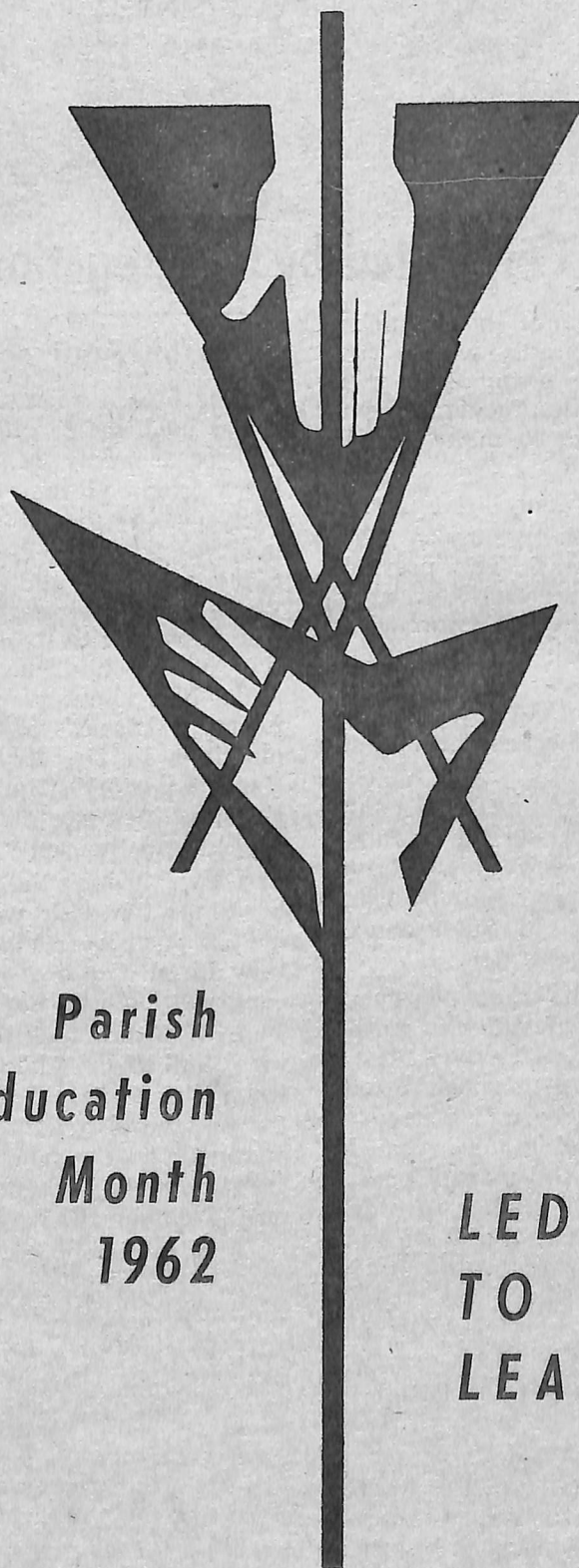


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## Fiftieth Anniversary Celebrated by Congregation at Brush, Colorado

The 50th anniversary celebration of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Brush, Colorado, was a most joyous and festive occasion. The presence of many former members of the congregation, several former pastors and visiting pastors helped to make the day a truly memorable one.

The president of the Rocky Mountain Synod — ULC, Dr. L. Soker, gave the morning sermon which was entitled, "God's Golden Years." The president of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Rev. A. E. Farstrup gave the afternoon lecture. Both of the pastors expressed the wish that we would look to the future as we build on the past with courage and hope as we prepare to enter into a greater fellowship with other Lutherans through the Lutheran Church in America.

Over a hundred gathered around the Lord's table at the communion service which was served by Pastor Hans R. Nelson and Dr. Leeland Soker. Flowers given in memory of loved ones and bouquets sent by Eben-Ezer and Grace Lutheran Church, our sister church, greatly enhanced the thanksgiving service.

For the festive coffee table in the afternoon everyone was seated around the decorated tables in Luther Hall. There were nine pastors and their wives present and all were given an opportunity to speak briefly. The congregation's president, Richard Christensen, presided. It was a time of reminiscing and a time for both laughter and tears. Among the former pastors present were Pastor and Mrs. Erik Moller of Danevang, Texas; Pastor and Mrs. Marius Krog of Lake Norden, South Dakota; and Pastor and Mrs. Holger Strandskov. Pastor and Mrs. Vagn Duus (Gerda Christensen) of Cedar Falls, Iowa, were present, also. The widow of Pastor J. J. Lerager who resides here in Brush and three of Pastor Lerager's children were present, also.

It is a coincidence that the 50th anniversary of Bethlehem Lutheran Church marks the end of an era, as we stand on the threshold of a new beginning as members of the LCA. As one famous poet has said, "God grant that our future may be as bright as our memories."

**Hans R. Nelson.**

## 70th Anniversary at Waterloo, Iowa

For fifteen years Danish immigrants in Waterloo, Iowa, held their religious services in various homes and occasionally rented a hall for their meetings. Rev. A. S. Nielsen and Rev. Jensen Mylund were early pastors for this band of people. They had their parishes in Cedar Falls but willingly came once or twice a month and held services for the Danes of Waterloo. During these early years a Ladies' Aid was formed with its chief concern the religious education of its children.

In 1892 about twenty families banded together to form St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church. They held their meetings in Dr. Bickley's hall with Rev. P. L. C. Hansen, pastor of Nazareth Lutheran Church of Cedar Falls, as their pastor. Services were held in the afternoon and then only twice a month.

Down through the years they rented various church buildings for their worship services and enlisted the aid of pastors from other churches. Several times they hired a pastor of their own, but found that the congregation was too small to support him.

In 1913 they took the first step toward owning their own building. They purchased the building from the Progressive Brethren Church. St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church gradually grew until in 1950 the cornerstone for a new sanctuary was laid. It was a day of great rejoicing when the new church was dedicated on November 26, 1950.

And so the hopes, dreams, ideals and heritage of

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"...that the congregation may be aware of the Church School...."

## Parish Education Month

by: Pastor Howard Christensen

Parish Education is a sweeping term. All education in a parish can be classified under the term, whether it be church school, stewardship promotion, evangelism or preaching. It is commonly thought of, however, in connection with the church school, whether for children or for adults. (Why is it that adults are not nearly as responsive to class sessions as youngsters? Certainly there is much to learn and to discuss.)

This month, September, is parish education month, designed so that the congregation may be aware of the church school and its program and also give a good send-off to the new program for the year. Rather than write about the whole program, I would like to dwell a few moments on one small but very important phase of parish education, namely, the teachers.

It is no secret that the majority of teachers in our church school are women, usually mothers. They teach because they want their children to know and love God and, in the process, they feel that perhaps they can help other children. But why do not the fathers also take a hand at instructing the children? Can it be that Christianity is only for children and women?

It is no secret either that many churches have a difficult time procuring teachers. Why? Why? Why? One answer is that a person doesn't have time. Only in rare cases is this a valid reason. If the church calls a person to witness through teaching can the Christian say with clear conscience, "I don't have time?"

Another reason given is, "I can't teach," "I don't know how to teach." There may be some validity to this answer but it must be remembered that the church would not call a person to teach if it felt that person was incapable. Moses at one time tried to refuse his leadership role because he thought he was not capable but the Lord said he would help him. Likewise it is the duty of the church to help a person become a better teacher. Materials for teachers, classes for teachers, conferences for teachers should be part of every church program. There should always be growth in teaching.

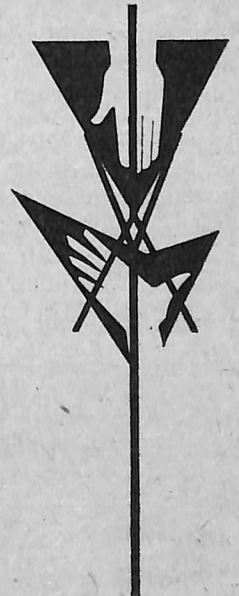
Lastly, it is no secret that the teacher has great influence upon her pupils. Here I want to give praise to those wonderful individuals who come Sunday after Sunday, giving of their time and talent; those glorious persons who spend hours preparing their lessons and those persons who often dig into their own pocket for things for their classes. Surely the opportunity to teach can be frightening for there are young minds which are being molded but thanks

be to those persons who will venture to be witnesses to their faith. The church owes a debt of gratitude to these many faithful servants.

For the past ten years the writer of this article has been chairman of the Board of Parish Education of the AELC. As of October first this Board of Parish Education ceases to exist and the LCA Board of Parish Education begins to function. New and wonderful materials are in store for the new church. Their effectiveness, however, will depend on the teachers who will use the materials and programs.

Therefore as one of the final acts as chairman of the Board of Parish Education let the writer, on behalf of the AELC, give a sincere "thank you" to all those many fine souls who have given so wonderfully of themselves as teachers in the AELC church schools.

THIS IS THE SYMBOL of the new LCA Parish Education Curriculum. The arms that reach down symbolize God, revealing himself to man through His Word. The uplifted arms represent the expectancy of the pupil and teacher as they come to the classroom. Through the revelation of the scriptures and the teachings of the church, and through the witness of fellow Christians to each other, God acts.



## A Reminder

by: Pastor Charles Terrell

A short time ago three or four persons from each congregation of the Lutheran Church in America attended an Area Leadership Education Conference. At this meeting these persons pledged themselves to establish leadership training classes in their own congregations. By this time all of the groundwork should be laid and the courses ready to begin. Perhaps you have been invited to attend. If not, and if you are interested in becoming a trained leader in religious education in your congregation, check with your pastor or your local chairman of Christian Education.

The first course taught in the LCA Leadership

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Howard Christensen is pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Detroit and is chairman of the Board of Parish Education for the AELC.

Charles Terrell is pastor of Nain Lutheran Church at Newell, Iowa, and is a member of the AELC's Board of Parish Education.



*The AELC in the LCA — fifth in a series*

## District IV ..... and the Merger

by: Pastor Harold E. Olsen

The constituting convention of the Iowa Synod of the Lutheran Church in America will be held early this month. In many ways this will be only a formality. It might be more true to say that the Iowa Synod of the Lutheran Church in America already exists and is functioning largely as it will function beginning January 1, 1963. For months representatives of the three merging bodies in Iowa (there are no Suomi churches in Iowa) have been meeting to outline the structure of the new synod and to effect the new life which is being lived and will be lived in the new synod. And unlike the other two bodies almost every congregation of the AELC in Iowa has contributed some leadership to the joint planning and work. It has been a delightful experience for those who have been privileged with participating in this task to become acquainted with the leaders of the other merging bodies and to witness their dedication and consecration to the work of the Kingdom as it takes place here in Iowa.

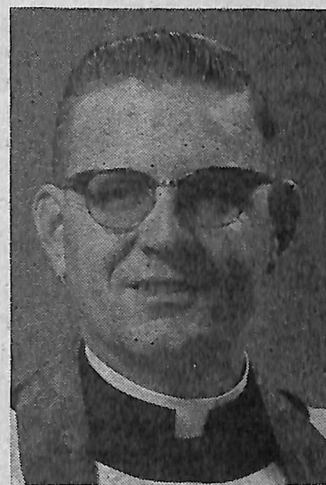
Six men, four pastors and two laymen, have served or are serving on the central committee for the proposed Iowa Synod of the LCA known as the Iowa JCLU. They are: Pastor Joseph Sibert; Pastor Enok Mortensen, who replaced Pastor Richard Sorensen; Alfred C. Nielsen and Leonard C. Larsen; together with Pastor Harold E. Olsen, president of the District

and chairman of the Iowa JCLU. In addition to these men, Pastor A. E. Farstrup, president of the AELC, has served as consultant from the National JCLU. Subcommittees of this main group have included most of the remaining Iowa pastors and a goodly number of lay people from the various congregations.

Adjustments to the new church will be readily made by the Iowa AELC congregations since Grand View College the major institution of the AELC, will be a part of the new synod. In addition the new Iowa synod will also own, maintain and support the AELC owned Home for the Aged, Valborgsminde. To these familiar institutions the Iowa Conference of the Augustana Lutheran Church will add Iowa Lutheran Home for the Aged in Madrid and Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines. The Iowa Synod, ULCA, will add a beautiful new camp still in the process of development, and Central Lutheran Seminary which will be the Seminary of the Iowa Synod. Lutheran Welfare Society of Iowa which has been supported by the three state groups together with the Iowa District of the American Lutheran Church will continue to be supported by the new synod. While life in the congregations will receive new stimuli, it will continue much in the same vein as it always has.

Membership in the new synod will include over 80,000 baptized members in 130 congregations. Of this number the Iowa District, AELC will bring in approximately seven per cent of the total; the Iowa Synod, ULCA, 51 per cent, and the Iowa Conference of the Augustana Church, 42 per cent. The Iowa JCLU is proposing to the constituting convention that these congregations be divided into four districts.

As was mentioned in the opening paragraph much activity is already being shared by the three groups. In addition to the Iowa JCLU which has served as a co-

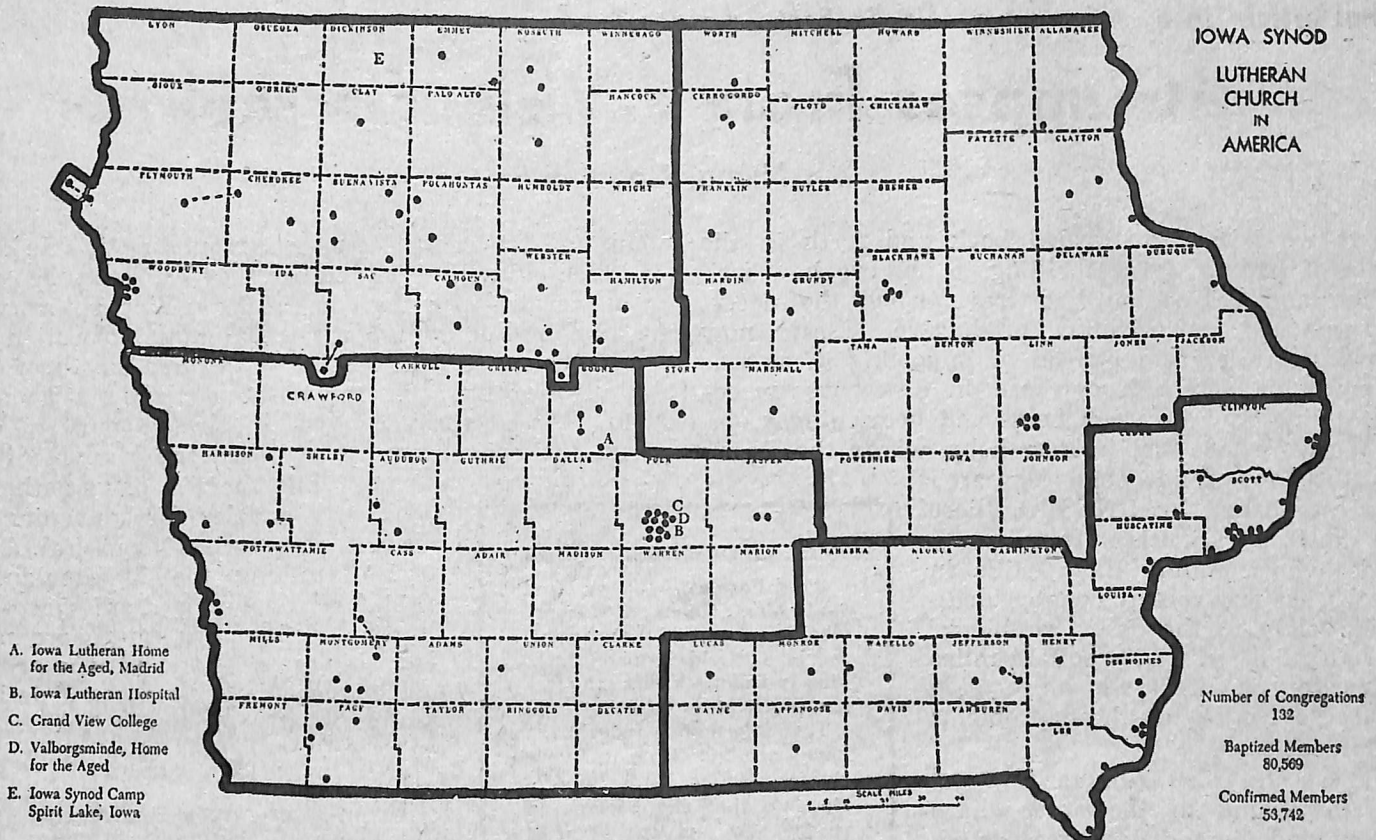


Pastor Olsen



Representatives of the 31 groups that are planning for the new synods of the Lutheran Church in America is this Iowa group known as the Iowa JCLU. Seated around the table from left to right are: Pastors Gordon Nelson, Davenport (Aug), Richard Engstrom, Cedar Rapids (Aug), Harold E. Olsen, Cedar Falls (AELC), Raynold Lingwall, Des Moines (Aug), Alfred J. Beil, Des Moines (ULCA), A. E. Farstrup, Des Moines (AELC), Norman Ullestad, Bettendorf (ULCA), Charles E. Witt, Postville (ULCA), Joseph Sibert, Brayton (AELC), Willard Garred, Hampton (AELC) and Enok Mortensen, Des Moines (AELC). Chairman of the group is Rev. Harold E. Olsen, president of District IV of our synod. The Rev. A. E. Farstrup, president of our synod, serves as the JCLU consultant to the local committee.





ordinating committee as well as a planning committee, the camping program of the three church bodies has already been combined and goes into the second year as this is written. Every congregation visits have been scheduled by the Iowa JCLU sub-committee on Budget and Stewardship for the purpose of confronting the congregations with the projected work

of the new synod and soliciting a congregational pledge toward this work. Even before local merger planning was started the three Iowa bodies shared in pre-Lenten Pastor's Institutes taking turns at being host at this meeting. We now look forward to the formalities, for in a real sense merger has been a reality on the Iowa scene for a long time.

### Too Great a Load

No one can travel through the underdeveloped world and see the masses of underfed without experiencing a feeling of helplessness. It is intensified in those lands where the practice of other-worldly religions for hundreds, even thousands of years, has brought the millions into the 20th Century more hungry and helpless than ever before....In the face of the task — former President Harry Truman said once that to raise the standard of living of the eastern world by five per cent would keep the wheels of industry in the West humming for 100 years — even the least of us can do some things. ....Great things are being done by able men of good will with the support of government and church and welfare agency. The work accomplished by Christian missions, the World Council of Churches and Church World Service is magnificent. We can and should continue to support them. We should support, also, the other great agencies working to help the hungry peoples. .... And, having done all we can, we must remember that this is God's world, and that He is still in charge. We can comfort one another with this thought. The load is too great for human shoulders alone.

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*Final article in a series on a Middle East Seminar Tour*

# Glimpses From a Visit in Israel

by: Nanna Goodhope

As we leisurely traveled back and forth in the State of Israel, it was thrilling to observe how irrigation and cultivation had transformed the desert and made it surprisingly productive. Israel now grows its own grain instead of importing it, as was formerly the case. Everywhere the desert was receding, giving way to green fields and flourishing crops.

We were told that in Beersheba, where the Negev Institute for Arid Zone Research was established by UNESCO, there are now 70 scientists from many lands who combine their skills in the world's first research center, dedicated solely to the desert problems. As half of Israel's 7,984 square miles of territory is desert, we can imagine what the control of these problems will mean.

There are also rumors that oil may be found in the area where Sodom and Gomorrah were located. Scientists claim that the destruction of those cities might have been caused from explosion of natural gas. One of our party brought smiles when he conjectured that perhaps they might also eventually locate there the Pillar of Salt.

From Negev, with its peculiar fascination, we turned west to Ashkelon on the Mediterranean. Here, in a modern new shopping center amid charming surroundings, we were served a delicious lunch.

As we sat there admiring the beautiful flowers and park-like surroundings, one of our wise theologians remarked that it was no wonder that the Philistines, the Romans and the Crusaders all loved Ashkelon and remained there a long time.

"Yes," acquiesced our historian, "and it being also Herod's birthplace, they might well, as a tourist attraction, put up a sign stating: 'Herod Slept Here'."

"And so did Richard the Lion Hearted," now interjected the former speaker.

But it was now time for us to get a good look at the new modern city of Ashkelon, as well as of the excavations of the partly restored ancient city, which reminded of life in Roman times and the Middle Ages.

During the afternoon we drove leisurely about forty miles up the coast to Tel Aviv. On the way we stopped at the little city of Rehovot, center of scientific research, and home of Chaim Weizman, renowned scientist and first president of Israel. We visited his

tomb and the memorial park surrounding it (He died in 1952). It will be remembered that Weizman, because of his service to Britain in the First World War, was instrumental in securing the Balfour Declaration.

At the suburb of Herzlia at the Sea, north of Tel Aviv, we stopped for the night at the new Tadmor Hotel. As it was very near the beach, most of our group took advantage of a dip in the blue Mediterranean, while the rest of us gathered shells and pebbles for souvenirs.

It is sixty miles from Tel Aviv to Haifa along the Mediterranean coast. Here, where there were recently only swamps, there are now flourishing orange and banana groves and huge fields of tobacco. This last item is mostly grown by the Arabs on their collective communes, or farms.

From the slopes of Mount Carmel we had a magnificent view of Haifa, the industrial city of 160,000 inhabitants, its ancient harbor and the companion port of Acre.

Haifa is the headquarters of the Bahai faith. Here, at a high elevation, we visited the tomb of Sir Abdul Bahai, son of the founder of Bahaism. In the United States this faith has its headquarters at the large and impressive temple in Wilmette, Ill.

Our bus ride from Tiberias to Nazareth was over the hills where Jesus must have walked frequently. The Sea of Galilee is thirteen miles long, and from Galilee to Nazareth is about twice that distance. Here we could say with deep emphasis: "Once along the rugged shore, He who all our sorrows bore, journeyed oft with weary feet, through the storm and burning heat."

At the south end of the Sea of Galilee, which is 650 feet below sea level, we turned off the highway to visit the El Gania Kibbutz. This is the oldest of 230 Communal settlements in Israel. Zionism began its actual existence with the Kibbutz, or Commune. But, by now those settlements comprise only five per cent of the population, but their influence is still great.

The El Gania Kibbutz consists of two thousand acres of land, of which only one thousand are irrigated. A canal has been constructed for this purpose, from the mouth of the Jordan river where it flows out of the Sea of Galilee. The Commune has a large dairy herd, much poultry, large fields of grain and

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## Mrs. Goodhope Dies

Word has just been received that Mrs. Nanna Goodhope, who was currently participating in a World Seminar Tour, died in Denmark, not far from the place of her birth.

The information which we have at this time is very sketchy but it is our understanding that she became ill on the tour and was flown to relatives in Denmark where she subsequently died. At this time we do not know the exact date of her death but we do know it was one of the last days in August.

This is the second tour in which Mrs. Goodhope, who had a keen interest in world affairs and in efforts for peace, participated. It was as a result of the first tour, to the Middle East in 1961, that Mrs. Goodhope wrote the articles on Jordan and Israel for LUTHERAN TIDINGS. By coincidence, it was as we were preparing this last article for publication that we learned of her death.

Mrs. Goodhope was a long time resident of Viborg, South Dakota, and only last year moved to Lone, California, to be near a daughter.



# *It Happened in San Francisco*

**A Report on the Constituting Convention of the Luther League of the LCA**

## *Paging Youth*

**American Evangelical Luth.  
Youth Fellowship**

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### **"Partners in His Spirit"**

"Point of informtion, Mr. Chairman! Point of order! I move the previous question! I call for a division of the house! The 'ayes' have it!" These were the cries that filled the air with excitement and flurry at the Constituting Convention of the Luther League of the Lutheran Church in America at San Francisco on August 20-26. The business of adopting a constitution and the other official documents was sometimes confusing and hectic, very seldom boring, and punctuated with bursts of friendly laughter by the good-humored, enthusiastic delegates. Nearly always present was the thoughtful consideration that reponsible young people give to matters of importance.

But let's begin at the beginning. In writing this article I'm making use of releases from the news bureau of the LCA.

### **Dr. Fry Cites Vital Role of Church's Young People**

SAN FRANCISCO — (PRT) — A World-renowned Protestant leader told 600 Lutheran young people from the United States and Canada here tonight that they should not "regard youth as a training ground of life, but the most vivid life of all."

The Rev. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, New York, president of the Lutheran Church in America, told the church's new 125,000-member Luther League constituting convention that "youth is the age most naturally attuned to the spirit of Jesus Christ."

"I appeal to you," the Lutheran churchman declared, "not to let this age slip away before you realize the magic of it. Jesus was rejected, I believe, because of His youth and that of His followers. That, he accomplished so much in a culture that venerates old age is remarkable."

Dr. Fry, who spoke at the opening worship service of the youth auxiliary of the church, said he was certain that part of Jesus' rejection occurred because "that little band of vagabonds that roamed the lanes of Galilee was so young. The scribes and Pharisees were not ready to listen to their juniors and were not constitutionally able to understand them."

However, he told the delegates, "The youth move-

ment in any church is a mighty tributary and before it is through it becomes the main stream of the church."

"No one on earth can minister to your own generation," Dr. Fry continued, "better than you can yourself. When a young person is able to speak convincingly about his faith to another young person, there is a good chance he will be heard and understood. When you do this, it will be a golden day in your life."

Dr. Fry, who is also president of the Lutheran World Federation and chairman of the 100-member policy-making Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, linked youth and Christianity.

"These two have a common purpose," he asserted. "Both care what happens to the world, and you can do something about the future that older persons, like myself, have to look to our grandchildren to accomplish."

The opening plenary session moved swiftly to organize after the convention was formally constituted by Dr. Fry. The Rev. Earl H. Eliason, pastor of House of Prayer Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas, was elected as presiding officer. The Rev. Arnold L. Tiemeyer, pastor of St. Ansgar's Lutheran

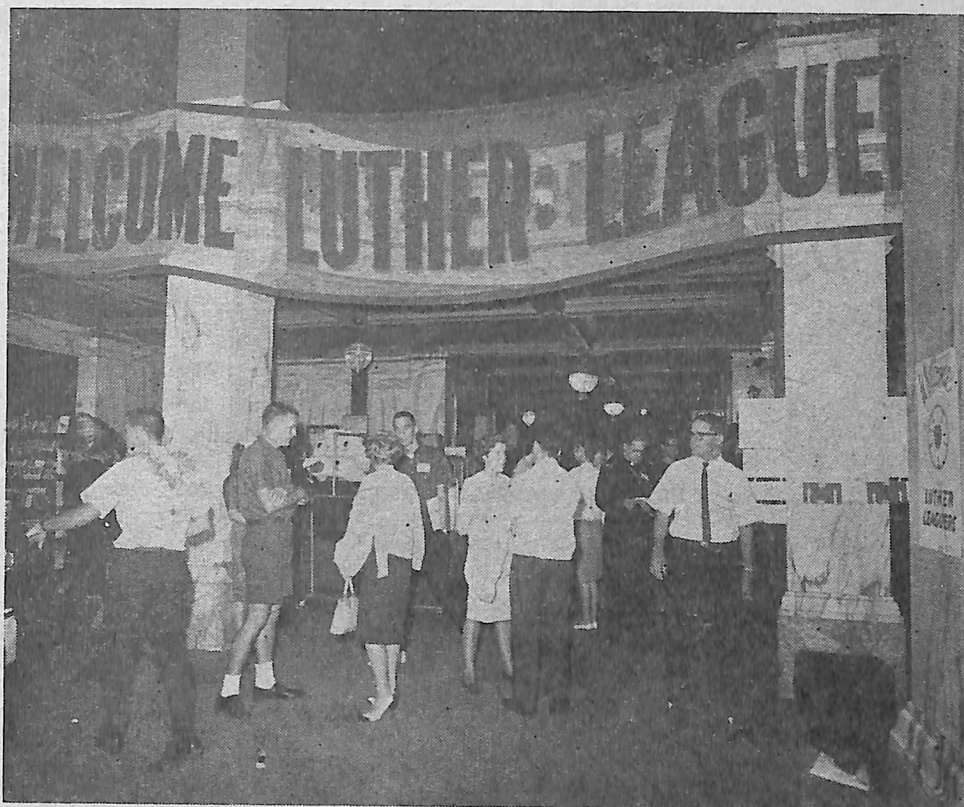


**The Whitcomb Hotel in San Francisco, scene of the Constituting Convention of the Luther League of the Lutheran Church in America.**



Church, Waterloo, Iowa, was elected to serve as secretary of the convention.

During the first plenary session the convention unanimously passed a resolution which was new to the AELYF delegates, who had never before known of such a measure in their national conventions. The resolution read as follows: "Resolved, that we the delegates to the constituting convention of the Luther League of the Lutheran Church in America, realizing the abundance of blessings which God has showered upon us, and realizing that Jesus has called us to a life of service to our fellow men, declare our intention to fast (i. e. consume no food) or near-fast (i. e. consume only that food absolutely necessary for nourishment) during the Saturday noon meal. The money thus saved to be individually added to our offering on Sunday morning for Lutheran World Action to aid our fellow men who have not received



Delegates and visitors to the convention were greeted by this welcome banner in the Whitcomb Hotel lobby.



Delegates from all 50 states of the U. S. and from parts of Canada presented themselves at this registration desk.

the material blessings which we have received."

We pulled in our belts a little tighter and bravely ignored our rumbling stomachs.

The adoption of a constitution and by-laws took longer than was thought necessary. Many amendments were presented for the delegates had carefully studied the documents. A few were passed.

Two of the changes were the provision for the election of a lay adult member to the executive committee and the provision for unbaptized persons for becoming associate members of the League. Another amendment provided for the delaying of the deadline for congregational leagues in applying for charter membership. The new deadline is January 1, 1963.

Other actions of the convention were to elect the officers and the executive committee, adopt a \$120,000 budget, and adopt a table to be used as a guide in determining minimum responsibility of the congregational leagues to the international budget.

The following is what the press had to say about the new president of the Luther League.



## Ministerial Student Heads Luther League

SAN FRANCISCO — (PRT) — Fred Berkobin, a 22-year-old ministerial student of Nutley, N. J., today (8-22-62) was elected first president of the new 125,000-member Luther League, the official youth organization of the Lutheran Church in America.

He was elected on the first ballot by a substantial majority of the 500 delegates attending the week-long constituting convention of the league at the Whitcomb Hotel.

A second-year student at Philadelphia Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mr. Berkobin expressed his humility at his election and asked the prayers and cooperation of the assembly.

The new president formerly was treasurer of the Luther League of America, the youth auxiliary of the United Lutheran Church in America.

In addition to his theological studies, Mr. Berkobin is working for a master's degree in American history at the University of Pennsylvania. Previously, he held a series of offices in local and synodical youth organizations. He is a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Nutley.

Other elected officers were Secretary Mary Mauney of Roanoke, Virginia; and Treasurer Donald Hallberg of Chicago.

Mary Mauney of ULCA is twenty years old and a junior at Lenoir Rhyne College. Donald Hallberg of Augustana is twenty-two and a first year student at



Convention delegates watch skit, "People With a Purpose," in the Crystal Room of the Whitcomb Hotel, where the business sessions were carried on.

the Lutheran School of Theology, Rock Island, Ill.

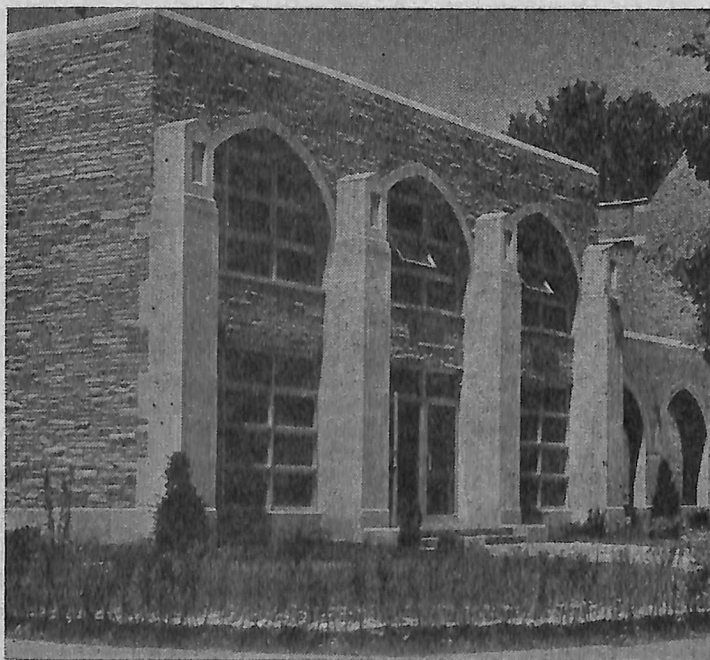
Members-at-large of the executive committee with the number of years of their terms in parentheses are as follows: Marion Clark, Columbia, S. C. (1); Donald Clement, Windber, Pa. (2); Mark Cooper, Baton Rouge, La. (1); Heather Derham, Winnipeg, Man., Canada (2); Bonnie Fraser, Galt, Ont., Canada (1); Roger Grothun, Juniata, Nebr. (1); Allene Laake, Houston, Texas (1); Norman Moline, Rockford, Ill. (2); Bette Nelson, Austin, Texas (2); Ronald Olson, Oakland, Calif. (2); Robert Peery, Jr., Newton, N. C. (1); H. Frederick Reisz, Jr., Pittsburgh Pa. (2); Roger A. Sandes, Wauwatosa, Wis. (1); Marianne Wargelin, Hancock, Mich. (2); and **Keith Davis**, Hay Springs, Nebr. (2). Clerical members of the executive committee are Pastor Earl H. Eliason, San Antonio, Texas (1); and Pastor Lee Wesley, Los Angeles, Calif. (2).

## Augustana College

The picture at left, which was inadvertently omitted from the story on District III in the last issue, shows the library at Augustana College at Rock Island, Illinois. Presently owned and operated by the Augustana Lutheran Church, the College will receive its principal support in the future from the Illinois Synod of the LCA.

Established in 1860 for the primary purpose of preparing men for the ministry, the institution eventually became a four year college and seminary.

This fall the seminary will be merged with the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary at Maywood as will also Grand View Seminary. For the present the merged seminary will maintain a campus at Rock Island as well as at Maywood. When the proposed Lutheran School of Theology becomes a reality the two campuses will become one at a location in the vicinity of the University of Chicago.





# Our Women's Work

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CORDOVA, NEBRASKA



## More Highlights From the LCW Convention FOCUS ON THE SYMBOL

At this moment we stand on a threshold....and with great wonder we realize that we are being born! We would draw your attention to our new Lutheran Church Women Symbol before you, and ask that for the space of this short time you might allow the impact of its symbolism to become a part of you. For in a very real way, this is visual evidence of a new birth.

We are ready for today! It has meant a putting away of nostalgia. It has meant the bright light of examination into our purposes, and sometimes into our motives. It has meant the still, small voice of God and the thunderous awareness of His presence.

We are BECOMING, and the travail of this BECOMING has been that of a mother....sometimes painful but infinitely sweet.

We are more ready for our uncertain tomorrows than we are satisfied with our comfortable yesterdays. This readiness is shown by you who are here, not of your own choosing, but called together by the Living Christ into the wholeness of His purposes and the unity of His Spirit.

The symbol before you expresses this truth: the dove, an ancient symbol of the spirit, symbolizes that it is in Christ we live and move and have our being. The leaves within the dove remind us that "It is the Spirit that giveth life." We have been led by the Spirit to this moment and it is this same Spirit we trust to guide us in the days ahead.

If we live by the Spirit let us also walk by the Spirit. Our Lord has said, "By their fruits you shall know them." And these are the bright flames of the Spirit:

LOVE....How big is your love?

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Matt 13:35

JOY....How full is your joy?

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say Rejoice." Philippians 4:4

PEACE....How great is your peace?

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee." Isaiah 26:3

PATIENCE....How enduring is your patience?

"Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it until it receives the early and late rain. You also be patient." James 5:7

KINDNESS....How generous is your kindness?

"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

GOODNESS....How rich is your goodness?

"But love your enemies, and do good and lend, expecting nothing in return! and your reward will be great." Luke 6:35

FAITHFULNESS....

How steadfast is your faithfulness?

"Count it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness." James 1:2

GENTLENESS....How lovely is your gentleness?

"Speak evil of no one, avoid quarreling, be gentle, show perfect courtesy to all men." Titus 3:2

SELF-CONTROL....

How unfailing is your self-control?

"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:7

And so we have LOVE JOY PEACE PATIENCE  
KINDNESS GOODNESS FAITHFULNESS GENTLENESS SELF-CONTROL.

In the words of Paul, "And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

As we have been led down through the years to this day, let us with heart and hand join together in our new unity and show to the world the fruits of a life lived close to Christ.

O Holy Spirit, enter in,  
Among these hearts thy work begin,  
Thy temple deign to make us;  
Sun of the soul, thou light divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine,  
To strength and gladness wake us.  
Where thou shinest,  
Life from heaven there is given;  
We before thee  
For that precious gift implore thee.

Left to ourselves we shall but stray,  
O lead us on the narrow way,  
With wisest counsel guide us;  
And give us steadfastness, that we  
May henceforth truly follow thee,  
Whatever woes betide us;  
Heal thou gently  
Hearts now broken, give some token  
Thou art near us,  
Whom we trust to light and cheer us.

O Mighty Rock, O Source of life!  
Let thy dear word, 'mid doubt and strife  
Be so within us burning,  
That we be faithful unto death  
In thy pure love and holy faith,  
From thee true wisdom learning.  
Lord, thy graces  
On us shower; by thy power  
Christ confessing,  
Let us win his grace and blessing.

M. Schirmer.



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NOT MANY YEARS ago a leading national magazine created quite a stir in church circles by calling the Sunday Church School hour "the most wasted hour of the week." Though that statement may be readily dismissed as extreme there is just enough truth in the charge to make the church a bit uncomfortable about it. At best, however, the church is always uncomfortable about the use it makes of the Sunday morning hour which it has to work with its children. It is virtually the only time it has for teaching many of the children and, rightly, the church feels that the teaching done in the Church School is of paramount importance to the child. What he learns, or fails to learn, there may have a profound influence on his later life. Religious educators are keenly aware of the need for improvement. They constantly strive in that direction. An expanded and improved curriculum, the adoption of sound educational procedures and better training for teachers are all a part of an attempt to raise the standards of the educational program of the church. Church School leaders know that there is no such point as "good enough" in this continuing effort. But there are some factors which are beyond the control of the leaders and the teachers. There is one in particular that, in the nature of the case, takes precedence over the efforts of the church and may well make or break those efforts. We refer to the fact that religious education, in both its formal and informal aspects, begins at home. If the Sunday Church School hour ever is "the most wasted hour of the week" it is so precisely because the attitude of the parents makes it so. In the daily bustle of activity parents so easily forget what they know so well, namely, that they, too, are teachers. They teach not only by word and deed and example but by attitude. If, therefore they take a negative or an indifferent attitude toward it, a good deal of the teaching done in the Church School can predictably be called waste. The best teaching that is done by the church can be cancelled out by an indifferent home. If parents, for example, think it is not important; if they are too busy or too tired to bring little Johnny; if they take no interest in the work he does there; if they have a negative attitude and fear that Sunday Church School represents a wasted hour, then they may be quite sure that it will be wasted. By the same token, however, the poorest teaching can, in a large measure be compen-

sated for by interested and concerned parents. This is Parish Education Month. It is not just a time when the Sunday Church School teachers get to work but it is a time when the entire congregation should be aware of its part in the education of the young. Parents especially should know that what goes on in the Sunday Church School for one hour is not nearly so important in the religious growth of a child as what goes on in the other 167 hours of the week. Seeds that are planted in the home and nourished by the religious education program of the church are seeds that strike root and flourish. But seeds that must be both planted and nourished by the church too often wither and die. It is, therefore, in this Parish Education Month, that we would urge upon parents the necessity of their doing their part in order that there may be no "most wasted hour" in their children's week.

ROUND ONE IS OVER. The church, the women's group, the youth group and the men's group have all been established on the national level. This month we go into round two, a time in which synods and districts and auxiliaries of the church will come into being closer to home. All this means a seemingly endless number of conventions and meetings but these are quite necessary in order that the church may be ready to function properly on January 1. Further, it also means that this is a period of meeting new ideas, new leaders and new people. Some of these ideas and leaders and people will impress us. Others will almost certainly rub us the wrong way. We may be sure that we will have the same effects on those who meet us and our ideas. It must not be concluded, however, that this should be a time for compromise. Organizations may be built on compromise but the church is not. This is a time for self-examination, patience, understanding, a willingness to learn and mutual acceptance. Round one has been fought through successfully by the leaders of the merging churches. Round two is in many respects more critical. It may not be too much to say that the first round determined the shape of the church while the second, which will last far beyond the synodical conventions and district meetings, will determine the spirit of the church. We are hopeful though that, in spite of the many heartaches and "bitter pills" that can be expected, the spirit of the LCA will ultimately be a credit to the Lord of the church.



**"Our job is to encourage and advise them."**

## *Never a Dull Moment*

by: Paul R. Carlson

A pretty American woman tucked a copy of **Greek Made Easy** behind the driver's seat of an antique Jeep and headed for a remote village in Epirus in northern Greece.

Alice Hiteman faced her first hair-raising experience as she threaded her way out of Ioannina, dodging pedestrians, bicycles and sheep, and headed for the narrow, rocky road to the village. In some places, she drove over steep mountainous stretches, wide enough for only one car and unprotected by guardrails.

"The worst moment came when I stalled the car on a steep incline that appeared around a hairpin turn," she recalls. "The emergency brake wouldn't hold and my teenage son, Jim, was croaking advice in his changing adolescent voice."

"But we came through the crisis intact after Jim worked the starter and accelerator, and I manipulated the foot brake and clutch."

Fortunately, not every experience has been as frightening since Alice arrived in Epirus with her husband, Halbert (Bud), and their four adopted children to lend a helping hand to this underdeveloped area — cut off from the rest of the world by the Pindus mountain range, a hostile communist frontier, and the Ionian Sea.

In fact, Bud and Alice Hiteman have found their life work generally pleasant since they left their 325-acre dairy farm in New York's Unadilla Valley and arrived in picturesque Ioannina, founded by the Emperor Justinian almost 1,500 years ago.

In Ioannina, the Hitemans direct the activities of a group of young volunteers from different national and religious backgrounds, who offer their assistance to villagers over a 60-mile radius, and as far north as four kilometers from the Albanian border.

As members of one of the several "teams" maintained under the auspices of the World Council of Churches, the volunteers engage in everything from refugee relief work, to agricultural and technical assistance to feeding hungry children and making layettes for babies.

Often their work takes them into remote areas, accessible only by donkey or by trudging through deep mud for hours.

"The poverty in these villages is really severe," Alice remarked. "I know too well what a hungry child looks like now because I have seen so many of them. They have such big eyes and sharp, small faces."

Bud is likewise staggered by conditions in many villages. "Between one quarter and one half of the babies die before they are a year old in the Lacca

Souli area" he noted. "This has been true for so long that the people have little hope."

What brought the Hitemans to abandon their comfortable life in rural New York to work in this impoverished area, ravished by 40 revolutions and six wars since the Greek struggle for independence in 1821?

"We were interested in the Point Four program and the work being done by Albert Schweitzer and others," Bud explained. "But there was an accumulation of influences over the years."

This isn't the first time that the Hitemans have left their farm in the hands of Kenneth Pugh, a fellow Cornell alumnus, whom they like to refer to as "a silent partner" in their work abroad.

In 1953, they left for Iran where Bud spent two years working in the general agricultural program of the Near East Foundation. While there, he helped to organize a multi-purpose co-op, which provided machinery, co-operative credit and a consumer's store with fixed prices — an innovation previously unheard of in the country.

"The farmers were almost serfs," Bud recalled. "They didn't own their own home or lands. But co-operatively they had marketing strength."

The Hitemans returned to West Winfield in 1954, and Bud worked the farm with Ken Pugh for the next three years. But their determination to lend a helping hand to backward areas of the world still had not been satisfied.

So Bud left the farm in Ken's hands once more and went to work for the Curtiss Breeding Service, hoping that the experience would give him additional knowledge for service overseas. When he left last year, he was in charge of the company's operations in three central New York counties.

Leaving a married daughter behind, the Hitemans then set out for Greece with their three other adopted youngsters — eight-year-old Joey, 14-year-old Honor, and Jim, who is 15.

"It hasn't been the ideal situation because I've had to teach the children myself," ex-schoolmarm Alice related. "But in some ways it's good because you get to know what the children need, and we are closer than we were at home."

Bud considers it one of his main tasks to provide the circumstances under which Team members can display their personal capabilities to the fullest degree. "They are mature enough to be on their own," he commented. "Our job is to encourage and advise them."

However, all of the Team's activities are carried on in close co-operation with the Greek Orthodox Church and governmental agencies. In fact, the Ioannina program was established in 1950 at the invitation of the late Archbishop Spyridon and with the unanimous approval of the Ministries of Agriculture and

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# Church News From Around the World

## BREAK DISARMAMENT IMPASSE WCC COMMITTEE URGES

Paris—The Central Committee of the World Council of Churches has called upon governments to be ready to take risks to break the impasse in disarmament negotiations. It also said they must be in "constant readiness to modify previously held positions in the light of new scientific evidence or political circumstances."

The 100-member policy-making body which represents 197 churches in more than 80 countries, including the USA and the USSR, declared that while "disarmament obviously involves certain risks, yet the continuation or acceleration of the armaments race carries with it a risk far more dangerous and threatening."

"A choice of risk is inescapable and the obligation is to choose that risk which best promises to break the present impasse," the Committee said.

The Central Committee action came in formal unanimous approval of a lengthy statement on international problems submitted by the 15-member Executive Committee of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs (CCIA), a World Council agency. The CCIA Committee which includes church leaders from Eastern and Western Europe, the UK, USA, Asia, Africa, the Far East and Latin America had unanimously adopted the statement during a four-day session held here in early August.

The Committee recommended two specific points at which present positions should be modified.

1. The great powers ought to accept, under international control and verification, a progressively lower level of armaments which would not disturb the equilibrium of power. If this were started, it said, "the trend (would be) virtually as important as the immediate result."

2. Nations should demand only the minimum of verification of tests which is shown to be scientifically necessary. It noted that new scientific discoveries have apparently made it possible for national detection posts to detect tests in the atmosphere, in space, under water and the larger under-ground explosions.

## NATIONWIDE BIBLE TEACHING ON TV

New York, N. Y.—The first nationwide Bible teaching series ever attempted on network television will be sponsored this month by the National Council of Churches in cooperation with NBC-TV's Public Affairs Program Department, it was announced by the Rev. Dr. S. Franklin Mack, executive director of the Council's Broadcasting and Film Commission.

A series of four Sunday programs will use maps, painting, statues and charts to explain and comment on the Book of Acts, in an effort to "make the Scripture relevant to today's world," Dr. Mack said.

The programs will feature the Rev. Dr. Edward W. Bauman of Washington, D. C., a university professor and Methodist minister who has enjoyed "great

popularity as teacher of a television Bible course in the Washington area for several years," Dr. Mack said.

Scheduled to begin on September 9, the series will continue throughout the month from 1:30 to 2 p. m. (EDT), on NBC-TV's regular Sunday Religious Program — known as "Frontiers of Faith" when produced under Protestant sponsorship.

The September series, entitled "When the Church Was Young," will be the first of several groups of broadcasts which will comprise a long-term series called "The Living Bible in Today's World." The second group of lectures by Dr. Bauman, scheduled for network presentation early in 1963, will include 12 programs based on the Gospel of Luke.

## NLC AND MISSOURI SYNOD AGREE TO COORDINATE MINISTRY IN INSTITUTIONS

New York — (NLC) — National Lutheran Council participating churches and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have agreed to coordinate their pastoral ministries in institutions.

All NLC bodies and the Missouri Synod have now ratified an agreement that will establish a "consulting committee" to coordinate Lutheran pastoral activities in health, welfare and correctional institutions.

The joint ministry has been planned to coordinate and improve services to institutionalized Lutherans who, "because of circumstances, illness and other factors, require services which cannot readily be rendered by the parish pastor."

"We look forward to a cordial and effective partnership in the work," said Dr. Paul C. Empie, NLC executive director. "A coordinated Lutheran approach to this ministry will eliminate duplication of effort and erase the impression that different branches of our Church are in competition with each other."

## CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE POST GOES TO ILLINOIS CLERGYMAN

New York—(PRT)—The Executive Council of the new Lutheran Church in America elected the Rev. Ralph Edgar Eckard, Glen Ellyn, Ill., to a six-year term as administrative assistant to President Franklin Clark Fry.

Pastor Eckard, who currently is stewardship secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America's Illinois Synod, will assume his new duties October 15. He was nominated for the position by Dr. Fry.

A native of North Carolina, the Rev. Mr. Eckard is a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, N. C., and Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary.

After he was ordained by the United Lutheran Church's North Carolina Synod in 1950, he served pastorates in Iowa, Missouri and Illinois, before becoming stewardship secretary of the Illinois Synod.

He served as vice president of the Iowa Synod from 1954 to 1956 and as president of the Southern Conference of the Illinois Synod from 1958 to 1960, and from 1960 as a member of the board of directors of the Chicago Seminary. He has been serving as



chairman of the Illinois regional Joint Commission on Lutheran Unity.

Pastor Eckard, his wife, the former Betty Jane Froehlich, and three daughters, plan to make their home in the New York metropolitan area.

## TWO LAYMEN ELECTED TO CHURCH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

New York—(PRT)—Two nationally known Lutheran laymen today were elected as members of the Executive Council of the new 3,200,000-member Lutheran Church in America.

They are John C. Korn, Rutherford, N. J., former secretary of the New York Stock Exchange, and Aubrey J. Wagner, Knoxville, Tenn., chairman and former general manager of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

They were elected to four-year terms by the LCA's Executive Council, to fill two lay vacancies on the membership of the church's 33-member governing board.

Dr. H. Torrey Walker, Philadelphia, resigned his membership on the council following his election as executive secretary of the Board of Publication of the new church. Dr. Otto K. Jensen, Indianapolis, Ind., died July 23, following a heart attack.

Mr. Korn, a stock broker, is a partner in the Wall Street firm of Hecker & Co. He is a former president of the Lutheran Society of New York.

Mr. Wagner, an engineer, has been with the Tennessee Valley Authority since 1934. He served as general manager from 1954 to 1961. And has been a director since 1961.

## CONFERENCE WILL PROBE LUTHERAN RURAL NEEDS

Chicago—(NLC)—A conference to probe the effect of socio-economic changes in rural America and discuss the ways the Lutheran Church can adjust to meet needs of its many town and country congregations in the Upper Midwest is scheduled September 19-21 at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

Called a "Mid-America Workshop" and arranged by the Town and Country Department of the National Lutheran Council's Division of American Missions, the conference will study an area including all of Iowa and parts of the surrounding states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota.

"A church must view its responsibility against the background of educational institutions, civic groups and governmental institutions," said Dr. E. W. Mueller, town and country department secretary in announcing the workshop.

He said the meeting would feature presentations on a variety of economic, sociological and theological subjects "by resource persons from varying professional backgrounds and assignments to analyze and discuss what is happening in our town and country communities."

The program has been arranged, he said, in consultation with Iowa State University and the U. S. Department of Agriculture program relationships department.

Key presentations will include:

"Values and Beliefs that Guide People in their Decision Making," by Dr. Kent Knutson, director of graduate studies, Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., and Prof. Louis Almen, department of religion, Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill.

"An Economist's Appraisal of the Role Values and Beliefs Play in our Town and Country Planning," by Dr. J. M. Brewster, head of farm-size and resource requirements investigations, Economic Research Service, USDA, Washington, D. C.

"Commercial Farming," by Dr. R. J. Hildreth, assistant managing director, Farm Foundation, Chicago.

"The Future Role of Labor and Industrial Development in Mid-America," by Mr. Adolph Berger, regional director, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, Chicago.

"An Intensive Look at the Small Town," Dr. Wallace Ogg, extension economist, Iowa State University.

"The Family-Opportunities and Resources for Richer Living," Dr. William F. Kenkel, professor in charge of sociology, Iowa State University.

The second day of the conference will be devoted to workshop sessions to discuss the presentations and explore the role of the Church in community development.

Governor Frank Morrison of Nebraska will be the main speaker at the conference banquet. He will be introduced by Governor Norman Erbe of Iowa.

The conference is expected to draw a large attendance by Lutheran leaders and town and country committee members, Dr. Mueller said. He pointed out that the sessions also are open to the general public.

## DR. DAHL LEAVES PRESIDENCY OF CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Thousand Oaks, Calif.—(NLC)—Dr. Orville Dahl has resigned as president of California Lutheran College here but has acceded to the Board of Regent's request to remain in the office until January 1, 1963.

In its official resolution accepting the resignation, the board expressed "its deepest gratitude to Dr. Dahl for the selfless devotion evidenced during the past six years" in "his outstanding work at CLC and in the founding of a fine liberal arts college." The board asked that Dr. Dahl continue to serve the college as consultant in development and planning.

Dr. Dahl, executive director of higher education for the old Evangelical Lutheran Church from 1951 to 1956, began full scale development of the college here late in 1956 as educational consultant. He conceived the idea of the California Lutheran Educational Foundation or CLEF, which became the parent organization that led to the founding of the college.

Dr. Dahl was elected president of CLEF when it was incorporated in July of 1957 and late in 1959 was named president of the college, jointly operated by the American Lutheran Church, Augustana Lutheran Church and United Lutheran Church in America.

When questioned about his future plans, Dr. Dahl stated it was his hope to establish a counseling office in California, preferably in the Los Angeles area, and serve institutions in master planning, development and organization.



## RELIGION EDITOR HEADS NEWS OFFICE OF THE ALC

Minneapolis, Minn. — (NLC) — The Rev. Lester F. Heins, fulltime religion editor of the Toledo (Ohio) Blade for the past six years, has been named director of the Department of Public Information of the American Lutheran Church.

The appointment of Mr. Heins, a pastor of the ALC, was announced here by Dr. Norman A. Menter of Berkley, Mich., the denomination's vice president and chairman of its public relations committee.

Mr. Heins assumed his duties on August 1 as successor to Howard Sandum, who resigned early this year to become assistant religious books editor for the Macmillan Company in New York City. Mr. Sandum had held the post since the ALC was established January 1, 1961, by merger of the former Evangelical Lutheran Church, the old ALC and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

## LUTHERAN SERVICE CENTER TO BE OPENED IN COLORADO

Washington, D. C.—(NLC)—A new Lutheran service center will open at Colorado Springs, Colo., it was announced here.

Dr. Carl F. Yaeger and Chaplain Raymond C. Hohenstein, associate executive secretaries of the Lutheran Service Commission, said that a lease has been signed for rental of a choice downtown location in Colorado Springs. The center will be housed on the second floor of a building at 222 East Pike's Peak Avenue.

This is the first time the LSC, a joint agency of the National Lutheran Council and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, has established a service center in this Colorado city. It is expected to open in September.

The administrators reported that the Lutheran Service Commission is presently maintaining 20 service centers and aiding 23 congregations with financial support to provide special programs and activities for military personnel.

## LUTHERAN EDITORS-MANAGERS SCHEDULE ANNUAL MEETING

Philadelphia, Pa. — (NLC) — The annual meeting of the National Lutheran Editors' and Managers' Association has been scheduled for September 26-27, one week later than originally planned.

Dr. Albert P. Stauderman, president of the editors' section of the organization, said the meeting dates were changed because of a conflict with the opening of Augustana College at Rock Island, Ill.

Convention sessions will be held at Augustana Book Concern headquarters in Rock Island and at the LeClaire Hotel in neighboring Moline, Ill. Dr. Victor Beck, book editor with the Augustana publishing house, is program chairman.

Dr. Stauderman of Philadelphia, is associate editor of The Lutheran, weekly news magazine of the United Lutheran Church in America. The president of the managers' section of the association is Daniel Nystrom, Jr., of Rock Island, Ill., sales manager of Augustana Book Concern.

## OUR CHURCH

**Omaha, Nebraska:** Pastor W. Clayton Nielsen of Central Lutheran here has been named convention chaplain for the Nebraska Synod Constituting Convention at Fremont, September 20-21. Pastor Nielsen and his family have just moved into the new parsonage purchased by the Omaha congregation. The parsonage is located in the area where it is planned to build the new relocated church. **The address is: 6404 North 62nd Avenue, Omaha 4, Nebraska.**

**Nysted, Nebraska:** Pastor Holger Strandskov was guest pastor here on Sunday, August 19, at which time he confirmed a class of six girls and two boys. The class had been prepared for confirmation by student Pastor Don Williams, of the seminary at Maywood. Pastor Williams preached on the 19th after which he and his wife left for visits to their parental homes in New England before returning to Maywood.

## Glimpses From a Visit in Israel

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cotton, fruit orchards and vegetable gardens.

We met with the leader of this commune in a shady grove of date palms, the tallest and largest any of us had ever seen. And they were loaded down with immense clusters of huge meaty dates. He told us that the annual income of the commune was about one million dollars. Families have each their own adequate home. Each member has all his needs supplied: food, clothing, medical care and other necessities, as well as radio and an annual travel allowance of fifty dollars. Here was true Communism in practice: a system of the people, by the people and for the people, without any dictatorial control from the top.

One member of this Kibbutz holds the honored position of Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, the Parliament of Israel. He belongs to the Right Wing Socialist party.

There are also the Cooperative Settlements known as the Moshavim, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Labor, Histadrut. These have 319 villages with more than 102,000 members, compared with 230 Kibbutzim with 83,000 members.

Each member in the Moshav has his own plot of fifteen to twenty acres of land and its private income. Purchasing of supplies, use of equipment and marketing of products are cooperative. This arrangement, we were told, is much favored with young couples and new immigrants. As in Russia, Israel has practically no youth delinquency problem.

After a last half day of shopping in the markets and gift shops in Tel Aviv, we were ready for the afternoon departure for Paris, the next stop on our itinerary. We naturally wondered what new adven-

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tures would meet us there. As to our sojourn in Israel and Jordan, we all agreed that it had been of deeper significance than any of us had expected.

As for myself, the Bible Land of my childhood and the Man of Nazareth and Galilee, whose presence there made this the most sacred place on earth, to a large segment of humanity, had now become even more real to me.

## 70th Anniversary at Waterloo, Iowa

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the early Danes grew into reality! Today St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church has a membership of 906 baptized members.

Sunday, August 5, marked the 70th Anniversary of St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church. No doubt this occasion stirred fond memories of the early church in the minds of the older members of the congregation, and stimulated the hopes and dreams of the present congregation as they look to the next seventy years.

In commemorating the 70th Anniversary, English services were held at 9 a. m., on Sunday, August 5, with the Rev. Arnold Tiemeyer preaching. New members were received into the congregation at this service. All Sunday school members met in the Nave with the Rev. Tiemeyer speaking on the history of the Christian church, and on the history of St. Ansgar's Lutheran church. He also showed items of historic interest to the youth of the congregation.

Rev. Ottar Jorgensen, former pastor of St. Ansgar's Lutheran church spoke at the 11 a. m. all-Danish service. Following the Danish service, the congregation gathered on the church lawn for their annual church picnic.

A display of articles of historic interest was placed in the church parlors throughout the day. Pastors from the neighboring churches were invited to join with St. Ansgar's in celebrating their 70th Anniversary.

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Welfare. In the midst of poverty, apathy born out of wars and revolutions, and the reluctance to try new methods, the Team has learned that it is first necessary to establish confidence among the villagers. Even then, modern methods have to be introduced in line with the current Greek saying, "Sigah, sigah"—"Slowly, slowly."

One of the first Team undertakings is still talked about in the Ponticates area. While everyone insisted it was a dangerous and impossible task, the Team succeeded in clearing an ancient Turkish drainage tunnel which had been clogged for years, reducing a fertile valley into a non-productive swampland. The drainage enabled the Team to establish an experimental farm on 200 acres of fertile land. Hybrid seeds and fertilizers were introduced and crop rotation was demonstrated. After three years, the land was returned to the villagers, and today it is farmed co-operatively.

Another successful enterprise has been the establishment of the "Ioannina broiler," program, supervised by Paul Harnish, a young poultry expert from Lancaster, Pa.

When it was first launched with few wings and a prayer in 1953, Harnish related, the Team tried to give away three-week-old chicks, but there were few takers because the people are sceptical of trying something new.

This situation has changed dramatically. Today, there are more than 150 villagers who have more than 100 birds in their flocks, and another 300 who raise 50 or more at a time.

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to produce 60,000 broilers which are expected to produce \$30,000 in added income for the raisers," Harnish predicted. "In addition, about \$8,000 more will go to truckers, retailers, and others involved in the program."

The "Ioannina broilers" are becoming so popular that they are now being shipped as far south as Athens and to such well-known tourist spots as Corfu. In addition, local marketing authorities permit grade A restaurants to charge one drachma—about three cents—more a plate if they serve the new "kotopoulo" instead of the tough, scrawny native birds.

While government agricultural specialists were at first sceptical that the project would succeed, they are now urging the Team to expand the program, and the Greek Agricultural Bank is granting loans to villagers who want to build new poultry houses, and purchase broilers and feed.

Bud Hiteman is now helping villagers to get started raising sturdy brown Swiss cattle, which have been sent to Epirus under the Heifer Project in the United States or by other organizations in Europe.

Team members also help villagers tackle scores of other agricultural projects. In addition, they are called upon to treat anything from ringworm to dog bites. On other occasions, they present demonstrations on canning, mattress-making or pruning. Even the slightest progress has brought the volunteers a sense of personal satisfaction.

The Team has established a day nursery for the children of Albanian refugees, and has assisted in the resettlement of the refugees themselves. One volunteer works directly with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in granting loans to the displaced, enabling them to start life anew.

Sometimes their work brings mixed emotions. Such was the case when the Team first launched its food distribution program for school children. The sight of the tragically thin youngsters led Alice to remark, "You come home at night and can't eat your own supper."

But there is a glow in their eyes when the Hitemans talk of their work directing the activities of the Ioannina Team in remote, impoverished Epirus, 5,000 miles from West Winfield, New York.

"I can remember praying when I was very young that my life would never be boring," confided Alice. "It certainly hasn't!"

## A Reminder

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Education Series will be "Helping Children Know the Bible." It has as its purpose, "To help the leader better understand the Bible and to show him how to help his pupils understand it. It sets forth the place of the Bible in Christian education....the historic development of the Bible....the Bible's revelation of God to man and how best to teach this to specific age groups."

This course will not be a series of Bible lectures, it need not even be taught by the Pastor. The Teacher's Manual declares, "The teacher's job is to help organize the leadership class sessions, help begin discussions as necessary, keep discussions from getting far afield or too animated. His job is to see that all class members participate and that each gets 'equal time'."

The course is set up for six sessions of two hours each, although this may be adapted to suit local situations. It is the writer's opinion that this is the minimum time and that the pupils will have to spend a minimum of two hours outside study for each hour of class. The undersigned also thinks that you will find these the best hours of your week. The preparation is to be done outside of the class room sessions and consists of study of the pupil's book, Bible reading, and relating this to the teaching situation. The class room sessions will be living and meaningful only as each pupil has prepared himself and is willing to share his insights.

Courses will be taught each spring and fall with one course leading to the next. The sequence is "Helping Children Know the Bible," "Before You Teach Children," and "Helping Children Know Doctrine" with parallel courses for those who teach youth and adults.

A separate course and the only one adaptable for use in adult Sunday classes is "Our New Church." It is the story of the Lutheran Church in America, and should be of interest to every member.

This training program should be a big boost in the recruiting of teachers and should eliminate the ancient excuse, "I'd teach but I'm not qualified."

Your pastor and one other person received a "Manual for Leadership Education" which outlines the whole leadership education program. This manual is available from your Lutheran Church Supply Store at 25c each.

## Fellowship Meeting in Minneapolis

St Peder's Lutheran congregation of Minneapolis will be host to a fellowship meeting on October 12-14. Congregations of District Five and the neighboring congregations in Minnesota at Ruthton, Diamond Lake and Tyler are cordially invited to participate in this meeting of lectures, discussions, singing and worship. A complete program will appear in the next issue of LUTHERAN TIDINGS.

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