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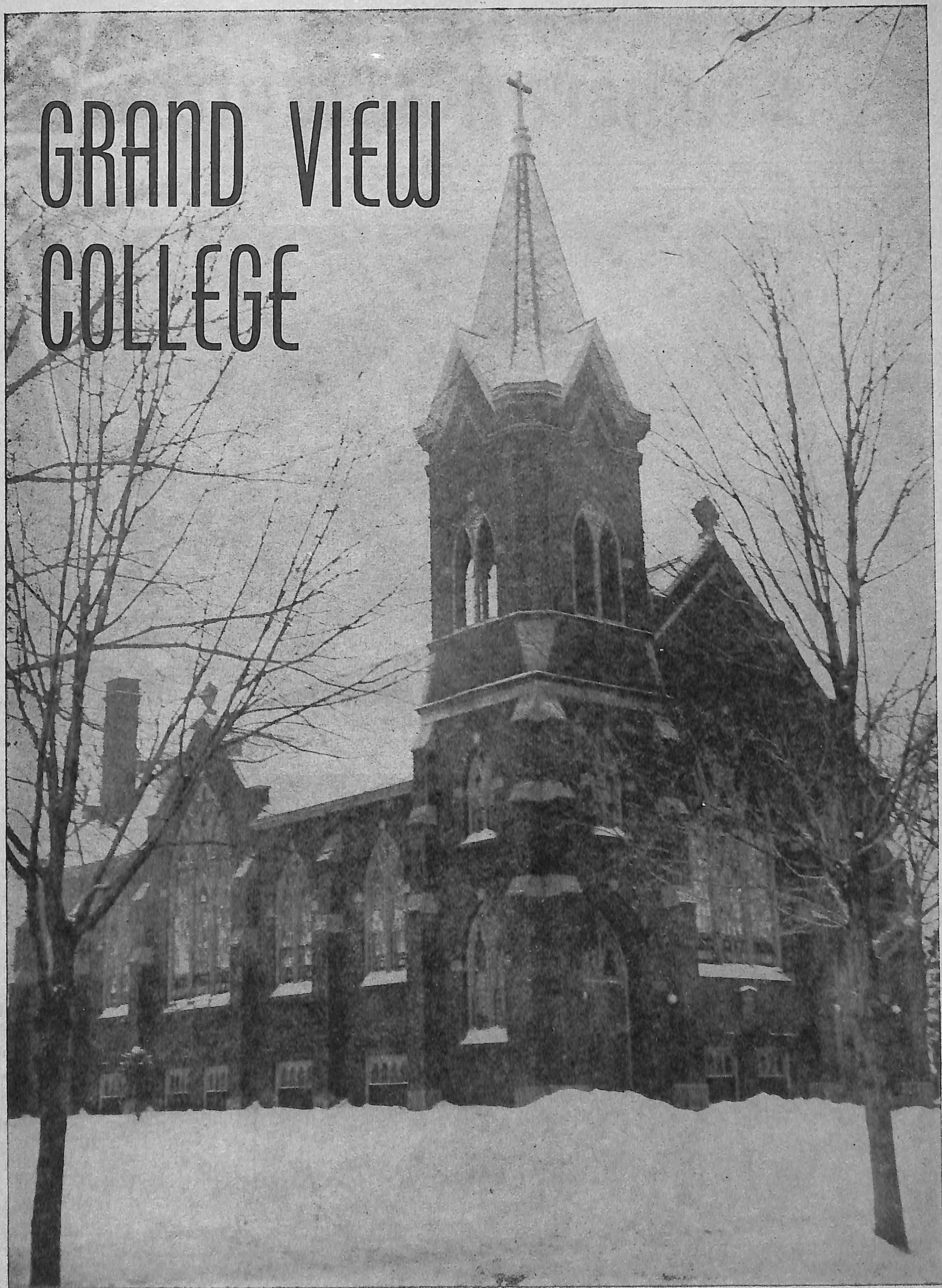
Leisure Hours in the Lounge of the Girls' Dorm
Grand View College



Grand View A Cappella Choir Begins Annual Tour

April 24 — National Christian College Day

GRAND VIEW COLLEGE



CHOIR TO TOUR WEST-CENTRAL STATES

This week the A Cappella Choir of Grand View College begins one of the longest tours in its eight year history, as it embarks on a westward journey to cover a total distance numbered in the thousands of miles. For the first time, it will reach the Rocky Mountain area, in a visit to Brush, Colorado.

The choir was founded in 1947, and since that time has gained increasing recognition throughout the mid-west. High spots in this brief career was the choir's appearance on the Columbia Church of the Air, a nation-wide broadcast, in 1952. Last year the choir sang in Orchestra Hall, Chicago, and toured Iowa, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. This year the choir will sing in Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado.

The choir is composed of fifty-six members representing twenty states. All students of the college are eligible to sing; membership this year is offered as a selective course.

Director of the choir is Robert M. Speed, who has his degree from Drake University of Des Moines. Mr. Speed is active in local music circles and is the accomplished organist of the influential Central Presbyterian Church of his city. Last summer he attended music festivals in nine European countries. Students singing under his leadership have found it a rewarding and inspiring experience.

The Itinerary

Friday April 22.....Kimballton, Iowa
 Saturday, April 23.....Cordova, Nebraska
 Sunday, April 24.....Denmark, Kansas
 Monday, April 25.....Brush, Colorado
 Tuesday, April 26.....Hay Springs, Nebraska
 Wednesday, April 27.....Cozad, Nebraska
 Thursday, April 28.....Nysted, Nebraska
 Friday, April 29.....Marquette, Nebraska

Statement From The President

Sunday, April 24, will be observed as National Christian College Day by all of the member churches of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. This day is gaining increasing recognition among church people.

Grand View College will participate in the observance by presenting a half hour concert in the afternoon over radio station WHO. The choir will sing under the direction of Mr. Robert M. Speed from 2 to 2:30 o'clock.

National Christian College Day is intended to focus the attention of the congregations upon the educational mission of the church. "For millions of our day," says Elton Trueblood, "the way to sensitiveness of spirit will have to be education. Therefore, the educational enterprise is of great importance in our religious life."

National Christian College Day challenges our congregations, our homes, our parents and young people to recognize the church's teaching ministry through the Christian Church college. In today's world schools like Grand View College are a living hope in the midst of secularism. The church's concern for its youth is seen in the total life of the college. We invite parents and young people to consider Grand View College. Attend your own church college and experience the difference.

Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen, President.
 Grand View College.

Readers within range of Des Moines "clear-channel" radio station WHO can hear part of this year's choir program on Sunday, (dial 1040), at two o'clock. This program will be part of the observance of National Christian College Day.

Saturday, April 30.....Lindsay, Nebraska

Sunday, May 1.....Omaha, Nebraska

The program for this year's concert follows:

Program

I

To God on High be Thanks and Praise.....Nicolaus Decius
 O Bone Jesu.....Giovanni Palestrina
 Born is the Lord Emanuel.....Michael Praetorius
 Lamb of God.....Arr. F. M. Christiansen

II

To Thee We Sing.....Konstantin Schvedov
 O How Glorious.....Healey Willan
 The Lord Would Make A Paradise.....Leland Sateren

III

Brother James' Air.....Gordon Jacob
 I Hear No Voice.....Francis Pyle
 In Peace and Joy I Now Depart.....David Fetler
 Galician Christmas Carol on the Feast of the Holy Kings.....Frederick Erickson

IV

In the Time of Roses.....Luise Reichardt
 Two Chansons.....Paul Hindemith
 Since All Is Passing
 A Swan
 Two German Folk Songs.....Johannes Brahms
 In the Night
 How Lovely is the Maytime!
 Sweet Betsy from Pike.....Arr. Robert Choate

V

Let Us Break Bread Together.....Noah Ryder
 Deep River.....Lyn Murray
 I Got Shoes.....Arr. Marshall Bartholomew

Summer Meeting at Askov Folk High School July 7-11

All Danish-born visitors from U.S.A. are again this summer invited to partake in the meeting at Askov during the above-named days.

There will be daily lectures by well-known speakers, and excursions to Syd-Slesvig and to the beautiful "Skamlingsbanken" with its view across the "Little Belt."

We cordially invite all who are interested to spend these days with us. Those who took part in earlier meetings enjoyed what they heard and saw. The same will undoubtedly be the case this summer also. Price for all the days: 65 Kr.

Please send applications to the undersigned:

Erik Appel, Skibelund, Vejen, Denmark. M. F. Blickfeld, Himmerlandsvej 5, København, Denmark.

What Did We Get in Milwaukee?

You know that we went to Milwaukee in January, don't you? That is to say that some of us went bodily to that city during a cold, cold week in January and the rest of you who are members of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church were there in spirit because Rev. C. A. Stub and the undersigned were there as your official representatives. It is our hope that some of the blessings of the Lutheran Evangelism Conference may come to you and your congregations through the reports we make and the efforts we expend in the weeks and months ahead.

In such a report as this one might describe the huge Milwaukee Arena, site of the second National Lutheran Evangelism Conference. One might also try to summarize the four day program in the best way possible. But I have chosen to give this report in another way so that you and the other AELC members might have an answer to the question, "What did we get in Milwaukee?" And by "we" I certainly don't mean only your two official delegates, nor do I mean only the twelve AELC clergy and lay visitors at the conference. By "we" I mean the whole constituency of our synod. What did we get in Milwaukee?

First of all I hope that we got our AELC heart warmed for the cause of evangelism. At least that part of the AELC heart which I carry in my body and the part which the other conference attendants carry in their bodies was warmed for the cause of evangelism. It couldn't be otherwise because we were part of a fellowship whose members were filled with a spirit of concern for lost souls, with a spirit of determination to share Christ and His blessings with all men. I trust that in the months that lie ahead we may find ways and means to lay the burden for souls on the heart of AELC. I am confident that we would see some of our problems and some of our opportunities in a new light if our great passion was to "go and make disciples of all nations," including that part of our nation which lives in the house next door, regardless of ancestry, social standing, religious background. This is evangelism.

Secondly, in Milwaukee we were given new materials and shown new methods for reaching the inactive and the unchurched. In the days that lie ahead your evangelism committee will try to mail a sample supply of these materials to each congregation. At the same time we shall try to find ways to explain and demonstrate the various methods being used to carry on the work of evangelism in some of our sister Lutheran churches. We are now in the process of introducing a pilot program in the field of Preaching Missions. This program should be inaugurated in the churches of District III (Illinois, Wisconsin) or District II (Michigan) before the end of 1955.

Finally I would point out that this conference should help all of us to realize that we share a heritage as Lutheran Christians with millions of our fellow Americans. The ALC, the ULCA, the ELC, the Augustana, and the UELC methods reminded us that we have some differences in the family. But when the Word was preached, when the hymns were sung, when the prayers were offered we experienced a unity of faith that supercedes all ancestral differences,

all polity differences, even differences in skin color. At such a conference it is always a simple matter to criticize, to tell yourself and tell others that you would say some things differently, do some things differently. I trust that we did something a little more difficult and far more important, namely, draw from others some information and inspiration that will help us share our Christian faith and life with still others who could also experience the blessings we know.

Richard H. Sorensen.

United Lutheran Church Membership at New High

NEW YORK, April 14—Membership in the United Lutheran Church in America reached a record 2,202,791 during 1954, Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, church secretary, announced recently.

The baptized membership of America's largest Lutheran body showed an increase of 62,704 over 1953's total membership of 2,140,087, according to reports from the church's 32 constituent synods in the United States and Canada.

The number of pastors was reported as 4,293, up 132 over the previous year, Dr. Reinartz reported at a meeting of the church Executive Board here.

Sunday school enrollment in the ULCA's 4,294 church schools totaled 755,982, a gain of 34,231 over 1953.

Total expenditures of the church were \$76,312,614, which represented an increase of \$8,592,813 during 1954 over the previous year, Dr. Reinartz' report showed.

Current and unusual expenses of congregations were \$60,854,789, up \$7,198,272 from 1953. Benevolences for the world wide causes of the United Lutheran Church were \$15,457,825, an increase of \$1,394,541.

Valuation of church buildings, parsonages and schools or parish houses and other properties was reported at \$414,395,988, an increase of \$32,338,102 over the 1953 total of \$382,057,886.

Enok Mortensen to Tour California District ITINERARY

May 3—Easton-Parlier (Fresno), California
May 4, 5—Solvang, California
May 6—Pasadena, California
May 8—Los Angeles, California
May 15—Watsonville, California

In addition, Pastor Mortensen will be present in Salinas at the District Convention, April 29, 30 and May 1.

Ejnar Farstrup,
District President.

NEWS FLASH

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AELC
WILL BE HELD AUGUST 9-14, 1955, IN KIMBALLTON, IOWA.

Rural Life Sunday

An ancient ritual of the Christian Church will be observed in many Lutheran churches on Rogate Sunday, May 15 also known as Rural Life Sunday. Originally the Rogation Days observance, three days before Ascension, consisted of religious processions visiting the fields to ask God's blessing on the growing crops. Services now are held in the churches, with special prayers for the blessing of Almighty God on the fields and flocks.

A Lutheran service, based on the common liturgy of the church, has been prepared by the Rural Church Program of the National Lutheran Council. Printed in regular "Sunday bulletin" form, copies of the service are available for \$1.75 per hundred at the Council's Rural Church Program, 327 South LaSalle Street, Chicago 4, Illinois. This is the second year in which this particular service has been used by Lutheran churches.

A part of the service is the traditional dedication of the seed, with a prayer addressed to the Lord of springtime and harvest to "water it with the gentle rain from heaven and warm it with the golden sunshine that it may bear fruit an hundredfold." Suggested hymns carry out the theme of praise to the Creator God. They include "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!" and "Beautiful Savior."

Many Christian denominations observe Rural Life Sunday as a day set apart for emphasizing the meaning of Christianity for rural life; for the invocation of God's blessing upon the seeds, the fruits of the soil, and the cultivators of the earth; and for the consideration of justice for agriculture.

Dr. E. W. Mueller secretary of the Council's Rural Church Program, emphasizes that the purpose of the service is not to worship nature or rural living, but to worship the Creator of the things of nature.

"Its purpose," he says, "is to remind us of our dependence on Divine Providence for the fruits of the earth and to make us worthy of being God's co-workers."

Rural Life Sunday in its present form was first observed in 1929, at the suggestion of the International Association of Agricultural Missions, and according to plans adopted by the Home Missions Council, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and many religious bodies.

In recent years the day has had special significance in rural parishes, where members of 4-H club, Future Farmers of America, or adult farm organizations attend divine worship services as a group. The observance is not confined to country parishes, however. Many churches in America's cities also arrange for a special worship service, in recognition of their dependence on God for the fruits of the earth and praying for the spiritual health of rural America. Some city and rural pastors have exchanged pulpits for that day.

National Family Week

Chicago, March 18—Ways to improve the spiritual life of the home will be considered by thousands of American churches and individuals May 1-8. The occasion is the fifteenth National Family Week.

The 1955 theme of "Open Your Home to God" emphasizes that Christian family relationships are "more important than television sets and rumpus rooms."

While the theme and supporting material for the Protestant participation in the Week are prepared by the National Council of Churches observance is further encouraged by the various denominations and councils of churches. These provide devotional and reading suggestions, book lists and programs for local churches and families. Parallel observance is also carried on by Jewish, Catholic and social agency groups.

"Family Week annually has focused attention upon the home in American life," points out Rev. Richard E. Lentz, executive director of the National Council's family life department. "It enables the church and home together to plan ways of coping with some of their common problems. Television programs, circulars on the doorstep, people who pass on the sidewalk, all affect the life of those who live in the home. While a family cannot choose all the things that will get their attention, they can make general selection. They can choose to open their home to God," he declared.

The National Council suggests to families "Go to church together," "Begin regular family worship," "Plan family Bible reading and fellowship," "Have picnics or excursions together," and "Observe family-at-home nights."

To churches the National Council suggests family church services, family study projects, family camp or retreat, small group family prayers, church family night, evaluation of family life program of the church school, interchurch and interfaith observances and "town meetings."

To civic groups the Council suggests "town meetings" on problems related to family life such as delinquency, housing or health; leadership training schools; and radio or television programs.

The Vesper Song

The evening star glows like an altar candle
Upon the pale blue velvet of the sky.
Deep silence reigns on hills and in the woodland,
Where shadows cast their arabesque designs,
Except for one lone oriole's pure song.
I, too, would sing a vesper hymn, my Lord,
And worship You tonight in Nature's temple!
My praise shall rise like incense to Your Throne
To find a holy fruitage there with You!

Thelma Allinder.

Comparison of Foreign Mission Activities, AELC and ULCA

A. Francis Nielsen

IN making a comparison between the Foreign Mission Activities of our synod and the ULCA, it seems to me that there are certain areas of activity that require special consideration. Perhaps the best way to approach the problem is by stating as succinctly as possible what we are doing at present, and what the ULCA is doing. Then perhaps we should approach the problem of how much it costs in manpower and in dollars and cents, and what the results are spiritually.

We, the members of the AELC are a part of the great work of the Santal Mission. As a synod, we are interested in the mission to the extent that at present we have three missionaries actively engaged in the work in India. Added to these, are two former missionaries and a countless number of our constituency who actually labor for the cause at home. Our first interest in the mission dates back to the early 1900s. From that time until 1920 when Miss Dagmar Miller answered the call to become a missionary, our interest gradually grew. With the acceptance of Miss Miller into the work, our interest, synodically speaking, took on a great impetus which has been sustained and even strengthened up to the present time. As you all know, our synod has a five-member synodical board, the Santal Committee, and we are also represented by three voting members on the fifteen-member American Board of the Santal Mission. In addition to this, it is worthy to note that the AELYF, our synod's youth organization, has interested itself in the Santal Mission to the extent that last fall we welcomed into our student body at Grand View College, Anil Jha, one of our Santal Christians whose travel and other expenses have been assumed by the young people.

The Santal Mission as a whole has about 100 missionaries from Norway, Denmark and the United States. The total membership of the Eben-Ezer Evangelical Lutheran Church (Santal Church) in 1954 was 30,994 in 275 congregations. In 1954 the income of the American Board of the Santal Missions was \$79,487.86 of which our synod contributed through our Santal Committee treasurer (Miss Dagmar Miller) about \$10,000. The \$1,000 received by the American Board for Anil's expenses is not here included since it was earmarked for that specific project. Added to the \$10,000 mentioned above, it gives a correct picture of the contributions from our synod as a whole. **Since the Santal Mission is not on our synodical budget, the above represents our free-will gifts to the work of our mission.**

Now to take a glance at the ULCA. The foreign mission activity of the United Lutheran Church in America is spread over much of the world. The oldest and largest of their mission fields is in south India, where 64 missionaries are serving at present. There we find 2,133 congregations with a total membership of 241,468 baptized Christians. In Liberia, the missionaries number 46, there are 28 congregations and 2,110 members.

British Guiana, the third oldest ULCA mission has 10 missionaries, 42 congregations and 6,480 members. In Japan where work was started by the ULCA in 1892, there are 39 missionaries, 56 congregations and 7,024 members. Mission work was begun in Argentina in 1908, and today there are 11 missionaries, 17 congregations and 4,211 members. The work in China was destined to be stormy with many ups and downs, but at present the ULCA has two missionaries, one congregation and 23 members. The work is carried on in Hongkong. The newest mission station is in Malaya and was organized in 1953. Here there are three missionaries, one Chinese pastor and three other workers. There is not as yet an organized congregation, but the ULCA has much faith in the possibility of organizing the work so as to be able to serve the 500,000 farmers who live in the 400 villages under the protection of the British.

With this tremendous amount of missionary activity widespread as it is, it is evident that the cost of operation is likewise a colossal item. In the ULCA, the constituent synods receive lump sum apportionments for the work of the ULCA as a whole. In 1956, out of the **total budget** of \$6,950,661, the amount allotted to the Board of Foreign Missions will be \$1,735,000. This is roughly one-fourth of the entire budget which is used for foreign missions.

If we were to join the ULCA, we would automatically become a part of this missionary work. We would, in addition, however, support the Santal Mission as we are doing at present, and retain our representatives on the American Board of the Santal Mission. The biennial conventions of the ULCA elect the members of all boards, including the mission boards from the church-as-a-whole. It is quite evident, then, that no one can tell in advance how many, if any will be elected from any one constituent synod. In other words, we might not have a representative on the Foreign Mission Board of the ULCA, but we would none the less be at work in seven new fields, serving an additional membership of 261,316 Christians in Argentina, British Guiana, China — Hongkong, India, Japan, Liberia and Malaya. This is referred to by the United Lutheran Church in America as their "Global Challenge," and it could be ours!

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Paging Youth

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Choose Your School

By IVAN E. NIELSEN

Editor's Note: Probably many of our readers are now thinking about the possibility of attending college next year. In view of this and the fact that April 24 is **National Christian College Sunday**, we are happy to present the following article by one of our newly ordained pastors, Rev. Ivan E. Nielsen of Marinette, Wis., and Menominee, Mich. Pastor Nielsen is the advisor to the young people of the Lake Michigan District.

"Education is the knowledge of how to use the whole of oneself. Many men use one or two faculties out of the score with which they are endowed. A man is educated who knows how to make a tool of every faculty — how to open it, how to keep it sharp, and how to apply it to all practical purposes." — H. W. Beecher.

One of the most difficult decisions you as a high school graduate must make during these next few months is the decision on which college to attend. It is not an easy decision to make. An older member of the family is sure to insist on his alma mater; a friend brings pressure to attend the school of his choice; and you insist on being not too far away from the home-town boy friend or girl friend. In addition dozens of schools beckon you to enter their grand portals for the best in education.

When an industrialist decides to manufacture a new product his first concern is the finished product. After he knows what he wants in the final product he goes back and, step by step, builds the machinery that is needed to make this product. So it is with you the college freshman of next fall. Four years hence you will be the finished product. How well you are trained during these four years will determine your serviceability to your home, your church, your community, and your profession.

It is a mistaken notion that the only purpose of a college education is to prepare you for earning a livelihood. The average man's week contains forty hours on the job and one hundred twenty-eight hours off the job. Many schools emphasize the importance of the forty hours at the expense of the one hundred twenty-eight hours. "Education is the knowledge of how to use the whole of oneself."

For many years the church has realized the need of developing the spiritual life of young people. This training begins in the home and is continued through the work of the Sunday school and the Church. However, this training ought not cease with high school graduation. If it does, one is severed from the roots of life. It is to continue this education that the church

has taken upon itself to sponsor its own schools. The church is concerned with you and your future.

In choosing your school, look four years ahead and then ask yourself: "Does this school offer what I seek?" However, an education is not all **take** and no **give**. A school has a right to expect you to contribute to its life as well as having it contribute to your life. The money you pay for your tuition, board and room is insufficient to cover the cost of your education. There are thousands of taxpayers and church members who help pay for your education because they have faith in you. They believe that you will bring to your community upon graduation a richness of life which you would be unable to give without the education.

The emphasis in education by the church, of which you are a member, is on the church related college. Such a college through a well integrated program, helps you develop all your faculties so that you may learn not only how to make a living, but also how to live.

Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa, is your church college and it invites you to enter its doors, not only to receive what others have to offer you, but also to give toward a better and more fruitful life.

"Memories"

We recently reported that the young people of **Newark, New Jersey**, had presented a musical program entitled, "Memories," for a number of audiences. We have received more information about this production. It has already been presented three times and is scheduled again for April 17, at Bridgeport, Connecticut. The program has a cast of eight (Norma Booth, Joanne Chadwick, Dorothy Christensen, Martin Petersen, Margrethe Chadwick, Ted Booth, Diane Nielsen and Pastor Carlo Petersen). It revolves around an eighty year old lady who finds an old photo album, and sits in her rocking chair, re-living fond memories of her youth as she looks at the pictures. What she sees is portrayed in song and action by the other actors, dressed in appropriate old-fashioned costumes. Grandmother narrates between each of the ten scenes. The entire program lasts for two hours.

AELYF Doin's

Askov, Minnesota — Recently the young people have been giving reports on the articles in "Life" magazine, discussing the various great religions. These reports have proved to be a very worthwhile part of the youth meetings. At the last meeting Ejvind Rasmussen, who just returned from service in the navy, showed pictures which he had taken on his travels. The young people had full charge of the Youth Service on February 6. Dale Clausen, age 16 and Paul Petersen, age 17, delivered messages. On April 11, preceding the quarterly meeting of the congregation, the young people served their annual "Penny Supper." The group has invited Anil Jha to visit them this summer and they are also planning to redecorate the Assembly hall's interior in the near future.

Withee, Wisconsin — The LYF served a fellowship lunch after the Holy Thursday service.

I Sing Behind the Plow

Marilyn Luster

Introducing the Campbell Folk School,
Brasstown, North Carolina

EVERY once in a while there comes to each one of us an opportunity for a new experience that will broaden and enrich our lives; but too often we pass it by, because of the demands of our responsibilities and our reluctance to change. One winter such an opportunity came to me. I had been working in Chicago for several years, and had a responsible position in a large church organization; I was occupied in the evenings with volunteer work, and enjoying the cultural and recreational advantages such a city can offer. I was busy, very busy, and on the whole not too dissatisfied with my way of life.

The opportunity to change this way of life was a scholarship to the Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, North Carolina. I knew little about the school, and less about the Southern Mountain region where it was located. Furthermore, if I decided to go, I knew that I would have to make a number of adjustments — from an urban to a rural life, from the familiar North to the unfamiliar Southern Mountains, from a wide choice of activities and friends to a limited choice. But I was dissatisfied enough by my very business to take the plunge, to find out if in Brasstown I could "invest my humanity." So against the advice and warnings of my friends, and to the detriment of my professional career, I moved from Chicago (pop. 3,400,000) to Brasstown (pop. 200).

This decision, based mainly on curiosity, has proved rewarding beyond any expectation. In the year and a half I have been here, I have had an experience in living that is far richer and more meaningful than any I have enjoyed elsewhere; and my own goals and future plans have been effected by the quality and integrity of the work and purpose of the school.

Olive Campbell and Marguerite Butler Bidstrup,



Keith House is the main center of activity, with offices, dining room, and other facilities.

the founders of the school, had spent a year in Scandinavia, and particularly Denmark, studying the folk high schools. They spent seven months in the Southern Mountains, looking for a location where they could build a school "to enrich rural life," and which would educate the young people to a good life in their own communities. In 1925 the school was founded in Brasstown. Its program has always been based on the needs and opportunities of this community and area. Dairy-farming is the major enterprise on its 366 acre farm, and it serves as both an adult education center and a rural community center. It has used the "folk approach" in its educational and cultural program — promoting the best in values, crafts and ways of the people.

By taking part in the school's total program, I have not only learned a great deal, but have also been able to share some of my own experience. As a student in the Winter School I learned something about crafts: I wove a skirt, did some flat carving, made some bowls and simple furniture. Not all of us who "do" crafts are craftsmen; but I have learned to appreciate the work of craftsmen, and have gained a respect for the high standard of work encouraged by the school. In the recreation program — folk singing and dancing, puppets, social games, recorded playing — I have been able to share a joy of living with others, regardless of age, education, background or job. One of the healthiest and most vital programs I have seen anywhere is the Community Night held each Friday, when whole families, from three year olds to grandparents, join in the traditional folk games of America, England and Denmark.

The school also encourages participation and takes part in a wider area program that covers many interests. I have attended conferences, danced at folk festivals and fairs, visited schools and churches — sharing in these experiences with people from all over the Southern Mountains: West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina. And I have found a spirit here, a consciousness of belonging and a dedication for cooperative endeavor, that was a revelation to me: for I was not alone, the school was not alone—we know we share our work, our play, our crafts and our goals with thousands of others.

Wherever we are, it is our friends who give



About forty-five local families take part in the carving program. Their carvings of animals, out of native woods, are known throughout the United States.

flavor to our lives. Here at the school, in the Brasstown community, and in this region I have found friends who will be a part of me for the rest of my life. Before I came to the mountains, I shared the popular conceptions and misconceptions, about the mountain people. Some of these ideas are true, but they are no longer important to me, for I have replaced the group with the individual; and through personal relationships I have passed from prejudice to understanding and friendship. The farmers here are like other farmers; the high school kids and teachers, the workers and store owners are like others I know in different parts of the country. They are no longer for me the "peculiar people" I studied in my college sociology courses, or read about in the popular magazines.

I have been working at the school for over a year now, and never have I had a job with such variety, so many demands on my past experience and education, or so many opportunities for my own personal development. My experience here has interested me in the general field of adult education, and the school has encouraged me in my private study and my plans for travel and study abroad. This fall I hope to begin about six months' study of adult education, and especially the folk high schools, in Denmark. Since the school's program is adapted to this area, it has not developed in the general pattern of the folk schools in Denmark, but through an exchange of visitors and ideas the channels of communication have been kept open.

The school has never sponsored a regular church



The School is attractively situated in the rolling hill country of North Carolina. Dairying is the major enterprise of the 366 acre school farm. Nearby are the Smokies and the Blue Ridge mountains.

program but the atmosphere that pervades the school is deeper than any ritual of words or actions, for here the individual is accepted on his own worth. Each person has something to contribute to others; each has a potential of growth. Everyone who comes here, for a shorter or longer stay, is a member of the school family.

I think that perhaps the greatest value I have received from the Folk School is an appreciation and respect for life in a rural community, and an awareness of the possibilities of a rich life in simple surroundings. Like Thor-

eau at Walden, we have the world at our doorstep. The daily life of the school has impressed upon me that respect for others begins with respect for oneself; and an understanding of our community and culture widens our horizons to include other communities, other cultures. We become world citizens, not by traveling about and living here and there, but by first becoming good citizens of our local community, and by developing our awareness of the common humanity we share with people everywhere.

March, 1955.

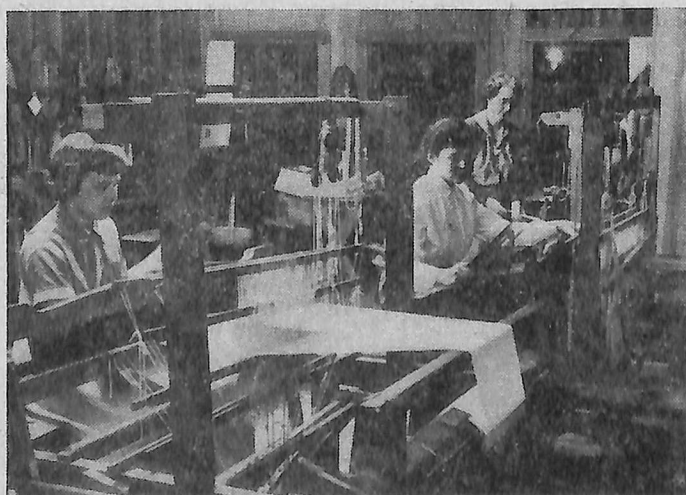
Miss Luster, now a school staff member, is one of scores of Americans who have become interested in folk schools and folk life. The school's director, Georg Bidstrup, has visited some of our communities and last year spoke at Grand View.

—Editor.

The Modern Fear

All mankind in our age have split up into units; they all keep apart, each in his own groove; each one holds aloof, hides himself and hides what he has, from the rest, and ends by being repelled by others and repelling them. He heaps up riches by himself and thinks, "how strong I am now and how secure," and in his madness he does not understand that the more he heaps up, the more he sinks into self-destructive impotence. For he is accustomed to rely upon himself alone and to cut himself off from the whole; he has trained himself not to believe in the help of others, in men and in humanity, and only trembles for fear he should lose his money and the privileges that he has won for himself.

Fyodor Dostoyevsky.
in The Brothers Karamazov



The school offers instruction in weaving both in its short courses and in its year-round training program.

Per Dollar Spent...?

In LUTHERAN TIDINGS for April 5, the questions are asked on the editorial page: "How much will affiliation cost? (with ULCA)" "In dollars and cents how much more are we going to have to raise per contributing member?"

That made me think again of some questions that have often been in my mind during the last few years. The questions are these: Do the large church bodies, as a general rule, do more good (in a Christian sense of course) for their members than the small church bodies do? Do they do more or better work in mission, charity, etc., per dollar spent, than do the smaller ones? — Or is the opposite true?

Naturally a church body with millions of members can do a great deal more than one with say twenty or thirty thousand; but do they do more in proportion, or per dollar spent?

In manufacturing, I understand, it applies as a general rule that the large concern can produce its product cheaper than can the smaller ones. But the churches are not in the manufacturing business. The kingdom of Jesus Christ "is not of this world." And the laws that apply in the material world are not always applicable in the spiritual world.

After turning over in my mind the pros and cons to the above mentioned questions, it is my conviction that the smaller churches compare **very** favorably with the larger ones. Naturally I can not furnish definite proof that my conviction is right, but neither can anybody prove that it is wrong. And there is some truth in the sentence: "Nothing worth proving, can be proved, nor yet disproved." —

Of course, it goes without saying that the most important thing about a church body is never its size, but its quality.

J. L. J. DIXEN.

Here and There

I was somewhat surprised at the outcome of the deal between the synod and the Des Moines Luther Memorial church. It was a friendly move years ago, when Grand View College needed a church home, for the two to get together and build a beautiful church across the street from the college*. Now the synod needed money and the congregation had grown up, and the "big boy" wanted his own home. The synod could have used that money for the Seminary instead of having a special canvass, and the two "old partners" could have lived happily ever after. It is too bad if the result of that deal should lead to a rift between the two parties.

According to a report some time ago by Dr. Alfred Jensen it will be necessary for our synod to give voting power to only pastors and "duly elected delegates." I think this is proper. At the Omaha convention in 1925, the meeting started to give "free votes" to various chairmen of committees. I moved a stop, as I considered it unfair. Motion carried and no more votes were "given away." Later again certain officials were given votes. I still believe that **no one** should be given a vote simply because he or she

* See page two this issue.

happens to be chairman of certain committees. It is unfair that certain congregations should have extra votes, just because they have certain chairmanships! Other delegates represent, generally, fifty voters of some congregation. Even though we do not join the larger synod at the next convention, I think we should nevertheless restrict voters to pastors and "duly elected delegates," who represent congregations and not merely some committee of which they are chairmen. (Enough for this time.) Think it over before the synodical meeting.

Sigurd Pedersen,
Ruthton Minn.

Lutheran Elected Dean of Federated Theological Faculty of Chicago

Chicago, Ill. — (NLC) — A 33-year-old Lutheran minister and church history professor has been elected dean of the interdenominational Federated Theological Faculty of the University of Chicago, it was announced here.

He is Dr. Jerald C. Brauer, ordained minister of the United Lutheran Church in America and since 1954 associate professor of the Federated Faculty.

The faculty was created in 1943 when the University of Chicago Divinity School (Baptist), the Chicago Theological Seminary (Congregationalist), Meadville Theological School (Unitarian), and Disciples Divinity House joined in forming it. Each of the schools retained its denominational, administrative and professional independence.

The office of Dean of the Federated Faculty was established in 1953, but was open since that time except for acting deans until the election of Dr. Brauer.

A graduate of Carthage (Ill.) College and Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Dr. Brauer received his Ph. D. degree in church history from the Federated Theological Faculty in 1948.

Calendar of Coming Events

April 29-31, District VIII Convention, 213 Church Street, Salinas, California.

May 1, Dr. Ellson Ruff appears on CBS network "Church of the Air" 10:30 EDST.

May 1-7, National Family Week.

May 8, Festival of the Christian Home (Mother's Day).

May 15, Rogate (Rural Life) Sunday.

May 22, Lutheran World Action Sunday.

May 29, Pentecost.

Also Note: L.W.R.'s Spring Clothing Appeal among 10,000 congregations of the National Lutheran Council.

WANTED

A Matron for the YPS home in Minneapolis, Minnesota, by May 1, 1955, if possible.

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Our Women's Work

Editor

Mrs. Ellen Knudsen, 1114 South Third Avenue, Maywood, Illinois

A Greeting From Our Danish Seamen's Mission

I am very thankful to Mrs. Knudsen for this opportunity to tell something about the Seamen's Mission and about my part of the work as a seamen's pastor's wife.

First, I will have to tell a little about the framework. As most of you know, we do not have our own Seamen's church yet. In New York there is an institution called the Seamen's Church Institute, and in this huge building with 13 floors on lower Manhattan there is a room for the Danish seamen. The Danish Seamen's Room Inc. is supported mainly by the Danish Merchant Navy Welfare Board and the Danish shipowners. As we have no place of our own, the Danish Seamen's Room Inc. has invited the two Danish seamen's pastors, Pastor Jorgen Henrik Jorgensen and my husband, to have meetings and gatherings there two evenings a week. Pastor Jorgensen, who is paid partly by the Seamen's Room Inc. in order to try to increase the activity there, is in the Seamen's Room five evenings a week, meeting the seamen, talking with them, and helping them with various things if possible. The two weekly evenings at which time there are programs, both the pastors are usually present and I play the piano. However, it seems to be rather difficult to make the seamen come to the Danish Seamen's Room. The statistics show that only about 10 per cent of the visitors are actually from the Danish ships. There are different reasons for that, but the main reason is probably that it is located on Manhattan, and 75 per cent of the Danish ships come to Brooklyn. It is not difficult to go to the Seamen's Room by subway, but for some reason or other they seem to be rather reluctant to use the subway. If they are over here for the first time, they are afraid of losing their way in the subway, and you certainly do get lost very easily. We have had many telephone calls in the middle of the night because a seaman had lost his way. If they have been here several times, they are sick and tired of the New York subways. I really don't blame them! When we get our Seamen's Church, it will be located in Brooklyn Heights where they do all their shopping and where they can easily drop in.

We do not have our Seamen's Church yet, so meanwhile we are trying to do our best without it. What the seamen really need is a home and a place where they feel at home. I find this challenge the most important part of my work as a seamen's pastor's wife. Some of the seamen are young "boys" who haven't been at sea very long, and they haven't yet really gotten used to the tough life. Many others haven't been home for several years. Many of them are married, and they haven't seen their wives and children for perhaps a year or more. One thing they

have in common: they miss their families, their homes, and their country. What we would like to try and give them, now and in the future Seamen's Church, is a kind of a home and a little bit of Denmark.

When my husband and Pastor Jorgensen have been on board the ships to visit people — and this is the biggest part of a Seamen's pastor's work — they very often bring a load or two of the seamen to our apartment. We have had many fine evenings with them. Sometimes they are a little shy in the beginning, but a seaman meets other people for so short a time that he hasn't time for all the usual formalities, so he goes straight ahead, and when it is time for coffee, we usually feel as if we have known one another for years. They enjoy being in a home, sitting in a good chair, having a coffee table with a tablecloth, getting a plate, saucer, and teaspoon with each cup. It really is a joy and a pleasure to set a nice table with Danish things and to give them homemade cake and good coffee. I don't know why, but the coffee on board is generally awful! Danish layer cake or apple cake with whipped cream is always a success. The rest of the evening we are talking and listening to their adventures. I have never heard any better story-tellers than seamen, and I wish you could experience it, too.

Often we have the whole team home for coffee after a football match. It is generally too late to go to the Seamen's Room where they serve coffee at 7:30 p. m., and they really do need a cup of coffee after a match. We get a nice evening out of it, too.

During the summer we have had some bus tours to Bear Mountain and West Point Military Academy; they have been very successful. If I can manage, I go with them and bring our three small children, aged 4, 2 and 1, along in order to make it a little like a family picnic. Many of the seamen have small children at home so naturally they are great friends with the children. They play around with them as if they were their own. Thanks to the children, one can easily get into a good talk with a seaman.

Sometimes I am invited on board the ships for lunch or dinner together with my husband, and I always enjoy that. There is a special atmosphere on board a ship that I cannot explain in a few words. It will soon be two years since we came here and we have become acquainted with many seamen in that time. When a ship comes in it is as if we expect good friends to come. Several of the men call us as soon as their ship is in and then they spend most of their evenings with us. Of course, we cannot spend all our time entertaining them. My husband has a lot of office work and I try to help him with it. But these young seamen feel as if they belong to the family so we just go on with our work while they play with the children or relax in a good chair with a Danish

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Our Budget and the ULCA

When many ships set their course toward a common harbor, it is practical for them to travel together. There is less exposure to loss, injury, or even death.

We have often spoken of a ship as a symbol of the church. When the late Reverend S. D. Rodholm dedicated the impressive craft which is suspended in the chancel of Luther Memorial Church, he described how the "ship of the King" rescues lost souls.

Our ship is the American Evangelical Lutheran Church. Many of us who are on board desire that we shall join a convoy of kindred ships so that we may sail together with those which display the same banner and steer a parallel course. The United Lutheran Church in America, with its 32 synods, provides such a convoy. That has been determined over nearly a decade of unofficial and official study. This August our Convention will vote whether we are to become a constituent synod.

There have been a number of considerations of a technical nature. These have been studied by competent representatives of both church bodies. There have even been problems, but most of them have been resolved. Those which have not are being given further study in an amicable spirit.

Some of you have been wondering what added financial obligations will be imposed in such an alignment. It has even been called "the \$64 question!" On the other hand, there are members of the AELC who would welcome the opportunity for added Christian service which would be provided through affiliation.

In order to supply the answer we must first examine our own 1955 budget so that a comparative figure may be found. Our synodical budget for this year is \$68,200. Had we been a constituent synod of the ULCA in 1955, our **combined synodical and ULCA budgets** would have been \$84,936.20, or an increase of 24.53 per cent.

We arrived at that figure by deducting from our budget the items for Home Missions, Pension Fund, and \$5,117 from Council and Committees. That would have reduced our synodical budget to \$42,543, which would then include only Publications, Grand View College and Seminary, Board of Welfare, Administration, and a smaller amount for Council and Committees.

Our ULCA apportionment for this year, based on the proposed arrangement whereby our contributing membership would be equated with communicant membership of the ULCA for budget purposes for a period of ten years, would have been \$42,393.20. Adding this to our reduced synodical budget of \$42,543 would have totaled the \$84,936.20 listed above. However, the ULCA budget has increased remarkably for the new biennium.

Our ULCA apportionment would have been expended by the United Lutheran Church in America for American Missions, Foreign Missions, Social Missions, Deaconess Work, Higher Education, Parish Education, Administration, Committees and Commissions,

ULCA Appropriations, Publication, National Lutheran Council, and the Biennial Convention Fund.

For many years we have stood purposely apart. Recently we have come within sight of the larger fellowship. In that experience we have become increasingly sensitive and even restless. May that restlessness have been the Spirit of God prodding us toward profounder and richer associations with our fellow Christians in the Lutheran church.

Ove R. Nielsen.



Gymnasium, Grand View College

Seamen's Mission

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book or newspaper. Often they help with the dishes and other things.

A Danish pastor in social work once said that a pastor and his wife cannot expect to have any privacy or home life of their own. We have experienced that here, but we feel that is how it should be and that is why we are so happy in our work. We do feel, however, that we cannot do the work as we think it ought to be done as long as we do not have a Seamen's church. We need a place where we can hold Danish services regularly. We pray to God that we may get a church and that you will help us.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your interest and faithfulness to the Seamen's Mission work.

Elsie Brink Jensen

WANTED

A cook for the Danish Old People's Home in Des Moines, Iowa, to begin May 1, if possible.

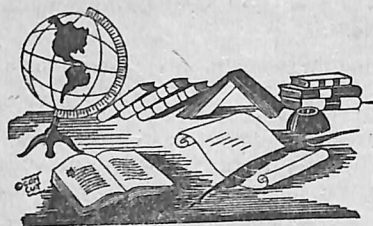
ALSO

A lady to do the laundry work and to help in the kitchen.

If interested in either position write to

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OPINION AND COMMENT

QUESTIONS raised on this page in the last issue of our paper have been answered in the present issue,—a response so sudden (no doubt by coincidence) that we almost wish we had not mentioned the two matters. The decision by Kimballton to invite for the Synod Convention will be welcomed for the many advantages this site will offer. The community is about as centrally located as we could expect to be; furthermore, it is a community where our religious and cultural facets are well-known to the townspeople, church members or not. Kimballton, we feel sure, will offer a thorough-going hospitality which will be channeled toward the success of the convention even at the inconvenience of the town. In addition, the community will offer few distractions from the important business and inspiration of the conference.

THE OTHER MATTER involved the great question of affiliation. On page 12, opposite, Pastor Ove Nielsen, national director of the All-Lutheran Food Appeal, brings us some interesting information on the subject of budgets. According to the figures submitted, affiliation would mean an increase in the budget of about 25 per cent, (instead of the estimate of 50 per cent which this page offered). We cannot quarrel with these figures. But we must point out some further questions. In order to reduce our estimated increase to 25 per cent it is necessary for us to assume that affiliation will mean **no** expenditure on Home Missions by our own Synod. Can we assume that the Home Mission Board of the ULCA would enthusiastically accept full responsibility for such established missions as Watsonville, California, (\$2,500); Canwood, Canada, (\$1,800); Cedarloo, Iowa, (\$2,500); and such promising sites as Circle Pines, Minn., (also several thousands)? Possibly we can. Would our affiliation be conditional on this point? (This is extremely doubtful.) Such other places as Newark, Nysted and Tacoma do not involve large amounts, but they represent places of considerable past investment which it is logical that we would want to protect. According to our synod secretary, the ULCA would take over the administration of our Home Mission investigation; new sites would be accepted conditionally. But it is conceivable that our Synod might want to continue, or generate, additional fields on its own. To wipe the item "Home Missions" from our own budget with one sweep seems an action we should take only with great care. Pastor Ove Nielsen wisely calls attention to another item in his figures which make them open to cautious handling. The comparison is made on the basis of past ULCA budgets (which in that body are set up much more in advance than in our Synod). This year the membership of ULCA faces an increase of startling proportions in its anticipated needed income. In decisions of this type our voice, as members, would be very *sotto voce*. Our ultimate decision should not be based on budgetary

matters, but we are grateful to Pastor Nielsen for adding to our information. It is still in this grateful spirit that we call attention, finally, to the picturesque analogy with which his article begins. People who ought to know will tell us that a convoy progresses only as quickly as its slowest member. All other members would make better time if they proceeded individually, on their own . . .

FOR MANY MONTHS we have desired to point out a dreadful need that exists at one of our major institutions, but have held back for fear of raising an unpopular issue. Since we in this edition of LUTHERAN TIDINGS are emphasizing Grand View, this would seem to be an opportune time to say, boldly, that our college is in desperate need of a new gymnasium. It is not overstating the matter to say that our present gym is so inadequate that very likely some prospective students cast their decision for another school on the basis of judgment formed by an appraisal of these present facilities. The gym, itself, probably could not be of so great influence, but if the gym is used as an obvious indicator of other unseen school facilities, then Grand View would fare badly by comparison. Pictured nearby is the present building. It is not only too small for college athletic instruction, for college basketball, for intramural activity, for spectator purposes (even if limited to students), but it cannot possibly serve the usual double capacity of providing an auditorium. At first flush, many no doubt will throw up their hands in despair that a gymnasium should be considered essential in a church college. This attitude is understandable, but it does not face the facts of life. One has only to glance quickly over the education program of almost any high school in almost any community of our Synod. What are the present plans about gyms in your home town? Either your high school has a good gym today, or there very likely is a movement afoot to issue bonds for erecting one. On many other college campuses the same activity is underway. It is not purely for competitive reasons that we feel Grand View should make plans quickly for a new auditorium-gym. It is because we sincerely believe that the stress placed on high scholarship, serious specialization, and well-developed intellectual equipment should be balanced by the socio-cultural and bodily development which such a building could help provide. Of course, our Board of Education is already aware of this need; the Board members discuss it frequently, and will act when the time is ripe. A few letters, however, written by enthusiastic and reassuring lay persons and ministers would be refreshing for them to receive.

IN AN ALMOST sensational development, the ULCA on March 28 extended an invitation to the Augustana Synod to "enter into conversations looking toward organic union . . ." Such a merger would add a half million members to what is already the largest Lutheran body of America's 16 synods. Significantly, the invitation was worked to include, as well, "any and all American Lutheran church bodies which desire to participate therein." Indications are that Augustana's Ecumenical Relations Commission will recommend that this invitation be acted upon.

Grand View College And Our Youth

It's Spring Again !

I found out the hard way that two swallows do not make a Spring, nor do a half-dozen hand-holding collegians. Not being a native Iowan, how was I to know that Spring comes several times each year? We really got a layer or two of soft, cold snow after my last outburst about the beauties of the season, but **now** it really seems to have come!

We are all back after a pleasant Easter vacation, and now we are counting the days until we leave for that choir tour. The itinerary takes us into Kimballton, Cordova, Denmark (Kansas), Brush, Cozad, Nysted, Marquette, Lindsay, and Omaha. We should be back home by May 2. For those of you not in the area where the concert will be given, we should like to urge you to tune in on Radio Station WHO (1040) Sunday, April 24, from 2 to 2:30 p. m. Part of our concert has been recorded and will be broadcast as part of the observance of National Christian College Day.

I have heard tell that Studentfest this year will be super. The banquet will be held at Hotel Fort Des Moines, and the play is to be "Goodbye, My Fancy." Our lead isn't Roz Russell, but she comes a close second. Our cast is "all star." The dates for the big event are May 14 and 15, but I imagine you knew that a couple of months ago, didn't you? We're all working hard on the arrangements, and we are prepared to enjoy ourselves when the big week-end finally rolls around.

This week coming up is Pastor's Institute, and we should have about thirty guests with us for that event. Naturally we won't be seeing much of them, but they will hear us. Our choir schedule says that we sing for the pastors on Wednesday night.

One of our seminarians came home from the southland to discover that the long-legged bird had put one over on him. **It's a girl for the Paul Nussles. Congratulations!**

That big smile on Mrs. Knehr's face can mean only one thing! The future teachers are signing contracts for schools this fall. When we hear more, we'll tell more. Fair enough?

We hear tell that there's big news buzzin' for our commencement, and though we are curious, all we know is that our commencement speaker will be an important person. Will you hazard a guess? So did we, but we're told we are wrong. Well, there's one consolation, by June 3rd, we, too, will know!!!

Architects and some of the school

board members this week! So what can **that** mean? A whole campus full of new buildings?? No, can't be, but there must be something new in the plans. I have a feeling that the seminary will come out number one this time.

Just don't seem to be able to keep my mind on this job. Let's blame it on to the weather and sign our John Henry here and call it a day. Hmmm, I thought I heard it. There's a familiar call — guess I'll just slip out the door for a stroll (and **not** alone either). So long. Don't forget you heard it from me first. **IT'S SPRING!!!** And this time I mean it.

R. F.

OUR CHURCH

Seattle, Wash. St. John's Church of Seattle will be dedicated on Sunday, May 1. Pastor Harold Olsen, District President, will preach at 11 a. m. services and Dr. Alfred Jensen, Synod President, will conduct the dedication service scheduled for 4 p. m., with a dinner and festive program to follow. Dr. Jens Kjaer is pastor.

Perth Amboy, N. J. Pastor Kay Kierkegaard-Jensen has resumed his duties as minister of our church here after a long heart illness. On April 25 the annual Church Concert will be held by the choir, plus the newly formed junior choir. An All-State string group will play also, and a highlight of the program will be Schubert's famous **Mass in G**. The fund for the new Sunday School addition has now reached \$6,703.87.

Hartford, Conn. Pastor George Melby will begin work in his new call here about August 21. On April 24 in the afternoon, District President Viggo Hansen will speak at Our Savior's Church.

Waterloo, Iowa. Art glass windows will be installed throughout the sanctuary of St. Ansgar's Church here July 1. New robes have been received for the Girls' Choir, new bulletin boards have been made for the narthex and office, and a guest register has been emplaced.

Hampton, Iowa. Remodelling of the church here has been completed. Union Good Friday services were held with several congregations of other denominations in nearby Latimer, Iowa.

Cedarloo Mission, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Friends of this Mission from St. Stephen's Church, Chicago, have donated materials for new chancel furniture, to be constructed by Harry Andersen and Herbert Lehman. An altar, an altar rail, a pulpit, lecturn, and baptismal font will be made.

Dwight, Ill. Mr. Allen V. Lee, a polio victim, will speak during May 1-5 here. Mr. Lee was stricken before completing his seminary work, and now is occupied full-time as itinerant speak-

er (from a wheel-chair) throughout the United States.

Racine, Wisconsin. An Easter sunrise service was held here, followed by a Breakfast served by the Young People's Group in the church assembly rooms. These events were scheduled in addition to the two regular Easter services.

Enumclaw, Washington. Dr. Alfred Jensen will speak here April 29, at a Congregational Meeting in the local Brotherhood Hall.

Exira, Iowa. Friends of the well-known Hans Farstrups rejoiced with them in the celebration of their Golden Wedding, April 5. So that their son, Pastor Ejnar Farstrup, could be there, the festival was held April 16. During Pastor Farstrup's absence from his congregation in Solvang, California, Pastor Svend Marckmann, of Pasadena, conducted Danish and English services. Pastor Farstrup preached at Oak Hill and at Exira on April 17.

Des Moines, Iowa. Seminary student, Paul Nussle and his wife, Agnes, greeted a new daughter, April 12, Lynn Kristine Nussle. Paul was on a trip to Granly, Miss., together with Ted Thuesen, at the time. The two students served our mission there during Easter.

Acknowledgement Of Receipts From The Synod Treasurer

For the month of March, 1955

Toward the Budget:

Congregations:	
Bronx, New York	\$ 160.00
Minneapolis, Minn.	397.00
Omaha, Nebr.	120.00
Racine, Wis.	173.38
Seattle, Wash.	73.60
Newell, Iowa	600.00
Askov, Minn.	105.05
Brush, Colo.	84.00
Manistee, Mich.	50.00
Muskegon, Mich.	200.00
Troy, New York	100.00
Ringsted, Iowa	324.88
Clinton, Iowa	300.00
Grant, Mich.	50.00
Racine, Wis.	160.04
Tacoma, Wash.	35.00
Dwight, Ill.	565.00
Bridgeport, Conn.	75.00
Omaha, Nebr.	120.00
Tyler, Minn.	831.63
Perth Amboy, N. J.	500.00
Salinas, Calif.	240.00
Menominee, Mich.	117.27
Flaxton, N. D.	68.00

Home Mission:

In memory of Christina Andersen, Congregation: Viborg, South Dakota	1.00
Annual Reports	3.50

Lutheran Tidings:

Congregation: Ringsted, Iowa	2.00
Grand View College and Seminary:	
Congregation:	
Minneapolis, Minn.	5.00
In memory of Ernest Jepsen, Morgensen families and Mrs.	

Gifts to Tyler Old People's Home

Agnes Johnson, Fredsville, Iowa	2.00
Pension Fund:	
Congregation: Seattle, Wash.	2.00
Ladies' Aid, Marquette, Nebr.	25.00
Pastor's Dues:	
Rev. C. A. Stub	55.93
Rev. Harald A. Petersen	42.60
Rev. James N. Lund	25.60
Rev. A. E. Frost	59.76
Rev. John Christensen	35.60
Rev. Robert Fallgatter	8.00
Chicago Children's Home:	
In memory of Robert S. Ful-sang, Congregation: St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.	7.00
Laura Boose, Chicago, Ill.	2.00
Eline Jensen, Chicago, Ill.	5.50
Laura Jensen, Chicago, Ill.	5.50
Tyler Old People's Home:	
In memory of Niels Hansen, Congregation: Viborg, S. D.	9.00
Seamen's Mission:	
Previously acknowledged	3,560.76
Hope Circle, Ruthton, Minn.	1.00
Total to date	\$9,308.60

Received for Items Outside of Budget: Grand View Seminary Quota:

Congregations:	
Minneapolis, Minn.	\$ 366.27
Ruthton, Minn.	20.00
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.	132.00

For American Bible Society:

Rev. Peter Thomsen, Green-ville, Mich.	3.00
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For Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute:

Congregation: Racine, Wis.	48.55
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Lutheran World Action and Relief:

Johann Jensen, Racine, Wis.	5.00
Rev. Heide, Racine, Wis.	10.00
In memory of Niels Hansen, Congregation: Viborg, S. D.	8.00
In memory of Fred Christensen, Slayton, Minn., Hope Ladies' Aid, Ruthton, Minn.	3.00

Congregations:

Bronx, New York	27.00
Minneapolis, Minn.	96.75
Racine, Wis.	99.50
Seattle, Wash.	9.00
Newell, Iowa	178.50
Brush, Colo.	29.00
Manistee, Mich.	21.20
Ringsted, Iowa	64.75
Viborg, S. D.	10.00
Ruthton, Minn.	10.00
Dwight, Ill.	135.00
Tyler, Minn.	192.50
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.	1.00
Salinas, Calif.	60.00
Menominee, Mich.	27.00
Waterloo, Iowa	124.65
Flaxton, N. D.	20.00
Cordova, Nebr.	135.00
Previously acknowledged	372.75

Total to date \$1,639.60

Cedarloo Building Fund:

Congregation: Cedar Falls, Ia.	60.00
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Church Extension:

In memory of Niels Hansen, Congregation: Viborg, S. D.	28.00
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Respectfully submitted,

American Evangelical Lutheran Church
Charles Lauritzen, Treasurer.

In memory of Hans Jensen, by friends	\$35.00
In memory of Pete Kjergaard by Simon Thomsen	\$5.00
In memory of Sorine Hagensen by friends	\$37.00
Tyler Study Club	Fruit
Mrs. Fred Tykward, Laurel, Montana	\$10.00
To Building Fund:	
Peter Knudsen	\$1,000.00
In memory of Peter Kjergaard, by friends	\$20.00
Stanley and Anker Nelsen, in memory of mother	\$25.00
In memory of Bert Schak, by friends and relatives	\$50.00
In memory of Bert Schak, C. B. and Robert Seipp	\$5.00
In memory of Bert Schak, Jens Bollesen	\$5.00
In memory of Sorine Hagensen, Axel Swanson, El Cajon	\$5.00
Thanks from the Old People's Home Board.	

H. C. Svendsen, Treasurer.

Receipts for Grand View Seminary Expansion

Emmanuel Guild, Los Angeles, Calif.	\$ 50.00
St. Stephen's Ladies' Aid, Chicago, Ill.	50.00
Mr. Carl A. Jensen, Des Moines, Iowa	50.00
Bethany Lutheran Church, Trufant, Mich.	10.00
Rev. Vilhelm Larsen, Canwood, Canada	5.00
St. Peter's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, Byram, Conn.	35.00
Mrs. Minnie Mathisen, 1101 Grand View, Des Moines, Ia.	200.00
Danish Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church, Chicago, Ill.	314.46
Grayling Lutheran Church, Grayling, Mich.	54.43
Bone Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church, Luck, Wis.	56.71
Kedron Lutheran Church, Grant, Mich.	29.60
Volmer Church, Dagmar, Mont.	46.91
First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Watsonville, Calif.	53.63
Einar B. Rosendale, Chicago, Ill.	10.00
Central Lutheran Church, Muskegon, Mich.	275.00
Bethania Lutheran Church, Racine, Wis.	437.44
Danevang Lutheran Church, Danevang, Texas	189.74
Juhl Community Church, Marlette, Mich.	151.93
Central Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebr.	110.00
Dalum Lutheran Church, Drumheller, Canada	64.68
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dwight, Ill.	391.07

Trinity Lutheran Church, Wilbur, Wash.	106.00
Bethany Lutheran Church, Wolters Corner, Withee, Wis.	15.71
Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church, Pasadena, Calif.	25.00
Danebod Lutheran Church, Tyler, Minn.	762.72
First Lutheran Church of Montcalm County, Sidney, Mich.	210.92
Canwood Lutheran Church, Canada	42.00
Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, Flaxton, N. D.	15.48
Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Brush, Colo.	76.30
St. John's Lutheran Church, Exira, Iowa	75.71
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Wash.	73.32
Mae Junker, Junction City, Oregon	25.00
Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ruthton, Minn.	20.00
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Viborg, S. D.	226.75
St. Peder's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota	366.27
St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill.	214.75
Kristine Kyhl, Askov, Minn.	5.00
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kimballton, Iowa	483.76
St. John's Lutheran Church, Ringsted, Iowa	296.00
Diamond Lake Lutheran Church, Lake Benton, Minn.	102.00
Zion Lutheran Church, Germania, Mich.	70.38
Trinity Lutheran Church, Victory, Mich.	28.71

Total received to date \$5,827.38

Jens Thuesen, Treasurer.

921 West 10th St.
Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Note: We are better than one-third of the way towards our goal, which we hope to reach by May 1. Please send contributions to Harry C. Jensen, Grand View Seminary, Des Moines, Iowa.

Contributions to Solvang Lutheran Home

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of Mrs. Ebba Justesen, Salinas, by Sara Andersen	\$ 1.50
In memory of Gotfred Jacobsen	
Minnie Beck	2.00
Annie Eskelsen	2.00
Evelyn Hansen	2.00
Sara Andersen	1.50
Eleonor and Ed. Holm	2.50
Bertha Jensen	3.00
Ellen and Floyd Wilkins	2.00
Kirstine Eskelsen	2.00
Ladies' Aid, Easton, Calif.	2.50
Dorothy and Jorgen Kroigaard	2.50
Young Women's League, Easton, Calif.	3.00
Milo Jacobsen	10.00

In memory of Jenny Klausen, Betty and Carl Jensen	2.50
Anna and John Jensen	2.50
Minnie Beck	2.00
Annie Eskelsen	2.00
Evelyn Hansen	2.00
Kirstine Eskelsen	2.00
Ladies' Aid, Easton, Calif.	5.00
In memory of Axel Jorgensen, Solvang	73.00
In memory of Viggo Brandt Erichsen, Solvang	21.50
In memory of George Christen- sen, Solvang	12.00
In memory of Mrs. Soren Niel- sen, Solvang	15.00
By friends in Inglewood, Calif.	20.00
In memory of Chris Jensen, Solvang, Calif.	1.00
In memory of Rev. N. P. Grav- engaard, and Theodor and Adele Gravengaard, Danne- brog, Nebraska	10.00
In memory of Victor Herman- sen, Hay Springs, Nebraska	1.00
In memory of Mr. Ed. Hanson, Solvang	5.00
In memory of Gotfred Olsen, by D. B. S. Lodge No. 323 and from Alhambra members	32.00
In memory of Dewar Roberts, Palo Alto, Pors and Schultz Family	3.50
In memory of Rev. J. J. Ler- ager, Brush, Colorado	2.00
In memory of Ellen Marie Sor- ensen, by Friends	87.50
In memory of Marie Grina, by Mrs. James Kubel and Mrs. Peter Jorgensen	2.00
In memory of my mother Mathilda Norgaard by Gina Norgaard, Los Angeles, Calif.	25.00
In memory of Elmer Jacobsen, Kimballton, Iowa	2.00

OTHER DONATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Otto J. Sorensen, Alhambra, Calif.	25.00
Friendship Circle, Kimballton, Iowa	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Einar Hansen, Salinas, Calif.	5.00
St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, Salinas, by H. L. S.	1,203.17
Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Folst, Los Angeles	25.00
Signe Henriksen, Pasadena	5.00
Osvald B. Borup, Camanske, Ia.	1.00
Margareth Bebernes, Solvang	1.00
Knudsen's Creamery Employ- ees, Buck of the month Club, Los Angeles, Calif.	30.00
The San Gabriel Valley Cen- tral Committee, Pasadena, Calif.	12.50
From Peter Johansen Estate, Solvang	218.70
Mrs. Carre Holle, L. A.	200.00
Mrs. Evelyn Wittman, L. A.	15.00
Julius M. Nielsen, Solvang	25.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Jensen, L. A.	30.00
Mrs. Olga Berg	25.00

Received from January 1, 1955
to March 31, 1955 \$2,193.37
Previously acknowledged 7,128.50
Unpaid pledges 3,000.00
Kindest greetings and a hearty
"Thank You" for the above gifts on be-
half of SOLVANG LUTHERAN HOME.

Nis P. Pors, Treasurer.
320 West Alisal Street,
Salinas, California.

Women's Mission Society Receipts

January 1, 1955 to April 1, 1955
GENERAL BUDGET: Trinity Ladies'
Aid, Bronx, New York, \$5.00; Bethesda
Ladies' Aid, Newark, New Jersey,
\$10.00; Women's Circle, Omaha, Ne-
braska, \$15.00; Mission Circle, Kimball-
ton, Iowa, \$25.00; First Evangelical Lu-
theran Church, Watsonville, California,
\$25.00; Mission Society, St. Paul's, Ced-
arloo, Iowa, \$5.00; Ladies' Aid, Bridge-
port, Connecticut, \$13.55; Nysted, Ne-
braska Ladies' Aid, \$25.00; Troy, New
York Ladies' Aid, \$15.00; Danish La-
dies' Aid, Canwood, Saskatchewan,
\$5.00; Oak Hill, Exira, Iowa Ladies'
Aid, \$5.00; Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Women, Cedar Falls, Iowa, \$50.00;
South Lutheran Society, Viborg, South
Dakota, \$10.00; Bethany Evangelical
Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Badger, South
Dakota, \$15.00; Sunshine Circle, Enum-
claw, Washington, \$10.00; Easton, Cali-
fornia Ladies' Aid, \$17.00; Parlier, Cali-
fornia Ladies' Aid, \$15.00; Pioneer
Lutheran Ladies' Aid, White, South Da-
kota, \$5.00; Danish Ladies' Aid, Gay-
ville, South Dakota, \$12.65; Lutheran
Rural Ladies' Aid, Flaxton, South Da-
kota, \$2.50 TOTAL \$285.70.

HOME MISSION: Ludington, Michi-
gan Ladies' Aid, \$10.00; Trinity, Michi-
gan Lutheran Ladies' Aid, \$15.00.
TOTAL \$25.00.

**DISTRICT II KOREAN BOY PRO-
JECT:** Victory, Trinity, Michigan La-
dies' Aid, \$15.00; Sidney, Michigan

Mission Group, \$15.00; Ludington
(Bethany) Michigan Ladies' Aid, \$10.00;
Detroit, Michigan Ladies' Aid, \$15.00;
Trinity and South Sidney, Michigan,
\$15.00. TOTAL \$70.00.

SEMINARY FUND: Bethesda Ladies'
Aid, Newark, New Jersey, \$15.00; Juhl-
Germania, Michigan Mission Society,
\$25.00; Mission Society, St. Paul's, Ced-
arloo, Iowa, \$20.00; WMS Manistee,
Michigan, \$30.00; Rosenborg, Nebraska
Ladies' Aid, \$23.85; Volmer, Montana
Ladies' Aid, \$20.00; Mrs. Alfred Soren-
sen, Cedarloo, Iowa, \$3.00; English La-
dies' Aid, Danevang, Texas, \$25.00;
Danish Ladies' Aid, Omaha, Nebraska,
\$25.00; Marquette, Nebraska Ladies'
Aid, \$30.00; Muskegon, Michigan Altar
Guild, \$25.00; West Denmark Ladies'
Aid, \$65.00; Bethany Women's League,
Menominee, Michigan, \$50.00; The An-
nex Club, Seattle, Washington, \$25.00;
South Lutheran Society, Viborg, South
Dakota, \$25.00.

Danish Ladies' Aid, Bethania, Racine,
Wisconsin, \$50.00; Danish Ladies' Aid,
Grayling, Michigan, \$10.00; American
Lutheran Ladies' Aid Junction City,
Oregon, \$25.00; Bethany Evangelical
Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Badger, South
Dakota, \$25.00; St. John's Danish La-
dies' Aid, Hampton, Iowa, \$30.00; Dan-
ish Ladies' Aid, Solvang, California,
\$25.00; Denmark, Kansas Ladies' Aid,
\$10.00; Danevang, Texas Danish Ladies'
Aid, \$25.00; Bethlehem Ladies' Aid,
Brush, Colorado, \$25.00; St. John's En-
glish Ladies' Aid, Hampton, Iowa, \$25.00;
Pioneer Lutheran Aid, White, South
Dakota, \$5.00; Danish Ladies' Aid, Gay-
ville, South Dakota, \$12.65; Women's
Circle, Central Lutheran Church,
Omaha, Nebraska, \$25.00; Victory
Trinity Michigan Ladies' Aid, \$10.00;
Bethlehem Lutheran Church Women,
Cedar Falls, Iowa, \$80.00; Lutheran
Rural Ladies' Aid, Flaxton, North Da-
kota, \$2.50 Danish Ladies' Aid, Junction
City, Oregon, \$25.00; Memorial Lu-
theran Ladies' Aid, Marinette, Wis-
consin, \$15.00.

IN MEMORY OF JACOB HOLDT,
\$15.00, by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jensen
and Marie, Mr. and Mrs. R. Iverson,
Mr. and Mrs. R. Wilkenson, Mrs. Agnes
Henriksen, Wayne and Elaine. TOTAL
\$847.00.

Total Contributions January 1, 1955
to April 1, 1955, \$1,227.70.

Cash on hand January 1, 1955,
\$1,639.85.

Total Receipts, \$2,867.55.

Total Disbursements January 1, 1955
to April 1, 1955, \$237.05.

Cash on hand April 1, 1955, \$2,630.50.

With the addition of \$50.00 from the
Dwight Willing Workers which was
incorrectly listed as to the General
Fund and \$25.25 from the Women of
Askov, Minnesota, which was originally
included in the General Fund, the Sem-
inary Fund now totals, \$1,772.73. Please
remember that our fiscal year closes
July 1. Many thanks to all who have
contributed thus far.

Mrs. Ela K. Nielsen, Treas.
3231 Fremont, Ave. South,
Minneapolis 8, Minnesota.

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, Minnesota.

April 20, 1955

I am a member of
the congregation at

Name

City

State

New Address

JENSEN, JENS M.
TYLER, MINN.

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