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Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Parsonage, Askov, Minn.

The 1950 Annual Convention of The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church held during the week August 15-20, was one of the largest conventions in many years. The Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Askov with the many homes of the congregation and the community proved themselves to be in every respect a perfect host.

The Askov community has through many years been known as one of the progressive communities of the State of Minnesota, and the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the only church in town, has been one of the leading churches of our synod practically since its first beginning.

To give our readers a brief sketch of the history and some of the characteristics of the Askov community, we have sought and been given permission to reprint from an article written by Holger R. Buck of Askov in a History of Pine County published about a year ago. We have chosen the following excerpts:

"In 1905 the Danish People's Society (Dansk Folkesamfund) decided to sponsor the development of a colony of Danish speaking people. After looking over several possible locations they selected this one as being the most suitable for the project. The townsite of Partridge (now Askov) was purchased outright and a contract to sell land was entered into with a large land holding company.—During the following 10 years hundreds of tracts of land were sold to prospective settlers and by 1907 they were arriving in large numbers. The heavy influx of settlers which continued

for several years, immediately posed some very serious problems of roads and educational facilities, as there were very few miles of road in the community and the school facilities consisted of a two-room building.

"Roads, such as we have them today, could not be thought of, as there were neither funds nor men available to carry out such work. As a rule the brush was removed on a two-rod strip of land, the stumps and large stones removed and then with shovel, scrapers and dump wagons soil was shoveled or hauled in to fill the holes. The swamps were corduroyed with poles and a thin layer of soil hauled on top of the poles. Such trails were always rough and in wet seasons often impassable; however, they served the purpose and as time went on they were improved by draining, grading and graveling so today there are good roads throughout the community.

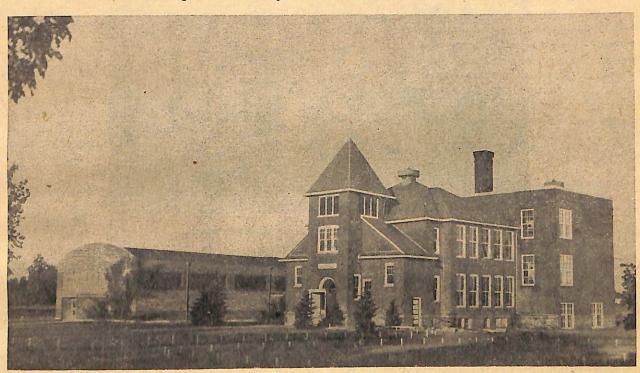
"By 1909 it was found necessary to increase the school facilities and a large four-room building was erected. This was dedicated early in 1910 and was named the H. C. Andersen school in honor of the well known Danish writer. While it appeared ample at that time it was only a few years later that it was found necessary to provide a larger building; so in 1917 a large addition was added, and again in 1939 another addition was built which added one classroom and a large auditorium to the school plant.

"Most of the colonists who joined the colony in the early days were affiliated with the Danish Evangelical Lutheran church, so it was quite natural that a church of this denomination should be formed. Such an organization was-formed in December 1906, and for several years religious services were held in the town hall, the old two-room school building which had been abandoned for school purposes, and in the new H. C. Andersen school. A resident pastor was not secured until 1908. In the meantime a parsonage had been built. Five years later a new more modern parsonage was erected.

"The local branch of the Danish People's Society was organized in 1907. The purpose of this organization was to promote anything which might be beneficial to the general enlightenment and for the development of an active and wholesome community life, and to promote community meetings and festivities; wholesome entertainment and recreation where young and old could meet in true fellowship. The society has

property the rates seemed high. It was to meet this situation that the early settlers organized their own insurance company on a mutual basis. The company has enjoyed a steady growth from the beginning and has operated very satisfactorily. Even the great losses incurred in the 1918 forest fire were met and the company paid all losses in full.

"The second, and perhaps the most important, cooperative venture was the building of the creamery
in 1911. Prior to that time the farmer had been dependent upon the local stores for a market for his
butter, or upon the centralizers for a market for cream.
Neither method was satisfactory, so there was a very
pressing need for a better system of marketing of dairy
products. A local creamery, where butter could be
manufactured, seemed to be the only solution, and as
the number of cows in the community did not warrant



Askov School and Auditorium

Convention dining facilities in auditorium. Committee rooms in the school building.

faithfully lived up to this purpose and is entitled to much credit for the part it has played in the cultural development of the community. The society early acquired a small tract of land within the village limits which it set aside for a public park. For many years this park was maintained by voluntary donations of labor, cash and materials, and was developed into a beauty spot of which the community might well be proud. In 1936 it was deeded to the village under the provisions that it should never be used for other than park purposes. The park has been and still is being used for outdoor meetings, picnics, playground, etc.

"No historical narrative of the community would be complete without mention of the cooperative enterprises which have come into existence down through the years. The first effort along this line was the organization of the Pine County Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Forty years ago the old line stock companies were not too anxious to write fire insurance of farm buildings in this cut-over country. The fire hazards were great, so consequently when they did insure farm the building of a creamery by private capital, the farmers realized that the solution to the problem would be a cooperative creamery, so one was opened on June 26, 1911, and has been a success from the very beginning.

Other cooperative enterprises which are still flourishing are the Askov Co-Operative Association, Pine Co-op Oil Association, the Askov Cooperative Mercantile Association, and the Askov Community Credit Union.

"Askov, like other trading centers of its size, has its quota of stores, restaurants, garages and filling stations as well as a lumber yard, bank, bakery and electric shops. In addition it has a large modern printing establishment publishing the Askov American as well as several organizational periodicals (also Lutheran Tidings) and is doing a large business in job printing. An outstanding feature of the Askov American is that it was established 35 years ago when Askov was a hamlet of less than 100 people. Today it is the most widely circulated weekly newspaper in the county."

# Annual Convention, Askov, Minnesota August 15-20, I950

The 73rd annual convention of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church was held at Askov, Minn., during the week, August 15-20.

The convention opened Tuesday evening. By Wednesday noon close to 450 pastors, delegates and other

guests were registered.

Rev. Holger O. Nielsen of Cedar Falls, Iowa, vice president and secretary of the synod, delivered the opening address Tuesday evening in the Bethlehem Lutheran church. We are happy to bring this challenging address in this issue of Lutheran Tidings.

The spacious church was filled at this opening service, and the note of the convention was sounded as the large audience prayerfully joined in the hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King" and the other hymns of the evening.—A mixed choir of the local church under the direction of Mrs. Hjalmar Petersen sang the beautiful hymn, "O, Master Let Me Walk With Thee."

The local pastor, Harold Petersen, greeted the audience with words of welcome and expressed the hope that every visitor would share in the fellowship and the spirit of the convention. He assured us that the Askov people were anxious to do everything to make the convention all that it should be.

#### Wednesday, August 16

The morning devotion and Bible hour on Wednesday was in charge of Rev. Harald Ibsen of Viborg, S. D. He spoke on the "Importance of the Conse-



Rev. Alfred Jensen, Des Moines, Synodical President

crated Layman in the Church." We hope to bring this stimulating message in a later issue of Lutheran Tidings.

The business meeting of the convention opened by the singing of the hymn, "As Wide As The Sky Is Thy Mercy, O God." Rev. Harold Petersen, the local pastor, extended a word of welcome to all guests. Rev. Alfred Jensen, synodical president, read from the Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the Ephesians, and emphasized that as we have gathered here in convention, we are here not only to please ourselves, but we are here in God's service and to please Him. He then opened the 73rd Annual Convention in the name of the Triune God.

The convention officers, elected a year ago, were Dr. Erling Jensen, chairman; Rev. A. E. Frost, assistant



Rev. Harold Petersen, Askov Pastor

chairman; Rev. Robert C. Schmidt, secretary; and Miss Rita Norden, assistant secretary.

All the Reports to the Convention had been printed in a 200 page booklet, which had been distributed by mail to all congregations before the convention. As these individual Reports were introduced one by one by the chairman, the respective authors were given the opportunity of additional remarks. It was taken for granted that all members of the convention had made a thorough study of all the Reports.

More Suitable Name for the Synod—The committee that had worked on this matter reported that only two recommendations had been offered this past year, namely "The Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grand View Synod," and secondly: "The Central Lutheran Church." The committee would not recommend either suggestion.—The committee was asked to continue its study for another year.

The Committee on Pastoral Compensation and Social Security reported by its temporary chairman, Rev. Clayton Nielsen. B. P. Christensen, chairman of the committee, was unable to be present due to illness.

Considerable discussion was given to this matter.

Many expressed their concern over the low salaries that have been paid to many of our pastors, and that in nearly every instance the salary of our pastors is lower than that of any other profession. Dr. Johs. Knudsen warned against the threatening influence of this situation on young men, who may consider the ministry, but who feel that they dare not enter into such financial difficulties as the work of the ministry often offers.

After further discussion and many favorable contributions by the lay people, the following motion was adopted: "Recommended, that every congregation within our Synod consider the necessary requirements for a pastor and his family in order to retain proper standing within his congregation and community which he serves, on an equal basis with that enjoyed by the average member of his congregation, and to do so by annual minimum compensation of \$2,700 plus extras and house."

#### American Bible Society

Immediately after the noon recess Wednesday, Rev. Richard H. Ellingson, a representative from the American Bible Society, spoke to the convention. He reminded his audience that God has given us as Christians the glorious opportunity of reaching out to all parts of the world with the greeting of "The Word" in form of printed Bibles or New Testaments. He told us that the American Bible Society now prints Bibles or New Testaments that can be read in the languages of 95 per cent of the people of the world.-In the land of Japan, which until lately has barely been touched with the light of "The Word" the American Bible Society this past year distributed more than 4,000,000 Bibles or New Testaments.—Rev. Ellingson reminded us, that "most of the world is at the cross-roads." And he pleaded: "Let us give those who stand seeking, the direction they need."

Proposal No. 1 submitted to the convention for discussion was presented. This had been submitted by the Bethania Church of Racine, Wis. The proposal read: "That Article 6, paragraph 6 of the Pension Rules be stricken." This article stated: "Ministers from other synods, who join this synod and enter into active service of the Synod and pay into the Pension Operating Fund an amount equal to the total contributions since 1940 of a minister of this Synod ordained for the same number of years in a similar call, but without interest, shall be entitled to the same pension as all other ministers of the Synod upon retirement at the age of sixty-five or disability before that age."

After some discussion the matter was referred to the Committee on the Pension Fund Report for further study. The Proposal was later adopted.

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#### The Santal Mission Evening

Thursday evening a large audience packed the church to overflow capacity for the Santal Mission meeting. Mrs. Ernest Nielsen, one of our representatives on the American Santal Misson Board of Chicago, presided and after words of welcome she announced that the service this evening would center on the commissioning of Miss Muriel Nielsen of Ruthton, Minn., a niece of Mrs. Nielsen, to the Santal Mission field. Miss Nielsen is a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Eilert C. Nielsen, Ruthton, Minn.

After the singing of the hymn, "O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling," Rev. Ernest D. Nielsen led in the reading of scripture, prayer and the confession of faith.—Mrs. Hjalmar Petersen, Askov, sang the well

chosen song, "My Task," by Ashford.

After the singing of the hymn, "Lord, I wish To Be Thy Servant," Dr. O. Gornitzka of Minneapolis, president of the American Santal Committee, delivered a heart warming but also a soul searching sermon based on the words from Revelations 3:8: "Behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little power, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name." He also read the words from the Apostle Paul to the Ephesians: "Redeem the time, for the days are evil."-Dr. Gornitzka opened his message by praising and thanking God for the sacrificial living of the workers at home and abroad, and the sacrificial giving of the multitudes in America, Denmark and Norway who especially support the Santal Mission. He pointed out that some doors that had been opened are now shut. He asked: Have we redeemed the time?—But other doors are open as never before. In India where we have our Santal Mission Field, only this last month of March 30,000 Christians organized the Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran Church, a native church. Is it an act of providence that this church is now so organized that even if the doors should be shut to missionaries, then it can and will go on, as a leaven in India?

May we recognize the Open Doors and redeem the time. Reports have come lately that there is a spiritual awakening in many places in the Santal Mission field. God has given a total of 101 missionaries from Denmark, Norway and America to India. Tonight we add another missionary to this force of workers. And so you, Muriel, will enter into this new field. What a privilege! Do we not envy her? And in the victory given us in Christ Jesus, you shall find the victory in your work.

Dr. Gornitzka concluded his address by saying: "There is only one hope for the world. There are other assemblies, such as that of the assembly of the United Nations striving urgently for Peace. Much can be done there. But there is only one assembly through which God truly can give peace in the hearts of men, and thereby Peace on earth, and that is through His Church and the work of His Church."

After the singing of the hymn, "Hark! The Voice Of Jesus Calling," Pastor S. D. Rodholm, synod Ordainer, spoke briefly, reminding us of the first Christian church in Antioch that sent Saul of Tarsus out as a missionary. This meant much to those to whom Saul was sent, but it also meant much to the home

church in Antioch.—Pastor Rodholm reminded us of the moment, when we at a service similar to the one this evening, sent Dagmar Miller out to the Santal Mission field. So, he said, have we met this evening to send you, Muriel, out to the same field of work. We hope it will do much also for us here at home, as we will be called upon to support you in various ways.

As Muriel Nielsen accompanied by her parents, sisters, and a number of friends, pastors, etc., stood before the altar, Pastor S. D. Rodholm officiated in the official commissioning of this, our youngest missionary, to the service in the Santal Mission field in India.

Rev. Eilert C. Nielsen, father of Muriel, was called upon for a few remarks. Pastor Nielsen, in a most gracious manner revealed in his brief talk both the joy and the heartache of the parents and the family as they soon will bid farewell to Muriel as she will sail for the distant Mission field. In closing his talk, he told of the story of the late U. S. President Theodore Roosevelt who during the first World War was quite troubled about his sons being so eager to get into the armed service of their country. So one day when he was quite in despair over the situation, his wife said to him: "How can you rear your sons to be eagles and expect them to act like sparrows."—So we have tried to rear our children, and we count this a day of blessing to our home.

An offering was taken to the Santal Mission amounting to \$476.00 and this evening became one of the most festive during the convention.

#### Convention Decisions in Brief

The convention in Askov voted on several important issues. Some of them will be discussed more fully in a later issue. We bring here at this time briefly the following decisions made:

"In the expectation that the constitution of 'The National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America' will be adopted substantially as submitted March 1, 1950, by the Planning Committee for the NCCCUSA, the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America should assume membership in the National Council of Churches of America."

The convention voted "to approve in principle organic union with other participating bodies of the National Lutheran Council" and further to "join in creating a joint ways and means committee to formulate a plan to draw up a constitution for such a union."

The following Recommendation from the President's Report was also adopted: "That we approve in principle the transformation of the National Lutheran Council from a common agency to a federation—."

After a thorough preliminary work through the past year by a committee, the convention voted to "authorize the Incorporation of Grand View College and Grand View Seminary," and to "approve the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws" for same.

The convention voted: "That in view of the merg-(Continued on page 11)

# NEW WORLD

By Rev. Holger O. Nielsen,

Vice President of Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Opening Sermon at the Annual Convention, Askov, Minnesota, August 15, 1950.

Read text from Luke 21:25-28: And there will be signs in sun and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Wendell Wilkie in one of his prophetic moments saw and understood the urgent need of **One World.**Today we know as never before that there must first be "new men" and a new world before there can be One World.

The text from Luke is a strange and fearsome one. It proclaims the end of the old world and the coming of the new. It is not my intention to burden you with a discourse on the apocalyptic literature of the New Testament. I have always been happy to leave this matter of the end of the world entirely in God's hand. "But of that day and hour no one knows not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only." (Matthew 24:36).

The parable of the Ten Virgins is for me a satisfying answer. The five virgins called wise, were wise because they were prepared and waiting, wicks trimmed and oil in their lamps. Here is no weird speculation of how and when the world will end but the emphasis is on being ready at all times.

With this approach well in mind toward our text, I will however, admit there is a strange fascination in this New Testament literature. It reminds us of our own atomic day with mortal man hurling lightning and erupting volcanoes which men in the past thought was the prerogative of the gods.

I don't know how much fear there is of God in the hearts of men today but I know there is a terrible fear in man of man.

We wonder how the disciples felt when they heard Jesus talk about the last times? I know well they were expecting something like it to happen. But I also suppose they were human enough to feel greatly disturbed. After all the end of the world can hardly be considered a trivial matter, and I am not so sure but that Simon Peter and a few others were looking around for a place to hide . . . Yet it is not the fear of the disciples we need to recall; we have too much of "fear as it is," but it is this that they were also expecting great things to happen. They were being prepared for a great fullfilment. There was first to be Messianic woes, then would come the Messianic age.

Today we may have great woes, but I am not so sure we have great visions. But because of this we need to remember the early Christians; they met a catastrophic age with hopes that were greater than their fears. That is important. We are asked to do the same.

Historians have pointed out that those nations who have had faith and stamina to meet a challenge have survived. Little Denmark after 1864 bears out the historian's observation. The Danes had lost both the war and much territory, and the nation walked dangerously near the precipice of national disaster. But there arose among them men and women to meet the challenge, and it expressed itself in these words—"What outwardly we lost we must inwardly gain."

Today we also live in an age when things are tumbling apart. We started the 20th century with great optimism. Now, men are talking about a Century of Despair. We fought wars to make the world safe for democracy, but our day has hatched a brood of dictators. A generation ago we believed education would solve all ills; now some talk about the "educated man" as the most dangerous man of all. By that I suppose they mean keen minds with cold calculating hearts. In that respect the whole world seems to suffer from heart trouble.

Yes, indeed, our world has tumbled in about us, and many men have turned to deep despair and others to fun and pleasure: "Enjoy yourself, enjoy yourself; its later than you think . . ."

Again the problem of a life in faith, in hope and in love has become acute. Can we as did the early Christians see the end of the old world and believe in the dawn of a new day?

As we meet here for convention our radios and papers are full of war news. This very evening some of our boys are fighting in Korea. May we think gently and pray sincerely for their welfare.

To some parents, whose sons will die in Korea, it will seem so senseless and cruel. The war in Korea may just be another war, but it may also mean the beginning of a new era. Let me read a few lines of what the great historian Toynbee has said about Korea:

"The U. N. has at last made a wise step in taking a stand against communism. America has dared to lead in this first effort to check the dangers of communistic aggression. I am glad and I believe that this course will help to halt the threat of this powerful foe of democracy and world government. In these perilous days we must endeavor to undertake projects that we find difficult to undertake. We can survive only as we adapt ourselves to the demands of a new epoch and adjust ourselves to the concept of international cooperation.

"Our world is worthy of our clearest and best thinking in the midst of the epochal conflicts of our time. We can pool our resources and achieve results. We have much on our hands. Together we can survive before communism, but separately, no!"

Religion is the center of the present ideological conflict between East and West. The struggle will be solved by intangible ideals, as well as by tangible defenses. The moral need of our age is apparent. But something more than a return to orthodoxy is needed; rather a vital recovery of moral and spiritual values. Civilization cannot survive unless we as individuals lay hold of the timeless values that nurture truth and right.

Today America has been called upon to assume a position of world leadership in a period more critical than, and different from any in the past, and to carry responsibilities that are different and unique. She will not measure up if she takes the ancient path of imperialism. Something novel is demanded, something more difficult than the nations of yesterday have dared to assume, an unusual technique in leadership, a venture into areas of the moral and the spiritual.

It has fallen to us, the American people, to assume world leadership. We may not like it but we can hardly escape it. God has placed before us a great task. Will we meet it? And if we do, how can we best prepare ourselves? By weapons alone? No! Certainly also by our attitude and approach.

When it was said in "higher places"—"America lives according to the Sermon of the Mount" it sounded to many of us rather self-righteous. And yet was it not this very self-righteousness that Jesus warned was the sure sign of spiritual and moral decay? In one sense the Sermon of the Mount cannot be lived. Its goals, at least some of them, were placed so high that no one should vainly boast, I have kept them all. Perfection was a goal placed before men lest we become as the scribes and pharisees.

Only if America knows a humble heart can she assume true leadership.

If there is to be a new day among us we must regain the concept of Christian freedom. Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus." Paul the "old man" was a prisoner to vanity and self-righteousness, while Paul the "new man" was a captive of his Lord.

If America is to speak to the world of freedom she must know its deeper meanings.

The year 1950 may be a new dawn or the beginning of an age darker than the dark age. Much of what tomorrow brings will depend upon what God can do with his Church. One of the ancients said: "Give me a fulcrum and I'll lift the world." The Church has a Fulcrum—

"Built on the Rock the Church doth stand, Even when steeples are falling;"

Pastor Niemoeller while in Hitler's prison camp was assigned to a cell with one little window high up on the stone wall. When his fellow prisoners marched by to do slave labor he stood on the table and read from his Bible to the marching men outside. I am sure no Christian argued as to whether or not what was read was the Word of God. Our day is no time for Christians to quibble as to what is the Word of God when half the world denies the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Amen."

# Our Women's Work

Mrs. Johanne Lillehøj, Kimballton, Iowa Editor

#### I ONLY KNOW

I know not what the future hath Of marvel or surprise; Assured alone that life and death His mercy underlies.

And if my heart and flesh are weak
To bear an untried pain,
The bruised reed He will not break,
But strengthen and sustain.

No offerings of my own I have, No works my faith to prove; I can but give the gifts He gave, And plead His love for love.

And so, beside the silent sea,
I wait the muffled oar;
No harm from Him can come to me
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care.

—John Greenleaf Whittier, from "The Eternal Goodness."

## Women's Mission Work At Cordova, Nebr.

Some time ago I was asked to contribute an article to the Women's Page relative to our work within the Women's Mission group here in Cordova. My first thought was that there wouldn't be much to write since we have no organized Mission Society and no planned program in that respect. However, the term Women's Mission Society is a broad one and can certainly take in many activities, and after thinking it over I decided that practically every Ladies' Aid meeting I've attended has touched upon some phase of mission work. I have noticed that our minister's contributions to our monthly meeting in the form of lectures or readings are often based on some branch of the work. Just recently he reviewed parts of Stanley Jones' interpretation of Ghandi's life. We usually have one meeting each year devoted to mission study and the proceeds of our pre-Christmas party are sent to the Women's Mission Society.

There is a "taken for granted" attitude that we help out with the various activities in our Synod such as the Children's Homes, Dormitory Fund, Seamen's Mission, Lutheran World Action, Santal Mission, etc., and a special appeal—be it for a clothing drive, the new hospital in India, or remodeling work for the local church or parsonage always brings instant response.

We have different methods to replenish our treasury but the main one is our annual "Funfest" where we all have an opportunity to use what talent we may possess whether it be in music, dramatics, salesmanship, cooking or dishwashing. It's a lot of work but also a lot of fun and certainly helps swell the treasury so we can continue with our many projects.

I am sure we all feel that it is a joy and a privilege to be able to help in a material way. There are so many less fortunate than we, and we need to be reminded of our many blessings. We are often in danger of forgetting the spiritual values because of the material wealth which surrounds us. We have been told so often that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." Well, but does it?

Among the brightest memories of my childhood is the twilight hour when mother gathered her brood around her and out of the rich stores of her heart and mind gave us the best she had. Perhaps it was a Bible story, a bit of folklore or a fairy tale. Whatever it was, it was something of her own choosing. How many of us with our many labor-saving devices find time for such a quiet hour with our children, and if we did, would we find a listening ear? The blare of the radio, the comic books, the movies-all offer keen competition. Not all of it is objectional, but the point is that our homes are being invaded by too much outside influence to the extent that it is no longer our castle. None of us want our children to stand by the side of the road. We want them to be a part of the life around them. But are we strong enough to help them choose the right values?

I knew a mother who in her youth had the great privilege of spending a school term at Vallekilde Folk School in Denmark. The awakening she experienced there was a lantern in her hand throughout her long life. The lives of her children were enriched because of her experience. It is of grave concern to me that our children may perhaps not have such a heritage. Maybe I am seeing the situation through dark glasses. I feel that this vital phase of our women's home mission work should take its rightful place in our consideration.

Agnes Nelson.

# In Memory Of A Grand Old Man

Andreas J. Tarpgaard was born September 5, 1864, in Vedersøe, Denmark, and came to America in the early nineties to enter the Divinity School of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America at West Denmark, Wisconsin. He was ordained in 1895. When I was a lad of 14 he came to Hutchinson, Minnesota, where he immediately got busy to build a new church. Before coming to Hutchinson he was a minister at Cleveland, Ohio.

After he had the new church building going in Hutchinson he took a trip to Denmark and was married to Miss Dagmar Petersen of Copenhagen, and came back in time for the dedication of the new church at Hutchinson.

Next he was pastor at Sheffield, Ill., and Bridgeport, Conn.

From there he came to the church in Minneapolis about 1910 and was minister there until late in 1920,

a little over nine years. Here I came to know Rev. Tarpgaard and his family very intimately, and came to appreciate all of them. Our old church burned in the winter of 1919-20. After instructions by the Church Board, Rev. Tarpgaard and I got busy with the subscription list and a new church was soon on the way. (One member gave us a good sized check and remarked, "I won't get any interest on this." I promptly answered him and said, "Sure you will if you come and get it at the church.")

Rev. Tarpgaard moved from here to New York before the church was finished but he was back for the dedication in April of 1921. Besides the churches in Hutchinson and Minneapolis, I know he helped build two other churches. He was pastor of the Bronx church in New York from 1920 until his retirement in 1935. During this period Rev. Tarpgaard also served as immigration pastor to Danes arriving in this country. In recognition of this great service for the newcomers, King Christian X made him a Knight of the Order of Dannebrog in 1926. He was invited as an honored guest at the Jutland Exposition in Copenhagen last year. There Rev. Tarpgaard was received by King Frederick IX.

Andreas J. Tarpgaard died June 4 at Mt. Vernon hospital, Mt. Vernon, N. Y. He was buried June 6. The funeral services were held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bronx, N. Y. At the time of his death he resided at 78 Beekman, Mt. Vernon, N. Y. His age was 86.

He is survived by two sons, Peter F. of Glenn Ferris, W. Va., and Johannes Tarpgaard of Brooklyn; three daughters, Miss Inger Tarpgaard, Mrs. Oscar Damm and Mrs. Harold Streton, all of 78 Beekman, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and four sisters and four grandchildren.

Knowing how interested the Tarpgaards were in building new churches and mission work, it would seem fitting that old friends of theirs remember such projects with a gift in memory of the Tarpgaards. I gratefully forward my gift to our church treasurer. I hope that others who knew Reverend and Mrs. Tarpgaard and family will do the same in memory of a grand old man.

Paul Steenberg.

—From "The Messenger,"

Minneapolis, Minn.

# The Matter Of Worship Again

I am grateful to Peter Thomsen for expressing himself candidly and briefly. In general I agree with him. I am not a lover or an advocate of uniformity. But neither do I scoff at or reject the liturgy of past ages, because I have experienced a fellowship in it with those who have passed on before me and I have likewise experienced that the written prayers of both the Lutheran and for example the Episcopal church, can mean so much to some people. But in our church we have undoubtedly made the mistake to let, for example, our collects be said only by the pastor while they really are intended to be said by the congregation (as they are in some ULC churches) as an aid to assemble people's mind and heart about the gospel

for the day The Apostle Paul called the church "The Body of Christ," the outward forms and services of the church are the outward expressions of the continued life of our Lord here on earth. All forms of life in this world have outward expressions else we would not know them. Today the church in its baptized members, and particularly in the lives of those who have continued "steadfast in the apostles teaching and fellowship in the breaking of bread and the prayers" these are the outward expression of Christ's continued life on earth today.

I do not want the church to stagnate in its past heritage but I do want us to be the kind of worshipers who keep our mental and spiritual doors open to "things old and new."

L. C. Bundgaard.

# Your Religious Education Program

About this time of year many of our church leaders are considering again the high responsibility and glad task of teaching the Christian faith. In another month, the Sunday schools throughout our land will have entered upon a new year of religious instruction in the local congregations.

"At the mid-point of the century we have been reminded of the spiritual foundations of our nations. A century and a half ago, though small in numbers and poor in resources, we were rich in faith and spiritual idealism. Today we are as giants among the nations of the earth. It is not clear, however, that we have grown comparably in religious faith and in the things of the Spirit." (Roy G. Ross, International Council of Religious Education).

"Religious teaching is vital to the nation." This is the theme for the "Religious Education Week," Sept. 24-Oct. 1. Because we believe this is true, our church, through its Council of Religious Education, is cooperating with Lutherans and other Protestant bodies in the International Council in promoting a midcentury emphasis in religious education this year. We strongly urge all our pastors and church school leaders to help promote this emphasis.

There is no question about the need for it. The Honorable Francis B. Sayre, president of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, cites the need "for strong spiritual foundations and Christian direction if western civilization is to triumph over the forces of communism. To avoid shipwreck we must turn back to the life-giving, yeasty fundamentals taught by Jesus Christ and make them more regnant in our daily lives. In these crucial times that means more intensive and gripping religious education."

About the time you read this or shortly after, pastors and Sunday school superintendents will receive a packet with suggestions and materials to help launch a constructive religious education program in your churches this fall. We trust you will find something in it that may prove of value in this work.

Edwin E. Hansen.

# What Is Ellis Island?

#### And What Are We Doing for Those Detained There?

Ellis Island in the harbor of New York is used by the United States Immigration Service. There are two distinctly separate divisions on Ellis Island: The Detention and Deportation Division which include certain passengers, stowaways, seamen who have jumped their ship without necessary immigration papers, etc. Until 1925 all aliens traveling third class were sent to Ellis Island for examination, first and second class passengers being examined on board the ship. With the passage of the Immigration act of 1924, all passengers are now examined on board the ships, and only those whose eligibility to enter this country is doubtful on account of sickness, lack of certain papers or proper financial guaranty here, political causes, etc., are sent to Ellis Island. It may be well in this connection to mention, that through experience and inquiry at the highest authorities we have learned, that American Consulates abroad may issue papers to aliens granting permission to go to America. But it depends upon the Immigration Authorities in America whether they will be allowed to enter this country and also the duration of time allowed for visitors here.

The other division at Ellis Island is the United States' Marine hospital. When ships arrive here Immigration officers including a doctor examine all on board. Passengers have their certificates, crew members must line up for examination. If anyone shows sign of contagious disease, he is in most cases transferred to the Ellis Island hospital, where they have special wards for each kind of disease.

I am sorry to say, that there are almost always Danes in both of these two main divisions. I have found as many as three or four in the hospital and the same number in the division for detention and deportation. Fortunately there are two things which help me very much in my work at Ellis Island.

1. A permanent pass. By the kindness of the authorities on Ellis Island I have obtained a permanent pass, which allows me to make use of the government ferry and gives me admission to the Island at any time. Sometimes the Danish Consulate asks me to see certain persons, sometimes the detainees write and ask me to come over and see them. Once I argued with a young seaman, who was tempted by the big American dollar to leave his ship and take a job somewhere inland, where he thought in a short time to be able to accumulate a fortune. I warned him and gave him a 3 cents stamp, saying: "If you should end your career at Ellis Island, please send me a word." Half a year later I had the stamp returned from Ellis Island, and saw him several times there until he was deported. To my surprise I discovered some time ago, that I am the only Scandinavian pastor who has a permanent pass. When I arrived at New York an old Swedish pastor, Rev. Hellander, had a pass. When he retired, I became his successor. Norwegian and Swedish pastors can visit the Island as

often as they feel the need thereof, but they must apply for admission each time.

2. The social service. There are several social workers, who give full time to Ellis Island. Amongst these are our Lutheran representatives, Miss I. Eland, who speaks eight "Lutheran" languages, and her secretary, Mrs. Harkna. It is difficult for me to learn when Danish seamen or others have been sent to Ellis Island. I used to be permitted to go over the files. But now by the kindness of the social workers I receive forms, which I have had printed and they fill in and send to me every week with names, dates and details about newcomers to Ellis Island from Denmark. A similar arrangement has been made with the Danish Consulate General in order to advise me about seamen laid up at hospitals at New York. This gives me an opportunity to visit these patients and detainees. Often their knowledge of English is very limited, sometimes they are sent to hospitals so hurriedly that they have had to leave their toothbrush and other toilet articles in their sea bag. Then I must either search for these necessities or buy some in a nearby drug store.

It is not always the worst that might happen to have a "quiet" time at Ellis Island. God sometimes set us apart—even at Ellis Island—to prepare us for what He has in store for us. We are often too busy walking our own ways and preparing for our own future, that we need a "rest." St. Paul had to be "taken apart" into prison now and then. He needed it himself, and he became more useful in the service of God, setting an example for us and getting time to write his letters. I know of friends, I first met at Ellis Island, who returned to Denmark with a greater purpose, or whom I enjoy meeting at Salem and Our Saviour's Church.

#### What is Being Done for Those Detained at Ellis Island?

There is a "General Committee of Immigrant Aid at Ellis Island and New York Harbor," which at present consists of representatives from 11 Church synods and other Christian organizations. It is officially recognized by the government officials. Meetings are generally held in the premises of New York Bible Society or at Ellis Island. Among the types of service rendered by this committee are:

- 1. A Nursery, where children of the detained are cared for and where mothers are instructed in child care.
- 2. A Kindergarten, conducted in an especially arranged school room on the Island.
- 3. A Library containing several thousand books in different languages. I have recently by the kindness of "Søfartens Bibliotek," the Seafarers' Library in Denmark received 20 odd books to supplement the comparatively few Danish books in the library. The librarian has expressed his sincere thanks for that contribution.
- 4. Occupational Work of various kinds. For men: The making of woolen mats, belts, scarfs, ties, etc.; for women: Different kinds of dressmaking and embroidery.
- 5. Clothing Service. A trained worker is in charge of the clothing service. Many of the detainees, who are going to be deported need clothing. We are thank-

ful for any clothing sent to Ellis Island, especially

men's clothing, and especially pants!

6. Religious Services. There is a special subcommittee with Dr. Fant of the New York Bible Society as chairman to take charge of the religious services at Ellis Island. As there are detainees of different denominations, the time has been divided up among different church bodies. Every Sunday morning there is a Catholic service, followed by a Protestant service. The Lutherans, Episcopalians, Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, and the Salvation Army have each charge of the services two months during the year. Church services are all conducted in English. We tried to have "Scandinavian" services, but as there were two or three other services during the day it did not fit into the schedule for the Sunday at the Island. Now we only try to have a Scandinavian Christmas service. There is a very nice church with piano, organ and pulpit and at Christmas time all the services are making use of a beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

As the Danish Lutheran representative on the "General Committee of Immigrant Aid at Ellis Island and New York Harbor," I feel it as my privileged obligation to write this report Should anyone have questions to ask about the work at Ellis Island or any men's clothes (especially pants) to spare, Danish books, please write to me % the Seamen's Church Institute, 25 South Street, New York 4, N. Y. The ferry to Ellis Island is just across the street from the Seamen's Church Institute.

Povl H. Baagøe.

Pastor to the Danish Seamen, New York. New York, August, 1950.

# Here And There

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For some time I have been waiting for some one to express some sort of appreciation to O. C. Olsen for his fine poem in "Lutheran Tidings" some weeks ago. For many years Olsen was a faithful contributor to "Ungdom," to "Dannevirke" as well at "Lutheran Tidings." He was a power behind the Young People's Societies as well as the main promoter of "Ungdom." In those days there was some "pep" in "D. S. U." Societies. I was so glad to hear once more from you and wish to say: Thanks, for the inspiration in your poem.

II

I have also been waiting for some one to express a few words of appreciation to Rev. A. Th. Dorf before he leaves for Denmark. He has been a faithful worker in the Synod and Folk School even though, at times, in his correspondence, some have thought him a little sharp, with his "keen cutting" remarks. Thanks for good companionship in past years, and may you find happiness awaiting you across the sea when you again journey back to the old homeland, Denmark.

III

Rev. Alfred Jensen also deserves thanks for his effective and sensible article about the Masonic Lodge. Some of the articles on that subject, I think, were out of place! If members of a lodge feel that they desire more Christianity than they find in the lodge, and come to the church to worship, it seems to me that a welcome hand should be extended. The church members need not necessarily share the spirit of the lodge, but if the Christian spirit lives in the church why not share it with others. A meeting a month in the lodge perhaps gives them too little of Christian spirit, hence they come to the church for more fellowship. Thanks, Alfred Jensen. The storm was settled by your timely comments.

Sigurd Pedersen.

# Greetings and Comments From Our Readers

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# National Health Insurance

Dear Editor:

The last several issues of "Lutheran Tidings" have carried comments that from time to time suggest an unfortunate "Leftist" trend.

I'm particularly referring to an obvious pro-labor bias, condemnation of "McCarthyism," worship of the "Social Revolution," "Fair and New Dealism" and the recent article by Bundy on National Health Insurance which indicates the truth of the saying: "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing."

I don't know who Bundy is but it might be a good idea if he would stop gathering his facts from questionable sources and write something constructive for once.

His entire article is filled with half-truths and mistaken concepts and I would appreciate a chance to set him right.

First of all, neither Mr. Truman nor Mr. Ewing have shown any desire to cooperate with the AMA in seeking a solution to the problem of improving the health of our American people. Secondly not all persons in America would be covered by the Truman-Ewing bill nor does this bill guarantee complete health service.

Mr. Bundy's statements concerning his 90 day waiting period with his Blue Cross policy is out of harmony with the existing facts for these policies, other than maternity, and some family benefits become effective at once for all causes other than those existing at the time of application. If he had any trouble in bringing about a transfer it was probably his own fault. As a matter of fact he was covered all the time during this transfer in any Blue Cross member hospital without regard for state.

To clarify just who began "Compulsory Health Insurance" it was Germany under Facism which is certainly no compliment to the concept. As for the experience of England any open minded person could see it is not only a failure but a terrific drain on the treasury. It might interest Mr. Bundy to know that the total spent in America for hospital and medical care amounts to only 4 per cent of total consumer expenditures and out of EVERY DOLLAR spent for medical care in the U. S. the physician receives only TWENTY-FIVE

We have more doctors per population, better hospitals, a longer life expectancy and better medical and surgical facilities than ony other country in the world. Would Mr. Bundy exchange all this for his pet panacea?

It is a known fact that persons having a "Hospitalization Policy" or "Veterans privilege" remain in the hospital at least two days longer on an average than those who must pay for this care. These figures are based on the expressed desire of the patient over and above the objections of the attending physician. Can you imagine what would happen if everyone had the right to enter the hospital at will? England knows the answer for many seriously ill have died because the hospitals were overcrowded with "tired political workers" and the self-indulgent who feed so readily at the public trough!

If Mr. Bundy would stop confusing Blue Cross and Blue Shield with ambitious private insurance agencies he might present a more factual article in the future. At the present time over 66,000,000 persons are enrolled in voluntary hospital care plans and 40,000,000 have both the hospital and surgical care coverage. Medically approved repayment plans are in effect in 45 states out of our 48 and the plan will be used nation-wide shortly. What does Bundy use for authority?

The cost of voluntary hospital-surgical plans today are such that every employed family group can and should be in a position to enroll. The unemployed family unit has access to Public and Welfare Assistance organizations which can, and do provide a service equal to every necessity.

Certainly there are evidences that some doctors "charge

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ing of the International Council of Religous Education with other interdenominational agencies to form the National Council of Churches the Synod favors this move and authorizes the Council of Religious Education to continue its present relationship to the I.C.R.E. with the Christian Education Department of the National Council of Churches."

And further: "That the convention make provisions for funds to finance a conference of 10-12 camp leaders to be held this fall."

Further: "That the Synod approve the Council of Religious Education's action in cooperating with the Lutheran Inter-synodical committee in the sponsoring of joint Sunday school papers and the sponsoring of a Religious Education Emphasis week during the week of Sept. 28 to Oct. 5 of this year and such similar weeks as may be designated for subsequent years."

The convention voted to: "Ratify the action of the Board of Welfare and authorize the Board to proceed with the plans outlined for the establishment of a Home for the Aged in Southern California."

Further: "That the Synod make a grant of \$1,000.00 from its General Fund towards the establishment of a Home for the Aged in Southern California."

This Home for the Aged will, according to present plans, be built in Solvang, Calif., at the estimated cost of \$125,000.00.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Be it resolved, that the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, in convention assembled at Askov, Minnesota, August 19, 1950, reaffirms its faith in the traditional American principle of the separation of church and state, and that it opposes the establishment of permanent diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States and to the Religious News Service"

#### Greetings to the Convention

Many greetings expressing heartfelt wishes for God's blessings were read to the assembly. One of them, from Bishop Dr. H. Fuglsang-Damgaard reads: To the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church's 73rd convention we send our warmest greetings. We do this with sincere thanks for the rich fellowship we

too much" just as from a purely selfish angle one might say that "labor is overpaid" and the "clergyman is grossly underpaid." All this may be true, but let us work this out as Americans and stop taking Facism and Communistic blue prints for our construction guide.

In the future let's have more of "America, the land of opportunity," "America, the land of the free," "America the beautiful," "America, a nation under God" and less of Socialism, Welfare Stateism and left of center articles for our fellow AMERICAN LUTHERANS to read.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in publishing this reply to "Bundy" I am

Sincerely yours,

Dr. C. A. Payne, Chicago, Ill. experienced in your midst during our memorable visit with you. We pray with you that God's rich blessings may abide with our church and the congregations. May this convention strengthen you to new and fertile developments among America's churches and people.

We greet you with a verse from Grundtvig's beautiful hymn:

"Du, som af den 'liden Flok', Svag og bly og bange nok, Gjorde Kæmper stærke, Skab nu og af os en Hær, Som tør svinge Aandens Sværd Under Korsets Mærke!"

The chairman of the commission in Denmark for "Dansk Kirke i Udlandet" the Rev. M. T. Blichfeld sent a hearty greeting in behalf of the commission and expressed a sincere wish for a successful convention. "We pray that God's blessings may be with your future work. With His help may you succeed in finding the course for the common good and may your heritage find a place therein."

The president of U.E.L.C., the Rev. Hans C. Jersild, sent a sincere greeting with the admonishment from John 15:16. The Rev. P. Rasmussen, Dalum, Canada, sent his greetings with the wish that, as of old—"people came from many different places to worship—guided by the same spirit, singing the same songs, worshipping the same God—of one accord," so he hoped we might meet in the same spirit.

Mrs. Esther Nissager Nissen from Denmark, Mrs. Mary Andersen, widow of the late Rev. A. W. Andersen, B. P. Christensen, the synod's statistician, all sent personal greetings to the convention, as well as Niels Miller on behalf of the Nathanael Lutheran Church of Dagmar, Mont.

# Elections

Election results at the synodical convention in Askov on Saturday, August 19, were:

President of the Synod:

Rev. Alfred Jensen, re-elected for two years.

Trustees:

Erling V. Jensen and August Sorensen, re-elected.

Council of Elementary Religious Education: Mrs. Aksel Holst, re-elected.

Committee on Publications:

Rev. Ronald Jespersen.

Pension Board:

Paul Steenberg, re-elected.

Church Relations:

Rev. Alfred E. Sorensen, S. Dixen Sorensen and Richard Grau, all re-elected.

Santal Mission:

Rev. Harald Ibsen.

Supt. Old People's Home, Tyler, Minn.: Rev. Enok Mortensen, re-elected.

Synod Board of Welfare:

Elmer Ness.

Board of Ordination:

Axel Thomsen, re-elected.

DAYPL Synodical Advisor:

Rev. Harris Jespersen.

#### Committee on Lutheran Liturgy and Hymnal:

Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, re-elected; Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen, re-elected; Rev. Peter Thomsen, Rev. Marius Krog and Aage Sorensen, Detroit, Mich.

#### Board of Old People's Home, Des Moines:

(President) Theo. Ellgaard; (secretary) Miss Dagmar Miller; (treasurer) Chris Sorensen; (trustees) Hartvig Jensen and Mrs. Sam Andersen.

#### Convention Officers for 1951:

(Chairman) Dr. Erling N. Jensen; (assistant chairman) Rev. Carl C. Rasmussen; (secretary) Rev. M. Mikkelsen; (assistant secretary) Miss Rita Norden.

# Board of Incorporators Grand View College and Grand View Seminary:

Rev. Alfred Jensen; (chairman) Rev. Ottar Jorgensen; (secretary) Harald Petersen, Tyler, Minn.; (treasurer) Jens Thuesen, Fredsville, Iowa; (trustees) Dr. A. E. Meswarb, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Rev. C. A. Stub, Fredsville, Iowa; Dr. Erling N. Jensen, Ames, Iowa.

# Forty-four Million Lutherans In World Council

New York—(NLC)—More than 44 million Lutherans are represented in the World Council of Churches through 37 Lutheran church bodies in 18 countries which are affiliated with the international agency.

The Lutherans compose about 28 per cent of the World Council's estimated membership of 160 million Protestant and Orthodox Christians, who make up its 160 member churches in 45 countries.

Most recent Lutheran group to join the World Council is the Federation of Synods of Lutheran Churches in Brazil, which was organized during the past year through the union of four independent Lutheran synods, with a combined membership of 431,000.

Although it calls itself a federation, the Church, in applying for membership in the World Council when its Central Committee met at Toronto, Canada, early in July, stated that it regards itself as a Church of Christ in Brazil, and hopes in due course to express this character in its name.

Thirteen Lutheran territorial churches in Germany are members of the World Council through the Evangelical Church in Germany, but by action of the WCC's Central Committee at Toronto they will be listed as separate bodies in the roll of member churches. The German Lutherans total 20,340,000 members.

Second largest of the Lutheran members of the World Council is the Church of Sweden, with 6,105,000; third is the Church of Finland, with 3,600,000; and fourth is the Church of Denmark, with 3,200,000.

American Lutherans compromise the fifth largest group, the five member bodies from the United States having a combined membership of 3,195,000, consisting of the United Lutheran Church in America, 1,900,000; the American Lutheran Church, 700,000; Augustana Lutheran Church, 440,000; United Evangelical Lutheran Church, 45,000; and Danish Lutheran Church, 20,000.

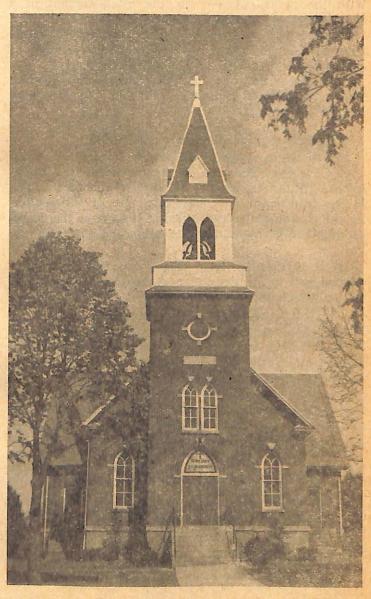
The Church of Norway, with 2,750,000 members, holds sixth place among the Lutherans in the World Council. The remaining Lutheran member bodies of the WCC range in size from 100,000 to 890,000 members, and are as follows:

Evangelical Church of Austria, 330,000; Evangel-

ical Church in Slovakia, 640,000; Evangelical Lutheran Church in Estonia (now in exile) 890,000; Evangelical Church in Alsace and Lorraine and Evangelical Lutheran Church in France, 300,000; Evangelical Lutheran Church and Restored Evangelical Lutheran Church of Holland, 50,000; Lutheran Church of Hungary, 525,000.

Also, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland, 100,000; Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India, 500,000; Batak Church of Indonesia, 500,000; Evangelical Church of Poland, 100,000; Hungarian Lutheran Church in Rumania and Protestant Evangelical Church of Rumania, 250,000.

In connection with these statistics, it should be noted that some of the memberships listed are based on prewar figures. In some cases, the Lutheran Church in Estonia, for example, heavy membership losses were suffered as a result of the war. In other cases, a heavy influx of refugees has swelled. Efforts are now being made to obtain accurate statistics on Lutheran Churches throughout the world.



Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Askov, Minn.

#### LUTHERAN TIDINGS

# Grand View College And Our Youth

# Getting Ready — Let's Go

When this is read, very little time remains before the start of another school year. Those who have not yet decided upon a college should do so at once, and those who have not yet decided to go to college should put the thinking cap on again.

Many are, of course, wondering about the effect of the Korean war and the draft. Will it be foolish to start college only to be drafted in the middle of the year? The answer to this is given in a bulletin from the American Council on Education dated July 27, 1950. It states:

"Many colleges and universities have raised the question as to the regulations now in effect regarding Selective Service.

"The original Act, still in effect, provides for the deferment of students during the academic year in which they are called for induction into the armed forces. Thus those not called in the first draft of 20,000 will not be eligible for call until the end of the academic year 1950-51, or aproximately June 1, 1951."

The fall enrollment at Grand View College promises to be up to expectations and we look forward to a good year. Yet there might still be those among our churches young people who are asking why they should go to Grand View. To this many answers might be given, and we shall not try to exhaust them, but here are a few.

them, but here are a few:

Grand View College is a good school. It has a sound curriculum adapted to the needs of the majority of college students. To the curriculum has just been added a two-year training course for elementary teachers. It has a strong faculty to instruct and guide the students and to share their interests. It has a well-equipped plant which again this summer has been improved and beautified.

Grand View College has a strong student fellowship which is valuable in itself and gives expression to many and important interests, but which also is a significant part of the fellowship of the church. It strengthens the ties which are so valuable in coming years.

Grand View represents the values of church and home. It presents the students with the many and confusing problems of the world, but it does this with a foundation on and a reverence for the Christian faith to guide and help the students. It represents the moral values of the home and enables the students to adjust themselves to independent and sound living.

Grand View College trains young people for service in the church, in its schools and various other activities. It prepares for the Seminary and gives inspiration to answer the call of the ministry. Thus it works hand in hand with Grand View Seminary which educates men for the ministry.

These claims are made in humility, for we know our shortcomings, yet they are made with a conviction of and a confidence in the abiding strength of the spirit and the faith. The world is in desperate need of educated men and women who understand spiritual values and are devoted to them. It needs the strength of the Christian faith.

We are again ready to serve the young people of the church. Now we appeal to the ministers and the homes of the church to send them to us.

# OUR CHURCH

Tyler, Minn.—The Danebod Lutheran Church recently at a congregational meeting voted to employ a full-time Parish worker, director of religious education and church office secretary.

The annual meeting of District VI will be held in Tyler during the weekend, September 15-17.

Juhl, Mich.—Rev. Richard Sorensen and family are enjoying a month's vacation from the regular work during the month of August. However, during that period they attended both the District meeting in Greenville and the synodical convention in Askov, Minnesota.—Services were arranged for the two Sundays during the vacation, bringing in visiting pastors.

Portland, Maine—St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church will be host to a Sunday School Institute on September 16 and 17, which is sponsored jointly by the Lutheran Churches of Greater Portland. Miss Oletta Wald, instructor in elementary religious education at the Lutheran Bible Institute, New York city, will be the guest speaker.

Askov, Minn.—Rev. and Mrs. Harold Petersen and family were honored at a community party and program held in the Bethlehem church parlors Sunday evening, August 6. The event was in observance of Rev. and Mrs. Petersen's 15th wedding anniversary, and Rev. Petersen's ordination. A program of songs and congratulatory speeches were given, and a gift of a \$100 bill was then presented to the honored couple.

Salinas, Calif.—At a recent congregational meeting the congregation voted to give its pastor, Rev. Svend Kjaer, a bonus of \$100. Miss Ruth Kjaer, who has been the church organist and who soon will be leaving for Grand View College, was voted a \$25 gift.

The Nebraska DAYPL Camp and Convention will be held at Kronborg, Marquette, Nebr., and at Covenant Cedar Bible Camp, August 25 to Sept. 2. The cost for the entire session will be \$15.00.

The District I Convention will be held in Newark, N. J., during the week-end, Sept. 30-Oct. 1.

Enumclaw, Wash.—Rev. Svend Holm, who preached his farewell sermon in Grayling, Mich., on Sunday, July 30, was installed in the Hope Lutheran Church in Enumclaw on Sunday, August 6.

Withee, Wis.—Rev. Clayton Nielsen was installed in the Withee church on Sunday, August 6, Rev. O. S. Jorgensen, District president, officiating. The festivities continued through the afternoon and evening. At the afternoon meeting Rev. O. S. Jorgensen gave a Report from the District meeting recently held at Dalum, Alberta, Canada. In the evening a "Kitchen shower" had been arranged for the new pastor and his wife, and quite a supply of food was brought to the pantry.

Rev. J. C. Kjaer, who within the past year resigned from his pastorate in Seattle, Wash., to take post-graduate work, left August 8 for Europe. He planned to attend "The International Congress of Historians" in Paris during the week of August 28-Sept. 3; then a tour through England, France and Italy. His plan was to conclude his visit in Europe with a three months study-course in Copenhagen, Denmark, toward his Ph. D. degree.

Mrs. H. C. Strandskov, widow of the late Rev. H. C. Strandskov, recently underwent a serious surgical operation at the Eitel hospital in Minneapolis. She is now convalescing at the home of her son, Hermod Strandskov, who lives in Minneapolis.

# **District VII Convention**

The annual convention of District VII of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America will be held at St. Ansgar Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lindsay, Nebr., (Rosenborg) beginning the evening of September 22, 1950, and closing Sunday evening the 24th of September.

The names of all pastors, delegates and guests who expect to attend the convention should, as far as possible, be sent in not later than a week before the convention.

> Howard Christensen, District President.

# "Nysted Septemberfest"

The Nysted congregation extends an invitation to all its friends to attend its annual "Septemberfest" activity on Sunday, September 3, 1950. The annual meeting of the "Nysted Højskolesamfund" will be held at this time.

Howard Christensen, Pastor.

## Cornerstone Laying Service

The 30th of July was another eventful day in the history of Central Lutheran Church in Muskegon, Mich. On that day the congregation met for its regular worship service in the basement auditorium. The worship service completed, the membership filed out of the back door of the auditorium to the front of the church where the service was continued. The weather was beautiful and several hundred people were in attendance.

One of the oldest members of the congregation, N. P. Hansen, 84, troweled cement for the cornerstone. Taking part in the ceremony also were the chairman of the Building Committee, Dan Nielsen; the president of the congregation, Christ Jensen, as well as the local architect and a member of the Muskegon Construction Co., builders of the church.

The copper box inserted into the cornerstone contains the following items: The history of the congregation from its founding in 1873; the church constitution; the current copies of "Dannevirke," "Lutheran Tidings" and "The Muskegon Chronicle"; and a copy of the membership list to date. Some present day Danish and American coins were also included. The local pastor had charge of the service.

The building program is making favorable progress daily. The church built of tan brick, trimmed with Bedford stone, will be beautiful. An addition, providing a pastor's study and extra Sunday school space, is a part of the new upper structure. Stained glass windows, most of them purchased in memory of departed loved ones, have been ordered. The church will seat comfortably about 275 people. Though there have been delays in the building progress for various reasons, we are hoping to have the new church auditorium ready for dedication and use about October 1. It is gratifying that all through the summer, while the building has been in progress, the congregation has not had to suspend a single worship service, but have been able to meet in the basement unit.

-Contributed.

# Itinerary, Pastor Halvdan Helweg

The following congregations at the cities or places named have extended invitation to Pastor Helweg of Denmark, to speak.

Should there be any further invitations we shall be pleased to arrange for the "blank dates."

Pastor Helweg speaks in Danish or English as desired.

Arrival in U. S. A .- August 31. Sept. 7, Thursday—Hartford, Conn. Sept. 8, Friday—Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sept. 10, Sunday-Perth Amboy, N. J. (Joint meeting with Newark, N. J.)

Sept. 12-13, Tuesday and Wednesday, Troy, N. Y.

Sept. 15, Friday, Detroit, Mich. Sept. 17, Sunday—Greenville, Mich.

Sept. 19, Tuesday, Racine, Wis. Sept. 24, Sunday—Des Moines, Iowa. Sept. 27, Wednesday—Cedar Falls, Ia. (Joint meeting, Fredsville, Waterloo).

Sept. 29, Friday-Kimballton, Iowa. October 1, Sunday, Minneapolis, Minn.

October 2, Monday, Askov, Minn.

October 3-8-Tyler, Minn.

October 9-18-West Denmark, Wis.

October 20-21-22-St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.

October 29, Sunday-Trinity, Chicago,

November 2-Pastor Helweg leaves for Denmark.

Address communications to:

Alfred E. Sorensen,

8500 Maryland Ave., Chicago 19, Ill.

## **District VI Convention**

The annual convention of District VI will be held at Tyler, Minn., Sept. 15-17, 1950.

The District Sunday School Teachers Institute will be held at Ruthton, Minn., Sept. 2-3. Rev. Ejnar Farstrup will be

Marius Krog.

Program

Friday, Sept. 15: 8:00 p. m.-Rev. Harald Ibsen.

Saturday, Sept. 16:

9:00 a. m.—Rev. Eilert C. Nielsen.

10:00 a. m.—Business meeting.

8:00 p. m.—W.M.S. meeting.

Sunday, Sept. 17:

9:30 a. m.-Danish service, Rev. Harald Ibsen.

11:00 a. m.-English service with Communion, Marius Krog and Enok Mortensen.

2:00 p. m.-Rev. Alfred Jensen.

3:30 p. m.-Rev. Eilert C. Nielsen.

### District IV Convention

District IV will meet for the annual convention at Ringsted, Iowa, during the week-end, Sept. 22-24.

Topics for discussion and other matters of business to be considered should be sent to the District president.

Program will be published in the next issue of Lutheran Tidings.

> Holger P. Jorgensen, District President.

St. John's Lutheran Church of Ringsted, Iowa, hereby extends invitation to pastors, delegates and other members of the District to meet in convention during the days of September 22, 23

Registrations should be sent one week in advance to L. A. Petersen, Ringsted, Iowa.

C. Bonnicksen, President.

#### District III Convention

September 29, 30, and October 1 Clinton, Iowa

St. Stephen's congregation, Clinton, Iowa, herewith extends a cordial invitation to all congregations in the district to meet in convention and to send delegates and visitors.

> Alfred E. Sorensen, District President. Soren Juul,

President of Congregation.

Matters of Business:

All motions or matters of business which should come before the convention should be sent to the office of the District president.

Alfred E. Sorensen, 8500 Maryland Ave., Chicago 19, Ill.

Registration of Delegates and Visitors: Please have all delegates and visitors registered by Sunday, Sept. 17, in order to facilitate hospitality.

Mail registrations to:

T. C. Marshall, 710-11th Ave., S., Clinton, Iowa.

Program

Friday, Sept. 29:

3:00 p. m.-Pastors' conference.

-Registration of delegates and guests.

8:00 p. m.-Opening service of worship. Speaker: Rev. Robert Schmidt, Bethany Congregation, Racine, Wis.

Saturday, Sept. 30:

9:15 a. m.—Devotion and Bible study: Rev. Marvin Nygaard, St. Peter's Congregation, Dwight, Ill.

10:00 a. m.-Business session.

12:15 p. m.-Lunch period.

2:00 p. m.—Business session continued.

4:00 p. m.—Synodical topics: Rev. Holger Nielsen, Synodical secretary, Cedar Falls, Ia.

6:00 p. m.—Supper.

7:00 p. m.-Women's Missionary meeting. Business session.

8:00 p. m.-Program by St. Stephen's choir. Address on Mission work, Miss Muriel Nielsen, recently commissioned to serve in the Santal Mission field, India.

Sunday, October 1:

9:30 a. m.—Sunday school.

10:30 a. m.—Worship in the church. Sermon: Rev. Ernest Nielen, Ph. D., Trinity congregation, Chicago, Ill.

-Communion address: Rev. Harold E. Olsen, Marinette. Wis.

12:30 p. m.—Dinner.

2:00 p. m.-Specal topic: Rev. Alfred E. Sorensen, St. Stephen's, Chicago.

5:30 p. m.—Supper.

7:30 p. m.—Evening session. Musical numbers. Sermon: Rev. Marvin Nygaard. Closing devotions: Rev. Harold Olsen.

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#### Proposals

The following questions have been submitted to the District III Convention for consideration at the convention in Clinton, Iowa:

#### Proposal No. I

That the district conventions shall preceed the National (Synodical) Convention. (This proposal was suggested last year).

#### Proposal No. II

That a new definition of "Contributing Member" be submitted to the National Convention. (Proposal submitted by Bethania Congregation, Racine).

## Proposal No. III

That a discussion of synodical dues be considered.

That contributing members shall contribute equally to the synodical budget.

Proposal No. IV

Be it resolved, that where a new church will begin work in the District, or a church should desire to change its name, that in no case shall a name be used of an already existing church belonging to the District.

Chris Korsgaard. Valdemar Dehn. Alfred E. Sorensen. District President.

## District IX Convention

The yearly convention of District IX will be held at Wilbur, Wash., September 15, 16 and 17. The congregations of the district are invited to send delegates to the convention. Each congregation may send one delegate for each 20 members and fraction thereof.

Sincerely.

C. S. Hasle, District President. Carl Hansen, President, Trinity Lutheran Church. H. M. Andersen, Pastor.

## Acknowledgment Of Receipts From The Synod Treasurer

#### For the Month of July, 1950

Toward the Budget:

Previously acknowledged\$	8,859.03
Congregations—	
Bronx, N. Y.	162.00
Solvang, Calif.	250.00
Juhl, Mich.	66.83
Minneapolis, Minn.	87.88
Perth Amboy, N. J.	200.00
Los Angeles, Calif.	200.00
Diamond Lake, Minn.	259.60
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Bridgeport, Conn. (for 1949)	25.00
Racine, Wis.	196.42
Waterloo, Iowa	200.00
Dwight, Ill	100.00
Grayling, Mich	100.00
Gayville, S. D	330.40
Cedar Falls, Iowa	400.00
Clinton, Iowa	50.00
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In memory of Lydia Meyer,
Mr. and Mrs. Hans Krog,
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pries
and Jan, Mr. and Mrs.
George Johansen, Lloyd and
Minnie Kretsinger

#### Annual Reports: Mrs. Axel C. Pedersen, Granly,

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# Pension Fund-Pastors' Dues: (January through July, 1950)

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A. E. Frost	44.00
Robert C. Schmidt	31.40
Clayton Nielsen	22.24
Ottar S. Jorgensen	46.08
A. C. Kildegaard, Jr.	32.68
Ernest D. Nielsen	50.26
James N. Lund	26.80
Enok Mortensen	51.66
Edwin E. Hansen	41.50
Alfred E. Sorensen	37.70
John Christensen	

Ronald Jespersen	26.54
Svend Kjaer	50.81
Holger P. Jorgensen	43.90
Niels Nielsen	16.40
Marvin E. Nygaard	48.00
M. Mikkelsen	24.00
Carl E. Rasmussen	2.60
Aage Moller	39.00
Kirkegaard Jensen	54.00

Thorvald Hansen	29.60
Marius Krog	30.40
Holger O. Nielsen	52.20
Halvdan V. Knudsen	47.90
Ove R. Nielsen	42.40
Jens C. Kjaer	50.00
F. O. Lund	20.00
Johannes Knudsen	54.00
Erik Bak	25.00

Harris Jespersen

L. C. Bundgaard

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Erik K. Moller	31.37
C. S. Hasle	27.00
A. Farstrup	40.80
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World Relief: Previously acknowledged \_\_\_\_\$ 6,261.82 In memory of Fred Jacobsen,

Lutheran Church, Tyler, Minn. -----4.00 Congregations— Byram, Conn. \_\_\_\_\_ 42.00 Minneapolis, Minn. \_\_\_\_\_ Bridgeport, Conn. \_\_\_\_ 13.00 100.00

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Total to date \_\_\_\_\_\$ 7,006.19 Acknowledged with thanks. Let us make 1950 better by doing more for our Church and synod.

The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Charles Lauritzen, Treas.

# Santal Mission

JULY, 1950 General Budget: Danish Lutheran Fellowship Group, Alden, Minn. \_\_\_\_\_\$

10.00 Luther Memorial Sunday School, Des Moines, Iowa --10.00 Danish Reading Service, Ringsted, Iowa -----4.00 Mission Boxes: Bethany Luth. Sunday School,

Ludington, Mich. In memory of Mrs. Oskar Petersen, Coulter, Iowa, by N. C. Rasmussens, Marius Hansen, Mrs. S. Bertelsen, Mrs. Andrew Jorgensen and Herluf Hansens \_\_\_\_\_ In memory of Mrs. Nels Nelsen,

Ringsted, by Ole Berklund, Martin Olsen, Arthur Hansen, the Flecklers, Martin Findalant, Bethania Ladies' Aid \_\_ In memory of Julia Christen-

sen, Ringsted, Bethania Ladies' Aid \_\_\_\_\_ In memory of Mrs. Hans Han-

sen, Santa Barbara, Calif., by Anker Halds In memory of Mrs. Hans Henningsen, Fredsville, Iowa, by Sigurd Støttrups, Harold

Støttrups, Helge Støttrups and Mrs. Mari Støttrup In memory of Mrs. P. C. Stockholm, Mrs. Hans Nissen, Mar-

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quette, Nebr. In memory of Lydia Meyer, Diamond Lake, by J. B. Jorgensens
In memory of infant son of

Merle Hansens, Friends ----

In memory of Chr. Ravn, Flax-

ton, N. D., by Folmer Ravns,

N. B.: Kindly have money orders made payable at Hampton, Iowa.

D. Miller.

# National Lutheran Council Bureau Of Service To Military Personnel

736 Jackson Place, N. W. Washington 6, D. C.

ENSIGNS CHAPLAIN CORPS, PRO-VISIONARY (ENSCHCP) RE-ESTAB-LISHED. Word has been received from the office of the Chief of Chaplains, Department of the Navy, that pursuant to NRMA Letter, dated 27 January 1948, any commissioned officer of the Line who is currently enrolled in a theological seminary may request transfer from his present status to that of Ensign, Chaplain Corps Pro-

The request for change of status should be made direct to the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington 25, D. C., and should be worded somewhat as follows:

1. It is requested that I be appointed Ensign, Chaplain Corps, Provisionary.

2. I hereby resign my commission as Line Officer to take effect on the day prior to the date when provisionary appointment is accepted.

Gynther Storaasli, Sec.

# NEWS BRIEFS \$.....

## Regional Institutes To Advance Leadership Education

A nationwide series of institutes and conferences on leadership education is scheduled for the fall and winter to launch a new kit of audio-visual materials and to strengthen the whole program for training church workers.

Sponsored by the International Council of Religious Education, the institute program will begin at the Seventh International Workshop in Audio-Visual Education at Green Lake, Wis., August 28-September 2.

There, selected persons will be instructed to lead eighteen two-day regional institutes throughout the country.

The institutes will be held in the following cities under sponsorship of state and local councils of churches and

cooperating denominations:
Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 17-18 (tentative); Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 19-20; Philadelphia, Oct. 24-25; Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 26-27; Lansing, Mich., Oct. 30-31; Albany, N. Y., Nov. 2; Boston, Nov. 3-4; Toronto, Canada, Seattle, Wash., and Chicago, Nov. 6-7; Portland, Ore., Nov. 8-9; Des Moines, Iowa and Dallas Texas (tentative), Nov. 9-10; Denver, Colo., Kansas City, Mo., and Sacramento.

## SYNOD OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Rev. Alfred Jensen, 1232 Pennsylvania Ave., Des Moines 16, Iowa.

SECRETARY: Rev. Holger O. Nielsen, 1410 Main St., Cedar Falls, Iowa.

TREASURER: Charles Lauritzen, 222 Pollard Ave., Dwight, Ill.

TRUSTEE: Olaf R. Juhl, 5557 Blaisdell Ave., Minneapolis 19, Minn.

TRUSTEE: Erling V. Jensen, 1901 Easton Blvd., Des Moines 16, Iowa.

TRUSTEE: August Sorensen, Ringsted, Iowa.

TRUSTEE: Viggo Nielsen, 190 Jewett Ave., Bridgeport 6, Conn.

Calif., Nov. 13-14; Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 15-16; and Fargo, N. D., Nov. 16-17. Six teams of national leaders trained at Green Lake, will lead these institu-

From November 1 through next March leaders trained in the regional meetings will hold denominational and interdenominational institutes in hundreds of communities.

The end goal is to accelerate the leadership education program on tens of thousands of local churches in United States and Canada.

The program is under the supervision of Rev. Lee J. Gable, I.C.R.E. director of leadership education; Miss Pearl Rosser, I.C.R.E. director of audio-visual and radio education; and Rev. Elmer Million, I.C.R.E. audio-visual field representative.

#### NEW LWFSR STAFF MEMBERS INCLUDE SON OF BISHOP

Frankfurt, Germany-(NLC)-Arne Fjellbu of Trondheim, Norway, arrived here early in July for an assignment with the summer interviewing staff of Lutheran World Federation Service to Refugees. Mr. Fjellbu graduated from the University of Oslo in 1949 in law, and has been working with a bank in Trondheim. His father is Bishop Arne Fjellbu of Trondheim, Norway.

Miss Clara M. Anderson has been assigned to the LWFSR Resettlement Staff for a one-year term. She arrived in Frankfurt July 11, and as soon as the attachment procedures are completed will proceed to Wentorf Resettlement Camp near Hamburg to begin her work in the LWFSR office there.

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Apply to:

H. C. JENSEN

Grand View College Des Moines, Iowa

Minneapolis, John Millers, Milltown, Herluf Poulsens and Wilmar Petersens, all of West Denmark, Wis. \_\_\_\_\_ 5.00 For the Film Fund: Danish Lutheran church, Gayville, S. D. \_\_\_\_\_ 20.68 For Hospital Fund: Our Savior's Church, Birthday Fund, Omaha \_\_\_\_\_ 14.00 Juhl-Germania Mission Society 50.00 Juhl Sunday School, Marlette, 10.03 Mich. \_\_\_\_\_ In memory of Pastor A. J. Tarpgaard, Bronx, Alice Jensen, Minneapolis 1.00 Paul Steenbergs, St. Paul, 100.00 Minn. In memory of Robert Johnsen, Withee, the Miolunds, Withee, 1.00 In memory of Mrs. Emelie Poulsen, West Denmark, by Anna Henriksen, Mrs. Erling Grumstrup and Mrs. Hermod 3.00 Strandskov -----For Leper Work: Mrs. Anna White, Ludington, 20.00 and Rev. John Christensen \_\_ In memory of Anders L. Feddersen, Racine, Wis., by Valborg, Agnes and Frida Engelbreth and Mrs. Walter Engel-4.00 breth Rodney Manus, Racine, Wis. 5.00 For the Ribers' Work: Laura Boose, Chicago -Total for July \_\_\_\_\_\$ 385.26 Total since Jan. 1 \_\_\_\_\_\$5,790.96 Acknowledged with thanks. Dagmar Miller. 1517 Guthrie Ave., Des Moines, Iowa. Name am the

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