

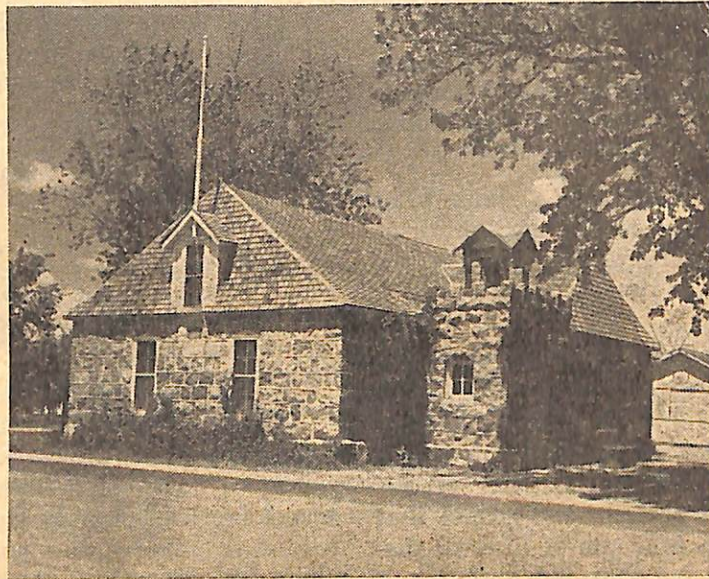
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The **STONE HOUSE**, Tyler, Minnesota
First church and meeting place of the Danebod
Lutheran Church, built 1889

Some History of The "Stone House" at Danebod Tyler, Minnesota

By Sigurd Pedersen

In 1942 I wrote "Memory's Pages" for Lutheran Tidings. As I started the series of articles I took for my keynote the following lines as I surrendered my thoughts to Memory.

I'll spend some quiet moments
And with days gone by I'll dwell;
While Memory sits beside me
And whispers what to tell.

Now I must repeat part of what was used then, for history is history and not imagination. The history then made cannot be repeated, but serves as a foundation for the following era and a good foundation counts in building history.

Danebod Folk School was completed late in 1888, and the first class for young men, I believe, was started on November 2, 1888. Until then the congregation made use of the Congregational Church in Tyler. When the Danebod Folk School was completed, church services were conducted in the lecture room, and later another room was added by making a large door between the two, and the overflow crowd was seated in the added room. This space was soon filled to capacity and more room was needed so in 1889 the stone house was built. It served as church and gym, though some of the people did not like to use

the church for gym. But father was considerate and said: "We are using the gym for church," which eased the conscience a little. Seats consisted of planks placed on tripod stools, so they could easily be moved out. There was, of course, no back rest. However, pioneers did not complain too much.

The rocks for the stone house were hauled in free by the farmers. I had many rides out for loads, and some of the farmers were kind enough to let me drive the horses, a real treat in those days. The pioneers were to give in addition to the labor also the sum of \$200 in cash. Kristian Klink, the head mason in Tyler, offered to donate his work, if he could be permitted to go out now and then for other paying jobs. And Nels Petersen also volunteered to do the same as Klink. (How different from labor unions nowadays.) Klink finished the building, although a sick man, and died shortly after completing the job. I will never forget the Sunday afternoon that he died. His room in the Folk School was immediately below the stairway leading up to the lecture room on second floor where the Sunday worship service was held. The doors were opened, so he could hear the sermon and hymns. As far as I know Nels Peter-

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The Gospel According To You

By Rev. L. C. Bundgaard
Bible Hour Message at Convention

Each one of our gospels is headed by the words: the gospel according to Matthew, the gospel according to Mark, the gospel according to Luke, the gospel according to John. And Paul the apostle in at least two different places speaks of "My gospel." This does not necessarily imply that each one of them writes a different gospel, but rather that each one writes in his own words and with his own peculiar characteristics.

If you and I were to write a gospel, I wonder what it would be? Would we begin at the beginning as Luke did, or speak about the parts of the gospel which pertains particularly to our own time, or perhaps leave out the parts we did not like?

We all like to major in minors. We have had some difficulty during all these centuries getting Jesus moved out of Palestine and into the contemporary scene of human life. Because of our limited conception of His humanity we have received so little of His divinity. We have taken the parts of the gospel that fitted into our limited human concepts of likes or dislikes, and we have failed to see that the gospel is a great chain of pearls which is broken in its color scheme of harmony by our partial understanding, and unwillingness to be taught. As the woman who wrote in our local newspaper: "Give me a preacher that stays out of politics and preaches Matt. 24." I would be the last one to approve of a preacher's dodging Matt. 24 but isn't a Christian's duty and privilege to use his influence in politics? While we should keep politics out of religion, religion in politics is a fine thing indeed.

But unfortunately, likes and dislikes have entered into the New Testament and each has written what he liked the best and was most inspired to write. Mark, for example, wrote to the Romans and since he knew that they did not like anything supernatural, he left out the birth of Christ, and if Mark's gospel had been the only one written, we would still be asking "who is Jesus Christ—how did He come into the world?" Matthew attempted to prove to the Jews, by his many quotations, that Jesus was the Messiah. John was so intensely impressed with a living Christ that we often do not know whether it is John or Christ speaking. Martin Luther has said that John 3:16 is the gospel within the gospels. The real contrast between Mark and Luke is that Mark's is the gospel to the Romans while Luke's is the gospel to the world.

Without Luke's gospel we should never have known the lovely story of the birth of Christ—and it is well to note that it is significant that Luke, a scientist, wrote this story—the songs of Mary, Zacharias, and Simeon, the stories of the Good Samaritan, Christ's visit in Bethany with Martha and Mary, how we got the Lord's prayer, the rich fool, the great banquet, the lost sheep, the lost coin, the prodigal son, the dishonest steward, the rich man and Lazarus, the ten

lepers, the pharisee and the publican, Zachreus in the tree, the talents, the walk to Emmaus, and the Ascension.

There is an ever-unfolding newness in the Christian gospel, and he who reads the written words often finds it to be the sword which cuts through our instinctive demands and gives the fire which will not let us stand in any place except in the one of great contrasts. But many people, in a world of disturbance, seek only for the part of the Christian gospel which will leave them undisturbed. Hence we have such terms as the center of the gospel, the little gospel, and the gospel according to you and me. But the center of the gospel is not in words but in the person Jesus Christ who is the embodiment of the past and the present.

And yet there is a gospel according to you and me. People may forget what we say, but not what we do. I have often failed because I did not act the gospel I preached. My gospel and yours will be read. All of us receive the gospel through someone else. Since the days of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John it keeps coming to us according to Stanley Jones, Skyds-gaard, Kagawa, etc.

Someone needs our gospel. God wanted a Martin Luther in Germany, a Wesley in England, a Schweitzer in Africa, a lonely man in China saying "Lord revive Thy world, beginning with me." And he wanted a Grundtvig in Denmark. The gospel according to Luke had to come—there were too many omissions by Matthew and Mark. God wanted the gospel according to Helweg and F. L. Grundtvig in our church in America. Where He wants His gospel He will send someone. The word "send" is used repeatedly in the New Testament as in this, the best quotation of all these, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

I fought against the idea of the ministry for twenty years before I came to know the Jutland giant, Peder Kjølhed. He came to me with a gospel and said: go on with it a little further!

So there is the gospel of limitation, but there is also the gospel of expansion. There is a door to open, but there is also a door to go through.

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In Memoriam

The committee on resolutions supports the statement of the synodical president in his report concerning the life and work of the late S. D. Rodholm. It also endorses the statement of appreciation by the board of directors of Grand View College and Grand View Seminary.

The committee finds it difficult to express the feeling of gratitude toward Pastor Rodholm—for his many outstanding and varied contributions to the enrichment of the life of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

For half a century Pastor Rodholm labored among us. His identification with the life of the people became to a great extent a personification of the way and spirit of our people.

We quote from the address by Pastor Alfred Jensen at the funeral of Pastor Rodholm.

"He was entrusted with the greatest of all the offices and responsibilities it had in its keeping. Pastor Rodholm responded by giving the best that God in His grace had given him. Pastor Rodholm's place in the hearts and minds of his many disciples in the ministry and lay people of the Church is one of honor and love, because he was willing to serve in whatever capacity or position of trust, for which he was chosen, with plain and unpretentious conduct and with habits always on the same level with the people he served. He approached his various duties in humility. No personal glory or riches counted. For these reasons he was trusted and loved by all the common people and by all those of us who are among the ordinary folks of our Church."

The late Mrs. Alfred Jensen, nee Milda Schmidt, was truly a child of the Danish Church from early childhood, through youth and unto her last day. Her life was an expression of the name which her parents gave her, Milda—mild and gentle. She was devoted to her family and was an unselfish helpmate to her husband as president of the synod. Her spirit of hospitality was unique to which those who were associated with her husband in his synodical duties can bear testimony.

The committee recommends that the poem, "The Word", Pastor Rodholm's adaptation of Grundtvig's poem by that name, be read at this time in tribute to the spirit and work of S. D. Rodholm and Mrs. Alfred Jensen.

(Standing in silence the convention paid its tribute to the memory of the late Rev. S. D. Rodholm and Mrs. Alfred Jensen, as Rev. O. S. Jorgensen read the following:)

THE WORD

"ORDET" By N. F. S. Grundtvig, Adaptation
by S. D. Rodholm.

With the Word all things began,
Life in ocean, life on land;
With the Word was man and woman
Raised from dust, created human,
Prince of earth and child of God.

When the soul of man was stirred
By a breath divine, the word
Was in heart of man created:
This on earth inaugurated
Human life and history.

Not the clever hand or brain
Can humanity explain.
For its secret is the spirit;
Only in the word we hear it,
Self-revealing, heaven-born.

Only in the word ascends
Man beyond the life that ends;
In the word he breaks his prisons,
Soars aloft to higher visions,
Comprehends eternity.

Freedom and Higher Education

Address Given at the Tyler Convention
By Dr. Johannes Knudsen, President of
Grand View College.

Speaking at the Folk School at Danebod for an educational evening, one is naturally reminded of the great work that was carried on here for so many years. So many of those who are now loyal to our church and active in its work were given a life-long inspiration at Danebod and the other Folk Schools. I am also, however, brought back to childhood memories of the argument about the difference between the pure Folk School and the academic Grand View. As I see it now, that argument followed Danish patterns and therefore inherited a Danish controversy. Grundtvig and the Folk School leaders of Denmark

condemned the University of Copenhagen. This university was of the continental or German type, and in proposing a school for the people Grundtvig was strongly influenced by the English college.

It is interesting now to go back and study the ideals of this English college. These are presented for us by Sir Walter Moberly in his recent book, "The Crisis in the University," through quotations from Arnold, Newman, and Whewell, and I shall repeat a few of the topic sentences: "... the chief duty of the university is to produce good citizens." "... neither training in the technique of particular callings ...

"nor the advancement of knowledge is its primary function." "The training it gives is an initiation of select young people into their cultural heritage." "It aims at mental development for its own sake." "This education is general as opposed to specialized." "There must be no stuffing with knowledge." It is "based on the fundamental principle that the university, as a community of teachers and learners, is to be regarded as a family." It extols "the influence of students on one another."

This is the college which Grundtvig used as the prototype for the Danish Folk School and it is also the background and tradition of the American college. Today Grand View College has moved into this tradition, and we thus have the double blessing of the Folk School heritage from this country and Denmark and of the Anglo-American college which influenced Grundtvig in building the Danish Folk School.

By moving into the tradition of the American college Grand View College has also, however, moved into the problems of the American college. These problems are many, but let me mention two: 1. The problem of maintaining the traditional Liberal Arts education (or its type of general education) with emphasis on inspiration, on history, and on culture as over against the technical and exclusively specialized training of large secular schools and the exclusively vocational training of so-called community colleges. 2. The problem of maintaining a unifying or guiding principle in an age of increasing emphasis on specialization.

It might be said that the first problem is one of comparison with other schools and that the second one is a problem of the internal character or integrity of a college. It is impossible in this connection to discuss them in detail, but I can discuss them in general by approaching them from the problem of freedom.

Academic freedom as a sacred right. Freedom of investigation and freedom of expression are basic, and their loss would indicate a crumbling of the pillars of democratic ways. But not all of the things we have gotten in the name of freedom are equally valuable. In education we got the elective system, the pick-and-choose system, with emphasis on the interest and desire of the individual. And we got the irreligious (neutral) or anti-religious teaching from faculties. (It is, of course apparent that I am not now speaking of Grand View College but of the common problem of American higher education).

As over against the "freedom" of an excessive elective system and of completely individualistic teaching, American higher education is now seeking a unifying principle. Robert Hutchins of Chicago University gave early and strong expression to this when he advocated philosophy or metaphysics as such a principle. This suggestion has now quite commonly been rejected, and it is becoming increasingly evident that no man-made solution is sufficient. It cannot be metaphysics, philosophy, morals, national interests, etc. It must be religious and for the Christian nothing less than God can give meaning purpose, and integration to life and therefore also to higher education. (See Van Dusen: "God in Education.") We must learn to realize and practice this, and God help us if we fail.

Having confessed this, we immediately run into the difficulty that God is interpreted in so many different ways and that these interpretations are sanctified and identified with revelation itself. That is the reason why free investigation soured on religion in the first place. These interpretations too often represent the incrustation and absolutization of the understandings of a particular period of history. On the other hand we cannot proclaim God without doing so in terms of the understandings which we have. We are thus in danger of imposing a lid on free thinking akin to the scholasticism of the Middle Ages when even the sun-centered system of explaining the universe was condemned as contrary to theology. Is theology to rule education? But how can we use faith in God as a unifying principle without theological interpretation?

This is our dilemma, and when we have a dilemma the thing to do is to take up our basic ideas for new consideration. The protest against having a Christian unifying principle comes in the name of freedom. Let us therefore take a look at the nature of freedom.

Most of us think of freedom in terms of our **rights**, that is, in terms of the ability and opportunity to do what we wish. This emphasis is sacred in our national history. The Declaration of Independence speaks of our unalienable rights, and the Bill of Rights, incorporated in our constitution through amendments, makes these rights expressed. We must maintain and safeguard them, and if we do not we will lose our birthright. But freedom has another emphasis which we are apt to forget. With rights go responsibilities. Responsibility means response to the granting of rights. In the Declaration of Independence, where we decry our rights, we state that we are **endowed by God** with our unalienable rights. The signers of the Declaration concluded it by pledging their **lives**, their **fortunes**, and their **sacred honor**. This is certainly response. And our whole citizenship under the constitution is one of response to government.

Freedom is not merely the satisfaction of desire or fulfillment of pleasure. A definition of freedom must include more. I like the definition which my father used to give in Danish ("Frihed er at ville og kunne hvad man skal"), and I would like to paraphrase it thus: **Freedom is voluntarily to do what one must**. We can say it in another way, if we maintain that freedom is service. This is backed up by the writers of the New Testament. "Live as free men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil; but live as servants of God." I Peter 2:16. "For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more." I Cor. 9:19. To do what one must means for the Christian to be a servant of God. If this is true in general, it is also true in education. We cannot exclude this area from the service of God. We cannot declare neutrality from God and we cannot tolerate anti-Christian teaching. Education is a response to God, and only when this is so is education free.

We are not out of our dilemma and we will never get out of it. We should not desire to be, for life itself is a dilemma. But we have gotten some basic understandings from freedom itself—that freedom which was used to combat the idea of faith in God as

a unifying principle in education. A word of caution, however. To maintain that religion has a dominant place in education does not mean that we must surrender to all sorts of conservative, orthodox, traditional, and Pietistic ideas. To the contrary! Service of God does not necessarily mean service of certain authorized interpretations of God. I believe that it means to have a spirit of inquiry and progress.

One who serves within the framework of a church with certain emphases must have a spirit of inquiry in regard to these emphases and a spirit of progress in applying them, but he must also have a spirit of loyalty to the interpretations which this body has made and the clarifications it has adopted. Freedom within service applies to all of us. To desire something else is to serve something else, and no one can serve two masters.

What guarantee do we then have that the spirit of a college is such as a church may want it. None, if we speak in terms of outer controls, but everything if we work in confidence. We do not want to avoid the tensions and dilemmas of the modern world. Only he who wants to experience them is alive. But we also want to live in loyalty and service, and above all in loyalty and service to God.

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AUGUST 14—19, 1951

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The opening service of the convention was reported in the last issue of L. T.—Wednesday morning Rev. L. C. Bundgaard, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Wash., was in charge of the Bible Hour and Devotion. We bring his message in this issue of L. T.

After organization of the convention was completed with roll-call of pastors and delegates (the votes of pastors and delegates on Saturday reached a total number of 253), the various reports to the convention were presented. These had all been printed and sent out to all congregations in advance.

These Reports were all placed in the hands of committees. Two of these committees had been appointed by the chair in advance of the convention and thus giving them the opportunity of being ready to present their findings on the first day of the convention.

GREETINGS TO THE CONVENTION

A number of greetings to the convention were read, amongst these were the following:

Nørregade 11 Copenhagen
August 11, 1951

We send out heartiest greetings to the Convention with the prayer that God's rich blessing will be with you these days, and that they may be fruitful and will be an inspiration in the work of the Church and its congregations.

With love together with you we remember Mrs. Alfred Jensen and Pastor Rodholm. Our association with them belongs to our richest memories.

The God of peace be with you all.

Affectionate Greetings,

C. and H. Fuglsang-Damgaard.

Himmerlandsvej 5, Copenhagen
August 10, 1951

To the Convention of the Danish Church:

We of the Committee on Danish American Missions send a hearty greeting to you all at the 74th Convention of the synod.

We wish you a good and profitable Convention, and that God through His Spirit may give you the grace to come to the right decisions in the things which come before you. The field is great in so far as it is only a small part of the Danish people in the U. S. A., who feel themselves at home in the Danish Church. May you ever reach out to more and more.

If decisions have to be made which are of importance for the future, we can only wish for you that it may continue to be possible for you to maintain the heart of that spiritual life which through generations now has been the heritage of the Danish Church; even though the language must chiefly be English.

If it becomes a question of union with an English Lutheran church body, we sincerely hope that nevertheless you will not lose your independence completely nor sacrifice your spiritual character.

In this country we have tried this summer to gather visiting Danes from the U. S. A. at summer meetings with religious and national programs. If the attendance warrants it, we shall gladly repeat this in the future. The second of the two meetings is being held at Rønshoved Højskole at Flensborg Fjord, August 16-19; that is at the same time as your Convention. Let us think of each other as co-workers in the same cause.

And if a church tour to Denmark is to be considered again, we of the Committee will receive you with great joy and attempt to assist all participants in receiving the greatest possible benefit from their stay in this country.

We send you all our hearty greetings wishing that the blessing of God may rest upon the Danish Church, all its homes and congregations, and all its activities.

On behalf of the Committee,

Yours cordially,

M. F. Blichfeld.

August 10, 1951
Helligaandshuset
Valkendorfsgrade
Copenhagen

To the President of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America:

Dear Rev. Alfred Jensen:

I hereby would ask you to receive my greetings and best wishes for the church convention at Tyler these days, and I also would beg you to extend my greetings and wishes to all the members of the convention.

I know that you have great and difficult problems to work with, but as I always have loved your church—the church that I still feel as my own—I can't doubt but that God will hear the

prayers and see the seriousness of your work—so that he will let His Holy Spirit show you the ways and means now and in the future.

As the convention is held at Tyler, I can't but feel that I am present and can follow you in your daily program. At the same time, I beg you all to receive my thanks for all your friendliness towards me during my last visit.

With my heartiest thoughts, your

H. Helweg.

A number of other greetings were given. Rev. Eilert C. Nielsen brought a greeting from his daughter, Miss Muriel Nielsen, one of our missionaries in the Santal Mission field in India. He told us that Muriel had been seriously ill, but fortunately her family did not know this until she was well on the way to recovery. She is now on vacation and is recovering slowly. Rev. Nielsen thanked all the friends who had remembered Muriel during her illness and said that she would like to answer all her mail but due to her illness she was not able to do so. Rev. Nielsen was asked to send Muriel a greeting from the convention.

The Committee for **Changing Name of the Synod** reported: The following names had been submitted to the committee during the year: 1) National Evangelical Lutheran Church of America; 2) First Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (Danish Origin); 3) The Lutheran Evangelical Communion; 4) The Lutheran People's Church. However, the committee did not find any of these suggestions worthy of committee support. One comment from the convention floor stated that one reason for the lack of interest in a possible change was the pending question of a possible affiliation with the U. L. C. A.—If such an affiliation should take place in a not too distant future, many felt that we then should retain the name we have in order to identify ourselves with our background. However, if we were to continue as an independent synod, many would favor a change of name. After some discussion, the convention voted to dismiss the committee at the close of this convention. This does not mean that the consideration of finding another name for the synod has been abandoned. Any such suggestion may be made through the proper channel as a Resolution to any annual convention of the synod.

The Committee on **Pastor's Compensation and Social Security** reported. The suggestion for a possible Pastor's Travel Pool which had been made at last year's convention had been studied. The committee had come to the conclusion, that no satisfactory plan had yet been developed in any other church group—at least as far as the committee had been able to find.

Some discussion was given to the question of the right of pastor's right to government social security when being employed in an institution, college, etc. It was pointed out that the new Social Security plan as of January 1st, 1951 may include such workers. The present committee was accepted and the committee was dismissed. The convention voted to have a committee appointed which was to make a further study of this matter and report to next year's convention.

The Rev. Fredrik A. Schiotz D. D. Addresses Convention

Immediately after the noon recess on Wednesday, the Rev. Fredrik A. Schiotz, executive secretary of the Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions of the National Lutheran Council, addressed the convention. Dr. Schiotz is also secretary of the Department on World Missions of the Lutheran World Federation, a post which he fills on part-time basis. He has traveled extensively during 1950-51, and was able to bring an up-to-date report on his work.

Dr. Schiotz spoke to the convention on the theme: "Oil For The Lamps of God." In bringing a personal greeting from Dr. Paul C. Empie, Director of National Lutheran Council and Lutheran World Action, he expressed regret that Dr. Empie could not be present to give his report.

In a most challenging presentation Dr. Schiotz gave his audience a brief glance at the large field in various parts of the world where Lutheran World Action has reached out to supply "Oil for the Lamps of God." Early this spring he had visited Germany, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland, and had attended the third annual meeting of the Commission on World Missions held in Breklum, Germany, June 7-10. During 1950 he was on a four-month flight around the world and visited the orphaned missions in Palestine, India, New Guinea, Australia, China, and the Philippines.

Dr. Schiotz told of various instances and conditions in war-torn countries; of privation and fear; the struggle in the lives of individuals and whole peoples . . . not only for the survival of the body but of the spirit. This struggle and fear can't but put its mark on the people.

When a country is at war, he said, it is most difficult for missionaries from other countries to operate . . . sometimes at the risk of their lives. There was one case of dire need, where help was desperately needed, and one representative was contacted, and then another, and another; all were ready to help but the door was closed due to war between those countries. Finally, several more contacts were made and a courier was sent to Washington, and the wheels were at last put in motion, and the needed assistance secured. The reply: "Tell your Church in America how grateful we are, that in our hour of great need they came to our rescue." Thus, with untiring patience, perseverance, love of God and fellow-man, working in, through and around never-ending diplomatic and political channels, the missionary often works seeming miracles in and for the people he serves.

Dr. Schiotz pointed out that due to existing conditions in some parts of the globe, a great darkness has descended . . . which at times seems too dense to permeate. It cannot be dispelled by a change of party at the next election of this or that government. But if we will let the Light of Christendom, the faith which burns in the hearts of each of us, the love of God working in and through us, and the hope that lies in the hearts of each of us shine forth . . . with such a light we shall push back the darkness of the world. It takes courage and faith . . . on the part of the doer and the receiver. These many gifts of love, both material and spiritual, and from as many

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Our Women's Work

Mrs. Johanne Lillehøj, Kimballton, Iowa
Editor

Women's Mission Society Meeting

Tyler, Minnesota

The annual meeting of the Women's Mission Society was held Friday evening, August 17, 1951 in Danebod church at 6:30 P. M. The hymn, "God's Word is Our Great Heritage" was sung. Our President, Mrs. Ida Egede welcomed all the women present and thanked them for the support and cooperation in the work done this past year. Mrs. Thomas Knudstrup was welcomed and she spoke briefly on Grace Noll Crowell's article, "She Had Done What She Could."

Dr. Johannes Knudsen was present and thanked the group for the generous gifts they had given to Grand View College and the Seminary. He also emphasized the loyal support and backing from W.M.S. which meant a great deal to them at the college.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted; this showed a total of \$2295.14 received from the districts in the past year and a cash on hand of \$869.99.

It was moved, supported and carried that our fiscal year be changed to run from July to July instead of May to May.

Mrs. Arild Olsen was present and spoke briefly on the rest home in Bavaria, and was very happy to recommend it.

As we had been asked to raise \$250.00 for the Mother's Rest Home in Bavaria and were lacking \$41.00, it was moved, supported and carried to contribute this amount from the treasury.

We were urged to continue the sending of used clothing to South Slesvig; Mrs. Elsie Stub to take care of same.

The need for funds to carry on the Home Mission Work was greatly stressed. It was decided that we stress this wholeheartedly as a project. It was suggested that each group donate toward Home Mission work in addition to a donation to our General Fund; all checks made payable to Women's Mission Society.

It was moved, supported and carried that the collection received to be given to the fund to be used for the anthology of the late S. D. Rodholm's translations.

Greetings were sent to Mrs. C. B. Jensen and to her mother, Mrs. Madsen, Cedar Falls, who is ill, and to Mrs. Utoft and Mrs. Kaltofte from Kimballton, who were in the hospital in Tyler. Mrs. Holger Strandskov was asked to bring a greeting to her mother, Mrs. Hostrup, whom she planned to visit. A greeting was also sent to Mrs. N. P. Hald.

Election of officers—a unanimous ballot was cast for Mrs. Ida Egede for president and Mrs. Emil Hansen, assistant secretary.

A short report was given from each district, the following responded from their district:

District 1—Mrs. Viggo Hansen.

District 2—Mrs. Edwin Hansen.

District 3—Mrs. Aage Engelbreth. She thanked for the \$100.00 received for their new church in Racine.

District 4—Mrs. W. Jacobsen.

District 5—Mrs. Ottar Jorgensen.

District 6—Mrs. Harold Ibsen.

District 7—Mrs. Agnes Nielsen.

District 8—Mrs. Thyra Larsen.

District 9—Mrs. L. C. Bundgaard.

These reports were very interesting; all groups expressed their desire for closer fellowship. It was suggested that a note accompany the remittances to the treasurer or to the representative.

This concluded the business meeting. Hymn, "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling" was sung.

Ingeborg Ness,

Acting Secretary.

A Greeting From Manistee, Michigan

Although I attended the convention, but not being a delegate, I did not voice my opinion during the discussion on Home Mission. But as our congregation is one of those that has asked for some help from the Home Mission budget, I would like to express my opinion in regard to our local situation.

This is the first time in the 83 years in which our church has existed that we have had to ask for assistance from our synod. During all the years we have belonged to the synod we have paid our share to the synodical work, and I believe have done our share of the work. We are a proud group, and it was after a good deal of debate and thought that we agreed to apply for help, so that we again could call a pastor. We hope that we will not need the assistance very long.

We are not a large group, but we have always been a working group. I do not know by what means the synod measures growth, but I do not believe the size of the congregation is any indication as to whether a congregation is alive or dying.

To me spiritual growth is most important. And I believe I can honestly say that there is spiritual growth in our congregation. In this year's synodical report the number of communicants in our church was in an upper bracket when considering the size of our congregation.

Many ministers have come and gone during these many years. Most of them were young and inexperienced. Rev. Peder Kjolhede once said that our church was a splendid training school for the novice pastor, and he was eager that they come to us for this training.

I believe I can also say that our members have always been most helpful and kind to these young pastors.

Last year we were asked to join two other Lu-

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Paging Youth

ESPECIALLY OF OUR D. A. Y. P. L.

Editor: Ronald Jespersen, Newell, Iowa

Iowa District Y. P. Convention and Camp

"On your marks-get set" was the advice given us on our invitations to the Iowa District convention and camp at Fredsville. After spending a week of interesting discussions, fun and fellowship we soon understood the meaning of it.

The convention was opened Saturday afternoon at 1:30 with a devotion period given by our host pastor, Rev. C. A. Stub. The business meeting followed with Carlo Petersen of Des Moines, elected as convention president and Vera Laursen of Oakhill, convention secretary. Workshops, camps and conventions, the Iowa district constitution, program materials and "Paging Youth" were some of the issues from the National and District President's reports which were discussed by the group. Detailed convention minutes will appear in a later issue of "Lutheran Tidings." The individual reports from each society gave us new ideas and suggestions for activities in our home societies.

The new officers elected for the coming year were as follows: president, Don Clausen of Oakhill; vice president, Ruth Sorensen of Ringsted; secretary, Vera Laursen of Oakhill; treasurer, Dennis Andersen of Fredsville.

After supper we met in the parish hall for the evening program. Everyone enjoyed the play, called, "We Put on a Play," and several accordion numbers presented by the Fredsville Young People's Society. The remainder of the evening was spent folk dancing and square dancing led by Rev. Ronald Jespersen.

Sunday morning church services were held at both Fredsville and Cedar Falls. Rev. Ronald Jespersen conducted services in Cedar Falls and Rev. Gudmund Petersen was in charge at Fredsville. The offerings from these services were given to Operation India. During the afternoon program we enjoyed listening to the all convention choir which sang three numbers under the direction of Mrs. Esbeck of Kimballton. Alma Grumstrup, who has been soloist in the Grand View choir the past two years, also favored us with several selections. The speaker for the afternoon was Dr. Howard of the history department at Iowa State Teachers College. Using as his topic "Understanding," he emphasized these three main points: we have to understand others, we must help others understand us, and we must have an optimistic but realistic view of the future.

Several short talks at the closing meeting expressed our thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Stub and the Fredsville congregation for all they had done to make it a good convention. The Convention then closed Sunday evening with a devotion period and refreshments.

Many had to return home to jobs after convention leaving twenty young people present for the remaining five days of camp. During the convention we stayed in the homes of the Fredsville congregation but Monday morning found us moving to the parish hall where the boys bunked in the balcony while the girls suffered the consequences by sleeping in a room directly below.

Rev. Ronald Jespersen was the camp director, while Rev. C. A. Stub, Rev. Gudmund Petersen, and Rev. Clayton Nielsen were the assistant camp leaders. They kept us busy and happy with the following schedule: Each morning found us awakening at 7:15 by the sound of a bell rung by the cooks who had the coffee pot on and were anxious to feed us. By 7:45 we were at the breakfast table where we found delicious food awaiting us, as we did at every meal time. The two ladies who were our cooks certainly did their share in keeping the campers happy and supplied with enough energy to carry out the day's activities.

After dishes had been washed, beds made, etc., we met in the church at 9:00 o'clock for our devotion hour. Rev. Clayton Nielsen, Rev. Stub, Rev. Arthur Frost, Rev. Gudmund Petersen and Rev. Holger Nielsen each took their turn conducting these devotions. I'm sure all campers enjoyed this period when we quietly gathered each morning for this hour, heard of God's word and felt His guidance.

Ten o'clock found us working busily at our different crafts. Rev. Jespersen taught us how to make silver bracelets; Rev. Petersen helped us with wood carving; and Rev. C. Nielsen worked with leather craft. We saw many fine finished products of all three crafts at the end of the week.

Our craft work followed us out doors where we worked at it as we listened and participated in the discussion periods from eleven o'clock until noon. The topics and leaders of these periods were: Camp Activities—Rev. Ronald Jespersen; Mixed Marriages—Rev. C. A. Stub; Discipline—Rev. Holger Nielsen; Juvenile Delinquency—Rev. Gudmund Petersen; and An Ideal Y. P. S. Meeting—Rev. Clayton Nielsen. These topics gave us much food for thought and brought forth interesting opinions and questions from the group.

After a good dinner, K.P. duties, and a rest period, we spent the afternoon swimming, playing volley ball and softball. We were fortunate in being able to have a good softball diamond and swimming pool at neighboring towns which we could use.

The Fredsville and Cedar Falls young people who were unable to be with us during the day joined us in the evening for the evening program. We learned new songs and sang old favorites as we met in the hall at 7:15. Rev. Clayton Nielsen led us every evening but one, when the counselor at the Lutheran Student House at Iowa State Teachers College came to teach us several new songs. Following the singing we made room for folk dancing and square dancing which lasted over an hour. By then we were quite ready for the refreshments Mrs. Stub and several of the Fredsville ladies prepared for us.

Campfire followed with singing, skits, a film and stories. A program was planned each day and presented at campfire by committees made up of campers. Evening devotions led by one of the ministers closed the campfire and the day. We were then ready for a good night's rest.

Although we were few at the camp we enjoyed ourselves and felt it was very much of a success. There wasn't a doubt in our minds but what we should make a point of seeing the friends we had made—if not before, then at the Y. P. camp and convention next year.

Again, thanks to the leaders, the past board and the Fredsville congregation for planning and carrying out all details so well that we could once again meet and enjoy a Christ-centered fellowship.

Ruth Sorensen
Ringsted, Iowa.

Youth Evening at Tyler for Elders

At the National Church Convention in Tyler the DAYPL was given an evening to present a program of its own. We were fortunate to secure Dr. C. A. Olsen as our feature speaker. He asked the question, "Have we let youth down," and then proceeded to give a well documented answer. On the basis of the surveys that he shared with us it would appear that youth does not have private devotions or read his Bible as much as we would hope. Youth's enthusiasm for the organized church also seemed a bit slow on the basis of some of the studies. It was not said that youth was lost, hopelessly or otherwise, but it was inferred that we may have been letting youth down without always being aware of it.

It was interesting to note that about ninety percent of the listeners were not of youth age. For that matter ninety percent of the convention is not what one would consider youth directed. On the other hand, it was also interesting to note that about fifty percent of the youth who were at the convention that evening did not seem to be concerned whether or not they were let down, at least such could be the conclusion after noticing their interest in staying to hear about themselves.—Which is just another way of saying that

this matter of youth being let down is a two edged sword; it cuts two ways.

There were a large number of the Grand View Choir of last year present at Tyler on Saturday evening. They opened the evening program by singing three selections for us. Considering the long time that they had not sung together and the limited practice they had just previous to singing, it must be said that they did exceedingly well. Our national DAYPL president, Rev. W. C. Nielsen, closed the program with a devotion. After refreshments, Viggo Nielsen called a few folk and square dances.

Start planning for the National DAYPL Convention and Workshop in Chicago, November 9—11!

Sidelights From Tyler Convention

Highlights of the week: Almost perfect weather. Beautiful flower decorations in all the Convention buildings. Heaping platters of golden brown fried chicken. Spotless grounds that had surely been manicured and were surely vacuumed every night while conventioners slept.

The best story of the week was told by C. Arild Olsen in one of his lectures. A psychiatrist, after examining a man who had come to him because he was suffering from a strong inferiority complex, told the patient: "I have good news for you . . . You don't have an inferiority complex. You're really inferior!"

The mystery of the week: What was the noise that made Hitchcock fall down in front of the Chinese mayor?

The confession of the week was made by Rev. Arthur Frost in his lecture. It seems that 30 years ago at a Convention in this same Tyler church, he and Holger Strandkov, Ottar Jorgensen and Alfred Jensen had taken their wives-to-be out riding in a father-in-law's car rather than staying at the meeting to take collection for the Women's Mission Society as they were expected to do. Rev. Frost's excellent lecture at this year's WMS meeting more than made up for his ancient transgression!

Three pastors, Rev. Ronald Jespersen, Rev. Charles Terrell, and Rev. Richard Sorensen, plus the Superintendent of the Valborgsminde Old People's Home in Des Moines, Theodore Ellgaard, were housed with the local Catholic priest. There was a running debate going all week as to whether or not these men were considered the strongest in faith, and therefore least to be endangered by such an exposure, or were considered to be those men whom we could most easily spare if they were to set their eyes towards Rome! . . .

Rev. L. C. Bundgaard got Leslie Weatherhead turned into Wesley Leatherhead when he quoted him in his talk; prompting Dr. Johs. Knudsen to tell another spoonerism of the man who preached about the Shoving Leopard! . . . Mr. and Mrs. Viggo Nielsen from Bridgeport, Conn., were present for their 11th consecutive Convention. Mr. Nielsen is also the Grand View representative in his community, and is very proud of the fact that four students are enrolled for this fall. If all 78 of our congregations would do only half that well there would be no enrollment problem at our college. Bridgeport is about 1500 miles from Des Moines. . . . By-word of the Convention seemed to be "Let's get back to the grass roots!" No one seemed to know just what we should do when we got back there, though. . . . Rev. and Mrs. Holger Andersen came all the way from Wilbur, Wash., with their three children (ages 1, 3, and 5). On the way the three children slept in the back of the car where the rear cushion had been removed. Rev. and Mrs. Andersen slept in sleeping bags beside the car on clear nights, under the car when it rained! . . .

Rev. John Pedersen and family made the long trek from Danevang, Texas. Their 8th-grader, red-headed Gordon, had big plans for raising hamsters when he got home again. . . .

The nursery program was one of the outstanding features of the Tyler Convention. Each day was planned from 9 to 4 for the youngsters from 6 weeks to 14 years. Rev. Charles Terrell, Rev. Ronald Jespersen, Mr. Chris Nielsen, Rev. Ejnar Farstrup, Rev. Ove Nielsen, Mrs. Sylvia Esbeck and others helped with morning devotions and story hours. The complete program was in charge of Mrs. Marie Nielsen, editor of CHILD'S FRIEND, and we cannot congratulate her too much on the fine piece of work that was done. The young girls in Tyler also gave an unusually fine demonstration of hospitality by doing endless hours of baby-sitting while parents attended meetings and social gatherings. No charge was made for this extra-special service . . . The 650 badges which had a good picture of the Convention area were printed in his basement photo shop by Mr. Harald A. Petersen, superintendent of the Tyler schools. Mr. and Mrs. Petersen were also in charge of housing the over 600 guests, and did some very expert juggling through the week so that all could be placed.

On Saturday during the afternoon coffee period, a very beautiful trophy was presented to our Convention Chairman, Dr. Erling Jensen, in honor of his winning the doubles in the Tennis Open at Des Moines this summer. Engineered by Folkvar Knudsen of Chicago, elaborately welded by many hands, carried in glory to the speakers stand on a canvas camp cot by the strong arms of many men plus the unsuspecting Rev. Markmann of Pasadena, heralded by loud clattering on a dishpan manned by Rev. Ronald Jespersen, the trophy was proudly presented to Dr. Jensen by Dr. Johs. Knudsen in a touching speech that punned on Dane's great love for serving even though it didn't net him much. Dr. Jensen clutched to his bosom, the motley assortment of tin cans and coat hangers which was called a trophy, and swore he would never part with it.

The mimeographing department worked as smoothly as it has ever done! Some 40,000 sheets of paper were printed by Robert Fallgatter, one of our seminary students, and his wife, Ermelin. Great assistance was also given by Helen Stub, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Stub. Working from morning till anywhere between 2 and 4 a. m., this crew gave accurate and rapid service from their headquarters in the parsonage basement!

Mr. Carl G. Christiansen, president of the Tyler congregation, and chairman of all convention committees could be found here and there and everywhere all hours (day and night) cheering and guiding his many active committees. They all did a swell job not least the parking committee who had a hard time convincing certain pastors that they had no more right than other visitors to park "inside the gate." "For workers only" said the stern "policeman."—"Well, said the parson, "don't tell me, I am not working!" (He remembered something about a long night session on committee meeting, etc.)

Many of the pastors eyed with a slight feeling of envy the magnificent "Buick" found parked daily at the parsonage, which friends and members of the Tyler congregation had recently given to Rev. and Mrs. Enok Mortensen. In a quiet corner of their thinking they hoped that some of their people from home would also see it—and some day "go and do likewise!"

So another Convention is over—filled with those many good hours which strengthen us so much, and make us eagerly look forward to the next Convention in Omaha. Thank you to Tyler for its warm reception!

The Roving Reporter.

A Greeting From Manistee, Michigan

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theran churches of our city in a planned merger; but we did not feel that we were ready to do this yet, nor did we wish to break the ties with our synod, as it still means so much to us.

Most of the pioneers of our church have passed away, but they laid a foundation which is our inheritance and which we are not willing to give up. I, and many more members like me, love our church, and it is home to us.

We now have a pastor, Rev. James Lund, who is and will be a decided asset and aid to our church. Through his leadership, I am sure, there will be continued spiritual growth. And I am sure we shall have many years of Christian fellowship together in our congregation.

Sincerely,

Thora E. Hansen
Manistee, Mich.

The Ecumenical Movement

Marie M. Hald

Just what is this movement and how will it eventually affect us?

A few of its most pronounced characteristics will be presented here. It is a young movement. It is an effort toward Christian unity. It is the Holy Spirit trying to say something new to all the churches, including our little Lutheran Church.

The movement has no stereotyped form or organization; it is to be hoped that it never will have. Salvation of souls does not result from organization, union of churches, nor change of language.

Regarding the Ecumenical Movement, one must be humble, trusting, teachable. We must try to learn from one another and, first of all, from God. True that we must maintain our convictions, such as beliefs, creeds, and rituals; but we must also respect the other person's convictions. This is to me, a Lutheran, the "stumbling block" in my religion. Luther's terse, "Here I stand," has been deeply stamped upon my own conscience.

The Ecumenical Movement is only a means to an end. Through it we may carry Christ's gospel of Love, Forgiveness of sins, Life Everlasting to the farthest corners of the earth—or to the nearest where often it is needed just as urgently.

This Movement spreads through many media, namely: personal friendships, literature, foreign and home missions, and through prayer. It begins with the individual or the small group. "Where two or three are gathered in my name."

The Movement must be kept ecumenical, that is, all-inclusive, regardless of race, color, creed or sex.

"Go out to all nations"—

A man or a woman is suddenly awakened by the Holy Spirit, and radiant and alive, attracts others. The face of Stephen blistered the very soul of Saul as much as did the light on the Damascus road. The simple little words of Christ: "Come, follow me," penetrated the calloused, worldly Levi as much as does the gospel of Matthew today.

Through the Ecumenical Movement, I, a Lutheran

must learn to sing, "Faith of our Fathers," together with the Methodist, the Congregationalist, or the Episcopalian, and together with them I must learn to pray "Forgive us our trespasses."

An Appeal From The South Slesvig Aid Association In The United States

Dear Friends of Husum Danish School in South Slesvig,

Once again the appeal comes to you for aid and contributions towards the building of a large school and gymnasium and also a parsonage on the same grounds.

So far the appeal has not met with success, mostly because people have feared that the school would not be built, but now it is actually under construction, having reached the two stories. The Danish government has given a temporary loan for the building of this school and it is hoped that the Danish Americans who have promised to come to their aid financially, will not disappoint them as the payments on this loan greatly depends upon us.

This new school in Husum will be one of the most important links in the network of Danish schools in South Slesvig. Many hundreds of teachers have given up their good positions with pensions in Denmark in order to take part in this cultural defense action on the border. They answered the call of the people of South Slesvig who wanted their children to benefit by frequenting Danish schools.

In Husum today the children (over 300) are being taught in an old barracks in five class rooms with eleven grades at this time. Can we, as Danish Americans, under such conditions, ask the faithful teachers who have left their own positions and also live under strange surroundings, to teach Danish language and culture to those who crave and seek it?

The Bible, the hymn book, and all the other good books; they want them all—let us not disappoint a single one who wishes to give as well as to receive.

This appeal has the sanction of many people with authority. The former prime minister of Denmark, Hans Hedtoft, says, "—to this valuable contribution to the Danish cultural work among Danish-minded people in South Slesvig I can give this appeal of the Association my very warmest recommendation." (Signed) **Hans Hedtoft.**

Dr. H. Fuglsang-Damgaard writes:

Support Husum School

It is with much pleasure I sign this request to the Danish Americans to help us build a school and gymnasium in Husum. You can not render a greater service to Denmark. (Signed) Dr. Bishop H. Fuglsang-Damgaard.

Let us in all earnestness and in consideration for the Husum School stress our aid to them. Send your contributions; whatever it may be, it will be very sincerely appreciated, to:

Mrs. Elsie Stub, Vice President and Secretary,
Osborn and Sterling Road,
Harrison, New York.

Jacob Enemark, Treasurer,
248, Mill Road, New Drop
Staten Island, New York.

Program For The Midwest Religious Education Conference at Grand View College

OCTOBER 16-19, 1951

Tuesday, October 16th

8:00 p. m.—Opening meeting. "The Church School Teacher In Today's World." A. E. Farstrup, Chairman Council of Religious Education.

Wednesday, October 17th

9:00 a. m.—Devotions and Bible Study. Rev. Alfred Jensen, Pres. Danish Lutheran Church.
9:45 a. m.—"The Bible In The Classroom." A. E. Farstrup.
10:45 a. m.—"Teaching The Lesson." Mrs. Lillian Darnell, Head of Education Dept. G.V.C.

12:00—Dinner.

2:00 p. m.—"Christian Fundamentals and The Church School Teacher." A. C. Kildegaard, Professor in Grand View Seminary.

3:00 p. m.—"Utilizing The History Of The Church In Our Teaching." Johs. V. Knudsen, Pres. of Grand View College.

4:15 p. m.—Group Sessions—Exchange of ideas.

6:00 p. m.—Supper.

7:00 p. m.—"Young People In The Church School." Herbert Hurley, Prof. of Mathematics at Grand View College, Supt. of S. S. at First Baptist Church, Des Moines.

8:00 p. m.—"Audio-Visual Aids in The Church School." Rev. C. O. Strohl, Exec. Secretary of Rel. Educ. for The Iowa area—Methodist Church.

Thursday, October 18th

9:00 a. m.—Devotions and Bible Study, Rev. V. S. Jensen, Ordainer for The Dan. Luth. Church.

9:45 a. m.—"The Bible In The Classroom," II, A. E. Farstrup.

10:45 a. m.—"Teaching The Lesson," II, Mrs. Lillian Darnell.

12:00—Dinner.

2:00 p. m.—"Christian Fundamentals And The Church School Teacher," II, A. C. Kildegaard.

3:00 p. m.—"Utilizing The History Of The Church," II, Johs. V. Knudsen.

4:15 p. m.—Group Sessions. Exchange Of Ideas.

6:00 p. m.—Supper.

7:00 p. m.—"Young People In The Church School." Herbert Hurley.

8:00 p. m.—"Listening To History." A. C. Nielsen, Dean of Grand View College.

Friday, October 19th

9:00 a. m.—Devotions and Bible Study. Rev. Holger Jorgensen, Pastor Luther Memorial Church.

9:45 a. m.—"The Bible In The Classroom," III, A. E. Farstrup.

10:45 a. m.—"Effective Use Of The Story In Religious Education." Mrs. Frank Noyes, Prof. Of Speech, G.V.C.

12:00—Dinner.

1:30 p. m.—Communion Service—Luther Memorial Church.

COST OF MEETING. \$6.00 plus \$1.00 registration fee will cover all expenses for the entire meeting. You will be housed in the College dormitories so bring along your own sheet, pillow case, blanket and towel. **PLEASE SEND IN YOUR ENROLLMENT EARLY.** October 12th is the deadline.

We invite all Sunday School workers in our Synod to come and participate in this program for the improvement of our Religious Education program. Pastors also are welcome but the classes will be geared to the interests and needs of the Church School teacher. There will be ample opportunity for exchange of opinions and experiences by which we should all profit. It will also be a worthwhile experience to become acquainted with the students and faculty of your College. We welcome you and hope you will fill the place during the mentioned days. While the title of the meeting might indicate that the meeting is designed for teachers from the midwest only we assure you that such is not the case. We hope to see you!

A. E. Farstrup, Chairman,
Council Of Religious Education.

Annual Convention

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sources . . . these are oil for the lamps of God, lighting up different parts of the world where this help has gone.

Orphaned Missions is maintained by Lutheran World Action gifts; and its workers make many varied trips in the field for the purpose of assisting in the distribution of help where it is most sorely needed. In some instances countries having received help during the war have expressed desire to return or repay it. They in turn help to further the Mission's work.

Our missionaries, the speaker said, often go into the dark continent . . . bringing the Word of God as a lamp of Light and Truth. They meet, and have to overcome, countless obstacles . . . and there are, of course, bright spots along with the dark ones. In one of Dr. Schiotz' experiences, he catechized a large assembly instead of giving a sermon. He asked the question "What is Holy Baptism?" The answer came . . . "That is when God takes a rope and ties around you; He ties the knot, and holds the rope." It was perhaps not as we would have expressed it . . . but it was real, and the basic understanding was there.

Often the natives are paralyzed with fear . . . of evil spirits seeking to get the best of them . . . afraid of the jungle and its vast darkness, and of what lies behind that darkness. It is to help them conquer this fear . . . through understanding in its broadest sense, and through patient teaching of God's love and truths . . . that the missionary takes up his great task. Since the word of God came to them, these people learn to know that Jesus not only takes away their sins, but also their fears. Ten thousand Christians have been added to the Church in the area of New Guinea where the missionaries furnish the oil to keep the lamps of God burning.

Yea, it is the duty and privilege of not only the missionaries, but of each one of us, wherever we may be to furnish Oil for the Lamps of God.

Committees

The following committees were appointed and acted throughout the convention:

Nominations Committee

District I—Rev. Willard Garred, Mr. Louis Lydixsen.
District II—Rev. E. Hansen, Mr. Chester Johnson.
District III—Rev. Robert Schmidt, Mr. J. K. Jensen.
District IV—Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Mr. Richard Sears.
District V—Rev. Ove Nielsen, Mr. Einar Petersen.
District VI—Rev. Harald Ibsen, Mr. Johannes Johansen.
District VII—Rev. Erik Moller, Mr. T. S. Hermansen.
District VIII—Rev. S. Marckmann, Mrs. Thyra Larsen.
District IX—Rev. Holger Andersen, Mr. Carl Grove.

Committee No. 1

Synod President's and District Presidents' Reports:
Chairman: Rev. Richard Sorensen, Marlette, Michigan
Rev. L. C. Bundgaard, Tacoma, Washington
Rev. Verner Hansen, Fort Hood, Texas
Mrs. Aage Engelbreth, Racine, Wisconsin
Mrs. Svend Hansen, Des Moines, Iowa
Mr. Nis P. Pors, Salinas, California.

Committee No. 2:

Treasurer's Report, Finance Committee, Statistician-Auditor and Stewardship Committee Reports:

Chairman: Mr. Hermod Strandskov, Minneapolis, Minnesota
 Rev. Arthur Frost, Waterloo, Iowa
 Miss Nina B. Mathiasen, Perth Amboy, New Jersey
 Mr. Hans J. Schmidt, Fredsville, Iowa
 Mr. Thomas Nielsen, Marquette, Nebraska.

Committee No. 3:

Board of Welfare Report:

Chairman: Rev. Einar Farstrup, Des Moines, Iowa
 Rev. Halvdan Knudsen, Los Angeles, California
 Miss Rita Petersen, Greenville, Michigan
 Mr. Anders Nielsen, Nysted, Nebraska
 Mrs. Anton Berg, Sr., Des Moines, Iowa.

Committee No. 4:

Pension Fund and Santal Mission Reports:

Chairman: Rev. Ronald Jespersen, Newell, Iowa
 Rev. Vagn Duus, Alden, Minnesota
 Mr. Elmer Ness, Manistee, Michigan
 Mr. J. P. Nielsen, Des Moines, Iowa
 Mr. L. C. Laugesen, Brush, Colorado.

Committee No. 5:

Publications Committee and Archives Committee Reports:

Chairman: Rev. Holger Jorgensen, Des Moines, Iowa
 Rev. Alfred Sorensen, Chicago, Illinois
 Mr. Andrew Nielsen, Bridgeport, Connecticut
 Mr. Aage Sorensen, Detroit, Michigan
 Mrs. Peter Magnussen, Clinton, Iowa.

Committee No. 6:

National Lutheran Council and Associated Activities, Church Relations Committee Reports:

Chairman: Rev. Ernest Nielsen, Chicago, Illinois
 Rev. Marius Krog, Lake Norden, South Dakota
 Mr. M. R. Grobeck, Omaha, Nebraska
 Miss Sene Mortensen, Minneapolis, Minnesota
 Mrs. John Pedersen, Danevang, Texas.

Committee No. 7:

Report of the Board of Ministerial Training, Ordination, and Jurisdiction, Council of Religious Education and Committee on Liturgy:

Chairman: Rev. C. A. Stub, Fredsville, Iowa
 Rev. Paul Wikman, Ringsted, Iowa
 Mr. Carl Jensen, Dwight, Illinois
 Mrs. Hjalmar Petersen, Askov, Minnesota
 Mr. Aage Andersen, Marquette, Nebraska.

Committee No. 8:

D.A.Y.P.L. Report:

Chairman: Rev. Gudmund Petersen, Hampton, Iowa; Rev. Charles Terrell, Cozad, Nebraska; Mr. Chris Korsgaard, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. Henry Hansen, Hampton, Iowa; Mr. Harold Madsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Modern Noahs Conquer Flood With Faith

(The following story has been submitted to LUTHERAN TIDINGS from the Department of Public Relations, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.—Yes, we read about the floods in Kansas and Missouri. This article reveals fellow-Lutherans struggling in their church life against the odds of this catastrophe.—Editor.)

A survey among the Lutheran communities in the flooded areas of Kansas and Missouri reveals that our fellow Christians there are almost literally washed out by the rains and rivers, but by no means do they consider themselves "all washed up."

Struggling back to their homes (if the houses still stand) through silt and sediment amid ruin that no artist could paint and amid destruction only they themselves can begin to understand, the victims seem concerned more for their fellow sufferers than for themselves.

The flood crisis has produced many an opportunity for Christians to put their faith and love into action.

And none has missed the opportunity. A shining example is the concerted actions of the Christians at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Kansas, where 31-year old Rev. Karl Meyer is pastor. Two years ago Immanuel congregation moved from lower ground to their present site at 33rd and Metropolitan. When the dikes broke on the evening of July 14 the old church and parsonage were completely destroyed. Through the night the waters rose till they reached the church bulletin board on one corner of the lawn by the new chapel. During the next 24 hours, 20,000 individuals were evacuated.

As homeless victims were rowed to safety, many put their first foot on dry ground on the property of Immanuel Church. The neon cross over the chapel doorway, glistening through the night over the swirling waters, seemed to call the hapless victims to refuge. The cross, shining brighter as the night grew darker, stood as a symbol of the faith and love that was to shine from the hearts of Immanuel's people in the days ahead.

The raging Kaw River destroyed the property of twenty of Immanuel's members. To help these twenty as well as the hundreds roaming the streets about them, the congregation immediately set up a committee to gather and disburse clothes, food, and money. On the next day help arrived from everywhere: beds, shoes, shirts, coats, even stoves and refrigerators. The relief center was set up in the basement of the church. Homeless victims who came to be clothed, stayed to help care for others more destitute. A vanload of goods arrived from St. John's Lutheran Church in Seward, Nebraska. More help came from New York. The Red Cross, woefully lacking in facilities in the face of the tremendous crisis, encouraged the Lutherans in their relief program. At this writing, well over 1500 individuals have been assisted at the Lutheran Flood Relief Center. Pastor Meyer, who preached his first sermon at Immanuel this past May 27, remarked: "We are striving to follow the New Testament guide, 'Do good unto all men, especially unto those of the household of faith.'"

On Sunday August 5, three weeks after the waters crested, Immanuel Church held a special service of gratitude. They were grateful that God had spared them. They were grateful that God had taught them to put more trust in Him, the Master Engineer, than in human engineers. (Up to the last minute, river engineers had told the Argentine section of Kansas City: "The dikes will hold.") They were grateful that God had shown them what it really meant to be a "member of the body of Christ."

From everywhere in the stricken area come similar reports from our Lutheran people. Speaking of the faith of his people, one pastor said: "I was wondering if they could take something like this. But, brother, they've got it."

In Manhattan, Kansas, where the Rev. Reuben Schmidt is pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, the entire business section of the town was ruined. Several of the members of St. Luke's were among those who suffered \$50,000 loss in business property. The church is two blocks from the business area and five feet of water in the street around the church prohibited entrance to the church for services on Sunday, July 15.

With no hymnbooks and with a borrowed Bible, the congregation met for services in a nearby camp theatre.

By the following Sunday, July 22, the water had subsided enough to permit entry into the upstairs of the church. Preaching on "the house that stood because it was built on a rock," Pastor Schmidt urged his people to "cling in faith to Jesus, the Rock of Ages, the Savior of their souls." The congregation inaugurated an at-the-door collection to help the forty-eight Lutheran families who had to move out of their homes, twenty-four of whom had lost everything. By the second Sunday the special thankoffering totaled over \$500. The faith of the people as shown in love and good will prompted Pastor Schmidt to recall the words of St. Paul: "When I am weak, I am strong."

In Strong City, Kansas, Pastor Erwin Moehring has moved in with a member John Pflughoeft. Reports state that there were four and one-half feet of water in the church and parsonage, and that the pastor's library was almost completely destroyed. The 500 people in Strong City count their losses in more than a half million dollars, but "their spirit is remarkable" a visitor to the scene commented.

At Faith Lutheran Church in Ottawa, Kansas, the Rev. F. A. Wegener, pastor, three feet of water flooded the pews in the church.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Topeka, Kansas, Pastor H. E. Mueller, suffered slight damages from water in the basement, but many of the members lost property and homes. Yet all were in church the following Sunday for a special Thanksgiving Service.

The waters are down now and the crisis is over. Everyone has a shirt on his back, though it may be his neighbor's shirt, and everyone has a bed in which to sleep, though some may be sleeping in shifts. The crisis is over, but the program of rebuilding is gigantic. "Don't sell us short," said Pastor Meyer of Kansas City in speaking of the rebuilding program. "But if you do have help for us, we can use it for many months to come. It will be two years before we recover from this flood."

Books

Modern Arms and Free Men by Vannevar Bush. Simon and Schuster Co., paper edition, \$1.00.

Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton. Scribners. Popular edition, \$1.75.

The first of these two books came out in 1949, and the second in 1948.

It was in June 1940 that President Roosevelt named Dr. Vannevar Bush to head a new agency called the National Defense Research Committee. It was later called the Office of Scientific Research and Development. By the end of the war Dr. Bush employed thirty thousand of the leading scientists and engineers of this country. These men worked day and night during the war, and before it was over they had brought about one of the greatest revolutions in the ancient art of warfare.

Since the war there has been a lot of loose talk about new weapons. It is well to read the account of a man who knows as much about new weapons as any living man. What about the future of such things as the proximity fuse, the atom bomb and conventional mass bombing? What is the future of naval warfare? Dr. Bush tries to answer these questions and many more.

Dr. Bush is a very well educated man, and it seems to me an unusually wise one. I wish he were in Congress.

It has been a long time since I have read a novel which has warmed my heart as much as did **Cry, the Beloved Country** by Alan Paton. The figure of the simple country parson, Kumalo, has haunted me since I read it. The story of his search of his bad son is deeply moving.

The setting of this story is in South Africa, but it has universal application. There is the white man's lust for money and power. There is the utter corruption of the natives after they have worked for a while in Johannesburg. The story of shanty towns, racial discrimination and violence sounds strangely familiar to us Americans.

But it is also a book of love and hope. It is the story of love's power to recreate and redeem. Surely, here is tragedy, but not of the hopeless kind that we meet, for instance, in Thomas Hardy. The cross in history was not the final word.

Alfred C. Nielsen.

Stone House

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sen moved to West Denmark. These two men became a part of the stone house, as they built their service into it.

A "corner stone" was marked "K. Klink—1889" and placed in the NE corner. Marie Sorensen, a student at Danebod (later Mrs. Niels C. Strandskov) lifted the stone into place. I saw her lift it as the crowd stood by and cheered her. So Marie Strandskov helped build the house in which she and several of her children have spent many cheerful as well as spiritually uplifting hours.

At the recent annual convention at Danebod, I talked with Mr. Hjalmar Petersen, of Askov, Minn., and he related to me many fond memories from Danebod, where he spent his boyhood, coming to Tyler in 1893, at about the age of three. He recalled the many meetings, especially June 5th and July 4th, wedding parties, young people gatherings, etc. He remembers the days when Chr. Hansen, the "Æventyrmand" told the wonderful fairy tales. (Maybe Hjalmar received the inspirations and dreams that later carried him to the governor's chair in Minnesota.) I am sure many young people received noble thoughts for their daily meditations in those stone house meetings. The gym classes that trained in the stone house competed with Diamond Lake classes and many a contest helped build muscles as well as ideals that led to honest conquests. A number of pictures of these gym classes decorated the walls of the stone house for years. The solid stone walls often became frosty in winter, and people leaning too hard on them sometimes found that their coats were frozen to the walls. But discomforts were forgotten when preachers and lecturers warmed the hearts of the listeners.

I believe it was at the festival for the 25th anniversary of Danebod that a picture was taken of all the settlers present, who had come to Tyler in 1886. About forty were present and the stone house was the background for the picture. But not only as a background of pictures is the stone house important; it is woven into the fond memories of the first generations, and is still aiding in building the present and future. It is an important page in MEMORY'S BOOK and still an inspiration in building community life.

Grand View College And Our Youth

The Final Argument

From the point of view of time this is the final argument. When this issue of LUTHERAN TIDINGS is being read our young people will be leaving their homes to go to school. There is thus not much of an opportunity left to make a plea for Grand View College, but there might be an instance where a final argument might win, and there is still time to enroll. Think of that, you who are friends of the College and whose word might have influence with a young man or woman.

From the point of view of value there might be a debate as to what is the final argument for going to Grand View. There are many good reasons and they include: quality education, inspirational instruction, cultural influence, religious guidance, and student fellowship, etc. It would be difficult to place them in any sequence of significance and on that basis to select a final argument.

Without violating the worth of any of the arguments I wonder, however, if we might not say that the final argument is one of fellowship or community. This need not detract from the ever present need for attention to the individual, for certainly community is one of the most crying needs of the individual today when so much of our traditional fellowship feeling is lost. Fellowship is a matter of belonging, belonging with those who have learned and developed belonging with those who understand, who believe, and who desire to serve, belonging to our country, belonging to the church and belonging to God.

It is a wonderful feeling to belong and the one who does not belong is lost. The most heartwarming feeling for me at the convention in Tyler was to see how a group of Grand View students spontaneously arranged a choir that sang at the youth meeting. It was not only their fine singing that impressed me, it was especially the fact that their faces shone with a spirit of community. They belonged together, they belonged to a fellowship of friends, they belonged—yes, they belonged to the church. And what greater gift could they have been given.

It is a wonderful thing when our young people experience this feeling and reality of belonging, and it is a sad and tragic thing when they miss out on it, especially when the cause for their missing is a material consideration.

For the moment, at least, I would like

to make this the final argument: Come to Grand View to share and to belong.

J. Knudsen.

P. S. School starts September 10. It is possible to start a few days late.

In Appreciation Of Long Service

After thirteen years of service on the Board of Education and the Board of Directors of Grand View College, all this time as chairman, Rev. O. S. Jorgensen refused nomination for re-election at the Tyler Convention. It will be strange to have a meeting without him, and his absence will be a distinct loss, for during all these years Ottar Jorgensen has carried a big load. He has been a hard worker, an inspiring guide, a trusted counselor, and a real friend. Grand View College and Seminary have never had a more devoted and harder working friend. We know that he will continue to be a friend and to work for us, but we thank him now for the contribution he has made on the Board.

J. Knudsen.

Scholarships

The following were granted the S. N. Nielsen Scholarship for the year 1951-1952:

Irma Jorgensen, Del Rey, Calif.
Janet Ernsky, Bridgeport, Conn.
Donald Christensen, Withee, Wis.
Donald Holm, Omaha, Nebr.
Doris Nielsen, Menominee, Mich.
Donald Larsen, Seattle, Wash.
Nancy Strandkov, Portland, Maine.
Sonja Strandkov, Kimballton, Iowa.
Lavern Larkowski, Dannebrog, Nebr.
Tommy Thomsen, Minneapolis, Minn.
Greta Strandholt, Bridgeport, Conn.

GVC A Capella Choir Records

Records by the Grand View A Capella Choir are still available, and we will be happy to send them out to anyone wishing them. They are sold at cost for \$2.50 per record, or \$5.00 for the set of two. Order from Grand View College, Des Moines 16, Iowa. They are very fine recordings of numbers we all know and love.

ORDER FORM

—Record No. 1. Der Er Et Yndigt Land.

O Land of Our King.

—Record No. 2. Adoramus Te Christe.

Beautiful Saviour.

\$2.50 each.

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District I Convention

The annual convention of District I of The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be held at Our Savior's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 512 E. Washington Ave., Bridgeport, Conn., October 5-7, 1951. The convention opens with a service in the church Friday, October 5th at 8 p. m.

All congregations are requested to send delegates, and each is entitled to 1 representative for each 35 voting members or major fraction thereof as stated in Article V, No. 1 in the constitution.

Each congregation is also asked to present a written report on the work and activities during the past year.

Viggo M. Hansen, District Pres.

In accordance with the announcement of our District President of the Annual Convention of District I, Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran Church extends a sincere invitation to members and friends to be our guests and attend the Convention.

Registrations are to be sent to Our Savior's Ev. Luth. Church, 512 East Washington Ave., Bridgeport 8, Conn., on or before Friday September 28th.

James Jorgensen, President.

Viggo M. Hansen, Pastor.

District IV Convention

St. Ansgar's Evangelical Lutheran congregation in Waterloo, Iowa, hereby extends an invitation to members and friends of District IV to the annual convention of the district to be held here, September 14-16.

Pastors, delegates and friends will kindly send in their reservations by Sept. 9th to Convention Committee, 1456 Hawthorne Ave., Waterloo, Ia. Registration at the church, 1122 West 11th Street.

David Christensen, President.

Arthur E. Frost, Pastor.

I hope that pastors, delegates and friends in District IV will accept the above invitation in goodly numbers so that we will have a blessed convention.

Proposals should be sent in so that they may be published six (6) weeks before the convention. Program for the meeting is about completed and will be published soon.

Greetings,

Holger P. Jorgensen, Dist. Pres.

District III Convention

Alfred E. Sorensen, President

District meeting, September 28th, 29th, 30th, 1951, St. Stephen Lutheran Church, (South Side) 85th and Maryland Ave. (near 85th and Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago 19, Illinois).

All Congregations and Pastors of this district are requested to send their delegates and with proper credentials to this meeting of the district.

Reservations should be made in advance. Cards for this use will be provided by the district office.

Visitors, delegates and Pastors who

will travel to the meeting via automobile, should, upon approaching the city inquire for the above address (85th and Cottage Grove Avenue). The Church and parsonage are located one half block east, and can be seen from this corner.

May we have the pleasure of a well attended meeting with full representation from each congregation.

Alfred E. Sorensen,
District President.

8500 Maryland Ave., Chicago 19, Ill.
(Phone Radcliffe 3-5792).

With reference to the above announcement, the St. Stephen Ev. Lutheran Congregation extends a hearty invitation to Pastors, Delegates and Visitors to meet with us in Chicago during the above session.

We extend our hospitality to all who may attend, but we suggest all who attend to advise us in due time, so accommodations may be provided.

With greetings,

Valdemar Dehn,
President of Congregation.

8028 So. LaSalle St., Chicago 20, Ill.

District IX Convention

Tacoma, Washington, Sept. 14-15-16.

The St. Paul's congregation of the Danish Ev. Lutheran Church in America, bids members and friends of our district to be our guests during the three above dates. God willing and in the anticipating prayerful moods of those who will come, we shall experience three festive days together. Please let us know at least four days before how and when you are coming. Take the Kay St. bus from 11th. and Pacific, get off the bus at 13th. and Kay and walk one block to your right where you will see the church, someone will be there to take care of your stay with us.

C. S. Fynboe,
President of the Congregation.
L. C. Bundgaard, Pastor.

Convention Program

Friday evening, September 14th.

Service by Rev. C. S. Hasle, Junction City, Oregon. Remembering on this occasion the 60th anniversary of the congregation. Coffee will be served in the church parlors.

Saturday Morning:

9:00 Devotional hour by Rev. Svend Holm, Enumclaw, Wash.

10:00 Business session.

12:00 Dinner.

Saturday Afternoon:

2:00 Business session continued.

4:00 Layman's discussion: "What must we do to create a more loyal devotion to our congregational life?"

5:45 Supper.

Evening:

8:00 Women's meeting, lead by Mrs. Eva Nielsen, Corvallis, Oregon. A play: "The Dust of the Road."

Sunday Morning:

9:45 Service in the Danish language, conducted by Pastor Peder Brix Kronborg, Vancouver, B. C.

11:00 Service with communion, Pas-

Thirty Centers Now Established For Lutherans In Armed Forces

Washington, D. C.—(NLC)—Thirty Lutheran Parish Centers, Service Centers and Service offices maintain contacts with Lutheran men and women in the armed forces. The main objective of these centers is to counsel servicemen in spiritual matters and to bring Lutherans in uniform in contact with local family, church and community life. Secondary emphasis is placed on recreation.

The Lutheran centers are maintained by the joint Lutheran Service Commission of the Bureau of Service to Military Personnel of the National Lutheran Council and the Armed Service Commission of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. In addition to these centers, there are a large number of contact pastors.

Most of the typical parish centers are located in parish halls or meeting-places of the local Lutheran churches. The Rev. Fred T. Eggert, in charge of such a center in Henderson, Kentucky, is finding his position a "round-the-clock, through-the-week job." Like other pastors in the centers, he is always available for counseling of servicemen. A

tor Rev. J. C. Kjaer or Rev. Holger Andersen.

12:15 Dinner in the church parlors.

Sunday afternoon:

2:30 Concert by the Normanna Men's Chorus.

Address by Rev. Alfred Jensen, president of the Synod.

5:30 Supper.

Evening:

8:00 Closing address by Rev. J. C. Kjaer or Rev. Holger Andersen. Coffee and closing fellowship in the church parlors.

L. C. Bundgaard, District President.

Danish Folk Meeting At Danebod

SEPTEMBER 25-30

The annual Danish Folk Meeting at Danebod Folk School will be held September 25-30. The meeting begins Tuesday night and closes Sunday afternoon. We invite everyone who cares to come to join us in five days of Christian fellowship.

Rev. P. Rasmussen of Dalum, Canada will have a daily Bible hour and will speak at other times. Dr. Johannes Knudsen of Grand View College will lecture 3-4 times. Rev. Holger Strand-skov, editor of Lutheran Tidings, will speak 3 times. The undersigned will give four lectures on early Danish-American church history. Thyra Nussle will again lead us in singing.

The total cost for the meeting is \$15.00. (married couples \$25.00 for two)

Please register early with

Enok Mortensen,
Tyler, Minnesota.

young man who recently visited the center said, "My visit to the servicemen's center has done more to reconcile me to being in the army than anything that has happened."

The first center of this type was opened in the Panama Canal Zone, followed by a center in Columbus, Indiana. Similar stations are at San Diego and Santa Maria, California; Henderson, Kentucky; Columbus and Savannah, Georgia; Rolla, Missouri; Anchorage, Alaska; Columbia, South Carolina; and Killeen, Texas. At the centers men may write letters, play ping-pong and other games, listen to records, read magazines, relax and tell others of their army experiences.

New parish stations are to be opened soon in Formosa and Japan, according to a report by the Lutheran Service Commission.

Larger Lutheran Service Centers are to be opened in Areas where there are no Lutheran congregations or where the concentration of service people is heavy. The first such center to be put into operation will be at the King George Hotel in San Francisco, which was used for a similar center during the last war.

Where Lutheran churches are not conveniently located, Lutheran Service Offices have been opened near transportation depots. In one or two rooms these offices have simple lounge facilities and a secretary in charge. The main purpose of the offices is to serve as bureaus of information on locations of local churches and on church activities. A service office was recently inaugurated in Washington, D. C. It is open each week-day afternoon and full-time on week-ends. Similar offices are at Augusta, Georgia; New Bern, North Carolina; and Louisville, Kentucky.

The cooperative service program of the National Lutheran Council and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is based on mutual acceptance of their confessional standards. A recent agreement on dispensation of Holy Communion is identical with the understanding held during the last war.

Administrative positions in the Lutheran Service Commission are held by the Rev. Carl F. Yaeger, representing the National Lutheran Council, and the Rev. Walter E. Kraemer, representing the Missouri Synod. Area directors for the Commission are chaplain W. Henry Westby (ELC) for the West Coast, and the Rev. Lorenz E. Eifert (Missouri Synod) for the Mid-West.

The Rev. J. Henry Meyer (ULCA) and Prof. Edwin Sohn (Missouri Synod) have been appointed service pastors for the San Francisco bay area with its great number of military establishments. The Rev. W. H. Bandt (Missouri Synod) will serve the San Diego, California, locality. The Rev. Ingolf Torkelson (ELC) has a roving assignment in the Virginia-North Carolina-Tennessee area.

OUR CHURCH

A Mid-west Sunday School Conference is being planned by the Committee on Elementary Education, Rev. A. E. Farstrup, Director. The conference will be held through the days, October 16-19 in Des Moines. All congregations of the mid-west area have been invited to send their Sunday school teachers.

Withee, Wis.—Rev. Clayton Nielsen and family are enjoying a two weeks vacation during the first two weeks of September, visiting in Albert Lea, Minn., Kimballton, Iowa, and other places.

Nysted, Nebr.—The annual "September-Fest" will be observed again this year at the Nysted church and Folk School on Sunday, Sept. 9th. Fr. C. Clyde Mitchell, chairman of the Department of Agricultural Economics, of the University of Nebraska, and Rev. Harris Jespersen of Kronborg, Marquette, Nebr., will be the guest speakers. Following the afternoon meeting the annual meeting of the Nysted Folk School Association will be held. All friends are invited.

Rev. Thorvald Hansen, serving the Oak Hill and Exira, Iowa, churches, was honored on August 24th with the B. A. Degree from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. Rev. Hansen who had previously attended the University of Minnesota while serving the Alden, Minn., church has likewise during the past year taken a certain amount of work at Drake, and at the same time serving his two congregations. Congratulations!

Muskegon, Mich.—A set of Church Flags, A Christian and an American, has recently been presented to the Central

Lutheran Church by the Paul Schwarzenberg family in memory of a daughter, Audrey, who died a year ago.

Omaha, Nebr.—Rev. Marius Krog was installed in Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Sunday, Sept. 2nd, Rev. Howard Christensen, District President, officiating.

Kimballton, Iowa—The Ladies' Aid sponsored the production of an out-door program consisting of a Pageant, entitled "America, Land of the Free," on Sunday evening, August 14th.

Dr. Johannes Knudsen, president of Grand View College, was the guest speaker in the Kimballton church on Sunday, Sept. 2nd.

Fredsville, Iowa—Rev. A. E. Frost, Waterloo, was the guest speaker in the Fredsville church on Sunday evening, August 26th.

Flaxton, N. Dak.—Rev. Holger Strand-skov, Kimballton, Iowa, conducted the worship service in Flaxton on Sunday, Sept. 2nd. He and his family were returning from a trip to Seattle, Wash.

Herluf M. Jensen—Des Moines, Iowa, was elected president of the Lutheran Student Association at the Ashram, the annual conference held during the last week of August at Interlochen, Mich. Herluf Jensen is the son of Alfred Jensen, our synodical president. He served on the LSAA executive committee during the past year as Study and Witness Secretary. He is a graduate of Harvard University where he received his B. A. degree in 1949. For the past two years he studied at the University of Minnesota, earning his M. A. degree.

District II Convention

Muskegon, Michigan, October 5-7, 1951

Convention Theme: "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forwards." (Exodus 14:15)

Friday, October 5

During the afternoon the pastors of the district and their wives will be guests of the local pastor and his wife for informal visiting and discussion.

6:00 p. m.—Supper.

8:00 p. m.—Evening Worship, Rev. Svend Jorgensen preaching.

9:30 p. m.—Coffee.

Saturday, October 6

9:00 p. m.—Morning Devotions conducted by Rev. John Enselmann.

9:45 p. m.—Convention Business Session.

12:00 noon—Dinner.

2:30 p. m.—Convention Business Session continues.

3:00 p. m.—Coffee.

3:45 p. m.—Laymen's Discussion following presentation by Rev. James Lund.

5:00 p. m.—Auto Tour of Scenic Muskegon.

6:00 p. m.—Supper.

7:15 p. m.—Women's Mission Society meeting.

SYNOD OFFICERS

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

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

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TRUSTEE: Erling V. Jensen, 1104 Boyd Street Des Moines 16, Iowa.

TRUSTEE: August Sorensen, Ringsted, Iowa.

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

8:15 p. m.—Evening meeting to include variety musicale and guest speaker from Muskegon.

Sunday, October 7

9:30 a. m.—Communion Service, Rev. Edwin Hansen, Rev. R. Sorensen.

10:30 a. m.—Morning Worship, Rev. Peter Thomsen preaching.

12:00 noon—Dinner.

2:00 p. m.—Closing meeting with Rev. John Christensen as speaker.

3:30 p. m.—Final Coffee.

Richard H. Sorensen, District Pres.

The Central Lutheran Congregation at Muskegon extends a cordial invitation to pastors, delegates and members of the District II Congregations to participate in the annual district convention to be held in Muskegon the first week-end in October.

Kindly send your registration at least one week in advance to either of the undersigned that adequate preparation may be made for the accommodations of all visiting guests.—Welcome to our Lake Michigan "Port City!"

Christ Jensen, President, 882 Sternberg Road, Muskegon, Michigan.

Rev. Edwin E. Hansen, Pastor, 25 Merrill Ave., Muskegon, Michigan.

Notice

Will all congregations and pastors who have extra copies of the Report to the 74th Annual Convention held at Tyler, Minn., August 14-19, 1951 please return unsold copies to the secretary of the Synod. We are in need of extra copies.

Corrections and Changes. Will pastors and members of church councils please send at once whatever changes in names and addresses of council members, pastors, ladies' aids, etc., to the secretary of the Synod. Thank you.

Rev. Holger O. Nielsen, 1410 Main Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

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.

September 5, 1951

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