks of her trade, but still the rains would not come. Finally the spirits revealed to her the real reason why it could not rain. It was because the dear spirits of her ancestors were so deeply grieved because she was not truly loved. The spirits simply insisted that she must take unto herself a man, and, not merely a man, but a strong, young man with a heart full of love. Then she named the young man. And a fine young man he was! Now the people rejoiced, for their sufferings were to end, and the rains would come! But the rains did not come at once, for there was a snag, and this snag was this young man. He did not want the honor. But she did, and the people wanted the rain and so they insisted. He finally consented in order to save his people—or was it to save his life? Who knows?

How do the rain makers do it? How can they foretell the day or the approximate day of the coming rains after a severe drought, for apparently they do so in very many cases and, hence, their great power over the people. It is not all mere guess work for that would be too dangerous for the rain makers. They play for a time with many tricks. They study the winds and weather portents. They have a certain science, a sort of a secret family lore of weather wisdom, and undoubtedly some of them possess a unique bodily

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sensitivity for weather changes. They claim that it is a gift, a mysterious power that runs in their families.

Fear and Superstition

Although the rain makers' lot appears to be a real bed of roses, it certainly has its thorns. I have been told at times it is very difficult to get a successor as official rain maker. The most serious thorn in the rain makers' bed of roses is the significant fact that rain makers never die a completely natural death. Their heads must by all means be cut from their bodies before they are actually dead, while they are still dying. If this were not done the accumulated mysterious power in him or her would be lost to the tribe. So the constant dread of the rain maker is that one day he may get very sick, without any intention of dying whatsoever, but his ambitious assistants may think he is dying and take away his head much too soon. Such a mistake, once made, cannot be rectified. And such mistakes not only might but often do happen, especially if he has been a wicked rascal or a change in the regime appears desirable for some reason or another. The severed head of the rain maker is buried with all haste in the mud in a river bed for a certain number of days, then the skull is scraped and cleaned, and into this cup is poured the carefully prepared mystic drink which the new pretender or rightful heir to the rain maker's power drinks and is henceforth recognized by the people as the true successor and official rain maker.

Some of the readers may shudder as they read these lines. But the facts are true. I have been writing about people with dark skins and darker sins, but people with souls and spiritual needs much the same as yours and mine, who need the Savior, people who need the missionaries to bring them the message about the only true, divine Rain Maker, who sends the sunshine and the rain. Seeing this great need all over this great continent of Africa, can there be anyone so callous and so selfish who could say, "Why send missionaries? Why give to missions?" Surely not!

Light From Heaven

It is still raining. It is late and the night is dark. It is as dark as the spiritual darkness of the greatest part of Africa, the dark continent. But here and there is light in the home of a soul.

Behold, what a rift in the darkness! That was a flash of lightning—light from heaven. Now I hear the distant thunder roll, the usual sign after a long rain of a coming heavy downpour and then clearing skies. My wife, daughter and two sons have all tucked themselves away in their beds hours ago, and are fast asleep. The house is very quiet. Now to bed and dreamland, but I expect to wake with the morning sunshine flooding my room and, looking out of my window, to see some rain drops like sparkling jewels still clinging to the roses and orange blossoms in our garden.

All praise to Him who sends the sunshine and the rain!



1936 Young People's Assembly At Twin Rocks, Oregon

Pacific Conference

The 1936 Twin Rocks Assembly of the Oregon Y. P. and S. S. W. Union

After weeks of planning and deliberation the opening day was upon us for the Oregon Young People's Assembly at Twin Rocks. Sunday, August 16, found many German Baptists from Salem, Salt Creek, Bethany, Portland and our Washington neighbor, Tacoma, bound for a happy and worthwhile vacation. The mention of Twin Rocks brings to mind the happy days spent at the eighth summer assembly.

Following a delicious chicken dinner served by the Salem cooks on Sunday evening, we gathered in the chapel. Our president, Harold Petke, heartily welcomed one and all. The dean, the Rev. J. F. Olthoff of Salem, Oregon, sounded the keynote in his message "What are we here for?"

Now for a brief sketch, if possible of seven days filled to the brim with activities. This year morning exercises were reinstated, not in formal manner, as you might think, for on some mornings a brisk walk was enjoyed on the beach or on the highway, and sometimes we went marching.

One can always find the young people gathering around the open outdoor fireplace to worship. The morning worship periods were, indeed, inspirational and uplifting, being conducted by the following: Mrs. Sam Schirman, Salem; Ione Widing, Portland; Freda Stuermer, Tacoma; Lester Voth, Salt Creek; Emma Freitag, Second Church, Portland; Johanna Sauer, Second Church, Portland; and George Peters, First Church, Portland.

After breakfast class work began in earnest. The first hour, a general class, was assigned to the Rev. Martin Leuschner who conducted the discussion on "Adventures in Christian Living." Material offered for our help centered around these sub-topics: 1. The power of God can affect every realm of life. 2. Adventures in the realm of the impossible, the precious promises. 3. Adventures in reading. 4. Adventures in

friendships. 5. Adventures in difficulties.

In the second class period specialized courses were offered. One on the "New Testament Church" was taught by the Rev. J. F. Olthoff, pastor of our Salem Church. This course was taken from Dr. A. K. de Blois' book, "The Church of Today and Tomorrow." All those participating in this class certainly became aware of the reasons why our Baptist faith is scriptural. The second course in this hour was primarily for Sunday School teachers and workers, being on the subject of "The Art of Teaching." This course was taught by Dr. T. H. Hagen, director of Christian education for the Oregon Baptist state convention. Dr. Hagen also taught a brief course on "Boy-o-logy," a study of child psychology.

The next period was an "Open Forum Hour," a discussion on the topic, "Christian Conscience," led by the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner. Various questions were presented such as "What is Conscience?" "War and Peace," "Race Relationships," and "The Church."

Each afternoon was spent in a different activity, such as surf bathing and beach games, swimming in the fine natorium at Rockaway, bicycling from Rockaway to Barview, a cruise on Tillamook Bay and boating on Twin Rocks Lake.

Every evening at sundown we gathered at the vesper service. Our visiting pastors gave many inspirational and helpful messages. We were happy to have with us Rev. J. Kratt of Portland, Rev. T. A. Leger of Bethany, Rev. F. W. Mueller of Portland and Rev. Gerhard Neumann of Salt Creek. The faculty, Dr. T. H. Hagen, Rev. Martin Leuschner and Rev. J. F. Olthoff also brought inspiring messages. One evening the assembly gathered outdoors at the vesper hour as the sun was setting. The doxology and the hymn, "Now the Day is Over" were fittingly sung. Many will never forget this service. At the concluding vesper service Dr. Hagen delivered the consecration message, "The Upward Look." At the close many answered the call to rededicate their lives. No one could

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leave this meeting without the desire for a closer walk with God in daily life.

The evenings were equally filled with activity as the afternoons had been. There was first of all "the Get-Acquainted party" led by Emma Freitag of the Second Church in Portland. Everyone became well acquainted during the evening. What would an assembly be without bonfires? On Tuesday evening Emma Schifferer of Salem had charge of the bonfire and marshmallow roast. Stunt night? Oh yes, the assembly population was divided into four groups with Viola Kimmel, leader, and the following captains, Lester Voth, Alice Stuermer, Anna Ruth Kimmel, and Emma Schifferer, in charge of the program. Many were grateful to Dr. Hagen for the helpful suggestions that added greatly to the enjoyment for everyone.

Music held a very prominent place in the assembly program. Around the tables at mealtime a fine spirit of fellowship was promoted by the singing, ably led by Esther Rattey. One of the highlights of the week was the concert, arranged by Mrs. Clara Petke of the Second Church in Portland. The outstanding characteristic of this musical event was that many could participate in a program that consisted of several chorus numbers, triple trio, duets, and quartet selections.

The closing bonfire, led by our president, was spent in giving testimonies and singing gospel choruses. Experiences such as these help us to grow spiritually.

All too soon we came to the closing day. In spite of the rain many visitors arrived. A Sunday School was conducted by Harold Petke, with several young people leading a discussion of the lesson. The morning church service led by Dr. Olthoff was a benediction on a week of activity. A choir, directed by Dr. Hagen, sang two beautiful and favorite anthems, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," and "Break Thou the Bread of Life." The sermon delivered by the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner on the text, "Finding One's Self" taken from the text, Luke 21:19, inspired those present to do greater things in the Christian work.

The executive committee extends our appreciation to our dean, Dr. Olthoff, Dr. T. H. Hagen and Rev. Martin L. Leuschner for their time, prayers and teaching. Also, last but not least, our thanks to Mrs. Alyce Willecke Mrs. Perlich, Sr., and Mrs. Neumann, the cooks from the Salem Church.

As to the registration, approximately forty were registered for class work. A total number of ninety-two was the final attendance record. A picture of the student body and the faculty of the year's assembly was taken which is reproduced on this page of "The Baptist Herald."

As young people and Sunday School workers may we ever strive to do the Lord's will and to be more earnest members in our respective congregations.
GERTRUDE BELTZ, Sec'y.

Northern Conference

Thirtieth Anniversary of the Whitemouth Church, Manitoba

The 30th of August was a special red letter day for our Whitemouth church in Manitoba, Canada. On this Sunday the church celebrated its thirtieth birthday and looked back on its youthful years in the past.

The beginning of this festival was made on the previous day, Saturday evening. Our young people considered it a high privilege to have our general young people's secretary, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, as an invited guest who brought the searching message of the evening on the topic "Finding Oneself."

On Sunday morning there was a large representation of our Manitoba churches and stations and especially of our mother church, Winnipeg, which was present in the service. Mr. Leuschner delivered the anniversary sermon based on Phil. 4:1.

In the afternoon we had our proper anniversary program. Some letters of congratulation by former pastors of the church at this time were read by the local pastor the Rev. Erich Bonikowsky, as well as the church's historic account. Although this report did not evidence an amazing growth of the church, it still showed gradual progress. For these years of the past the church holds a list of seven pastors with nine different pastorates. The majority of these ministers were young men from the Rochester Seminary. As a fruit of their service 187 baptisms occurred, 33 of them in the last two years. Having been organized with 67 members the church has at present its largest membership of 170 on a mission field which is 170 miles in length.

The Rev. J. P. Rempel, pioneer preacher of this church, related to us some of his pleasant memories during his three pastorates in the church. Other items on the program were two recitations appropriate for the occasion by Mrs. H. Knopf and Mr. G. Schwartz of Winnipeg, congratulations from the mother church in Winnipeg through their pastor, the Rev. A. Felberg, who also delivered a well received message on the text, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today, and forever."

The evening program had some surprises in store for the local pastor. The young people had prepared a farewell service for him. Heartly words of appreciation by different members of the various societies of the church in the form of speeches, poems and song were tokens of love to the young minister which made it far from easy for him to leave his charge. After a service of two years and two months with very encouraging experiences as well as tests of character he has decided to resume his studies at Sioux Falls College of South Dakota. May the Lord continue to bless the Whitemouth church!

ERICH E. BONIKOWSKY, Reporter



Baptismal Candidates at Edenwald, Saskatchewan, With Mr. R. Milbrandt, Student Pastor, At Right

Baptism At Edenwald, Saskatchewan

Sunday, August 23, was a day of rejoicing for the German Baptist church of Edenwald, Saskatchewan, Canada, when eleven converts made their confession of faith before a large audience by following the Lord in baptism.

After a lunch at the church the congregation gathered at the water where we heard the baptismal sermon, and the baptismal rite was performed by the Rev. J. Kepl, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Regina.

After baptism we returned to the church where the Lord's Supper was celebrated, and Mr. R. Milbrandt, our student pastor, extended the hand of fellowship to the newly baptized. It was a resurrection day of great joy for all our hearts and we praise God and give him, who is worthy, all the glory. A picture of the baptismal candidates and Mr. Milbrandt appears on this page of "The Baptist Herald."

Mr. Milbrandt brought his work here to a close on Sunday evening, August 30. His sermon was based on 1 Samuel 7:12. Only too soon did the day arrive on which he had to leave and go back to the seminary at Rochester, N. Y.

May God's blessing rest on the work that Brother Milbrandt has done here!
ELLA RUMPEL, Reporter

Students At Kenora, Ontario

Two students, Paul Hunsicker and Oscar Bonikowsky, from the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., toured through Canada during the summer holidays in the service of their Master preaching the gospel. They also visited us here in Kenora, Ontario, Canada. During their stay here evangelistic meetings were held by them in the First Baptist Church as well as in homes. Both the English and German languages were used.

They received no pecuniary rewards for their efforts, but they were a blessing to many persons who heard the testimony of these young witnesses of God. May God bless the seed that was sown during those days!

A farewell reception was held for the young students in one of the homes at which a large number of friends was present. Paul Hunsicker and Oscar Bonikowsky expressed their gratitude for the joy and blessing they had received in ministering to us.

We pray that the Lord may bless and help them and make them strong and steadfast in the service of his Kingdom, leading many on the way of salvation.

P. BRINKMAN, Reporter

German Baptist Work In Its Beginning At Innesfree, Alberta

Three years ago several Baptist families moved from Glidden Saskatchewan, Canada, to Innesfree, Alberta. Since all of us are beginners here with each having to build his own farm, we have not been able to build a church of our own. But we have tried our best to gather every Sunday for worship. We began with a Sunday School held in a home during the winter months. In the summer we have used a grainery which serves as our church.

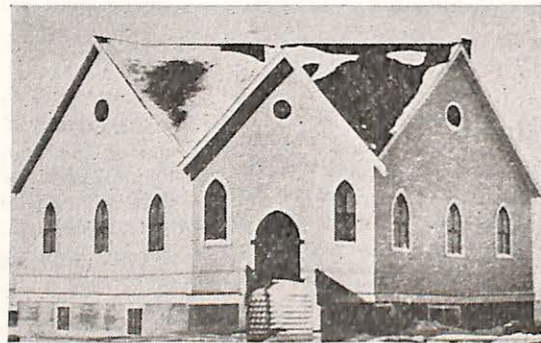
"Come over to Innesfree and help us!" was our prayer for some time which was answered. Several ministers and other friends have visited us in the past such as the Reverends J. Weinbender, F. W. Benke, P. Daum, F. A. Mueller and A. Itterman, a quartet from Camrose and a group of young people from Forestburg who gave a concert.

This summer we had the privilege of having Mr. Richard Schilke, a student at the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., with us. Mr. Schilke worked hard during the three months he was here and we are rejoicing as we look at the fruits of his service. For two weeks revival meetings were held, as a result of which we all received more enthusiasm and inspiration to be loyal to our Lord. Seven persons rejoiced in having given their hearts to the Savior.

On August 16 we had the joy of witnessing the baptism of eight converts. Mr. Schilke brought the message in the German language while the Rev. Mr. Campbell, pastor of the Baptist Church of Lavoy, spoke in English, after which

the Rev. Phil. Daum fulfilled the commandment of Jesus by baptizing the candidates on confession of their faith. After the baptismal service the Rev. Phil. Daum brought another message in the church, and the hand of fellowship was given to the baptized converts at the Lord's Supper.

On August 23 a concert was held in the church which was well attended. This also was the last Sunday on which Mr. Schilke could be with us. Our hearts became sad as we thought of parting. The summer had seemed too short. There is still work to be done. IDA FRIED, Reporter



New Church Edifice At Olds, Alberta

Dedication of New Church at Olds, Alberta

August 16 will be a day upon which the members of the Baptist Church of Olds, Alberta, Canada, and their many friends will look back for all time with joyful reverence and the feeling in their hearts, "Our souls walked with the Lord!" For many years it was the prayer of the members to have a spiritual home in which they could worship the Lord and to which they could invite assemblies to rejoice with them. After a year of hard work, sacrifices and many obstacles, they could sing a song of victory and thanks to the Lord for their answered prayer as they dedicated their new church building.

The people arrived from far and near early in the morning of Sunday, Aug. 16, waiting until the great moment came, when the Rev. G. Beutler, pastor of the church, unlocked the door and with a joyful song of praise they could march into the new beautiful house of God.

The Rev. E. P. Wahl of Portland, Oregon, to whom the members feel deeply indebted in regard to the financial foundation which he laid for the building of the church, brought the dedication sermon. Because the number of visitors was too large for the seating capacity of the church, a German service was conducted outside in the afternoon, while an English one was held inside, so that none would go home unblest. The history of the church was read, which revealed the courage and the strong faith of a small number of Baptists who settled on the Reed Ranch eight years ago and through many a struggle climbed steadily upward to

success in industry as well as in their labor in God's vineyard.

May the prevalent faith which has shone through the untiring efforts of his people here carry us on to greater deeds to his glory in our future work! GOTTFRIED BEUTLER, Reporter

Dakota Conference Baptismal Services At McClusky, North Dakota

August 9th was a baptism Sunday for the German Baptist Church in McClusky, N. D. A large group of people from the town and farm churches with many

visitors gathered at the shore of Brush Lake to hear the Rev. R. Kaiser, pastor of the McClusky Church, deliver the baptismal message. On the previous Sunday twenty young people had brought their testimonies to the church that they had accepted Christ as their personal Savior. With the exception of one of the candidates, who was taken suddenly ill, the remaining nineteen appeared at the morning service willing and happy to follow Christ in baptism. In addition



Baptismal Candidates and the Rev. R. Kaiser at McClusky, North Dakota

to the group singing a male and mixed quartet rendered fitting numbers during the day.

After the lunch Prof. B. Heitzmann, visiting his home, spoke briefly in the English language, picturing through the book of John the significance of baptism. Following a brief message and prayer by our pastor we gathered at the water's edge. Regardless of the heat, the crowd watched quietly and attentively as the candidates, one after another, followed Christ's example in the water burial and resurrection with him. Immediately after

the benediction at the lake we prepared to gather at the church for the communion service. At this service the pastor extended the hand of fellowship to all who were baptized and to five others, two of whom were taken into membership by letter and three by testimony.

We feel sure that these new members are the results of many prayers by the parents and church members. Our evangelists the Rev. H. C. Baum and the Rev. N. E. McCoy, the Sunday School convention, our people and the pastor were the great inspiration that brought to light the hope and aim of our prayers. On behalf of the missing candidate we had another baptismal service on August 23. A group of earnest worshippers met at the lake and after an interesting service the Rev. R. Kaiser baptized his daughter.

Clearing House for Criticisms in a Sunday School Class At Madison, South Dakota

The adolescents started it. They have earned a reputation for being the most critical age, anyway, as the comparative length and the perceptive depth of their lists show.

A certain group of these young people of teen age in the German Baptist Church of Madison, South Dakota, expostulating and deliberating on one of their greatest problems—how to handle the parent—decided to turn their opinions over to the parents themselves. In exchange for this, the youth were willing to take the criticisms chalked up against them by their fathers and mothers. For the sake of anonymity, which lends freedom to expression, each group drew up a composite list of complaints.

Before the lists were ever completed,

"the Adolescents Incorporated" decided that possibly the business of being a parent was a full-time job with no pay and that "mater et pater" deserved a check of appreciation, at least. "The Parents Trust Company," on their part, began thinking that what deficits they found in their children might be charged to the parents own business tactics in child rearing. Both groups approached the accounts against them with the attitude: "This may find us in the red, but we can face the facts."

The balance of accounts follows:

Parents:

- 1. Forget that they have certain obligations and responsibilities toward their children and stress the children's duties and obligations to them too much.
2. Do not always keep child's confidential talks as such, and the child perforce ceases to confide in parent.
3. Are narrow minded in regard to modern ideas.
4. Furnish too many luxuries during childhood.
5. Do not grow with their children.
6. Aren't spontaneous enough. They get into a rut and do not wish to enter into the adventure and fun of living.
7. Evade questions on sex, and information is derived from other sources.
8. Make a mountain out of a mole-hill concerning pranks of children.
9. Give more freedom and privileges to their boys than to their girls, or to one member of a family than to another.
10. Laugh at children's attempts at work, thus killing creativity and confidence of child in parent.
11. Are often poor examples to their children.
12. Do not agree on policies, and the child does not know which to obey.
13. Do not allow the child to be as independent as he is capable of being. He is not allowed to make his own decisions. Too long and entangling are the apron strings.

Young People:

- 1. Lack dependability and sense of responsibility.
2. Attend movies too often, are movie crazy, and allow movies to draw them away from church.
3. Fail to seek advice of their parents.
4. Do not always respect their parents as they should and call them "old fogies."
5. Do not value the worth of money and spend foolishly.
6. Lack reverence for spiritual things and manifest a flippant, shallow, and trifling attitude toward sacred things.
7. Disregard moral distinctions in their pursuit of thrills—drink and smoke just to keep up with the crowd.
8. Are absent from church services.
9. Are not well-behaved when they do attend—chew gum, whisper and laugh.

The fact that the groups were within a Sunday School organization probably accounts for the parent emphasis on the religious practices or the lack of them in the young people.

There were charges that the youth did not admit as true. They did not think that they were flippant about sacred things. Nor did the young people think they were foolish spenders. Money is too hard to get to spend it thoughtlessly, they believed. The parents, on the other hand, were more docile and denied none of the charges.

If no records were cleared on the spot, at least a greater tolerance for one another accrued with the project.

EVELYN KRUEGER, Reporter.

OBITUARY

Mr. Herman Scheel

Mr. Herman Scheel was born in McNab Township on March 11, 1865, and died on September 10, 1936, in the Ottawa Civic Hospital, Ottawa, Ontario. Brother Scheel was ailing for over a year, and at last he submitted himself to two operations in the above mentioned hospital where he spent the last nine weeks of his life, suffering severely of an internal cancer. On March 11, 1890, the late Mr. Scheel was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Louisa Scheel of Arnprior. The Lord blessed this marriage with five children, namely, one daughter and four sons. A son died at two years of age. Those who are left to mourn his departure are his beloved wife, one daughter and three sons and twelve grandchildren, besides many relatives and friends.

Our brother Scheel was one of the old pioneers of this community. As a young man he was converted and on June 15, 1890, he was baptized by the Rev. J. Stumpf and united with the First Baptist Church of Arnprior where he remained a faithful member until his Lord called him away. During the past twenty years he served this church as one of the deacons. Brother Scheel was loyal and faithful to his Lord, family and church. He had a quiet disposition and was not given to many words, but he had the spiritual grace of pouring oil on the troubled waters of life.

The many floral tributes and the large attendance at the funeral services at the home and in the church showed the esteem in which he was held in this community. In the church the pastor spoke on the theme, "Christ the Aim of My Life" based on Phil. 1:21. The remains were interred in the beautiful cemetery of Arnprior. A. E. JASTER, Arnprior, Ontario.

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PREPARING CHRIST'S TRIUMPHAL ENTRY Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week

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This is the second year for our observance of the DENOMINATIONAL THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK. We earnestly hope that it will be much more than a perfunctory repetition. We are convinced that immeasurable benefits would be attained if all our members everywhere could receive a heaven-given vision of the meaning and purpose of the multitudinous activities carried on in our churches. We pray that during this THANKSGIVING WEEK the Lord may anoint our eyes so that we can see and understand that through every Christian activity we are serving the exalted purpose of "Preparing Christ's Triumphal Entry."

THE LORD NEEDS US

On that Sunday before his crucifixion the Lord, according to an old prophecy, was to ride in triumph

to go to that nearby village. Then, too, he had undeniable need of that colt, the property of his friends. The glad devotion of the disciples, expressed in the casting of their garments on the way over which the triumphant Christ rode, as well as their exuberant and tumultuous "Hosannas"—these all were essential elements in PREPARING CHRIST'S TRIUMPHAL ENTRY.

What an amazing spectacle our eyes would behold if, in looking out over this world, we could see that innumerable host rendering all kinds of Christian service, some serving before the gaze and with the plaudits of multitudes and others serving unheralded in obscure places, many doing only the most menial tasks and others privileged to direct enterprises of astonishing



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on the colt of a donkey into the city of Jerusalem. But the Lord had none of the essentials for a triumphal entry. He commissioned his disciples to prepare that triumphal entry for him.

Whether the Lord is to enter the heart and life of someone in our Sunday Schools or churches at home, or into the heart and life of the native warriors in Kaka land in Cameroon, or whether he is to enter into the hearts of thousands in some large community anywhere, or whether it be that final and culminating triumphal entry, when he returns at the head of that innumerable host of the redeemed ones and in the glory of his Father and with his holy angels, it will always remain true that in order to have any triumphal entry, "THE LORD NEEDS US." We have been all too slow practically to recognize this unalterable arrangement made by the Lord himself. That the Lord has given us as German Baptists a place in his Kingdom program is cause for sincere thanksgiving.

THE LORD NEEDS OUR VARIED MINISTRIES

For that first triumphal entry into Jerusalem the Lord needed the services of those two disciple-messen-

magnitude! What mortal mind can visualize even for himself the multitudinous ministries necessary for PREPARING CHRIST'S TRIUMPHAL ENTRY! He needs them all.

THE LORD'S ONLY ARGUMENT

When the Lord sent those two disciples to the nearby village for the colt, he instructed them that in case anyone should question their authority for unloosening the colt, they should simply say, "The Lord hath need of him." The Lord's messengers followed his instructions explicitly and the owners of the colt, because they acknowledged the authority of Christ's only argument, gladly and without hesitation sent the colt.

May all of us during this THANKSGIVING WEEK give willing heed to Christ's only and final argument, when he requests of us our property or our gifts or some sacrificial service in order to prepare for him a triumphal entry! "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

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