



# Baptist HERALD



*"Yesterday's Glory" at the Kossuth Baptist Church of Wisconsin  
Centenary Jubilee, First Baptist Church, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, 1850-1950*

# DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Rev. H. G. Dymmel**  
Sunday, June 25 — Minitonas, Man.

**Rev. J. C. Gunst**  
Sunday Evening, June 25 — North-side Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

**Rev. M. L. Leuschner**  
Sunday, June 18 — Presserville, Montana. Dedication of Baptist Parsonage.

## CENTENARY JUBILEE

Friday, June 9, to Sunday, June 11 — Centenary Jubilee of the First Baptist Church, Manitowoc, Wis. Dr. Wm. Kuhn and Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Denominational Speakers.

## REV. CARL FUELLBRANDT'S TRIP

Thursday, June 8 — Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Sunday Morning, June 11 — Plum Creek Church, Emery, So. Dak.

Sunday Evening, June 11 — Tyndall Church, Tyndall, So. Dak.

Tuesday, June 13 — Anamoose, North Dakota.

Wednesday, June 14 — McClusky, North Dakota.

June 15-16 — Northern North Dakota Association, Turtle Lake, North Dakota.

June 17-18 — Central Dakota Association, Bismarck, No. Dak.

Monday, June 19 — Hebron, No. Dak.

June 21-25 — Dakota Conference, Sidney, Montana.

## SUMMER CONFERENCES

June 8-12 — Kansas Young People's Assembly at Camp Fellowship near Wichita, Kansas. Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom and Mr. Harold W. Gieseke, Speakers.

June 11-17 — Iowa Young People's Camp at Iowa Falls, Iowa. Rev. J. C. Gunst and Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom, Speakers.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

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June 14-18 — Central Dakota Association at Bismarck, No. Dakota. Rev. Martin L. Leuschner and Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, Speakers.

June 15-18 — Alberta Association at Camrose, Alta. Rev. Herman Palfenier, Speaker.

June 15-18 — Northern North Dakota Association at Turtle Lake, North Dakota. Prof. Albert Bretschneider and Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, Speakers.

June 15-18 — Manitoba Tri-Union and Association at St. Rose, Manitoba. Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Speaker.

June 18-23 — Manitoba Home Builders' Camp at Lake Dauphin, Manitoba. Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Speaker.

June 20-25 — Southern Conference Young People's Encampment at Latham Springs, Texas. Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom, Speakers.

June 21-25 — Dakota Conference at Sidney, Montana. Prof. Albert Bretschneider, Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt and Rev. Herman Palfenier, Speakers.

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## AMONG OURSELVES

On May 19 and 20 the new board of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta held its first session at the school building. Among those in attendance was the Rev. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary. With the adoption of the new constitution and the effective execution of the decisions of the new board, the Christian Training Institute becomes a new cooperating society in our denominational family. This is a momentous forward step for the Bible School that ought to prove to be a real blessing to our denominational enterprise. A more detailed report will be published as soon as it is made available.

## IN THIS ISSUE

The Centenary Jubilee of the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, is featured in this number. This is the only church of our conferences that will be privileged to celebrate its centennial in 1950. The Rev. E. M. Wegner and Mrs. Henry Specht have contributed historical articles pertaining to the church. The anniversary sermon has been written by the Rev. H. Palfenier, a former pastor of the church. The fascinating life story of the founder of the church, Rev. William Edward Grimm, has been prepared by the Rev. Charles F. Zummach. The editorial looks "across a century's span." These are only a few of this issue's highlights.

## COMING

**The Christian's True Ministry** — This sermon by the Rev. R. A. Hous-eal of Detroit, Michigan, is Bible centered, heart searching, and thought provoking.

**The Southern Baptist Convention** — The Southern Baptist churches made history as they met in Northern territory at Chicago for the first time and united with other Baptists, 25,000 strong, in a great evangelistic service in the Chicago Stadium.

**Praise Him! Praise Him!** Mary Shaw Raynes of Saint Joseph, Mich., pictures the power and glory in hymns as sung by all peoples of all denominational groups.

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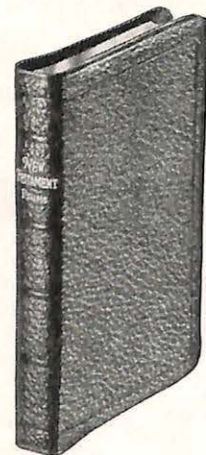
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# Editorials

by Martin L. Leuschner

## Across a Century's Span

A CENTURY is a long, long time! Very few people live to be one hundred years old. Very few of our churches have reached the century milestone. But in God's sight a thousand years, ten times one hundred years, are but as yesterday, as a watch in the night (Psalm 90:4). It ought to be a profitable meditation to look across a century's span in the light of God's truths and his marvelous guidance.

During the next few days (June 7 to 9) the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, will observe its centennial anniversary. This will be the fourth church in our denominational fellowship to reach this milestone, and the only church which in 1950 will celebrate its Centenary Jubilee. This issue of "The Baptist Herald" is largely devoted to the story of that anniversary. Our people everywhere will be eager to extend sincerest congratulations to the Manitowoc church upon this significant "Ebenezer" milestone in its history.

Let's look again at this past century. One is deeply impressed in such a centennial view at the tremendous changes that have occurred in the social customs and ways of life and at the unchanging realities of God's truths. I have before me the picture and life story of William Edward Grimm, founder of the Kossuth Church in Wisconsin one hundred years ago. The story of the pioneer life of that day with all of its privations, hardships and rigorous discipline sounds strangely remote and far away. But I have also before me an invaluable book into which Brother Grimm wrote the material for his "Baptist Instruction Class" in Memel, Germany in 1841. With its Scriptural quotations and spiritual interpretations of God's truths in the light of Baptist convictions, that volume is as timely and up-to-date as the sun that shines with brightening warmth.

The years come and go with revolutionary social changes but "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."

Another good look across the span of the past century will reveal evidences of a virile growth that have helped to mold and to maintain our denominational ministry. Grimm founded several Baptist churches in the Wisconsin "bush," beginning with Kossuth, but he and his congregations did not cooperate with the German Baptist movement for some years to come. He had to be assured that the Calvinistic doctrine of predestination was not an integral part of the Baptist confession of faith. About one hundred years ago there were many little clumps of congregations that tenaciously maintained their individual identity. Through the years many spiritual forces of Christian fellowship, missionary outreach, and denominational service have brought and bound us together in an onward surging conference of North American Baptist churches.

We praise God for the rugged pioneers of yesterday. We congratulate the Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wisconsin on its Centenary Jubilee. But most of all, we thank God for the work that has been laid into our hands with its avalanche of present blessings for us to enjoy and to appreciate! Across the span of the past century we still view the same spiritual hills as Grimm did in Wisconsin, "from whence cometh our help."

### BIBLE TEXT

"I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living" (Ps. 27:13).

The things which we see all about us often lead us into moods of despondency. There is little to encourage us in the world picture of today. Discouragements are inevitable in every life as far as outward circumstances are concerned.

But this is only a small part of the range of vision for the Christian! If that were all, everyone of us would have "fainted" with the Psalmist long ago. There is also the outlook by faith which "believes to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." God has shown his glory and guidance in many ways, but there is still more to come. That is the best part of our lives! It is the hopeful outlook of a soul! It is the source of our conquering strength!

### BAPTIST CONGRESS

Cleveland, Ohio, will soon be the mecca for Baptists from all parts of the world! From July 22 to 27 a total of more than 30,000 Baptists will converge upon the "Queen City of the Lakes" for the inspirational sessions of the Baptist World Congress. Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis, Mo., as president for the Alliance, will stamp his dynamic personality upon those memorable sessions. Baptists will thrill to the dramatic spectacles of those days with the Cleveland stadium well filled to hear President Harry S. Truman and with thousands watching the pageant depicting the freedom of the soul in which a thousand persons will participate. The singing of mass choirs, the preaching of great spiritual leaders and the homespun fellowship of Baptists joined hand in hand in the Name of Christ will be uplifting. You can't afford to miss this unique opportunity to see the Baptists of the world in action!

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

God has been good to the Seminary class of 1900! Six of its graduates are still with us to help the Seminary and our denomination celebrate the Centenary Jubilee of "the school of the prophets." During the next few months some of our churches will observe with these graduates their golden wedding anniversaries and the 50th anniversary of their ordination into the Christian ministry. Their names and present residences follow: Richard Blaudau, Puyallup, Washington; Samuel Blum, Cleveland, Ohio; G. E. Ehrhorn, Steamboat Rock, Iowa; O. E. Krueger, Rochester, N. Y.; J. F. Niebuhr, Ocean Grove, New Jersey; and H. W. Wedel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. More news about these anniversary occasions will appear in forthcoming issues.

# On Wings of God's Grace

An anniversary sermon, commemorating the Centennial Jubilee of the First Baptist Church, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, of which the author served as pastor from 1925 to 1930 following his graduation from the Seminary

By the Rev. H. PALFENIER, Denominational Evangelist

"The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God that shepherded me all my life long to this day, the angel that redeemed me from all evil." Genesis 48:15.

IN THIS WONDERFUL testimony of Jacob we have a marvelous unfolding of the ways and purposes of God with man, and especially with his own redeemed people. It is a heartening thought to know that the hand of God is in the affairs of men and that his will and purposes will find their fulfillment in due time. Jacob looked back upon his life, yea, and upon the life of his grandfather and father, and saw there the hand and presence of God! Blessed is he who by the grace of God knows this guiding, keeping and redeeming power of God in his life.

But that which can be said of the individual who has experienced God can be said also of the Church. How wonderful to see the hand of God in the life and affairs of his Church. Christ said: "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." This beloved Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wisconsin which celebrates its hundredth anniversary this month, has experienced this abundantly in its history. Twenty-five years ago the writer became acquainted with this church, for then he became its pastor, a student just graduated from our Seminary. In this church he found his faithful helpmeet who has graced his life and labors with the abundance of her love and counsel.

### A GREAT HERITAGE

Every church owes a debt of gratitude to the faithful men and women who have labored there in the years gone by, in the days of beginnings which were often days of hardship and trials of which the present generation is ignorant. This, too, the Baptist Church of Manitowoc knows full well and it can say with Jacob of old:

"The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked."

A hundred years ago these stalwart men and women came from the ordered and civilized circumstances of

Germany into the virtually uncharted wilderness of the virgin forests of Wisconsin and by dauntless labor and daring they wrested land and homes from the iron grip of nature. But in all this they did not forget God nor his claims upon their lives.

Faithful preachers followed them with the Gospel and brought the grace of God in Christ into their lives and experience. They taught their children the Word of God and by faithful example and precept led them into a saving knowledge of Christ. And so the church grew and prospered as the years rolled on. God guided and directed and kept them by his grace.

The days came when those fathers and mothers in Christ heard the call to the Glory Land and with dying hands they passed on to their children the torch of truth they had held aloft so long and faithfully. Eager hands took hold of it and carried it on through the years to follow, a light that could not be hid but gave guidance and directions to many a lost wanderer who by its rays found the way to the Father's home. But the church can also say with Jacob:

"The God that shepherded me all my life long to this day." The shepherding care of the great Shepherd has been its portion even until today. Throughout the years of new things, the years of transition, of changes of many kinds, the loving care of God was manifested. His grace was sufficient for every need and every problem.

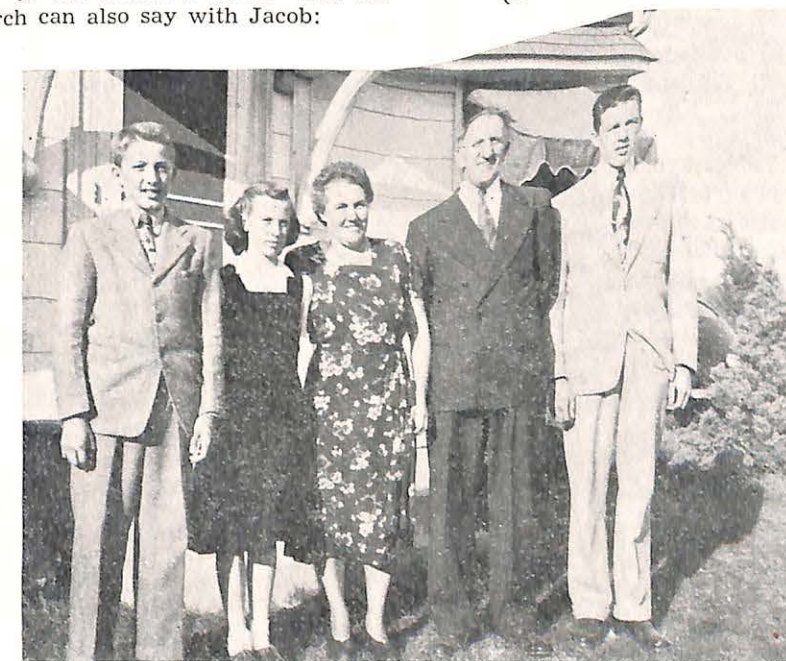
### GOD'S DISCIPLINING GRACE

The disciplining grace of smallness in numbers, want of great opportunities and outreach, comparative isolation, were all accepted as of God and made them all the more faithful in their work for the Lord. Many of the churches in the larger cities of the state profited because of this. Who can say how much of blessing has gone out from it in all these years? Only eternity will reveal what has been accomplished in the lives of many to the praise of the grace of God in Christ.

In and through it all it was the shepherding love and care of Christ who led his own beside the still waters and made them to lie down in green pastures and made them strong in the power of his might to fight the good fight of faith. Even in the shadows and valley of death his staff and rod comforted them, so that they could cross the chilly waters of death with a song upon their lips and the light of glory in their eyes! And why all this? Because they could, and can say:

### SONGS OF PRAISE

"The angel that redeemed me from all evil." For sixteen long years the "song of the Lord" died out in the temple during the reign of wicked king Ahaz, but (Continued on Page 11)



"Manitowoc is our home!" as the Rev. and Mrs. H. Palfenier can say, for Mr. Palfenier served the Manitowoc, Wisconsin, church (then called Kossuth Church) as pastor, found his wife in the church's congregation, and their home is now on the outskirts of the city

# William Edward Grimm, a Fearless Baptist Pioneer

The remarkable story of the founder of the Kossuth Baptist Church, now the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, which is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary on June 11, 1950

By the Rev. CHARLES F. ZUMMACH of Peoria, Illinois



Rev. William Edward Grimm, Baptist refugee from Memel, Germany who came to the United States in 1847 and founded churches in Wisconsin and Michigan

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY, the poet, sang about "the old time pioneers." But as Dr. Sharpe says: "It is easier to depict an event in history than to delineate the life and personality of a maker of history." Two temptations beset the writer of a biography of the early leaders in any movement. The one is to magnify their virtues to the exclusion of their faults. The other is to exaggerate their failings and weaknesses so as to obscure their real contribution to the cause.

In no case is this more true than in trying to evaluate the character and work of William Edward Grimm. Carlyle said: "The history of mankind is at the bottom the history of great men." To paraphrase this quotation we might say: "The history of our denomination centers largely around those men who in the providence of God were instrumental in laying the foundations for the German Baptist work in North America, now better known as the North American Baptists. One of these was William Edward Grimm."

## SPIRITUAL GREATNESS

Grimm not alone laid the foundations of our work in Wisconsin and in the western part of Michigan, but he also played a large part in the work of evangelizing many of the German immigrants who flocked to our shores during the first half of the nineteenth century, to seek material advancement, to escape from political oppression and to find freedom to worship God according to the dictates of their

conscience. The spiritual quality of the work done by these men and the motive which activated them are more important than the recording of mere historical data.

Like many of the early pioneers, Grimm had his faults, but in spite of them he succeeded in laying the foundations of a work that has endured to this day and has bestowed countless blessings upon succeeding generations. One cannot read about and study the career of men such as Grimm, without becoming convinced that there was something real about their religion, which quality, we regret to say, is sadly lacking in many of us today. They cleared the forests, walked or rode over rough roads and pioneer trails, through snow and blizzards, in winter and the blistering heat in summer, not for the sake of material gain or profit, but with the only desire to minister to the spiritual needs of their fellowmen.

The most rugged character among these early pioneers in our denomination is the man to whom we owe the beginning of the German Baptist work in Wisconsin, William Edward Grimm. He was not alone a man of profound convictions, but also capable of tremendous sacrifices. He never thought of his own comfort and ease, but labored amidst almost overwhelming difficulties, and courageously endured great personal sacrifices among the early settlers of that region, then known as "The West."

It is to be regretted that so little is known about his early work and that none of his contemporaries undertook the task of evaluating this remarkable man. The reason for this is perhaps best sought in the character of the man himself. He was an "individualist" among the individuals. Professor Ramaker says of him: "Grimm's life illustrates more than the life of any other man among the 'Fathers' the viewpoint of separation, with its venturesome daring on the one hand and its conscientious regard for the

Scriptures on the other." (No other man was in a better position to evaluate the work of this remarkable man than Prof. A. J. Ramaker.)

## GRIMM'S LIFE

Born in Memel, East Prussia, in 1806 Grimm came to Switzerland as a carpenter journeyman in his youth. He had the idea, prevalent at that time in every trade, of seeing the country and perfecting himself in that trade. Here he came into contact with a group of Swiss "Separatists" who practiced adult or believers' baptism. In 1835 he was baptized into the fellowship of this group, not by immersion, but by "effusion" (pouring), a method of baptism employed by many other Baptist groups in Europe in the sixteenth century.

In 1838 we find him back in his native city of Memel, where he worked at his trade as a carpenter. But he was restless and lonely. His conscience told him that he ought to tell others of his spiritual experience, and urge upon them the need of accepting the same faith which made the Christian life not alone real, but gave both joy and power.

So in 1840 he began by inviting some of his friends to his house for private prayer and Bible study. To his surprise he discovered that he could preach and that the people were responsive. By the end of the year there were eleven persons who were willing to accept baptism at his hands upon confession of their faith and organize themselves into a church of "baptized believers."

The mode used in administering their baptism was the same as used when Grimm was baptized in Switzerland, effusion or pouring, for this was the only form he knew. Although Grimm was not an ordained minister, he became the leader of this group and administered the ordinances, baptism and the Lord's supper.

As might be expected, both the state and the church soon took note of

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such irregularities. Grimm was forbidden to administer any Christian ordinances and to hold any more meetings in private homes. Because he refused to obey these restrictions, he was arrested, fined, his goods levied upon and finally imprisoned in the common jail. In all he was imprisoned ten times. But in spite of this, he continued to preach each time he was released.

## FIERY PERSECUTION

Egged on by the Lutheran church authorities, mob fury was added to governmental persecution. The saloons gave away barrels of whiskey to inflame the mob. Drunken crowds broke up the meetings and destroyed the furniture. Finally, they resolved to kill him. A drunken mob broke in the door and stormed into the house. Only the courage of one of the women, who threw scalding water into their faces, gave him time to escape through a rear door.

His life was now in danger, and he sought refuge on an English ship lying in the harbor. During the voyage to England he made the acquaintance of the captain who happened to be a Baptist, and whose father was a Baptist preacher in England. He directed his attention to the form of baptism practiced by the early church as recorded in the New Testament.

A study of the New Testament convinced Grimm that he was right, and upon his return to Memel he convinced his followers of his new viewpoint. The result was that they invited Oncken to come to Memel and to administer the rite according to New Testament practices. Oncken accepted the invitation and twenty-nine persons were baptized in the darkness of the night and a new church organized with Grimm as their pastor. When news of this leaked out, persecution took on added fury, for the name "Anabaptist" (Wiedertaeufer) was a hated one in Germany.

The following five years were years of trial and distress for both pastor and the church. The violence of the mob increased, and the church itself was torn by petty quarrels and strife. It is small wonder, therefore, that the majority of the group cast their eyes toward the New World, where they might live in peace and harmony and worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience.

## WISCONSIN'S "BUSH"

The result was that in 1846 a group of them decided to emigrate to America. Soon afterwards they left, taking their pastor with them, and arriving in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in the early part of 1847. Here he took the uncompromising attitude toward the Lutherans that he had taken in Germany, with the result that he incurred their bitter hatred.

Owing to the hard times then pre-



An amazing picture of German Baptist preachers and leaders in "the pioneer days of yesterday," now published for the first time, showing the group on an excursion to Niagara Falls with the venerable editor of "Der Sendbote," Rev. J. C. Haselhuber (editor, 1878 to 1892), seated at the center of the group

vailing in this country, a number of them moved on into the "Bush", about fifty miles west of Milwaukee, where the offer of free land was exceedingly tempting. Grimm went with them, and continued his labors among the new settlements. In a few years four churches were founded: Polk, Wayne, Lebanon and Kossuth. By 1852 Grimm's churches had a membership of 145 people.

Characteristic of their belief is the confession of faith adopted in 1854. It states: "Man was created innocent, but having been deceived by Satan, has corrupted the whole human race. Christ's death is an expiation for our sins. Salvation is for all, only those who reject it are under condemnation. The Gospel must be preached to all. 'Justification' is an immediate act, but 'sanctification' is a continuing process. Baptism is both a public confession and the assurance of forgiveness for the believer. No unbaptized person is to be admitted to the communion. Each church has the right to order its own internal affairs and to exercise discipline. They affirmed their faith in the Lord's return, but make no mention of his millennial reign." This latter is significant in the light of the controversy which arose over this question in later years.

## THE AUTHOR

The Rev. Charles F. Zummach is the most prominent living historian of North American Baptist history. He contributed the chapter, "Our School of the Prophets," for the historical volume, "These Glorious Years." He has done a great deal of research work in preparing historical articles for "The Baptist Herald." He and his wife reside in Peoria, Illinois where he serves a Northern Baptist church in an outlying section of the city. EDITOR.

His labors in Wisconsin were typical of the frontier preachers of those days. Heroically he shared the hardships and privations of the early settlers. It is characteristic of him that he refused to accept a stated salary. Like Paul, who supported himself by his trade of tent-making, (Acts 20: 33-34), he earned his own livelihood and that of his family by making wash-boards, wooden shoes, and other household utensils. These he carried and sold along the way on his preaching tours, which were made on foot, carrying his wares upon his back.

One marvels that even such a rugged constitution as his was able to endure the strenuous life he led. He speaks of travelling thirteen days from New York to Racine, Wisconsin, on the occasion of his return from the conference in 1853, and of having been shipwrecked on Lake Erie. But finally these hardships and privations began to tell, even on his rugged constitution.

The result was what might have been expected. After twelve years of this kind of pioneering, his otherwise strong physical body began to show the stress and strain of these years. A number of his former members from Milwaukee had settled in Saint Joseph, Michigan, and he decided to move there, where he founded the present church at Saint Joseph in 1860. Here again he developed a far-flung missionary activity, preaching and organizing several groups of Baptist churches, several of which are mentioned in our early records but have since passed out of existence or amalgamated with English churches. Here he died on February 23, 1873, beloved and cherished by all who

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The enthusiastic organizations of the First Baptist Church, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, are the life-line of the church, as evidenced in the young people's society (left); the board of deacons and deaconesses with the pastor, Rev. E. M. Wegner (center); and the woman's missionary society (right)

# The First Century for the Manitowoc Church

Highlights in the history of the Kossuth Baptist Church, later known as the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wisconsin

By Mrs. HENRY SPECHT of Manitowoc, Wisconsin

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

THIS IS, INDEED, a most fitting keynote to this historical sketch of the many blessings of God that have come to us as the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, during the one hundred years of witnessing for our Lord.

We are reminded that as early as 1849 and 1850 a number of German Baptist people from Memel, East Prussia and Hanover, Germany and from Switzerland came to the United States and settled near Manitowoc,— great timber regions of those times,— in the locality of what is now known as the Township of Kossuth in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. Sometime during the year 1850, the Rev. William Edward Grimm, originally from Germany but later of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, came to visit his Baptist friends at the town of Kossuth. Through his efforts 29 persons were converted and baptized upon confession of their faith. Subsequently, on June 2, 1850, the German Baptist Church of Kossuth was organized with 27 members and the Rev. William Edward Grimm became its first pastor.

### HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

But immediately a difficulty arose because of the pastor's inability to serve the congregation regularly, due to the fact that he was living in Milwaukee and transportation facilities were very poor. It therefore became necessary to engage the services of Mr. H. Nortorf as pastor who served the church for about a year. The

deacons, Messrs. H. Gruschus and F. Anhold, broke the Bread of Life for some time, until in 1855 Mr. M. Schmidt was ordained as regular pastor of the church.

It is difficult to write the story of the church of those early days since the records are rather scanty. However, here are some of the highlights which we have gathered from different sources. In 1851 the congregation purchased two acres of land for which they paid \$4.00. The following year Mr. Andreas Rutz, with the assistance of a number of members, erected the first log house church building at a total cash outlay of \$21.30. This log house building was used for almost forty years to the glory of God. There sinners found their Savior and Christians grew in grace. During the first five years the membership increased to 47 and the church was admitted into the German Baptist Conference.

In 1856 the Baptist convictions of religious liberty and missionary zeal made themselves manifest. As a result 28 members left the church in Kossuth in order to organize a Baptist Church in the city of Manitowoc. However, this church-child did not seem to prosper too well in the city, although it existed for about 34 years. Consequently, the little city church sold its property and the members returned to the mother church in the town of Kossuth about the year 1890. It seemed to have been in God's providence that the church was to stay in the town of Kossuth for at least another fifty years, although Kossuth is only some six miles north of Manitowoc.

As time went on and the membership increased, the church became more effectively organized. In 1873 the first Sunday School was begun and, in addition to instruction in the German language, the seed of the Gospel was sown in the hearts of the young. Again in the year 1888 the congregation erected a new frame church building which was used to the glory of God until 1943. A parsonage was also built in 1894 at a cost of \$386.00. Mr. Charlie Specht, one of our older members and deacon of the church, is living in this dwelling at present.

### SHEPHERDS OF THE FLOCK

We have merely space to mention the shepherds who guided the flock during the first seventy-five years in the life of the church. According to our rather incomplete records they are as follows: William Edward Grimm, H. Nortorf, M. Schmidt, A. Freitag, John Miller, (1877-1884); George C. Engelmann, (1890-1893); W. Hermann, (1893-1896); Carl R. Hoffmann, (1896-1899); Theophil F. Baumgaertner, (1900-1909); B. Matzke; Henry Hirsch, (1923-1924); and Herman Palfenier, (1925-1930), whose home is here in Manitowoc and who is one of our denominational evangelists and a member of our church. During the years of ministry of the above named pastors the cause of the Lord and the church was carried on, although as a town church the membership never rose much above the one hundred mark.

A number of the pastors came here immediately after their student days

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# Our Future Challenge at Manitowoc

At its century milestone the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, reviews its hopes and plans for the future

By the Rev. E. M. WEGNER, Pastor

"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18.

IS IT PRESUMPTUOUS to use the above quotation in connection with the one hundredth anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wisconsin? To be sure, Jesus spoke of the Church Universal, composed of all true believers in Christ. Nevertheless, the true believers in a given local church are part of the universal Church of Christ. Therefore, the local Baptist Church at Manitowoc, standing at the CENTURY MILESTONE, wishes to share with Christ that glorious vision of the future, "I will build my church."

### THE CHURCH'S VISION

The glories of the past are worthy to be called to remembrance. However, Jesus did not glory much in his past, although he came from heaven itself. He rather lived in the present and on certain occasions inspired his followers with his visions of the future. Since we as a church are about to celebrate our Centenary Jubilee from June 9 to 11, we wish to tell THE BAPTIST HERALD readers about our present activities and hopes for the future.

In view of the fact that the Church of Christ has been in the process of building and growth for over nineteen centuries and is still living, our church here at Manitowoc, Wisconsin, although one hundred years old, is only

a child. But it has become quite an active child of late and unquestionably has entered upon the age of adolescence because of the dreams and hopes it entertains. This church-child has spent many years in the country (about six miles north of Manitowoc) and seemed perfectly satisfied for a time.

But in 1943 a vision (which was more than an empty day-dream) was given to this church. As a result, the church began to hold its services in the Field House located in Lincoln Park north of the city. The new surroundings were appealing to this church-child, not because of the shady trees, but rather because of the visiting sons and daughters of the city who seemed to enjoy the wholesome spiritual food and the Christian friendliness that prevailed there. Though there were times when this church-child, like Israel of old, had spasms of loneliness for the country life and had notions of returning, it has remained true to the vision, "I will build my church," to this very day.

In the process of time this church-child has acquired its own city home as well as a new name and unquestionably has moved to the city to stay. Furthermore, this child has burned its bridges behind it by disposing of the old country church home. Now there is but one thing to do—to remain true to the vision of the Master. You see, we have become a city church.

This is not only an opportunity; it is a challenge. The city of Manitowoc is not a field in which a Baptist church

could be built up within a short time. Like Athens of old, it is very religious, worshipping a God that is unknown in personal experience. Of course, we have many fine churches in the city, both Catholic and Protestant, and many a good, respectable citizen is worshipping in them. However, this fine and respectable worshipper has confused his nominal church membership with personal experiences in Christ, of which he is greatly in need.

### MANITOWOC'S CHALLENGE

Only recently one Sunday afternoon I called on a family with Baptist background that had moved into the city some weeks previously. In the course of the conversation it became evident that they had attended a morning worship service in one of the large city churches, but, for obvious reasons, the spiritual atmosphere had chilled them. They therefore felt the need of looking for a Baptist Church and naturally came to us, since we are the only Baptist Church in the city. Yes, Manitowoc has the cool and ritualistic type of church that looks upon the Baptists as though they were somewhat of a fanatical sect.

Manitowoc also has the rather noisy type of church which has convinced itself that the Baptists have but a half-hearted religion. However, the opinion we have of ourselves is that, between these two extremes, there is room for a good, warm-hearted and active New Testament church in this city. We are trying to become such a church by the grace of God.

How are we endeavoring to meet the challenge of this city? Well, we



The congregation of the First Baptist Church, Manitowoc, Wisconsin (left), following a recent worship service; with the newly organized church choir (right); and Danny Wegner, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Wegner, pointing out the announcements on the church's bulletin board (center)

have found that the good old method of holding special evangelistic meetings will not succeed here. We have had several such campaigns but found that we could not draw the unsaved nor the nominal church member who also needs Christ. The Sunday School is doing a fine job of bringing in the young people and leading them to a knowledge of the Savior in time as well. The annual Vacation Bible School is also quite helpful in directing and influencing the thinking of the Sunday School scholars as well as the otherwise unchurched who are attracted to this type of school.

House-to-house visitation has been employed, though the results are not as fruitful as we would have liked to have seen them. In order to contact the newcomers to the city, the Manitowoc Chamber of Commerce supplies us with the needed information of names and addresses. Thus we try to lay hold on every opportunity to seek the ones who will let us find them. Since we have moved to the city, our membership has been increasing slowly but constantly.

#### ACTIVE ORGANIZATIONS

In cooperation with the church proper, our spiritual forces or organizations with which we hope to "conquer the land" consists of the following groups. The Men's Brotherhood numbering about twenty-six members who meet once a month. The Woman's Mission Society of some seventeen members meets monthly. The Ruth Guild Society, consisting of some twenty younger women, holds monthly meetings. The Young People's Society of about the same number meets twice a month. Our newly organized mixed choir of twenty-four voices is now very active. Of course, there is the Sunday School where all of us learn of the Master Teacher. The pastor with the Board of Deacons seeks to supervise all of our activities.

But all of us find it necessary to draw on the divine resources through prayer and consecration, since the gates of hell sometimes seem to close in on us, driving us to our knees.

To build Christ's Church in Manitowoc means two things to us. First and foremost, it means to build up our own spiritual forces, to re-inforce the ranks and possibly to double our membership before the first decade of city-life has passed by. The field is all of Manitowoc, in spite of the religious "giants that dwell in the land."

The second part of our vision is to build a larger and better house of God as soon as conditions will permit. Our own hearts are filled with gratitude for God's leadings and blessings of the past century, and they are also stirred as we hold the needs of the present and the task of the future. We believe that Christ's promise, "I will build my church," is equal to the task set before us.

### THE FIRST CENTURY FOR THE MANITOWOC CHURCH

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and were ordained into the ministry by this church. This was also true of the Rev. H. Palfenier who came to the church in 1925. It was his privilege to lead the church in counting the blessings of God as they observed the 75th church anniversary from September 4-6, 1925. Brother Palfenier ministered to the church for a period of five years during which precious souls were gathered into the fold. The Vacation Bible School also had its birth in our midst during his ministry. Of course, no minister gets married to his church, but Mr. Palfenier did get married to one of the church members, Miss Eleanor Specht, who is his faithful helpmeet.

The years since Mr. Palfenier's ministry to the present have been quite a transitional period for us. Many changes have taken place, of which our forefathers did not dream. The period of 1920 through 1937 presented us with a language problem, although we gradually changed over from the German language to English. We are happy to say that we now use the English language exclusively.

At the beginning of 1931 a call was extended to the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler to which he responded favorably and shortly after his arrival he was ordained into the ministry. His pastorate in our midst during the following six years proved to be a great blessing to the church.

When Mr. Kraenzler left us in 1937, we were able to secure the services of the Rev. Edgar Engelmann for the summer of 1938. In 1939 the Rev. Reinhold Siegmund came to us but his ministry again came to a close in 1940.

In September of that year we turned to Dr. William Kuhn, inviting him to pay us a visit. He responded to our invitation and our hearts were warmed and comforted by his messages. He then suggested that we extend a call to the Rev. Hugo Lueck who was stranded in this country following the Baptist World Alliance meetings in Atlanta, Georgia, because of the war and who could come to us immediately. Mr. Lueck responded favorably to our call and stayed with us for over three years, and the Lord blessed the church.

When Mr. Lueck felt led to follow God's call into Canada, it was suggested to us to call Mr. Lawrence E. Wegner who was studying at the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago. After having served us for some time he was ordained into the ministry and served the church most energetically for two and one-half years.

It was during Mr. Wegner's ministry that another big change took place. We moved into the city of Manitowoc. On May 30, 1943, the congregation decided to conduct the worship services

in the Lincoln Park Field House with a view of moving into the city. The time had come when a number of members were living in the city and other prospective members were looking for a Baptist church in the city, but there was none.

After having held services in the Field House for some time, the congregation decided on July 28, 1943, permanently to continue holding all services in the city though the church building in the town of Kossuth was standing vacant. The vision seen over fifty years ago had come true. The opportunities of growth in the city were most inviting.

Therefore, in keeping with our vision, we changed our name to the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc and continued holding our services in the Field House. Suitable lots on Waldo Boulevard were purchased with the intention of moving the Kossuth church building into the city, though it was necessary to enlarge and modernize it to meet the present needs. These plans, however, did not materialize because of war conditions, the high cost of building and the restriction laws of the city. Consequently, the old church building was sold, although we still own the lots here in the city, hoping to build our dream-church on them in the not too distant future.

After the Rev. Lawrence Wegner had left us and Mr. Lueck had again served us as interim pastor for a while, we extended a call to the Rev. John Schweitzer in 1947 who was one of the denominational evangelists at the time. It was during his short ministry that we purchased our present spacious private dwelling at 812 Huron Street, which has been remodeled so as to provide the needed facilities on the main floor and basement for worship and Sunday School purposes and a fine upstairs flat for the pastor and family. To be sure, this is only a temporary arrangement, but we are happy to have our own church home again.

When Mr. Schweitzer resigned in the spring of 1948, a student couple, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Jansen from our Seminary served us during that summer. Upon their return to Rochester, one of our own girls, Miss Caroline Kreiman, a graduate of the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, served us until January of 1949, when our present pastor, the Rev. E. M. Wegner, and family came to us in answer to our call and prayers.

Indeed, we praise the Lord who is the Head of the Church, for the many blessings and benefits of bygone days, blessings that we have tried to count but have found too numerous to do so in this short article. We are looking forward to our Centenary Jubilee.

### Special North American Baptist Meetings During Baptist World Alliance Week in Cleveland, Ohio

White Avenue Baptist Church,  
Corner E. 55th St. and White Avenue,  
Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, Pastor

Erin Avenue Baptist Church,  
Corner Erin Ave. and West 32nd St.,  
Rev. Edwin Miller, Pastor

#### Sunday Morning, July 23

German worship services to be addressed by Baptist leaders from Germany. (More detailed information later.)

#### Sunday Evening, July 23

Young people's rally after the evening service of the Congress. Place: Erin Avenue Church. Program to be arranged by the National C.B.Y. and S.S. Union with Mr. Harold Gieseke in charge.

#### Tuesday Morning, July 25

7:30 A.M. Breakfast for North American Baptist ministers and delegates from Germany. Place: Erin Avenue Church.

#### Wednesday Afternoon, July 27

2:30-4:30 P.M. Open House at Publication Society, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. — 4:30-6:30 P.M. Buffet Supper at the White Ave. Church.

Plan to Attend!  
BAPTIST WORLD CONGRESS  
Cleveland, Ohio  
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### ON WINGS OF GRACE

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by the grace of God it has never died out in the Baptist Church of Manitowoc! For the song of the Lord was and is the song of redemption! Faithful pastors and teachers and members have sung it in the past and they are singing it in the present! It is the song that redeems from sin and evil and makes men and women and boys and girls to rejoice in the Lord and his liberating grace and power. And this song of redemption needs to be sung, as never before, in Manitowoc and elsewhere!

May we not grow weary of it but sing it forth with joy and power and gladness of heart, for this is the song of songs, the melody of all melodies, the great symphony of grace, finished, not "unfinished." It is the melody of heaven sung on earth, that shall fill earth and heaven with its glorious harmonies when Christ, the great Composer of it, shall come in the fullness of time to conduct the choirs and orchestras of the hosts of the redeemed of all ages.

# All Roads Lead to Cleveland

A Summons to Baptists by the President of the Baptist World Alliance

By DR. C. OSCAR JOHNSON of St. Louis, Missouri

THE CITY of Cleveland, Ohio, in its lovely setting on the shore of Lake Erie is near the center of the United States. It is easily accessible to the American people from every direction. Here will convene the 8th Congress of the Baptist World Alliance, July 22-27, 1950. The accommodations will be superb. The meeting place is excellent. All that remains is for Baptists to make their plans to attend this great inspirational and challenging meeting.

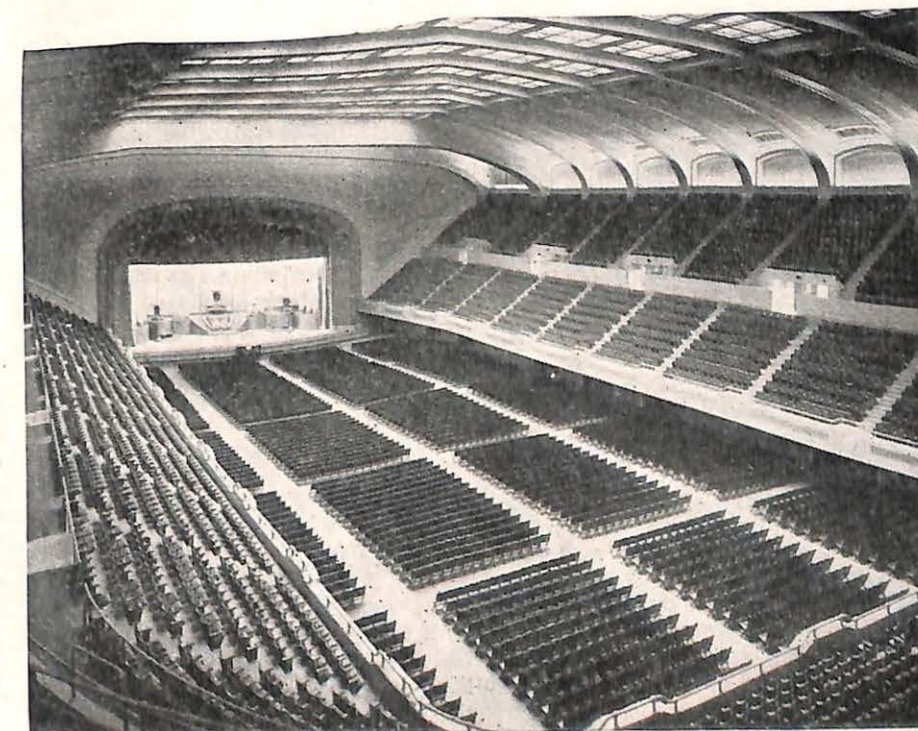
I am hoping and praying that many of our brethren will come from overseas from the ends of the earth. At a time like this it is very important that we have this great gathering. The program theme, "The Light Shines in the Darkness," is most appropriate. The world has never needed more than now the Light which we have to give. As free men and women, in our individual faith and in our church, we can best serve in an hour when so many millions are struggling for this same freedom. The program will discuss great themes which will help those in deep darkness to see a new Light.

When the Roll Call of the Nations takes place on Saturday, July 22 it is

hoped that as many of the 62 nations as possible will be represented by delegates from these nations. It is my hope that the President of the United States will be there on Saturday evening to bring a message to us, and through us to all parts of the earth. No one will wish to miss this meeting.

I can easily envision 30,000 or more of our Baptist brethren heading for Cleveland in July, by boat, automobile, train, airplane, all confidently expecting to insure and to be inspired in a fellowship which includes 16,000,000 million Baptists around the world. And this fellowship includes also all other Christians who love our Lord Jesus Christ and who seek to bring His gospel of love and freedom to the peoples of the world.

For the sake of those who have in the past 45 years kept alive this great world fellowship, and for the sake of Him who desires unity among His children, we should all plan to be in Cleveland in July. The eyes of the world will be upon us for our message. Men and the women of the world will be waiting to hear our words of comfort and faith. The Cleveland Congress can easily be the greatest assembly of our Baptist family that we have ever had.



The Interior View of the Cleveland Public Auditorium at Cleveland, Ohio Where the Main Sessions of the Eighth Baptist World Alliance Will Be Held from July 22 to 27, 1950

# What's Happening

● On Sunday, May 7, the Rev. Martin De Boer, pastor of the Baptist Church at Buffalo Center, Ia., extended the hand of fellowship to eight new members, who he had baptized previously on Easter Sunday evening. Three of these were married men.

● The Rev. W. Helwig of Dallas, Texas has resigned as pastor of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church after a fruitful and effective pastorate of eight years since 1942. He will bring his ministry at the church to a close on July 1st. His plans for the future are still indefinite as he awaits God's guidance.

● Miss Laura E. Reddig, Cameroons missionary, has enrolled in a two months' course in anesthesia at the Cook County Graduate Medical School, completing her work at the close of July. She hopes to sail for the Cameroons, Africa in August. Letters during June and July can be addressed to the Baptist Missionary Training School, 510 Wellington St., Chicago 14, Ill.

● The Women's Missionary Society of the Danzig Station Church of the Tyndall Baptist Church of South Dakota held its anniversary program on Sunday evening, May 7, with Mrs. John Berndt, president, in charge. A playlet, several readings and some songs were rendered. The entire offering of \$92.00 was designated for missions. The Rev. Albert Ittermann is pastor of the Tyndall Church.

● Evangelistic services were held at the Bethel Church of Missoula, Montana from April 23 to 30 with the Rev. Henry Pfeifer serving as evangelist. Thirty-two persons accepted the Lord as their Savior and rededicated their lives during the meetings. The high attendance on a Sunday morning was 173. On Sunday, May 21, the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, pastor, baptized 17 persons on confession of their faith.

● On Sunday, June 4, the Rev. Henry Pfeifer began his ministry in the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He and his family moved to Edmonton from Okeene, Okla., towards the close of May. Mr. Pfeifer served as denominational evangelist with great effectiveness since 1947. His last series of meetings was in the Baptist Church of Bismarck, No. Dak., early in May. In Edmonton he has succeeded the Rev. Richard Schilke, now of Anaheim, California.



The Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Wegner and their son Danny are all smiles as they anticipate the Centenary Jubilee of their church, the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wisconsin from June 9 to 11, 1950

● The Rev. Aaron Stackhouse, pastor of the Calvary Church, Stafford, Kansas, suffered a renewed injury to his back in March. As a result he spent the weeks from March 23 to May 4 at hospitals in Stafford, Kansas and St. Louis, Mo., securing the necessary treatment and medical attention. No operation was necessary. He reports that he has been able to make a successful recovery with God's help and that it is wonderful to be back again with his fine people at Stafford.

● "The Gospel Harmonizers," a quartet of students from the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, So. Dak., began a summer itinerary of more than three months on Wednesday evening, May 31, at Jeffers, Minn. The trip will take them as far east as Rochester, N. Y., through the central states and the Dakotas, into three Canadian provinces, and closing on Sunday, Sept. 3, at Avon and Tyndall, So. Dak. The members of the quartet are Bernard Fritzke, Harold Weiss, Chris Weintz and Adolph Braun.

● During the days of Feb. 7 to 19 the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., held a heart warming revival with the Rev. H. J. Waltereit of Lehr, No. Dak., ably serving as evangelist. Nine persons answered the call during these meetings, and on Palm Sunday evening the Rev. David Zimmerman, pastor, led them through the waters of baptism and on Easter Sunday

morning they were given the hand of fellowship. The church has also made notable progress by installing a gas heating plant that makes the house of worship much more comfortable the year around.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. Wedel of Milwaukee, Wis., observed their golden wedding anniversary on May 15. On Sunday evening, May 14, the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, of which Mr. Wedel was formerly the pastor, held a fellowship supper in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, attended by 200 members and friends. All four daughters of the Wedels were able to be present. Representatives of the church spoke and a lovely bouquet of flowers with \$50 attached was presented to them. Mr. and Mrs. Wedel were married in 1900 by the late Rev. C. A. Daniel.

● Miss Alethea Kose of Chicago, Ill., underwent a serious operation on April 11 at the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago. The operation was much more critical and difficult than at first anticipated, and Miss Kose was confined to her room at the Presbyterian Hospital for more than six weeks. As this issue of "The Herald" goes to press, we are happy to report that she has been making wonderful progress but that a long period of convalescence still awaits her. Letters or cards can be sent to her at 6052 South Ingleside Ave., Chicago 37, Ill. The continued prayers of "Baptist Herald" readers in her behalf are requested.

● Evangelistic meetings were held for four weeks in April at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah, No. Dak., with the Rev. O. W. Dirks of Ottawa, Kansas serving as evangelist. In spite of severe winter weather and bad roads, people came in great numbers to attend the fine meetings. Nine people made their confession of faith in Christ and many others rededicated themselves to the Master's service. In June Mr. Dirks will return to this area for further evangelistic meetings at Zap and Golden Valley, No. Dak., which is the mission field, along with Beulah, for the Rev. Fred Trautner, pastor.

● The cornerstone of the new Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, now known as the Fourth Street Church in its present location, was held on Sunday afternoon, May 7. The address was given by the Rev. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary,

with the historical highlights reviewed by Dr. Herman von Berge of the church. The cornerstone was laid by Mr. Harold Schultze, chairman of the building fund committee, after various church representatives had laid important items into the cornerstone box with Mr. John Topper presiding over this impressive ceremony. The Rev. Alex H. Elsesser, pastor of the church, offered the prayer of dedication.

● "The Quest for Souls" is the title of a new book by Dr. A. J. Harms, pastor of the Woodlawn Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., and formerly pastor of the Burns Ave. Church of Detroit, Mich. It was published in March 1950 by the Good News Publishing Company and is available at our Roger Williams Press for \$2.00 a copy. More than 500 copies have already gone to colleges and libraries in the United States. In reviewing this book, Dr. Carl L. Witchurch, professor of law at Wayne University, Detroit, Mich., has written: "Here is a Yale man whose preparation for the ministry is in keeping with the academic standard of that great university but whose faith is as single as a New Testament disciple."

● The Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., held its commencement exercises on Monday evening, May 21, at the First Congregational Church. Those graduating were Mr. Harold Gieseke of Trenton, Ill., president of the National C.B.Y. and S.S. Workers' Union; Mr. John Siems of Burlington, Iowa; and the Rev. Louis Johnson, formerly pastor of the East Side Church of Chicago, who received their Bachelor of Divinity degrees, and Miss Audrey Katzberg of Ebenzer, Sask., Canada who was the recipient of the Bachelor of Religious Education degree. The commencement speaker was Mr. J. L. Kraft of Chicago, prominent Baptist layman and cheese merchant, the story of whose life appeared in the 1949 ANNUAL.

● Sunday, May 7, marked the completion of two years of united service for the Rev. J. Lester Harnish, pastor, and people of the Bethel Church, Detroit, Michigan. During this period there have been 168 additions. The budget has increased from \$43,000 to \$63,500. The 1949 contributions to the missions were about \$25,000. The morning service is now broadcast from 11:15 A. M. to 12:00 Noon over WJBK. The evening service has increased 60%, now averaging about 250. One of the members, Alma Kludt, went as a missionary to India in January 1950; another, Mildred Hartson, entered home missions in March; and Paul Anderson has become pastor of a church in Minnesota. There are now ten young people studying for full time Christian work with a number of volunteers soon to follow.

## C. B. Y. and S. S. U. Herald News

Appears Every Issue To Keep You Up-to-date on North American Baptist Youth and Sunday School Activities

### YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

June 18 — "O Promise Me" (Third meeting in the unit entitled, "Double Duty," by Rev. Philip Daum, Chilliwack, B. C., Canada.)  
June 25 — "That Much Needed Vacation" by Rev. Arthur McAsh of Detroit, Mich.

### OUR BEST WISHES

- To the Kansas Young People's Assembly, meeting just now at Camp Fellowship, near Wichita.
- To the Iowa Young People's Camp, which begins next Sunday at Iowa Baptist Assembly, Iowa Falls.
- To the Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom, our Cameroons missionaries home on their first furlough, who face a strenuous summer schedule that will take them from Pennsylvania to California and from North Dakota to Texas. We know that our young people everywhere will learn to love Don and Verna and we trust that the Lord will use them to call some of our talented young people into African service. Later in the summer, Miss Hilda Tobert, another of our missionaries, will join in promotional work. To these three, and to Miss Myrtle Hein, just concluding her effective visits, we send our love and prayers.

- To Mr. Herman Siemund of Chicago, who has just completed 25 years as president of the Chicago Sunday School Teachers' Union, and to his successor, Mr. Walter C. Pankratz, the genial former president of our National Union.
- To the many Daily Vacation Bible Schools being held this month and next.

### SOUTHERN BAPTISTS MEET

Your "Herald News" reporter has just come home from three inspiring sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, which met in Chicago, May 9-12. He wishes that all of our young people might have been present for "Foreign Missions Night" on Tuesday and seen the commissioning of approximately 50 new missionaries to foreign lands. The Convention's Foreign Board now has 753 missionaries under appointment. Five of the new appointees gave stirring testimonies of their call and willingness to go, revealing their splendid training and spiritual zeal.

On Friday afternoon, he heard the inspired singing of a chorus from Oklahoma Baptist University, representing the thousands of youth in Southern Baptist schools. The convention ended with a great evangelistic rally on Friday night, when 25,000 delegates and Chicago Baptists crowded the famous Chicago Stadium to hear Dr. Robert G. Lee, convention president, preach. Many decisions for Christ and his service were recorded. These more than 6½ million Baptists of the Southland are one of the greatest forces for God in America. We rejoice in the spiritual victories they are recording and ask God's blessing upon them.

### WORTH WATCHING

We continue to watch with the greatest interest the "Financometer" readings in "The Challenger," quarterly publication of the Southwestern Conference Union. The pointer reads \$1,765, well on the way toward their \$2,500 goal. Of this goal, \$1,300 will go for the J. J. Reimer Memorial Fund, to bring the gospel to those in the San Luis Valley. The remainder is to be divided among the Bansa Hospital, the Student Service Plan, the Seminary, and promotional work. We predict that the Union will "go over the top."

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Our church in Grand Forks, North Dakota conducted a special training class for Daily Vacation Bible School leaders, a project which we would commend to all our churches. A total of 25 enrolled in the class, although not all these are taking the course for credit.

### WORTH QUOTING

"I do not drink. This is my policy because I find life filled with so many challenging tasks and demands. To meet them, I must have the full benefit of all my spiritual, mental, and physical capacities at all times. To me, the exhilaration of outdoor life, the joy of good music, the companionship of family and friends, the comfort of religious faith provide lasting sources of happiness with which liquor does not mix."

— Governor Youngdahl of Minnesota.

### A VERSE TO REMEMBER

"Stop being worried about anything, but always, in prayer and entreaty, and with thanksgiving, keep on making your wants known to God." — Philippians 4:6 (Williams Translation).



—Photograph by Harold M. Lambert  
The Arden house on the old homestead stood a little back from the road, so sweetly pleasant and cosy, yet spacious in the lovely setting of trees and lawn

# Mary Arden

A Christian Novel by GRACE LIVINGSTON HILL  
and RUTH LIVINGSTON HILL

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## SYNOPSIS

For three generations there had been a Mary Arden at the old home on the edge of the village of Ardenville, now called ARDEN, and now the fourth Mary Arden had come back there to live. She loved everything about ARDEN. She even felt that way about the place when she went back to be the maid of honor at Floss Fairlee's wedding, and again met Brooke Haven, a former suitor of hers. She disliked his making love to her and resented his clever maneuver of announcing their engagement at the wedding rehearsal. As far as she was concerned, the wedding was off! On the train back to Arden, she thought happily of the old house and of friends, and especially about the tall strong young pastor of the little Ardenville chapel. The next Sunday morning she heard him preach a simple but dynamic Gospel sermon. In was a thrilling service for her. In the meantime, Brooke Haven came to Arden, checked in at the hotel and went to a nearby taproom where he struck up an acquaintance with a flirtatious girl. He bargained with her to carry out a bold plan in the hope of winning back Mary Arden for himself. As he climbed into his hard bed at the hotel, he was well satisfied with everything!

## CHAPTER FOURTEEN

MARY ARDEN woke the next morning with peace in her heart. It was Sunday and the birds were telling

everybody what a glorious morning it was. Mary lay a few moments listening. It seemed to her that they never had sounded so sweet. The perfume of the regal lilies that Orrin tended so carefully came from the garden below her front window. Oh, what a blessed place this was! If she could only have known that this was ahead for her those awful days up in the city. Was that the way all of this earth's trials would seem, when she reached Heaven? As half-forgotten dreams?

And there was more than a delight in the quiet beauty of the day for Mary this morning. For the first time in her life she knew that her feet were planted in a definite path with a definite goal — the right path, the right goal! What a relief it was. To know where one was going, and that there would be joy, even though the going might be rough. For Laurie had done his work well, in teaching this precious newborn soul, and she had an assurance of her acceptance with God; she understood that that

came from the work of His beloved Son, and not from her own attempts to please Him. She smiled in utter joy as she caught a glimpse of the blue, blue sky. Its light reminded her of the light in Laurie's face as he had looked at her yesterday that one time in the canoe. Oh, here! She must not begin thinking foolish thoughts about Laurie again. What if she should find that he really was engaged to some other girl! How ashamed she would feel.

She jumped out of bed and ran happily in to take her morning shower. She was singing as she dressed. Nothing could down the joy that surged up in her today, she felt.

Now wasn't that the fragrance of bacon she caught? Nannie must be getting breakfast.

As Nannie heard her lighthearted song and her tripping feet down the stairs her own heart felt easier of its burden about Mary Arden. For knowing Mary's mother as she did, old Nannie had taken on almost the responsibility of a mother for this sweet girl who seemed actually to love her grandmother's old home, and its servants as well.

There was joy in the simple companionship of the four around the kitchen table that morning. Mary found time to wonder at it herself. She felt one with these people even more than ever. She wondered if it was because of the new step she had taken last night. She wanted to tell these kind friends all about it, but a sudden shyness came over her and she could not bring herself to speak of it. Perhaps sometime when she was alone with Nannie she would tell her. Nannie would understand, she knew.

Mary insisted on helping again with the dishes, and then she hovered over Nannie while she put in the roast for dinner and whipped up a light fluffy Spanish cream dessert.

"I really want to learn to cook," she explained. "I think every girl ought to know how. I'll be stupid about it, I suppose," she sighed wistfully, "and I know you'll have plenty of chances to laugh at me, but I want you to let me make things sometimes. Why! just suppose," she went on with an impish grin, "sometime I should marry and have four or five children! Little boys, for instance! What kind of a mother would I be if I couldn't even make cookies for them?"

Nannie laughed at her, and gave her one or two simple tasks about the preparing of dinner, but her casual reference to possible marriage worried Nannie. It all depended, of course, on whom she married!

Mary was as eager over going to church as any of them this morning.

Once she laughed quietly all to herself. Imagine being eager to go to any kind of church service! She could remember the many and various excuses the girls at college

used to get up to avoid chapel exercises. How dull they had seemed. But the service here was not dull. And she was sure that that was so, it was not simply because a very good-looking young man was the preacher. Mary was actually looking forward to hearing what he would say. She thought she would be able to understand better now that she was born again. Once more that strange thought thrilled her that she belonged, belonged to the family of God in a very special way.

When she had taken her seat beside Randa she glanced up casually. She met a blinding smile from Laurie that sent her heart a-racing off again in wild ecstasy.

But Laurie seemed master of himself this morning. He wore the calm elation as of one who has won a secret victory.

His talk was about the Cross and some of the many things Christ accomplished by it. Mary Arden sat and drank in the wonderful truths, rejoicing that at last they seemed clear to her.

She drove home in the same happy mood that had wakened with her. Her joyousness bubbled up easily and naturally over even small happenings. It seemed as if life would always be bright like this.

It was after Nannie's good dinner, in which Mary could take some pride because she had done little things to help, and after a good time of reading and a nap in the new summer-house, that Mary suddenly became aware of footsteps on the flagstones. She knew before she opened her eyes that they were a man's footsteps. Was it Laurie? Had he come to see if she understood what he said this morning, and to give her more help? She smiled in her half sleep. The footsteps paused, then came on. She listened again. No, they were not Laurie's. Even in her doze she knew it was not Laurie. Something firm and dependable was lacking in these steps. Or was it that she missed Laurie's whistle? He nearly always whistled when he walked, especially when he came in search of her.

Then she roused enough to realize that it would be well to discover who it was. She opened her eyes.

There stood Brooke Haven. He wore a humble look that Mary had never seen on him before. It was ill-fitting, unlike the immaculate sport suit he had on; but it was there.

He moved toward Mary where she lay, her book fallen open in her lap. Her eyes opened wide almost in terror.

"Mary," he said, more gently than she had ever heard him speak, "I've come to apologize."

Apologize! Whoever heard of Brooke Haven apologizing? Never had he been known to do that in all of his eventful life, although there

had been many times when he should have.

Mary continued to stare unbelievably, rubbing her eyes.

He smiled, deprecatingly. A smile reeking with humility.

"You don't trust me, Mary? You won't forgive me? I know now that that was an unfair thing to do, letting them all think we were engaged when we weren't — yet. I — well, somehow I didn't realize until afterwards how mean it was. I didn't intend any rudeness to you. I thought it would be fun for all of us to be — in the same boat, as it were." He attempted an embarrassed little laugh.

Mary still looked at him, with a puzzled stare, and said nothing.

He came closer and knelt down on one perfectly creased beige knee on the flagstone, to try to reach her across the chasm that was still between them. There was almost a sob in his voice as he begged again,

"Won't you ever forgive me, Mary, and let us be friends again?"

As he drew nearer Mary sat up with a jerk and straightened herself, pulling away as far as she could. But she listened to his apology with sober thoughtfulness. Could it be sincere? She wondered.

She looked off at a distant hillside, while he waited for her answer, his handsome head sorrowfully bowed. He did not attempt to touch her.

At last she turned back and gazed at him again.

"Why — yes," she said slowly, "I suppose I'll have to forgive you."

He raised his head, a great relief showing in his black eyes. He looked at her soulfully and murmured, "Thank you, Mary."

Then he drew a chair near her couch and sat down. He still spoke in that sorrowful humble voice.

"I wanted to tell you, Mary, first of anybody, that I have begun to realize that I have not always been what I should have been. I want you to help me."

Mary was appalled. If Brooke had come to her with joking, or even with a report that the story he started had all been denied and forgotten, she would have coldly sent him off again. But whoever would have expected this? Her first impulse in spite of his apology had been to send him away and refuse to see him again. Yet he seemed sincere enough, and had asked her help. What should she do? As a child of God who had been help-

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ed could she refuse help to someone else? She was very young in the faith yet and knew so little herself. Would he even listen if she told him of her new Savior? Was his repentance that deep? Oh, if she only had someone to advise her. If only Laurie were here. Then suddenly a daring thought came to her, but still she hesitated.

"What kind of help do you want?" she parried.

"I want you to help me be the kind man I ought to be." Again his shiny black head bowed and he gave a deep sigh.

Mary thought again a long moment. Then she looked at her watch and made her decision. It was almost supertime now, and there would not need to be any lengthy discussions with him. Yes, she could manage that much.

"Well," she threw her challenge, "will you go to church tonight with me?"

His head was still bowed, and she did not see the angry sneer flash across his face. He raised his solemn eyes and said, "I will go anywhere you want me to go."

She arose, picking up her book, and said, albeit rather uncordially, "Well, come in to the house and Nannie will soon have supper ready."

She walked ahead of him, saying no more on the walk to the house.

But Nannie saw them coming and her heart sank.

"Now how long has that good-fer-nothin' fella been out there with our Miss Mary, Randa? Did you tell him she was there?"

Randa came swiftly, starchily, to look out the window.

"Deed I did not, ma!" she protested hotly. "He never came to the door at all. He must've gone right on out there. Oh, ma! What'll Mr. Laurie say?"

"Mr. Laurie!" blurted her heavy-hearted mother. "I only wish he would say some'n. Now I s'pose Miss Mary won't be goin' to church tonight, with comp'ny an' all. Oh me!"

But Mary, after pointing her unwelcome guest up the stairs to "the first door on the left," stepped out to the kitchen with a worried look on her face.

"Nannie!" she called peremptorily. Nannie told Orrin after they were in bed that night: "She didn't speak like herself. It ain't like her to give orders. She's always acted like we was all her family. Not that I mind. It's her right. But she just wasn't natural!"

"Nannie, set the table for two in the dining room tonight. I have company. Don't get anything extra. Just whatever you had planned will be all right." Then in a preoccupied manner she closed the kitchen door again and went upstairs to her own room.

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**WILLIAM GRIMM**

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knew him best for his undivided loyalty to his Master and his devotion to a cause which was dearer to him than life itself.

Grimm was an uncompromising foe of Calvinism (predestination) and refused to be reconciled even to such moderate views of Calvinism as were held by some of our early leaders. In this, his churches followed him and for a number of years persistently refused to affiliate themselves with the Conference of German Baptists in America, and were therefore known among them as the "Grimm Group." Only after they were assured that Calvinism was not to be the dominating doctrine of the denomination did they consent to unite.

In many ways Grimm was an extraordinary man. If he had enjoyed a fuller scholastic training in his early years, he would have had no superior among the pioneers of our denomination. But lack of this resulted in much friction and unnecessary misunderstanding between him and other brethren. Never having had the opportunity of an academic or seminary training, he looked askance at those who had. Rochester he called a "crazy house institution", (Verrueckten Anstalt) and the seminary a "preacher factory."

It is to be regretted that, while he demanded for himself the right to interpret the Scriptures as he understood them, he was unwilling to concede that right to others who might differ with him. But in this he merely shared the shortcomings of many others, even in our own day. But he was every inch a Baptist! For the defense of the Truth, as he conceived it, he waged warfare such as few of the other early leaders were capable of doing. Although he was aggressive to a fault, he was nevertheless a preacher of great power who commanded the respect even of those who disagreed with him. Yes, he had his faults, but the generation which knew him best loved and cherished him for his undivided loyalty to the Truth and his undying devotion to the Master whom he loved and served.

Everett Edward Hale has described such characters in these lines:-

"What was his name?  
I do not know his name.  
I only know he heard God's voice  
and came;  
Brought all he loved across the sea  
To live and work for God and me;  
Felled the ungracious oak,  
With horrid toil dragged from the soil  
The thrice gnarled roots and stub-  
born rock;  
And when his work was done,  
Without memorial died."

**PROGRAM OF PACIFIC CONFERENCE  
to Be Held at First Baptist Church, Lodi, California,  
June 21 to 25, 1950**

Conference Theme, "The Voice of the Eternal." Exodus 3:14.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21**

7:45 P.M. Opening Service. Speaker, Rev. R. Schilke. "The Eternal God" (Ex. 3:14).

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22**

9:00-9:30 A.M. Devotion led by Rev. Frank Friesen.  
9:30-11:30 A.M. Organization and reading of church letters.  
11:30-12:00 A.M. "Soul Clinic," Dr. M. L. Leuschner.  
2:00-2:30 P.M. Devotion led by Rev. J. J. Lippert.  
2:30-3:15 P.M. Mission Secretary's Report and Election of Mission Committee.  
3:15-4:00 P.M. "I Am the Light." Speaker: Rev. John Kimmel.  
7:45 P.M. Evening Service. Speaker, Prof. R. P. Jeschke, Sioux Falls, So. Dak.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23**

9:00-9:30 A.M. Devotion led by Rev. A. Foll.  
9:30-10:15 A.M. "I Am the Door." Speaker, Rev. E. Wolff.  
10:15-10:45 A.M. Reports and Business.  
10:45-11:30 A.M. "I Am the Bread." Speaker, Rev. J. Schweitzer.  
11:30-12:00 A.M. "Soul Clinic." Dr. M. L. Leuschner.  
2:00-2:30 P.M. Devotion led by Rev. E. A. Kohfeld.  
2:30-3:15 P.M. Reports, Seminary, Publication Society.  
3:15-4:00 A.M. "I Am the Good Shepherd." Rev. Leland Friesen.  
7:45 P.M. Evening Service. Women's Meeting. (Own Program.)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24**

9:00-9:30 A.M. Devotion led by Rev. H. Barnett.  
9:30-10:15 A.M. "I Am the Way." Speaker, Rev. H. Hengstler.  
10:15-10:45 A.M. Unfinished Business.  
10:45-11:30 A.M. "I Am the Resurrection and the Life." Rev. R. Kern.  
11:30-12:00 A.M. "Soul Clinic." Dr. M. L. Leuschner.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

In charge of the host church.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25**

9:30-10:00 A.M. German Service. Speaker, Rev. A. Kujath.  
10:00-10:45 A.M. Sunday School. Adult Department. Speakers, Rev. F. W. Bartel, Rev. R. G. Kaiser, Rev. F. W. Mueller.  
10:45-12:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service. Speaker, Prof. R. P. Jeschke, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 25**

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**SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 25**

7:45 P.M. Closing service of the Conference. Speaker, Rev. F. E. Klein.  
THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

**PROGRAM OF DAKOTA CONFERENCE  
to Be Held at Sidney, Montana,  
June 21 to 25, 1950**

Conference Theme: "Evangelism Our Conference Challenge."  
Conference Text: Prov. 11:30 — "He that winneth souls is wise."  
Conference Hymn: "O Zion, Haste Thy Mission High Fulfilling."

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21**

7:30 P.M. Song Service, Rev. Norman Miller. Welcome by Pastor and Mayor. Sermon, "Jesus' Passion for Souls." Prof. A. Bretschneider.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22**

9:00-9:30 A.M. Devotions, "Prayer and Evangelism." Rev. Vernon Link.  
9:30-11:25 A.M. Organization, Business, Church Letters.  
11:30-12:00 A.M. Meditation — (German) "Der Familienaltar und Evangelisation." Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt.  
2:00-2:30 P.M. Devotions, "The Women's Mission and Evangelism," Mrs. H. J. Waltereit.  
2:30-3:30 P.M. Business continued.  
3:30-4:40 P.M. Reports — Denominational and European.  
7:30 P.M. Song and praise service, Rev. E. J. Schubring. Evangelistic message, Rev. H. Palfenier.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23**

9:00-9:30 A.M. Devotions, "The Use of The Bible In Evangelism." Rev. Ervin Gerlitz.

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9:30-10:30 A.M. Report — Mission Secretary, Election.  
10:30-11:00 A.M. Lecture, "The Holy Spirit and Evangelism." Prof. A. Bretschneider.  
11:00-11:30 A.M. S. S. Clinic, "Sunday School and Evangelism." Rev. A. G. Rietdorf, chairman; Rev. H. Palfenier.  
11:30-12:00 A.M. Meditation, "Regeneration and Evangelism." Rev. Hugo Bronstad.  
12:15 P.M. Women's luncheon and business.  
2:00-2:30 P.M. Devotions, "The Individual In Evangelism," Rev. Edward Kary.  
2:30-3:10 P.M. Lecture, "Invitation In Evangelism." Rev. Alfred Weisser.  
2:30-3:10 P.M. S. S. Leaders' Clinic. A. G. Rietdorf, chairman; Prof. A. Bretschneider.  
3:10-4:30 P.M. Reports.  
7:30 P.M. Women's Program. Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, Speaker.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24**

9:00-9:30 A.M. Devotion, "Shepherding and Evangelism." Rev. O. W. Brenner.  
9:30-10:10 A.M. Lecture, "Music and Evangelism." Rev. R. A. Klein.  
9:30-10:10 A.M. S. S. Leader's Clinic — Chairman A. G. Rietdorf; Rev. H. Palfenier.  
10:10-10:45 A.M. Unfinished Business.  
10:45-11:30 A.M. Memorial Service, Rev. E. Gutsche.  
11:30-12:00 A.M. Meditation, "The Eternal Challenge and Evangelism." Rev. H. Hiller.  
2:00 P.M. Young People's Business Session.  
6:00 P.M. Young People's Banquet and Christian Film.  
8:00 P.M. Young People's Singspiration and Memorial Service for Miss Ann Swain.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25**

9:30 A.M. Sunday School. Speakers, Rev. Fred Schmidt and Rev. Alvin L. Wetter.  
10:30-12:00 A.M. Mission Service. Prof. A. Bretschneider, and German Mission Service, Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt.  
2:30-4:00 P.M. Young People's Program. Special Music, Readings and Poems from all churches represented.  
7:30 P.M. Song and praise service. Closing sermon, Rev. H. Palfenier.

**Invitation**

The church of Sidney, Montana extends a cordial invitation to all our churches to attend the Dakota Conference which meets June 21-25 this year in our midst. It is understood that delegates and visitors, according to our conference regulation, are to secure their own lodging and meals. May God's richest blessings be ours. Kindly announce your coming to the conference just as soon as it is possible to Rev. Otto Fiesel, 104 Richland Avenue, South, Sidney, Montana.  
OTTO FIESEL, Pastor.

**Highlights of Program of the  
Alberta Association at Camrose,  
Alta., from June 15 to 18**

Theme: "The Christian's Walk in Ephesians."

**Thursday Evening, June 15**

"Called Out by God" (Eph. 1:4-7)  
Rev. H. Palfenier (English message).

**Friday, June 16**

Devotions beginning at 9:30 A.M. Reports, business and messages. Evening Service in charge of Dr. C. H. Seecamp. Message by Rev. H. Palfenier.

**Saturday, June 17**

Sessions throughout the day. 3:30-4:30 P.M. Memorial for the late Rev. F. W. Benke. 7:30 P.M. Evening Service with Rev. K. Korella in charge. Speaker, Rev. H. Palfenier.

**Sunday, June 18**

9:45-10:45 A.M. Sunday School.  
10:45-12:00 A.M. Mission Sermon by Rev. H. Schatz. 2:30 P.M. Sermon, "Your Reward," by Rev. H. Palfenier.

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10:00-10:30 A.M. "The Church and Smyrna" (Rev. 2:8-11). Rev. F. Alf.  
10:30-11:20 A.M. Business and Reports.  
11:20-11:50 A.M. Quiet Half Hour, Dr. M. L. Leuschner.  
2:00-2:30 P.M. Devotions, Rev. E. Gerlitz.  
2:30-3:00 P.M. "The Church at Pergamos" (Rev. 2:12-17), Rev. A. Sootzmann.  
3:00-4:30 P.M. Business and Elections.  
7:30 P.M. Evening Service with Rev. C. Rempel in charge. Hebron Church Choir will sing. Dr. M. L. Leuschner will show mission pictures.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 16**

9:00-9:30 A.M. Devotions, Rev. E. Faul.  
9:30-10:00 A.M. "The Church at Thyatira" (Rev. 2:18-29), Rev. H. Waltereit.  
10:00-10:30 A.M. "The Church at Sardis" (Rev. 3:1-6), Rev. Fred Trautner.  
10:30-11:00 A.M. "The Church at Philadelphia" (Rev. 3:7-13), Rev. G. Beutler.  
11:00-11:45 A.M. Quiet Half Hour, Dr. M. L. Leuschner.  
2:00-2:30 P.M. Devotions, Rev. J. Riemer.  
2:30-3:00 P.M. "The Church at Laodicea" (Rev. 3:14-22), Rev. Walter Stein.  
3:00-3:30 P.M. Sunday School Material, Rev. A. Huber.  
3:30-4:30 P.M. Unfinished Business.  
7:30 P.M. Woman's Missionary Union Program with Mrs. E. Kary in charge. Speaker, Dr. M. L. Leuschner (English).

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17**

9:00-9:30 A.M. Devotions, Rev. R. Sigmund.  
9:30-10:00 A.M. "Relationship of the S.S. to the Church," Rev. A. Rietdorf.  
10:00-10:30 A.M. Discussion.  
10:20-10:50 A.M. "Opportunities and Dangers of Evangelism in the Sunday School," Rev. R. Dickau.  
10:50-11:10 A.M. Discussion.  
11:10-11:45 A.M. Quiet Half Hour, Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt.  
Saturday Afternoon: Open time for the delegates.  
7:30 P.M. Evening Service with Rev. T. Frey in charge. Speaker, Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 18**

9:45-10:45 A.M. Sunday School in charge of local superintendent. Speakers, Rev. Norman Miller (English) and Rev. H. Lang (German).  
10:45-12:00 A.M. Mission Service with Rev. E. Kary in charge. Speaker, Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt.  
2:30 P.M. Closing Service with Rev. A. Krombein in charge. Speaker, Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt.

Programs of the nine summer conferences will be published in "The Baptist Herald" (space permitting) if copies of the program are sent to the editor at least one month in advance of publication date. Only the highlights of other programs can be published.  
EDITOR.

**Program  
of the Central Dakota Association  
to Be Held at Bismarck, No. Dak.,  
from June 14 to 18.**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14**

7:30 P.M. Opening Service. Greetings local pastor. Sermon, "What the Spirit Saith Unto the Churches" (English), Dr. M. L. Leuschner.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 15**

9:00-9:30 A.M. Devotions, Rev. R. Klein.

9:30-10:00 A.M. "The Church at Ephesus" (Rev. 2:1-7), Rev. E. S. Fenske.

**REPORTS****FROM THE FIELD****Central Conference****Freedom's Foundation Presents Check and Medal to Rev. Frank Veninga, Peoria, Ill.**

"Political thought and theory must not overlook religious idealism," the Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor of State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., told members of the Peoria Advertising and Selling Club recently as he repeated part of his July 4, 1943, sermon to his congregation which won for him a medal and check for \$250 from Freedom's Foundation of Valley Forge, Pa.

His sermon, titled "This Nation Under God," was awarded seventh place in final judging by the non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian organization, which seeks to encourage those who "speak for freedom" by act or deed.

The Rev. Frank Veninga's sermon, which urged that liberty and religion go hand-in-hand, won the medal and check from John T. Beatty, a director of the foundation and president of a Chicago business concern.

Last year the foundation offered \$84,000 in cash awards, plus medals and certificates of merit for those who furthered the cause of freedom in the opinion of state supreme court jurists who journeyed to Valley Forge to judge the entries.

In his repetition of the winning speech before the ad club, Mr. Veninga continued that "Providence and patriotism must ever be correlatives; God must be in the government of our nation, and his minutest laws obeyed, if our government is to go on prospering."

The Peoria Advertising and Selling Club, before which this presentation was made, is Peoria's largest luncheon club, and Mr. Veninga received a real ovation from the many who attended the luncheon at which he received his awards.

The club also reserved a special table for members of State Park Baptist Church in attendance.

Walter E. Kohrs, Reporter.

**Five Young People from the Children's Home, St. Joseph, Mich., Are Baptized**

One of the joys that comes to a home and to a church is when its young people open their hearts to the Savior and then follow him in baptism. This joy came to us at our Baptist Children's Home of St. Joseph, Mich., when on Easter Sunday five of our boys and girls ranging in age from 11 to 13 years followed Christ



—The Peoria Journal

Named seventh place winner in the national contest sponsored by Freedom's Foundation of Valley Forge, Pa., the Rev. Frank Veninga (Left) of the State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., receives a medal and check for \$250 from John T. Beatty (right) of Chicago, a director of the Foundation

in baptism. These children were radiant as the morning sun when they stepped into the baptismal waters with our pastor, the Rev. L. H. Broecker, to be buried with Christ into the baptismal waters.

With some of the children the decision was not an easy one to make. Yes, they all love the Lord Jesus. They had heard a lot about him in the Home and in the church and Sunday School. They had all said "yes" to his gracious invitation. Many a time they had sat on the floor of our living room here in the Home discussing spiritual things with either Mrs. Runtz or myself. They did want to do what was right, but there were also other influences brought to bear upon them. Especially was this true of those who had been reared in an entirely different conception of the church. But the open Bible and frank discussions at last prevailed, although no urging was used.

What a wonderful day it was, and how wonderful when a young life is dedicated to God. The father of two of the children, whose mother is dead, has also become much interested. Some of you may be interested in knowing the names of these children who are as follows: Anthony Vizcarra, Belinda Vizcarra, Joan Schlitter, Ann Marie Steele, and Ludwig Haken.

August F. Runtz, Superintendent.

**Golden Anniversary Program of the Ogden Park Woman's Missionary Society of Chicago, Ill.**

The Ogden Park Woman's Missionary Society of Chicago, Illinois observed its golden anniversary on Sunday evening, April 2nd.

In the year 1897 five women from the First Church of Chicago, now the Foster Avenue Church, came to hold meetings with the women of the Wentworth Avenue Mission. In 1900 the women organized and accepted the constitution of the Christian Ladies' Mission of the German Baptist Churches. Since that time they have been faithful in the Lord's work. All of the first officers have passed to their heavenly home.

During the past fifty years we have had ten presidents, four of whom made us happy by sending greetings: Mrs. Charles Boehmert of Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Benj. Graf of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Otto Hauser of Milwaukee, Wis.; and Mrs. Hans Steiger of St. Joseph, Mich. We also heard from two of our former members, Mrs. Burkhart Tueholke of Tucson, Arizona and Mrs. August Bauman, now living with her daughter in St. Joseph, Michigan, who is 84 years old.

We were very happy to have as our guest speaker, Mrs. George Kampf, former missionary to India. Mrs. Kampf took her text from 1 Samuel 7:12 and likened the past years not as birthdays or milestones but as "altars" where annually we worship and could say as the people of Ebenezer, "God with us."

The weather was cold and wet all day so we had only 35 people out, but the Lord blessed our hearts with his Presence and a good spiritual program. Just before the offering was taken, Dr. Warren Young, our interim pastor, suggested we make it \$50.00. That sounded like a lot of money, but God opened the hearts and pocket-books of the people and gave us the joy of receiving \$52.00. This was a mission offering with one-half designated for our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and one-half for one of our girls, Margaret Thompson, serving under the Conservative Baptist Board among the Indians in Flagstaff, Arizona.

We, as a society, praise the Lord for what he has done in the past and we look for his guidance in the future, as we say with the Psalmist: "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us and establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."

Olga M. Justin, Secretary.

**Southern Conference****Anniversary Program of the Immanuel Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Kyle, Texas**

With grateful hearts, we, of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas, look back on a blessed year of service in the Lord's Kingdom. On Wednesday evening, March 29, we held our anniversary program. As members of the church and visitors arrived, each was given a printed program of the evening and literature from our Belo Field of the Cameroons and Spanish-American mission work of Colorado. The song service was led by Mrs. Walter Hill, after which the president, Mrs. Arthur Schmeltekopf, welcomed friends and visitors.

We were favored by a sextet, after which the various reports of the year were given. A well planned and well directed missionary play, "Our Missionary Album," was presented by members of the Union and Sunday School. Each character in the play depicted one of our well known missionaries in Africa. The novel setting for the play was a large picture album. As the cover of the album was drawn back, the full life-size pictures of the missionaries would appear. A continuous commentary was given by Mrs. Bill McGee.

Immediately following the play, an offering was received which was designated for our "Banso" Hospital and our Seminary. A very impressive candlelight installation of the newly elected officers was conducted by our pastor, the Rev. John Vanderbeck. The officers are as follows: Mrs. Arthur Schmeltekopf, president; Mrs. Ernest Hill, vice-president; Mrs. Kurt Lengefeld, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Charlie Schmeltekopf, recording secretary; Mrs. W. C. Schmeltekopf, treasurer. A fellowship hour was enjoyed by all in the spacious basement of the church with refreshments.

Mrs. Kurt Lengefeld, Reporter.

**Youth Week and Revival Meetings at the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Texas**

During the first week of April, the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas, observed Youth Week. This proved to be an exciting and busy time for our young people, for it gave each one something to do. All offices of the church were filled by the young people. Ralph Hansen was in charge of the Sunday morning worship service. He asked Mr. O. G. Miller to bring his personal testimony.

On Sunday evening, a stewardship playlet, "Giving Inn," was presented by the youth and members of the Woman's Missionary Union, after which Walter Gordon Gummelt brought the evening message on "Stewardship." On Monday evening our young people went out to visit the sick and shut-ins. They were also in charge of the midweek prayer service.

On Thursday evening the youth went to the square of the city of Waco and held a wonderful street service.

"Youth Week" came to a close with a social for everyone in the church basement.

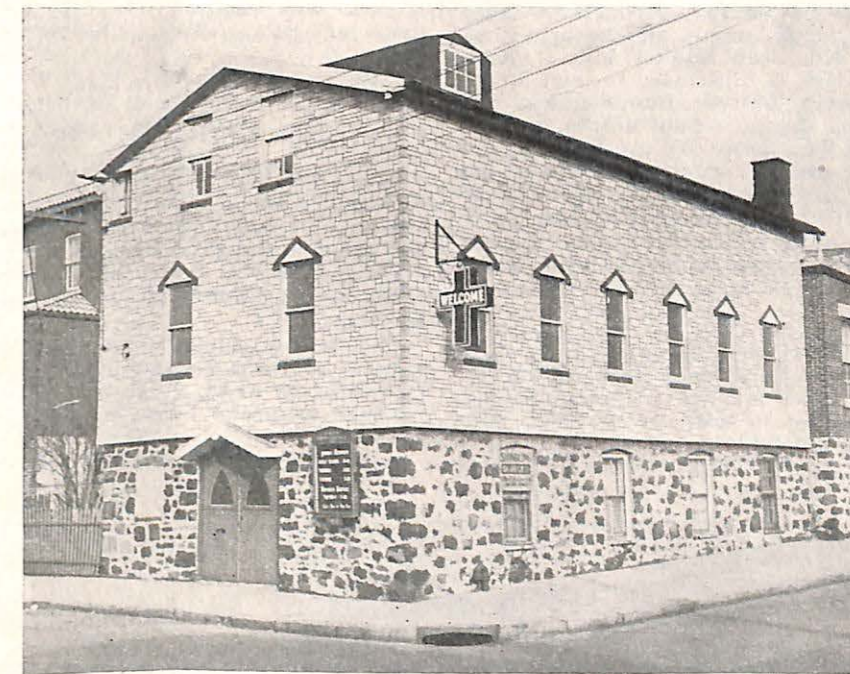
The following week we held our revival services. The Rev. J. O. Zillen, our pastor, brought heart searching messages each evening. Louis Wedemeyer, Jr., led the song services. Many were drawn closer to the Lord during this week. Another special event in our church was the purchase and installation of a new Hammond organ.

On May 3rd Mr. Ralph Hansen and Miss Evelyn Davies were united in marriage. Ralph has surrendered to the Lord for full time Christian service, and Evelyn is a returned missionary from South America. She is a sister of Mrs. J. O. Zillen, our pastor's wife.

Mrs. Clifton Kraemer, Reporter.

Sudan, the British Cameroons, Jewish mission work in and about New York City, Peru, the Tibetan border, West China, French Indo-China, Palestine, India and Nigeria. Pictures were shown each evening with the exception of Saturday evening, when a splendid group of young people from the Nyack Missionary Training Institute appeared in native costumes of the fields on which their parents are missionaries.

The highlight of the conference was on Thursday evening when four of our North American Churches united with us to hear Dr. M. L. Leuschner and Miss Myrtle Hein. Dr. Leuschner showed motion pictures of our Cameroons mission, its stations, many of our missionaries and the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Chaffee at the Banso Hospital. Another feature of that



The Ebenezer Baptist Church of West New York, New Jersey recently celebrated its 17th anniversary and held a missionary conference with the Rev. Herbert Freeman, pastor, in charge of the services

**Atlantic Conference****Ebenezer Church of West New York, New Jersey Celebrates its Seventeenth Anniversary**

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of West New York, New Jersey, held its second missionary conference in conjunction with its 17th anniversary during the week of March 12 to 19. The theme of the conference was, "The Field is the World." It was officially opened on Sunday morning, March 12th, when our pastor, the Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, preached on the subject, "The Love of Christ Constrains Us."

Services were held each evening during the week with the exception of Monday night, and the following of mission fields of the world were represented on the program: the Philippines, the mountain areas of our Southern states, the Anglo-Egyptian

same evening was a fifteen minute recording made in the British zone of Germany which included several songs by a refugee choir and a personal interview with two German pastors by the Rev. Charles J. Anderson of "Youth for Christ, International."

The Ebenezer Baptist Church was founded and organized on March 15, 1933. An unused factory building was purchased and made suitable for services at that time. Gradually improvements have been made on the building until now we have a modest but serviceable church building. Our church is kept busy with a full program throughout the year, including a Vacation Bible School, Missionary Conference, evangelistic meetings and other special meetings in addition to our regularly stated services and organizational meetings. Our interest and giving to missions has increased since our first missionary conference in March, 1949.

Edith R. Wagner, Church Clerk.

**Dakota Conference**

**Six New Members Received Into the Spring Valley Church, Canistota, South Dakota**

On Sunday evening, April 16th, the Rev. Alvin Wetter, pastor of the Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, So. Dak., had the privilege of baptizing five converts in a candle-light service. These people expressed their faith in Christ and followed him all the way through the waters of baptism.

During the communion service on April 23rd the pastor had the privilege of extending the hand of fellowship to the new converts, and also to one who came into our fellowship through letter from another Baptist Church.

The new members who were taken into our fellowship are: Beverly Kunkel, Nila Jean Kunkel, Mrs. C. Kunkel, Mrs. G. Buseman, Jr., and Mr. C. Kunkel. Vernetta Buseman was sick at the time, so could not be received with the others. We are happy to receive these into our fellowship and pray that God may use them as he sees fit to further his Kingdom.

A newly organized young people's choir has been helping to beautify the services through their testimony in song.

We thank God for these people at Spring Valley who are putting their efforts to help the work that is set before them, and we, with them someday want to hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Alvin Wetter, Pastor.



The Rev. A. Wetter (Back Row, left) was delighted to receive six new members, five of whom were baptized. (One of the baptismal candidates is missing in the picture)

receive three new members. Two others received the hand of fellowship at our communion service in May.

The choir sang the cantata, "The Victorious Christ." This was enjoyed not only at Aberdeen, but the choir also went to the First Baptist Church at Ellendale, No. Dak., and to the First Baptist Church at Ipswich, So. Dakota.

The Rev. A. Buhler of Harvey, No. Dak., was with us for special meetings from May 15 to 26, during which we received a special blessing from the Lord our Christ.

Rudolph A. Klein, Pastor.



Choir of the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota with the Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Klein at extreme right and left

**Easter Cantata and Special Services at the Calvary Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota**

The work of the Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, South Dakota, has progressed greatly, even during the trying winter months. First, the fire caused some disturbance when a part of the church building was damaged by fire. That is again repaired so that the services can go on without handicap as far as the fire damage is concerned.

We have had some very fine meetings with the main auditorium filled with people many times. Easter was a special day for us. At the communion service we were privileged to

**Anniversary Program of the Woman's Mission Circle of Martin, North Dakota**

On Sunday evening, April 16, the annual program of the Woman's Mission Circle of the Martin Baptist Church of Martin, North Dakota was held, to which the two neighboring churches had been invited. The program consisted of songs by the circle, a ladies sextet, a men's chorus, and a short dialogue. The Rev. Vernon Link from Fessenden, No. Dak., our guest speaker, brought a heart searching message to all of us.

We have sent canned food and vegetables to the Cripple Children's Home at Jamestown as well as to the Home

for the Aged at Bismarck. Our gifts of money were given to God's cause such as Red Cross, Children's Home, General Missions and Relief Fund. We were able to make 297 sick calls and some were remembered with special gifts and cards. We have taken in two new members in the past year, which brings our present membership to 19 women.

Our main project during the past year was the building and furnishing of a new kitchen in our church basement and the installation of a hot water system, sink and lavatory in the parsonage. We are grateful to the brethren of our church and our pastor, Rev. John Kepl, who so willingly gave their time and labor in rendering such an efficient job in our kitchen. Above all, we thank our Lord for the many blessings we have received during the past year.

Mrs. Conrad Michelson, Secretary.

**Outstanding Events and Blessings at the Grace Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota**

Mr. Peter Fehr, Jr., of the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, No. Dak., won three of the top awards at the 42nd annual commencement exercises of the Northwest School of Agriculture at Crookston, Minn. He was one of 181 students graduating. Peter Fehr was named the highest ranking scholarship student in attendance for four years, receiving a medal and having his name engraved on the permanent Class of 1934 Scholarship Memorial Plaque. He also received the Speech and Dramatics Award medal for highest ranking advanced student for four years participation in speech and dramatics, and he was the winner of the community Service Project award.

For unspoken gratitude to our pastor, the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, the membership of the Grace Church decided to raise his salary \$400 a year.

The Protestant women of Grand Forks, No. Dak., are organized into a group under the name, "The Grand Forks Council of Church Women," of which Mrs. John Kranzler of the Grace Baptist Church is the newly elected secretary-treasurer. The group sponsored a May fellowship luncheon on May 12, the purpose of which was to foster cooperation, good will and fellowship among Protestant women.

A group of 22 teachers and officers completed the study course, "How to Plan and Conduct a Vacation Church School," taught by our pastor, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman. On the following evening a Parent-Teacher's Fellowship was held. A discussion on "The Family That Plans, Plays and Prays Together Stays Together," was led by Mrs. John Kranzler. Solos, "Bless this House" by Betty Rust and "The Love of God" by Clayton Edinger were given, after which a film was shown on the "Value of Visual Aid in Vacation Church School."

Mrs. John Kranzler, Reporter.



Surrounded by Easter flowers, the mixed choir of the Baptist Church, Springside, Sask., prepares to sing with Rev. A. Kanwischer at the right and Loreene Jozat pianist, at the piano

**Northern Conference**

**Many Easter Blessings Enjoyed by the Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba**

Palm Sunday, the triumphal entry of our Lord into Jerusalem, ushered in for us as the Emmanuel Church of Morris, Manitoba, special Easter activities and blessings.

Starting with Monday, April 3, we followed our Lord through his last days on earth. The Rev. Alfred Lueck of Alberta was our guest speaker, bringing us spirit filled messages.

Good Friday is always a symbol of our "oneness" in Christ when we unite with the Evangelical Brethren, the United Church of Canada and two Mennonite churches for a three-hour service. This year the pastors of these churches spoke on the various great questions which were asked in connection with our Lord Jesus.

In the evening, a concert by four students from our Seminary at Sioux Falls, So. Dak., was enjoyed by a capacity audience. Their instrumental as well as their vocal numbers were inspirational for a more abundant life in Christ.

Our Easter services were well attended since the weather was cold and our country people could travel. Again the Rev. Alfred Lueck brought the message. An inspiring program was given at night by our German young people, assisted by the choir. Mr. Lueck brought his final message.

On Easter Monday our choir of 45 voices rendered a concert in the new High School auditorium. Our very efficient director is our pastor, Rev. William Sturhahn, whose services we greatly appreciate. Mrs. Daniel Walters was the able accompanist. Two chorus numbers from the "Messiah" were rendered. The main item on the program was a cantata, "The First Easter." Soloists were Mrs. Wm. Sturhahn, Helen Paschke, Lynda Rempel, Arthur Paschke, Waldemar Rempel, Reinhold Stober and Ed Paschke.

Lynda Rempel, Reporter.

**Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society at Baptist Church, Trochu, Alberta**

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Trochu Baptist Church, Trochu, Alberta, thanked the Lord for his goodness and mercy at our recent anniversary program. The past year was in many ways a very successful one for much was accomplished. Not one of the twelve meetings of the year was omitted. These were well planned and provided opportunity for fellowship and worship.

We were able to add five new members during the year. We made 174 calls to the sick and were able to bring them a little cheer through some little gift or flowers. Parcels were sent to needy people in Europe, and White Cross work was prepared for our Cameroons Field. A native worker in the Cameroons, Nyanjo, was supported with \$50.00. There were also activities such as our Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, the Haven of Rest at Medicine Hat, and the support of the church in its local work.

The treasury had an income of \$561.98 and so it was possible to be really busy. Monies were gathered from four sources, such as monthly dues, "missionary might boxes," (not mite boxes), a fellowship supper for the members and their husbands, and a sale of baked foods and pastries.

We ended our year with a very fine program of recitations, readings, vocal duets, and a very fitting dialogue, all by the women. The Rev. R. H. Zepik brought the message of the evening.

Mrs. Alex Haller, Secretary.

**Young People's Activities of the Baptist Church of Springside, Saskatchewan, Canada**

The first few months of this year have been very busy ones for our young people's society in Springside, Sask., Canada. Nevertheless, we rejoice to work in the service of our Master.

Although the National Youth Week could not be observed on the dates proposed because of the severe cold and snow blocked roads, we observed the third week in March as our Youth Week. We were privileged to have Rev. H. Schumacher of Fenwood, Sask., with us for that week. He brought a very fine study on the first letter to the Corinthians.

On April 8, the band and our young people were asked to bring a program of special music at a "Youth for Christ" meeting in the city of Yorkton. The numbers were rendered by a male quartet and two ladies trios and six selections were by the band. On Easter Sunday the band and the ladies trio also took part in a radio broadcast which is under the direction of Rev. D. Wuerch of Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

We are happy to serve, not only our own local church but also our community and especially the unchurched. This is done through a radio broadcast over CJGX, Yorkton, Sask., called "The Young People's Hour." It is sponsored by the young people of the churches of Springside, West Ebenezer, East Ebenezer, Yorkton and Fenwood, each group being responsible for one Sunday's program. Each group has its directors with Rev. H. Schumacher of Fenwood as supervisor over all the groups. These programs can be heard at 3:30 P.M. (Central Standard Time).

On Easter Sunday evening the Springside young people presented an Easter program. The resurrection splendor of our Lord was symbolized on all sides through the beautiful bouquets of lilies and daffodils adorning each window and the platform. Selections by the band, under the good leadership of our pastor, Rev. R. Kanwischer, gave a festive opening to the program. Other numbers on the program were selections by the choir, a ladies' trio, male quartet and mixed quartet, solo and duet and a piano duet. The main item was a play entitled, "The Way of the Cross."

Joyce Pullman, Reporter.

## Eastern Conference

### Messages in Song and Dramatization at the Calvary Church, Killaloe, Ontario

Good Friday was observed in the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario, with the Young People's Choir bringing the message in song. Our hearts were moved as we listened to these young voices sing the story of Easter. A special offering was received for the young people's project at Round Lake.

The Easter Sunday services began at 6:30 A.M. as we gathered to witness the presentation of the play, "He Lives," written especially for the occasion by the pastor, Rev. C. R. Weisser. Many of our members joined with those of the First Baptist Church of Killaloe at the 11:00 o'clock service held in that church.

Our choir rendered special numbers at the evening service. The pastor's message was, "The Greatest Story Ever Told." Observance of the Lord's supper brought to a close a day of rich blessing.

During Youth Week, the young people took part in three services held on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday nights. During one of these services a challenging message was brought by Melville Kuehl, entitled, "Opportunities of Youth."

Mrs. Lawrence Getz, Reporter.

### Outstanding Blessings During April at the Andrews St. Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y.

"Do the best you can where you are with what you have." That has been our slogan for the 28 months of our interimship of the Andrews Street Church, Rochester, N. Y. The month of April has been one of the best of these. We try to remember what God said to Gideon: "Go in this thy might. — Have not I sent thee?"

The first Sunday in April saw a fine group at the communion table. The second Sunday brought the Easter influx, topping the attendance of a year ago when the Seminary was still with us. Then we had two Sundays and the intervening nights with the Rev. Frank Veninga of Peoria, Ill., and his Bible-based, high-level preaching which went to the hearts of all. The last Sunday brought to us the Rev. and Mrs. John F. Crouthamel and the Gospel Ambassadors Team from Philadelphia, Pa. The messages in word and song came in power and conviction and made lasting impressions.

However, we find it very hard to win the unchurched and the unconverted. Decisions were few. There are always those who are ready to express a desire to live on a higher level and very often they are those who are already living fine Christian lives. To number these as reconsecrations does not always represent the factual. We are not looking for an easy way, so we continue to do the best we can where we are with what we have.

O. E. Krueger, Pastor.

## Southwestern Conference

### Baptism of Seven Converts in the Strassburg Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas

Easter Sunday, April 9th, was a blessed day for the members and friends of the Strassburg Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas. Our regular services were conducted in the morning with the wonderful Easter message in song and word ringing out sweet and clear.

In the afternoon hearts were filled to overflowing with joy and thankfulness when the members of our church gathered in the sanctuary of the Emanuel Baptist Church of Marion for the baptism of seven of our converts. With joyful hearts, we opened the service with songs led by Mr. Roy Vogel, after which the Rev. John Kroeker of the Emanuel Church led in scripture reading and prayer. The men's chorus of our church sang two numbers, after which the Rev. Loyal Funk, pastor, gave a brief message on "Baptism" and baptized the seven converts.

In the evening the Commissioned Baptist Youth, under the direction of the president, Miss LaNorma Schlott-hauer, presented an Easter program. After the program the church gathered around the Lord's Table for the communion service. The newly baptized members were given the hand of fellowship and welcomed into the church by the pastor, Mr. Funk. After the service was closed the members of the church came up to each new member and welcomed each one personally into our church. Thus ended a glorious day for the Strassburg Church near Marion, Kansas.

Mrs. Dennis Seifert, Reporter.

### Eighteen Converts Are Baptized and Received Into Bethel Church, Ingersoll, Okla.

"We have really no future here in this little town, for we are a group which will pass on soon, and then there will be no one left to carry on the work." These are some of the thoughts which were expressed when we talked about a field here at Ingersoll, Oklahoma, the little town about five miles northwest of Cherokee, Okla., on U. S. Highway 64. That is what man thinks, but God can do wonders when his people wake up and work.

From April 2-9 the Rev. Henry Pfeifer conducted evangelistic meetings here, during which 20 persons were saved and consecrated their lives to the Lord. The days were pentecostal experiences for this community.

These meetings, previous efforts as well as subsequent efforts resulted in 18 persons following their Lord in baptism on Sunday, April 30th. It was a heaven-sent glory that evening when three complete families stepped into the watery grave to give testimony of their confession of faith. In all there were 7 adults and 11 children who were baptized and added to

## Obituary

### MRS. AGNES J. CARPENTER of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. Agnes J. Carpenter was born on Nov. 23, 1875 at Rock Falls, Iowa. She passed away on April 6, 1950. She was joined in holy wedlock to Mr. Ira Carpenter, who preceded her in death on Nov. 26, 1896 at Algona, Iowa. Nine children were born to this happy union, one of whom died in infancy.

She left her children on the earth —  
For well her work was done  
And by the great divine command  
Her own reward is won.  
She knows the joy of perfect rest  
Near Heaven's throne above,  
And there in quiet peace she'll sleep  
Surrounded by God's love;  
And we who mourn need never weep,  
We need not shed a tear,  
For mothers only rest in Christ  
With neither pain nor fear.

And now she sleeps in peace until her Savior calls her on the resurrection morning.

Faith Baptist Church,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

LEWIS B. BERNDT, Pastor.

### MRS. KATHERINE BAUER of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Katherine Bauer, nee Knauer, of Philadelphia, Pa., was born on May 10, 1866, in Philadelphia, Pa., and went to be with her Lord on April 18, 1950, within a few weeks of her 84th birthday. She accepted Christ as her Savior in her youth and at the Watchnight Service in 1882 she was baptized by the Rev. Wm. Linker into the fellowship of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, a relationship which she retained until her death. In her younger years she sang in the choir and took a lively interest in the work of her church.

On October 3, 1889 she married Mr. Chas. Bauer, a union which was blessed with one son, Charles, Jr. Mr. Bauer, a deacon of the Pilgrim Church, preceded her in death in 1928. Her homegoing is mourned by her son and daughter-in-law, one grandson and two great-grandchildren, as well as a twin brother, William, and one sister, Louisa, all of this city. At the funeral service the pastor brought a message of comfort based on Rom. 6:23b.

Pilgrim Baptist Church,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

WALTER C. DAMRAU, Pastor.

### MISS ESTHER HELEN SCHAPPERT of Portland, Oregon

Miss Esther Helen Schappert of Portland, Oregon, was born at Portland, Oregon on Oct. 12, 1907 and died at the home of her parents after a lingering illness of many years on April 28, 1950 at the age of 42 years, 6 months and 16 days. Esther was converted under the ministry of Dr. Jacob Kratt and baptized in May of 1917, becoming a member of Trinity Baptist Church to which she remained faithful until the Lord called her home.

Before her illness laid her low, she was very active in the service of her Lord. For several years she served as instructor in the Beginners' Department of the Bible School and also as organist of the church. Even as an invalid she busied herself with such things that might serve as a blessing to others and she became an inspiration to many who called upon her. Her soul has now left the tenement of clay to seize the everlasting prize of life and its happiness for evermore.

Those mourning her departure are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schappert; a brother, Milton and his family; besides a great host of relatives and friends. Romans 8:18 served as text for her memorial service. The Rev. Harold Backlund and Robert Penner assisted at the service. May the bereaved look to the comforting Savior who is abundantly able to give sustenance and strength in the time of need.

Trinity Baptist Church,  
Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

### MR. JOHN M. HASTINGS of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. John M. Hastings of Minneapolis, Minn., was born at Esterville, Iowa on Oct. 8, 1897. He passed away on April 3, 1950. Mr. Hastings lost both of his parents before he had reached his twelfth birthday. He made his home with his uncle and aunt in Springfield, Mo. Several years later he moved to Sisseton, So. Dak., where he met Miss Elizabeth Hensel whom he married on June 30, 1921. One son was born to this happy union. Since their marriage, they had established their home in Minneapolis and in Minnetonka Mills where he was living at the time of his death. He leaves to mourn his passing his dear wife and son, daughter-in-law and two granddaughters, and a host of relatives and friends.

Faith Baptist Church,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

LEWIS B. BERNDT, Pastor.

### MRS. HELEN PUST of Lambert, Montana.

Mrs. Helen Pust, nee Leddin, of Lambert, Montana, was born in Ruhnow, Germany on Oct. 24, 1862. She spent all the days of her youth in Germany. She was married there in 1884 to Ferdinand A. Pust. To this union were born ten children, five daughters and five sons. Two daughters and one son preceded their mother in death. Her husband passed away in 1934, ten days after they had observed their golden wedding anniversary.

In 1901 Mr. and Mrs. Pust with their family came to the United States and made their home near Holloway, Minnesota. In 1910 they came to Montana and lived near Bloomfield, while they located a homestead seven miles south of Lambert. They moved there in 1911, and Mrs. Pust resided there until her death. She suffered a stroke ten days before her death and was taken to the hospital at Sidney where she passed away at the age of 87 years, 4 months and 19 days.

Mourning her departure are four sons: Emil and Erich of Lambert, John of Glendive, Mont., and Ferdinand of Los Angeles, Calif.; and three daughters: Mrs. Joe Witt of Richey, Mrs. Max Pribnow of Billings, and Frieda of Lambert; a brother, Albert, at Leipzig, Germany; and a sister, Mrs. Martha Schultz of Minneapolis, Minnesota; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Pust was converted at the age of ten years and baptized upon the profession of her faith in Jesus Christ by the Rev. S. Wiehler and united with the Baptist Church at Zeinike, Germany. She was a charter member of the former Lambert Baptist Church. She was a conscientious Christian who was faithful to her Lord throughout the 78 years of her Christian life. Her greatest delight was to fellowship in the house of the Lord with God's people. This privilege was denied her the last ten years owing to failing health.

The Rev. Otto Fiesel, pastor of the Sidney Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. Gordon Diehl, pastor of the Lambert Community Church, conducted the services at the Lambert Community Church and burial was made in the Lambert cemetery. 1. Tim. 1:12 was used for the text.

Sidney, Montana

OTTO FIESEL, Pastor.

### MRS. CARL BORCK of Baraboo, Wisconsin

Mrs. Esther Seils Borck of Baraboo, Wis., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Seils, was born in the town of Freedom, Wisconsin, on August 1, 1902 and passed away at the Baraboo Hospital on April 25, 1950 at the age of 47 years, 8 months and 24 days.

At the age of 14 she accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior and on April 23, 1916 she followed him in baptism. Following her baptism, her pastor, the former Rev. Christian Dippel, extended to her the hand of church fellowship of the North Freedom Baptist Church. Here she remained a very loyal and faithful member. Mrs. Borck was very active in the church she loved. For many years she was the church organist. She was active in both the Woman's Missionary and Tabitha Societies.

On August 10, 1925 she was united in marriage to Mr. Carl Borck of this community. After living in North Freedom for one year they moved to Baraboo, so Mr. Borck could be near his work. Two sons were born to gladden the hearts of the parents. About two years ago illness overtook Mrs. Borck.

Slowly but steadily, it seemed, she lost her strength.

Early last winter she was taken to the hospital and after 19 days returned to her home, much improved. How happy she and her family were when it seemed that she was making steady progress toward recovery until a short time ago her condition took a sudden turn and was again admitted to the hospital where everything humanly possible was being done for her by the physicians and her sorrowing loved ones. Her suffering caused an ache in the hearts of all who loved her. On the evening of April 25, the Lord released her from all physical suffering and took her to her heavenly home. She leaves to mourn her sorrowing husband, two sons, two brothers and one sister. Her parents, two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

That Mrs. Borck was a kind and loving wife and mother, we all realize, but none know it better than those who were nearest and dearest to her. She was especially sympathetic to those who were suffering and this because she herself had suffered so much pain. It was always a delight to greet her at the door in God's house, for as her father, the former John Seils, she too, had a word of encouragement for her pastor. Before a vast throng who came to bring their last respects, the pastor tried to bring words of comfort for the grief-stricken from a portion of Jesus' prayer: "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory" John 17:24.

North Freedom, Wisconsin

THOMAS LUTZ, Pastor.

### MR. PHILIP HUBER of Herreid, South Dakota

Mr. Philip Huber of Herreid, South Dakota was born October 8, 1866, in Guldendorf, South Russia, and passed away at his home in Herreid, South Dakota, on April 29, 1950, having reached the age of 83 years, 6 months and 21 days. Death came to him suddenly through a heart stroke so that his suffering was but momentarily.

He was married to Christine Quenzer on October 19, 1886. This union was blessed with 15 children of whom four preceded him in death. Mrs. Huber died on March 2, 1938. The names and addresses of the surviving children are: George Huber, Plevna, Montana; Philip Huber, Salem, Oregon; Andrew Huber, Herreid, South Dakota; John Huber, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Emma West, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Bertha Jorgenson, Herreid, South Dakota; Mrs. Meta Ackermann, Herreid, South Dakota; Jacob Huber, Selby, South Dakota; Mrs. Ernestine Bechtold, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Irene Monroe, Akron, Ohio, and Mrs. Ida Traxinger, Elkton, South Dakota.

In 1889 he emigrated to this country and took up a homestead a few miles east of Herreid where he pursued farming operations. In 1917 he moved to the city of Herreid where he operated an implement business in partnership with his son Andrew. In civic life he served our city six years as alderman. From the time that Mrs. Huber died, his daughter, Mrs. Bertha Jorgenson, kept house for him until his death.

Brother Huber was converted in 1901, and was baptized by the Rev. Louis Wiese, and received into the fellowship of the Eureka Baptist Church. Several years later he joined our church in Herreid in which he was a loyal and devoted member until his death. In his younger years he served our church in the capacity of Sunday School superintendent and trustee. Because of his fine Christian character and friendly disposition he was held in high esteem by all members of our church. At the time of his death he was the oldest member on our church membership list.

Besides his eleven children, he leaves to mourn his death four brothers: Mr. Andrew A. Huber, Herreid, South Dakota; Mr. Fred Huber, Sawyer, North Dakota; Mr. Christian Huber, Argentine, South America; and Mr. Benjamin Huber, Plevna, Montana; also 38 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted on Thursday afternoon, May 4, at the Baptist Church in Herreid by the undersigned who spoke words of tribute and comfort based on 2 Tim. 4:6 in English and Psalm 91:16 in German. Interment was made in Fairview Cemetery in the presence of a large escort of relatives and friends.

Herreid, South Dakota

E. S. FENSKE, Pastor.

**Northwestern Conference**

**Annual Rally of the Minnesota Woman's Missionary Union at Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis**

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Minnesota Association met on Sunday afternoon, May 6, for its annual rally in the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn. Mrs. E. Buening of Holloway, president, presided, and Mrs. L. B. Berndt of Minneapolis welcomed the 140 visitors who represented seven of the nine churches comprising our Minnesota Association.

The program was most interesting and the various societies responded with special musical numbers, as well as a missionary skit, "The Other Woman." The churches that sent their women to the rally were Daytons Bluff and Riverview of St. Paul, Randolph, Mound Prairie, La Crosse, St. Bonifacius and Holloway.

We were privileged to have Prof. R. P. Jeschke who, with his family, was kind enough to drive to Minneapolis from Sioux Falls, So. Dak., to be with us. He gave us first hand information as to the progress of our school and inspired us with a challenging message.

Inasmuch as our project is to furnish linens for one of the guest rooms in our seminary, our president presented Prof. Jeschke with a "shower" of bed linens, brought to the rally by our societies.

After the program, a time of fellowship was enjoyed as well as a hot lunch prepared by the Woman's Missionary Society, Dorcas and Mary and Martha Clubs of the Faith Church. We thank our heavenly Father for our faithful women in our union.

Mrs. John Adam, Reporter.

**Woman's Missionary Society of Baptist Church at Victor, Iowa, Presents an Inspiring Program**

The Woman's Missionary Society of Victor, Iowa presented an Easter program which was well received. A substantial offering was realized, a portion of which was used to complete the amount needed for the support of a native worker in the Cameroons, and a gift was also sent to Bertha Lang in China. Mrs. Elizabeth Muller presided, and at the conclusion of the evening's activities, a lunch of fruit salad and cake was served.

Feature of the program was the drama, "The Challenge of the Cross," by seven ladies and choir. Mrs. Anita Barber appeared as "Evangel," the messenger of the Heavenly King, who called for disciples for Christ.

Several readings and musical numbers were given and the secretary of the organization, Mrs. Emma Muller, told of "Society Highlights." The Victor Society was organized on Nov. 20, 1907 by Rev. Bleibtreu in the home of Mrs. Adelaide Muller for the purpose of furthering the Lord's work in missions both at home and abroad and promoting a spirit of Christian fellowship, influencing family living by prayer and devotions. The first president, Mrs. Adelaide Muller, served faithfully for 20 years. Mrs. Edna Blome, the first treasurer served that office 35 years, leaving it in 1943. Charter members residing here are: Edna Blome, Augusta Mueller, Mary Langhein, Katie Mueller, Anna Bohstedt and Mayme Mueller. Those living elsewhere include Bertha Blome, Augusta Stiscola, Emma Eggers and Louise Rehfeldt Bohstedt.

Records throughout the years show that contributions to foreign mission work have gone to Bulgaria, Siberia, India, China, Africa and the Philippines. Also the group has always been

faithful in the support of home missions, including all denominational projects. At present the society numbers 19 active and 9 honorary members.

Mrs. Merwyn Betz, Reporter.

**Mission Team Tour to Iowa Churches in Behalf of Youth Mission Project**

During the month of March the Iowa Mission Team, composed of Missionary Laura Reddig; the state treasurer, Carroll Stover; and the mission project director, Rev. Arthur Ittermann, toured the Iowa churches to promote its Youth Mission Project, the Banso Baptist Hospital of the Cameroons. We take this opportunity to thank all Iowa pastors, young people and churches for their kind hospitality, genuine interest and generous contributions given during the time the team promoted the project in the local churches.

The Youth Union of Iowa appreciates the fact that denominational headquarters sponsored this promotional tour, especially permitting Laura Reddig, a missionary nurse of the Banso Hospital staff, out of her rich personal experiences to present this wonderful medical work through her messages and pictures.

Through denominational papers all the churches have been informed that during the next triennium the missionaries are seeking to win 7000 souls for Christ in the Cameroons, even as our churches are planning to do in North America. With the Cameroons missionaries we are convinced that if the medical services of the Banso Baptist Hospital could be extended, the evangelistic work among the natives could become still more effective. To the degree that the physical sufferings are relieved in the name of the Great Physician, to that degree poor and needy persons become interested in the Gospel of Christ for their sin-sick souls.

Africa offers the most fruitful field to do effective mission work through medical service. Glover writes: "Medical missions have a sphere of need in Africa hardly equaled elsewhere, because of the unhealthy climate, the prevalence of malaria, blackwater fever and other deadly diseases, the fearful ravages of sleeping sickness and imported diseases of civilization, and the prevailing ignorance of the first laws of sanitation and health."

The Banso Baptist Hospital staff is taking advantage of this great opportunity to do effective evangelism and mission work through bodily healing. We must provide added medical and hospital equipment with added buildings for the medical staff and for the growing number of patients who are eager to receive the good hospital treatment. We shall believe ourselves well repaid to hear Jesus say: "I was sick, and ye visited me, . . . verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:36, 40).

Arthur Ittermann, Reporter.

**APRIL CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST**

**GENERAL CONFERENCE**

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES**

Conferences	April 1950	April 1949	April 1948
Atlantic	\$ 2,657.23	\$ 3,609.76	\$ 2,366.87
Eastern	2,985.36	1,253.36	1,969.15
Central	12,679.24	9,593.54	9,978.40
Northwestern	6,568.25	11,889.49	6,484.90
Southwestern	5,047.33	6,698.42	5,932.96
Southern	776.92	1,359.07	1,608.76
Pacific	3,472.18	9,364.93	10,939.22
Northern	4,031.35	1,733.83	2,266.55
Dakota	7,863.10	5,893.92	6,451.39
Totals for All Purposes	\$46,080.96	\$51,396.42	\$47,818.10
Less Seminary Building Fund	11,106.99		
Totals Other Contributions	\$34,973.97		

**BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED**

For the month of April, 1950	\$33,567.59
For the month of April, 1949	49,563.85
For the month of April, 1948	43,867.25

**BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium**

August 1, 1949 to April 30, 1950	\$292,552.21
August 1, 1948 to April 30, 1949	352,388.35
August 1, 1947 to April 30, 1948	397,123.35