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Dawn or Sunset

Baccalaureate Sermon by Ronald Jespersen
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Some may have wondered why we have baccalaureate sermons or commencement addresses? How did we get all this and why? What can the speakers hope to do for us?

A preacher's chief business is to study life and to determine the best way of living. He speaks of his findings. It is for the hearer to think them over, and apply these findings to his life. The real minister is at best simply an amplifier of some eternal truths.

It is impossible to cover all the considerations for proper future living for graduating seniors. If such considerations are not already apparent in a large degree; it is too late to apply many sound suggestions for future living at this time.

The address is entitled "Dawn or Sunset." You may wonder why this title. Well, less than a month ago, I heard a theologian speaking. Among other things, he spoke of the need of continued study. In one sentence he summed up his thought by saying: "We call graduating commencement; some should call it conclusion." What he meant was, of course, that graduation to some means the end of growth. You can quit thinking;—just vegetate, and go to seed. Now, this warning to graduates may be said to more than graduating preachers. It applies to all graduates at commencement time.

We may ask: Is this the dawn, the beginning of my life? Or is this sunset, the end of living? Will I go forward? Or will I just stagnate now? Let me tell you that it is easy to stagnate: You can stagnate making money; you can stagnate making a simple living; you can stagnate from day to day; in and out of school. One need not stagnate, but he can. Is this, then, my dawn or my sunset?

Most, if not all children and teen-agers are awake and alive—they are active and seeking, if at all normal. But, this characteristic can be lost at about the time young people leave high school. Unless they do something to maintain their vitality, being alive and aware, life ends before forty!

Someone may say, "You speak of those going on into the professions; this doesn't apply to those who stay home and settle down!" It most certainly does! Be careful that the phrase "settle down" isn't too literal. We can, regardless of occupation, each settle down to a sort of petrification. We may become brittle and unfit for the mobile and fluid, ever changing society in which we live.

I should like to mention two things that I consider to be grave dangers to us all today. These two dangers

are ways by which we may hasten to a conclusion, to a sunset and darkening of our time, instead of coming to a dawn of a better day. I would say, then, that in our present time there are two processes which demand some reconsideration and re-thinking by us. I choose to focus and place these two present day dangers in your mind by an alliterative device; by giving them labels which sound very similar.

First, we need to beware of reckless acquisition and secondly, we need to beware of reckless accusation. Take heed how you acquire and judge. We need to take care, lest our acquiring of goods, money, honor or glory be in such a way that we or others will have cause to regret that acquiring. And we need to beware of rashly and heedlessly accusing others of unproved acts or thoughts.

It would be impossible for me to exhaust these two subjects. They are in the deepest sense religious subjects for they have to do with the proper relationship of men, and hence men as God wanted and intended them to be.

Secularism, in opposition to a religious outlook, says, and actually means, "I own." The truly religious person does not say "I own," but admits that God created and owns all things, and only freely lets man use these gifts. A poor man was once admiring the beautiful lawn of a rich man. The rich man boasted, "It should be beautiful, I paid \$1.00 per square foot for it." The poor man also admired the beautiful trees on the lawn, and again the rich man replied, "They should be beautiful, I paid \$2,000 for them." Meditatively, the poor man replied, "Ah, what God could have done if He'd had all your money."

When men become possessed with the desire to lay their hands on all the goods and wealth in sight, whether by direct or indirect ways, then they say in effect.

These things are the great good; to hold them is success. I will hold all of these things. Then I shall be looked at as successful and good!

When this reasoning begins, we get the notion we can manufacture, by ourselves, all our cures, all our well-being, and all our happiness. That, my friends, is one of the symptoms of reckless and rash acquisition.

You may have heard of the old Quaker who advertised he would give away a fine piece of land he had to anyone who was completely happy and satisfied. Many inquired and one enterprising fellow asked "When do I take over this 80 acres of land?" The owner asked if he was completely happy and

satisfied? And the fellow replied, "Oh, yes." "Then, friend, why do you want this piece of land?" The fellow gave no reply.

This craving or phobia for gadgets and things can well be illustrated in a simple way by an actual event of about three weeks ago. During the course of a lecture, one person opened a shotgun shell which he had in his pocket and began distributing the buckshot. All who were offered the little pellets accepted them, but after they had them, they didn't know what to do with them. Soon the speaker was forgotten, because interest was in the possession of these little pellets. A few of the pellets began to bounce off on the floor much to the embarrassment of the buckshot owner. (Remember Mark Twain once stated, "Man is the only animal that blushes—or needs to.") This example of acquiring interesting little possessions was in a small way, a type of reckless acquiring. The acquired goods disrupted the larger, more important, proceedings.

I should probably leave this here, but it is easy to make these examples abstract; the talk of the Quaker and the go-getter who would take his land, or of the students at the lecture doesn't touch us. But it is not so easy to ask: Do we have any of these selfish acquisitive traits at home? It would probably seem easier to let that go, but there are a few things I would like to point out: Our town advanced an average of 20 cents per person for polio. It advanced 40 cents per person for Red Cross with its flood appeal. How does that compare with what our town is willing to spend on itself?—For lights for night ball games and for uniforms? I am not saying these are bad; but I am saying that the proportion, the ratio is cock-eyed. Americans average six dollars per year per person for soft drinks; \$50 per person for hard drinks. How much will average Americans advance per person, voluntarily, for the United Nations?

Gibbon, a historian, in the "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," lists five reasons for the downfall of Rome. Two of them were: (1) Greater and greater spending of public monies for "free" bread and circuses; (2) The mad craze for pleasure. Our record of reckless personal acquisition is something to think about. If we continue thus we shall experience sad consequences.

Let us consider the second danger, which is especially apparent and harmful to many today, reckless accusation. Dwight L. Moody once said, "So live that when men speak evil of you, no one will believe it." This is good advice, but it doesn't always guarantee against personal harm from the mud slingers. Confucius said, "He who throws mud loses ground," but at times it doesn't seem to be going that way just now, although it is true in the long run.

We have the most obvious example of reckless accusation in the "new" technique called "McCarthyism." It reverses the American tradition of being innocent until proved guilty. Under "McCarthyism," you are guilty until proved innocent. It is a method of smearing anyone you dislike. It has been allowed in the government because of immunity—and some have thought it good to have a watchdog. The fact is that only a half dozen apprehended by regular channels, have been found guilty, but hundreds have lost their

jobs, or have been made miserable by reckless accusation. That kind of watchdog is like the mongrel that barks at and bites everybody who happens along. Remember the story of the shepherd who shouted, "wolf, wolf," because he thought it fun to have the people come running although there was no wolf. Then one day a wolf did come, and he shouted "wolf, wolf," but no one came and all the sheep were killed.

Irresponsible accusation is not limited to politics or dogs, or boys. Recall how often some other race, those of another color, have been unjustly slandered. St. Paul said long ago that we are all of one blood. Science now tells us the same. When training, environment, opportunity are the same, the ability of different races is the same. No one has a monopoly on brains, or inherent rights, or on sensitiveness. We are often irresponsible in our criticism of other people's folk ways, of their religion, of their dress, of their food.

Well, the good community recognizes differences and it accepts them. It does not recklessly belittle or demean other ways. As long as the individuals pursue and live normal, socially, healthily, and constructive lives, we must respect them. If we do not we are headed for a downfall, for a sunset of a dignified, honorable way of life.

Recently I read how one pamphlet "Red Channels," published by three former FBI men, has ruined the careers of dozens of stage and screen actors, good people in their professions, simply because this publication has listed these people as **probably** associated with something communistic. The FBI has made clear that these three men no longer have any connection to the FBI and do not have access to the files.

One of the three men, Theodore Kirkpatrick, is on record as saying, "We've never said the facts in 'Red Channels' were correct or incorrect." They have checked none of the information with persons involved. The pamphlet makes it clear that it offers no proof of the guilt or innocence of people listed, as protection against libel suits! Yet they have recklessly charged 151 people as "reportedly" having Communist affiliations. The subversive activities include: Opposing Jim Crow baseball, protesting sending scrap to Japan before World War II, performing at a function receiving favorable notice in Communist publications!

An executive of CBS has said that "Red Channels" was: "An undertaking that eventually may cost the industry 50, maybe a 100 million dollars, and God knows how many ulcers and gray hairs and broken hearts and shattered careers and suicides, plus a lot of public respect and good shows. We're relying on mediocrities now, and the three boys on the flying trapeze are responsible. These three gents have the whole (entertainment) industry stymied—three guys, count them." It is fortunate that not all industries are as sensitive to public pressure.

But this indicates the extent of the damage which may be done by reckless accusation. If it weren't such a serious business in its consequences, we could laugh at it—much like the salesman must have done at the Danish businessman who had a recording machine installed on trial in his office. The salesman came back in a week and asked how it worked.

Meeting Of The Synodical Board

Des Moines, Iowa, May 28-29, 1952

The members of the Synodical Board met at the home of president Alfred Jensen, Des Moines, Iowa. All seven members were present. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Jensen, who led us in devotions.

The secretary's minutes from the November meeting of 1951 were approved as read.

Mr. Charles Lauritzen presented his financial statement which was examined and placed on file.

There were very many items on the agenda for our meeting and I should like to use the pages of Lutheran Tidings to inform our people of the affairs of the Synod. I shall however, only mention from the official minutes such matters as are of interest to the readers of Lutheran Tidings.

Danish Church at Alta, Iowa. Pres. Jensen reported that the sale of this church property had been completed and the net proceeds of \$1337.87 was given to the Old People's Home, Des Moines, Iowa. It was

"Vel," he said, "the machine is all right, men it talks back vit an awful brogue." That kind of accusation is seen for what it is, but many accusations are not seen for what they are. Too often we do not analyze our comments sufficiently. We do not see the consequences.

So learn to live that you see the results of your acts. That is a good characteristic of a thoughtful and educated person, no matter at what point he left school.

Well, some of you may have noticed I used no text. Since this is a baccalaureate sermon, it should have one, I suppose. Actually, I have spoken of several general and broad texts. Surely some of you recognized reference to the commandment: Thou shalt not bear false witness. I do not place this commandment above the others. In present living, however, it needs new application. Other listeners may have thought of the portion of scripture which states: "Store up no treasures for yourself on earth where moth and rust corrode, but store up treasures for yourselves in Heaven." In a yet broader way, all I've said may fit with thoughts on the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Or again what has been said is simply an enlargement of: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

I wish you success in living a joyous and godly life. I have tried to say that two major considerations, especially at the present moment, are not to rashly or recklessly acquire or accuse. A democratic, Christian life must heed these dangers and avoid them. These two are more dangerous at the present moment than we may yet realize.

Your behavior on these two points, and others also, determines whether we are living at the dawn or sunset of an age. Don't rest on your past achievements. The road goes on, and all along the way you must conquer the problems of living a good life.

Ronald Jespersen.

Newell, Iowa.

also reported that the Nain Lutheran Church of Newell, Iowa had purchased the pews from the Alta church for one hundred dollars and this sum had also been contributed to the Home making a total of \$1437.87 received from the Alta Church property.

Bequest. The treasurer reported that the bequest from Mr. Carl Andersen, Hubbard, Nebr., of \$2,000.00 had been placed in the Endowment Fund of the Tyler Old People's Home, Tyler, Minnesota.

Committee on Christian Life and Work. Reconsideration of the appointments to the Synod's Committee on Christian Life and Work was made because Rev. Ottar S. Jorgensen had declined membership on account of an already too heavy schedule. It was therefore moved and seconded that the following appointments be made to the committee: President Alfred Jensen, who is now a member of the committee on Life and Work in the N. C. C. U. S. A., chairman, Mr. Hjalmar Petersen, Askov, Minn., Dr. Ivan Utoft, Tyler, Minn., and Rev. Howard Christensen, Dannebrog, Nebr. Motion carried.

Pastor Paul Baagøe. It was reported to the meeting that Pastor Baagøe had left the work at the Seamen's Mission in Brooklyn and returned to Denmark.

R. H. M. Appointments. Two pastors were appointed to the Regional Home Mission Committees, one in Montana and one in northern California:

Rev. Ottar S. Jorgensen for Montana

Rev. Niels Nielsen replacing Rev. H. Knudsen for Northern California.

Home Mission Conference, N. L. Council. The following appointments were made to the Home Mission Conference of the National Lutheran Council in Detroit, Mich. November 5-6, 1952: Rev. Svend Jorgensen, Rev. Edwin Hansen and Rev. Harry Andersen.

New Field Granted. The statement that follows was made by the executive committee of the Home Mission Council (synod board) in regards to the new mission field in Iowa: The executive committee of the Home Mission Council is pleased to note that the Cedarloo field has been granted our Synod by the Iowa Regional Home Mission Committee. It also wants to express its sincere gratitude for the service rendered by the ladies of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Cedar Falls and its pastor for the membership survey made by them in this new field.

The H. M. Council furthermore asks the Iowa district to join in the sponsorship and development of this field. It is hoped that the major financial support will be furnished by the Iowa district, and that the congregations and pastors of Cedar Falls, Waterloo and Fredsville are to give special service and encouragement to the development of this home mission project.

We, the executive committee of the H. M. Council, understand that the first step toward opening a Sunday school has been made by requesting permission for the use of the Cedar Heights public school, we suggest the possibility of adding Sunday service in the same quarters be regarded as the next step.

The membership living in that territory belonging to our three congregations mentioned above should be considered a natural nucleus of such a new congregation. Upon organizing this new congregation and its joining the synod, it should endeavor to obtain a

location of a church and parsonage according to promises and plans of Mr. Wm. Galloway if these plans are suitable. Meanwhile the plans for the erection of a church-home and parsonage should be worked out to fit the conditions which prevail in that particular field.

The executive committee of the H. M. Council promises to do all in its power to provide the necessary ministerial and pastoral service as it is found helpful according to the decisions arrived at by the district board of Iowa, the ministers of the three above mentioned churches and the Home Mission Council of the synod which has the final authority.

The congregations belonging to District IV or the Iowa District should be encouraged to organize a drive, not only for annual financial support of the new congregation, but also for the purpose of providing capital with which to promote the construction of the necessary church facilities.

The plan here proposed, pre-supposes that the congregation which we hope will emerge in this field will want to share an increasing portion of the expenses involved in the development of the field. It is furthermore expected that the Church Extension Fund stands ready to provide financial help according to the best of its ability.

Lutheran World Federation. The board approved of an invitation to the L. W. F. to hold its meeting in the United States in 1957.

Lutheran World Action. The motion was made and seconded that our synod accept its share of the L. W. A. goal of \$2,600,000.00 for 1953. Motion carried. Our share of the 1952 goal is \$14,672.68, and in 1953 it is \$13,155.07.

Student Service Division. The board went on record favoring that the Student Service Division of the National Lutheran Council establish full-time chairs of Religion at Public Institutions of Higher Learning.

C. R. O. P. The motion was made and seconded that our synod does not enter upon the proposed new CROP plan. Motion carried.

Rev. J. C. Aaberg. The motion was made and seconded that pastor Aaberg be appointed alternate representative for the D. E. L. C. at the Lutheran World Federation Assembly at Hannover, Germany in 1952 and that his expenses from Denmark to Hannover and return be paid by the synod. Motion carried.

Bi-annual Meeting of the NCCUSA. The bi-annual meeting of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., will be held in Denver, Colo., December 9-12, 1952 and our synod is allowed seven delegates whose names will be made public as soon as their appointments have been confirmed.

Booklet. "A Sunday Evening with the Martins" will be offered for sale at the Omaha convention. It deals with the National Council of Churches in the U. S., its organization, functions, tasks, etc.

Convention Equipment. It was decided the synod should buy its own equipment for mimeographing convention minutes and whatever else the synod can use a good mimeograph for.

Budget. Considerable time was spent the last night working on the budget which is to be presented to the annual convention at Omaha, Nebr. There is as yet some details to be worked out, and the figures will not be presented in this report but will appear as is customary in the Report to the Convention which all congregations should have in hand within a few weeks.

Sincerely,

Holger O. Nielsen, secretary.

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Cedar Falls, Iowa.

To Help Clarify

By Rev. Alfred Jensen

When P. Jørgensen in the last issue of L. T. objects to my statement: "Less narrow interpretation of our synodical point of view is found acceptable to our people" he fails to view that statement as a part of the immediate context, in which I placed it. I was mentioning that we had seen fit to accept students from the ministry and also ordained ministers from other church bodies. By doing so the synodical point of view prevailing prior to such influx in my estimation became less narrow. At least it seemed so when the Board of Examiners more than ten years ago recommended that the first non-Danish speaking minister be accepted as a candidate for ordination. It is certainly no more than twenty years ago that it was thought impossible for our synod to have non-Danish speaking pastors. Our synod was then truly the Danish Church. It is not that long ago that a lot of agitation was going on for having all our pastors make a study tour to Denmark, before becoming pastors. It seems to me that I was right when I pointed out that a less narrow interpretation of our synod point of view was found acceptable.

When P. Jørgensen goes on to lament the "narrow" point of view of the ULCA because of its stand on the Bible, Luther's Catechism, Augsburg Confession, then I just want to underscore the fact that there is no difference as far as I am aware between the Danish Lutheran church and the ULCA on account of the Symbols and the Symbolic Books such as the Apostolic Nicene, Athanasian, the Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Catechism. P. Jørgensen may be critical of several things within each of these, and I suspect that most anyone will have some criticism of some point or another. No document that was written to be an answer to certain problems at a certain time and place in history can help bear the earmarks of this. Nevertheless, the Lutheran Churches the world over have found the Symbols to be of such a character, that they belong with the fundamentals of the Christian Church. Therefore, they are found where they are in

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75th Annual Convention of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

Omaha, Nebraska, August 12-17, 1952

The 75th annual convention of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America will be held at the Dundee Presbyterian Church, 55th St. & Underwood Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska, August 12-17, 1952 upon invitation of Our Saviour's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, 819 So. 22nd St., Omaha, Nebraska.

The opening service will be held at the Dundee Presbyterian Church, Aug. 12, 8 P. M. The business sessions will be held in the main auditorium of this church as well as all the evening meetings and services Sunday. Only when circumstances require the use of two meeting and worship places will Our Saviour's Church at the above address be used. The opening business meeting is set for 9:00 A. M. Wednesday, August 13. A complete program will be published in Luth. Tid. at a later date.

It is expected that all pastors of the Danish Lutheran Church will be in attendance at the convention and that all congregations belonging to the Danish Lutheran Church will be represented by their duly elected delegates. These are elected on the basis of one delegate for each fifty (50) voting members or fraction thereof. The congregations in district 1, 8 & 9 as well as the congregations of Dalum, Canwood, Danevang and Granly should send delegates according to the provision made therefor in Synod By-Laws Art. VI 7 a-c page 13. The names of delegates must be submitted in writing by the congregations to the Credentials Committee of the Convention. The names of delegates should preferably be in the hands of the Credentials Committee by July 20.

The meetings and services during the convention are open to all friends and members of the Danish Lutheran Church. The business sessions are opened with devotion and Bible study each morning. The program for the evening meetings will be chiefly devoted to the various causes, missions and benevolences of the Danish Lutheran Church. Ordination of Candidates for the ministry will take place Sunday afternoon, August 17.

Attention is called to the following provision in the Synod Constitution "Every member shall be privileged to submit topics for discussion to the convention. These topics shall be

sent to the president of the synod, who shall publish them at least six weeks prior to the convention." Such topics must be at my address by July 1st.

All reports from institutions, activities, missions, committees and auxiliaries should be sent to me before the end of May and will be published as soon as possible thereafter. All ministers and congregations will receive copies of same.

May God graciously prepare our hearts and minds to serve His will and purpose through our convention this summer.

Alfred Jensen

Des Moines, Iowa, April 26, 1952.

In accord with the announcement above Our Saviour's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, Omaha, Nebraska, extends a cordial invitation to the pastors, delegates and members of all congregations in the Danish Ev. Lutheran Church of America and to the friends of the work of this synod to be its guests during the synodical convention, August 12-17, 1952.

The members of our congregation are ready to do all within their power to furnish suitable accommodations to those who come.

It is requested that delegates' credentials be sent to the chairman of the Credentials and Registration Committee, Mrs. M. R. Grobeck, 2704 Westbrook Ave., Omaha 6, Nebraska, by July 20th. Registrations should also be sent to Mrs. Grobeck or to Rev. Marius Krog, 730 So. 50th St., Omaha 6, Nebraska, on or before July 20.

E. P. Christensen, Chairman of the Church Council.
Marius Krog, Pastor of the Congregation.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

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"That a special committee appointed by the convention chairman present to this convention for approval a workable set of definitions of membership."

J. H. Petersen, Sec.

St. Ansgar's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

the constitution of the Lutheran churches including our own.

I am well aware that our synod constitutionally places the Apostolic Creed in a category apart from the other two symbols. We believe it in a special way to be the confession of faith and the baptismal covenant. This is recognized also in the constitutional confessional clause as submitted by the Church Relation's Committee. I know that the ULCA does not wish to take that away from us.

P. Jørgensen states that the ULCA wants to cram down our throat the view that the Bible is the Word of God. The ULCA has never attempted that. It is our committee that has come to the ULCA and not vice versa. If we want to affiliate with them, it will be by signing their constitution. There would be no sense in expecting them to change their constitution to suit us, who hardly have any expression concerning what we believe the Bible to be.

In reminding us about what happened in Des Moines in 1946, P. Jørgensen seems to want to have us believe that we at that time sought a junction with the ULCA. It was, of course, the United (Danish) Evangelical Lutheran Church, and perhaps it is well to remember that point 2 in the report from the Lutheran Church Relation's Committee, to which he refers, was tabled, but later on lifted from the table

and replaced in favor of a resolution which made it clear that since both the two Danish synods were members of the National Lutheran Council it would not be necessary to have two separate statements on the Bible. Thereupon is quoted the National Lutheran Council's preamble to its constitution and finally that our synod had been accepted into the National Lutheran Council on the basis of our constitution. The constitution of the National Lutheran Council's preamble referred to above, reads as follows:

"Whereas, in their respective constitutions, the Participating Lutheran Church Bodies accept the Holy Scriptures as the Word of God and the only source, norm, and guide of Christian faith and life; and

"Whereas, in their respective constitutions, the Participating Bodies accept the Unaltered Augsburg Confession and Luther's Catechism as the true exposition and presentation of the doctrine of the Holy Scriptures; and

"Whereas, the Participating Bodies are of the conviction that they can and should serve the Lutheran Church at large by cooperating in matters of common interest and responsibility, cooperation in which does not affect their distinctive principles;

"Therefore said Church Bodies do hereby

establish and will maintain a common agency to be governed by the following Constitution and By-Laws."

It is my conviction that if we should want to adopt the above two first statements on Holy Scriptures and the Augsburg Confession and Luther's Catechism and add one on the symbols such as suggested by our Church Relation's Committee, this would be entirely acceptable to the ULCA or any other National Lutheran Council Church. I think it is generally agreed among the membership of our churches and pastors that we have benefited by membership in the National Lutheran Council and that no ill effects have been felt because of our acceptance of the constitution of the National Lutheran Council.

The footnote to paragraph 3 in our synod constitution passed by the Racine convention in 1929 marked the end of a long controversy in our synod. It began by Pastor V. S. Jensen renouncing his ordination vow at the 1922 convention at Chicago. A change in the ordination vow was thereupon effected and passed by the convention at Cedar Falls in 1923. This is now translated and being used. But a lot of agitation concerning critical methods and views of Bible study, the place, character and value of symbols and symbolic books followed and terminated at Racine in 1929.

There are several among our ministers who like myself took an active part in those controversies. For my own part I must admit that much of what was said and written in criticism of the Bible and the symbols and symbolic books undoubtedly served to some extent to clarify the values of these. There is some truth in all such pursuits. But I must confess that we used much of our time and talent as poor stewards, at least I personally feel that I could have used my efforts to a better end by having accepted the great truths of the Bible and symbolic books as well as their faults and brought these truths to bear upon my work as minister. This I say in great humiliation.

And I may as well also confess that I wish we could all come to concentrate upon the positive content which has made the Bible as well as the symbolic books and depositories of the everlasting truths of the kingdom of God. All the faults P. Jørgensen finds in these do not disturb me at all. I have heard people who knew what they were talking about present the living message of the Lutheran Church in such a way that I could feel the eternal verities rediscovered by Luther become meaningful and convincing. Almost invariably when I have associated with Lutherans of other churches on many occasions I have been struck by the enthusiasm, the strength of their presentation and conviction. The gospel had taken them into camp and they were aglow with its message. Certainly, I have also experienced some of the same among our own ministers, but it has been my lot to visit a great many of our churches, and I must admit that I could have wished that more enthusiasm and devotion to evangelical activity could have been in evidence among many of these.

I am in earnest about this, for I know that we have

some ministers and not least among the younger ones who are asking if it is not possible for us to enter into such a positive, aggressive and fruitful relationship to the gospel of Jesus Christ, so that their efforts are not to maintain the status quo, to be satisfied with keeping their own, but to fire the pulpits and the churches with such a radiance and power, that people respond. And I think we can do it, if we really embrace the source of all strength and power, the Word and the Spirit of God.

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Time for this article to be ready for the printer is almost at hand. If the various questions Pastor V. S. Jensen fires at me, also in the last issue of L. T., really meant that he was in doubt about the truth or the opposite of what I wrote in the article he attacks, it would be too bad that I cannot take them up one by one and clarify them to his satisfaction. But since I as well as the rest of the readers of L. T. have been presented with the views of V. S. J. on many occasions, I feel that they will agree with me, that no matter how eloquently I could present my views on paper as well as orally, they would not serve to change, add to or detract from the views which he holds, and which he, of course, has a right to hold. I therefore take his interest and treatment of certain disconnected passages in my article as an opportunity for him to again present his views.

I am therefore not going to enter into any debate concerning his views. I will say something about my own. But first let me remind V. S. Jensen and others that the congregations and ministers of the Danish Lutheran Church are only bound to abide by what the constitution of the synod states. I cannot find in our constitution any statements as to whether the Bible is the Word of God or the Apostolic Confession is. There may be indirect references to that effect in the symbolic books mentioned above, but I doubt it, and V. S. Jensen has not claimed this to be so. I therefore consider myself free to write as I did, for I am not going to accept the views of V. S. Jensen for anything other than his personal views and as far as I know these have not been accepted as authoritative for the Danish Lutheran Church. Congregations and pastors, myself included, are therefore according to my certain conviction just as good members of the Danish Lutheran Church when they believe Scriptures to be the Word of God as if they believed the Apostolic Creed to be. I furthermore believe that any attempt to write V. S. Jensen's views into our constitution will meet just as much and more opposition as to accept what the Lutheran Church Relation's Committee has on that score.

In saying this let me state my own views and beliefs. Certainly I believe that we are born again in baptism and not by reading the Bible. This, it seems to me, belongs with the most elemental teachings of all Lutheran churches, and I have never heard anyone in a Lutheran church throw any doubt upon that. But it is not the words of our baptismal covenants which works the new birth, it is the living, resurrected Christ Himself, who meets us human sin-

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Our Women's Work

Mrs. Johanne Lillehoj, Kimballton, Iowa

Editor

On Psalm 23

In pastures green? Not always; sometimes He
Who knoweth best in kindness leadeth me
In weary ways where heavy shadows be.
And by still waters? No, not always so;
Oft times the heavy tempests round me blow
And o'er my soul the waves and billows go.
But when the storm beats loudest and I cry
Aloud for help, the Master standeth by
And whispers to my soul, "Lo! It is I!"
So where He leads me I can safely go.
And in the blest hereafter I shall know
Why in His wisdom He hath led me so.

Albert W. Palmer.

The Art Of Growing Old

Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years, people grow old only by deserting their ideals.

Tears wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair—these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

Whether seventy or seventeen there is in every being's heart the love of wonder, the sweet amazement of stars and star-like things and thoughts, the undaunted challenge of events, the unfailing child-like appetite for what next and the game of life.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubts; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fears; as young as your hopes, as old as your despair.

Anonymous. (From "Christian Herald.")

From Solvang, California

The other day Mrs. Eleanor Nelson asked me if I would please do something for her. So she handed me a card from Mrs. Lillehoj regarding the activities of the women's groups in our congregation. I shall try to tell about these activities the best I can.

We have two organizations, The Danish Ladies' Aid and Bethania Guild. The Danish Ladies' Aid has been organized for forty years, and over that period of time we have worked and helped our church and school. Donations have been sent every year to Santal Mission, Women's Society, Seamen's Mission, Children's Homes and to the American Red Cross.

We sponsored a Christmas tree and party for our children. We have also given many other donations where help was needed. Some of our other activities are an annual bazaar and cooked food sales whenever we need funds. We give a "tea," or should we say, "coffee," for all the women's groups in the valley.

The first Thursday of every month we meet in the different homes or at Atterdag College with our pastor as speaker.

The Bethania Guild was organized some years later when the need arose for a women's Church Group using the English language.

Both our organizations have a large membership.

Recently the Guild sponsored a Lutheran World Action evening with a potluck supper, a talk and a picture explaining the work of the L. W. A.

The Guild's many activities include an annual offering for the Mission Society, contributions to the Children's Home in Chicago and Seamen's Mission. They also support local work such as sponsoring the Bethania Choir, Atterdag College and Solvang Lutheran Home, and they have cultural and spiritual programs at their monthly meetings where Rev. Aage Møller has given many fine talks.

A greeting from us all to the women of our synod.

Cecilia Fauerso.

Lutherland, Seattle, Washington

Today we saw a dream come true—a beautiful dream, shared by many people for many years. We had Memorial day services in the new chapel at Lutherland, the Puget Sound Lutheran Bible camp. While still unfinished there is enough interior work done so that we could see how beautiful a building it will be, beautiful enough for anybody's church home. We have hoped for and talked about the chapel for so long that sometimes it seemed almost as though it would always be a dream, money came in so slowly and there were so many places to put it, but now at last it is a reality. The speaker of the day called it a "temple of triumph" and I thought yes, a triumph over the apathy of our people. We talked and talked about the chapel, everyone agreed that we should have it, then why was it so slow in coming?

The pews, some discarded by one church, some by another, were set in rows where piles of lumber and other building materials would allow, part of the ceiling and upper walls and some of the laminated trusses which form the framework of the building like huge ribs were varnished and shiny, other parts were much less nearer completion, but there were big vases of flowers and greens placed about the room, a row of them at the front of the platform, one on the table was near the front of the room, there was special music by the Lutherland Sunday School choir, and our hearts swelled with pride and thankfulness to have had a part in the building of this House of God.

After the services in the building we gathered outside to watch the raising of the steeple, the trumpet through which God speaks to us, as the speaker had expressed it. As the steeple slowly rose and settled into place we heard the reading of the 100th Psalm. So now at last, one of the founders of Lutherland said, we have raised a cross over Lutherland—we have always had it, but now we have the symbol too.

Contributed.

Paging Youth

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

Editor: Thorvald Hansen, Rt. 1, Atlantic, Iowa

Impressions Of The Atlantic District Convention

The church and parsonage on Russ Street in Hartford looked very inviting after two nights and a long day on various trains. Those last miles along the Connecticut River were particularly delightful, giving one a peaceful welcome to a beautiful countryside.

Morning devotions with Pastor Melby of Troy were quietly impressive as our lives were compared to the qualities of a diamond.

What other district could plan to accomplish all its business in two hours? Was it possible? It was, though probably more time could have been desired. Youth from Newark, Troy, Bridgeport, Brooklyn and Hartford, plus pastors Melby, Hansen, Garred, and Nielsen, made up the group. I was impressed by the general enthusiasm and faithfulness on the part of the young people, who partook with equal enthusiasm all the meetings and all the fun. When the votes were counted, Kris Jensen, Jr., of Hartford became president, Leonard Lund, Troy, vice-president, Grace Brooks, Hartford, secretary, and Don Klein, ex-prexy, Bridgeport, treasurer. Host pastor, Willard Garred, was elected district advisor. Prospects for a district camp were kept up by appointing a new camp committee, with hopes for renting a campsite in 1953. Plans were made for the Atlantic District to be represented at the national Convention-Workshop to be held at Grand View College October 24-26. But business can become tedious; and eating never is—so we partook of one of several delicious meals prepared by the Hartford ladies.

The afternoon was a glorious affair for those from outside Connecticut, for the Connecticut "Yankees" (so-called ball players) were trounced by a multiple double-play combination from Troy who played on the "World" team. Heavy hitting by them and their teammates from Brooklyn, Newark, and Wisconsin left the final score 19-9 in favor of the visitors. After this, a picnic supper in the park, attended also by a number of leaguers of fifteen years hence was very welcome. An evening of musical recreation and drama, presented by Hartford's "P. S." group, was thoroughly enjoyed. (P. S., they tell me, is something a little older, so they take off the "Y".)

Sunday was a fitting climax to the week-end. Guest pastor Nielsen spoke in the morning on the subject "Whittling or Carving," concluding with the poem,

I read
In a book
That a man called Christ
Went about doing good.

It is very disconcerting to me
That I am so easily
Satisfied
With just
Going about.

It was inspiring to see the youth and adults sharing in the fellowship of the Lord's table.

In the afternoon, youth from eleven months to seventy-odd years heard a lecture which reminded them that young people are the most important single group in a congregation and that variety is most important in planning youth programs.

For the writer, the drive to New York City along Merritt Parkway with Arnold Hansen's from Newark was a fine way to end the week-end.

DAYPL Board Meets

Des Moines, Iowa. May 21 (TC) Amid a welter of confusion, that brought to mind the term SNAFU the DAYPL board met at Grand View College here today.

The meeting was actually to have begun at noon yesterday but unavoidable circumstances compelled a change in plans. The PY editor, who had been invited to attend the meeting, arrived, blissfully unaware that there had been a frantic exchange of special delivery letters and long distance telephone calls which had the meeting on again, off again, on again.

Clayton Nielsen, Ronald Jespersen and Ellen Thomsen, president, vice-president and treasurer, respectively, and the PY editor met this morning. They were joined a short time later by Harris Jespersen, the synodical advisor and Dorene Andersen, secretary.

The president presented a very complete report and a number of his recommendations were acted upon. Many other matters were also discussed and either acted upon or left for final decision by the convention.

Among the actions taken by the board were the following:

1. Mrs. Vagn Duus (Alden, Minn.) was named business manager of YULE to succeed Rev. Harold Petersen, who had resigned.
2. Rev. Ronald Jespersen and Rev. Harris Jespersen were named delegates to the All-Lutheran Youth Leaders Council which is to meet at Blair, Nebr., next January.
3. DAYPL went on record in favor of the Lutheran 4-H "God-Home-Country" Award.
4. Herluf Jensen, who plans to attend the Hannover (Germany) conference this summer, is to have his registration fee (\$45.00) paid by DAYPL.
5. The program committee, as such, was discontinued. The treasurer agreed to handle the mailing of the program manuals. Rev. Ronald Jespersen, (Newell, Iowa) agreed to solicit program ideas which would then be printed in PY.
6. "Operations India" is to continue under a new committee, the old one having resigned. Names and address of the new committee members will be printed later. "Operations India" has been active in providing instruments for the Kaerabani High School band. This is the school of which Harold Riber is principal. A

new project, the support of a Santal student in America, is under consideration but no definite announcement can be made at this time concerning the plans for the project.

The treasurer reported that all national dues have not yet come in.

The national convention of DAYPL will be held this fall at Grand View College in Des Moines. The dates are October 24-26.

Iowa District Convention And Camp

This year the Iowa District will hold its convention and camp at Newell from August 1 to 8. The convention opens Friday evening and closes Sunday afternoon. The camp begins Sunday evening and continues through most of Friday. The church at Newell has adequate facilities to comfortably house, in camp style, all who will come. The program for the convention and camp, and the needs for same, will be stated later. This is another reminder for all interested to arrange their schedule of work so that they can come.

P. S. The cooks have already been hired.

Turn also to "DAWN OR SUNSET," Baccalaureate Sermon by Ronald Jespersen, Newell, Iowa, on page 1 of this issue—

Open Letter To Alfred Jensen

Dear Alfred Jensen:

As might be expected, I have read, with considerable interest, your, "A Realistic Appraisal" in the last L. T.

I find no difficulty at all in agreeing with most of the things which you say in that article. However, the only point that has any real bearing on the thesis of my article in the May 20th issue of L. T. is your statement that about one half of our ministers have come from Denmark.

This would appear to make quite a difference and to effectively refute my thesis. However, I do believe that more careful consideration will indicate that it makes little difference. The thing we are concerned with is spiritual influences and not geographical influences. It is, I believe, quite safe to assume that the spiritual influences for most of our pastors have been fairly similar whether those influences were met in Denmark or here. If this is not the case then we are faced with the problem of explaining how it happened that the men from Denmark found their way into our synod rather than some other.

Just this one thing I would add: I did not say or imply that I am opposed to Home Missions work. Let it be very clearly stated that I am heartily in favor of such work and hope for the day when we can do much more of it. You are quite correct, however, when you say I brush aside Stewardship and Evangelism. Perhaps I should be more exact and say that what I really brush aside is the current activism that passes under those terms.

Greetings,
Thorvald Hansen.

Oak Hill Parsonage
June 12, 1952

Statistics And Feelings

Statistics at best prove one given fact at one given time. Feelings are usually one particular opinion or set of opinions at one given time. As such, both are subject to modification and even to error!

Now up in our attic the other day there were some old convention reports from 1909 and 1913. The statistician, even then, complained that not all pastors and secretaries had sent in full returns. But most interesting to find was that the total combined membership of the congregations ("antal medlemmer i menigheden") was 20,754 in 1908, and 18,119 in 1912! Even then we were going down hill! Have we been dead on our feet for, lo, these forty years? Or are the Danes a bunch of intractable and perverse people with heathenistic tendencies? (Careful, now; this could lead to heresay!)

Well, at any rate, the latest Lutheran World Almanac in 1932 stated that there were 19,758 members in the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, which is even more than the 19,577 in 1936, that you may have read about. But at this point the mystery deepens, and he who has a full set of annual reports of the synod could investigate further. Strangely, the last three annual reports (up to August 14, 1951) state that we have added 1,734 more baptized members than we have lost in three years. Actually, the grand total of June 21, 1949, is only 851 under the grand total of August 14, 1951, but a few congregations probably just made a few mistakes in their additions. Now, whether we accept the figure of 851 or 1,734, we have actually gained in three years MORE than we have since 1936. (From 1936 to 1951 we have gained only a mere 322.)

Now, that's what the statistics that are here at hand have to state. I have feelings about them that I'll keep to myself. The interpretations are yours.

But there are a couple of other notions that I feel constrained to comment upon. Probably Th. Hansen and I both read with a bias but it was not really evident to me until June 5 (L. T. of 6/5) that there was a "desire and capacity to maintain our identity as a Danish Lutheran Church and at the same time render a contribution to the church life of this country, to propagate our heritage on American soil." The May 5 article did not quite give me that notion.

And then in looking over Th. Hansen's article I did not notice that he in any way stated or implied that **home missions** were panaceas. In fact, he seems to be of the opinion "that we have not begun the mission projects that we might have." Nor do I find Th. Hansen trying to be "comforting" in his use of statistics, nor even to prove "that we are better off than other Lutheran bodies."

There was one sentence in the May 5 L. T. that bears repeating and underlining, namely: "There should be only one reason for affiliating: To live, work and serve God better." We have heard, really, so precious little about that reason.

Ronald Jespersen.
Newell, Iowa

To Help Clarify

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ners at the font and opens His kingdom to us. He is the Word of God from everlasting unto everlasting. He is back of the words of the Apostle's Creed as He is back of the words of Scripture. I will gladly share with V. S. Jensen much of his thinking concerning the Apostle's Creed, but Jesus Christ cannot be identified with those words any more or less than with the words we have of His in Scripture. To me the Apostle's Creed as well as the gospels and the entire New Testament have grown out of the Christian Church in the early part of its life. In the hearts and minds of the people then lived the resurrected Lord. They gave form, witness, in a certain sense substance, to their faith through the Apostle's Creed as well as through the books of the New Testament.

If it was possible—as V. S. Jensen seems to indicate—that we could find in the words of the Apostle's Creed certainty, that all we needed to do was to embrace those words and we would then be absolutely guaranteed to be true and right Christians, we would then have accepted an external guarantee which would make faith superfluous. The Christian Faith to me is still as Kierkegaard stated it to trust the Lord on the 70,000 fathoms of water. Therefore, sincere and serious minded people will be asking questions about Christianity to the end of time.

From the above it is clear that I deplore the constant attempt of V. S. Jensen to glorify the Apostle's Creed at the expense of Scripture. I know full well the high regard in which he holds Scripture, but the result of his depriving it of its ability to contribute vitally to our lives is that it has been second rated in our synod, I am afraid, and has lost much of its appeal and authority. After all, what would we know about Christ from the few words in the Apostle's Creed, if it was not for the gospel stories from the New Testament. I think, therefore, it is time that we give scripture a place of honor to which it rightly has claim in our constitution. But more than that, it is time to do so for our own good, in order to provide the inspiration and the motivation, that we recognize its divine status and origin.

It is true that if we should affiliate with the ULCA we would sign their constitution, but we would still be subject to our constitution, for it would in a sense constitute the interpretation we for the sake of the life and work of our synod are making of the constitution of the ULCA.

It has been part of my belief since the days of my youth that God is real and active in the sacraments of the church. I cherish the emphasis that we have received through the part of the Danish church that particularly accepted Grundtvig's views. A light was placed over font and altar, and I firmly believe we have a witness to bear for the benefit of the many in this country who do not see this. But I do not believe that we need to diminish the importance of Scripture on that account. It is furthermore my belief that if we should affiliate with the

ULCA we would have an open door through which we could bring "the Light from the North" to shine into many hearts that we otherwise will not touch. Let us unite our efforts towards that end.

Alfred Jensen.

Des Moines, Iowa, June 13, 1952.

Hans Jensen, Hutchinson, Minn.

Oct. 17, 1871—May 22, 1952

Hans Jensen, son of Christian Jensen and wife Marie Von Markusen, was born on October 17, 1871 at Ringkøbing, Denmark. He was the youngest of a family of 13 children. He was the only one that emigrated to the United States. He was born of an aristocratic family; but he was disinherited because he fell in love with and decided to marry a commoner.

He therefore emigrated to this country at the age of 20—in 1891. He made his home in and around Hutchinson, Minnesota. He was a common laborer for a number of years. He experienced all the trials of the early settlers, and worked at many different occupations until a friend loaned him \$20 to start farming. After a number of years of farming, he finally repaid this fabulous loan. He became a well-known and successful farmer around the vicinity of Hutchinson.

He married Anna Petrea Pagh, his old sweetheart from Denmark, March, 1892, when he was 21 years old. Two sons were born to this union: Harry and Verner. The Jensens lived a happy home life, until Mrs. Jensen passed away on February 27, 1939.

Mr. Jensen was an outstanding citizen of this country. He never forgot his home country, Denmark, but he also highly valued his new home in this country. He was interested in all the activities of society. He was highly esteemed by his fellow citizens. He held the position of alderman in Hutchinson. He was president of the McLeod County Fair Association for a number of years. He was chairman of the State Democratic Committee, and he was chairman of the Draft Board of McLeod County during the last World War.

For these and many other services rendered his country he has been the recipient of various honors bestowed upon him. The president of the United States, Harry Truman, and the Vice President, Mr. Barkley as well as such personalities as Mrs. Eugenie Anderson, Ambassador to Denmark and many others of outstanding leadership gave special recognition to the services rendered by our departed friend, Hans Jensen. Many were the men who sought the good advice and the wise counsel of this friend.

In addition to his civic interests he also served the Christian church faithfully. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church in Denmark. He remained faithful to this church until his death. He was a member of the Danish Nazareth Lutheran congregation of Hutchinson until it dissolved. He was District V treasurer of the Danish Lutheran Church for over 30 years.

He was faithful in attending and in supporting

A Call to Christian Stewardship

A Sabbath For The Soil

The message of the Old Testament is braced by a remarkable series of laws, all of which express God's ownership and man's stewardship. Basic to these laws is the understanding that ultimately the land belongs to God.

Very closely related to these is the law which demanded that the land be given a full year of rest each seventh year. We are somewhat perplexed in trying to understand just how this law could ever have worked out in the actual life of Israel, but the idea which underlies that law is sound. No generation of men has any degree of right, or inherent license, to ravish the soil and to desolate its fertility. With an agricultural people such as Israel, the nation would perish on barren soil. It finally did. Not because the people did not know, but because the people did not care. Each generation lived selfishly for itself.

The Book of Leviticus, in which the law of the Sabbath is found, dates back many centuries. So does man's knowledge concerning the need for conservation. But knowledge of the need for it is not enough. That knowledge must go hand in hand with a sense of stewardship of the sacred soil, an uncompromised willingness to translate that knowledge into constant practice.

Some years ago I elbowed with the millions of people who thronged to see the masterful production entitled "Gone With the Wind." Many of its tempestuous scenes elude my memory, but one soul-stirring moment of that picture stands vividly before me. I tingled in rapture as the scarred Scarlet returned at long last to the plantation and knelt in ecstasy to passionately kiss its soil. Her selfishness had caused

his church. He was instrumental in inducing Main Street Lutheran Church (U. E. L. C.) to buy an electric organ back in 1942, to which he gave liberally. He was a member of Main Street Lutheran Church at the time of his death.

Mr. Jensen was one of these men of our age of whom it could be said, "He was a great citizen, an outstanding layman in the church, and a man with a fine personality. He will long be remembered by those that knew him and associated with him. May God Bless his memory."

He is survived by his two sons: Dr. Harry Jensen, Edina, Minneapolis, and Dr. Verner M. Jensen of Morningside, Minneapolis. He is also survived by four grandchildren: Lois, Mrs. Charles Dougherty of Jacksonville, N. Carolina, Marilyn, Richard, and Diane all of Minneapolis. His brothers and sisters and one grandchild all preceded him in death.

He reached the age of 80 years, 5 months, and one day.

Contributed.

her almost unbearable and inhuman suffering, but when all else had been taken away, the soil remained.

But how well we know that not long later the soil of that vast American paradise gave out. Man had taken too much and had given too little. He had failed to remember that even the soil must have nourishment and rest. He had given it no Sabbath. It could give him no more food. It had to lie, barren and naked, in the southern wind and sun, and wait for the ingenuity and devotion of such men as George Washington Carver, who would nurture it back to health and fertility.

The land is not ours. In the Book of Psalms we read: "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." We may gain possession of a deed which proclaims that it belongs to us, to have and to hold. But actually that is only a limited license, granted by a society of men, allowing us to use the land while we hold the document or until we are no more. The land belongs to God. We have the great privilege of being His stewards, who hold the land in trust for Him and for our posterity.

Our care of the soil is a sacred matter. It is a holy trust. It is a staggering responsibility. The soil is more precious than the sea of oil that may lap around its feet. It must live, fertile and productive, until the close of the ages.

Where man destroys the soil he destroys himself. Man does not live by bread alone, but he can not live without it.

Let us look again at the "eleventh commandment": "Thou shalt inherit the holy earth as a faithful steward, conserving its resources and productivity from generation to generation. Thou shalt protect thy fields from soil erosion and thy hills from overgrazing by thy herds, so that thy descendants may have abundance forever. If any shall fail in this stewardship of the land, his fertile fields shall become sterile stones and gullies, and his descendants shall decrease and live in poverty or vanish from the face of the earth."

To follow this "commandment" is as vital to man's continued existence as the sun and the rain. It is a moral obligation in the largest sense.

O. R. N.

Staff Of Student Service Eligible For Scholarships

Chicago—(NLC)—The Division of Student Service of the National Lutheran Council announced here the establishment of four scholarships of \$300 each, to be awarded to full-time campus pastors and women counselors on its staff for post-graduate work during the summer months.

According to the Rev. Donald R. Heiges, executive secretary of the division, this program of advanced study for campus pastors and counselors is designed to "increase the effectiveness of their work with students" at non-Lutheran colleges and universities.

The program has been made possible by a grant of \$1,200 from the Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Company of Minneapolis, Minn., which has also set up scholarships for students in Lutheran colleges and theological seminaries.

Sigvald Martensen

Our friendship with Sigvald Martensen, or "Sip" as he was called, goes back beyond my earliest recollections, and his untimely death brings back a flood of childhood memories. A desire to share these with the readers of "Lutheran Tidings" grows not so much out of the inherent value of these, however, as out of reverence for the personality that is reflected in them. Sigvald was a wonderful friend and he became a man of worth and integrity.

The road to the Martensen home was short even around the corner by the church, but it was shorter through the back yards or across the fences, and we traveled it often. The back yard was the place of most of our activities too, for Sip was usually engaged in some sort of building or repairing activity. Here bicycles were put in shape, traps made ready for the fur season and guns for the hunting season. Sometimes we made skis or snow shoes, and one year the crowning achievement was the construction of a home made ice boat for Danebod Lake. Sip was the inspirer of all these activities and he was the practical hand who knew what to do. In between he did the chores, took care of the garden, repaired the old "Saxon" and did a dozen things around the house. In retrospect I don't see how he got around to it all, taking care of his school work like the rest of us.

Danebod Lake was only a gunshot away and it was the glorious center of many of our activities, until it tragically was drained and disappeared. In the summer we swam, fished, and boated. In the fall we hunted ducks and trapped muskrats, and in the wintertime we skated and iceboated on the lake and coasted down the shorelining slopes, often on home made skis or sleds. And Sip was always in the picture. He knew where to place the traps in the muskrat runs and he taught us how to skin the rats and stretch their hides. It was he who miraculously bagged five ducks in one shot. It was a potshot, which he later would have scorned, but that made no difference in boytime heroics. Many times we would trudge miles to sloughs or ditches for further gaming adventure, or we would ride bicycles to go swimming. After the lake disappeared we dammed up a creek two miles from home and I shall always cherish the memory of having belonged to a gang at the "ole swimmin' hole."

Sip had time and interest to learn how to play a horn and he bought a shiny alto from his savings. Later on, when he graduated to the baritone, which he played well in bands for many years, he lent me his alto and taught me the fundamentals. I was never any good at it, but I have seldom been prouder than when I marched with the town band down the street to play in the grand stand at county fair.

Incidents and events, too numerous to mention, pop up in one's memory, and while they were often of a hilarious or mischievous nature, the whole picture adds up to one of a sound and active childhood and youth. School, parties, books, and sports, church and young people's society! What a joy to have lived in a small town and rural community with a sound community life. We seldom strayed far from home, transportation didn't facilitate it, and we all quite naturally went to church every Sunday. Then, too, we had Danebod where we all took in some winter folk school course and squired the girls who attended in the summer. Here we had our young people's meetings where we sang all the old Danish songs with great gusto. We did gym in the winter time plus Sunday afternoons of basketball, and played baseball in the summer. We sang in Dr. Thomsen's choir and we participated intensely in the summer festivals at Fifth of June and Fourth of July. It was wonderful then and it has lost no glory in retrospect.

Sip was heart and soul part of all this. With his quiet nature he was not a leader in the dramatic sense of the word, but his sound judgment, his practical nature, and his wise counsel influenced all of his friends. His lot was not too easy. He had to quit school early to go to work, and

it was years before he had the chance to plug himself through to a good practical education. While sharing fully in the activities of his years, he was nevertheless preparing himself for the competent and cooperative community role he was later to fill so well.

Time came when our ways parted and many years were to pass before we were to share friendship again. Not a great letter writer he nevertheless sent me some letters which I still remember and cherish. He never wore his heart in his sleeve, but he opened up once and let me see some of the things which were behind his acts and his ambitions. I loved and admired him for it, and I held him in great respect. Perhaps I never told him in words, but I think that he knew.

Now he is gone in the prime of his life, and his family, his friends and his community have suffered an irreparable loss. We thank God for what he was, and I know that many join me when I say: He was a man!

J. Knudsen.

Opposition To Niemoeller Now Organized Movement

Kiel, Germany—(NLC)—A growing church conflict in Germany over the Rev. Martin Niemoeller has been brought into the open by the recent resignation of Dr. Hans Asmussen from the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches.

In withdrawing from the World Council's commission, Dr. Asmussen accused Pastor Niemoeller, as secretary of the Foreign Office of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD), of creating "a state of affairs destruction to the Holy Church, my people, and all of mankind."

And the prominent German theologian warned that, as a result of Pastor Niemoeller's influence, "the Churches of the entire world are fatally endangered to agree inwardly with Communism."

Behind Dr. Asmussen's charge, according to authoritative sources, is the Lutheran position that Pastor Niemoeller has altered the character of EKD's Aussegnamt or Foreign Office. From an office concerned merely with German church problems in foreign lands, they claim, it has become a policy-establishing office which seeks to commit the Church to a political line.

Pastor Niemoeller's interest in church unity and the ecumenical movement has been less restricted by denominational loyalties than that of churchmen like Dr. Asmussen, Bishop Hanns Lilje of the Church of Hannover, or Bishop Hans Meiser of the Church of Bavaria. The latter men represent the more distinctly Lutheran attitude of confessional cooperation in the ecumenical movement.

Because of the high regard with Pastor Niemoeller is personally held in ecumenical circles, it was said, Dr. Asmussen fears that his influence will infiltrate the World Council of Churches and the ecumenical movement. It was to prevent this, informed sources said, that Dr. Asmussen took the dramatic step of resigning from the highly important Commission on Faith and Order.

The opposition to Pastor Niemoeller, however, is not limited to his activities as foreign secretary of EKD, but, according to reliable information, is also aimed at his "dictatorial" policies as president of the Evangelical Church of Hesse-Nassau, a union church composed of Lutheran, Reformed and United churches.

In recent months, this opposition has become an organized movement. Known as the "Free Convent" or "Evangelical Mobilization," its major aim is to restore freedom of action to individual congregations and ministers in the Confessional Churches belonging to the Evangelical Church in Germany. This goal is proclaimed in meetings and through leaflets which are widely distributed in Western Germany.

Grand View College And Our Youth

GVC Activities

The main activity at Grand View College these days is the annual scrubbing of all the buildings from top to toe. The Biology Building is shining with a new coat of paint, and many of the rooms in the main building are several degrees lighter after the removal of a year's layer of Des Moines soot.

During June 10-15, 130 women of the Augustana Synod lived in our dormitories while attending the national convention of that group. From June 17-19, the Iowa Council of Church Women held its annual meeting on our campus and were given food and lodging here. About 60 women attended.

Dean A. C. Nielsen gave the commencement address at Mission House College and Seminary, Plymouth, Wisconsin, on June 8, speaking to over 800 people. He and Mrs. Nielsen then left on their vacation, their main destination being El Paso, Texas, where son Carl is stationed with Uncle Sam.

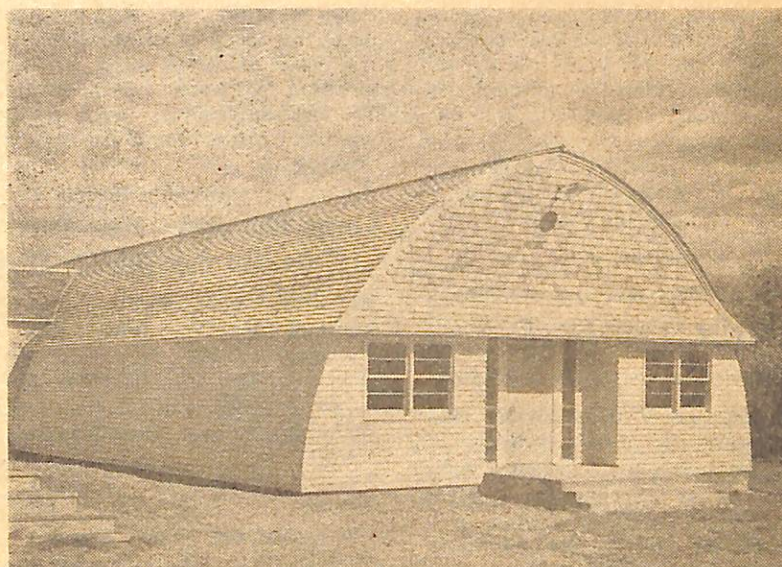
Prof. Harry Mortensen is attending the summer school session at the University of Iowa, and Prof. Wilber Williamson will be attending the University of Wisconsin. Prof. Lillian Darnell, head of the Education Department at Grand View, will teach at Wisconsin State College, Whitewater, Wisconsin, for their summer session. Rev. Farstrup and family left on June 17 for their new home and work in Solvang, California.

Junior Camp

The Annual Junior Camp preparations are again under way.

The Grand View Camp is located on the beautiful campus of Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa. It is a unique and different adventure in camping in that it gives the young camper the thrill and delightful experience of living in a college dormitory and participating to a degree in "college life." They live in the dormitory, eat in the dining hall, study in the classrooms, and worship in the chapel. The camper experiences the solemnity of worship, the faith of his church, and the study of the Bible along with wholesome recreation, such as sports, dramatics, singing, and work.

In addition to the program on the campus, the camper can enjoy a refreshing swim each afternoon at the modern Birdland Pool, site of many National swimming meets; and specially



NEW PARISH HALL—Shown here is the new parish hall of the Nathanel Lutheran church at Dagmar, Mont., which was dedicated in ceremonies on Sunday, May 18th. The building is of laminated rafter type construction, 32 by 66 feet with a passage connecting the building to the church. It was a 16 by 32 foot stage and an oak floor. Also installed is a new oil automatic heating system for both the church and the hall. With the exception of the foreman all work on the new building was donated by the men of the parish. A completely modern kitchen has also been installed in the church basement.

conducted tours to points of interest in Des Moines.

Come and enjoy the week with us, and make new and lasting friends.

Harry Jensen,
Camp Director.

A TYPICAL DAY

7:30—Day Begins—"Up and at 'em."
8:00—Breakfast—"Come and get it."
8:30—Labor details — "Sweep and Sweat."
9:00-10:00—Devotions and Bible Study.
10:00-12:00—Recreation and Craft.
12:00—Dinner—"Plenty for all."
12:30-1:30—Relax—"You'll live longer."
1:30-2:30—Suit yourself . . . free time.
2:30-4:00—Swimming — "You're all wet."
4:30—Singing—"Sound off."
6:00—Supper—"Eat again."
7:00—Singing Games — "Fun and Frolic."
8:00—Evening Program—(Discussions, talks, skits, movies.)
9:00—Refreshments—"What, again?"
9:15—Campfire.
10:15—Day Ends—"Goodnight all."

Sunday, August 10th

On this day the parents of the campers are invited for dinner. Please make reservations in advance if possible. Price—75 cents.

PROGRAM

10:45—Church services.
12:15—Dinner.

RULES

1. The camp is open to boys and girls 12 to 15 years of age. A camper may not have reached his sixteenth birthday.

2. Campers may not leave the grounds without permission.
3. Campers who wish to swim, must present a written permit from parents.
4. All campers clean their own rooms, and in their proper turn take part in policing the grounds, and working in the dining hall and kitchen.
5. Campers must attend all sessions, unless excused.
6. The leaders reserve the right to dismiss any camper who fails to conform to the rules and regulations of the camp.
7. Campers must pay for property damaged or destroyed.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Meals will be served to campers beginning with supper Sunday, August 3, and ending with dinner, Sunday, August 10.

Be sure to bring towels, soap, swimming suits, tennis shoes and gym suits. If you play tennis bring your racket. **Do not fail to bring sheets, pillow case and one blanket for your bed.**

Bring your New Testament, Hymnal and "World of Song."

EXPENSES

Registration	\$3.00
Room and board	9.00
Room and board, per day, for shorter stay	2.00
Price for one meal75
Including Sunday, Aug. 10th	
Insurance50
Enroll early. Be sure to give your	

age. We cannot guarantee to accommodate young people who are not enrolled. In order to make our plans we should like to receive your enrollment by July 25.

To enroll, write to

JUNIOR CAMP
Grand View College,
Des Moines, Iowa.

OUR CHURCH

Harald Petersen, Vincent Ligouri, and Carlo Petersen, the three graduates of the G. V. Seminary, have accepted calls respectively from our churches at West Denmark, Wis., Portland, Maine, and Newark, N. J., and have now with their families moved to their respective fields of work. The three candidates will be ordained at the synodical convention to be held in Omaha in August.

Rev. Dale Knudsen, a 1952 graduate of the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary in Maywood, Ill., preached in the Fredsville, Iowa, church on Sunday, May 18th. His parents are members of the Fredsville church. He was ordained on Sunday, May 11th, at Joliet, Ill., and has been called to serve a Home Mission church of the ULCA at Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Arild Olsen, former President of Grand View College, was honored on June 2nd by the Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., being conferred with the degree of Doctor of Laws. Hearty congratulations! Dr. Olsen is serving as Associate Executive Secretary of the Division of Christian Life and Work of the National Council of The Church of Christ, having his office in New York City. He recently returned from an appointment in Europe.

Rev. J. C. Aaberg returned to Minneapolis on Memorial day after having served the Juhl-Germania, Michigan, churches through several months. A farewell party was given for him by the members of the two churches before his departure, and a set of Samsonite luggage was presented to him. These will be given service as Pastor Aaberg will embark on July 29th on the "Stockholm" for Denmark, where he plans to visit his daughter and family.

Dr. Otto H. Bostrom, professor at Wittenberg college's divinity school, died of a heart attack Monday, June 9th, shortly after taking part in the college commencement exercises. Dr. Bostrom was professor of ecumenical theology and Bible. He was formerly head of the department of Religion at Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill. In the period of about 1918-20 he was pastor of the Grand View Lutheran Church of the Augustana synod in Des Moines, and many a Grand View stu-

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dent of those days will remember his inspiring lectures given at the college.

Several Articles must be held over again in this issue, due to lack of space. We beg the writers to be patient, and we shall make room as soon as it is possible.

Contributions Received For Solvang Lutheran Home

Previously acknowledged	\$9,418.15
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jensen, Los Angeles, Calif.	800.00
Mr. and Mrs. Simon Hansen, Los Angeles, Calif.	50.00
Richard Madsen, Burbank, Calif.	25.00
John J. Urban, Los Angeles, Calif.	10.00
Chris Nyberg, Los Angeles, Calif.	1.00
Mrs. Kathrine Hansen, Inglewood, Calif.	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Andersen, Long Beach, Calif.	25.00
In Memory of Miss Lauritzen (Tante Mille), Solvang, Calif.	
Marie Southard, Solvang	1.00
Jennie Andersen, Solvang	1.00
Ketty Petersen, Solvang	1.00
Mrs. Aage Andersen, Solvang	1.00
Ellen Sorensen, Solvang	1.00
Nina Andersen, Solvang	1.00
Anne Smith, Solvang	1.00
Marie Christiansen, Solvang	1.00
Mrs. O. Christine Sorensen, Solvang	1.00
Niels Steffensen, Solvang	1.00
Julius M. Nielsen, Solvang	1.00
Marius Larsen, Solvang	1.00
Anders Moller, Solvang	1.00
N. J. Nielsen, Solvang	1.00
Levin Rosenstand, Los Angeles	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chester B. Thomsen, Del Rey	100.00
Soren Paulsen, Parlier	100.00
Rev. Aage Moller, Solvang	100.00
Nels Hansen, Kingsbury	50.00
In Memory of Mrs. J. C. Burchardi, Solvang, Calif.	
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Madsen, Solvang	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Vagn Elbeck, Solvang	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Madsen, Solvang	5.00
Eddy, Grethe and Arne Madsen, Solvang	5.00
Roy Appel Family, Solvang	10.00
In Memory of "Mumsie" Burchardi, Solvang, Calif.	
Dad Hansen, Marion, Nig, Goodie, George, Nadine, Skip & Sue	30.00
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hansen, Sierra Madra	100.00
Mrs. B. C. Berg, Los Angeles	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Nielsen, Los Angeles	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Niels Christensen, Los Angeles	100.00
Mrs. Julius Nielsen, Solvang	25.00
Sigurd Vandborg, Los Angeles	100.00
Consul Ryan A. Grut, Los	

Angeles	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sundin, Los Angeles	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Wulff, Lomita, Calif.	10.00
Svend Rye, Los Angeles	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Heidemmann, Los Angeles	25.00
Mrs. Kristine Frederiksen, Los Angeles	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ejvind Henriksen, Los Angeles	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larsen, Los Angeles	100.00
In Memory of Jens H. Jensen, Solvang, Calif.	
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Petersen, Solvang	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Larsen, Solvang	3.00
In Memory of Jens H. Jensen and Clara R. Jensen, Solvang, Calif.	
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hansen, Solvang, Calif. and Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Zimmer, Tyler, Minn.	5.00
In Memory of Mrs. J. C. Burchardi, Solvang, Calif.	
Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Iversen, Solvang	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Petersen, Solvang	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Larsen, Solvang	3.00
Mrs. Marie G. Petersen, Solvang	5.00
Elsa Mikkelsen, Centerville	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Poulsen, Solvang	2.00
In Memory of Niels Petersen, Solvang, Calif.	
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Serritslev and Niels Serritslev, Solvang	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jacobsen, Solvang	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Axel Nielsen, Solvang	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Appel, Solvang	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Emil Jensen, Solvang	8.00
In Memory of Husband and Father Niels Petersen, Solvang, Calif., Mrs. Niels Petersen and Children, Solvang	10.00
Elsie Christiansen (Fastelavnsgilde) Solvang, Calif.	21.83
N. A. Jorgensen, Salem, S. D.	100.00
In Memory of Mrs. J. C. Burchardi, Solvang, Calif.	
Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Johnson, H. C. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Axel Bergrun, Solvang	5.00
Mrs. Theo. Chamberlin, Jr., Los Olivos	5.00
Mrs. Christine Hygelund, Centerville	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holm, Solvang	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bertel Schow, Waterloo, Iowa	50.00

John Nebeling, Soquel, Calif. --	5.00
Gus Johnson, Salinas, Calif --	25.00
In Memory of Niels Petersen, Solvang, Calif.	
Mrs. Marie Christiansen, Solvang -----	1.00
Ketty Petersen, Solvang -----	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jens Simmonsen, Solvang -----	2.00
In Memory of A. C. Petersen, Solvang, Calif.	
Ketty Petersen, Solvang -----	1.00
In Memory of Mrs. J. C. Burcharde, Solvang, Calif.	
Mr. and Mrs. Aage Madsen, Solvang -----	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. James Martensen, Watsonville -----	100.00
Paul Holme, Aptos -----	100.00
Mrs. Camille Hansen, Salinas -----	5.00
Miss Anna Johnson, Salinas -----	20.00
Arne & Regina Iversen, Solvang -----	50.00
Anders Moller, Solvang -----	200.00
Johannes Jensen, Solvang -----	500.00
Jens Simonsen, Solvang -----	1,000.00
Finance committee (Dinner) L. A. -----	325.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Kuld, Manhattan Beach -----	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Christensen, San Pedro -----	100.00
Mrs. Marie Jessen, Los Angeles -----	30.00
Hans C. Rasmussen, L. A. -----	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Thruelsen, L. A. -----	10.00
Mrs. Henry De Guzman, San Pedro -----	5.00
Dr. A. Sorensen, Hollywood -----	5.00
Miss Helen Farstrup, L. A. -----	20.00
Hans P. Christensen, L. A. -----	5.00
Peter C. Jensen, L. A. -----	50.00
Gerda M. Adair, L. A. -----	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pedersen, L. A. -----	40.00
Consul Paul Ryder, San Francisco -----	20.00
Mrs. Henriette Carlson, L. A. -----	10.00
Martin Christensen, L. A. -----	50.00
Miss Karen Juul, L. A. -----	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Anton Ebesen, L. A. -----	25.00
Adrian Funder, L. A. -----	25.00
Miss Karen Sylvest, L. A. -----	25.00
Mrs. Otto Stern, Bell -----	5.00
Mrs. Adele E. Nielsen, Hollywood -----	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Holger J. Lindhardt, N. Hollywood -----	25.00
Emily M. Covey, Van Nuys -----	25.00
Rev. and Mrs. Arthur E. Frost, Salinas -----	20.00
Gerhard P. Norgaard, L. A. -----	5.00
In Memory of Mrs. J. C. Burcharde, Solvang, Calif.	
Mrs. Christine Larsen, Solvang -----	5.00
Hans J. Nielsen, Fresno -----	50.00
Mrs. Clara Sorensen, Fresno -----	10.00
Jens Andersen, Fresno -----	10.00
John Jensen, Fresno -----	10.00
Niels J. Beck, Fresno -----	50.00

Annie Eskelsen, Fresno -----	50.00
Rev. Niels Nielsen, Fresno -----	75.00
Chrystiane, Mathilde and Nielsen's, Fresno, (profit on Dan. Sandwiches) -----	55.00
Dr. Oluf S. Hansen, L. A. -----	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Hans S. Ross, L. A. -----	500.00
In Memory of Maren Hansen, Los Angeles, Calif.	
Friendship Circle (Emanuel Church), L. A. -----	16.00
E. G. Knudsen, Monterey Park -----	10.00
Wilhelm Hansen, L. A. -----	5.00
Chris E. Jensen, L. A. -----	5.00
Mrs. Caroline Givskov, L. A. -----	5.00
Cathrine Norgaard, L. A. -----	15.00
Magnus Jorgensen, Wilmington -----	10.00
E. Madsen, L. A. -----	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Marius Larsen, Camp Richardson -----	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. John Nielsen, Salinas -----	250.00
Grand Lodge (Dannebrog) of California -----	25.00
Mrs. Marie Hald, Solvang -----	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ole Beck, Salinas -----	25.00
Riener C. Nielsen, L. A. -----	500.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Schmidt, Turlock -----	25.00
In Memory of Mrs. Anna Pedersen, Los Angeles, Calif.	
Mr. and Mrs. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Pedersen and Mr. M. Mikkelsen, L. A. -----	16.00
Mr. and Mrs. Nick Jensen, Salinas -----	100.00
In Memory of Mrs. Kirstine Jorgensen, Solvang, Calif.	
Mr. and Mrs. Arne Madsen, Solvang -----	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Madsen, Solvang -----	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Viggo Tarnow, Solvang -----	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jensen and children, Solvang -----	3.00
Mrs. Dagmar Nielsen, Solvang -----	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Madsen, Solvang -----	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jacobsen, Solvang -----	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Appel, Solvang -----	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Nygaard, Solvang -----	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Larsen, Solvang -----	3.00
Mrs. Marie Christiansen, Solvang -----	1.00
Ketty Petersen, Solvang -----	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Petersen, Solvang -----	3.50
Previously acknowledged -----	\$9,418.15
Total received from Jan. 1, to May 1, 1952 -----	\$7,298.33
To be paid on pledges -----	\$21,806.00
Thank you most sincerely for your kind gifts to this fine and worthy cause.	
Nis P. Pors, Treas.	

Acknowledgement Of Receipts From the Synod Treasurer

For the month of May, 1952

Toward the Budget:

Congregations:

Perth Amboy, N. J. -----	\$ 300.00
Racine, Wis. -----	255.00
Seattle, Wash. -----	119.40
Askov, Minn. -----	51.40
Bridgeport, Conn. -----	50.00
Grayling, Mich. -----	100.00
Alden, Minn. -----	200.00
Exira, Iowa -----	233.25
Ringsted, Iowa -----	100.00
Greenville, Mich. -----	300.00
Tacoma, Wash. -----	26.00
Menominee, Mich. -----	32.96
Nysted, Nebr. -----	100.00
Clinton, Iowa -----	50.00
Omaha, Nebr. -----	90.00
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill. -----	50.00
Minneapolis, Minn. -----	72.80
Byram, Conn. -----	45.00
Askov, Minn. -----	50.15

Home Mission:

Congregations:

Greenville, Mich. -----	9.75
Victory, Mich. -----	5.00
Menominee, Mich. -----	2.08
In memory of Christine Andersen, Canada, Willing Workers, Dwight, Ill. -----	3.00
In memory of Hans Christensen, Tyler, Minn., from friends in Tyler, Minn. -----	7.00
In memory of Jess Refshauge, from Seattle, Wash., relatives -----	5.00
In memory of Nic. Christensen, Troy, N. Y., from Cong., Troy, N. Y. -----	10.00
In memory of Anton Nelson, Gayville, S. D., from Trinity Luth. Church, Gayville, S. D. -----	2.00
Danish Mission Society, Brayton and Oakhill, Iowa -----	5.00
In memory of Soren Lund, Cong., Diamond Lake, Minn. -----	8.00

Annual Reports:

Congregations:

Cozad, Nebr. -----	2.00
Lake Norden, S. D. -----	7.50
Manistee, Mich. -----	3.00
Lake Benton, Minn. -----	8.00

Lutheran Tidings:

Congregation:

Greenville, Mich. -----	11.75
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Pension Fund:

Edna N. Toxis, Perth Amboy, N. J. -----	1.00
Congregations:	
Perth Amboy, N. J. -----	59.00
Seattle, Wash. -----	27.00
Tyler, Minn. -----	120.75
Greenville, Mich. -----	36.00
Brush, Colo. -----	11.00
Omaha, Nebr. -----	3.00
Minneapolis, Minn. -----	223.55
Perth Amboy, N. J. -----	140.00
Askov, Minn. -----	63.86

In memory of Fred Beck, Exira, Iowa, St. John's Luth. Church, Exira, Iowa -----

5.00

Paul W. Petersen, Minneapolis, Minn.	2.00
Martin Nelson, Minneapolis, Minn.	5.00
N. Clausen, Minneapolis, Minn.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Miller, Dagmar, Mont., congregation	10.00
Lars Larsen, Dagmar, Mont.	10.00

Pastor's Dues:

Rev. Marius Krog	44.00
Rev. Svend Kjaer	49.60
Rev. Marvin Nygaard	48.18
Rev. Harold Olson	10.86
Rev. Erik Moller	35.68
Rev. W. Clayton Nielsen ..	36.00
Rev. Walter Brown	15.00
Rev. M. Mikkelsen	10.00
Rev. Richard Sorensen	52.13
Rev. H. O. Nielsen	64.46
Rev. Paul Wikman, for last year	19.00
Rev. W. R. Garred	16.00

Grand View College:

Congregation:	
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.	2.00

Chicago Children's Home:

In memory of Nic Christiansen, Troy, N. Y., Cong., Troy, N. Y.	5.00
In memory of J. J. Rovn, Ringsted, Iowa, friends in Ringsted, Iowa	11.00

Tyler Old People's Home:

In memory of Chr. Utoft, Tyler, Minn., from Tyler Congregation	26.00
In memory of Jens Hansen, Tyler, Minn., from Tyler congregation	6.00
from Dagmar congregation	2.00
In memory of Mrs. H. P. Nielsen, Tyler, Minn., from Tyler congregation	20.00
In memory of Rasmus Mikkelsen, Tyler, Minn., from Tyler, congregation	31.50

In memory of Anton Larsen, Tyler, Minn., from Tyler congregation	5.00
In memory of Nic Christiansen, Troy, N. Y., from Troy congregation	5.00

President's Travel:

Congregations:	
Ringsted, Iowa	35.00
Salinas, Calif.	38.20
Lake Norden, S. D.	52.55
Solvang, Calif.	20.50

Kirke og Folk:

Gifts	286.40
Previously acknowledged	10,661.27

Total to date\$14,650.33

Received for Items Outside of Budget:**Eben-Ezer:**

In memory of Anton Nelson, Gayville, S. D., Trinity Luth. Church, Gayville, S. D.	\$ 14.00
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Lutheran World Action and Relief:

Sunday School, Wilbur, Wash.	28.55
A Friend in South Dakota	200.00

In memory of Nic Christiansen, Troy, N. Y., from Cong. Troy, N. Y.	10.00
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In memory of Carl Sorensen, Jr., Chicago, Mrs. Martin A. Jensen and sons, Chicago, Ill.	5.00
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In memory of Anton Nelson, Gayville, S. D., Trinity Luth. Church, Gayville, S. D.	3.00
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In memory of Soren Lund, Congregation: Diamond Lake, Minn.	7.00
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Congregations:	
Wilbur, Wash.	187.81
Perth Amboy, N. J.	10.00
Racine, Wis.	101.08
Seattle, Wash.	5.00
Manistee, Mich.	61.42
Greenville, Mich.	44.75
Dwight, Ill.	191.75
Menominee, Mich.	10.00
Nysted, Nebr.	100.00
Cozad, Nebr.	165.00
St. Stephen's, Chicago	16.00
Minneapolis, Minn.	20.00
Perth Amboy, N. J.	10.00
Ruthton, Minn.	10.00
Previously acknowledged	1,989.87

Total to date\$ 2,176.23

Church Extension:

(April, 1952)

In memory of Mrs. Dora Ingeman, Minneapolis, Minn., St. Peder's Church, Minneapolis, Minn.	5.00
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Marian and Olaf Juhl, Minneapolis, Minn.	5.00
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In memory of Helga Bennedsen, Kimballton, Iowa, Marian and Olaf Juhl, Minneapolis, Minn.	5.00
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In memory of Mrs. Dora Ingeman, Minneapolis, Minn., St. Peder's Ladies' Aid, Minneapolis, Minn.	2.50
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Respectfully submitted,
The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Charles Lauritzen, Treas.

Gifts Received**For Old People's Home, Tyler, Minn.**

In memory of Ambrose Jefferson, Hendricks, Minn., from friends	\$ 7.50
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In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Hansen, Tyler, from Mr. and Mrs. Jens Nielsen, Dagmar, Mont.	2.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Art Hansen, Windom, Minn., Mrs. Mabel Nelson, Lila and Merle Nelson, Windom; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rink, Tyler, Mr. Olson, Ida Wagner, Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Herluf Fredericksen, Tyler	8.00
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Mr. and Mrs. John M. Johnson, Lake Benton; Jens M. Scheldrup, Korea	2.00
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In memory of Rasmus Mikkelsen, from friends	31.50
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In memory of Mrs. Harald P. Nielsen, Tyler, from Mr. and Mrs. John Jensen and Peter Knudsen, Lake Norden, S. D.	3.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Jens Steffesen, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Steffesen, Mrs. Dorothy Steffesen, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Steffesen, Martin Steffesen, Badger, S. D.	6.00
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Marinus and Elsie Nielsen, Arlington, S. D.; Mervin and Marian Nelson and children, Sinai, S. D.	3.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jensen, Badger, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Matheson, Arlington, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Petersen, Badger, S. D.; Mrs. Emma Nielsen, Lake Norden, S. D.; Mr. Alfred S. Nielsen, Badger, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Niels P. Nielsen, Badger, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Anton Sand, Badger, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Horsted, Badger, S. D.	8.00
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Donation: Hansen's Paint Shop—paints and material	8.85
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In memory of Niels C. Nielsen, Tyler—Oak St., One chair donated by Mrs. Niels C. Nielsen, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fredericksen, and Chris Nielsen.	
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In memory of Rasmus Mikkelsen, Tyler, from employers of D. P. W. — Detroit, Mich.	10.00
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English Ladies' Aid, Tyler—One fluorescent light fixture for the dining room.	
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A sincere Thank You for all gifts!

Johannes P. Johansen, Treas.

COOK WANTED

A cook is wanted at the Danish Old People's Home in Des Moines. This position will be open July 1st. Excellent pay and working conditions. If interested, please write to

Rev. Svend Kjaer,
1101 Grand View Ave.
Des Moines 16, Iowa.

I am a member of
the congregation at _____
Name _____
New Address _____
City _____ State _____

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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.

JENSEN, JENS M.
TYLER, MINN.
RTE. 2,