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## One DP Family In Every Congregation



**"ONE FAMILY IN EVERY PARISH"** is the slogan set for 10,000 National Lutheran Council Congregations.

Europe's displaced persons camps are filled with healthy, attractive families like this, waiting only for the **CHANCE FOR LIFE** that may be offered to them by some Americans: **A JOB and A HOME** to live in again!

The National Lutheran Council expects to resettle 35,000 DPs in the United States by June, 1950.

But they must have **YOUR ASSURANCE** for **A JOB** and a **HOME** for at least **ONE FAMILY** by **SEPTEMBER 1st**.

About 53 per cent of the number of assurances needed to resettle a goal of 35,000 DP's in the United States had been obtained by the Lutheran Resettlement Service on June 10. This was revealed in statistics recently released by Miss Cordelia Cox, acting director of the National Lutheran Council resettlement agency.

A total of 7,838 assurances had been processed on that date, providing opportunities for 18,654 displaced Europeans to come to the United States. The Lutheran job and housing promises came from 47 states, Alaska, District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands.

The statistics revealed that unless at least 6,868 additional assurances are obtained by September, the Lutheran resettlement goal of 35,000 will not be reached in time. According to Miss Cox's report, unless Lutherans can provide a total of 14,700 assurances by September, it will be too late to reach the goal under the present law.

According to best sources, by September, enough assurances are anticipated from all agencies working in the U. S. resettlement program to bring to America the 205,000 DP's the present law authorizes.

All pastors have received literature, including information and addresses to which assurances may be sent.



# Creativeness

By Dr. Johannes Knudsen,

President of Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa

At the same time that the western world was discovering that God's world was an unfolding world and that it was part of God's plan of creation that it should be thus, a tremendous and expansive activity was going on. The American continent was being opened and its enormous resources were being put to use. A great treasure of land, water, woods, and minerals was made available, and all the pioneer had to do was to take it into use. This same pioneer came and possessed the treasure not only for economic reasons but because he wanted to be free to manage his own ways. He was imbued with the faith that the best result comes when there is least interference.

The result of this happy combination of great natural resources and strong personal initiative was a philosophy. It was a political and economic philosophy of freedom and non-interference, but it was also a religious philosophy which held that God had so arranged things that everything happened for good, if we left matters alone to take their natural course. For a long time it seemed that events would substantiate the philosophy. Decade upon decade America grew richer and more prosperous and it seemed that there would be no end to this development.

We know better now. Our forests are gone, our minerals are being exhausted, and our soil is disappearing down our rivers at an alarming rate. If we continue like we have in the past, our land will be a desert and we will be reduced to poverty and even starvation. It is beginning to dawn upon us that our philosophy has been faulty and we are looking around to find out what was wrong with it.

Our great mistake was that we forgot there was an evil force in the world, or at least failed to consider it. This power for evil, which leads to wars, pestilence, poverty and revolution, was not so apparent in the pioneer days when nature was bountiful and when a failure could be remedied by moving to another pristine spot. Therefore we conclude that it is not necessarily inherent in the natural order of things. But if destructiveness and waste is not inherent in the natural order, and if it is a reality, how does it come about? The only answer we can give, is that evil works through man. It is man who is wasteful and destructive, not God nor even nature.

Nature can be wasteful, but it always builds too. It makes for replacement or compensation. This is the lesson that man must learn. When he uses the soil he must replenish it, when he cuts down the forest he must replant and preserve. When he gets something from society he must give something in return. If he does not, the result will be loss, waste, and destruction.

If we are left to follow our natural inclinations, we fall into destructiveness. In order therefore not to fall prey to our own efforts we must make special efforts for good. The truth is, that where man is involved, life demands a positive effort on his part in order to compensate for the negative results of his actions and inclinations.

In other words, the fulfillment of God's creation, which we now understand in terms of an unfolding creation, depends to a large extent upon man's creative effort as co-worker with God. In order not to be misunderstood at this point, I would like to emphasize that I am only speaking about our relationship to the world about us. I am not now considering the ultimate destiny of our soul. That, I am convinced, is in the hands of God alone and a favorable result comes about only through God's forgiving love.

If we want to build a better world, or even an adequate world for the generations that are to come, we must be co-workers with God, we must be creative. If we are not, we will be agents for the forces opposing God. This challenge comes to us in our relationship to natural resources, to the soil. We can regard the soil as a grand gift from God, we can receive it in trust and use it for the purposes that are in accord with Him, and we can manage it so that it is not only a source of income for us in our generation but a potential resource for generations yet to come.

The challenge also comes to us in our relations to other people, to society. Here we are learning that we must work for the common good. We have neglected this to too great an extent, and we have already moved into a situation where a great deal of control is necessary. Such control can easily become regimentation, and when it does become regimentation we have defeated some of our greatest purposes and ideals. But the answer to misuse need not be regimentation and should not be regimentation. It can be creativeness on our part. If we have creativeness, we will not need to be regimented.

God has created the world and he has filled it with riches. He has given it to us for use, but every gift involves responsibility. Ours is not only to use the gift rightly, so that we are in accord with God's purpose, it is to contribute to our effort so that the gift will not be wasted but be preserved for future generations. Our efforts are part of God's creative plan. "We are laborers together with God." (I Cor. 3:9).



## Lift Up Your Hearts

In Europe's crowded camps for Displaced Persons tens of thousands of Lutherans are awaiting for a chance to start life afresh in a new country. Lutheran World Action builds them a bridge from slow death to quickening life. Who are these Displaced Persons? They are people uprooted by war and unable to return to their native countries because of religious and political persecution. Most of the Lutherans among them come from the little Baltic countries: Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania—now controlled by Russia. Lutherans in smaller numbers are displaced from Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

What can these people do? They are teachers, doctors, farmers, businessmen, domestic workers, pastors, artists, wood carvers, engineers, laborers—persons of many different skills. Yet now they live in barracks, often several families in one room, and are fed by the International Refugee Organization. There is no room for them in the wreckage of Europe.

What about the young people? Are their hopes thwarted by the harsh limitations of D.P. life? Not entirely, thank God! Your love and their ingenuity have opened Bible camps and two religious centers where selected young people can go for a week at a time for training in Christian leadership. Your gifts are assisting several of their outstanding young men to study for the Lutheran ministry.

The thing these people long for most of all is to resettle in a new country. How desperately they desire this is indicated when they risk their lives to cross the Atlantic Ocean in tiny fishing boats. "Delayed Pilgrims" is a good name for them. But immigration laws present them with problems the Pilgrim fathers of 1620 didn't have to worry about. They must have help in many ways to solve the problems of 20th Century resettlement.

Canada, under the inspiration of Canadian Lutheran World Relief, has set an excellent example in welcoming displaced persons. Argentina, Chile, Australia and other countries have their National Lutheran Committees at work, helping Lutherans to resettle. Sweden, England and France have received tremendous numbers of them.

The United States Congress last year passed a law opening a little wider the portals of this land to 205,000 displaced persons. The law provides for careful screenings in Europe to make sure that the persons selected will be desirable citizens. The law also requires that each family must have assurance of a job and housing before leaving Europe. At least 35,000 Lutherans are eligible to enter the United States under this law. We have a staff overseas busy now registering those who want to emigrate. The Lutheran Church in America is organized to receive offers of jobs and housing. Thousands of such opportunities have been reported and thousands more are needed. Every congregation is urged to find room for at least one family. Every Christian will want to do his utmost to help. Information is available from your pastor or the National Lutheran Council, 231 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

## The Annual Convention

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**Thursday evening, June 23**—A Women's Mission Banquet was the scene that greeted all convention guests as we gathered for the evening meal. The Greenville ladies again served a most delicious meal with all the trimmings for a successful banquet setting. And our women presented a very fine and educational program. However, a report on the entire Thursday evening program is scheduled to appear on the Women's page of Lutheran Tidings in this issue, consequently we shall not attempt to duplicate here.

**Friday morning, June 24**—Rev. Peter Thomsen, Omaha, Nebr., was in charge of the Morning Devotion and Bible Hour. We hope to be able to bring this fine devotional address later in Lutheran Tidings.

The proposed enlargement of the Synod Board as considered and voted upon at the 1948 convention was taken up at this time for a final vote. The following changes in the Synod Constitution were adopted, and

the respective chapters and paragraphs will now read:

Chapter 8, Par. 30: The synod shall have the following officers: An ordainer; a synodical board of seven members consisting of president, vice-president-secretary, a treasurer, and four additional members. These four members together with the treasurer shall constitute a finance committee, which shall organize itself. The president and vice-president shall be pastors.

Chapter 8, Par. 31: (a) All officers shall be elected by ballot by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, the term of office to begin December 1st following the election. The term of election of the board shall be for two years in rotation so that the term of president and two board members shall expire the first year and the term of the vice-president-secretary, the treasurer and two board members the next year.

At the 1949 convention one board member shall be elected for one-year term and the vice-president-secretary, the treasurer and two board members for a two-year term.

(b) The ordainer shall be elected for an indefinite term.

The following changes in the Articles of Incorporation were adopted:

Art. IV, Par. 1. The business of this corporation shall be conducted by a board of directors consisting of one (1) President, one (1) Secretary-Vice-President, one (1) Treasurer, and four (4) Trustees, each to be designated, chosen,



and appointed to his or her respective office at the annual meeting or convention of this corporation for a period of two (2) years and until their successor is elected and enter upon the discharge of their duties.

The following changes in the By-Laws were adopted:

Art. X, Par. 1. The finance committee of the Synodical Board shall manage the Grand View College Endowment Fund, The Minister's and Widow's, Pension Endowment Fund, the Old People's Home Endowment and Reserve Funds, and any future funds which may be set up; and shall make recommendations for the investment of these funds to the synodical board as may from time to time be required. The board shall be authorized to engage legal advice in behalf of the synod, when they shall deem it necessary.

The result of voting on all the above changes, which were voted on simultaneously, was 173 in favor and 7 opposed.

**The Committee on Proposed Change of Rules for Grand View College** reported, Rev. Holger O. Nielsen speaking for the committee. As the committee had found the task larger and more comprehensive than anticipated, another year would be needed in order to complete the work. The convention voted to grant another year's time to the committee.

**The Findings of the Committee on the Synodical Treasurer's Report** were presented:

The Synod Treasurer presented a very fine report. The annual Budget to the synod had been paid 100 per cent. The Grand View College Endowment Fund had net earnings of \$12,089.42, compared to \$10,701.17 last year.

The Pension Endowment Fund showed net earnings of \$4,811.71, compared to \$3,417.30 last year.—Nearly \$43,000 of this fund's assets of \$51,217.00 are now invested in Farm and Real Estate.

The Old People's Home Reserve and Endowment Funds show an earning of \$8,099.72 compared to \$11,012.00 last year (Corn on hand on one farm valued at about \$1,600.00 would increase the net earnings that amount).

The Treasurer suggested and it was voted by the convention to send greetings of appreciation to:

"Our Friend in South Dakota" for having contributed a total of \$8,500.00 to Lutheran World Action since 1945.

To E. A. Kramme, Des Moines, Iowa, for having contributed \$3,000.00 toward a new Grand View College Building Fund.

To Mrs. Marie Jensen, Des Moines, Iowa, for having contributed \$3,500.00 which has been established as the "Marie Jensen Trust Fund."

To all others who have helped with large as well as small contributions and gifts.

The committee on the Treasurer's Report recommended to the convention that the "Synod's financial year be changed from May 1 to January 1, and that this convention adopts budgets to cover the periods (1) from May 1 to December 31, 1949 and (2) from January 1 to December 31, 1950.

Considerable discussion followed, and the above recommendation was voted upon and adopted.

Olaf Juhl in closing his Report pointed out that

he had now served as synodical treasurer for a period of eight years. He writes: "It has been a wonderful experience for me, and I have never regretted that I accepted the challenge offered me then."

He further announced that "I now feel that the office should change hands. I am consequently not available for re-election." He concluded by saying: "Again a thank you; and may God bless our Synod and its future."

The convention gave a rising vote of thanks to Olaf R. Juhl for the many years of faithful service as Synod treasurer.

Due to the vote of change of the synodical fiscal year, a number of constitutional and By-law changes were adopted to conform with same.

**Findings on Report of the Financial Advisory Committee:**—The convention upon recommendation from the Advisory Committee adopted the following statement: "It occurs to us that we may have some persons in our congregations that, if properly approached and reminded, might be willing and glad to endow properties or monies that can be used for the Church Extension fund."

It was further voted "that the responsibility for encouraging such gifts be given to the Stewardship committee."

Due to the enlargement of the Synod Board to seven members, the convention voted to discontinue the Financial Advisory Committee. A vote of thanks was given this committee for the very fine service it has rendered through the years it has functioned.

**Findings on the Stewardship Committee Report:** Rev. F. O. Lund, chairman of the committee, stated "that the Stewardship Committee's purpose was to aid the local congregations in sharing methods and means of raising funds. He stated, however, that he strongly felt that spiritual stewardship is of **prime** importance, and that when this is in order, the money will come." He asked that pastors and laymen send the committee all ideas they might have on this subject. He also explained that the committee had not had time to produce much as yet, having been activated for only a very few months.

The convention voted to accept the Report with appreciation of the beginning made by the Committee.

**Findings of the Committee on the Statistician's Report:** The following changes in defining membership as recommended by the Statistician, Hermod Strand-skov, and approved (with slight changes) by the committee were adopted by the convention:

**Baptized Members** of a congregation shall include:

- A. All baptized adults who have voting rights in said congregation;
- B. Baptized children of voting members of said congregation, excluding, however, said children **three years** after they have become eligible to become voting members of said congregation if they have not exercised that privilege **by that time.**
- C. Baptized children of parents who are not voting members of said congregation if said children have been baptized by the congregation's pastor, excluding, however, said children:
  - (a) If their parents are voting members of another congregation of our Synod.



(b) Three years after they have become eligible to become voting members of said congregation if they have not exercised that privilege by that time.

**Confirmed Members** of a congregation shall include:

- A. All confirmed adults who have voting rights in said congregation;
- B. Confirmed children of voting members of said congregation, excluding however, said children three years after they have become eligible to become voting members of said congregation if they have not exercised that privilege by that time.
- C. Confirmed children of parents who are not voting members of said congregation if said children have been confirmed by the congregation's pastor, excluding, however, said children:
  - (a) If their parents are voting members of another congregation of our Synod.
  - (b) Three years after they have become eligible to become voting members of said congregation if they have not exercised that privilege by that time.

**Voting Members** of a congregation shall include:

All regular accepted members who have the right to vote according with the constitution of the local congregation. Where only the husband is on the church record as a contributing member, the wife should, nevertheless, also be counted as a voting member.

**Contributing Members** of a congregation shall include:

All accepted members of a congregation, if said members contribute to the budget of the local church.

The following Resolution recommended by the Statistician was adopted:

"Be it resolved by the 1949 convention of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America that each member congregation be urged to set up and maintain a record which will at all times show its own Baptized, Confirmed, Voting and Contributing members."

The Statistician's Report was accepted with thanks.

#### **Dr. C. A. Olsen Invited to Address Convention**

Rev. Alfred Jensen announced that an invitation had been extended to Dr. Arild Olsen, who is serving with the U. S. Military Government in Europe, but at present on leave in this country, to address the convention. A telegram had been received from Dr. C. A. Olsen sending his greetings and expressing his regrets that he would be unable to attend the convention.

#### **Greeting to UELC Convention**

A telegraphic greeting was sent at this time to the United Evangelical Lutheran Church Convention, in session at Blair, Nebr.:

Dr. N. C. Carlsen, President, U.E.L.C. Convention, Blair Nebraska: The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in convention at Greenville, Mich., sends fraternal greetings to your convention with the passage, Hebrews 12:1-3."

#### **Findings of the Committee on Report of the Board of Welfare:**

The convention voted to accept and adopt the By-Laws submitted by the Danish Seamen's Mission.

The convention recommends: That the building of the new addition to "Valborgsminde" Old People's Home in Des Moines be started as soon as the Board of the Home deems it advisable. There have been a total of 25 residents at the Home during the past year—and there is a constantly increasing waiting list. Therefore the new building is needed. The Home has funds on hand for the building of the new addition. Blue-

print drawings were on hand for inspection, and the estimated cost is \$53,000.00.

The convention voted to express its sincere appreciation of the ten years of faithful service at the Des Moines Old People's Home by Mr. and Mrs. Henrik Ries, who decided to retire from the task as Matron and Housefather at the Home. It is the first time that anyone has served in the capacity of Matron for a period of ten years.

The convention voted a special recognition of the services of Mr. Peter Lund, superintendent of the Des Moines Old People's Home, who passed away on June 22, the evening of the opening of the convention, and to express the sympathy of all present to Mrs. Lund and family.

The convention expressed its thanks and appreciation to the Board of Welfare, to the boards, administrative officers and personnel of the various institutions.

#### **Findings of the Committee on Report on the Pension Fund:**

The convention expressed its satisfaction and joy that the Pension Fund was able to pay \$700 to a couple and \$400 to a single person this past year, and it is hoped that the same can be done this coming year.

The present schedule for calculating Pension dues from the pastors was retained.

The convention voted the ruling that a pensioned pastor, who serves a congregation temporarily, may draw pension up to nine months. Thereafter the pension shall be suspended during his active ministry in that congregation.

#### **Friday Evening, June 24:**

Two sessions were held this evening. The Santal Mission program convened in the Baptist Church. Rev. J. C. Aaberg, was in charge of this meeting. Rev. Marvin Nygaard led the opening devotional service.

Miss Dagmar Miller, our returned missionary from the Santal Mission field, brought greetings from Harald and Mary Riber, our two young missionaries who went out two years ago, and now in charge of the Boys' School at Kaerabani, India.—Miss Miller also described some of her experiences in the Mission field. She pointed out that the work could be divided into three phases: 1, Intercessory Prayer; 2, Giving Funds for the work; 3, Going out personally with the Gospel.

Miss Miller stressed that the Santal people are brought to Christian living gradually as they witness the life that their Christian friends live; seeing that they have something that he as an individual needs. It is our challenge to help many of these Santal people to find God.

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Rev. Aaberg then spoke, giving a history and outline of the Santal Mission work since its start in the 1870's. He described the cooperative efforts between the Danish, Norwegian and American Santal Boards in carrying out the Santal Mission work. It is often true that when it is difficult for church groups to find one another, a foreign mission effort will bring them together in Christian fellowship and effort.

Rev. Aaberg reminded his audience that Miss Dagmar Miller was the first missionary sent out by our synod. Many have gone out since, but it has also been necessary to say "No" to some who would have liked to go out due to the fact that we did not have the funds. We must all realize that we can send out more of our young people **if we provide the funds** to maintain them.

At this time Rev. Aaberg introduced Miss Muriel Nielsen, a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Eilert C. Nielsen of Ruthton, Minn., who has made application for a place of service in the Santal Mission field.

Miss Nielsen then spoke about her gradual and increasing interest in the Santal Mission work, and her decision to go out into the field of work. She reminded her listeners that "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

**The Elementary Religious Education Program** was held at the same hour in the convention auditorium. Rev. Edwin Hansen and Rev. J. C. Kjaer were the two speakers of the evening. Rev. Edwin Hansen emphasized the present need of religious instruction for the young, especially through Christian influence and Christian fellowship in the home. This need has been underscored in ages past, a religious leader like Moses being one of the outstanding examples. And in our present day, religious educators and leaders are more and more becoming conscious of the importance of the need of more consecrated religious home influence. Consequently when religious influence and instruction is absent the results are tragically evident.

The second speaker, Rev. J. C. Kjaer, pointed out the responsibility for carrying out the church program and "making the Gospel of Jesus Christ effective in all of life." He emphasized that this was the responsibility of the whole church, not exclusively that of the pastors, teachers and parents.

#### **Saturday, June 25:**

Rev. Eilert C. Nielsen of Ruthton, Minn., was in charge of the Morning Devotion and the Bible Hour. We have asked Rev. Nielsen to submit his manuscript from this fine devotional service, in order that we can print same in Lutheran Tidings.

Election comes as the first order of business on Saturday morning. As we brought the election results in the July 5th issue we shall not report further on that important phase of the convention.

#### **Findings of the Committee on Report From the Santal Committee:**

The convention expressed its appreciation of the increased activities in the Santal Mission, and the increased contributions for same from our church people. Due to the monetary inflation in India, our peo-

ple are urged to increase their contributions to the Santal Mission as much as possible.

The convention voted to recommend the forthcoming drive for funds for the new and much needed hospital at Mohulpahari in the Santal Mission field.

As Rev. J. C. Aaberg has decided to withdraw from office as president of the Synod Santal Committee, he was given a rising vote of appreciation for his 36 years of untiring efforts in this work.

Rev. Aaberg spoke briefly, saying that although he was withdrawing from the task of being president of our synod Committee for the Santal Mission, he would continue his work on the Committee.—According to the Rules for Santal Mission Committee of our Synod, the members now serving will organize and elect their own president.

The convention voted to send greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Erling Ostergaard, our returned missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Harald Riber and Miss Dagmar Miller. A greeting of acknowledgment and appreciation was voted to Miss Muriel Nielsen who has applied for a position in the Santal Mission field.

#### **Findings of the Committee on Inter-Church Relations:**

The convention voted to underscore the statement of our synodical president as he writes in his Report: "The experience we have shared with our fellow Lutherans and other Christians during the last decade we would not be without for any price . . . It is in my estimation impossible to avoid broader and deeper involvement, nor would it be desirable . . . It is impossible at this time, standing as we do in the midst of the process, to determine what it will mean to our synod in the future."

The convention voted to urge all members of the convention to study the "Uniform Report of the National Lutheran Council—Calendar Year 1948" and to bring its main contents before their respective congregations.

The convention voted the following resolution: "That we rejoice and give thanks to God for the working faith that cooperated with other fellow Christians in sustaining lives, providing homes and churches for suffering brethren in many lands as well as giving them the gospel of Christ and hope for a better life. Our thanks go especially to those who have served so well through the National Lutheran Council and affiliated activities.

**One Displaced Family in Every Congregation**—The convention voted the following: That the congregations of our synod be asked to secure at least one job and one housing assurance for one DP family each.

The convention further voted: That the synodical board appoint one person to promote the placement of Displaced Persons in our congregations, and that each congregation choose one representative who shall work in cooperation with the synodical promoter.

**Lutheran World Action**—As reported earlier, our synod has reached its quota for the 1948 budget of L. W. A.—The convention voted to "accept the goal for 1950 of Lutheran World Action of \$17,311.54."

Rev. Alfred Jensen urged the pastors to make use of the fine material constantly being sent out from

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# Our Women's Work

Mrs. Johanne Lillehøj, Kimballton, Iowa

Editor

## "The Women At The Cross"

MARY MAGDALENE

"And many women were there, beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto Him; among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Josés, and the mother of Zebedee's children." Matt. 27, 55-56.

MARY MAGDALENE was one of the little group of women present at the crucifixion. All the evangelists mention her first. She was a woman of means and a leader among the women.

We are told in Mark 6:9 "Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven demons." A pathetic but true introduction to this woman. Yet she had received so much from Christ that she felt indebted to him. Hence, she followed Jesus, "ministering unto Him."

Mary Magdalene followed Jesus all the way up to Golgotha. She saw Him nailed to the cross. Woman though she was, she knew that His suffering was for her sins. She helped to lower Him from the cross and to place the body in the tomb in the garden.

On Easter morning this woman went to the grave and arrived there first. Her love could no longer be stayed. And there, alone, Mary Magdalene received the Lord's commission to go and tell the others that He had risen from the dead.

Thus Mary Magdalene became the first one to preach the gospel of the risen Lord—and commissioned, ordained, if you wish, by Christ Himself to do so.

True indeed are the two lines from contemporary poetry wherein Mary Magdalene is heard to pray: "I vow that evermore within these trembling hands Life shall be held more holy; loaned from Thee."

Marie M. Hald.

## W. M. S. Program At Convention

First, our most sincere thanks to the people of the Greenville congregation for their wonderful hospitality. Despite all of the work always entailed at any synodical convention, everyone was most helpful and pleasant which certainly gave a good impression to all of the guests.

The W. M. S. was very active with its interesting after-dinner programs—birthday parties, singing, and the W. M. S. banquet which was a highlight. After the bounteous meal Mrs. Holger Strandskov took charge of the program. The Misses Grace and Dora Mae Hansen sang very beautifully "The Stranger of Galilee." Then Mrs. Strandskov pointed out to us a large map of the United States. On it were many ribbons which indicated the groups having contributed to W. M. S. The red ribbons signified those groups which had received gifts from W. M. S. In order to explain how these gifts had been used one person from each group gave an explanation. Dr. Johannes Knudsen thanked for donations to the seminary, Mrs. Anna Rasmussen for furniture for the new dormitory, Rev. Paul Baagoe for Seamen's Mission, Miss Dagmar Miller for the

Santal Mission contributions, Rev. Paul Wikman for gifts to newly-ordained pastors, Rev. Holger Strandskov for the support W. M. S. has given publications as *Dannevirke*, *Child's Friend* and *Lutheran Tidings*, Mrs. Knudstrup for clothing donated by W. M. S. women to South Slesvig, and Rev. Verner Hansen for \$200 to the Newark, N. J. Church. This last donation by W. M. S. had an interesting story, in this, that the check given to help in church expansion served as a real stimulant to this congregation. In the congregation it was suggested that Thorvaldsen's statue of Christ be purchased for this gift money—but, one of the members donated the statue. Still the \$200 was intact. It was then suggested to redecorate the church from its former Baptist setting. The project grew. Labor and materials were donated and cost less than \$100 when it would have cost several thousand dollars. They still have the \$200. It impressed us how \$200 without being spent could serve as much an inspiration to a newly-organized and enterprising congregation and how much that such a congregation could really accomplish when they knew that we were behind it in its efforts.

Grace and Dora Mae Hansen then concluded the program by singing "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling."

At 8 p. m. was held the W. M. S. program with our guest speaker. After our opening hymn "I Saw Him in Childhood," we enjoyed two trumpet duets one of which was "One Sweetly Solemn Thought"—moving and well played by the Greenville High School Band leaders. "Take My Life and Let it be" was sung after which Rev. Dageferde of the National Lutheran Council Resettlement Service was introduced. (Miss Cornelia Cox originally scheduled to speak could not be present). Points from Rev. Dageferde's message are as follows:

The D. P. or Resettlement Program is the biggest challenge with which the Lutheran Church has been confronted. You can't just pass this by. We are dealing with human beings, not just things. There are 850,000 in displaced persons camps. Of these 140,000 individuals are of the Lutheran faith. The National Lutheran Council Resettlement Service has set 35,000 D. P.s as their goal to bring to this country.

We are taking care of these Lutheran brethren who lived in the Baltic States and who were driven out of their homeland and sent to Germany. We are dealing only with the Displaced Persons—not with the refugees. They are fellow human beings—Lutherans—who because of their Christianity cannot go back to their homeland because they could not accede to the political government of those countries dominated by Communism. To go back would likely mean martyrdom. These D. P.s are looking for and thankful to the Lutheran Church in America for their future.

We have to be patient with the D. P.s who have found a new liberty which many of them are not able



to handle properly but which will come with love and patience. We have to teach them to be Christian American citizens. Rev. Dageferde cited several instances of difficulty in adjustment but which with understanding turned out to be excellent personalities. There was young Miss Arvin driven out of her homeland, her poor invalid mother taken by Russian soldiers, her sister and her family taken, and Miss Arvin is here in America looking to us to extend a helping hand. We are giving them a new vision of hope and faith in our common Lord.

In the first chapter of Matthew we read: "When He saw the multitudes He had compassion upon them." He wept. He comforted. He gave to those who were hungry. In conclusion, "Is there room in our hearts and communities for some displaced persons?"

We sang "Lord, Speak to Me." Then Mrs. Clarence Petersen took charge of the offering. Mrs. Edwin Hansen led in prayer and Miss Charlotte Jones sang "The Lord's Prayer."

This concluded a very good W. M. S. program. We hope that in the coming year more and more of the women of our Synod in their respective congregations will go all out for W. M. S. and its great work and that by our next convention at Askov W. M. S. will have been able to achieve far beyond its hopes and expectations and that our Master and Saviour will have richly blest our efforts to His honor.

Eva A. Nygaard.

## Convention

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the L. W. A. office. He said: "The authorities who determine these matters of literature, etc., know the fine points in the creation of promotional literature; they know how to raise funds. These pamphlets and promotional leaflets are intended for distribution throughout the congregation, and are not supposed to be left in the pastor's study."

### Division of American Missions—National Lutheran Council:

The Report submitted by Rev. Viggo M. Hansen, our representative on the Division of American Missions, was accepted with a vote of appreciation. The work of our representative and his regional co-workers is probably of more far-reaching importance than most of us realize. We quote briefly from Rev. Hansen's Report: "The Division supervises the work of the Regional Committees organized all over the country for the purpose of promoting better understanding in working fields together instead of competing with one another and eliminating overlapping in work. Studies are made of states with Lutheran strength and the results of these are sent to all our Home Mission Boards and councils. They often reveal glaring weaknesses in our use of manpower as two or three synods are working the same field. Now no synod enters a new field to begin work unless it has been approved by the Regional Committee."

**Division of Student Service**—The convention expressed its appreciation: "That our synod is participating in the work of the Division of Student Service

and the Report given by Dr. Johannes Knudsen was accepted.

Dr. Knudsen writes in his Report: "The work of the division, which is that of bringing a ministry of the Lutheran Church to the students of Lutheran background on the campuses of our secular schools, is highly important both as a mission work among our own young people and as a preparation for future service in various fields of church work. I have been very favorably impressed by the efficiency and the sincerity of those who are engaged in this work, and I believe our synod should take an active interest in what they are doing and should be willing to support it."

**Lutheran Commission on Evangelism:** The convention voted to urge: "That the local congregations use the opportunity provided by the publicity and other efforts carried on by the Lutheran Commission on Evangelism to awaken the indifferent, and to regain the lapsed members of our churches, and to win the unchurched in our communities."—The convention accepted with gratitude the Report given by Rev. Holger O. Nielsen, our representative on this Commission.

**Committee on Lutheran Church Relations:** The committee has primarily the past year explored the possibilities of a possible merger of our synod with the United Lutheran Church in America. As reported earlier in Lutheran Tidings a number of meetings have been held throughout the past two years between the Committee from our synod and representatives from the U.L.C.A. Considerable discussion followed the presentation of this Report on the convention floor. We shall not endeavor to report all that was said. But we did ask two men, who with each their respective viewpoints, spoke quite at length, to give the editor their statement in writing.

Rev. V. S. Jensen in speaking to this Report said:

"In the matter of joining the U.L.C.A. the question for us, it seems to me, is: Can we sign their constitution and at the same time remain faithful to that Christian life development which after Grundtvig, 1825, has taken place in Denmark? It is said that the Danish Lutheran Church in America has something to contribute to the development of Christian life in America. What do we have to contribute, if not what was given by God to the church in Denmark through Grundtvig? But this God-given understanding of the Word of God not only goes way beyond that which is set forth in the constitution of the U. S. A. and their Baltimore Declaration, but differs from it in such a way that the two seem to me to be irreconcilable.

"Example: The Baltimore Declaration, which is said to be indispensable as a clarification of the constitution, says, Article VIII. '— — — we believe that the Scriptures are the spring from which the saving power of God continuously flows into the lives of men.'

"In our church we do not believe this. We believe that the birth of water and the Spirit, with forgiveness of sins and life eternal is the spring from which the saving power of God continually flows into the lives of men. No Lutheran church believes this statement in the Baltimore Declaration. If they did, they would not baptize, but merely refer people to the Bible.



Can we remain faithful to what we believe and still sign such a declaration?

"The argument is that we must join with other Lutheran churches in order to contribute what we believe to Christian life development in this land. Can we sign away what we have which we might contribute and still have a contribution to give?

"My experience is that when the conviction of sin came to me with power, then I did not find refuge in a word from scripture. I found refuge in the covenant Word of God in baptism: 'Do you believe in the forgiveness of sins?' That Word, I believe, was given to me through the mouth of my mother, the Church, by Him who has power to forgive sins on earth. Let us hold fast to that Word as the life-giving Word of God and not sign anything to the contrary."

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Dr. Johannes Knudsen, president of Grand View College, in speaking to the Report said: (and we give here a summary of his talk on the convention floor):

"We confess our faith in ONE, holy, UNIVERSAL church and we are working toward a realization of this goal. But in order to do so we must understand what our basic relationships are.

"We belong to the universal church through the Lutheran church. We do so historically, and through four hundred years our ancestors have helped shape this church as it has given content to their lives. But we also belong to the Lutheran church by confession. We believe that it expresses a valuable understanding of Christianity and in the fellowship of this confession we belong and want to belong. We may be attracted to other points of view and we may be critical of many of the ways of the Lutheran church, but we must still belong to the church of our fathers and to the church that believes that we are God's 'by faith alone.'

"In the time of the Reformation the Lutheran church condemned the theology of the church of Rome. Unfortunately, however, Lutheran theologians fell prey to the temptation to use the theological methods which they condemned. The result was that instead of the scholasticism of the Middle Ages they developed a sixteenth century scholasticism which formulated the Lutheran beliefs in a system of doctrines which it has dragged along ever since.

"One hundred and twenty-five years ago in Denmark N. F. S. Grundtvig revolted against this system of theology at the same time that he revolted against the prevailing emphasis on reason and against the religious pantheism of Romanticism. It might be said that he cleaned out the Lutheran theology and brought it back to its original character. At the same time he made a new and great contribution. He discovered and emphasized that God's word is a creative and active word today and that it lives and works in the Christian church. Through him the Danish church has gained insight into the granting of God's grace

in the sacraments and he has shown the significance of the Word of Faith which we confess at baptism.

"Grundtvig's emphasis upon the church, upon the sacraments, and upon the Word of Faith has not been formulated in any set of doctrines but it has permeated the whole Danish church and it is universal in scope. It is part of our church life, and I for one cannot join in any church affiliation which would demand a renunciation of this point of view.

"What Grundtvig did a century ago in Denmark is now being done in the Lutheran church in America, at least in part. There is a progressive movement among Lutherans which is challenging Lutheran scholasticism and which is bringing the church back to Luther's original points of view. Of this movement I want to be a part. I do not want to exclude myself from the work of liberalizing Lutheranism, especially inasmuch as this offers us an opportunity to revitalize our Danish heritage. While we, in our church, have been considered heretical among Lutherans until quite recent times, we now find that many are coming to us wanting to know more about Grundtvig.

"At the same time we must recognize that the Grundtvigian movement in Denmark had in many ways formulated a scholasticism of its own which was just as much given over to a doctrinalizing of Grundtvig's discovery as sixteenth century theologians had done it to Luther's new views. Recent scholars in Denmark have again been calling attention to this and have started on a re-interpretation of Grundtvig. This movement we must follow with great interest and we must beware lest we fall into a Grundtvigian orthodoxy which will be a barrier to the greater Lutheran and Christian fellowship."

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The convention voted: "That the question of affiliation with The United Lutheran Church in America be placed on the agenda of the District meetings in order that the laity of our church may be given the opportunity to discuss the matter. Members of the Committee on Lutheran Church Relations shall endeavor to be present at the meeting in their respective districts."

The convention voted further: "The recommendation that when and where practicable meetings be arranged between representatives of the following boards and committees of the Danish Ev. Lutheran Church of America and corresponding boards and committees of the United Lutheran Church in America for detailed study of affiliation with the U.L.C.A. and how such affiliation might affect our work within the various departments:

- a. The Synodical Board.
- b. The Board of Education for Grand View College.
- c. The Board of Welfare.
- d. The Board of the Pension Fund.
- e. The Council of Elementary Religious Education.
- f. The Committee on Publications.
- g. The Home Mission Council.
- h. The Board of the Danish-American Young People's League.



- i. The Santal Mission Committee.
- j. Such other boards, committees or groups whose functions might be affected by our synod's affiliation with U.L.C.A.

Further the convention voted to recommend: "That members of our synod when and wherever possible study the publications and observe the activities and methods of the U.L.C.A.—Also: "That reports of all the above mentioned meetings and reports of impressions be sent to the chairman of the Committee on Lutheran Church Relations in order that the Committee may co-ordinate the findings of the various groups and individuals and submit a report to the Synodical Convention in 1950."

The Report from the Committee on Lutheran Church Relations was accepted.

#### **Findings of the Committee on the Publications Committee Report:**

The convention voted its appreciation of the pamphlet "YOUR CHURCH" and recommends that the congregations be urged to purchase same for distribution among its members. Further, the convention notes with satisfaction that the work on the symposium on N. F. S. Grundtvig continues, and urges that it be completed as soon as possible.

The convention voted to urge the congregations to reconsider the use of the Every Sunday Bulletin as planned by the Publications Committee.

The convention emphasized its interest in the writing of memoirs and auto-biographies and recommends that the Publications Committee encourage further writing of such material.

The Publications Committee was instructed by the convention to "carry on its attempt to secure a printing establishment for the Synod."

A revision and mimeographing of the Constitution and By-laws of the Synod and Rules for its Institutions had been completed and same were distributed at the convention to all pastors and one copy to each congregation. The Committee was commended for this fine work.

The convention voted to renew the contract with "Dannevirke" with the payment of \$50 per month for the printing of "Kirkelig Samler."

Considerable discussion was given to "Child's Friend." Some felt that it was too big a task to print a Sunday school paper, trying to appeal to all ages in the Sunday school. As the paper has incurred a small debt this past year, the convention voted that the payment of the debt incurred by "Child's Friend" be made by the Synod, and that the question of continuation or discontinuation be turned over to the Publications Committee.

The convention voted to express its appreciation to all editors in the synod, and to the members of the Publications Committee.

**Findings on the Report of the Synod's Historian and Archivist:** The convention expressed its appreciation of the material which has been sent to the archive during the past year; and urges people to keep the archive in mind with material of historic interest

which may be in their possession. The proposed Rules for the archive were adopted. These are:

1. The synodical Archives shall be under the direction of the synod Archivist who shall be responsible to the president of the Synod. He shall be assisted by a committee of four, of which the president of Grand View College shall be one, and the rest appointed by the Synodical board. The archivist shall be a member and chairman of the committee.
2. All material deposited in the archives shall be the property of the Synod.
3. Two copies of the officially published records, papers and books shall be deposited and preserved in the archives.
4. Expenses for establishing and operating the archives such as equipment, binding and repair shall be the responsibility of the Synod.
5. Practical arrangements for maintenance and supervision shall be the responsibility of the archivist.

The convention voted its appreciation to the synod Historian and Archivist, Rev. Enok Mortensen, for the work he has done in this field. Members and friends of our church work were urged to visit the archives, found on the first floor of the new Girls' Dormitory at Grand View College.

**Findings of the Committee on the Report of the Council of Religious Education:** The convention voted to "recommend that our congregations place their Sunday schools on the budget. Where the Sunday schools are self-supporting, their funds can be given to Mission projects.

The convention voted the following recommendations from the Council:

1. That District Presidents be urged to arrange for Sunday School Institutes in their respective Districts with the purpose in mind of getting all Sunday school teachers to attend.
2. That the Council be authorized to organize a film-strip library to which all congregations may direct their requests (with the understanding that the Council will be guided by the needs of the Sunday Schools).
3. That all delegates be instructed to report to their respective congregations that in the opinion of the Synod, all congregations should strengthen their Vacation School program and that we consider four weeks as the minimum time which should be allotted to the Vacation School.
4. That all Sunday Schools place at least one subscription to the International Journal of Religious Education in order that we as a Synod may derive greater benefit from the cooperative endeavors of the Protestant churches in the field of Religious Education.

The convention voted to recommend "that our congregations establish Boards of Education or local Councils of Religious Education to assist the pastor and the Sunday school teachers in the field of religious education.

The convention voted to accept the Report from the Council of Religious Education with appreciation for its work.

#### **Findings of the Committee on the D.A.Y.P.L. Reports:**

The convention voted its appreciation of the D.A.Y.P.L. program of the past year, and expressed especially a recognition of the need and value of contact with other and larger youth fellowships, but that the primary function of the D.A.Y.P.L. leadership should be to promote our traditional national, district and sectional meetings.—It was further voted to encourage the continuation of the observation of "Youth Sundays"; likewise the continuation of the program helps, and the formation of "Friends of Youth" committees.



The convention endorsed the committee's appeal for the "increased support of D.A.Y.P.L. by the homes of our synod in the following areas: a) In the support of the efforts and the programs of the local societies. b) In encouraging their young people to attend at least one of our youth meetings each year. c) In taking an interest by subscription and purchase of our youth publications, "The Upward Trail" and "Yule."

The Budgets for May 1, to Dec. 31, 1949, and for Jan. 1, to Dec. 31, 1950 as presented by the synodical board were accepted by the convention. These will appear in detail in the official Convention Report which will soon be available in all our congregations.

Mrs. Virginia Nielsen of Denmark, Kans., who was appointed by the chair to be Convention Editor, very ably edited the daily "Convention Herald." This brought a daily report of sessions held outside of the business meetings, and a number of newsy items and characterizations of individuals and situations.

**Sunday, June 26th.** was a festive day in every respect. Worship and Communion services were held in four different churches. In the afternoon we listened to a challenging address from Dr. Joseph J. Sittler, Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, Maywood, Ill. He has promised us a summery of his address which we hope to be able to publish in one of the forthcoming issues of Lutheran Tidings.

The District II Choir, assisted by some of the convention guests from other areas, under the direction of Aage Sorensen of Detroit, Mich., contributed several choir selections Sunday afternoon.

Sunday evening, Rev. Ottar S. Jorgensen, Minneapolis, Minn., was the speaker, giving a very fitting message for the closing of a week of Christian fellowship and working together for the Kingdom.

Rev. Alfred Jensen, in his closing remarks of the convention said: "This has been a good convention. We have had very cordial and efficient hosts, and our meeting facilities have been of the very best. The large white Cross which met our eye the first evening we came into this auditorium, has witnessed throughout the entire meeting, and it has reminded us of our place at the foot of the Cross. We have inspected ourselves. Yes, we have endeavored to re-evaluate the Christian life and fellowship that is ours." He expressed his sincere appreciation to the Greenville congregation, its pastor and family, to all committees, both local and those working in the convention, the speakers who had given us spiritual guidance, but most of all we wished to express our gratitude to God for His abundant gifts to us. After the confession of our Baptismal Covenant and Prayer, we closed the convention by singing, "And Now We Will Bid One Another Farewell."

## Inner Problems Of Christian Unity

By Dr. Henry Smith Leiper

(Assoc. General Secretary, World Council of Churches; Member, Commission on Faith and Order)

The first meeting of the World Council's Faith and Order Commission at Chichester, July 16-20, appropriately reviewed the progress of what, prior to Amsterdam 1948, was an autonomous movement.

The first fact of significance is that the most representative official world body of the non-Roman churches has this commission within it as an integral part. The second is that this commission has within it representation from the Eastern Orthodox churches, whose Ecumenical Patriarch in 1920 first suggested a "world league of churches." The third is that so much progress has been made in the achievement of organic unity that whereas, in 1920, when the formation of "Faith and Order" conferences was suggested, only seventy denominations would discuss the matter informally, now one hundred and fifty-five are committed to study it officially and are linked permanently in the World Council. Denominations which in 1920 were 185 in number have been reduced to 155 through organic unions throughout the world.

The present emphasis in study is on three subjects, all of which were brought before the Chichester meeting in the form of progress reports. These were: 1) The Nature of the Church; 2) Ways of Worship; 3) Intercommunion. It is in respect to such matters that many differences among churches have arisen.

That there are other non-theological factors related to disunity was brought out after these studies through a remarkable letter from Professor C. H. Dodd, D. D., of Cambridge. Like others at the meeting, Prof. Dodd fears that the present period of revolution, persecution and atomization of the Church may be a time of new schism rather than of increasing unity. Definite action was taken to encourage the study of such factors at the next world conference on Faith and Order, which will probably be held in Lund, Sweden, in 1952.

"Wherever the redeeming work of Christ is visible in persons through faith and knowledge of the Son of God and whenever loyal hearts, trusting in Jesus, are turning others to Him—there is the Church, the body of Christ." Thus did Dr. Palmer, long Anglican Bishop of Bombay, state his definition of the true Church. Dr. Craig, dean of Drew Theological Seminary, pointed to the fact that by New Testament standards the norm of true Churchmanship in worship or in teaching was: Whatever is profitable for edification is of the Holy Spirit.

Commenting on the essentially undivided character of the Church Universal from the viewpoint of the Church in Asia, Dr. Kosaki, head of the Church of Christ in Japan, stated that only in church life do Japanese meet their contemporaries in other lands as equals today. In every other context they are a group apart. At the same time he revealed, as did other participants from areas of great revolutionary change, that there is more cooperation now between the churches than ever before.



One might generalize from the evidences presented at Chichester that where the Church exists in freedom it is tolerated but often ignored. Where it is under pressures of Communism or other totalitarian systems it is usually taken seriously and persecuted.

It was likewise plain that while Christians will cooperate in remarkable ways when confronted with a common foe, they do not so readily cooperate for the love of a common Lord. The point was made that in this atomic age the threat of atomic destruction hangs above the world like the sword of Damocles, and that informed Christians ought to see in that a foe more terrible than any that has appeared in dictatorship or statism.

The healthy and vigorous state of the Faith and Order part of the total ecumenical movement was amply evidenced and a large youth delegation bore witness to the fact that it is not only among their elders that such matters are of immediate relevancy and urgency.

—Ecumenical Press Feature.

## Dr. Albert Schweitzer

Dr. Albert Schweitzer, who at age 74 is making his first visit to this country, is considered by many as one of the greatest missionaries of this generation. For more than thirty years he has devoted his life as a medical missionary to the natives in the jungles of French Equatorial Africa where a large hospital has been built during the period of his work.

His life is one to capture the popular imagination, and he has packed into it enough color, romance and active Christian service to dwarf the career of many others. The son of an Alsatian country parson, in whose home music was part of the daily fare, Schweitzer by his thirties was a doctor of philosophy, of theology and of music, and acknowledged the foremost performer of Bach. He not only played the organ superbly; he was a leading authority on organ-building. He had written a life of Bach in French and then another in German.

But Young Schweitzer had decided one Sunday morning when he was twenty-one to give his life until thirty to science and music, and after that to "direct service to suffering humanity." A report of the Paris Missionary Society showed him the great need of medical missionary work among the primitive peoples of Africa. So at thirty he applied himself to medicine as to his other enthusiasms, and he added a fourth doctorate to his string, that of medicine.

Then, at thirty-eight, he went with his wife, Helene Bresslau, a nurse, into the African jungle. With his surgeon's hands, he felled lumber, patched roofs, raised corrugated iron buildings to outwit the white ants, carried on the still heavier task of directing crews of native workmen as they built the hospital at Lambaréne. Later he repeated the construction work some miles from the original location. Over the years he has won the love of thousands of Africans whom he has served, and even the animals followed him about

like a modern St. Francis of Assisi. "Reverence for life" has been the guiding principle of his daily walk.

Dr. Schweitzer has emerged from the jungle only about often enough to give Bach recitals to raise funds for further medical work. In the war years, he was an "orphaned" missionary, for friends in Great Britain and on the Continent either did not have the money to help or could not send it out of the country. He has been dependent since then largely on contributions from America received through the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, of which Dr. Ross, secretary of the Africa Committee, Foreign Missions Conference, is treasurer.

Dr. Schweitzer will be taking only one speaking engagement during this trip. He will speak at Aspen, Colorado, on July 6 and 8 in connection with Bicentennial of Johann Wolfgang Goethe, the German author and playwright.

—The Missionary Enterprise.

## Provides For 40 DPs

New York—Ascension Lutheran Church in Shelby, N. C., isn't a large congregation by way of statistics, but it has a large heart. According to the 1949 ULCA Year Book, it had 192 confirmed members—yet under the leadership of Pastor J. D. Sheppard, Ascension congregation has provided enough job and housing opportunities in 15 assurances to enable 40 displaced Europeans—28 adults and 12 children—to come to new lives in a free America.

Shelby, about 60 miles east of Asheville, isn't listed among the 16 largest cities in North Carolina, having a population of some 14,000, yet the jobs located for DP's by Pastor Sheppard and his congregation include several in professional categories: Violinist, harpist, piano teacher. The musical jobs will be within Ascension Church itself, with each of the musicians slated to receive help in setting up classes of students to increase earnings beyond the salaries the church will pay them.

Miss Cordelia Cox, acting director of the Lutheran Resettlement Service, had highest praise for Pastor Sheppard's efforts on behalf of displaced persons: "He has done an excellent job and deserves highest commendation, especially for the assurances he has promoted for professional people, who often have a more difficult time obtaining job opportunities."

## Thirty Million Pounds Shipped

New York—Lutheran World Relief shipments abroad reached a grand total of 30 million pounds, valued at more than \$10 million, when 1,760,653 pounds of supplies were sent during June to Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and the Near East, including Lebanon, Syria and Palestine. According to Bernard A. Confer, administrative secretary of LWR, the shipments were valued at \$370,385.

From the LWR warehouse in Easton, Pa., clothing, bedding, shoes, layettes, Kiddies Kits, sewing equipment, candles and toys weighing 136 tons were sent to Germany and Czechoslovakia.

Through gifts to Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP), LWR received and shipped 724 tons of food



valued at more than \$110,000. This included lard, powdered milk, corn syrup and specially prepared relief cereal for child feeding. CROP gifts went to Germany and Austria where child feeding projects are in progress.

June was second high month of the year in receipts at the Easton warehouse where 210,631 pounds of relief supplies were received. A large part of the gifts came from Pennsylvania, where LWR shared in community drives in a number of towns, including Lancaster, Ambler, Conshohocken and Catasauqua.

Kiddies Kits numbering 2,258 were donated, making the total over 30,000, and 830 nurses' uniforms were received, to boost that total to over 5,000. Most of the uniforms were gifts of members of the National Lutheran Nurses Guild, which has the gathering of used uniforms as one of its projects.

### St. Stephen's (Chicago) Camp And Summer School

Another Camp School Session has ended. The halls are quiet, no one at the swings, even the camp fire embers are dead. But the memories of the three weeks are vivid in our mind as well as all who took part.

It has been much work, however very pleasant work. And the remark of one little boy was a real reward: "Pastor Sorensen, when will the camp start again, because I want to be here?"

The cooperation of many in the church has cheered us in the work. The monetary contributions to conduct the school and assist the less fortunate were much appreciated, also the volunteer aid in various ways, Mrs. Thyra Ostrup came each day for the three weeks cheerfully cooking tasty meals for us. Mrs. Thyra Nussle was here several afternoons with her "singspiration," singing songs old and new, especially acquainting the children with "World of Song." Every morning Miss Laura Boose taught "Service to humanity through Lutheran World Action." Miss Boose did much work to prepare pictures for the children in the hospitals of Santalistan, India. These were then arranged in books by the children giving the title, Pets, Health, Our Home, Family, Baby and Food. On the covers colored pictures were drawn to suit the title. And an appropriate Bible story was cut out from a Sunday school paper and pasted in the book.

"Three cents buys a glass of milk in Europe"; prompted by this slogan Miss Boose placed a milk bottle with a placard on our dining tables suggesting that we sacrifice part of our spending money to give milk to the needy. The contents could buy 320 glasses of milk.

The children were given a trip to Green Lake Recreation Park to swim and play. J. M. Jensen and Mrs. Karen Christensen assisted with the transportation and care of the children. Mrs. Christensen very cleverly marked each child with a large "RED X" for identification among all the other children. Trips to the airport and Chicago's famous Garfield Conservatory were outstanding events. One novel evening meal was "An Indian Dinner" eating rice and curry without silverware and seated on the ground.

During craft period the boys made boxes for shoe polishing with a footstand and serving also as carrying handle. The girls did some clay modeling and made moulds for bookends, tinting and glazing them very beautifully. All made an Indian Tomahawk.

Each afternoon a half hour was spent learning singing folk games followed by a water fight when the occasion permitted. A popular feature of the camp was the camp fire with singing and fitting missionary stories or biographies of famous men and women at the close of each day.

Routine is quickly adopted—one bell signal for washing—three for eating—four for class or morning devotions—five for

rising. The most popular was two for "Kluk Kluk" where each was given a frozen flavored ice cube or some other delicacy or a trip to the store, providing enough money was on hand, so all could share in the treat.

One may ask: "What is gained by time spent in the camp?" The children learn the art of living together through working, playing, eating, sleeping; they learn to listen, to sing and the appreciation of song, and to share.

The camp is over, the children have returned home, and we trust that while all our ideals were not fully accomplished, it may have been a worthwhile experience for boys and girls. It has at least been a joyful season for those who attempted the work.

Gertrude D. Sorensen.

### Merger With U. L. C. A.?

If anyone came to the convention hoping or fearing that "all was in the bag" and nothing left but the actual drowning in U. L. C. A. he had a big surprise coming, pleasant or otherwise, according to the way he felt about it. It is not really that bad, not yet at least; but if we don't wake up soon and watch our steps, we will find ourselves on the way to our own funeral as a free and independent synod, ending without doubt in the near future with no synod at all.—You don't think so. Well, let us get this straight. At the convention I tried to incorporate into the committee report a clause stating that before joining the U. L. C. A. we want it understood that we will not submit to any changes in our constitution and we want to keep our hymnbook as it is. The clause was not adopted by the committee for this reason that its adoption would immediately and automatically put a stop to all work towards a merger with the U. L. C. A.

In order to join U. L. C. A. we must sign their constitution which then takes precedence over ours and any difference in ours are wiped out. These differences are important to us. We do not want to lose them.

U. L. C. A. has its adopted hymnbook. Eventually we will, if we join, be forced to use their hymnbook, which does not contain any hymns by Kingo, Ingemann, Brorson, Grundtvig, etc. It has no Danish hymns in translation. Why not? Because the organization is too large, too rigid and unwieldy (nearly 2,000,000 members).

Progress generally gets its start through individuals or small groups, such as ours. One reason why we seem to be stalled at present is the difficulty in transferring our spiritual life from Danish into the English language. Our young people and too many of our younger ministers have been unable to, or have not taken the trouble to, get acquainted with the best part of their heritage. They don't realize the importance of it, and now they are willing to part with it for a mess of lentils. Their attitude seems to be: Can anything important come from little Denmark—or from Nazareth. I wonder if any of the apostles or the disciples and Christians during the first few centuries ever were tempted to give up the fight as useless, seeing their brethren imprisoned, prosecuted and murdered. Of course they did; but they held out just the same. Their faith was too important for them to drop it for the sake of convenience, to give it up for the sake of life.

God does not change; but human being's concept of God changes as times change. This is both good and bad because as men try to express their conceptions, or misconceptions, too many false doctrines are apt to get into circulation. In fact, the world is full of them. Martin Luther threw out an enormous lot of such doctrines and conceptions. Soren Kierkegaard and N. F. S. Grundtvig continued the good work and further cleared the way for correct understanding of plain and simple truth. Other important Christians are now beginning to become aware of Kierkegaard's and Grundtvig's contributions and they are coming to Denmark to study, learning to read Danish in order to understand the full significance of Kierkegaard's and Grundtvig's thinking, while we who have it right at our elbow propose to dump it in the ditch. Why such a hurry?

Peter Osterlund.

West Denmark, Wis., July 26, 1949.



## Grand View College And Our Youth

### This And That From Grand View College

The faculty members have been spending the summer with many and varied activities. As mentioned in the last Lutheran Tidings, Dean Nielsen has toured the West Coast in the interest of the college and Harry Jensen is at the present time on a similar tour in the Eastern District.

Professor Axel Kildegaard has lectured at the Y. P. convention at Minneapolis and also at Withee and Askov. He and his wife attended convention at Greenville and the Recreation Camp at Tyler. Mrs. J. Knudsen also attended the latter camp.

Professor A. C. Ammentorp is doing graduate work at the University of Michigan and Professor Livengood is spending his whole summer at the Drake graduate school. The latter school also had enrollment from Harry Jensen and Rev. Farstrup during the first summer session and Professor Wilber Williamsen during the second session.

The enrollment for the summer camp is 115 with attendance from most of the congregations within easy reach. Youngsters are enrolled, however, from "far away places," including Askov, West Denmark, Chicago, Marquette, Danevang, etc. Rev. Farstrup is in charge of the camp and the counselors are Cora Sorensen, Dagmar Jensen, Margaret Andersen, Mrs. J. Knudsen, Vernon Frost, Harlan Hayek and Leroy Fox. Mrs. Falgatter will be at the piano and Axel Kildegaard and J. Knudsen will help with the Bible hours. A report of the camp will be given in the next issue.

Professor Sigurd Juul Andersen from Askov Folk School in Denmark spoke in Des Moines July 20 to an unusually large summer audience. He spoke in Danish about the Danish view of the conflict between East and West. He was also interviewed by M. L. Nelson on the WHO billboard.

Many travelers stop in to see the college during the summer time. It is a delight to show them around, not only because they are so appreciative and friendly, but also because Carl Eriksen's magic hand has the campus in such beautiful condition and because Harold Olsen's crew has polished the buildings so that they shine. The faculty dwellings also improve the landscape with a new coat of paint.

Let me not forget that Oluf Lund is completing his undergraduate studies at Louisiana Tech. this summer. He gave a recital at Howard Hall on the campus (not, as erroneously reported, in Des Moines).

The students from last year have been engaged in many and varied ways during the summer. Quite a few have even gotten married, but most of the weddings have already been reported, and it is almost impossible to be sure that no one was slighted, so we will not try to make a list. Other students have been staying at the college while working or going to school.

But it is worth mentioning, that the following students were placed as teachers of summer schools through the efforts of Rev. Farstrup: Ruth Jacobsen, Zita Duus and Signe Nielsen in Kimballton; Audrey Frederiksen in Withee, Barbara Jensen in Hampton, Inger Jensen and Edith Nielsen in Cedar Falls, Marvel Andersen in West Denmark, and Joy Rasmussen in Clinton. \* Mrs. Anna Rasmussen also taught summer school in Dwight, and quite a number of students from former years were on the rolls.

Remember that the new school year starts September 12 and that it is time to enroll NOW!

Reporter.

### 1949 Ashram

"That Men May Know Christ" is the theme of the national Ashram, or annual conference, of Lutheran Student Association of America, which convenes August 25-30, at Interlochen, Mich.

Several hundred Lutheran students from the United States and Canada, as well as foreign student guests representing many countries, are expected to assemble at the National Music Camp at Interlochen, where last year 930 students and leaders attended the conference.

Dr. Morris Wee, executive secretary of the Division of Student Service of the National Lutheran Council, will serve as Dean of the Ashram and open the first session on August 25 with the keynote address in which he will present the Ashram theme, "That Men May Know Christ."

"The very real purpose of Christian faith and obedience is evangelism—the witness to others of what Christ means to us," states Dr. Wee. "God has called us into His life that through us men may know Him and His saving power. We shall meet next August at Interlochen to consider this challenge and from there to carry its inspiration into our student life."

Four platform speakers will discuss various aspects of the general theme in the evening assemblies at the Ashram. The Rev. Gerhard Frost, head of the department of religion at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, will speak August 26, on the sub-theme "God Gives Us His Word."

The Rev. Alex Funke, traveling secretary for the Studentengemeinde (Christian Student Movement) of Germany, who has been visiting Lutheran student groups in America for six months through funds provided by Lutheran students of America, will address the conference August 27, on the sub-theme, "God Establishes His Church."

The challenge, "God Call Us to Discipleship," will be presented on August 28 by the Rev. Fred C. Wiegmann, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church at Akron, Ohio.

Addressing students on the sub-theme, "God Commissions Us to Proclaim His Gospel," the Rev. Malvin Lundeen, president of the Board of Home Missions of the Augustana Lutheran Church, will conclude the platform addresses on the evening of August 29. The Ashram will close the evening of August 30 with a communion service.

Matin services, conducted by the Ashram Chaplain, the Rev. Oswald Elbert, eastern regional secretary for the Division of Student Service will open the conference each day. More than two hours of each morning will be devoted to a Bible study on the Book of Ephesians, led by the Rev. Paul Bierstedt, central regional secretary for the Division of Student Service.

Special interest groups, co-ordinated by Verlyn Smith, president of the Northwest Region of the Lutheran Student Association of America, will bring the Ashram first hand reports of the programs of the Lutheran church. These special interest groups will include churchmanship, Luther League leadership, serving of the Church Council, Brotherhoods, Scouting, teaching in the church school, Women's Missionary Federations, job opportunities in the Church, the work of the various divisions of the National Lutheran Council, the Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran Unity and Evangelism.

Choir and music director for the Ashram will be G. Albert Pearson, minister of music in First Lutheran Church, New Britain, Connecticut, and director of music for the public schools of Manchester, Conn.

Afternoon recreation will be conducted by David Thornburg, vice-president of the Rocky Mountain region of the Lutheran Student Association of America and a student at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Opportunity for participation in small discussion groups will be given students both in the morning Bible study and the evening "cabin discussions" on the main issues of the day. A general campfire devotional will close each evening. Paul Eid, student at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., will be in charge of the campfires.

Robert Larsen, national president for the Lutheran Student Association of America is chairman of the Ashram planning committee.

### District I Convention

St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church of Portland, Maine, hereby invites delegates and members of all churches of District I to participate in the annual convention which will be held in Portland, Maine, Sept. 9-10-11, inclusive, 1949.

Reservations should be forwarded to Mr. Bertel Luja, 166 Vaughan St., Portland 4, Maine.



## District IX Convention

District Nine will hold its yearly convention at Junction City, Ore., Sept. 9-10-11. The opening session will be Sept. 9, at 8 p. m. Congregations of the district are kindly invited to send delegates to this convention. Each congregation is entitled to one delegate for each twenty members or fraction thereof.

Sincerely,

**Christian S. Hasle,**  
District President.

The Junction City Lutheran Church hereby extends a hearty invitation to members of our congregations in the district, as well as to friends and supporters of our church work to visit us Sept. 9-10-11, for Ninth District yearly convention. All delegates and guests are requested to send their names to Miss Karen Gribbskov, Junction City, Ore., at least one week before the convention.

Sincerely,

**Arthur Jager,** President.  
**Karen Gribbskov,** Secretary.  
**C. S. Hasle,** Pastor.

## D.A.Y.P.L. Convention

### District IV

Time: September 2-3-4, 1949.

Place: Bethania at Racine, Wis.

Theme: "Behold, I have set before you an open door." Revelation 3:8.

INSPIRATION AND RECREATION  
FELLOWSHIP AND FUN FOR YOU  
IN WISCONSIN WONDERLAND.

Will you kindly send YOUR registration to Miss Pat Petersen at 1530 Carlisle Avenue in Racine, Wis.

## OUR CHURCH

**District VI** of our synod will meet for the annual convention at Lake Norden-Badger, S. D., on September 23-25. The local congregation will celebrate its 60th anniversary in conjunction with the convention.

**Rev. J. C. Aaberg**, who has been serving the Bridgeport, Conn., congregation temporarily the past year, has been vacationing here in the middle west since the convention in Greenville. He plans to resume his work in Bridgeport by Sunday, August 28.

**District V** of the DAYPL will meet for the annual convention at Oak Hill, Iowa, during the week-end August 19-21. The opening meeting will be held Friday evening, August 19.

**Danebo Old People's Home** in Minneapolis, Minn., observed the annual meeting and Summer Festival on Sunday, June 5. The Honorable Henrik Kauffmann, Danish Ambassador to U. S. A., was the guest speaker. A special feature of the day, was the presentation and unveiling of a painting of Mr. Martin Nelsen, 5536 Edgewater Beach Blvd., Minneapolis, who through the past 27

years has served as the first and only president of the Board of the Home. The picture has been painted and was donated to the Home by Mr. Knud Moe of White Bear Lake, Minn.

**Denmark, Kans.**—The Community hall located close to the Denmark Church has been completely remodeled and re-decorated during the spring and early summer months. The work for same was donated. Mr. H. A. Andreson supervised the work and donated all his time for same. And it is calculated that a total of 1485 man-hours of labor was donated.—The Men's Club assumed the responsibility for the re-wiring and light fixtures in and outside the hall. The Ladies' Aid made a donation of \$150. The Hall has through many years been used as a place of gathering for meetings, programs, etc., for the congregation and other community groups.

**Rev. Einer Romer** of the UELC synod, who served in our synod through a number of years, is at present taking post-graduate work at the Chicago Theological Seminary, Maywood, Ill.—He has for a number of years been serving the Winnipeg, Canada, congregation (UELCL), and after completing his work at Maywood, he plans to accept a call again.

**Granly, Miss.**—Rev. John Pedersen served the Granly congregation Sunday, July 31. For a number of years a standing arrangement has been followed, whereby the pastor from the Danevang, Texas, congregation would go to Granly in each month that has a fifth Sunday. Rev. Pedersen has organized a confirmation class in the Granly church, which he meets with each time he comes to Granly. Mrs. K. Knudsen, widow of the late Pastor K. Knudsen, who now lives at Granly, gives instruction to the confirmation class throughout the balance of the term of the class.

**Danevang, Texas**—The Danevang church is closed throughout the entire month of August, a traditional annual vacation in all activities of the church.—The congregation has just recently completed the building of a new parsonage. With the fine church building completed about a year ago, and a large work that has been done in reconditioning the entire cemetery around the church, the Danevang congregation can well be proud of a very fine church plant in every respect. The Danevang people will be hosts to the District VII District meeting the last week-end in October.

**Mr. Charles Lauritzen**, Dwight, Ill., was elected at the annual convention as synodical treasurer. However, his term does not begin until October 1. He has already received several synodical contributions, and has asked us to notify all concerned that Olaf R. Juhl, Minneapolis, is still the treasurer until the term of all newly-elected officers of the synod board begins October 1.

**Bishop and Mrs. H. Fuglsang Damgaard** will arrive in New York September 6, on the boat "Jutlandia" to visit a

number of congregations in the UELC and our own synod. They will return to Denmark October 28.

**Rev. Holger Strandskov**, Dwight, Ill., has been appointed by the synod board to the office of "Promoter" for our synod for the DP Resettlement Program. All pastors have received information about the program. Further help may be had from your promoter.

**Camp and Convention, D.A.Y.P.L. District I**—Time: August 20-27. Place: Mirage Flats, Hay Springs, Nebr., and Chadron State Park.

**District I** will meet for the annual convention in Portland, Maine, during the week-end September 9-11.

**Dr. C. Arild Olsen**, former President of Grand View College, and who now is Chief of the Religious and Cultural Division of U. S. Government in Germany, has for some time with his family been vacationing in Nebraska. They will return to Germany by plane on or about August 5.

During his stay here he has spoken publicly several times; but was unable to attend the Synod convention, where he had been invited to speak.

Their son, Erik, will follow them to Germany to complete his last year in high school. Their daughter, Lois, attended the University of Nebraska last year, after completing a year at Askov Folk School in Denmark, and she will continue at Nebraska U this fall.

**Sheffield, Ill.**—Rev. Holger Strandskov, Dwight, Ill., spoke in the Sheffield church on Sunday afternoon, July 31.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### LOOK MAGAZINE CARRIES STORY ON LUTHERANS IN AMERICA

New York—The history, beliefs and activities of Lutherans in the United States are the subject of an article which will appear in the August 16 issue of Look magazine, on sale at newsstands August 2. The author is Lewis W. Gillenson, staff writer of Look.

Mrs. Gillenson describes the Lutherans as "the split personality in the body of American Protestantism," explaining that "in doctrine, no other Protestant church is so unified," but "in organization, few are less united."

As Lutheran beliefs he lists five: There are only two sacraments, the Lord's Supper and baptism; in communion, the wine remains wine and the bread remains bread, but by divine force the real blood and body of Christ enter them; emphasis is put on God's forgiveness, rather than his sovereignty; good works are performed for God; not man; God's Word (scripture) must be read and followed literally.

Factors which have kept Lutherans divided, the writer says, include the



language barrier and the self-sufficient characteristics of the immigrants who made up a large part of American Lutheranism.

"The result was that the Lutherans have had to get together the hard way," Mr. Gillenson adds, going on to mention the National Lutheran Council and the Synodical Conference as cooperative efforts.

"The liberal groups within the National Lutheran Council are already moving toward more social and inter-faith activity," he concludes. "Their ferment is the sure sign that isolation is as dead theologically as it is politically. And in holding out the olive branch of unity, they are hoping that before long the Word will be preached from a nationally unified Lutheran pulpit."

Sixteen illustrations accompanying the six page article show Dr. E. S. Hjortland (Evangelical Lutheran Church), pastor of Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis with his confirmation class; the Rev. W. V. Johnson (ELC) and several members of his congregation at Franklin, Minn.; the Rev. Paul M. Krause (Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod) with some of his parochial school students at Midvale Acres, Minn.; scenes from St. Olaf College (ELC) in Northfield, Minn.; the Rev. Elias Rasmussen (ELC) performing a baptism in his church, Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church, Minneapolis; Dr. P. O. Bersell, president of the Augustana Lutheran Church, officiating at ordination ceremonies for a group of young men; the Rev. William Siegel (Augustana) conducting a communion service in Emanuel Lutheran Church, Minneapolis; and the new church building erected by Mt. Olive congregation (Wisconsin Synod) in St. Paul.

## DR. KANTONEN SAYS FINLAND NOT BEHIND 'IRON CURTAIN'

New York—Finland "definitely is not behind the Iron Curtain," in the opinion of Dr. Taito A. Kantonen, professor of systematic theology at Hamma Divinity School in Springfield, Ohio, who went to Finland in May as a commissioner from the U. S. A. Committee for the Lutheran World Federation.

"The freedom of thought and speech in Finland is astounding," Dr. Kantonen said in a report to the National Lutheran Council here. "There is open criticism of Communism, not only in private conversation but also in the press and on the floor of parliament. They naturally seek to avoid provoking their eastern neighbor to wrath, but there is no fawning of kow-towing."

Noting "quite a change of atmosphere" between Finland and Germany, Dr. Kantonen said the material conditions are poorer and the mental attitude more dejected in Germany. "But there are definite signs of improvement in both countries," he added.

He observed that the people of Finland, "in general, are remarkably cheerful and optimistic," and that during the past year "they have taken long strides toward economic recovery." He said food and clothing are available in large quantities, but prices are high.

During his first month in Finland, Dr. Kantonen gave eight lectures to ministers on stewardship and parish activities; seven addresses dealing specifically with stewardship to lay groups, students and congregations; five sermons at regular services; and three devotional addresses. Twice he had a congregation of more than 1,000 persons, with average attendance between 500 and 700, and twice he spoke on a national radio hook-up.

"I visited several of the institutions and schools to which we have given aid through Lutheran World Action," Dr. Kantonen wrote. "I received everywhere expressions of deep gratitude and sincere appreciation."

Dr. Kantonen is spending June and July in Germany, being one of the lecturers assigned by the National Lutheran Council to participate in the conferences at the Evangelical Academy at Bad Boll from June 1 to July 13. He will complete his assignment in Finland in August and September, and during the fall will lecture at the University of Helsinki.

## MILLION PAIR OF HALF SOLES SENT TO GERMANY BY LWR

New York—Lutheran World Relief has purchased and shipped to Germany 1,066,720 pairs of men's composition rubber half soles, it was reported here by Bernard A. Confer, LWR administrative secretary.

"These are surplus army shoe half soles—good and thick and sturdy," Mr. Confer said. "They should give a lot of good wear to those people who will receive them when the Evangelical Hilfswerk makes the distribution in Germany on the basis of need."

The half soles were purchased by LWR in Salt Lake City, at the low cost of 4.7 cents per pair, delivered in Germany. It required eight railroad cars to transport them to the port of San Francisco, where the shipment, weighing 704,600 pounds, was placed aboard the steamer SS Choctaw, which sailed for Germany on July 6.

Several months ago, Lutheran World Relief sent to Germany a complete assortment of shoe repair materials, including heels, nails, thread and all items needed in repairing shoes. The shipment was valued at \$20,000. Two years ago, more than 72 shoe repair kits, each large enough to meet the needs of an entire community, were shipped to Germany by LWR at a cost of \$10,000.

## UELCL SUNDAY SCHOOL PROJECT BRINGS 1,400 KIDDIES KITS

New York—Sunday school children of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church have prepared 1,400 Kiddies Kits for needy youngsters overseas, according to a report from Mrs. K. M. Ludvigsen of Evergreen, Colo., to Bernard A. Confer, administrative secretary of Lutheran World Relief.

The project was sponsored during Lent by **The Little Lutheran**, Sunday school paper which Mrs. Ludvigsen edits. In addition to a story in the columns of the paper, Mrs. Ludvigsen enclosed with each copy a leaflet, prepared by LWR, on how to assemble the kits. Each kit contains a pencil tablet, notebook, two pencils, pencil eraser, toothpaste, toothbrush, washcloth, soap, comb and a chocolate bar.

## NEW YORK TV STATION SHOWS LWA FILM, "ANSWER FOR ANNE"

New York—"Answer for Anne" the National Lutheran Council sound film on displaced persons, will be televised for the second time over WJZ-TV here from 7 to 7:30 p. m., EDST, on Sunday, July 24. The same station carried the picture on July 17. Stations in several other major cities had previously televised it.

Although produced originally for use in the 1949 Lutheran World Action appeal, from which Lutheran resettlement work is to be financed, "Answer for Anne" has been widely shown by other denominations and by secular groups. It has been favorably reviewed in several leading magazines of the film industry and was named best religious film at the second annual Film Festival in Cleveland, Ohio.

NEW ADDRESS—If you move, then write your name and new address in the space provided. Be sure to state what congregation you belong to. Clip this out so that the old address is included and mail to LUTHERAN TIDINGS, Askov, Minn.

August 5, 1949

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