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Individual Questionnaire for

Biographical Record of Ministers

of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church (in America) and its parent synods:
The United Danish Ev. Luth. Church, The Danish Ev. Luth. Church Association
in America and The Danish Ev. Luth. Church in North America.

(Compiled for the Synodical Historical Archives)

Personal Data: (Please give all information you can)

Full name: Edward Albert Hansen

Born when: April 17, 1917 where: Harlan, Iowa

Baptized when and where: May 20, 1917, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Harlan, Iowa

Confirmed when and where: March 29, 1931 by whom: M. G. Christensen

If immigrant, date of arrival in America: located where:

Date of ordination: June 6, 1943. where: Racine, Wisconsin by whom: N. G. Carlsen

If not in above synods, when and where accepted as member pastor of our synod:

Retired from active ministry when: why:

Located where: occupation:

If dead, what date: where: cause:

Buried where date

Marriage: (1) to whom Shirley M. Bondo date and place: October 15, 1943, Immanuel Church
Minneapolis

Wife's birthdate and place: March 1, 1921 Hampton, Nebraska

Her parents: Pastor & Mrs. Sherman Bondo location: (then) Hampton, Nebraska
(nee Lena M. Nelsen)

If wife is dead, give date

(2) Second wife (if any; give same information about her).....

Theological Seminary in New York, 1948

Children (give names and other information of interest, as occupation, spouse, and present address):

..... Lee Anne, born September 1, 1945 at Minneapolis, Minn.

..... Linda Carol, born June 23, 1952, Teaneck, New Jersey

Other information on family of historical interest, i.e., members in the ministry, missionary work, teaching and medical professions, etc.:

Educational Training: Give name of institution, location, and when attended.

High Schools: Harlan High School, Harlan, Iowa --four years, graduated May 28, 1935.....

Colleges (Give also degrees attained): Dana College, four years, B.A. degree in 1939.....

Theological Schools: Trinity Seminary, Blair, three years, B.D. degree in 1942.....

..... Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. one year - 1942-43

The Biblical Seminary in New York, 1948, 1949

Honorary Degrees received (give name of institution and date):

Other specific training:

Additional comment on above:

Ministerial Service. Please give in chronological order the names of congregations or charges served, and period of each.

Student pastor in Lindsay-Genoa, Nebraska, 1940-42

Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn. September, 1942 to Sept. 1947

Lutheran Bible Institute, Minneapolis, October, 1947 to October 1948

Lutheran Bible Institute, Eastern Extension, October 1948

REV. P. C. JENSEN
STATISTICIAN & HISTORIAN
UNITED EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
BLAIR, NEBRASKA

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Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

Pres., Minnesota District Luther League, 1945, 46

Secretary, Synodical Luther League, 1947-48-49.

Youth Director, Synodical Luther League, 1949-1951

President, Atlantic District Luther League, 1952 -

Other activities and official services-at-large (teaching, chaplaincy, editorial, etc., and period of each):

Teacher at Luther League Leadership Training Schools, Racine, Kenmare, Chicago, Lynwood

Chairman, Joint Youth Publications Council, publishers of ONE MAGAZINE and YOUTH PROGRAMS, from 1951

Literary production (books and pamphlets): Give titles and when published.

Chapter in THE CALL TO YOUTH, edited by Kenneth Priebe, Augsburg

Various contributions and studies in YOUTH PROGRAMS

Additional information of interest:

Dean of the Lutheran Bible Institute, Eastern Extension, Teaneck, N. J. as of June, 1954

Date June 29, 1954

Signed

Edward A. Hansen

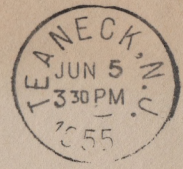
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Rev. Edward Hansen



The Rev. P. C. Jensen
Lutheran Publishing House
Blair, Nebraska

Parents: Father (give name, birthplace, occupation, residence, etc.) .. Albert Hansen. .. Born December 13, 1871
.... Admah, Nebraska.... Died June 8, 1943... Was a newspaperman, member of Iowa legislature,
..... County Auditor, Mayor of Harlan, and machinist. Served on Synod's Pension Board many years
Mother (give her maiden name, birthplace, home before marriage, etc.) .. Anna, nee Nelsen. .. Born Febru. 22, 1874
..... in Ishpheming, Mich... Lived in Lincoln, Nebraska prior to marriage.....
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June 4, 1955

Rev. P. C. Jensen
Blair, Nebraska

Dear friend PGJ:

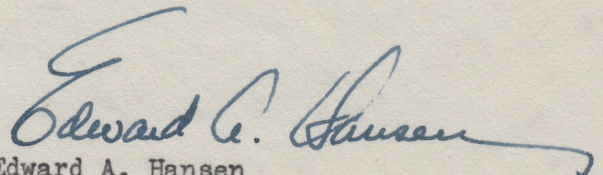
Thanks for good fellowship at the Luther League convention recently, and also for your kind card about Madsen's Dogmatics. No, I didn't "inherit" a copy from Shirley's father. If he had one, it went to some other member of the family. For the past couple of years I have had the loan of Pastor Matt Christensen's copy. Now he needs his book, and I have just returned it to him.

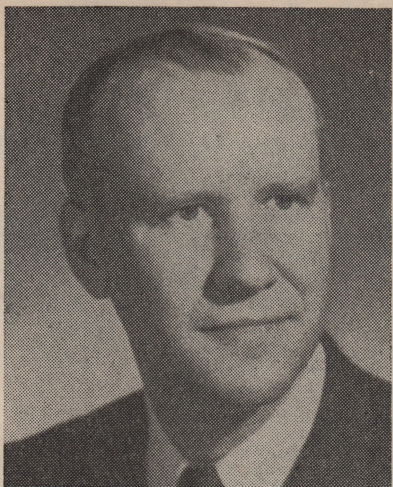
Thanks for your generous offer to lend me your copy. If you haven't already sent it, wait until you see if one of your second-hand bookstore contacts in Denmark should have one. I am not in a great hurry for it -- but would like to secure a copy this summer if possible. Thanks for all efforts you make in trying to secure a copy for me.

It would be interesting if we should happen to meet out in California in August. Our plans are a little uncertain just now. After returning from the Luther League convention, I spent six days in the hospital, with what the doctors say is a "herniated intervertebral disc." They have put my back in a plaster cast, with the hope that this will effect eventual relief without surgery. Meanwhile, I am able to get about with the aid of Bedstefar Hansen's gold-headed cane--given on his golden wedding anniversary. I had kept it as an heirloom, not expecting that I might find practical use for it!

We have just started our "sabbatical summer" after eight years of service with L.B.I. I have been attending a special seminar in pastoral care these days, held at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. The past couple of weeks have also held special days of prayer and heart-searching as we have considered the call to become "Associate Pastor" at Gethsemane Church in Racine. We have decided to return the call. Much as we love the parish ministry, and cherishing as we do the hope of returning to it some day, we find it to be God's leading that we continue in the ministry of the Bible study movement for the present.

Cordial personal greetings!


Edward A. Hansen



REV. EDWARD A. HANSEN

Pastor Hansen, our Bible Week Speaker—January 3 to 7, served five years as pastor of Imanuel Lutheran Church (UELC) Minneapolis, Minnesota, before joining the faculty of the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis. In the fall of 1948 he helped to found the Eastern Extension of the school, which is now located in Teaneck, New Jersey. Vitally interested in young people, he formerly served as youth director of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church. At present he is serving as chairman of the Joint Youth Publications Council, which publishes *One*, the Magazine for Christian Youth. Musically inclined, Pastor Hansen sings as well as speaks.

The speaker represents a Bible study movement that extends from coast to coast. In addition to its main headquarters in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Lutheran Bible Institute also has branch schools in Los Angeles, California; Seattle, Washington; and Teaneck, New Jersey. Its aim and purpose is to train young people, after high school age, for more effective service in the various fields of activity in the Lutheran Church in this country and in foreign fields. Thus, students come from all walks of life. More than 200 former students are actively engaged in foreign mission work at the present time. In addition to some 500 resident students in the four schools, approximately 9000 persons are enrolled in

PARISH ITEMS

The Missionary Auxiliary meeting has been postponed to Monday, the 11th.

The Hi-Leaguers will meet on Tuesday in connection with Bible Week.

The Burnside Auxiliary members will attend the Bible Week Service on Tuesday, and then conduct their business meeting in the Church House.

The Emanuel Daughters' meeting has been postponed to Wednesday, January 13.

The West Hartford Ladies' Society meets on Thursday at 2:00.

The Home Builders meet on Friday at the Church House.

The Bethany Sick Benefit Society's Annual Meeting has been changed from January 13 to Tuesday, January 12. It will be held in the Church House at 8:00 p.m.

THE COMING YEAR

It is a door
By which we reach new fields
Of service for our God and fellow man:
A door by which we can
Explore
Wide fields of usefulness
Our world to bless,
And reap the sheaves God's Word of witness yields.

It is a task
Set by the Master of our souls,
A little part of our life's work below;
And so we ask
The holy wisdom which alone controls
Our labor, teaching what and where to sow;
That the year at its end,
May show God's glory and man's profit blend.

It is a book,
With many pages and as yet all white,
On which to write
The history of thought, and deed, and word,
In this new group of days.
We pray Thee, Lord
As Thou shalt look
Upon the book, when written o'er, it may be
to Thy praise.

—William Olney.

the home study correspondence course department. Bible camp weeks and summer sessions are conducted by all the schools.

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT — BE IN CHURCH SUNDAY

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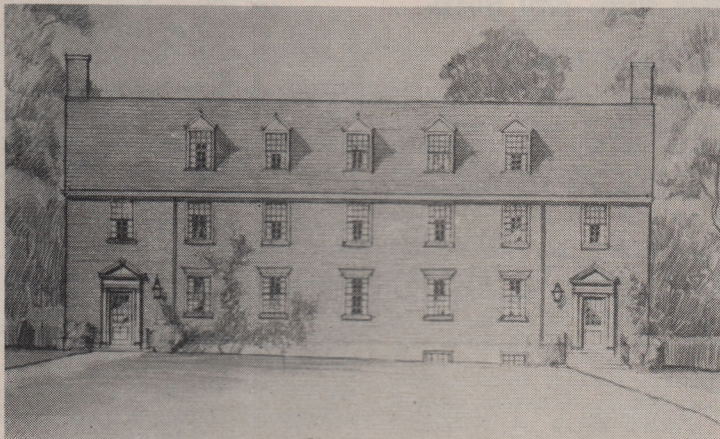
Pastor Edward A. Hansen

As of June 1, 1954 Pastor Edward A. Hansen takes over the duties of Dean of the Eastern Extension of the Lutheran Bible Institute. He succeeds Pastor C. O. Grunlund who has resigned from that position, but who will continue to teach at the Teaneck school.

Pastor Hansen is eminently qualified for his new office. He was one of the two faculty members sent out from Minneapolis to inaugurate the Day School in New York in the fall of 1948. He has rendered outstanding service through these years of pioneering. We thank God for him and assure him of our earnest intercession.

— COG

Facing Our Future



Pictured above is the proposed new dormitory, as drawn by our architect, Mr. George Cady. In chaste colonial style, this building would be a worthy addition to our campus and to the Teaneck community. Present interior plans allow residence rooms for approximately forty-five students, plus a lower-floor cafeteria. The Building Committee, composed of the faculty together with Mr. Chris Auckland, Mr. Gordon Olsen, and Pastor Iver Sonnack, are still engaged in working out details.

It is evident that such a building will cost at least \$100,000. Believing that many friends of LBI would be interested in making an investment of their funds in this on-going step in the training of Christian young people, LBI is encouraging gifts and loans to make the erection of this building possible. As of June 1, \$13,450 has come in as loans, bearing 3% interest for five years, and \$1,750 in outright gifts to our Campus Expansion Program. We thank God for friends who have thus evidenced their prayerful interest in our Bible School.

As this interest grows among our

friends, we believe there will be many more who will want a part in the building of this dormitory. A substantial part of the total cost must be on hand before actual construction can begin.

It has now been found necessary to seek out other facilities for conducting our school this fall. We are negotiating now with our Christian neighbors for the purchase of their house and land adjoining our property. This can be readily refurbished for use as a cafeteria on the first floor, with some dormitory rooms on the second floor. With the promise of other rental rooms in the neighborhood, we are able to offer accommodations to students who wish to enroll with us for Bible study this coming year. These temporary arrangements will enable us to continue for the next school year until the new building can be completed and occupied.

We ask our readers to pray with us now for the funds which will hasten the day when we can break ground for this new building, to be built to the glory of God.

— EAH

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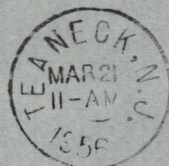
Dear friend P.C.J.:

Thank you for your friendly card regarding our move to Hutchinson.

Because you collect such information as our synod's necrologist, I am sending the enclosed account of my mother's homegoing out in Iowa earlier this month.

Best regards,
Edward

Edward A Hansen
34 Canterbury Court
Teaneck, New Jersey



VIA AIR

On his mother's death 3/1/56

The Rev. P. C. Jensen
Editor and Necrologist
Blair, Nebraska

I N M E M O R I A M

Mrs. Anna C. Hansen

Born February 22, 1874
Ishpeming, Michigan

Entered into Rest March 1, 1956
Harlan, Iowa

"So live, that when thy summons comes . . .
Thou go . . . sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust. . ."

Wm. Cullen Bryant

It was Thursday, March 1st (Shirley's birthday) at 9:45 p.m. when Mom's summons came. She was sleeping as her soul went to be with the Lord. Two of her dearest friends, who have been like another son and daughter to her -- Herman and Inger Nielsen -- were at her bedside when she departed for the larger life.

Those who knew Mom will remember her vibrant interest in others. Memory failed her in the last year at Salem Home in Elk Horn, but she had always kept a keen interest in the destinies and affairs of her loved ones, relatives, and friends -- and she did her best to keep this up to the last. Pastor Henry N. Hansen, her chaplain at Salem Home, remarked that she had a kind of "queenly" manner. Through changes of fortune and separation from loved ones, she always kept that -- gracious, dignified, self-deprecating.

Daily our little family in New Jersey has prayed for both grandmothers -- Grandma Bondo and Grandma Hansen. In remembering Mom, it was usually: "God, bless Grandma in Elk Horn. Supply all her needs -- of body, mind, and soul. Let her know our love, even if we cannot be near her. And when Thou art pleased to call her home to Thyself, grant her a peaceful and blessed departure." How beautifully God answered that prayer!

A week before, on Washington's birthday, Mom had celebrated her 82nd birthday. There were greetings and presents as usual, and she had worn the new birthday dress that we had sent from Teaneck. A group of friends from Immanuel Church in Harlan had come to have coffee with her at Salem in the afternoon. Others came the next day. She had been failing and losing weight the last few years, but still enjoyed a fairly regular life at the home, and the company of the friends she knew and loved.

Earlier in the week, she had been discussing illness with one of her neighbors, Mrs. Hans Petersen. "When my time comes, I hope that I may go quickly," she said. That hope was soon fulfilled. A stomach upset sent her to bed on February 29. As several others in the home had similar complaints, it was not considered serious. When some hemorrhaging was noticed on March 1, the doctor suggested that she be brought to the hospital in Harlan. Accompanied by Mrs. Allan Hansen, wife of the superintendent, she entered the hospital about 5 p.m. X-rays revealed an abdominal mass, the nature of which was never determined.

Her memory seemed clearer at the last, and her deft humor never left her, even when the nurses were arranging the oxygen tubes. She winked at Inger as she commented, in Danish, "Der er altid Staahej, naar fattig-folks Børn skal giftes." It was her way of saying, "Why all this fuss, for such a little matter?"

Pastor Henry Hansen came and had devotions with her a little later in the evening. He read the 23rd Psalm; Mom joined in, also in praying the Lord's Prayer.

"Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil;
For thou art with me."

"Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

"Aldrig raed for Mørkets Magt,
Stjernerne vil lyse!
Med et Fader vor i Pagt
Skal du aldrig gyse. (Chr. Richardt)

She said "Good Night" to her visitors, and then settled down to sleep about 9:30 p.m., while Herman and Inger kept vigil. Fifteen minutes later she breathed her last -- just about the time that Shirley, Lee Anne, and I were leaving New Jersey on the 1350-mile trip to Iowa, to arrive there twenty-nine hours later.

Death is only an old door
Set in a garden wall;
On gentle hinges it gives, at dusk,
When the thrushes call.

Along the lintel are green leaves,
Beyond, the light lies still.
Very willing and weary feet
Go over that sill.

There is nothing to trouble any heart,
Nothing to hurt at all.
Death is only a quiet door
In an old wall. (Nancy Byrd Turner)

So many showed their kindness and sympathy in ways that can not be recounted here. Mom would have loved the flowers which were sent; they breathed their fine fragrance of springtime, fresh life, and hope. Others gave, and are giving, memorial gifts to the Lord's work -- and these gifts will continue to bless by helping the progress of Christ's gospel. We are sending the gifts that come in from now on to the ministry of the Lutheran Bible Institute to help hold forth the Word of Life. This ministry was close to Mom, as it is the field in which her son has served the past nine years.

On Sunday we attended communion service at the Harlan Church where Mom was a charter member, and where I was first brought to the Lord in baptism. It was a great privilege to meet with the Saviour around the table which He had prepared. We missed having Mom in her usual place, but we were comforted with the thought that she was enjoying fellowship at the Lord's Heavenly Table, experiencing the Real Presence of Christ in a far grander sense than we could here.

As the old bell at Immanuel Church tolled on Monday, we entered once again for the funeral. A good family friend, Mrs. Helga Lund, was at the organ playing the hymns that Mom and Dad had known and loved. Pastor Lyle Paulsen led the service in a quiet and fitting manner. Pastor C. M. Videbeck, former pastor and old family friend, brought a tribute in his own warm, inimitable way. Mom and Dad had been present at Videbeck's wedding, and had welcomed the newlyweds to the old home on Durant Street. Pastor Henry Hansen of Elk Horn preached the sermon, and graciously brought the consolation of God's word. Believing Mom would want it that way, I sang two hymns of hope and faith, "Den Store Hvide Flok" and Lina Sandell's tender, "Children of the Heavenly Father."

"Ingen er saa tryk for Fare
Som Guds lille Børne-skare,
Fuglen ej i Skjul bag Løvet,
Stjernen ej højt over Støvet.

Og naar endt er Kampens Dage,
Endt hver jordisk Nød og Klage,
Kalder os vor Faders Stemme
Til en evig Fryd derhjemme."

Carried by six men who had known her through the years -- Elmer Norgaard, Nels Olsen, Elmer Petersen, Henry Robertsen, Lawrence Andersen, and Andrew Sondergaard -- she was laid to rest on the quiet hillside in the Harlan cemetery where what was mortal of Dad has rested since June, 1943. The warm sun symbolized God's benediction over the entire farewell service. And I could not help but think of Ingemann's pensive lines that Mom loved:

Nødig sige vi "far vel!"
Men "Velkommen!" o, hvor gjerne!
Har vi rigtig kaeren Sjael,
Er hun nær dog i det fjerne.

Mødes Blik med Blik ej mer,
Er de kaere Smil bortfløjne,
Blik og Smil, som ingen ser,
Mødes dog med Sjælefløjne.

Morgonsol! genlys i Kvæld!
Ungdom! lev i Alderdommen!
Aanden i hvert skønt "Farvel"
Gemmer dog et skønt "Velkommen!"

It is over twenty years since I left Iowa, and many changes have taken place in two decades. It was good to see the relatives and friends, many of whom I had not seen at all, or only infrequently in these years. The relatives can be named now very briefly, as so few are left.

Jenny, Mom's sister. Mrs. N. Lund, now living in Omaha with her son Roy. Her daughter Elva and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. James Buick, also of Omaha, were there.

Cora, Mom's other sister. Mrs. Andrew Carr, now of McNabb, Illinois. Uncle Andrew and nephews Harold and Herbert could not be present.

Orie, Mrs. C. W. Hansen. C. W. was Dad's next-to-the-youngest brother. Aunt Orie still keeps the old homestead in Elk Horn, and Mom had visited her there. Her daughter, Fern, had come with her husband, Neal Shepherd, and their daughter Gayla, all the way from Grundy Center, Iowa.

Jenny, Mrs. Harald Hansen. Aunt Jenny lives in Atlantic, with her son Alvin, and represented another of Dad's brothers, now deceased.

Andrew Andersen. Dr. Sjøe's son-in-law, a widower since Anna's death. Anna's mother was Etta, Dad's oldest sister. Andrew still lives near Kimballton, on the farm.

Herluf Sjøe. Dr. Herluf Soe, also representing the Sjøe family, is a dentist in Manilla, Iowa.

Others were there, in thought and in prayer, and helped to make the day beautiful and memorable.

* * * * *

Back home again, we take up our work afresh. Soon we shall leave this ministry here at LBI in the East, where we have served for nearly eight years, to take a call to Main Street Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, Minnesota, shortly after July 15th.

I want to take this means of sharing the account of Mom's home-going with you, thinking that some of these details may be of interest. With this message goes our thanks for what you have meant to Mom during her sojourn here. We sent also our best wishes to you for a blessed and joyful Easter, in the name of the Risen One who said:

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Edward

March 12, 1956

Dear Editor Jensen:

Thinking that you no doubt appreciate receiving news for the church paper as soon as it IS news, I am sending you the following lines at the same time as I am sending my letter of acceptance to the congregation.

Warmest personal greetings!

Edward A. Hansen

Edward A. Hansen

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Pastor Edward A. Hansen has accepted the call to Main Street Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Minnesota, succeeding the Rev. N. B. Hansen as pastor there.

For the past nine years, Pastor Hansen has been serving on the faculty of The Lutheran Bible Institute. He was one of those who helped to establish the school in the East, where he has served since October, 1948. This school is now located in Teaneck, New Jersey, one of the suburbs of metropolitan New York City. During the past two school terms, Pastor Hansen has been dean of the Eastern LBI.

He plans to move to Hutchinson after the close of the current school year, taking up his new duties about the middle of July.

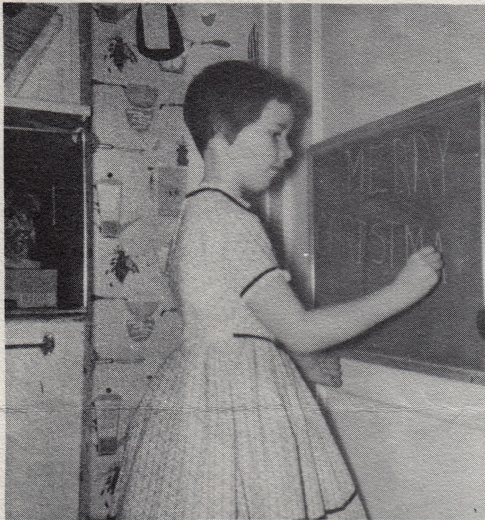
*Undskyld, at dette ikke er skrevet
paa dansk!*

Rev. Edward Hansen
The Hansens Send Christmas Greetings

To Your House From Ours

December 1959

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Linda

Chalking Up A Greeting.

Linda, our second-grader, is interested in books, skating, art work, and pet turtles.



Lee Anne

Practicing The Christmas Carols.

Lee Anne, who was confirmed last September, keeps busy with piano lessons, school work, Luther League, and Youth Choir.



Edward

All Wound Up.

The face on the right is that of Grandfather Jens Hansen's clock. You may see both faces on your TV set on "Invitation For Tomorrow" in the new year.



Shirley

Christmas Decorations.

Shirley, the busy mother and manager of the manse, finds time to make parish calls with the pastor and also to prepare for the Christmas festivities.



For it is God who said, "Let the light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6.

May His Light Shine Also In Your Heart This Christmas!



BOX 125
HUTCHINSON, MINNESOTA



Pastor & Mrs. P. C. Jensen
115 S. 18th St.
Blair, Nebraska



And she brought forth her firstborn son, and laid



him in a manger....

1104 Kandiyohi Ave.

Willmar, Minnesota

December, 1960

What shall we say at Christmas?

Each year we exchange greetings, and sometimes our holiday wishes cross in the mail. At our house, we tax our imaginations to try to think of some new means to let you know that we are thinking of you in a special way at this holy season.

Other years we have tried pictures...we have sent newsletters... we have compiled diaries of the vanishing year. We have employed various strategies to keep our greetings personal, hoping that somehow you would sense that our wish was intended intimately for you. But, when all was said, and the news of the year set down, there really wasn't much new to say after all.

Dr. Peter Marshall was right:

In a world that seems not only to be changing, but even to be dissolving, there are some tens of millions of us who want Christmas to be the same...

with the same old greeting, "Merry Christmas," and no other.

We long for the abiding love among men of good will which the season brings...

believing in this ancient miracle of Christmas with its softening, sweetening influence to tug at our heartstrings once again.

We want to hold on to the old customs and traditions because they strengthen our family ties,

bind us to our friends

make us one with all mankind

for whom the Child was born,

and bring us back again to the God Who gave His only begotten Son, that "whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

To you and yours, wherever you are, from our new home, we send this old, time-honored greeting, and our warmest regards.

The Hansens

Edward, Shirley, Lee Anne, Linda