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HOW GREAT THOU ART – In Our Salvation

REV. G. VAN BAREN

How often do we not forget the amazing greatness of our God! That we should ever forget seems to be beyond comprehension. Within all of this vast creation, God has graciously revealed Himself to us in a higher degree than to many others of past ages or of other lands. We, more than many others, confess and rejoice in the absolute sovereignty of our God. We, more than many others, rejoice and find comfort in the grace of God which is revealed to a particular people through Jesus Christ. We have all this only by the grace of our God—surely not because we deserved or merited it. Yet we often forget in our daily lives that greatness of the Sovereign Ruler of heaven and earth. We are as those who live under the shadow of the beautiful mountains. Such people who live there soon grow accustomed to this great beauty. They continue their daily tasks without often bothering to look up to behold the beauty that surrounds them. Often it takes a stranger, one raised on the flat plains, to admire and point out the “purple mountain’s majesty.” So it is with us. We have grown up in the midst of rich theological, scriptural treasures. Our senses have somewhat become dulled to the great beauty of these treasures. We must be repeatedly reminded of the riches which are ours by the grace of our God. That is the purpose of the theme of this convention – and now of this particular division thereof.

We must see this afternoon the greatness of the God Who saves us. The question we confront is: how can this truth really be impressed upon us as we ought to know and confess it? One illustration from this modern age occurred to me—an illustration that might serve this purpose. We hear today much of rockets and rocket travel. Suppose, with a far-out stretch of our imagination, we had before us two rockets about to leave the earth. These would be rockets of a design not yet within the capability of man’s efforts—rockets which could travel at the speed of light—approximately 186,000 miles per second. These two were about to begin a journey to discover the extent of the universe—the greatness of its breadth. According to scientists, these would each have to travel billions of years in opposite directions at unbelievable speeds to attain such a goal. If you were present as these rockets are about to lift from the earth, you would have witnessed an event about which you would talk for the rest of your lives. Ah, but all of this is beyond the ability and even the imagination of man. Yet we have experienced as children of God something far more wonderful. Our sins have been removed farther than any rocket could even conceivably travel. The Psalmist declares, “As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us” (103:12). That’s amazing, unbelievable, spectacular. That’s something greater than any project that man has devised or can devise. That is greater even than the sending of rockets to the corners of the universe. That is what children of God have experienced. Ought we not then talk of that salvation which is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord?

The facts of our salvation are familiar to you. You were instructed in these from your infancy—in catechism, in school, and upon your parents’ knees. But let us review some of these.

First, there is the fact of our need of salvation. We confess that Adam as our representative head transgressed the perfect law of God. God had declared that the day that Adam would eat of the forbidden tree he would surely die. Adam disobeyed—and died. And we are all held responsible before God for that one sin of Adam. But also we all sin daily in all things. How often we speak contrary to what God’s Word requires! We think sinful thoughts; we do evil things. We read what we ought not to read. We see and hear what we ought not. We are sinners. At bottom, we have rebelled against proper authority. We have rebelled against the authority of the Sovereign God Who says: thou shalt; and, thou shalt not. In rebelling against God, we rebel against all authority: the authority of government, the authority of the home, the
authority of the church. We are ready to pretend today that obedience to proper authority is really a new doctrine—but the truth is, this is the old doctrine of Scripture.

Rebellion is a terrible thing. You, young people, know that too. You have seen that possibly in little children. How utterly repulsive you yourself consider it to be when little children act arrogantly over against their parents. How sickening to see a little child strike his parents in anger! How disgusting when such a child tells his parents what to do and where to go! Yet in a far greater degree have we rebelled against God. We have attempted to slap Him in the face; we insist in walking in our own sinful way.

The sentence of the righteous God against all such rebels is death. So had God spoken to Adam before he fell. The sentence of God must be carried out. And it must be carried out for all mankind. Nor is that sentence of death only physical. Death is the separation from the favor and blessing of our God. Death makes the reception of all the favor of God completely impossible.

From that sentence of death, for man, there is no way of escape. The very idea of death emphasizes that. The dead can not engage in any activity. One can plead with him, beg him, persuade him—but his ears do not hear; his mind will not respond. Such is also spiritual death. Such an one can not desire nor seek that which is heavenly and spiritual. He can not deliver himself from death.

But what man could never do, that God accomplished. You know this truth. God sent His only-begotten Son into our flesh to deliver us from our sin. His Son offered Himself in our flesh for the sins of His own. He took God’s wrath, an infinite wrath, upon Himself that we might never have to bear it. God’s Son in our flesh gave His life that we through Him might live.

And God applies that wonder-work of the cross to the hearts of His people. He regenerates them through the Spirit of the Son. He changes their hearts from hearts of stone to those of flesh. He gives them the newness of life. He calls that life into conscious existence through the Word proclaimed. He directs and guides His people in righteousness before Him on this sinful earth. Finally, He brings His own to eternal glory. Thus does God execute His eternal counsel according to which He had chosen a particular people in Christ before the foundations of the earth.

Far more could be said of that wonder-work of God. But for us today I would emphasize especially the marvel of that which God has done. We often forget what a wonder this was. The infinite, eternal God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, the Sustainer of all things—this God is pleased to save us in the giving of His only Son. He saves US. We are but insignificant creatures of the dust; we are rebels; we deserve no blessing whatsoever. Can you explain why God should do all this for US? Yet we confess this is true. We confess that we have experienced the wonder of salvation through the blood of the Lamb.

In the saving of His people, one thing must be seen: the greatness of God. To reveal His own greatness outside of Himself, God created all things. He reveals in the thunder, in the storms, in the earthquake, His power and wrath. He sets forth the fact of His own glory—this is clearly seen in that which He has made. He created all things, further, in as a stage upon which would take place the wonder of salvation. All things must serve that purpose: that God saves His people in Christ.

The salvation of a particular people is meant to reveal in the highest possible way the greatness of God. Salvation reveals the greatness of God’s love, of His mercy, of His grace to a degree that could not otherwise be seen. Adam did indeed know the love of God in Paradise. He saw this in the trees; in the grass of the field; in the animals that roamed the land. But God, in saving us, shows love as Adam could not have known it before he fell. God shows such love that He gives His only Son to save a people who deserve nothing. God shows such love that He pours out infinite wrath upon Him—that wrath which was our due. Through Christ, out of mere grace, God removes our sins as far as east is from west. He brings to eternal glory by elevating from miry clay. Only in the deep way of sin and grace could such a wonder of love and grace and mercy be seen in such a high degree! God saves a particular people to show His own greatness.
That brings us to the question concerning yourself. Why are you here? Why were you born? Why were you born in the line of the covenant? Have you ever asked yourself some of these questions? Are you, perhaps, so foolish as to think that you are on the earth for yourself? Are you here simply to have fun? Does the earth and its contents exist simply for your sake? If such is your idea, you have not known the wonder of the salvation that God wrought.

The child of God, and you confess yourself to be such, is here as a living manifestation of the wonder of the love and grace of our God. He is here to glorify God and sing His praises. He is here to admire and proclaim the wonder of the cross. He is here to declare in all that he does: My God how great Thou art! Your theme song expresses that:

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Your calling, young people, is to maintain this glorious truth. You live in an age in which a concerted attempt is made to destroy this blessed confession. There is the old Arminian theory which is even now widely accepted in the very Reformed circles which condemned it in 1618 and 1619. Arminianism detractions from this greatness of God. Arminianism would give some of the credit for salvation to the man who is willing to accept Christ. Arminianism can not have a proper understanding of the greatness and glory of our God. Nor can it find comfort in its salvation.

Modernism and liberalism become increasingly popular. There is the denial of God as He presents Himself in Scripture. There is the denial of the atonement of the cross. There is a denial of Scripture as the infallible Word of God. These views will become ever more popular among "churchmen."

You, young people, in your formative years beware of all these evil heresies which question or deny the greatness of our God. Do not be fooled by the easy conversation of learned men bent upon deception. Do not be influenced by that old idea that many roads lead to heaven—it matters not what one believes or what one is. Nor be ready to compromise the truth of the greatness and Sovereignty of our God because of some inclination of your flesh. One can quickly forget of the greatness of God in order to choose a husband or wife who themselves care not about God or His Word. One can quickly choose a well-paying job over again the truth of the Sovereignty of our God. One can seek worldly entertainment and lusts, and these are so available today, over again the greatness of our God. Beware! Stand fast!

The calling of the church today and tomorrow is to maintain the absolute greatness (sovereignty) of our God in our salvation. That has been, by God’s grace, taught beautifully in our Protestant Reformed Churches. God requires that the truth concerning His greatness be maintained in the purest possible degree. One may never forsake that—neither for work nor for husband or wife.

And learn more and more of the wonder of the greatness of the God Who saves us. Those who are ignorant of that truth are also those who quickly forsake it. These neither know nor care about that glorious truth. But you are called to know it. Study Scripture. Do that in catechism and society as well as at home. Hear it faithfully under the preaching of the Word. And acknowledge in all things now, as the church will in eternity: How great is God!

SPECIAL THANKS

"The Federation Board and Beacon Lights staff take this opportunity to thank Miss Louise Looyenga for the diligent work she has done the past five years as Out-of-Town Subscription Manager. Your services were greatly appreciated, Louise."
1968 Convention Report

by DAVE LANTING

On the evening of Thursday, July 15, most of the conventioners to the PRYP convention of 1968 appeared at First Church to register. The out-of-towners also received their lodging appointments at this time. The next morning the delegates met for the regular business meeting after the late registration. Everything went smoothly during the meeting, leaving some time for a short, but heated football game before lunch. Professor Hanko gave a very concise after-dinner “pep talk” and then everyone rode to Fuller Park for the annual East-West ball-game. In the girls’ game the Westeners were the victors while the guys from the East trounced their opponents.

That evening Reverend Lanting gave a very uplifting speech on the first division of the Convention theme, “How Great Thou Art in Creation.” Afterwards everyone went downstairs to get acquainted while playing games and eating refreshments.

Early Saturday morning the conventioners met at the church and traveled to the Double J. Ranch. Everyone had a very enjoyable time playing tennis, badminton, horseshoes, rowing, swimming, eating the succulent meals, and listening to a very enriching speech by Reverend Van Baren. Everyone left for Grand Rapids at seven o’clock; tired but happy.

Since the next day was Sunday, everyone went to church at 9:30. In the afternoon a very pertinent debate about the Beacon Lights was observed by a rather large crowd.

After church in the evening, many adults as well as the young people attended a singspiration during which some extraordinary special numbers were presented.

A superb pancake breakfast was served the next morning before the conventioners headed for Tunnel Park on Lake Michigan where they enjoyed a delightful swim in the fresh, invigorating water.

The delegates voted for the new officers after a delicious lunch. Then the majority of the group left to prepare themselves for the banquet.

The banquet took place at the Sveden House in Grand Rapids. Since the dinner was not ready at once, Reverend C. Hanko presented his fine speech, “How Great Thou Art in Our Lives,” before the delicious dinner was served. Afterwards the film “American Spectacle” was shown.

The convention ended with the announcement that Ron VanOverloop is to be the new president of the Federation and that the next convention will be held, D.V., in Redlands, California.
OLD MEMBERS

TIPPACONOE AND VAN OVERLOOP TOO!

NEW MEMBERS
I certainly need not repeat, as our former speakers already said, that your theme for this convention is not only beautiful and fitting, but also that it is most appropriate for such times as these in which we are called to live. This confession——for confession it is——we have already made at this convention from various aspects. It is my hope and prayer that this will become just a little more significant and richer as we speak of our God, confessing together: O God, How Great Thou Art in our lives.

It is my intention to treat this subject from three aspects: God’s Greatness in His providential care over us; God’s Greatness within us in using us for the calling whereto He has called us; and God’s Greatness for us in giving purpose to our lives, even leading us unto His eternal salvation. Thus I will speak on:

I. How Great Thou Art In Thy Care Over Us.
II. How Great Thou Art In Thy Calling Within Us.
III. How Great Thou Art In Giving Purpose To Our Lives.

Providence is the amazing wonder of the power of God that surrounds us every moment of our lives.

Look at the ordinary rose with its small, delicate petals forming into a bud and gradually unfolding into a beautiful flower. Think of the beauty of the sunset, the flashing of the lightning, the clapping of the thunder, the terrific power of a tornado or earthquake, the roar of the lion, the bleating of the lamb. Think of the fact that God places kernels of wheat in the ground, causes them to grow and produce a harvest, out of which finally appears the bread that lies before us on the table. Or think of the fact that God puts us to sleep at night, awakens us in the morning, gives us sight to our eyes, hearing for our ears, strength to walk, to think, to speak, to work. Think of all the millions of people who are in His power, whose course of life He directs. Think of the raging of wicked men against Him, uniting today in rebellion, anarchy and riot, preparing for the coming of the anti-christ; and yet even these, with their Prince, the Devil, are all in God’s power to carry out His purpose unto our salvation.

Scripture uses the figure of God’s Almighty Hand. Take a look a moment at your own hand and see how wonderfully that is formed. It is dexterous, skillful, strong, useful for many purposes. Some have the hand of an artist, some the hand of a musician, some of a skilled mechanic or surgeon. All of these are but a picture of the Almighty HAND of God that is able to accomplish all that He wills. And we are, as it were, right in the palm of that Hand. Not as if we exist apart from God. We even derive our life and being from that Hand. But at the same time that Hand upholds us, directs our way, provides us with all that is good, cares for us. That is the unspeakable comfort of the believer, which the world so sorely lacks. The Hand of the Lord is against the wicked in anger, but that same Hand is the Hand of our heavenly Father caring for us in love.

I want to borrow just a few examples from Scripture to bring this fact home to us.

The first example is taken from the words of Moses addressed to Israel at the end of their journey through the wilderness to the land of Canaan. In retrospect Moses could say: “As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him” (Deut. 32:11). When God called Israel out of Egypt He tore up their nest in which they had snuggled in warm contentment for such a long time. Like a mother eagle, God cast His fledglings out into the open sky to teach them to use their wings. Yet at the same time He hovered over them in deep concern, watching them as they anxiously fluttered, struggled, and fell. When they were weary of struggling He swooped, as it were, under them, took them up upon His strong pinions, and brought them back.
to the safety of the high cliff. They were afraid, weary, but the better for the experience. That is what the Lord also does with us. He makes life difficult, full of anxiety for us, only to teach us to use our wings and fly. But at the same time He watches over us and cares for us.

Now to use another example from that same history of Israel, yet from a slightly different point of view. When Israel had encamped at Sinai for about a year, the Lord said to them: “You have dwelt long enough at this mountain: Turn you, and take your journey.” Can you imagine what an excitement those orders created in the camp of two million people? Suddenly all appointments were cancelled, all plans were disrupted. They had to pack their few possessions, pull out their tent stakes and be on their way; men, women, children, cattle and all that they had. It meant a change of scenery, journeying through the heat of day and through the chill and darkness of the night along paths that they had never seen before. It meant following the lighted cloud wherever the Lord would lead them; and that for almost forty years. Now doesn’t God do the same with us? There was a time when He took us from the quiet seclusion of our homes to send us to school. He took us from the elementary grades into high school. And many of you He already took from high school into college. There comes a time when we leave our parental home to make a home of our own with the life-mate that God chooses for us. You may even have to travel from place to place, through all kinds of pleasant and bitter experiences, until your pathway ends in the eternal Rest above. But it is always God’s Hand that leads, that mighty Hand of our Great God.

And how wonderful to know that He cares for us, not only in Almighty, sovereign power, in inscrutable wisdom, but also in infinite, unchanging love. His mercy faileth never. “O God,” we confess, “How great Thou art in Thy providential care over us.”

And that brings me to a second phase of God’s Greatness in our lives; His calling which He entrusts to each of us in the work that He has given to us to do.

In this connection, the text in Ephesians 2:10 has always made a strong impression upon me. There we read: “For we are his (God’s) workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” I can only touch on a few of the golden nuggets that lie hidden in this beautiful passage.

There is, first of all, the fact mentioned, that each of us is precision made by the most skilled Craftsman, the living God Himself. We are made according to His own specifications, like a carefully cut diamond or a delicately constructed piece of intricate mechanism. Each of us comes forth from the Hand of God just exactly as He would form us, each with our own gifts, talents, character traits, according to our individual place in life.

Secondly, there is the fact that YOU and I are created in Christ Jesus as beloved children, born-again saints, to occupy our own place in the Church, unto the gathering of the saints and the coming of God’s kingdom.

Thirdly, we are created in Christ Jesus unto good works; works which only each of us can perform according to our place in the organism of the Body of Christ. No one can take our place. And the Body of Christ, the Church, would not be complete without us in our own place. In our physical bodies an eye must function as an eye, and ear as an ear, a mouth as a mouth, and a hand as a hand. And thus it is also in the Body of Christ. Or we can compare our good works to the bells that chime from the steeple. Each bell carries its own tone, but together they send forth the music that thrills the hearts of those who bear it.

Finally, these works are divinely appointed works. God is carrying out His counsel through us. And what a wonder that is, that each boy and girl, each young man and young woman, each father and mother, each son and daughter, teacher and preacher, or whatever our place may be in God’s church, — we each serve for the welfare of the saints, for the gathering of the church, and for the coming of God’s kingdom. In that great day of days we shall even receive our own “well-done” for the work that God has wrought in and through us!
That is obviously what Paul had in mind when he confessed: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Phil. 1:21). What a confession that is!

Paul looked back and saw that Christ was the beginning of his life, the Author of his faith. Christ had called him out of darkness into God's marvelous light. How well he remembered that particular call on the way to Damascus, when he was blinded by the light of Christ's glory. How wonderful when his eyes were opened and he confessed Christ as his Lord and Savior.

From that followed that Christ became the constant source of his life. Christ was the vine, and of that vine Paul was privileged to be a branch. Out of Christ flowed the power of life whereby Paul could bring forth fruits unto salvation. No wonder that he always maintained: "I live, yet no more I, Christ lives in me."

Thus Christ became the purpose in his life. How diligently he labored for the sake of the Gospel. He was proud to refer to himself as a slave of Jesus Christ. All his life he even willingly suffered for the sake of the gospel. And when toward the close of his life he stood before Agrippa, who sneered at the thought that Paul was trying to make a Christian of him, Paul answered that he would not exchange Agrippa's throne and fortunes and prestige for what he had, that wonderful conviction that he was indeed a Christian. He could wish that Agrippa would be as he was, except for his chains.

For Paul to live was Christ. And therefore Christ was also the goal in Paul's life. To die was gain. Come what may, even though he would have to die a martyr's death for the sake of the gospel, he could still say: To me death is always only GAIN.

At this juncture I want to ask you, covenant youth: In how far is that true in your lives today? Let me be very specific: What is your ambition, your aim in life? Some of you would like to be rich? Do you say: For to me to live is money? Then your end is loss, for you certainly must leave it all behind when you die. Others may say: For to me to live is to have fun, enjoy life and get out of it all the pleasure that I can. But then again: To die is what? What else but weeping and everlasting torment? Or you say: To me to live is to attain success, honor, possibly a name that might even go down in history. But then too your end is destruction, everlasting shame under God's curse. For the wicked have no peace, saith my God.

What a privilege, then, as covenant youth to be able to say with Paul: For to me to live is Christ. That is the wonder of grace working in us. And the end? To die is then gain, victory, glory with Him. Saved by grace!

And that brings me to my final thought: O God, How Great Thou art in Giving a Purpose, a Goal to our lives.

Life is vanity and vexation of spirit. The great Preacher, Solomon, was no pessimist when he said that. It is the reality that the world experiences every day. For to live apart from God is death. The most miserable people in this world are those who revel in their sins, such as the hippies, the dope fiends, the drunkards, and their kind. They are of a world that is dashing toward destruction!

But God has delivered us from this present evil world to make us friend-servants and stewards in His house. Yes, exactly at a time like this we are called to live. It is a time of social upheaval. Plainly the old customs and ways of living are falling away. We are going into a new era. But that era is the era of antichrist, more rebellion against God, more violence, bolder wickedness, greater defiance of decency and good order, more revelling in lust and pleasure, until the measure of man's sin is full, the world runs into a dead-end road, the vials of God's wrath are poured out in judgment upon the earth, and Christ appears with the clouds.

It is in such a time that we are privileged to live. I say "privileged," because we seek the things above, and our redemption draws near. Of Enoch we read that he walked with God. Of David that he said: "I have the Lord continually before me, He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved." And of Asaph: "Thou hast holden me by my right hand. Thou shalt guide me by thy counsel, afterward to take me to glory."
For you and me it means that we must redeem the time and work out our salvation with fear and trembling. Prayerfully you must walk from day to day; prayerfully seek your life mate; prayerfully choose your vocation. Always in all things you must ask: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me do?" Show in your manner of dress and speech and actions that you are the conquerors in this world, running the race, fighting the good fight, holding to the faith!

Then with Paul we say: Who can separate us from the love of God? Nay, in all these evils we see round about us we are more than conquerors! O God, How great Thou art in my life!

NEWS

from, for, and about our churches

by JUDY LUBBERS

News headlines for the August-September issue of Beacon Lights focus on the Young People’s Convention held at First Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 17-19. It was newsworthy for several reasons, but mainly because it revealed the startling fact that there are in existence churches other than those from which we are currently receiving news. Those who keep us faithfully informed are the churches in Loveland, Doon, South Holland, Oak Lawn, Hope, Holland, and Hudsonville. But it seems that there is also a First Church in Grand Rapids and in the nearby vicinity, a Southeast Church and a Southwest Church. There is a Protestant Reformed Church in Edgerton, Minnesota, Redlands, California, Hull, Iowa, and Randolph, Wisconsin. Not only do these churches exist, but also the membership of these various churches does include a certain number of young people who represented themselves at the convention by sending delegates. So if the readers of this particular article had begun to wonder about those churches from which we never hear any news, the convention of 1968 proved that they are still with us and functioning. This is the extent of news available on them at this time. It is sincerely hoped that this situation will change in the future and so at this time, it is my privilege to present to you, dear readers, once again, my address,

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Miscellaneous
On August 11, the Pre-Convention Singspiration was held at First Church. Many attending enjoyed the singing and special numbers.

On Friday, August 2, the Federation Board sponsored a Young People’s Party at North Shore Beach in Grand Haven. Supper was served at 7:00 p.m. and games were played afterwards.

On Saturday, August 3, the young people from First Church sponsored a potluck supper in the Adams’ School Gym to defray convention expenses.

On July 20 at 2:30, the young people from Hope Church held their annual Summer Outing at Bostwick Lake.

The Loveland Church held their annual church picnic on July 4. The potluck dinner began at 12:00 noon and games were arranged for the children.

The Loveland Young People’s Society sponsored a singspiration on July 28 after the evening service.

Births
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kamps from Hope, a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. Arie Noble from Hope, a son.
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kuiper from Hope, a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kuiper from Hope, a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Koop from Hope, a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kalsbeek from Hope, a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. M. Alsum from Loveland, a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kuiper from Loveland, a daughter.
Marriages

Miss Helen Flikkema and Mr. David Hop from Hope Church were married on July 6.

Miss Lynnette Kaans and Mr. Don Schwarz of Loveland were married on June 14.

Miss Valorie Baareman and Mr. Bill Klein from Hudsonville were married on August 23.

Membership

The people from our Kalamazoo Church are very grateful to announce that during the past year, four of the young people have made confession of faith. They are:

- Mary Klop
- Patricia Triezenberg
- Ron Moerman
- Rob Moerman

Servicemen

Mike Engelsma of Hope has returned home from Vietnam, having completed his time in service.

Marvin Mantel from Doon has returned home after a two-year term of service with the navy.

The current address of Bob Miedema from Hope is:

- Pfc. R. Miedema RA16936107
- 11th Cav. Div.
- A.P.O. San Francisco, California 96490

Two of our servicemen from Doon have new addresses. They are:

- Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Van Den Top
- Michigan Manor Apartments
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- Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909

- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blankesper
- Airlan Arms Apartments
- 1930 East LaSalle St., Apartment 312
- Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909

The Federation Board wants to take this opportunity to thank the retiring members of the Federation Board (Ruth Bol, Wilma Haverman, Don Jonker, and Rev. Van Baren) for their unselfish and unlimited services to the Board and to all our young people. Our prayer is for God's blessing upon them as they continue to serve Him.

A hearty "thank you" to all who planned for, participated in, and attended this year's Convention. Thanks to them, and, of course, thanks to our Lord for a most successful convention.

Thank you very much.
Yours in Christ,
The Federation Board
Karyn Kuiper, Sec'y

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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