# Lutheran Tidings

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HIS IS THE POSTER millions of Americans will be seeing throughout the country this November and the following months during the 11th annual Religion In American Life (RIAL) campaign to raise attendance at all churchs and synagogues. The month of November is observed nationally as Religion In American Life Month and is so proclaimed by the governors of most states. It will appear in full color on 6,500 billboards, 10,000 posters on the sides of buildings and at transportation terminals, and 90,000 car cards in buses and subways. In addition, it will provide the theme for 10,000 newspaper advertisements, hundrds of magazine ads, and will be seen "live" and on film on network and local television thousands of times. The theme, "Find the Strength for Your Life," is repeated for the third consecutive year and will provide the basis once again for tens of thousands of spoken messages on radio and television. At the same time, the poster will be distributed through denominational and religious group channels, and through the 5,000 chapters of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce and hundreds of Kiwanis clubs, for placement in store windows and bulletin boards during RIAL community and congregational campaigns in over 1,000 cities and towns. More than \$8,000,000 worth of time and space is expected to be contributed to the campaign through The Advertising Council, the public service agency of American business, advertisers, and the mass communications media. Religion In American Life is sponsored by 70 lay men and women of all faiths and is headed by Robert T. Stevens of New York, national chairman, former Secretary of the Army and president of J. P. Stevens and Company.

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## Musing About Music

## MARIA KJAER

II

"For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive." I Cor. 15:22.

The finality of death is always a shock. physical shell is still there but the part that matters, the soul and spirit, has left. The funeral or memorial service, which is usually held a few days after the death of a loved one, must therefore re-emphasize the Christian's faith in the risen Saviour and the Christian's hope in eternal life. The service, which is directed toward God, must comfort the bereaved, as well as point again to the way of salvation, through the use of scripture, prayer, music and the short

All music used at a Christian funeral must support the spoken Word. The music should be service music, and the same high standard that prevails at a Sunday morning worship service should be maintained. Maintaining this standard can sometimes become difficult when the family specifically requests that an unsuitable selection be played or sung because "it was a particular favorite of the deceased." (No organist or singer would wish to add to the distress of the bereaved by questioning his wisdom or refusing a request.) Therefore let us think about the matter before the day of immediate need.

I live in a large city. The majority of funerals are conducted from funeral homes rather than from the church. But should the church not be the proper setting for a memorial or funeral service? the Word and the music not have enhanced meaning if all Christians and church members would come to the church when they had need of this special service? There the pastor and the church staff are all available. The hymnals are in the pews, and what a wealth of strength and comfort they contain. Every hymnal has a section of hymns specifically for comfort and hope or for the burial of the dead. Much as I do appreciate a good soloist, I look forward to the day when the congregation will also raise its voice and sing at funerals.

The Christian has a peculiar opportunity to witness to his faith on the death of a loved one. Music for the funeral may well contain thanksgiving and triumph. The vocalist has available many suitable arias from the oratorios as well as settings of the Psalms and Scriptures. Some of the solos mentioned in my article on weddings are also suitable for funerals. Such hymns as I Know That My Redeemer Liveth, Praise to the Lord the Almighty, Beautiful Saviour, For All the Saints, and Love Divine may be appropriate.

Do avoid music, sung or played, that is definitely secular, trite, sentimental, over-emotional, dismal or subjective. Tremulants and vibratos should be kept to a minimum. Extremes in registration or pitch may be distressing to taut nerves. The organist may be advised to avoid overly familiar works. Funeral marches are seldom appropriate.

Perhaps you would like to know what one organist keeps in her "Funeral" folder. Here is a short list: A Hymnal; Sinfonias: God's Time is Best and I Stand at the Threshold—Bach; The Liturgical Year (a very useful collection of forty-five organ chorals)—Bach; Slumber On, O Weary Spirit, and Come Sweetest Death—Bach; Chorale Preludes—Walcha; Musica Divina (Bk. 2)—Kreckel; Choral and Prayer—Boellmann; Improvizations (MS)-Kjaer. Special concerns or circumstances determine which of these compositions will be used or when other material should be added or substituted.

Bach used the tune known as Passion Chorale five times in the course of the St. Matthew Passion. Each time the melody is used the harmony is changed (and the key is changed) to accord with the meaning of the particular verse it is chosen to "interpret." It is startling to meet this melody twice in Bach's Christmas Oratorio. It is fascinating to observe how well the same melody adapts itself to the pathos of the St. Matthew Passion as well as the outburst of joy of the final chorus of the Christmas Oratorio.

We must all leave this earth. Most of us will first have been among those called the bereaved. May we when that day arises so conduct our funerals that those who have no hope will find hope and faith.

"O God, our Heavenly Father, who has taught us by thy holy Apostle not to sorrow overmuch for them that sleep in Jesus: Mercifully grant, that after this life, we, with all thy saints, may be received into everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen." Lutheran Service Book and Hymnal, Collect, p. 265.

Editor's Note: Mrs. Kjaer's first article dealt with wedding music, and appeared last summer. She is the wife of Dr. Jens Kjaer, Seattle pastor.

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## Millions Prefer a Non-Christian Faith

No longer is Christianity the only world-wide religion. Other religions are not now confined to particular cultures.

### DR. EDMUND PERRY

religions and many Christians accept this to be entirely normal. Some regard it to be normal because in their thinking there is no radical difference between faith in Jesus Christ and faith as expressed in other high religions. Others regard it to be normal because, as they view the matter, each religion is structured to meet the preferences of the culture in which it prevails.

Both of these attitudes have been challenged of late by non-Christians. Hindus, Buddhists and Muslims see a vast difference between their faith and the faith that has a distinctive Christian element, and spokesmen for these other faiths are no longer willing for their religions to be thought of as belonging to a particular nation or culture. Each of these three non-Christian religions is being offered to the farthest reaches of the earth as a world religion for the emerging world culture. Christianity no longer has a monopoly on the missionary enterprise. The whole world is the parish of four, not one, missionary religion.

It is therefor exceedingly ambiguous, especially in the United States, to use the word "religion" and expect one's auditors to think solely of Christianity. Other religions are represented among us not only by the presence of governmental representatives from Hindu, Buddhist and Muslim countries, but by spokesmen for these religions. The effect of the work of these spokesmen is both a leavening influence, eradicating the strangeness and remoteness associated by so many Christians with these faiths, and a significant number of conversions from Christianity to one or another of these new alternatives.

Our heritage of freedom of and deference to religion in the United States works happily with the missionary aims and tactics of these non-Christian religions. It seems the part of good citizenship to accord them every encouragement possible. So, already in the large cities of our country, the Hindu, Buddhist and Islamic houses of worship have begun to take their tax-exempt place alongside tax-exempt Catholic and Protestant churches, and frequently there is greater mutual acceptance of each other than has been the case of Protestants and Catholics even in American history. It has become very popular for the youth, men and women's organizations in Christian churches to feature as speaker of the month a Hindu swami, a Buddhist priest or a Muslim spiritual leader. There still is very little exchange of priest and pastor in our midst. When the President of the United States attended the official dedication of the Islamic mosque and center of information in Washington, D. C., hardly a word of dissent was heard from any religious segment of our population. Had he attended the dedication of a Roman Catholic church, all Protestantism would have yelled for separation of church and state.

Perhaps because we "think big" we do not regard these missionaries to be real competitors. But it is worth pondering that in the past quarter century, there have been 7,000 converts from one or another form of Christianity to Islam, the religion heralded by the Arabian Prophet Muhammad. These converts plus the first and second generation of Islamic immigrants give us a community of nearly 80,000 Muslims in the United States.

The recent granting of statehood to Hawaii calls attention to a significant Buddhist element in our population. According to some statistics, Hawaii's population was at one time 95 per cent Christian. Today the largest single religious group in Hawaii is the Buddhists, with 160,000 devotees in a total population of 640,000. This gain for the Buddhists is due not to immigration alone but also to a vigorous missionary activity by Buddhists priests and teachers in the islands. On the mainland of North America there are already more than 100 Buddhist priests of the liberal (Mahayanist) sects. We are told that the stricter denomination, the Theravadists, are in process of training missionaries for all English speaking countries.

It is more difficult to assess the numerical strength of the Hindus in our country because they are more interested in creating a climate of opinion than in membership rolls. The Hindu swami does not want to decimate the rolls of the Christian churches but to alter the traditional Christian attitude that in Christ alone men find present and eternal salvation. If he can succeed in getting the Christian to acknowledge that God has numerous ways by which He leads men to Himself and to recognize the values of all religions, the swami has indeed succeeded and cares not one whit about the label one uses.

Both Hindus and Buddhists in the United States have adapted their mode of worship to the pattern of Western Christianity, holding worship services on Sunday morning. One meets at the services of either of these groups people holding membership in some Christian or Unitarian Church or Jewish synagogue and others who have no organizational affiliation with any faith group.

Intense personal interest in these religions is manifested on the college and university campuses where students can enroll in courses in oriental philosophy and religion. It is not infrequent that a professor in some discipline other than philosophy or religion has found meaning for his life in one

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revisited Europe after his

long sojourn in Africa, one

of his admirers asked him,

"Well, what do you think

"It's a good idea," replied Schweitzer. "Somebody

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of civilization?"

ought to start it.'

When Albert Schweitzer

of these oriental philosophies and carries on disciplined discussions with inquiring students and other professors

The world of religions to which Christ sent His disciples has come to the "world" of Christianity, so that we can no longer accurately speak of a Christian nation or domain. The whole world is the world of several religions.

The message of these other religions is in large measure a word of judgment upon the disparity between the Christian proclamation and the Christians' performance. This word of judgment is to many Christians also a word of wooing away from traditional Christianity to another faith. Loyal American patriots, who themselves fought in wars for their country, find it difficult to understand how readily the churches can muster support for military concerns during a war but rarely act significantly for the causes of peace beyond a casual, sentimental reference to the Prince of Peace. Others ponder such ironies as a large metropolitan church boasting its corps of missionaries in Africa but refusing member-

ship and even fellowship inside its walls to Negroes living in the same block of the street with the church.

Both at home and abroad ears are deafened to the Christian proclamation of brotherhood in Christ by the churches' practice of race segregation. One Christian missionary tells of being challenged in Africa by a Muslim who interrupted the Christian's sermon to say to the audience, "Why do we listen to this man? If we were to join his church and go to his country, we could not worship with him in the very church

that pays him to come out here and preach. We might become Christians but we would be black Christians!"

Other hitherto Christians recoil from the widespread contentment of Christians in the West with While preaching knowledge of things occidental. Christ to be the Light of the world they do not care to see what He illuminates in the culture of Asia and Africa. The farthest thing from their imagination is the thought that Christ might possibly have some contribution to make His Church from the art, music and literature of non-Western peoples. Ignorance of and lack of appreciation for all of this world hardly inspires confidence in our knowledge of and for matters eternal. The lack of zeal for peace, the unpracticed ideals of Christian brotherhood and haughty contentment with limited knowledge turn many a nominal Christian to another faith and to another gospel, hoping for some good news in deed and not in word only. It is precisely to these defects in everyday Christianity that the message of the militant non-Christian religions is addressed.

The challenge of these other faiths has put Christians in a missionary situation whether they like it or not and is compelling us to inquire afresh what is that distinctively Christian factor in our faith and whether that factor involves us in a missionary witness to the world both near and far away. To this

extent, the earnest Christian can be genuinely thankful for the missionary outreach of the revitalized religions of the world. In recent years the Christian laity has been given all too little motivation to inquire the centralities of the Christian faith, and this generalized ignorance of Christianity has contributed no little to the generous reception which the other faiths have received from us.

Missionaries of these other religions report that they have little occasion to construct convincing arguments against Christianity for the full conversion of their inquirers. This is not to say that all converts from Christianity are uninformed. One of the strongest arguments against embracing Christian faith is the very nature of the Christian Gospel itself. It does indeed repel the natural generosity and stagger cultivated imagination to be told that our present and eternal salvation consists in faith in Jesus Christ alone. But unfortunately it is just this repulsive fact with all of its implications which has been conspicuously absent from so much Protestant preaching and instruction. In the language of the campus, Chris-

tian preaching and teaching have confused "pepping up" and "wishing up" for "shaking up."

In the presence of the appeals of Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam and in the acknowledged condition of impover-ishment, we Christians are made to ask, Is there salvation in Jesus Christ and is there salvation elsewhere? If there is salvation in Jesus Christ and in him alone, to assess another religion and state its relation to Christianity, we need only ask, Does this religion have Jesus Christ? We need no longer quib-

ble whether there is among devotees of non-Christian faiths a religious experience as rich and satisfying as Christian experience for it is not religious experience that saves, but Jesus Christ.

If we take the Bible as our norm, a corollary to the affirmation that Jesus alone saves is acceptance of the responsibility imposed by His having committed unto us the ministry of His salvation. The world for which He died and which is therefore now already His, is the world to which we are sent with the ministry of good news and good services. That world presently exists where His Name is acknowledged in faith, where His Name is rejected, and where His Name has not been heard - which is to say, whether we go or stay, we are in a missionary situation with a missionary responsibility. Thanks be to God for the coming to our shores of people of other faiths, for now the greatest and the least, the eldest and the youngest, the foremost and the remotest Christian is confronted with an opportunity to call from the peoples of the earth some representatives into the family of Christ.

This article was prepared in behalf of the 18th Ecumenical Student Conference on the Christian World Mission which will meet at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio on December 27, 1959 to January 2, 1960. The Conference is sponsored by the Commission on World Mission (formerly the Student Volunteer Movement) of the National Student Christian Federation.

Mrs. Franklin Clark Fry Reports

## "I Saw Lutheran World Relief at Work in the Middle East"

AS TOLD TO

Ann Dufford, NLC News Bureau

"I didn't climb to the top of a pyramid and I didn't ride on a camel," said Mrs. Franklin Clark Fry, wife of a president of the Lutheran World Federation.

"But I did ride a donkey," she added, chuckling. Mrs. Fry, the attractive grandmother of four, was speaking of a recent eight-week visit to Europe and the Middle East during which she and her well known husband, who is also president of the United Lutheran Church in America, and chairman of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, did a great

Their activities included everything from poking around archeological ruins to helping distribute Lutheran World Relief clothing to Arabs in border vil-

lages of Jordan. Dr. Fry is president of LWR.
Sandwiching sight-seeing between top-level church
meetings, the Frys visited Austria, Greece, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt and Italy. They met with church leaders, inspected an LWF mobile clinic, talked with a king, explored museums, and walked through Jerusalem in the moonlight.

At their first stop in Spittal, Austria, Dr. Fry attended a joint committee meeting of the WCC and the International Missionary Council held to discuss

deal more than "donkey riding."

plans for integration of the two agencies.

While sightseeing, Mrs. Fry found the castle of the archbishop of Salzburg of particular interest. It was this archbishop who expelled all Lutherans from his area in 1732, forcing hundreds of refuges to settle in various parts of Europe. Two hundred of these exiled Lutheran Austrians came to Georgia and were the forefathers of the Georgia Synod of the ULCA.

From Austria the Frys' itinerary took them to Athens, Greece, for a preliminary session preceding the WCC Central Committee meeting which then

took place on the Isle of Rhodes.

In Rhodes, Mrs. Fry and others attending the WCC meeting took two side trips of interest, one to Lyndos where St. Paul landed when a storm at sea drove him into a little cove, now known as St. Paul's harbor. The other was a visit to the island of Patmos where St. John wrote the book of Revelation. It was here that she rode a donkey.

Returning to Athens, Mrs. Fry sought diligently among the reconstructed ruins of the Propaelia, entrance to the Acropolis, for a tile which her husband had unearthed as a student in an archeological expedition. Dr. Fry studied at the American School of Archeology in Athens in 1921-22.

"I was disappointed not to be able to know which

was the exact tile," Mrs. Fry commented.

In Jerusalem, Dr. Fry was received in audience by King Hussein of Jordan. The LWF's program of aid to Arab refugees and frontier villages is the largest of any voluntary agency working in that country.

On a personal tour of Lutheran work in the area, the Frys visited one of the LWF mobile clinics which

Mrs. Fry described as being furnished with a bed, under which equipment is stored, water, a sterilizer, a small kitchen, and pharmaceutical materials. "Every inch of the unit is used," she said.

Each mobile clinic is staffed with a doctor, a nurse

and a pharmacist. One of the six static LWF clinics replenish the supplies of the mobile units which make the rounds of the border villages.

"The large number of people who visit the clinics shows the confidence the people have in this service,"

Mrs. Fry commented.

Lutherans in America contribute to this LWF medical program, which reached more than 120,000 patients in the Jordan area during 1958, through their gifts to Lutheran World Action, the annual financial appeal of the church bodies of the National Lutheran

Explaining the process of clothing distribution in Jordan, Mrs. Fry said the bales of used clothing from Lutheran World Relief went first into a large sorting room where refugee women sort clothing into piles for men, women and children, picking out all items which may be unusable.

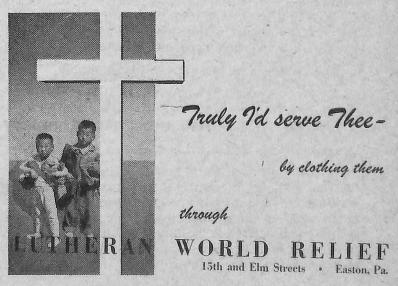
The damaged articles then go to a sewing room where they are made over into wearable clothing. "It amazed me what they were able to do with that clothing," Mrs. Fry said. "They really utilize every single thing we send them."

In the sorting room, bundles are made for every family on the relief list, with an item of clothing for each member of the family. The bundles are then loaded on a truck.

In the frontier village as the clothing was handed out, Mrs. Fry watched the faces of families receiving their gift. "Some were very stoic," she exclaimed, "but others would dance for joy."

"Usually men came to receive the bundle for their families, while the women hid behind the village wall.

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## Passport to Fellowship

Each year between 8,000 to 10,000 Japanese people leave their homeland to settle in Brazil. Ships carrying these people stop for several days in the Los Angeles harbor before continuing their journey to South America. These ships are met by a representative of Church World Service and the Southern California Council of Churches. Each family is given a packet containing such things as clothing, soap, towels, games, gifts for the children and, most important of all, a Japanese New Testament, provided by the American Bible Society. When they arrive in Brazil, many approach the Christian community with their Testaments in their hands, presenting these Testaments as if they were passports to the fellowship of the Christian church. They come to the churches saying, "See, our friends in America invite us to come to your church. Here is our Bible for you to

The Rev. T. Miyakado, Secretary of the Japan Bible Society, who visited these Japanese settlers in their new home in Brazil, reports that many of them became Christians through their study of their New Testaments.

Once again the Bible opened the door to fellowship, not just the fellowship of the Book, The Book That Lives, but the fellowship of the household of faith, the family of the God who is faithful and has called us into "the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

It was this kind of fellowship that the unknown Marine longed for fifteen years ago — a spiritual fellowship of Bible reading that started a chain reaction which now reaches millions of people in fifty different countries.

It is the kind of fellowship in which every member of the Bible Society family is invited to have a share by making gifts that live in the Master's work of translating and distributing the Holy Scriptures in this nation and more than forty other countries. Whenever a person with the Book meets a person without the Book, the door has been opened to Christian fellowship.

"If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another."

This is the true passport into fellowship.

- American Bible Society.

#### A LETTER TO THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Dear American Friends:

I trust that you are all well. When I arrived at the port of Los Angeles in June of 1957, I received a wonderful present from your organization. I want to express my deep appreciation for the wonderful gift that showed me the kind and warm heart of America. Kindly pardon my long silence in not acknowledging your gift.



At the present time I am working on a farm near San Antonio, Parana, Brazil. As I was not used to manual labor, I had many misgivings during the first few months after arrival. Many are the times that I wondered why I had emigrated to Brazil. However, as I became adjusted and acclimated, I began to enjoy my work.

Amongst the practical gifts enclosed in the comfort kit I found a Japanese Bible. In the beginning I used to read a few passages. This was the first time I ever knew the contents of this Book. Gradually I became aware of God's message. I must confess I have never read the Bible before. Now I find that I must read it daily and I look forward to the time I can read it after my day's work.

This new outlook is due entirely to the kindness of your people in the United States. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Katuichi Hoshino.

#### Pearl Harbor

I had been telling about a conference in Tokyo last year, at which a high Japanese official had related to a group of American religious leaders some of the harsh facts about Japan's situation. He reminded us that, while Japan's land area is about equal to that of California, only 17 per cent of it is usable to support human life, the rest being mountainous and barren.

In this land area 17 per cent the size of California, live over 80,000,000 people! About 20,000,000 are farm families, another 20,000,000 live by fishing, the remainder must live from industrial employment. "But," said the speaker, "most nations have put up high tariff walls to keep out Japanese goods. They also have closed the doors to immigrants from Japan. Nearly every factor which led to Pearl Harbor exists today in more intensified form. Our defeat aggravated rather than solved our problems. We admit Pearl Harbor was wrong. But, if we can't live from our own soil, if we can't live from industry, if we can't send surplus population abroad, we must either do business with the Communists or starve. What would you Christians do in our place?"

- From an address by Paul C. Empie.

## Statistics for Lutheran Church Bodies in the United States and Canada

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## Paging Youth

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## Over the Typewriter

Look at all that news from LYFs! Thanks to the pastors and one girl in Brayton, there was an abundance of it this time. Hey, Salinas! What's this "DRAG" party? We want to have one, too.

We heard a rumor that there will be a week-end meeting in Solvang, California, in November with the California churches attending. Who planned it, what will they do? Maybe we'll hear a report from someone out there.

Get on the YULE bandwagon! This is one place where we can really be of service to others and to AELYF in general.

About the time many of you receive this, the rest of us will be having a wonderful time in Nysted. Why don't you make plans now to come next year???

## **AELYF Doin's**

Brayton, Iowa: The LYF here met October 11th for a short meeting and a big hayride. We had hamburgers and hot dogs with marshmallows, too, at the campfire when we returned. Twenty-seven members and guests turned out for the gala affair. Before we went out on the hayride, Pastor Sibert gave us an interesting talk on confirmation.

Greenville, Michigan: We elected officers here in September and sent them to the Workshop at Manistee. We also hope to send two delegates to Nysted. We have laid plans for the months ahead, doing it at fourmonth intervals. Halloween parties and hayrides are a couple of things on the agenda.

Salinas, California: We got off to a great start this fall, electing officers, appointing committees and laying plans for the coming year. In the works are such things as a DRAG party, hayride, visiting other churches, "solid" discussions, progressive dinner, and so forth.

Ringsted, Iowa: We have been working very closely with the ULCA and Augustana Luther Leagues of this area. We hope to have more exchanges soon.

Newell, Iowa: We have just formd a new Junior Youth Group. Young people of the 6th, 7th and 8th grades are eligible to join. Our purpose is Christian fellowship and growth in understanding ourselves and our Church. We divide our meeting into devotions, half-hour topic by the Pastor, recreation, and so forth. We have elected officers and committees and have made plans for them to work through May. Our

"older" LYF continues to go full force. We also sing in the choir every Sunday....about 30 of us.

Tyler, Minnesota: We have elected officers for the year and are ready to go for another full year. In September, we heard the "Nysted in November" recording and hope to send a big group. In October, we had a "beatnik" party with beatnik dress, sitting on the floor reading poetry and playing games. We wrote some interesting definitions of beatniks and talked about his problems: he is eccentric and feels hopeless probably because he is insecure.

Kimballton, Iowa: We have elected officers for the year and voted to meet twice a month instead of only once this year. We also hope to meet in the homes once a month. We hope to have the support of our parents and a new Friends of Youth committee so that our meetings can be very worthwhile.

Des Moines, Iowa: We have had an interesting discussion on evolution. On October 31st, we had a "work day," doing everything from picking up pears to raking leaves. All wages go to Operations India. We are sending three to Nysted.

## Nu Har Vi YULE Igen

We will soon be singing the familiar Danish carol, "Nu har vi Jul igen" as we go around the Christmas tree at parties and at home. With Christmas comes carol singing, and YULE. YULE is the magazine that we, the AELYF, sponsor. Last year, we sold less than usual, probably because we did not work hard enough. This is a tremendous Christmas magazine, and Pastor Harris Jespersen has done another fine job on it this year.

The selling price this year will be \$1.00, the first price increase in many years! You, as an LYF will pay only 75 cents per copy when you are sent a bill for them. This means a neat \$25.00 profit for every hundred you sell! If you can't sell that many, you still make a quarter per copy. With such a fine deal as that, they will not be able to take any back which you do not sell.

Get together right now and decide how many you want and get that order sent in! Let's try for one in every family in each congregation.....and you can often sell to others outside our church because it is such a fine magazine. Be optimistic when you order. If you happen to have some left over, give them to shut-ins, send them to servicemen, or some other worthwhile person.

How about this idea for selling YULE: Have a "Guys versus Gals" contest. Each team tries to sell more than the opposite sex, with the losers giving the winners a party. If you have uneven numbers of guys and gals, choose up sides.

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to put some worthwhile reading material in every home. And, as an added bonus, you keep the quarter profit for some project in your LYF. Send in your orders immediately to: Mrs. Paul C. Gantriis, 7238 Wentworth Avenue South, Minneapolis 23, Minnesota. Here is your chance to support a real AELYF project.

## Our Women's Work

MRS. AAGE PAULSEN, EDITOR

Beaver Crossing, Nebraska

## Mrs. Mary Seely Knudstrup

I have just received word that Mrs. Knudstrup passed away October 19. Her many friends will miss her greatly, and wish to extend their sympathy to all her loved ones.

## **District VI Meeting**

The WMS held its meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church at Gayville, South Dakota. The meeting was opened by the singing of a hymn, with Mrs. Chester Peterson leading us in devotions. Miss Eileen Nelsen rendered a solo, "O, Master Let Me Walk With Thee."

Mrs. Alma Meyer, our president, presided. Mrs. Chester Peterson was appointed to act as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Chris Johansen. The secretary's report was read and approved.

A letter was read from our National President, Miss Emilie Stockholm. The Treasury book was audited by Mrs. Niels Dam, Tyler, and Mrs. Frank Jensen, Viborg. Balance in the treasury was \$110.75. The treasury report was accepted.

The scholarship fund project of WMS was explained. The question of dues was discussed. It was moved, seconded, and carried to change dues to \$2 per organization.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to make a contribution from our balance on hand to the Mohulpahari hospital for T. B. patients.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to keep \$40 in the treasury for district president's expenses to national meeting and send the rest to the Mohulpahari hospital.

We were urged by the president to send letters about our activities to the Women's Page in LUTHERAN TIDINGS. We were also urged to use program materials recommended.

The new national budget was discussed. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the new president appoint an allocations committee to allocate the budget to member organizations when the correct figures are obtained.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the district president's expenses to the national meeting. The location was not yet known.

A letter was read explaining the closing of the Children's Home in Chicago.

Mrs. Agnetha Buhl gave a report on the meeting of the education committee in Chicago. She explained the procedures of the committee and urged us to use the planned program material. She also gave us sources from which we can obtain material. She also reported on the new magazine which will be published soon. This is a magazine for the women of the merging churches and will be published until the merger is completed.

Key Women were reminded to send all contributions to the district treasurer.

Presidential election was held. The ballot consisted of names sent in by different organizations.

Mrs. Carl Miller, Gayville, was elected president. Mrs. Meyer distributed Santal Missionary magazines and urged subscriptions.

We extended a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Hans Meyer for her work in office the past three years.

The meeting was adjourned and we closed with the singing of a hymn.

> Mrs. Chester Peterson. Secretary, Pro Tem.



## Annual Meeting, District IX WMS

Another district convention with good talks and good fellowship has come and gone. Our WMS business meeting held from 8 to 10:15 p. m., in Junction City, Ore., September 18, was attended by women from all of our women's groups from all five of our congregations. It was a good meeting, with lively and interested discussion and a worthwhile sharing of ideas. Items of business included the second affirmative vote on separation of the office of vice president-secretary, so that we now have a four member executive board. The vice president's duties shall include being chairman of program and education committee. It was decided to have a women's retreat next spring, details to be worked out by the program and education committee and the district WMS executive board.

The Key Women reports are an interesting part of our business meeting. It is through these reports that we learn what other groups are doing locally and for synod projects. Most of the groups sew layettes, Dorcas packages, or conduct clothing drives for Lutheran World Relief. Most of them conduct their own programs and devotions.

Election results were as follows: Vice president, Gloria Knudsen, a one year term so that election of president and vice president will come in the same year; secretary, Esther Madsen; treasurer, Alice Fagerland. The president, Adelaide Fynboe, has one more year of her term to serve.

The program Saturday evening was sponsored by the WMS and featured Rev. Kenneth Wieg, Lutheran chaplain at Oregon State University. His address was very interesting, if somewhat controversial. He brought out many points concerning church colleges that we need to think about.

The collection taken at the door will be given to the Mary Seely Knudstrup Scholarship Fund.

E. M.

## Report of District VII WMS DANEVANG, TEXAS

The women of the Danevang church had an opportunity they seldom get to enjoy, when the District VII church convention and WMS annual meeting was held in our church. We had looked forward, with keen anticipation, to having the district meeting here, and we were not disappointed. Quite a few of our members had attended district meetings held in other churches, but, due to our remote location, most of us could only remember the last meeting held here in 1949.

The WMS meeting was held in the church on Saturday, October 3, at 6:30 p. m., with Mrs. Aage Paulsen, president of District VII WMS presiding. The meeting opened with a devotional, and singing. Mrs. Clifford Jensen, secretary, read the minutes of the last WMS District VII meeting, and they were approved.

Mimeographed copies of the proposed model constitution were distributed and discussed. The district constitution was amended as suggested by the national convention. The district constitution Mimeographed copies of the reports from the women's organizations of the churches of the district were also distri-buted and briefly reviewed. We can get added inspiration and new ideas, when we can read and hear what others are doing, and so, improve in the use of our own talents and too, we can feel that no effort is too small. After some discussion, we decided to designate the evening's offering to the two proposed Old People's Homes at Askov and Tyler. The need for better facilities, for the care and (Continued on Page 15)

## OPINION AND COMMENT



MERGER DRAWS ever closer. The JCLU is again preparing to meet. One admires the persistence and patience and self-sacrifice of the commissioners. In all cases, the work of the commission is done by men whose normal duties go right on in their regular fields of work - teachers, preachers, administrators, field workers, editors. The detailed tasks of the commission are carried on, it would seem, in the "spare time" of men who already are so busy that spare hours are few. Someone, somehow, somewhere ought to express thanks and pay tribute to these several dozen men who have given up many hours with their families, hours of recreation and vacation time, or hours of rest, so that the work might go on. This little salute on this page is hardly adequate. A better compensation for the commissioners is the obvious pleasure and joy that they take in the doing of the work. As we talk to them in person, and as we read the reports and watch the new church rapidly taking shape, the whole project is seen as a labor of love....Not so many weeks ago, Dr. Malvin Lundeen was installed as the new president of the Augustana Church. A parish pastor in suburban Chicago, Dr. Lundeen has been chairman of the JCLU since its beginning. A city pastor has a busy time of it even without such a large extra work burdening his shoulders, and now that Dr. Lundeen has become Augustana's president, our respect and sympathy for him are doubled. His recent installation in Minneapolis, where he will now live, was the immediate event inspiring our opening editorial today.

IN A PERSONAL letter some days ago, an East Coast correspondent wrote to us his views on the work of the JCLU. After pointing out that the major task is that of "organizing the new church," he continued that another task, not like unto it, is that it should "not over-organize the new church." Organize, but not over-organize. The JCLU has worked with careful speed, and it is natural that the emphasis has been on organization. What else can be done in advance? The essential life and spirit of the new church must develop after the church comes into being. It cannot be blueprinted and departmentalized in the same way that the structure and organization of the church can be planned in advance. But there is point to our correspondent's warning, which goes on with the further enjoinder: "We cannot build a wall, even an organizational wall, around the life of the congregation even if we have the sincerest desire both to shield and preserve the living heart, mind and soul of the fellowship of believers." To the commission goes the remonstrance: "Not only shalt thou show us charts, diagrams, facts and figures but inspire us with a great vision of a new church so that on the day of consumation of the merger there shall be a great shout of joy and thanksgiving because a new church has been born in our midst to the glory of God Almighty and to the benefit of His people."

WE WONDER HOW great will be the jubilation among our local churches when the merger comes about. There will be great joy among many. And there will be those whose attitude will be, "Well, what else can we do?" (This attitude characterized our convention decision to move our Seminary and effect a tentative "academic merger" in advance of the formation of the new Church.) Those who passionately feel the rightness of the merger must devote themselves to the task of educating the uninformed, and also of convincing those who are informed but who are not thrilled nor inspired by merger prospects. This process has been called "brainwashing" by merger opponents, but it is not that - any more than any course in school bent on informing the student can be called by that reprehensible term. Before the day of merger comes, we must all see visions and dream dreams, of the quality of the visions and dreams that established our AELC in this young land almost a century ago.

ANY LABOR STRIKE of such far-reaching consequences as the current steel hassle has moral overtones which ought to reach the inner ear of participant and non-participant. A settlement was reached in one plant where the workers agreed to a wage-and-fringe increase amounting to about three per cent. A day or two later it was announced by the appropriate government agency that the cost of living in the last year alone has gone up about three per cent. The steel agreement thus appears reasonable on both sides. Management seems determined that the new contracts will not add to the spiral of inflation, and who can condemn this, as an attitude? On the other side is what seems to characterize most requests of labor unions: that their members are to receive not special favors for their membership but such improved circumstances as can be shared by the whole community. (It is true that most economic reforms have come about through the efforts of organized labor.) strong moral positions as citadels for action by both sides, it is not difficult to see how the strike can go on and on. The feeling of moral rightness is an effective force in sustaining morale....Meanwhile, it is interesting to see how inflation has fared in a country where control more or less completely stems from the top. In Russia thirty years ago a worker worked seven minutes to earn a loaf of rye bread. A quarter century later he had to work twelve minutes to earn the same loaf of bread. A pound of meat cost him 82 minutes' work then, and 25 years later needed almost two hours' work for its purchase. A dozen eggs could be bought with the wages of 48 minutes then, and in more recent years it has taken 168 minutes' work to buy those eggs. Milk likewise now takes 31/2 times as much work to earn as it did then. It is good to reflect that in our country a higher standard of living is earned today with much less labor than required in pre-depression days. Despite their differences, labor and management have combined to effect considerable material progress.

Solvang Fall Meeting

## Indian Summer -- Again

## Ellen Nielsen Fresno, California

The Solvang fall meeting had rich fare for us, we all went home well fed. The Solvang Home had "resjegilde," (rafter-raising-festivity) with the big green wreaths and their ribbons hanging high and

below them Æbleskiver served to the guests.

Never has a project been more "our" project than this Home; we all have a proprietary interest in it and wish it well. Because of tender loving care this Home has been built with the help of you and you and you. It is simply amazing: where did the money come from, how did it all happen and why? There the Home is, full of charming old people (I loathe the term "Senior Citizens," — why are we so afraid of the noble word: Age?) all feeling at home. And now, somehow, God knows how, there is the big new addition, the kitchen, the dining room and lounge. The "rejsegilde" celebrated it so it must be true. It is a fairytale come true. And they lived happily ever after.

Space will permit only a few highlights from the

meeting; appreciation in short-hand.

Aage Moller's endurance, he holds out, he hacks his own trail. He preaches and teaches because —

No, he preaches and teaches. He has to.

Viggo Hansen after all these years! (Still the bow tie that used to intrigue me, he probably started the current.) His good sermon, quiet and softly spoken. And when he offered the confession there was silence— aa, da var jeg hjemme! (then I was at home). Good Lutheran children who did not feel called upon to voice their response....but the response was there!

Farstrup's fine explanation of the merger and all it entails, the eager questions afterward; we could have gone on for hours. The nerve is touched, it is something that involves us physically and spiritually: the merger will bring such a revolution into our lives. Of course we will merge. And then in many little and private ways we will not merge. One step at a time. One of our American members out-Danes the Danes by wistfully asking what will become of our cozy little district meetings; we will be big for a change, we have never experienced that. But in the midst of the bigness smaller nuclei will form. For the merger is a form of communism in its best sense. It appeals to me even while I clutch the drawer or my little cigar-box of trinkets valuable only to me, my own oddments, things I have experienced and made mine; I cannot immediately empty them into the larger whole.

Dr. Van Valin's (a Solvang doctor) living talk of his experiences in Laos and the East. He it was who first operated on Dr. Dooley and took that bit of tissue with him through jungle and typhoon and by plane to the nearest laboratory; with the result that the world now knows. Dr. Dooley has caught the world's attention, a younger Albert Schweitzer.

and now through and from Dr. Dooley comes the Solvang doctor, Dr. Van Valin. His talk was given with utmost simplicity and sincerity and with the personal and urgent communication that first-hand involvement always brings with it. In turn we are touched. The ripples widen to encompass the world. The distance from Laos to Solvang is spanned by one word: compassion.

Sometimes at night it is hard to sleep and reluctantly we leave the warm bed to wander out into the cold, dark house. But someone goes out into a colder, darker night to help alleviate the huge misery of the world that will not let them sleep. Dr. Dooley had to go out there, and World Vision picked Dr. Van Valin to do his part for that idealism. He went out partly as a sight-seer but did not come home as one. He has to speak about what he saw; as a physician he must bind up the wounds of those in his path.

We can go back to our warm bed again, but Dr. Dooley has "promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep." I wonder if he knows that Dr. Van Valin

is keeping him company?

So another fall meeting has come to a close and the miracle happened again; heart to heart has spoken.

## **District II Convention**

## MANISTEE, MICHIGAN, SEPTEMBER 18-20

The annual convention of District II, American Evangelical Lutheran Church, was held at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Manistee, Michigan, on September 18-20, 1959. The convention opened on Friday evening in the parish hall with a pageant—"The Beginning of Our Church"— portrayed by members of Our Saviour's congregation. This was an appropriate beginning, for it was the 90th anniversary of Our Saviour's Church.

Following this, a worship service was held in the sanctuary. Pastor Howard Christensen, Detroit, Mich., delivered the sermon and Pastor Beryl Knudsen of Sidney-Gowen read the liturgy. A social hour followed the service.

On Saturday the meeting opened with morning devotions led by Pastor John Christensen of Ludington. His theme was "What is your Answer to Christ's Call?" He emphasized that God has an interest and a place for every person and that in yielding to His call there comes the genuine riches and fullness of life.

The business meeting was called to order by the president, Pastor Beryl Knudsen. Answering roll call were seven pastors and 52 delegates. Present also was the synod president, Dr. Alfred Jensen.

The usual business was transacted. However, there was one new topic, namely: Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, which is a new organization and one in which our church should be interested.

Pastor Jensen called attention to our giving, and explained how we can reach out and help various programs of our church.

The convention voted to continue junior camp, approved the Lutheran Social Service program, by making a contribution of \$100, approved a Seminary Scholarship Fund, established a Home Mission Work fund,

accepted the proposed budget, allocated the district's share of the synod budget, designated the Sunday offering for the Santal Mission and elected new officers. The district officers are: President, Howard Christensen; vice president, Pastor Donald Holm; secretary, Paul Blinkilde; and treasurer, Elmer Ness.

The convention bade farewell to Pastor Beryl Knudsen and Pastor Harry Andersen, who have both by this time left for Withee, Wisconsin, and Chicago, Ill.,

respectively.

The convention extended a welcome to Pastor Ivan Westergaard who will serve Trinity-Greenville and South Sidney, and Mr. Arnold Johnson, lay pastor who will serve First Lutheran of Montcalm County temporarily.

Speaker of the afternoon was Dr. Frank Madsen, president of the Michigan Synod, ULCA, and his topic was "Home Missions in Michigan." It was interesting and enlightening. He stressed the deep value of family worship. Further, he emphasized that no little church can go on alone. The whole church must help. "If you take care of others it will be given to you."

Education is needed, he added. "If we understand and know about a program we will give." Dr. Madsen is a positive thinker. He admonished us to think positively, and with a positive gesture said, "Accentuate the positive. Eliminate the negative. There is always something to sing and be happy about."

Manistee congregation and its pastor were gracious hosts. Every need of the guests was anticipated. Bountiful meals were served to perfection. On Sunday, the dinner was served in the Masonic Temple by a caterer and the people of Manistee were able to sit with their guests. This was a grand idea.

Much planning and preparation was evident. The pageant, special music, etc., testified to that. Thank you, Manistee, for your warm hospitality. It was all appreciated. May God richly bless your congregation, and each congregation in the district.

In the coming year of renewed church activities, let us accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative. Let us sing and be happy in the tasks which we are called upon to perform. It is a great thing to be called to a task and it is great to perform it with integrity and care. It is for each of us to listen and to go!

- Contributed.

### In Memoriam

Mrs. Anna White of Ludington, Michigan, passed away October 1, 1959, following a lingering illness of more than one year. Mrs. White as she was known in our parish was housekeeper for Rev. John Christensen since he became our pastor in May, 1938.

Anna White was a faithful worker in our church, and kept the parsonage open to all, ever ready with a friendly greeting and to share a cup of coffee. We shall miss this friend, especially when illness comes to our homes, because her Danish soup and cheery outlook on life helped many of us on the way to recovery.

E. C. S., Ludington.

## In Memoriam

Mr. Peter Madsen, Montclair, N. J., passed away October 16, of this year, following an operation.

Peter Madsen was an active worker in the congregation of Bethesda Church, Newark, N. J., had served on the board in one capacity or another for the last fifteen years. He will be remembered mostly as our secretary, and as the author of the history of Bethesda Church, published last year in our monthly paper, The Beacon. Yes, indeed, he will rank among the best of our members, one of those who truly held the Church far above other interests.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Madsen, nee Johnston, in this country; in Denmark, by two older brothers and other relatives.

> Walter Michaelsen, Nutley, New Jersey.

#### Men of Finance

In 1923, a group of the world's most successful financiers met at the Edgewater Beach hotel in Chicago. Present were:

The president of the largest independent steel company.

The president of the largest utility company.

The greatest wheat speculator.

The president of the New York Stock Exchange.

A member of the President's Cabinet.

The greatest "bear" in Wall Street.

The president of the Bank of International Settle-

The head of the world's greatest monopoly.

Collectively, these tycoons controlled more wealth than there was in the U. S. Treasury, and for years newspapers and magazines had been printing their success stories and urging the youth of the nation to follow their examples. Twenty-five years later, let's see what happened to these men:

The president of the largest independent steel company — Chas. Schwab — lived on borrowed money the last five years of his life, and died broke.

The greatest wheat speculator — Arthur Cutten —

died abroad insolvent.

The president of the New York Stock Exchange

— Richard Whitney — was recently released from Sing Sing.

The member of the President's Cabinet — Albert Fall — was pardoned from prison so he could die at

The greatest "bear" in Wall Street — Jesse Livermore — committed suicide.

The president of the Bank of International Settlements — Leon Fraser — committed suicide.

The head of the world's greatest monopoly — Ivar Kreuger — committed suicide.

All of these men had learned how to make money, but not one of them had learned how to live.

Jesus said: But seek ye first the kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well. (Matt. 6:33)

- Ansgar Lutheran.

# Homecoming at Rosenborg on 75th Anniversary

A beautiful fall day created a serene setting for the "homecoming" of many former members of the Rosenborg congregation in observance of its 75th anniversary, Sunday, October 18, 1959. Approximately 325 people, friends of the neighboring Synod church groups in Nebraska, Colorado, California, Iowa and Minnesota and friends from local neighboring churches attended.

Flowers and plants gave a festive setting to the church interior. Altar flowers were given by Mrs. Marie Henricksen in memory of her husband; A 75th anniversary bouquet by the Anders Christensen children in memory of their parents; potted white chrysanthemum by Mrs. Laurine Sorensen in memory of her husband, son and father; a floral arrangement from Mr. and Mrs. Otto Krogh of Lincoln, and a potted yellow chrysanthemum from the Looking Glass WSCS.

Mrs. Anna Anderson was the only person in attendance Sunday that was present at the organization on October 14, 1884.

Five generations, descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Mikkel Sorensen and Mr. and Mrs. Jens Christensen Hesselballe, organizers of the church, have been active members throughout the 75 years. It is of special significance that the late Anton Sorensen, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Mikkel Sorensen, and Laurine Andersen, daughter of Mrs. Anna Andersen, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Christensen Hesselballe, were united in marriage and their grandchildren constitute the fifth generation. There are other pioneer families with 5th generation attending Rosenborg church but the family names mentioned were organizers of the congregation.

There were four generations of confirmed members present: Mrs. Anna Anderson; her daughter, Mrs. Laurine Sorensen; her grandchildren, Mrs. Edwin Stone and Irving and Dennis Sorensen; and her great grandson, Loren Stone. Others of the fifth generation family present were Susan, Peggy, Anthony and John Sorensen, children of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Sorensen; and Jane, Joan and Loweli Stone, (Loren who was mentioned before) children of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stone.

Five of the 13 members of the confirmation class of 1909 were present: Mrs. Laurine Sorensen (Anderson) of Canon City, Colo.; Mrs. Alex Rood (Sine Christensen) of Columbus, Neb.; Mrs. Albert Sorensen (Christina Petersen) of St. Edward, Neb.; Mrs. Chris Henriksen (Augusta Paulsen) of Askov, Minn.; and Niels Thomsen of Grand Island, Neb.

A congratulatory contribution was received from Mrs. Cora Sandel, a member residing at Flippin, Arkansas. A telegram of congratulations was received Sunday afternoon from Mr. and Mrs. John Pederson of Reno, Nevada. Mrs. Pederson is the former Ruth Borgaard, daughter of Rev. Borgaard who served the Rosenborg church in 1911 and 1912. Other congratulatory messages and gifts were received from neighboring congregations, former members, various business places and friends.

This year also marks the 80th anniversary of Bethany church. The Rosenborg and Bethany congregations have been holding joint services since 1942.

Rev. Clarence Thorwald gave the welcoming address Saturday evening to open the observance. His remarks were followed by a message by Rev. Vagn Duus. The Vagn Duus family were all in attendance. Erling Duus rendered a solo and was accompanied by his sister, Sibyl Duus.

Sunday morning the regular Sunday School and Worship Service was conducted as usual. Rev. Thorvald Hansen gave the sermon and Rev. Hansen and Rev. M. Mikkelsen had charge of the Communion service. The music was furnished by the church choir. Sunday afternoon Rev. Alfred Jensen conducted the services with the Sunday School choir furnishing the music.

Rev. M. Mikkelsen and Rev. F. Farstrup were speakers at the Sunday evening service. The church choir sang at this service.

The ladies of the church, assisted by the Wesleyan Service Guild of the St. Edward Methodist church, served 325 dinners and 200 for the evening meal on Sunday.

## **OUR CHURCH**

Hampton, Iowa. Guest preacher here on November 1 was Benjamin Nuwo Jensen, a native of Liberia, currently a pre-medical student in Des Moines. The day was further highlighted by an afternoon talk and the showing of slides from Africa, presented by Mr. Jensen and his wife, Ruth. Mr. Jensen received his "Danish" name through his adoption by a missionary nurse in Africa.... The Ladies' Aid here recently purchased a new electric drier for the parsonage.

Ringsted, Iowa. Seminary student Harold Sorensen conducted services here on October 25 in the absence of Pastor Carlo Petersen, who was in Dwight, Ill. Dr. Alfred Jensen was guest speaker at the Harvest Festival October 4.

Racine, Wisconsin. The annual Harvest Festival here was held October 18, with an "at cost" dinner (adults: \$1.00) and a program with the Rev. D. C. Kalweit, (Aug.) as speaker. A film was presented in the parish house for the children during the adult program....The outside of the church here was painted recently (cost: \$700).

Muskegon, Michigan. A Reformation Rally here (at Samuel Lutheran Church) had as guest speaker Dr. Johannes Knudsen, Maywood, Illinois. Members from our own Central Lutheran Church took part.

Kimballton, Iowa. The Rev. Holger Strandskov was hospitalized recently for heart trouble, but is now recovering nicely after the warning that he must "take it easy." At the Harvest Festival October 4, Pastor S. S. Kaldahl, superintendent at the Salem Homes in Elk Horn, Iowa, was guest speaker.

Tyler, Minnesota. Still another Harvest Festival: At Danebod Lutheran Church on September 6, which was "unusually well attended." An offering was taken for the Lutheran Welfare. Speaker was Dr. Otto Hoiberg, who told of his experiences in Turkey where he lived for more than a year recently. The Festival marked the ending of the Folk Meeting.

Cordova, Nebraska. St. John's members here are meeting regularly with members of Our Savior's congregation discussing plans for a proposed merger of the two congregations in this small town. A constitution is being worked out which will be accepted or rejected at separate meetings, and then a joint meeting of the congregations.

Watsonville, California. A contract has been let for the building of the new church here, and ground breaking ceremonies took place on October 4.

Salinas, California. A "Layman's Sunday" was scheduled for October 18,

# with John Walz delivering the sermon, and Bob Works and Bud Brown conducting liturgy. On October 11, Jon Petersen, a seminary student from Berkeley, was guest speaker.

Cedar Falls, Iowa. On September 20, the two services in Bethlehem Church were conducted by guest pastors Carlo Petersen, Ringsted, and Charles Terrell, Newell, who were in the community for the District Convention at St. Paul's Church....Repair work, replastering the basement of the parsonage, was done recently by volunteers of the congregation.

Alden, Minnesota. First Lutheran Church had its annual Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 18. Dr. Ernest Nielsen, president of Grand View College, preached at morning services, and spoke again in the afternoon, following the dinner in the church parlors. Mrs. Nielsen addressed the Sunday school in the morning.

Rosenborg, Nebraska. St. Ansgar's Church here celebrated its 75th anniversary October 18. (See article elsewhere in this issue.) An anniversary book with pictures and history was published for the occasion, and copies are available from Mrs. Sigurd Jensen, St. Edward, Nebraska.

Cozad, Nebraska. Pastor Beryl Knudsen was scheduled to preach November 8 in his home congregation during his Nebraska visit to the AELYF convention at Nysted. Meanwhile Pastor Thorvald Hansen, Cozad, will serve the congregation in Brush, Colorado, on that Sunday.

Manistee, Michigan. An aged beloved member of our Synod, Mary Seeley Knudstrup, passed away on October 19 during the night. She had been in failing health during the summer, and was hospitalized some months ago. She recovered sufficiently to return to her home and to greet many Manistee visitors on the occasion of the District Convention. But in mid-October she returned to the hospital, and passed away a week later.

Los Angeles, California. The recent congregational meeting here voted to try a new experiment in "fellowship worship" with a nearby Augustana church. Sometime after Christmas the two congregations will worship together for a period "not to exceed six weeks," with the pastors alternating in preaching assignments. Other activities will likely also be shared during the pre-Lenten periods.

#### CAN'T PLEASE ANYBODY

If a man's after money, he's moneymad; if he keeps it, he's a capitalist; if he spends it, he's a playboy; if he doesn't get it, he's a ne'er-do-well; if he doesn't try to get it, he lacks ambition. If he gets it without working for it, he's a parasite; and if he accumulates it after a lifetime of hard work, people call him a fool who never got anything out of life.

Victor Oliver, Daily Sketch, London.

## The Voice from Grand View

We Fly the Flag!

In the morning, every day, the flag of the United States (ali fifty of them) is raised on the campus of Grand View College. We are very happy to be able to report to readers of LUTHER-AN TIDINGS, that this is the case. We wonder, too, if we do not have the first 50-star flag afloat on the morning breeze (for regular use, that is) in all of Des Moines. The beautiful American flag was purchased especially for use when we had the visit on campus of the Danish Ambassador and his wife.

Flags are in the news this month, for we saw in the Register (or was it the Tribune?) a picture of the United Nations flags, all new and all donated by various agencies, associations, and schools in Des Moines and in Iowa. On the pole of the Danish flag is the inscription that this flag was donated by Grand View College. The college was proud to be asked to furnish Dannebrog. Although we are no longer the "Danish College," we are none the less proud of our roots.

A couple of classes are at present interviewing the faculty, and from one of these interviews, we hear that Dr. Nielsen was invited to give the address at the Homecoming Convocation at Carthage College. He was therefore in Carthage this past week end.

Dean Peter Jorgensen has been in attendance at a conference on Teacher Education at Ames, and Miss Moravec has recently appeared on the educational TV station in Des Moines. She reviewed a book on the poetry of Robert Frost. Mr. Gerald Rasmussen will be the next of GVC faculty members to present a book review. This is a service to the public, but it also gives the college very good publicity.

The board of directors of Grand View College met last week on the campus. Among other things, they "toured" the men's dorm. While they recognized that the dorm is, dare I say obsolete, they found it spotless and in good repair. In fact it was shining from its last summer's paint job.

The first week end in November will probably give to the college a different look. We were about to say a "new look." We changed our mind. We were thinking of saying an "older look," but decided that this would be impolite, so we've settled on "different look!" All of this leads up to another meeting to be held on our campus. Since the teachers from all over the State of Iowa converge on Des Moines for the Teachers' Institute, the public schools close for a day and a half. And since the Iowa Junior College Association has within its ranks a number of public junior colleges, this asso-

ciation meets during this same week end. Our campus has been selected for the site of these meetings. The Faculty Wives Club will serve coffee in the afternoon to the deans of the junior colleges, and some of those who have been our guests in the past are asking for apple cake! (They DO have good taste, these deans). This same week end quite a few of our young people are going to Nebraska for the AELYF convention. The others will doubtless take off for home, sweet home.

I was about to look around for some loose ends to tie up, but in reading this over, I've decided to my chagrin that it's a bit disjointed. Hope you will forgive me once again. I WILL try to improve before next L. T.

See you soon.

Info, Inc.

#### From South Dakota

Pioneer Lutheran Church, White, South Dakota, celebrated its 75th Anniversary, Sunday, September 27.

The congregation was organized July 5th, 1884, by H. Christofferson of Brookings. The present church was built in 1896. During the years the congregation has been served by 13 pastors.

The church was full when Rev. John Enselmann, the present pastor, started to preach on Psalm 103:2-3.

The ladies served a good potluck dinner. At 2 p. m., Dr. Parker, the Historian from the State College in Brookings, gave a very interesting lecture on "Danes in Argo County," and told a lot about the old carpenter, H. Christofferson, who started the church, and served it for many years. At the request of former members, two Danish hymns were sung. Rev. Calvin Rossman, the president of the district, brought greetings from the church in Diamond Lake, Minnesota, their pastors have often served Pioneer Lutheran.

It was good to see so many out of town guests, it made all realize that our influence goes far beyond the present 23 contributing members.

Correspondent.

## "I Saw Lutheran World Relief at Work in the Middle East"

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But after receiving the parcel, the man would give it to his wife to carry home."

When Mrs. Fry saw Arab children dressed in Dorcas Project clothing, she tried to find the dresses and pants sewn by the women of her home congregation in New Rochelle, N. Y.

"But of course I wasn't able to," she said, laughing. "All the clothes look alike. That doesn't seem to

bother the youngsters, though. They are just so glad to get something new. For some of them these are the first brand new clothes that they have ever had in their lives."

Distribution of Dorcas Project clothing, a special LWR program which enables Lutheran women's groups in America to sew new garments for refugee children, was being carried out to provide youngsters with something new to wear for the first day of school, October 1.

"When you see the people, the way they live and the immense strain of the political situation that shows even in their faces," Mrs. Fry said, "then you begin to realize the importance and value of what we are trying to do for them."

Both the Frys found Arab hospitality almost overwhelming. "Everywhere we went we were offered cigarettes and coffee. Dr. Fry doesn't really like coffee, but he had to drink an awful lot of it."

Of special interest was a side trip to the Dead Sea where the director of the Palestine Archeological Society personally showed them the cave where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered.

Mrs. Fry glowingly described the sites familiar to all Christians, such as the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Golgatha, the Garden of Gethsemane, the valley of Hebron, the dungeons of Pilate's palace, and the courtyard of Herod's fortress where Christ was mocked by the soldiers.

Mrs. Fry, the former Hilda Drewes, is also properly "Dr. Fry," having received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Wagner College, Staten Island, N. Y., in 1958. "But I prefer being Mrs. Franklin Clark Fry to Dr. Hilda Fry," she said firmly.

Describing herself as "almost a lady of leisure now," Mrs. Fry's activities include serving as a member of the Advisory Council of the Visiting Nurse Association in New Rochelle, chairman of the Cooperative Committee for the Tokyo Women's Christian College and representative of the United Lutheran Church Women on the National Council of Churches Rural Missions Commission. In addition, she is often called upon to speak to church and women's groups.

These jobs, she said, represent a considerable curtailment of her activities "so that I can be free to go and do things with Dr. Fry. You just can't have an inflexible schedule when you are married to someone as busy as he is!"

Mrs. Fry visited Europe with her husband once before in 1947 when the Lutheran World Federation was organized in Lund, Sweden. She also traveled to Japan in 1952.

"This trip was such a wonderful one I'm going to have to start saving my pennies again so that I'll be able to go with him another time," she said in concluding the interview.

## Report of District VII WMS

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comfort of our old people, seemed to be recognized by the women assembled here.

The Mohulpahari TB Sanatorium Fund was discussed, and we decided to acquaint ourselves further with this work during the coming year, at our local meetings, and in any other way possible. The District VII WMS project for the coming year will be to support Home Missions and the Scholarship Fund, in any way we can.

The need for more planning in our programs was felt by many in our group and it was suggested that we avail ourselves of material, which the National WMS has worked out with Mrs. Enok Mortensen, Program chairman

Mrs. Paulsen, District VII president, WMS, told us about the proposed new magazine for women, which will be out in January, 1960. She expressed the hope that we would be interested in subscribing to the magazine, since it is a joint project of the women's organizations of the synods considering the Lutheran merger.

Copies of the Santal Missionary magazine were distributed to help create more interest among our women, for the work carried on there and to acquaint more women with the magazine.

Mrs. Aage Paulsen was re-elected president of District VII WMS by unanimous vote. We missed Mrs. Thomas Nielsen, treasurer, who sent regrets that she would be unable to attend.

After the business meeting, a program, dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the Children's Home in Chicago, was presented by the children and young people of the Danevang community. Pastor Erik Moller concluded the program by showing slides from various activities there in the Home, and telling us something of the work being done.

The page in LUTHERAN TIDINGS entitled "Our Women's Work," will be read with greater interest since we have met with the editor, Mrs. Paulsen. We look forward to meeting again next year at Rosenborg, Nebraska, and meeting old friends. The feeling of close fellowship, which was experienced during the convention, seemed to shorten the miles which separate us and a "sense of togetherness" lingers.

Mrs. A. P. White, Sec. English Ladies' Aid, Danevang, Texas.

#### BIGOTRY

It is not bigotry to be certain we are right; but it is bigotry to be unable to imagine how we might possibly have gone wrong.

G. K. Chesterton,
The Catholic Church and Conversion.

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