





Church Installs New Pastor in Sunday Rite

Installation ceremonies for the Rev. Alfred G. Schnake as the new pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Norton and Jewel streets, are scheduled for tomorrow at 7:30 p. m.

The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D. D., pastor of Salem Church, will preach the sermon on "Our Threefold Task." The choir directed by O. Matthew Lyders, will sing. Those taking part in the service will include the Rev. Oscar C. Nussman, vicepresident of the Western New York Synod and pastor of Emanuel Church, Rochester; the Rev. Carl Haass, Trinity Church; the Rev. Carl Smith, Dewey Avenue Church; the Rev. B. J. Tepas, Christ Church, and Dr. Hugh Chamberlin Burr, executive secretary of the Federation of Churches.

Born and reared in an Evangelical parsonage in Missouri, the Rev. Mr. Schnake comes from a clergyman's family. He is a graduate of Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Ill.; Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., and Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, Oberlin, Ohio. He was ordained in June, 1923. He comes to Rochester from Fort Thomas, Ky., where for 17 years he was pastor of Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church. During this time, he served his Synod and community in various official capacities.

Discharged in May of this year from the Army with the rank of major, he accepted the call to the Rochester Church and came here in July with his wife and two daughters, Betty (enrolled as a junior in the University of Rochester), and Margie (sophomore in John Marshall High School.) During his service in the Army, he spent two years in the European theater and took part in three campaigns.



REV. A. G.
SCHNAKE

St. Paul's Church

(Evangelical and Reformed)

Corner Norton and Jewel Sts.

Rochester, New York



THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

of

THE REV. ALFRED G. SCHNAKE

Sunday Evening, September 8, 1946

Eight o'clock

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE—"Hymn of Glory".....Yon
Mr. Harold Steen, Organist

***CHIMES** (Worshippers rise)

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP (28)

"Lord Jesus Christ be with us now
And let Thy Holy Spirit bow
All hearts in love and fear today
To hear the truth, and keep Thy way."

***THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER**.....Rev. Carl T. Smith

HYMN No. 329—"I love Thy Kingdom Lord."

***CONFESSION OF FAITH and GLORIA PATRI (493)**

THE ANTHEM—"O How Amiable Are Thy Dwellings".....Rogers
Mr. O. Matthew Lyders, Director

THE SCRIPTURE—II Timothy 1:6-14.....Rev. Bernard J. Tepas

***THE CALL TO PRAYER**.....Rev. Carl G. Haass

Pastor: "The Lord be with you."
People: "And with thy spirit."
Pastor: "Praise ye the Lord,"
People: "The Lord's name be praised."

The **PRAYER and CHOIR RESPONSE**—"Hear O Lord" (504)

THE OFFERTORY—"Adoration".....Borowski
(Offering for Emergency World Service Fund)

HYMN No. 351—"Lord Pour Thy Spirit From On High"

THE SERMON—"Our Three-fold Task"
Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D. D.

SOLO—"Hold Thou My Hand".....C. S. Briggs
Miss Betty Schnake

THE RITE OF INSTALLATION.....Rev. Oscar Nussman, Presiding
The Charge to the Pastor.....Rev. Carl G. Haass
The Charge to the Congregation.....Rev. B. J. Tepas
The Installation and Prayer.....Rev. Oscar Nussman

GREETINGS.....Dr. Hugh Chamberlain Burr
Executive Secretary of Rochester Church Federation

***THE BENEDICTION**.....Rev. Alfred G. Schnake

CLOSING HYMN No. 32—"Saviour Again to Thy Dear Name."

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER and CHIMES

POSTLUDE—"Toccata in F".....Widor



REV. ALFRED G. SCHNAKE, B. D.

On the first Sunday in July, Rev. Alfred G. Schnake began his ministry as the twelfth pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church. He is the successor of Rev. Elmer Hoefer, who for seventeen years was the able and esteemed minister of this congregation, and now pastor of our St. Peter's Church in St. Louis, Missouri.

Born and reared in an Evangelical parsonage in Missouri, where his father served congregations of the Evangelical Synod, Mr. Schnake attended Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Ill., Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri and Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, Oberlin, Ohio. Upon graduation from the Seminary, he received ordination into the ministry of our church in June 1923. His first pastorate was in Kansas City, Missouri. For seventeen years he served as pastor of the Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church in Fort Thomas, Kentucky, resigning early in 1943 to accept the urgent call of the Chaplain Corps, to minister to men in the service. Two of his three years as an army chaplain were spent in the European theatre with combat troops of the Third Army. His duties carried him into ten of the European countries.

He received his discharge from the Army this past May and rejoined his family, consisting of his wife, Edna and two daughters, Betty, (now enrolled as a third year student in the Rochester University) and Margie (a sophomore in High School). Together they are again happy to devote their time and talents to the Christian ministry. Now nicely established in the church parsonage, 26 Navarre Rd., they have the "welcome" sign out and covet the visits of members and friends.

A reception, immediately after the close of the service has been arranged by the Church Council in the social rooms downstairs, to give all friends the opportunity of meeting Pastor Schnake and his family. All invited.

A most cordial welcome is extended to all friends from sister and neighboring congregations, who are sharing with us tonight in this service of Installation. Especially do we welcome the visiting clergy and above all express our gratitude to these pastors who take part in this service:

Rev. Carl T. Smith, pastor of the Dewey Ave. Evangelical and Reformed Church

Rev. Bernard J. Tepas, pastor of the Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Rev. Carl J. Haass, pastor of Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church, and President of the Evangelical and Reformed Pastors Group of Rochester.

Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D. D., pastor of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, and member of the General Council of our National Church Body.

Rev. Oscar Nussman, pastor of Immanuel Evangelical and Reformed Church, and Vice President of the West New York Synod.

St. Paul's Church was organized in September 1862. The first church building erected on Fitzhugh St. served the congregation until 1923 when this new church was dedicated on Norton and Jewel Sts. The following pastors have served the congregation:

Rev. J. P. Conradi—1862-1865

Rev. John P. Hoffman—1865-1869

Rev. Fred Heinle—1869-1873

Rev. Aug. Grotian—1873-1883

Rev. Albert Zeller—1883-1894

Rev. Wm. Baur—1894-1904

Rev. H. Grotefend—1904-1911

Rev. F. Oberkircher—1911-1914

Rev. Rich. Stave—1914-1923

Rev. Herman Koenig—1923-1929

Rev. Elmer Hoefer—1929-1946

Rev. Alfred Schnake—1946-

Y. JUNE 29, 1946

Church Plans To Welcome New Pastor

St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Jewel Street at Norton, will welcome its new pastor-elect, the Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, at the 10 a. m. service Sunday, July 7.



REV. ALFRED G. SCHNAKE

The new minister recently received his discharge as an Army chaplain with the rank of major. He spent two years in the European theater of war, taking part in the Normandy, Northern France and Rhineland campaigns. He is a graduate of Elmhurst College, Eden Theological Seminary and Oberlin Graduate School of Theology. He comes to Rochester after a 17-year pastorate in Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church at Fort Thomas, Cincinnati, in which city he has been active in the Federation of Churches and the Fort Thomas Ministerial Association.

In the Rochester pastorate, he succeeds the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler, who after a 17-year pastorate, became pastor last month of St. Peter's Evangelical and Reformed Church in St. Louis. The Rev. Theodore Louis Trost, librarian of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, has



Before 1946



St. Paul's Reformed Welcomes Pastor-Elect at Rites July 7th

St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Jewel at Norton, will welcome the Rev. Alfred G. Schnake of Fort Thomas, Ky., pastor-elect, Sunday, July 7th, at 10 a. m.

A native of Missouri, the Rev. Mr. Schnake is a graduate of Elmhurst College, Eden Theological Seminary, and Oberlin Graduate School of Theology.

He comes to Rochester after a 17-year pastorate in Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church, Fort Thomas. He has served his denomination in various official capacities as a synodical officer and has taken an active part in the Cincinnati Federation of Churches and

the Fort Thomas Ministerial Association.

The Rev. Mr. Schnake served for two years as an Army chaplain with the rank of major in the last war.

He will reside with his wife and two daughters in the parsonage, 28 Navarre Rd. He succeeds the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler, who after a 17-year pastorate, became pastor of St. Peter's Evangelical and Reformed Church in St. Louis last month.

The Federation of Churches and the Council of Church
Women of Rochester and Vicinity
— and the —
New York State Council of Churches
— Present —
MARTIN NIEMOELLER

Rochester, New York

February 25, 1947

7:45 P. M.

EASTMAN THEATRE**Presiding**

MF. E. REED SHUTT

President, Federation of Churches
Mr. Harold O. Smith at the organ**CHURCH OF THE REFORMATION, LUTHERAN****Presiding**

REV. ALFRED L. BECK

Pastor, Church of the Reformation
Mr. Norman L. Peterson at the organ**SALEM EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH****Presiding**

REV. ALFRED G. SCHNAKE

Pastor, St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church
Mrs. Ruth Zimmer Humby at the organ**BAPTIST TEMPLE****Presiding**

REV. ALBERT M. MCCARTNEY

Pastor, Baptist Temple
Mr. Charles H. Sharp at the organ**Hymn****Ein Feste Burg**

Luther

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great;
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us;
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever. Amen.

Martin Luther

Niemoeller Denies Red Trend In Europe

By JOHN DOUGHERTY

Central Europe's swing to Communism is rooted in the Communistic life people must follow to survive and does not mean adherence to Russia, the Rev. Martin Niemoeller, German pastor, declared here today.

"To live in Germany," the long-time prisoner of Hitler told 500 pastors and their wives in Salem Evangelical Church, "we take for granted the right to use things belonging to someone else.

"There is no spiritual revival in Germany," the gaunt, forceful minister said. "It is not possible now, for a decision in the individual life is necessary for revival."

Here under Federation of Churches auspices for a public address at Eastman Theater at 7:45 p. m., Niemoeller likened the undernourished German mind to "a rubber ball which has lost its inner tension, and is subject to nothing but impressions," and is unable to make decisions.

'Hungry' For Guidance

"People in the churches are hungry for words which show them which road to take, how to take on a new aim and content for their earthly life," he said, "but the next day they will listen with the same intention to a political agitator who will wipe out the preacher's message."

"The skin of the undernourished gets thin and so, too, their minds. Everybody speaks fanatically for his last impression."

People grateful for relief are very rare, the speaker lamented, for "they feel relief is to prolong starvation."

"The Russians killed, raped, burned, and depopulated their occupation zone," he asserted, "but with the effect that people have more to eat now than when the Russians came and the move is always uphill."

Food Cut Complaint

Western democracies, meanwhile, which promised liberation, have reduced rations from 1,800 to 1,300

Official Greeting for Noted Visitors



City Manager Cartwright (right) greets the Rev. Martin Niemöller and Mrs. Niemöller on their arrival here.

ROCHESTER DEMO

**PEACE OF GOD
PRIMARY, SAYS
NIEMOELLER**

**Audiences Crowd
4 Halls—Faith
Stressed**

From out of the Nazi concentration camps, where he spent more than 8 years, Pastor Martin Niemöller brought a message of universal Christian faith to a large audience, assembled in four auditoriums here last night.

"There will be no real peace in the world," he declared, in concluding his sermon, "until the peace of God—the peace about which the angels sang, of peace on earth and good will to men—is achieved."

Pastor Niemöller spoke from the stage of the Eastman Theater to a crowd that completely filled the main floor, and overflowed into the mezzanine and balcony. The service there was carried by wire to auditoriums in the Baptist Temple, Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, and the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, where, it was reported, large crowds also were gathered. The Rev. Mr. Niemöller and his wife also made brief appearances in each of those places in advance of the principal meeting.

Tells of Experiences

Speaking in excellent English, although with a strong accent and an occasional German idiom and phrase, the gaunt, nervous, but vigorous clergyman drew liberally upon his experiences in the prison camps to point up his message that "the gates of Hell cannot overcome the communion of spirit between Christian peoples."

He told how, in Dachau, when the "special" prisoners were allowed to conduct a religious service

**Pastor's Wife
Tells of Camp**

A tale of hundreds of trips to the Nazi concentration camps in which her husband was held for eight years, 2 of them on a bread and water diet, was told to a capacity audience of women at the Baptist Temple yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Martin Niemöller.

A spare, tired-looking woman with white hair, Mrs. Niemöller pleaded for a worldwide Christian fellowship among her country and its former enemies. "My hopes were sustained more by the prayers of Christian women throughout the world," the wife of the German pastor said, "than by natural courage."

Twice a month while her husband was imprisoned, Mrs. Niemöller would travel by train, and later, when rail service was disrupted, by truck to visit Niemöller. She was the only visitor the Gestapo allowed the pastor to see during the years he was in solitary confinement.

Dramatic Trips to Camp

Many of Mrs. Niemöller's trips to the concentration camps were dramatic ones. Once she obtained special dispensation from the Pope to take the elements used in the Catholic Mass to 3 Roman Catholic priests who were sharing quarters with her husband. She concealed the elements from the Gestapo guards at the prison by hiding them in chocolate bars—which occasionally she was able to smuggle in to her husband.

On another occasion, Mrs. Niemöller was forced to carry the news of their German Army son's death to the Lutheran pastor and also had to tell him of the death of their daughter from diphtheria. None of the Niemöller's other 5 children was allowed to visit their father, but once 2 of the younger ones were permitted to stand by the concentration camp gate to see Niemöller as he walked by.

Child Pleads to Hitler

After one of her many visits to the pastor, often called "Hitler's Most Famous Prisoner," Mrs. Niemöller admitted to her 2 young daughters that their father was existing on a diet of bread and water. The children passed the story along to their schoolmates and one of the young girls at the school which the Niemöller sisters attended wrote a letter to Hitler, pleading, "please release him."

Mrs. Niemöller was ordered to appear before the Gestapo and was subjected to a barrage of angry questioning by the German police who asked her: "Why do you tell your children lies?"

Following Niemöller's release at the end of the war, his wife learned that following the receipt of the child's letter, her husband's dietary fare was improved.



PASTOR NIEMOELLER
Addressing Rochester Rally

on Christmas, in 1944, their first in 7 years, he administered Communion to six men, representing five different creeds.

"We discovered, in prison, what has not been possible outside—the church universal," he pointed out. "God has brought us through all of this suffering," he declared, "to bring people all over the world to realize that they are all brothers. Christ has overcome all the barriers of national enmity and of domination by making all his children pray for each other. There are no barriers which Christ cannot overcome."

Prayed for Most

Pastor Niemöller related how he was told by a friend, shortly after his release from Dachau, that "you may be the man in all history for whom Christian peoples all over the world have prayed most." That he said was "a humbling thought."

The martyrdom of many Christians in Germany took place, he said, because there were many "who confessed Christ as their personal Saviour."

"No one was martyred simply for believing in Christ," he declared. "Hitler would not have persecuted the Christians if the church had stayed silent. He didn't want to

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NIEMOELLER 'HEARD HERE'

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fight the church, but he had to, because there were so many who persisted in their 'confessions that 'Thou art the Christ, Son of the living God.' "

However, Hitler never succeeded in silencing the church, he declared. Throughout the war services of intercession were held daily by his own congregation, with women, and even children, leading in the prayers, he asserted. They are still being held, he added.

"Hitler opened the gates of hell as far as he could," Pastor Niemoeller said, "but they could not prevail against Christ."

Mrs. Niemoeller Speaks

Mrs. Niemoeller spoke briefly prior to her husband's address, thanking the American people for their prayers "which upheld us" during the war.

The Rev. Justin Wroe Nixon, D.D., who presided, referred to Pastor Niemoeller as "a symbol of something in the human soul that no earthly tyranny could affright, and no earthly power compel." Niemoeller was introduced by William H. Stackel, vicepresident of the Rochester Federation of Churches.

An offering, which, it was explained, is to be given to the World Council of Churches for European relief after the expenses of the Niemoellers' tour are paid, was received in each of the four auditoriums. Pastor and Mrs. Niemoeller receive no remuneration for their American tour, it was stated.

The Men's Chorus of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, directed by Prof. G. A. Lehmann, sang two anthems at the service. The Rev. Weldon F. Crossland, pastor of Asbury-First Methodist Church, read the Scripture lesson; the Rev. Anthony Luidens, pastor of Brighton Reformed Church, gave the invocation, and the Rev. Lloyd R. Stamp, chairman of a World Council of Churches committee, gave the benediction.

The meeting last night closed the Niemoellers' American tour. Today they will go to New York for a few days' rest with friends there. Then they will visit several Canadian cities before returning to Germany.



The Lord's Day
 ST. PAUL Evangelical & Reformed CHURCH
 Rochester, New York
 85TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE
 September 21, 1947
 Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, Pastor

St. Paul's Celebrates Anniversary

St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church at Norton and Jewel streets, will celebrate the 85th anniversary of its founding with a series of special services beginning tomorrow morning.

The Rev. Herman Koenig, pastor of the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church in Chicago, who served the local church as pastor from 1923 to 1929, will preach the anniversary sermon at 10:30 a. m. His topic will be, "The Light of the World."

At 7:30 p. m. the Rev. William Walch, pastor of Calvary Evangelical and Reformed Church in Buffalo, will speak on "A Church on Fire." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Walch of 83 Westview Terr.

The Reverends Oscar Nussman, Carl Haas, Paul Schroeder, Blaine Fister and Bernard Tepas, pastors of Rochester Evangelical Churches, will take part in the services.

The present pastor of the church, the Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, will be in charge of a youth get-together Tuesday night which will include the presentation of the religious dramas, "The Lost Church," and a talk by Theodore Trost Jr. on "Confronting Moral Chaos."

Trost son of Professor Theodore Trost of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, was a delegate at the Oslo Norway Conference.

The anniversary banquet will be held Thursday night at the church with Herbert Krase, as toastmaster.

Guest Preacher



THE REV. HERMAN KOENIG

MORNING WORSHIP - 10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE - "Grand Choeur Dialogue" - Gigon
Mr. Harold Steen, Organist

*Chimes

*Choral Call to Worship (No. 4)

"Come Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy
Name to sing, Help us to Praise;
Father, all-glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of days. Amen"

*The INVOCATION and APOSTLES' CREED
The "Gloria Patri" (No. 493)

HYMN No. 63 - "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past"

*The LITANY for the CHURCH

Almighty and everlasting God, we rejoice before
Thee in the wondrous providence that has
brought us to this day. For the manifold bless-
ings thou has bestowed upon us,

WE PRAISE THEE O LORD

For the church which our fathers established
and nurtured with sacrifice and devotion; for
the blessed heritage they have given us, their
children, for courageous faith, for freedom
and enlightenment and the vision that sees
beyond the years,

WE PRAISE THEE O LORD

For the congregation gathered here this day;
for the bond of fellowship which is ours in
Christ; for the comradeship of labor and service
which we enjoy in Thy Church; for the union of
heart and mind which comes to us as we seek to
do Thy holy will,

WE PRAISE THEE O LORD

Grant that we, Thy people, may be baptized
anew this day with the cleansing fire of Thy
Holy Spirit. Kindle in us a vision of Thy
righteous kingdom. Anoint us with the power to
do great things for Thee. Stir our hearts to
serve our generation with truth and love, so

that Thy Kingdom may come and Thy will be done.
HEAR OUR PRAYER O LORD.

*The MORNING PRAYER
Choir Response - "Hear O Lord" (No. 504)

The SCRIPTURE READING - John 17: 1-12
Choir Response - "Hallelujah" (No. 495)

ANTHEM - "Except The Lord Build The House"
Mr. O. Matthew Lyders, Director

The SERMONETTE - "A Rule For Life"
Mr. Robert Barrows, Student Pastor

The Announcements

The OFFERING

Offertory - "Andante" - Tschaikowsky

HYMN No. 323 - "Glorious Things Are Spoken"

The SERMON - "THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"
Rev. Hermann E. Koenig
Pastor of Salem E & R Church, Chicago, Ill.

*PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

*Closing HYMN (Old Tune)

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds,
Is like to that above.

When we asunder part
It gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart
And hope to meet again.

*The BENEDICTION and DOXOLOGY
Moment of Silent Prayer

The POSTLUDE

Our most sincere welcome to all our members and friends, who have come to worship with us this morning, as with grateful hearts we bow before God in recognition of His blessings upon our church in these 85 years. Especially do we rejoice in having Pastor Koenig with us. He faithfully served St. Paul's from 1923-1929.

TONIGHT - 7:30 - Anniversary Service to which we cordially invite all. Pastor William Walch of Buffalo, ordained in St. Paul's in 1937, will speak on "A Church On Fire". Our sister congregations have been invited and their pastors will take part in the service.

TUESDAY - 8 P.M. Another big Anniversary Night, to which everyone is invited. Our Youth Group will present the religious drama "The Lost Church" and Ted Trost, a delegate to the Oslo Conference will bring the message.

THURSDAY - 6:30 P.M. Our Anniversary Banquet. A wonderful evening of fellowship and enjoyment. Be sure to have your tickets.

NEXT SUNDAY - Our Anniversary RALLY SERVICE at 10:30. Pastor Elmer H. Hoefer of St. Louis will bring the message. This should be a great day in St. Paul's and we expect all members to be present. Consecration of the S.S. Staff in the service. Sunday School Rally at 9:15.

Wednesday - 7:30 - Rehearsal of Senior Choir.
Saturday - 9 and 10:30 A.M. Confirmation Classes.

We THANK all who have remembered our Anniversary Offering. \$6,502.00 has been pledged of which \$4,282.00 has been received in cash. Is your gift in?

Parents are urged to enroll their children in the week-day classes of religion beginning tomorrow.

A.P.H. No. 791. Litho in U.S.A.



Church to Open 85th Birthday Celebration

St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, pastor, tomorrow will begin the observance of its 85th anniversary.

Speaker at the 10:30 a. m. service will be the Rev. Herman Koenig of Chicago, pastor of St. Paul Church from 1923 to 1929. He will speak on "The Light of the World." At 7:30 p. m., the speaker will be the



REV. W.
WALCH

Rev. William Walch of Buffalo, who was ordained in St. Paul Church in 1937. His topic will be "A Church on Fire."

The Rev. Mr. Walch is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Walch of Westview Terr.

Participating in the evening service will be the pastors of other Evangelical and Reformed churches of Rochester.

Youth Group of the church will present a religious drama, "The Lost Church," Tuesday evening. Ted Trost, who was a delegate to the world youth conference at Oslo, Norway, the past summer, will speak on "Confronting Moral Chaos."

At the anniversary banquet Thursday night, Herbert Krase, a fourth generation member of the church, will be toastmaster.

SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH
(Evangelical & Reformed)
Norton & Jewel Sts. Rochester, N.Y.
Alfred G. Schnake, Pastor

85TH ANNIVERSARY

Sept. 21, 1947

7:30 P.M.

PRELUDE - "Grand Choeur" - Salome
Mr. Harold Steen, Organist

*Chimes

*Choral Call to Worship (No.4)

Come Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy
Name to sing. Help us to praise;
Father, all-glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of days. Amen.

*The INVOCATION - Rev. J. Blaine Fister
The APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)
Response - "Gloria Patri" (No.493)

HYMN No. 20 - "God Of Might, We Praise Thy Name"

RESPONSIVE READING - Rev. Carl G. Haass
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Choir Response "Hallelujah" (No.495)

*The PRAYER - Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D.
Choir Response "Hear O Lord" (No. 504)

The ANTHEM - "Great Lord Of All" - Graf
Mr. O. Matthew Lyders, Director

SYNOD GREETINGS - Rev. Oscar Nussman, Vice-Pres.

The Announcements

OFFERTORY - "O Divine Redeemer" - Gounod
Miss Betty Schnake, Soloist

(*--Indicates Worshippers Rise)

The SERMON - "A CHURCH ON FIRE"
Rev. William R. Walch
Pastor of Calvary E. & R. Church, Buffalo

HYMN No. 327 - "Lord God How Lovely"

*PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER - Rev. B.J. Tepas

*The BENEDICTION
Choir Response-"Three-Fold Amen"

*Silent Prayer.....Chimes

POSTLUDE

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We extend our sincere welcome to all who have
come to worship and rejoice with us in this
service of our 85th Anniversary Celebration.
We are especially grateful to the visiting
pastors, who are participating in the service.

Join us for an hour of fellowship in our newly
renovated Sunday School rooms downstairs after
the service. It will give pastors and friends
an opportunity of renewing friendships.

We invite all to join us in a great service
Tuesday evening at 8 P.M. at which time our
Youth will present the Religious Drama "The
Lost Church" and Ted Trost, Delegate to the
Oslo Conference will bring his stirring mes-
sage "Confronting Moral Chaos".

Thursday - The Anniversary Banquet. Tickets
are necessary for admission.

Next Sunday - Anniversary Rally Service with
Rev. Elmer Henry Hoefer preaching the sermon.

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I AM CALLING YOU!

I am the best friend you ever had -
I am hung about with sweet memories -
Memories of brides - memories of mothers -
Memories of boys and girls -
Memories of the angels as they walk in
the shadows.
I am blest with loving thoughts - crowned
by happy hands and hearts.
In the minds of the greatest men of the earth
I find a constant dwelling place.
I safeguard man through all his paths.
I lift up the fallen. I strengthen the weak.
I help the distressed, I show mercy, bestow
kindness, and offer a friendly hand.
I am good fellowship, friendliness and love.
Sometime - some day in the near or far future
You will yearn for the touch of my hand.
I am your comforter, and your best friend.
I am calling you now -

I AM THE CHURCH!

(Author Unknown)

St. Paul's Celebrates 85th Anniversary

St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Jewell and Norton Streets, celebrated its 85th anniversary at morning and evening services yesterday.

The ideal of a church as one "on fire with the spirit of Christ" was presented to the congregation in the evening by the Rev. William Walch, pastor of Calvary Evangelical and Reformed Church, Buffalo, who was ordained in St. Paul's in 1937.

The Rev. Mr. Walch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Walch, 83 Westview Terr.

Speaker at the morning service was the Rev. Herman Koenig of Chicago, pastor of St. Paul's from 1923 to 1929. Pastors of other Evangelical and Reformed churches of Rochester took part in the evening worship.

Young people of the church will present a religious drama, "The Lost Church," tomorrow evening. Theodore Trost Jr., who was a delegate to the world youth conference at Oslo, Norway, will speak on "Confronting Moral Chaos." An anniversary banquet will be held by the congregation Thursday evening.

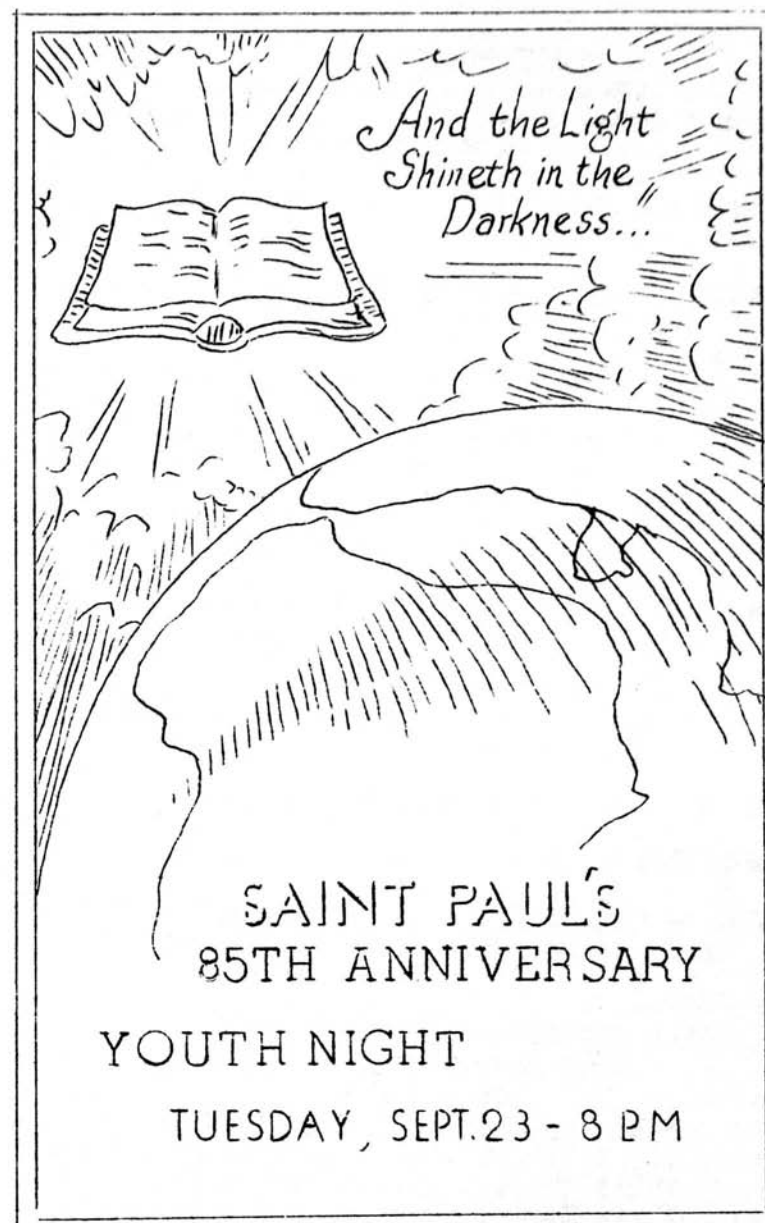
St. Paul's Marks 85th Anniversary

The 85th anniversary of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Jewel and Norton streets, was celebrated at morning and evening services yesterday.

Pastors of other Reformed and Evangelical churches in Rochester assisted at the services, as did two out-of-town ministers who have ties of affection with the church.

Preaching at the morning service was the Rev. Herman Koenig of Chicago, who was pastor of St. Paul's from 1923 to 1929. In the evening the Rev. William Walch of Buffalo, who was ordained in St. Paul's in 1937, told the congregation that the ideal church is "one on fire with the spirit of Christ."

Other features of the anniversary observance will be presentation of a religious drama by young people of the church tomorrow evening, and a dinner Thursday evening.



SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH
(Evangelical & Reformed)
Norton & Jewel Sts. Rochester, N.Y.
Alfred G. Schnake, Pastor

85TH ANNIVERSARY - - - - - YOUTH NIGHT
Tuesday, Sept. 23, 1947 8:00 P.M.

PRELUDE - "My Soul, Be On Thy Guard" - Bingham
Mr Harold Steen, Organist.

*Chimes

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Robert Barrows, Student Pastor
Leader - O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
For He is our God and we are the people
of His pasture.

People - O come let us sing unto the Lord, let
us make a joyful noise unto the Rock of
our salvation.

ALL - Almighty and Eternal God, grant unto us
Thy blessing as we gather in this House
of Worship. May Christ the Lord possess
our hearts so that in trusting faith we
may go forth to serve Him and build His
Kingdom. Amen.

HYMN No. 184 - "All Hail The Power"

RESPONSIVE READING - Sel. 51, page 577

ANTHEM - "There Is A Balm In Gilead" - Dawson
Youth Chorus, Robert Stoll, Director

*The PRAYER

Choir Response - "Hear, O Lord"

"THE LOST CHURCH" - (Dorothy Wilson)
Characters

A Man Of The World ... Jack Falk
His Wife Helen Kleinhenz
Their Son Bob Stoll
Their Daughter Joyce Muller

S.S. Teacher Joan Riley
A Neighbor Ray Raufeisen
A Poor Woman Wilma Rader
Spirit of the Church... Virginia Nowack

HYMN No. 322 - "The Church's One Foundation"

Announcements - Pastor Alfred G. Schnake
OFFERTORY - "Theme (Les Prelude) - Liszt

ANTHEM - "The Lord's Prayer" - Malotte
Youth Chorus

ADDRESS - "CONFRONTING MORAL CHAOS"
Theodore Trost, Jr.

Official Delegate to the Oslo Conference.

HYMN No. 452 - "We Would Be Building"

*The LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn By Chorus - "Now The Day Is Over"

*The BENEDICTION

*Silent Prayer Chimes

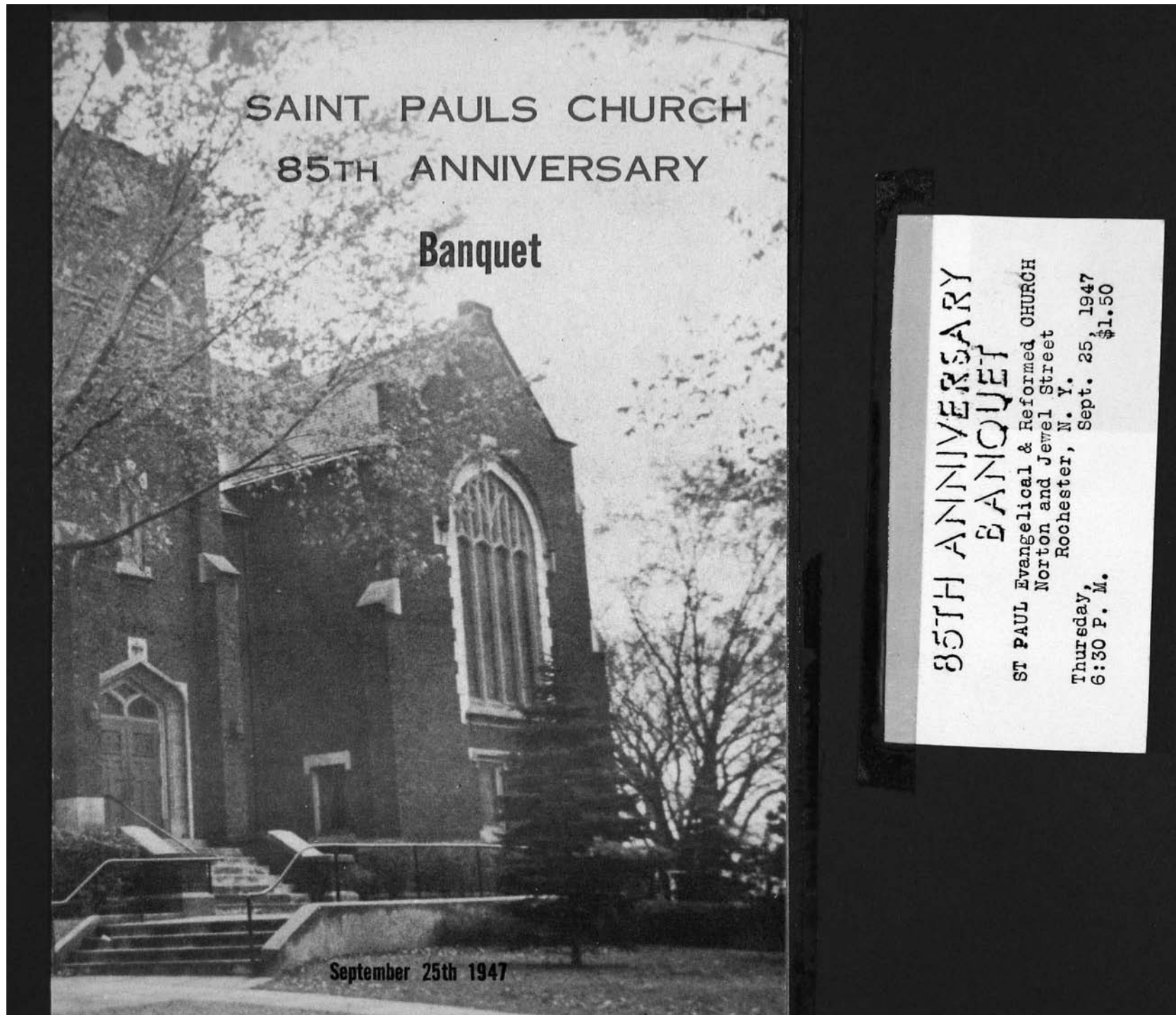
POSTLUDE

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We express our sincere appreciation to Ted Trost
for his message, to the cast of the play, to the
chorus and to the young people who presented
this service to us this evening as part of the
celebration of the 85th Anniversary of our
Church.

We extend our hearty WELCOME to all who have
come to worship. May you receive an inspiration
to serve our Lord Christ more faithfully, and
do come again.

COME next Sunday to our Anniversary RALLY DAY
SERVICE - 10:30 A.M., at which time Rev. Elmer
Hoefer will preach the sermon.



St. Paul's Marks 85th Year

St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Norton and Jewel Streets, will observe its 85th anniversary with a rally tomorrow at 10:30 a. m.

Guest preacher for the special service will be the Rev. Elmer Hoefer, of St. Louis, who for 17 years served St. Paul's as pastor. He will talk on "For the Children, a Lamp." Consecration of the Sunday School staff, with William Nowack as general superintendent, is slated.

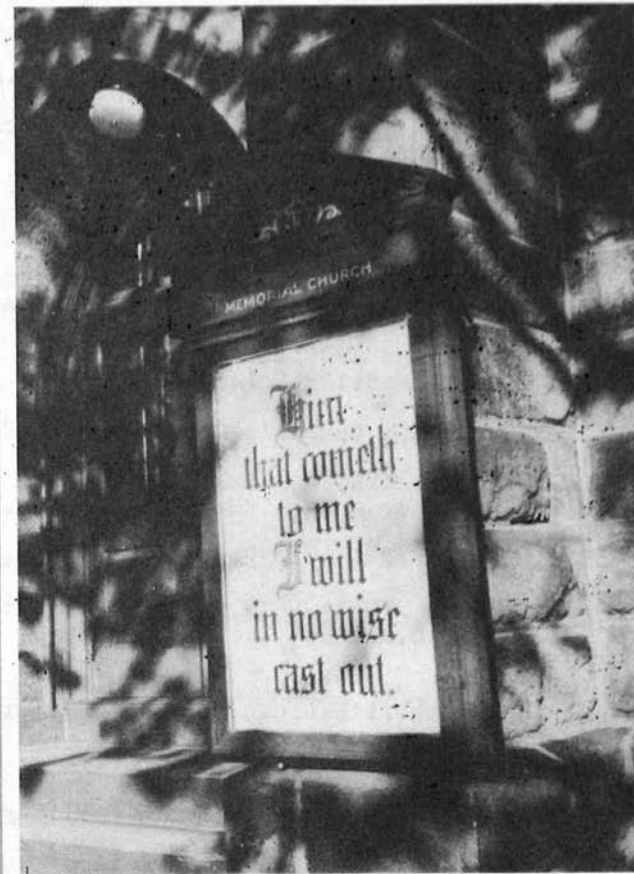
* St. Paul's was organized in 1862 and for 60 years the congregation worshipped in its first church building erected in Fitzhugh Street near Main. In 1923 the congregation relocated and erected the present church. It has been newly-renovated.

Rochester, New York

St. Paul's Church, Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, pastor, observed the 85th anniversary of its founding during the week of September 21 to 28. The festival sermons were brought by two former pastors of the congregation, Rev. Hermann Koenig, minister of Salem Church, Chicago, Illinois, and Rev. Elmer Hoefer, minister of St.

Peter's Church, St. Louis, Missouri. Rev. William Walch, minister of Calvary Church, Buffalo, New York, a son of the congregation, brought the message in the denominational night service. Youth night was observed with the presentation of a religious drama, and an address by Ted Trost, a delegate to the Oslo Convention.

Interesting historical highlights were presented at the anniversary banquet by ten-minute speakers, and movies of the congregational activities were presented. St. Paul's Church was organized in 1862 as a downtown church serving a large following of German-speaking people. During the first world war, when the problems of relocation and language began to present themselves, a new site was acquired. The present spacious church was dedicated in 1923. A cash anniversary offering of more than \$5,000 was received to carry through a program of renovation of the church hall and sanctuary.



The Sure Refuge

SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH
85TH ANNIVERSARY RALLY SERVICE

Sept. 28, 1947 * * * * * 10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE - "Toccata Finale" - Bach
Mr. Harold Steen, Organist

*Chimes

*Choral Call to Worship

"Come Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy
Name to sing, Help us to Praise;
Father, all-glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of days. Amen"

*The INVOCATION and APOSTLES' CREED
The "Gloria Patri" (No.493)

HYMN No.322 - "The Church's One Foundation"

The SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 14; 1-11
Choir Response - -- "Hallelujah" (No.495)

*The MORNING PRAYER
Choir Response - - "Hear O Lord" (No.504)

The ANTHEM - "Holy, Holy, Holy" - Glinka"
Mr O. Matthew Lyders, Director

The SERMONETTE - "Shining Lights"
Mr Robert Barrows, Student Pastor

CONSECRATION of S.S. Teachers and Officers
The Announcements
The OFFERTORY - "Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring"

HYMN No. 329 - "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord"

The SERMON - "FOR THE CHILDREN, A LAMP"
Rev. Elmer Henry Hoefer
Pastor of St. Peter's Church, St. Louis

*PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

RECEPTION of NEW MEMBERS

*Closing HYMN (Old Tune)
Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian Love;
The fellowship of kindred minds,
Is like to that above.

When we asunder part
It gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart
And hope to meet again.

*The BENEDICTION and DOXOLOGY
Moment of Silent Prayer.....Chimes

*The POSTLUDE

A most cordial WELCOME to all in this our 85th Anniversary RALLY Service. May the joy and inspiration of this day move you to a renewed loyalty and zeal for the cause of Christ and His Church. - We are especially glad to have Pastor and Mrs Hoefer with us for this service and of renewing friendships established during the 17 years of his faithful ministry here at St. Paul's..

TODAY 3 P.M. Fall Festival Service at St. John's Home with Pastor Hoefer as speaker.

TONIGHT 7:30 - Our YOUTH FELLOWSHIP Meeting.

NEXT SUNDAY - WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY
Thruout the world next Sunday, Christians will gather in their churches and reverently take the Sacrament of HOLY COMMUNION, in a bond of common faith and fellowship. We call upon ALL our members and friends to join us here in the observance of this Sacred Service. Pew Communion will be observed.

The UPPER ROOM Daily Devotional Booklets are available from the deacons this morning.

ALSO beginning NEXT SUNDAY there will be a change in our S.S. time. We will begin at 9:30 and close at 10:20. This should enable all to be on time, and with a shorter interval between S.S. and Church should encourage all to remain for the Church Worship.

The following constitute our S. S. Staff and are being consecrated to a new year of service this morning. Give them your whole-hearted cooperation: Mr. Wm. Nowack, Mrs. W. Kuhmann, Mrs. G. Hoffman, Mrs. R. Raufeisen, Dorothy Lietzau, Helen Kleinhenz, Mrs. A. Schnake, Mrs. A. Meili, Jr., Mrs. A. Hagen, Mrs. F. Kelley, Mrs. A. Rauber, Mildred Bahringer, Mrs. F. Horsch, Mrs. C. Rexer, Lois Groth, Vera Frederick, Robert Barrows, Ralph Boss, Delbert Groat, Albert Meili, Jr., Lucille Reuschle, Mrs. H. Krase, Mrs. Wm. Nowack, Jean Hurlburt, Mrs. N. Alderman and Pastor Schnake.

Active MEMBERSHIP in a Christian Church is the responsibility of every Christian. We are glad to receive a group into our membership this morning. Make them welcome. May others follow their example.

WEDNESDAY - 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal.

8:00 Ruth Circle Meeting at the home of Mrs. Edward Weismiller.

THURSDAY - 2 P.M. Women's Altar Guild Meeting.

SATURDAY - 9 and 10:30 A.M. Confirmation Classes meet. Are your children attending?

Our sincere THANKS to all who have made their contributions to our Anniversary Offering. Total pledged \$6507.00! Cash received \$4478.00. Is your gift in?

BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Fauth, Mrs. Stuver, Mrs. Tallman, Mrs. Kilian, Audry Schultz, Eleanor Hoffmeier, William E. Lohler, and Earl Maier. Offerings help support the work of our India Mission.

SA TURDAY EVENING, OCT. 25, 1947

St. Paul's Reformed Maps Dedication Of Flags Service

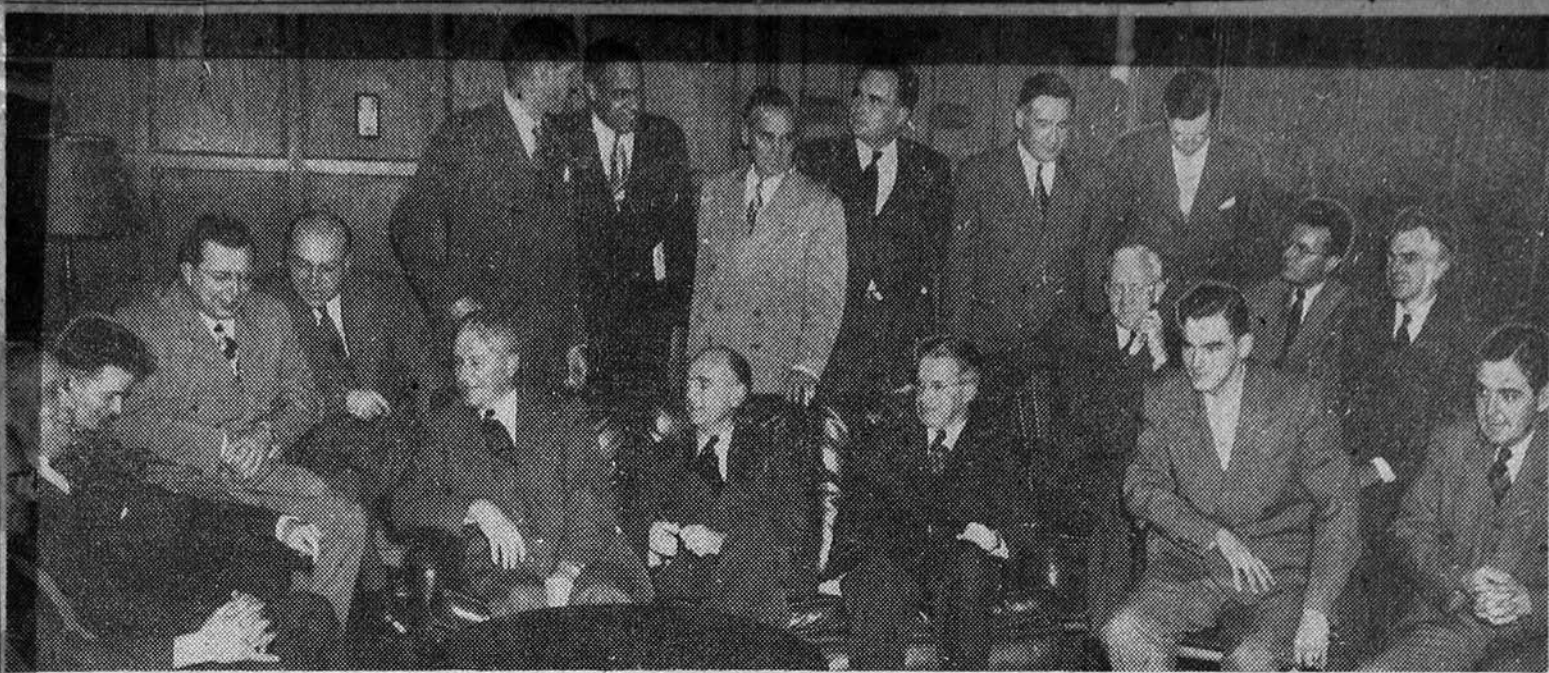
AS A MEMORIAL to four young members of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church who gave their lives in the last war, a special service of dedication of flags will be held tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. in the church, Norton and Jewel streets.

The American flag will be presented by the Betsy Ross Auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans and the Christian flag by the servicemen's committee of the church.

The Rev. Alfred G. Schnake will speak on "Loyalties to God and Nation."



June 20, 1948 -
Commemorating Pastor Schuck's
25th Anniversary in the Ministry.



CLERGYMEN IN SESSION WITH GAMBLING 'BLITZ' COPS

Protestant clergymen are shown here in session yesterday at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School to discuss the gambling situation in city. Seated at right is Patrolman Thomas R.

Van Auker Jr. and beside him is Patrolman Clayton J. Faulkner. They are the two officers who have spearheaded the recent drive here against gambling activities.

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St. Paul's Rededicates Refurbished Quarters

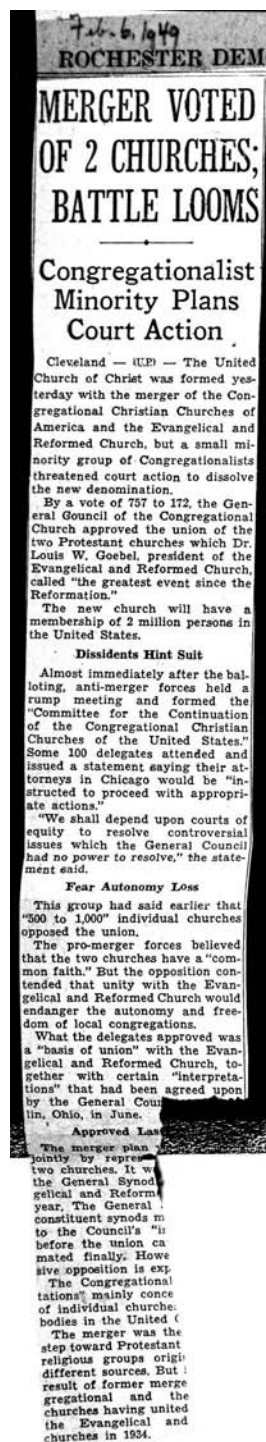
St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Norton and Jewel Sts., will have a service of rededication tomorrow at 10:30 a. m.

The Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, pastor, will speak on "The House of the Lord."

During the past year the church and Sunday School building have been renovated and new lighting installed in the social rooms under direction of Rudolph Kolb, president of the church, and Edward

Uehlin, chairman of the board of trustees.

Sept 1948



Church Rite Marks Home's 50th Year

We thank Thee for a little lighthouse at journey's end.

That was the central thought of the Rev. O. E. Krueger's prayer yesterday at the special service in Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church commemorating the 50th anniversary of St. John's Home for the Aged. And that thought, too, was the one most often stressed throughout the service.

Main speaker was the Rev. Frederick H. Diem, D.D., of Cleveland, who was president of St. John's Home from 1934 to 1944. He said the home serves those who have made their worldly accomplishments and have outlived their youth, but who have earned a comfortable place for their later years.

He paid tribute to those whose work and donations have made St. John's possible and reminded them that "You can lose all your savings, but not your contributions to institutions such as this. You may be building them for yourselves."

Portrait Presented

Another highlight of the service was the presentation of a portrait of the first president of St. John's Home, the late Rev. J. F. W. Helmkamp, under whose leadership churches of five denominations laid the groundwork.

The picture, in a handsome gold frame, was given by the pioneer's six sons. One of the sons, Dr. Ralph W. Helmkamp, is a University of Rochester professor and is the only one still living here.

The picture will hang in St. John's Home, which was created in 1899 by Rochester's German-speaking church groups for the sick, aged and needy German Protestants of the city. The entire project was conceived by the Rev. Mr. Helmkamp, then pastor of Salem Church.

Greetings of the city and of the Council of Social Agencies were delivered by Mayor Samuel B. Dicker and Clarence M. Gifford.

Presiding at the ceremony was the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D. D., current president of the institution, who outlined progress made in the home's first 50 years.

Superintendent Installed

"But we must look forward as well as backward on this anniversary," he said. He read letters of congratulations from two former superintendents, Sister Christine Schwartz and Miss Lillian Rothe, who were unable to come here for the ceremony.

The home's new superintendent, the Rev. William E. Schmitt, was installed at the service by the institution's vicepresident, the Rev. R. A. Wolf.

Special honors went to the Rev. Carl Betz, who has served the home continuously since its foundation, when he was a young pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church where he still serves. His achievements for the home were outlined by the Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch.



A MONUMENT TO A LEADER

Admiring picture of first president of St. John's Home for Aged, the late Rev. J. F. W. Helmkamp, are, from left, Edward Arndt, Miss Lina Kettwig, the Rev. William E. Schmitt, the Rev. Frederick H. Diehm. Portrait will hang in Home, 50 years old today.

Sunday, Sept. 25, 1949







Fellowship Fete Set at Church

THE annual mother-daughter fellowship program at St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church at 8 p. m. Friday will feature the presentation of a school session similar to those held at the turn of the century when St. Paul's conducted a parochial school. Costumes reminiscent of styles worn a half century ago will be worn for this event, which will be presented by the daughters with Miss Lucille Reuschle as the school mistress.

Also in observance of the 85th anniversary of the Women's Guild, the women will present historical highlights of the guild meetings years ago.

Recognition and honorary memberships will be given Mrs. Adeline Barron, Mrs. Herman Pommerening, Mrs. Pauline Pagels, Mrs. Henry Hieb and Mrs. Marie Haass, who have held membership in the Altar Guild for 40 years or more.

Admission to the fellowship will be the ingathering of coin bags for the new church drapes, a project recently adopted by the guild. The committee in charge of arrangements includes Mrs. Herbert Groth, Mrs. William Lohler, Mrs. Alfred Schnake, Mrs. Nelson Alderman, Mrs. Frank Kilian, Mrs. Augusta Reuschle and Miss Matilda Eckert.



40 ROCHESTER TIMES-UNION

Thursday, May 24, 1951

Altar Guild Celebrates

For 85 years the women of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church have worked side by side with the men of the church in the development of St. Paul's.

And to mark this anniversary the Women's Altar Guild is staging a special fellowship program in the church tomorrow evening.

For weeks members have been searching their attics for costumes in vogue at the turn of the century for their skit of a Guild meeting of that era and highlights of the work accomplished at that time. Daughters of members will present a skit of a day in the old church school with Miss Lucille Reuschle as schoolmaster.

HONORARY memberships will be given to Mrs. Herman Pommerening, Miss Adeline Barron, Mrs. Pauline Pagels, Mrs. Henry Hieb and Mrs. Marie Haass, who have been members of the Altar Guild for 40 years or more.

Admission to the fellowship program will be by contribution of coin bags for the new church drapes, a project recently adopted by the Guild. The committee in charge of arrangements consists of Mesdames Herbert Groth, William Lohler, Alfred Schnake, Nelson Alderman, Frank Kilian and Augusta Reuschle and Miss Matilda Eckert.

THE WOMEN'S ALTAR GUILD

1866 - 1951

ST. PAUL Evangelical & Reformed CHURCH

Norton & Jewel Sts.

Rochester 21, New York

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The Reverend Alfred G. Schnake

Pastor

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MOTHER & DAUGHTER FELLOWSHIP

May 25th, 1951

8 P. M.

P R O G R A M

Fellowship Singing

Reminiscence of early Guild History

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Fellowship Singing

The Old Parochial School

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Fellowship Singing

Honoring Living Presidents

Honoring Oldest Living Members

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"May The Good Lord Bless And Keep You"
Till We Meet Again

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Altar Guild Presidents

1882-1922 - Mrs Emma Bornkessell*

Mrs Susan Stiehler*

Mrs Susan Lutz*

- -

Mrs Elvina Pommerening

Mrs Elizabeth Kolb

Mrs Frieda Groth

Mrs Sophie Krase

Mrs Mary Pfeil

Mrs Bertha Brown

Mrs Margaret Nowack

Mrs Frieda Groth

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Guild Members For Over 40 Years

Mrs Bertha Pommerening, 1901

Mrs Pauline Pagels, 1904

Mrs Bertha Hieb, 1904

Mrs Marie Haas, 1907

Mrs Adeline Barron, 1910

I AM A MEMBER

Of The

WOMEN'S ALTAR GUILD

because

Every woman in the Evangelical and
Reformed Church, by virtue of her
church membership is considered a member
and is included in its planning.

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GOAL

The Goal of the Women's Guild is

"A Place For Every Woman
and
Every Woman In Her Place"

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HAVE I FOUND MY PLACE?



FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
at

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL & REFORMED CHURCH

Friday - May 25th - 8 P. M.

- I - Mothers and Daughters in School Skit
(They're Funny)
Remember St. Paul's once had a parochial school.

- II - Observance of 85th Anniversary of our Altar Guild
(Ladies in old costumes - My, oh my, what clothes
the ladies used to wear!)
A Ladies Aid Meeting of early years.

- III - GATHERING OF THE LITTLE COIN BAGS
(Remember the project of new draperies for our church
and the little bags sent out early in the year? This
is it - Bring them in - This will be your admission
or your offering for the cause)

REFRESHMENTS - FELLOWSHIP SING - REFRESHMENTS

This Happy Evening has been arranged for ALL Ladies of the
church. COME, bring your mothers, your daughters and
your friends.

WE HOPE TO GREET YOU FRIDAY EVENING

The Committee,
Mrs Alfred Schnake, Chairman
Mrs H. Groth, Guild President



St. Paul's Reformed Lists Missionary to India

The Rev. William Baur, recently returned missionary from India, will be guest speaker at St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Norton and Jewel sts., tomorrow at 10:30 a. m., announces the Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, pastor.

A native of Rochester, the Rev. Mr. Baur for the past ten years has been superintendent of the Chandkuri Leper Hospital, Baitalpur, India.

The Rev. Mr. Baur will discuss India's role in the present world situation from a missionary's viewpoint.

Tomorrow at 7 p. m. he will address Youth Fellowships of Rochester Evangelical and Reformed churches,

presenting pictures of his work and the program of the Evangelical Reformed Church in India.



MR. BAUR

Synod Hears Plea to Strengthen Churches

"Some 70 million persons in the United States do not belong to a church and 52 per cent of the people in the country have changed residence since 1940 severing home-church ties.

These people present a "tremendous challenge to us," the Rev. L. C. T. Miller, Philadelphia, assistant to the director of united promotions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, told some 200 delegates to the Fall conference of the West New York Synod of the church today.

The delegates, representing 71 churches, met at St. Paul's Church, Norton and Jewel Sts.

"Activating inactive members and getting new members is one of the most important jobs facing the denomination," he said.

"We are trying to reach into every churchless community in the country," he said. "We now have 268 home missions in the United States.

"Our work also is being done in seven foreign countries." They are Honduras, Ecuador, Africa, Iraq, India, China and Japan. In China conditions are uncertain, but "I feel able to say there has been an improvement in the last few days."

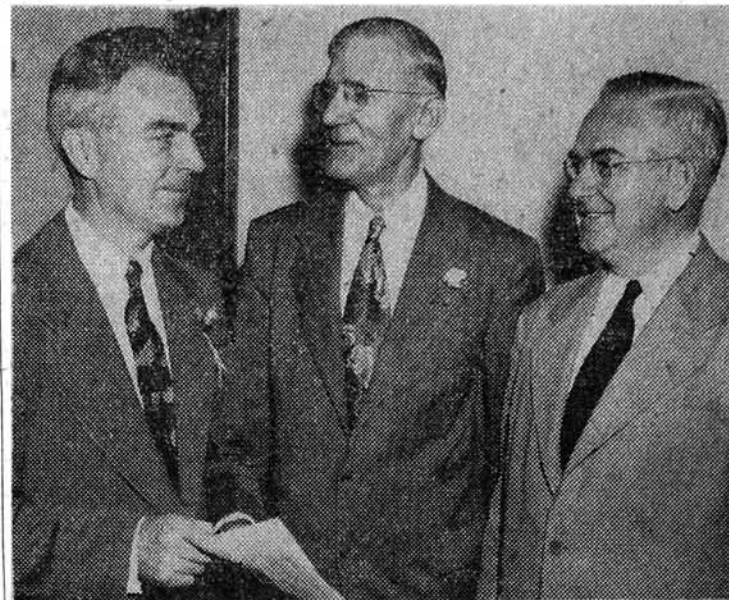
The Rev. Huber F. Klemme, Cleveland, executive secretary of the committee on Christian social action, said human rights present a "challenge to us." "We need to support legislation to prevent discrimination in employment because

of race or creed and we should practice what we preach."

After luncheon in the church, afternoon group conferences on congregations, women's organizations, church schools, and youth organizations were scheduled.

Two-thirds of the 3 million dollar quota for the denomination's world reconstruction work has been reached, the delegates were told.

The conference was to close with a service following an open forum.



Synod leaders at Evangelical and Reformed church sessions included (from left) the Rev. A. G. Schnake, pastor of St. Paul's Church; the Rev. Paul G. Frankenfeld of Buffalo, president of the Western New York Synod, and the Rev. L. C. T. Miller.

90TH
ANNIVERSARY
BANQUET



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH
(Evangelical & Reformed)
Rochester, New York

Tuesday, September 23, 1952
6:30 P.M.

1862

1952

90th Anniversary

Saint Paul's Church

(Evangelical and Reformed)



Jewel and Norton Streets
Rochester, New York

ALFRED G. SCHNAKE, B.D., Pastor

September 21st to October 5th
1952

M E N U

Grapefruit Juice

Relishes, pickles, olives

Roast Beef au jus

Mashed potatoes, Frozen peas

Chef's Salad

Rolls. . . . Butter

Lemon Chiffon Pie

Coffee

Mints

Mr. Herbert Krase, Toastmaster

Mr. Harold Steen, Accompanist

Mr. Rudolph Hoffmeier, Song Leader

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Grand March

Doxology and Prayer . . . Pastor Schnake

Fellowship Songs

Greetings .. Nelson Alderman, Church Pres.

Introduction of Guests

Quartette from the 'Gentlemen Songsters'

Jerry Mack . . . Ray DeVoll

Burt Stevens . . . David Felker

Speakers

Dr. Hugh C. Burr

Ex. Secretary of Fed. of Churches

Dr. Fred Willkens

Professor at Colgate Divinity School

Dr. Elmer H. Hoefer

Pastor, St. Peter's E.R. Church,
St. Louis, Mo.

Remarks by Pastor Schnake

Closing Song . . . St. Paul's Song

Foreword

As we gather to mark this Anniversary, our hearts look back with solemn gratitude upon the years that lie behind us. Fond memories of those who labored to build this congregation come upon us. We think of those who through the years found this church this spiritual home, who were baptized, confirmed and married through its ministry, who sought its peace and strength in the hours of worship, who hearkened to God's word and went forth to live it, and who found its gospel a comfort and hope in the hour of death.

Today we can see and say "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us." Now with renewed energy and faith, may we set ourselves to the task that He gives us in our day, being perfectly assured that as He has guided and upheld our fathers, He will also uphold and guide us. Unto our God, be all honor and glory, now and forevermore.



PASTORS SERVING ST. PAUL'S

Rev. J. Ph. Conradi	1862-1865
Rev. John U. Hoffman	1865-1869
Rev. Frederick Heinle	1869-1872
Rev. August Grotrian	1873-1883
Rev. Albert Zeller	1883-1894
Rev. William Baur	1894-1904
Rev. H. F. Grotefend	1904-1911
Rev. Fred Oberkircher	1911-1914
Rev. Richard Stave	1914-1922
Rev. Hermann E. Koenig	1923-1928
Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer	1929-1946
Rev. Alfred G. Schnake	1946-

Historical Sketch

On February 18, 1862, a group of members from the Trinity Evangelical Church, met under the leadership of Pastor Conradi, and made the decision to organize a new church under the name of "German United Evangelical St. Paul's Church." A lot was acquired on Fitzhugh Street, at the cost of \$4,500.00, and the first church building was erected at a cost of \$3,500.00 and dedicated on September 21, 1862. Also, at the very beginning a parochial school was established and a teacher engaged in addition to the pastor. Though the church increased rapidly in numbers in the early years, yet the history reveals that necessary financial support was not forthcoming, and for years the church labored under its indebtedness. Problems in the operation of the parochial school, dissatisfaction in the methods of money raising, frequent changes of pastors, in the early years prevented the church from attaining a greater spiritual outreach.

However, St. Paul's had become firmly established and now there followed a period of progress under the able leadership of pastors who remained with the congregation over longer years of ministry. The indebtedness was reduced, many members were added and a Sunday School was organized. The organizations flourished, especially the Women's Altar Society, the Men's Benevolent Society and the Young People's League. The parochial school was discontinued and the emphasis was placed upon the religious education in the Sunday School. In February, 1906, a two-story Sunday School Hall was built and dedicated at a cost of \$15,000.00. The 2,000 pound bell which still calls us to worship, was purchased in 1899 at a cost of \$500.00. In 1908 a new Stier organ was purchased at the cost of \$4,500.00. This organ having been rebuilt and new stops added in later years, still serves us admirably today. In 1906 also, weekly offering envelopes for the members were introduced and also equal rights were voted for women members of the church.

But then came the first World War. Financial problems in meeting the indebtedness again became acute, but a greater problem was confronting the congregation and that was the language problem. The demand for English preaching services was constantly increasing, until in 1915 the congregation voted that regular English worship services should be conducted on Sunday mornings. Previously there had only been one a month and evening services. Also it became more and more evident that to maintain life, it would be necessary for the congregation to relocate. This momentous decision was arrived at in 1915, and the following year a lot was purchased at the corner of Northview Terrace and St. Paul Street, and a small chapel built at the cost of \$1,400.00. However, because of restrictions it had to be moved to the corner of Norton and Jewel Streets. Sunday School and services were for a number of years conducted both at the old church and in the new chapel. Growth was evident in the new field and in 1919 the old church was sold for \$40,000.00 and plans were drawn for our present church building. Various delays were experienced, but in 1922 a Building Fund Campaign was conducted and \$41,000 was subscribed. This new church was dedicated to the glory of God on June 17, 1923, at a total cost of \$90,000.00.

Again God has prospered our church in its present location. It is free of debt, and also owns a fine parsonage on Navarre Road, acquired in 1937 for \$6,500.00. It today records a communicant membership of 630, a Sunday School of 265 and a number of active organizations for men, women and youth. For years, it has held a place of leadership among the churches of the Synod in its Missionary and Benevolent giving, and its loyal membership contributes generously to its local needs and obligations. Our church is a member of the West New York Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, a great denomination with some 3,000 churches and about a million communicant members, reaching out in a great program of Christian activity in all areas of the world. We cooperate with and hold membership in the local Federation of Churches, in the National Council of Churches and in the World Council of Churches.

We believe that we have a mission for Christ and most cordially invite all folks without a regular church home into our membership and help us make known the gospel of Christ to all children of men, and to help in the building of his Kingdom on earth.

With your help and dedication the future years may become even more glorious than those of the past.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

10:30 a.m.

*Anniversary Service***Organ Prelude ..**

"Festival Prelude"

Mr. Harold Steen, Organist

Reiff

Chimes**Choral Call to Worship (4)**

"Come Thou Almighty King! Help us Thy Name to sing,
 Help us to praise; Father, all-glorious,
 O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us,
 Ancient of Days. Amen."

***The Invocation and Apostles' Creed**

The "Gloria Patri" (493)

Hymn No. 63

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

***Litany**—Church Anniversary: No. 21, Page 527

Prayer and Choir Response "Spirit Divine Attend"

The Scripture Reading

Psalm 103

Choir Response

"Let the Words of My Mouth"

The Anthem

"Build Thee More Stately Mansions"

Mr. Robert Stoll, Director

Andrews

The Sermonette

"Clear as a Bell"

The Announcements**The Offering** (For the 90th Anniversary Fund)**Offertory Solo**

"O Divine Redeemer"

Miss Betty Schnake

Gounod

Hymn No. 323

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

(During the singing of hymn, children go to nursery)

The Sermon

"This Is Our Heritage"

Rev. Elmer Henry Hoefer, D.D.

Pastor of St. Peter's Evang. Reformed Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Prayer and Lord's Prayer** (In unison)Closing Hymn** (old tune)

Blest be the tie that binds, Our hearts in Christian love
 The fellowship of kindred minds, Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne, We pour our ardent prayers;
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one, Our comforts and our cares. Amen.

The Benediction*Three-fold Amen****Silent Prayer****The Postlude**

A most cordial WELCOME to all members and friends who
 join with us in our Anniversary Celebration. Note the
 services and activities on program and attend.

We are especially pleased to have Rev. and Mrs Elmer H.
 Hoefer with us. Pastor Hoefer served a long and fruitful
 ministry in St. Paul's, and it is a privilege to have
 him bring the message this morning.

We WELCOME our new student pastor, Robert Ketchum, from
 Evanston, Ill., now enrolled at the Divinity School. He
 will assist us in our work during the year. Let us make
 him feel at home and give him our cooperation.

The MEMORIAL FLOWERS have been placed in loving memory of
 Mr. Henry Pagels, by his wife and daughter Mrs Wm. Lohler.

TONIGHT 7 P.M. All our YOUTH are invited to our Anniver-
 sary Youth Rally. Youth groups from other E.R. churches in
 Rochester will be our guests.

TUESDAY 6:30 we will celebrate our Anniversary with our
 Banquet and we are looking forward to a happy evening
 with prominent speakers, guests, and friends.

THIS AFTERNOON 3 P.M. Annual Fall Festival Service at
 our St. John's Home, South Ave., and Elmwood Ave.

THURSDAY 1 P.M. Women's Guild Executive meeting at the
 home of Mrs. Wm. E. Lohler, 80 Requa Street.

FRIDAY 7 P.M. Rehearsal of Senior Choir

SATURDAY 9:15 Confirmation Class. All children 13 or
 more by Easter, not confirmed, should be present.

NEXT SUNDAY - Our RALLY DAY Anniversary Service. The
 speaker will be Rev. Wm. Walch, son of St. Paul's and
 pastor of Calvary E.R. Church in Buffalo. Promotion of
 classes in S.S. Consecration of S.S. Staff in Church.

(Fill out and give to Pastor at door if interested)

I would like to become a member of St. Paul's on
 Sunday, Oct. 5th - World Communion Sunday.

Name _____

Address _____

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

10:30 a.m.

Rally Day Service

Organ Prelude

"Allegro Jubilant"
Mr. Harold Steen, Organist

Milligan

***Chimes**

***Choral Call to Worship (No. 184)**

All hail the power of Jesus' name, Let angels prostrate fall,
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all,
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all. Amen.

***The Invocation and Apostles' Creed**

The "Gloria Patri" (493)

Hymn No. 322 "The Church's One Foundation"

The Scripture—Responsive Reading: Selection 67, Page 592

***The Prayer**

Choir Response "Spirit Divine Attend"

The Anthem "Except the Lord Build the House"
Mr. Robert Stoll, Director

Gilchrist

The Sermonette

Mr. Robert Ketchum, Student Pastor

Consecration of Sunday School Teachers and Officers

The Announcements

The Offering (For the 90th Anniversary Fund)

Offertory Anthem "A Day in Thy Courts"

Rogers

Hymn No. 329 "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord"

(During singing of hymn, children go to nursery)

The Sermon

Anniversary Sermon

Rev. William R. Walch, B.D.

Pastor Calvary Evang. and Reformed Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

***Prayer and Lord's Prayer** (In Unison)

***Closing Hymn No. 32**

Saviour again to Thy dear name we raise,
With one accord, our parting hymn of praise;
We stand to bless Thee, ere our worship cease;
Then lowly kneeling, wait Thy word of peace. Amen.

***The Benediction**

Three-fold Amen

Silent Prayer

The Postlude

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th

10:30 a.m.

*World Wide Communion Service***Organ Prelude** "Prelude on 'Duke Street'" Mead

Mr. Harold Steen, Organist

Chimes**Choral Call to Worship (No. 28)**

Lord Jesus Christ be with us now, And let Thy Holy Spirit bow,
 All hearts in love and fear today, To hear the truth and keep Thy way. Amen.

***The Invocation and Apostles' Creed**

The "Gloria Patri" (493)

Hymn No. 239 "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

The Holy Scripture Luke 22:7-20
 Organ Meditation to Prayer

The Morning Prayer*Choir Response** "Spirit Divine Attend"

The Anthem "O Bread of Life" Christiansen
 Mr. Robert Stoll, Director

The Sermonette
 Mr. Robert Ketchum, Student Pastor

Reception of New Members**The Offering** (For Missions and Benevolences)

Offertory Solo "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" Liddle
 Miss Joan Riley

Hymn No. 341 "Here, O My Lord"
 (During singing of hymn children go to nursery)

Communion Meditation "This Do in Remembrance"**The Celebration of the Sacrament**

(All seeking forgiveness of their sins before God are invited to participate with us. Retain bread and cup 'till at word of Pastor all eat and drink together. Please fill out a communion card and leave at door.)

The Exhortation — The Prayer of Confession — The Word of Pardon
The Words of Distribution — The Distribution of Bread

Congregation sings Hymn No. 214 — "Just as I Am"

Distribution of the Cup

Congregation sings Hymn No. 217 — "Rock of Ages"

***The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***The Benediction** Three-fold Amen Silent Prayer

***The Postlude****Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, D.D.**

Elmer Henry Hoefer, son of the Rev. John Hoefer, was ordained in 1927. He is a graduate of Elmhurst College, Eden Theological Seminary, and received his Master's Degree from U. of R. In 1951 he was awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity from Eden Seminary. He came to St. Paul's in 1929 from his first pastorate in Papineau, Illinois, and for 17 years served the church most successfully. In 1946 he accepted the call to St. Peter's Church, St. Louis, Mo. He is Vice-Chairman of the Board of International Missions.

**Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, B.D.**

Alfred G. Schnake, son of the late Rev. Carl Schnake, was ordained in 1923. He is a graduate of Elmhurst College, Eden Seminary and Oberlin Graduate School of Theology. He came to St. Paul's in 1946 after having completed three years service as Army Chaplain. Previously he had served churches in Kansas City, Mo., and in Fort Thomas, Kentucky. He is Vice-President of the West York Synod of our denomination.

**Rev. William R. Walch, B.D.**

William R. Walch, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Walch, was baptized and confirmed in St. Paul's and was ordained in 1937. His was the second ordination in our church. He is a graduate of Elmhurst College and Eden Theological Seminary. He is pastor of the Calvary Evangelical and Reformed Church in Buffalo, N. Y. Previously he held pastorates at Lewisburg, Ohio and in Marietta, Ohio. He is chairman of the Board of Christian Education of the West New York Synod.

ANNIVERSARY YOUTH NIGHT**Sunday, September 21st, 7 p.m.**

All Youth of our Church are invited to this Youth Rally. Confirmands, High School Fellowship and Senior Young People—The Youth Groups of our Rochester Evangelical and Reformed Churches invited as our guests. Talks by Rev. E. Hoefer and Student Pastor Donald Vogel. Fellowship and refreshments.

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET**Tuesday, September 23rd, 6:30 p.m.**

All our members are invited to attend this Anniversary Banquet which will be served by caterers in our basement. A wonderful evening is being arranged with Herbert W. Krase as Toastmaster. Special musical entertainment. Our speakers will be Rev. Elmer Hoefer, Dr. Hugh Burr and Dr. Fred Willkens. Other notable guests will be present. Tickets will be \$1.75, and because of space will be limited to 200.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT**Friday, October 3rd, 7:30 p.m.**

All members and friends are invited to this amusing evening arranged by the Committee, for both grown-ups and children. The various organizations will present feature numbers on the program. Group singing, skits, stunts, movies of the good old days at St. Paul's. Lucille Reuschle, Mistress of Ceremonies. A wonderful opportunity to get acquainted with your fellow church members.

OUR CHURCH COUNCIL**Elders**—Arthur Koch, Otto Goetz and Rudolph Hoffmeier.**Trustees**—Nelson Alderman, President; Melville Bancroft and Herbert Krase.**Deacons**—John Schwartz, Treasurer; Richard Pasch, Ludwig Zimmerman, Harry Murphy, George Schenck, Milton Yaeckel, Harry Stuver, Chf. Deacon; Fred Horsch, Benevolence Treasurer; Robert Uehlin, Secretary; William Lohler, Financial Secretary.**Sunday School Officers**—General Superintendent, Mr. William Nowack; Superintendent Cradle Roll, Mrs. Walter Kuhmann; Superintendent Beginners Department, Mrs. R. Raufeisen; Superintendent Primary Department, Mrs. A. G. Schnake; Superintendent Nursery, Mrs. Fred Breitung; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Alderman; Enrollment Secretaries, Mrs. William Nowack and Mrs. Jean Anderson; Treasurer, Mr. Albert Meili, Jr.; and Secretary, Mrs. Herbert Krase. President of Adult Bible Class, Mr. Raymond Yaeger.**Brotherhood President**, Mr. Edward Kramer; **Women's Guild President**, Mrs. Herbert Groth; **Deaconess Board Chairman**, Mrs. Harry Murphy; **Youth Fellowship President**, William Koeplin; **Choir President**, Miss Carol Prietz.**ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE****Program**—Mr. Albert Meili, Jr., Mr. William C. Walch, Mr. Frank Vogel, Miss Lucille Reuschle, Mrs. Herbert Groth and Mrs. William E. Lohler.**Improvement**—Mr. Nelson Alderman, Mr. Arthur Koch, Mr. Melville Bancroft, Mr. Adolph Fauth, Mr. Harry Murphy, Mr. Rudolph Hoffmeier, Mr. Fred Breitung.**Finance**—Mr. William Nowack, Mr. William Lohler, Mr. Rudolph Kolb, Mr. Carl Rexer, Mr. Herbert Krase, Mr. John Schwartz, Rev. Alfred G. Schnake.

Our records reveal to us these recorded statistics during the 90 years: Baptisms 3,231; Confirmands 1,686; Weddings 1,082; Funerals 1,707.

Church Hears 'Native Son'

As a part of its 90th anniversary celebration, St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church will have a Rally service tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. featuring an address by a native son of the congregation who is now a minister.

The Rev. William R. Walch, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Walch of Westview Terr., will occupy the pulpit. Since 1945 he has been pastor of Calvary Evangelical and Reformed Church, Buffalo.



Rev. Walch

The Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, pastor, will be in charge of the service. A staff of 28 Sunday School teachers and officers will be consecrated.

The Rev. Mr. Walch was ordained in 1937 at St. Paul's. A graduate of West High School, he completed his theological training at Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

90th Year Rites Slated

St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed, Norton and Jewel sts., will launch the celebration of its 90th anniversary with a festive service tomorrow at 10:30 a. m.

Guest speaker will be the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, D.D., who served St. Paul's for 17 years. He left Rochester in 1946 to become pastor of St. Peter's Evangelical and Reformed Church, St. Louis, Mo., where he has remained ever since.

The Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, pastor of St. Paul's since 1946, will conduct the liturgy.



Dr. Hoefer

The anniversary celebration will continue for several weeks. Sunday, Sept. 28, the guest speaker will be a native son of the congregation, the Rev. William Walch of Buffalo, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Walch of Westview Terr.

An anniversary banquet will be held Tuesday night, with visiting pastors and their wives as honored guests.

The Service of Ordination
to
The Christian Ministry
of



DONALD CARL VOGEL, A.B., B.D.

Sunday, August 2, 1953 - 7:45 p.m.

— AT —

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL & REFORMED CHURCH

ALFRED G. SCHNAKE, PASTOR
ROCHESTER • NEW YORK

Special Program To Ordain Graduate Of Divinity School

A Colgate Rochester Divinity School graduate will be ordained as an Evangelical and Reformed minister at a special service at 7:45 p. m. tomorrow.

The ministerial candidate is Donald C. Vogel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Vogel of 91 Jewel St. Officiating at the service in St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church will be the Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, vicepresident of the Western New York Synod of Evangelical and Reformed Churches.



DONALD C. VOGEL

Also taking part will be the Rev. George Roser of the Dewey Avenue Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Rev. H. Raymond Voss of the Emanuel Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Rev. Carl Haass of the Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Rev. Paul Schroeder of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Rev. B. J. Tepas, superintendent of St. John's Home and the Rev. Theo Trost of Colgate Rochester Divinity School.

Robert Stoll will direct special music by the senior choir. The new minister will be honored at a reception in the church parlors following the service.

Vogel will assume pastoral duties at St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church in Hinckley, Ill., Oct. 1. At present, he is working on the thesis for his master's degree at the University of Rochester. He completed three years of work at the divinity school in May of this year.

He was graduated from Elmhurst College with a bachelor of arts degree in 1950 after serving three years Army service in the Pacific Theater. He is a Benjamin Franklin High School alumnus.

Order of Worship

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Grand Choeur"
Mr. Harold Steen, Organist

Bedell

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 350

We bid thee welcome in the name,
Of Jesus our Exalted Head;
Come as a servant, so He came,
And we receive thee in His stead.

Come as a shepherd, guard and keep
This fold unharmed by earth and sin;
Nourish the lambs and feed the sheep,
The wounded heal, the lost bring in.

Come as a teacher, sent from God,
Charged His counsel to declare;
Lift o'er our ranks the prophet's rod,
While we uphold thy hands with prayer. Amen.

*The INVOCATION and APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Carl Haass, Pastor of Trinity E. R. Church

The "Gloria Patri"

The SCRIPTURE

II Timothy 2:1-15

Rev. Theo. Trost—Prof. Colgate Rochester Divinity School

Choir Response

"Lord Have Mercy"

*The PRAYER

Rev. Paul Schroeder, D.D.—Pastor Salem E. R. Church

Choir Response

"Our Father we thank Thee"

The ANTHEM

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"
Senior Choir directed by Robert Stoll

Muller

The OFFERING (For Missions and Benevolences)

Offertory Solo

"Hold Thou My Hand"
Miss Elizabeth Schnake

Briggs

The SERMON

FEED MY LAMBS, FEED MY SHEEP

Pastor Alfred G. Schnake

HYMN of Ordination No. 351 "Lord pour Thy Spirit"

PRAYER LITANY

led by Rev. B. J. Tepas, Supt. of St. John's Home

Pastor—For Thy ministers, that they may not lose the sense of the wonder of their commission and become like common traders, babbling about common wares,

People—We most earnestly pray Thee, our Father.

Pastor—That they may not become mere guideposts when they are intended to be guides,

People—We most earnestly pray Thee, our Father.

Pastor—That they may never be engrossed in narrow duties and little questions, when the vast needs of humanity call aloud for prophetic vision and apostolic sympathy,

People—We beseech Thee, our Heavenly Father.

Pastor—That they may not be arrested by the lure of popularity—which is of the world, and thereby lose the vision of the stars,

People—We heartily pray Thee, O God.

Pastor—That they may share Christ's sense of eternal values, and may not be afraid of the loneliness of following the highest they know,

People—We earnestly pray Thee, our Father. Amen.

The RITE OR ORDINATION

Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, Vice-Pres. West New York Synod

Rev. George F. Roser, 1st Asst.; Pastor Dewey Avenue E. R. Church

Rev. H. Raymond Voss, 2nd Asst.; Pastor Emanuel E. R. Church

*The PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN No. 256

Lord speak to me that I may speak,
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek,
Thy erring children, lost and lone.

O use me Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt and when and where,
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share. Amen.

*The BENEDICTION

The Rev. Donald C. Vogel

Sevenfold Amen by Choir - Chimes

The POSTLUDE

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Donald C. Vogel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Vogel, was born in Rochester, N. Y. on March 25, 1923. He was baptized in the Christian faith in Salem Church, and confirmed in St. Paul's Church on March 21, 1937 by Pastor E. H. Hoefler. Following graduation from Benjamin Franklin High School, he served for three years in the United States army, seeing service in New Guinea and in the Philippines.

Following the war he enrolled in Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois, graduating with high honors in 1950, receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree and being awarded the Medal of the New York Literary Society. Following three years of graduate study in the Colgate Rochester Divinity School, he received his Bachelor of Divinity Degree in May of this year, and is now completing further graduate work at the University of Rochester.

Mr. Vogel has served Emanuel E. and R. Church as Assistant Minister and as Interim Pastor, and has served as supply minister in his field work. He has received a call from the St. Paul's E. R. Church in Hinckley, Illinois, where he will assume his pastoral duties at the beginning of October.

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A reception will be held in the social rooms following the service, which will give all the opportunity to greet the newly ordained minister.

The pulpit robe worn by the candidate has been presented to him as a gift from St. Paul's Church in which he was nurtured and led into the Christian ministry.

The newly ordained pastor will preach in our service here next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. All are invited.

Rev. Schnake, 54, Dies; Evangelical Minister

The Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, 54, of 26 Navarre Rd., minister of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Jewel and Norton streets, died last night (July 12, 1955) after a short illness.

Dr. Schnake, who has been pastor at St. Paul's for the past 9 years, was vice president of the Western New York Synod of Evangelical and Reformed Churches. He also was president of the board of directors of St. John's Home for the Aged.



Dr. Schnake

Formerly, he was board chairman of directors of religious education of the Federation of Churches of Rochester and Vicinity.

DR. SCHNAKE was chaplain of the 101st Combat Engineers in World War II. He served with Gen. Patton's Third Army for 3 years.

Before coming to Rochester, he served 17 years in Fort Thomas, Ky., and two years in Kansas City, Mo. He graduated from Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Ill., and did post-graduate work at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis and at Oberlin Seminary in Oberlin, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife, Edna Wild Schnake; two daughters, Mrs. Paul Ropp, Cincinnati, and Mrs. John Meyer of Buffalo; three brothers, the Rev. Paul Schnake of Cincinnati, Emil Schnake of Fort Worth, Tex., and Reinhardt Schnake of Kansas City, Mo.; two sisters, Mrs. Fred Borgman and Mrs. Herman Dieckman, both of Buckner, Mo., and several nieces and nephews.

FRIENDS may call at L. Schuman's Sons, 609 Clinton Ave. N., from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Services will be at St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church at 2 a.m. Friday. Burial will be in Baltimore, Md.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Paul's Memorial and Endowment Fund.



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ST. PAUL Evangelical & Reformed CHURCH
Norton & Jewel Sts. Rochester, New York

6TH SUNDAY IN TRINITY

July 17, 1955

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10 A.M.

- PRELUDE - "Largo" Handel
- *Chimes Mr. Harold Geschwind, Organist
- *Choral Call to Worship (No.63)
Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home. Amen.
- *The INVOCATION and APOSTLES' CREED: The "Gloria Patri" (493)
The Reverend George F. Roser, Liturgist
- HYMN No. 420 - "Hark, Hark, My Soul"
- The HOLY SCRIPTURE - Hebrews 6:1-20
Organ Meditation to Prayer
- *The CALL to PRAYER
Pastor: "The Lord be with Thee"
PEOPLE: "And with Thy Spirit"
Pastor: "Praise ye the Lord"
PEOPLE: "The Lord's name be praised"
The PRAYER (Congregational response "Hear O Lord" 504)
- SOLO - "I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say" - Scholin
Miss Carol Prietz, Soloist
- IN MEMORIAM THE REVEREND ALFRED G. SCHNAKE
- The OFFERING
Offertory - "Prayer" - Humperdink
- HYMN No. 472 - "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"
(During singing of hymn, Juniors go to S.S. Class)
- The SERMON "HOPE OUT OF DISPAIR"
The Reverend Donald C. Vogel, Hinckley, Ill.
- *Pulpit PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER
- *Closing HYMN No. 469 (Pastor Schnake's favorite hymn)
I need Thee every hour, Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford,
I need Thee, O I need Thee; Every hour I need Thee
O bless me now, my Saviour! I come to Thee. Amen.
- *The BENEDICTION .. Organ Amen .. Silent Prayer .. Chimes
- The POSTLUDE
- (* - Indicates Worshippers Stand)

IN MEMORIAM - St. Paul's Church mourns the passing of her beloved Pastor, Alfred G. Schnake, who entered into his eternal reward on Tuesday evening of this week. Special memorial services were held in this sanctuary on Friday afternoon. The Rite of Christian Burial was conducted yesterday at Baltimore, Maryland. We sorrow indeed, but not as those who have no hope, since we are assured that for his faithfulness our Pastor has received a Crown of Life. The red roses in the memorial vases this morning were Pastor Schnake's favorite flowers and have been placed to his memory.

Our sincere appreciation to Pastor George Roser for conducting the service this morning and to Pastor Donald C. Vogel for bringing the message to us. Pastor Vogel is the son of Mr and Mrs Frank Vogel and was confirmed and ordained in St. Paul's Church. He is now pastor of St. Pauls E&R Church in Hinckley, Illinois.

NEXT SUNDAY - The Reverend George F. Roser will conduct the service and bring the message to us. Rev. Roser was our Student Pastor and Director of Youth Activities at the time Pastor Schnake came to St. Paul's Church, nine years ago. St. Paul's Congregation appreciates all he has done during these past weeks.

If there be need of pastoral services, or in case of illness among the members of the congregation, please notify Mrs Wm. Lohler, Church Secretary, Congress 4531 or Mr. Arnold Henn, Church President, Congress 7413. The Church Office would also appreciate it if notified of changes in address, especially among our boys in service.

We always consider it a lovely thought when folks place flowers on our altar, in memory, or to add to the worship and beauty of God's House. Call Mrs Zettlemoyer (CU 2824W) our flower chairlady, if you desire to place flowers some Sunday.

This evening - Summer Service at the Highland Park Bowl at 7 P.M. Dr. Ernest E. Davis of Immanuel Methodist Church, Lockport, N. Y., will be the speaker.

UPPER ROOM Booklets for July and August are available from the Deacons, only 10¢.

Church Fire Damage Set At \$40,000

Fire caused an estimated \$40,000 damage to the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church at Norton and Jewel streets early today.

Firemen, first summoned to the scene by a box alarm at 2:40 a.m., toured the neighborhood and found no fire. They returned to their quarters.

Twenty-five minutes later—at 3:05 a.m.—a second box alarm was turned in. The firemen returned and found the building in flames.

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ORIGIN of the flames was undetermined. However, the Arson Squad was investigating and reportedly has picked up a suspect for questioning.

Battalion 2 Chief William Howes said that after firemen first responded to the alarm they toured the neighborhood and returned to their station by different routes.

He said Capt. John Sullivan of Engine 24 walked down Jewel street to a point opposite the side door of the church but saw no fire.

When firemen returned flames were eating up through the back of the two-story brick structure. The Sunday School rooms, pastor's study and a small auditorium were damaged.

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A NEIGHBOR, Mrs. Alice Townsend of 78 Jewel St., telephoned the second alarm after she saw flames inside the church. She was awakened by a daughter, Cheryl, 6, who first saw the fire.

Additional aid was received from Battalion 3 after a 3-2 alarm was sounded. At the scene were Public Safety Commissioner Kenneth C. Townson and Dep. Chiefs James Murray and Edward Adams.

Howes theorized the fire started in the basement of the church, burned through the first floor and worked up through partitions to the second floor.

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Tues., Nov. 1, 1955

Church Arson Charged to Parishioner

A 57-year-old member of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church today was charged with second degree arson in connection with a fire in the church yesterday.

Det. Sgt. Thomas Vanauker and Fire Lt. Joe Nalore said Gordon Meintell of 35 Mazda Ter., admitted setting the fire in the church. He will be arraigned tomorrow.

Meintell was arrested at the scene about 3 a.m. yesterday by Patrolman Leo Brunet. Police said he admitted going to a lower rear window and setting fire to the drapes. When the drapes flared up, Vanauker and Nalore said, he apparently became frightened and turned in a box alarm.

Firemen, responding to a call at 2:40 a.m. at the church, Jewel and Norton streets, found no fire and returned. They returned after a second call at 3:05 a.m. The fire caused an estimated \$40,000 damage.

Man Held in \$40,000 Church Fire

The Arson Squad yesterday arrested a 57-year-old man in connection with its investigation of a fire which did damage estimated at \$40,000 to the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church at Norton and Jewel streets early yesterday.

Detective Sgt. Thomas Vanauker and Fire Lt. Joseph J. Nalore said they placed a holding charge of vagrancy against the man because he was seen twice in the area, once at a fire at 12:41 a. m. and again while the two-story brick church was ablaze about 3 a. m.

The investigators said the man was seen at the scene of a fire at Avenue D and Clinton Avenue North at 12:41 a. m. by Patrolman Leo Brunet and again at the church blaze by the same officer. At the earlier fire, an unidentified man woke the owner, Harry Page, to tell him the back of his house was afire. Firemen said rubbish was burning against the house.

The investigators said the man, who has previous convictions of arson and of turning in false alarms, had fluorescent powder on his hands from the fire alarm box. But they said the man explained this by saying he pulled the box alarm when he saw the flames.

Firemen first were summoned to the scene by a box alarm at 2:40 a.m. After touring the

neighborhood without finding a fire, they returned to their quarters. Twenty-five minutes later at 3:05 a.m., a second alarm was turned in. The firemen returned to the scene and found the building in flames. Battalion Chief William A. Howes turned in another alarm calling for more equipment.

Authorities theorized the fire started in the basement of the church, burned through the first floor and worked up through the partitions to the second floor.

Sunday School rooms, the pastor's study and a small auditor-

ium were damaged. Chief Howes estimated the damage. Origin of the fire was still listed last night as "undetermined."

After an investigation which started during the fire and continued throughout the morning and afternoon, the Arson Squad members booked the possible suspect on a vagrancy charge pending further investigation.

They said they also found a basement window open. There had been a Halloween party in the church basement Sunday night, investigators added. But the party was over about 10 p.m.

Suspect Arsonist To Face Charges

Gordon Meintell, 57, of 35 Mazda Ter., will be arraigned this morning in City Court on second degree arson in connection with the \$40,000 fire to St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church early Monday.

Detective Sgt. Thomas Vanauker and Fire Lt. Joseph J. Nalore said Meintell, after extensive questioning, yesterday admitted starting the blaze around 2:40 a.m. Meintell, the Arson Squad officials said, found a rear cellar window ajar, opened it farther and touched a lighted match to drapes.

The authorities believe Meintell then ran off and pulled the first box alarm at Norton and Jewell streets. Because firemen did not discover any blaze then, it was deemed a false alarm. But 40 minutes later a second alarm was sounded at the same location and the fire was found. Meintell admitted sending the second alarm but told police he did not recall the first one.

Patrolman Leo Brunet recognized Meintell at the scene of the fire. Brought to Police Headquarters, Meintell was held on a vagrancy charge until the arson charge was brought against him shortly before noon yesterday.

Man Indicted for Arson In Costly Church Fire

A 57-year-old man accused of setting the fire that did an estimated \$40,000 damage to St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church shortly before 3 a.m. Oct. 31 was among 24 men and youths named in open indictments yesterday afternoon by the county grand jury.

The September - November Grand Jury completed its work by handing up to Justice James C. O'Brien in Supreme Court 20 open and 36 sealed indictments. Four of those indicted were cleared through no-bills of other charges on which they had been arrested. No-bills freed 10 other persons including one woman.

H. Everest Clements, 49 Stoneham Rd., Brighton, an insurance man, was foreman of the jury which Sept. 30 returned 61 indictments. A new Grand Jury will be impaneled Monday, Dist. Atty. Harry L. Rosenthal said.

Arraignment of those accused in the open indictments is scheduled for 10 a.m. today before Judge Clarence J. Henry in County Court.

Charged with Arson

Among them is Gordon Meintel, 35 Mazda Ter., indicted on a charge of third degree arson. He is accused of touching a lighted match to drapes through an open rear cellar window of the church at Norton and Jewell Streets, resulting in the \$40,000 damage.

Church Fire Admitted By Arsonist

Gordon Meintel, 57, of 35 Mazda Ter., today in County Court pleaded guilty to third degree arson in setting fire to St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church Oct. 31.

He was arraigned before Judge Clarence J. Henry, who set sentence for Jan. 24.

Meintel, who is being held at the County Infirmary because of an ailment, could be sentenced as a second felony offender. He was convicted of second degree arson in 1928 and at that time placed on five years' probation, according to Asst. Dist. Atty. John A. Mastrella.

Indicted Nov. 29, Meintel was accused of touching a lighted match to drapes through an open rear cellar window of the church at Norton and Jewell streets. The fire resulted in an estimated \$40,000 damage.

PANEL GETS ARSON CASE

Gordon Meintel, 57, of 35 Mazda Ter., charged with second degree arson in the \$40,000 fire at St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church early Monday, waived examination before City Court Judge Leo T. Minton yesterday and was referred to the Dec. 1 Grand Jury. Police said Meintel confessed setting fire to drapes through an open rear window.

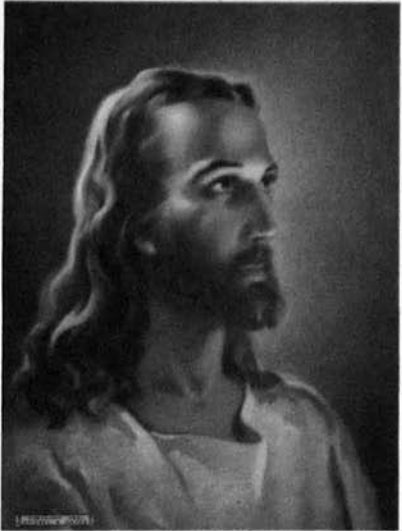
Arsonist Sentenced To Attica

7½ to 10-Year Term
In Church Blaze

Gordon Meintel, 57, of 35 Mazda Ter., who had pleaded guilty to third degree arson in a church fire, today was sentenced by County Judge Clarence J. Henry to 7½ to 10 years in Attica Prison as a second felony offender.

The defendant was accused of setting the fire that did an estimated \$40,000 damage to St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church shortly before 3 a.m. last Oct. 31. He admitted his guilt Dec. 28, and was held at the Rochester State Hospital for observation before sentence.

Before sentence was imposed, Meintel admitted that he was convicted of third degree arson in 1928 in Monroe County Court. "This defendant's history is indicative of offenses along this particular line," Judge Henry declared.



JESUS NEVER FAILS

Times may change and things go wrong,
Troubles sting like wintry gales;
'Midst it all our hearts can sing,
Jesus never fails!

Tossed about on life's rough sea,
Trustingly we hoist our sails.
By His help we'll make the port,
Jesus never fails!

Though comes sadness with its tears,
Though come pains and woes and wails;
Faith in Him will lift the clouds,
Jesus never fails!

Though they treated Him with shame,
Tortured Him with cruel nails;
This He suffered for our sakes,
Jesus never fails!

Should our day be much perplexed,
Burdened down with many ails;
In Him always there is hope
Jesus never fails!

— J M Bates

ST. PAUL Evangelical & Reformed CHURCH
 Norton & Jewel Sts. Rochester 21, New York
 Theodore L. Trost, Interim Pastor
 James Moss, Student Pastor
 Harold Geschwind, Choir Dir. Harold Steen, Organist
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22ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

November 6, 1955

10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

*Chimes

*CHORAL CALL To WORSHIP (No. 486)

The Lord is in His holy temple,
 Let all the earth keep silence before Him;
 Keep silence before Him. Amen.

*The INVOCATION and APOSTLES' CREED

The "Gloria Patri" (492)

HYMN No. 86 - "Unto The Hills"

The COLLECT

The READING of SCRIPTURE

The Epistle - Philippians 1:3-11

Choir Response (496)

The Gospel - St. Matthew 18:23-35

Choir Response (497)

*The PASTORAL PRAYER

Choir Response "Hear O Lord" (504)

The ANTHEM - "Come Holy Spirit" - Nordman

Announcements

The OFFERING (For Missions and Benevolences)

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

*The Doxology

*The Prayer of Dedication

HYMN No. 75 - "God Moves In A Mysterious Way"

The SERMON - "GAINING A NEW PERSPECTIVE"

Text - Psalm 121:1

Pulpit PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN No. 331 - "This Child We Dedicate" (2 stanzas)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*The BENEDICTION Three-Fold Amen

Moment of Silent Prayer . . Chimes

The POSTLUDE (*- People Standing)

O thou, whosoever thou art, that enterest this House,
 be silent, be thoughtful, be reverent, for this is
 the House of God. And leave it not without a prayer to
 God for thyself, for those who minister, and for those
 who worship here.

Early last Monday morning, St. Paul's Church was ravaged
 by fire. The damage could easily have been much more ex-
 tensive and we should be most thankful that the Sanctuary
 was spared destruction. For the time being, the Church
 School will meet in the Sanctuary at 9:30 A.M., and
 Divine Service will be held at 10:30 o'clock as usual.
 Let your presence be an indication of your thankfulness.

Because of possible danger, no one will be allowed to
 enter the Church School rooms. Please use the Tower
 Vestibule Entrance.

HOLY BAPTISM - John Frederick o'Brien and Patricia Anne
 O'Brien, born May 28th, 1955, twin children of Bernard
 O'Brien and his wife Doris nee Sollberger will receive
 the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the close of service.

This EVENING - The YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will join with the
 E&R Church Youth Groups of Rochester for a joint meeting
 at Emanuel Church, Hamilton and Bond Sts. Meet outside
 the church here at 6:30 P.M., and go together.

BROTHERHOOD and ALTAR GUILD NOTE - The meetings for the
 month of November have been cancelled.

WEDNESDAY - 7:30 P.M. Senior Choir Rehearsal.

THURSDAY 1:30 P.M. The Executive Board of the Women's

Altar Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. Richter.

This week, Budget letters and Pledge Cards will be sent
 to all our members. We hope all will accept their
 Christian responsibility to fill out the cards and bring
 them to church next Sunday for dedication at the altar.

We thank all those who have given their contributions for
 the work of our mission in India, in their Birthday Enve-
 lopes, for the past three weeks. These names were lost
 in the fire.

Now UPPER ROOM BOOKLETS for Nov., Dec., available - 10¢.

Reformed Church to Hold New Pastor's Installation

Installation of the new pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church will take place in that church at 7:45 tomorrow night, when the Rev. Fred J. Ochs succeeds the late Rev. Alfred G. Schnake as the 13th pastor.

The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Julius W. Kuck of Buffalo, president of the West New



REV. FRED
J. OCHS

York Synod, whose topic will be "An Ambassador for Christ." The Rev. Theodore L. Trost of Colgate Rochester Divinity School will be installing minister, assisted by the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., of Salem Church and the Rev. Raymond G. Winters of Emanuel Church. A reception will follow in the social rooms.

The Rev. Mr. Ochs is a native of St. Louis, graduate of Washington University School of Law and of Eden Theological Seminary. In World War II he served with the 78th Infantry in the European Theater of Operations. He comes to Rochester from Evansville, Ind.

St. Paul's Church

(Evangelical and Reformed)

Corner Norton and Jewel Streets

Rochester, New York



THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

of

THE REVEREND FRED J. OCHS



SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 13, 1956

Seven forty-five o'Clock

Order of Service

PRELUDE "Fugue in G Minor" Bach

***CHIMES**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "The Church's One Foundation" No. 322

***OPENING SENTENCES AND INVOCATION** Pastor Trost

***APOSTLES' CREED**

***GLORIA PATRI**

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ANTHEM "Almighty God of Our Fathers" James

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READING OF SCRIPTURE Pastor Winters

The Epistle: II Corinthians 5:11-21 The Gospel: St. Matthew 6:24-34

Organ Interlude

***CALL TO PRAYER** Pastor Schroeder

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray: O Lord show Thy mercy upon us.

People: And grant us Thy salvation.

Pastor: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

People: And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

***PRAYER** Choral Response

SOLO "The King of Love" Gounod
Mr. Moss

SERMON "AN AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST" President Kuck

HYMN "Christ of the Upward Way" No. 250

THE ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A MINISTER

The Charge to the Pastor Pastor Schroeder

*The Charge to the Congregation Pastor Winters

The Installation Pastor Trost

*The Prayer of Installation

*The Lord's Prayer

GREETINGS FROM THE FEDERATION Secretary Burr

***BENEDICTION** Pastor Ochs

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** "O God, Above the Drifting Years" No. 377

***CHIMES**

***POSTLUDE** "Postlude in B Flat" West

*The People will stand. **The Ushers will seat those who are waiting.

A RECEPTION

for Pastor and Mrs. Ochs will be held immediately after the Service in the social rooms downstairs. Everyone is cordially invited.

WELCOME TO ALL

who have come this evening to share in this important service. Especially do we welcome the pastors and members of sister and neighboring congregations.

A WORD OF THANKS

to those who are participating in this Service of Installation:

The Reverend Theodore L. Trost, Librarian, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Interim Pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The Reverend Raymond G. Winters, Pastor of Emanuel Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The Reverend Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., Pastor of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The Reverend Julius W. Kuck, President of West New York Synod, Evangelical and Reformed Church, Buffalo, New York.

The Reverend Hugh Chamberlin Burr, D.D., Executive Secretary of the Federation of Churches of Rochester and Monroe County.

Mr. Harold Geschwind, Choir Director.

Mr. Harold Steen, Organist.

Mr. James Moss, Soloist, Student Assistant, St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Members of the Senior Choir of St. Paul's Church.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

was organized in September, 1862. The first building erected on Fitzhugh Street served the congregation until 1923 when this new church was dedicated on Norton and Jewel Streets. The following pastors have served the congregation:

Rev. J. P. Conradi—1862-1865

Rev. H. F. Grotefend—1904-1911

Rev. John Hoffman—1865-1869

Rev. Fred Oberkircher—1911-1914

Rev. Fred Heinle—1869-1873

Rev. Richard Stave—1914-1923

Rev. August Grotrian—1873-1883

Rev. Herman Koenig—1923-1929

Rev. Albert Zeller—1883-1894

Rev. Elmer Hoefer—1929-1946

Rev. William Baur—1894-1904

Rev. Alfred Schnake—1946-1955



FRED J. OCHS, LL.B., B.D.

On Sunday, April 29, 1956, the Reverend Fred J. Ochs began his ministry as Pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church. He is the successor of the late Reverend Alfred G. Schnake, who for ten years was the able and beloved minister of this congregation.

Mr. Ochs was born and reared in St. Louis, Missouri, where he was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical and Reformed Church. In April, 1943, he interrupted his Pre-Legal studies at Washington University in St. Louis, to answer the call of his country. Nearly one-half of his three years in the Army was spent in the European theatre with combat troops of the First Army. Upon his discharge from the Service in February, 1956, Mr. Ochs resumed his legal studies at Washington University where he graduated from the School of Law in June, 1950.

Feeling impelled to answer the call to the Christian ministry, Mr. Ochs entered Eden Theological Seminary, with the kind encouragement of his pastor, the Reverend Elmer H. Hoefer, D.D., a former minister of St. Paul's Church. Upon graduation from the Seminary, he received ordination into the ministry of our Church in June, 1953. He comes to St. Paul's Church with his wife, the former Carol Stock of St. Louis, Missouri, after three years of service as the Assistant Pastor of Bethel Evangelical and Reformed Church, Evansville, Indiana.



SOLEMN MOMENT—Three ministers pause at ground-breaking ceremonies at St. John's Home for the Aged, from left, the Rev. Frederick Ochs, the Rev. Carl Betz, and the Rev. Arthur Weisser, vice president of home's board of managers. New wing will house 52.

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ROCHESTER DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE
Monday, March 28, 1960

Sod Turned for Wing At St. John's Home

The first expansion in 30 years of St. John's Home for the Aged was begun officially yesterday with the traditional wielding of the ground-breaking spade at the site of the new \$800,000 wing to the home.

The Rev. Bernard Tepas, executive director of the home, at 1262 South Ave., expressed the hope that the three-story facility would "add life to the years" science had given to today's senior citizens.

The new wing will increase the home's present capacity of 70 by adding 52 beds, the Rev. Mr. Tepas said. The facility is expected to be completed by early 1961.

The Rev. Mr. Tepas said a

fund-raising drive had produced more than \$300,000. The balance is to be borrowed.

In addition to the Rev. Mr. Tepas, the earth also was spaded by the Rev. Godfrey Alberti, president of the home's board of managers. Charles Urlaub, a board member, the Rev. Carl Betz, one of the home's founders, the Rev. Frederick Ochs, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, and Louis Mutchler, an 86-year-old resident of the home.

The new wing will be constructed north and east of the present structure. The two upper floors will contain living quarters and the first floor will be used for recreation and rehabilitation purposes for all elderly people in the community.

The home was organized in 1899 and first occupied rented quarters. The first building at the present site was acquired in 1900.

Wings were added in 1906 and 1929. The new facility will be the first addition since 1929.

St. John's is supported by Lutheran, Baptist, Methodist and Evangelical and Reformed churches.

6 ROCHESTER TIMES-UNION
Wed., June 26, 1957

It's 'United Church of Christ'

3,000 Witness
Pageantry,
And Pray

By GEORGE W. CORNELL

CLEVELAND (AP)—A major new church—molded of the diverse elements of two historic old denominations—emerged on the American scene today.

Merged into a single communion were the national bodies of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Affected are about 1,400,000 Congregationalists and 800,000 Evangelical and Reformed Church members in 8,311 congregations across the country.

Their new denomination: The United Church of Christ.

President Eisenhower sent his commendations, saying:

"Now together, your services to God and neighbor will gain strength and inspiration."

The new church was ushered into being last night with pomp and worship and solemn vows.

Standing before the assemblage, the Rev. Dr. Douglas Horton, a long-time leader in the unification move and now president of Harvard Divinity School, spread his hands and prayed:

"O Lord . . . speak peace and ever deeper mutual understanding to us in the years to come . . . seal our covenant and bless our communion as we yield ourselves to thee . . ."

THE CONSOLIDATION is the first breach the wall between the two broad wings of U.S. Protestantism with their differing approaches to church government.

A colorful procession, 10 blocks long and 1,000-strong, threaded slowly through downtown Cleveland to Music Hall, where some 3,000 gathered for the merger ceremonies.

Flags of missionary lands and other banners flew along the long line of laymen and clergymen, many of them clad in academic robes with scarlet

hoods or stoles. Led by a band of trumpeters, the representatives of the two churches filed side-by-side into the hall, hymnbooks in hand, singing spiritedly "Faith of Our Fathers" and "Onward Christian Soldiers."

(Two representatives of Rochester Congregational Christian churches attended "the United Church of Christ" ceremonies. They are the Rev. Albert A. Rasmussen, a sociology professor at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, and John W. Thorne.

(No Rochester delegates attended from the Evangelical and Reformed Church.)

At the moment of formal unification, the assemblage intoned in unison:

"We do now . . . declare ourselves to be one body and our union consummated . . . in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Leaders of the two churches, standing on the stage before a candle-lit cross, clasped hands firmly. Broad smiles wreathed their faces.



MARCHING TO UNION—Leading parade to merger ceremonies which formed the United Church of Christ are two Cleveland ministers, the Rev. Dr. Emil Krafft of St. John's E. and R. Church, and the Rev. Dr. George E. Drew of Lakewood Congregational Church. Procession was 10 blocks long. (AP)

"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love," said the Rev. Dr. Fred Hoskins, executive minister of the Congregational Christian General Council.

Responded the Rev. Dr. James E. Wagner, president, of the E. and R. Church: "The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above."

THE DELEGATES then rose, and joining hands throughout the auditorium, echoed the words of the hymn in hearty song.

Symbols of Christian worship—a cross, the Bible, a communion chalice and paten—were presented on the stage, one by one, amid singing.

The occasion climaxed 17 painstaking, sometimes troubled years of negotiations, delayed for one four-year period by a lawsuit.

Congregational Christians, whose spiritual ancestors were the Pilgrims who came to this country on the Mayflower 350 years ago, emphasize the freedom of each individual congregation.

The Evangelical and Reformed Church, whose progeni-

tors came to this country in the early 1700's, arose from the Swiss and German Reformation movements. Their church governing structure is more regularized.

The union agreement allows each church to determine its own "voluntary relationship" to denominational agencies.

THE BRINGING TOGETHER

of groups from these two general classifications makes the merger a milestone in the annals of Protestant-unity efforts.

Representatives of 50 other denominations, some of whom have indicated they eventually seek to join the newly united church, attended the ceremonies.

An agreement, called a "basis of union," is to regulate the affairs of the new denomination until a full constitution is written and approved by two-thirds of the Congregational Christian churches and of the 34 E. and R. regional synods.

The interim document corresponds roughly to the Articles of Confederation that served this nation from the time of its infancy until the U.S. Constitution was written and approved.

United Church Picks Interim Minister

Dr. Paul M. Schroeder D.D., retired pastor of Salem United Church of Christ, will serve as interim minister of St. Paul's United Church until a new pastor can be chosen.

Dr. Schroeder will take the post left vacant by the Rev. Fred Ochs who has accepted a call to a church in Ft. Worth, Tex.

Dr. and Mrs. Schroeder returned this week from a two-months' tour of 11 countries in Western Europe.

Although he stressed that it was just a pleasure trip, Dr. Schroeder said he observed that economic conditions were far better than when he was in Europe three years ago.

He found the German people much disturbed about the East-West tensions but said they are "going about their business as usual" despite this.

June 1960

6 ROCHESTER DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE Saturday, Sept. 15, 1962

St. Paul's United to Note Centennial

The centennial year of St. Paul's United Church of Christ will be highlighted by an anniversary week beginning tomorrow.

The congregation, which worshipped at 113 Fitzhugh St. N. from 1862 until 1919, and has been at its present location at Norton and Jewel Streets since then, will observe the 100th anniversary with visits from former pastors, redecoration of facilities and a dinner.

Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., former pastor of Salem United Church of Christ, will be guest preacher there at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow. On Sunday, Sept. 23, Rev. Elmer Hoefer, D.D., of St. Louis, pastor of the church from 1929 until 1946, will preach. Dr. Hoefer is now pastor of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in St. Louis.

An anniversary dinner will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Brick Church Institute. Speaking at that event will be Rev. George Roser, pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ in Buffalo. The Rev. Mr. Roser formerly served as pastor of the Dewey Avenue United Church of Christ which merged with St. Paul's in 1960. Among the guests at the dinner will be Mrs. Alfred G. Schnake, widow of the pastor who served the church from 1946 until his death in 1955.

The congregation, first known as the German United St. Paul's Church, had its beginnings when Rev. J. Phillip Conradi and a group of lay people broke away from the strife-ridden membership of Trinity Evangelical Church on Allen Street. Since that time 13 clergymen, including

Rev. Carl Edward Berges, present pastor, have served the church.

During the first 10 years the building on Fitzhugh Street was erected, Sunday School was begun, an Altar Society was organized and the congregation became affiliated with the Evangelical Synod of North America. The decision to move to the present location was made in 1915. Although a temporary chapel was erected there the following year, the present sanctuary was not dedicated until 1923 because of World War I which postponed the building project. On Halloween, 1955, the church was the scene of a \$56,659 fire set by an arsonist.

Recognizing that the community around the present building is changing, the congregation voted last year to remain at the present site. An anniversary fund drive yielded money for building repairs and redecoration. These include installation of a heating system in the adult Bible classroom and the decoration of a youth room.

Arrangements for the anniversary are under the direction of William Lohler, finance; Fred Armbruster Jr., publicity; William Lehle and Earl Gommenginger, historical record; Mrs. Emma Hoffman and Mrs. Nelson Alderman, dinner; Mr. and Mrs. William Atherton, program, and Robert Newell, Kenneth Britton and Arnold Henn, decorations. Pastor Berges served as editor of the anniversary booklet to be distributed at the dinner. Albert Groth Jr., assisted by Henn, were the photographers, and Ernest Prietz was in charge of manuscript and layout.

100th
ANNIVERSARY BANQUET



St. Paul's
United Church of Christ

Friday Evening - September 21, 1962

BRICK CHURCH INSTITUTE
121 North Fitzhugh Street
Rochester, New York

M E N U

Fruit Cocktail

Roast Beef

Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans

Rolls and Butter

Chef's Salad *Relishes*

Nut Roll Ice Cream

Coffee *Tea* *Milk*

PROGRAM

Hymn

Our God, our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home

Group

Invocation

Pastor C. E. Berges

DINNER

Group Singing

Harold Steen, Pianist

Welcome

Miss Lucille Reuschle

Solo—"The Sound of Music"

Mrs. Robert Tylock

Greetings

Pastor C. E. Berges

Choir of Yesteryear

Greetings

Mrs. Alfred Schnake

Solo—"Bless This House"

Mrs. Elmer Taylor

Remarks

Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer

Duet—"All Night, All Day"

Mrs. W. Latoski
Mrs. E. Gebhardt

Anniversary Address

"Consider Carthage"

Reverend George F. Roser

Hymn

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to do us woe
His craft and power are great
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Group

1. JUST A SONG OF WELCOME

Tune: Just a Song at Twilight

Just a song of welcome
Just a song of cheer
Just to share our gladness
That we all are here.
We've found the latch string open
St. Paul's greeting true
Now we sing our welcome
To each of you.
To everyone of you.

2. TELL ME WHY

Tell me why the stars do shine
Tell me why the ivy twines
Tell me why the sky's so blue
And I will tell you just why I love you.
Because God made the stars to shine
Because God made the ivy twine
Because God made the sky so blue
Because God made you, that's why
I Love You.

3. I WOULD BE TRUE

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.
I would be friend of all, the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving, and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
I would look up, and laugh and love and lift.

4. THE ASH GROVE

The ash grove, how graceful, how plainly 'tis speaking,
The harp thro' it playing has language for me;
Whenever the light thro' its branches is breaking,
A host of kind faces is gazing on me;
The friends of my childhood again are before me,
Each step wakes a mem'ry as freely I roam;
With soft whispers laden, its leaves rustle o'er me,
The Ash Grove, the ash grove alone is my home.
My laughter is over, my step loses lightness,
Old countryside measures steal soft on my ear;
I only remember the past and its brightness,
The dear ones I mourn for again gather here.
From out of the shadows their loving looks greet me;
And wistfully searching the leafy green dome,
I find other faces fond bending to greet me,
The ash grove, the ash grove alone is my home.

5. FOLLOW THE GLEAM

To the Knights in the days of old
Keeping vigil on mountain height,
Came a vision of Holy Grail
And a voice through the waiting night.
Follow, follow, follow the gleam
Banners unfurled o'er all the world,
Follow, follow, follow the gleam
Of the Chalice that is the Grail.
And we who would serve the King
And loyally Him obey,
In the consecrate silence know
That the challenge still holds today.
Follow, follow, follow the gleam
Standards of worth, o'er all the earth,
Follow, follow, follow the gleam
Of the light that shall bring the dawn.

6. STEAL AWAY!

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus
 Steal away, steal away home,
 I ain't got long to stay here.

1. My Lord calls me,
 He calls me by the thunder;
 The trumpet sounds within-a my soul!
2. Green trees bending,
 Poor sinner stands a-trembling;
 The trumpet sounds with-a my soul!
3. My Lord calls me,
 He calls me by the lightning;
 The trumpet sounds with-a my soul!

Refrain:

I ain't got long to stay here.

7. O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES

O beautiful for spacious skies,
 For amber waves of grain,
 For purple mountain majesties
 Above the fruited plain;
 America! America!
 God shed His grace on thee
 And crown thy good with brotherhood
 From sea to shining sea!
 O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
 Whose stern, impassioned stress
 A thoroughfare for freedom beat
 Across the wilderness!
 America! America!
 God mend thine every flaw,
 Confirm thy soul in self-control,
 Thy liberty in law!

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The United Church of Christ

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Tuesday, June 25, 1957, marks a memorable day for Ecumenical Christianity. On this day in Cleveland, Ohio, the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church form the United Church of Christ. The true significance of this union lies not in the fact that the new Church in point of membership becomes one of the largest among American Protestant Churches, but that the two Communion—the one having its beginning on the Continent of Europe and the other in England, the one a covenanted Fellowship and the other a Confessional Church—find oneness in their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and in their common acceptance of His Way of life as revealed in the Scriptures.

ST. PAUL Evangelical & Reformed CHURCH
 Norton & Jewel Sts. Rochester, New York
 Fred J. Ochs, Pastor
 Shirley Samus, Choir Dir. Harold Steen, Organist

June 23, '57 MERGER SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

"The Church's one foundation
 Is Jesus Christ her Lord;"

The Prelude: "The Church's One Foundation" Wesley
 *The Chimes
 *The Introit - The Invocation - Choral Response
 The Hymn of Praise No. 184

The Reading of Scripture Philippians 2:1-11
 *The Apostles' Creed
 *The Gloria Patri

The Service of Prayer
 Moments of Preparation
 Litany for the Church Choral Response

The Anthem: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Mueller

The Announcements

The Service of Giving
 Offertory: "Aria" Scarlatti
 *The Doxology
 *The Prayer of Dedication

The Sermonette:

The Sermon Hymn No. 322
 The Sermon: "UNITED WE STAND"
 The Prayer of Consecration

*The Benediction - Choral Response - Chimes
 *The Postlude

Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve

* - The People Standing

THIS MORNING, St. Paul's Church joins thousands of Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational Christian congregations in celebrating the consummation of our Union which will take place in Cleveland, June 25 to 27. "The Uniting General Synod presents an exciting challenge. We are about to set out on a great venture of faith, in the firm conviction that therein we are responding to the guidance of God and that, if we will continue to respond to his Spirit, he will lead us to ever greater victories in his name."

IN MEMORIUM. Miss Florence E. Krase, a life-long member of St. Paul's Church, passed from this life on June 17. Services in her memory were held on June 19th. She is survived by her sisters, Mrs Fred Sollberger and Mrs. Arthur Koch; her brother, Herbert Krase; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. John J. O'Connor. Services in his memory were held on June 20th. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie O'Connor; his son, James J. O'Connor and his sisters.

Flowers on our altar this morning are in loving memory of Mr. Robert Rohr, Sr., placed by his wife Mrs. Marion Rohr.

MONDAY...6:15 P.M. St. John's Board of Managers.

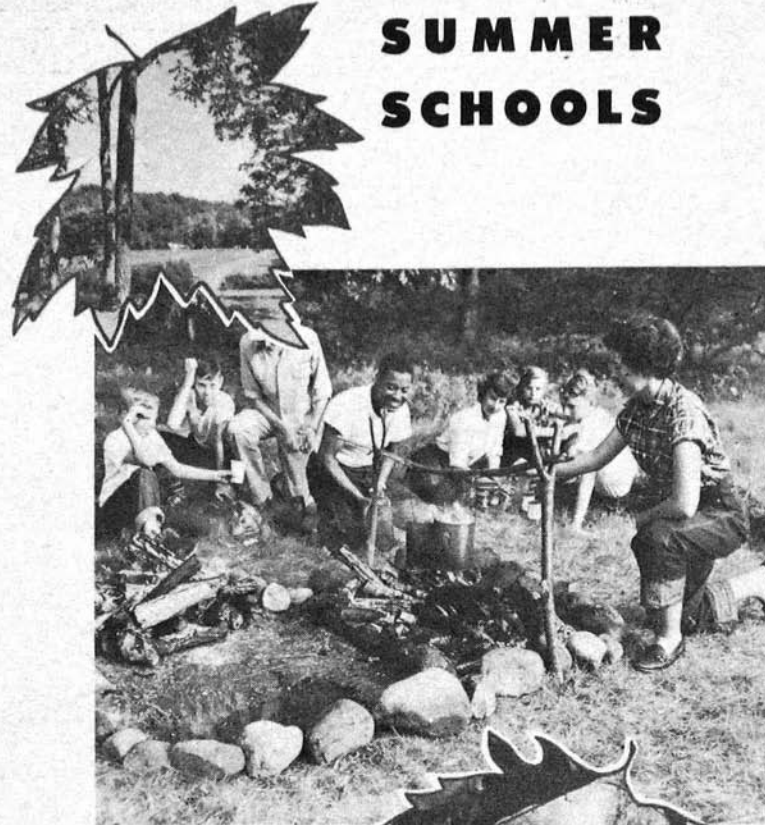
NEXT SUNDAY...

St. Paul's Church goes on its Summer Schedule. The Worship Service will begin at 9:30 A.M. Parents of children in the Beginner and Primary Depts., are requested to bring them to the Church Service for the opening of the Service and the Sermonette. They will then be excused during the singing of the first hymn to go to their classes. All others will remain in the Church Sanctuary for the entire Service.

This is the last Sunday our Choir will be with us until September. We express our appreciation to them and their director Miss Samus and Mr. Steen our organist for their fine contributions in beautifying our services.

UPPER ROOM BOOKLETS for July and August are available from the Deacons. Take one with you - only 10¢.

CAMPS AND SUMMER SCHOOLS



The old, old story be-
comes ever new, spoken
and lived in the stillness
and wonder of God's
great out-of-doors.

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ST. PAUL Evangelical & Reformed CHURCH
 Norton & Jewel Sts. Rochester, New York
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May 19, 1957 Fourth Sunday After Easter 10:30 A.M.

The Prelude "Prelude" Selected
 *The Chimes
 *The Introit - The Invocation - Choral Response
 The Hymn of Praise No. 1

The Reading of Scripture John 16:5-15
 *The Apostles' Creed
 *The Gloria Patri

The Service of Dedication of Communion Ware:
 The Litany of Dedication:

Pastor: That the Sacrament of the Lord's
 Supper may be observed with appropriate
 dignity and beauty,

People: WE DEDICATE THIS COMMUNION WARE.

Pastor: That whenever we pass these communion
 trays we may be reminded of the blood of
 our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for
 our sins,

People: WE DEDICATE THIS COMMUNION WARE.

Pastor: That when we see the cross on the
 covers of these trays we shall recall the
 sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, and
 shall consider how we, too, shall draw
 strength to bear our cross,

People: WE DEDICATE THIS COMMUNION WARE.

Pastor: That the name of a faithful Pastor
 of our church may be perpetuated in the
 use of these articles,

People: WE DEDICATE THIS COMMUNION WARE.

The Prayer of Dedication - Choral Response

The Anthem "O Divine Redeemer" Gounod

The Announcements

The Offertory

*The Doxology

"Traumerei"

Schumann

The Prayer of Dedication

The Sermonette

The Sermon Hymn

The Sermon: "THE RIDDLE AND THE MUSIC"

The Prayer of Consecration

*The Benediction - Choral Response - Chimes

The Postlude

To our guests - welcome!

It is always a joy to have guests with us in worship.
 We pray that you may go away from this holy place with
 a blessing. We are especially happy to have Mrs. Edna
 Schnake of Baltimore with us this morning.

Flowers have been placed in the chancel in loving memory
 of Mr. Charles Froelicher by his daughter Mrs. Raufeisen.

THE COMMUNION WARE dedicated in this Service of Worship
 has been placed upon our Altar in loving memory of the
 late Reverend Alfred G. Schnake. This memorial was made
 possible through your Memorial Wreath Card contributions
 in his memory. Both covers are inscribed:

"In Loving Memory
 of

The Reverend Alfred G. Schnake

Pastor of St. Paul Church

1946 - Until His Death in 1955

Monday - 7:30 P.M. - Sunday School Staff Meeting.

Plans for Children's Day.

Tuesday - 7:30 P.M. - Fidelis Circle will meet at the

Church. Dorothy Bushnell and Agnes Groth, hostesses

Wednesday - 7:30 P.M. - Choir Rehearsal.

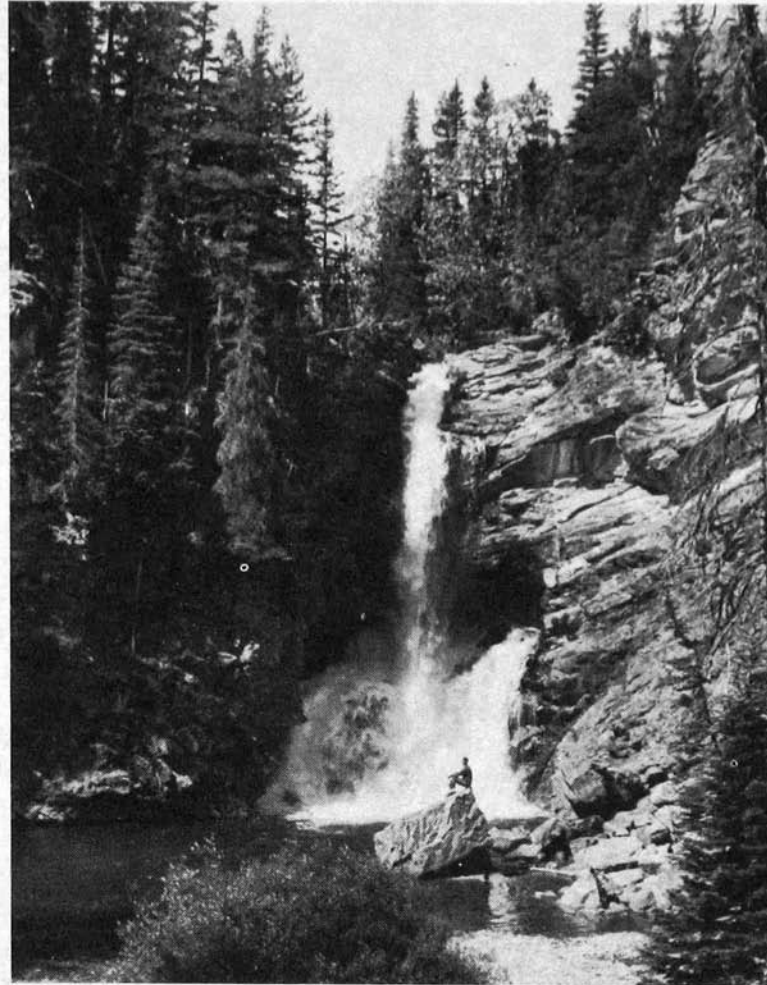
Spring Meeting of the West N. Y. Synod, May 21st-23rd,
 at Salem Church, Tonawanda, N. Y. Mr. Jacob Eckert and
 Pastor Ochs will be our delegates.

Special Services ahead....

June 2nd - Memorial Sunday

June 9th - Pentecost Sunday - Communion.

June 16th - Children's Day



Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my life, my all.
—ISAAC WATTS

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Evangelical and Reformed Church

A DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

Theme: "Concerning The Ministry"

THOUGHTS FOR PERSONAL MEDITATION

There are really five pastors in every Church!
 There is a Preacher, an Evangelist, a Teacher,
 a Missionary and a Friend, the Pastor.

The Preacher is concerned with his people taking time regularly to join in the Worship Services of the Church. The preaching that he does in these Services is based on all aspects of Christian living. Even as the clerk in the shoe store intends that his shoes should fit his customers, so the preacher intends that his sermons should deal with his sins and the sins of his people, with his ideals and the ideals of his people.

The Evangelist expects every member to be concerned about winning new members to commitment to Christ and membership in His Church.

The Teacher expects all members to be fellow-teachers, by precept and example, at home, at work, at school, at play and at Church.

The Missionary expects all members to cultivate world-wide interests and to contribute regularly and generously to the task of bringing the whole wide world to Jesus.

The Friend, the Pastor, wants to know every member personally. He also wants friendship to be reciprocal. If he visits you, he expects you to visit him.

In our churches these five pastors are expected to be in One person. This is a tremendous assignment. Any man who attempts to accept it does so only because he believes his people are praying for him and working with him to do the tasks of these five necessary ministers which each Church must have in order to be a vital part of the Body of Christ.

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AUGUST 17, 1960

7:45 P. M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE

*THE CHIMES

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

AN EVENING HYMN

No. 56

A SCRIPTURE READING

EPHESIANS 4:10-16

THE EVENING PRAYERS

A HYMN FOR MINISTERS

No. 351

THE SERMON "CONCERNING THE MINISTRY"

A PARTING HYMN

No. 353

*THE BENEDICTION

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Our Guest Pastor tonight is

The Reverend Mr. Carl Edward Berges, presently serving his fourteenth year as the minister of Friedens Church in North Tonawanda, New York.

Mr. Berges holds academic degrees from Elmhurst College, Eden Seminary and Yale University. He has done additional studying at Washington University, Chicago University and Union Seminary in New York City.

Mrs Berges is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati.

There are two daughters in the Berges family. Marcia is ready to enter her Senior year at Wm. Smith College at Geneva. Judy is ready for her second year at Allegheny College in Meadville, Penna.

Mrs. Berges' mother, Mrs. G. C. Hoffman, makes her home with the Berges family.

 A Congregational meeting will be held immediately following the Service.

Installed Nov. 27, 1968

New Pastor Selected At St. Paul's United

A North Tonawanda minister, the Rev. Carl E. Berges, will become pastor of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in November, succeeding the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder who has been acting as interim pastor.

The Rev. Mr. Rev. C. E. Berges served Berges as student assistant at Salem

Church in 1935. He holds degrees from Elmhurst College, Eden Theological Seminary and Yale Divinity School. He has done additional studying at Washington University, University of Chicago and Union Seminary.

He has been at Friedens Evangelical and Reformed Church in North Tonawanda for 14 years. His family includes his wife and two daughters, both college students.



New Minister Selected For St. Paul's United

The Rev. Carl Edward Berges, minister of Friedens Church in North Tonawanda for the last 14 years, will become minister of St. Paul's United Church of Christ on Nov. 1.

He will succeed the Rev. Fred Ochs who left this summer to take the pastorate of a church in Fort Worth, Tex. The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., retired pastor of Salem United Church of Christ, is interim minister.

The Rev. Mr. Berges studied at Elmhurst College, Eden Seminary, Yale, Washington and Chicago universities and at Union Seminary in New York City. His wife is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati.

The couple have two daughters, Marcia, a senior at William Smith College, Geneva, and Judy, a sophomore at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa. The Berges will make their home at 26 Navarre Rd.



REV. CARL E. BERGES

St. Paul's United To Mark Centennial

St. Paul's United Church of Christ will mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of their church at their regular morning service on Sunday, Feb. 18.

Various events have been planned from that date until the anniversary of the dedication of their present church on June 17.

St. Paul's congregation began plans for a new church immediately after organizing and seven months later, in September, occupied the building which now is known as Carpenters Hall. The building served the congregation until 1921 when a temporary chapel was built on newly-acquired property at Norton and Jewel Streets. The present church was built within the next two years and was dedicated June 17, 1923.

Rev. Carle E. Berges, who came to the church in November, 1960, is its 13th minister.

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Thursday March 28 - 1968

Lent and the Saints

Many Area Churches Bear St. Paul's Name

This is another in a series of Lenten articles by Mary McKee, Democrat and Chronicle religion editor, on the lives of the saints for whom Rochester area churches are named. Photos are by Democrat and Chronicle photographer Gordon Massecar.

More than 12 Episcopal, Lutheran, Roman Catholic and United Church of Christ institutions in the Greater Rochester Area bear the name of St. Paul, the "Apostle to the Gentiles."

Born Saul in Tarsus as a member of the tribe of Benjamin, St. Paul was educated in the ancient law of Moses by the scholar, Gamaliel, in Jerusalem. As a dedicated Pharisee, he spent his early life persecuting Christians.

The story of Saul's conversion is a favorite of all Sunday school children. He was en route to Damascus to arrest Christians when Jesus appeared in a vision and asked why he persecuted him. Saul asked, "Who art thou, Lord?"

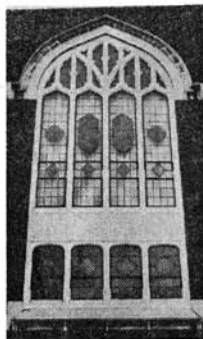
"I am Jesus whom thou persecutest," replied the voice.

To which Saul answered, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me do?"

Christ sent Saul, blinded by the vision, to Damascus where he waited three days. Then He told the disciple Ananias to go to Saul and tell him God had selected him for a special task. Saul's vision was restored and he hurried to be baptized, taking the name Paul.

From that time on he spent his life preaching the world of Christ, whom he never saw on earth as a man. It was St. Paul, the first traveling missionary, who did more than anyone else to make Christianity a world religion and established churches in Asia Minor, Macedonia and Greece.

Before St. Paul began his work, the church was regarded as a sect within Judaism, but when he went to Antioch, most of his converts were Gentiles and the spread of Christian faith throughout the world began.



His convictions became the core of Christian doctrine. Recorded in 13 or 14 epistles of the New Testament, his message reflects his belief Jesus was God incarnate and that through His death salvation for the individual was made possible. The epistles were written from Rome where he was imprisoned before Nero ordered his execution on the Ostian Way about 64 or 65 A.D. The place is marked today by the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Wall. His principal feast day is observed June 30, that of his conversion, Jan. 25.

This saint is symbolized by an open Bible inscribed with the words "Spiritus Bladius" (sword of the Spirit) laid on a sword.

Pictured is a window in St. Paul's United Church of Christ, located at 115 Norton St. near the street named for the saint.

Draft Will Slice

Law School Enrollment

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Enrollment in the Indiana University Law School in Bloomington will be reduced by more than 28 per cent next fall by the military draft, Dean William B. Harvey predicted yesterday.

He forecast a cut in enrollment from the present 574 students to about 415.

Teacher Dies; Hurt In Crash

Mrs. Carolyn Horch, 55, of 72 Browncroft Blvd., burned in a highway crash July 17 near Nashville, Tenn., that took the life of her sister, died last night in Strong Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Horch, a teacher at School 39 on Midland Avenue, was transferred to Strong from Nashville General Hospital several days ago.

Her sister, Miss Lucille E. Reuschle, 62, also of 72 Browncroft Boulevard, also was burned. She died in the Nashville hospital two days after the accident.

Miss Reuschle was a retired Monroe High School teacher.

Investigators reported that she, Mrs. Horch and Mrs. Rita Fitzenrider, 20, of Byron, Ohio, were traveling from Nashville on Interstate Highway 65 to Fort Campbell, Ky., where Mrs. Horch's son, Rick, was being graduated with his National Guard unit.

Police said Miss Reuschle was trying to change lanes when her car was rammed in the rear by another car and the gasoline tank exploded.

19 Years' Work Pays; He Gets Degree Today

Lack of endurance is not one of the failings of Harold R. Steen—tomorrow he will receive the bachelor of science degree he's worked on since 1941.

He did it all "on the side," studying evenings after finishing his full-time job at the Eastman Kodak Co. distribution center. In addition he found the time to be organist and choir director at St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

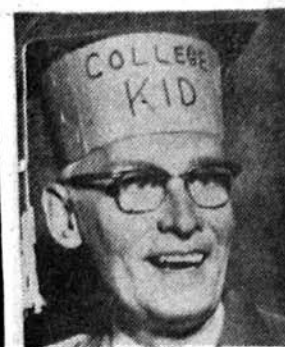
"Doing it all has been a masterpiece of timing," he conceded last night.

A bachelor of 50, Steen lives at 14 Vick Pk. B. A tall, balding, unassuming man

with a shy yet infectious smile, he was forced by circumstances to get his higher education the hard way. After high school, he spent a year at Syracuse University. But the depression hit the family so hard that he had to drop out to carry his share. Even then he had a hard time finding a job, finally landing one at Kodak.

In the early '40s he found that "the people I liked to be with all were in a higher educational bracket than I," so in 1941 he entered the University School of the University of Rochester. He would have majored in music but for the fact that the Eastman School does not offer evening courses. So tomorrow he will receive his degree in business administration.

He proudly displayed a token of affection his fellow employees gave him to mark the occasion — an academic cap made of cardboard and labeled "The College Kid."



HAROLD R. STEEN

... he did it the hard way

2 North Side Churches Unite

The 120-member Dewey Avenue United Church of Christ and the 530-member St. Paul's United Church of Christ (both Evangelical and Reformed) will merge.

Legal proceedings are under way to consolidate the congregations, according to the Rev. Fred J. Ochs, pastor of St. Paul's. The name, St. Paul's, will be maintained for the merged group.

The merger has been approved by both congregations and it is expected a new constitution will be drawn up under which the new body will operate.

The combined congregation have been worshipping in St. Paul's at the corner of Norton and Jewel streets since last Sunday.

The Dewey Avenue sanctuary at 1401 Dewey, which seats 300 persons, and two adjacent lots also will become the property of the consolidated congregation. The Rev. Mr. Ochs said that the building, at least, will probably be disposed of. One of the lots is leased to a filling station.

The minister said that there is no immediate plan for expansion of facilities at St. Paul's although such plans will be considered.

For the present, there will be only one service each Sunday, at 10:30 a.m. although more services may be added.

Beginning Sept. 27, a bus service will be inaugurated on a three-month trial basis, to pick up members who might otherwise not be able to make it to services, the Rev. Mr. Ochs said. The bus will be chartered from

the Rochester Transit Corp. The schedule has not yet been worked out but it probably will involve four or five pick-up points, the minister stated.

About 50 youngsters will be added to St. Paul's Sunday School rolls under the consolidation. St. Paul's has a registration of about 200.

To help develop the enlarged Sunday school, Dr. Fred Willkens, retired professor of religious education at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, will work full-time at St. Paul's for the next four months.

The decision to merge developed from a self-study of the Dewey Avenue congregation which decided it was the logical approach to their problem. The church had been having difficulty in obtaining a new pastor since its former minister, the Rev. George Roeser, left about 18 months ago to become pastor of St. John's Church, Buffalo.

The Dewey Avenue congregation was formed about 45 years ago and has worshipped for most of that time in its present location.

St. Paul's was established 98 years ago on North Fitzhugh street, next to Brick Presbyterian Church. The old building now is being used for the Carpenters Hall. Early in the 1920s, the congregation moved to the Norton street section.

The Rev. Mr. Ochs will continue to serve the congregations.

The Messenger


The Significance of the Union

Otto Dibelius	Samuel McCrea Cavert
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L. W. Goebel	Douglas Horton


**America's Religious Revival —
Asset or Liability?**

William Hordern


Douglas Horton, minister
of the General Council,
Congregational Christian
Churches, 1938-1955




L. W. Goebel, president,
Evangelical and Reformed
Church, 1938-1953



Ferdinand Q. Blanchard,
chairman, Commission on
Interchurch Relations
and Christian Unity
(Congregational Christian),
during most of the
union negotiations



George W. Richards,
chairman, Committee on
Closer Relations With Other
Churches (Evangelical and
Reformed), during most of
the union negotiations



JUNE 18, 1957

The Formal Declaration of Union

On the evening of June 25, representatives of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches will meet in Cleveland to effect the union of their two fellowships and to bring into being the United Church of Christ.

The formal ceremony preceding the service of worship will be simple and impressive and will consist essentially of four steps: action on a joint resolution declaring the *Basis of Union With the Interpretations* adopted and the union in effect; the uniting prayer; the presentation of symbols: the cross, the Bible, the chalice and paten, the Baptismal font, and the flags and banner; and the formal declaration of the union. The latter, in charge of Dr. James E. Wagner and Dr. Fred Hoskins, will proceed as follows:

THE secretary and minister of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches and the president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, clasping their right hands in symbol of the fellowship of their respective communions and their oneness in Christ, will proceed as follows:

The president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church: Constrained by the apostolic injunction "to lead a life worthy of the calling to which (we) have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace"; and rejoicing in the assurance that "there is one body and one Spirit, just as (we) were called to the one hope that belongs to (our) call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all" (Ephesians 4: 1-5);

The secretary and minister of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches: Moved by the conviction that we are united in spirit and purpose and are in agreement on the substance of the Christian faith and the essential character of the Christian life; affirming our devotion to one God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our membership in the holy catholic church, which is greater than any single church and than all the churches together; believing that denominations exist not for themselves but as parts of that church, within which each denomination is to live and labor and, if need be, die; and confronting the divisions and hostilities of our world, and hearing with a deepened sense of responsibility the prayer of our Lord "that they may all be one even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (St. John 17: 21);

The delegates speaking in union: We do now, as the regularly constituted representatives of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, declare ourselves to be one body and our union consummated in this act establishing the United Church of Christ, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The secretary and minister: "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

The president: "The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above."

The assembly shall then sing the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and the opening religious service continues.

Introducing—

Eugene Carson Blake, President, National Council of Churches, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Ralph F. G. Calder, Secretary, International Congregational Council, London, England.

Samuel McCrea Cavert, Executive Secretary, United States Conference for the World Council of Churches, New York City.

L. W. Goebel, President Emeritus of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Itasca, Illinois.

Edgar F. Hoffmeier, Retired Pastor, Frederick, Maryland.

William Hordern, Professor of Religion, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

Douglas Horton, Former Secretary and Minister of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches; now Dean of Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Fred Hoskins, Secretary and Minister of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, New York City.

Robert V. Moss, Jr., Professor of New Testament Science, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Reinhold Niebuhr, Minister in the Evangelical and Reformed Church; Professor of Applied Christianity, Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

Marcel Pradervand, General Secretary of the World Presbyterian Alliance, Geneva, Switzerland.

Ernst Press, President, Iowa Synod, Burlington, Iowa.

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June 18, 1957

THE MESSENGER

..... EDITORIALS

An End and a Beginning

THE UNITING General Synod which meets in Cleveland June 25 to 27 will be both an end and a beginning.

It will mark the climax of a long process which began nearly 20 years ago, when the suggestion was first made that the Evangelical and Reformed Church begin conversations with the Congregational Christian Churches looking toward a possible union of the two fellowships.

The interest which led ultimately to this proposal probably had its beginnings in a group of about a dozen ministers in St. Louis, who met weekly over a period of six or eight months to discuss theological problems. The group was composed chiefly of Congregational Christian ministers—among whom were Dr. George M. Gibson, now professor at McCormick Theological Seminary, and Dr. Truman B. Douglass, now the executive vice-president of the Congregational Christian Board of Home Missions—and professors at Eden Theological Seminary, including the president of the seminary, Dr. Samuel D. Press who, at the time, was also a member of his church's committee on closer relations with other denominations.

"After some months of this regular thinking together about the fundamentals of our faith and the nature of our task as ministers," writes Dr. Douglass, "the members of our comradeship came to have a high regard for one another and to feel a strong unity of mind and heart around the things of primary importance. The awareness of this community of thought and purpose led one of us to remark quite casually that what we had discovered in our small company might be taken as an indication that the two denominational fellowships which we represented could come together in unity."

Prompted in part by his experiences with this study group, but also by his own deep ecumenical concern, Dr. Press sent a telegram, the text of which unfortunately has been lost, to the General Council of the Congregational Christians meeting in Beloit, Wisconsin, in 1938, inviting an appropriate committee of that group to enter into informal conversations with a corresponding committee of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The invitation was accepted, and the negotiations which have eventually led to the Uniting General Synod were under way.

Now, nearly 20 years later, we are ready to make a public declaration of our decision to enter into union and to bring the United Church of Christ into being.

The occasion will appropriately be one of great rejoicing. But it will also be a solemn and a sobering occasion, for we shall not only be celebrating an accomplishment—we shall also find ourselves confronted by a great task—the task of achieving a true unity in spirit that will be genuine and unrestrained and of building an organizational structure that will enable the United Church of Christ to function as an effective arm of the Body of Christ.

The process of mutual enrichment resulting finally in unity of mind and heart which took place in that small group in St. Louis must be repeated in every area of the new fellowship, until we are no longer "strangers" but know each other as "fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God."

The Uniting General Synod presents an exciting challenge. We are about to set out on a great venture of faith, in the firm conviction that therein we are responding to the guidance of God and that, if we will continue to respond to his Spirit, he will lead us to ever greater victories in his name.

New Records

THE Evangelical and Reformed Church enters the union with the Congregational Christian Churches at a time when it has registered a peak year both in membership and in missionary and benevolence contributions.

Some idea of the growth which has blessed it may be gleaned from the comparative statistics for 1956 and those of 1940, at which time the two communions now comprising the Evangelical and Reformed Church inaugurated operations on a united benevolence budget and combined the tabulation of their communicant memberships.

Membership reported in 1940 was 655,366, and for 1956 it was 794,047. Missionary and benevolence contributions in 1940 totaled \$853,000, and in 1956 the comparable figure was \$3,758,000; and in addition to the latter, in 1956 the Evangelical and Reformed Church also contributed \$749,000 for its world relief and service program.

The increase in giving is continuing at an accel-

erated rate in the new fiscal year. Apportionment receipts for May, 1957, in the amount of \$431,689 reached the largest monthly total in the history of the denomination, according to a report released by Treasurer F. A. Keck, exceeding the previous record set in February of this year by nearly \$10,000.

Total contributions to the denominational program received in the treasurer's office during the first four months of the current fiscal year exceed those received during the corresponding period last year by 19 per cent. According to Dr. Carl W. Klein, assistant director of united promotion, if the same rate of increase can be continued during the remaining eight months of the fiscal year, Apportionment receipts will top last year's total by nearly \$685,000.

Celebrating the Union

CELEBRATIONS in recognition of the consummation of the Union are being held in many communities in which there are Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational Christian congregations.

The churches of Baltimore and vicinity, for example, are having a rally on Sunday afternoon, June 30, at which Dr. Albert Buckner Coe, of Boston, minister of the Massachusetts Conference of Congregational Christian Churches and former moderator of the General Council, will be the speaker. The service is sponsored by Potomac Synod, and President Frederick D. Eyster will preside.

Similarly, St. John's Church, of Richmond, Virginia, is planning a joint celebration with First Congregational Church of that city. Dr. Arthur Newell and Dr. Rufus Ansley are the ministers.

Such services should be taking place in every community across the nation where the two fellowships are represented, celebrating the historic significance of the event taking place in Cleveland this month. If it is too late to arrange for such meetings before the summer, a community rally at the beginning of the fall season will surely not be too late.

For individual Evangelical and Reformed congregations that wish to take recognition of the Uniting General Synod, the *Weekly Bulletin* for Sunday, June 23, carries a special litany for the occasion. In addition, a copy of the *White Book* for the Uniting General Synod has been sent to every pastor with the complete orders of worship for the opening service on June 25 and for the following evening, when Bishop Lesslie Newbigin is

Statement of Faith from *The Basis of Union*

THE faith which unites us and to which we bear witness is that faith in God which the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments set forth, which the ancient church expressed in the ecumenical creeds, to which our own spiritual fathers gave utterance in the evangelical confessions of the Reformation, and which we are in duty bound to express in the words of our time as God himself gives us light. In all our expressions of that faith, we seek to preserve unity of heart and spirit with those who have gone before us, as well as those who now labor with us.

In token of that faith we unite in the following confession,* as embodying those things most surely believed and taught among us:

We believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator and Sustainer of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord and Savior, who for us and our salvation lived and died and rose again and lives for evermore; and in the Holy Spirit, who takes of the things of Christ and shows them to us, renewing, comforting, and inspiring the souls of men.

We acknowledge one holy catholic church, the innumerable company of those who, in every age and nation, are united by the Holy Spirit to God in Christ, are one body in Christ, and have communion with him and with one another.

We acknowledge as part of this universal fellowship all throughout the world who profess this faith in Jesus Christ and follow him as Lord and Savior.

We hold the church to be established for calling men to repentance and faith, for the public worship of God, for the confession of his name by word and deed, for the administration of the sacraments, for witnessing to the saving grace of God in Christ, for the upbuilding of the saints, and for the universal propagation of the gospel; and in the power of the love of God in Christ we labor for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of human brotherhood.

Depending, as did our fathers, upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the consummation of the kingdom of God; and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and for the life everlasting.

* This confession expresses the content and meaning of the faith held generally by the members of the two uniting communions. It is not to be considered a substitute for any confession of faith which may be used in any congregation today. Like the simpler statement called for in Article IV, Section F, it is designed to be a testimony, and not a test, of faith.

scheduled to speak. Pastors who wish to do so may incorporate prayers, hymns, and other parts of these services into their own order of worship on June 23.

The Significance of the Union

Churchmen from here and abroad comment on union and send greetings to United Church of Christ

Minister, General Council Congregational Christian Churches

A BRILLIANT and effective young minister declared the other day, "Not only do I believe in the union, but I am so excited about it I scarcely can wait until its consummation at Cleveland." I venture he is not concerned about bigger mission establishments, or the emotional adventure which inevitably will accompany the act of union. He is at the beginning of his ministry and is betting his life that there is an ample significance in the union. It is a secure wager.

Note that this union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches means that we are, with reference to the matter of the unity of the church, finished with merely calling, "Lord, Lord!" We are taking seriously our responsibility toward the fulfillment of our Lord's great prayer. The earnest prayer of our Lord was, "And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name which thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are one" (John 17: 11). We are taking seriously the prompting of the Spirit that the oneness men have in Christ be displayed and demonstrated in the visible church. In the union, our two fellowships are going on record before the entire world that we believe in the unity of Christ's church and wish everywhere to be so recorded and everywhere to be dealt with accordingly.

The earnest and passionate prayer of our Lord was, "As thou didst send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world" (John 17: 18). We are taking seriously the mind of the Head of the church. He conceived its purpose to be mission to the whole world, that God's loving purpose of reconciliation might be effected. Middle walls of partition are to be broken down. The whole process of planning for this union has been in the frame of

reference of our becoming better witnesses to Christ. Essentially, the union is an enterprise of mission. It means we are taking seriously our obligation toward the fulfillment of our Lord's great prayer.

Note that this union means we are aware of the changed world in communication and transportation and industry and government and education. We live in a one-world milieu. Like it or not, the mission of the church has become a world mission. No local church by itself can discharge its world responsibility. No denomination alone can fulfill a world mission. Evil and want and fear and prejudice are massive and powerful. In the union we shall not presume to be more than we are; but we shall declare ourselves, and at least we shall be united, the better to bring our resources of leadership, numbers, skill, and money to confront the world's need for Christ.

Note that this union means that, although each fellowship has in its life and traditions achieved values, neither imagines that it has attained unto perfection. Each recognizes that the other has precious values which must be preserved. We have a conviction that in our united life the cross-fertilization of thoughts and practices and traditions will result in values higher than either has known. Occasion to rethink our procedures and structures, occasion to re-evaluate our programs and enterprises, occasion to reconsider our beliefs and motivations, surely will produce fresh insights, new dedication, and keen instruments for doing our work.

Note that this union means that the eyes of the denominational world are upon us. There are those who cannot believe we can succeed in uniting two different kinds of ecclesiastical polity. For everyone who thinks it cannot be done, there are a thousand who are confident it can be done and who are praying for our success. No longer is the Protestant world content with the assumption that it must forever be imprisoned within denominational structures. We press forward with no complex that our destiny is to set an example; yet we must be aware that success in piercing the sectarian barrier will be of incalculable significance in providing a



Fred Hoskins

pattern for other groups' guidance at such time as relevant considerations make it desirable for them, also, to move beyond the restraining walls of denominationalism.

The real meaning of our union is in our response to the belief that for us at this time it is, in the sight of God, the right next step.
—Fred Hoskins
New York

President, Evangelical and Reformed Church

ONE MONTH from the day on which these words are being written, the opening service of the Uniting General Synod is scheduled to be held. At long last will be realized the fruits of the labors which were begun in faith 15 years ago and which have been pursued so steadily and so steadfastly since they were resumed three years ago.

It is specially appropriate that the Uniting General Synod is to be held in the month traditionally associated with weddings and commencements.

The analogy has been frequently drawn between the union and a marriage, and the comparisons are fairly obvious.

I find myself, now that the Uniting General Synod is so near at hand, thinking rather in terms of a commencement.

Every person who has been graduated from high school or college knows how precisely true the name "commencement" is; for what the student looked forward to as a consummation and a completion, the graduate looks back on as only a commencement, a beginning.

So it is with the Uniting General Synod. A great deal of work has been done to make that Uniting General Synod possible—only those who have shared in that work know how much and how arduous it was. Gladness and gratitude will therefore inevitably mark our gathering at Cleveland.

But we shall turn away from Cleveland, when the Uniting General Synod is finally adjourned, sobered with thoughts of the new responsibilities resting upon all of us in the larger fellowship we shall have established.

We must fashion a constitution for the United Church which will be absolutely faithful to the principles of the *Basis of Union*, and in doing so demonstrate that freedom is never jeopardized

when order and community are agreed upon in love.

We must achieve that measure of uniformity which effective corporate life and work require, yet avert the deadening conformity which ensues when arbitrary authority attempts to impose itself on individuals or on any segment of the whole.

We must set ourselves to drafting a statement of faith which will, adequately and with fervor, epitomize the witness we are led to give to the Lord Jesus and his coming kingdom. We must do this in language and in patterns of thought appropriate to our generation as did our spiritual fathers in theirs, yet, like them, identify ourselves unmistakably with the great confessional tradition rooted in the Word of God, both written and incarnate.

We must seek, in prayer and in worship and in every means and opportunity of fellowship, to be made increasingly sensitive to the spiritual needs of our day and to those major areas of common life where we can be used to bring to bear the judgment and the redemptive power of God in Christ, that the steadfast pursuit of our Christian mission may be the result and the evidence of our growing oneness in Christ.

And because all this we must do, then, as until now we have worked hard and prayed devoutly, we must, from Cleveland on, all the harder work and all the more devoutly pray, since only the infinite resources of God are sufficient for our tasks.

Philadelphia

—James E. Wagner



James E. Wagner

Former Minister, General Council Congregational Christian Churches

THE Evangelical and Reformed and the Congregational Christian are two broad streams of spiritual life which have watered and enriched wide territories in this country. Now they are to flow together in a way that will irrigate and make fruitful an even greater sector of our land and, what is more, provide greater depth of current in many places.

There should be deeper faith in our churches as a result of the confluence of the two streams. Too often faith is only faith in a particular way of doing things, in the customs established by a particular denomination, in a *status quo*; but now we are striking our tents and falling into march. In such a time nothing static can be an object for our faith: we can place our trust only in One who presides over growth and advance. Under such circumstances there is no substitute for faith in God; the situation requires it and develops it. So it was

with Abraham who, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed—and so it will be, one devoutly prays, with us.

Our hope should be deepened all along the line. What difficulties can the future offer us which we shall not be ready to meet? If by God's grace we shall have been able to meet the hundred and one obstacles which the times and men throw up against the accomplishment of what we believe to be the will of Christ, shall we or our children yield to fear as we move on into the new conditions of tomorrow? This is the kind of experience that nurtures a courageous kind of hope

to seek a newer world.

*Push off, and sitting well in order smite
The sounding furrows! . . .*

If we do not find our love deepened and made more meaningful in the United Church of Christ, the enterprise will have been in vain. We come into this church from different origins—from the continent of Europe and from the British Isles—but Christian love, which knows no geographical boundaries or national exclusiveness, has made one out of many before and will do so again. We come from backgrounds presbyterial and backgrounds congregational: only love can give us the ingenuity and wisdom to find new values without losing any of the old and dear ones on either side. We are uniting a part of Christendom which has been torn apart for centuries: only love can be the balsam to heal so inveterate a wound. But love can do it; love will do it; the event will summon us to our Christian best.

—Douglas Horton

President Emeritus, Evangelical and Reformed Church

SINCE THE time when, through their General Council, the Congregational Christian Churches extended the hands of Christian fellowship to the Evangelical and Reformed Church, inviting it to enter into union with them, many among us have looked forward with keen anticipation to the event which is to take place in Cleveland during the last week of June.

It is well known that my personal commitment to the effecting of this union has remained steadfast from the days of the first conversations to the conclusion of the negotiations. So, too, it continues to be my conviction that this will be a fruitful union. We have, indeed, been aware of differences in history, tradition, and polity. At the same time,

it has become increasingly evident that there exists a common dedication to the witness and the mission entrusted to the church by its Lord.

As heirs of the Protestant Reformation, both communions are committed to a continuous search of the Scriptures. We strive after a constantly growing appreciation of the self-disclosure of God and his revealed plan and purpose for man as most clearly set forth in the New Testament. In the measure God gives us enlightened insights, we endeavor to declare his grace with power. Compelled by his love, we have sought to be obedient to his call to carry his message of hope and life to all men by serving their spiritual and physical needs. Moreover, we have sought to render such service in the spirit of true selflessness.

These are some of the things we have in common. On such agreements we hope to effect the union of our churches. The eyes of the churches of the world will be upon us as we meet in Cleveland. We ask for the prayers of fellow Christians of every communion and of every race. We believe that only in the measure in which we are assured of the guidance of God's Holy Spirit can our union become truly effective. It will be a fruitful union if, in quickened faith and deepened devotion, we make a more effective contribution to the total Christian enterprise, the establishment of God's Blessed Community among men.

Itasca, Illinois

—L. W. Goebel

President, National Council of Churches

THE union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches to form the United Church of Christ is significant for a number of reasons:



Eugene Carson Blake

in the British Isles. The fact that this union has overcome for the first time these irrelevant items of history is very highly important for the future of Protestantism in the United States.

(1) The resulting church will be one of the great churches of our nation because of its size and the quality of its theological and ecclesiastical leaders.

(2) This is the first union in the United States of two major churches, one of which has its origin and cultural background on the continent

(3) Although the details of church government have not been finally worked out, the merger of a congregational-type church with one of presbyterian polity may set a pattern for other wider unions.

(4) The merger of a confessional church with one of the so-called free churches may also set a pattern for future union discussions.

All of the other member churches in the National Council welcome this kind of reduction of our denominational membership.

Philadelphia

—Eugene Carson Blake

Secretary, World Presbyterian Alliance

I SHOULD like, in the name of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, to express to the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches our joy in the union which is to be formalized on June 25, 1957, and to assure these churches of our prayers that the apostolic gifts of grace and peace, of faith, hope, and love may be theirs as they grow together within the one household of faith and toward the strengthening of the kingdom of God in the United States of America.



Marcel Pradervand

We appreciate that the background to this union is itself a story of previous unions; that the Evangelical Church has within it the traditions of Heidelberg and Augsburg; that to these the Reformed Church, by the Union of 1934, added much; and that the Congregational Christian Churches carry, within a further union, the historic seeds of independency. And the Alliance, rooted in the great high priestly prayer that they all may be one, rejoices in this further manifestation of God's will for his church.

Without any word from us, you who are members of these churches will be aware of the growing pains that must be yours and of the hazards that beset your path. They call for mutual understanding and consideration, for all that is meant by St. Paul's demand that we should have that mind in us which was also in Christ. But you will be strengthened by the knowledge that within your church the members are all in the main stream of the Reformation, a movement which never claimed to found a new church but to make the one church conformable to the Word of God.

Within the Alliance of Reformed Churches there are many united churches, and with thankfulness to God we acknowledge the part they play in our deliberations. So I am sure that the Executive Committee of the Alliance, when it meets at Stony Point, New York, will learn with lively interest of the union of your churches, giving thanks to Almighty God. In their name I would wish you well; I would rejoice with you in the great opportunities which are yours; and I would pray with you that you continue to see the union of your two churches for what it is—not an end in itself, but a means toward the greater glory of God and the fuller proclamation of his Son's gospel.

In the name of the Alliance, I would wish every blessing upon the newly formed United Church of Christ.

Geneva

—Marcel Pradervand

Moderator and Secretary, International Congregational Council

THE THOUGHTS and prayers of the Congregationalists throughout the world will be with the representatives of the Congregational Christian and the Evangelical and Reformed churches as they meet for the Uniting General Synod in Cleveland. We have followed with very great interest the steps which have led to the formation of the United Church of Christ. Now we join in faith and hope that God's richest blessing will rest on those to whom the call to unity has been felt to be a call from God—both in what is now being done and in all that will follow from it. May the two traditions blend harmoniously and find in each other much that is complementary.

It is perhaps of particular interest at this time that Congregationalists have recently been led to a growing fellowship with churches of the Reformed tradition on the continent of Europe. We have just celebrated in Germany a declaration of "unrestricted communion of pulpit and Lord's Table" with the United Protestant Evangelical Church of the Palatinate.

From the very beginning of the International Congregational Council, the Congregational churches of the United States of America have been in full and wholehearted membership. We are happy in the thought that this association will continue. We express the hope that this union will lead to an enriching enlargement of our fellowship.

May the blessing of God be with you all.

London

—S. Maurice Watts, Moderator

—Ralph F. G. Calder, Secretary

Secretary, United States Conference, World Council of Churches

THE UNITING General Synod of the Congregational and Reformed Church is an occasion of deep interest to the whole world-wide Christian family. Any union of separated churches is a noteworthy achievement, but this particular event seems to me to have a special significance. This significance arises from the fact that each of the uniting bodies is itself the result of an earlier union.



Samuel McCrea Cavert

In each case, the experience of uniting has been so full of spiritual meaning that the participants have been led to move ahead on the road to a larger unity. Even though the churches involved represent backgrounds that are dissimilar in important respects, this has not deterred them from coming together. They have recognized, and are giving expression to, a unity much deeper than their differences. This should prove a great stimulus to the entire movement for the wider unity of the future.

New York —Samuel McCrea Cavert

Unfortunately, the greeting which Bishop Otto Dibelius is sending did not arrive in time for inclusion in this issue of THE MESSENGER. Dr. Dibelius, who is president of the Evangelical Church of Germany, is also one of the presidents of the World Council of Churches. We hope to release his statement in the July 2 issue.—Editor.

A Visit With Schweitzer

AN INTIMATE and personal visit with Albert Schweitzer is now a possibility for many people, through the aid of the remarkable, full-length documentary called "Albert Schweitzer," currently showing in motion picture houses. And what a moving experience it is, from the moment the craggy, deeply etched face of the 81-year-old doctor fills the screen at the opening until one sees him walking briskly down the jungle path near his hospital at Lambaréné in French Equatorial Africa, or sitting alone at his roughhewn desk after the hospital has quieted down for the night!

We see him greeting a patient as he is brought by canoe to the boat landing near the hospital and carefully carried to the examination room; making

AN ecumenical study conference on "The Nature of the Unity We Seek" will be held at Oberlin, Ohio, September 3-10, under the auspices of the National Council of Churches, the Canadian Council of Churches, and the United States Conference of the World Council of Churches. About 300 delegates from the United States and Canada are expected to be in attendance.

Representing the Evangelical and Reformed Church will be the following: Dr. Elmer J. F. Arndt, Webster Groves, Missouri; Dr. Gerhard W. Grauer, Chicago; Dr. Ruben H. Huenemann, Milwaukee; Dr. Allen O. Miller, Webster Groves, Missouri; Dr. James E. Wagner, Philadelphia; Mrs. V. J. Bartell, Detroit; R. David Koch, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Daniel J. Snyder, Jr., Esq., Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

his daily rounds among the patients; leading a service of worship for all who can attend; supervising the unloading of supplies from a river barge; directing the construction of new homes in the leper village; watching his assistants performing a delicate operation for which his own fingers have lost their agility; and, after the day's work is over, playing Bach fugues on his organ or working on the manuscript of a new book.

And again and again he has an opportunity to explain some of the principles and motivations that undergird his amazing career. "Whoever is spared personal pain," we hear him say, "must feel he is called to help in diminishing the pain of others." As we see him sitting on the deck of the little river boat that brings him back to his beloved hospital after one of his furloughs in Europe, he tells how the phrase came to him which is the key to so much of his thinking and acting: "Reverence for life."

"When they say to me, 'Why have you come to us?' I tell them about Jesus Christ and his love for all men."

Schweitzer himself wrote much of the narration for the film.

There are also scenes taken in the Alsatian town of Gunsbach, where Schweitzer was reared. Here we see him during one of his furloughs, playing the organ he rebuilt in the village church, greeting friends and neighbors—and always at work at his desk, though he is supposed to be on vacation.

The great man seems to forget himself and lose himself in his work as much when in front of the camera as when going about his daily routine unobserved. The picture succeeds amazingly well in recording his superb gentleness, his indefatigable energy, and his complete abandonment to the mission to which he has dedicated his life.

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Because of differences in polity, in theological orientation, in cultural history, in the uniting churches, the coming Uniting General Synod will be

A Landmark in American Religious History



by REINHOLD NIEBUHR

THE UNITING General Synod of the two churches, to be held in Cleveland next week, will be a landmark in religious history in our nation, on two different levels. On the level of the mere history of the patient negotiations which were necessary to accomplish this union, of the arduous process of bringing the mechanisms of two religious communities together, and, particularly of the forbearance practiced by both sides when a court decision frustrated the original effort at union—the Uniting General Synod will crown the painstaking labors of a group of dedicated servants and leaders of the two fellowships and will prove that patience and love can overcome many obstacles if the dedication to the ultimate goal is vigorous.

But the Uniting General Synod is significant on another and wider level of church history. It represents not merely the triumph of patient religious leaders over the obstacles to union, which occur whenever two historic communities decide on a merger. It represents a rather unique achievement in the history of Protestantism, and not only of American Protestantism. That achievement can be most briefly designated by recalling that all previous Protestant mergers in the United States have been "family reunions"; that is, they have united or reunited churches of the same family such as Lutherans, Methodists, or Presbyterians, who had become divided by some historic contingency. This church merger unites two churches which had a different polity, a different theological orientation, and (what may be more relevant) a different cultural history. They had little in common, in short, except the common element which ecumenical Protestantism has increasingly developed, particularly in the religious pluralism of our nation.

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In the matter of polity or church government, the Congregational Church is not really, according to its original principle, a church. We are dealing

with the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches. That was the point of the original court action; for, if the original opponents of the union were right, no council could act for these various churches. But the fact that the General Council had a long and respected history proved that the original opponents were wrong. History had, in fact, diluted the purity of the original consistent Congregationalism. Not only Congregationalists but Baptists had acquired quasi-presbyterian forms of government by the fact that their state superintendents and, finally, their national bodies had powers delegated to them which the rigorous Congregationalism of the 17th century did not anticipate.

The writer had an interesting lesson in the divergence between historic principle and practice a quarter-century ago as a young parson in Detroit. Detroit was a growing industrial city and was therefore the particular concern of denominational mission boards. The most successful builder of new churches was a certain inspired Baptist city superintendent, who had great freedom simply because he could persuade established Baptist churches to mortgage their property for the sake of financing a new church. The Methodist and Episcopal bishops admiringly confessed that the "episcopal" authority of the Baptist superintendent was financially more potent than any they possessed. The pressures of new opportunities had beguiled a very congregational church into presbyterian, not to say episcopal, polity.

One must confess, on the other hand, that the religious melting pot in America makes all episcopal and presbyterian churches more congregational than the original polity intended. Methodist parsons are moved from church to church by the

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authority of the bishop only if the church is not very large or the minister not very important. If both minister and church are prominent, the polity becomes very congregational, and the bishop negotiates with the church about the minister.

The court proceedings which frustrated the union for a time were prompted by an archaism which did not recognize that every community, including a religious community, is governed not only by its "eternal principles" but by "common law"; that is to say, by the slow accretion of experience and custom. This does not mean that the joint commissions on church union did not have a very difficult task in welding the presbyterian forms of the Evangelical and Reformed Church with the congregational forms of the Congregational Christian Churches. Nor can one expect that the most expert job of the constitution-builders to be appointed will obviate the necessity of continuous adjustment in practice until the two systems are welded. Perhaps it would be better to use a metaphor of organism rather than of mechanism and say "until the two systems are grown together."

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The two churches represent different theological traditions. These did not offer great difficulties, because the main theological differences of our day run through the various denominations and not between them. The Evangelical and Reformed Church was informed by a theological tradition which might best be defined as a liberal evangelicalism. There were no fundamentalists among us, as some of the more hysterical opponents of the union suggested. The pietism of the mission houses of Switzerland was potent in the lives of our fathers; but this pietism never degenerated into legalism or fundamentalism. If I may be allowed to choose a personal symbol for the quality of religious thought among us, I think the revered teacher of many of us on the "evangelical" side of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Dr. Samuel D. Press, rather vividly exemplifies this kind of liberal evangelicalism both in his devotion to a rigorous biblical scholarship and in his vital evangelical piety.

The Congregational Christian Churches, on the other hand, were supposed to express not liberal evangelicalism, but modern liberalism shading off to Unitarianism. They were supposed to express this; but, meanwhile, the Congregational churches both here and in Britain were subject to a significant change in theological climate, which can best be expressed in personal symbols. The greatest

New Testament theologian of our generation is C. H. Dodd, and he is a Congregationalist but hardly a "liberal rationalist." Another great British Congregationalist, Nathaniel Micklem, has broadened Congregational thought so that it includes even Neo-Thomism. In America, two of the most effective leaders of the evangelical movement in Congregationalism, Dr. Douglas Horton and Dr. Truman Douglass, are also outstanding leaders in the movement for union with the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

There were, in short, differences in the theological climate of the two churches, but there were no insuperable obstacles in these differences; and the theological accommodation between the two bodies conformed, on the whole, to the accommodation which has been taking place in the whole ecumenical movement. It may seem pretentious to name the new church "The United Church of Christ" because that would seem to monopolize an inclusive definition for a particular body; but the name is logical in the sense that any other name would have designated some historic tradition which the two bodies are actually transcending.

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But the differences in polity and theology, the one serious and the other not so serious, are not so significant as the cultural, historic differences

between the two bodies. These differences, never explicitly defined, are nevertheless more important than the explicit differences. From the Evangelical and Reformed side, we must honestly acknowledge that these differences must have been a real hazard to the proponents of union on the Congregational Christian side and that a great deal of grace was required to overcome the hazards. For in terms of cultural and religious history, Congregationalism is deeply imbedded not only in the history of our nation, but in the history of Anglo-Saxon freedom.

The grandfathers of Congregationalism, the Independents and Separatists, were the only religious group in the seminal seventeenth century who really believed in freedom. The other groups believed only in freedom for themselves. A free society was established in both England and America largely because religious pluralism made it impossible to achieve the unity of the nation on the old basis of religious uniformity but only by allowing freedom for all religious groups. The Separating Puritans who founded Massachusetts were in-

terested, in the first place, in founding a pure church. But the necessity of also founding a commonwealth beguiled them into the theocracy of Massachusetts, which the critics of Christianity usually use as an example of the fanaticism inherent in Christianity and which did express the theocratic impulse in Calvinism, always in tension with sectarian radicalism.

But our Congregationalists were opponents of this theocracy, and Thomas Hooker in Connecticut recalled New England Puritanism to its original vision, even as Roger Williams founded the new state of Rhode Island as he fled the Massachusetts theocracy. In any case, the whole of New England finally accepted the standards of Congregationalism as the old theocracy eroded, so that Congregationalism rightly regards itself as intimately related not only to English, but to American, democracy. In comparison with this organic relation with Anglo-Saxon democracy, even the most honorable history of the two groups within the Evangelical and Reformed Church, imbedded in German history and not politically distinguished in our own country, will seem pale and uninteresting.

In the same way, we must recognize the supremacy of the Congregationalists in the cultural history of our nation. The New England universities have become the cultural center of all our higher educational institutions. Among them, only Yale University had organic relations with the Congregational Churches, but Congregationalism is clearly related to the educational centers of American culture. When the New Englanders moved west to occupy the Western Reserve territory, they took with them their passion for education; and many of the colleges of the Middle West, as for instance, Oberlin, Beloit, Grinnell, and Carleton colleges, were of Congregational origin. Congregationalism gave us three great seminaries in the East: Yale Divinity School, Hartford Seminary, and (in cooperation with the Baptists) Andover Newton Seminary. In the Middle West, Chicago Theological Seminary, now incorporated into the Federated Faculty of Chicago University, is still the outstanding center of theological learning.

In short, we must admit—and ought not to admit it grudgingly—that the cultural eminence of Congregationalism is apparent, which fact even the rapidly advancing educational institutions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church cannot obscure. We come into this union, in other words, as "poor relations." We ought not to come with apologies or with a sense of inferiority, but we should know that considerable grace was necessary on the part of the Congregational Christian Churches to



Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational Christian leaders lay plans for joint work (left to right): Dr. Sheldon E. Mackey, Philadelphia, secretary, E and B Church; John G. Neukom, San Francisco, president, Board of Home Missions (CC); Dr. Purd E. Deitz, St. Louis, general secretary, Board of National Missions (E and R); Dr. Truman B. Douglass, New York, executive vice-president, Board of Home Missions. Photograph was taken during meeting of representatives of all agencies that will become part of the new Board of Home Missions in the United Church.

bridge the historical gap existing between the two churches.

Once having acknowledged this, we may be grateful that a real wedding in the life of the churches, as in all of life, makes for a community of interest in which the question of mine and thine is not frequently raised. The twain have become one, and only the cynic will ask, "Which one?" That is why such unions are so creative and why a union which is more than a family reunion is particularly creative. It offers a particularly vivid example of the kind of mutual invigoration which is proceeding in the whole range of American Protestant pluralism, and it offers some hope of order out of what is chaotic in that pluralism.

As the instrument and first fruits of God's kingdom on earth, the church is in its essential nature one. Where the one Christ is at work, where the apostolic witness to him is truly set forth in word and sacrament, there is the one church. We all come from him, we all go towards him, and he is among us. This threefold bond is stronger than all discord among Christians, for it is wrought by Christ himself.

This we must affirm in the face of all contradiction. The unity of the church is so concealed by our many divisions that to affirm it must often appear little better than mockery. But the church knows of a certainty that at the end of its pilgrimage its unity in Christ will be complete and manifest. Our unity in Christ belongs to the ultimate structure of reality. This is the goal to which all history and all creation move.

—From the Report of the Advisory Commission, Evanston Assembly, World Council of Churches



Samuel D. Press



People from all walks of life line up early outside Madison Square Garden for the opening rally of Evangelist Billy Graham's six-week New York Crusade. Attendances have been so large that the rally may continue throughout the summer.

America's Religious Revival— Asset or Liability?

FOR SOME time it has been apparent that the United States is undergoing a significant revival of religion. It is no longer necessary to prove this fact. It has been documented by several studies and is indicated by relevant statistics and by the general prestige that religion holds today. There was never a time when religion stood so high in public esteem as now. In times of former religious revivals the proportion of disinterested and untouched was higher than it is today, and there was a more active antireligious movement. No more can we talk about the "good old days" of religion; there have been no days that "had it this good."

In light of this situation we would expect great rejoicing in church circles. But if it is easy to document the fact of a religious revival, it is equally easy to document a widespread attitude among religious leaders that the revival is not wholly an asset. Many religious periodicals, men as different as Reinhold Niebuhr and Billy Graham, and a host of church leaders have joined the chorus

of complaints which range from cynical disdain to doubts about the efficacy of the revival. Probably there are few congregations that have not heard at least one sermon criticizing the revival.

At this point the layman is likely to become bewildered. We can imagine his saying: "Is it ever possible to please you ministers? When we did not go to church, you beat your pulpits and condemned our secularism and indifference. But now that we have flocked back to church, you beat your pulpits and tell us that our last condition is worse than the first!" Although we can sympathize with the layman, this is not necessarily proof that the clergy like to think negatively. The Bible gives a precedent for this criticism. It contains very few condemnations of atheism or secularism. The great enemy is always idolatry—that is, false religion.

by WILLIAM HORDERN

THE MESSENGER

Consequently, a revival of religion is not necessarily an asset to true Christianity.

What are the criticisms being made of our current religious revival?

The first charge is that the present revival is shallow. It consists of a vague religiosity rather than a return to the Christian faith. W. L. Miller has described the religion of the typical American as a "passionate belief in the Great Whatever." Juke boxes blare forth their songs about "The Man Upstairs"—who, it is argued, is the real God of our current American religiosity. God appears to be a slightly senile but likable old gentleman who just has to forgive us and who will reward us with success if we live by faith, hope, and charity. Marya Mannes, writing about Graham Greene and wondering why he is not more popular in America, suggested that it is because he is such a complicated and unhappy Christian. We want our religion straight: "cheerful nuns, devout prizefighters, happy miracles." We do not wish to plumb life to the depths and wrestle in agony with its meaning.

"PEACE OF MIND"

A second criticism is that our religiosity is a selfish pursuit. We have no intention of losing our lives in order that we may find them again. Why should we? We are being offered a religion that promises to save our lives without losing a thing. If we will just offer a few prayers before our business deals, or wear a mustard seed, or learn to quote a few passages of Scripture, we can have the best of this world and the next, too. We will receive peace of mind, business success, victory in sports, popularity with people. In short, we expect religion to give us everything that, in a nonreligious frame of mind, we wanted. Advertisements tell us to "go to church and leave your cares." It is not mentioned that if we go to church we may receive new cares—the kind that Luther found in the monastery or the kind that drove Jesus to sweat blood in Gethsemane. Did "all the light of sacred story gather round that head sublime" so that we could make profits in business, be popular, and leave our cares in church?

The third charge against the revival is that it is a worship of "the American Way of Life." The religion that the biblical prophets condemned was a cultural religion, the exaltation of a particular people in a religious framework. There is much to indicate that we have in America precisely the kind of folk-religion that the prophets condemned. We speak about "this country under God," but we never mean "this country under the judgment of

God." What we really mean is that "God is on our side." A recent popular song emphasized "the Bible on the table and the flag upon the wall." God is thus identified with our nation so that, instead of trying to find God's will, we assume that our will is God's.

The fourth criticism is that despite the impressive gains of religion there has been no corresponding gain in national morality. If statistics show a rise in religion, they also show for the same years a rise in juvenile delinquency, crime in general, the accident tolls on our highways, and the facts revealed in the Kinsey reports. There is little in our political life or in our foreign policy to show that we have become a more Christian nation. There has been a dismaying failure of the revival in religion to meet the racial problem. The religious revival has come, but the moral revival has lagged behind. If the first three criticisms are valid, this is what we would expect. A shallow religion, accepted for selfish reasons and used to sanction our way of life, is not likely to disturb our moral habits or to move us to do God's will.

So we have a religious revival. But many of our religious leaders are unhappy about it. We have seen their reasons. What can we conclude?

IMMUNE TO THE REAL THING

First, we must concede the truth in the criticisms. If we simply shout "Hallelujah" over our encouraging statistics, we shall be fooling ourselves. George Bernard Shaw reminded us that most people get inoculated with a mild form of Christianity and thus become immune to the real thing. Many have been so inoculated in our day.

In the second place, we must not ignore the opportunity that the church has today. An audience has appeared that is willing to listen to religion. I do not see how anyone who believes that God acts in history can doubt that the hand of God has been working in the revival. This is not to overlook its shortcomings, but it is to emphasize its potential. The old secular philosophies have failed, and men are looking for something to take their place. What they have is still inadequate, but the fact that they are looking offers a remarkable opportunity. It will be a tragedy if the church fails to use it.

Moreover, all is not so black as the critics would make it appear. If there is much that is shallow in the revival, there is also depth. Theology has been revived in our age and has rediscovered the power and depth of the gospel, although there is still a gulf between theology and the masses who are going to church. Many laymen are seeking to deepen their spiritual life, as is revealed by the

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sales of books on theology and the attendance at religious retreats. Despite the fact that morality is lingering behind religion, there are some exciting developments in this area. It may turn out that the most important Christian development of the century occurred when Martin Luther King organized the Christian boycott of buses in Montgomery, Alabama. Here the power and relevance of the Christian ethic were displayed in a creative form. The moral revival is not so spectacular in size as is the religious revival, but it is none the less vital.

RELIGION AMONG INTELLECTUALS

Significant also is the increased interest in religion among intellectuals in general and in the colleges in particular. America is often scornful of intellectuals, or "eggheads," as it calls them. But the fact remains that from our colleges come the leaders of tomorrow. They provide our teachers, our leaders of business and labor unions, our clergymen, men who write the novels, plays, and newspapers, those who will become natural leaders in their communities. The men who will influence public opinion tomorrow are in college today. In a real sense the question of how deep and permanent the revival will be depends upon what is happening in the colleges.

There is an upsurge in religious interest on the campuses. Not too many years ago it was taken almost for granted that a "religious intellectual" was a contradiction in terms. Christian parents were afraid that if they sent their children to college their faith would be amputated, and it often was. But the intellectual is finding his way back to religion. In fact, we are witnessing an interesting swing of the pendulum. Whereas a generation ago a child came from a religious home and lost his religion in college, today many a child from a non-religious home comes to college and discovers religion. Frequently the reaction of parents is as violent as it was in the former generation. "What have you done to our children," they want to know, "filling their minds with this superstitious nonsense?"

Statistics of registration in classes in religion, chapel services, and Christian Associations present a most encouraging picture. *Newsweek* Magazine recently verified the general observation that religion is on the upswing in colleges.

But what of the quality of the revival in the colleges? Is it asset or liability? There is much that is asset. Many students are dissatisfied with the shallow elements of the religious revival in general. They want no simple or easy answers. They are prepared to dig into Kierkegaard, Niebuhr, Tillich,

Barth, and other intellectual leaders of religion. They are deeply concerned with the question of who and what man is and why he is here.

However, we cannot be complacent over the fact that, despite the revival of religion, the undergraduates are still our largest group of unevangelized citizens. The number of students active in religion sounds impressive when compared with the figures of 20 or even 10 years ago, but they still represent a minority! Even *Newsweek's* optimistic report admitted that 61 per cent of college students rarely or never go to church. Although religion has a hearing on the campus that it did not have a few years ago, in their outlook the colleges are still usually humanistic and secular. The individual student who accepts religion has to swim against the stream to be religious. If our revival is to have permanent value, there is much more to be done.

The revival in the colleges also has its liabilities. Today's student is much interested in theology, but he has little desire to study how religion may be applied to social problems. Religion is often sought as the answer to personal problems rather than as something to motivate a man to serve the world. In a study of colleges for the Hazen Foundation, Dr. Phillip Jacobs found that, though a majority of the students expressed a need for religion, it played no part in their choice of a vocation, and they saw no relevance of religion to the important choices that they had to make in life. Thus Dr. Jacobs forecast that we are seeing the rise of "an essentially secular (though nominally religious) culture." Religion does not affect the way the student lives his life.

"DO NOT DISTURB"

Dr. Jacobs also found that the average student is "gloriously contented." This corresponds with my own observations. Ten years ago students were anxious, insecure, seeking a firm ground. That group, called appropriately by *The New York Times* "The Beaten Generation," enthusiastically read Tillich and others who spoke about anxiety, because that student generation was searching for "the courage to be." But today, as Dr. Jacobs found, students face the future with little fear or worry. If now they read Tillich they do so with a puzzled look, and they ask, "What's this anxiety business he's always talking about?" They look forward to a future in which they will reap material rewards. Religion will probably be a part of that future, but it will not be a religion that disturbs or changes their lives. Going to church will be a part of sinking into secure conformity with the mores of their culture.

The ironical part is that Dr. Jacobs found these same students predict a major war in a dozen years. And yet they have no interest in international affairs, and their prediction does not change their optimistic hopes for their future. In other words, their optimism is based upon an unrealistic, irrational view of life. When I think of how much current religious literature is aimed at finding cures for anxiety, worry, and fear, I often long for something that can puncture the complacency of the modern student and drive a little fear and trembling into his heart.

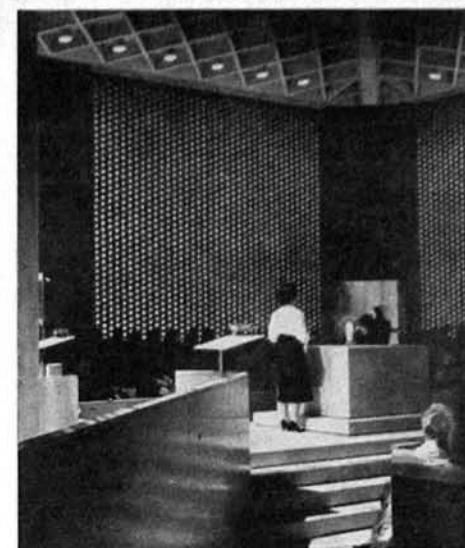
Another problem is that the college student who does not fall into the general pattern of complacent conformity, but who is interested in religion, is quite likely to be hostile to organized religion. This situation is deplorable, because the church needs precisely this younger generation and these young people need the church, if they are to have their religious concern deepened and broadened. There are many reasons for their rejection of the church. Partly it is pride. They do not see how they can fit into a church geared to the intellectual standards of the "butcher and the baker and the candle stick maker." Ironically, the precise elements that seem to be winning multitudes to the church today are antagonizing these young people. Popular religion seems to them to be shallow, easy, and not sufficiently realistic. If the current religious revival is to dig deep roots and change the future, it will have to take these criticisms more seriously.

Thus a key point in the revival of religion in the United States is the college. It is my conviction that the churches will have to take more seriously their duty to the college. They have done a fairly good job in the larger universities. But our better students, and hence the ones with greatest leadership potential, are often in the smaller colleges. Here the church normally leaves all efforts to a local congregation which is too understaffed to offer an effective ministry. We need a great many more campus religious workers.

MORE CAMPUS MINISTERS NEEDED

In recent years there has been an increased opportunity for professors of religion on college faculties. Many new positions have opened, and the religion professor has won the respect of the faculties. But the church has not given him sufficient support; he feels cut off from the life of the church.

The theological seminaries must remodel themselves if they are to do their share in meeting the need for college teachers in religion. In most fields a man who does three years of graduate work is near his Ph.D. degree and prepared to teach. But



Student at Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, takes her turn at conducting Sunday evening chapel service. Lit candle on altar symbolizes continuing spirit of service the girls give through participating in various community projects. About 1,000 girls take part in voluntary program.

at a seminary, after three years he receives only another bachelor's degree. This is partly due to the absurd tendency of seminaries to discourage college students heading for the ministry from taking more than one or two religion courses in college. This makes about as much sense as medical schools discouraging premedical students from taking natural science. It is also due to requirements that compel the future professor of religion to study homiletics, church management, and other courses that have no relevance to his life's work. Already some universities are instituting graduate schools in religion, and if the seminaries do not wake up they may lose their opportunity to teach or influence future college professors.

In conclusion, my thesis is simply this. The question "Is the revival of religion an asset or liability?" is still to be answered. In a large part, it will be answered by whether or not our churches awaken in time to the crucial position of the college. Perhaps we have never had such an opportunity for religion in higher education. But the opportunity has its dangers. Only the best study and increased interest can turn this opportunity into an asset for religion in the United States.

New Evangelical and Reformed Ministers

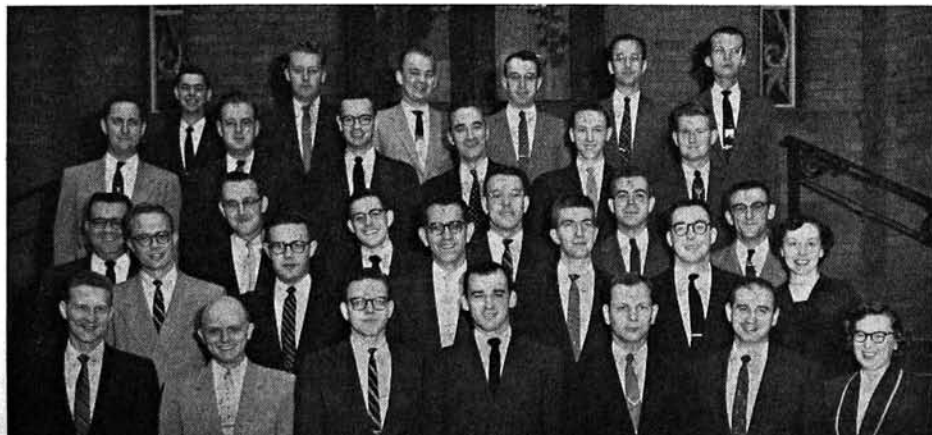
EIGHTY-SIX young men and two young women have completed their seminary training and are ready to begin their ministry in the Evangelical and Reformed Church. In addition, the following have received degrees in Christian education: at

Eden: Shirley Klosterman, of Centralia, Illinois; at Lancaster: Donald J. Stats, of Antigo, Wisconsin, and Mrs. Arlene B. Studer, of Newport, Pennsylvania; at Union: Joan Patricia Kacik, of Quakertown, Pennsylvania.

LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Name and Home Address	Called to
Wallace John Bieber, Allentown, Pennsylvania	Utica Charge, Potomac Synod
James W. Bright, Jr., Cleveland, Ohio	St. Paul's, Lancaster, Pennsylvania (Assistant Pastor)
Joseph H. Clem, Thurmont, Maryland	Christ Church, Hagerstown, Maryland (Assistant Pastor)
Paul H. Curvey, Tamaqua, Pennsylvania	Shepherdstown Charge, Potomac Synod
Winfield E. Engler, Palmerton, Pennsylvania	Trinity Church, Glen Rock, Pennsylvania
C. Larry Fisher, Kannapolis, North Carolina	Emanuel Church, Lincolnton, North Carolina
William D. Flickinger, Erie, Pennsylvania	St. Clairsville Charge, Central Pennsylvania Synod
Robert F. Godfrey, Fairborn, Ohio	Grace-Daniel Charge, Southern Synod
James H. Gold, Turbotville, Pennsylvania	Nescopeck-Mountain Grove Charge, Susquehanna Synod
Rodney A. Henrie, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania	North Japan College, Sendai, Japan
Fred H. Irwin, Jr., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Centre Hall Charge, Central Pennsylvania Synod
R. David Koch, Reading, Pennsylvania	St. Thomas', Reading, Pennsylvania (Assistant Pastor)
Daniel G. Kratz, Lancaster, Pennsylvania	Christ Church, Boston, Massachusetts
Ronald R. Krick, Hamburg, Pennsylvania	St. John's, Denver, Pennsylvania
C. Walter Long, Quakertown, Pennsylvania	Tannersville Charge, East Pennsylvania Synod
Russell D. Mengel, Allentown, Pennsylvania	St. John's, Jonestown, Pennsylvania
Paul E. Miller, Leola, Pennsylvania	To be placed
Donald R. Moul, York, Pennsylvania	Grindstone Hill Charge, Mercersburg Synod
Robert D. Myers, York, Pennsylvania	Cashtown Charge, Mercersburg Synod
Robert E. Myers, Thomasville, North Carolina	Crescent Charge, Southern Synod
George A. Rankin, Lancaster, Pennsylvania	Ringtown Charge, Susquehanna Synod
Robert E. Reiff, Boyertown, Pennsylvania	Zion Church, Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania
Merrill Q. Ressler, New Holland, Pennsylvania	Grimsville Charge, Lehigh Synod
Ann H. Schoup (Mrs. H. M. Schoup), Coopersburg, Pennsylvania	United Mission, Iraq
Harold M. Schoup, Coopersburg, Pennsylvania	United Mission, Iraq
John B. Stoudt, Shenandoah, Pennsylvania	Howertown-Shoenersville Charge, East Pennsylvania Synod
Philip H. Thierolf, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania	St. Andrew's, Holyoke, Massachusetts
Paul L. Westcoat, Jr., McKeesport, Pennsylvania	Paradise Charge, Mercersburg Synod

Graduates of the Class of 1957 of The Theological Seminary, Lancaster, pose for their picture. Left to right (first row): Clem, Robert D. Myers, Long, Reiff, Gold, Bright, Mrs. Ann H. Schoup; (second row): Flickinger, Irwin, Curvey, Robert E. Myers, Westcoat, Mrs. Arlene B. Studer; (third row): Moul, Miller, Kratz, Thierolf, Koch, Ressler; (fourth row): James R. Blankenship (Methodist), Stoudt, Harold M. Schoup, Delmar R. Probst (Methodist), Henrie, Krick; (top row): Fisher, Mengel, Galen N. Klinger (Evangelical United Brethren), Bieber, Engler, Donald J. Stats (D.R.E.).



Eden Seminary graduates of 1957 include two foreign students and two who will continue studies abroad. Left to right (front row): Konrad, Crusius, Stroh, Rinne, Becker, Ranieri, Banzhaf, Lennington; (second row): Shirley Klosterman, Stahl, Shanabrook, Warskow, Korinth, Jürg Schnellbach (Germany), Ziebell, Huenefeld; (third row): Paul, Van Voorhis, Flotron, Horlander, Beyer, Boytt Willis (Methodist), Keith Klosterman; (fourth row): Stephen Smalley (England), Simon, Dry, Holmer, Moenkhaus, Mittler, Kolbe; (top row): Koehler, Otte, Simonson, Warehime, Schatz, Mayhew (Methodist).

EDEN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Name and Home Address	Called to
Richard F. Banzhaf, Marshalltown, Iowa	Postgraduate study at St. John's College, Durham, England
Gene Allen Becker, St. Louis, Missouri	St. Paul's, Evansville, Indiana (Assistant Pastor)
Carl Frank Beyer, St. Louis, Missouri	New mission, Carbondale, Illinois
Donald N. Crusius, Chicago, Illinois	St. Thomas', Gumbo, Missouri
Thomas J. Dry, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	St. John's, Amazonia, Missouri
John Rouzer Flotron III, Dayton, Ohio	Zion Church, Norwood, Ohio (Assistant Pastor)
Lawrence T. Holmer, Lakewood, Ohio	To be placed
Walter F. Horlander, Jeffersonville, Indiana	St. Peter's, Dubois, Indiana
Ruth Huenefeld, Treloar, Missouri	To be placed
Keith C. Klosterman, Centralia, Illinois	Wellsburg-Liscomb Charge, Iowa Synod
Douglas Paul Koehler, Belleville, Illinois	The Church of the Good Shepherd, Reseda, California
Kenneth H. Kolbe, Buffalo, New York	Christ Church, Buffalo, New York (Assistant Pastor)
James H. Konrad, Marthasville, Missouri	St. Paul's, Old Monroe, Missouri
Henry W. Korinth, Baltimore, Maryland	To be placed
David M. Lennington, Indianapolis, Indiana	Postgraduate study at Cornell University (Missionary in Training)
Robert H. McPherson, Burlington, Iowa	Chaplain, U. S. Army
John Allen Mittler, St. Louis, Missouri	To be placed
Robert A. Moenkhaus, Chicago, Illinois	Immanuel Church, Ferguson, Missouri (Assistant Pastor)
Paul Edward Otte, Mapleton, Iowa	First Church, Pomeroy, Iowa
Harold J. Paul, Hankinson, North Dakota	Caseyville-Edwardsville Charge, South Illinois Synod
John Jay Rainey, Fostoria, Ohio	St. Paul's, Elgin, Illinois (Assistant Pastor)
Emmanuel Ranieri, Rochester, New York	Zoar Church, Buffalo, New York
James E. Rinne, Steinauer, Nebraska	Augusta-Defiance Charge, Missouri Valley Synod
William K. Schatz, Evansville, Indiana	Seaside Community Church, Torrance, California
Paul E. Shanabrook, Massillon, Ohio	New mission, Northeast Ohio Synod
Kurt W. Simon, Webster Groves, Missouri	Zion Church, Addieville, Illinois
Richard E. Simonson, Chicago, Illinois	New mission, Louisville, Kentucky
Philip M. Stahl, Dayton, Ohio	St. Paul's, Dayton, Kentucky
James J. Stroh, Plymouth, Nebraska	First Church, Omaha, Nebraska
C. Richard Van Voorhis, Mansfield, Ohio	Postgraduate study at Oxford University, England
Harold M. Warehime, Hanover, Pennsylvania	Postgraduate study at Union Theological Seminary
Robert Carl Warskow, Benton Harbor, Michigan	St. John's, Bippus, Indiana
Kenneth R. Ziebell, Indianapolis, Indiana	Instructor, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois

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Mission House Seminary graduates 11 with B.D. degrees, and two with certificates. Left to right (front row): Wenzel, Wernecke, Edwards, Schrankler, Dittmer, Storm; (back row): Settlege, Reineck, Clausing, Bettin, Koenig, Schrolucke.

MISSION HOUSE SEMINARY

Name and Home Address	Called to
James Bettin, Oshkosh, Wisconsin	Oshkosh-Black Wolf Charge, North Wisconsin Synod
Vernon Clausing, New Knoxville, Ohio	Peace Church, Tilden, Nebraska
Lowell L. Dittmer, Plato, Minnesota	St. Paul's, Bourbon, Indiana
James Edwards, Pitscain, Pennsylvania	First Presbyterian Church, Oostburg, Wisconsin
Harold Koenig, Sauk City, Wisconsin	Postgraduate study at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee
Roman Reineck, Kiel, Wisconsin	Portage-Scott Township Charge, South Wisconsin Synod
Gerald Schrankler, St. Paul, Minnesota	Marquette-Porterfield Charge, North Wisconsin Synod
Marvin Schrolucke, New Knoxville, Ohio	First Church, Oskaloosa, Iowa
Robert Settlege, New Knoxville, Ohio	St. Paul's, near Malone, Wisconsin
Boyd Stepler, Decatur, Indiana	Zion Church, Millersburg, Indiana
Donald Storm, Sheboygan, Wisconsin	St. Peter's, North Tonawanda, New York
Roger Wenzel, Potter, Wisconsin	Waynesburg Charge, Southeast Ohio Synod
Glenn Wernecke, Newton, Wisconsin	Streeter Charge, Dakota Synod

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Warner H. Siebert, Hartford, Wisconsin	St. John's, near Beecher, Illinois
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Daniel Timothy Winger, Denver, Colorado	To be placed
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MCCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Edward Richard Goltz, Jr., Chicago, Illinois	Faith Community Church (New mission), Villa Park, Illinois
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OBERLIN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Emerson Frederick Beyer, Louisville, Kentucky	To be placed
Lawrence J. Dunnewold, Indianapolis, Indiana	North Lima Charge, Northeast Ohio Synod

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

William Howard Armstrong, Jr., Louisville, Ohio	Calvary Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Bruce Thomas Clements, Jackson Heights, New York	To be placed
James Charles Janes, Stickney, Illinois	To be placed
Alan Hale Schroer, Akron, Ohio	New Mission, Warren, Ohio

YALE UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL

John Jesse Carey, Ft. Wayne, Indiana	College Minister, Catawba College, Salisbury, North Carolina
Theodore Paul Fritsch, Maplewood, Missouri	New mission, Lancaster, California
Philip Balch Harner, Lancaster, Pennsylvania	Postgraduate study
Kenneth Seigh Heffley, Johnstown, Pennsylvania	To be placed
Otis Edgar Young, Union, Missouri	New mission, Markham, Illinois

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Commencements End Academic Year at Colleges and Seminaries

Lakeland Festival of Arts Features Exhibit, Drama

LAKELAND COLLEGE, near Sheboygan, Wisconsin, granted 26 baccalaureate degrees and six other awards at commencement exercises on June 2. There were 20 bachelor of arts, four bachelors of science, a bachelor of science in medical technology, a bachelor of science in business administration, three associate degrees in applied sciences, and three certificates of proficiency in secretarial studies.

Dr. Clifford L. Lord, director of the Wisconsin State Historical Society, delivered the commencement address.

In mid-May a \$10,000 art exhibit, a College Theatre production, and a one-act opera highlighted the annual May Days Festival of Arts. The play was John Willard's classic melodrama, *The Cat and the Canary*. The opera was Arthur Sullivan's early comic success *Cox and Box*.

Construction of a \$75,000 sewage treatment plant also began in May. It will be in use by September, along with the \$500,000 women's dormitory now nearing completion.

—Tom Townsend

Hood Graduates 90 at 64th Commencement

HOOD COLLEGE, Frederick, Maryland, held its 64th commencement on June 9. Oliver G. Willits, chairman of the board of Campbell Soup Company, addressed the 90 women candidates for the degrees of bachelor of arts, bachelor of science in home economics, and bachelor of science in nursing.

Honorary degrees of doctor of humane letters and doctor of laws were conferred by Dr. Andrew G. Truxal,

president of Hood College, on Jane Betterly, national director of Service in Military and Veterans Hospitals for the American National Red Cross, and Mrs. Agnes E. Meyer, of Washington, D. C., respectively.

—Jeanne L. Schmidt

Heidelberg Graduates 126; Installs New Carillon

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIX seniors of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, were the recipients of bachelor degrees at the 104th commencement on June 9. Of this group 16 are planning to enter some form of Christian service. Eleven will study for the ministry. Dr. John R. C. Haas, of Evansville, Indiana, delivered the baccalaureate address, and Ralph Besse, an alumnus of the Class of 1926 and vice-president of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, gave the commencement address.

Those receiving honorary degrees included Dr. Roy L. Whistler, of the Class of 1934, assistant head of the department of biochemistry at Purdue University; Ralph Besse; and Rev. Elam G. Wiest, of Cleveland, president of Northeast Ohio Synod.

A beautifully toned, 25-bell, electrically powered carillon was installed in the tower of College Hall. It was dedicated and played for the first time on May Day, May 11. The 200-pound instrument is designed to provide the tonal equivalent of 79,500 pounds of cast bells. It can be operated manually from the console of the organ in Rickly Chapel or from perforated plastic rolls. The carillon is the gift of John Q. Shunk, of Bucyrus, Ohio, a long-time friend of Heidelberg.

Heidelberg's debate squad received first honors in the Ohio Men's Inter-

collegiate Debate Tournament this spring by winning 11 of the 12 contests in which they participated. At the Grand National Invitational Forensic Tournament, held at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia, this spring, Patricia Kinkade, of Dayton, and Miriam Shoffner, of Miamisburg, won championships in address reading and after dinner speaking, respectively.

—E. R. Butcher

Senator Ervin Addresses Catawba Graduates

ON MONDAY, June 3, Catawba College, Salisbury, North Carolina, graduated 114 men and women at commencement exercises addressed by the Hon. Sam J. Ervin, U. S. Senator of North Carolina.

Two honorary degrees were pre-



Karl Schleunes, sophomore at Lakeland College, is shown with Dr. Mary Emery, professor of French and German at Lakeland, after winning \$200 Mary A. Frolow Memorial Award, honoring the memory of Dr. Emery's mother. The scholarship enables Schleunes to spend six weeks of study at University of Vienna this summer.

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Dr. David E. Faust (left) and Dr. Donald J. Selby, of the Catawba College religion faculty, talk over plans for next fall when they will be joined by Rev. John Carey, who will serve as Catawba's full-time campus minister.

on which construction should begin this summer.

Catawba's drama group, the Blue Masque, sends a touring company to Europe in the next few weeks as a result of an invitation of the British Drama League, an association of amateur drama societies.

The tour will cover England and will terminate at Monte Carlo, where Catawba will represent the United States at the international festival of amateur theater.

—Peter P. Cooper

A.A.U.W. President Speaks to Cedar Crest Graduates

COMMENCEMENT day was observed on June 2 at Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Pennsylvania. Bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees were conferred on 62 seniors by Dr. Dale H. Moore, Cedar Crest president. An honorary degree of doctor of science of education was bestowed upon Dr. Anna L. Rose Hawkes, president of the American Association of University Women, who was the commencement speaker.

Other commencement activities at the college began with the traditional "move-up" ceremony and dinner in which class and club officers and leaders of other campus organizations assumed their duties for the next academic year. Senior recitals by music majors and Class Night preceded the traditional vesting and baccalaureate service, which was held on May 12. Dr. Glenn A. Olds, director of the United Religious Work at Cornell University, was the speaker.

There were two performances of the Greek play *Oedipus Rex*, by Sophocles, with Alumnae Week End on June 7-9 concluding commencement activities.

—Ethel Broderick

Ursinus College Standing Reaffirmed by Association

DR. NORMAN E. MCCLURE, president of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania, has been informed that the accreditation of Ursinus College has been reaffirmed. After a careful survey of the college by a committee headed by President John C. Adams,

of Hofstra College, early in the term, the Commission on Higher Education in the Middle Atlantic States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools told Dr. McClure and the college community that Ursinus had preserved its traditional place on the list of accredited institutions.

The social season for undergraduates came to a climax with the annual May Day celebration and presentation of the Dramatic Club play. This year Mrs. Sondra Kruse Smith ruled over the festivities as May Queen, the first time for a number of years that a married student was chosen for the honor. The traditional pageant, softball game, picnic supper, band concert, and dramatic performance (this year of Samuel Taylor's *Sabrina Fair*) rounded out the day.

Two honorary degrees were awarded at the commencement day exercises on June 10. Clarence A. Warden, president of Superior Tubing Company, Collegeville, Pennsylvania, received the degree of doctor of laws; and Dr. Morton J. Oppenheimer, an Ursinus alumnus who is professor of physiology at Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, received the degree of doctor of science.

—A. G. Kershner, Jr.

Justice Douglas Gives F and M North Lectures

THE ANNUAL North Lectures at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, were delivered by the Honorable William O. Douglas, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, on May 7 and 8, on the subject "The Bill of Rights."

The Honorable Mr. Douglas is well known for his opinions and his stands on such major issues as religious liberty, self-incrimination, due process in loyalty hearings, and speech, censorship, and orthodoxy. He made references to all of these issues during the course of his lectures.

The following honorary degrees were awarded at the annual commencement on June 10: Dr. Barnaby Conrad Keeney, president of Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, doctor of laws; Dr. Louis Booker

Wright, director of the Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, D. C., doctor of literature; Rev. John Breneman Frantz, an alumnus of Franklin and Marshall College and pastor of Trinity Church, Pottstown, Pennsylvania, doctor of divinity; and Rev. Franklin Detweiler Slifer, an alumnus of Franklin and Marshall College and pastor of Maxatawny Church, Tipton, Pennsylvania, doctor of divinity.

The baccalaureate speaker was Dr. James Muilenburg, professor of Hebrew and the cognate languages at Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

—Charles D. Spotts

Dean Gunnemann to Direct Mission House Program

DR. LOUIS H. GUNNEMANN, dean of Mission House Theological Seminary, Plymouth, Wisconsin, has been named director of the seminary's development program. He will continue to serve as dean and professor but will

be relieved of some of his administrative and teaching duties.

In his new post, Dr. Gunnemann will direct the carrying out of the seminary's plan adopted by the seminary board and endorsed by the General Council of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The plan calls for an expansion in faculty, curriculum, and facilities in order to serve an increased enrollment. It also calls for a continued study of the role the seminary is to play in meeting the needs of the church today and tomorrow.

On June 2, Mission House conferred 11 bachelor of divinity degrees and two certificates of graduation upon its 1957 graduates. Dr. R. Pierce Beaver, of the Federated Theological Faculty, University of Chicago, delivered the commencement address.

In May Rev. Richard Rettig, of St. Peter's, Pittsburgh, gave three lectures at the seminary on the theme "The Place of Spiritual Healing in the Church Today." The lectures, to which area ministers of all denominations

were invited, were part of the seminary's continuing efforts to focus thought on topics of special concern to the church.

—Tom Townsend

James Wagner Addresses 44 Eden Graduates

ON JUNE 5, forty-four students received their diplomas at the 107th commencement at Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri. The sermon was delivered by the president of the church, Dr. James E. Wagner.

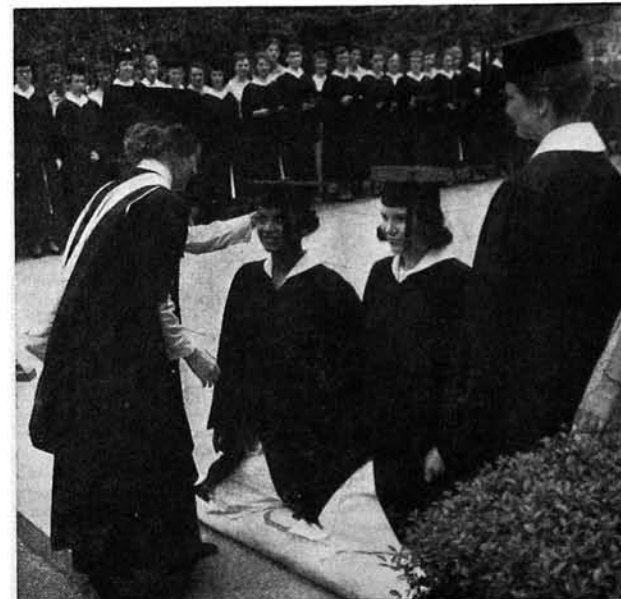
Four denominations beside the Evangelical and Reformed Church were represented in the graduating class. The 44 graduates are from 16 states and two foreign countries. Most of the students have been called to serve in local church pastorates, which extend from California to New York. Two graduates will serve in the Armed Forces as chaplains, one will teach in a college, another will do social work in a city mission, and several will do postgraduate work in this country and in Europe.

Six men were granted the honorary degree of doctor of divinity. Rev. Rodney Heckman, of Trinity United Church, Buffalo; Rev. Harold Peters Schultz, of St. Louis, long associated with the Hospital Ministry Program; and the Very Rev. Sidney E. Sweet, former dean of Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, were present to receive their degrees. Other degrees were granted *in absentia* to Oberkirchener Heinz Kloppenburg, adviser to President Wilm of the Church of Westphalia; Rev. Gurbach Singh, director of the Gass Memorial Center, Rairpur, India; and Pastor Juergen Wilhelm Winterhager, executive secretary of the Ecumenical Commission for Central and East Germany.

—Oscar J. Rumpf

Massanutten Postpones Dormitory Dedication

THE DEDICATION of the new Howard Johnston Benchoff Hall at Massanutten Academy, Woodstock, Virginia, originally scheduled for this spring, has been postponed until fall to coincide with the traditional homecoming exercises held yearly at the academy.



Students Mary Lou Portlock (left) and Miriam Odell kneel before Dean Nellie Manges during annual vesting service at Cedar Crest College, while Virginia Lapham (right) and other seniors and lower classmen look on.

The 58th commencement exercises were observed on May 31 and June 1 and 2, with 65 seniors receiving diplomas and certificates of graduation. Although the graduates are principally from the United States, there are also included two from Venezuela, one from

Puerto Rico, and one from Turkey. J. Roger Deas, Atlantic representative of the American Can Company and past president of the California Junior Chamber of Commerce, was the commencement speaker.

One hundred and eighty boys be-

tween the ages of eight and 14 are enrolled for all or part of Camp Lupton's next season, beginning June 22. The camp, owned and operated by the academy, is located one and one-half miles from the school, on the Shenandoah River. —Robert J. Benchhoff

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FRED HOSKINS AND JAMES E. WAGNER HONORED

Dr. Fred Hoskins, minister and secretary of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, and Dr. James E. Wagner, president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, were among six clergymen awarded honorary degrees at the recent commencement exercises at Chicago Theological Seminary.

The other men receiving degrees were Dr. Anton T. Boisen, chaplain, State Hospital, Elgin, Illinois; Dr. Samuel C. Kincheloe, president, Tougaloo Southern Christian College, Tougaloo, Mississippi; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama; and Dr. Kenneth E. Seim, of Colonial Church of Edina (Congregational Christian), Minneapolis.

Dr. Hoskins' citation reads as follows: *Fred Hoskins*, skilled in the reconciling use of the timely word that clarifies the thinking of a group, and of the imaginative proposal that untangles tense and complex situations; believer and practitioner in the Protestant paradox of the ministry of all believers; bringer to the national stage of the life of our churches of the fine arts of leadership, first worked out in ministries to local congregations and to ecclesiastical agencies; symbol and sturdy supporter of a new kind of union of churches that may well prove significant for American Protestantism.

Dr. Wagner's citation reads as follows: *James Edgar Wagner*, pastor and theological teacher, ecclesiastical administrator in a day when historic companies of Christian people are proposing to walk together in a new combination, but still along the common way of Christ; forthright, forceful, and patient leader; consecrated, critical churchman.

PROPOSE STRATEGY FOR CHURCH SOCIAL WELFARE

A broad Protestant program that may have a profound effect upon the future of American social welfare was drawn

up by 400 interdenominational experts meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey, May 7-10.

It was a first-time conference on policy and strategy in social welfare called by the Department of Social Welfare and the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches. Its decisions are referred back to the constituent denominations and National Council units for final approval.

Conference Chairman Dr. Leonard Mayo, internationally known welfare leader, declared that the program would be especially relevant to the 17 million Americans aided through the billion dollar a year Protestant welfare enterprise. Dr. Mayo, a Congregational Christian, is director of the Association for the Aid of Crippled Children and chairman of the National Council department.

The conference spelled out longstanding differences between the Protestant churches and social workers, with a view toward reconciling them, pointing out that this historic estrangement has been partially overcome. They offered guiding principles for their future relationship with each other as well as with government and nonsectarian agencies.

Some 40 representatives of the Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational Christian churches attended the conference.

The conference sharply defined the role and function of the churches in welfare, declaring that they have a duty to protect the well-being and social justice of all people, in accord with the Christian concept of love. It was urged that priority be given to the following list of needs:

1. Strengthening family life, overcoming juvenile delinquency, expanding services to children, working with mothers and unmarried parents.

2. Adequate housing for all, without discrimination.

3. Justice and equality of opportunity among the races in all areas of life.

4. Service and facilities for physical and mental health, including the needs of the physically handicapped and chronically ill. Wholesome recreation facilities for all age groups.

5. Development of new opportunities for the aging.

6. Physical and spiritual rehabilitation of prisoners, drug addicts, and alcoholics.

7. More and better schools open to all children.

8. Assistance to migrant laborers, Indian Americans, and recent immigrants.

9. Development of genuine community life, transcending divisions of society.

10. Conservation and development of natural resources.

11. A just and peaceful world order, including economic and political freedom and prevention of atomic pollution.

NEW SURVEY REPORTED ON INTERFAITH MARRIAGES

The increased number of interfaith marriages in America has been paralleled by a sharp rise in the divorce rate, according to new evidence compiled by two University of Pennsylvania sociologists and published in a recent issue of *McCall's Magazine*.

The survey, made by Drs. James Bossard and Eleanor Stoker Boll, revealed these major marriage trends:

One-half of all United States church members marry out of their faith. Half of all mixed marriages in the United States involve Catholics.

When both partners are of the same faith, the average divorce rate is 6.6 per cent; when the two are of different faiths, the rate jumps to 15.2 per cent.

The study showed that three out of

10 marriages performed by the Roman Catholic Church are interfaith. Another 15 to 25 per cent of marriages involving Catholics are without official Catholic permission.

Protestant interfaith marriages are also increasing. A study of the Lutheran Church by Dr. Bossard showed that 58 per cent of the members are marrying outside their own church.

The religious training of children usually provides the greatest source of friction. The real test of an interfaith marriage is usually how parents meet this problem. Some parents try to divide their children's religious education by saying such things as: "You take the boys, and I'll take the girls."

Dr. Bossard found that, "A choice by sex or by number is dangerously divisible. It separates male and female older and younger into two camps. It often results in sex hostility as well as religious hostility."

Interfaith marriages can and do succeed, but couples have to work harder at them, said the report.

UCVM SPONSORS TV PROGRAM FOR SUMMER

Under the subtitle, "The Seeking Years," a summer religious TV program for young people is being shown on CBS channels each Sunday morning at 10:30 A.M., EDT. Sponsored by the United Christian Youth Movement and produced in cooperation with the National Council's Broadcasting and Film Commission, the dramatic series explores problems confronting teen-agers. It is hoped that the program will reach young people who are not now related to the churches.

CAUTIONS CHURCHES ON MASS COMMUNICATIONS

A Protestant official, in a recent address, warned churches against putting too much faith in mass communications, which he called "essentially a nondemocratic process."

"When millions are gathered to hear one voice over radio or television, a good many individual voices are silenced as a consequence," said Rev. Everett C. Parker, of New York, director of the Congregational Christian Churches' Office of Communication.

He spoke to an interdenominational workshop on communications sponsored by his denomination at Union Theological Seminary, New York.

Mass communications media do not let people "test and argue and reach a judgment through democratic person-to-person involvement," Mr. Parker said.



Following her ordination as the first woman minister in the New York Presbytery, Mrs. Elizabeth Sullivan Ehling is greeted by Dr. James H. Robinson, pastor of the interracial Church of the Master, New York. Mrs. Ehling had been director of Christian education and is now assistant minister there.

"They surround the audience member with ready-made intellectual goods, just as they do with ready-made food and cigarettes and soap. He has no more share in shaping his ideas than he has in making his material goods."

Although religious groups must use mass communications, Mr. Parker said, "We are not justified in using them to substitute the impersonal ministry of our broadcasters for the personal experience of the Christian community, which is the local church."

FIND NEW YORKERS TALKING ABOUT RELIGION

New Yorkers are talking about religion "with a freedom they have not felt for many a year" as the result of Billy Graham's evangelistic crusade, the president of the Protestant Council of the City of New York said. The council is sponsoring Mr. Graham's rallies in Madison Square Garden.

Dr. Phillips P. Elliott added that "Billy Graham has become the symbol of a re-thinking of one's convictions, a redefinition of one's life." The appraisal was made in the council's first evaluation report of the Garden meetings as Mr. Graham entered the third week of his New York crusade.

At the same time Dr. Elliott announced the appointment of Rev. Louis F. Suedmeyer as the Council's first full-time executive director in the field of evangelism.

Mr. Suedmeyer, who assumed office on June 1, will coordinate the work of the clergy and laity in the over-all program of visitation evangelism following

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the crusade. He will work closely with the Billy Graham team to develop a program of evangelism that will "capitalize on the enthusiasm that is being developed through the crusade for the strengthening of the churches." Mr. Suedmeyer had a similar assignment with the Kansas Council of Churches before moving to New York. He is a minister in the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

AGRICULTURAL MISSIONS, INC., HELPS CROPS OVERSEAS

Agricultural Missions, Inc., an interdenominational body, sponsored more than 25 conferences abroad last year at which delegates planned programs to raise standards of living and to improve farmers' crops, livestock, and soil. They were attended by more than 1,000 missionaries, church leaders, and government officials.

Areas where the meetings took place included Mexico, Cuba, Costa Rica, the Middle East, India, Indonesia, Korea, Japan, Africa, and the Philippines.

Agricultural Missions is related to the National Council of Churches' Division of Foreign Missions. It is supported by 30 major United States Protestant denominations, including the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

A great increase of interest among young people in careers as agricultural missionaries is reported. There are now some 240 full-time missionaries abroad working to improve foreign agriculture and home economics.

SENATORS ASK CHURCHES TO COMBAT DELINQUENCY

The Senate subcommittee investigating juvenile delinquency, reporting that more than half a million children were involved in the courts last year, urged churches to play a more active role in combating youthful lawbreaking.

A report covering its investigations in 1955-56 was filed by Senator Estes Kefauver (D-Tennessee), chairman of the subcommittee in the 84th Congress. Senator Thomas C. Hennings, Jr. (D-Missouri), present chairman, said that the probe is continuing.

The report said that the subcommittee "agrees with many churchmen who appeared during our hearings, and who have written to us, that the church should join the social service organizations to attack the problem of juvenile delinquency on a united basis."

Among the suggestions made by the subcommittee was that "weekday, church, and Sunday school activities

should be planned and conducted on a larger scale than at present to bring the church into greater contact with the delinquent and potential delinquent."

It also urged churches to form discussion groups to bring about a better understanding of parent-child problems and sponsor remedial instruction classes to help children in trouble.

The Senators proposed that every church keep referral information as to clinics, doctors, psychiatrists, literature, and books that are available to help parents whose children get into trouble. Churches should do more in specific

guidance for teen-agers, the subcommittee suggested. It urged them to set up "groups within each church, staffed by competent counselors to guide youngsters and answer such questions as those dealing with the nature of God, the meaning of the church, moral implications of military service, choice of a vocation, personal morality, sex, and preparation for marriage."

Another subcommittee proposal was that church people take an interest in legislation dealing with juvenile delinquency. The Senators observed that "churches can many times be the best

instrument for supporting such legislation as that dealing with family and juvenile courts, improvement in the quality of the school and in the quality and compensation of teachers, abolishment of slums, and curtailment of irresponsible publicity by such mass media as television, radio, comic books, and journalism."

Church and Sunday school members should be more active in "the role of sponsoring juveniles detained in institutions," the subcommittee said, adding that such activity can be an important factor in rehabilitation.

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The vesper services at Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois, July 9-12, will be conducted by Mrs. George P. Ellerbrake, of New Orleans, who is fourth vice-president of the Women's Guild. Mrs. Ellerbrake will also conduct these services at Doane College, Crete, Nebraska, July 16-19.

Frances Kapitzky, of Strasburg, Ohio, personnel committee chairman of the Women's Guild, will be at Hood College, Frederick, Maryland, July 16-19, and at Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana, July 23-26.

Mrs. Guy A. Benchoff, of Woodstock, Virginia, president of the Women's Guild, will be the vesper speaker at Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Pennsylvania, July 23-26.

India Women Hold Leadership Institute

*World traveler key speaker in training school
made possible by summer conference-inspired gift*

The following letter was sent by Naomi E. Blalock, missionary at Mahasamund, Madhya Pradesh, India, to Mrs. Clair V. Rhodes, wife of the pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania, and former membership chairman of the Women's Guild.

During her most recent furlough, Miss Blalock studied at Cornell University and, among other duties, was fraternal delegate at Women's Guild summer conferences. Because of the significance of this letter, Mrs. Rhodes shares it with us.

Dear Eloise:

When I was at Cedar Crest [summer conference, a woman] asked me about our common interest in women's work. I talked with her about my hopes of having a leadership training institute for the officers of our women's groups out here when I returned. She later sent me two checks . . . to cover the cost. It was impossible to plan it last year, because the right time is early in February after the January elections for the year.

Already last August I contacted Felicia

Sunderial, who traveled around the world with Mrs. David E. Baker and Mrs. James E. Wyker, and who is now doing promotional work among women in North India. I asked her to be our speaker.

Do you know her? She is so charming, dynamic—and her enthusiasm is contagious. After our Women's Committee met in December, we got to work on plans, and I was most anxious to try out some of the ideas and techniques I had learned at Cornell University as well as seen in operation in conferences at home. When Felicia came and we talked over the program, we were both delighted that our ideas and plans ran along the same lines.

There were 46 of us together for three days, and we had a wonderful time. Many of the women had left their homes and children. Only two women brought babies (10 years ago there would have been half as many babies as women!). These are all women who are leaders in their various groups, well aware of the problems they face. They recognized this [training institute] as an effort to help them meet their needs and solve their problems, and they worked away.

We even dramatized (Lela Wasser's group) a "bad" meeting for them with all of its faults, and so on. Then we appointed a committee from among those present to dramatize a "good" meeting. It was amazing to get the feel of the whole group as they followed through their meeting. They pointed out the good points, but they also picked it to pieces, which indicated that they had received a lot from their three days together.

And where do you come in? Each one of those women went home with a copy of ABCs of Good Meetings translated into Hindi, and also a copy of Guide for Leaders of the Women's Guild, with adaptations and some omissions! [Editor's Note: Mrs. Rhodes is the author of both these publications.]

In the evaluation afterwards, the women were quick to point out that "women all talking at the same time waste time. We should learn the method of raising our hands when we want to talk and wait until we are given our turn to speak." Such an institute would not have been possible 10 years ago. However, to this grand bunch of young women coming along now as leaders, it has meant a great deal to have this training institute.

I was so surprised at the response we got; women from way out in Prakashpur, where Lela Wasser used to be, had

to walk through a wide, sandy river bed and wade through what is left of the river at this time of the year to get here.

One young woman, with two small children, took two days' leave from her teaching position to come. She brought her children with her and called her own mother from her village to take care of them. Her mother-in-law, with whom she came to stay, is the president of our women's group and was attending the meetings.

It was a most inspiring thing for me and challenging, too. Six of us stayed up here in the bungalow. We had our breakfast here, but all other meals with the group. After the evening program, over a cup of coffee or some fruit, we had grand fellowship. It certainly took me back to the wonderful times I had at the Women's Guild summer conferences, and I am so grateful that I could have a part in making this possible for our women out here.

With love,
Naomi

A LITTLE monthly bulletin of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Hello, reports that George Washington died on Saturday night, December 14, 1799. The announcement which appeared in his hometown paper, the Alexandria Times,

The Little Blue Box

The following letter was received in the Women's Guild office recently from Roy I. Madsen, secretary of the American Bible Society, which maintains offices at 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York. The appreciation expressed here refers to a gift of \$1,000 designated by the Women's Guild from the unallocated 1956 Thank Offering. Such allocations were made at the March meeting of the board of directors.

Dear Miss Partridge:

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!

What a delightful surprise it was to receive your letter. . . . We appreciate more than we can say the \$1,000 which you have allocated to the American Bible Society from your 1956 Thank Offering!

Please be assured that this has already been put to immediate use. There has probably never been a greater evidence of the power of and need for the Bible than has been shown by the thousands of requests for Scriptures received by the American Bible Society from the

was picked up the following Wednesday by the weekly Virginia Sentinel and on Thursday by the Philadelphia Aurora.

On Saturday the 21st, a week later, the news broke in New York, and on Christmas the story was printed in Boston.

Slowly the news seeped westward. It was not until January of 1800 that the people of Ohio read about it in their local papers!

Contrast this with the promptness of the news of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's death. The news traveled at a rate of about 186,000 miles per second.

We want women to know now (at the speed of 186,000 miles per second!) that the Women's Guild 1957 Annual Report and Minutes of the Board of Directors is published and has been mailed to local, regional, and synodical presidents.

Within its pages is the record of a year's growth of the women's work of our communion. Pictures of the board of directors and a back cover announcing the main features of the Fourth Quadrennial Meeting, to be held in St. Louis, November 19-22, 1957, are two interesting parts of this publication.

Additional copies are available—send 50 cents to the Women's Guild, 2969 West 25th Street, Cleveland 13, Ohio.



desperate and homeless refugees in many parts of the world.

You will be interested in knowing that, because of this help which you have given us, the Bible Societies are now able immediately to answer the emergency request for 60 tons of paper on which to print Bibles in Hungary.

Please convey . . . our expression of gratitude for this most timely help.

May God's richest blessings be upon you and your associates in the significant days which are ahead of you.

Cordially,
Roy I. Madsen
Secretary

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Bible study by ROBERT V. MOSS, JR.

Prison That Brought Freedom

What the world or the untinking may deem disaster, God often turns to blessing

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE

IN AN account of the work of the scholars who translated the Revised Standard Version of the Old Testament, Dean Luther A. Weigle tells us that throughout the work of the committee there was one Hebrew word the translation of which could not be decided. This word was the word *chesed*, usually translated in the King James Version by "lovingkindness." As it had been discussed in committee meeting, several translations had been proposed: "kindness," "covenant loyalty," "steadfast love." But it was very difficult for the members of the committee to come to an agreement. Finally, on the last day of the last session, it was agreed that the term in most cases was to be translated as "steadfast loyalty" and sometimes as "steadfast love."

This word is an important one in the vocabulary of the Old Testament. Most often it is used to describe the relationship which exists between two parties who are in covenant with one another. Each has a right to expect *chesed* or "steadfast loyalty" from the other. Thus Israel believed that Yahweh would always stand by his people, since he had granted her the covenant. On the other hand, she knew that it was her duty to be steadfastly faithful to him through uprightness and through worship of Yahweh alone.

It was only later in her history that the people began to think of "steadfast loyalty" in terms of keeping specific commandments. And as time passed, they began to feel that God was *bound* to uphold them if they observed the commandments in the Law. It is for this reason that the prophets have little to say about the covenant relationship and that Jeremiah and Ezekiel begin to speak of a "new covenant" which God will make with his people. And, going even further, it is because Judaism had become a "contractual" kind of religion, in which loyalty to God had become little more than observing command-

ments, that the Son of God came to reveal to men the gracious love of the Father.

This word *chesed* is used in the story of Joseph to tell of God's relationship with him while he is in prison: "But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him *steadfast love*, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison" (Genesis 39:21). It will be remembered that after he had been sold into slavery in Egypt, Joseph was tempted by Potiphar's wife. And though he resisted her advances and thus was upright in the sight of the Lord, this did not mean that his life was simply a paved highway to success. Though God was with him, Joseph was cast into prison.

IT IS at this point that many of us need to read our Bibles more carefully these days. With the growing emphasis upon the religion of peace, happiness, joy, and success, we are likely to forget that the biblical faith has an entirely different perspective on life. For, like the Pharisees and the legalists of old, we have begun to think that if we "keep the commands" we shall have what we want. And sometimes these commands are far less demanding than the Ten



President Eisenhower presents to Hugo Deffner (right), of St. Luke's Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, the annual President's trophy and plaque for the "Handicapped Man of the Year." Mr. Deffner, crippled by polio, was cited for his one-man campaign to have architects design churches and similar public buildings with street-level entrances convenient for use by the physically handicapped. Like many people, he is finding that God may use one's handicaps to bless others.

Commandments. For example, "Believe in yourself." That's not a difficult commandment. It comes quite naturally to most of us, and we are inclined to think that the person who doesn't believe in

himself is on the verge of mental illness. But the biblical faith says, "Believe in God."

Or take the suggestion that if you want to be a success all you have to do is to say (with conviction, of course), "I believe" three times each morning upon arising. But the Old Testament is more realistic than this. No doubt Joseph was upright; no doubt he believed in Yahweh; yet he found himself behind prison bars.

It's at this point that our contemporary "do-it-yourself" religion breaks down. Even though we may believe in ourselves fervently, even though we may say "I believe" faithfully each morning, we may find ourselves where we do not wish to be. And when we do, we are likely to say, "What's wrong? Maybe my faith just wasn't strong enough. Per-

haps I had better start saying 'I believe' four times each morning!"

But biblical religion is more realistic. For it sees that no matter how upright a man may be or how fervently he may believe, he may find himself in situations in which he should prefer not to be: Joseph in prison, Jeremiah in a cistern, Jesus bearing a cross, Paul receiving the 40 lashes minus one.

But this is not the unique thing about biblical religion. Rather, the unique thing is the faith that, even in such circumstances, God shows steadfast love. He is there upholding, guiding, strengthening. And no matter what our prison may be—persecution, illness, isolation, frustration, failure—God comes to us in steadfast love if we will but open the eyes and ears of our spirits to behold him.

JOSEPH, MAN OF MERCY

THE SCENE in which Joseph makes himself known to his brothers is one of the high points in the Genesis narrative. It comes as the climax of the story of Joseph and should not be read apart from the accounts of his dreams, of his being sold into slavery, and of his rise to power. The story has a remarkable unity, and one cannot read it without a feeling of suspense as it moves toward its climax.

It is not difficult to imagine what must have been the feelings of the brothers when they discovered that it was Joseph who was confronting them. No doubt they had been tortured in their conscience ever since they had sold him into slavery. If we recall the strong sense of solidarity which bound the ancient Hebrew family together, we can well imagine that they had suffered greatly as they had beheld their father's grief.

In fact, the Genesis narrator makes it clear that they were deeply aware of their guilt. When they stand before Joseph, the governor of Egypt, the first time and he demands that they leave Simeon as a hostage and bring Benjamin to him, they say to one another, "In truth we are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he besought us and we would not listen; therefore is this distress come upon us" (Genesis 42:21).

What must have been their thoughts when Joseph, unable to control himself

any more, said, "I am Joseph; is my father still alive?" It is doubtful that they really covered in fear, although they knew that he had power to take vengeance upon them. Actually, he had treated them mercifully, beyond all that they had a right to expect when they thought him simply the governor of Egypt.

They knew that he did not intend to harm them. But they saw themselves as they were. And it is only when we see our guilt in the light of mercy and forgiveness that we realize how deep and terrible our guilt is.

BUT IT is Joseph who commands our attention. Despite the fact that he had been betrayed by his brothers, had been thrown in prison unjustly, and had been separated from the father whom he loved, he holds no ill-feeling against his brothers. He is overjoyed at seeing them again and longs to be reconciled to them.

And so he says, "Come near to me, I pray you. . . . I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life" (Genesis 45:4f.).

Here we discover the secret of Joseph's life. Even though he had suffered adversity and affliction, he knew that God had a plan for his life and that "in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). And though perhaps it had been diffi-

cult for him to understand God's purpose for his life while he was a slave and while he was in prison, as he looked back over the course of his life he saw that God's will for his life had not been frustrated, not even by the evil deed of his brothers or by an unjust imprisonment.

Somehow it all seemed to fit together in a way that he couldn't have foreseen and yet which was purposeful and in accordance with God's plan.

TO BE sure, we do not have the very words of the historical Joseph here. The story is told by a narrator in a much later period. And yet there is no reason to doubt that Joseph would have seen the events in this way. The perspective which is reflected here is deeply rooted in the history and tradition of Israel.

Thus the narrator can look back and reason as follows:

1. If Joseph had not been sold into slavery by his brothers, he would not have become governor of Egypt.
2. If Joseph had not been governor of Egypt when famine threatened the family of Jacob in Canaan, Jacob and his family might have perished.
3. Had Jacob and his sons perished, there would have been no chosen nation, no Israel, no 12 tribes.
4. Therefore, the selling of Joseph into slavery helped to fulfill God's purpose in history.

To be sure, we do not characteristically think in this way today. And we should notice that God's plan in detail is always discovered *after* the events which bring it to fulfillment. That God has a plan for our lives, that our destiny is fellowship with him, we must always affirm. But how that plan is to be fulfilled is only revealed to us a step at a time.

It is William Cowper who reminds us of the mystery of God's ways:

*God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps on the sea,
And rides upon the storm.*

*Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break
In blessings on your head.*

*Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan his work in vain;
God is his own Interpreter,
And he will make it plain.*

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LET'S TALK IT OVER

- Does God have favorites for whom he makes life easy?
- Are God's blessings contingent on what we do?
- Why do apparently good people often have trouble?
- What's wrong with doing wrong, if "good" comes of it?
- How can we get a sense of life's "fitting together"?

For help in answering these and other questions, read Genesis 39—50:26, together with the discussion on these pages.

Within the Denomination

The Evangelical and Reformed Church

New Midwest Synod Approved

Iowa and Nebraska synods in joint action set up merger to be effective July 1

by ERNST PRESS

THE MAJOR action at the joint session of Iowa Synod and Nebraska Synod, at the Hotel Savery, Des Moines, Iowa, May 15 to 17, was the adoption of a resolution dissolving the two synods and setting up a merged synod to be known as Midwest Synod. The action will go into effect on July 1, 1957. Newly elected officers are: Rev. Ernst Press, Burlington, Iowa, full-time president; Rev. Henry G. Held, of Grace Church, Sioux City, Iowa, vice-president; Rev. Herbert W. Barten, of St. Paul's, Wheatland, Iowa, secretary; J. Milton Rasche, a member of Zion Church, Burlington, Iowa, treasurer; and George Eckert, a member of Western Hills Church, Omaha, Nebraska, lay member. Synod also voted to make \$4,000 for salary and allowances, plus parsonage, the minimum for full-time pastors in synod.

SYNOD TREASURER

W. H. Witte, a member of Zion Church, Lowden, Iowa (Rev. Norman S. Roberts, pastor) and treasurer of Iowa Synod since its inception in 1940, was honored at synod meeting for 25 years of service to his church and synod. Mr. Witte served as treasurer of the Iowa District of the former Evangelical Synod of North America from 1932 until the formation of Iowa Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. He has served as treasurer of synod from that date. During this period he represented synod at every General Synod except one and served for six years as a member of the Board of Business Management of the denomination. Mr. Witte was presented with a citation and a gift.

NEW IOWA CITY CHURCH

Synod's committee on national missions has announced that work has been started on a new church in Iowa City, Iowa. The Board of National Missions has allocated funds for the purchase of a site and parsonage, and the committee is at present making a survey of possible sites. A call has been extended to Rev. E. Eugene Wetzel, of Rimersburg, Penn-



W. H. Witte

sylvania, who will begin work about August 1. The new church is to be located in the southeastern part of the city, where a new industrial and residential area is developing.

NEW HOME FOR AGED

The Good Samaritan Home of Quincy, Illinois, Rev. Elmer M. Gumper, superintendent, a home for the aged built and sponsored by synod, has opened its doors to residents and will soon be filled to capacity. The new



Iowa Synod's Good Samaritan Home recently opened its doors at Quincy, Illinois

buildings are to be dedicated some time soon. The home was constructed at a cost of about \$450,000.

RURAL PILGRIMAGES

The rural church committee of synod conducted two rural church pilgrimages, one in the Donnellson, Iowa, area and another in the Bennett, Iowa, area during the last week in May. In connection with the pilgrimages, two rural church institutes were held, one at Sigourney, Iowa, and another at Cedar Falls, Iowa, in the same week. Rev. C. Gene Kuehl, pastor of Primrose-Franklin Charge; Dr. Claude J. Snyder, of the town and country department of the Board of National Missions; Rev. Donald Koontz, of Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, and the writer were leaders.

CONFERENCE ON HEALTH

Synod's committee on church and ministry convened a pastors' conference on religion and health at the Evangelical Hospital, Marshalltown, Iowa, Rev. Helmut C. Buchmueller, superintendent. Dr. Richard Rettig, of St. Peter's (N.S.), Pittsburgh, spoke on "Spiritual Healing," and Rev. Russell Striffler, chaplain of the Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, spoke on pastoral care for the sick. The program was arranged by and under the direction of Mr. Buchmueller.

WEHRLI TV SERIES

The Wehrli TV series on the Old Testament is being telecast on station KRNT, Des Moines, at 10:30 A.M. each Sunday. The officials of the station have been notified that it is the first station in the country to use the series. Negotiations are in progress to put the series on several other stations in Iowa.

Churches to Serve Community Together

Kansas City Synod approves plan of agreement by congregations crossing denominational lines

ST. JOHN'S, Alida, Kansas, is one of three churches which have adopted a working agreement to cooperate in serving the Alida-Upland community, Junction City, Kansas. This agreement was approved by Kansas City Synod at its spring meeting, held May 14 to 16.

The churches include one of the Evangelical United Brethren and one of the Methodist denominations. They have agreed to work and worship together, and to alternate in calling ministers between the Evangelical and Reformed and the Evangelical United Brethren churches. Rev. Donald Frogge, the present pastor, is a member of the E.U.B. Church. The agreement was perfected and approved after numerous conferences, including counsel from Dr. John W. Mueller, vice-president and attorney for the church, and the department of town and country church of the Board of National Missions.

SYNOD MEETING

The synod meeting was held in the newly dedicated educational unit of St. Luke's, Independence, Missouri, Rev. Arthur J. Schneider, pastor.

The newly organized congregation at the Chapel, Columbia, Missouri, was welcomed into membership at the meeting. Rev. Robert F. Richter, Jr., is the pastor.

Dr. John R. C. Haas, of St. John's, Evansville, served as the denominational representative and also preached the sermon at the opening service. Rev. Theodore Hauck, of Salem Church, Higginsville, Missouri, served as moderator, and Rev. Arthur E. Limpert, of Mayview, Missouri, as vice-moderator. The following were elected as new officers of synod: Rev. Alvin O. Engelmann, of Bethany Church, Hiawatha, Kansas, secretary; and Homer Gerstenberger, of Eudora, Kansas, lay member of the synodical council. E. W. Rodenberger, of Lexington, Missouri, had served in this capacity for six years.

Action was taken toward the establishment of a home for the aged within synod.

Among the guests at the synod meeting was Rev. Daniel J. Schler, missionary to Africa, on leave in the United States because of illness. Fraternal greetings from the Congregational Christian Churches were brought by Rev. Ken-

neth Martin, of Welburn Community Church, Kansas City, Kansas.

BLUE SPRINGS DAY

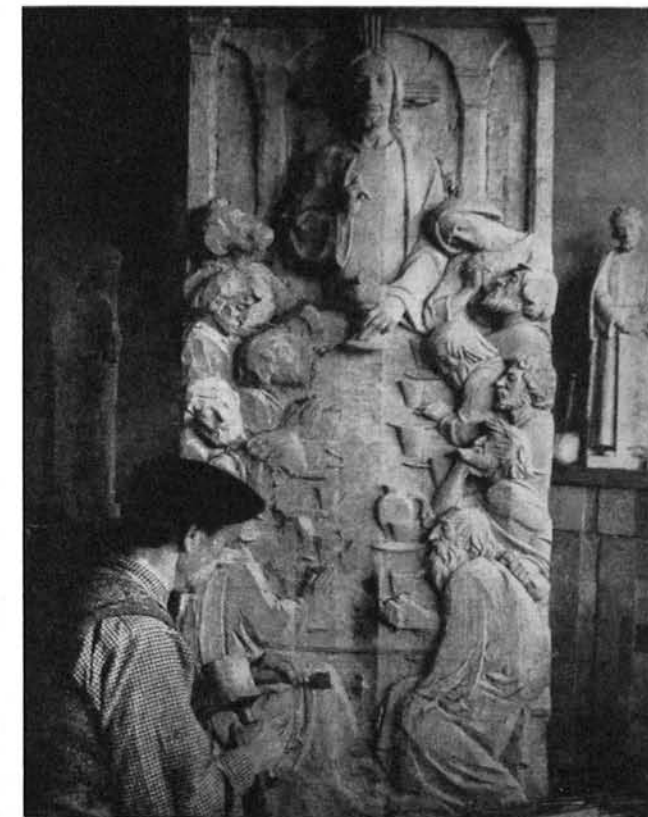
The offering received at synod meeting was designated for the Blue Springs Pastors' Home, the cottage community near Kansas City maintained for retired

ministers by the Board of Pensions and Relief.

The annual Blue Springs Day will be observed on September 22, with a worship service at 3:00 P.M., followed by a fellowship gathering at the Home.

DEDICATION

The new educational unit at St. Luke's, Independence, was dedicated March 31, with the writer as guest speaker. Heads of organizations and neighboring pastors also brought messages. An informal open house was held in the afternoon. The building,



Focal point of the reconstructed chancel of Central Church, Jefferson City, Missouri, is a carving of the Lord's Supper, located behind and above the altar. Shown at work on the carving is the sculptor, Johann Baptist Delago, of Oberammergau, Germany. The renovated structure was rededicated June 2.

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the first unit in a relocation program, provides 13,700 square feet of floor space at a cost of \$123,000.

On June 2 the congregation of Central Church, Jefferson City, Missouri, dedicated its enlarged and remodeled church building. The writer spoke at the dedication service. Other participants were Rev. Robert G. Herrmann, host pastor, and Rev. Edwin W. Berlekamp, of Jefferson City, a former pastor of the congregation. The \$215,000 building program included the addition of a chancel to the church, the purchase of a new, 45-rank Layton organ, new pews

and furnishings, the provision of a prayer chapel, and the complete remodeling of the basement of the building to provide a church parlor and more adequate educational facilities.

Central Church will observe its centennial next year. Rev. Joseph Rieger, a pioneer pastor of the Evangelical Synod of North America, was the first pastor.

BROTHERHOOD

At the spring meeting of the Western Kansas Federation of Brotherhoods, held in Trinity Church, Hudson, Kansas, Dr. Huber F. Klemme, executive secretary of

the Commission on Christian Social Action, was the guest speaker. Rev. Victor W. Engelmann is the pastor.

The annual spring rally of the Greater Kansas City Federation of Brotherhoods will be held at Unity Village, June 29 and 30.

SUMMER CAMPS

Camp Kanebwa, jointly sponsored by Kansas City, Nebraska, and Iowa synods at Sabetha, Kansas, for junior and junior high children, is being held for three successive weeks—June 9-15, 16-23, and 23-29. Leadership is shared by the three cooperating synods.

Senior high camp will be held at Park College, Parkville, Missouri, August 18-24. Rev. A. Vernon Kurz, of Fairtown Heights Church, Topeka, Kansas, will be the director, with Rev. Robert G. Herrmann as key leader. Congregational Christian leaders and young people are cooperating in this program.

Under the direction of the committee on Christian education, a youth caravan is being sponsored within synod, beginning June 28.

PASTORS HONORED

Rev. E. H. Beissenherz, who had been pastor of St. Luke's, Wellington, Missouri, for 23 years, was honored by that congregation on his retirement May 5. St. John's, Emma, Missouri, surprised their pastor, Rev. Paul W. Kasper, and his wife by a celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary on May 12. Rev. F. C. Rueggeberg, of St. Paul's, Blackburn, conducted the worship service.

FALL MEETINGS OF SYNOD

Fall meetings of synod will be held: on October 7, at St. John's, Okeene, Oklahoma, Rev. Albert H. Willhouse, Jr., pastor; on October 8, at First Church, Wichita, Kansas, Rev. Martin

Newly Vacant Pulpits

Iowa Synod—St. Paul's, Manly, Iowa.
Mercersburg Synod—Dallastown Charge, Pennsylvania.

Michigan-Indiana Synod—First Church, Goshen, Indiana; Grace Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Nebraska Synod—Zion Church, Talmage, Nebraska.

Reading Synod—Deep Creek Charge; Trinity Church, Pottsville, in Pennsylvania.

Southeast Ohio Synod—St. John's Coshocton, Ohio.

South Wisconsin Synod—Immanuel Church, Dane.

E. Ernst, pastor; on October 9, at Peace Church, Alma, Kansas, Rev. Raymond W. F. Klasing, pastor; on October 10 at Hope Church, Cosby, Missouri, Rev.

Clarence W. Brooks, pastor; and on October 11, at Immanuel Church, Sedalia, Missouri, Rev. Armin F. Klemme, pastor.

Laymen in Panel at Spring Meeting

Leaders in East Pennsylvania Synod discuss federation; policy on union churches adopted

by FRANK W. TESKE

A PANEL DISCUSSION of the Churchmen's Brotherhood Federation by laymen of East Pennsylvania Synod was a feature of synod's spring meeting, held at Christ Church, Hellertown, Rev. Theodore E. Haas, pastor, on May 7 and 8. Participants were Larry Cadwell, R. W. Rice, and Harry Nelson, Jr., all of Bethlehem. Burton B. Seiple, of Memorial Church, Easton, was moderator. Mrs. E. Roy Corman, of Pittsburgh, was the denominational representative.

The sessions were begun with the celebration of Holy Communion, conducted by the host pastor, assisted by Rev. Howard W. Walenta, of Calvary Church, Bethlehem; Rev. Joseph N. Carr, of the Dryland-St. Thomas' Charge, preached the sermon.

One of the actions of synod was the adoption of the Policy on Union Churches, prepared by a committee of members of General Council and the presidents of the Pennsylvania synods. The statement of policy seeks to provide in advance for equitable means to deal with inevitable changes and development of program, and for increased cooperation by synod leaders in helping to meet the attendant problems.

Synod also voted to underwrite its share of the cost of erecting a proposed United Church Center in Harrisburg, as a symbol and a working base for Protestantism in Pennsylvania.

The following people addressed synod: Dr. Charles D. Rockell, of Wescosville, and Rev. William E. Foose, of Allentown, for the Phoebe Home; Rev. Richard H. Winters, for Franklin and Marshall College; Dr. Alfred L. Creager, for Ursinus College; Dr. Clayton H. Chapman, for Cedar Crest College; Rev. Garnet O. Adams, of Womelsdorf, for the Bethany Orphans Home; and Rev. Herman C. Snyder, of Allentown, for the Devitt Home for the Aged. Rev. William T. Longsdorf, of First Church, Palmerton, served as moderator.

MORTGAGE-BURNING

A mortgage-burning ceremony was held May 12 by Grace Church, Beth-

lehem, of the Fountain Hill Charge, Rev. Harold R. Ash, pastor, with the writer preaching. The 49th anniversary of the congregation was also celebrated.

PARSONAGE DEDICATION

The parsonage of Moore Township Charge, Rev. George H. Heil, pastor, was dedicated May 19. Rev. J. William Arnold, of the Church of the Manger, Bethlehem, gave the meditation; Dr. Howard D. Clauss, of Danielsville, pas-



At the dedication of the parsonage of Moore Township Charge are (left to right): Pastors J. William Arnold, Howard D. Clauss, Frank W. Teske, George H. Heil, who serves the charge.

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tor emeritus, addressed the congregation; Mr. Heil conducted the dedication; the writer brought greetings from synod.

Bishop Newbigin to Be Speaker at Elmhurst

BISHOP LESSLIE NEWBIGIN, of the Church of South India, who will be the preacher at the Uniting General Synod in Cleveland on June 26, will give a series of four lectures at the Pastors' Institute to be held on the campus of Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois, July 1 to 5, under the auspices of the Commission on Church and Ministry.

Pastors interested in attending may write directly to the Commission, 2969 W. 25th Street, Cleveland 13, Ohio.

Necrology

DR. EUGENE L. McLEAN, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, former secretary and treasurer of the Board of Pensions and Relief, died May 25, 1957, at the age of eighty-seven, in retirement.

Educated at Ursinus College, Franklin

and Marshall College, and Lancaster Theological Seminary, Dr. McLean was ordained in 1893. After serving as pastor of churches in Philadelphia and Quakertown, Pennsylvania, and Frederick, Maryland, he was elected treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Relief of the former Reformed Church in the United States and in 1938 also assumed the position of secretary.

Ursinus College granted him the degree of doctor of divinity in 1927.

When the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church was organized in 1940, he became its secretary and treasurer and held this office until his retirement in 1943.

Dr. McLean is survived by three daughters.

Rev. William J. Hillman, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, died May 2, 1957, at the age of eighty-four, in retirement. He was educated at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin, and was ordained into the Christian ministry on April 21, 1896, and transferred to the Evangelical Synod in 1927. He served churches in Minnesota, Kentucky, and Indiana. His widow and four daughters survive.

Mrs. Elizabeth T. Hill, of Dayton, Ohio, widow of Rev. Robert Joseph Hill, died April 4, 1957, at the age of eighty-four. Mr. Hill, who died in 1939, spent his entire pastorate serving Springboro Church, Springboro, Ohio. There are no immediate survivors.



Eugene L. McLean

From the Secretary's Office

Changes of Address

Rev. Paul A. Benthin (E) to 305 Glaser Ave., Bellevue, Pittsburgh 2, Pa.

Rev. Lester A. Ehret, 5 S. 4th St., Coplay, Pa., pastor of Trinity Church (former chaplain).

Rev. J. Blaine Fister to 257 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y., associate executive director, Department of Administration and Leadership, National Council of Churches.

Rev. John A. Gerber from Sheboygan, to Moon Beach Camp, Eagle River, Wis. (minister without charge).

Rev. John W. Heistand, Fort Wayne Children's Home, Box 2038, Station "A," Fort Wayne, Ind. (postal change).

Rev. Charles E. Hiatt from Concord, to R. 1, Gibsonville, N. C., pastor of Brightwood Church.

Rev. Reinhard Krause to Box 63, Dover, Ohio (change of residence).

Rev. Raymond M. Maggart from Norwood, Ohio, to 192 Child St., Rochester 11, N. Y., pastor of Trinity Church.

Dr. J. P. Meyer from Webster Groves, Mo., to Fitzwilliam Depot, N. H.

Rev. Arno H. Neuhaus from Zeeland, N. Dak., to Box 23, Goehner, Nebr., pastor of Goehner-Milford Charge.

Rev. Frank A. Rosenberger, 801 Wayne Ave., Wyomissing, Pa. (postal change).

Rev. Glenn E. Schultz, 350 S. Coldbrook Ave., Chambersburg, Pa. (correction).

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Rev. Donald M. Yackie from Lawrenceburg, Ind., to 725 Reid Ave., Lorain, Ohio, pastor of St. John's Church.

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Guide to Good Reading

New economical books coming out for lay people; youth director shares his experience

THE NEW interest of lay people in seeking more knowledge about the deeper theological and religious questions is being met by the publication by a number of booksellers of economical books for "popular" consumption. Among these releases is a series called "Reflection Books," selling at 50c, produced by Association Press.

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Basic Christian Writing, edited by Stanley Stuber. This is a compilation from his longer book, *The Christian Reader*, and contains selections from St. Augustine, St. Francis, Luther, and other great Christian writers, down to Walter Rauschenbusch.

Words to Change Lives, a set of sermon condensations by 25 contemporary preachers, with brief thoughts from 33 others.

A Short Primer for Protestants, by James H. Nichols, an abbreviation of his well-received *Primer for Protestants*.

The Life of Christ in Poetry, compiled by Hazel Davis Clark, from the famous *Christ in Poetry*, by Thomas Curtis Clark, prepared by his widow.

What Christianity Says About Sex, Love, and Marriage, by Roland H. Bainton, a revision of a chapter that appeared in his *Sex and Religion Today*. It discusses points of view inherited from Judaism, reflected in the New Testament, and restated in various periods of church history.

Religious Living, by Georgia Harkness, a revision of a book by the same name published in the Hazen Series.

Since all of these books are restricted to 128 pages, in a 4 1/4 by 6 inch size, and printed in large, readable type, it is apparent that they cannot carry very large selections of the excerpted material. They are not intended for extended study, but for stimulation and devotional reading, and can be helpful for such purposes.

Another series seeking to serve the same need is the Apex Books, published by Abingdon Press and advertised in recent issues of THE MESSENGER. (See especially the issue for March 26, page 34.) They are paper-bound editions of books published previously in more expensive bindings, and they range in price from \$1.00 to \$1.50.

The titles include the following:

Prayer, by George A. Buttrick; *The Higher Happiness*, by Ralph W. Sockman; *When the Lamp Flickers*, by Leslie Weatherhead; *How Came the Bible?* by Edgar J. Goodspeed; *In the Minister's Workshop*, by Halford E. Luccock; *A Protestant Manifesto*, by Winfred E. Garrison; *The Kingdom of God*, by John Bright. —E. F. A.

Practical Study Methods for Student and Pastor, by Donald F. Rossin and Palmer Ruschke (T. S. Denison & Company, Minneapolis, 1956, \$5.00)

THIS book suggests a system of filing and indexing to help the pastor-preacher organize his work and materials with greater efficiency. It includes a detailed Dewey decimal system for a subject-index, a method for vertical filing, and a method for handling materials for sermon preparation.

Since the problem of organizing time and materials is a major one confronted by the young pastor, this book can be helpful to many. —E. F. A.

VENTURES IN YOUTH WORK, by Henry N. Tani (The Christian Education Press, Philadelphia, 1957, \$2.75)

THIS is the kind of book one would expect Henry Tani to write. He does not direct youth work in the Evangelical and Reformed Church from an armchair, and he does not fill his book with cleverly devised theories that have no basis in experience. Mr. Tani is himself continually working with young people and with their adult counselors and pastors. He knows their problems, and he is acquainted with an incredible number of answers to those problems which have stood the test of experience here and there in the churches.

Although young people themselves will find the book helpful in many ways, it is directed primarily to ministers and to other adult workers with young people. The writer does not overlook the Sunday morning young people's department in the church school, but he directs his attention

principally to the Youth Fellowship program in operation on Sunday evenings and through the week.

Mr. Tani describes the various kinds of learning procedures in which young people may engage, the elements that make up a balanced youth program in the church, and the place of adults in the program. He gives good clues to better young people's meetings, practical suggestions for meaningful activities, and a comprehensive list of excellent resources—printed, personal, visual, and otherwise—to which the youth leader may turn for help.

Ventures in Youth Work is, we believe, the most practically useful guide in this area of church work that is available to pastors and adult youth leaders today. —T. C. B.

MY HALL OF MEMORY by Mary E. Myers (Epworth Press, London, Illustrated, 1956, \$1.25)

THE author of this small but significant book was a missionary nurse in China under the Board of International Missions over a period of 40 years, with interruptions due to two world wars, the earlier Communist uprising of 1926-27, and the Communist revolution. In one of these intervals she served as a Red Cross nurse among the Czech troops stranded in Siberia at the close of World War I and accompanied them on their journey around the world to get back to their homeland. Her major missionary service was in Hunan Province. It included a devoted ministry in Yoyang and Yungui and finally at Rennie's Mill Camp Clinic among the two million refugees in Hong Kong. She retired in 1954.

Miss Myers writes with the unassuming simplicity and wholesome cheer characteristic of her life and service. That is just the surprising quality of her book. One reads it with growing excitement, for imagination fills in the seemingly simple narrative and helps one to realize that this American nurse, "born in the sticks of Maryland," as Mrs. William E. Hoy often teased her, was close to and a part of events that have shaken the world, and that she had to do with the human, often the brutal, side of these events. Her ministry was in the name of a compassionate and redeeming Christ.

—Edgar F. Hoffmeier

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WHAT DOES the missionary clinic nurse do when her next patient turns out to be a mountain burro with its tail cut off—an act of vengeance by an enemy of the owner—the stump bleeding profusely, and the owner of the burro frantic?

Well, not having been trained in veterinary medicine, she can think only in terms of her practice on human beings. So she gives the burro an injection of Vitamin K and prays for saving grace, and fortunately for the clinic's reputation—and for the burro—the bleeding ceases, and the burro survives.

Or what shall she do when a countryman arrives asking help for a pig with a badly swollen neck which refuses to eat? Give the pig a shot of penicillin: and the happy ending to that story is that the swelling disappeared, the pig's appetite returned, it grew to be a big fat porker, and only recently went the way of all pig flesh in being killed and eaten by its owner and his family.

Stories like these provide an element of comic relief in the tales which can be told by Magdalene Kroehler, head of the Evangelical and Reformed mission clinic at Concepcion del Norte, Honduras, which was opened in 1946 by Dr. and Mrs. Richard F. Auler, physician and nurse who, unfortunately, found it necessary to retire from mission work. Dr. Auler is a son of a veteran missionary, Rev. Harold N. Auler, Sr.

MISS KROEHLER came to the clinic less than two years ago, re-assigned to the Honduras field after 21 years as a missionary nurse on our field in India. Associated with her is a young Honduran girl, Haydee (pronounced I-day) Madrid, product of our mission school at Pinalejo. Miss Madrid got her nursing training in Costa Rica, plus a six-month course in public health. Miss Kroehler was trained at the Evangelical and Reformed hospital in Faribault, Minnesota.

Keeping them company, managing the household, and thus freeing the nurses for other work, is a veteran educational missionary, Bertha Scheidt. Now nearing retirement, she preferred to spend a few more years on the field to which she has given her professional lifetime and was therefore assigned to assist the nurses at Concepcion del Norte.

You take off your hat to the three women who hold a tiny fortress of healing in an isolated and lonely mountain spot like this. It is 45 miles by rough mountain road from the Honduras mis-



Greeting the president of the church, Dr. James E. Wagner, at the dispensary at Concepcion del Norte are (left to right): Nurse Magdalene Kroehler, Bertha Scheidt, and Haydee Madrid.

sion center at San Pedro Sula. That's at least three hours by jeep, generally with the transmission in "tractor" gear so as to have more power and better control, since almost the whole way you are moving up or down steep grades on a very narrow road.

And during the rainy season, four months out of the year, from about September 15 to January 15, the only transportation in or out of Concepcion is a three and a half hour ride, about 12 or 15 miles, on mule-back to the nearest point where an all-year road is to be found.

The tailless burro and the fevered pig are, of course, the rare exceptions. It is human beings—God's children, souls for whom Christ died—to whom the clinic ministers. Last year the clinic's two nurses gave a total of 13,000 treatments of one kind or another. Many of them were repeats, to be sure; but a rough calculation indicates that those 13,000 treatments represented 3,000 to 3,500 different patients coming in from as many as 60 tiny mountain villages for miles and miles around.

Many of the treatments are for the ordinary day-to-day emergencies: machete wounds (the long, knife-like machete is a sort of combination axe, carrying knife, defensive weapon against wild

animals and snakes, occasional instrument of assault and murder), injuries from falls, burns, and other familiar types of accident.

But the potbellied children and the emaciated adults you see give you a hint of the widespread and widely varied ailments caused by intestinal parasites and of the anaemias which result. There is much syphilis, malaria, and tuberculosis.

More and more of the native women are welcoming the midwifery of the nurses—50 births were assisted in the past 14 months without the loss of a mother or a baby.

Meanwhile, hoping against hope that some seed will take root, the clinic keeps up a steady program of education and exhortation in sanitation, hygiene, and diet, designed to prevent the inception and spread of some of the infectious ailments.

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