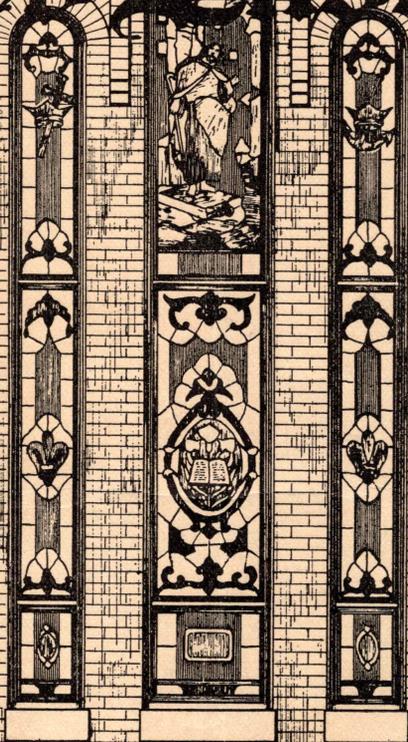


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## FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

### A Call To Service

Vacation days are about over again. Those who have sought the open breathing spaces along the shores of the beautiful Maryland waters with their families, will return home when the birds begin to go south again. Some have already found it necessary to return home for the sake of the children who go to school; and most of those who traveled are also back again. What does it mean, all this returning? Man ever returns home. It is in the home that we settle down to face the responsibilities of life and it is there that the great issues of life are decided upon. Here it is that man decides to contribute with his life and his work, something for the good of a needy world, or he decides to let somebody else do it for him. However that may be, the end of vacation time finds every one ready to take up the reigns of life with a firmer grip and to march forward in the routine of harder work once more; courage has been re-enforced and ambition seeks to win new conquests.

This should also be the hopeful attitude of every church worker toward Kingdom work; for here too, new conquests must be won for Christ. A noted minister once preached on the text in Acts 17:6: "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also." In emphasizing the three points of his sermon he said: "First, the world is wrong side up; second, it has to be gotten right side up; and thirdly, we are the fellows to do it." Yes we are the ones to do it, and that is where this vacation gleaned ambition needs to be called into the service of the Lord.

Jesus told the disciples to "launch out into the deep", he probably thought that the waters near the shore had been much overfished and was confident the results would be much more gratifying if they would only do as he said and launch out and fish in deeper water. Shall we not launch out into "the deeps" as we begin our intensive fall church work? Cer-

tainly everybody cannot do everything in this great Kingdom work, but everybody can do something. Let each one of us decide to do some phase of church work with a greater ambition than ever before. There are untouched deeps of prayer, of Bible study and of winning others to Christ and His Church. There are untouched deeps in every organization of our church. We are all qualified to serve somewhere. Let us not despise the stuff God has put into us, but rather let us use our talents and do the best we can with what we have.

Your pastor with his family has also returned from a vacation trip. He is ready to launch out again in an effort to perform the tasks that are just ahead. However, it is a known fact, that the church is not a "one man job", therefore the furtherance of the work in our United Church should be the concern of every member. Being grateful for your prayers and assistance in the past, he looks forward to your wholehearted co-operation in the future.

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### The National Sunday School Convention

The National Sunday School Convention was a great success. The Committee on arrangements didn't do it, nor the pastors, nor the Board of Religious Education; but everybody made it a success. We once more wish to thank all who so kindly opened their homes and provided meals for the out-of-town delegates. Without your generosity we could not have succeeded, nor could it have been done without the co-operation of the some six hundred registered Baltimore delegates, of which over one hundred were from our church.

It is pleasant to recall that the members of our church offered lodging and entertainment for a hundred out-of-town delegates. The fact is, Baltimore was more than prepared in that respect. If there were any homes in our congregation that had prepared to receive guests and didn't get them, they are to be thanked just as genuinely as though they had really entertained them.

### Confirmation

The opening session of the 1928 Confirmation Class will be held on Monday evening September 26th, at 6:30 o'clock. After the first meeting we can best tell at what hour the children can most conveniently meet.

Parents who expect to send their children for instruction this year, are kindly urged to insist upon attendance at the very beginning of the work. In this way we can go steadily forward with the lessons and every child will have the benefit of the whole course.

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### LADIES' AID SOCIETY

At the August meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society, Mrs. Anna F. Missel, 3429 Leaverton Avenue, and Mrs. Emma Versperman, 704 S. 5th Street were welcomed into the organization as new members.

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The Building Committee of the Congregation had expressed the desire to know what the wishes the Aid Society were regarding an enlargement of the kitchen space in the hall. It was therefore decided to have a committee to meet with the Building Committee to decide about how much space would be required for the new equipment which the ladies were about to buy.

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The following were chosen to act on this Committee: Mrs. Elizabeth Himmelman, Mrs. Johanna Reimers, Mrs. Emma Metzger, Mrs. Mary Conrad, Mrs. Margaret Trautner and Mrs. Mary Richards.

Some modern kitchen equipment has recently been purchased by the ladies; we are now anxious to see these new devices installed.

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### THE LEAGUE

The September meeting of the "League-ers" was attended by a very select group. Of course, everyone must attend these meetings from now on in order to be included in this statement.

Mr. Henry Schweiger gave the last report on the book "Building With India." He told how the great native Christians of India lived simple Christ-like lives, singing and preaching their way into the hearts of India's spiritual starved people. Our object is to overcome all selfishness and help in the struggle of evangelizing India. With Paul we too should say, "The love of Christ constraineth us to yearn, to pray, to give and to go!"

Miss Lillian Mack and Miss Edna Kanely who have been carrying flowers to the sick during September have relinquished this task to Miss Freda Hulseman and Miss Elizabeth Schattner for the month of October.

Mr. George Schmeiser was elected vice-president of the League at this meeting. This is not a beginning for Mr. Schmeiser but rather a return from an office he formerly held. The League can best welcome him when each one sees him personally. We are happy to have him return.

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### Coming Events

October 31—Monday evening at 7.30 P. M. the League will hold a Lawn Party on the Severn River at the home of Miss Marie Kohler's aunt. Final details will be given to all members at a later date.

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MILDRED APPEL.

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### Why Wait?

I would rather have one little rose  
From the garden of a friend,  
Than to have the choicest flowers  
When my stay on earth must end.

I would rather have the kindest words,  
And a smile that I can see  
Than flattery when my heart is still  
And this life has ceased to be.

Bring me all the flowers today  
Whether pink, or white, or red;  
I'd rather have one blossom now,  
Than a truck load when I'm dead.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

At the August meeting of the Sunday School teachers it was decided to donate the offering received on Children's Day to the Honduras and Biloxi Missions, both of which are aided from time to time by our school.

Miss Alberta Bannish and Miss Ella Rettman have joined the teaching staff in the Beginner's Department and we take this opportunity to welcome these young teachers into the service of Christ.

The Sunday School was represented at the Evangelical Training School held at Dunkirk, N. Y. in the person of Miss Frances Schmeiser, whose report of the days spent there can be read in this issue of our Endeavor. The echoes from the Dunkirk School days and also the National Sunday School Convention held in August were given on the evening of September 14th. For those who had not the opportunity to attend the convention or who could only attend part of the sessions these echoes certainly were an inspiration as well as a practical help to walk the shadow filled lane of life with lighter step.

On October 2nd at 9.00 A. M. the Sunday School service will be replaced with the Rally Day Program. This signifies the time when everyone is back from vacations, pleasurable outings and trips and have come together imbued with the "rally spirit." Let us make our motto read: "Count on Me!"

MARIE WINKLER.

## GRASPING THE VISION

*A Report of the Convention by*

MISS MAY BECKER

The people of the Evangelical churches of Baltimore had a vision. It was but a faintly seen vision, a vision that was almost obscured by seemingly unsurmountable difficulties, yet, withal, it was a vision. And so through the long winter months of the year 1926-1927, through the spring and early summer they planned and worked and prayed, remembering that Christ had said that "in His name, all things were possible." As they worked

the thought was always present—can we make the vision clearer, can we bring it closer so that all who looked might follow its gleam?

So it was that August 4th, 1927 found these Evangelical people ready to greet a "mighty religious throng." They had expected to greet strangers, instead they welcomed friends. They soon found that by the mere fact of a person being Evangelical caused him to be a friend. Thus it was that we, the Evangelical people of Baltimore, had our first experience with a National Evangelical Sunday School Convention and felt that "tie that binds our hearts in Christian love," whether the Christian be from Minnesota, Ohio or Baltimore. A convention badge or a convention envelope was the only introduction needed between the out-of-town delegate and the home folks. All were friends, all were united into the one common cause.

How impressive the opening session was that Thursday night! The Reverend Ewald Kockritz presided and delivered the convention keynote address. It is a wellknown fact that to know Rev. Kockritz is to love him and thus we were very happy to have him as our General Convention Chairman. There were speeches of welcome and speeches of response. Then Dr. John Baltzer, President General, Evangelical Synod of North America, talked on "Christ, the Cornerstone of Christian Education." He told us that the purpose of the convention was the discussion of Christianity, rather than religious education. We could not say "Let there be Life," if in using our convention theme. "Teaching for Life," we left out Christ. We had begun to see the vision a little more clearly.

On Friday morning a general session was held and these morning sessions were held on each succeeding morning until August 10th. What wonderful, inspiring speakers we had! Dr. F. Frankenfeld, who was at one time introduced by our chairman as the incomparable one, gave "Heart Talks to Sunday School Teachers" every morning during the Convention. What teacher, if she earnestly heard, is not a better teacher because of these heart talks. Rev. C. J. Keppel spoke on "Half-hours

with Jesus," during these morning sessions. These "half-hours" reminded one so much of the time when the disciples sat at the feet of Jesus, the Master Teacher. He told us that Jesus is the only standard, the only educator. As Christ's parents of old could not understand the profound religious understanding of their twelve year old son, so many parents of today fail to understand the youth of this day. The youth situation is the greatest question confronting the Christian Church today, and, according to Rev. Keppel, the first duty of the church is to instil and develop spiritual capacity, even in the younger children. Also at these sessions, there were speakers on many and varied subjects. Among some of these speakers were: Mrs. B. McQueen, who is interested in child work; Rev. Walter Getty, who told of the "Challenge to Youth"; Mrs. W. A. Bomhard, who needs no introduction; Dr. Luther A. Weigle, who denounced all education that has educators that do not have Christ as the foundation; the Rev. Paul Vieth and many others. The vision was growing brighter, clearer.

In the afternoon sectional conferences were held. No matter what phase of religious education one was interested in, there was a conference for just that phase. At these conferences, child-work, young people's work, and the work of men and women in the building of God's Kingdom, as well as many serious problems confronting the Christian world today, were discussed. Open forum was held and through the competent, earnest leaders there was a chance for everyone to ask questions and receive help on spiritual problems. Men's and women's rallies were held to discuss problems peculiar to that part of the work.

Oh, the beauty of the singing at the night sessions. Did we not see the gleam as that great chorus, under the direction of Rev. David Bruning, sang those plaintive negro spiritual hymns that express the innermost soul of the black race, or, as we listened to those beautiful hymns of our own race? Did we not feel the deep religious nature of India as Mr. Fred Pilgrim sang, very feelingly, "In

the Secret of His Presence," a song written by a native of India. How expressive of our feelings were the words of our Convention hymn, "What I Love?"

Then, the messages of these sessions! The Rev. Martin Davis showed us the real India and her dire need of genuine Christian help. He told us of India's contributions to the West and made clear to us that the soul of the Indian is deeply religious and worth saving. We can well imagine Rev. Davis weeping over India's need as Christ must have wept over Jerusalem, so great is his love for India. Professor John Biegeleisen told us that religious education must be Christian, that Christ must be the all in all of religious education. All religious education is not Christian. The Jews have their religious education, the Moham-medans theirs, and so forth. It is for the Christian Church to make religious education Christian. Dr. Vollmer, in his address, "The Social Challenge to Religious Education," impressed upon our minds that our religion is not simply for hearers. Live as God would have us live. Remember that society is built up of individuals and that individuals must be saved before we can have perfect harmony in the building of God's Kingdom. Then there was Mrs. F. Goetsch, wife of the Rev. F. Goetsch, who gave the "Challenge of Foreign Missions to Christian Workers." There is a great need of Christian educators, missionaries and doctors in the foreign missions. The needs must be fulfilled if the world is to be brought to Christ. Dr. Frankenfled also spoke at one of the evening sessions on the "Making of a True Record." To Dr. Frankenfled life is "to leave behind us a record of blessings, to build for the eyes of God." The vision seemed nearer and brighter and we were beginning to grasp our responsibility in bringing the world to Christ.

Not only were sessions well attended, but the meals were well attended also. Meal time was a time for the exchange of good-natured banter, for the giving of yells and the singing of songs. Friendships were made as we sat at the table and conversed with those from near and far. A better understanding of each other was obtained and a stronger bond of

fellowship and co-operation was brought about. The exhibits at the Associate Congregational Church and in the Little Lyric also received their share of visitors.

No report of this Convention would be complete if it did not tell something of the various committees. How we learned to work together in co-operation and love for the common cause of making the Convention a success is a lesson we shall never forget. All our Evangelical churches in Baltimore had to work and work hard. Through their work for the Convention the churches were drawn more closely together and a spirit of co-operation was developed which did not exist before. Another thing that we Evangelical people found out during the days preceding and days of the Convention was the fact that our ministers are very human men and not some far off beings as quite a number of church folks believe ministers to be. We found that it is not necessary to always put on an unnatural self when in the presence of ministers, but that ministers accept us as we are. This friendly, natural feeling between church people and minister, the spirit of sacrifice, love, and co-operation all brought about by this Convention, brought the vision very near. Much can be accomplished if we always keep those things with us.

Who is it among us that took the trip down the bay on Saturday afternoon that shall forget the thrill, the impressiveness, and the peace of those services held on board the ship. Topics and songs were chosen appropriate to the place and occasion. We are all sailors on the sea of life, we all are storm-tossed and wave-buffed and are all in need of a brave and saving pilot. Such was the trend of the talks of the service and we all felt as we listened that Christ indeed was the true pilot. The sun had already set and the sky was just faintly tinted with a warm, rosy tint which softened the hard outlines of the buildings on shore as the boat pulled into the harbor. As we pulled in we sang those blessed words, "Blessed be the Tie that Binds," and that tie seemed very strong and worthwhile that evening. The vision had come close as we had listened to the cry of the storm-tossed world.

So the vision grew and the bonds of Christian love became firmly established. It was Rev. C. J. Keppel, who spoke at the closing session of the Convention in Baltimore on the

text, "As the Father hath sent Me, even so send I You" who told us what our vision really was and who showed it to us so very plainly. As he spoke, this tall, thin, earnest disciple of Christ, the great hall of the Lyric grew quieter and quieter. We all felt the unseen presence through the earnestness and sincerity of the speaker. He had wondered whether the Convention had been a success. On looking about at the various delegates, he had seen in the expression of their eyes that they had "found"—found that which was desirable above all else. They had come seeking and searching; they had sat at the feet of Jesus and studied of Him through the lectures and had found that which they had sought. Now, it remained for all who had attended to carry out the things they had heard. The Father had sent Christ, Christ was even now sending His followers. The vision was before us, glorious and real. We could see its gleam and feel its power.

Even though, on the next night we said goodbye to our newly found friends with an aching heart and tear-dimmed eyes, we knew we were bound together in fellowship with Christ and each other as we had never been before. We had just concluded a wonderful day of sight-seeing in Washington and had stood reverent and thankful at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The last Convention Service had been held at Reverend Ender's Church in Washington. The farewell messages had been given and we had sung together for the last time that old hymn of Christian love and fellowship. We were sad to part, but oh, how glad we were that we had been privileged to enjoy the beauties of the Convention days! Oh, indeed, we realized our weakness as never before and knew, now as we had never known, the work that had to be accomplished.

We had seen a glorious vision. We, like Moses, had been led to the mountain top and had looked into the promised land—a land rich with work to do and good to accomplish. As the Israelites of old were led by the pillar of fire, so we are to be led by the gleam of our vision. We have seen this vision clearly and closely. What are we going to do? Where and what is our work? Are we going to follow the gleam?

"As the Father hath sent Me, even so send I you."

## MY IMPRESSIONS OF THE E. L. T. S.

Miss Frances Schmeiser whom I was privileged to travel with this summer is giving you an outline of our E. L. T. S. so I am going to give you my impressions of the school.

Much praise is due to our good Heavenly Father the giver of all good gifts and to all who in any way made possible our wonderful E. L. T. S.

A beautiful awakening was enjoyed each morning as the sweet music of a bugle played hymns of praise. In one of Rev. Streich's talks he reminded us that the Christian religion is a singing religion. Truly it is at the E. L. T. S. where all in the big family live a real Christian life.

The morning passed more rapidly than one desired, for you all realize time waits for no man. I wish you could have felt the spirit of our school as each morning the 150 students came from their cottages with Bibles and notebooks. To me it seemed like good old school days. All subjects were most inspiring, ever turning our thoughts to God. "For in Him we live and move and have our being." Then too, our teachers were excellent and really consecrated workers.

Among the most inspiring hours were the twilight services held at the Lake under the blue skies. These twilight services have become a very important phase of the Training School, for it was here that Jesus became very real to us, as we listened to the splendid talks which portrayed the Master's life so vividly.

And then the wonderful mountain top experience as we stood, half of us on one cliff and the other half of the group on the other cliff, about 100 feet away, with the sound of the water between us and the waves of the Great Lake beating on the shore nearby. Then one group sang two lines of the hymn and the other group followed up by singing the next two lines and so on until a number of hymns were sung. The echo was most wonderful and as we sang the last hymn under the great starry sky all held their flash lights up, and these little lights looked to us as we looked across to our brothers and sisters on the other cliff like a little village illuminated. One cannot explain or express the rich blessings we enjoyed during these meetings.

There was a variety of experiences and of course, play time, for truly if youth is normal it is interested in play. God made play a normal necessary part of life activity, par-

ticularly during the years of life's unfolding. The afternoons were given over to rest and recreation. Never in all our lives did Miss Frances and I travel on foot so fast up and down hills as when we went on the Wigwam Hunt. We were two of the 150 Indians divided into about 8 groups, who after their search tried to arrive home first. The Faculty vs. Student's Baseball game was much enjoyed by all. Students won by 18 points. As I watched this game I believe I grew more excited than some of the players. "Fly 'em High Day" also came around, when many of our young people tried to fly a kite. This stunt was made easy by the strong lake breezes. Snap shots of all kinds were taken, tennis, volley ball, bean bag, horseshoe and etc. were played by many. Then too, songs and yells were enjoyed at the table.

To our good Christian parents who are always praying and hoping that their children might be kept in good company, I want to say our E. L. T. S. is doing all in its power to supply every need, physical and spiritual, while the young people are in their care. The nurse was also a graduate from one of our Deaconess Hospitals.

We Baltimoreans were proud to have our own Rev. F. C. Rueggeberg as Dean of this fine school.

Mingled with all my feelings is a deep sense of gratitude to our Deaconess Association, for giving me the great privilege of enjoying this inspiring experience at the Evangelical Leadership Training School.

SISTER LENA.

## A Psalm of the Good Teacher

The Lord is my teacher;  
 I shall not lose the way to wisdom.  
 He leadeth me in the lowly paths of learning,  
 He prepareth a lesson for me every day;  
 He findeth the clear fountains of instruction,  
 Little by little he showeth me the beauty of truth.  
 The world is a great book that he hath written,  
 He turneth the leaves for me slowly;  
 They are inscribed with images and letters,  
 His face poureth light on the pictures and the words.  
 Then am I glad when I perceive his meaning,  
 He taketh me by the hand to the hill-top of vision;  
 In the valley also he walketh beside me,  
 And in the dark places he whispereth to my heart.  
 Yea, though my lesson be hard it is not hopeless,  
 For the Lord is very patient with His slow scholar;  
 He will wait awhile for my weakness,  
 He will help me to read the truth through tears.  
 Surely thou wilt enlighten me daily by joy and  
 sorrow;  
 And lead me at last, O God, to the perfect knowledge  
 of Thee.

—Henry Van Dyke.

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## LIFE'S MORNING

MAGDALENA FUNK, daughter of Charles H. Funk and his wife Lillian C., nee Valke; born July 3rd, 1927; baptized July 21st, 1927; sponsor, Mrs. Magdalena Smith.

MILDRED ELIZABETH FISHER, daughter of Joseph J. Fisher and his wife, Ida H., nee Marking; born July 5th, 1927; baptized July 24th, 1927; sponsor, Mrs. Elizabeth Marking.

ADOLPH MICHAEL STAUB, son of Adolph Staub and his wife Anna, nee Simon; born July 10th, 1927; baptized July 24th, 1927; sponsor, Mr. Michael Staub.

FREDERICK RUDOLPH MACK, son of Rudolph E. Mack and his wife Lillian K., nee Bortner; born July 6th, 1927; baptized July 24th, 1927; sponsor, father.

DORIS EMMA THOMPSON, daughter of Homer L. Thompson and his wife Lucille, nee Sperling; born July 5th, 1927; baptized August 1st, 1927; sponsor, mother.

SHIRLEY RAE NAGLER, daughter of George W. Nagler and his wife Edith, nee McGowan;

born July 16th, 1927; baptized August 7th, 1927; sponsor, Miss Marie Nagler.

PAUL FREDERICK ROMMELL, son of Paul F. Rommell and his wife Mary, nee Betz; born July 23rd, 1927; baptized August 2nd, 1927; sponsor, Mrs. Viola Novak.

WILLIAM JOHN GORGE, son of John William Gorge and his wife Margaret, nee Redemann; born July 18th, 1927; baptized August 6th, 1927; sponsor, William Gorge.

HOWARD EDWARD BOLLER, son of Charles Edward Boller and his wife Edna M., nee Hopkins; born August 4th, 1927; baptized August 7th, 1927; sponsor, Harry I. Hopkins.

JACQUALINE RUTH GENSLER, daughter of Frank W. Gensler and his wife Margaret M., nee Hummel; born August 4th, 1927; baptized August 9th, 1927; sponsor, Mrs. Emma Gensler.

WALTER WILLIAM ROHDE, JR., son of Walter W. Rohde and his wife Hannah, nee Smith; born August 9th, 1927; baptized August 21st, 1927; sponsor, Mrs. H. Reinhardt.

WILLIAM OLIVER STEINMETZ, son of George F. Steinmetz and his wife Mathilda L., nee Konigkremer; born August 6th, 1927; baptized August 21st, 1927; sponsor, F. W. Konigkremer.

HOWARD ADAM HARTMAN, son of William F. Hartman and his wife Rose, nee Deares; born August 10th, 1927; baptized August 27th, 1927; sponsors, Parents.

WILLIAM MELVIN ZAADYK, son of Daniel Zaadyk and his wife Venus, nee Monroe; born December 7th, 1921; baptized September 9th, 1927; sponsors, Parents.

WILLIAM ARMAND COCCAGNA, son of Armand Coccagna and his wife Katherine, nee Johns; born July 25th, 1927; baptized September 11th, 1927; sponsor, Miss Arnetta Johns.

EMMA LOUISE WOLFE, daughter of Russell A. Wolfe and his wife Emma L., nee Boon; born August 18th, 1927; baptized September 11th, 1927; sponsor, Miss Elizabeth Boon.

ELAINE RUTH DIERING, daughter of Geo. W. Diering and his wife Sophia E., nee Heinze; born August 10th, 1927; baptized September 11th, 1927; sponsor, Mrs. Michael Heinze.

RUTH MARILYN DOELLER, daughter of Geo. Doeller and his wife Mary M., nee Carroll; born August 22nd, 1927; baptized September 11th, 1927; sponsor, Mrs. Julia Doeller.

### LOVE'S SACRED BONDS

MR. CHARLES W. SEIPP brought his bride Miss LULA F. LAYNE to the parsonage on July 22nd, where they were united as husband and wife, in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Sapps.

MR. CHARLES W. WHITE, JR. and Miss JENNIE BASS chose August 4th as their wedding day. These two young souls came to the parsonage, where they were united in holy wedlock, in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Howard White.

MR. EDWARD J. LAMPARSKI and Miss AMELIA B. HEIMBACH were married August 5th, at the parsonage, in the presence of Mr. William Stamsburg and Mr. Edward Kowski.

August 7th was the wedding day of Mr. HERBERT W. WARWICK and the bride of his choosing, Miss HELEN I. PLAINE. The ceremony took place in the home of the bride in the presence of relatives and friends. The witnesses were Mr. Jesse Plaine and Miss Catherine Warwick.

United Church was again the scene of a pretty wedding on September 10th, at 6 P. M. in the evening, when Mr. JESSE C. TURNER and his bride Miss EVELYN M. ENDERS came to the altar to plight their troth. Mr. Morris LeBrun was best man and Miss Ida Voelker was bridesmaid, while Miss Hilda Voss acted as maid of honor. Little Dorothy Harmel took the part of flower girl. Mr. Howard Turner and Mr. Edward Waltermeyer were ushers. Mr. Milton Sahlman beautified the ceremony by singing "O Promise Me." After the ceremony a reception was given in honor of the bridal pair.

### THE SILENT MESSENGER

ROBERT BOWERS, infant son of Robert Bowers and his wife, Frances, nee MacNeill; was born July 31st, 1927 and was called home by the Gentle Shepherd August 1st, 1927. Burial was made August 2nd in Parkwood Cemetery.

MR. CARL CHRISTIAN RUSS, was born January 14th, 1871 and departed this life August 7th, 1927, having reached the age of 56 years. After a short service, interment was made in First United Cemetery on August 9th, 1927.

GEORGE ADAMS, infant son of John Adams and his wife Marie, nee Albert; was born the 6th day of August, 1927 and was called home by the Gentle Saviour August 9th, 1927. Burial was made August 10th.

GEORGE R. BOMHARDT, beloved husband of Minnie; nee Myers; was born July 27th, 1866, and answered the final summons August 17th, 1927, having attained the age of 61 years. On August 21st, 1927, his earthly remains were taken to Oaklawn Cemetery, where burial was made.

WILLIAM BRENDEL, beloved husband of Frances, nee Decker; was born May 9th, 1852, and departed this life on the 22nd day of August, 1927, at the of 75 years. After impressive services at the home and in church, interment was made in Mt. Carmel on August 26th, 1927.

ALICE STOTSKY, nee Dannenfesler, beloved wife of Andrew Stotsky; was born April 20th, 1895, and obeyed the final summons August 17th, at the age of 32 years. Burial was made August 20th, 1927, at Oaklawn Cemetery.

IDA MARIE NICKELS, infant daughter of Earl Nickels and his wife Minnie, nee Braunschweiger; was born May 6th, 1927 and was called home by the Gentle Shepherd August 28th, 1927. Her earthly remains were taken to Trinity Cemetery, where burial was made August 31st, 1927.

DOROTHY LILLIAN MACK, child of Charles Mack and his wife Elsie, nee Heinlein; was born June 21st, 1923. After a lingering illness of about 6 months duration, she was

called to her heavenly home, having reached the age of 4 years. Burial was made August 28th in Oaklawn Cemetery.

MARIE CUNNINGHAM, infant daughter of Edward C. Cunningham and his wife Anna, nee Bullock; was born April 7th, 1927, and was called home by the Saviour September 6th, 1927, at the age of 6 months. Her earthly remains rest in First United Cemetery, where burial was made September 9th, 1927.

MARY ELIZABETH SMITH, infant child of Harrison Smith and his wife Mary E., nee Yaeger; was born December 1st, 1926 and was called to her heavenly home the 9th of September, at the age of 10 months. Interment was made September 12th, in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

### DUNKIRK SCHOOL

Words cannot express my appreciation for selecting me as your delegate to the Dunkirk Evangelical Leadership Training School.

Sister Lena and I left Baltimore on the morning of August 12th at 8.53 A. M. and journeyed to the school by way of Niagara Falls. We spent one day and a night at Niagara, during which time we visited the Falls. To my mind they are evidence of the power of God; as we attempt to comprehend the great force of water that continues at work day and night we can only ascribe it to Him.

Leaving Niagara we spent Sunday, August 14th at Buffalo, N. Y. where we attended the devotional services of the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. The message was based on the great life principle of Jesus, that we should forget ourselves in order to think more about this.

Monday morning found us on our way to the school at Dunkirk where all the great blessings that followed were waiting in store for us. Upon our arrival they assigned us to a cottage and then left us to choose what studies we desired to entertain.

A description of the school cannot be made through the medium of words. Situated on

the shores of Lake Erie, overlooking countless bluffs and knolls, it buries itself in hills and dark green vale. And in the twilight the soft, mystic, impressive presence of the water made the twilight services never-to-be-forgotten episodes in my life.

The daily schedule is complete in that it takes care of every minute of your time and those who love to sleep would certainly lose this habit after a few days at Dunkirk. Briefly outlined a day's routine would appear as follows:

6.15 A. M.—Morning call by playing of hymn on trumpet.

6.20 A. M.—A dip in the waters of the Lake.

6.50 A. M.—The morning exercise taking place about the flag pole.

6.55-7.12—After flag raising, the *morning* devotional of hymn, Scripture reading and prayer which was followed by breakfast.

8.15-12.30 P. M.—Bible study periods numbering five in all.

12.30-1.30 P. M.—Lunch hour.

1.30-3.00 P. M.—Rest and study period.

3.00-5.00 P. M.—Recreation—hikes and games.

5.30-6.30 P. M.—Supper hour.

6.30-8.00 P. M.—Twilight services.

The daily program was all too soon completed it seemed before another day had come. The five Bible study or group conference periods in the morning were voluntary selections from many, many interesting speakers and teachers who took part in the instructions. Sister Lena and I made the following choice of our study periods, a few very brief thoughts only of which I can give here.

On Monday evening, the opening night, Rev. Rueggeberg, of our own home town, spoke on what the school should do for us. It should teach us to be ambassadors for Christ in the little sphere of life that we each individually embrace.

In the mornings we chose to hear Mrs. E. R. Bomhard talk on "Adolescent Psychology" at the first morning session. No success can

be expected in leading youth without a knowledge of the psychology of youth. In order to study youth we must keep in touch with it. Individual study can best be made on hikes, at the home or similar places. To learn the ways of youth it is necessary to love them. Pray for each one that you are interested in separately and encourage them to do good things themselves.

Rev. H. L. Streich during the second session lectured on the "Nature of the Bible." He stated that without the Bible we would not know God. It is not a book of science but rather a way of telling man how to live. It plans for man an eternal life but unless man gets to heaven before he dies, through finding Jesus Christ, he will never get there after death. The Bible is moreover inspired of God; enlightenment of its passage can all be obtained by studying them with God, not with the eyes of the critic and disbeliever. It stands alone the book of ages and unites all on one plane of equality.

At the third session Rev. Davis speaking on "India's Need for Christ", said that India is incurably religious—all sculpture, all literature and all music found in India speaks of religion. Their God however, is an object instead of a being.

Session number four was selected as "Jesus and Present Day Problems", a discussion and talk by Rev. Robert Stanger. He made the statement that group discussion on present day problems will greatly enrich our thinking. We should look for facts, face them truthfully and then follow where they lead us.

"The Foundation of the Christian Life", given by Rev. Rueggeberg, was the topic for the fifth morning period. It will interest everyone to know that the foundation of our life, like that of every building is invisible—its condition however soon reveals itself on the surface. There is a history to the Christian life that surpasses that of all other things one might mention. God never reveals to man the things that he can discover for Himself. Likewise is it true, that man can not discover in life the things that God reveals.

God created all men, yet not all men attract us to the Gospel—the difference lies in the foundation of their lives. We need not so much men and women, today, who know a great deal but rather ones that have great faith. Faith does not have to be persuaded, it will always accept the conditions of God. True faith may be crushed to the earth but it will always rise again.

The Christian life is guided by the Bible, the book that has shone for thousands of years. Religion is said to be life, but it is necessary to read the Bible in order to obtain life. It reveals the fact that God created man and Jesus created manliness.

In Jesus, God and man meet. Christ was the flower of manhood and He alone is the Foundation of the Christian Life. Moreover, Jesus is both God and man. He is alluded to in the Bible under more than 110 names. Those who deny the Divinity of Jesus cannot abolish the fact that His birth was Divine. If a man is wilful or vain he does not care to believe Jesus' Divinity. But he who experiences the love of Christ is held forever in His tender embrace.

These morning talks given above, briefly cover the entire morning periods for the length of our stay. They passed all too quickly and we were sorry when they came to an end.

After the morning study period everyone, numbering about 175 in all, gathered in the dining hall, where this big happy "family" enjoyed the delicious meals and exchanged yells and songs from group to group.

In the afternoon an occasional hike, Indian hunt or outdoor games of various kinds were indulged in, followed by supper on the beach of Lake Erie.

With the groups assembled at different points along the shore, the twilight services took place. One evening especially clings to my memory. On this evening echo singing from two strategic points of the lake shore made one feel the impressive presence of Him Who watches us all and as I looked across the waters of the lake I could almost imagine

seeing Christ and His disciples in the boat they perhaps traveled in on the sea of Galilee, many, many years ago.

If the opportunity of attending this school should come to you who read this report I hope you will eagerly want to go for at the E. L. T. S. you will find inspiration, and you will sense anew, the unspeakable love of God.

Yours in the Master's Service,

FRANCES SCHMEISER.

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### THE BROTHERHOOD

With the approach of fall there are renewed once more the activities that become so lax during the warm months of summer. Evidence of this is apparent in the items of interest which the Brotherhood has in store for the near future.

The fall meeting of the Federated Brotherhoods will be held at Huber Memorial Church on September 29th. Rev. Carl C. Mollenhauer will address the brothers at this meeting and a special musical program has been arranged by our Pastor, Rev. F. W. Schaefer. Why not have all the brothers in attendance at this meeting?

A second feature for consideration on the part of all members is the fact that October 28th will see a banquet held in honor of our Second Anniversary as a Brotherhood. Those desirous of attending this banquet at which nothing will be lacking, may give their names to the committee in charge. Mr. Milton Sahlman, Howard Zimmerman and William F. Metzger. The price is set at a \$1.25 per plate—bring the family with you.

Brothers John Crawford and William Sahlman have been appointed to enroll the names of those members interested in bowling. The bowling teams of all the Evangelical Brotherhoods are planning on uniting to form one big league. If you enjoy the recreation and sport of bowling do not hesitate to give your name to one of these committeemen. Kindly make it your personal business to find yourself

present at the next Brotherhood meeting.—September 28th.

HERBERT WILLE.

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### REV. BATZ MEMORIAL FUND

Just as the golden rays of the sun sink beyond the far distant shores at the close of day, so shall our material lives come to a close, then all that shall remain will be the sweet memory of a well spent life.

Think of thirty years of continuous service with a willingness greater than the human body could stand, a humble servant who knew all classes and loved them regardless of age or creed, certainly should be remembered, not only by word but by deed.

To this worthy cause you are privileged to contribute; to express your appreciation for the faithful ministry, which brought blessings to your life and your home. Possibly you have not contributed thus far, what a disappointment it would be in later years to know that you had failed to take advantage of this opportunity. We therefore kindly urge a willing response on the part of all, who have not already availed themselves of the opportunity.

Remember the motive: the monument is to be an expression of love to the memory of our late pastor, Rev. William P. Batz.

We sincerely thank those who have already responded, and we are sure there are many others who would like to contribute at this time. Memorial Fund envelopes may be had at the church.

THE COMMITTEE.

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### ITEMS OF INTEREST

On the first Sunday in October we go back to the winter schedule of services. Sunday School will begin at 9 A. M. and the German service at 10.30 A. M. The English service will begin at 8.00 P. M.

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It was a real pleasure to have a large number of ministers and lay-delegates worshipping with us on Convention Sunday, August 7th. We are very grateful to the Rev. Paul

Briesemeister of Schenectady, N. Y. and Dr. J. Baltzer of St. Louis, Mo., who preached to our congregation at the German and the English services respectively. The following ministers spoke to the various departments of the Sunday School: Rev. Martin Davis, Missionary to India; Rev. E. Yeager, of East St. Louis, Ill.; Rev. Harold Freund, of Higginville, Mo.; Rev. H. Klutey, of New Bremen, Ohio; Rev. Clyde Koehler, of Independence, Mo., and Rev. John Melchert of New Bremen, Ohio. We thank them one and all for their instructive and helpful words.

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The Sunday School excursion to Fairview on Saturday, July 23rd was a happy event we shall not so soon forget. The trip on the boat was delightful and the day spent in the Park on the shores of Chesapeake waters did us all much good. The twilight service when the day was done, made the outing quite complete, for without the sense of God's nearness, life is never quite complete.

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We are duly grateful to Rev. J. Schauer for his kindness to preach at all the German services and for bringing comfort to several of our homes where death had brought sudden sorrow during the pastor's recent absence. We do also thank Mr. Conrad Roeder, Mr. George Stroh and Mr. Howard Zimmerman for their messages at the English services during that time, and Messrs. Albert Schmeiser and Charles James for their kind assistance.

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The semi-annual meeting of the Deaconess Association will be held on Wednesday evening, October 12th at First German United Evangelical Church, Eastern Avenue near Broadway, at 8 o'clock. This meeting will be in the form of a social. A beautiful pageant is being prepared and will be presented that evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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At the congregational meeting on Monday evening, it was definitely decided to enlarge

the kitchen in the parish hall. It is hoped that in a few weeks the work may be completed. The ladies of the Aid Society would like to see the new kitchen equipment in place and ready for use in time for the annual oyster supper.

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The Young Peoples League is planning on giving a play in the near future.

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The Evangelical Churches of Baltimore will hold a Union Reformation Service again this year on the last Sunday in October. The place for the meeting has not been decided upon.

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#### Affiliation with the Synod

When Dr. J. Baltzer, after delivering that splendid sermon on Sunday, August 7th, received our congregation into the Evangelical Synod of North America, we were all impressed with the solemnness and importance of the occasion. It is always of vast importance when forces unite for good. We know that "in unity there is strength", and as we clasp hands with the larger denominational body, in a common sympathy for all the great needs of God's Kingdom, we must surely feel stronger. Nothing strengthens one like the cry for help. We now tune in, as a part of the Synod, on the cries for help from the foreign fields and the home fields. May God richly bless us as we thus join our hands together in the interests of His Kingdom.

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#### Thanks For You

To have a friend like you  
Means more than I can say—  
Adding many blessings  
To each passing day!

The world itself is changed!  
So bright—with skies of blue!  
And life is beautiful,  
Just because of you!

For all your helpfulness,  
And for your friendship true,  
Accept my gratitude—  
Thanks to God for you!

—W. J. Thompson.