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Jesus Christ, The Bread Of Life

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EST, by the Rev. Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen, Ph. D.,
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Jesus' concern for the primary necessities of life was not accidental. Perhaps the little town of Nazareth in which Jesus spent his formative years was not quite as obscure as we at times have been accustomed to think. Nevertheless, there is no doubt but that Jesus grew up in a home in which the question of bread was a real problem. Jesus' early experiences made Him very sympathetic to the needs of others. The feeding of the great multitude shows how concerned He was about the welfare of His fellow men. Yet, His wonderful sense of security and contentment was not rooted in possessions. He possessed very few things. Things had no strangling hold on Jesus. That which ruled His mind was something far more revolutionary than that which most of His contemporaries sought. In this one respect the world of Jesus was not essentially different from our world. Men were working then, even as we find them doing today, for those things which do not add to that by which man really lives. It was Jesus' ever deepening understanding of His God-given mission that gave Him His perspective. However, let us not for one moment think that His deep sense of vocation miraculously solved all of His problems. In fact, we are on much firmer ground by pointing out that it led not simply to one, but to a series of crises in His life and work. Jesus had to cross dividing lines more than once. He faced the blind thinking of the multitude who saw the few provisions multiplied and distributed so that they all were filled. His aim was not to be an earthly king, but to disclose Himself, to communicate to man the love of God. He sought to show to man the meaning of His own life and teaching for man's eternal redemption. He claimed for Himself: "I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall not hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." (John 6:35).

Try as one may, yet every attempt to give any other than a spiritual interpretation of the discourse on "Jesus as the bread of life" is practically doomed to failure. In spite of the fact that we have no verbatim report on what Jesus said in this great discourse, except those great sayings which the Evangelist has recorded, who can read this great chapter without sensing that the relevancy of the message increases the minute that one takes Jesus' own key to an understanding of what He says? Does He not say, "It is the spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth



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nothing; the words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life." (6:63).

Yes, once we comprehend that the Word is the vehicle of the Spirit, we shall not only understand Jesus' words about the relation between the kingdom of God and the Word when He says, "So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed upon the earth; . . ." (Mark 4:26). Once we discover the relevatory nature of Jesus' words, we shall cease to question Him when He says, "I am the bread of life." On the contrary, we shall realize that He is the answer to our deepest human needs and aspirations, to our questions about God, and to our desire for communion with Himself. Like the Apostle Peter we ask, "Lord to whom shall we go?" (6:68). If we are desirous of "eternal life" we have no other alternative. We, too, must declare and confess: "Thou hast the words of eternal life." (6:68).

In this troubled world of ours, modern man looks

upon his gigantic undertakings and is awe-stricken at the thought of what his own inventive genius may do to all of us. It is a most sombre fact. As Christians we are concerned about what happens to man. Moreover, we are concerned about what is happening to the soul of man. Is it possible for man as a spiritual being to escape devitalization today, except as he keeps the channels of spiritual communication open? Personally, I think not. We need to understand that we shall not find the answers to our most vexing problems just anywhere. Important as it surely is to ask the right questions, let us not forget that it is probably even more important to know to whom to go for the answers that we seek. For the answer to the questions which press upon the minds of Christian men and women today, I do not know of any better authority than the authority of Jesus.

Our present day lag is spiritual. Our ability to discover, to invent, to organize, and to produce has out-distanced our understanding of the meaning, purpose, and end of human life. It would be dreadful if we were to become so encompassed by the things of our own making that we should use them as the criteria by which to judge or determine the nature of man. The world is filled with men and women who hunger and thirst for something more than bread. It is not because they have things in abundance, but because they know that if the spirit in man is not nurtured by divine food man becomes something less than the intention of God.

It is an observable fact that an increasing number of people are asking how to relate their vocation as Christians to their daily task in their particular occupation or profession. Others are indicating a deepening understanding of man's dependence upon God. Still others are asking other questions, as for example the question of personal religious living, and the question of the Church. Some no doubt may be thinking in terms of some short-cut by which to be spared from a given situation. But whatever the motive may be, the Church is challenged today to become something more than an arena of debate. It is significant for us, who are so tempted to become relativists, to take cognizance of the fact that the great discourse on Jesus as the bread of life was preached in the synagogue to a full congregation.

It was in the assembled community gathered in its house of worship, preaching, and instruction that the words were heard: "I am the bread of life." The Church must speak, but the Church never speaks more persuasively than when she gives such articulation to the Gospel, whether through the sacraments or preaching, that those who worship are confronted with God in Christ as a living reality. Christ's disclosure of Himself as the bread of life is a message of His sufficiency; the Church, in the invention of Christ Himself, proclaims His availability through her total ministry. The God who does not fail us is he whose Son assures us that: "He that cometh to me shall not hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." (6:35b).

It is quite impossible for any thoughtful person to read or hear these words without sensing their

compelling power. Yet, our human pride, our own ego, gets in the way. From various motives, and in one way or another, we build a sort of protective fence around ourselves which prevents our true self from feeding upon that divine source of heavenly manna, which God gives through His Son, Jesus Christ. The words that He speaks give sustenance to our souls. The Word of God in Christ is the heavenly Father's gift to those who come, receive, and believe in the Son. But modern man is not free from the error of confusing mere activity with appropriation. Let us thank God for the Church's present day activities on behalf of the spiritual and physical needs of mankind everywhere. Let us praise God for that comprehensiveness of the Church's total work, which is an expression of our generation's deep concern for the relevancy of the Gospel. In order to become the workmen that we ought to be we need to obey the divine impulse which draws us to Jesus Christ and to His living word. If the Christian's one source of life, faith, and light dries up within us by our failure to nourish our spiritual life by the Word, we stand in danger of the judgment which Jesus expressed in these words: "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast out demons, and by that name do many mighty works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ..." (Mat. 7:22).

I love the language in which the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to John is couched. It is reminiscent of that which, within the life of the Church, is dearest to most Christian people: the divine service with the preaching of the Word and the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or the Holy Communion. Here, we move from the Hohanine thought of the bread from heaven which God gives us in His Incarnate Son to that which Jesus Himself gives and will continue to give. In the days of His flesh He gave us both His Word and the Sacraments by which we enter and abide and are nourished in that beloved community, which we call the Church.

Modern Christians need to grasp that the Church has a voice. The voice of the Church is none other than that of Christ Himself. It is not we who give voice to the Church. Our task is simpler. Our vocation as Christians, whether ordained or unordained, is to bear witness of the meaning and power of that which Christ Himself gives to His living Church. He says, "The bread which I will give for the world's life is my own flesh!" (6:51b. Goodspeed's translation).

Is this part of Jesus' great discourse for you?

Is His teaching about the necessity of using the sacraments a stumbling block?

Our own attitude and practice must be tested in the light of the Lord's own intention with the sacraments which He has instituted for our sake. But something of the meaning and the power of that which He transmits or communicates to us is clearly seen in this that not less than four times does He point to it by saying, "I will raise him up at the last day" (vv. 39, 40, 44, 54).

By grace and faith we are delivered from sin,

Marie Laurberg Petersen 1869—1953

"We must through much tribulation
enter into the Kingdom of God."
Acts 14, 22.

An eventful life as wife and mother of six sons came to its earthly close when Marie Laurberg Petersen passed away on March 24 in Fresno, California.

Her husband predeceased her in 1951 shortly before Christmas. I wrote a short memoir of him in "Lutheran Tidings," the February 20, 1952 issue. In this article I stated that it was more than forty years since I met that family, but that we have never forgotten each other. I mentioned at that time the characteristics of both Mr. and Mrs. Petersen's lives. They have been faithful friends and many fine letters have come from their home to our home. I also pointed out how Marie had often experienced trying times due to sickness and other sorrow.

She had been sick ever since Christmas, had pneumonia and other complications. She suffered a great deal toward the last and hoped for release.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. N. Nielsen at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Easton on Wednesday, March 25. The church was banked with flowers from the many, many friends, and the church was filled with people from the congregations of both of the two Lutheran synods.

Mrs. Petersen had selected the hymns she would like to have sung at her funeral. They were: "I saw Him in Childhood" and "Hallowed Church Bell." Her favorite Psalm was the 103 Psalm of David: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, and forget not all his benefits." Her



Margrethe Hansen Graham

Margrethe Hansen Graham, daughter of the old Danish pioneer couple of this Michigan community, Rasmus and Margrethe Hansen in Grayling, died April 5, 1953.

She was born in Manistee, Michigan, September 7, 1870 and was now at the time of her death 82 years old. Funeral services were held on April 8, and burial was in the old family vault in Grayling, Michigan.

She was a member of our church here in Grayling; and through the years she often donated special gifts of money to our church work.

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six sons carried her to her last resting place in the Washington Colony cemetery.

Marie Laurberg Petersen was known by many because of her articles in "Dannevirke," "Kirke og Folk" and "Luthersk Ugeblad." Through these articles she always revealed her soul content and she became a friend to many readers of these publications. One of her close friends wrote to me: "We have lost a true and loyal friend and we will miss her." And one of her sons wrote to us about his mother's passing and added: "I am lonesome, but I am thankful for having my parents so many years. I have gone to church with them through all these years; I am indeed happy that I am brought up in a Christian home."

We in our family are ever grateful for having known and having shared in fellowship with these fine friends in sunny California.

P. Rasmussen.

from the law, from death, and from the wrath, which is equivalent to saying that God's will for us is our redemption that we may have life.

At this Lenten season let us not forget that there is in the life of the Christian a human counterpart to the offering of which this season reminds us. Martin Luther put it this way: "We give this rule: the good things which we have from God ought to flow from one another, and become common to all, so that every one of us may, as it were, put on his neighbor, and so behave toward him as if he himself were in his place . . . a Christian man does not live in himself, but in Christ, and in his neighbor, or else he is no Christian; in Christ by faith, in his neighbor by love." (Werke, Erlangen edition, vo. XXVII, p. 197).

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.—
Amen.

Chaplains Aid Refugees

Geneva, Switzerland—(NLC)—For the first time since refugee mass resettlement from Europe to overseas countries began, officially-appointed chaplains are sailing with them on boats carrying the people toward new home countries, it was announced here by the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration.

The Rev. Johannes Hampe, Lutheran chaplain, and Father Severin Quint, a Roman Catholic priest, left Bremerhaven for a 35-day voyage to Australia on board the SS "Anna Salen" to serve 800 German migrants, the announcement said.

In the future the ICEM will provide "migrant chaplains" for all ships chartered by the organization, it was declared here by Pierre Jacobsen, deputy director of ICEM.

Mobility—A Threat And A Challenge

By H. Conrad Hoyer, D. D.

Executive Secretary, Division of American Missions
of the National Lutheran Council.

America is on the move, 30,000,000 strong! Twenty per cent of the American people changed their addresses during the past year. Half of these moved to a different city. One out of every eight who moved, settled in a different state. Church people moved at about the same rate as the rest of the nation. These facts of mass mobility in America have been fairly well established. We are only beginning to realize how they affect our churches and our society.

So far as the church is concerned, these facts mean that twenty out of every hundred members change their addresses within a year, and ten of these move to a different city, presumably to a different parish neighborhood, and beyond the effective reach of the church where they belong. These facts also mean that in the average church neighborhood, one tenth of those who live there today are new, having moved into the neighborhood during the year. During a ten-year period, half of the people of a neighborhood will have moved out, and their homes will be occupied by others. In many cases the change is less radical than this average, of course; in still others, changes are even more dramatic.

In terms of the National Lutheran Council churches, the present mass mobility means that 400,000 baptized members move from one parish neighborhood to another each year. One hundred thousand members move from one state to another during a twelve-month period.

The threat and the challenge to the church in this situation deserves serious attention. American Mission boards of the churches are striving to establish new congregations in the many rapidly expanding new neighborhoods, in order to bring the Gospel to those who settle there, and at least one hundred new congregations will be planted in new communities during 1953 by N. L. C. churches. The National Lutheran Council, through its Division of American Missions, has established emergency ministry programs to serve other thousands of people in the boom construction communities in Paducah, Kentucky; Aiken, South Carolina; Portsmouth, Ohio; North Richland, Washington; etc.

These actions are necessary and important. However, most of those who move, leave neighborhoods with churches, and settle in neighborhoods that al-

ready have churches. These can be reached and served only by the spiritual concern and the cooperative effort of the churches from which they move, and the churches in the neighborhoods in which they settle. Two constructive steps have been taken in recent months to help congregations follow their members-on-the-move.

The first of these is the publication of the All-Lutheran Directory. This directory, published by the National Lutheran Council, lists every Lutheran congregation in America by state, by city, and then by address. Synodical affiliation is also indicated. New congregations, organized since 1951 are listed on a supplementary page. The directory will be available at the church publishing houses by May 1st.

With this directory a pastor, or a church committee, can quickly discover whether there are Lutheran Churches to serve their members who are away from home. They can inform the members of the addresses of these churches, and they can report their members to the church as located in the neighborhoods where they have settled.

A second forward step is the unification of forms and procedures for the Membership Contact and Transfer Service of each of the churches of the National Lutheran Council. Every congregation can easily refer its members-away-from-home directly to churches in new neighborhoods, as it can report the names and addresses of these members to the Membership Contact and Transfer Service at its church headquarters, this Service will then refer the name to a nearby Lutheran church.

These constructive steps are tools for the churches to use. Primary responsibility still remains with the congregations. Promptness is imperative! The person who moves responds to the church in his new community much more readily if he is contacted and invited early. To serve effectively and well a congregation must take three steps:

1. Check its membership address list regularly, and refer those who move out of the parish neighborhood to Lutheran churches in their new neighborhoods or to its Membership Contact and Transfer Service. Letters to the members, encouraging them to seek worship and fellowship opportunities in their new neighborhoods will be a real encouragement to them. A congregation may find it helpful to assign to a spiritual committee the responsibility for keeping address lists current, and reporting removals regularly.
2. Follow referral notices promptly by letter and by personal call, to assure the new people that they are welcome. An evangelism committee in the local congregation may be used to assist in prompt follow-up contacts.
3. Make sure that the spirit of the congregation is truly a Communion of Believers, rather than a club for those who are well pleasing to one another, so that the "stranger at the gate" will be as welcome at worship as the "son of the congregation."

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Pastor Evald Kristensen

Pastor Evald Kristensen, former pastor in our synod, and now living in Taars, Vendsyssel, Denmark, reached the age of 70 on January 18th. According to the rules and regulations of the Church of Denmark this means automatic retirement from active ministry. A number of articles have appeared in various publications from Denmark that have come to your editor's desk paying tribute to the work of this former pastor and worker in our synod.

We know that Pastor Kristensen has many friends in the various congregations where he served through the number of years he with his family lived and served within our synod, and as he was a welcomed guest speaker in many other congregations, he found many friends throughout our synodical fellowship.

Evald Kristensen and family came to U. S. A. in 1915. He came directly to Grand View College, where he became instructor in the "Dansk Lærerskole" and at the same time he entered the seminary to prepare for the ministry.

He was ordained into the ministry in 1918, and accepted a call from the church in Viborg, S. D., where he already had served during certain periods of pastoral vacancy. In 1921 he was called to Solvang, Calif., as the pastor of the Solvang congregation and at the same time to be the director ("Forstander") of Atterdag College. Through 10 years Pastor and Mrs. Kristensen served faithfully in this large field. Hundreds of young people shared richly in the Folk School life at Atterdag during these years. And the Solvang community experienced a rich fellowship centered in the work at the Folk School and the Bethania Church.

In 1932 Pastor Kristensen and family moved to Denmark, when a call from the Elling-Jerup churches in North-Jutland had convinced them of the advisability of a move to Denmark.

A few years later, 1937, a call came from the larger field of work in Taars, North-Jutland, and here Pastor Kristensen has served a large church.

As Pastor Kristensen has always been a keen student of social, political and national problems,

he gradually was drawn toward more active participation in the national issues of the Danish people. And in 1947 he was elected as a member of the Danish Parliament, in which he has served faithfully. He is a candidate for re-election again this spring, having six other candidates opposing him.

Pastor Kristensen has been editor of a number of publications and author of several books



Pastor Evald Kristensen

and he has always been a challenging speaker, in the pulpit and as a lecturer.

Pastor and Mrs. Kristensen visited the United States in 1939 and again in 1947. They have two daughters living in California. Another visit with their daughters and friends in U. S. is planned for this coming summer.

We greet our friends across the sea and add our greeting of appreciation for the service rendered in years gone by in our DELC fellowship.—Editor.

To Address Luther Leagues

Geneva, Switzerland — (NLC) — Dr. Hanns Lilje, president of the Lutheran World Federation, has accepted invitations to speak at two Luther League conferences in the United States late in June and early in July, it was announced at LWF headquarters here.

Bishop Lilje will go to the United States to speak at the fifteenth annual Lutheran Youth Conference, sponsored by the Augustana Lutheran Church's Luther League, at Boston, Mass., June 24-28, and at the fifteenth biennial International Convention of the

Young People's Luther League of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Fargo-Moorhead, Minn., July 1-5.

It is expected that during his stay in the United States, Dr. Lilje will also take part in radio and television broadcasts, the LWF announcement added.

Before going to the United States, Dr. Lilje is scheduled to visit Paris, where, as guest of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of France, he will attend one of the regular meetings of Lutheran pastors to discuss the problems facing the Lutheran Church in the French capital, it was said here.

Minor Notes On A Major Task

By Enok Mortensen

Pastor of Danebod Lutheran Church, Tyler, Minn.

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At one of my lectures I talked to a young Dane who had just returned from a visit to the States. I asked him what had impressed him most in America. Without hesitating he answered, "The many people that attend churches!"

The background for this observation is of course the undisputed fact that few people in Denmark are church-minded. People are baptized, confirmed, married, and buried within the realm of the church. Beyond that the church is a cold, impersonal structure, locked between Sundays and remote from people and their everyday living. The churches are a picturesque part of the landscape and the Danes would miss them if they were not there. Some 97 per cent of the people are members of the State Church, but only a handful of them attend church regularly.

We had looked forward to worshipping in the impressive Grundtvig cathedral which was completed since my last visit eighteen years ago. Architecturally, it is a magnificent structure, but the acoustics were so bad that you had difficulty following the services, and the big church which seats 3,000 people had less than a hundred worshippers. Immediately following the sermon a group of people, led by a deacon, barged in, had a number of children baptized, and breezed out again with banging of doors before the services were ended. Apparently they had no sense of communion with the rest of the worshippers. The baptism was a social function, not a Christian sacrament.

We had the same disillusioning experience many other places. There seems to be very little personal attachment to the church. People marveled when I told them that our little town supports seven different churches, and I soon learned not to mention how many people attend our services. I would have been branded immediately as a bragging American.

I lectured in, or near, a number of churches, but it was rarely the pastor who presided at the meetings. Most ministers under fifty have been influenced more or less by the Barthian theology. It seemed to me that there was a strange lethargy over the whole Danish church scene. There was no activity, no missionary zeal, and no joy. Everything is measured by dogmatics and all new and dynamic voices are squelched instantly. At one of my lectures I asked if the pastor of the parish was in the audience. "No," the young man said, "He is a Barthian (*Tidehvervsmand*)."

Apparently that was supposed to be sufficient explanation.

It is my conviction that we in America might deepen and strengthen our religious life through their emphasis on preaching the Word; but I feel, too, that they might learn something from us. From my contacts with the churches in Europe I learned to be grateful that I am a minister in a free church, built

and supported by people to whom the church means more than a venerable institution.

On one occasion I attempted to tell a group of church leaders about our church life. They listened politely but with no apparent interest. Others told me frankly that they consider our churches shallow and activist, and one pastor asked me incredulously if it was really true that some of our churches have bowling alleys. They scorn our emphasis on getting people to attend church and they seem strangely unconcerned over the fact that their churches are empty. Personally I think it would be good for them to have some bowling alleys in their churches!

Walking leisurely toward *Helligaandskirken* in Copenhagen one Sunday we met an elderly man who immediately spotted us as tourists.

"Oh, don't go there!" he said when we asked for directions. "*Holmen's Kirke* is much more imposing." But we were not looking for the most imposing cathedral. We wanted to hear Halvdan Helweg preach. We were not tourists looking for a thrill. We wanted merely to go to church.

Shortly after our arrival in Copenhagen we heard a brilliant pastor give a lecture entitled, "Is the church only a museum?" To a large extent that is exactly what the church in Denmark has come to be.

The folks schools, too, in my opinion stand in need of some fresh breezes. They live largely on the rich traditions of the past. Once they brought new and revolutionary insights and techniques into the area of adult education, and visitors still come from all the world to study them; but few of Denmark's own young people are interested in them. Most of the schools fight a constant battle to get sufficient students. Without state aid they could not exist at all. It would be unfair and incorrect to say that the folk schools have resisted all changes. There have been a number of innovations, but most of them have been motivated by attempts to recruit students rather than by new and fresh ideas. Because of the lengthened army service for young men, most of the folk schools now have both boys and girls during their winter sessions. Nearly all of them have courses of a practical nature.

I lectured at a number of folks schools and I was deeply grateful for the opportunity. The students and teachers listened well and I enjoyed their companionship. But somehow, like the churches, they reminded me of museums or retreats, and many of the leaders, though courteous and hospitable, treated me with cool condescension. They were of course, interested in America. They would like to visit us and lecture about the folk schools. They welcome our students; but they make no pretense of hiding their suspicion of most things labeled "American." It was in the folk schools and other institutions of learning that I found the best audiences and the most severe critics of our American way of life.

Our Women's Work

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Take time to dream or muse—it's a great relaxation.
 Take time to serve God—all eternity is before you.
 Take time to smile—it makes you look more beautiful.
 Take time to greet the day—it will be a good day if you expect it to be.
 Take time to train the mind in the good and cultural things of life.
 Take time to be kind—soon it will become a habit.
 Take time to write to those to whom a letter may mean so much.
 Take time to right a wrong—the day will come when it is too late.
 Take time to scan the skies—enjoy the beauty God put up there.
 Take time to lend or give—what you have belongs to the Lord—share it.
 Take time to do your best—you will never know how GOOD your best is until you try.
 Take time to send a little gift to the aged or shut-in. It will cheer more than you can know.
 Take time to help those who cannot speak for themselves.
 Take time to really live so that when you depart you will live in the memory and hearts of others.
 Take time to talk with GOD. Learn what His will is and then do it.

Ada Mae Hoffrek.

From Newsletter of Bethlehem Church Women of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

United Church Women Managing Board Meet In New York

On Monday, March 23, it was my privilege to represent our denomination at a meeting of Presidents and Coordinators of United Church Women.

Since becoming members of National Council of Churches of Christ we have also become a part of United Church Women and the National W. M. S. presidents are included as members of the U. C. W. Board.

The meeting was called to order by the president of U. C. W. Mrs. James Wyker. She told us that the purpose of the meeting was to learn to work together, never letting go of the unseen hand of Jesus Christ. Thirty-five women had responded to this call to meet in Grosvenor Hotel, and it was a good experience to sit at round table discussions where the topic was ways and means to make our women's work more vital in the work of the church.

Following the agenda set up for the meeting our discussion centered around these topics: 1. Things we do together (Observance of May Fellowship Day, Community Day, and World Day of Prayer.) 2. Status of Women Study, (How women take their places in

church work.) 3. Promotion of work as United Women, (A discussion of how to establish a sizable Fellowship Fund for ecumenical work between denominations and among nations.)

In many of our communities our women have joined in the local council of United Church Women and have a part in this larger fellowship of the church. Where there is no local council one could be set up. Program material can be obtained by writing to the office of National Council of Churches of Christ, N. Y. The women of our synod who have taken part in this fellowship have been very happy for the closer contact with women in N. C. C. C. A. Membership fees are nominal and contributions are used to accomplish more things for the church. There are a few full time workers in United Church Women, but most of the work is done voluntarily by workers on the National, State, and Local level.

Many of the women were personally acquainted with our synod, our pastor and with Grand View College. It was gratifying to me to have at the noon luncheon a companion who had been in religious education work in Des Moines, at one time, and who said voluntarily, "Oh, yes, I know them well out there. Grand View has a good name in Des Moines."

Yes, it is good to be living, to be a part of that working force whose field embraces all who seek Him who said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

Ida Egede.

Joyous Easter

Traditionally we greet one another, "Happy Easter." Why happy? Indeed, we should rejoice and sing with jubilant voice. The greatest victor of all history is heralded this day. Sin and death are vanquished and liberty purchased for all believers.

Throughout the Lenten Season, we have meditated and focused our attention on Jesus' last week and particularly His trial and Crucifixion. History reveals there never was a more unique and unfair trial. We condemn those responsible for it and yet, are we not often as guilty as they? How? Why?

Learn of the story of the Widow's mite, Jesus remarked, "She gave all her very living,"—or at the Paschal meal with the disciples, Jesus said, "He who would be great among you, let him serve,"—"Greater love hath no man, than that a man lay down his life for his friends,"—"He that abideth in me, and I in Him, bringeth forth much fruit,"—these are challenging words for all who profess the faith in Christ.

Each year, the first Friday in Lent, is appointed as, "World Day of Prayer." The Christian women of

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Paging Youth

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

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True And Lasting Love

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In one of Shakespeare's plays, "The Merchant of Venice," we are told of a beautiful and brilliant young woman Portia by name, who had many suitors. By some process of elimination the number was reduced to three, one of whom was a very handsome and charming young man from Venice. As it was customary in that country for the father to play an important role in the selection of his daughter's husband, Portia's father devised an ingenious test. Taking three boxes, one of gold, one of silver and one of lead, he placed Portia's picture in one of them. On the gold box he had inscribed the words, "Who chooseth me shall gain what many men desire"; on the silver box, "Who chooseth me shall get as much as he deserves"; and on the lead box, "Who chooseth me must give and hazard all he hath." Whichever of the three contestants chose the right box could have Portia as his wife.

A swarthy prince from Morocco was first. After reading the words on the gold box he said to himself: "Portia is, of course, the heart's desire of thousands of men. I am sure her picture is enshrined in the gold box." He was, however, mistaken, for when he opened it he read:

"All that glitters is not gold;
Often have you heard that told."

A prince from Arragon was next. He apparently thought very highly of himself, for he was intrigued by the inscription on the silver box: "Who chooseth me shall get as much as he deserves." He reasoned something like this: "I am a very wealthy person. I come from a good and distinguished family, and I have always been able to get what I want. Certainly I deserve the beautiful Portia." But he was also mistaken; Portia's picture was not in the silver box.

Then came Bassanio, the attractive, scholarly young man from Venice. He was what we might call financially embarrassed, for he had even had to borrow money from a friend so that he could come to court Portia. But he had a most winsome personality and got such joy out of life that people were greatly delighted by his company. Naturally Portia was hoping that he would make the right choice.

Bassanio, of course, was not deceived by the gold

box, for he well realized that many men desire a lot of foolish things. There is a Latin expression, "Vox populi, vox Dei"—"The voice of the people is the voice of God"—but he knew, as many of us do, that that is not true. It is very fortunate for us that God does not give us everything that we desire.

The silver box—"Who chooseth me shall get as much as he deserves"—Bassanio passed by quickly. Being a modest man, he readily admitted that he did not deserve so fair a woman as Portia.

The third box, however, with its inscription, "Who chooseth me shall give and hazard all he hath," did appeal to him. He was deeply in love with Portia. He did not want to feel that by marrying her he would be striking some sort of bargain or merely getting what he selfishly desired or deserved; he sincerely wanted to give and hazard all he had for her. Needless to say, he selected the least attractive box and was delighted to find Portia's picture therein.

On the surface that does not seem the ideal way of selecting a husband, but what right have we lesser mortals to argue with Shakespeare? There is, however, a great deal of truth to that story, for when a person marries he must not be motivated by selfish reasons, by what he desires or thinks he deserves. True and lasting love can only be achieved by a husband and wife who are willing to give and hazard all they have for each other.

And that is true of life itself. The people who really get joy out of life are those who forget themselves in the service of others. Said Jesus: "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." To those who give and hazard all they have for some cause greater than themselves, life becomes a thrilling adventure.

DAYPLand Doin's

The Northern Lights District DAYPL camp will be held at Grantsburg, Wisconsin, June 21-27. The theme of this year's camp will be: "Trails To Christian Living."

The cost for the week will be \$15.00 or \$12.50 each for two or more from the same family. Enroll as soon as possible with the camp director, Pastor W. Clayton Nielsen, Withee, Wisconsin.

The Hampton (Iowa) society will be host to the young people from Cedar Falls, Fredsville, Waterloo, Ringsted, Iowa, and Alden, Minnesota, for an afternoon and evening of singing, lectures and games on Sunday, April 26th.

To The Newly Confirmed

You are entering a new phase of life within the church. Both your privileges and your responsibilities have increased. While details may be different, the over-all pattern is similar. You now have the privilege of taking part in the Lord's supper, and of contributing generally to the congregation; you now have some of the basic tenets of the faith, and the responsibility to grow in that faith through study and regular attendance at the worship services, as well as in the young people's Sunday School classes, where they exist. Most of the privileges are also responsibilities.

As president of the Danish-American Young People's League, I should like to advise you of another

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IN THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD

By Dean Alfred C. Nielsen, Grand View College

To Stand Alone or Together

The Golden Calf—or Lion or Bear or Eagle, or whatever the tribal totem may happen to be—is being worshipped in our world today with an intensity of feeling and a singleness of mind which ought not to be directed by human souls toward any god but God Himself. And it is not surprising to find that we have been propitiating these blasphemously idolized tribal deities with the human sacrifices which they relish and exact.

—Arnold J. Toynbee.

There are voices, loud voices, in our country which shout that we should forget about the world and live unto ourselves. Perhaps this would be nice, but it is impossible. Today jet planes fly from London to Rome, one thousand miles, in two hours. In our day an airplane can start from Europe, cross the Atlantic ocean, circle over the United States and return to Europe, all without refueling. Some of our fellow citizens want to return to 1890. There were no planes in 1890, and our minds and spirits should try to keep up with the inventions.

In the matter of resources we have been a most fortunate people. God gave us so much. But even we are not quite self-sufficient. There is such an item as natural rubber, and such rare metals as tin, nickel, chrome, manganese, cobalt and beryllium. These we must import.

It is also well to remember that many of our large corporations do business in scores of countries. One of the reasons why times have been good since 1945 is that we have distributed goods and services to large parts of this globe. This is expensive and our taxes are high, but not nearly so expensive as a depression. Maybe the Marshall Plan, Point Four and NATO have not really been expensive. What they have earned us in the way of good will, and keeping full employment, is not so easy to measure.

Then there is the whole problem of our agricultural plant. Quite obviously we can produce far more than we consume. The American farmer needs a world market. But world trade is a two-way affair. If we do not buy from other nations, they can't buy our goods, including food-stuffs. The farmer is particularly vulnerable today. Modern farming requires a large outlay of capital. A depression would hit agriculture a hard blow. Industry is organized to a degree approaching monopoly. When it comes to production the farmer is still quite individualistic. To what extent the present administration in Washington understands, and has sympathy for the farm problem, is not clear as yet.

We are a people of action, and people of action are often impatient. Because the United Nations has not produced international miracles, many are ready to give it up as a failure. How short memories some people have! The UN got the Russian troops out of Iran. It helped Indonesia bring her struggle for independence to a successful conclusion. It ended a shooting war in Palestine, and is helping keep peace between India and Pakistan. Furthermore, Korea

should not be forgotten. The armed forces there are from sixteen member nations, and as this is written there are indications that the Communists are about ready to call the whole thing off. In addition to the above there are the specialized agencies of the UN. In the long run these may prove to be of the greatest value. Not long ago a speaker told our students that he was pleasantly surprised when he was in Geneva, Switzerland last summer to see that the agencies of the UN had taken over the buildings vacated by the League of Nations, and that Geneva is a very busy place.

There are those among us who want to go it alone. Have they ever considered what it would mean if the UN were dissolved and we stood all alone? Let us look at a few figures. The population of the United States is about 157 millions. Russia has a population of about 200 millions within her borders. But she does not want to stand alone, nor does she seem to. In addition to her own population she has the people in her satellite countries including China to draw upon. This would mean a population of about 800 millions. Out of this number they should be able to get quite an army!

The old fire-eaters will of course say that any good Yankee can lick a dozen foreigners. We know that the American is a good fighter, but let us look at Korea for a moment. Mr. A. J. Berle, Jr. has said truthfully, "The greatest single lesson out of the Korean War is its demonstration that the Soviet Union can organize Chinese and other Asian manpower into an effective modern fighting army." It is a lesson that should not be forgotten.

As I look back at the great debate that took place in this country at the time MacArthur was recalled, it seems to me that this one thing was settled: The United States is not going to abandon its alliance system. Our political leaders, our military leaders and the majority of the American people know that we of the free world must stand together. If we fail to do that we shall be overwhelmed by the millions of people in the Soviet Union and China.

Our whole defense idea has been built within the framework of the United Nations, and rests upon a system of alliances among which are the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance (1948), the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (1948) which now includes Greece and Turkey, and the proposed Pacific Pact of the United States, Australia, New Zealand, etc.

Some Americans say the United Nations costs too much. During the fiscal year of 1952 our contribution to the regular program of the UN and its agencies was about \$25½ millions, or sixteen cents per person. During the same period our military budget was 60 billions, or about \$400 per person in the United States. That's money!

One of the aims of the UN is to prevent war. The record here is not perfect. But the nations do have a chance to talk it out. And let us remember that it is better and cheaper to talk it out than to fight it out.

The Church Of The Ages

Mother Clara had lost her slender figure and there were dental plates in her mouth. Her gaiety had been worn thin and she went to few parties, but her losses had been turned into an energy which held the family together, including grandchildren, uncles, aunts, and cousins. There were plenty of quarrels and misunderstandings in the family, but Mother Clara knew how to use strategy, interpret the code and let her heart overrule the judgment. She was the axis.

The church of the ages is like Mother Clara. She has also lost her splendor and that a long time ago. She is so guilty and on hearing the multitudinous criticism of her she cannot acquit herself. For so many centuries has she assumed the guilt of humanity, and she is much more loaded with sin than people know. She is on the way toward a calvary sacrifice. Yet she has held the peoples together and she is still doing it, although it can be seen only by the eyes of faith. It was when Lincoln saw that the unity of the people was at stake that the church of history became real to him, so real that he could not join any sect. That church is owned by no denomination.

One of the unsavory means used by the old church is inquisition, that which is a stench in the nose of liberals. "The Grand Inquisitor" was a good church man and one of the main jobs of the parish minister was that of keeping heretics out of the pasture. The inquisition of our days shows that Mother is still active.

There is the old heresy of Gnosticism. It has been kept in prison since the second and third centuries but in our days it has broken out and is now on a rampage and must be put in chains again. Gnosticism is a know how in regard to an ideal which can be materialized. The ideal is the anarchy community, capable of operating without government and priesthood. In it man is spiritual in motive and action. He obeys the laws of life and is therefore free. He is not hampered by family and clan traditions. The economy which heretofore has been tied to the lower nature of man is now adjusted to the higher and the higher knowledge.

To the Gnostic the society of classes, politics, money policemen and priests is of no value at all. It is a useless house that should be burned, the quicker the better, and the know how superman need not have any qualms about a total and ruthless extermination. Old Mother Church realizes that the heresy cannot be bombed to death, it must be weeded out of the garden.

Now if this was the only bad boy Mother had to cope with, her job might seem to be possible but there is another one and he is worse. It is the heresy of Bible supremacy and idealism. This religion does not say that man can live without a government and priests, but if he will believe the Bible God and interpret him correctly he can achieve a government administered by holy men, and he can achieve the common priesthood so extensively that the special priesthood can be avoided. The uncontaminated Christ of strict justice will be the head in this land of God.

Crime, corruption, political fraud and a yellow press will be taboo; there will be no poisons in liquids and food, marriage will be in accordance with the ordinances of God. No one shall be able to chisel in business. Good thrift and self-reliance will eliminate statism. Law and love shall go hand in hand in compliance with the correct interpretation and there will be no room for the infidels and hypocrites. The days of grace have come to the end and now we shall enact the kingdom of God, according to the correct interpretation.

The religion is a crusading one and it moves ahead with gusto, taking advantage of the times and making prodigious use of Daniel.

Old Mother Church knows that although the two boys talk loudly about freedom there will be no freedom if they take over, nor will there be the divine art of substituting love for judgment. She knows that man cannot live without her and there can be no unity without her. She must hold her position at any cost. She will be sacrificed, but God alone can say when.

Aage Moller.

Annual Meeting Of The Santal Mission

May 15—17, 1953

Danebod Lutheran Church, Tyler, Minn.

Friday, May 15

8:00 p. m.—Opening Service.
Welcome—Pastor E. Mortensen.
Response—Pastor O. Gornitzka.
Sermon—Pastor O. S. Bjerkestrand.

Saturday, May 16

9:00 a. m.—Board Meeting.
10:00 a. m.—Bible Hour—Pastor C. A. Gisselquist.
10:45 a. m.—Reports. Election of Board Members.
Discussion of work at home.
1:30 p. m.—Board Meeting.
2:00 p. m.—Mission Forum—Mrs. B. A. Helland, Moderator; Mrs. O. S. Bjerkestrand, Mrs. Mary Riber, Dr. Dagmar Pedersen, Miss Hilma Gjerde and Munshi Tudu.
6:30 p. m.—Fellowship Dinner. Greetings from Munshi Tudu, Missionaries, Board Members and Friends.
Mission Film.

Sunday, May 17

9:30 a. m.—Danish Service.
11:00 a. m.—Worship Service. Sermon—Rev. Harold Riber in Convention Church. Missionaries and Board Members in neighboring churches.
11:00 a. m.—Sunday School—Mrs. Hazel Bjerkestrand.
2:30 p. m.—Closing Service.
Speakers—Dr. Kristofer Hagen and Rev. B. A. Helland.

A CORDIAL INVITATION

Danebod Lutheran Church at Tyler, Minnesota, extends a cordial invitation to attend the Annual Meeting of the Santal Mission, May 15—17. The opening service will be held Friday night, May 15, at 8 o'clock. All pastors and laymen with an interest in and a love for the mission work in India are most heartily invited to share the fellowship with us those days. Those planning to attend are kindly asked to register with the undersigned. We ask especially those who would like lodging and those who plan to attend the Fellowship Dinner Saturday night at 6:30 to register as soon as possible.

Enok Mortensen, Pastor, Tyler, Minnesota.

From A Christian Soldier's Letter

Not long ago, one of our young soldiers in Korea wrote to the pastor: "Thank you for your greetings and the Church Messenger which I just received last night. It was very good to hear from you. Over here a greeting means so much and yours was no exception.

"I also sincerely want to thank you for your prayers which you are giving for us boys over here, as I can say from the heart I don't know of a time or place where prayers are needed more than we need them. Our hearts and thoughts are back with you folks at home, but our job is here and is quite a task, to say the least.

"The one thing that truly makes life over here a worthy and continuous experience is knowing and having FAITH—faith in the Lord and faith in ourselves. Never before have I realized the need of God as much as I have since I have been over here and I am sure there are many, many more other boys who will tell you the same thing. Perhaps it is rather late to realize such a thing, but better late than never.

"I have always wondered what war was actually like. I have tried to place myself in the position of one who was in the midst of horror and terror, blood, pain, and death. Now I know what war is and it is anything but a pleasant picture.

"This is Korea and this is War. The thought of war has never been so extremely shocking or unusual, as wars are as old as history itself. What is shocking is realizing and experiencing the agony and uncertainties and observing the direct results of bloodshed and hatred and the destruction of war. Then one (and I'm that individual) is finally awakened to a few of the essentials of human life, and I can say I believe that this has been the time when I have found the peace and quiet and the fortress of strength of religion based upon the Holy Bible and of "Our Father who art in heaven!" It has been a blessing for me to be able to realize this and what a haven of rest and comfort in the most hectic days of my life!

"After having seen Inchon, Yong Dong Po, Seoul, and Chonwong (to mention a few of the best known Korean cities) one realizes for the first time what terrific fighting has taken place in this small mountainous country.

"Everywhere are the scars of war. Every remaining building is a grim reminder of what has come before—a wall missing, no roof, and if anything is left, it is well bullet-riddled.

"Seoul in its day must have been a rather beautiful city with its 1,200,000 population, but today it is but a living skeleton. But when one considers that Seoul 'fell' twice and thereby actually changed hands four times, no wonder it is as it is today.

"Everywhere the Korean people are scavengers of war. They roam the streets of the cities and towns and the roads of the countryside. They (most of them) have no homes, no food, no work, and no

money. They live on as close to existing on nothing as is possible. One certainly has to admire the Korean people for their stamina and their will to continue on, for their future is not an easy one.

"More devastating to see are the towns and villages which are no more. They have been 'blown' to their very foundations, and now nothing remains but an occasional pillar or the rubble of war.

"I am with a Medical Clearing Co., and our primary purpose is the evacuation of casualties, which we evacuate by helicopter, ambulance, and hospital train. My platoon is right up at an advance station, and at times life is anything but dull! We are well surrounded by every conceivable weapon, and when the barrages from our side or the enemy's open up the air is a vacuum of fire and noise and hell! We receive enemy shellbursts and also have been strafed several times by Red Migs. So when everything is in operation we have a hard and difficult time to keep up and get our casualties started on their road to evacuation.

"We have handled as many as 500 casualties a day, which is a 24-hour job. Too, we are very short-handed but manage to get by on staggered shifts. Now that the winter weather has closed in upon us, the fighting has let up somewhat and I must admit it has been a big relief, mentally and otherwise.

"But I can begin to count the days till I leave Korea as that should be the first or middle of February! Looking forward to seeing you all in the near future, I shall close for now, . . ."—Reprint by permission.

From "Church Messenger", Seattle, Wash.

Joyous Easter

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all nations gather in houses of worship for prayer and meditation. This year, the theme was, "Walk as Children of Light"; this was a fitting characterization. Jesus is not interested in self denial, as to food and luxury during Lent. He desires all to be aware of our responsibilities as His disciples to Live and Serve as Children of Light.

If we expect to share His glory and the joy of resurrection and hope of eternal life, we should also be willing to go with Him all the way, even sacrifice of one's self.

May our work in and for missions at home and abroad be a part of that fruit, Jesus expects as a result of His life and death.

"Where the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life,—my all."

Isaac Watts.

Gertrude D. Sorensen.

Editor's Note: This article arrived too late for the April 5 issue, but Easter thoughts do not need to be confined to the Easter season.

A Call to Christian Stewardship

"Glorify God In Your Body"

Saint Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians, wrote: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So, glorify God in your body."

If we could even begin to conceive of all that might be accomplished with our bodies when their activities are dedicated to and governed by God's will, the very concept would stagger us. History reveals innumerable people whose souls have been lighted by wisdom from on high, and who have moved out from the mire of the slough of despondency to accomplish great and lasting work for God and for their fellow-men.

Our bodies are a vast potential for doing God's work. He made us the very supreme in all creation. Each one of us, in God's will, has nearly unlimited possibilities. Our bodies are the temple of the soul. He has given us powers of intellect, appreciation, of decision and commitment, of love and of faithfulness, of enthusiasm and loyalty, of perseverance and reverence and action, to name only a few. We have been given voices so that we may speak, and laugh, and sing, and communicate with one another. We have been given hands to accomplish things pleasing to God and to our fellow-men. These hands may tidy a dwelling place or paint a portrait, they may minister to the needy and bind up the festering wounds from man's inhumanity to man. They may fashion masterpieces of art or hold the bow and gently touch the strings of a violin. What a magnificent service they can render when employed in the will of God Almighty. We have with our bodies eyes with which to behold the grandeur of living things or to weep at the grotesque and be moved to help it into beauty. We have ears with which to hear the joy of little children, or the tortured cries of grueling agony, and feel Christian compassion to bring gladness to those victims. With our bodies, we have feet to carry us forward and onward. If, in addition to all of these, we feel Christian compulsion to place them in the service of our Master through learning His will and doing His work, there is no question whether we can practice Christian stewardship.

By now some of you have received this year's Lutheran World Action literature and others of you will be getting yours soon. Study it carefully. Learn how your life may be of service to another or to many others by helping to strengthen God's working arm.

O. R. N.

To The Newly Confirmed

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privilege. Most of you will now be welcomed as members of your local DAYPL, which is also a member of the district and national youth organization of the synod. I should like to welcome each one of

you personally, and I would urge you to make use of the privileges of your local youth organization. I'd like to mention what I consider a few of those privileges to be:

1. Fellowship with other youth of like interest;
2. Opportunity to serve your church in one of its auxiliaries;
3. Opportunity to share in Christian fellowship and study;
4. Opportunity to share in Christian recreation;
5. Opportunity to know your pastor and other Christian youth better;
6. Opportunity to share in the larger fellowship, such as district camps and conventions, national convention and workshop, and interdenominational youth work in your area.

The purpose of the Danish-American Young People's League is "to serve as an integral part of the Danish-Evangelical Lutheran Church of America." You are now a confirmed member of that church through your local congregation. If you have a local league, you will be welcomed, I am sure; if you do not have one, ask your pastor if he won't help you to organize one. The undersigned will be happy to give you whatever help he can.

So, a hearty welcome to each one of you. The Danish-American Young People's League exists to serve your needs as a young Lutheran Christian.

W. Clayton Nielsen,
Withee, Wisconsin.

April 7, 1953.

Officers Reelected

New York—(NLC)—The second annual meeting of Lutheran Church Productions, Inc., joint organization of the National Lutheran Council and five Lutheran church bodies, heard reports on successful conclusion of the Martin Luther film, slated for world premiere in the Twin-Cities, Minnesota, on May 4.

At the same time, the meeting was told, work is in progress to synchronize the film in German, for release to German audiences late this spring.

The meeting reelected the full slate of Lutheran Church Productions' officers: Dr. Paul C. Empie, executive director of the NLC, chairman; Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann, director of Public Relations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, secretary; Henry Endress, stewardship secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America, executive secretary; and Melvin F. Schlake, executive director for audio-visual aids for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, associate executive secretary.

Lutheran Church Productions was organized early in 1951 by the National Lutheran Council, the American Lutheran Church, the Augustana Lutheran Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and the United Lutheran Church in America.

The corporation raised \$500,000 for financing of the full length dramatic film on the leader of the Protestant Reformation, Martin Luther, produced by Louis DeRochemont Associates.

Grand View College And Our Youth

It's That Time Again

Yes, it definitely is that time again when everything begins to crowd in on us. Just at present, we are in the midst of Pastor's Institute; that is, the pastors are attending meetings at the church, and from what we see, there are a goodly number of them.

We are already excited about the activities centering around Student-fest. Our formals must be in perfect order, so there is sewing, stitching, and pressing that calls for attention. Needless to say, the "inmates" from the other dorm are busy with cleaning and pressing jobs. Yes, even their white shirts are being sent home to mother for an expert laundering. Our many activities **now**, will help us to enjoy our guests when they arrive. Which means, we are looking forward to seeing YOU.

We will hardly have laid aside our frills and furbelows from Student-fest, when we must be ready to start out on the choir tour. For those of us who are the lucky ones, there is always a feeling of joy, that we can participate in this way. The tour will last a little over one week, and will be rather intensive, but it is a lot of fun, too.

By the time the choir returns, we face that time in our college life when we know that for some of us, our days at Grand View are over. It is then that we think in terms of the "lucky freshmen" who will be returning in September when we have gone out into the "cold, cruel world." Seriously, though, we hope you will realize that we do love the college and all it stands for, and if some of our readers are high school juniors or seniors, we want you to know that you can't do yourself a bigger favor than to enroll **now**, for two of the best years you will ever experience in "the days of your youth." We hope this year's freshmen will be welcoming you next September at G. V. C.

Be seeing you at Studentfest, we hope!!!

P. W.

Studentfest—Homecoming

Studentfest is coming! That's the big word around school these days as we are busily getting ready for the big two-day reunion of former Grand View students and their friends. The date set is May 2nd and 3rd.

You won't want to miss the many activities planned for this exciting week-end! The choir will present its

full choir-tour concert. This year's play, "Papa is All", is a humorous story about a Dutch Mennonite family in Pennsylvania. Also, there is the folk dancing exhibition, and the semi-formal dance to look forward to.

Chaplain Verner Hansen, recently back from Korea, will be the guest speaker at the banquet at Hotel Savery.

Special attention will be given to the alumni who were here either during the years 1942-43 or 1927-28. So if you belong to one of these groups, make a special effort to come and see your old school friends.

PROGRAM

Friday, May 1

Registration.

Saturday, May 2

A. M.

Registration.

Softball game between the Alumni and College.

P. M.

1:15 Concert by the Grand View A Cappella Choir.

2:45 Coffee.

3:30 Folk Dancing Exhibition.

7:30 Banquet (Hotel Savery).

9:00 Semi-formal Dance (Hotel Savery).

Sunday, May 3

A. M.

??? Reunion breakfast for those attending G. V. C. ten and twenty-five years ago.

10:45 Church Services.

P. M.

12:30 Dinner.

1:30 Alumni Association Annual Meeting.

3:30 Play—"Papa is All."

5:45 Supper.

7:30 Repeat performance of the play.

9:30 Coffee.

If you plan to come, please send your reservations as soon as possible to Mr. Ivan Nielsen at Grand View College, Des Moines 16, Iowa.

Registration Fees

No. 1 Friday -----\$10.35

No. 2 Saturday a. m. ---- 8.85

No. 3 Saturday p. m. ---- 8.10

Registration Fee includes meals, lodging and complete week-end events.

Single Meals

Breakfasts -----\$.50

Saturday lunch -----.75

Sunday dinner----- 1.00

Sunday supper -----.75

Single meals may be purchased if registration fee is not paid.

Individual Events

Banquet and Dance-----\$4.00

Banquet only ----- 3.50

Dance only ----- 1.25

Play ----- 1.00

Lodging

Lodging charge of \$2.00 per night will be made to all guests living at the college, or whose lodging has been arranged by the committee. This charge is included in the total registration fee and will be made only if the registration fee is not paid.

Studentfest Committee.

OUR CHURCH

Rev. Thorvald Hansen preached his farewell sermon in the Oak Hill and St. John's, Exira, Iowa, churches on Easter Sunday. After a brief vacation trip to West Denmark, Wis., he and his family will be located at 927 North Fifth Street, Estherville, Iowa, where T. C. H., will be employed in the State Child Welfare office.

Dwight, Ill.—The Dwight congregation voted at its recent quarterly meeting to build an extension to the church for additional Sunday school rooms, also thereby to enlarge the church kitchen, etc., including a new heating system.

Dr. Johannes Knudsen was guest speaker in the Nain Lutheran Church, Newell, Iowa, on Sunday, April 19. He preached the sermon at the forenoon worship service and spoke in the afternoon giving his report on the Hannover, Germany and Lund, Sweden conferences which he attended last summer.

Fredsville, Iowa—Several improvements have been made in the parsonage and the parish hall during the spring, carried out by the efforts of the ladies of the congregation.

Dr. E. W. Mueller, Division of American Mission of the National Lutheran Council, will give the sermon on the "Church of the Air" sponsored by the Columbia Broadcasting System on Sunday, May 10, 10-10:30 a. m. (EST). Pastor Mueller, a Lutheran, is known to many of our people, as he has spoken in several of our congregations and has been guest speaker at Pastor's Institute at Grand View College, Rural Church Institutes, etc.

The Solvang Lutheran Home was scheduled to be dedicated on Sunday, April 19. The first unit of dormitory rooms has been completed and is ready for occupancy. We hope to bring a report of the dedication service in the next issue of L. T.

Seattle, Washington—The St. John's Lutheran choir, under the direction of Miss Jean Conrad, gave a Spring Concert on Wednesday evening, April 1, in the church. The program consisted of the Easter portion of Handel's Messiah.

Rev. Howard Christensen, Director of Religious Education at Grand View College, conducted a Church Worker's Workshop for the congregations of Tacoma, Enumclaw and Seattle on Sunday, April 19 in the Seattle church. Rev. Christensen spoke in the Tacoma church on Monday evening, April 20.

Portland, Maine—The St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, Vincent Ligouri, pastor, is working on plans for relocation of the church. This problem (and opportunity) seems to come sooner or

later to all congregations in the larger cities.

Rev. Holger M. Andersen, Wilbur, Washington, has recently been confined through a period of three weeks with scarlet fever. He is again back "on the job" and regaining strength.

Bridgeport, Conn.—Chaplain Verner Hansen was the guest speaker in the Bridgeport church recently, relating some of his experiences as chaplain in Korea and on Koje Island.

New improvements have been made recently in the parish hall of the Bridgeport church.

Des Moines, Iowa—On Palm Sunday the Luther Memorial Church dedicated an Altar Bible in memory of Pastor N. P. Gravengaard, former pastor of the church. The Bible was presented by his widow, Mrs. Anna Gravengaard. It is a leather bound copy of the new revised version. The cover has printed in gold: "Presented to Luther Memorial Church in Memory of Pastor N. P. Gravengaard."

Anniversary

Mr. Georg Strandvold, who for many a year has been foreign news commentator on the staff of **Decorah Posten** will have two important anniversaries this spring. May 4 he celebrates his 50th anniversary as newspaperman; and on June 5 he will celebrate his 70th birthday.

Let those of us who have appreciated his work and personality remember him on those anniversary days.

T. P. C.

District VIII Convention

The annual convention of District 8 will be held in Watsonville, California, on the 15-17 of May. Friends, delegates and pastors are hereby invited to the meeting which begins Friday evening at 8 o'clock. It is necessary to enroll at the very latest one week prior to the opening date if you wish the congregation to find lodging for you. If you are not enrolled, we expect that you wish to find your own lodging. Please bring your own Hymnal. All delegates are requested to bring a written report from their respective congregations. Please enroll to Jørgen Rasmussen, P. O. Box 35, Freedom, California.

JØRGEN RASMUSSEN, President.

REV. A. E. FROST, Pastor.

REV. NIELS NIELSEN, District Pres.

Marlette-Juhl, Michigan

Marlette, Michigan — Juhl-Germania churches: The Germania Church is making a great improvement to their church plant. Two Sunday school rooms, a larger kitchen and basement and lavatories are being built. All of the work is being done by the men of the church. Later landscaping and

beautifying of the grounds will be done also. Juhl: The Martha Circle of the Juhl Ladies' Aid gave an evening's entertainment in the form of three one-act plays. A new Program Year Book has been completed in the Juhl Aid. Very successful bake sales have been held by both of the Ladies' Aids. The WMS is planning on a day's excursion for the first week in May and will go to the School for the Deaf in Detroit. Our Young People's Society has grown in number, and has a busy program planned for the coming year. They will be hosts to the District II Young People's Camp and Convention this summer.

Correspondent.

Itinerary

For Dr. Johannes Knudsen, in District 8.

Los Angeles, Sunday, May 10

Pasadena, Monday, May 11

Solvang, Tuesday, May 12

Salinas, Wednesday, May 13

Fresno, Thursday, May 14

Watsonville, May 15th to 17th

NIELS NIELSEN,
District President.

Grayling, Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. Walstrom of Grayling, Michigan celebrated their golden wedding, March 31. They were married on that date in 1903 in Oslo.

The congregation gave a party for them on Palm Sunday in Danebod. They have lived 10 years in Milwaukee and 40 years in Grayling. Mr. Walstrom was a fine mechanic when he worked. Mrs. Walstrom sang for many years in the choir. She is an old member of the Danish Ladies' Aid of which she was president for many years, at present she is secretary. Many friends were present and many good words were spoken about and to this fine couple.

Correspondent.

Acknowledgement Of Receipts From The Synod Treasurer

For the month of March, 1953
Toward the budget:

Congregations:

Marinette, Wis.	\$ 66.77
Bridgeport, Conn.	50.00
Askov, Minn.	57.40
Ringsted, Iowa	285.58
Clinton, Iowa	300.00
Waterloo, Iowa	228.76
Cedar Falls, Iowa	664.14
Menominee, Mich.	102.71
Brush, Colo.	86.50

Portland, Me.	154.00
Los Angeles, Calif.	220.50
Hartford, Conn.	250.00
Omaha, Nebr.	100.00
Salinas, Calif.	200.00
Dwight, Ill.	900.00
Newell, Iowa	850.74
Des Moines, Iowa	337.50

Home Mission:

In memory of P. C. Christensen, Viborg, S. D., friends in Irene, S. D.	1.00
In memory of Mrs. L. P. Lund, Newell, Ia., friends in Newell, Iowa	10.00
In memory of Mrs. Peter Smith, friends in Ringsted, Iowa ..	3.00
In memory of Martin Mortensen, Harry Fabers, Gayville, S. D.	2.00
In memory of Jessena Larsen, Dwight, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Hans Lund, Newell, Iowa ..	1.00
In memory of Wm. Skonetski, Dwight, Ill., Church council and pastor	10.00
Annual Reports	6.25

Child's Friend:

Annex Club, Seattle, Wash. --	10.00
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Pension Fund:

Mr. Axel V. Teisen, Chicago, Ill.	10.00
Congregation: Newark, N. J. --	22.00

President's Travel:

Congregation: Cordova, Nebr.	18.55
Previously acknowledged ----	4,279.76
Total to date	\$9,228.16

Received for Items Outside of Budget:

Women's Mission Society:

Congregation: Racine, Wis. --\$	25.00
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Lutheran World Action and Relief:

In memory of P. C. Christensen, Viborg, S. D., from friends in Viborg, S. D.	\$ 8.00
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Chris H. Jensen from daughter Marjou Collins	2.00
From Congregation, Ruthton, Minn.	5.00
Sunday School, Detroit, Mich.	10.00
Sunday School, Cordova, Neb.	6.40

Congregations:

Ringsted, Iowa	67.20
Cordova, Neb.	103.60
Muskegon, Mich.	310.00
Menominee, Mich.	26.75
Brush, Colo.	29.00
Hartford, Conn.	50.00
Rosenborg, Neb.	18.40
Salinas, Calif.	60.00
Dwight, Ill.	200.00
Newell, Iowa	168.80
Previously acknowledged ----	883.00
Total to date	\$1,948.15

Respectfully submitted,
The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.
Charles Lauritzen, Treas.

Santal Mission

Contributions for March, 1953

To General Budget:

Rev. Walter Brown, Ruthton, Minn.	\$ 5.00
Mrs. Ernest Bender, St. Croix Falls, Wis.	5.00
Mrs. Elna Olsen, Hartford, Conn.	5.00
West Denmark S. S., Luck, Wis.	25.00
Dalum L. Aid, Canada	25.00
Mrs. Anna White, Ludington, Mich.	25.00
Rev. John Christensen, Ludington, Mich.	25.00
Immanuel Congregation, Los Angeles, Calif.	25.00
Anonymous	25.00
Annex Club, Seattle, Wash.	10.00
Einar J. Nielsens, Alameda, Calif.	3.00
Mrs. Ferdinand Jensen, Flaxton, N. D.	2.00
St. John's Joint L. Aid Mission Meeting, Hampton, Iowa ..	18.80
In memory of Axel Hassenfeldt, Askov, Minn., Mrs. And. Jorgensen, Hampton, Iowa ..	.50
In memory of Mrs. N. P. Hald, Mrs. Johanne Jacobsen, Lindsay, Neb.	5.00
In memory of Erling P. Miller, Hampton, Iowa, by the following: Mrs. Ole Christensen, Peter Fabers, Axel Tobiasens, George Dockwells, Herluf Hansens, Floyd Olesens, Arlo Jensens, N. C. Rasmussens, Milton Ostergaards, Mrs. Peter Ostergaard, and Niels Lunds	6.00
In memory of Mrs. Jens G. Jensen, Hampton, Iowa, by the following: Chris Vestergaards, Mrs. P. L. Lund, A. B. P. Millers, Lewis Vidals, Folmer Jorgensens, Hans Egedes, Anna Miller, N. C. Rasmussens, Niels Lunds, Edw. Hansens, Chris. Nielsens, H. C. Hansens, Henry Hansens, Peter Jensens, Holger Rasmussens, Bernard Rasmussen, Mrs. Andrew Jorgensen, Geo. Dockwells, C. M. Hansens, Sophus Christenssens, Marvin Seehusens, Alfred Kibsgaards	11.50
In memory of Mrs. Chr. Petersen, Kimballton, Iowa, Otto Soes, Kimballton, Iowa ..	1.00
In memory of Simon and Astrid Faaborg, Kimballton, Mrs. C. P. Christensen	1.00
In memory of Emil Twenstrup, Kimballton, Iowa, by Jimmie, Ellen and Sylvia Esbeck, Kimballton, Iowa ..	5.00
In memory of Mrs. Chr. Kyhl, Hampton, Iowa, C. R. Atkinsons, R. G. Jennings, F. L. Jennings and L. L. Vidals ..	12.00
In memory of Mrs. Effie Hansen, Greenville, Mich., Her Children	5.00
In memory of Halvor Peter-	

sens, Menominee, Mich., Mrs. Geo. Barkes, Chicago, Ill. ..	10.00
For Leper Work:	
Miss Alice Jensen, Minneapolis, Minn.	5.00
Total for March	\$ 260.80
Total since January 1st ..	\$2,227.10
Acknowledged with sincere thanks.	

Dagmar, Miller.

1517 Guthrie Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa

Contributions Received For Solvang Lutheran Home

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of Mrs. N. P. Hald, Solvang, Calif., Mary Petersen	\$ 2.00
Mrs. Marie Petersen	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Petersen	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Iversen ..	2.50
Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Petersen	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Nygaard ..	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jacobsen ..	5.00
Greta and Arne Madsen	3.50
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jensen ..	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Appel	5.00
Danish Ladies' Aid	3.00
Chris and Elsie Roth	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Hans C. Petersen	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Axel Nielsen ..	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson ..	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Marius Larsen ..	1.00
Mrs. Sorine Jensen	2.00
Mrs. Johanne Albertsen	3.00
Mrs. Marie Christiansen	1.00
Mrs. Ketty Petersen	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jorgensen	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shelly	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harkson ..	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jens Bennedsen ..	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Emil Andersen ..	2.50
Mrs. C. L. Wosgaard	2.50
Miss Sadie Flotre	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. and H. C. Johnson	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Christensen	2.00
Regine and Arne Iversen	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lauritsen ..	3.00
Solvang School Students and faculty	7.00
All of Solvang, California. J. J. and Emilie Lerager, Brush, Colo.	5.00
Dannevang Danish Ladies' Aid	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Strandkov	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jorgen Andersen ..	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Madsen ..	3.00
Mrs. Dagmar Nielsen	2.00
Sigrid Hvolboll	1.00
All of Solvang, California. In memory of Rev. and Mrs. N. P. Hald, Solvang, Calif., Mrs. Christine Larsen, Solvang, Calif.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. John P. Larsen, Solvang, Calif.	3.00

In memory of Mrs. George Johansen, Solvang, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Axel Nielsen	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Hans Carstensen	3.00
Regine and Arne Iversen ..	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ole Hansen ..	3.00
All of Solvang, California. In memory of John McGinnis, Solvang, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Iversen, Solvang, Calif.	2.50
In memory of Rev. Rasmus Jensen, Mrs. Kathrine Jensen, Silkeborg, Denmark	5.00
In memory of Rose Crowe, Roy Appel and family, Solvang, Calif.	5.00
Bethania Guild, Solvang, Calif.	3.00
In memory of Mrs. Kathrina Nissen, Brush, Colo., from Friends at Eben-Ezer, Brush, Colo.	10.25
Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Nielsen, Thora Mae and Mrs. John Roth, Solvang, Calif.	4.00
In memory of our Son lost in World War II, Mr. and Mrs. Julius M. Petersen, Exeter, Nebr.	25.00
In memory of Jens C. Jensen, Solvang, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Jens Bennedsen, Solvang, Calif.	2.00
Regine and Arne Iversen, Solvang, Calif.	3.00
In memory of Mrs. Christine Jensen, Solvang, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Christensen, Solvang, Calif.	2.00
In memory of Johannes Jensen, Solvang, Calif., Sigrid Hvolboll, Solvang, Calif.	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Strandkov, Solvang, Calif.	2.00
In memory of Mrs. Ole Sorensen, Solvang, Calif., Sigrid Hvolboll, Solvang, Calif. ..	1.00
Simon and Norma Hansen, Solvang, Calif.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Strandkov, Solvang, Calif.	2.00
In memory of Mrs. Sophia Poulsen, Ladies' Aid, Easton, Calif.	3.00
In memory of Rev. Carl Rasmussen, So. Luth. Society of our Saviors Luth. Church, Viborg, S. D.	15.00
In memory of Mrs. George Johansen, Solvang, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lauritsen ..	3.50
Mrs. Sorine Jensen	2.00
Danish Ladies' Aid	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen ..	2.00
All of Solvang, California. In memory of Jens P. Jensen, Solvang, Calif., Ketty Petersen	10.00
Mrs. Marie Christiansen ..	1.00
Regine and Arne Iversen ..	3.00

(TO BE CONTINUED)

A sincere "thank you" to all Friends of SOLVANG LUTHERAN HOME.

Nis P. Pors, Treasurer.
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NEWS BRIEFS

CONFERENCE ON INDIANS HELD INITIATED BY NLC WELFARE

Minneapolis—(NLC)—An institute devoted to the history, culture and needs of the American Indian was held at the University of Minnesota late in February. Said to be the first conference of its kind, it was initiated at the request of the Division of Welfare of the National Lutheran Council.

Miss Henriette Lund, welfare division consultant, who is recognized as an authority on Indian affairs, was a special guest at the institute, held for Indians only. A second institute is planned this summer which will be open to interested persons.

It was brought out at one of the sessions that many Indians reside in large American cities. The Twin Cities, for example, have 8,500 Indians, of whom 5,000 live in Minneapolis and the rest in St. Paul. Approximately 300,000 Indians live on the reservations and 100,000 off the reservations.

The institutes, according to Miss Lund, are being held "to create better understanding of the needs, problems and interests of the Indians in order to assimilate and integrate them into normal community life."

Contrary to common belief, the American Indian is not a vanishing race, she said. It is increasing more rapidly than any other minority group in the country. The hope of the Indians is in their assimilation into a normal community living.

There is general concern for the need for service to the American Indians who are leaving the reservations and moving into the cities for work, according to Miss Lund. Their problems can be likened to those of the DPs who resettled in a new environment. Many of them find it difficult to adjust off the reservations, particularly the older persons who have no trade.

"Care must be taken not to discriminate against the Indian—in school, church, industry and community," she said. "One of their great problems is that of the lack of understanding about them. But they are vocal—and they come to us with a plea to be understood and to be accepted as useful, responsible citizens."

LWF-SR LEADS OTHER AGENCIES IN RESETTLEMENT AID

Geneva, Switzerland — (NLC) — In 1952 Lutheran World Federation—Service to Refugees aided 2,752 refugees to be resettled with the aid of travel loans, it was revealed here.

According to official statistics released by the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration, the LWF-SR thus headed the list of eleven voluntary agencies cooperating in the Committee's program to aid migrants.

LWF-SR aided 2,752 migrants to move in the period from February 1 to December 31, while, during the same period, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society resettled 2,018; the American Joint Distribution Committee (Jewish), 2,017; the U. S. National Catholic Welfare Conference, 1,134; and the World Council of Churches, 1,068, the statistics showed.

Of the 2,752 Lutheran-sponsored migrants, no fewer than 2,000 went to Canada, where they were received and aided by Canadian Lutheran World Relief, it was said at LWF headquarters here.

Most of the Lutheran-sponsored migrants were refugees moved from Germany and other West European countries; a smaller number came from Hong Kong, where LWF-SR operates a joint emigration office with the World Council of Churches.

During the eleven-month period of 1952, mentioned in the ICEM report, LWF-SR received \$275,000 in grants from the agency for travel loans, but, the report pointed out, "the LWF-SR reports an encouraging percentage of loan repayments on the part of the migrants themselves."

It was stressed here that LWF-SR has "pioneered" in reapplying repayments of travel loans to aid more migrants and thus developing what is called a "revolving loan fund."

According to the LWF information service LWF-SR hopes to aid 5,000

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refugees with travel loans in 1953, "barring unforeseen crisis."

The figures quoted in the ICEM report, it was stressed, do not include the thousands who through LWF-SR have received other than financial help for immigration.

The Placement Service

The purpose of the Placement Service is to assist in the locating of our people in communities served by the Lutheran Church. The Placement Service has not investigated the merits of the propositions advertised and assumes no responsibility in the matter.

Lutheran Tidings,
Kimballton, Iowa.

FARM FOR SALE—Eighty acres on good county road, good buildings, land and well; 2½ miles north of Askov, Minnesota. Danish Lutheran Church in the village; also a good 12 grade school. Price, \$4,000.—Clemmen Christensen, Askov, Minnesota.

FOR SALE—Farmers supply store, offering most items a farmer needs: machinery, feeds, seeds, custom work grinding and cleaning, equipment, etc. Age and health compels sale. Good farming community. Good soil. Five Lutheran synods represented in and around Centuria, on Fed. Highway 65 miles N. E. from Twin Cities. Stock cash, balance financed. Immediate possession. F. Clarey Nielsen, Centuria, Wis.

WANTED — Shoemaker. Former had more work than he could care for. Shop can be rented, also some machinery. Large territory to draw from. Contact F. Clarey Nielsen, Centuria, Wis.

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.

I am a member of the congregation at _____

Name _____

City _____ State _____

New Address _____

April 20, 1953

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