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ON NOVEMBER 23rd "there will be
feasting and public prayer
and thanksgiving, and some will
remember that this custom rose
out of the stony wilderness of

New England when a handful of
pilgrims thanked providence for life
itself — for a roof, a fire, walls
against the wind and the
wild beast, for a few bushels of
nubbin corn."

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Let Us Give Thanks

On Thanksgiving Day we are urged to thank God for "the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies." These phrases from the well-beloved hymn are all-inclusive. The "beauty of the earth" might well refer to our common life as human beings while "the glory of the skies" serves to remind us of the spiritual gifts God gives us.

I suppose it is most natural to begin by thanking God for material blessings, and there is certainly nothing wrong in that. The first American Thanksgiving service was observed for that very purpose. Perhaps it is easier for people in rural areas to remember God's providence and our utter dependence upon Him; but it is no less true for urban dwellers that "all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above." It is unnecessary to compile a list of things for which we ought to be grateful. Paul says: "What have you that you have not been given?", and in these dark days of impending doom and disaster with the threat of atomic annihilation as a constant reminder of our helplessness, each new day is a gift more precious than ever.

On Thanksgiving Day we think of abundant harvests and all other material blessings, but you can't really and fully be grateful to God for these gifts unless you first acknowledge God, God's existence, God's sovereignty. Appreciation for "the glory of the skies" must precede "the beauty of the earth."

And so, at Thanksgiving, we acknowledge God and we thank Him for His work of creation, for His daily sustenance, for His grace and goodness and forgiveness. We thank Him for His Son, Jesus Christ, in whom "heaven was bending near the earth" so that "the glory of the skies" came closer to us. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." And we thank Him for the Holy Spirit which continues to comfort, to gather, and to enlighten us; and which has created the Christian church with its grace and fellowship.

In a sense, what I have done here is merely to point up and emphasize the prayer of the church which we use at our worship services. I have done this deliberately; for it is not only on, or the night before, Thanksgiving that we thank God, we do it every Sunday. And if you are not grateful as you enter the church for Sunday services, you will hardly be grateful on this particular day. For gratitude is not something that can be turned on and off like a faucet. Gratitude begins — and ends — in love.

True gratitude for the beauty of the earth and the glory of the skies will inspire us to pray as follows:

"Help us to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord hath done for us; and enable us to show our thankfulness by lives that are given wholly to the service."

Enok Mortensen,

in: Luther Memorial (Des Moines) Church News.

Gratitude

"Do you give thanks for this?—or that?" No, God be thanked

I am not grateful

In that cold, calculating way, with blessings ranked
As one, two, three and four—that would be hateful.

I only know that every day brings good above
My poor deserving;

I only feel that in the road of life true love
Is leading me along and never swerving.

Whatever gifts and mercies to my lot may fall,

I would not measure

As worth a certain price in praise, or great or small;
But take and use them all with simple pleasure.

For when we gladly eat our daily bread, we bless
The hand that feeds us;

And when we tread the road of life in cheerfulness,
Our very heartbeats praise the Love that leads us.

— Henry Van Dyke.

Yule

.....our Christmas magazine, is being published again this year. The business manager, Mrs. Paul Gantriis, has sent out order blanks which should be returned very soon. Pastor Harris Jespersen, the editor, has long since sent in the copy and the proof was read on November 14. YULE will be in the mail by Thanksgiving time. Let us make a real effort to distribute this issue of YULE. It cannot be surpassed for good Christmas reading.

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Synod President A. E. Farstrup says:

Let the AELC Give Thanks

Thanksgiving Day and the first Sunday in Advent (December 3) come very close together! This year it has a special significance for the AELC inasmuch as the first Sunday in Advent has been set aside as the day for the special thankoffering which we decided upon at the synod convention in Tyler, Minnesota, this past August.

All members of the synod should receive shortly an envelope for their share in giving thanks for what our seminary has meant for us throughout the years. Quietly, and never with great numbers of faculty members or students, it has gone about its task of preparing our young men for service among us as pastors. Without it we could not have carried on.

Since its inception it has never produced a "perfect" pastor, but it has given us pastors — men who have been sensitive to the gospel of Christ and have had a love for our people. Men who have, for the greater part, served us well in proclaiming the gospel, administering the sacraments, visiting the sick, working with our children and youth, helping the Sunday School teachers, assisting with group meetings of various kinds, counselled with the troubled and shared in the life of the communities in which they have lived.

May we then, as is suggested by Dean Kildegaard's article below, all with each other, join in honoring our decision at Tyler by bringing our special offering on the first Sunday in Advent, let us give generously and gratefully — remembering those who have labored faithfully in our seminary throughout the years!

Our Seminary -- and Tomorrow

by: Dean Axel C. Kildegaard



The name, Grand View College and Grand View Seminary, never did come into popular usage in our church. The name is too long and it is less than ten years old. For more than half a century, the concerns, prayers and gifts of our people were directed toward Grand View College where our youth began their higher education and where our men prepared for the ministry. The new name of a decade ago represented operational reorganization and was perhaps more accurate, but in practice the church's task in Des Moines was already so defined in the minds of our people. Now the name will legally revert to that which it is in practice, and Grand View College will, as such, continue to fulfill our responsibilities toward the youth. Grand View Seminary by action of our church convention at Detroit moved to Maywood, Illinois, in 1960, and by action of our last convention in Tyler, will merge in 1962 with three other seminaries of the merging churches at Chicago.

A marriage is not created when a license is issued, nor even when a wedding ceremony is performed. Work, prayer and love all enter into and are necessary that a home be established, and the ties from the past are not severed by a legal or a ceremonial act. The

parents of the bride and the groom all feel that they have a vital interest in the new. And so they do. Their concern and help are often called for, and an initial boost in the form of material aid is often given. This help in olden days was called a dowry and represented the blessings of the parents in a tangible manner. Concern and love were given material expression.

Grand View Seminary is a child of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church. Over almost seventy years it was part of the educational responsibility of our church along with the college. In buildings, endowment funds and other assets, the school under the nurture and care of the church was securely established. When the seminary was to be separated from the college, the board of directors faced the difficult question of how to divide the material assets of the school. Obviously, the seminary was small while the college had mushroomed in size. But in the mind and the concern of the church over the years this relative size could not be determinative. The institution had a dual function: to educate youth and to prepare men for the ministry. The stewardship of our people responded to this need without specifically designating their gift to the college or the seminary. To divide

the buildings brick by brick now would be impossible, and to evaluate them would be arbitrary. In the stewardship of the Board toward a newly accredited college with greatly expanded enrollment, it was further felt that a division of the endowment fund would weaken the financial stability of the college, and be legally unfeasible. It was the frank and laudable ambition of the Board of Directors to present a strong, virile and vital institution of higher education to the Iowa Synod of the new Lutheran Church in America. How then to determine the assets which belonged to Grand View Seminary?

In 1955, the church generously gave \$15,000 for the purpose of expanding and improving Grand View Seminary. These funds have long since been carefully and effectively used. This fund was specifically given in response to an appeal from the Seminary. In the face of a demand for an objective figure, this sum (admittedly arbitrary and inadequate) was then named as the amount that the Seminary would bring with it in its merger. The Synod Board, at its meeting in May of this year, decided to suggest that our congregations, in addition, receive an offering on a designated Sunday which would serve as an expression of thanksgiving and a "dowry." This recommendation was received and passed by our convention at Tyler. The prayers, love and concern of the church would follow Grand View Seminary, as they had done for seventy years, now into its new life.

The new Seminary, the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, will come into being next September. It will constitute a merger of four theological seminaries: Augustana, Chicago Lutheran, Suomi and Grand View, and will, as such, have its roots in each of the four merging churches. It will operate on separate campuses at Maywood and Rock Island, Illinois, for an interim period until the new school is erected at a cost now estimated between four and a half and five million dollars. Many people feel that, to date, this is the most exciting new institution being projected for the new church.

Grand View Seminary will hopefully bring far more into this new Lutheran School of Theology than the monies referred to above. A tradition, a library, a particular theological concern, students from former AELC congregations, and faculty members whose roots are in our church, all describe our contribution. But Grand View Seminary covets the farewell blessing of its parent church. Your concern made manifest in material gifts will speak that blessing. Your child, now away from home, petitions your aid in this most significant hour of its life as it will cherish your continued interest in the years to come.

Board Initiates Action for New Dormitory

The annual meeting of the Grand View College and Seminary Corporation at Tyler, in August, gave overwhelming approval to a proposal that the Board "be authorized to secure funds for the purpose of constructing a men's dormitory...if and when the Board of Directors deems it desirable and feasible."

With enrollment hitting a new high again this year

Brayton Church Dedicated

With about 250 people in attendance, the new Brayton Lutheran Church, at Brayton, Iowa, was dedicated on Sunday, October 29. Synod President A. E. Farstrup gave the dedication address and officiated at the service of dedication. President-emeritus, Dr. Alfred Jensen, delivered the sermon. Pastor V. S. Jensen, who twice served the congregations out of which the Brayton church grew, also participated in the service as did the present pastor, Joseph B. Sibert.

A dinner was served at noon. A program of music was presented and a number of greetings given in the afternoon. The guest book indicated that 340 persons had been present at one time or other during the day.

The communion vessels to be used at Brayton are from the old St. John's church as is the bowl in the baptismal font. The candle holders and flower vases are from the Oak Hill church.

The Brayton Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized on January 26, 1959, as the result of a merger of the St. John's and Oak Hill congregations.

The Oak Hill Lutheran Church was organized in 1884 and the church was built 3½ miles west of Brayton the following year. The church was dedicated on November 11, 1885, by Rev. Kristian Anker of Elk Horn. In 1890 the parsonage was built on adjoining property north and west of the church. In 1947 the church was remodeled to include a full basement and narthex.

The St. John's Congregation was organized in 1895 with a charter membership of 14 families. The congregation met for worship in a schoolhouse west of Exira until the church was built and dedicated in 1898. Pastor N. P. Gravengaard of the Oak Hill Church served as the first pastor. The church was remodeled in 1955.

The Brayton Lutheran congregation has held services in the Brayton Legion building since the decision to relocate in town. In March of 1959 the congregation voted to buy the property which includes the present parsonage and the church site. William Beuttler and Son, architects from Sioux City, Iowa, were engaged to design the building. Contracts for the new building were signed in February of 1961. Ground was broken for the new church February 12, 1961, and the cornerstone was laid August 27, 1961.

and with further greatly increased enrollments in view, the Board, at a recent meeting in Des Moines, voted to take the first steps in the direction of securing a new dormitory for about 100 men.

Application for a government loan will be made. This loan must be approved by the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency. The interest bearing loan, which will be self-liquidating, is intended to cover the total cost of the building.

If and when it is determined that such a loan will be available further action will be taken toward securing the new dorm, a much needed facility at the college.

"People who are full of fear are seldom full of good sense."

Whither America?

by: Alfred C. Nielsen

Stand forth, ye nations, reaching heights above
On mounts of glory, marking our brave dead.
Carol the message filled with strength and love,
"Peace and good will to men," through earth be spread!

— Fleur Conkling.

Thousands in the nineteenth century came to America to escape the curse of militarism. Those of us who were veterans in World War I have not forgotten that President Woodrow Wilson told us that we were fighting to end the menace of militarism.

As a student of history I am impressed with the fear that the Founding Fathers of our Republic had of militarism. They not only put civilian control over army and navy, but they also gave a civilian congress control of the national purse.

In the October 28 issue of **The Nation** magazine is an article called: **Juggernaut: The Warfare State**. **The Nation** is nearly one hundred years old. It is not a pleasant magazine to read. It views with alarm. It believes with great fervor that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, and it is vigilant! It has a few very good friends and many enemies. But it speaks up and lets the chips fall where they may. Such a magazine could not possibly become a mass circulation thing. Sleep is too sweet.

The editor of **Lutheran Tidings** has suggested that I write a few things about this article. I shall try, but let it not be a substitute for the hard, harsh task that it is to read that issue of **The Nation**. The question is not whether it is right or wrong to build up this military-industrial complex. Perhaps it was inevitable in our kind of world. But the question is: **What is all this doing to the spirit of our beloved country?**

A warfare state stands in very great danger of becoming a police state. From Nineveh and Sparta of old to Japan and Germany in our times, the garrison state became a state with controlled thought and no freedom for dissenters.

The world I grew up in was not a soldiers' world. I was eleven years of age before I saw a soldier. We had no military machine and we had almost no taxes. It was the faith of our people that an economy that could produce locomotives and harvesters could be converted, when needed, to a war machine. This happened during the Civil War and World War I. As late as the beginning of 1941 we had but 267,767 men in the army. By the end of World War II there were at least 16 million in the services. Who in 1900

would have dreamed that by 1960 we would have universal military training in peace time?

During the big depression we heard much about priming the pump of our economy. But after six and one-half years of New Deal spending, we still had nine and one-half million men out of work. But New Deal spending had been nothing compared with what was to come. From 1941 to the present our government has spent for defense and for war, 700 billion dollars.

That is money in anybody's book, and we have prosperity. We continue to pour billions of dollars every year into war preparation. What would happen to our great prosperity if we did not? In 1957 General MacArthur said this:

One of the most serious things about this defense business is that so many Americans are getting a vested interest in it: properties, business, jobs, employment, votes, opportunities for promotion and advancement, bigger salaries for scientists and all that. It is a troublesome business....If you try to change suddenly you get into trouble.

In the October 28 issue of **The Saturday Evening Post** there is a strong article by Mr. Frank Pakit which he calls, **Let's Stop Overdoing**. He says it is a weakness of our national character to practice not moderation but overdoing and he mentions several examples. Let me mention this: Half a century ago we feared the military. Now the mili-

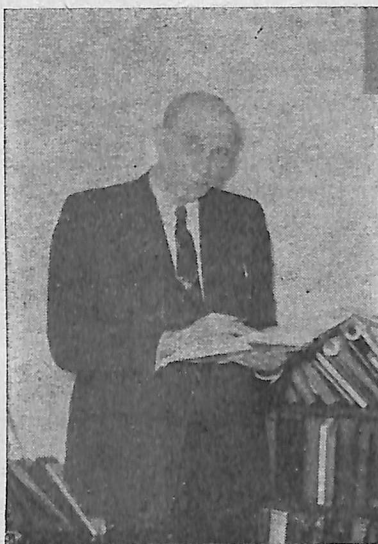
tary men are in the saddle. It is incredible with what authority they seem to speak. Corporations fall over themselves to get them to join their organizations.

We have often been told that discussion is the life-blood of democracy. Strange is it not that teachers and preachers should find that there is great impatience with the discussion of controversial issues. Some people want no discussion at all. The fellow who wants to argue is suspect.

We have been clearly warned. In one of President Eisenhower's last talks as President he said:

WE must never let this combination (military-industrial) endanger our liberties or democratic processes. WE should take nothing for granted. Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals, so that security and liberty may prosper together.

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Professor-emeritus Alfred C. Nielsen taught for many years at Grand View College and is a former president of that institution. "A. C." has made history live for a whole generation of Grand View students.

The Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches represents some

250,000,000 Christians

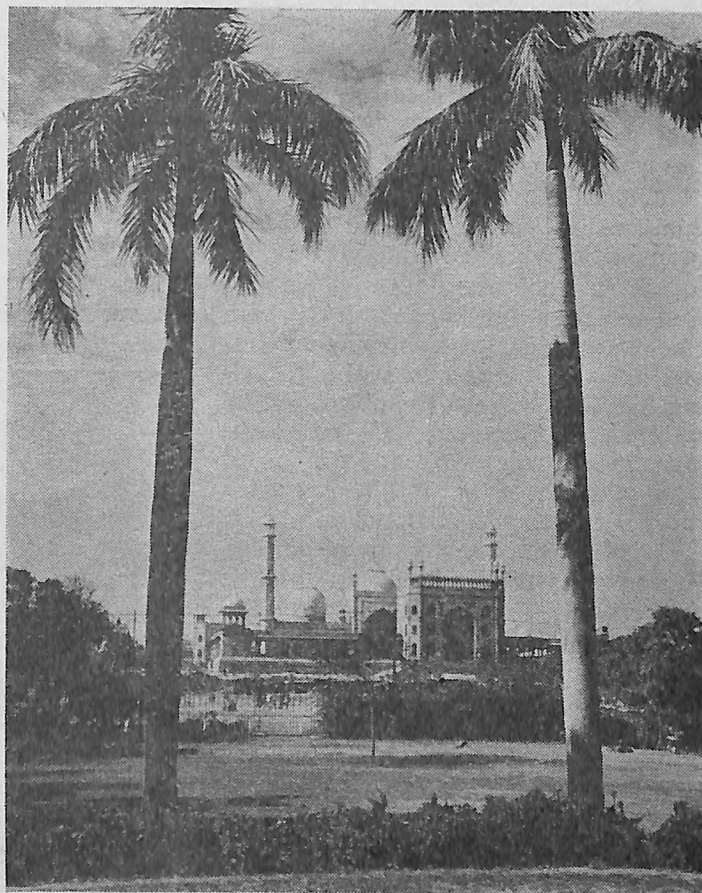
an editorial feature

Amsterdam, Evanston, New Delhi — three cities representative of three continents far apart in geography, culture and development. Few things so point up the scope and inclusiveness of the World Council of Churches as does the diversity of these three cities which have been the successive sites of the assemblies of the World Council.

The World Council of Churches, "a fellowship of churches which accept our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Savior," came into being at Amsterdam, Holland, in 1948. A second assembly was held at Evanston, Illinois, in 1954. The Third Assembly of the WCC is now meeting (November 19 to December 6) half-way round the world, in New Delhi, India.

The WCC began with 144 church bodies in 1948. Today there are nearly 180 member bodies. More than 1,000 church leaders, representing Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox and Old Catholic communions, are in attendance at New Delhi. Together they represent an estimated 250 million Christians in all parts of the world.

The theme for this Third Assembly is, "Jesus Christ, the light of the world." This theme has been divided into three subordinate topics, "Witness," "Service," and "Unity." The 625 official delegates to the Assembly are divided into three separate groups, each of which will give its attention to one of these topics. Addresses on these topics will be given by prominent theologians, setting the stage for concentrated study by the group. The study will follow agendas that have been in careful preparation for two and one-half years and that "reflect the fundamental problems which ecumenical work has shown to be the most important ones." Out of this, it is expected, will come policy statements on some of



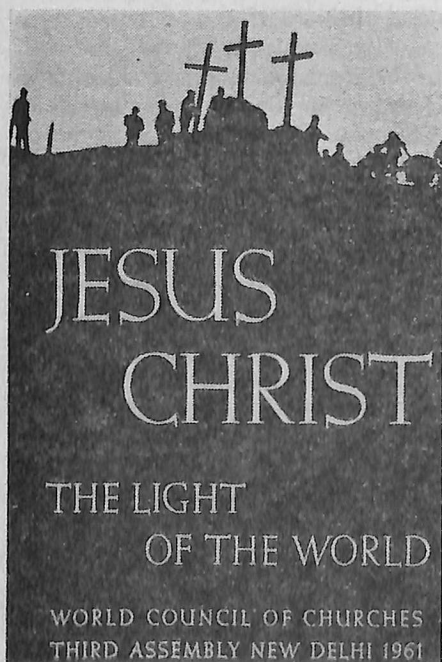
A mosque in India — this is but one of the many sights that will be new to countless visitors to the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches.

the major social, political and religious problems of our time.

Delegates are also considering the work and program of the WCC. For this they are divided into 16 committees, each covering one of the main areas of the work of the Council. These committees will report back to the total Assembly, making specific recommendations for the various divisions and departments.

A decisive forward step to be taken at the New Delhi meeting is the integration of the International Missionary Council with the WCC. The IMC was formed in 1921, in London. It has served as an important liaison in the growth of cooperation among Protestant missions and it has played a leading role in the entire ecumenical movement. The action at New Delhi will climax years of close association by the two groups.

Eight new applications for membership will be received at the Assembly. Among others is the application of the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church in the U.S.S.R. Application for membership by the Russian church has caused some concern and



Cover design for the pre-Assembly study book. Hundreds of thousands of people in all parts of the world have had an opportunity to study and discuss the themes of the current WCC Assembly through this booklet which has been printed in many languages.

controversy. However, the Russian church had long since been invited to join the Council. Now, at last, in spite of political and ideological differences, she seeks to identify herself with Christians throughout the world, thus demonstrating anew that the body of Christ transcends national barriers.

That the World Council does not compromise its position to gain or retain members is seen in the withdrawal of one of the member bodies last year. A special mission went to South Africa to study the racial problem in that country. The result was a statement saying that, "no one who believes in Jesus Christ may be excluded from any church on the grounds of his color or race." This study and the resulting statement were too much for the Dutch Reformed Churches of South Africa and they promptly withdrew from the WCC.

This year, for the first time, the Roman Catholic Church will send observers to the Assembly session. The rules provide that observers may be sent by non-member churches. The Roman Catholic Church has responded by naming five official observers.

The AELC has been a member of the World Council since the latter's inception in 1948. Pastor Harold Riber, our missionary to India, will represent us at

the New Delhi meeting. He will be reporting his personal impressions of the meeting to LUTHERAN TIDINGS.

President A. E. Farstrup concluded his report on the WCC to the Tyler convention by quoting a paragraph from the pre-Assembly study book, "Jesus Christ, the Light of the World." It states clearly and simply the purpose of the World Council of Churches and, in the final analysis, the reason why hundreds of people have traveled thousands of miles to attend the Third Assembly at New Delhi. We, therefore, would also conclude by citing that same paragraph:

"It might be said that the World Council of Churches exists so that Christians around the world shall no longer speak of 'they' and 'we': 'they' — the clergy, 'we' — the laity; 'they' — the men, 'we' — the women; 'they' — the Catholics, 'we' — the Protestants; 'they' — the old people, 'we' — the young people; 'they' of the East, and 'we' of the West; 'they' of the national church, 'we' of the local congregation, or vice versa; but in obedience to Christ and in love and service of Him they may always and all together say 'we the Church of Christ'."

Re: An Important Find

by: Theodore S. Brown

The reference is to an inscription on a seven-armed candelabra

In memory of Elisabeth D. Riis
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, New York
Jacob A. Riis — July 10, 1878—July 10, 1908

An inquiry by Pastor Holger O. Nielsen, Newington, Connecticut, some time ago, concerned the significance of these dates and the reason for this gift to the church.

A little research on the subject reveals that the dates refer to the founding of the church and subsequent anniversaries. That fact is established in a history of Our Savior's Church written by Pastor Andersen, who served the congregation for 46 years. An item in that volume sets forth: "July 10, 1908 — it is now 30 years since the church was founded on July 10, 1878, and 25 years since the incorporation of the congregation." That notation certainly settles the date question.

However, there is more background to this gift than the mere citing of dates. Thus, I have learned, since Pastor Nielsen's inquiry was made, that the candelabra is also engraved "Debt Free 1907." Tracing down the reason for that inscription we return again to Pastor Andersen's history and find this comment under events of 1906. "Jacob Riis promises \$2,000 from an unnamed American and \$1,000 personally if the congregation also raises \$1,000 to make the church debt free." Then again under 1907 events he notes, "Church debt free." Obviously, putting two and two

together, it is plain that the candelabra, given in memory of his wife by Mr. Riis, was to memorialize the debt free status of the church, with the presentation taking place in 1908 on the 30th anniversary of the founding date.

Here are some other items of interest commented upon in the history relative to the Riis-Andersen activities. On his wedding day, Andersen writes, "June 26, 1878 was my ordination as well as my wedding day. Riis arranged a celebration in his apartment on the top floor of the large store at 5th Avenue and 9th Street. We talked on the possibility of starting a congregation. Riis was publishing a small weekly newspaper and was always so very busy." Andersen goes on to state that the bridal couple took a night boat up the romantic Hudson river and visited in Troy, N. Y.

That both Riis and Andersen were fast workers is evidenced in the pastor's next comment a fortnight later following return from his honeymoon. "We have today, July 10, 1878, started a congregation and rented a store on 9th Street near 3rd Avenue. The place is very dirty and all afternoon has been spent in scrubbing and cleaning. Jacob Riis brought two lamps and a can of oil so we could hold an evening service. This is the first "Danish Gudstjeneste" ever held in Brooklyn, New York."

A further notation relates to a gift among the

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Mr. Brown, who did newspaper work in New York many years ago, is in the insurance business in Perth Amboy, N. J.

Paging Youth

American Evangelical Luth.
Youth Fellowship

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Editor's Comments:

Greetings AELYFers! PAGING YOUTH has a new editor, Karen Knudsen from Grayling, Michigan and now attending Grand View College. Everett Nielsen, who has done an excellent job, has resigned the position. We are sorry to have him leave his editorship, but we are still grateful for the service he has given.

Did you know that an important event in AELYF history occurred November 3-5, 1961? Here is a lively eyewitness report by Inez Busse from Trinity Lutheran Church in Chicago, Illinois.

Report on the AELYF National Convention

It really was a swell convention! One hundred six eager beaver conventioners came up and down, winding around to Camp Wesley Woods near Indianola, Iowa. As we entered the modern, new camp we were greeted by the "registrar-smile" of the Dean of Admissions, Pastor Harald Sorensen (Lars). We were disappointed in not seeing the veep, Pastor Everett Nielsen and Ginger Olson Kettelsen, the secretary, as we looked around. Pastor Clayton Nielsen, director of the camp, welcomed us, read the camp rules (every swimmer must have a buddy), assigned us to cabins and "persuaded" us to sign up for KP. Our weekend abodes had all the comforts of home (paneling and drapes) except heat. This situation was slightly remedied by the adjusting of a few heaters, the removal of a shoe from the controls, and some good Boy Scout work on the fireplace. The boys didn't prove to be such good Scouts though. When they kindled the logs in the fireplace the smoke filled the room.

Our last workshop convention camp began with devotions in the chapel-like main meeting hall. There was a beautiful blond altar and even a grand piano, but the chairs were rather uncomfortable. Some terrific workshop sessions, including a clever skit involving a shabby red church door, were led by Jo Chadwick.

Also there was an Operations International program starring Bert Bodaski who attended a work camp in Iceland last summer and Christa Bacher, an exchange student from Germany sponsored by the Great Plains District. The entire group fired many questions at the delightful 17-year-old girl. Of course, there were many heated discussions on our theme, "The Communion of Saints" led by Pastor Enok Mortensen, Keith Davis and Pastor Harald A. Petersen.

Especially interesting were the questions, "What do youth dislike about adults?" (they're adults!) and "What do you expect from adults?" (money!)

Then Eilif Jespersen led us in folk dancing until we were thoroughly exhausted. After some cider and doughnuts we settled down for some inspiring devotions. Just before lights out we gathered around our fireplaces for "fireside chats" about stewardship.

After morning devotions on Saturday the business session began with the singing of "Spirit of Youth." Keith Davis was chairman in the absence of President Dick Jessen who is interning in California. The convention business was the usual but extra interesting due to the coming merger decisions that had to be made. The future of "A World of Song" and "Yule" was left in the hands of the new Board. AELYF is allowed twenty-four delegates to the constituting convention of the new Luther League in San Francisco. Each district was urged to choose its delegates before January 1. The districts were also urged to make use of the Youth Week Packet (to be mailed by December 1) and to send in their contributions under the Stewardship Plan.

(To be continued in the December 5 issue of LUTHERAN TIDINGS.)

Business in Brief

1. The Stewardship Committee was to be requested to plan a program of study of stewardship.
2. Youth Week is to be observed January 28 to February 4.
3. The AELYF Board is to make arrangements for AELYF to participate in the Caravan program of the Luther League of America.
4. The Board was given power to appoint a fifth member to the Board who will assume some of the duties of the Activities Director. There will be no Activities Director for the summer of 1962.
5. The convention voted that the corporation of AELYF should not cease to exist until after residual matters such as "A World of Song" and "Yule" are taken care of.
6. The convention voted to urge the local LYFs to support the Lutheran World Relief Thanksgiving Clothing Appeal, November 19-26, 1961.
7. It was voted to urge the local groups to promote the film "Question 7," to view it, and to discuss it at a meeting.
8. New National Board officers elected were Keith Davis, vice president; Eilif Jespersen, secretary; and Janet Mortensen, treasurer.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP PAMPHLETS AND THE YOUTH WEEK PACKETS WHICH ARE COMING SOON!

Remember, when you are telling people your troubles, half of them aren't interested and the other half are glad to see you're finally getting what's coming to you.

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MRS. AAGE PAULSEN, EDITOR

Cordova, Nebraska



What Merger Means to Me

In the September 20 issue of LUTHERAN TIDINGS, our WMS President, Mrs. Edwin Hansen, has given us a good resume of what is happening in the Women's Auxiliary merger meetings. I hope this article has been read and discussed in all local WMS groups.

Mrs. Hansen closed by suggesting that each local organization can help to make the transition period interesting and stimulating by getting together with women's organizations of the four merging churches in their particular area. In the Chicago area, 19 such fellowship meetings have been held during the month of October. A committee of representatives from each of the merging bodies met and outlined a program which was passed on to local committees so that all of the 19 meetings followed the same pattern. There was a devotional period followed by a clever skit depicting, "What Merger Means to Me." A song sheet with selected hymns from the hymnals of the four churches was used. The program closed with an offering which was sent to the joint treasurer of the Constituting Convention. The fellowship continued around the beautifully decorated coffee tables, where fortunately there was no need of a formal understanding.

After such an afternoon or evening meeting we are reminded of the statements found in the Principles of Organization of Auxiliaries of LCA: "Providing a vehicle for the expression of individual Christian responsibility" and "Opening up avenues of service and fellowship." If each one of us will accept these principles, the merger will challenge us to look ahead to new responsibilities and, in so doing, to honor our heritage.

Ellen Knudsen.

District IX Fall Retreat

Retreat in the springtime, retreat in the fall,
But the last one we had was the best one of all!

Which is more truthful than poetic! It's a strange thing about retreats, that nothing that happens seems to spoil anything about them. If there is a record turnout, we feel so fortunate to have had such wonderful response and the opportunity to get acquainted with so many new women. If the participants are few, we find that the group is so closely knit that we gain a rich fellowship that we miss in a larger group. If the same women come, we are overjoyed to renew our friendship — if there are only a few repeaters, we are happy to be making new friends. If the weather is warm and sunny, we think that fortune has indeed smiled upon us as we hike gaily through the sunny afternoons, and gather in the out-

door chapels for our devotions and lectures. If it rains, we slosh happily through wet woods, thinking of the delightful fires that await us in cabin, lounge and dining hall fireplaces. And who can deny that the drumming of rain on a cabin roof is one of the coziest of sounds?

So this retreat at Pilgrim Firs was the best yet! We had two days of Bible study, discussions, book reviews, prayer study, music appreciation, and a talk on an integrated Texas church. Mrs. C. W. Fagerlin, wife of the pastor of Redeemer Lutheran in Tacoma, conducted the Bible study on a portion of the Book of Acts; Mrs. Paul Seastrand, wife of the pastor of First Lutheran in Tacoma, told of the problems, joys and heartaches of their experiences in the first Augustana church in the South to become an integrated church; Mrs. O. W. Ebricht, the unretired (she assured us emphatically) wife of a retired ULCA pastor, reviewed some of the books she had on display; Mrs. Waldo Lindberg, wife of the pastor of Mount Cross Lutheran in Tacoma, gave us a pleasant, relaxing hour of music — recordings, talk, singing, and even a quiz; Miss Lillian Franzen, former director of Lutheran Welfare in Pierce county, Washington, directed a delightful, informal discussion on different aspects of the Christian home; Mrs. Charles Bomgren, wife of the pastor of Grace Lutheran in Bellevue, presented a prayer study with the help of two of the women from her church.

As usual, there was free time for long, lazy boat rides, hikes in the woods, browsing through the book display, or just talking or resting. The hike up the hill to watch the sunrise was beautiful; the weather was so unseasonably warm that it was hard to believe that we were in rainy Washington. The drive from Tacoma was breathtakingly lovely, with the bright, autumn colors of the deciduous trees against a background of green fir.

There were so few of us this year, only twenty-three for the full time and eight more for half of the time, that we very nearly failed to meet expenses, but as I said at the beginning, I think it was the best retreat we've had. Won't you join us next spring? It's sure to be better than ever!

Esther Madsen.

Open Letter to All Members of WMS

The officers of the WMS met at Des Moines, Iowa, October 14. Among the items on the agenda were:

1. The allocation of the 1962 budget. 2. Interim matters. 3. The Constituting Convention. 4. Scholarship grants.

1. Mrs. Folmer Farstrup, WMS treasurer, will inform you of the district allocations. Since some con-

gregations are no longer members of the AELC, an attempt was made to make a fair adjustment on the basis of present membership.

2. In accordance with the decision of the JCLU, a change had been made relative to the proposed Nominee Board. There will be no such board; instead the Joint Planning Committee will continue to function until the election of the Board of Directors at the Constituting Convention. The present arrangement whereby each of the four merging groups is responsible for the cost involved for representation will continue. **This means our budget will require your continued contributions** to meet the needs. In case some may be wondering why the JPC needs to continue to meet, let me give a brief birds-eye view of what it is doing: It has been and still is preparing a constitution for the auxiliary (Lutheran Church Women of the LCA); it is currently drafting model constitutions and by-laws for the synodical units and the congregational organizations. These will be the three functional groups. Districts are not expected to be organized in the same way but will be planned primarily for fellowship beyond the local groups. In addition to working on drafting these constitutions, subcommittees from within the JPC are preparing a program for the women's work; others are setting up finance plans. A great deal of time and effort is devoted to planning the Constituting Convention. We usually meet for most of three days, often beginning at 8:30 a. m., and continuing until 10 p. m.

Another interim matter which requires your immediate attention and response is the program material for 1962-63. (Cost is \$1.25 per packet) The editorial staff must know by January 1, 1962 how many packets will be needed within the WMS. Only as many as ordered will be printed. **We are therefore asking each of the district presidents to get this information from her district and submit it to me by December 20**, so that I may report it to headquarters by January 1. (Editor's note: I suggest that each group be responsible for sending a card to your district president immediately, stating **whether or not** you wish program material.)

Action is already being taken to activate the work of the Lutheran Church Women within the synodical units. If you haven't already had publicity on it, you will be hearing shortly. It is one of the steps whereby we gradually enter into our new organization, so that by the time we completely merge, we shall not be strangers in a foreign land but at home in a larger fellowship of church women.

3. The Constituting Convention will, as stated earlier, meet at the Radisson hotel, Minneapolis, Minn., July 30, 31 and August 1. We are allowed 50 of the 700 delegates. It was the responsibility of the WMS board to determine how these should be apportioned. Two factors in particular governed our thinking: to provide geographic representation, and to include those who have already some contact and would be somewhat familiar with the background of the JPC and its work. To accomplish the latter, it was agreed to designate present members of the JPC (4), all the

members of the executive board, which includes district presidents (12), and the immediate past president of the WMS who served also on the Blue Print Committee. These would number 17, leaving 33 to be selected by the districts. The selection of the district delegates will be left to the district WMS boards.

To make a fair distribution on the basis of membership, geographically, the following scale was set up, the number in the last column being the number to be selected from the respective districts:

	No. Delegates	No. on Board	JPC Mem.	To be Selected
District I	2	1	1	0
District II	6	2	(1-incl. on bd.)	4
District III	5	1	2(BPC-1)	2
District IV	14	2	1	11
District V	6	1		5
District VI	5	2		3
District VII	6	2		4
District VIII	4	1		3
District IX	2	1		1
TOTAL	50	17		33

(Dist. Presidents: Please note these are the final corrected figures.)

These delegates should be selected as soon as possible and the names submitted to me by February 1, 1962, so that proper reservations may be made.

The Radisson hotel has made special rates available varying in price from single room at \$10, doubles at \$13, etc.; or rooms for six and for eight persons at \$3.50 per person. It is likely the lower priced will be in greatest demand. We on the JPC will try to make the best possible arrangements, but we need to know your preference. We can't guarantee you will get this, but

we shall try to come as close to it as we can.

Travel allowance as well as a fixed per diem for the three days will be allowed each delegate. Further details will be forthcoming when these have been more definitely established. It will not be required that any one stay at the hotel, but it will certainly be preferable for the delegates to do so, for they will be expected to attend ALL meetings if they are to receive the above allowance. As many as wish may attend any or all meetings as visitors, but these are responsible for their own accommodations. Many will want to attend the Wednesday afternoon and evening sessions, which are to be held in the Municipal Auditorium, and to be present for the special programs.

If possible, a meeting of the WMS delegates and visitors will be arranged on the evening before the convention convenes, Sunday, July 29. Such a meeting would provide not only an opportunity for a final fellowship within our own AELC group, but an opportunity to discuss matters which will be on the convention agenda. All four representatives on the JPC are expected to be there to be helpful in providing such information. As delegates you will be seated with the rest of the delegates from your synod in the new church which will have been established a month earlier at the convention in Detroit.

Let me add — be sure to have alternates for your delegates in case any selected can not attend. We want to be sure we have our quota of fifty present.

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Time heals griefs and quarrels, for we change and are no longer the same persons. Neither the offender or the offended are any more themselves. It is like a nation which we have provoked, but meet again after two generations.

— Blaise Pascal.

OPINION AND COMMENT



THE FIRST SUNDAY in Advent, December 3, is the date set for a special offering in all our congregations. The offering is to be a contribution toward the proposed new seminary of the Lutheran Church in America, to be erected somewhere in the Chicago area. This seminary will represent the traditions and backgrounds of the four merging bodies and will be, in itself, a kind of symbol to the spirit which will bind the new church. Since the physical assets of Grand View Seminary are slight, the share of material substance which we bring into the seminary merger is small. The offering will enable us to add to this as well as to more nearly do our part toward meeting our responsibilities and opportunities in the new church. The offering has also been designated a thankoffering for the blessing we have known through the AELC and the seminary over the years. Since the first student was graduated from the seminary in Des Moines, in 1901, it has been a source of strength to the church. Without it the AELC would long since have disintegrated and been absorbed by other groups. It might be suggested that this would have been better, that the AELC should long since have passed from the Lutheran scene in America. We do not subscribe to any such view. We are of the firm conviction that we should be grateful that the AELC and the seminary have survived to this day. As stated, the physical assets of the seminary are almost nil and those of the synod are small. But we do have other assets; we have a spiritual and theological heritage that must not be discounted. Still being a living entity, the AELC is in a position to bring this heritage into the new Lutheran Church in America and thus make a much needed contribution to Lutheranism in America. We should thank God that we have been able to preserve this heritage, or, more correctly, that it has preserved us. Let us express our thanks by giving liberally on December 3 in appreciation of the blessings we have known through the seminary and the church and in recognition of the new opportunities and responsibilities that lie ahead.

"THE OLD ORDER changeth" wrote Tennyson. This has surely been that case within the life of the church in the last few years. Ten years ago the things that are happening within American Lutheranism today would almost have read like science fiction. But, in a few short years, change has been greatly accelerated, probably because one change compels or leads to another. In any case, one great merger has been consummated, another is all but completed and the Missouri and Wisconsin synods no longer present a united front. All of this is effecting still another change. The National Lutheran Council has long been an agency of cooperation for eight Lutheran bodies, seven of which are now involved in the two mergers. There has been a growing question in the minds of many as to what will happen to the NLC now that merger is here. Happily, an answer is beginning to take form. Discussions have been going on that may lead to the formation of a new Lutheran cooperative agency which would replace the NLC and which would include the Missouri Synod. Missouri has never been a part of the NLC. If preliminary proposals drawn up by the NLC and Missouri representatives are adopted by their church bodies all other Lutheran bodies in the United States will be invited to share in the planning of the new agency. Should such an inclusive agency come into being, and we are hopeful that it will, it would provide over eight million Lutherans with a common vehicle for "theological study and Christian service." Far-flung mergers are not always possible, nor, do we believe, necessarily desirable but the cooperation that would be possible through such an agency would be a great stride forward for Lutherans in America.

WE WELCOME A new editor to the youth page in our paper. Miss Karen Knudsen, who is presently a student at Grand View College, was named by the AELYF board, at the recent AELYF convention at Indianola, Iowa, to succeed Pastor Everett Nielsen as "Paging Youth" editor. Karen is the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Harald Knudsen of Grayling, Michigan. Having been active in the AELYF for some years and having participated in the youth caravan project, Karen comes to "Paging Youth" well acquainted with the workings, the problems and the opportunities in youth work. We feel that the board has made an excellent choice in naming Karen and we are confident that she will fulfill her responsibilities in such a way that "Paging Youth" will continue to play an important role in the work of the American Evangelical Lutheran Youth Fellowship. Karen begins her work in this issue.

THIS IS THE TIME of the year when we hear all sorts of predictions about the weather for the coming winter, most of them based on "sure signs." They remind us of the story of the settlers who reportedly learned from an old Indian that a "long, hard winter" was in prospect. Finally someone asked the Indian how he knew this. What were the signs which caused him to make such a prediction? "Ugh," he replied, "White man cut lots of wood for winter."

A Pocket Hymnal of Favorite Hymns and Spiritual Songs

by: Pastor J. C. Aaberg

Knowing that Hymnal for Church and Home was out of print and would soon be unobtainable, I started some time ago to make a collection of favorite hymns and spiritual songs, both translated and original. This collection is now being printed by Holst Printing Company, Cedar Falls, Iowa, and will be ready for sale about December 1.

The booklet will contain 130 hymns and songs, of which about 70 are translations from the Danish and the remainder selections from English and American sources. Both the translations and the originals have for the most part, been chosen from "Hymnal for Church and Home;" but a small number have been selected from the "Junior Hymnal" and from the new edition of "A World of Song." A few are songs that have not until now been translated into English.

The booklet — as indicated by its title — is being printed in a convenient pocket size format so that it will be easy to carry around. It is being printed only in a text edition; but the number of each hymn or song in the musical edition of the book from which it has been selected is being printed above its text in the new booklet, and its tune will thus be easy to find, especially because it is most in instances to be found in "Hymnal for Church and Home." The names of its author will likewise be printed above each hymn or song. Names of translators will be found in the alphabetical index at the back of the booklet.

The translations are for the most part of the work of P. C. Paulsen, S. D. Rodholm and myself. They have all been carefully examined and, when it seemed needful, more or less extensively revised. A few of them are re-translations. The booklet will be bound in strong, flexible cover.

It is my hope that the booklet may serve a need for a convenient and moderately priced selection of favored hymns and songs, which should be especially useful at home devotions and many kinds of group meetings, such as ladies' aid, men's club, mission society meetings and the like. With its sizeable number of translated Danish hymns, the booklet should also prove especially useful as a convention hymnal for the special interest conferences in the new church. The collection can, of course, also be used as supplement to the new "Service Book and Hymnal." I know that our church is now publishing a selection of translated Danish hymns for that purpose. But the collection is small, containing less than 30 hymns, and is being printed only in a music edition of the same format as the hymnal, which makes it unsuit-

Pastor Aaberg is retired and makes his home at the Old People's Home in Des Moines. He has had a great deal of experience working with hymns and translations.

A Pillar of the Church

We often speak of someone as being a pillar of the church. We think of a pillar as an important support to a building. Truly Elmer Ness was a pillar of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. He served on the church board for more than twenty years in various capacities, his last office was that of president which he held a number of years. Elmer also rang the church bell every Sunday morning, lit the candles on the altar, saw that the hymn numbers were on the hymn board and sang in the choir. These were but a few of the things he did. His genial presence will be missed in every part of the church work that was so near and dear to his heart.

Elmer Ness passed away at Mercy-Community hospital after many weeks of illness on October 31. During his long illness he always had a cheerful greeting for all visitors. His patience and spiritual strength were daily examples of Christian faith to all of us who visited him.

Elmer Ness not only was active and interested in his home church but in the district and synodical affairs. He was treasurer of the district for many years. His interest was shown by his attendance at these meetings. He also served on many of the synodical committees and at the time of his passing, he served on the Synodical Welfare Board.

Although we have lost a strong pillar, Elmer Ness' example of faithfulness and love for the church will be ever with us spurring us on to greater efforts in the work of Christ in the example set by our dear deceased member, Elmer Ness. May his work be a lasting memory to us and strengthen the weaker pillars.

Thora E. Hansen,

Secretary, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Manistee, Mich.

able for any other use than the one for which it is designed. And the hymnal itself is certainly too cumbersome to be moved about from meeting to meeting.

The Holst Printing Company will handle the sale of the booklet, but orders may also be sent to me. I am not yet fully certain of its exact price, but it will be about 65 cents for single copies and down to about 50 cents a copy in lots of a hundred. These prices are based on an edition of 1,500 copies, and they could be considerably lowered if orders should warrant the printing of a larger edition. So why not send your order now? The booklet, for instance, contains a good selection of favorite Christmas hymns, both from Danish and English, and a number of copies might well be a welcome Christmas gift, both for your own family and others, providing them with the hymns they need for their own Christmas celebrations and gatherings.

Our people used to have their own hymn books, and its name, "Hymnal for Church and Home," indicated that it was meant to be used at both places. But with most churches providing the hymnals, many homes do not even have a hymnal and, if they do,

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Church News From Around the World

NLC, MISSOURI DISCUSSIONS SUPPORT CONSIDERATION OF NEW COOPERATIVE AGENCY

Chicago, Ill.—(NLC)—Representatives of the National Lutheran Council and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod announced here that their discussions on issues of doctrine and cooperation have produced agreement "sufficient to justify further exploration regarding the possible establishment of a new cooperative Lutheran agency."

Such a new agency, it was noted, would replace the present NLC, which serves over 5,500,000 Lutherans in six participating churches.

A combination of these bodies and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in a new agency would involve over eight million members of the denomination.

The following statement was issued here on November 1 by the NLC and Missouri Synod representatives.

"The third of a series of consultations between representatives of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the National Lutheran Council regarding the issue of Lutheran cooperation was held at the Lake Shore Club of Chicago, October 31-November 1, 1961. This meeting was the final one of a series of three held during 1960-61. The earlier conversations centered around the subject of 'Doctrine of the Gospel,' and 'The Significance of Confessional Subscription.'

"Papers prepared by Dr. Martin Franzmann of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., and Dr. Alvin Rogness, president of Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., on the subject "What Kind of Cooperation is Possible in View of Discussions to Date?" were read and discussed by the participants of whom 14 represented the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and 18 represented the National Lutheran Council.

"It was the unanimous judgment of the participants that the papers and discussions revealed a consensus on the doctrine of the Gospel and the meaning of confessional subscription sufficient to justify further exploration regarding the possible establishment of a new cooperative Lutheran agency to replace the National Lutheran Council. The successor agency would have as one of its major functions the continuing of theological study with the objective of achieving ever greater unity.

"The representatives of the two groups are to take appropriate steps whereby resolutions will be submitted to the next conventions of the churches involved which would authorize negotiations looking toward a possible future cooperative association of Lutheran churches in America. If the proposal is approved by the churches involved all Lutheran church bodies in the United States will be invited to participate in the planning and formation of the new association, which would serve as a Lutheran inter-church agency for common theological study and Christian service."

Though the Missouri Synod is not a member of the NLC, it cooperates with the Council in Lutheran World Relief, the overseas material aid agency; the Lutheran Service Commission, a ministry to military

personnel and their dependents, and the Lutheran Immigration Service.

NUCLEAR TESTING DEPLORED BY WCC OFFICIAL

New York, N. Y.—An associate general secretary of the World Council of Churches says "there surely can be no justification in the sight of God or in the eyes of man for the explosion in the atmosphere of a nuclear bomb in the 50 megaton range or above."

Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, director of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, a joint agency of the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council, said officials of the Soviet have "flouted world opinion" registered by an overwhelming vote in "the solemn request by the United Nations General Assembly not to proceed with this explosion."

The church expert on international affairs who serves both as Commission director and an associate general secretary of the World Council of Churches released a statement in New York October 31.

"The World Council of Churches has consistently questioned the right of any nation to decide on its own responsibility to conduct atomic and nuclear tests when the people of other nations in all parts of the world who have not agreed may have to bear the consequences," he said.

Dr. Nolde said that "in the degree that their recent tests have increased the pollution of the atmosphere and thus affect adversely the health of people today and of generations yet unborn" leaders of the Soviet Union must be condemned.

"The obvious and extensive preparations for atmosphere testing by the Soviet Union throughout the period of the moratorium have raised questions as to its good faith and made it imperative that an unverified moratorium be replaced by a binding treaty with provision for inspection and control.

"We trust that world conscience may be stirred and world public opinion consolidated in order that instead of a general resumption of tests there may be a resumption of negotiations designed with all sincerity to bring about a reliable treaty," Dr. Nolde said.

THREE TV BROADCASTS FROM NEW DEHLI

New York—Three principal TV networks have announced that they will feature broadcasts of the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches at New Delhi, India. The "Directions '62" program on ABC television will cover the New Delhi meeting in a telecast on November 19.

NBC has arranged for a special live production and broadcast on Sunday, December 3, from 1 to 1:30 p. m., Eastern Standard time. An NBC crew in New Delhi will show the World Council in session and present a live discussion of the Assembly between NBC newsmen and Dr. Kenneth Maxwell of the Department of International Affairs.

CBS will present a telecast of the Assembly on December 10 in place of the regular "Lamp of My Feet" program.

OUR CHURCH

Cedar Falls (St. Peter's), Iowa—Harvest festival was observed here on Sunday, November 5. Pastor C. A. Stub preached the sermon at the morning worship service. Dinner was served in the Parish hall after which Pastor Ronald Jespersen spoke in the afternoon. Vagn Duus is pastor at St. Peter's.

Detroit, Michigan — Pastor Enok Mortensen, of Des Moines, Iowa, will be the guest speaker here on December 3, for the annual Danish evening at St. Peter's Danish Lutheran Church. Pastor at St. Peter's is Howard Christensen.

Detroit, Michigan—The date of the Danish meeting in Detroit coincides exactly with the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Pastor Svend Jorgensen who served St. Peter's for 32 years. Before his retirement he saw a beautiful new church and parsonage completed at Detroit. Pastor Jorgensen was ordained in his father's church at Kimballton, Iowa.

Solvang, California—Mr. Viggo Tarnow, who is well known in our church is recovering from a coronary suffered some time ago. He is out of the hospital and improving daily. Mr. Tarnow is a former gym teacher at Grand View College as well as at Danebod, Nysted and Atterdag.

Minneapolis, Minnesota—"Kirke og Folk" (Church and People) the Danish language paper published by the AELC, has taken a new lease on life. A Canadian Danish language paper, "Kirken og Hjemmet" (Church and Home), with full approval of Pastor William Larsen, secretary of the ALC and formerly president of the old UELC, has been consolidated with "Kirke og Folk." "Kirken og Hjemmet" has brought into this consolidation its entire subscription list and several hundred dollars, the thought being that "Kirke og Folk" is to serve Danish speaking people in both of the new churches, i. e. the ALC and the LCA. Beginning with the October 25 issue, "Kirke og Folk" became a 16 page paper. It continues to be published twice each month. This consolidation of papers will make it likely that the paper may be continued by a "Special Interest Conference" after the merger is completed. Pastor M. Mikkelsen of Minneapolis continues to edit "Kirke og Folk."

White, South Dakota—Sixty-five people attended the potluck dinner and worship held here on November 12 in observance of the annual Harvest Festival. Eight young people will be confirmed on Sunday, November 26. The new Service Book and Hymnal has been in use for some time. Calvin Rossman is pastor of the Pioneer Lutheran congregation here.

Ruthon-Diamond Lake, Minnesota—The film, "The Bible—How It Came to Us," has recently been shown in these two congregations. The Ruthon ladies have voted to give \$10 toward the purchase of large-print New Testaments for the Tyler home. They also held a kitchen shower and party at the home. The Sunday School at Diamond Lake will give the \$17 usually spent

for Christmas candy to Lutheran World Action where it will make it possible to send two and one-half tons of surplus food overseas. Pastor of these two congregations is Calvin Rossman.

Whither America ?

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In 1957 General MacArthur sounded even a stronger warning:

Our government has kept us in a perpetual state of fear—kept us in a continuous stampede of patriotic fervor—with a cry of grave national emergency. Always there has been some terrible evil at home or some monstrous foreign power that is going to gobble us up if we did not blindly rally behind it by furnishing the exorbitant funds demanded. Yet, in retrospect, these disasters never seem to have happened, seem never to have been quite real.

We are living in an age of fear. People who are full of fear are seldom full of good sense. They become panicky. One of the early casualties is truth, and soon liberty falls too. So desperate has the situation become that one of the editors of the *Scientific American* suggested not long ago that we send our children to the Southern Hemisphere so they might survive the present nuclear madness.

We are caught. Our enemies are clever and powerful. We believe the worst about them and they believe the worst about us. It is so easy to believe the worst about our foes. We did it with Spain in 1898;

with Mexico in 1916; with Germany in 1917; with Japan and Germany in 1941, and Cuba in 1960.

There is the well-known Greek story about the beautiful Pandora and the box that had been given to her on condition that she must not open it. That was a cruel condition and for a fair woman an impossible one. She peeked into the box and out flew such evils as plagues, disease, dishonesty, etc. In terror Pandora slammed shut the lid, and just one thing remained in the bottom of the box. That was HOPE.

What a Pandora's box we opened when our scientists helped invent the A-bomb and when we exploded it over Hiroshima in 1945. Soon Russia had one. We then offered the decent Baruch Plan and Russia refused it. We perfected an H-bomb. Russia got that too, and both sides exploded bombs to their heart's content.

Terror and fall-out filled the world; and Great Britain, United States and Russia agreed to a bomb truce. But France too had made a bomb and she refused to go along with the truce.

Recently Russia broke this truce and is showing a tired world that she has bigger and better bombs. Now our papers are telling us that our government is thinking in terms of a Neutron bomb—a bomb that will kill but not destroy. This would surely be a violation of the Fifth Commandment and the ultimate in matter over mind.

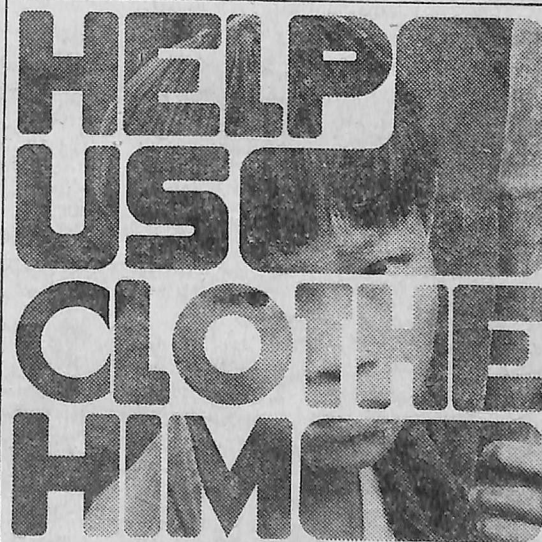
Pandora's box still contained hope. What does our box hold for us? May the Good Lord bless and keep us.

Thanksgiving Clothing Appeal

The Gifts That Would Help

- Suits
- Trousers, Overalls
- Dresses, Skirts
- Caps, Gloves, Mittens
- Sweaters, Robes, Mufflers
- Underwear, Stockings
- Shoes—Sturdy Pairs, Tied together! (Low heels, closed toes, Ready to Wear!)
- Blankets, Bedding
- Layette, Infants Wear
- Cloth Remnants for Sewing

Please do not send hats, neckties, bulky bedding, pillows, mattresses, comforters, feather beds, open toe, backless or high heel and narrow width ladies' shoes. All clothing should be ready to wear.



Lutheran World Relief
15th and Elm Streets Easton, Pa.

November 19 to 26, 1961

Re: An Important Find

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many made by Mr. Riis to the church; a beautiful bench which stood beside the baptismal font. It was made from a plank taken from the Danish ship "Niels Juel." He purchased the plank in Denmark and brought it back to Brooklyn when returning from a trip to his homeland.

In the nineties, Jacob A. Riis was a Police Court reporter for the New York Tribune. In that capacity he became acquainted with the then Police Commissioner of New York City, and President-to-be, Theodore Roosevelt.

Mr. Roosevelt soon recognized in Riis the ability to get at the root of things and find a remedy for many of the tough problems that faced the city and the commissioner. They became fast friends.

Talking things over, both Roosevelt and Riis agreed that the crime situation on the lower east side of Manhattan Island was a disgrace as well as a menace to the progress of the city. One city administration after another criminally ignored the matter and conditions kept getting worse as the years rolled by. Nevertheless, Jacob A. Riis made up his mind to tackle the problem and do away with it. In that effort the records show that he established an entirely new approach to the problem, by using prevention as a cure. His formula was simple: Raze and replace the squalid tenements with playgrounds and small parks. His weapons in this fight; propaganda of all sorts and consistent newspaper publicity.

Naturally, all the while in that campaign he was faced with powerful opposition from raving landlords. Also, threats from legions of crooked politicians, wading in the slimy morass of that underworld, where every form of vice known to man, had its tentacles gripped on both old and young.

Though the "interests" blocked Riis at every turn, history records that the east side crime problem has ceased to be an issue in the affairs of the city of New York.

The methods initiated by Riis to fight crime, were original and unheard of in his era when only a few municipalities had tested the rights of eminent domain. By exercising that power New York City caused row upon row of tenements to be demolished and turned to public use.

In today's vernacular we call that "slum clearance." But give it any name you wish the fact remains that Riis made the breakthrough. So in the over-all picture Jacob A. Riis shines forth as an outstanding pioneer in the American annals of crime prevention.

As stated Riis used all kinds of means to get his ideas across to the public. He travelled extensively throughout the east and lugged with him a heavy, oil operated magic lantern besides several boxes of slides. How a person of his slender build managed to carry that equipment is still a puzzle to me. He brought it out to Perth Amboy, New Jersey, one evening to "entertain" as disclosed in the hand bills sent on ahead.

Open Letter to all Members of WMS

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4. A \$1,000 bequest received last year from the Mary Seeley Knudstrup estate (as well as the Fund earnings), has brought the balance in the Scholarship Fund to within \$50 of our \$10,000 goal.

An application for a scholarship grant was submitted by Sybil Duus, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Vagn Duus, who is preparing for hospital recreational therapy at the University of Minnesota. The application was dated September 13, and in order that she might avail herself of it already this fall, it was processed so promptly that it was granted September 22. Ordinarily we would ask that applicants allow at least thirty days, since an application must be approved by all members of the committee and they live in widely different areas. Another application has since been received and is being considered. We are pleased that the Scholarship Fund is being put to use. If others are interested, the information con-

Imagine the thrill for an 8-year-old boy when he asked me to become a part of the "Magic Lantern Show" as he called it. I was to hand him the slides from a stack on the table. He put them through the machine and placed them in a box with numbered compartments. He lectured while showing the slides which were authentic scenes from the slums in Mulberry Bend and Hell's Kitchen. In those spots, he said, a murder a day was considered routine and created no sensation. Lending local color to his talk, he told us about his first job in the new country. That was digging clay in Perth Amboy with a shovel almost as big as himself. After the first day of employment he was so sore and exhausted in body that he couldn't return to work. So back to New York he went and eventually managed to replace the shovel with a pen.

Today, the evils of Hell's Kitchen and Mulberry Bend are gone forever. Parks and playgrounds flourish throughout the area and the transition to a splendid respectable neighborhood is complete.

In consequence and as a tribute to this little Danish lad, the city of New York has spent millions of dollars in establishing the wonderful Jacob A. Riis Park. This is located within the city limits on the shores of Long Island Sound and covers approximately 300 acres. Here on its beautiful grounds and beaches, thousands from the crowded city find recreation and rest. On some Sundays and holidays the visitors have numbered more than 60,000.

This form of acknowledgment is all that Jacob A. Riis would ask for could he express a wish.

With lessening activities in slum and newspaper work he commenced writing and publishing his own books, among which may be mentioned; "How the Other Half Lives," "The Old Town" (Aarhus) and "The Making of An American." All were best sellers.

cerning it is easily accessible. Every pastor has received a copy of information regarding it. Copies are available at Grand View College, and I shall be glad to send one by return mail upon request. Why not get one and post it somewhere within your church where your young women may readily see it?

May I ask, in closing, that if there has been a change in the presidency of your district, you notify me immediately? The JPC needs these names to work through this channel in setting up local and synod organizations.

Mrs. Edwin E. Hansen,
WMS President.

NOTE: The WMS offering at Tyler totaled \$314.07. The executive board voted to allocate \$82.07 to Home Missions, \$75 to Seminary Lounge at Maywood, and \$157 to Santal Mission.

Following is an excerpt of a letter from Paul Pedersen, AELC representative on the lounge project at the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary at Maywood: "Dear members of WMS: Thanks very much for the money. We just broke into the red when your check came, so it was greatly appreciated. It has turned into quite a place, so when you come through here stop by and see it."

A Pocket Hymnal

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it is seldom more than one or two, not enough to provide for family devotions and other home gatherings. Remembering how our hymnal used to be a most commonly used book of devotion in so many of our church homes, this seems to be a great loss. A commonly given reason for the loss is that present hymnals are too expensive and inconvenient to have enough of them for family use. If that be true, then the forthcoming convenient and moderately priced collection of favored hymns and songs should also in this respect satisfy a real need. We used to be a singing people, and nothing could be more pleasing to me than if this little booklet might, in some measure, prove helpful to us in remaining so.

Applications Wanted

The Solvang Lutheran Home Trustees will entertain applications for executive director position, open December 1. Applicant must have love for aged men and women, must have knowledge of general administration such as purchasing, accounting, personnel management, and public relations. Residence on home ground. Salary open. Address application with full information of qualifications to

Christine Jensen
Solvang, California
or
Alfred Jorgensen
Box 1002
Solvang, California

Acknowledgment of Receipts by the Synod Treasurer

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1961

Synod Budget Receipts:

Unassigned (by Congregation)

Germania, Marlette, Mich.	\$ 50.00
Chicago, Ill., St. Stephens	300.00
Des Moines, Iowa	1,000.00
Cedar Falls, Iowa, St. Paul	310.80
Viborg, S. D.	100.00
Hay Springs, Nebr.	835.85
Withee, Wis.	1,401.40
Cedar Falls, Iowa, St. Peters	67.20
Sidney, Mich.	1,348.75
Cedar Falls, Iowa, Bethlehem	500.00
Detroit, Mich.	75.50
Racine, Wis.	350.50
Brayton, Iowa	200.00
Wayne, Alberta	739.20
Circle Pines, Minn.	182.00
Salinas, Calif.	1,250.93
Seattle, Wash.	350.00
Ludington, Mich., Victory-Trinity	105.00
Clinton, Iowa	200.00
Ringsted, Iowa	415.35
Askov, Minn.	300.00
Danevang, Texas	436.75
Muskegon, Mich.	435.50
Waterloo, Iowa	1,500.00
Diamond Lake, Minn.	101.92
Cozad, Nebr.	112.60
Chicago, Ill., Trinity	200.00
Badger, S. D.	395.78
Lindsay, Nebr., Rosenborg	529.75
Luck, Wis., West Denmark	458.00
Minneapolis, Minn.	260.00

For Pastor's Pension:

Sidney, Mich.\$ 1.00

For Home Mission:

Racine, Wis.\$ 140.98

Gayville, S. D. in memory of Mrs.
Niels Jensen, from friends 2.00

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the congregation at _____
November 20, 1961

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.

PETERSEN, ANDREW K.
TYLER, MINN.
RT. 2

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Diamond Lake, Minn.	32.79
Diamond Lake, Minn. in memory of Mrs. W. Bartlow	1.00
For Seamen's Mission:	
Diamond Lake, Minn.	\$ 32.79
For Santal Mission:	
Marlette, Mich., Germania, from the Sunday School	25.00
Cedar Falls, Iowa, St. Paul's	17.61
Brown City, Mich.	10.00
Des Moines, Iowa from Rev. Alfred Sorensen	5.00
Des Moines, Iowa from Sylvia Caskey	5.00
Des Moines, Iowa from Mrs. Johanne Daviden	1.00
Sidney, Mich.	21.00
Sidney, Mich. in memory of Lena Christensen and Hannah Madison from N. S. Ladies Aid	10.00
Tyler, Minn. from the Ladies Aid	50.00
Tyler, Minn. from Mr. and Mrs. Jens M. Jensen	10.00
Solvang, Calif. from Mrs. Svend U. Hansen in memory of Svend U. Hansen	25.00
Des Moines, Iowa from Jorgen Juhl	5.00
AELC District II	50.00
Lake Norden, S. D. in memory of Peter Knudsen from friends	4.00
Junction City, Ore. from Rev. Arnold Knudsen	50.00
Tyler, Minn. in memory of Mrs. Soren Holm from friends in Dwight, Ill., and Tyler, Minn.	25.00
Des Moines, Iowa in memory of Ingvar Ostergaard, Ringsted, Iowa, from Anna, Jens and Dagmar Miller	6.80
Gayville, S. D. in memory of Mrs. Niels Jensen from friends	2.00
Hampton, Iowa in memory of Mrs. Paul Wester of Chicago from friends in Hampton, Iowa	3.00
Diamond Lake, Minn. From the Ladies Aid for a Santal Child	98.50
In memory of Mrs. W. Bartlow	3.00
Edison Township, N. J. for Rev. Riber's work	135.72
From the church school	9.45
Chicago, Ill. in memory of Mrs. Helga Petersen from Miss Dora Sorensen, Dearborn, Mich.	5.00
Des Moines, Iowa in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Sorensen from Mrs. Minnie Mathisen	10.00

Total budget receipts from congregations\$15,340.42
Previously acknowledged\$60,384.33

Total to date, Oct. 31, 1961\$75,724.75

Other Budget Items:

Annual Reports:

Chicago, Ill., St. Stephen's	\$ 9.00
Dannebrog (Nysted)	2.50
Hay Springs, Nebr.	5.00
Byram, Conn.	2.50
Withee, Wis.	7.50
Cedar Falls, Iowa, St. Peter's	3.00
Sidney, Mich.	7.50
Wayne, Alberta	5.00
Salinas, Calif.	2.50
Ringsted, Iowa	12.50
Lindsay, Nebr., Rosenborg	6.00

Total for month\$63.00

Previously acknowledged\$152.50

Total to date\$215.50

Pastor's Pension Contributions:

Synod President	\$38.00
Synod Vice President	1.25
Synod Secretary	1.75
Rev. Eilert Nielsen	27.28
Rev. Harold Olsen	21.48
Rev. Harald Petersen (Bone Lake)	15.00
Rev. Laverne Larkowski	20.00
Rev. Arnold Knudsen	65.00
Rev. Vagn Duus	20.49
Rev. Erik Møller	23.70
Rev. Arnold Knudsen	22.00
Rev. John Christensen	17.50
Rev. Beryl Knudsen	22.50
Rev. Ronald Jespersen	29.00
Rev. Niels Nielsen	9.00
Rev. Howard Christensen	36.25
Rev. George Melby	25.35
Rev. Ivan Nielsen	25.00
Rev. Gordon Miller	24.00
Rev. Harris Jespersen	21.99
Rev. J. C. Kjaer	27.00
Rev. Harold Petersen (Askov)	20.00
Rev. Edwin Hansen	31.98
Rev. Calvin Rossman	40.00
Rev. Carl Laursen	18.50
Rev. Peter Thomsen	63.84

Total for month\$667.86

Previously acknowledged\$3,331.09

Total to date\$3,998.95

Total budget contributions to date\$79,939.20

Received for Items Outside of the Budget:

For Lutheran World Action:

(by congregation)

Cedar Falls, Iowa, St. Paul	\$ 44.10
Hay Springs, Nebr.	172.80
Cedar Falls, Iowa, St. Peter's	9.40
Dagmar, Mont., Nathanael	322.00
Sidney, Mich.	226.50
Cedar Falls, Iowa, Bethlehem	350.00
Minneapolis, Minn.	40.00
Dagmar, Mont., Volmer	72.00
Circle Pines, Minn.	31.50
Salinas, Calif.	184.20
Clinton, Iowa	50.00
Ringsted, Iowa	72.60
Askov, Minn.	40.00
Diamond Lake, Lake Benton, Minn.	98.50
Cozad Nebr.	12.72
Badger, S. D.	91.20
Lindsay, Nebr., Rosenborg	98.40

Total for month\$1,915.92

Previously acknowledged\$11,151.02

Total to date\$13,066.94

From Estate of Cecilie Laursen, Reserve, Mont. for Church Extension Fund\$1,438.87
Tyler Old People's Home (Building Fund) 719.00

Total\$2,157.87

For District IV Home Mission:

(from district treasurer)

St. Paul Ev. Luth. Church	\$125.00
St. Peter's Ev. Luth. Church	150.00

Total\$275.00

American Ev. Luth. Church
M. C. Miller, Treasurer
79 West Road
Circle Pines, Minnesota.