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Our Savior's Church was just laying aside its work-clothes after completing a fine, big church-improvement project, and preparing to celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary as convention delegates and visitors began to arrive Friday afternoon. Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Sr., preached at the opening service at 8 o'clock on Ephesians 3:14-20, — "The Unsearchable Riches of God's Love". The pastor of the host church, Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Jr., then dedicated the new sanctuary appointments, and gave a brief communion address on John 6, "Jesus, the Bread of Life", preceding the Holy Communion Service. At the close of the service our district president, Rev. John Pedersen, and the local pastor bade the convention visitors welcome.

At the morning devotions Saturday at 9 Pastor James N. Lund spoke on Isaiah 6, "What Happens When a Man Meets God". Rev. John Pedersen and Rev. James N. Lund were elected to serve as chairman and secretary respectively, of the business sessions. The minutes of last year's convention, held at Newark, were read and approved, with one correction. Our district treasurer, Mr. Marius Andersen, read his report, showing receipts of \$560.82 and disbursements of \$138.47 for the year, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$422.35. This account, having been audited and found correct, was accepted as read. The district president's annual report (which is included in these minutes) was read, and upon motion was referred to a committee of three appointed by the chair, and consisting of Rev. John Christensen, Mr. E. Vendelboe Nielsen, and Mr. Hans Gade.

The report on Children's Home Fund was read as given by Mr. Axel Olsen, the fund's treasurer, on page 63 of the synod's annual convention report, showing principal account of bonds and mortgages totaling \$23,729.75, and interest account disbursements totaling \$1,443.60, leaving a balance in that account of \$607.67, as of May 29, 1944. No report on this fund is given directly to the district, for the reason that it is not directly under the control of the District. Rev. A. T. Dorf, member of the Children's Home Board, called attention to the fact that considerable funds are available for needy Lutheran children of our District.

Rev. A. Th. Dorf gave an informal oral report on the work of the Danish Seamen's Mission, which was accepted with thanks. The mission received support from women's organizations within our church, and from the Danish American Women's Association, from steamship companies, and from the National War Fund. After numerous unsuccessful efforts over a number of years, the mission has finally secured rooms at the Seamen's Church Institute, and, with funds from the

National War Fund, is able to equip a fine club room for Danish sailors.

The delegate elected at the Newark convention to represent our District at the synodical convention at Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, last June, was unable to attend. In lieu of a lay delegate's report Rev. John Pedersen reported briefly on convention decisions which have to do with our District finances.

A letter from Rev. A. E. Frost, president of the synod's Pension Fund, was read, appealing for support, and for an annual offering from every church, as well as individual gifts for the Fund. Rev. Alfred Jensen and Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Sr., spoke briefly in support of this appeal. The morning business session closed with the singing of "Jesus, Draw Thou Near to Me".

The Saturday afternoon business session opened at 1:30 with the singing of "Love Divine, All Love Excelling". Mr. Viggo Nielsen, chairman of the Grand View College Jubilee Drive in our District, spoke on "What We Owe Our School". Rev. Alfred Jensen and Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Sr., also appealed for greater interest and support of this cause.

The report by the committee on the president's report was read and accepted for point-by-point consideration. The following motions were adopted:

1. The convention expresses its thanks to our synod president, Rev. Alfred Jensen, for his tour of our District during the past year, and for his presence and guidance and leadership at this convention. We also wish to thank our District president for his work.

2. The convention expresses its deep appreciation to Pastor Dorf for continuing to serve the Brooklyn church for the duration of the war, or until his successor has been called, — and also for his work in connection with the Seamen's Mission.

3. We voice our appreciation of the work Rev. Swen Baden has been doing in serving the Newark church, and we urge that steps be taken so that with help from the district and synod the Newark church may secure a resident pastor.

4. We also voice our appreciation of the services rendered to our Port Chester church by Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Jr., and we recommend that a survey be made to determine the prospects in regard to getting a resident pastor.

5. This year, again there was an invitation from the Atlantic District of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church to our District to join with them on an equal basis in conducting one week of Bible Camp at Lake Winnebepesaukee, N. H., next summer. The invitation was respectfully declined, and after a lengthy discussion it was decided:

1. That we do not support the Winnebepesaukee Bible Camp this year, but

2. That we work together with the Danish American Young People's League for a camp of our own church and young people.

6. We recommend the LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION appeal and urge all our congregations to support it.

7. In regard to the District's delegate to the annual convention of the synod, it was decided that in case the person elected is unable to attend, the congregation from which he is elected shall choose an alternate. Rev. Alfred Jensen explained the new system of allocating the quotas for synodical support to the separate congregations of the District. Churches with resident pastors shall have an exemption of 20 contributing members in computing their quotas, and churches without resident pastors shall be exempted five members. For example, if a church with a resident pastor has 170 contributing members, and the per capita quota is \$3.00, that church's quota for synodical work is \$450.00 (150 x \$3.00).

8. It was moved and carried that our District president's traveling expenses in connection with the annual meeting of District presidents at Des Moines, be met from our District treasury.

9. It was moved and carried that our District send a young person as our representative to our next synodical convention; this representative to be selected by our District board from among young people who have applied, and have been recommended by their pastors.

10. Mr. Viggo Nielsen of Bridgeport was elected as our delegate to the 1945 convention of synod.

11. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. A. C. Kildegaard; secretary, Rev. James N. Lund; treasurer, Mr. Marius Andersen. The new officers took office immediately. The 1945 District convention will be held at Brooklyn. After a ten-minute recess, and the singing of "Faith of Our Fathers", Rev. A. Th. Dorf introduced the topic for discussion selected by the local pastor: "Responsibility of the Danish Church in America toward Denmark in the Post-War Period". We can not as a church, solve Denmark's internal post-war problems, but as individuals, we can bring temporary relief in the shape of clothing and money through the AMERICA DENMARK RELIEF and other recognized agencies. And we can pray. But we must rather ask: "What can we do as a church to better social conditions right here in America where we are so far behind Denmark?"

At the Saturday evening meeting Mrs. Viggo Nielsen reported on the work of the Women's Missionary Society, and read a letter from its secretary, Mrs. Clarence Petersen. A number of Danish Folk songs, in English translation, were sung, and Dr. Igor Bella, president of the Slovak Lutheran Synod, brought greetings, and a brief message on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the church, saying that self-examination is necessary in all anniversaries. Do we believe that Christ was more than an ideal, or moral example, or hero. Anyone who does not believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God is not, historically speaking, a Christian. Christianity was not founded on Christ, the Example; and it is something more than, "Love God, and love your fellow men." It is: God in

Christ dying for sin, bringing us salvation. Prove and test your faith by your prayer life. We are destroying ourselves because we lack genuine spirituality. Our age has no capacity for repentance. When Christ looks upon us who bear His name does He cry again, as He did in His darkest hour, "My God, My God, why has Thou forsaken Me?"

Our synodical president, Rev Alfred Jensen, also spoke to the celebrating congregation: It is more than 50 years of time you are celebrating; it is a fragment of eternity. We do not exist for ourselves, but for the glory of God. A celebrating church must keep that aim in view. Only as we do so can we prosper and live. Test ourselves by this Does Christ live here?

Following the meeting coffee was served by the Young Married Couples' Club.

Sunday morning Rev. John Christensen spoke at the children's service. At the English service at 10, Rev. Alfred Jensen preached about "Christ, the Resurrection and the Life", — an Easter message that breathed with the fervor of faith and hope and the promise of a new day. We cannot live on the old program: "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die." Only in Christ do we have hope in the face of death; He gives us more than sympathy and comfort; He has made life eternal for us, — eternal in its possibilities and scope. By His resurrection He proclaimed the eternal values of human life, and the moral worth of the individual. When we lose faith in these eternal verities we cut the life-line, and cause the suicide of the race.

At the Danish Service at 11:15 Rev. John Pedersen preached emphasizing two verses from the day's text: "The Master is here and calleth thee", and "If you believe you will see the glory of God". Today, through the bloody events of war God is calling us; and we do not listen. A century ago, Denmark, like Martha and Mary, sat mourning and despairing. But God called and she rose to newness of life. That is also His call to a church celebrating its anniversary. If we will come when God calls, we too will see His glory. That is what Grundtvig worked for. That is what we must strive for, young and old.

At the Communion service Rev. A. Th. Dorf said that what makes life worth while is the knowledge that someone cares for us. At His Table the Lord gives us the assurance that He loves us, for He died for us.

The Anniversary banquet was served at 1 o'clock at the Park Avenue Congregational Church a block away. Mr. Andrew Nielsen acted as toastmaster. Greetings and felicitations were brought by visiting pastors and delegates from other churches, both at the banquet table and later in the day and at the informal closing meeting around the supper tables at the Bridgeport church.

In the absence of officially adopted resolutions of thanks, your secretary (who was unable to be present for the closing meeting) joins with other individuals in expressing our sincere appreciation to Pastor and Mrs. A. C. Kildegaard, Jr., and to our hosts and members of the Bridgeport church, and to the Ladies' Aid and Women's Mission Society, and the Young Married Couples' Club who did so much to make our convention days enjoyable and happy.

The following delegates were registered. Names followed by (B) are members of the Synodical budget committee in their respective churches.

Portland: No delegate. **Hartford:** Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Piper, Mr. and Mrs. P. Brylle, Mrs. Ellen Olsen, Mr. Peter Hansen (B). **Bridgeport:** Mrs. Kamma Christensen, Mrs. Ingeborg Petersen, Mr. Vendelboe Nielsen, Mr. Viggo Nielsen (B). **Brooklyn:** Mr. and Mrs. John Thorslev (B). Mr. Thar-mod Jensen, Mrs. Berthelsen, Miss Joan Hansen. **Bronx:** Mrs. Catherine Junkersen, Mrs. Karen Nielsen, Mr. Christian Madsen (B). **Newark:** Mrs. Carl W. Nielsen, Mr. Hans Nielsen (B). **Perth Amboy:** Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gylling, Fred Hansen, Mrs. Magnus Johnsen, Mrs. Peter Ottzen, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Gade (B). **Troy:** Mr. Agner Larsen (B). Thirty-three lay delegates. The following pastors of the District were present: A. J. Tarpgaard, A. C. Kildegaard, Sr., E. N. Nielsen, A. Th. Dorf, John Christensen, Johannes Pedersen, Swen Baden, A. C. Kildegaard, Jr., James N. Lund, Mr. Marius Andersen our district treasurer also had the voting privilege, ex officio.

The budget committee met and worked out the following quotas for synodical work for each congregation:

Brooklyn	\$379.50
Bronx	132.00
Port Chester	66.00
Newark	66.00
Troy	380.00
Hartford	363.00
Perth Amboy	630.30
Portland	247.50
Bridgeport	240.90

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts.

Balance on hand	\$284.67
Contributions from churches:	
3/12/44—Hartford	27.50
5/3/44—Perth Amboy	45.00
5/15/44—Bronx	15.00
6/1/44—Port Chester	6.00
6/1/44—Brooklyn	33.75
9/15/44—Portland	20.00
9/19/44—Bridgeport	24.50
9/20/44—Troy	37.50
Offerings during District President's tour:	
Hartford	\$ 17.00
Bridgeport	6.25
Perth Amboy	10.00
Bronx	10.00
Brooklyn	13.20
Port Chester	6.00
Troy	4.45

\$560.82

Disbursements.

12/1/43—Printing and mailing convention reports (Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Jr.)	\$ 14.00
12/24/43—Rev. J. N. Lund, traveling expense to Boston	9.97
2/7/44—Rev. Joh. Pedersen, for postage, paper, printing	7.50
4/29/44—President's tour of District (Rev. Joh. Pedersen)	43.50
6/2/44—President's trip to convention (Rev. Joh. Pedersen)	63.50
	\$138.47
9/23/44—Balance in treasury	422.35

\$560.82

Audited and found correct, Bridgeport, Connecticut, September 23, 1944.

E. Vendelboe Nielsen,
Viggo Nielsen.

REPORT TO THE DISTRICT CONVENTION, BRIDGEPORT, CONN., SEPTEMBER 22-24th, 1944

Another war year has passed since we last met for convention in Newark. The outward conditions have in

Reminders for the Congregations

It is again time for me to remind the congregations about their contributions to the Pension Fund. According to the rules, the first Sunday in November is designated for receiving a collection or offering in all the congregations which have not arranged for their contribution in some other way. A number of congregations place a substantial amount on their budget and this method seems to work so easy. However, each congregation must decide which method they wish to use. The main thing is, that we get the necessary funds in the treasury to meet our obligations to the pensioners. Those who choose to use envelopes for this collection are asked to request such envelopes well in advance from the Pension Fund treasurer, Mr. J. K. Jensen, 4837 Bernard St., Chicago, Ill.

The board was pleased by the decision of the convention that the increase in pension allowed at the convention in 1943 shall be continued. In comparison to the pensions received in other occupations in our land, the pension which we in our synod pay to our retired pastors and pastors' widows is not very large. But it is a helping hand which we hope that our congregations again this year will furnish sufficient funds to pay quarterly.

We were also happy to know that two of our good men left a substantial amount in their will whereby the Endowment Fund will be enlarged. How many others have made similar arrangements we do not know. But in years to come the Endowment Fund may reach the goal originally set for it.

We wish to express our thanks to all those of our church people who have generously contributed to the Pension cause. Likewise to the Ladies' Aids who annually add their contribution to the fund. We will then be waiting for the necessary funds to meet the obligations which you have asked us to fulfill.

In accordance with the decision of the convention all the active pastors in our synod will receive a card about New Year on which they will give us necessary information for determining their annual dues to the Pension Fund. If any pastor wishes to pay part of the anticipated amount before February, he is at liberty to do so.

A. E. Frost, President.

many ways handicapped the work of our congregations. We miss the many young people who have left for the armed services; but in spite of these handicaps the work in all our congregations has been carried on faithfully and progress has been reported in several of our congregations.

I have visited all the congregations during the year, and wish to thank you all for the kind reception.

The Bronx church was without a pastor for a long time after Rev. Marckman left; but Rev. Tarpgaard carried on the work during the vacancy. We thank him very much for that. Rev. Kildegaard, Sr., accepted the call from Bronx, and was installed by Rev. Tarpgaard on July 9. We wish to extend to Pastor and Mrs. Kildegaard our sincere welcome to District

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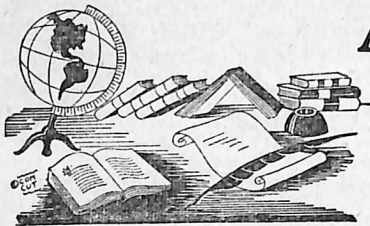
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Across the Editor's Desk

A report from the Lutheran World Action recently came to our desk giving figures on the contributions received from all the eight Lutheran synods affiliated in the National Lutheran Council. The goal of \$1,315,000 has not been reached yet, although several of the church synods have over-subscribed, one as high as 123 per cent. Our synod is lowest with 69 per cent of our quota filled in the New York office by September 25th.

We realize that we as a synod possibly started our Lutheran World Action drive in most of our congregations some later than the official opening date in the Lutheran churches in general. But we have now had more than four months for the drive and it would be gratifying if we also could register the full quota for this most timely program. It is not necessary to repeat the general program of the Lutheran World Action. So much has been written on the subject. Ample literature has been distributed. We only need to remind ourselves: So many young men are giving months and years in trying service, and many give their lives. Am I giving my share in alleviating the misery, the grief, yes, the pain and suffering in the many fields where Lutheran World Action is ready to serve if and when adequate funds are available?

In the September 20th issue of "Lutheran Tidings" we reprinted an appeal from National Lutheran Council for used clothing for the war-torn areas in Europe. We have received some inquiries from readers as to where such clothing can be sent. We did not have the complete information at the first writing, but have now received more detailed directions. However, as there are a number of collection depots throughout the United States we suggest that any group or individual interested in donating some used clothing to this cause,

Second District Convention

MANISTEE, MICHIGAN
SEPTEMBER 15-17, 1944

Minutes.

The business session of the convention was called to order Saturday at 10:30 a. m., by Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen, as president and chairman.

Votes were tabulated as follows: 29 elected delegates from the congregations in the district, one from the treasurer's office and five pastors, a total of 35 votes.

The following pastors were present: Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen, C. A. Stub, Willard Garred, Verner Hansen, and Svend Holm.

As district secretary, Rev. Svend Holm, of Grayling, acted in the capacity of convention secretary.

Minutes of last year's convention were read and approved.

District president, Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen, submitted and read his report on activities in the district during the year. No discussion. Accepted with thanks.

District Treasurer's book duly examined and found correct by the Finance Committee, was submitted and reported as follows:

Receipts for the year	\$334.95
Total expenses	115.83

Balance carried over to next year.....\$219.12

It was moved, supported and carried, that the report be accepted and placed on record.

Mr. Christ Jensen, Muskegon, was appointed auditor for the day, by the chair, in place of Will. C. Nielsen, Muskegon, of the Finance Committee, who was prevented from being present.

It was now moved and carried that reports from the delegates were postponed to first thing on the Agenda after the dinner recess. So ordered.

The following agenda was discussed:

Pension Fund.

A letter from the president of the Pension Fund, Rev. A. E. Frost, was read.

It was called to our attention that the first Sunday in November, according to our rules, is set aside for taking an offering or collection in all our congregations for the Pension Fund.

The convention was informed that in order to meet the Synod's pension obligations for the coming year we will need about 65c per contributing mem-

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please write and ask for full instructions from the National Lutheran Council Office, 231 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

This office is giving assistance to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. The immediate goal is the collection of 15,000,000 pounds of usable wearing apparel, used and new, for war-stricken men, women and children. It is estimated that more than 20,000,000 persons are more or less driven from their homes or kept destitute because of lack of supplies in these war areas. What a privilege to be able to help such people.

GRAND VIEW COLLEGE



Daily Life at Grand View College

The Grand View student body is fast growing into what is known as the Grand View family. From Canada to Panama, from California to Maine, from city and from farm they have come, and the life together is that of a large family reunion, a reunion at which some meet for the first time, but knowing that each is a part of the family they soon become true members of the intimate family.

Possibly the most important event in the student life of this school year was the election of officers of Unge Kraetter, the student and faculty society. The officers elected were Kenneth Woody, Des Moines, president; Ellen Andersen, Chicago, vice-president; Evelyn Leraeger, Brush, treasurer; and Lillian Feddersen, Marquette, secretary. Thorvald Hansen was elected editor of ECHO, the student paper, for which a subscription drive is now in progress; and Clayton Nielsen was chosen to edit VIKING, the student yearbook. Helen Stub of Greenville and Lewis Nielsen of Muskegon were chosen to edit PEGASUS, the humor column and Saturday night "drole de corps".

The Grand View family was glad to welcome back into its midst Mrs. Carlson of the commercial department who recently returned from a vacation in California. Rev. V. S. Jensen who has begun his teaching in the seminary will be here on alternate weeks throughout the semester. On October 7, Dr. Johs. Knudsen attended an Executive Committee meeting of the National Lutheran Educational Conference at Racine. Mr. and Mrs. Karl Eriksen are at present enjoying their vacation.

A brief mention was made of the nurses from Iowa Lutheran Hospital in the last issue. Their classes in microbiology have necessitated the purchase of some new equipment which includes microscopes, sterilizers and incubators. Since more room was needed for this equipment, the old shop was remodeled and is now a biology room. Alas for the resident students, what was the ping-pong room is now the shop.

Dramatics seems to be taking a spotlight this year. Under the direction of Miss Strandvold a group meets weekly

to learn more about acting and stage play. This group expects to present plays for Unge Kraetter at regular intervals. That interest in drama is at a high point is shown by the fact that thirty-seven of us visited the Kenall Community Playhouse one Friday evening to see the production "Ring Around Elizabeth".

An activity looked forward to each year is the fall picnic which was held this year at Grand View Park. A day in the open air and beautiful autumn colors with softball, football (some of the girls play a pretty rough game!), volleyball, relaxation, food, and all that goes with a picnic makes it a day long to be remembered. It was a double celebration, for beside it being the fall picnic, it was also the birthdays of Johs. Knudsen and A. C. Ammentorp. A/C Art Marck was with us to enjoy the day; he was a student here last year. Two other students of former years have visited us in the past fortnight—F. O. Roland and Martinusen, AAC, and Sonny Møller of the WAVES.

Clayton Nielsen.

You Have the Information

The Grand View College service roster is again lacking a few names. We are endeavoring to bring it up to date. With the help of the readers of **Lutheran Tidings** we can be successful. If you have any information regarding former Grand View College students in the service, I would appreciate having that information sent to me. Name and branch of service is all that is necessary.

Let's all pitch in to make the roster complete. Let's do our share for the men and women over there.

Thank you!

Harold Olsen.

Grand View College,
Des Moines 16, Iowa.

Autumn

"The skies they were ashen and sober;
The leaves they were crisped and sere . . ."

—E. A. Poe.

The waning days of October were wrapped in a melancholy mist hinting sadly of the dreary days to come. A yellow leaf fluttered slowly toward the earth. It was lifted momentarily toward the sky by the breeze before it fell to take its place among the other forgotten beauties of summer. The neighborhood children, however, were not disheartened by the approaching winter. There were many leaves to be raked and burned. A bonfire meant a marshmallow roast, and that in itself would be a picnic. Soon the pumpkins would ripen enough to be used for Hallowe'en pranks. The red apples would also be ideal for the coming Hallowe'en. A last hayride under the "golden Harvest moon" would add the final touch to the lovely season.

In the spring, the flowers, trees, and grass had started their short life. They

had worked vigorously to achieve the splendor that was to be theirs during the summer months. In the fall their beauty was not as striking in color, but it still retained a loveliness that was breath taking. The flowers and grass perished with the first frost, and the triumphant winter covered them lightly with a soft blanket of snow.

Thus the freshness of spring blossoms into summer, only to fade into fall, and die during the dismal winter. Yet, there is always the knowledge that spring will follow winter, just as the morning sunshine follows the gloom of night. The seasons never stop their incessant cycle, nor does the life of man.

In man's youth, he blossoms forth like a tender flower, displaying his virtues in their brightest light. He plans and builds his future in hopeful anticipation of fulfilling his dreams. For a short time, man, like the beauties of nature, does live a complete and happy life, but it can not last. His dreams begin to fade, too, and as he descends the ladder of life, his soul grows weary with the burdens of humanity.

God created life. "Man, His most complex work, is born only to die." So let us all live every moment, enjoying the gifts of God, and being thankful for the ever-changing seasons, even though it be our autumn, preparing for the inevitable death to come.

Anitra Kruse.

To the Grand View Students of 1944-45

1944-45 is a golden opportunity to you, as 1924-25 is a golden memory to me.

A memory, that could have been even more golden if I had known what I now know; how swiftly one's youth passes by.

Therefore, I say to you, who are at Grand View today, **STOP, LOOK and LISTEN!**

STOP quietly, in reverence, and **LOOK**, at your school, your campus, your classrooms, your friends.

You have them now, some day you will be scattered as we are today. Some day you will realize that you are a part of a world, much greater and more far reaching than Grand View. A world that overwhelms you and needs you desperately.

LISTEN to the voices of truth, every kernel of truth, that you hear in your classrooms and during your lecture hours, is a link in your future happiness. A truth you some day will need.

It isn't the wealth you can obtain, it isn't the celebrity you can become, that makes the difference. Youth has that deep-rooted sincerity and zest for life that does make the difference. Don't ever betray it! Don't ever betray the golden opportunities you have to search for truth.

Don't ever betray your opportunity to explore the written world of books.

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OUR WOMEN'S WORK

Mrs. Fylla Petersen, Editor, 2351 Chilcombe Ave., St. Paul 8, Minn.

The Family Worship

Rev. Bundgaard sent a page from "Town and Country Church" on which was an article entitled "The Family in Worship" by Robert L. Clingan. The article stresses the need for and the inspiration gained through a regular daily period of family worship.

I have sometimes thought what it would mean to our whole society if in every home we had the courage and tenacity to make it a daily practice to spend even five minutes in quiet common worship — perhaps sing a hymn, read a verse of Scripture or say a prayer. The logical place to begin home mission work would, it seems, be in the home. I am quoting two paragraphs from the article by R. L. Clingan.

"Our religious practices and devotional periods are a striking contrast to the discordant sound of an orchestra getting its individual instruments in tune. At the same time there is an inescapable similarity in that our prayer and worship are ways of bringing the tone of each individual life in key with the fundamental harmonies of the universe, the purposes which are eternal.

"If the purposes of God are to be fulfilled in daily life, then each new day ought to have somewhere near its beginning spiritual preparation. The violinist in an orchestra does not tune his instrument once a week, but immediately before each concert. To the Christian, each day is a concert to the glory of God."

Minutes From W. M. S. Meeting of District II

In accordance with the custom of previous church conventions, District II devoted Saturday evening, Sept. 16, of its "Aarsmøde" at Manistee to the Women's Mission Society program.

Preceding the regular program, a small group of ladies met for a short meeting at 7:00 p. m., with Mrs. Holger P. Jorgensen, district representative, presiding.

Mrs. Elmer Ness of Manistee, W. M. S. president, read several letters of appreciation and thanks for gifts received from the society.

Members of the various congregations gave reports outlining the work of the past year in their local societies. A fifteen minute recess was called.

The main program commenced at 8:00 p. m., with the church nearly filled. After the opening hymn "Publish Glad Tidings", Mrs. H. P. Jorgensen extended a cordial welcome to all present and introduced the various program numbers.

Two vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. Margaret Penella, accompanied by Miss Thora Hansen.

Mrs. C. A. Stub gave a review of the meeting held at the National Convention in June, followed by an impressive plea for the work of W. M. S.

Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen gave a very inspiring talk on Mission work.

Piano numbers were presented by Miss Sylvia Jorgensen, and two violin solos by Rev. Verner Hansen, accompanied by Miss Margaret Rasmussen.

The meeting closed by singing Rev. Svend Holm's English translation of "Deilig er Jorden".

Carrie S. Nielsen.

W. M. S. Meeting at Clinton, Iowa, Sept. 23, 1944

Again this year an interested group of women met for a short session to discuss the work of W. M. S. in District III. Mrs. Marietta Strandskov, our representative, was unable to be present as she was caring for her mother, Mrs. Hostrup, who was ill. Therefore, Mrs. Alma Jorgensen acted as chairman. Mrs. Esther Petersen read an inspiring letter from Mrs. Strandskov encouraging us to be more mission minded in our homes, churches and communities. It was decided to send a greeting from the group to Mrs. Hostrup, a charter member of W. M. S., and for many years its treasurer.

Should all funds from each mission group be sent to W. M. S. instead of being earmarked locally, was discussed. It was suggested that W. M. S. have designated projects each year for all to support. A hope was expressed that our mission work become a living thing and perhaps a representative could visit the different groups and explain our work and aims.

It was now time for the second part of the W. M. S. program which was introduced by Rev. Harris Jespersen. "Take My Life and Let It Be", was the opening song. The choir from St. John's church then sang very beautifully, "My God and I" by Sergei.

Mrs. Thyra Hansen gave a talk on "Our Responsibility as Women to Bringing Our Children into the Church of Christ". She stressed the importance of being alert to the many wonders and also the problems that arise and not to let familiarity become a thief to rob us. Our children are our hope of tomorrow, let us train them to make the right decisions and to be commandos of God's army.

"Jesus Lover of My Soul" was sung by the choir, after which Rev. Marius Krog spoke on "Being Alive to Beauty". It takes a great deal of living to produce and appreciate art. Unto him who has shall be added more. Beauty is universal — Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened up to you. Beauty is truth and goodness comes into its own. These were some of the thoughts expressed by Rev. Krog.

Very fittingly, "Beautiful Savior", was sung in closing, following which Rev. Jespersen led in prayer, all joining in the Lord's prayer.

May we all heed the call of this evening's theme, then our mission work will grow into a beautiful service.

Esther S. Petersen.

IN THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD

Alfred C. Nielsen, Grand View College.

AFTER HITLER — WHAT?

We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love, one another.—Swift.

One of these days, perhaps before this appears in print, Adolf Hitler and his regime will collapse. That will all be to the good, but that is only a negative phase. What will happen to Germany and Europe after that?

It must be clear to all thinking people that World War I and the world depression did something to all of us, and not least to the millions of people who lived in Europe.

Wilson's Fourteen Points and his slogan, "Make the world safe for democracy" were heralded by the masses of Europe as nothing had been for a century. After the war Europe went democratic as never before. But following that came disillusionment with both the war and democracy. Before very many years democracy was on the defensive everywhere, and in nation after nation it fell. The masses were losing faith in it.

In 1929 the depression struck the western economic world like a tornado. Banks and business houses toppled like so many houses of cards. Millions of men stood in breadlines and many lost their savings and homes. Everywhere man's splendid machines stood motionless. Everywhere men were asking what kind of order this was that made it impossible for good men to make a decent living. **It just did not make sense.** What good was the capitalist system if a man like democracy was on the defensive. Millions lost faith in it. Men can't live without faith and hope. Since living in a spiritual vacuum was impossible, men turned to those who offered a program, even if that program was quite idiotic.

The masses of Europe turned from the Old Order because it offered them no hope. The war and the depression had been too much. In despair they turned to Fascism.

It is common opinion that it was propaganda that turned the masses away from the Old Order. This could hardly have been true, since the Old Order had control of the radio, the schools and most of the newspapers. The masses left the Old Order because it had become meaningless, senseless.

It is a common argument among Catholic historians that it was the propaganda of men like Wycliffe, Calvin and Luther that made it possible for the Protestant Reformation to succeed. True, they were able speakers and writers. But the real reason why the Reformation succeeded in northern Europe was that the **Roman Catholic system was bankrupt.** Man had lost faith in it.

Hitler and Mussolini were past-masters in the art of propaganda, but they would not have met success had the faith of the masses still clung to the old system. **Their faith was gone and that gave the demagogues a chance.**

One other factor should be mentioned which led to the further despair of the poor, and that was that

immigration to the U. S. A. was stopped. Louis Adamic has stressed this and it is surely important. When emigration was stopped it left millions of poor Europeans with no future.

Christianity is the most dynamic, the most socially explosive religion in the world. These words from **Mary's Song of Thanksgiving** are significant, "He has put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low estate. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He hath sent empty away."

Christianity teaches freedom and equality; the worth and dignity of every man. Regardless of race, sex, age or social status every person is of supreme value. Before God rich and poor are equals. Wherever the gospel of Christ is taught and takes hold, the poor and downtrodden lift their heads in hope.

For two thousand years this Gospel has been preached in Europe; not always with equal vigor, but always preached. This has had a profound effect upon European history. Western European man has believed in this, and if necessary was willing to fight and die for the rights of man as taught by Jesus. If proof is needed, compare the history of Western Europe with that of Eastern Asia. The European man has been a rebel. The Asiatic meek and docile.

The tragedy of our era is that life has become senseless to so many people. Men want life to have meaning and dignity. It should be the special function of the church to help man find meaning in life. It has helped millions, but other millions have not been reached.

On a whole neither the Protestant nor the Catholic church has been fully awake to the urgency of this task. Too many pastors and too many lay people have been too smug. Too many are not aware of the crisis.

This is not to say that many men in both Catholic and Protestant churches are not aware of the modern man's plight. They are deeply aware of it. Among Protestants I will but mention such men as E. Stanley Jones, Clayton Morrison and Reinhold Niebuhr.

As said above it was despair that drove millions of people into such movements as Nazism and Fascism. The Old Order held out no promise to them. Hitler, Mussolini and other dictators held out promises, contradictory and idiotic as they were. That their order is a nightmare should be clear to all people by this time.

But what of the future? Modern mass-production has made the worker an insignificant cog in a huge machine. He knows this only too well, and often seeks compensations in the not most wholesome ways. Modern capitalism, while it has worked miracles in the production of goods, has offered modern man no security. Fear of the future haunts men as nothing else.

If an order cannot give man a sense of worth, a feeling that life has meaning, it will not last. It will end in chaos or fire. Men will continue to follow Hitlers until a better order is born.

In his new book, "U. S. War Aims", Walter Lipp-

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We Are Testing Ourselves

You and I, as members of our particular synodical church group, have chosen to do an important job. The decision is one that we made ourselves. No one has come from the outside to tell us that we had to do this, but by the majority rule of the group we have assigned ourselves a task. I refer as you might have guessed to our decision as a church body to raise \$100,000 as a token of gratitude and appreciation on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Grand View College and Seminary in Des Moines.

I honestly believe that our decision was a very appropriate one. On the occasion of a 50th anniversary it is very fine to look back and praise an institution for its fine accomplishments (even though it may have had its shortcomings as well), but this is hardly enough. Talk is cheap. Actions speak louder than words. It is going to be fine to sing the praises of Grand View College on the occasion of its 50th anniversary in 1946, but we will show our appreciation of the best in Grand View's history in a much more appropriate way by our gifts, which will provide the means for improving the best things in Grand View College, for making the best even better.

It is wonderful, on the occasion of a 40th or 50th wedding anniversary, to hear the children of that union sing the praises of the rich life that their parents have lived and to hear the children speak of the many blessings which they have received from their old home, but one can imagine a situation in which singing praises is hardly enough. I can well imagine that it would be much more appropriate in many cases for the children to show their appreciation in other ways with the means that are usually at their disposal. Those means may be financial or they may as well be of another kind, but it amounts to this, that appreciation is being shown by giving something more than words.

You and I have decided that words are an insufficient means of expressing our appreciation for the many benefits which we have received from Grand View College. Many of us have even gone farther than making the decision, we have already given bonds, or cash, or pledges to contribute before 1946. This is, of course, as it should be. For such action we are very, very grateful.

At the same time we must all be aware of the fact that our goal is still some \$40,000 away. We now have about \$60,000 (in bond maturity value) of the \$100,000 which we decided to collect. This means, then, that we have not yet completed the task which we set out to do.

We are, in fact, testing ourselves. We decided, without coercion, that we would make this drive and collect \$100,000. Now, in the same freedom, we have passed the half way mark, but we still have much work to do. No one is holding the whip over us, and yet we must plod on toward the goal. No high-pressure methods are being employed; no one is forced to give anything.

You and I are being tested — by ourselves. If there is any kind of test that we must not fail, it is certainly one like this.

Richard H. Sorensen.

LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Grand View College Jubilee Drive

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1944

District I	Cash	Bonds	Pledges
Brooklyn -----	\$ 37.50	\$ 725.00	-----
Bronx -----	-----	125.00	25.00
Troy -----	43.75	-----	-----
Newark -----	25.00	-----	175.00
Hartford -----	830.75	850.00	25.00
Perth Amboy -----	60.00	625.00	-----
Portland -----	160.00	-----	-----
Bridgeport -----	75.00	225.00	-----
Washington, D. C. -----	-----	125.00	40.00
District II			
Detroit -----	37.50	-----	12.50
Grant -----	42.50	-----	-----
Grayling -----	232.30	25.00	-----
Muskegon -----	262.00	50.00	-----
Ludington -----	25.00	50.00	20.00
Manistee -----	29.00	75.00	142.00
Greenville -----	95.00	575.00	-----
District III			
Chicago (Trinity and St. Stephan's) -----	8,068.25	875.00	195.00
Clinton -----	85.25	150.00	25.00
Dwight -----	1,007.75	100.00	50.00
Racine -----	193.75	275.00	25.00
Marinette-Menominee -----	-----	50.00	-----
District IV			
Cedar Falls -----	171.00	650.00	350.00
Waterloo -----	201.50	475.00	35.00
Hampton -----	4.00	400.00	-----
Kimballton -----	2,765.50	1,350.00	62.50
Fredsville -----	-----	900.00	50.00
Oak Hill-Exira -----	-----	625.00	-----
Ringsted -----	88.50	150.00	50.00
Des Moines -----	3,042.00	925.00	455.00
Newell -----	533.00	525.00	-----
District V			
Withee -----	25.00	50.00	5.00
West Denmark -----	25.00	75.00	50.00
Askov -----	163.75	250.00	155.00
Minneapolis -----	533.00	3,575.00	568.75
Alden -----	143.85	150.00	-----
Dagmar -----	945.00	-----	-----
District VI			
Diamond Lake-Ruthton -----	-----	-----	18.75
Tyler -----	421.30	1,875.00	-----
Viborg-Gayville -----	100.00	75.00	75.00
Hetland-Badger -----	10.00	50.00	-----
District VII			
Omaha -----	245.50	325.00	15.00
Marquette -----	60.00	100.00	-----
Nysted-Cozad -----	55.00	100.00	-----
Hay Springs -----	5.00	25.00	-----
Cordova-Davey -----	35.00	50.00	25.00
Dannevang -----	137.00	1,275.00	-----
Denmark -----	-----	25.00	-----
Brush -----	373.70	-----	55.00
Granly -----	18.75	75.00	20.00
District VIII			
Oakland -----	95.00	25.00	35.00
Salinas -----	285.00	50.00	-----
Watsonville -----	100.00	-----	-----
Easton-Parlier -----	208.75	-----	-----
Solvang -----	126.00	75.00	-----
Los Angeles -----	263.50	-----	-----
Pasadena -----	17.75	-----	25.00
Fresno -----	50.00	-----	-----
District IX			
Seattle -----	1,007.25	1,100.00	25.00
Tacoma -----	25.00	-----	-----
Enumclaw -----	53.00	-----	50.00
Junction City -----	237.50	150.00	100.00
Wilbur -----	106.25	75.00	-----

Miscellaneous -----	997.96	2,525.00	125.00
Totals -----	\$24,985.61	\$22,975.00	\$ 3,084.50
Summary of Districts			
District I -----	\$ 1,232.00	\$ 2,675.00	\$ 265.00
District II -----	723.30	775.00	174.50
District III -----	9,355.00	1,450.00	295.00
District IV -----	6,805.50	6,000.00	1,002.50
District V -----	1,835.60	4,100.00	778.75
District VI -----	531.30	2,000.00	93.75
District VII -----	929.95	1,975.00	115.00
District VIII -----	1,146.00	150.00	60.00
District IX -----	1,429.00	1,325.00	175.00
Miscellaneous -----	997.96	2,525.00	125.00
Totals -----	\$24,985.61	\$22,975.00	\$ 3,084.50

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT CONVENTION, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

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I and hope they may have many years of work among us.

Pastor Dorf has promised to continue his work in Brooklyn for the duration. We thank Pastor Dorf for that. I am also glad to mention that the Brooklyn congregation has improved the property very much the past year. The whole building has been renewed inside.

The Bridgeport congregation is this year celebrating its Fiftieth anniversary. We extend to them our congratulations, wishing them success in the years to come. They have been very busy this year improving their church building. We will notice the change when we meet there for the convention.

Port Chester is served by Rev. Kildegard, Jr. They have a very nice little church. They have lately started to have some of the services in English. I hope that will help them to keep the young people who otherwise might drift into other churches.

In Hartford the work is going fine. The minister and congregation are working hand in hand, and the work is progressing nicely.

Pastor Baden is still serving the Newark church. We know it is impossible for him to give as much attention to the work there as it ought to have; but we are glad to see the work is progressing.

The Perth Amboy church is very active. A fine spirit is prevailing. New members are still joining up, and the work has been carried on as usual.

In Troy there has not been any great changes the past year; the work is carried on faithfully by the pastor and congregation.

Our national president, Rev. Alfred Jensen has visited our District and spoke for Grand View College Jubilee Fund. His visit was very much appreciated. We are also glad to learn that he will be present at the convention in Bridgeport.

At our last District Convention in Newark we decided to have Bible Camp together with the United Danish Lutheran Church, at Lake Winnepesaukee, N. H. They have had camp there for many years, and as many of our ministers and laymen have taken part in the past, they invited us to join in that undertaking. The decision last year was only for a trial; but I can report that the camp this year in spite of war conditions was very successful. As many as 135 people were present at one time. I did not do much publicity for the camp in our district, due to the fact that

it was up to the camp committee to do that. However, because the chairman, Rev. I. M. Andersen moved to Brush, Colorado, the committee got their announcements out too late. That, however, should not have hindered the local pastors in boosting the camp in their bulletins. Our church could have been much better represented. The only congregations from our District represented were Hartford, Troy and Portland. I know that all who took part will like to come again next year. The U. D. L. C. was glad to have us along, and it was unanimously decided at their convention in Westbrook, September 1-3, to continue the good fellowship. So I will highly recommend that we this year decide to make it a permanent affair.

The response to the World Action drive has, as far as I can find out, not been as good as it should have been. It seems like the interest in that undertaking has declined. I urge the congregations to try to do their best.

Our District delegate this year was not able to go to the convention in Minneapolis. We regret that was not possible.

According to the decision at the National Convention the District President and one layman from each congregation shall at the time of the convention work out the budget for the coming year for each congregation. The laymen for that committee will be chosen at the convention.

As a whole we have no great accomplishments to report as a district for the past year. The work has been carried on faithfully in all our congregations. We look toward the future with hope, and we ask God's blessing upon the work in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

John Pedersen,
District President.

VACATIONING IN THE SOUTH

By Nanna Goodhope

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PREACHIN' AT 'LIJAH CREEK

Sunday at the Cumberland Mountain camp could hardly be called a day of rest. Sunday school and worship service, besides being held at the Flat Creek parsonage, were usually held at two distant school-houses. As the distance to the schools must be made by foot, the day's activities exacted of the pastor and his volunteer helpers not only mental alertness but physical strain as well.

On my Sunday at camp I chose to attend services at the Elijah Creek school, which was a distance of nearly four miles over very rugged terrain. I was warned by my companions that the trip was difficult at best, and the prevailing heat and high humidity would not make it easier. But I reasoned that as they who served there must make the trip regularly in spite of unfavorable atmospheric conditions, I should be able to make it once. So I left camp with Marita, Juaneta and Treva at 9:30 o'clock, which was, I learned, about 20 minutes earlier than the usual starting time, an allowance made for my benefit. Rev. Rohrer, who was at that time occupied with Sunday school classes

at the parsonage, followed at the usual time.

We began our jaunt over a bit of level ground but we soon descended a steep slope through a rough crevice which led to a creek bottom. The slope was so nearly perpendicular that it was difficult to retain balance and keep one's footing.

We followed the creek for some distance, walking either on wobbly rocks or on steep ledges along the side. We finally crossed the creek at a place where the water was very low and ascended the bank on the opposite side. The climb was not as difficult as the descent had been. But at the top of the ridge there was a barbed wire fence, too low to allow us to get underneath it, so we were compelled to scale it. We now plowed through a dusty tobacco field with the sun shedding its full radiance upon us. At the opposite side of the enclosed field we sighted a gate. But, alas, with our combined strength and ingenuity we were unable to open it, so we had to climb that, too.

All three of my companions carried portfolios of Sunday school supplies. I had fully intended to relieve each one in turn of her burden, but soon decided it would seem pretentious of me to thus offer my service when I had all I could do to keep up with their even pace. They stopped only now and then to allow the steam and sweat from our faces and eyeglasses, when the latter became clouded and obscured our vision.

From the tobacco patch we entered a corn field. Here we encountered a group of hatless and shoeless women and children coming from the opposite direction. A very young mother carrying her tiny, almost newborn, baby, seemed to be the center of attraction. With her were various members of her family including her own mother. Marita, who knew them slightly, inquired about the baby, whom we all had the pleasure of seeing. She also asked about the baby's father, who serves on some overseas battlefield. We learned that these people had come from a long distance up Spring Creek and were on their way to visit the baby's paternal grandparents, who lived several miles up another creek.

At last, after climbing another fence, this time of split rail, we escaped for a time the scorching glare of the sun by entering a fringe of woods. Here in the cool shadow of giant trees and underbrush we followed a narrow, winding trail until we again came to the steep bank of another creek bed. I had by then selected a stout wooden staff, which henceforth proved of considerable aid to me over rugged terrain.

I was now told that we had entered a branch of Elijah Creek. And thinking that we must be nearing our destination, I inquired hopefully if we were almost there. Marita, being loath to discourage me, replied cheerfully that we were almost half way there now.

I began to wonder if it had not, after all, been unwise of me to disregard my companions well meant innuendos about it being considerably easier and perhaps more pleasant for me to worship nearer home than at 'Ljah Creek. I felt as if I had tramped for days over desert and mountain terrain, in some foreign land among strange people.

But my companions, although they too were tired, did not seem dismayed in the least. They took upon

themselves these tasks voluntarily and served cheerfully, when most of them might have enjoyed a summer holiday free from physical or mental strain. As my heart warmed at the thought of their willingness to suffer physical strain and fatigue to advance the Kingdom, I could not help thinking of Jesus and His Apostles going thus from place to place across the wilderness, to teach men, sad sinful creatures, that even they were children of God and heirs to the Kingdom.

Then I wondered what my children might say if they saw me at that moment worn and tired as I was, after they had so painstakingly planned and arranged my passage that I might avoid most of the hardships usually accompanying travel, especially in these times.

But we continued on our way along the wide bed of the rock-lined creek or, when the sun became too intolerably hot, along a narrow ledge on the shady bank of the creek. While crossing the valley we had seen but a few farm homes and fewer people. Now we beheld many homes along the creek. These humble huts lay perched on the hillslopes a stone's throw above the creek. To me they sometimes resembled swaybacked watch dogs lying lazily in the shade, propped in front by their half-raised forelegs.

People came and went along the creek, which was their natural highway, some to visit nearby neighbors, others to visit distant relatives. At present the creek was low, a mere brook in the middle of the wide rock-lined bed. But there were times when the creeks became turbulent rivers overflowing their banks and inundating large areas. At such times the natives used rafts or small boats to contact one another; and they were utterly isolated from the world on the outside. It was in contemplation of such an emergency that an old gentleman whose home was pointed out to me had his pine board coffin made and stored in the loft of his home; although it was not the custom of the hill folks to give thought of the day tomorrow.

Marita seemed to know all the people we met; at least she pretended to know them. The children she'd remind of Sunday school at 'Lijah Creek and the adults she'd invite to the "preachin'" service, stating that Brother Rohrer was "coming on behind." To those visible by the doorways she'd call: "Hello there Nell and Sammy . . . how's the new baby brother? . . . Don't forget the Sunday school!" Or it would be: "Hello there Mrs. McCullom, and Mrs. Gordon . . . you-all coming on to preachin'?" . . . Brother Rohrer will be there, you know." She'd inquire about the aged and the sick and everywhere she'd leave a word of cheer.

Soon mothers and children came to join us. There were few fathers or older men in attendance at the services. The children were barefoot. Mothers carried their nursing babies. Marita, relieved of her portfolio, took the little ones by the hand while she talked with the mothers about the things that concerned them most. These people were naturally shy and reticent toward strangers. To gain their confidence was equal to winning their hearts.

Time sped faster now with so many people around. Soon we were at 'Lijah Creek where others joined us who had come far, from opposite directions.

District VII Annual Convention

DAVEY, NEBR., SEPT. 22-24

To those who attended the District Convention at Davey, Nebr., in the fall of 1936 it would be very natural to recall impressions from that year when everything was harrassed by severe drouth, and compare

The Elijah Creek school was almost identical with the one at Spring Creek which was described in a former chapter. It could hardly be worse, and was no better. Before Sunday school classes began, a clean up session was necessary. Several widows had been broken during the week, and the splinters were dangerous to the bare feet.

We had hardly finished the preliminary chores when Brother Rohrer appeared in the doorway, a tall, broad shouldered man, tanned and sweltering from sun and heat. But he was smiling cheerfully as if his work was a pleasure, not a sacrifice.

When Sunday school classes were ended Brother Rohrer took over the "preachin'" service. In simple, plain words he told the story of Zacchaeus on the day when, contrary to that which seemed worthy a man of his importance, he climbed the sycamore tree to see the Master, because an inner urge compelled him. He made the story so real, so personal and impressive that without raising his voice in the least he arrested the attention of most of those assembled, though that had seemed an impossible achievement at the beginning of his sermon, when the children moved about restlessly and the mothers lulled and hushed their babies, or tried to nurse them to sleep, while others sat unattentive, drooping their heads sleepily. But Brother Rohrer seemed to pay no attention to all this. In the short twenty minute period he spoke he made so real, so personal the need of every one to see the Master that it seemed as though the room quieted and the Spirit of God entered in — that spirit of harmony which, though absent as it was in rhythm and tone, was truly manifest in the joyous singing of the closing hymn.

No sooner was the meeting ended till Rev. Rohrer turned his steps homeward; for he had another sermon to preach at Spring Creek in the afternoon, and some nourishment was necessary to sustain him for the task. My companions and I proceeded more leisurely on our homeward way. It was past noon and we had tasted neither food nor drink since early morning, for medical authority advised that we refrain from imbibing either food or water in native homes unless it was boiled, as intestinal worms of almost every description were common among the hill folks.

When at the close of the evening service at the parsonage I was introduced to the congregation by Rev. Rohrer and asked to tell why I had come the long way from my home in South Dakota to visit the Flat Creek folks in Kentucky, I could explain my presence only in the light of Brother Rohrer's sermon at Elijah Creek that morning: When, like Zacchaeus, one begins to heed the inner urge to see the Master, one is prone to do the unpredictable.

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those conditions with the present. What a change! Nebraska has again become a green state with flourishing fields and prosperous farms. As we drive along we will also notice now and then, the beginning of a display of colors in the foliage and an occasional falling leaf — the first foreboding of a coming fall. The cornfields, with the yellowish tint reminds us that there is not only a fall coming, but a bountiful crop to be harvested before winter. Thus nature teaches us to prepare, and to use the opportune time.

Likewise, in the spiritual sense, there is a work to be done. There is a time of gathering in of the spiritual values. There is a harvest in the Kingdom, of which the Lord said: "Work while it is day. There is a night coming when no man can work." With this in mind we approach our convention.

The convention was opened Friday evening when Rev. Ronald Jespersen, district president, welcomed the assembly in behalf of District VII and the congregation in Davey, of which he also is the pastor.

Rev. Jespersen conducted the evening service. In spite of gas and tire rationing, which is a great hindrance to many, the service was well attended.

On Saturday morning the meeting was opened with devotions by Rev. J. J. Lerager, who also spoke. His text was from Isaiah 12. We sang: "O Day Full of Grace" and "Sweet Hour of Prayer".

At ten o'clock we opened the business session by singing "Teach Me O Lord, Thy Holy Way". The district president presided. Six pastors and 18 delegates were present, in all, 24 votes.

The usual rules of order were followed. The most outstanding issues were: 1. The ratification of the District Constitution, which had been adopted for one year only. After some discussion on various points, it was ratified with minor clarifications. 2. The Sunday School Institute, which was regarded as an important issue, was after careful consideration adopted as an established institution of District VII.

Mr. John Schultz, Trinity Seminary, Blair, Nebraska, is in charge of our pastorate at Rosenborg. He has accepted a call from our congregation there, and also from the congregation of his own Synod. Mr. Schultz will be graduated from the Seminary in January 1945.

Another of our vacancies now has a resident pastor. Rev. Steven Mogensen took charge of the pastorate at Denmark, Kansas, last spring.

The conditions in Hay Springs (Peters) were also discussed. It was hoped that the congregation there also may have a resident pastor when conditions become more favorable. A large irrigation system will soon be functioning there.

The congregation at Brush, Colorado, presented an invitation for the next convention if traveling conditions permit.

The terms of the district treasurer, L. L. Laugesen, and the district secretary, Rev. P. C. Stockholm, expired. Both were reelected.

At the board meeting held after the business session, Miss Emilie Stockholm was reappointed as Sunday school superintendent. Rev. Howard Christensen was reappointed manager of the Reading Circle.

At the meeting Saturday evening Professor Alfred Nielsen gave a very interesting and informative lecture on current events.

Sunday morning the Communion Services were conducted at 10:00 o'clock by Rev. P. C. Stockholm with Rev. Erik Moller assisting. Rev. Ronald Jespersen led the services at 11:00 o'clock and Rev. Steven Mogensen delivered the sermon. By Saturday evening and Sunday morning the number of guests had greatly increased, so that the church was filled to capacity.

As on the day before, our meals were served in the new community hall. After enjoying a very delicious chicken dinner, we gathered for the afternoon meeting at which Rev. Howard Christensen lectured on the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Rev. Erik Moller delivered a lecture at the evening meeting which was held at the community hall. Rev. Ronald Jespersen closed the convention with prayer. Short speeches were given at the hall after coffee.

We who took part in the convention shared in great measure the joy of fellowship, through which we received rich blessings to soul and body. In behalf of the guests we express sincere thanks to the congregation at Davey for their hospitality and friendliness. Mostly we thank the ladies for their work and the very delicious meals they served.

Rev. P. C. Stockholm,
Secretary of Dist. VII.

SECOND DISTRICT MEETING

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ber besides the funds received from the Endowment Fund and the pastors' dues.

The generous support of all church members was solicited, with the information underscored, that the amount collected is credited to the amount allocated to the congregation for the Synod budget.

Lutheran World Action.

According to figures supplied by the Synod President, Rev. Alfred Jensen, as per September the 1st, the District of Michigan had reached about 80 per cent of its quota, — only the congregations in Juhl-Germania, Grayling, and Muskegon-Grant had reached or over-subscribed their allocated quota. Rev. Alfred Jensen expressed the hope and conviction that the district, in view of the great cause and the principles involved, together with the fine example we had from other Church Synods, would subscribe our full quota before the end of the year.

Reports from Delegates.

After the noon recess a delegate from each congregation gave a brief resume of the work carried out in their respective churches during the past year, where many interesting and enlightening things were heard.

The report from Juhl-Germania, which has had no minister now for two years, seems so outstanding in its congregational spirit, as to what can be accomplished where there is a faith and a will, that it is only fair to print it in full:

"To District No. 2 Convention, in Session at Manistee, Mich., September 15-17th, 1944:

Mr. Chairman, Pastors, Ladies and Gentlemen Delegates:

First, I have instruction from our congregation at Juhl, Mich., to convey to the convention delegates from our various churches, a most sincere appreciation for

the splendid cooperation we have received from our several district pastors, in supplying our pulpit throughout the year since our last convention.

We appreciate it all the more, because we are aware that each time we have your pastor visit us, you at home must give up your regular services. We request, therefore, that you please carry home to your church members our appreciation and thanks — and to the respective pastors who are here present we gratefully acknowledge your excellent and willing work in our behalf. In most cases it has been necessary for such pastors to travel between two and three hundred miles to do so.

With our appreciation we also bespeak your continued kind efforts for us, until such time as we shall again have our own resident pastor. We are now hoping that we shall secure such in the early part of 1945. That problem is in fact, the only major problem we in Juhl have for the moment.

Last year we painted both the church and residence parsonage, — this year we have re-roofed both buildings with indestructible asbestos slate roofing, — our finances are in excellent shape, and free of any indebtedness except current bills.

We have met in full our several Synod obligations. In addition we have gathered close to \$150.00 for the G. V. C. Jubilee fund, and this amount will shortly be forwarded to the Synod treasurer.

While we did not quite succeed in our goal of two church services a month, we had a total of 23 for the year. We could have reached the desired goal, but we of the board did not think that we should expect any pastor to be away from his church, knowing that all pastors would be expected to attend this Sunday at convention. Unless we are here offered a service for next Sunday, we shall not have any this month.

The following district pastors have served us one or more times in the now closing year:

Rev. H. P. Jorgensen, Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Rev. Verner Hansen, Rev. Svend Holm, Rev. Willard Garred, Rev. C. A. Stub and Rev. Svend Jorgensen.

The following theological students from G. V. C. also served us: Mr. Richard Sorensen, who was with us at Christmas time; Mr. Nygaard, who was with us at Easter, and Mr. Riber in June.

In addition, our former pastor, Rev. Edwin Hansen, of Racine, Wisconsin, visited us in February, and again in July, when he graciously offered to spend his allotted summer vacation in our service. Rev. Hansen preached on three Sundays, and on July 30th confirmed a class of 11 confirmands, namely six girls and five boys.

His services and leadership through that three weeks did much to enhance our Christian fellowship, and was a great help in furthering a solid congregational atmosphere.

In the way of church statistics, we end our year as follows: Twenty-three church services, seven baptisms, 11 confirmands, 255 communion attendance, two church funerals. Average church attendance for the year, 75 to 80.

As for our Sunday School, being one of the workers there, I am happy as well as proud to be able to report its continued splendid performance. We have held Sunday School every Sunday through the year,

and with an average attendance in the sixties, and the Sunday School has contributed liberally to several budget items as well as Synod and missionary causes.

Our lively Ladies' Aid organization has carried its full share and more, and never failing in great financial assistance to the church, with a set date for its regular monthly meetings.

Open for this year's consideration is the possibility of an adult choir, with a suitable choir loft and better musical facilities. We have a splendid pianist and a relief pianist, and all the need is a congregational appreciation of their efforts, and some plans with that in mind are being formulated. We also have under consideration a men's forum, and if any church group here represented has such a men's organization, the Juhl delegates will be glad to discuss with them its function and possibilities.

In all, we are carrying on the best we can without a pastor, and we are pledged to keep doing so, and to hold our church 100 per cent together, so that we can turn over to a new pastor a lively and going church.

And we gratefully bespeak your continued prayers for our old and beloved Juhl Lutheran Church.

B. P. Christensen,
Church Board Trustee."

District Presidents' Meeting at Des Moines.

A District Presidents' Meeting, which was authorized at the Synod's Annual Convention at Minneapolis this year, under Home Mission projects, is contemplated first in November. Home Mission projects for Michigan were discussed. Big Rapids dissolving and merging with the Augustana Synod was met with disapproval from many sides and discussed from various angles. The matter was, however, left with the district president, inasmuch as at a meeting in Big Rapids, with Rev. H. P. Jorgensen present, a motion was passed making such dissolving and merging mandatory contingent upon certain conditions.

It was moved and carried that District II pay the expenses connected with the district president's traveling to Des Moines. So ordered.

Rev. Alfred Jensen expressed in a few words that we stimulated the faith and the interest in the future by supporting Home Missions.

Recess.

At 3:30 a recess of one hour was voted in order to visit the sisters' Misses Larsen's home "Langeland" at Lake Michigan for afternoon coffee.

Change in By-Laws.

In order to conform with the new law for allocating synodical dues, passed at the Annual Convention in Minneapolis, it was moved and carried to change the By-Laws, Article II, Duties of Officers, Section 1-b, to correspond. So ordered.

Sunday Offering.

It was moved and carried, that the Sunday offering was to be distributed half to the Santal Mission and half to the Home Mission. So ordered.

For the Good of the District.

The Juhl congregation requested that the district, as last year, kindly furnish supply pastors for Juhl and Germania until they have a resident minister. This was granted on a basis of voluntary cooperation among the congregations in the district.

District Quota of the Synod — \$2400.00.

The Allocation Committee had met and agreed on the following congregational quotas, worked out on the new basis of apportionate dues:

Muskegon	\$ 365
Detroit	625
Grayling	135
Grant	50
Ludington	165
Victory	40
Manistee	160
Juhl	225
Greenville	625
Big Rapids	10
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Elections.

Rev. Svend Holm, Grayling, was elected vice president-secretary for two years by acclamation. Rules suspended.

William Nielsen, Muskegon, was re-elected to the finance committee for two years by acclamation. Rules suspended.

Place for Meeting Next Year.

Detroit extended an invitation for the district meeting in 1945, which was accepted with thanks.

Greetings to the convention were received from Rev. A. C. Kildegard, Bronx, New York.

The convention moved and carried that the secretary reply and thank for the greetings received.

It was also moved and carried, that the secretary send greetings to District 9 in convention, and to District 1, that was to convene later. This was carried out.

At the close of the meeting Rev. Alfred Jensen spoke of the Synod Budget in general and referred otherwise to the annual report. He was glad to be with us and share our work, and expressed that it was very difficult to find a district in the Danish Church that had so fine reports as those we had heard here today.

Rev. Jensen made an extra plea for the Pension Fund as needing additional cash — \$5000.00 being the amount necessary this year to fulfill the obligations of the Synod.

He spoke of the Lutheran World Action, and had visited several of our Service Centers, being very much impressed by the work they were doing, — Recreation Centers, Social Centers, Dormitories, etc. Rev. Jensen was in particular speaking of Salinas, California, which he had visited this summer.

He called to our attention that a Bibliography of books issued on counselling returning servicemen is available from Dr. Ylvisaker, Lutheran Service Center, Minneapolis.

The Service Commission, he said, was appointed at the annual convention, Minneapolis, to collect addresses of all our men and women in the armed services, and he recommended that in all congregations a committee be appointed to collect such addresses and to change them, when necessary. It should be a great help later for the rehabilitation service.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p. m.

Svend Holm,
Convention Secretary.

Delegates present from the various congregations were as follows:

Greenville: Mrs. Christine Andreassen, Mrs. Chris Frederiksen, Mrs. Dewey Hansen, Mrs. Mads Madsen, Mr. Carl Miller, Mrs. Carl Miller, Mrs. Chris Loding, Mr. Anders Petersen, Miss Reeta Petersen, and Mrs. C. A. Stub.

Muskegon: Mrs. C. Nelsen, Hans Nielsen, Mr. Christ Jensen and Mrs. Christ Jensen.

Grant: Arthur Nielsen.

Juhl: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Appel, and Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Christensen.

Ludington: Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Christoffersen.

Manistee: Mrs. M. Jorgensen, and Mr. T. Knudstrup.

Detroit: Miss Doris Sorensen, and Mr. and Mrs. Christ Jensen.

Grayling: Mrs. Laura McLeod, and Mrs. Justine Holm.

Victory: Walther Henriksen.

The theme chosen for the convention was "The Peace That Passeth All Understanding."

No pastoral meeting was held Friday as transportation difficulties made it impossible for some pastors to arrive until Saturday.

At 8:00 p. m. opening services took place in the church, conducted by Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen. Rev. Jorgensen preached of "Peace, the Fruit of Faith", as in Is. 26:3, expressing that faith is different from belief; that faith is to walk in the way you believe, and that Christian faith is abandonment to Christ.

Saturday at 9:00 a. m., morning devotion and Bible Hour was conducted by Rev. Svend Holm, the topic being "The Peace that God Gives", as in Matt. 10:34, and John 14:27. Rev. Holm developed that "Between the peace that the world gives us, and the peace that God gives us, when we seek our life in Him, Jesus Christ 'flung' a sword — the Word of God, the Gospel."

At 9:45 Rev. C. A. Stub spoke of the church's part in the peace to come. Rev. Stub said that it was not the church's job to go out and organize or set up peace machinery, but to inspire and dispose people to do that — in proclaiming the truth.

The rest of the day was taken up with business meetings. A recess was taken in the afternoon, as the Misses Larsen had graciously invited the whole convention to visit their beautifully landscaped place "Langeland" at Lake Michigan, there to have afternoon coffee and admire the view of the lake, together with the beautiful flowers in their landscaped gardens. Sunk in the mosaic open veranda floor outside the building was a tablet with an interesting legend: "It is easy to be at the helm in fair weather", which Miss Larsen claimed was a translation of a Danish proverb. The coffee was good, the view fine, and the Misses Larsen gracious and friendly. The convention expresses its sincere thanks for the welcome excursion.

At 8:00 p. m. the Women's Mission Society Program was held. We had beautiful solo singing, and violin playing by Rev. Verner Hansen. Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen substituted for Rev. Svend Jorgensen, Detroit, who could not be present, and spoke convincingly of the need of support for all mission work, based on the Scripture: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Our beautiful

old Danish hymn "Dejlig er Jorden" was sung in English, as translated by Rev. Svend Holm.

Sunday morning at 10:30 church services were conducted by Rev. Alfred Jensen. Rev. Jensen had chosen to preach of the text for the following Sunday. He developed it as an invitation and a challenge, and said that Christ had here, joined man with God for evermore. Also, that it is the church's first duty to prepare man's soul for eternity, expressing his theme as a resurrection active now and victorious then.

Rev. Willard Garred and Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen served at the Communion table. The church was filled to capacity. The offering was \$78.20.

At 12:30 dinner was served in the school hall. About 175 persons were served in three sittings.

At 3:00 p. m., Rev. Verner Hansen spoke of "The Peace that Guards Our Heart" as in Phill. 4:7. Rev. Hansen expressed that "the peace that guards our heart is dependent on the dispelling of fear and doubt. Salvation and immortality are essential hopes. On a national scale, peace will not evolve out of armistice conferences, where words can be broken, but out of a heartfelt individual vision. Eternal peace of that kind cannot be broken."

At 7:30 p. m. Rev. Alfred Jensen closed the meeting with a talk on "The Christian Basis of Unity for Peace". Rev. Jensen said among other things, that those who disdain the church and smile when you talk of Christ, do not realize that we, that the Christian Church, is the basis for their security; is the basis for the peace of the world. He closed his talk with the statement, that the important thing is not that we forgive, but that we feel that we are forgiven by God.

At the evening and farewell coffee in the cozy school hall, beautifully decorated in blue, red and white, with fall flowers profusely adorning the white-clothed tables, many friendly greetings were exchanged and many wishes expressed for the congregations that had participated in the convention.

The convention extends its heartfelt thanks to the Manistee congregation and its pastor, Rev. Willard Garred, who so generously and friendly took care of all our needs in regard to food and lodging.

It was, altogether, a fine meeting. May God add His blessings, so that the results of inspiring words and Christian fellowship shall be present in all our congregations in the district.

Svend Holm, Secretary.

AFTER HITLER — WHAT?

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mann has made a blue-print for a new political order. He maintains that peace will be secure if the world is divided into three or four natural communities. While I have much respect for Mr. Lippmann, I think Mr. Wendell Willkie was much nearer the truth and the solution when he said that our world is now "One World" and must be organized as such. Inventions have made the world small, and men will have to learn to live in this small world.

CHURCH and HOME

By REV. M. MIKKELSEN

TODAY'S NEED

We build systems which are supposed to serve our needs. Educational systems, religious systems, etc. But men today are not looking for a religious system to save the world; the soul of the world is crying out for Christ. Men know that a system is a poor substitute for the real thing that is needed, yet they keep at it, building something which is not essential.

Christ is the corner stone which the builders rejected. Anything that is built which does not have this stone as its foundation is of little value; it has no resistance to withstand the storm when it breaks in all its fury.

Today men are longing for peace. We are praying for peaceful relations between the nations now at war, making life again secure and tolerable. Plans are being discussed according to which it should be possible to establish again among the nations such relations which would guarantee a lasting peace. But until such plans and system, designed and adopted to return the world again to the peace it longs for, are built upon the corner stone that once was rejected, and until men everywhere shall learn to accept as their standard in life the standard which is Christ, and which was so revealingly expressed in His way of living and serving, there is very little reason to believe that they shall be able to accomplish what they are intended to.

The only hope for a return to peaceful relations in the world after this war lies in the fact that the world accepts Christianity as its standard of living, and that this standard becomes the foundation upon which the relationships of the nations and races are built.

People are Christ-hungry. They may not all know it; for they know not what it means to be filled. Substitutes, such as religious systems, are being offered to them instead. But they are not satisfied; they are not getting what they need. Perhaps the churches are to blame. They do not take Christ serious. They do not know what to do with Him. We are told that the only road to peace leads through Christ; but we are left without further information as to how we are to walk the road.

It begins at home in the relationships of the family; it leads on through the friendship of neighbors into the community. Let each home and each community throughout Christendom practice what they preach, and we shall be more than halfway toward the goal which is permanent peace.

Instead of much preaching about what each one of us ought to do (most of us know), how much better would it not be if we actually did these things within the nearest relationships and took the consequences which might accrue.

District IV Convention

Because of an epidemic around Kimballton, Ia., the convention of District IV of the Danish Lutheran Church will be held in the Bethlehem Church at Cedar Falls, Ia., November 10, 11 and 12th, instead. The opening meeting will be held on Friday at 2 p. m., at which time all delegates and pastors should be present for the business session. Saturday afternoon will be devoted to the discussion on Religious Education and we hope many parents and teachers will take part.

We have all been doing our utmost to win the war. But we must also win the peace which is to follow. For this reason we need to get together and strengthen one another in Christian faith and fellowship.

A. E. Frost, Dist. Pres.

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, Ia., extends a most hearty invitation to attend the convention of District IV which because of an emergency has been transferred to our city. Though time for preparation is quite short we shall do our best to meet the emergency.

Please register as early as possible and inform us on what bus or train you will arrive.

Richard Sears, President,
1905 Iowa St.H. O. Nielsen, Pastor,
1410 Main St.,
Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Our Church

A Sunday School Workers Institute sponsored by the Twin City Lutheran Pastors' Association of Marinette, Wis., and Menominee, Mich., is being held during the month of October in six sessions. Rev. Peder Kensterlie and Rev. Viggo M. Hansen are the leaders of the teaching staff. All Sunday school workers of the Lutheran churches of these two cities are invited to attend all sessions. The meetings are held in six different churches in various parts of the two cities, three of the meetings on Sunday evenings and the three meetings on Tuesday evenings. The Sunday evening meetings close with a fellowship luncheon.

Trinity, Chicago.—A fall meeting is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, November 11 and 12. Rev. Erik K. Møller of Omaha, Nebr., has been invited as the guest speaker. A new garage building was erected on Saturday, Sept. 30, for the pastor of the church. S. N. Nielsen came in with a crew of bricklayers and before evening the main structure was completed. The work was donated.

TO THE STUDENTS OF GRAND VIEW COLLEGE

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THE TAME DUCK by KAUFMAN

"I think my soul is a tame old duck, Dabbling about in a barnyard muck, Fat and lazy with useless wings But sometimes when the northwind sings

And the wild ones hurtle overhead, It remembers something lost and dead, And cocks a wary, bewildered eye It's fairly content with the state it's in But it isn't the duck it might have been."

Valborg Eve.

7032 Harper Ave., Chicago 37, Ill.

Cozad, Nebr.—Rev. Harald Ibsen of Kimballton, Iowa, spoke in Cozad in the evening of October 10th. On Saturday, October 7th, a group from the Cozad church served at the North Platte Canteen. More than 3000 service men were served throughout the day. We find it interesting to note the bulk of food, etc., the Cozad people had furnished for this event. We can mention only a few of the items: 200 loaves of bread, 1,035 quarts of milk, 33 chickens, 70 dozen doughnuts, 29 pounds of coffee, 35 cakes and 25 dozen cookies. Many other items were taken especially to hospital trains passing through on that day, some of those mentioned are scrap books, song books, cigarettes, pencils, etc. Cash donations amounting to \$212 were given in addition by the Cozad Y. P. S. and Ladies' Aid to the canteen to use on other days for its continuous service.

St. Stephen, Chicago.—The Men's club of the church had invited as the guest speaker for Thursday evening, October 12th, Dr. Arthur Jensen, a son of Rev. V. S. Jensen. Dr. Jensen has recently moved to Chicago. He is doing research work at Northwestern University in the field of infantile paralysis. The Fall Festival of the church was held October 13-15. The guest speakers were the pastors V. S. Jensen and Enok Mortensen.

Omaha, Nebr.—The Tenth Anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Møller's services in Our Savior's Church was observed with a gathering in the Omaha Church on Sunday evening, October 8th. About 150 were present and many voiced a word of appreciation to the pastor and his wife for their service.

A bonus of \$300 was presented to the pastor. A song for the occasion had been written which was sung by the audience.

The Chicago Area Ministerium of the Danish Lutheran churches met on Monday, October 16th, in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Geo. J. Robertson in Kankakee, Ill. Present were from Chicago the pastors, O. S. Jorgensen and wife of Trinity Church, Paul Nyholm and wife of Our Savior's Church, Marius Krog and wife of St. Stephen's Church, Fred C. M. Hansen and wife of Golgatha Church and the two pastor's widows, Mrs. Adam Dan and Mrs. Jersild; from McNabb, Ill., Rev. and Mrs. Henry Iversen and your editor, Holger Strandskov from Dwight, Ill. It was decided to continue the Sunday School Teachers' Institute throughout the coming year on the basis of three or four institutes through the coming season. Four such institutes were held during the 1943-44 season and were well attended. The next institute is scheduled for Sunday afternoon and evening, December 10th, to be held in the Golgatha Church located 8000 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Tyler, Minn.—A Memorial Service was held in the Danebod Church on Tuesday, October 10th, for Kenneth Kuld, who was killed in action in the South Pacific during one of the recent island invasions. Kenneth was a member of the Danebod Church, and will be missed by his home and his many friends.

Seattle, Wash.—Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hostrup observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, October 10th. A family gathering was held throughout the day, all children and several other relatives having arrived. Open house was observed in the evening and many Seattle friends were assembled. Mrs. Hostrup who had been ill is constantly gaining strength. Many greetings, flowers and gifts were received throughout the day.

Racine, Wis.—The Annual Fall Festival of Bethania Church was scheduled

LUTHERAN TIDINGS

for October 20-22. Rev. Alfred Jensen, the synodical president, was invited as the guest speaker.

Rosenborg, Nebraska.—The Ansgar congregation observed its 60th anniversary of the church October 14th and 15th. Rev. Erik K. Møller was the guest speaker. John Schultz of the Theological Seminary at Blair, Nebr., has served the congregation for some time and has accepted a call from the congregation. He will according to plans graduate in February and will then be ordained to begin his work in a joint call from the Ansgar Church at Rosenborg and the Bethlehem Church (of the United Danish Church) near Genoa, Nebr.

November 15 and 16 are the dates set for the meeting of the synodical board and the district presidents. The place is Des Moines, Iowa. This will be the organization meeting of the Home Mission Council as decided by the convention at Medicine Lake last summer.

News Brief

The Recent action of the Mutual Broadcasting System, prohibiting the solicitation of funds over the air by religious programs and banning all paid religious programs on Sunday afternoons and evenings after September 15, should not be interpreted as a mark of hostility toward religion. The Lutheran Hour and several other programs will be continued, evidently because these can depend upon a settled clientele. The ultimate effect of Mutual's action, which will likely reach farther into the broadcasting field, will be the presentation of religion on a higher spiritual note, even as it eliminates various so-called religious manifestations whose real interest lies in the collection of money for the promoters. Too many impressionable believers have their faith misled by holy phrases and blatant rhetoric broadcast for revenue purposes.—The Lutheran.

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