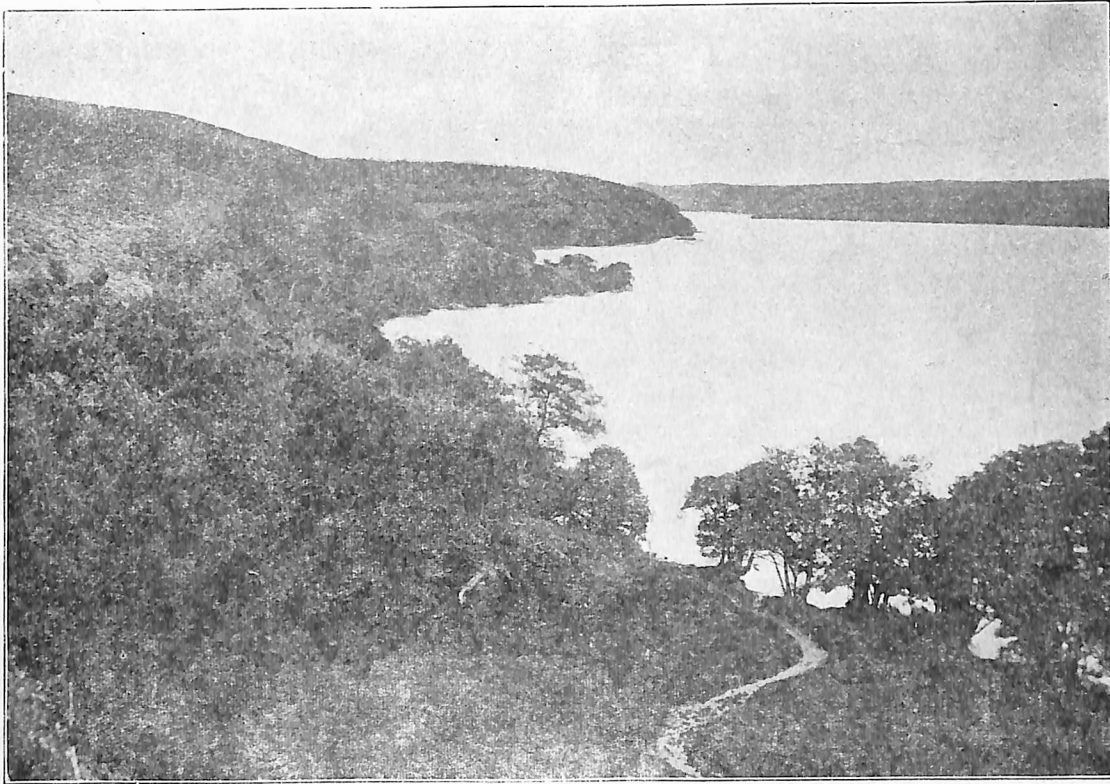


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## --- DENMARK A LOVELY LAND ---

There is a lovely land  
Where stand the shady beeches  
Near salty Eastern strand,  
With hills that gently rise and fall.  
Its name is dear old Denmark,  
And it is Freya's hall.

There in the ancient days  
The armored Vikings rested  
Between their bloody frays.  
Then they went forth, the foe to face,  
And found in stone-set barrows  
Their final resting place.

This land is still as fair,  
The sea as blue around it;  
Now peace is cherished there.

Strong men and noble women still  
Uphold old Denmark's honor  
With faithfulness and skill.

A. Oehlenschläger.  
Translated by S. D. Rodholm.

Black clouds may o'er it roll;  
Brute force may try to crush it,  
But free is Denmark's soul.  
In cot and castle burns a light  
Which nothing can extinguish;  
It breaks through darkest night.

S. D. Rodholm, April, 1941.  
(By permission from "World of Song")

## God's Grace

(I Corinthians 15, 10)

"We are the children of God. We are members of His Kingdom." That has been the main thought in epistle after epistle as they have come to us Sunday after Sunday, the latter part of the summer from the Apostle Paul.

As citizens in God's Kingdom we have many privileges and many blessings. God has made His covenant with us, in which we have been given the right to call God our Father. We are then reminded that all of this is of grace, all we have, all we are and for all who reach heaven, all is grace. "By the grace of God, I am what I am." That is the gospel according to Paul.

Paul was an apostle, even though he was not one of the twelve. He had been a Pharisee among Pharisees. As such he did not feel the need of grace, — the Pharisee thought he could earn his way to heaven through righteousness. That perhaps was one reason why Paul for a long time would not believe in Jesus, He was to him an impostor and he looked on Christianity as a delusion, hence he persecuted the Christians. But Jesus revealed Himself to Paul on the way to Damascus. He was converted and became the greatest missionary the world has ever seen, and no one has as he preached grace.

To him the greatest fact in the gospel is that Jesus died for our sins. It is so great that no one can define it; so high none can reach it; so deep none can fully explore it; and yet so glorious that all can rejoice over it. Christ died for our sins, so simple a child can appreciate it. — For our sins, to pay our debt, open the way to all good for us. Nothing is forgotten, nothing neglected, we must only receive it — accept it in faith and it is ours. We cannot explain it but we can believe it and we can accept it. He died for our sake, for our transgressions. He was buried and the sealed stone closed the grave, but He was raised again on the third day.

These are three simple little statements: 1. He died, 2. He was buried, 3. He rose. This was the substance of Paul's preaching. This was his starting point, everything rested on this. Paul was a very intelligent man, a learned man, I'd say he had more than all university degrees could signify. He was an inspired man, heaven gave him his message. Sometimes we meet those who can preach about all things under heaven, but only little on Christ crucified. Are they wiser than Paul?

Paul was a capable man, he was a genius. But his message was not his own invention, not his wisdom or reasoning given because it suited certain people he would like to satisfy but: "I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received." I Cor. 11, 23. It was an inspired message received, given and delivered.

Paul's message scriptural. He saw God's revelation of His promises. He received this and he preached what he knew. That which burned in his soul had to be released. Such a teacher is always humble and such preaching must bear fruit.

Some sermons are learned discourses, they are interesting, filled with scientific truths, historical, literary, etc. They may enlighten but something far more is needed: That we may see and receive that which

can save our souls and only the crucified Jesus Christ can give that, for He is the only one who can save. Paul preached Him, and that bore fruit even in such an evil and corrupt city as Corinth. His preaching led to faith and salvation. That salvation which he warns them may be lost if they do not remain steadfast in faith. By the truth and power of that faith Paul could serve in his calling. By that power you and I are what we are if we as God's children belong in His kingdom.

All this and all else in God's Kingdom is given by grace. First time we meet Paul in our New Testament was at the stoning of Stephen. (Acts 7.) Later he is mad with fury and prosecutes the Christians in Jerusalem, and what had been done in Jerusalem was to be continued in Damascus, but here Jesus meets him on the way (Acts 9): "Saul, Saul why persecutest thou me?" Bewildered he asks: "Who art Thou?" And the reply: "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." Saul answered: "Lord what wilt Thou, I shall do?" Paul was converted, all of grace.

A few years later we see him journey from land to land, city to city, — the greatest worker for the cause of God that the world has ever seen. He was great. No wonder some people at times wanted to worship him, they thought he was divine. But none of this for Paul. For him all was of grace. Grace kept him humble.

In evil cities like Corinth he builds strong and blooming churches. It was to him all of grace as in Ephesus, Phillippi, Thesalonica, Rome, Athens and elsewhere.

We may feel we have better environments than the people Paul met, and yet it is with us as then: "All of grace." Salvation came to redeem the world, that we may be preserved in the saving faith, and that we in a small way may serve the Master in His Kingdom. — All of grace.

And when we reach heaven, yea glorious thought, then with a thousand times clearer vision than was ours ever before we shall see, that it is all of grace. Men, women, children, lay and preacher let us bend our knees and thank God for His grace.

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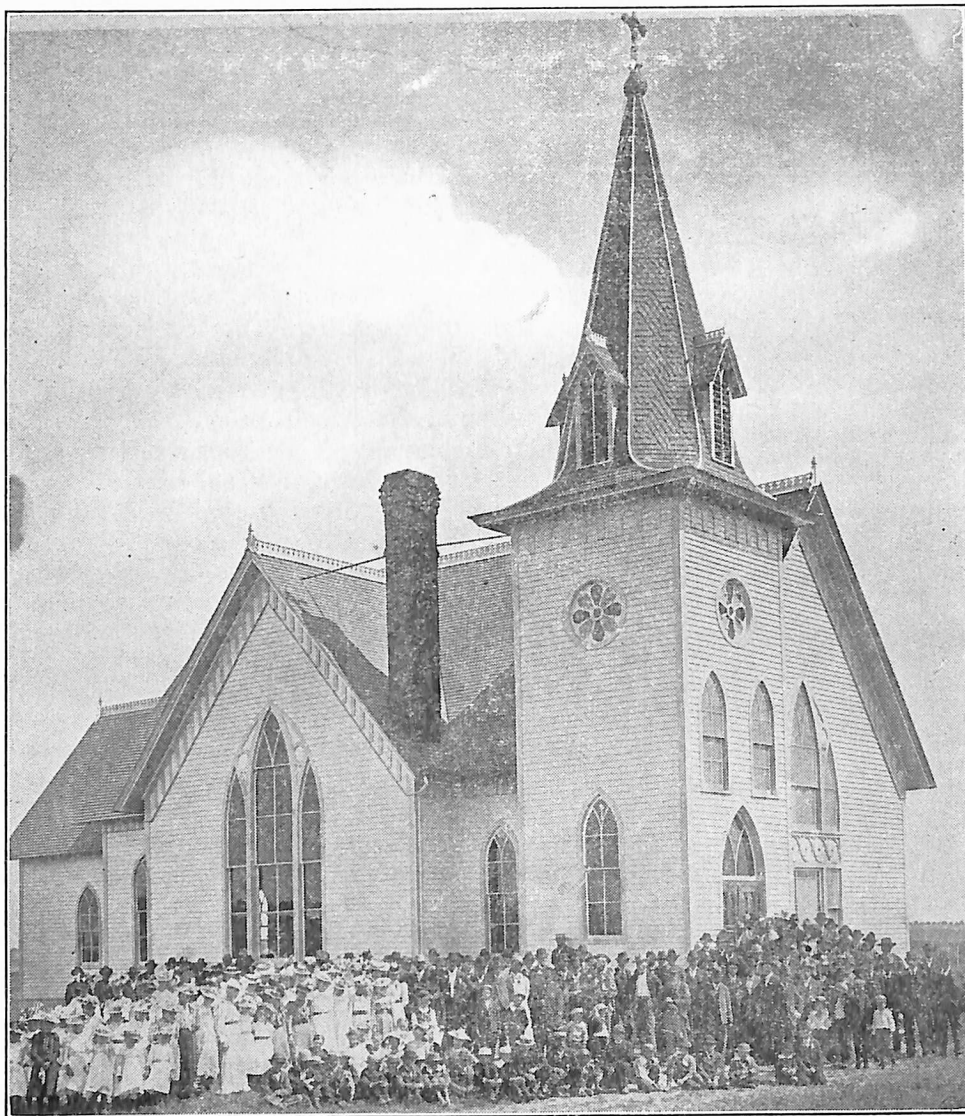
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## District VII Convention At Kronborg, Nebraska

District 7 of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America sends greetings to the readers of the Lutheran Tidings. We have recently been assembled at our annual convention at Kronborg, Marquette, Nebraska, September 9th, 12th. The convention was fortunate in having ideal Fall weather, and in spite of the pressing and distressing times, those attending gave an air to the convention of hopefulness for the future. As a whole, congregations were well represented and the district was happy to have our synodical president, Rev. Alfred Jensen, as well as Rev. Ernest Nielsen, Grand View College, present.

The local pastor, Rev. P. C. Stockholm, bade the





St. John's Church, Kronborg, Nebr.

assemblage welcome Thursday evening and introduced our acting district president, Rev. R. Jespersen as speaker of the evening. Rev. R. Jespersen spoke to us on "The Heaven Centered Life" and with these words in our hearts the convention was opened.

On Friday morning Rev. J. J. Lerager, led the devotions. This was followed by the Sunday School Institute lasting through the afternoon and consisting of four one-hour periods, led by the Pastors Howard Christensen, Ernest Nielsen and Erik Moller. Suggestions and problems relating to the Sunday School were presented and discussed. It is well that our districts are made conscious of the growing importance of the Sunday School and perhaps the Institute will help create a better understanding of needs in Sunday School work, not only among teachers, but among parents and friends. Our children have been entrusted to us by God, and it is our duty to do all in our power to help lead them, and to touch their tender heart strings in such a way that in the Sunday School we have sown that tiny seed, which we must nurture and care for, so nothing will take the child away from the fold of the influence of the church. The desire to become good Christian men and women and to live among

Christian contacts are the things we hope for in our children.

The second day of our convention was given over to business which must be transacted. Rev. Stockholm first led in devotions, emphasizing fellowship. Fellowship indeed is found in our district and national conventions, and this is as it should be for where that is lacking, understanding will be lacking, and how the world needs "understanding" today.

The usual business procedure was followed at the business meeting, with reports read and approved, Rev. R. Jespersen, acting president, presided. Mr. Peter Nissen, Hay Springs, Nebraska, was chosen convention secretary. Our district has lost to other districts and other fields, two pastors, Rev. Eilert Nielsen and Rev. Erik Back. We in turn have welcomed to our district Rev. Howard Christensen, who is serving our congregations at Cozad and Nysted. The congregation at Rosenborg, Nebraska is being served by Student Olsen from Dana College.

The new constitution was presented to the convention and was unanimously accepted since all present were given the right to vote. The constitution will be in force during the coming year, although it will not be ratified until the district holds convention next year. The reading circle of our district will continue during the coming year, and will be under the leadership of Rev. Howard Christensen. A rising vote of thanks was given Rev. Harold Petersen who has carried on in this capacity for several years.

Our business session concluded with the election of officers, bringing the following results: President, Rev. R. Jespersen; vice-president and secretary, Rev. P. C. Stockholm; treasurer, Mr. L. C. Laugesen, Brush, Colo.

During our convention lectures were given by the following pastors: Alfred Jensen, Ernest Nielsen, R. Jespersen, J. J. Lerager, H. Christensen and E. Moller. To report all the good thoughts we heard in these lectures would be an endless task. Our best response is in coming back to our various congregations with a will to do and a desire to help in making this a better world in which to live. District 7 did have a good convention and we have received a new and invigorated desire to go on into better and broader fields.

EBBA PETERSEN.

Omaha, Nebr.

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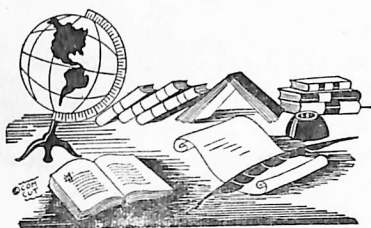
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## Across the Editor's Desk

In a recent report from the Lutheran Service Center in Tacoma, Wash., we find some interesting facts. This report would be too long to reprint in its entirety, but we shall endeavor to give a few of the most important features of the story.

During the first year more than 130,000 men came through the doors of this Lutheran Service Center. These service men far away from home, found this Center to be indeed "A Home Away From Home". Without any charges they were served coffee, sandwiches, cake, were given stationery, baggage checking, had the use of telephone, magazines, piano, phonograph records, library, etc.

And this was only a beginning. As time went on other needs developed. One of the vital problems in this defense area, as in other such areas of today, is that of housing. Now, daily an average of five couples seek and through the Center obtain temporary housing in the city of Tacoma. Many mothers and wives of soldiers come to the Center to seek week-end sleeping quarters. Statistics show that the number of people a month who are provided with living quarters through the Center, mounts to over 500.

Another service just recently initiated grew out of service men's desires to work in defense industries in off-duty hours. Men were unable to get into town in time to clear through labor unions. The chaplain today makes it a point to go personally every afternoon to the Unions to get passes for them.

On holidays, servicemen sorely miss their distant homes. The need to fill their time with something special has resulted in festive celebrations on the holidays. On Easter Sunday great bowls of bright yellow daffodils from Washington valleys filled the Center. Six iron-wrought candelabra gleamed with candles in various parts of the Center. On Mother's Day reception

tables were beautifully decorated with tulips and iris, and Tacoma mothers played mother to hundreds of servicemen who came from nearby ships and posts. In the evening, one of the city's prominent young violinists came in to play for them by candlelight.

Many personal wishes of servicemen find attention too. One sailor of Russian lineage desired to have dinner with a family of the same nationality. His wish was fulfilled. Employment is obtained for service wives, who are strange in the city. Citizens come in, asking for servicemen to come out to their homes for dinner; men are found and transportation provided.

A thousand things fill the daily calendar in a service Center, each of them small, and each meaning the world to someone in the armed forces.

Through the channel of the Service Centers, the Lutheran Church is rendering a great service in spiritual guidance, not only in providing well-being and uplift in morale to men all over the country, by mere fact of the fine and cheerful centers. New Testaments and prayer books are given to those who ask for same. On Sundays, servicemen who are strangers in the city, are given transportation to their own churches. Letters from mothers asking the pastor to contact sons has become an urgent service which is given immediate attention. And letters from pastors asking the chaplain to look up boys from their congregations, receive immediate care.

This is part of the extensive service which is supported by our contributions to the Lutheran World Action. Have you as an individual and your congregation given your share of support to this most urgent cause? If not, do so now.

With the Sept. 5th issue of "Lutheran Tidings" our paper goes to practically all our homes in the synod. We realize that this new project places an even greater responsibility on the editor of your paper, but also on the many possible contributors. We sincerely invite your cooperation. It should not be necessary for the editor to solicit the major part of the content for each issue. Let us make L. T. a constant source of the "stream of life" in our synod. We appreciate brief news reports from your congregation and articles on various topics. Probably some phase of the work in the individual congregation or in the various districts of the synod has received some attention at meetings attended. It may provide material for an interesting and worth while article for L. T., if you would give an hour's time to writing such an article. And we ask our pastors to send us their contributions in brief sermons, meditations, etc. Please send us also your church bulletin.

As the printing job of our paper has been increased five times, the Sept. 5th press run was 6000 copies, it will be necessary to give our print shop some more time for the printing and mailing of each issue. However, this service is very satisfactory. We wish to state again that the deadline in the editor's office for each issue is the 1st and the 15th of each month. In cases of urgent rush, it is possible to send brief announcements or notices directly to "Lutheran Tidings" American Publishing Co., Askov, Minn. Otherwise all material should be sent direct to the editor, and preferably earlier than the above named deadline.



## GRAND VIEW COLLEGE



### Grand View College

As this is being written many young people from all parts of the country are probably looking with anticipation, and perhaps with some wonder, toward Monday, September 20. On that day another school year will get under way at Grand View College.

As one thinks of the reopening of Grand View, many questions come to mind. How great an effect will the war have on enrollment? How many of last year's students will be able to return? Will there be other changes? For the answers to these and kindred questions we must wait until school has begun. Concerning some aspects of Grand View there can be no question however. We know there will be the same fellowship as in past years. We know that every hour spent at Grand View will be treasured later as one well spent. We know that we can always count on the able assistance of our teachers. In short, we are certain that the things which have made Grand View so dear to many, will always remain the same.

When one is certain of these things there is no need for any concern as to the future. We sincerely hope there will be many students, but we know that even though the group should be smaller, life will still go on at Grand View.

The opening meeting at Grand View will be held Thursday evening, September 23.

A Grand View Student.

### Grand View College Scholarships

The following scholarships have been granted by the scholarship committee and have been accepted. Other scholarships were granted but were, for various reasons, not accepted:

Ida Larsen, Lucedale, Miss.  
Mary Olsen, Des Moines, Ia.  
Alma Bollesen, Tyler, Minn.  
Iola Andersen, Seattle, Wash.  
Meta Kristensen, Stratford, Conn.  
Olga Petersen, Hampton, Nebr.  
Paul Jorgensen, Cedar Falls, Ia.  
Marie Petersen, Askov, Minn.  
Ellen Bollesen, Tyler, Minn.  
Oluf Lund, (Dwight) Des Moines, Ia.  
Dagmar Jensen, Des Moines, Ia.  
Evelyn Lerager, Brush, Colo.

A scholarship was also given to Hertha Mikkelsen, Askov, Minn., but she will not make use of the part for the first semester.

For the committee,  
Johannes Knudsen.

### Grand View Junior Camp.

Once again G. V. C. was opened to a lively group of campers; the walls of the old building were again echoing voices of laughter, talking, shouting, and singing. It was the sixth annual Grand View Junior Camp.

Arriving early, the Saturday evening before Camp opened, we were a small group gathered in the lobby guessing at the number of campers enrolled. The number 70 came forth—followed by "girls", then added to this was 49 boys. You can be sure that yours truly sat down on her suitcase wondering "who are they and how can they get here."

Sunday was a busy day of meeting trains and buses. Old campers came back to renew acquaintances and to meet new campers, for they were also at an abundance. It was wonderful to watch how quickly new friends became lasting friends. The children realized their stay would be short and to shyly wait around for someone to help them become acquainted would only be a loss of their precious time.

The planned daily activity schedule was followed throughout the entire week, with the exception of one rainy day.

The college was stirred by wide awake campers at an early hour on Monday morning. Time seemed forever, until the first call to gym was announced. A hurry, scurry, and soon "Knutie" had his class of 100 strong marching, singing, bending, and stretching in unison. All through the week the campers enjoyed a fifteen minute warm-up before breakfast. The daily exercise kept their bodies fit and ready for all activities.

Each morning the campers met in the lecture hall for song, prayer, and Bible hour. The group was not divided this year as previously, but were all in one large class, making the fellowship much more closely knitted.

The next call to activity brought the home run hitters and the star fly catchers into the limelight. The boys were divided into four teams and the girls, more in number, into six teams. Alternating the boys and girls took part in crafts, led by Mrs. Mailand, and the various outdoor ball games.

Throughout the afternoons some took part in swimming which was held at the Birdland Swimming Pool. Others found the need of rest, and some worked on their craft material. Before supper the group gathered in the cozy living-room for Story Hour.

At the close of supper we usually heard the announcement of "Let's have some material for the Jr. Echo," which was published daily, in the west wing of ye olde institution.

What a grand spirit followed through-

out the remaining part of the evenings. We gathered for an hour in the lecture hall for singing led by Johs. Knudsen. He also taught us several new songs and rounds. Later the group filled the gym floor with folk dancing and round game partners. If only the gym wall could spring tongue, to tell tales of the many joyous evenings we spent there.

Before a perfect day came to an end, we gathered around a blazing campfire. Stories were told by members of the faculty, and what a feeling of freedom to sit under the starry sky and sing to our hearts' content. We have so many wonderful songs for all occasions in our "World of Song" book. While the flames were burning lower we closed our campfire by singing Taps, and in the distance we heard the same from the bugle, and in the much further distance we heard the echo and re-echo, hoping that it was reaching all our friends far and wide, and especially to tell those children who do not have the opportunity to attend such a Camp as we have.

Sunday morning, it was wonderful to see the church so filled with our Young People from the many states. The dinner table was attractively decorated, for on this day our parents were invited to spend the day with us. A short program was held during the afternoon, Prof. Peter Jorgensen speaking, and also a few words were said by some of our campers.

We closed our meeting by singing the Grand View College song as a prayer and thanks for the rich and pleasant experience we had while attending Camp.

Sunday and Monday the campers left with tears in their eyes, and many promises were made that they would be back again the next summer.

Even though I was not a camper, I am sure the campers are all with me when we extend a thanks to all those who have made G. V. C. Jr. Camp possible. As a camp alumni, it is an experience that I will ever cherish within my heart.

CORA SORENSEN.

### District 5 Convention

District V of the Danish Church convenes for its annual meeting on invitation from the local church at **West Denmark, Wis.** Rev. Andreasen, pastor **October 22-24, 1943.**

All pastors, Sunday school teachers, and legally chosen delegates of each church are urged to be present and to attend all sessions of the meeting. In addition we hope to see as many other friends and members as may possibly be able to come and share the days.

Plans for the meeting will be announced in the following issues of Lutheran Tidings.

The host congregation requests that reservations be made at least one week before, and that such reservations be mailed to Rev. Andreasen, Luck, Wis.

# OUR WOMEN'S WORK

Mrs. Edwin E. Hansen, Editor, 2015 W. High St., Racine, Wis.

## Greetings From The President Of W. M. S.

Now that Lutheran Tidings has been made a membership paper of our church, it will find its way into many more homes and be read by more people. I hope we can acquaint more women with the work of our Women's Mission Society, through our pages in this paper.

Our work is a large task and only with the co-operation of all can it be accomplished. We aim to help the Santal Mission, Our Home Missions, Grand View College, seminary students, Child's Friend, and other projects where most needed. We have, since the convention in Minneapolis, sent a mimeograph to Chaplain Lund. As it has been expressed before, we try to be a real Ladies' Aid to our Synod. We cannot accomplish all this without help. Our prayers are to God for His blessing on our work, and the responsibility for each one to try and do his part.

We thank the past officers for their work, and hope they will help us carry on the good work which has been done for thirty-five years. The present officers, four of them being new, will need suggestions and your help, both spiritually and financially.

MRS. ELMER NESS.

## Women's Missionary Work In District III

Taken from the Report of Mrs. Kjær, the  
District Representative.

**Dwight, Ill.**—Reported by Anna Beyer, Danish Ladies' Aid, and by Hilda Schou, Willing Workers.

It was through the efforts of Mrs. F. O. Lund that we formed our first Mission Group, consisting of Willing Workers, The Danish Ladies' Aid in Dwight, and the Gardner Ladies' Aid. Each organization invites for a meeting each year, usually in connection with one of our regular meetings. We sing songs relating to mission work, read about the work in Santalistan and the work of W. M. S. as reported in Lutheran Tidings. Rev. Lund gave lectures while here. The collection is taken as an offering to W. M. S. projects. In September, 1942, the Danish Ladies' Aid entertained and the offering was \$24.00. In February the Willing Workers entertained and the offering was \$25.15. The Danish Ladies' Aid has a birthday bank which is opened when it contains \$10.00 and it is pledged to W. M. S. For the birthday gift to Santal Mission all three groups joined in sponsoring a program at which Rev. Holger Jorgensen spoke on Mission work and a pageant was presented. The offering amounted to \$38.00. The joint Mission meetings are well attended, a cooperative spirit prevails with increasing interest in the cause.

**Trinity, Chicago, Ill.**—Reported by Mary W. Andersen.

A Mission Group was started Oct. 26, 1941. This

group, meeting at the parsonage the first Monday of the month, opens with devotion. Each member has given a talk or read about some mission activity. Vera Nielsen, matron at the Children's Home, has told about her work at Oaks, Oklahoma, where she taught in the Mission School for Cherokee Indians. Rev. J. Madsen spoke on early missions in Denmark, and Sister Thom Sandland, Missionary in China for 28 years, spoke interestingly of her work there and expressed the hope that God would permit her to return to China soon. The attendance at these meetings has averaged 10.

The ladies have made dish towels for Valborgsminde, pillow cases for Grand View College and crib spreads for the Ladies' Aid sale. Trinity Ladies' Aid contributed \$35.00 to W. M. S. during 1942 and \$25.00 to the Santal Mission birthday fund. The budget (1942) of \$82.28 was distributed among different missions and included \$20.00 sent and \$10.00 to be sent to W. M. S. There are no dues but a voluntary offering is taken at each meeting. June 2nd the Mission Group gave a pantomime and mission program which was well received and netted \$25 for the Santal Mission.

**St. Stephens, Chicago, Ill.**—No report.

**Clinton, Iowa**—Reported by Mrs. J. Juhl, of the Danish Ladies' Aid.

A contribution of \$25.50 was sent to W. M. S. When the appeal for the Santal Mission birthday gift was received, the money collected for the Santal Mission had just been sent. Contribution has also been made to W. M. S. by the Gertrude Guild.

**Marinette, Wis.**—No report.

**Menominee, Mich.**—Reported by Anna Sorensen.

At present there are no W. M. S. members or Mission Circle in Menominee, but the Women's League of Menominee and the Ladies' Aid of Marinette decide each year on having a mission meeting with a speaker, solos and other entertainment. A free will offering is taken and this is sent to the Santal Mission.

**Racine, Wis.**—Reported by Mrs. Kjær.

The Danish Ladies' Aid gave \$10.00 to the Santal Mission birthday gift and \$10.00 to the W. M. S.

The Bethania Guild dedicates four of its monthly meetings partly to a program on missions. Among the speakers of the year were Mrs. N. B. Hansen of the United Danish Church on the Sudan Mission. Mrs. Edwin Hansen spoke on W. M. S. at our last meeting, and others have made contributions dealing with mission work in general. A birthday gift of \$5.00 was sent to the Santal Mission by the Guild and a Christmas gift of \$5.00 was sent to W. M. S.

In addition there is a separate Mission Circle where the pastor leads the monthly meetings in song, devotions and offers material about various mission fields. A free-will offering is taken at each meeting. In the past year \$21.00 have been sent to the Santal Mission and \$5.50 to the Browsers of the Congo Mission.

Should our representatives in other districts have a report available, we shall be glad to publish it. It may be helpful as well as encouraging to other groups.





Two Books By Arthur Wentworth Hewitt—Publishers,  
Willet Clark & Co., Chicago, Ill.

I—Highland Shepherds, \$2.00. II—Gods Back  
Pasture, \$1.50.

## I

The author has spent many years in the rural ministry among Vermont hills and the grandeur and friendliness that is theirs is reflected in the book.

Read one book a year on "Some particular phase of your work," my professor in Dogmatics said frequently. This is a book on rural pastoral work and Dr. Hewitt is jealous as well as zealous for the rural church; his chapters on the pastor as a person, a priest, a preacher and shepherd are not sanctimonious and far removed from the conventional, but at times he reaches toward sublime heights, but soon to return us from mountain tops to realities which he knows so well.

## Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute

BRUSH, COLORADO.

God has entrusted to the Church a work which is varied and manifold. In order to put to practice the principles of the gospel, which is regularly preached, the Church sends missionaries to foreign countries and to unchurched communities in the home land, guides and educates the youth in the Church schools, publishes Christian literature and provides homes for the orphans, the aged, the helpless. It has become customary to set aside a specific day to call attention to each of these worthy causes. Hence, we have Mission Sundays, Youth Rallies, Church Paper Week, etc.

To provide home and care for the physically and mentally enfeebled the two sister synods of Danish background have for many years maintained the Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute at Brush, Colorado. According to resolution and custom the 13th Sunday after Trinity is the day set aside for an offering for the work of mercy as carried on at Eben-Ezer.

Also during the past year loving and unselfish service has been done among paralytics, epileptics, asthmatics, physically deformed and mentally deranged at your home of mercy. Free work was done to the sum of \$5,458.19 during the year. It is our great regret that the home was not able to provide accommodations to all the needy guests who sought admittance.

While the needy guests and the workers at Eben-Ezer are grateful for the support of the congregations and friends during the past, we pray that in these days when many demands come to us all, the work of mercy be not neglected. The 13th Sunday after Trinity — Sunday, September 19th — is the usual day for an offering. If that day should seem inconvenient for an offering the cause of mercy might be remembered at some other time and perhaps in some other way.

Cordial greetings to the friends of the work of mercy.

M. JORGENSEN.

The reader will find himself at variance with the author but in such cases our will to re-examine some of our prejudices and reactions, for or against, will be stimulating.—The man in the pew would profit greatly in a larger sympathy and more penetrating understanding of the tremendous task of his pastor if he would spend some winter evenings with neighbors and friends reading and conversing its contents, and by the way, you will enjoy Dr. Hewitt's humor and healthy sarcasm.

## II

This book deals with the sociological aspect of the rural church and "the realm in which the rural pastor operates." The setting is Vermont but the extent and scope is wide. Gathering from the number of conferences and Universities which have invited Dr. Hewitt as a speaker we may gather he has come to be somewhat of an authority on rural work; whether we think of him in that light makes no difference because the pages of his writing reflect strong and exhilarating convictions about the church in the rural parishes.

It is true that "a bird's eye view of the rural parish will depend upon the bird which views it." The bird in this case is not a seasonal inhabitant, as he has definitely chosen the rural parish because he believes there is the backbone and the most intelligent response to the gospel message and all its implications.

A rural minister knows nothing about rural work unless he can pass certain tests about animals, birds, trees and flowers, and he should know, "Wild oats" from the real and the word "clover" should "raise a vision and a fragrance."

You will feel happy to read about his visions of the church in the beautiful country side, with its educational facilities and opportunities for reaching out—here is for example, a picture of a pastor that moves into a huge parish in Wyoming: "What this parish lacked in chiming steeples and carved oak pews it made up in unchurched lovable Americans. It began to occur to me that I had a rare opportunity. A pipe organ? I had a whole empire! I could use the Big Horn Mountains for a sounding board, and the Shoshone river for a baptismal font. God had done me two favors: He had sent me to a hard and humble job, and He had opened my eyes to a glorious opportunity"—

There is in contrast to that the problem of the over-churched community — and we begin to feel that more and more as racial barriers disappear. All the obstacles and opportunities of a rural parish seem to be presented in this book and how delightful it is to meet them; but besides that we breathe "specks of dust out of the wilderness of Sin," which is no less challenging. But still it is true that "we depend upon the 'holy earth' for our existence. The natural and normal mode of life is rural." The city pastor—thinking of scholarly sermons, and not understanding abnormalities of city life — is inclined to sniff at a rural pastorate, and think himself fortunate and he had better stay in the city in spite of his ignorance—. We know how smiling our own rural churches can be with their assembly halls. We have had foresight in making them cultural centers — and it is fatal when

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# IN THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD

Alfred C. Nielsen, Grand View College.

## The Crisis In Denmark

The following material is from a N.A.D.A. release:

### The King.

When King Christian X was being taken away from his summer residence as prisoner of a Nazi captain and heavily escorted by German military, an immense crowd at once collected. The King half rose in the car, waved to the people and called to them: "I am happy to hear our dear Danish language still spoken in old Denmark. Keep on!"

To "speak Danish" is to make your intentions perfectly plain and clear, especially to an opponent. In this way, truly over the Nazi head, the King still managed to give the Danish people his blessing and his hope for the course of open defiance now followed by them. Danish feeling was thus again crystallized in a few subtle, simple words by King Christian.

### Background of Crisis.

Why has Nazi Germany chosen to drive the Danes into open fighting? Danish sabotage of factories working for the Germans has been increasingly serious, but the produce of Danish industry was not very important to the Nazi war effort. It was, however, important for the Germans to have transportation facilities for troop movements to and from Norway, which have to take place over Jutland. Danish sabotage of railway bridges, lines and transportation material had become so serious, and the strikes of railway workers so handicapping, that the Germans demanded the right to shoot Danish saboteurs.

This right the Danish Government refused them. Under the King's leadership the members of the Danish Government had carried on three years of successful, semi-concealed check-mating of the Germans, and avoided making any vital concessions to them, such as handing over the Jews, or yielding sovereignty over life and death. Whenever the Germans thought they had the Danes cornered they side-stepped by making a minor concession, such as proclamations about stopping sabotage, mild appeals, to which the people knew they were to pay no attention.

Since the beginning of August it became clear that the Nazi bull could no longer be side-stepped. The Danes had to choose whether to hand over patriot citizens or to take the consequences.

By choosing the terroristic conditions which now prevail, at a time when Germany is still well able to inflict them on so tiny an enemy, the Danes have simply made an invisible front visible, as a Swedish paper put it. And, from the same paper, "Berlin has once more misjudged the capacity to resist of the Danes."

### Calendar of Events Leading to Crisis.

August 4, the Danish Government received word from Dr. Werner Best, the Nazi Government civilian representative, that all saboteurs must be tried by German law and punished in Germany. This meant death for them.

August 9, Premier Erik Scavenius, after a Cabinet meeting, told Dr. Best that the Government would not agree, but would agree to accept his, Scavenius' offer to resign.

August 10, the Premier reported to the Cabinet that Dr. Best would not hear of his resignation and would waive the German demands.

When the German demands soon after became known in the country, largely through a London broadcast, the people replied with still more sabotage and protest strikes. As a sample of what they could do, the important west-coast harbor town of Esbjerg ceased all work on August 10. "The strike was carried through with greater unanimity than any ever seen in this country. All work ceased, offices, stores, banks, businesses, municipal offices, post office, police station, etc." ("Sydvestjylland", Esbjerg, August 11.) Similar strikes broke out elsewhere, notably in Aalborg and Odense.

August 20, Stockholm reported that "street fighting had broken out between soldiers and Danes when Odense was declared in a state of siege by the Germans." It was estimated that anywhere from fifteen to thirty Germans and twenty-three Danes had been killed. "Elsewhere the daily sabotage has now reached such enormous proportions that sixty factories were blown up on the night of August 19."

August 21, the Government again tried to sidestep the demand for the saboteurs by issuing a proclamation asking the people to refrain from sabotage of German transport facilities and war industries. They disclosed that the Germans had threatened to cut off food and coal.

August 21, without waiting for the Government proclamation, German troops, estimated variously at from ten to sixty thousand, came into Copenhagen, taking possession of public halls, sports buildings and schools as barracks. The streets were patrolled by 300 tanks, and machine gun nests mounted at strategic points. The new divisions were said to have been rushed down from Norway, twenty-three packed troop trains having been counted during the preceding days, passing through Jutland.

August 22-25, the new repressive measures created more demonstrations and sabotage. In Odense five thousand people paraded with American, British and Danish flags. An explosion, heard all over Copenhagen, wrecked the Forum, an exhibition hall that could hold sixteen thousand people, which the Germans had taken over. More important factories were blown up, and a large power station in North Jutland. Transport lines were again sabotaged and several thousand rifles stolen by a neat trick from a German arsenal. The Germans declared a state of siege in seven Danish cities.

August 25, street fighting was going on in Copenhagen, and German soldiers fired a volley into crowds gathered in the City Hall square. Unofficial reports from Stockholm indicated that about eighty people



had been killed and 150 injured in clashes between Danes and Germans and as a result of sabotage since August 16.

August 27, crowds again demonstrated in the City Hall Square, while clashes continued throughout the country. Saboteurs did a million and a half kroner's worth of damage in blowing up some electrical appliance works (Laurits Knudsen's) in Copenhagen. Strikes by workers extended to more cities, ostensibly in protest against the undisciplined behavior of German troops who threw hand grenades into crowds when ordering them to disperse. (General hooliganism of German troops has been obvious for some time, discipline being much weakened.)

### The Crisis.

August 28, in the late afternoon, the Germans cut off telephonic and telegraphic communications with Sweden as well as ferry traffic.

August 29, Sunday, at 4:10 a. m., the Germans imposed martial law on the whole of Denmark. Through refugees escaping to Sweden it was learned that Danish resistance, apparently well organized, broke out in many places, although the skeletonized Danish army amounted to only about three or four thousand men and the Danish marines to two thousand. In the Navy Yard of Copenhagen the crews of those units which did not have time to get away blew up ammunition dumps and fortifications. Finally they scuttled their ships, about forty-five of them. Many sailors died fighting on their ships. About a dozen naval vessels reached safety in Sweden, protected from pursuing German aircraft by Swedish anti-aircraft batteries. Three or four hundred military, naval and civilian persons were on board. Some escaped in small boats, but many were said to have been killed by German aircraft.

Hours of heavy fighting were reported from the country and from Copenhagen, especially by the Royal guardsmen who had defended the palace and also aided the sailors to hold off the Germans from the Navy Yard.

The German decree announcing the taking over of all power, the death penalties for strikes and sabotage, the curfew, the prohibition of groups of more than five, except for religious services, was signed by the German military commander, General von Hanneken. German troops continued to be augmented.

The Nazi civilian envoy, Dr. Best, was said to have exclaimed: "I am a dead man in Berlin, my policy has failed."

He was recalled.

August 30, reports reaching Sweden said that the Danish Cabinet had resigned, after which the Germans had arrested its members. The King and Queen were taken from the summer residence at Sorgenfri to the palace of Amalienborg in Copenhagen, where they were interned together with the rest of the royal family. The King was not taken before a heroic resistance had been put up by fifteen Danish soldiers

and two policemen who fought until they were surrounded and overpowered by 200 German soldiers.

Danish troops, notably six hundred of the Dragoon regiment at Naestved fought the Germans until all their shells and bullets were spent. In another noteworthy engagement at Svenborg the King's nephew, Prince Gorm, led the troops. 450 Danes were reported killed or wounded there. Royal Guardsmen wrecked three Nazi tanks and eleven armored cars in an engagement north of Copenhagen, at Jaegersborg.

According to an A.P. Stockholm dispatch, "the first detailed information to reach Sweden on events since the Danish Government was shorn of power by the Germans Sunday gave a picture of stubborn military resistance against overwhelming odds wherever there was a garrison of Danish soldiers or marines." The Danes, lightly armed with weapons mainly procured by tricking the Germans, had to fight armored cars of a Panzer division rushed down from Norway.

Arrests began, according to Nazi patterns, of prominent labor leaders, politicians, educators, among them Professor Hal Koch, and editors-in-chief, as well as of all the Danish military and naval officers that could be seized. (But the Danes had quietly been training officers for some time.) A round-up of Jews and refugees also began. At the same time the Germans also maintained that the reason they had had to impose a military dictatorship was due to the inability of the Danish government to deal with "Allied agents". Danish laws, General von Hanneken announced, were to be revised along German lines, with "a new arrangement of public life in Denmark."

August 31, it was reported from Sweden that at least two thousand Danes were killed or wounded in the uprising on Sunday, August 29. Defying the death penalty, Danish workers went on strike in at least nine cities, most of them key points for German traffic. Germans arrested trade union leaders and troops were hurried to the strike areas.

In Copenhagen serious disturbances broke out at night, German armored cars and machine-gun nests firing into every gathering of more than five people, even at people waiting for street-cars.

The Danish police all refused to swear allegiance to General von Hanneken, and Elite guards and Gestapo men occupied all police stations.

There was an acute food shortage, owing to the food having been requisitioned by the German troops.

A bright glimpse was the escorting by units of the Swedish fleet of eleven Danish naval vessels to Karlskrona in southern Sweden where they would be safer from German attempts to recapture them.

### Summing-up.

The Danes did not bring their three-year old underground fight against the Germans into the open because they

thought the Germans had softened in their methods of dealing with revolt.

On the contrary, one of the factors which brought on the crisis, according to the Swedish "Nya Dagligt Allehanda", was the sight by many Danes of the revolting treatment of 180 Norwegian men and women hostages being put on board a German ship in the Danish harbor of Aarhus on August 15.

The Danish fight may have been ill-timed, as has been said, (N. Y. "Sun", August 31). There is no sign that the invasion is very near. But by managing to hold off the military reign of Nazi terror as long as they did the Danes conserved much more of their resources and built up their organizations for use at a time when the contribution of all, even of the smallest nation — half the population of New York City and one-third the size of New York State — will be of use in defeating the common enemy.

## TO SANTAL MISSION

### General Budget.

D. Y. P. L. Dist. III, Alden, Minn., \$25.80; Dan. Luth. S. S., Parlier, Calif., \$8.39; St. John's Church, Seattle, Wash., \$17.00; Hansine Larsen, Enumclaw, Wash., \$2.00; West Denmark S. S., Luck, Wis., \$3.65; Mrs. T. Christensen, Tacoma, Wash., \$10.00; Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Jensen, Pasadena, Calif., \$5.00; Mrs. Just Ammentorp, Des Moines, Iowa, \$1.00; Sina Petersen, Withee, Wis., \$10.00; Clara Petersen, Withee, Wis., \$10.00; Nazareth S. S., Withee, Wis., \$13.50; Immannuels L. Aid, Kimballton, Iowa, \$25.00; Laura E. Boose, Chicago, \$10.00; West Denmark Church, Luck, Wis., \$17.22; Bone Lake Church, Bone Lake, Wis., \$12.25; Dist. V, D. Y. P. L. Convention, Hampton, Iowa, \$65.00; St. John's S. S., Hampton, Iowa, \$2.92; Luth. Guild, Withee, Wis., \$10.00; Danish Lutheran Church, Alden, Minn., \$13.25; Mrs. Peter Nielsen, Luck, Wis., \$1.00; two friends, Luck, Wis., \$1.25; two friends, Askov, Minn., \$3.00; Nazareth Church, Withee, Wis., \$12.05; Bethlehem's Church, Askov, Minn., \$15.47; Mrs. Minnie Mathisen, Mpls., Minn., \$2.00; Miss Alice Jensen, Mpls., Minn., \$5.00.

In memory of Peter Berthelsen, Kimballton, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Lauritz Muller, Sigrid Ostergaard, Mr. and Mrs. Anker Andersen, Mr. and Mrs. Torkild Muller, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Folden, alle fra Mpls., og Folmer Muller, Chicago, total, \$7.00.

Memory gift from Badger: Mrs. Bine Andersen, Mrs. Anna Marie Johnson, Mrs. Lloyd Fennig, Mr. and Mrs. Chr. Andersen, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Andersen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Andersen, and Mr. and Mrs. Walt. Anderson, total, \$3.00.

For children's support: D. Y. P. L. Dist. III Convention, Alden, Minn., \$25.00. Total for Aug., \$337.26. Total since Jan. 1st, \$2,916.94.

To every contributor of these gifts on behalf of the Mission, a sincere Thank you.

DAGMAR MILLER. Hampton, Iowa.



# OUR YOUTH IN U. S. SERVICE



## Youth From Our Synod In The U. S. Service

Ringsted, Iowa, 39 young men.  
 Viborg, S. D., 25 young men.  
 Gayville, S. D., 6 young men.  
 Tyler, Minn., 85 young men, 1 nurse.  
 Dwight, Ill., 32 young men, 1 WAAC,  
 1 Chaplain.  
 Fredsville, Iowa, 33 young men.  
 Newell, Iowa, 43 young men.  
 Hetland-Badger, S. D., 19 young men.  
 Diamond Lake, Minn., 16 young men.  
 Enumclaw, Wash., 21 young men.  
 Junction City, Ore., 18 young men.  
 Davey, Nebr., 7 young men.  
 Cordova, Nebr., 16 young men.  
 Omaha, Nebr., 14 young men.  
 Hampton, Iowa, 11 young men.  
 Racine, Wis., 30 young men.  
 Troy, N. Y., 34 young men, 3 young  
 women.  
 Manistee, Mich., 12 young men.  
 Oak Hill, Iowa, 17 young men.  
 Cozad, Nebr., 15 young men, 1 nurse.

Kimballton, Iowa, 43 young men, 3  
 nurses.  
 Withee, Wis., 42 young men, 1 nurse.  
 Waterloo, Iowa, 36 young men, 1 WAVE.  
 Lake City, S. D., 5 young men.  
 Marquette, Nebr., 14 young men.  
 Wilbur, Wash., 17 young men.  
 Clinton, Iowa, 12 young men.  
 St. Stephen, Chicago, 20 young men.  
 Tacoma, Wash., 16 young men.  
 Seattle, Wash., 35 young men.  
 Greenville, Mich., 45 young men, 2  
 nurses.  
 Trinity, Chicago, 43 young men.  
 Des Moines, Iowa, 30 young men.  
 Pasadena, Calif., 8 young men.  
 Marinette, Menominee, Mich., 21 young  
 men.  
 Exira, Iowa, 10 young men, 1 WAAC.  
 Brooklyn, N. Y., 52 young men.  
 Solvang, Calif., 46 young men.  
 Bridgeport, Conn., 19 young men, 1  
 WAAC.

Alden, Minn., 32 young men.  
 Askov, Minn., 90 young men, 2 WAACS  
 and 1 nurse.  
 Grayling, Mich., 11 young men.  
 Cedar Falls, Iowa, 49 young men, 1  
 WAVE.  
 Easton, Calif., 15 young men.  
 Hartford, Conn., 38 young men, 1 WAVE.  
 Ludington, Mich., 40 young men.  
 Portland, Me., 8 young men.  
 West Denmark, Wis., 21 young men.  
 Ruthton, Minn., 20 young men, 1 nurse.  
 Muskegon, Mich., 15 young men.  
 Bronx, N. Y., 8 young men.  
 Victory, Mich., 10 young men.  
 White, S. D., 3 young men.  
 Los Angeles, Calif., 23 young men.  
 Danevang, Texas, 45 young men, 1  
 WAAC, 1 WAVE.  
 Minneapolis, Minn., 28 young men.  
 Brush, Colo., 18 young men, 1 Red Cross  
 Worker.

Please send the editor the latest number on young men and women in the U. S. service from your congregation.

## The Work Of A Service Pastor

By James C. Peterson, Service Pastor,  
 Major Chaplain, O.R.C.

Let it first of all be said, both for myself and for all my associate workers here, that we appreciate very deeply the spiritual, churchly, and financial backing from our National Lutheran constituency, which makes it possible for us to carry on the work among service men. We like to think of ourselves as servants of the Lord and our Church; and it is our hope and prayer that we may in some measure do justice to the timely task to which we are called in this strategic area of service.

Our work here is a part of the national service for soldier's and sailors' welfare conducted by the National Lutheran Council's Service Commission of which Dr. P. O. Bersell is the Chairman and Dr. N. M. Ylvisaker the Executive Director. Both of these men were here to make the arrangements for the leasing of the King George Hotel. A large investment of funds has been made here and our equipment for service is excellent. Rev. Edward Oslund is in charge of the management and I am in charge of the spiritual service. Rev. B. P. Walleschlaeger of the Missouri Synod is also associated with me in this work. Thus the entire Lutheran Church is represented.

Our Service Center in San Francisco consists of a nine story modern hotel, a lounge, recreation room, writing room, family visiting room, consultation rooms; lunch room, kitchen, and a chapel.

Besides registering over 300 service men in hotel rooms, we have personal contacts with hundreds of service men in the hotel lobby, who cannot linger long enough to find leisure in our service center departments, which are now visited by 700 to 1,000 men daily. In the service center, we are supported by mother and

daughter hostesses from 40 Lutheran churches in the Bay Area. These come in groups and serve daily—2 p. m. until midnight,—meat sandwiches, cheese sandwiches, homemade cake, cookies, doughnuts, hot coffee, etc. Across this free lunch counter these good women converse with the service men about home, church, Bible, prayer, God. Numerous service men are directed to the Chaplain for further spiritual consultation. A happy and congenial spirit prevails throughout all departments of the service center.

Services are held in the chapel frequently during the evenings and many men receive Holy Communion at the altar.

During my seventeen months as Service Pastor in this area, I have enjoyed the whole-hearted fellowship and cooperation of chaplains and military officers of the Army and Navy camps. Generous opportunities have been afforded me to hold services in the camp chapels or for whole regiments out in the open. After thus appearing before troops in the military areas, it has been our pleasant experience to see a number of men from the respective units visit our Service Center during days following.

After consulting with higher officials of Army and Navy early in 1942, I began the practice of personal work among service men on the streets of San Francisco, where thousands throng. A certain technique develops by continued practice in this work, so that personal introductions can be effected without embarrassment or difficulties. Some of our very best contacts have been made in this street work. After greeting a service man, we stand aside on the walk or in an adjacent store, when a few other service men will stop and join the conversation. Often such a group will proceed directly to the Service Center.

The longer one remains in the Service Pastoral work, especially in an embarkation area such as we have here,



the more avenues and opportunities of service will present themselves. There are invitations to address the crews on warships in port. Giving the last talk to the departing troops on transports brings the Service Pastor a feeling of special responsibility. Permission granted by military authorities to conduct Holy Communion for Lutheran service men at the Port of Embarkation is to be sincerely appreciated; this last Communion before sailing is of supreme significance for our own young men and is something they will long remember.

Transport chaplains, and chaplains bound for overseas duty come to the Service Pastor's office for a friendly talk with one who himself has experienced what it means to sail away as an Army Chaplain to foreign war, leaving wife and children behind. Our office also maintains a supply depot for chaplains, relative to service prayer books, Bibles, tracts, communion supplies, etc., which material are sent us from our Minneapolis headquarters.

Correspondence with parents of thousands of service men is made possible by the service of over twenty volunteer secretaries, who help the service pastor in their spare time. The boys write home about their visit with us, and the parents write us regarding further contacts with their sons. One very encouraging discovery which is continually being impressed on our minds through this correspondence is the fact that there are so many definitely Christian parents in our land. Numerous fathers and mothers evidence a deeply spiritual concern for the Christian faith and life of these sons. They appreciate greatly all we do for their physical and social welfare, but express particular appreciation of our religious, spiritual consultations. Note a few excerpts from parents' letters:

"We were so very glad to read our son's letter concerning his personal consultation with you in your Lutheran Service Center. We are concerned about his personal relation to Christ, now that he is going into battle."

"... has written home of your mother hostesses having such homelike conversations with him across your free lunch counter, also of talking different things over with you, personally. We cannot tell you in words what all this means to us. We are not Lutherans, but will always remember the Lutheran denomination for the spiritual character of its work with the boys far from home and church."

"My son has no friends in San Francisco, and I am pleased and gratified that he has sought friendship where it is safe to seek it. Besides, he never thought much of church or spiritual things while at home; strange that he should so change his mind out there and in wartime."

"We are of the Catholic faith, so also are our two sons, but it is noble unselfish service such as you are rendering to our boys in the service, and to their loved ones, that makes us all kindred in spirit and brings us close together. I pray that God may shower you with His choicest blessings."

In our free lunch room is a daily memorandum book, in which the leader of the respective hostess groups makes brief remarks at close of day. The following excerpts from this book will reveal the spirit in which our hostesses serve:

"A very blessed and enjoyable day, surely a good spirit is guarding this place. Thanks to the fine management that makes it so easy for all of us to work."

"All the boys were very grateful and praised the Center for its hospitality and good spirit. We have all enjoyed the day. Played and sang for two hours and all the boys took part."

"Had a most wonderful day. Lots of singing and gaiety, also celebrated birthday."

"When I first came to the center, I came with the thought of doing something for the boys, but now I come away with the feeling that they are an inspiration to me."

The following remarks by service men in our Chapel registry will reveal how the men feel about the environment of our little house of God in the heart of a modern hotel.

"This House of God makes Holy Communion as wonderful as it should always be."

"A beautiful spot to help you forget."

"Just like being at home again."

"Tops with the boys."

"A place of restoration."

Many service men come to get married in our chapel. Here is an excerpt of a note by a bridegroom:

"This is to let you know that my bride and I certainly do appreciate all you and your wife did for us. We also do hope to thank you for giving us our first Communion with the Lord in His presence at His table during our stay. It will be one thing for us to remember forever and ever."

Many ideas might be revealed from conversations with men who return from the various battle areas and have a personal visit here. We, of course, discourage all expressions on their part concerning what might be termed military information. However, it is proper to say here that the great majority of the men are very much in earnest about the prosecution of the war. They do want to have the war over with so that they may return to their homes again, but almost to the last man there is a marked desire to return to the battle zone as soon as they are physically fit. Very little hatred is evidenced even among the men who have been in personal combat, but they do feel very definitely that great issues are at stake and that we must win this war if we are to have a peaceful and secure future in our land. It can also be truthfully said that a large number of the men returning from battle on land or sea have a deeper consciousness of the reality of God than they had before.

—The Bond.

The Archbishop of Canterbury said: "The nations have developed through their differences from one another and even through their conflicts, a wealth of inheritance for the civilized world, which certainly has come to us through those channels and perhaps could not have been so richly developed otherwise."

"But the great need of our times is to find a power which shall gather all this diversity into a harmony where every distinct element has its place, yet where the whole is a unity, and rivalry never becomes conflict."—Westminster Abbey, London, Whitsunday, June 13, 1943.

## An Apology For Conscience

By Ove R. Nielsen.

"How you have felt, O men of Athens, at hearing the speeches of my accusers, I cannot tell; but I know that their persuasive words almost made me forget who I was, such was the effect of them:" (THE APOLOGY OF SOCRATES).

Our paternal editor has obviously had a change of mind concerning advertisement in Lutheran Tidings. Only last June 28th he suggested verbally that the business manager get busy on ads, and later, after the defendant had returned to his tumultuous abode at the foot of Mount Ranier, he received a letter from the editor suggesting more advertising, and even giving the name and address of a possible advertiser in an Iowa insurance firm. That letter is on file.

When the church ad thought originated with the business manager, he sought them without consulting the editor. Why? Because if insurance ads were in order, there could certainly be no sane objection to a directory of our churches, and next, because from past experience he knew that in writing to the editor he could not even hope for an immediate reply.

And so, because he is the business manager of Lutheran Tidings, and not the editor's business manager, he solicited church ads and found good response. It might be added that the present insurance ad in Lutheran Tidings was contracted for before the present business manager was elected, and thus can not be blamed on him. However, that ad, too, is entirely in order.

The church ads appear for a purpose, and not merely for additional revenue. Their purpose is to make known to our people the locations of our various churches. I am certain that they will serve towards that end. Also, they will serve as a constant reminder to the editor that there are a number of the Danish Ev. Lutheran Churches in America which are located beyond the boundaries of the middlewest, and that these outlying churches are entitled to a publication which is not so middlewestern, that it comes as a foreign journal to our people in the coastal churches.

I am happy to read that the editor will be glad to receive constructive criticism of the form, arrangement or content of Lutheran Tidings. It has not always been so. For an instance, it has been suggested several times to the editor that we have a better news coverage of activities in our various churches. In the September 5th issue only fifteen news items went to the five thousand folks who received the publication. The suggestion given to the editor was that we have a whole page for news items. These items would not alone be of interest to the readers, but in them might be found many practical suggestions that could be used by a number of our churches. The suggestion was that in all the papers going to our east coast churches there should be a half page of items from that area, and one fourth page of items from each of the middlewest and west coast districts. The papers in the middlewest should have a half page of them and in those publications there should be one fourth page from each of the east and the west, and in turn, the west

coast church should have one half west coast items in the papers coming to them, and one fourth page from each of the other two.

Perhaps this would require too much work for the editor. However, if he would be more concerned with such suggestions and less concerned with the duties and discretion of the business manager, he might find time to accomplish even that.

The committee on Lutheran Tidings at the last annual convention of the Danish Ev. Lutheran Church in America made some recommendations, and I quote from the annual report: "The committee finds that the scope and perspective of Lutheran Tidings is too limited, which in turn narrows its sphere of influence. The committee therefore recommends a firm and aggressive editorial policy for Lutheran Tidings, to be determined by an editorial staff consisting of an editor and four associate editors."

This can hardly be considered an AMEN to the present editor's policy. However, it must be noted that he was very firm and aggressive in his September 5th editorial attack on the business manager. I would like to suggest that the editor read that report more carefully and he will find that more than an attack on the business manager was implied in that report.

We are now sending Lutheran Tidings to six thousand people. We must make it a good publication. We can only make it so by being conscious of our obligation to send a lot of good material to the editor for publication, and by the editor sticking to his editing.

Thus I submit my apology for suggesting that people be guided into our churches.

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**Editor's Note:** We prefer not to print articles with the tone of the above. But as the writer's demand to have it printed without any changes was so definite, we yield. Your editor has always objected to an extensive advertising policy. However, as an insurance advertisement was running in the paper when the present editor took over, but with a very small price paid for same, he has always maintained that if advertisements were to be run, it would be better to seek smaller advertisements and at the same time getting more justifiable remuneration. To have a half page insurance advertisement in a church paper with the small remuneration derived from same as we have in the past, can at least be debated.

How the business manager could refrain from consulting the editor on his new plan of a Church Directory, and local Funeral Home advertisement from Seattle, because "from past experience he knew that in writing to the editor he could not even hope for an immediate reply" seems rather self-contradictory, as the business manager evidently conceived this plan the very first week he was on the job, (there could hardly have been very many hours of neglect in answering any letters from the business manager.)

The suggestion that in Lutheran Tidings in each issue should appear a certain series of news items in papers going to the east coast, another to those in the middle-west, and a third series to the west coast, that may seem quite unique and interesting. But we disposed of the suggestion when presented as unworkable. — We shall be happy to reconsider if constructive plans can be submitted.

The writer's quoting the recommendation from the last annual convention as to a more firm and editorial policy by L. T. is appreciated. There is an interesting connection between the author of this criticism and the above article. We shall refrain from dealing with same here.

We sincerely appreciate the high ambitions of our business editor. We feel assured that he is anxious to serve, and we wish him the very best success.



## BOOKS

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the church cannot see that retrenchment and limitations should never be on its mind.

Someone said to Hewitt once, that it was not fair for him to tell young ministers of the opportunities in a rural parish for, "you are the exception, you lecture, you write, you have been a legislator, you have long been chairman of the state board of education." What if he is the exception? Should that not make his evidence more convincing?

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right now to read it and the minister might be too timid to give a few discussions on it.

L. C. Bundgaard.

## LITTLE GUIDEPOSTS

To be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and look up at the stars. To be satisfied with your possessions, but not content with yourself until you have made the best of them. To despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice. To be governed by your admirations rather than by your disgusts; to covet nothing that is your neighbor's except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manners. To think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ, and to spend as much time as you can, with body and spirit, in God's out-of-doors. These little guideposts on the footpath to peace.—Henry Van Dyke.

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## CHURCH and HOME

By REV. M. MIKKELSEN

"And thou shalt be to us instead of eyes."

The quotation is from Numbers 10:31. How important it is that we should learn to understand and appreciate the full implication of a prayerful attitude such as is expressed in these words by Moses when he realized the need of human experience to guide him in places and circumstances not included in previous experiences and, for that reason, strangely new to him.

Like Moses, we are all venturing into new territory. The future is like a closed book which is to be opened page by page, or like the valleys and rivers beyond the mountains. One may let his imagination serve him instead of eyes, but even so there is no certainty, it is all veiled in secrecy and belongs to the unknown. How much better, we feel, would it not be if someone as much at home there as we ourselves are here would be to us instead of eyes when venturing across the mountains into the unexplored world of the new day.

When we look into the days ahead of us they seem even darker than any future has ever done to any previous generation. But that might, of course, be only an illusion. The towering mountains before you may look darker than they are, and the fear they are apt to elicit may not be fully justified. The sun does shine bright and warm on the other side. We must have faith and hope to give us endurance while we are on the way. It is not easy to see that far ahead, when darkness and despair threaten to black out our vision.

We have forever the assurance that God will guide us in our way no matter how treacherous the goals may seem to be. The assurance was confirmed and repeated by Jesus, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." But even then the eyes of a good friend to help you to select the path on which to proceed is not to be ridiculed. Such help is especially valuable if it comes from a friend who is able to serve out of that particular experience which you do not have.

Even such friends may serve us in God's stead. When God, and His guidance, is mostly needed, we do well in looking for it through the friends He may send to assist us, and spread the gloom before us.

Knowing that I have been asked by God to be a true friend to my fellowmen in this world I am not serving God, but the world, if I, for selfish reasons, and perhaps out of fear, fail to tell them the truth about God and—Hitler.

**Niemoller Begins Seventh Year of Imprisonment**—Pastor Martin Niemoller, German Confessional church leader, began his seventh year of imprisonment on July 1, with no hope of being released under present conditions.

## LUTHERAN TIDINGS

### Convention in District IV

The congregations of District IV will meet for their annual convention in Luther Memorial Church, Des Moines, Iowa, on September 24, 25 and 26. The opening meeting will be held Friday at 8 p. m., in the Grand View College auditorium in connection with the college festival beginning the new school year.

We need to get together and share in Christian fellowship with one another in spite of all transportation difficulties. Pastors, delegates, and as many of our church people as possible are urged to attend. Delegates will bring a written report of the work in their congregation and present problems they may have at the business session on Saturday.

A. E. FROST, Dist. Pres.

## Our Church

**Rev. Harris Jespersen**, Viborg, So. Dak., has accepted a call from the St. John's Church, Clinton, Iowa, and will according to plans move there about December 1st.

**40 Years Of Service**—On October 4th Rev. V. S. Jensen and Rev. Henrik Plambeck will observe their 40th anniversary in the ministry. Both were ordained in the Oak Hill Church near Brayton, Iowa, on October 4th, 1903. Rev. V. S. Jensen had a call to the Oak Hill church and the St. John's church near Exira. Rev. H. Plambeck had a call from the Flaxton and Larimore congregations in North Dakota. Rev. Jensen served the Oak Hill and Exira congregations from 1903 to 1908 and returned again and has served the same congregations since 1939. Rev. Plambeck retired from active work as pastor in 1938, having served the Oak Hill and Exira churches from 1930 to 1938. He and his wife now live in Brayton, Iowa. He serves in our synod as Necrologist and submitted a very fine report in the last annual Year Book.

**A History Of Our Synod In Iowa**—Prof. A. T. De Groot, Drake University, Des Moines, is working on a history of The Protestant Church in Iowa. Rev. Henrik Plambeck has written the chapter on the history of The Danish Lutheran Church in Iowa. Rev. J. M. Jensen, editor of Ansgar Lutheran has written the history of the United Danish Church. More than thirty denominations will be represented in this history, and according to plans the book will be published during the coming year.

**Richard H. Sorensen**, student of theology from Grand View Seminary has served the Juhl and Germania, Michigan, congregations during the summer months. He will return to Grand View College on Sept. 20th to resume his studies.

**Rev. A. C. Kildegaard** who has a sermon entitled "God's Grace" in this issue observed his 38th anniversary as pastor on the date on which the sermon was submitted, September 10th. He was ordained on Sept. 10th, 1905, in Denmark, Kansas. A year later on the same date Rev. and Mrs. Kildegaard were united in marriage in St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Dwight, Ill.

**Helene Strange**, the Danish authoress who visited many of our Danish American congregations some years ago, died recently in Denmark according to N. A. D. A. reports. Several of her books have been read by many in our Danish groups. She was an ardent student of the traditions and customs of folk life in Denmark of about a century ago.

**Miss Dagmar Miller**, our returned missionary from Santalistan, India, spoke in the St. Peder's Church in Minneapolis on Sunday, Sept. 12th.

**The Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute** is seriously in need of workers. Anyone, men or women, who is willing to assist in the hospital, with the invalid people, in the kitchen or in the laundry will please write to Eben-Ezer, Brush, Colorado.

**Rev. A. W. Andersen** will deliver his farewell sermon in the Trinity Church, Chicago, on Sunday, September 26th. He has served this church through a period of 32 years. A Farewell Dinner will be given at 6 o'clock that evening by the members of the church. As mentioned in our last issue Rev. and Mrs. Andersen will move to California.

**National America Denmark Association**—Members of the Council of N. A. D. A. met in Chicago on August 30th for a special meeting. An office for the N. A. D. A. and Danish War Relief will be opened soon in Chicago. A sum of \$500 was allotted for the Danish Seamen's Mission in New York for the buying of Christmas gifts for Danish seamen.

**Grand View College** will open for the fall term on Monday, Sept. 20. Forty-five are enrolled in the Junior College and seven in the theological seminary. Opening meeting will be held on Friday evening, Sept. 24th in connection with the opening of the District meeting held in the Luther Memorial Church Sept. 24-26.

## News Briefs

**A Shortage of Bibles**—The unusual has happened: there is a shortage of Bibles. There are two causes for it: an increased demand for the word of God, and shortage of paper. Bible publishers have increased their output, however, but it is not enough.

The World Publishing Company has a backlog of orders for 1,000,000 Bibles and Testaments, and refusing all new



orders until these are filled. Oxford University Press (which manufactures 80% of its Bibles and Testaments in the U. S.) now fills back orders on a percentage basis, has announced that beginning Oct. 1 it will ration Bibles, giving bookstores a quota based on previous sales.

**300 Missionaries Expected to Return on Gripsholm**—More than 300 missionaries now interned in Japan, China and Indo-China, are expected to return to this country early in December on the S. S. Gripsholm, diplomatic exchange liner scheduled to leave the United States early in September. The missionaries will be part of a contingent of 1,500 repatriated Americans.

The Gripsholm will effect its exchange of passengers in Goa, Portuguese India, on October 15.

**Spiritual Guidance in Concentration Camp**—Prof. Ole Hallesby and Ludvig Hope have been conducting "comprehensive spiritual guidance" activities in the Grini concentration camp. Their action is greatly appreciated by Grini prisoners since the Germans have forbidden the use or possession of Bibles and other religious literature in the camp. Recently, Nazi guards raided the camp for hidden copies of this "contraband" material, confiscating and burning all such books that they found. Norwegian prisoners were "forced" to watch their books go up in flames.

**Workers Refuse to Melt Down Seized Church Bells**—Protests by Belgian Church leaders against the seizure of church bells for war purposes has been followed by at least one instance of open resistance by Belgian workers to the Nazi confiscation decree.

In the Antwerp area, the management of a foundry refused to melt down confiscated bells and workers were instructed not to help German soldiers who came to unload bells brought from Tirlemont, in the province of Brabant.

The removal of church bells is being hastened by the German authorities in many parts of the country.

In Brussels, the bells of St. Catherine's Church have already been taken away. Other churches stripped of bells include the church of St. Marie, in Schaerbeek.

**Search for Successors to Hallesby and Hope**—Quisling's Department of Church and Education, aided by the Nazi State Police, has been making an intensive search for the men who have succeeded Prof. Ole Hallesby and Ludvig Hope in the Temporary Church Leadership. Hallesby and Hope were arrested in mid-May in connection with the Church Leadership's protest against the conscription of Norwegian labor for German military construction projects. In their search for the new church leaders the Nazis have ransacked the homes of several prominent clergymen in Oslo including Pastor Thomle of Vaalerengen congregation; the Rev. Th. Nordseth, manager of the Deaconess' home; the Rev. Ludvig Schubeler of Frogner congregation; and the Rev. Fr. Wisloff, head of the Inner Mission Society's Bible School in Oslo. The State Police

made a thorough search of the various parsonages, spending up to two and one-half hours in each. At one place they even examined the mattresses. But the Nazis are still in the dark as to the identity of the present active leaders of the Norwegian Church front.

**Report of Princeton Round Table Conference**—The printed report of the Round Table Conference held at Princeton, N. J., from July 8-11, has just come from the press. It is entitled, "A Christian Message on World Order from the International Round Table of Christian Leaders," and sells for 10c per copy. It is issued in America by the Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace of the Federal Council of Churches. Over sixty representatives from fourteen nations were present at the conference. The Australian churches sent two of their leading churchmen—Dr. Robert Wilson Macauley, moderator-general of the Presbyterian Church in Australia, and the Rt. Rev. John Stoward Moyes, Bishop of Armidale, New South Wales. (Through the help of General Douglas MacArthur these men made the trip from Australia by bomber.) The New Zealand churches sent Dean Alwyn Keith Warren of Christchurch Cathedral. The British churches sent Dr. Archibald C. Craig, the general secretary of the British Council of Churches. These four men spent several weeks in America and filled many speaking engagements in different parts of the U. S. A. and Canada.

**Give Religion High Rating**—A survey of the religious welfare of University of Nebraska students and faculty members shows that 87 per cent of the 202 faculty members who responded to the survey reported themselves as members of some religious denomination, and of these 73.7 per cent felt that the religious welfare of students should receive the attention of the faculty and administration. The others expressed opposition.

A comparison of the church attendance of 1,563 students contacted in the survey, before they came to college and while attending, revealed approximately 96 per cent attended church regularly or quite occasionally before college; and that the students have a favorable opinion of the worth and status of church organizations.

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Congregation, Racine, Wis. .... 40.05  
Congregation, Clinton, Iowa... 50.00  
Congregation, Des Moines,

Iowa ..... 25.00  
Congregation, Omaha, Nebr. .... 25.00  
Congregation, Los Angeles, Cal. 14.20

Total to Date.....\$ 905.44

### For Pension Fund, Miscellaneous Receipts:

Previously acknowledged.....\$ 99.09  
Congregation, West Denmark,  
Wis. .... 22.00

\$ 121.09

### For Pension Fund, Pastors' Contributions:

No receipts so far this year.

### For Home Mission:

Previously acknowledged.....\$ 202.08  
Nothing further this month.

### For Canada Mission:

No receipts so far this year.

### For Annual Reports:

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Congregation, Bronx, N. Y. .... 1.50  
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Minn. .... 4.50  
Congregation, Viborg, S. D. .... 1.55  
Congregation, Watsonville, Cal. 1.25  
Congregation, Solvang, Cal. .... 3.00

Total to Date.....\$ 54.30

### For President's Travel Account:

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From visit at Rosenborg, Nebr. 10.00  
From visit at Flaxton, N. D. .... 10.00  
From visit at Dalum, Canada... 45.00  
From visit at Canwood, Canada 25.62

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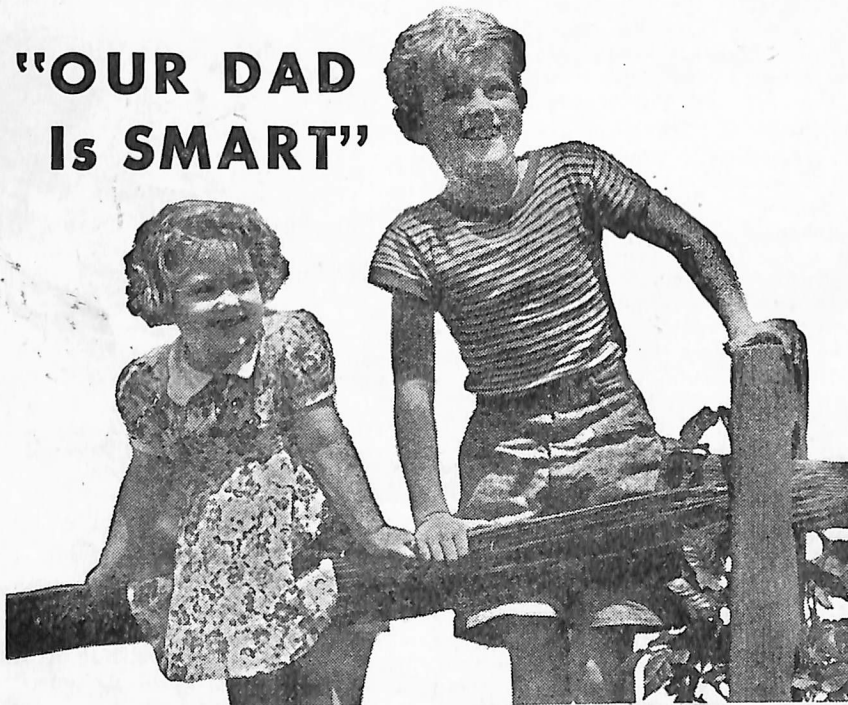
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