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MAGNUSSEN, OLFERT VICTOR
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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: Olfert Victor Magnussen

Born when: May 24, 1911 where: Dickson, Alberta, Canada
Bethania Luth. Church

Baptized when and where: June 4, 1911, Pentecost, Dickson, Alberta, Canada

Confirmed when and where: May 18, 1924, Elba, Nebraska by whom: His Father
J.G.V. Magnussen

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

Date of ordination: June 18, 1939 where: Oakland, Calif. by whom: Dr. N.C. Carlsen

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

Retired from active ministry when: why:

Located where: 62 W. Lincoln Ave. Fresno occupation: Lutheran minister

If dead, what date: where: cause:

Buried where date

Marriage: (1) to whom Edith Petrusson date and place: June 24, 1939, Chicago, Ill.

Wife's birthdate and place: July 1, 1910 Chicago, Illinois

Deceased: Axel F. Petrusson
Her parents: Dagmar L. Berglum location: Formerly Chicago

If wife is dead, give date killed August 13, 1960 in an auto accident near

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

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

Stephen Victor born Aug. 27, 1941, Northfield, Minn.

Juliane Louise born Sept. 12, 1947, Milwaukee, Wis.

John Philip born Oct. 8, 1952, Fresno, Calif.

All at 62 W. Lincoln Ave., Fresno, Calif.

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

Parents: Father (give name, birthplace, occupation, residence, etc.) Deceased 1930: Julius Georg Vilhelm Magnussen, born Sept. 12, 1872 at Hobro, Denmark. Lutheran pastor, 1904-1930. Plainview, Nebr., Dickson, Alta., Can., Flaxton and Bowbells, N.D., Clinton, Wis., Elba, Nebraska, Ord, Nebraska, Ebenezer, Audubon, Iowa. (Included, Dannevarke, Munson Creek, Logan, Wolbach, Cushing.) Ordained Sept. 25, 1904. Intended to be China missionary--no funds. Mother (give her maiden name, birthplace, home before marriage, etc.) (Mrs. J.G.V.) Anna Vilhelmine Christofina Jespersen of Spencer, Iowa, daughter of one of earliest blacksmiths in Iowa, Anton Jespersen. Born, June 13, 1882 at Randers, Denmark. Now resides at Audubon, Iowa. Would have celebrated 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 5, 1954.

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

High Schools: 1924-25 - Elba, Nebraska; 1925-1928-Ord, Nebraska

Colleges (Give also degrees attained): Dana College, B.A.

Theological Schools: Chicago Theol. Sem., Maywood, Ill., 1936-37 Trinity Seminary, Blair, Nebra. 1937-1939.

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

Other specific training: ... About 10 hours of music at Fresno State College

..... Studied harmony at St. Olaf, one semester.
..... Wrote an arrangement for ladies trio, "O Welcome Again,"
..... Berggren, printed at Lutheran Publishing House, destroyed
..... in the fire. Have a few copies myself.

Additional comment on above: ... Composition for SATB-Acappella Choir--"Praise Ye
..... the Lord," written at Fresno State, used for Baccalaureate
..... Service by Fresno State A Cappella Choir, 1951.....

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

..... 1939-1943..... Northfield, Minnesota..... St. Peter's Lutheran
..... Immanuel Lutheran, Hazelwood
..... 1943-1949..... Racine, Wisconsin..... Emmaus Lutheran
..... 1949-..... Immanuel Lutheran of Easton, Fresno, California.....

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REV. P. C. H. ERM
STATISTICAL & RECORDS
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
CLERK, WEBBERS

Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

Synodical Board of Charities, Sec'y 1943 - 1949: two terms
Pacific Dist. Sec'y, 1950-1952; 1 yr. unexpired term; 1 year
of regular term-resigned bec. of health.
1950-52-Pac. Dist. L.L. Vice President.
1941-43 Minn. Dist. L.L. Pres.

On Several Bible Camp Boards.

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

Lutheran Welfare of Wisconsin Board--Regine Representative
for a couple of years.

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

Additional information of interest:

Date July 20, 1954 Signed

Olfert Victor Magnussen

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Return this report as soon as possible to

REV. P. C. JENSEN
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REDAKTØR: Pastor P. C. Jensen, Blair, Nebraska.

Fra vor Kirkemark

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Mrs. Edith
Magnussen

Mrs. Edith V. Magnussen, Pastor Olfert Magnussens Hustru, Petaluma, Calif., meldes afgaaet ved Døden Lørdag Aften d. 13. August, et Par Timer efter et Automobilsammenstød nogle Mil nord for Fresno, da hun og Pastor Magnussen, samt deres to mindre Børn var paa Vej hjem fra en Ferie i Los Angeles, hvor de kort før havde deltaget i hendes Brodersøn, Mark Petrussons Bryllup. Ulykken skete ved, ifølge vor Oplysning, at en modgaaende Billist „sideswiped“ deres Bil, idet han var kommen ind paa forkert Kørebane. Mrs. Magnussen blev kastet helt fra Bagsædet og ud gennem Vindskærmet, og blev saa forslaaet at hun næppe kom til Bevidsthed før Døden indtraadte. Deres 7-aarige Søn, John Philip, fik en Hjerne-rystelse og et Ben brækket og den 12-aarige Datter, Juliane Louise, og Pastor Magnussen slap med lettere Skrammer. En ældre Søn, Stephen Victor, 19, var ikke med, da han er i Regeringstjeneste. Alle blev taget til et Hospital i nærmeste By. Pastor Magnussens Brødre, Bill og Phil, i Audubon, Iowa, modtog Sørgebudskabet via Telefon Kl. 10 samme Aften, men de skaanede deres gamle Moder, Mrs. Julius G. Magnussen, paa Alderdomshjemmet, og de andre Søskende for Sorgen indtil Søndag Morgen. Begravelsen fandt Sted i Onsdags fra Elim Kirken i Petaluma, som Magnussens har betjent siden Nytaar 1959. Philip Magnussen fra Audubon og Søsteren Beata, gift med Pastor Johannes Andersen i Sleepy Eye, Minn., rejste derud for at repræsentere Familien.

Mrs. Edith Magnussen er Søster til Pastor Edwin Petrusson, Lærer paa Lutheran Bible Institute i Los Angeles. Deres Forældre, nu afdøde Mr. og Mrs. Axel Petrusson, fhv. velkendte Medlemmer af Ebenezer Mgh. i Chicago, hvor Edith blev født d. 1. Juli, 1910. Hun blev først kendt med Olfert ved hendes Broder Edwins Bryl-

lup med Ruth Jensen i Royal, Iowa. Senere kom begge paa Dana College. De blev gift d. 24. Juni, 1939, i Chicago en Uges Tid efter hans Ordination. Deres første Præstegerning var i St. Peters og Immanuels Mghr., Northfield, Minn.; dernæst efter 1943 i Emmaus Mgh., Racine, Wis., til 1949, da de flyttede til Easton, Calif., og betjente Immanuels Mgh. der til de kaldtes til Petaluma. Mrs. Magnussen var en nidkær Arbejder i Herrens Gerning og en elskelig Personlighed, som vil savnes dybt af hendes kære Efterladte. Kun Gud alene kan trøste dem i deres store Sorg og besvare det svære „hvorfor.“ Pastor Magnussens har mange Venner ud over Landet og i vort Samfund. P.C.J.

Formand Dr. William Larsen oplyser i en Skrivelse til Præster om vor Bladmission i Fremtiden, særlig nu under forandrede Kaar naar den nye Kirke træder i Kraft næste Nytaar. Som vist alle nu ved, ophører alle de tre unerede Samfunds officielle Organer, deriblandt vores engelske „The Ansgar Lutheran“ og danske „Luthersk Ugeblad,“ ved den Tid. Men saa faar vi i Stedet et helt Magasin paa 32 Sider, som vil udkomme hveranden Tirsdag under Navn af LUTHERAN STANDARD, og bliver redigeret og trykt hos Augsburg Publ. House, Minneapolis. Til Hovedredaktør er valgt Dr. Edward W. Schramm, der i mange Aar har redigeret ALCs Hovedorgan af samme Navn som det nye Blad. Som hans Medredaktører er engageret Pastor Wilfred Bockelman, hans hidtidige Medarbejder, og Pastor Rolf Aaseng af ELC, samt Pastor Lewis Holm som Nyhedsmeddeler. — Angaaende Bestilling og Betalinger af Bladene under Overgangen oplyses, at alle ikke udløbne Subskriptioner paa nuværende Blade vil blive godkendt af det nye saavidt som Betalingen rækker efter 1. Januar, 1961 (Prisen paa det nye Organ er ikke givet). Ligesaa vil den „Church Paper Plan,“ vi har for Menighedssubskription, fortsættes, idet enten Luther League eller en anden local Forening vil varetage Forretningen dermed i de enkelte Menigheder. Formaålet er at faa Bladet ind i ethvert Menighedshjem.

Pastor og Mrs. Einer Romer flytter til Mason City, Ia., fra Blair, hvor de har haft deres Ophold mest af Tiden siden de forlod deres sidste Præstegerning i Ft. Collins, Colo., først paa Sommeren. Som før omtalt her i Bladet kom Pastor Romer til Skade under et Biluheld i Denver, men har atter næsten genvundet sin Førlighed. Egentlig havde de gjort Forberedelser til at bosætte sig i Blair, men da deres ældste Datter, Mildred, og Mand, Pastor Stanley Carlsen, nu er Præstefolk for Our Savior's Mgh. (ELC), Mason City, besluttede de at bosætte sig der. Desuden er Byen jo valgt som Iowa Distriktsæde i den nye Kirke. Romers Adresse bliver (efter 1. September) 1321-8th St. S.E., hvor de har købt Hus.

Audubon, Iowa, blev haardt ramt af en usædvanlig stærk Regnstorm — op til 90 mil i Timen — Lørdag Aften d. 6. August, som forøvede ca. \$200,000 Skade paa Bygninger og anden Ejendom i Byen, samt væltede eller sønderflængede mange af de store Træer og nedrev elektriske Ledninger. At ingen Mennesker kom alvorligt til Skade er et Mirakel, skønt en Masse Vinduer blæste ind

In Mrs. Olbert Magnusson Budubon, Ia
death Aug 13, 1960 Aug. 17, '60

Dear Rev. Jensen:-

So far I have no clippings about Edith's death about Edith's death. We got the message by phone Sun. night about 10 p.m. (how ever my son kept the message till morning, thus spared the rest of our from a sleepless night). On Sun. 7 p.m. we were finally able to locate my son Olbert at a hospital in small town W. of Fresno. The youngest boy John Philip (Jay) had a concussion & a broken leg. However, the concussion had cleared, but his dad (Bill) was still with him. The mother had lived 2 hrs after the accident (but unconscious no doubt). Olbert & Julie (12) had only 20 min. Stephen & I was not with them on occ. of having a (groom) job. They had been to Mark Peterson's wedding that Sat.

P.S. Olbert & Edith met at Edw. Peterson's wedding in Royal Co. where he was working in his lumber store & there met the bride Ruth Jensen in church work I believe.

They had both each planned to attend Lona already. I am not in very good shape to write and just now at 9 p.m. W. St. time Edith's funeral is being conducted in Petaluma. My son Philip and one Magnusson

of my daughter, Mrs. J. A. Anderson
of Sleepy Eye, Minn. was selected to repre-
sent our family at this time. (There is)
the family plan to be with the family at
a later date.

This is rather mixed up;
to clear the issues about Mark's wedding
which had been the day before, I might add they
stopped a day or 2 in Glendale with my daugh-
ter. Some enjoyed some sightseeing. It
seems to be a slight consolation that they
had their vacation at the time of the wedding
and were on the way home before dark.
Yet they were "side-wiped" by a car
which was in the wrong lane. Edith
(being so light) was thrown from the
back-seat clear across into the wind-
shield.

By this time others in Blair, like Rev. J.
A. Nielsen may have better information.
Edith was a loving daughter-in-law
and a considerate of everyone, also
those who have worked with her, or
gathered in the church.

Sincerely

I hunted all ^{p.m.} ~~Vilhelmine Magnusson~~
found the small one in an album so
every may see the others also