

125th Anniversary

The Anniversary Banquet

Again — the special music was grand! We especially enjoyed the duet "I Waited for the Lord" by Mrs. Carl Grapentine and Dan Karney. God has given them great gifts.

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Dr. Ben Armstrong, recently back from the Congo, spoke briefly; too briefly. The new ABC President and pastor of the Covenant Baptist Church, Detroit, was in superb form with a thrilling message on "Our Lost Expectancy". Read Acts 3 for his basic scripture. Among the comments by Dr. Warner Cole were these two. Most of us over forty have little time to project the gospel message. (Think about that, you middle-agers!) The transforming power of Jesus is adequate for today. (Just give it a chance) He also called attention to the fact that in spite of all the efforts we make we can't keep up with race growth. We expect (and get) "silver and gold" and put the projection of the Divine message in second place. It was a great talk by a great Baptist.

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During the dinner Lester Case had us singing the old hymns. He called on the nearly 1,000 diners to "sing it sturdily!" A challenging word — sturdily. That, and heartily, are words we need to bring to vitality in our daily lives; in the practice of our Christianity. Rev. J. B. D. Adams —towering above most of us in size and spiritual attainments — delivered the benediction. Mr. Adams has served in 71 Michigan Baptist Churches in one capacity or another. As we stood on the threshold of "God's Magnificent Future" this nobleman of the Lord gave us a nudge down the road with his earnest prayer.