

Christ the Lord of Life



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TWELVE CANADIAN PASTORS SERVED AS COMMUNION CELEBRANTS
Youth Director Bergstrand delivered the message and Dr. Thorsten A. Gustafson was liturgist.

"Thou Hast Opened the Windows of Heaven"

Prayer offered by the Rev. L. C. Tengbom, pastor of First Lutheran Church of Calgary, at the closing prayer and praise service.

Our gracious heavenly Father,
 Our hearts are filled with exultant praise and humble thanks
 tonight.

We would re-echo the words of the Psalmist:
 "Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and all that is within me,
 bless His holy name."

Thou hast opened the windows of heaven
 and poured out upon us rich spiritual blessings.
 Thou hast far surpassed our ardent hopes and desires.

Ours has been the privilege
 to study and learn. We thank Thee, Lord.
 Ours has been the privilege
 to make new friends and to renew acquaintances. We thank
 Thee, Lord.

Ours has been the privilege
 to witness in our daily lives to the people of this city. We
 thank Thee, Lord.

We thank Thee, Lord,
 for our youth leaders.
 We thank Thee
 for willing hands and hearts that have served in the prepara-
 tions and planning
 and during this convention

We thank Thee
 for our discussion leaders at this conference.
 We thank Thee
 for the riches of Thy Word.
 We thank Thee
 for widening our horizons
 and showing us the need in many areas of life hitherto little
 thought of.

Forgive us, gracious Lord,
 for any unwillingness and reluctance on our part
 to permit Thee to be the Lord of our lives.
 Forgive us
 for the lack of concern for the welfare of other souls.
 Forgive us
 for any careless attitudes.

Lord God, be Thou, we pray
 the Lord of our lives.
 Reign
 as the mighty, conquering King in our hearts.

Help us
 to yield ourselves—our all—to Thee.
 Help us
 to bear a good witness to our faith.

Encompass us
 with Thy strong, protecting arms as we wend our way
 ward.

Make us
 as a clear, clean glass
 through which others will see Thee, the Lord of life,
 in all Thy
 beauty
 and holiness
 and love.

To Him who sits upon the throne
 and to the Lamb
 be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever
 Amen.



The "Calvary" of Calgary



A Guest Editorial

By Richard J. Binge

Vice-president, Board of Youth Activities

"Let Calgary be a Calvary!" was the youth director's plea at the Thursday evening inspirational service of the 16th International Lutheran Youth Conference of the Augustana Luther League held in Calgary, Alberta, June 29-July 3. And, indeed, Calgary became a "Calvary." Time and time again speakers confused the two, referring to the "Calvary Youth Conference." Perhaps, however, they were not as wrong as it seemed. The Calgary Youth Conference proved to be a "Calvary."

Calgary was a unique conference. For the first time in the history of our Church an international convention was held in Canada. The Canadians were gracious hosts. "Never before have we been so cordially received," said one of our youth leaders in speaking of the management of the Palliser Hotel where all the council meetings of the A.L.L. and the enthusiastic evening singspirations were held. Moreover, it was an additional pleasure to join with our brethren from "across the border" to observe their annual Dominion Day, July 1, and to sing in honor of this festival day the glorious strains of "God Save the Queen!"

Calgary was unique also in that it was the first "older youth" conference of the Augustana Luther League. Registrations were limited so that, outside of 750 high-school seniors, all the delegates were of post-high school age. The program emphasized the place of older youth and young adults in the Church. Well might it have done so when we realize that the "Tween-agers," as Time magazine refers to them, are the greatest unchurched group in America today.

Foremost, however, Calgary was a deep, spiritual experience. Calgary will not be remembered to hundreds of Augustana youth merely as a beautiful, progressive, Canadian city of "western hospitality," nor as a resort place for fun-loving youth. It will be remembered as a "Calvary."

Youth came with indecisions and found the decisive Christ. They came with doubts and found faith. They came confused and found singleness of purpose. Symbolic of the spirit of Calgary was the transformation of Mewata Armory where all the main services were held. Just hours before the conference began huge cannons were wheeled from the armory floor, the marching feet of military boots were silenced. The Canadian "pentagon" turned over the armory facili-

ties to another army—an army of Christian youth, "Soldiers of the Cross."

A brilliant lighted cross became the focal point of interest on the stage. The Word of God, "sharper than any two-edged sword," became the weapon with which to withstand the enemy. The marching feet in the armory were those of Augustana youth "shod with the Gospel of peace," swiftly moving in and out for sessions morning, afternoon, and evening. Blazed across the velvet backdrop of the armory stage was the name of the Five-Scarred General of this Christian army of youth and the theme for the conference, "Christ, the Lord of Life!"

Lest some would think that our youth conferences rely upon clever engineering and the dramatic flair to capture the imagination of its adherents, let us point out that **Calgary's program was "solid."** The Word and the Sacraments were central. Calgary featured great Lutheran preaching. Time and again, Bible-based and Christ-centered messages sounded the glorious note of Calvary in unmistakable terms. Every message was direct, personal, filled with the Spirit.

On Sunday morning a beautiful communion service was sponsored by First Lutheran Church of Calgary. What a sight it was to witness the army of Christian youth marching silently, swiftly to the altar, kneeling in penitent devotion to receive the broken body and the shed blood of our Lord. Appropriately, the host celebrants were twelve of our Canadian pastors, the missionary heroes of our American Church.

The outstanding program feature that added strength and stature to Calgary's convention was its practical "workshop." The five-day convention was packed morning and afternoon with 57 separate discussion hours. A full hour and a half was given to many topics. Most impressive of all was the generous place that youth themselves occupied in the discussion hours. In fact, this could well be the unique witness of Calgary. Youth spoke to youth! More than one-fourth of the Calgary delegation had some specific assignment on the convention program.

The major share of this participation took place within the discussion hours as youth served either as moderators or participants. That they wrestled with pertinent problems can be readily understood when we note that they discussed such topics as "Lutheranism and Rome," "Moral Standards and Everyday Life," "Understanding Myself," "Christianizing My

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Christ was exalted at
Calgary. Two thousand
youth honored the Saviour.

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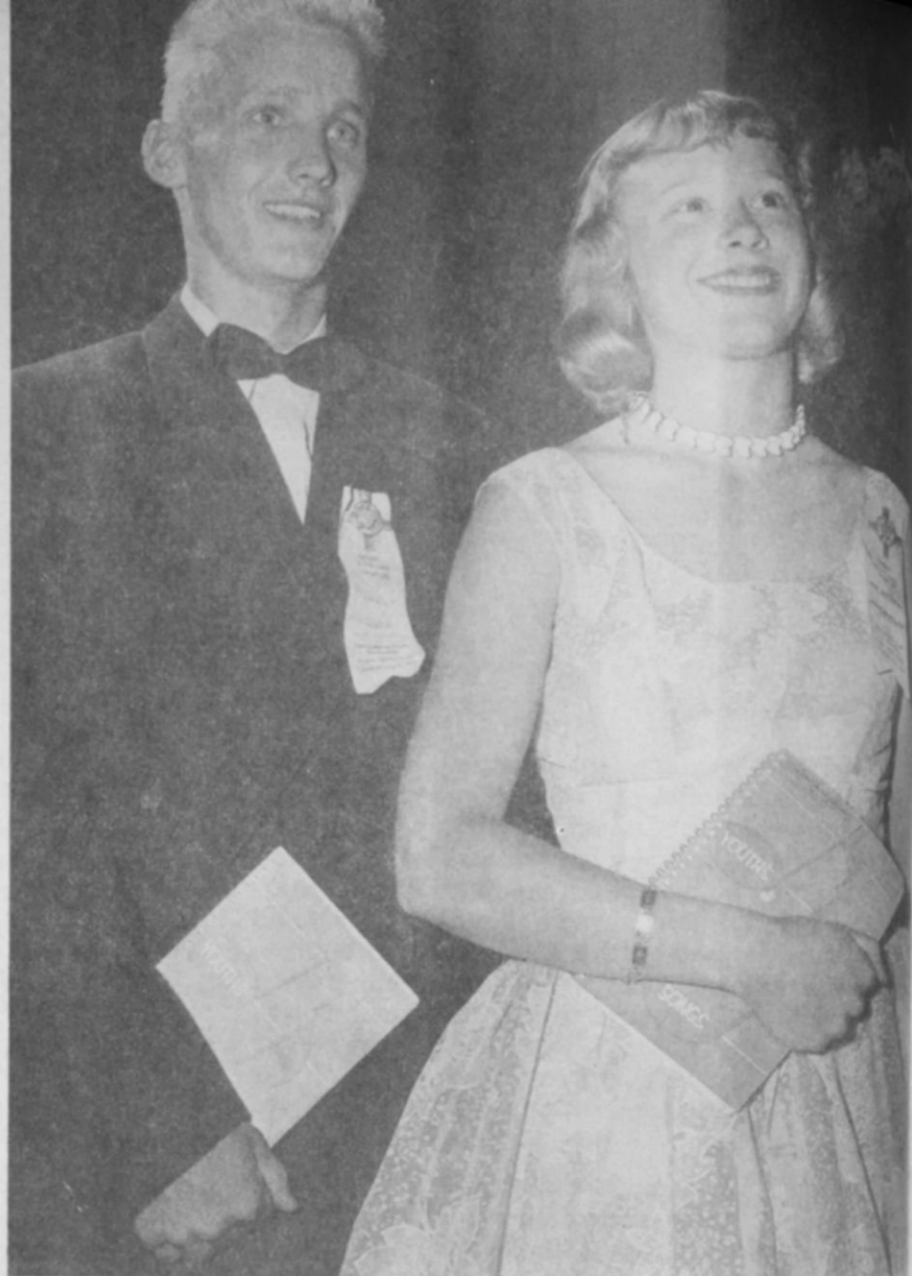
MEETING north of the border for the first time in its history, the Augustana Luther League developed something of an international consciousness as 2,000 older youth and young adults from 35 states of the union and five provinces of Canada, as well as representatives from Augustana mission fields, came together in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, for its 16th International Lutheran Youth Conference.

The main sessions, which began on Wednesday afternoon, June 29, and concluded Sunday evening, July 3, were held in the Mewata Armories, with discussion groups fanning out each morning and afternoon to near-by Mount Royal College and churches.

From Armory to Sanctuary

The main armory was transformed into a worship center surpassing the committee's dreams. More than 2,500 chairs had replaced the guns and machines of war on the scarred floor.

At the east end of the building a platform had been constructed which became the focal point of the vast interior. The 12-foot free standing, lighted cross, which had been at the Colorado Springs and Boston conventions, was central on the stage against a background of dark blue velvet on which the convention theme, "Christ, the Lord of Life" was inscribed in bold Cloister-face silver letters. Gold colored curtains framed each side of the platform, and the thirteen Conference Luther League flags flanked the stage, six on one side and seven on the other, against a background of lighter blue velvet curtains.



LEAGUERS WITH A BADGE AND A BOOK

Hugh Olson, Stockholm, Saskatchewan, and Lois Gustafson, West Orange, New Jersey, were typical of the 2,000 youth at Calgary.

"Christ, the

On the front of the speaker's stand was a large Luther emblem in bright colors. Red, white and blue banners and Canadian flags hung from the ceiling.

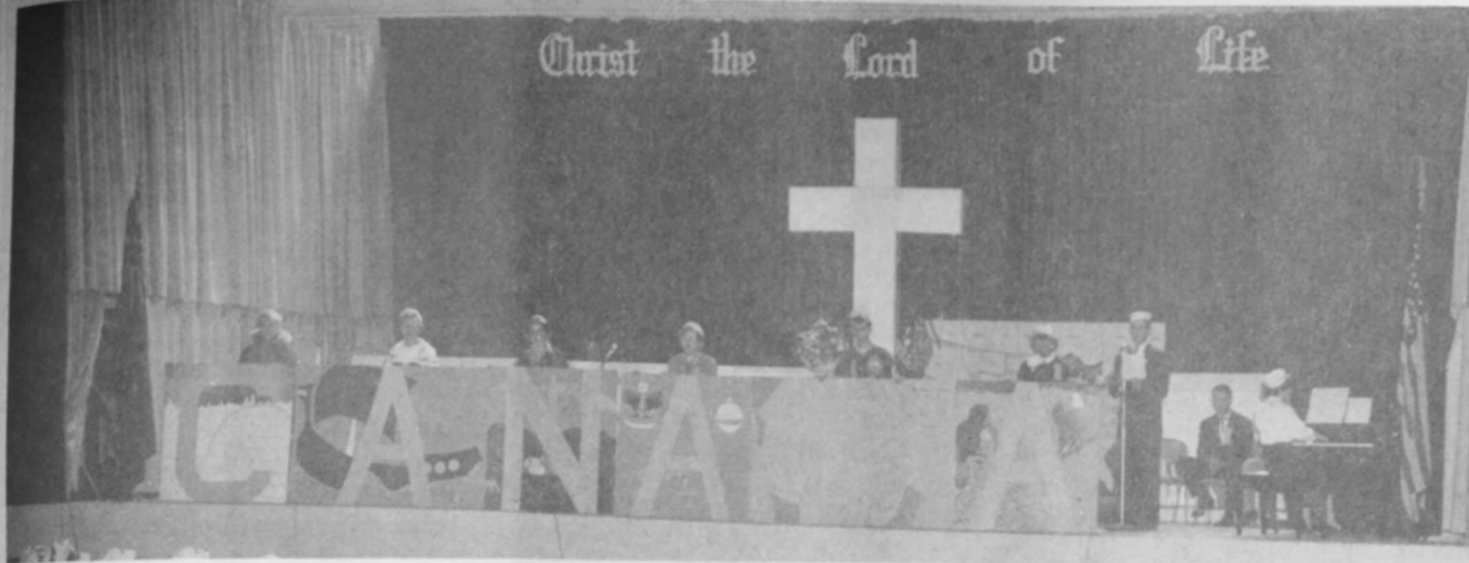
But like life itself the traces of war could not be entirely erased at this youth convention. On the sides of the armory huge blaring signs invited men to join up with the Garrison Soldiers Gems, the Calvary Highlanders and the King's Own Calvary Regiment. Not to be outdone, the Luther League had hung its own invitations in bold blue and gold lettering: "A Growing Church Needs a Growing Youth Program" and "All for CHRIST for All."

Armory Symbolized Life

And perhaps as the older youth and young adults gathered for their sessions they could not help but realize that the armory somewhat symbolized their lives. Some had recently returned from their tour of duty in the armed services and others were reluctantly looking forward to it. Whenever and wherever they went, the fangs of war were close at hand. But with Christ, the Lord of their lives, all things would work together for good.

"Jesus Christ is the Lord of this conference from the opening session to the closing service, . . . from the first letter

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CANADA'S WELCOME TO THE DELEGATION

Edmonton Leaguers spelled out the reasons why they were happy to greet the youth from the United States.



"A" STANDS FOR "ATTENDANCE"

From morning until night the Calgary armory was filled to capacity with eager, alert, attentive Leaguers.

Lord of Life!"

of the alphabet to the last," said Pastor Carl L. Manfred, associate youth director, in his orientation message on Wednesday afternoon when all the delegates in gay and saucy hats were seated behind their Conference signs. And down the alphabet he went—from "A" for attendance to "Z" for noises emanating from sleeping Leaguers—enumerating, listing and advising how to make the most of the conference, and pointing out the acts of graciousness that had been planned to make it a memorable one.

"Although there is to be no parade at this convention," Pastor Manfred stated,

"every moment of every day we'll be on parade. Bow your heads before eating no matter where you are. Obey the laws of the city, even when it comes to refraining from jay walking. Somewhere a soul in Calgary is going to be won on the strength of a Christian youth's witness that Christ is everywhere present. He is the Lord of the conference."

A Prayer for Calgary

Pastor Alfred B. Sander, president of the Canada Conference Luther League, was chairman of the opening session. The entire delegation joined in the prayer for the convention led by Pas-

tor Hugo Anderson, chairman of the Calgary Prayer Committee. It was a beautiful prayer, thanking God for His graciousness in leading the delegates over so many miles and asking for His guidance at Calgary. Pastor Carl B. Anderson, president of the California Conference Luther League, was the official song leader of the convention. He opened the service with the hymn singing, which became such an outstanding part of every service. Such songs as *Come, Thou Almighty King*, *Open Mine Eyes*, and *Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult*, re-echoed through the brick walls of the old armory.

A Portrayal of Canada



ASSOCIATE YOUTH DIRECTOR

Pastor Carl L. Manfred gave the opening orientation address.



GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Marguerite Flood of Calgary supervised the work of the local conference committees.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. George Aus of St. Paul's Luther Seminary (center) with Dr. Bergstrand and Mayor Mackay of Calgary.

It was a clever skit that Pastor Donald Sjoberg and his Edmonton Luther Leaguers had toiled over to welcome the Leaguers. No artists among them, they got all the paint to be had in the congregation, and drew and painted six posters, approximately five by five feet. Pastor Sjoberg had authored a narration to go with each poster. By the time the skit was over, there was not a Leaguer who didn't know how Canada was spelled, how it came to be, who settled the country, what were its products and what the nation stood for.

As the last Edmonton Leaguer ambled out with the final "A" in "Canada," *God Bless America* was played and Pastor Sjoberg intoned: "In Canada the final 'A' would stand for America—not one nation but two. America means the great neighborly nation to our South, strong and free. . . . So we have come together for a common purpose. May you feel a warm welcome to our land. May you find something here to enrich your life because you visited us." The vast audience stood as a salute to the two great nations they represented.

Gordon J. Storaasli, the beloved prexy of the Augustana Luther League for the past four years, called roll of the Conferences. As each group stood, he questioned: "Does the — Conference proclaim Christ the Lord of Life?" The Conference president seated on the stage went to the microphone and with his delegates responded in unison: "We proclaim Christ the Lord of Life," after which he placed a replica of his Conference on a huge map of North America.

Three Honeymoon Couples

For a bit of humor, Mr. Storaasli asked the Murphys, the O'Briens, the Nelsons, the Andersons, Johnsons and honeymooners to stand, and interspersed with the many Scandinavian names there were a few Irish, and three honeymooning couples, Pastor and Mrs. Norman Nelson of Chicago, Illinois, Pastor and Mrs. Paul Gustafson of Ortonville, Minnesota, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Conrad of Sioux City, Iowa. Pastor G. Uno Lundmark of Winnipeg, Manitoba, with prayer and the benediction brought the first session to a close, and all the delegates left the armory in good spirits, feeling that the mood had been set for the rest of the conference days.

Those taking part in the Wednesday evening keynote service looked out on a packed armory before them. Pastor Otto Olson, Jr., president of the Canada Conference, gave the official welcome from his Conference. Miss Marguerite Flood, general chairman of

the convention from Calgary, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the youth conference committees, and His Worship, Donald H. Mackay, mayor of Calgary, officially welcomed the delegates to his great city. His speech was mixed with humor, admiration, history and sermonizing. He pleaded that youth learn self mastery, work for what they get, and take back a message of good will and appreciation to the United States. "We as Canadians are really your younger brothers, and we must show the world that good people can live together."

Nine Leaguers from Salina, Kansas, all reading in unison, gave the Scripture and prayer from Jeremiah 1:4-10.

A Professor They Understood

"He was one professor I could understand," said a Leaguer as she walked down the armory ramp after the service. "He spoke in clear, simple, straightforward terms." And Dr. George Aus, professor at Luther Theological Seminary of St. Paul, Minnesota, did touch the young people that night at the opening service. A lover of youth, he spoke on the convention theme, "Christ, the Lord of Life."

"A Christian," he said, "is one who lives together with Christ. Christianity is a personal relationship. Jesus Christ is a living Person. Because it is a personal relationship, Christianity is rooted in personal knowledge and needs to be renewed." He pleaded with the Leaguers to keep in touch with God by reading their Bible and by prayer to remove barriers by asking daily for forgiveness of sins, and to live with Christ in every walk of life.

The crowded armory was dismissed with prayer and benediction by Pastor Amos Lundquist of South St. Paul, Minnesota, after which the delegates participated in a glorious singspiration at the Palliser Hotel, a service of song that touched the hearts not only of the Leaguers but of many hotel employees and guests.

Each day began with "morning watch" in the Leaguers' rooms. In the convention program was a suggested outline: a call to worship, Scripture, and prayer thoughts. The 8:45 worship time at the armory was conducted entirely by Leaguers. Youth speakers were William Bahe of Chicago; John Fisher of Houtzdale, Pa., and John Kjellson of Manchester, Conn., whose topics were "Christ the Lord of My League;" "My Church," and "My Life."

Rain Did Not Stop Them

The Rev. Theodore E. Johnson, president of Luther Junior College and Academy, Wahoo, Nebraska, presented three unusual Bible studies and

even the cold rain could keep the Leaguers away from these personalized Bible periods.

Speaking in the first person, Pastor Johnson dramatized the lives of Philip, the layman; Paul, the preacher, and Lydia, the first Christian business woman. He described their background, their way of teaching, evangelizing and preaching, and then as if speaking directly to the youth of today, he had them tell the Leaguers what they would do now if they were here to proclaim "Christ, the Lord of Life."

"Telling the good news to individuals," Philip said, "was the high and rare privilege which was mine so many years ago. . . . Blessed is the man who has learned to obey God, for to obey is better than to sacrifice."

He Preached Christ Crucified

Speaking in particular to pastors on Friday morning Paul stated: "No other person influenced Christianity as much as I, it is said. I turned the world upside down. I am a Christ-conquered Jew who miraculously increased the moral stature of the race, but I only did it by declaring Christ crucified. . . . My message aroused storm and opposition. In court I was tempted to close my mouth.

"Anyone can talk or preach Christ, but no one can preach Christ crucified unless he has Christ in his heart. . . . Christ crucified is a revelation of the holiness of God. . . . The worst character can be made into a saint of paradise."

Lydia spoke to the women of this modern age. The first convert to Christ in Europe, Lydia had a home but was not primarily a homemaker. She was engaged in commerce, she was a woman of business, but success and riches had not spoiled her.

"There is no bigger asset in the Church today than the business or professional woman who enthrones Christ

OH, MY ACHING BACK!

The men of Calgary's First Lutheran Church picked up a total of 2,450 folding chairs from four different sources, trucked them to the Calgary armory, and set them up just in time for the opening Youth Conference session on Wednesday afternoon. The following Monday they were back again—to pick up the chairs and return them to their proper places. The men also constructed the stage on the armory floor. It was 40 feet by 20 feet, 4 feet high—large enough to hold well over 100 people at a time, plus an organ, speaker, piano, and lectern.

as the Lord of her life. Live by the light, wisdom, understanding that you have received, and God will give you greater light, wisdom and understanding. . . . Don't despise the day of small beginnings, of small things. You never know when the insignificant is going to become the great thing in your life, an abundant harvest. Even such a thing as teaching a small Sunday school class may prove to be the beginning of a revolution for good."

Ferdy Baglo, who is spending a year of seminary internship in Saskatoon, was the romantic-looking "Royal Canadian Mountie" who gave news and announcements between the Bible study and Feature Time.

Morning Feature Time

Featured for a half hour each morning was some phase of Augustana youth work. On Thursday, Gordon J. Storaasli conducted a typical day's session of the executive committee of the Augustana Lutheran League Council. To make it seem very typical of most com-

mittee meetings, the vice-president, Pastor N. Eugene Larson, sauntered in late.

The eight members discussed the problems and resolutions in making plans for the spiritual life of the 35,000 members of the Augustana Lutheran League. It commended the growing trend of Youth Sunday observances in congregations and resolved to put forth every effort to realize the 1956 Fellowship Offering goal. It presented the opportunities for evangelism of youth in the 75 Bible camps of the Church, the work of the devotional secretary in local Leagues, and the place of the District Leagues in establishing and developing new Leagues. It reported that 35,000 copies of *Youth's Favorite Songs* and *Youth's Favorite Poems* have been published, and hoped that they would be included on the reading list of church libraries.

The daily discussion periods which proved so popular followed the feature hour each morning. They are reviewed elsewhere in this issue.

Vocational Guidance Book

A new book was dedicated at an unusual ceremony at the Friday morning Feature Hour. A huge 7-foot replica of the book *Adventuring with Christ in the Church Staff Vocations* was on the platform. Miss Lorraine Bergstrand introduced the authors, Dr. Wilton E. Bergstrand, and Pastor Carl L. Manfred, youth directors, and Sister Marjorie Axelton, promotional director of the Immanuel Deaconess Institute, Omaha, Nebr., all of whom seemed quite dwarfed as they stood beside the large book.

The 146-page book, recently off the presses of the Augustana Book Concern, had been three years in the writ-



LINDSBORG LUTHERAN YOUTH CHOIR

They gave concerts en route to and returning from Calgary; Mrs. Ervin C. Malm is the director, Pastor Malm the accompanist.



"LOOK AT THOSE DOORS"

Evanston, Ill., Leaguers presented a pantomime on youth evangelism Thursday evening.

ing and was dedicated to the Women's Missionary Society of the Church. Miss Evelyn Stark, executive secretary of the W.M.S., accepted the first edition.

Adventurers Speak

Three young people told about their adventures in church work. Miss Delores Petto, parish worker at Bethlehem Church, Minneapolis, spoke on "Adventurers Are Needed;" Robert Hammarstrom, youth director at Zion Church, Worcester, Mass., on "An Adventure in Growing," and Miss Marlys Backlund, parish worker at Augustana Church, Portland, Oregon, on "The Joys of Church Staff Work."

The chapters of the book came to life when seven church staff workers were introduced. Miss Delores Brandt represented the general church office workers; William Black, youth directors; Evangelyn Lundeen, parish workers; Dorcus Bendix, ministers of music; Marian Thorburg, parish visitors; Ruth Tubbesing, directors of religious education, and Sister Luverne Gulbranson, deaconesses.

Pastor Richard Binge, vice-president of the Board of Youth Activities, chairmaned the presentation of three of the projects sponsored by the Youth Board at the Saturday morning Feature Time. Four young people who had been members of last year's caravan team told the purpose of the caravan, what they did, and what it did for them. On the panel besides Pastor Carl E. Olson, president of the Board of Youth Activities, were Eleanor Danielson of Lindsborg, Kans., Delores Hanson of Duluth, Minn., Mrs. Paul Gustafson of Ortonville, Minn., and John C. Hult of Chicago, Ill.

Hear Youths Testify

Two tall youths testified for the worth of the second project of the Board. They gave exceptional presentations on why they were sold on Leadership School. Adrian Matson of Duluth told what Leadership School had accomplished to help his local League, and Arnold Hedlund of Los Angeles, Calif., testified what the school had meant to him personally.

Dr. Bergstrand presented the third project of the Youth Board. Beginning in the fall of 1955 and extending on into '56 and '57, the Board of Youth Activities and the Board of Parish Education are joining hands in a Church-wide effort to enlist and train Luther League counselors and high school Bible class teachers. A training period will be held in every area of the Church, usually on a Saturday or Sunday and on a District basis, to which will be invited pastors, staff workers of local congregations, actual and potential Hi League counselors and Bible class teachers. As Dr. Bergstrand announced the training school



BOOK DEDICATED TO W. M. S.

Evelyn Stark received first copy of "Adventuring with Christ in the Church Staff Vocations" from Lorraine Bergstrand.



PASTOR THEO. E. JOHNSON

The president of Luther Junior College and Academy of Wahoo, Nebr., gave the daily Bible studies.



GORDON J. STORAASLI

A. L. L. president for 3½ years, he now becomes the League's first Fellowship Offending secretary.

dates, Gene Bengston, a counselor of Kewanee, Ill., and Mrs. Dorothy Akerson, Bible class teacher of Minneapolis, inserted the dates on the large map in the locale where the schools will be conducted.

E.L.C. Sends Greeting

Of no little interest was the greeting extended by Pastor Sidney Nelson of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, whose Luther League had just concluded a most successful convention in San Francisco. He read an editorial from one of the San Francisco papers in which it was stated that the United Nations, which had also convened in that city the same time as the E.L.C. Leaguers, "could well take tips from the teen-agers on how to solve the problems of the world. Their leader is the highest of all. Their leader is Christ."

Among the many outstanding events, perhaps the inspirational evening services were the most memorable. Besides Dr. Aus who spoke at the opening service, Dr. Bergstrand and Dr. George Hall gave the addresses on Thursday and Friday evenings in keeping with the convention theme. Also outstanding was the service of song on Saturday night, as well as beautiful music by choruses and musicians who had traveled long distances and through much tribulation to get to Calgary to enhance the services.

One of the features of the Thursday evening service was the pantomime presentation, "Look at Those Doors," under the direction of the Rev. N. E. Gene Larson of Evanston, Illinois, which depicted the evangelism opportunities available for youth today.

Before the doors of the church, the main "prop" of the pantomime, walked the snob; the lonely girl in the midst of the communion of saints; the poor boy for whom "the church ain't done nothing 'cept leave alone"; the person waiting for an invitation from a Christian "who talks about anything except God"; and the shrugging youth who cared little about anything—all are in need of the Church and its priceless message of redemption.

Last came Lute and Lu, two Augustana Leaguers who "believe that when it comes to winning youth, Christ can have no better help than a youth to win a youth. . . . There are hundreds—thousands—millions of youth who have never heard Christ's name. They're our burden! They're our challenge! If they perish, we're to blame!"

A Mountie to the Rescue

If a Royal Canadian Mounted policeman of Saskatchewan had not shown up at a crucial moment, the Lindsborg Lutheran Youth Choir of Lindsborg, Kansas, might not have been in Calgary to sing at the Thursday evening

service. The bus in which the choir was traveling, accompanied by the Rev. Ervin C. Malm, and Mrs. Malm, who directs the choir, broke down in the village of Piapot, Saskatchewan, at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning.

A "Mountie" patrolling the highway stopped at the disabled bus and then set the wheels of the small town spinning. He awakened the garage mechanic to repair the bus and the proprietor of the only eating house to get breakfast for the weary travelers. Mrs. Malm assisted as cook and four Leaguers acted as waiters while the mechanic worked, making some of the needed parts by hand.

After a 7-hour wait, the choir was on its way. However, later in the day, another breakdown 50 miles from Calgary delayed the choir another three hours while a bus was sent from Calgary to pick up the stranded group. They arrived in the convention city late Wednesday night in good time to rest up, practice the four numbers they sang just before Dr. Bergstrand gave his message, "Christ—Lord of Young Adult Life."

Standing Ovation for Leader

In appreciation of the wonderful job he has done for Augustana youth, the delegates rose to their feet as Dr. Bergstrand approached the podium, and listened with keen interest to the youth leader they love.

"We have 2,000 older youth and young adults gathered at this conference," Dr. Bergstrand said. "Young adulthood is the time the nest is stirred. Youth leave home and are on the move. Which way will these young people go? Toward the rocks or toward the stars? The answer lies in whether they have Christ in their hearts and underneath them His strong nail-scarred hands.

"This conference has been called in order that we may take a good long look at our older youth—our 18 to 35 year olds. Our Lord loves these older youth. Recall, for example, the story of

the Rich Young Ruler, how 'the Lord looking on him loved him.' If the average age of the disciples when they began to follow our Lord was 25 years of age, then a good portion of our Lord's entire earthly ministry was spent working with young adults.

"Let Christ be Lord of the glorious midsummer time of your life!"

A Tribute to Dr. Engstrom

Dr. Anton Nelson, regional director of the Red River and Canada Conferences, paid tribute to the late Dr. Sigfrid E. Engstrom who passed away very suddenly last April 28 while attending the sessions of the New York Conference in Washington, D. C. Dr. Engstrom, executive director of the Board of American Missions, had accepted an invitation to speak at the youth conference and was looking forward with great eagerness to his visit to Calgary.

"Dr. Engstrom," said Pastor Nelson, "was intensely interested in young churches and in young people and was always a big brother in youth work. He has now experienced to the fullest sense the convention theme."

Friday, July 1, was Dominion Day in Canada, a holiday somewhat like our July 4 when the Canadians celebrate, not their independence from England but the beginning of their status as a Dominion of the Commonwealth.

The evening inspirational service took on a festive as well as an international air. Leaguers from Oakland, Calif., and from Calgary, dressed in costumes of many nations, were ushers. Miss Evelyn Stark, executive secretary of the Women's Missionary Society, served as chairman. John 3:16 was read in three languages: Mrs. L. C. Tengbom, former missionary to Nepal, in Nepalese; Friedemann Penner, German student at Lutheran College and Seminary of Saskatoon, in German, and Miss Jessie Aldrich, missionary from Africa, in Swahili. Solomon Eliufoo, African student at Bethany College,



"GIVEN FOR THEE"

Seventy-two Leaguers knelt at a time to receive the sacrament at the Sunday communion service.

Lindsborg, Kansas, extended greetings from Tanganyika, and Pastor Kermit E. Youngdale, missionary-youth director in Tanganyika Territory, gave the prayer.

"God Save the Queen"

In honor of the holiday, the American delegates joined with Canadians and rose to sing, "God Save the Queen."

Dr. George F. Hall, executive secretary of the Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions of the

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PASTORS' AND INTERNS' CHORUS

More than 100 pastors were registered delegates; Pastor Joseph Dahlquist directed the chorus.



PASTOR N. EUGENE LARSON

Told the story of the crucifixion as only a "Negro" preacher could.

The singing of Leaguers at Calgary proved that you can . . .

Say It with Music

By Carl L. Manfred

Associate Youth Director

IT HAD been determined early in the planning that Calgary would be a "singing" conference. More than 250 Leaguers participated in the program as soloists, members of choirs or smaller choral groups, organists, or accompanists.

There were no "imported" musicians at Calgary. All participants were our own Lutheran young people. The only "non-Augustana" singers were some of the members of the Lutheran Choral Society of Calgary, T. E. Larson, director, who sang at the Wednesday evening service. This choir consisted of singers from four Lutheran congregations in Calgary, only one of which was an Augustana church.

There Were Four Choirs

Pastor and Mrs. Ervin C. Malm of Lindsborg, Kansas, had made it possible for two of their former choirs to participate in convention trips. In 1949 their Hallock, Minnesota, choir sang at the Youth Conference in Duluth, Minn., and the group appeared on the program at the 1950 synodical meeting of the Church in Washington, D. C. At Calgary, their fine Lindsborg Youth Choir with Mrs. Malm as director and Pastor Malm as accompanist sang at the Thursday evening service and also during the distribution of the elements at the Sunday morning communion service.

The Southern District Luther League Choir of California, which had appeared at the "Youth Night" service held in connection with the 1954 synodical convention at Los Angeles, sang several anthems on Friday evening. This group is really an all-youth organization—even its director, Marian Esail of Glendale, California is a Leaguer!

A five-page article in *Look* magazine recently told the story of Minneapolis' Mount Olivet Church which, under the leadership of Pastor Reuben K. Youngdahl, has become the largest Lutheran church in America. The splendidly trained ninety-two voice Cathedral Choir of Mount Olivet, under the direction of Edith Norberg, rendered a beautifully impressive service of song, *Lord, I Believe*, described elsewhere in this issue, on Saturday evening. This service became for hundreds of delegates a reverent "preparation service" for the celebration of the Lord's supper which was held on the following morning.



PASTOR ROBERT PEARSON DIRECTED COMBINED CHOIR

PASTOR CARL B. ANDERSON LED NIGHTLY LOBBY SINGS





MOUNT OLIVET, MINNEAPOLIS, CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Front row: "Black Harry," (Pastor N. Eugene Larson); Edith Norberg, director; Edna Hutchinson, accompanist; Pastor Joseph Dahlquist, soloist.

Four Choirs Become One

The four choirs joined together to form a combined choir of more than 200 voices which sang three anthems at the Sunday afternoon service. The director of this choir was Pastor Robert N. Pearson, Cambridge, Minnesota, who, with only a few brief rehearsals, welded the singers together into a unit which performed so well the average listener would not be easily convinced that the singers had not sung together for years. The singing of a small "descant chorus" further enhanced the effectiveness of the anthems rendered by the combined choir.

The greatest choir of all, of course, consisted of the entire delegation of 2,000 youth who sang their hearts out in nightly "singspirations" in the lobby of the Palliser Hotel. Under the inspiring leadership of Pastor Carl B. An-

derson of Pasadena, California, and with Beverly Johnson of Pasadena at the organ, the delegates proved again that "Augustana youth love to sing." Whether it was the singing of a great choral like *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* or a simple chorus like *I've a Loving Saviour* the Leaguers demonstrated that they could bear a triumphant witness for their faith by "saying it with music."

Soloists Add to Services

Many youth conference services featured the talents of smaller vocal groups and soloists. David Carlson, St. Peter, Minnesota, and Patricia Francis, Kenora, Ontario, pianists; Merry Ellen Peterson, Hopkins, Minnesota, flutist; Ellen Larson, Edmonton, Alberta, violinist; Pastor Joseph Dahlquist, Cokato, Minnesota, Lynne Francis, Kenora, Ontario, Mrs. Carl Manfred, Minneapolis,

Minneosta, and Mrs. N. Eugene Larson, Evanston, Illinois, vocal soloists; and two girls' trios—from Good Shepherd Church, Duluth, Minnesota, and from First Church, Winthrop, Minnesota—also occupied prominent places on the Calgary program.

Pastor Joseph Dahlquist, whose resonant bass voice had thrilled the delegation at the Thursday and Saturday evening services, also directed the Pastors' and Interns' Chorus, the singing of which was a highlight of the Friday morning "Feature Time."

T. E. Larson of Calgary was the official conference organist. Other organists and accompanists included Mrs. C. Robert Pearson of Camrose, Alberta, Mrs. Richard Binge of Richfield, Minnesota, Edna Hutchinson of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Dorcus Bendix of Cambridge, Minnesota.

CALGARY LUTHERAN CHOIR

T. E. Larson, conference organist, directed the singers at the Wednesday evening service.



DULUTH TRIO

Hundreds of youth participated musically in the conference program.





"CHRIST, THE LORD OF MY HOME"

Dr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Hammarberg, Melvyn and Linda, were panelists who presented this vital topic.

Discussion Groups . . .

Fifty-seven Varieties

By Amos Lundquist

Pastor at South St. Paul, Minnesota



INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR

Pastor Kermit Youngdale, missionary-youth director, and Solomon Eliutso of Africa, with Dr. George F. Hall, participated in the Friday evening service and in several discussions.

AT CALGARY the Bible studies were vital. Feature times were helpful. Mass meetings were inspiring. The Lord's supper on Sunday was impressive. Inspirations were out of this world.

It had been planned, however, that the most important part of the convention was to be the discussion groups. Here the young people had opportunity to exchange their experiences in words that everyone could understand.

Fifty-seven discussion groups:

Count them! At 10:30 a.m. Thursday the packed mass meeting broke up into twelve groups which met in the armory, in larger rooms in the college across the street, or in neighboring churches. At 1:30 p.m. six groups met. At 3 p.m., seven. Friday forenoon, ten; 1:30 p.m., seven; 3 p.m., six, and Saturday forenoon, nine.

Vital Areas of Discussion

Among the fifty-seven topics were such subjects as: "If I Were President of My League," "Understanding Myself," "The Pastor and His Youth Work," "If Christ were Lord of My Life" (Stewardship), "Christ is My Lord" (Assurance), "Christ, the Lord of My Friendships," "Christ, the Lord of the Servicemen," "Sharing Christ, My Lord, with Others," "Christ, the Lord of My Country" (overseas youth participating), "Christ, the Lord of My Home," "Better Bible Classes," "Moral Standards and My Everyday Life," "The Parents' Role in Youth Work," "Every Leaguer an Active Leaguer," "Make Those Devotional Moments Count," "How to Organize a Young Adult League," "Adventuring with Christ in the Church Staff Vocations," "Christianizing My Job," Augustana Men at Work" (getting better acquainted with the Brotherhood), "Augustana Women at Work" (getting better acquainted with the W. M. S.), "Counseling Youth as Individuals," "Thinking About College," "What Is Good Churchmanship," "Would You Like to be a Caravaner?" "You and the Lodge," and "Dynamic District Leagues."

At some of these discussion groups the rooms were so crowded that young people squatted on the platform, in the aisles or in stairways. Some had to return to the armory where there was room for everyone. Here, after a time, the group occasionally broke up into small "buzz" sessions.

The attention given in these discussions was nothing short of marvelous. Here were alert, serious-minded young people, the Church of the not-too-distant future. In most cases the meetings belonged, not to the leader, nor to the panel members, but to the intelligent young people in the audience. They were the ones who asked many of the questions and often also gave the best answers. This had been the intention. Surely the living Christ, close at hand, was speaking to youthful hearts during those precious hours.

What They Said

Here is a resume of what some of us heard at a few of the discussions: "The secret of success in any League meeting is for some truly Christian adults to show vital interest, to take time to help organize and to see to it that a meeting goes over as it should."

"Nothing can be a success unless you have a purpose for your meetings."

A fellow reported the unusual experience that in his church each boy and girl in the last three confirmation classes is at present a member of the Luther League. In another church each confirmed youth is assigned to some deacon whose business it becomes to visit that youngster to keep him or her interested in the church.

There is danger of Leaguers falling into cliques. "Let's be friendly to all." Young people like to feel important and

to be appreciated. They want to do something; they like to share what they can do. If they do not get opportunity to help, in order to attract attention, they will start sky-larking.

One shy boy who was good in science in school, was asked if he would take the League out for a nature-hike some day. He was delighted, and the Leaguers had a great time. The boy then became more active.

A Leaguer's own attitude to other people can be far better "public relations" than anything he can write or have "officially" promoted.

In getting young people to take part in prayer we must remember that we learn by doing and from the example of others. "When you are a Christian you are God's ambassador in your own home."

Remember You Are a Christian

In making dates try to judge a girl or a boy by observing their parents. One mother said to her boy when he went out for a date, "Remember you are a gentleman. Remember you are a Christian. And remember you are a 'Johnson,' (or whatever the name might be). 'Pray for the right kind of a life-partner.'"

How many of us read our Bibles? Is our social life of such a nature that we have our private devotions after we come home from a date? We know more about Grace Kelly than we do about Ruth in the Bible. We know more about some centerfielder on the Dodgers' team than we do about St. Paul.

If the Bible is to be the Bread of Life, prayer must be the Breath of Life. "It takes earnest prayer for me to discover God's plan for my life and to find grace to become willing eagerly to accept His choice for me."

Steps Toward God

The most important steps we can take toward God are the church steps.

Young people need love, security, praise, a sense of usefulness and intercession. From their parents, and from others, young people learn loyalty or indifference to God, love or hatred, security or insecurity, and praise or condemnation.

When Christ is the Lord of our homes you will find Christian pictures on the wall, a hymnal on the piano, a church paper on the table and a family altar. We should be thankful for all the spiritual gifts God has given us.

In family life we have not only lots of sunshine, but also plenty of puddles, irritations between brothers and sisters, and between young people and their parents. In the machinery of normal family life we usually find some sand. Thank God for the oil of love in the Christian's home life!

What He Wants Us To Be

The Lord takes us as we are and seeks to make us what He wants us to be. Just as we have to learn to live with and to love dandelions in our yards, so we have to learn to live with and to accept irritations in our family life.

Too often life is friendship, courtship, battleship. The marriage ceremony is no miracle-worker. People will be usually the same after the wedding as they were before. Marriage is for keeps. Do not get married with the idea of getting a divorce if this one doesn't work out all right. Before arranging a wedding, take time to pray and to think. Is it not a real miracle when God can make people the best of friends after they are married?

O Christ, prepare Thy young people for all that Thou art preparing for them!



"UNDERSTANDING MYSELF"

Pastor Richard Bingea's discussion was held in the armory; six Leaguers were on the panel.



"EVERY LEAGUER AN ACTIVE LEAGUER"

Mrs. Wilton E. Bergstrand demonstrated how to set up team and committee plans.



"AUGUSTANA MEN AT WORK"

Pastor C. Oscar Leonardson helped to acquaint the fellows with the Brotherhood program.



"NEWS TIME"

Ferdy Baglo, Canadian seminarian, made the daily announcements in a "Mountie" uniform.

Leaguers Impress Canadians . .

Calgary Will Remember

By Ferdy Baglo

THE train with all the Lutherans on it? Pulling in on track one." The C.P.R. policeman who directed the welcome party to the 18-car Luther League special from the Twin Cities soon found out we were not a large group of newly-arrived immigrants from a land across the ocean, but 2,000 exuberant LUTHERAN young people looking forward to five days of inspiration and information at the 16th International Youth Conference of the Augustana Luther League.

It is difficult to measure the impact of such a magnificent conference upon a people so soon after the event. However, there were many indications that Canadians and Calgarians in particular will not soon forget the convention of the A.L.L., despite a hotly-contested provincial election and a national holiday thrown in for distraction.

Let us share with you a number of remarks and happenings reported by fellow-Leaguers of Canada and the States. They will help to illustrate how the Augustana Luther Leaguers maintained their high standard of conven-

tion behavior and left a deep impression upon many people "north of the border."

Palliser Lobby Singspirations

The greatest thing that ever happened in Calgary was the singspiration series in the Palliser Hotel lobby. A retired Crown-Zellerbach employe staunchly held his post each evening to listen to the inspiring singing. "Are you going to sing tonight?" he asked a group of Leaguers one afternoon. "I've never heard such inspired singing before and, believe me, I'll be there again tonight to listen. It's wonderful to hear you!"

One of the Palliser Hotel telephone operators who was off duty one evening made special arrangements to "overhear" the singspiration through a telephone left off the hook nearby the singers.

"Come Back Soon"

The Palliser Hotel manager couldn't find words to express his appreciation of the singing. Taking the microphone for a moment Friday evening he gave his thanks to the group and added, "Come back soon!" He made available

to the delegation the facilities of the hotel's grand ballroom for an additional Sunday evening singspiration if it was desired.

Hotel operators around the city were full of praise for our Luther Leaguers. "Lots of fun but no foolishness . . ." was the way three maids summed up their impressions. The Palliser Hotel manager on his 12:15 a.m. rounds of the hotel halls was amazed. "Couldn't hear a mouse shriek! Why if I were a youngster rooming with three others there'd be fireworks!"

A Witness to Others

There were individual lives touched by our conference, too. Here's a story Pastor Ronald Ebb reported: "On Wednesday evening while checking Leaguers in our hotel, I passed an open door and saw some young fellows making a noise. Thinking they were our youth, I went in. It turned out, however, they were some young men of Calgary having a beer party. I spent 45 minutes with them telling about our convention and discussing religion. One



CONFERENCE LEAGUE PREXIES ASSEMBLED CHURCH MAP



CAMERA FANS "SHOT" CHIEF OSCAR A. BENSON

THOUGHTS OF A REPORTER

Art, a well-known columnist in the "Calgary Herald" wrote:

"Before I finish today I want to do something I should have attended to days ago and that is pay tribute to the two thousand young people who attended the Lutheran conference here last week. I have no connection with the Lutheran Church but I'm going to tell its members right now that they can certainly be proud of their young folk.

"They were models of good breeding and good manners, and from hotelmen and shopkeepers I have heard nothing but good about them. Their behavior was exemplary, and some of our own rowdies should hang their heads in shame. It was a distinct pleasure to have the young Lutherans in our midst and Calgary will retain pleasant memories of their visit."

of these fellows, a confirmed Roman Catholic but no longer a practicing one, seemed impressed by our young people.

"Upon returning to our hotel Friday evening the Leaguers were having their own singspiration. The young fellow was with our group singing and when I spoke to him later he asked me about our convention services on Sunday. I am sure that here was one person who benefited by the Christian witness of our Leaguers."

A group of Canadian soldiers and a young city policeman were among those attending the singspiration and a number of study groups. None of them were Lutherans.

Keep Wearing Those Crosses

The restaurateurs of Calgary gained impressions of Lutheran youth as the Leaguers deluged the city eating places each morning and evening. "Certainly a most well-behaved group . . ." was the comment of one proprietor. In the Pump Room, one of Calgary's top restaurants, 30 Leaguers from the West Coast gathered for supper. The manager gave them each a \$2.75 turkey dinner for \$1.50 and this good advice: "When you get home, don't forget Calgary and all you've learned here. Keep wearing those crosses where people can see them!"

Mr. Lloyd Turner of the Calgary Stampede and Exhibition Association summed up everyone's reaction to the Lutheran Youth Conference. Speaking to Leaguers gathered in the Stampede Corral, Mr. Turner said, "I've heard nothing but the highest of compliments for your young people!"

Lutheranism at Its Finest

These have been the comments and impressions of people in and around Calgary who showed an interest in our youth conference. How many more were impressed and challenged by the witness of our Leaguers, we may never know.

As a Canadian, I know this conference did something for our Church and our Country. Even though ours is the largest Protestant Church in the world, the Lutheran faith is the most misunderstood in Canada. Now, Calgary and Canada have seen Lutheranism at its finest.

In a conference where there are 306 square miles of territory for every member in the Augustana Church (rivaling Texas!) you can feel mighty lonely. But, Calgary gave us the sense of belonging to a great Church, strengthened our courage, and sent us forth eager to do greater things for the Lord of our lives. This conference in the land of the Maple Leaf has already borne fruit, and will undoubtedly continue to do so for many years to come!

THE "CALVARY" OF CALGARY

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Job," "Thinking About College," and "You and the Lodge." That this part of the program was most appealing to the youth themselves can well be documented. One young lady put it this way: "I wish I were twins so that I could attend two discussions during this period."

Climaxing the eventful conference days was a stimulating final prayer and praise service on Sunday evening featuring "the voice of youth." As one sat through that service and heard what youth themselves thought of Calgary in their own refreshing terms, one could not help but breathe a prayer, "Thank you, Lord, for Calgary!" Here was no manipulated emotionalism nor controlled ecclesiasticism, but a mighty, enthusiastic response to Word and Sacrament. No one had been coached or told before the service to express himself. But upon the chairman's invitation, scores upon scores of youth from the throng of 2,000 present stepped up to the platform to tell briefly and simply what Calgary meant to them.

It was a credit to our Augustana Lutheran Church and to the labors of its faithful pastors back home to hear the fine, intelligent testimonies of its youth. A college grad had been strengthened by the "song and sparkle" of those present, a youth worker found renewal of his faith, a pastor's son thanked fellow Leaguers for sharing wonderful ideas and insights.

If you are not sure that Calgary was a "Calvary," let the voice of youth tell

you as they told us that Sunday evening. One said: "If there's anything you take home, tell others, 'He died for you.'" Another said: "Look at the cross—that's what Calgary means to me." Still another said: "I have learned that one thing is important—Christ, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

Of course, we agree with the youth director who declared in his closing words to the delegation: "The most important youth work is not what has happened here at Calgary, but what happens in the local congregation." Only as the spirit and meaning of Calgary is interpreted in the local youth program, be it in the small country hamlet or in the crowded city parish, can we say that Calgary was but a means to an end. Every parish pastor and youth leader realizes that.

If we think of Calgary as doing what we could not do, undoubtedly it will be a disappointment to us. But if we build on what Calgary did do, it will mean joy and victory. The mood and spirit of Augustana youth as they left Calgary is expressed so well in a song they sang over and over again during the convention days: "Just As I Am, Thine Own to Be." The last stanza goes:

"Just as I am, young, strong, and free,
To be the best that I can be
For truth and righteousness and Thee,
Lord of my life, I come."



PASTOR L. C. TENGBOM

He offered the closing prayer at the final service.



THE VOICE OF YOUTH

Adrian Matson, Duluth, was one of many Leaguers who shared on the program.

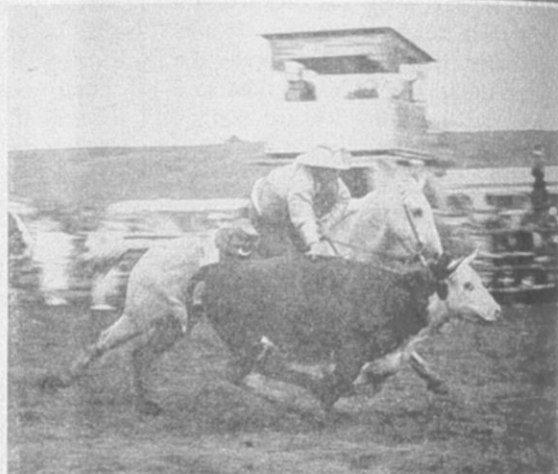


RODEO SCENE ON INDIAN RESERVATION

Twenty-nine buses and several hundred cars brought the delegates to the site, twelve miles from Calgary.

All This . . .

and a



STEER DECORATING

Sarcee Indians put on an hour-long "stampede"



Rodeo Besides!
plus . . .

Left: THEY CALL IT SUNNY ALBERTA!

Below: IT WAS SAFER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE





"O GIVE ME A HOME"

Marguerite Flood, center, presented Stetsons to youth leaders Wilton E. Bergstrand, Carl L. Manfred, Lorraine Bergstrand, Gordon J. Storaasli.



"HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU"

New Yorkers presented a cake to their Conference president, Dr. Thorsten A. Gustafson.



HAIL TO THE CHIEF!

Left: President Oscar A. Benson was made an honorary member of the Sarcee Tribe.



Above: He then joined other braves in a ceremonial dance.

Saturday Fun in the New Corral



GIVEN INDIAN NAME

"Enow Akitchie"—meaning "Holy Sun"—was the tribal name conferred upon the president. His headdress was fashioned from the tail feathers of four eagles.

LINGERING MEMORIES

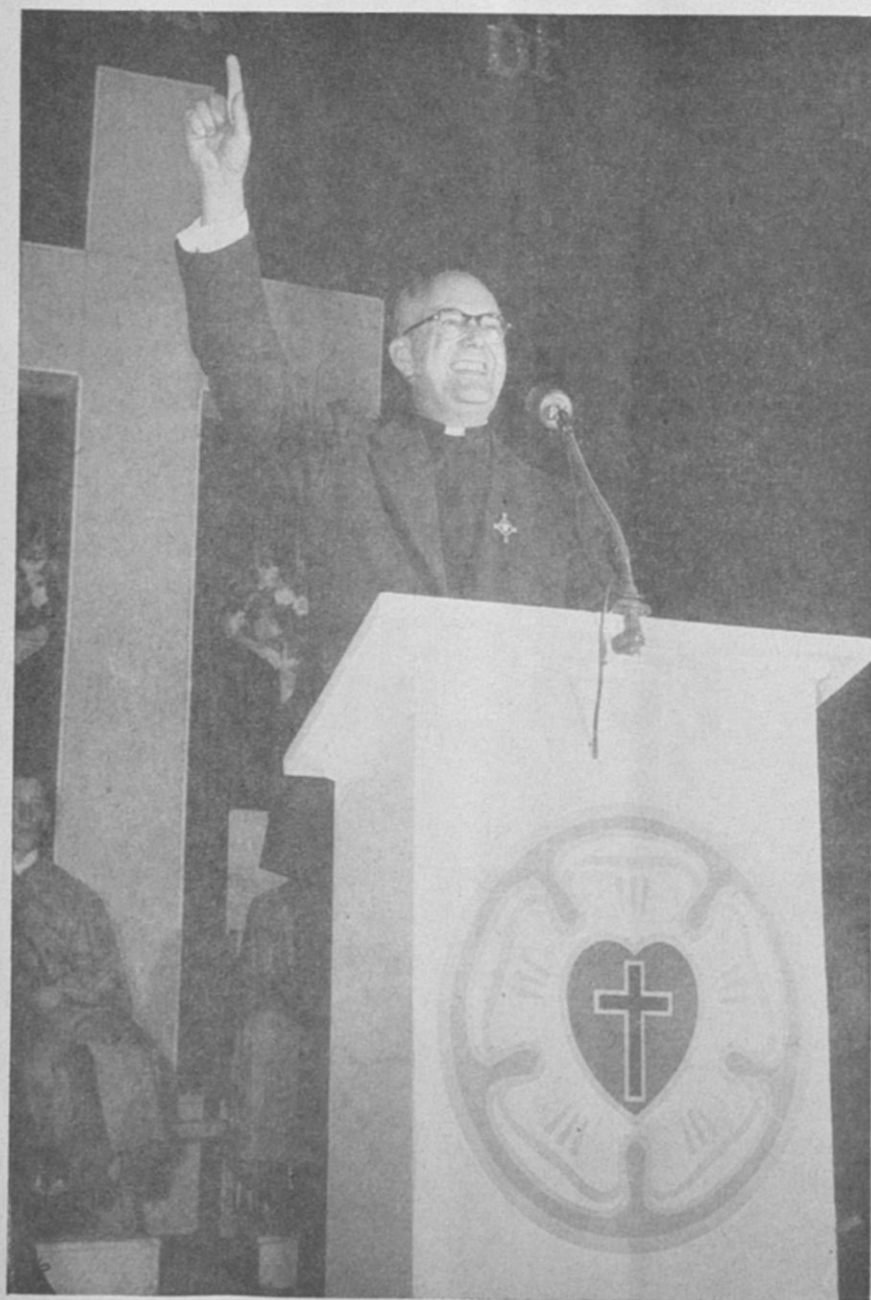
Things the Leaguers Will Not Forget

By Wilton E. Bergstrand



"LORD OF ALL NATIONS"

Leaguers in overseas costumes ushered at the Friday evening service.



AUGUSTANA'S YOUTH DIRECTOR

Dr. Bergstrand spoke on the theme, "Christ, the Lord of Young Adult Life," at the Thursday evening service.

THE peppy youth from Texas invited "you all" to come there for some future conference—The folks from Massachusetts shared their good "idears"—We asked one of the chambermaids at the hotel what she thought of the young people. "They were wonderful," was her enthusiastic reply, "the boys even made their beds." Beaming, she showed us the notes, the tips, the souvenirs they had left her. And the manager of the Palliser Hotel said: "If all our conventions were like this, we'd be the happiest men in the world."

There was a good deal of evidence that youth with radiant faith and firm convictions were sharing their faith in personal chats with fellow-delegates who had come with burdens and problems—There are signs that our youth are cracking out of their shell of shyness at being Lutheran Christians—Over at Banff a couple of days later I saw an auto go down the street with a banner on it and big letters proclaiming "Christ, the Lord of Life."

Our Augustana youth at Calgary gave evidence of the joy of the Christian life. As Dr. Benson said: "When I want to find really happy young people I go to the church, the Luther League, the choir—I don't go to the tavern or the dance hall."

For each conference the youth office seeks to get some new piece of equipment which will help to dramatize its story. This time it was the map of the United States and Canada on which the thirteen Conferences in different colors can be hung.

The modern era of Augustana youth conferences began in 1921. We have now had sixteen since then. Pastor Philemon Smith of Duluth has attended all but three; E. Raymond Anderson, of Geneva, Illinois, all but four. I missed the one at Rock Island in '21 and the one at Lindsborg in '29. Lorraine Bergstrand, of the youth office staff, has now been in the thick of preparations for nine different conferences, and Pas-



CALGARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Scores of other Canadians worked for months in conference preparations.



"WHAT CALGARY MEANT TO ME"

Youth shared in bearing their witness at the closing praise service.

tor Manfred of our staff has attended five.

Always our post-convention concern is this: What has hit home? What will get home? Calgary was quite a personal conference and already we have had considerable evidence that the central message went really deep. Our prayer is that God will write the great Victory "V" letter in the heart of the Calgary experience making the great memory, CALVARY!

Youth Conferences Are Important

The totalitarian governments realize the significance of these youth conferences.

Two years ago in East Germany, for example, the struggle against the Church began with the Communists' attempt to sit down on the youth conferences.

Part of a Big Team

There are many older youth who feel like the lonely Old Testament prophet who lamented he was the only one still faithful, whereupon God showed him that seven thousand others he had never known about were taking the identical stand. In like manner, youth are strengthened as they have dramatized to them at a youth conference that their small action is part of a world-wide, many-sided movement with Christ the Lord of Life as its great Leader.

About the Weather

There was a farmer who had placed on the weather vane of his barn the motto: "God Is Love." One day a man hiking past noticed that motto and, curious, turned into the yard and asked the farmer: "Why do you have 'God Is Love' on the weathervane?" And this was the Christian farmer's reply: "I have lived the Christian life for many years now and I have learned that God is love whichever way the wind blows." We had that truth underscored for us at Calgary.

This conference, at which we had present more than a sprinkling of Augustana's older youth, was interwoven

with showers. However, I didn't hear a single gripe against the weather. The cool, wet weather contributed to the spiritual success of the conference! It kept the group together and increased attendance at all meetings. It kept the group alert—the delegation was much less tired by convention closing than is usually the case. And the raindrops hurried the delegates along so they got to the meetings on time. (You don't dawdle on the way in the midst of showers.) There was snow on the mountains a hundred miles away, and in Calgary on the morning of July 1—Dominion Day—there was a northwest wind of 25-35 miles per hour and a temperature high of 55—it was the coldest July 1 on record; and the next day was the next to the coldest July 2.

A week before the conference opened the Calgary papers were speaking of a "searing" 71 degrees and a "blistering" 73 degrees.

The Holy Spirit is likened in the Scriptures to the three great forces of nature; wind ("like the rushing of a mighty wind"), water ("rivers of living water") and fire ("cloven tongues as of fire"). We had the wind; we had the water; may the fire be glowing brightly in our hearts.

An Enthusiastic Group

The Calgary Conference showed us that there are some splendid older youth (18-35 years olds) in the Augustana Lutheran Church. And there are more coming up the line. We should have twice as many older youth to work with in our churches by 1970. It is said that the test of the vitality of any movement is its ability to enlist the loyalty and enthusiasm of its older youth. In the light of that test, Calgary demonstrated that there is real spiritual vigor in our beloved Augustana Church.

Yes, that eager, alert band of 2,000 delegates was a dramatic reply to those who say that Christianity is something that cringes fearfully in the corners of a darkened church.

As Dr. Benson put it: "The saplings

are burgeoning with prophetic promise."

A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Youth today, as they have in every generation, love to travel. And they travel whether we have youth conferences or not. But a fact that thrills me deeply is this:

Most of the travel of a great many of



INTERESTING EXHIBITS

The A. L. L. and A. B. C. displays, plus 14 church exhibits, attracted deserved attention.



JUST A BLISTER

Solomon Eliufoo's foot received prompt, efficient first aid.

our Augustana youth has been done on these spiritual pilgrimages and in the company of Christian friends. And how much more they got out of their trip to Canada than the average groups of sightseers, so many of whom travel with a bottle instead of a Bible.

What a sight it was to see the special train from Minneapolis pull in, carrying almost 750 delegates! Pastor Charles E. Johnson had everything beautifully organized. The Canadian customs official said: "We've never had a train like this one." The whole job of inspection at the border was over in fifteen minutes.



FROM EVERY LAMP POST

Calgary's decorated streets added a festive note.

There were five delegations from New England and the Pacific northwest which arrived by train, too. There were nine buses that brought loads from scattered places, and the rest came by car.

New Counterweapons

In these recent years when the devil has intensified his onslaughts against Christian youth, it is a thrilling thing that God has given us some powerful counterweapons such as our conferences, camps, and leadership schools.

Athletes

A number of American football players are trying out for the Calgary professional football team.

We had our athletes at the youth conference too. Just offhand I think of a boy from Minnesota who in 1955 won All-State honors in both basketball and baseball, and of a football player from Colorado who was recently in Ripley's "Believe It or Not" column for throwing a pass, catching it himself, and racing to a touchdown.

Thanks To Our Pastors

Back of these young people are their home pastors and congregations and counselors.

A great many of the youth at Calgary I knew personally; and I know how much their pastors and counselors, with their deep concern for their spiritual welfare, have meant to them.

A youth conference flowers from and returns into the life of our congregations. It builds on the faithful work of the home pastor.

More than a hundred pastors, fifty

church staff workers, four deaconesses, and an excellent contingent of interns certainly made a great contribution, both program-wise and in counseling. What a thrill to hear the pastors' and interns' chorus sing!

Dr. S. E. Engstrom

Dr. S. E. Engstrom had promised to speak at the service Thursday evening and at the time of his passing was looking forward with eagerness to being along.

Dr. Anton Nelson closed that service with a tribute especially to Dr. Engstrom's contribution to our youth work as Iowa Conference Luther League and Augustana Luther League president. (I remember his outstanding help in the Open Door Conference held in Omaha in '39.)

Dr. Engstrom's two sons gave their Christian witness at the Saturday evening service.

Health

The delegates stayed amazingly well during the five conference days. The alert nurses in the First Aid Room were called on to treat only a little over a hundred cases—headaches, sore throats, scratches, blisters, and other minor ailments for the most part.

Attendance

The attendance of the delegation was truly outstanding. There were 2,000 delegates; there were 2,450 chairs in the armory plus the 100 who could sit on the stage. And at practically every plenary session the armory was filled.

Offerings

The delegates to Calgary continued the tradition of generous offerings which has been established at our youth conferences.

These were the offerings:

Wednesday: \$1,129.15 for youth conference expenses.

Thursday: \$1,185.95 for special League publications.

Friday: \$1,288.37 for our A.L.L. missionary projects.

Saturday: \$1,246.46 for audio-visual tools.

Sunday morning: \$1,772.50 for the Youth Board caravan project.

Sunday afternoon: \$1,064.31 for Youth Conference "follow-up," including sending a copy of this Post-Convention issue of *THE LUTHERAN COMPANION* to every delegate.

A total of: \$7,686.74.

Assuming an average congregation of some more than 2,000, that would be almost \$4.00 per member for the five days, (about 60 cents per worshiper per offering)—certainly a very high average; even higher than Boston two years ago!

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NEW A. L. L. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President Benson installed the newly-elected officers of the League; Alvin Swanson, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, was named president.

Adventuring with Christ

Will Our Young People Heed the Call?

By Delores Petto



THE BOOK CAME TO LIFE

Lorraine Bergstrand introduced church staff workers who told of their joy in their work.

NEVER before has the call for more church staff workers been echoed as loudly and as clearly as it was at the Calgary Youth Conference this year.

Church staff workers, already engaged in the church professions, presented their work and their varied duties to the youth assembled through discussions on the following topics: "The Church Staff Worker in the Youth Program," "Adventuring with Christ in the Church Staff Vocations—for Young Men and for Young Women,"

"Adventuring with Christ in the Overseas Vocations," "The Church Staff Worker as a Christian Personality," and "Strengthening the Church Staff."

Vocational Tool

With the introduction of the new book, *Adventuring with Christ in the Church Staff Vocations*, youth were made aware of the newest tool for the recruiting and the training of workers in their Augustana Lutheran Church. The book, written and compiled by Sister Marjorie Axelton, Pastor Carl



"ADVENTURERS ARE NEEDED"

Delores Petto, parish worker, sounded the plea.

Manfred, and Dr. Wilton Bergstrand, was introduced at the feature hour on Friday morning. Chapters of the book are devoted to specific types of the church staff vocations, with detailed explanations of duties and qualifications.

"Adventuring with Christ" is presented as a thrilling and challenging assignment for those whom God is calling. Representatives from the different areas of parish work, Christian education, secretarial field, music, and youth work, witnessed to the joys and satisfactions gained from their daily work.

The Church's Prior Claim

Throughout the conference it was emphasized that while all youth are called to be full-time Christians, it is also true that the Church has many specialized assignments which, until they are filled, have prior claims upon the best youth of the Church.

Never before in its history has the Christian Church offered such an amazing variety of interesting and creative jobs to its youth as it offers today. Who will say, "Here am I, Lord?"



PANEL ON "THE MINISTRY"



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It Was a Spiritual Adventure

By Charles E. Johnson

Chairman, Calgary Transportation and Tours Committee

IT IS amazing what can happen to such a dull word as "transportation" when Christ is connected with a trip.

In the year of preparation for the trip to Calgary we were never without the thought that this was a special trip with a special purpose for some very fortunate people. We were going to a special part of the western hemisphere—the Alps of America! Very early then the word transportation took on a special color and ring.

The question: "How shall we travel?" crossed everyone's mind and was satisfied in the main by the words train, bus and automobile. Nearly nine hundred of the two thousand Calgary-bound youth chose to travel by train. More than seventy New Englanders traveled on the Canadian Pacific through Toronto and Winnipeg and thence to Calgary. About fifty youth came in from the Pacific Coast through Vancouver, B. C.

By far the largest group came aboard "The Calgary Special" which originated in the Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis. This Soo Line Train numbered eighteen cars, including four dining cars, a small baggage car to house the 750 pillows and 3,000 pillow slips, and an office car, together with twelve reclining seat, air-con-

ditioned coaches. The almost numberless details involved in providing such a comfortable train were diligently cared for by Paul Sullivan, under the general direction of R. F. Berndt, general passenger agent of the Soo Line. Both of these men went far beyond the call of duty in keeping promises for "The Special" on the busiest week-end of the railroad year.

735 on Special Train

More than 735 young people converged on the stations in the Twin Cities from Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New England, New York, North Dakota, as well as Michigan, Wisconsin and all parts of Minnesota. It was on the evening of June 27 that this group from "all over" started on this spiritual adventure.

One counselor put it this way: "Youth from individual congregations, anxious to keep their identity, grouped together as parents and friends bade farewell. They were Leaguers from a Bethany Church, a First Church, a St. John's Church. And then followed a five-day conference of worship, praise, discussion and fellowship under the theme 'Christ, the Lord of Life.' On the return trip there was a definite change in spirit. Individual churches receded

into the background—this time a band of Lutheran youth were returning from a thrilling convention."

Another put it thus: "I was impressed by the wholesomeness of the fine young men and women on the train. En route to Calgary this wholesomeness seemed unchanneled. New friends were made. On the return trip, however, there was a directed purpose in their lives. Now these folks knew that their friendships were made in Christ; they knew that many of their lives had been changed permanently by the conference."

Some people would call it luck; we call it God's loving protection that this large movement of people should be conducted over the highways and rails of our country, crossing the border into a sister nation and returning to their homes without a major accident. One of the trainmen said: "Certainly there is a greater Hand in this than ours." That statement might be repeated time and again by bus drivers and drivers of private cars.

Some people would call it luck; we call it God's loving concern that the rainy, dark and cloudy weather should be parted as it were by God's finger for the seven hours in which the sun shone on the mountain peaks, valleys, lakes and glaciers at Banff and Lake Louise.

LEAGUERS ENJOYED CANOEING AND HORSEBACK RIDING ON POST-CONVENTION TOUR





BRUIN

Bears, deer, moose, mountain goats abound in Banff National Park.



AT BANFF

Sightseeing buses line up to take Leaguers to Lake Louise.

Spontaneously we heard the *Doxology* and even the *Hallelujah Chorus* as the sun broke through the clouds and warmed us all.

Their Spirit Is Unmatched

We call to mind that some of the deepest impressions on the train came from the "morning watch," "evening devotions" and post-conference discussions. Again it is well to hear what others have said of our youth:

A train conductor asked: "May I sit in your car and share in evening de-

votions?" A dining car steward said: "There will be many and all types of people, but there will never be another group as fine as this one; the spirit of these youth is unmatched."

A counselor said: "I never gave an order on the train; I simply asked politely for co-operation and consideration and I always got it."

A trainman said: "The patience which was shown by the boys and girls in a car that happened to overheat was unheard of. Another group of passengers would have groaned and moaned all night."

A customs officer was heard to say: "Never have we met such order, cordiality, co-operation, cheerfulness. We've never had a train through here like it."

Some of the youth themselves were heard to say: "I can't believe the conference is over." I had no idea that everything would be so perfect. "A convention of Christian youth is different." "Canadians are so friendly."

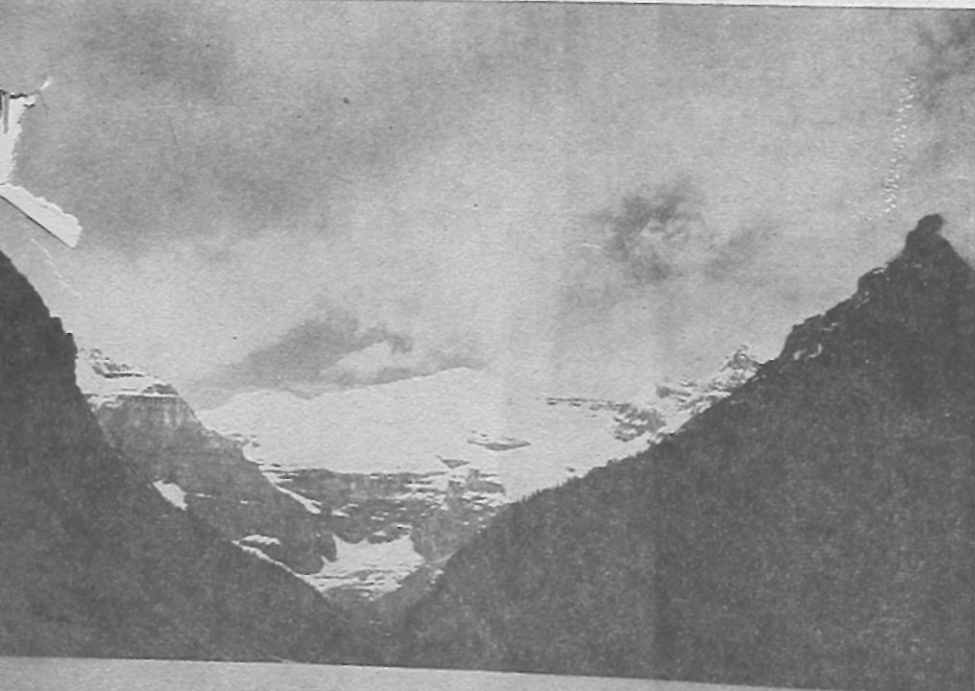
A Wonderful Christ

Many fine things were said about our Augustana youth as they gave their witness before, during, and after the conference. The important thing, of course, is that by their conduct they honored their Saviour. It is one thing for a Leaguer to live so circumspectly that people will say, "What a fine Christian he is!" It is an even more effective witness when Christian youth so exalt their King that others will exclaim, "What a wonderful Christ those Leaguers must have!"

Christ had become the Lord of life to many a boy and girl! Lives deepened and changed by Christ made this more than just a trip to one of God's wonderlands. Some of God's charm was added to that uninteresting word, "transportation," making it shine brightly and mean to those who now

LAKE LOUISE

One of the world's most scenic wonders; Victoria glacier is in the background.



A Youth Conference . . .

It Begins When It Ends

By Lorraine Bergstrand

Executive Assistant, Augustana Luther League

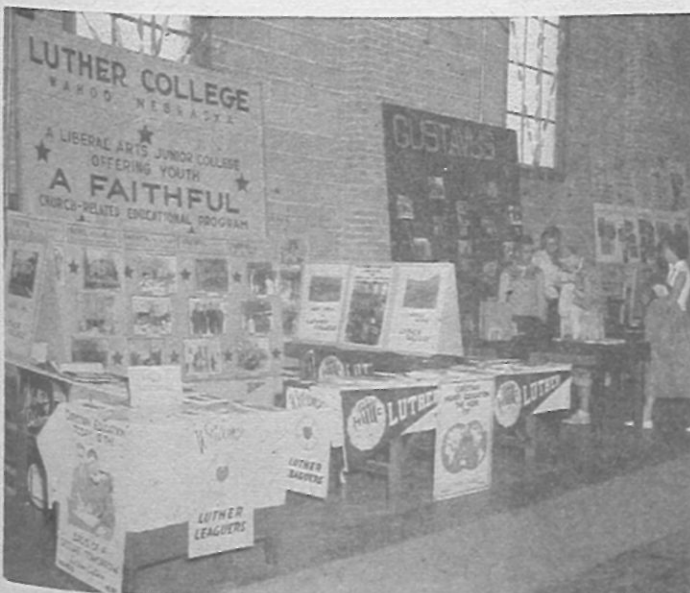


MEET THE CARAVANERS

Pastor Carl E. Olson introduced John Hult, Delores Hanson, Beverly Gustafson, Eleanor Danielson.

YOU have heard the youth directors say, "A youth conference begins the day it ends." Just what do they mean by this statement? They mean that a conference does not die after five days. It goes on living in the lives of those who were in attendance, in the friendships that were formed, in the wonderful feeling of knowing that those who were together at Calgary were not strangers at all but brothers and sisters in Christ who were interested in the same things as they.

You who were at Calgary can never be the same again for having been there. It is our hope and prayer that you were brought closer to God as the Holy Spirit was at work among you those days through the Word and the Sacrament. You received some new ideas and inspiration. Right now is the time to put them to work in your local League, church, and community.



DISCUSSION TIME

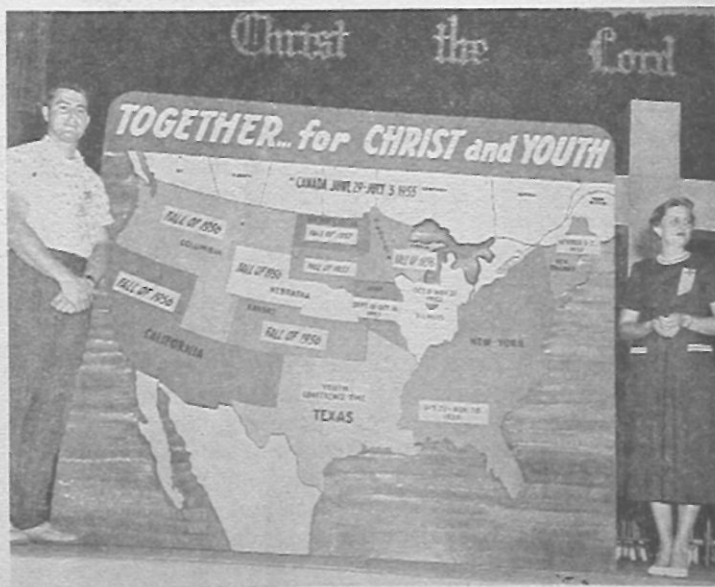
Delegates left the armory to go to their discussion groups, all of which were in walking distance.

Now that You Are Back Home

Here are some things that each of you can do individually as Leaguers and together as a Luther League to demonstrate in a practical way that "A Youth Conference begins the day it ends:"

Do you remember that on Sunday morning at Calgary the armory was filled to capacity a half hour before the communion service began, and everyone sat in silent meditation during that time? Why not follow that practice at home and come to church early to prepare yourself for the worship service?

Continue a "Morning Watch Time" in your day-by-day living, even as you did in your hotel room at Calgary.



Continue Your Witness

Speak up at League as you did in the discussions and in the sharing hour at Calgary. Say a good word for Christ, the Lord of your life. Participate as enthusiastically in the discussions in your local programs as you did in the discussions at the youth conference.

By the way you conducted yourself in your hotel, in the restaurants, and on the streets of Calgary, you were a positive witness for Christ. Remember you can bear this same kind of witness in your home and in your community.

You were ahead of time for the youth conference sessions so that we could begin *early*. Show that same kind of promptness in your local League activities.

Be eager to share what you received at the youth conference with your friends who were not privileged to be along.

Your Vocational Decision

You heard much about the church staff vocations and about living your life to the glory of God. Continue to pray that the Lord will guide you in your vocational decision. For a discussion on the church vocations in your League, make use of the new book, *Adventuring with Christ in the Church Staff Vocations*, which was introduced at Calgary. Be sure to purchase a copy for your church library. Send your order to the Youth Office, 2445 Park Avenue, Minneapolis 4, Minnesota.

Put to work the new techniques of group discussion which you learned when you attended the various discussion hours. Take the discussion topics used in the Calgary program (there were fifty-seven varieties!) and use them in your local League program. You will find splendid material on every discussion topic held at Calgary in the issues of *Youth Programs*, the program quarterly provided for you by the youth office. Remember, too, the special missionary program you receive in your quarterly mailing from the youth office.

Present an echo service to the members of your congregation and League. Remember to include some of the inspiration you received at the conference. It should be much more than a travelogue.

Youth Evangelism

Work up a pantomime such as the "Look At Those Doors" presentation. What are your church doors saying to the people in your community, especially to those outside the Church? A copy of the script used at Calgary can be had from the youth office for a nominal charge.

Give the same kind of courteous treatment to guests whom you have at your local League meetings as you received from the reception and planning committees for the youth conference.

Have a singspiration patterned after those at the Palliser Hotel. Why not choose a park in your locality and have it out-of-doors?

Be a better, more efficient officer in your Luther League because you attended the discussion hour for your particular office.

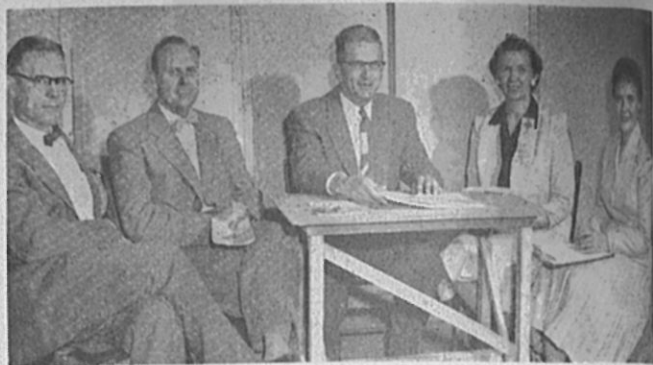
Copy of Service Available

Present the "Lord, I Believe" song service program, which was so ably given by the Mt. Olivet Cathedral Choir on Saturday evening, to your congregation. Copies are available from the youth office for a small charge.

Do a better job of preparing the worship times in your League by taking note of the ideas and methods that were used on the youth conference program.

See to it that Leaguers from your church are sent to Bible camp and Leadership School.

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"STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH STAFF"

Pastors and parish workers discussed how to improve their "teamwork."



REGISTRATION AT THE PALLISER

800 were registered in less than one hour Wednesday morning.



MORNING WATCH-TIME

Leaguers conducted devotions in their rooms each morning at 7.



BOX LUNCHES AT NOON

The Ladies' Aid of First Lutheran, Calgary, prepared them.

CHRIST, THE LORD OF LIFE

(Continued from page 9)

National Lutheran Council, has long been a friend of youth. He taught Christianity at both Bethany and Gustavus Adolphus Colleges. For two years he served as education director on the Tanganyika mission field, and, since becoming a member of the staff of the National Lutheran Council a year ago, he has traveled widely. He could speak with authority on the subject "Christ, the Lord of All Nations."

"Almost all Christians are agreed," said Dr. Hall, "that all men and nations should have the opportunity to embrace the Gospel. In cities where there is a cosmopolitan population, all nations and races may belong to the same church. There are only a few places left on the globe where the Gospel has not been preached. The barriers at home and abroad have been broken down."

"In many pagan lands Christian teachers face spears with courage, and in countries hostile to the teachings of Christ, thousands of youth dare to parade, singing Christian songs. The Churches of the mission areas are winning their neighbors even at the price of martyrdom."

"The only language a nation understands is witness to a faith and sacrifice for that faith. It was the early Christian martyrs who won the Roman Empire. It was two martyr missionaries in Meru who began the winning of Tanganyika for Christ. It is the youth of today who leave promising careers to become pastors, young women who leave comforts of home to be nurses to lepers in Africa, young people who stand courageously for Christianity at any cost who bear the cross of testimony that He is indeed our Lord."

"The only language the world understands is blood and sacrifice, and if Christ is to be the Lord of all nations in the day we call tomorrow, it will be because Christians of today were willing to suffer courageously for Christ as their Lord."

They "Whoop" It Up

The Calgary convention, however, was not all serious discussion and addresses. Calgary itself was planning to "whoop it up" a couple of weeks later at the Annual Stampede when "Cowboys come from as far south as the Rio Grande, Indians in bead-glistening buckskins and eagle feathers gather from half a dozen reservations, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, decked in ceremonial scarlet and gold, add their aura." And so, thought the Calgary Youth Conference Committee, the Leaguers should have a foretaste of what was so widely advertised on all the lampposts throughout the city. They would put on their own Stam-

THE COVER PICTURE

Thirteen Leaguers, one from each Conference, each wearing the distinctive "headgear" which identified the delegation from his area, are pictured on the cover page of this issue. Leaguers and their Conferences are as follows: (left to right) James Lindgren, Texas; Marilyn Vorak, Columbia; Roger Krueger, Minnesota; Glennys Newman, Iowa; Thomas Justice, New York; Marjorie Wickberg, Canada; Yvonne Kessler, California; Ruth Hubenett, Kansas; Warren Colson, New England; Kay Kent, Superior; Herman Frerichs, Nebraska; Barbara Miller, Illinois, and Earl Eliason, Red River Valley.

pede—with cowboys, Indians and some handsome Mounties. And rain or shine it would go on.

No less than 29 buses lined up Saturday afternoon in front of the armory to take the jean-clad Leaguers to the Sarcee Indian Reservation, a 40-minute ride from Calgary, to attend a miniature rodeo put on by the Indians.

Hi-ho, Leaguer!

Singing Luther League choruses and Bible camp songs all the way out through a pouring rain, they piled out of the buses just as the skies cleared. They scaled the high, rough-hewn log fence surrounding the corral, peaked through the rails or stood on bus tops to watch the Indian cowpunchers battle with the outlaw horses, wild steers and bulls, and slippery calves. Some climbed the hills overlooking the corral

to get a better view and to be able to get some good snaps of the rodeo.

James Lindgren, a brave Texas Leaguer, took part at the last moment, and dashing down the green, he tried to rope a wary calf. Two Mounties in full-dress regalia thrilled the girls and were kept busy posing for and with the "Lu's."

The committee had planned a picnic supper at St. George's Island, but the rain which had persistently fallen since the beginning of the day forced them to find inside accommodations at the huge Calgary Exhibition and Stampede Grounds at Victoria Park, where thousands were to come a week later for the broncho bustin', steer decorating, chuckwagon races at the Annual Stampede. And it was well that plans had been changed for just as the buses pulled out of the reservation, the rains descended again.

Supper was served cafeteria style, and the Leaguers took their plates of food into the huge arena, each Conference grouped together, filling only about one third of the immense place. And the fun began.

Marguerite Flood, the personable chairman of the Calgary Committee, presented 10-gallon hats to Dr. Bergstrand, Pastor Manfred, Miss Bergstrand and Mr. Storaasli in appreciation of the good work they had done with all the ranch hands (Leaguers) and in running the ranch (the convention.) Spontaneously the Leaguers burst into "Home on the Range."

(See next page)

This year on our vacation is almost the first time in many years that our whole family could be together for more than a passing greeting. We had a wonderful time. And each morning during our vacation we all got together by the lake shore for daily devotions. You would have been thrilled too with the inspiration we received as a family joined together in daily devotions. Many thanks for THE HOME ALTAR.

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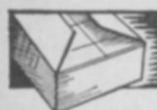
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Then eight bucks, two squaws and three or four children from the Stony-Sarcee Indian Reservation in gorgeous beaded costumes glided on to the center of the glistening floor. Catching sight of Dr. Oscar A. Benson, president of the Augustana Lutheran Church, two of the Indians escorted him into the arena and made him an honorary chief of the Sarcees. David One-Spot, Indian chief, and oldest member of the tribe, in his native tongue wished him a long successful life and hoped that he would get as old as he. Giving Dr. Benson the name of "Holy Sun," he decked him with a headdress of gorgeous Eagle tail feathers.

Entered into the spirit of the occasion, Dr. Benson accepted the honor most graciously. He had also been decorated by an African chief last year, he stated, when he was on the dark continent, and now he was "happy to receive the honor from the Indian people, the original Americans." At the conclusion of his acceptance, the whole group, Dr. Benson included, fell into an Indian dance.

The scene became a paradise for camera fans. Leaguers swooped down on the floor and shot pictures of the Indians and "Holy Sun" from all angles.

"Emcee" of the spontaneous entertainment given by the several Conferences was "Prexy" Storaasli. Perhaps the most unusual feature was the picturesque invitation extended by the Texas Leaguers to hold the 1957 convention in their state. With 10-gallon hats on their heads, they sang a new rendition of the Davy Crockett "air," and filing by the mike each one shouted the names of things that are "bigger and better" in Texas and which Leaguers would see if they came to the "Blue-bonnet State" in 1957.

A Service of Song

Traditionally, Saturday evening of youth conference week finds the delegation assembling for an inspirational service that is a little "out of the ordinary." At Duluth it was the massed singspiration down by the aerial lift bridge; at Colorado it was the impressive service in the Garden of the Gods; at Boston it was the outdoor rally at Hatch Shell on the banks of the Charles River.

Calgary was no exception to the tradition. The Cathedral Choir of Mount Olivet Church of Minneapolis—92 superbly trained voices singing under the inspired leadership of Edith Byquist Norberg and accompanied by Edna Hutchinson—presented a service of song, "Lord, I Believe," which was based on Luther's explanation of the Second Article of the Apostle's Creed.

Aided by soloists Pastor Joseph

HOW TO PREPARE 5,000 LUNCHES

Take 200 pounds of turkey, 6 gallons of mayonnaise, 300 pounds of butter, 1,000 loaves of bread, 12 cases of oranges, 4,000 half-pints of milk—an idea of the quantities of food the Ladies' Aid of First Lutheran Church of Calgary had to cope with in order to provide a total of 5,000 box lunches served over a period of four noons during the conference. The excellent lunches were prepared under the leadership of Mrs. Norman Kelner, chairman of the food committee, and were distributed to the delegates in less than twenty minutes each noon.

Dahlquist of Cokato, Minn., and Charles Jacobson, boy soprano from Minneapolis, the choir also employed solo-speaking and verse-speaking effects to emphasize its message. Sharon Begalke and Robert Engstrom were the narrators.

The lights in the armory were completely extinguished, with only the white cross glowing, as "Black Harry" (portrayed by Pastor N. Eugene Larson of Evanston, Ill.) told the story of "The Crucifixion" from the poem by James Weldon Johnson. Then, with the first strains of the solo, "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord" the white cross turned to red, as the capacity audience was reminded that Christ has "redeemed us not with silver or gold, but with His holy and precious blood, and with His innocent suffering and death."

They Came Early

Sunday was an unforgettable day at Calgary. At 9:30 a.m., half an hour before the beginning of the service, the armory was filled with reverent, expectant youth. The occasion was the celebration of the Lord's supper, in many ways the climactic service of the entire conference.

Youth Director Wilton E. Bergstrand, speaking on the theme, "My Lord and I," gave the preparatory meditation. He stated, "Communion is uniquely God's idea. There is no time in our lives when we are more together and there is no time when we are more alone than when we commune with our Lord."

He pictured a dozen "modern knights of Christ's round table" kneeling before the altar—youth who were cowards in their witness, or who were lonely, or who lacked assurance, or were disillusioned, or were filled with doubts, or who were burdened by sin, or were hiding from God—and showed how Christ offers himself as the all-sufficient Saviour who grants forgiveness, healing and courage to all who receive Him.

"Who is carrying your sins?" Dr. Bergstrand asked. "They are either on

your shoulders or on Christ's shoulders. If they are on your shoulders, you are lost. If they are on Christ's shoulders, you are gloriously redeemed."

President of Church Speaks

Pastor Oscar C. Leonardson, executive director of the Augustana Brotherhood, chaired the Sunday afternoon service. Delegates gave a standing ovation to Dr. Oscar A. Benson, president of the Church, as he stepped to the pulpit to deliver his message on the theme, "Christ, the Lord of the Church."

"The tragedy is that to some people Jesus never grows up," the president declared. "He is forever the baby Jesus, the child of Bethlehem, the little stranger. We must learn to know Him not only as a great prophet and humanitarian, but as the eternal Son of God. He is the Lord of the Church."

"The Christian religion is unique in that it depicts an eternal God who stepped down into the world and went all the way to the cross to atone for our sins. This is the central message of the Church."

"Christ's program as Lord of the Church is that we might be saved, live unselfish lives, and surrender our talents to His use. His authority exceeds all human governments and temporal authorities"

"What does Christ mean to you? Don't leave this conference until you have made sure of your salvation," Dr. Benson pleaded. Then he asked, "Dare we believe that not just one thousand but ten thousand youth will sense a new dedication born of a fundamental conviction, that no matter what the cost they will follow Christ all the way until their redeemed spirits catch the dawn of eternal day?"

The closing prayer and praise service on Sunday evening featured the note of informality and spontaneity. Pastor Carl B. Anderson, the Conference song leader, served as chairman and called upon Solomon Eliufoo, African youth who was preparing to return to his native land after two years of study at Bethany College, and Associate Youth Director Carl L. Manfred for brief greetings. Pastor Manfred, in turn, introduced members of the youth conference committees and paid tribute to them for their heroic services.

They Bore Witness

An opportunity was given to delegates to come to the platform and to share in a few words what Calgary had meant to them. It was anticipated that perhaps a half dozen would respond in this way. Instead, scores of youth—equally divided between young men and young women—came forward to

bear witness to their faith. In their own words and in their own way, they told how the Calgary theme, "Christ, the Lord of Life!" had become more meaningful to them as a result of the conference and they pledged themselves to continue to bear their Christian witness upon their return to their home congregations.

Appropriately, the final program feature of the evening, and of the conference, was the singing by the entire delegation of Malotte's arrangement of "The Lord's Prayer."

Jesus Christ was the Lord of the con-

ference from the opening session to the closing service. The drama of the youth convention was focused in Calgary, but its influence will be felt for thousands of miles in every direction.

Most of the Luther Leaguers have already heard their delegates report on "I Was There." Many have also seen their pictures and slides, and other Leaguers will see them later. Perhaps those who were "not there," through the testimony of those who were more fortunate, will also catch the drama and significance of the convention theme, "Christ, the Lord of Life."

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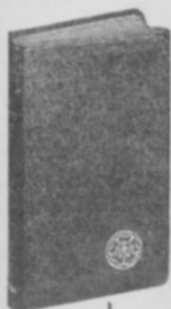
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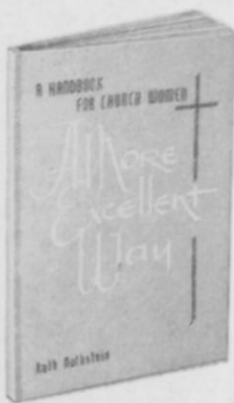
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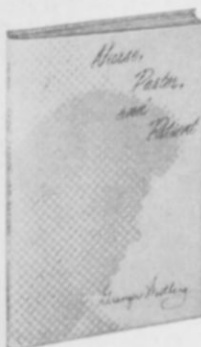
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Apply for caravanning if you are interested in being on a team of caravanners who will visit local parishes in the summer of 1956, giving attention to the youth program in those parishes. Your application must be in the youth office by November 1, 1955. Write to the Youth Office, 2445 Park Avenue, Minneapolis 4, Minnesota, for an application blank.

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right away. Notify the youth office of your organization and send them the name and address of your president so he can be placed on the mailing list for League materials. You have some wonderful years of fellowship and service ahead of you!

Let us not forget that the most important youth work is done in the local congregation. If Calgary is to mean anything in the life of the Augustana Lutheran Church, there must be follow-up and follow-through. It is up to you who were at Calgary to remember that a youth conference, like a Bible camp and a Leadership School, really begins the day it is over.



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