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FIRST CARLOAD FOR ALL-LUTHERAN FOOD APPEAL

The first carload of wheat collected for the 1953 All-Lutheran Food Appeal was dedicated at Reserve, Mont. The 2,000-bushel carload represented only part of the grain collected in communities of Sheridan county for the appeal which has been launched in twelve farm-belt states.

Participants in the dedication ceremony (l. to r.) were: the Rev. John W. Chambers of Sidney, Mont., representative of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, which is co-operating in the project; Dr. John A. Scherzer, secretary of the National Lutheran Council's European Desk, who acts as director of the All-Lutheran Appeal; the Rev. Ove R. Nielsen, pastor of Nathaneal Lutheran Church (UELCL) at Dagmar, Montana, state chairman of the appeal; Christian Johansen of Reserve, commodity chairman; Oswald Andersen, local lay chairman for the ingathering; and Frode Jensen, lay chairman for the northern part of Sheridan county, where collection for the appeal went on as the harvest moved northward.

NEW LUTHERAN CENTER OF GREAT BRITAIN

This five-story stone building in South Kensington, London, was dedicated as the Lutheran Center of Great Britain on September 16. Purchased for approximately \$30,000 granted by the National Lutheran Council, the building will house the offices of the Lutheran Council of Great Britain and provide parsonages for the heads of the Estonian and German Churches in Great Britain. A chapel in the new center seats 120 people comfortably.

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Lutherans Around the World



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LUTHERANS PLAN HOSPITAL IN BATAK CHURCH MISSION DISTRICT

Blueprints for a 50-bed medical hospital to be built in Simalungun, mission district of the Batak Church, are studied by Dr. D. R. Williams, medical missionary, and friends. The Lutheran-planned new hospital will serve an area in which as yet there are no medical institutions of the kind. Dr. Williams, called by the Federation of Evangelical Missions of India, has served in Batak, and since November, 1948, on loan to the National Lutheran Council's Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions for work under the Batak Church.

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We Are Not Spectators

Raymond M. Olson
Special Correspondent

Lutherans in America, at war's end in 1945, agreed that they were not spectators of the tragedies of their brothers in the faith in Europe. They agreed that a Christian mission of a new character was confronting them which must be entered into with earnestness and liberality and compassion. After these eight years we are still engaged in this mission. There are honest and sober voices asking how the record stands, and how soon we are to come to the end of this road. With our federal government withdrawing some of its foreign financial supports it is not strange that there are questions about policy related to Lutheran World Action contributions for Europe. These questions, among others, this writer carried with him as he spent a large part of the month of September "on the scene" in Germany. These weeks have served to make clear that we have not yet come to the time when we may return to the role of spectators, if we ever shall in God's plan for us. There have been adjustments and changes, and these will continue to come, but there is strong reason to doubt any return to the old paths before 1945. Such a conclusion calls for a sharing of some of the observations which create the conclusion, which renews the conviction that "we are not spectators" even now.

The most emphatic fact is that we are not spectators of the problem of uprooted people, of the refugees and expellees. We have not been. We still dare not be, in spite of the magnificent efforts of the German nation and the German Churches to cope with the problem, and the efforts of other nations to respond to the problem as it overflows their borders. The love of Christ, active in the hearts of His people, must reach out to distressed multitudes. Of the 90,000,000 refugees in the world, about 11,000,000 are in West Germany. The largest number came out of the period immediately after the war. Another million have come from the East Zone since 1949. Of the original

10,000,000 about 20% have found their place in the German economy. About 40% are "on the way" but still need assistance, perhaps for another two years. These are the people who have found a little work but not enough to maintain themselves, and who still are confined to very unhappy housing conditions. The other 40% are not "on the way," with very little change for self-establishment. Some of these are war-widows with children to care for. About half of this latter 40% group are hopeless cases, including the aged, sick, maladjusted, the ruined in body and mind.

The share which Lutherans in America have had in this ministry to the refugees, through assistance in the camps and through immigration to other lands, has been remarkable. We must avoid pride and self-satisfaction, but we have a right to rejoice at the achievements made in the name of our Lord. At the same time the evidence is unavoidable that the West German government and the German Churches have energetically moved into this responsibility for the refugees. One churchman in Berlin commented, "The Communist government thought the new wave of refugees would confuse and cripple us. We are demonstrating that it will not be so." Thirty-eight per cent of the budget for



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Food reserves from American Lutherans are distributed by Hilfswerk

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Youngsters in Germany are taught arts and crafts

the West German government is used for social welfare, which is very largely support for the refugee population. Each two people in the German economy must carry a third person who is unproductive, perhaps because there is no room as yet for him to be productive.

It is easily possible to get wrong impressions from a sight-seeing trip through Germany. The highways are filled with cars, there is a tremendous amount of building, the stores are new and attractive, many people are well dressed. It would be easy to conclude that everything is in good order. The fact is that this results from the calculated policy of the government to stimulate business and industry as a means of restoring the nation's economy to the point where it can absorb this new population. In the process many have good incomes, in spite of rigorous taxes, but the situation cannot be interpreted as though this is characteristic.

There is much evidence of sober responsibility for the refugee in statements made by governmental leaders, and in policies under way.

The German Churches, as well, are aggressively working to solve this problem. Hilfswerk, the welfare agency

of the Churches, has many splendid achievements. The material aid which comes from America is channeled through Hilfswerk, which is in a position to administer the aid to those most in need, and to do it in the name of the Churches to which these people must look for continuing spiritual care. The Inner Mission institutions have taken an active place in the program of special ministry to these people. Proof of this is found all across West Germany. The congregations, while sometimes lagging in their willingness to confront the needs at their doors (as congregations might be tempted to do in many places), have increasingly responded to these refugees. Some splendid examples of congregational concern can be found, which serve as an encouragement to others.

The present plan is that assistance from America will be used: (1) to aid the church life in the East Zone; (2) to provide material relief to the West Zones through Hilfswerk (it is not possible to send it to the East); (3) to provide some key American personnel to work with the German Churches in immigration and other resettlement projects. Let it be clear that, while it is very important assistance, it is supplementary. The great burden rests upon those among whom these refugees are finding new homes and a new start in life.

Thus, it is not strange to say we are not yet spectators of the refugee problem. With new refugees continuing to come, and with the old problem still not solved, we cannot predict the date when we can fully withdraw, or when we would want to withdraw.

There are some other observations which serve to underscore the fact that we are not spectators in Europe, particularly in Germany. It will not be possible, in this space, to dwell on them, but they can be pointed out.

We are not spectators of the German Churches, and do not want to be. These past eight years have served to introduce us to each other. We have found ways in



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These are the Church of tomorrow. They are shown at a service for young people in Esslingen, Germany.



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A mission festival in Hermannsburg, Germany. The Germans have always been foreign mission interested.

Pastor Olson returned from his trip to Europe and the Near East October 2 after an absence of three months. He will resume editing his special department, "Here and There on the Christian Front," in an early issue.

which "inter-church aid" can be carried on, with mutual benefit, within the framework of the Lutheran World Federation. Too much depends on the German Churches for us to be spectators of their problems, as long as they desire the inter-change which is currently taking place.

With a resurgent West Germany standing in the shadows of its past history it is of no small consequence that the Churches shall come to the best possible spiritual vigor, not abdicating responsibility for providing a political conscience for the nation. It was a stirring experience, one day, to sit in sessions of the German Committee for Lutheran World Service and hear the voluntary statements of its members as to why the international staff of the Lutheran World Federation was an important part of their church life.

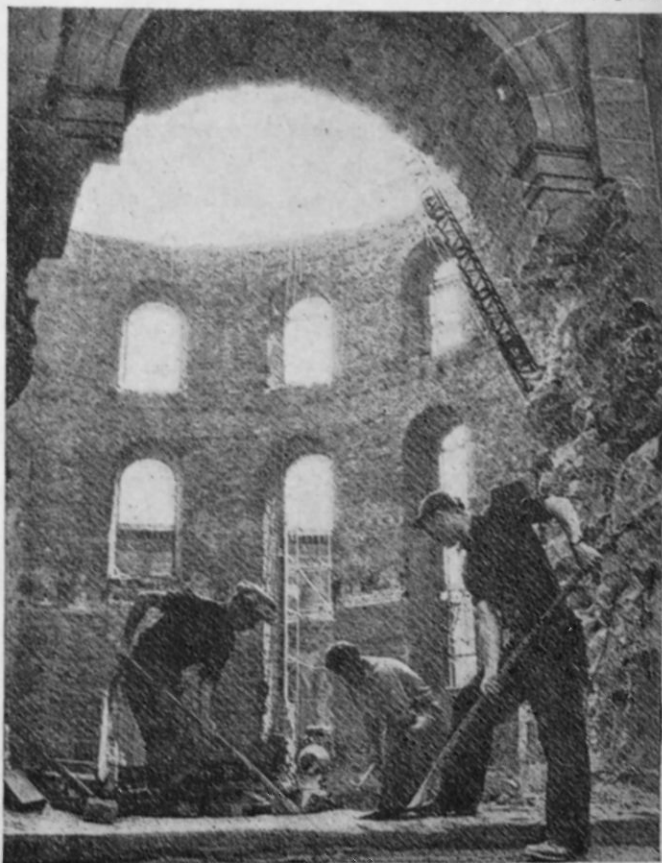
We are not spectators of the forces which, in our time, reveal their enmity towards the Christian Gospel. Those forces are not limiting their assault to the German Churches, or to the European continent, but this is a major sector in the battle for men's souls. The city of Berlin is a part of the cold war. The congregations of the East Zone are being tempted and tested. The Christian youth are being tried beyond that which we would dare to think they could withstand. One man said, "We read of Christian martyrs of the early centuries, in the last years of long lives. These young people who are 17 and 18 years old are asked to make the same kind of decision." That which is happening to these people is a spotlight on the kind of conflict which the Christian Church faces in our time. We cannot be spectators. We are in this, too. May God guide us all.

We are not spectators of the fact that God has given devoted servants to His Church for these years. Each day brought new prayers of thanksgiving for the quality of the men and women who have responded to the call to serve in these strategic Christian tasks. Some of them had already given several years of service. Others were newly arrived. They, in turn, were surrounded with the fruits of the labor of others who had returned to their homes in America and other lands. In our preoccupation with daily tasks it is easy to forget those who man the outposts, who go in our name into such Kingdom work. We cannot be spectators of this and of these. The concerns of their hearts must get a hearing from us who support them. They have right to know of the intelligent interest which we maintain in their God-given task. Surely out of such consecration as

these people reveal there will come good fruits for long years to come.

We are not spectators of the fact that the Church can afford to exercise historical patience, and must do so. It is easy to become impatient because there seems to be no end to something which has thus been started. It is easy to become impatient because other fellow Lutherans do not get the point as we think they should. It is easy to expect revolutions rather than consent to slow processes which may take years. These weeks have brought deep conviction that the Church must be historically patient, as long as its direction is right and its faith in Christ is sure. We do not live in days, apparently, when a great tide of change will come upon the Churches. There are many signs that significant changes are under way if we are patient enough to be faithful and to await God's time for the climax. It was reported that the thing which made East Zone Christians most afraid of the Kremlin is its cold-blooded patience, its willingness to wait its time. In this area the Christian Church has more cause to wait patiently, and to witness confidently, for it serves the Lord Christ.

We are not spectators of the fact that congregations still provide the essential place of cultivation of spiritual life, yielding only to the Christian home. While it is very
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Germany is rebuilding its ruined churches. Lutheran World Action helps.

Meet the Brotherhood President

(One of a series)

If one were traveling near Spokane, Washington, at nearby Lake Pend Oreille, one might well encounter one of the Pacific Northwest's most avid fishermen and conscientious church workers—the president of the ELC Brotherhood, Thomas A. Myklebust.

Known as "Tom" to his many friends and acquaintances across the nation, the name Myklebust has been one of the most familiar names in ELC Brotherhood and Home Mission work for more than a quarter century. The familiarity of the name is due not only to Tom's activity but to his brother, "K. T.," of Longview, Washington, and now to Tom's five sons as well.

When Tom was named national president of the Brotherhood at the Minneapolis convention a year ago, he brought with him to the office years of experience in Brotherhood work. He was one of the founders and leaders of the ELC Brotherhood from the beginning, having served as president of the Rocky Mountain District from 1935-51.

Whether an officer or not, he was always busily engaged in visiting local congregations in an effort to organize more laymen in the district.

Men in all circles—church, business, and civic groups—respect him for his integrity, ability, and real sense of humanity, as evidenced by his citations and awards.

His experience in business has been varied but always

successful. The Norse immigrant who came to America shortly after the turn of the century moved from one business experiment to another, almost as if undertaking new ventures and seeing them through to a successful conclusion were one of his hobbies.

He was postmaster at Lacrosse, Washington, for thirteen and a half years, but his chief interest was his mercantile business. "I got a job in a store and grew up in it," he says. "I was fourteen years old when I first started working in a store, so it's second nature to me."

However, his business undertakings have not been limited to the mercantile business. In addition to his clothing store at Spokane, he had farm holdings at Lacrosse and dealt in the brokerage-real estate business.

He has retired now, but that only gives him more time for church-related work. His sons have moved in to take over where he left off. Bernard, the oldest, manages a J. C. Penney store; Stanley and Raymond farm large wheat ranches; Tom, Jr., is a real estate broker, and the youngest son, Robert, operates another store.

The Myklebust daughters are in Washington too. Irene is married to a farmer. Agnes and her husband have operated a large apartment motel near Soap Lake which Tom had a hand in starting.

It isn't only business contacts and relationships that make the family close. Since all of them live in the Pacific Northwest, they get together several times a year—formerly on one of the farms and now at Tom's house in Spokane—for family re-unions that sometimes last several days. The close family ties have become one of the characteristic features of the Myklebust family.

Increased activity in the business world did not mean a corresponding lack of interest in civic duties for the short, energetic, grey-haired man with the wry sense of humor. Prior to his residence in Spokane, Myklebust was called upon to serve as mayor of two villages in which he lived. He was engaged in county welfare work for twelve years and was county chairman of the American Red Cross for eight. At the conclusion of World War II, he was presented with a citation for "meritorious personal service performed in behalf of the nation, her armed forces, and the suffering humanity." He has been particularly active at Spokane in the Chamber of Commerce, having served five terms as local president.

In his youth Myklebust attended Red Wing Seminary, taught parochial school, and was active in teaching Sunday school and in leading the local Luther League. He

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Mr. Myklebust

Ambassadors for Christ

So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Wherever there have been people in need, God, through His grace, has provided people who care. Not all people are urgently concerned about the aged, but God has provided a great number who have dedicated their lives to the problems of old people. Not all are singularly concerned with the mentally ill, or with young people, or with those who are sick, but God has provided many who are.

So, too, with this special mission, the mission to railroad crews who are scattered here and there along railway lines. The call came through a member of The Evangelical Lutheran Church who works on the Great Northern Railway. He had become increasingly concerned about many of the men who drifted from one place to another, spending their checks and themselves at the nearest "Skid Row," having no roots, no ties, no connection with the Church. A letter to the president of the Church, and subsequent arrangements worked out by the Department of Evangelism, started a chain reaction which resulted in a "pastor" on the field in less than a month. Thus, the Lutheran Trailer Mission to Railroad Workers was underway.



Wallace, Lavonne, and David Klandrud, the trailer mission family



There were many who were interested in what this "Railroad Gospel Preacher" had to say.

He was well suited to his call, this student at Luther Theological Seminary. Wallace Klandrud had served as a section worker himself. He knew the nature of the work, the type of men, and the special problems which would arise in this type of ministry. Then, too, he had served as an assistant youth counselor for juvenile delinquents for the State of Wisconsin, a position which called for a great deal of intimate person-to-person work.

These workers live in railroad cars placed at a siding near the location of their track work. They have their own bunk cars, dining car, shower car, and water car. Their bunk cars contain about twelve bunks, lockers, a stove, and a wash basin. The men vary considerably in intelligence and background, but they are all similar in one respect—they need the guidance and direction which only the Church can give.

A large house trailer owned by the Home Mission Department of the Church became the mobile living quarters of this railroad mission family, as they worked in connection with the Great Northern Railway, following the railroad west from Minneapolis to Breckenridge to Minot. Railroad officials were quick to express their appreciation and to offer every possible co-operation.

They were wide open to this new venture, these fathers and brothers and sons who lived their lives alongside the shining rails of a fast-moving train, for there was little in the way of entertainment and recreation for them, either good or bad. And here was a man who met them face to face, invited them to religious films (good ones, too), and showed an interest in how they were getting

along. Tracts were given—tracts with letters which were easy to read, for many of the workers had poor eyesight, and glasses were expensive. The color and clear-cut message appealed to them, and exchanges were made between the men as they finished reading the tracts. Printings of the Gospel of Luke were given to those who showed the most interest.

Intensive work was done with a few men in order that they might be helped to gain insight into the Scriptures and to feel even more strongly their own responsibility toward every member of their gang. Because of the constant movement of the gang, it was difficult to connect it with the local church, but stress was always laid upon this relationship.

It was not, however, without opposition. There were some who ridiculed, others who openly fought the "intrusion" of this "preacher." Payday, for many, meant a trip to town, a night of drinking, and an empty

pocketbook in the morning. But there were many who fought to get out of the rut into which they had fallen, many who showed a concern that their lives and the lives of their fellow workers should be different.

Then, too, the local people were often unaware that these men were in their midst. A cook told Mr. Klandrud at one time that in all his years on the railroad they were the first church people he had ever seen who had had a concern for these men.

The summer "project" is over, and Mr. Klandrud is back in his seminary work (at present serving as intern at Jamestown, N. Dak.). But the work which he has begun will not die out, for, as his reports have so often stated, "*I know that whatsoever God doeth it shall be forever*" (Ecclesiastes 3:14).

We are thankful that our Church has seen the need and, with a vision of the potential in this mission work, has moved forward to respond. May more people of our churches come to see the need of these men as they work in our communities.

R. A. Syrdal

From Foreign Fields

Taiwan

The Lutheran work in Taiwan has been progressing satisfactorily, and it has been found that some regular church property must be secured in order to meet the needs of developing congregations. In Teipei, the capital city, a church is now being completed. For this building the local congregation has contributed an appreciable amount. We are happy that it can now be put to use as a Christian center in Taiwan. About this work the Rev. Arne Sovik writes as follows:

"It is a balmy evening—the Mid-Autumn Festival—and the night is alive with sounds: the whine of Chinese opera somewhere off in the distance, the blare of our neighbors' radios or snatches of their conversation, now and then a burst of firecrackers, or the clack-clack of wooden clogs as someone walks by the gate. The summer is over, and we are entering the most pleasant time of year in Teipei. The days can still be warm, but the evening and nights are pleasant.

"Things are more pleasant as far as the work goes, too, than they have been. We look forward now to moving into our new church after another two Sundays at the old place. We shall be glad to move out of the noise and commotion attendant on sharing the building with others, and even more happy finally to have an adequate place that we can call our own. The roof is going on the church building now. I had a nightmarish time all through June and July and part of August haggling and fussing with the contractor, but once he got started building, things have gone well. He

has actually put in both more and better materials than the contract called for.

"The summer has brought no great changes, although there has been some further development of the work, partly as a result of the fact that we had Bible school students helping us. Now that they are going back to school, we are going to be hard put to it to carry on what they began. I think particularly about a new preaching place begun when Maynard Lu went out to hold a house meeting with some old friends in a cotton mill in a suburb. They got such a crowd, preaching in the street, that they decided to carry on. Now over twenty have enrolled for instruction. The trouble is that we lack quarters. They are trying to get the loan of a hall in the factory, but the place is several miles out, by biking or walking. Then, too, we really haven't personnel to spare."

Hongkong

A recent letter from the Rev. Russell Nelson, president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hongkong, gives interesting information concerning the fall work at the Seminary and at the new Bible School which is now beginning its second year of operation. Pastor Nelson writes:

"You will be happy to hear that the Lutheran Theological Seminary opened its fall term on September 16 with a total enrollment of 28 students. Twelve students were enrolled in the first-year class. The Rev. Arthur

Olson was the main speaker. Dr. Paul Anspach, being in the colony at the time, was also an honored guest who brought a greeting for the occasion.

"It will interest you to know that four of the twelve new students for the seminary are from the students who attended the first two short-term courses offered by the Lutheran Bible Institute. In other words, the LBI supplied one third of our new students for the seminary this year.

"The Lutheran Bible Institute opened its fall term on September 15 with a total enrollment of 31, 20 in the regular course and 11 in the short-term course. The guest speaker was the Rev. Ch'en I Chien of the Rhenish Church in Kowloon."

Japan

The Rev. Alton Knutson, Lutheran Free Church missionary on our joint field in Japan, reports on a national workers institute held last month in Tokyo.

"Under the theme, *A Workman Approved Unto God*, the first institute of inspiration and fellowship was held for the Japanese co-workers of the ELC Japan Mission at Tokyo, September 3, 4, and 5. With an increase of five new parish workers this year, it became very evident that there was a real need for the Japanese workers of our mission to become better acquainted so that all might have a sense of oneness. Over and above this, however, it was the aim of the institute to inspire all to a greater loyalty to the Master which all profess.

"Guest speakers were Dr. and Mrs. Kishi, Dr. Hirai, and Dr. Tasaki. All who heard the messages were led to a deeper appreciation of the privilege of working in God's Kingdom. It was a real blessing for us, who are such a young mission, to hear the messages of men who are the products of mission work of former years. It was a joy to know that such men are the leaders of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church.

"All the Japanese workers were in attendance, together with a representative from each district having a Japanese worker. It was a time of real fellowship for all. All the meals except breakfasts were eaten together. This seemed to serve as a real uniting force.

"We experienced God's blessing upon this first institute, and we pray that it will be a gathering that both the Japanese and the missionaries will look forward to from year to year.

"The devotional, practical, and inspirational emphasis was such as gave new courage and zeal to everyone. May God grant that this shall continue throughout the year."

The Rev. Olaf Hansen reports from Japan concerning the work in Tokyo and at our Bible School in Shizuoka. Marco Yoshida, who will be teaching part-time at this institution, was a student at Lutheran Theo-

logical Seminary in St. Paul a year ago. Pastor Hansen writes:

"You will be happy to know that Marco Yoshida will be released from the Omi Hachiman Brotherhood for three days a week in order to assist at the Bible School, beginning next April. His presence on the faculty both as a teacher and as a counselor will be a great boost to our school, though of course we would have preferred to have him full time. But his obligation toward the Omi Brotherhood is still strong, so we must be content.

"Tokyo Church was dedicated last Sunday morning. Despite all the rain that we have been having, this day was bright and sunny. The church was filled, and it was a thrilling experience to consecrate to the Lord this very fine building. We are having the pictures developed and printed so that you should be getting the story and the pictures soon. Six evenings of special evangelistic services were also held with a good response."

Sudan

Dr. Conrad Eastwold, our first full time medical doctor for the Sudan, West Africa, has now arrived and is already beginning his medical work. Plans for a hospital are being developed with consideration given to a possible union hospital conducted together with the Norwegian Mission Society in Ngoundere, at the edge of our mission field.

Miss Ruth Johnson, our missionary to the Sudan, left September 30 by plane for Paris, France, enroute to the French Camerouns. Miss Johnson will teach in the school for our missionaries' children which the Sudan Mission maintains at Garoua Boulai.

She will arrive in Paris October 1 and after a short stay there will continue on to Ngoundere, French Cameroun. Miss Johnson is a sister of Reubin Johnson, our missionary in the Sudan. Her home is in Canton, S. Dak.

Madagascar

From Madagascar we have the following report from Kenneth L. Norlie on a new church. It is located at a strategic village, now in the center of large sisal plants recently developed by French businessmen. We rejoice in the completion of a church building that will better be able to serve that growing village.

"Except for some painting, we have now finished the new Amboasary house and have already begun the foundations for the church. It was only three weeks ago that the Government gave its official O.K. to go ahead. The need for this new church has not changed. Every Sunday people sit outside the door and windows to get some of the services. Costs have gone up some since our estimate of costs were made, but I hope that we will be able to finish at about the sum granted.

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It Is Your Paper

The annual LUTHERAN HERALD campaign will be at its height about the time these lines are read. Perhaps the editor may be permitted to send a little message to his readers while the campaign is still going on. As yet we have no indication as to the probable success of the subscription campaign other than that the circulation department states that the demand for material is very large. That is usually an indicator of a great deal of interest. More concrete indications must await the time when the returns begin to come in.

What the editor wants to stress here is that LUTHERAN HERALD is your paper. That is true of our readers in two ways. In the first place, the overwhelming majority of you are members of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, and this paper is the official organ of that body. As a member of the ELC, therefore, you are part owner of LUTHERAN HERALD. Further, you are exercising the privileges of part ownership by being a subscriber. We wish that all our owners were also subscribers, and the purpose of the annual campaign is to bring that about. What we are getting at is that, when we come to you once more during this campaign to solicit your continued active support, we are coming to our superiors, to those who own the paper.

Here is what we are hoping you will do: First of all, *be sure your own subscription is renewed*. Truth to tell, an editor is always more interested in renewals than he is in new subscriptions. We have said it before and we repeat it now: Subscribing for a magazine is an act of faith; renewing is a token of approval. So we hope that we have gained your confidence to the extent that you will want to continue to receive the paper.

Further, could you possibly be of help in making the campaign a success in your congregation? So often the interest and support of others is just what is needed by the committee or person in charge. If there is anything you can do to interest others in becoming subscribers, we hope that you will do it.

To be sure, the editor would not be human if he were not interested personally—we shall not say selfishly—in having a large number of subscribers. But we do assure you that that is not an important consideration in our thinking. It is our sincere conviction that the people of the Church *need* the church paper and that the Church needs to have them have and read it. Especially is this true during a time which is so crucial for the Church. 1954 is a convention year; the decisions to be made next June, when the convention will be held, are in areas which affect the life of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. No avenue of acquiring knowledge of the decisions impending can equal the church paper. As in no other year, we believe that we dare to say: "You need your own paper in your home in 1954."

EDITOR

Fad

Not for the first time, *Fortune*, "the magazine of executives," has published a religious article of great interest and some significance. At intervals over the past decade or more, this magazine, which is concerned chiefly with the business and industrial life of America, has ventured into the field of religion. An article which appeared over a decade ago entitled "War and Peace," for example, we consider one of the most significant statements concerning the Church and war we have read; its concluding paragraph is a classic.

In the October issue of *Fortune* appears a full-length article entitled "Businessmen on Their Knees," written by Duncan Norton-Taylor, one of the magazine's editors. An effort is made to examine and evaluate the "interest in religion which has taken hold of a number of formerly indifferent Americans, including a considerable number of businessmen." This Mr. Norton-Taylor does by listing a large number of more or less formally organized religious groups among businessmen, by taking a few "case histories" of men who are taking part, and by seeking the opinion of religious leaders as to the entire movement. The article is a beautiful piece of journalism.

The list of businessmen's organizations and groups interested in religion is certainly imposing. One centers about the steel industry in Pittsburgh. One, working within the framework of the churches of Des Moines, Iowa, is concerned with evangelism. Breakfast groups for Bible study and prayer have become numerous. And so on and on. So general is the movement that it must be considered more than a "flash in the pan." It is even possible that it may indicate some sort of spiritual revival among a group of men not heretofore noted for their interest in the Church.

Equally interesting are some of the "case histories" included in the article. Man after man is listed who, possibly formerly quite impervious to the demands of God upon man, now finds himself deeply engaged in religious discussions, in prayer and Bible study groups. Some admit that they first became interested for materialistic reasons but found themselves swept along to the point where they became convinced that they must have God in their lives.

In a sum, the article leaves no doubt in the mind of the reader that something is going on which is unique: a seeming turning to religion, to God, by men

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whose influence as Christians would be beyond reckoning.

How shall the movement be evaluated? Mr. Norton-Taylor went to prominent church leaders to find out what they thought of it. He found not a little skepticism. "On all these manifestations, the nation's religious leaders looked with somewhat mixed feelings. From ministers, principally, came the charge that the movement lacked genuine spiritual underpinning, that it was far too pragmatic, too 'practical' to suit them, or to inspire real hope."

However, the skepticism is by no means universal. Several Protestant leaders are actively engaged in furthering the sort of religious groups the article deals with. And everyone seems willing to admit that whatever the motives, some religion is better than none. Mr. Norton-Taylor himself concludes that "it is possible that the clergy may be underestimating the movement." He grants that it has a "pragmatic tone," but feels that this may be due to the fact that the average businessman is not too anxious to have his highest and best thoughts and deeds paraded in public.

The closing paragraph of the article is one which should have close study:

"The public commitments of men like Ben Moreell, and the unexpected enthusiasms of younger men like Dr. Shoemaker's Golf Club crowd, do have undertones of mystical hope and yearning. After a period of secularism there has come a period of stocktaking. Particularly among the younger men, there is a groping for a spiritual base. It may be that the current phenomenon is only a first stage, that it will be followed by a revival of Judaeo-Christian passion in the U. S., and that such a passion will lead to a moral and social revolution built on the Word of God, not the dialectics of men. The country's religious leaders maintain that such passion is the only cement that can hold the American structure together. Many laymen are ready to believe them."

It is difficult to know exactly what should be said in comment on the article in *Fortune*. On the "plus" side, surely one must rejoice at any signs of turning to God. To approach the phenomenon of "businessmen on their knees," or any other manifestation of interest in religion, with complete skepticism is to question the power of

the Holy Spirit. Even if it is granted that very little of what one reads about certain such movements seems to bear much relationship to revealed, evangelical Christianity, yet who knows how many a person may, through the agency of the Spirit, be led from such a "pragmatic" religion to the truth of Christianity? From that viewpoint, then, one must be happy over the condition Mr. Norton-Taylor describes.

Too, it should be kept in mind that this particular manifestation of interest in the things of God is part of a larger picture. In every walk of life there has developed greater interest in religion than we have seen in decades. We believe that this interest is revealing itself in greater church attendance, larger church membership, more generous giving. What right have we then to say that God is not using the restlessness, the yearning of men to draw them into a saved relationship to Him? In brief, while one would be unduly optimistic to consider these movements a religious revival in the true sense, one would be unduly pessimistic to dismiss them as merely human.

To be sure, there will be disappointments because there will be defections and because much of this so-called "religious feeling" will be found to be thoroughly superficial. Who has forgotten the "fox-hole religion" of war years ("no atheists in fox-holes")? It is interesting to note that Mr. Norton-Taylor quotes one young man, now deeply interested in religion, as saying that he "had recovered" from the "momentary sensations of religion" he had experienced under combat.

We recall writing an editorial during the war which we entitled "Cheap Religion," in which we pointed out the danger of confusing the passing turning toward God induced by physical danger with true repentance and faith. We think it is in order to repeat that warning now. There is but one true religion: the religion of Jesus Christ who came into the world to save sinners. But the Spirit of God cannot be bound, and it is well possible that from among "businessmen on their knees" will come many a future lay leader of the Church who is led into a full experience of Christ. That is to say, what today may be a "fad" might well under God become "faith."

One further comment. Mr. Norton-Taylor mentions one pastor who is actively concerning himself about guiding the movement in his own community. There are, of course, many others who are doing the same, but the one man is outstanding. That leads us to remark that the active and sympathetic interest of the Churches in any movement which concerns the spiritual welfare of men should be taken for granted. It is easy for Churches and churchmen to be critical, and there are often good reasons for that attitude. However, an attitude of sympathetic understanding will make it much easier for the Church to be helpful.

On This Foundation

Harold B. Kildahl

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

October 25, 1953

Text: John 4:46-53

He would not have asked if he had not believed it possible—and with that statement you are at the core of the text. The foundation of the request was faith. On this foundation Christian people stand.

In this day one wonders: "What does the Christian faith really mean to people?" Pastors become discouraged and move from parish to parish after a short stay. Restlessness overcomes them because there is so little real spiritual vitality in congregations—work seems fruitless and empty. What is this all about anyhow?

In the average parish there is an air of indifference and a decided lack of response indicated by many. The air of expectancy associated with the early Church is gone. Worship on Sunday mornings never reaches into the lives of all the members of the Church because only twenty per cent to fifty per cent (more or less) of the church membership is at worship. Ladies Aid societies work and plan and serve, but the result is that only a portion of the membership takes active part in the meetings. The same is true of Brotherhood work, of Luther League work, and isn't it true that almost any conflict or excuse suffices to justify the absence of members from meetings, rehearsals, staff meetings, and the like?

Hardly a parish is still alive where the pastor is not devoting much of his time to "gathering up the cents and dollars" necessary to maintain the work of the Church; while the members of his parish spend twice as much on television as on church work, according to the Department of Commerce reports for 1952. The spectre of the budget looms large in the planning of the church year, and the "grass roots" preachers wonder and worry that it shall ever be accomplished. What is this all about anyhow?

It's all about the sickness of the Church today—a sickness that can be cured only by the miraculous grace of Jesus Christ. The foundation, friend—the foundation of living faith—needs to be re-established in the hearts of people so that once again there will rise to the heavens above the cry of people beseeching the God of mercy to heal the souls of men. Faith is the foundation of a living Church, and back of faith is the promise: "Ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

He would not have asked if he had not believed it possible, and with that comes the answer to the Church's lament today: "Ye have not because ye ask not." For our churches today there is no other foundation than the foundation of faith. Without it we shall fail. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Oscar R. Overby

The world scene cries for articulate church members. But, as was stated in our last article, so many churchgoers are not vocal at the worship services; they are habitual spectators, seemingly immune to the invitations of the music, text, and whole liturgy. The performance is not for them. Somehow church has become a solemn place where only the pastor's voice is to be heard. The monotonous routine, moreover, tends to confirm the belief that, after all, a half-hearted humdrum performance of the Order of Service is the proper norm for religious purposes.

There are, obviously, many reasons for such conditions. Likely spiritual life burns low. Then, there are many members who have only a dim concept of the rich meaning and purpose of the various sections of the historical liturgy. They have not memorized either text or musical settings. In short, they are not free to let go. Liberty in many respects is a wonderful thing, because it fosters spontaneity, life-giving power. In the worship service such liberty finds its keynote and can flower into rare beauty. The worshippers must be set free to let go. There are hurdles to overcome. Inspiration, which is usually momentary, leaves only a blur in memory, with few echoes, unless it finds outlet and amplification at the time of its inception. Here song and music have a matchless calling; the vantage points of the liturgy suggest mountain climbing to the one who is at home in high altitudes. Our spectator worshiper needs orientation.

He probably has no faith in his own vocal organs. The wonderful song instrument, patterned after the dream of God, has been left to rust and silence. He must be helped to rediscover the joy of singing. When his heart is overflowing and his will alerted, the vocal apparatus is usually adequate. He was created to sing glory. The possibilities are boundless in every congregation; and from every point of view the challenge calls for action. How shall we help the hesitant church-goer into the immeasurable experience of lively personal participation in the worship service?

Periodic congregational rehearsals, educational and inspirational training in singing and expressing the hymns and the liturgy, have proven valuable. These may have to be held on Sunday mornings, even if occasionally the sermon will have to be abbreviated. The people to be helped must be present—and that is at the regular worship hour. It should be noted that such variations in the procedures may also prove worshipful. The pastor, or the minister of music, will be the logical leader.

Meditations for the Family Altar

Joel Njus

TOWARD THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Epistle: Philippians 1:6-11

The Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

Monday, October 26

SALVATION IS OF GOD

Read Isaiah 11:1-16

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

Thus Isaiah speaks of the coming of the King who shall deliver Israel and in whom the Gentiles shall hope. When a tree is cut down and only a stump remains, we may say, "The tree is dead." We do not look there for new life. Judah was as a tree about to be cut down. And as the years passed, one could not imagine a dead stump than the line of Jesse. A royal family with no kings, existing within a nation in captivity to Rome. Yet God had tied the promise of the Messiah to that stump, and in the fulness of time the Savior was born of Mary, who was of the house and lineage of David. God chose what was low and despised in the world that all might know that salvation is of God and that He is the source of our life in Jesus Christ. Therefore, let him who hopes, hope in the Lord, and let him who boasts, boast in the Lord. Blessed be His name. Amen.

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Thursday, October 29

SEEK GOOD

Read Amos 5:10-24

Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said.

The people of Judah prided themselves upon being "the chosen of God." They flocked in great numbers to the feasts, the solemn assemblies, and the religious shrines of their country. But in the midst of all this outward religious activity, their hearts were far from God. Oppression of the poor, luxury, bribery, land-grabbing, and all sorts of immorality was rampant in their midst. Amos exposes the futility of repeating "God is with us" as a cover for unrighteous living. God is righteous and demands honesty and fair dealings among His people. They, least of all, can expect to escape His judgments upon sin. To be "chosen of God" involves responsibility. "Every one to whom much is given, of him will much be required." Justice and righteousness are what God demands of those who would walk with Him. Seek good that you may live.

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Tuesday, October 27

FAITHFUL PUBLIC SERVANTS

Read Daniel 6:1-23

Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other presidents and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

The account in the sixth chapter of Daniel has a modern ring. Daniel had been a faithful servant in the government. He occupied one of the three highest positions in the realm. And now the King planned to create a new office and make all other officials responsible to him. You know what happened. The other officials became jealous of Daniel and banded together and threw him to the lions. As surely as through faithful service in any capacity you advance to positions of authority, there will be those who in envy and jealousy seek to destroy you. And the next time you see somebody being thrown to the lions, ask this question: Why are they doing it? Pious charges may prove to be lies, and noble motives unmasked as plain jealousy. God protect faithful public servants. Amen.

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Friday, October 30

JONAH'S NEED OF REPENTANCE

Read Jonah 3:1-10; 4:1-11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry.

Jonah was angry with God. He was angry because God had spared the city of Nineveh when the people had repented of their sins and turned to God for forgiveness. And the thing that made Jonah the most angry of all was that he knew all the time that this is what would happen. God was just too easy-going. He reminds one of the elder brother in the parable of the Prodigal Son. He was angry with his father for accepting back his wayward brother. But like the father in the parable, God is very patient with Jonah. He shows Jonah His heart of pity for all men and that it is not His will that any soul should perish. God showed Jonah that what his heart lacked was love for the lost. I wonder, did Jonah repent like those to whom he preached?

Wednesday, October 28

GOD'S CALL TO YOU

Hosea 14:1-9

Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity . . . say to him, "Take away all iniquity."

As a father loves a wayward son and desires only his return, so God loves the lost sinner and longs for him to come home. As a father pleads with a rebellious son to acknowledge the folly of his way, so God pleads with rebellious sinners, "Return to the Lord, your God." As the heart of a father is grieved for each day the prodigal son wastes in the far country, so the heart of God is grieved for the soul that has removed himself from His fellowship. He who comes with a confession of sin and a prayer for forgiveness will be met with healing and love. The repentant sinner is not met by an angry God, but by a God whose love is so great that the past is forgotten in joy over the sinner who repents.

Dear God, Thy love has broken every barrier down. Because Thou hast promised to receive me, I come, I come. Amen.

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Saturday, October 31

NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL

Read Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

It is well for us to remember the events of the Reformation and to recall the struggles of those who under God brought it about. We have no reason to be ashamed of Luther or our Lutheran heritage. But more important it is to remember the meaning of the Reformation. That in the Reformation, the Gospel of salvation through faith alone was rediscovered and preached to all who would listen. Thus we have no heritage as Lutherans other than loyalty to the Word of God. The most fitting Reformation sermon is simply preaching Christ as the way of salvation to all who believe. The most appropriate Reformation rally is not to stand up and be counted as Lutherans but as those who are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. For that is what it means to be "Lutheran"—loyal to Christ and His Word.

Book Mission Brevities

M. O. Sumstad

Sample kits are still being ordered. We are pleased, because we know that this will greatly simplify your task of ordering, and the filling of orders is also made easier.

Quite a few Sunday school teachers have shown interest in our suggestion that a tract be sent home with each pupil at regular intervals. This is an opportunity for doing some real mission work. Besides, this is one way of making missionaries of the pupils. We have had orders from two mothers who asked for tracts that their six-year old sons might take to some shut-ins. Worth while, isn't it?

For Thanksgiving Day we offer two excellent tracts: No. 252, *Let Us Be Thankful*, and No. 246, *A Mother's Thank-Offering Box*. The latter is in story form, telling how a young girl felt called to enter foreign mission service and how her mother, at first heartbroken at the thought of losing the sweet companionship of her daughter, found grace to sacrifice for the cause of Christ. The title of this tract may be misleading. It has nothing to do with raising money, but since such a box has a part in the story from beginning to end, this seems to be the logical title. Incidentally, this tract is excellent program material for mother-daughter luncheons, as well as for mission meetings.

You will be glad to know that many gifts honoring the memory of the departed Pastor Olaf Guldseth have come to the Book Mission. We can think of no one more deserving of such tributes than he, and surely nothing could have pleased him more than that this money was given for the promotion of the Book Mission, so dear to his heart. Pastor Guldseth will be remembered as the father of the Book Mission. He was one of the four pastors who more than forty years ago started this mission and who was, until the last dozen years, the moving force in its promotion. His task was not easy. From the first there was little understanding and less appreciation of the need of such a mission. Being convinced that this was a task that the Lord had assigned to him, he never wavered but gave to this cause the full measure of his strength.

In a sense, Pastor Guldseth is still with us, because quite a few of the tracts and booklets he prepared are still in stock and no doubt will be available for years to come. These messages are as timely today as they were when first offered for distribution.

We who now have responsibility for carrying on mourn his passing. He rejoiced in every indication of increased interest in and love for this mission. We are poorer for his passing; we always counted on his prayer support.

From Foreign Fields

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This church will be 28 meters by 9 meters (90x30 ft.), with buttresses every 3 meters, and will look somewhat like the Bekily Church."

From Miss Sylvia Lee we have the following account of her work in the small villages in the inland areas of our mission field:

"Tonight I'm sitting in a little Malagasy home writing by the light of their 'home-made' kerosene lamp. I've just finished eating a good Malagasy supper. They enjoy sitting around and talking and watching me eat, and how happy they are if I am able to eat all that they set before me, which of course is impossible—a dishpan full of rice!

"I have been visiting here in this district for three days now, going from village to village to visit those that are Christian and to encourage the heathen to come to church and learn to know about Jesus. This afternoon we had a meeting in the church for the women, and it was encouraging to see many come.

"This is quite a new district, so there are very few Christians in each village; but many seem eager to learn, so there is much work for the catechist here. It is just sad that there aren't more catechists to teach in these villages, because they are so far apart it is difficult for the people to gather together in the evening.

"In just these few days I have visited with many of the natives that have come to the hospital for treatment, and there are those that have begun to come to church after they had been treated at the hospital. I have also visited with many that are sick and pleading to come to the hospital when the doctor comes back."

SISTER INGA DVERGSNES

Sister Inga Dvergsnes, who has been a missionary to China since 1914, passed away at the Deaconess Hospital in Chicago, Tuesday night, September 29.

Sr. Inga was born in Kristiansand, Norway, March 3, 1880. She came to the United States in 1908, where she was educated at the Madison Normal School, Maywood Seminary, and Deaconess Home and Hospital in Chicago. Leaving for China in 1914, she remained in active work as a missionary until 1927, when all missionaries were forced out because of the anti-foreign agitation. She returned to China as soon as possible after the evacuation and continued her work there until 1948. Since that time she has been active in various types of work, living in the one hope that she might return to China to continue her work there even at her advanced age. She has been ill for some time and has expressed the longing to leave this world to be with her Lord.

The funeral services were held at the Lutheran Deaconess Home in Chicago, October 2.

Boys' Work in the E.L.C.

Loren M. Ness
National Director

IOWA SCOUTS AWARDED CHURCH RECOGNITION



The above picture shows the participants in a recent service at Calmar, Iowa, during which Pro Deo et Patria Awards were presented to Eagle Scouts Russell Hillman and Thomas Iverson.

Left to right they are: J. C. Iverson, local Scoutmaster, Mrs. Iverson, Thomas, Pastor J. N. Lunde, Russell, Mrs. Earle Hillman, and Earle Hillman.

Russell and Thomas are now enrolled as freshmen at Luther College.

WASHINGTON SCOUT HONORED



Pictured above is Star Scout Norman Hammer receiving the Pro Deo et Patria medal in the presence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reidar Hammer, and his pastor, the Rev. Arnold F. Anderson, at Ballard First Lutheran Church, Seattle, Washington. Norman, a member of the church's Explorer Post 105, was presented for the award by Post Adviser George Schulenberg, Jr.

Most of Norman's service hours to the church were spent assisting in the church office, mimeographing and preparing church literature for mailing. For his special project he wrote a life sketch of Martin Luther. Norman was confirmed in 1951 and is active in Luther League and the high school Bible class.

MINNESOTA PARISH HONORS 4-H MEMBER



Pictured receiving the God-Home-Country Award early this summer is Miss Barbara Enger. Barbara is a member of Garfield Lutheran Church of rural Madison (Minnesota). Left to right are Elwood Sather, club leader, Pastor Robert Otterstad, Barbara, and her father, Mr. Julian Enger. Her special project was a paper on the early years of Martin Luther. In addition to an outstanding 4-H record, Barbara has been busy in her church in a number of ways.

The Garfield congregation has been very close to the 4-H Club activities of its young people. A special 4-H Sunday service was held in June at which time Dennis Haaland, one of the 4-H members in the congregation, gave a fine talk on the background and serious purposes of 4-H.

AWARD PRESENTED TO CALIFORNIA SCOUT



The ceremony pictured above took place in July at Calvary Lutheran Church, San Bruno, California. Explorer Scout Don Wagner received his Pro Deo award from Miss Olivia Tufte, parish worker, substituting for his mother who lives at Menomonie, Wisconsin. Pastor Ernest Zoerb is shown in front of the altar with Al TeKrony, troop committeeman, and Bill Redmond, Explorer leader on his right and Scoutmaster Len Makhholm on his left. A number of scouts and explorers also participated. Don is now in the service of Uncle Sam.

Schools and Colleges

Edited by the Division of Higher Education

Three Fall Workshop Conferences Planned

Three workshop-conferences will highlight the fall program of the division of higher education. Executive director of the division, Dr. Orville Dahl, has announced that the first workshop-conference will be for the business officers of the schools and colleges; the second will be for the public relations officers and staff members; and the third will be centered on the subject of the parish worker.

Conference-Workshop for Educational Business Officers

The opening conference-workshop will devote its attention to the many matters related to the business management of our church schools, colleges, and seminaries. Each school will be represented by its chief business officer and such other members of the business office as may be selected by the president of the institution. The workshop will be held at the Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis on October 27, 28, and 29.

In addition to the participants from the schools, financial officers of the Church and other educational institutions have been invited to attend as consultants. Professor O. A. Davidson, department of education, Dartmouth College, has accepted the invitation to serve as the analyst of the conference. Professor Davidson was formerly a member of the faculty of Luther College and is a graduate of that institution.

Among other consultants who will participate in the conference is Mr. Rudolph Anderson, a member of the auditing firm of Boulay, Anderson, Waldo & Co., Minneapolis, who represents the firm which annually audits the accounts of the Church's schools and colleges. Other members of the same firm who will consult with the business officers are Mr. Leonard H. Lieser and Mr. Adrian S. Helgeson. Officers of the ELC who will represent the Church are Mr. Charles Nasby, auditor; Mr. Thurman Overson, secretary of the Board of Trustees; and Mr. Norman Nelson, treasurer.

Two luncheon speakers will address the conference. Mr. F. N. Budolphson, Comptroller of Macalester College and a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, will speak on the opening day on the subject, "Current Trends in the Administration of the Business Office of the Liberal Arts College." Dr. L. R. Lunden, comptroller of the University of Minnesota and a member of Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, has been invited to address the conference on the subject, "The Future Outlook for Financing Church Colleges."

The first day, Tuesday, October 27, centers discussion on the problems of accounting, bookkeeping, and recording. The basic procedure which is followed is to bring before the group actual problems which exist and then proceed on the round-table method in an effort to reach the proper solutions.

The second day, Wednesday, October 28, has been scheduled for the discussion of three subjects. In the morning the conference will concern itself with the construction, contents, and control of the budget. In the afternoon purchasing policies and practices and the management of facilities for housing and feeding, storage and distribution of supplies is scheduled.

On the third day the morning will be spent in discussing the financial relationship of the schools to the Church. In this large area Pastor Raymond Olson, director of stewardship, will represent his office; investment policies of the Church will be presented by Mr. T. G. Overson; the auditing services of the Church will be headed by Mr. Charles Nasby; and the financial implications of the proposed merger of the Church with the American Lutheran Church and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church will be pointed out by Dr. O. G. Malmin, editor of LUTHERAN HERALD.

The afternoon of the final day of the conference will concentrate its attention on a miscellaneous group of business problems such as: (a) tenure policies; (b) retirement programs; (c) use of government loans for plant expansion; (d) institutional insurance programs; and (e) student scholarship and loan funds.

The workshop-conference for business officers will close with the analysis and summary of the conference by Professor Davidson. Work committees, if such is made apparent by the three-day discussions, will be named and the whole meeting evaluated in terms of its merits, shortcoming, and possible future repetition.

Public Relations Workshop in November

On November 12, 13, and 14 the second workshop-conference of the division of higher education will be held. This conference will be attended by the public relations officers, directors of admissions, and other personnel in our schools and colleges associated with this field of work. The program for this conference is now being prepared, and a forthcoming issue of LUTHERAN HERALD will carry the details. This is the second annual conference for this group of workers in our schools and colleges. The first workshop-conference was held in November, 1952, following which the participants voted to repeat the conference annually.

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Lutheran Herald

Correspondence

NAME FOR MERGED CHURCH

►After reading the article "What Shall the Name Be?" in the *HERALD* of September 8, I thought it might be time for some one to suggest a name, or names, that would be appropriate for the new merged Church if it becomes a reality.

The name "American Evangelical Lutheran Church" might have been a good one, but now that the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church has become the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, that name is out. So it seems that the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, has set an example that may be followed.

The church bodies that are about to be merged are all members of the American Lutheran Conference. Therefore the name "Lutheran Church—American Conference" would be a good one. The Augustana Lutheran Church, which is also a member of the American Lutheran Conference, would not object, I am sure.

I think the names of our church bodies should start out "Lutheran Church"—followed by words indicating what group.

The United Lutheran Church of America also could follow in the footsteps of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod by naming their church "Lutheran Church—United Synods" because that is really what it is.

It would be interesting to hear what others think an appropriate name for the newly-to-be-merged Church should be.

PAUL O. BLEGEN
Washington, D.C.

REGARDING "EQUAL RIGHTS"

►By the time we hear of some of the home happenings here, they are but echoes and still they may cause a little stir. I am referring to the issue of "Equal Rights" raised in the letters to the editor.

I, too, would call attention to I Timothy, chapter two, but not only to verse eight. Look at verses nine through twelve. Are Christian brides sinning because they often wear pearls, a gift of the groom? A gold watch, a gold ring, a gold cross, are these, too, forbidden for the women of today? Which is more modest, to curl the hair or braid it? Speculation is dangerous, I realize, but I wonder if Paul would insist on calling home we who have been called by our Church to "teach the pure and undefiled Word of God . . . in consonance with the symbols of our Lutheran Church." My Church promised me that "We will esteem you as our fellow worker." My Church has kept her promise to me even in the short time I have been here. Am I disobeying Scripture because I teach the Word of God? Furthermore, I have the right to vote in the mission conference.

It seems strange to me that there should be objection to granting certain privileges to mature Christians at home because they are not men! My work has not been proved yet, I am a new missionary. There are women in the Church at home whose character and work have been proved glorious, whose judgment has been wise.

And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I

will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall dream dreams; Yea, and on my menservants and my maid-servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy" (Joel as quoted in Acts 2:17-18).

Was that only for Pentecost? Are these the last days or are they yet to come?

My concern is that my Church does not limit her effectiveness by a policy which is of doubtful value. I have no fear that women will wrest the authority from the men.

A FELLOW WORKER

"THE DISTORTED VISION"

►"The Distorted Vision" has, as was anticipated, provoked many to take issue and to use strong language in objection. I heartily welcome a difference of opinion. Opinion differences may be instruments in providing greater light on a subject which has known little more than the light of sparks ignited by heated argument. With opinion differences I am concerned. As a Christian pastor I am even more concerned with the unkind language with which differing opinions have been expressed.

I shall not join the ranks of those who cry "sin and shame" upon loving hands that sew a doll to sell for the glory of God; who cry "sin and shame" upon loving hands that bake a cake to sell for the spiritual care of unwanted children; who cry "sin and shame" upon loving hands that prepare and serve a supper for the cause of Christian missions. If loving hands that work in God's Kingdom are sinful and shameful, then it must follow that authority for such sin and shame must be better than the prejudices of men, however strong such prejudices may be.

Let those who cry "sin and shame," who use strong words, bring to the argument the clear, conclusive exposition of the Holy Scriptures to clearly show that sin and shame on loving hands rests on good authority.

As for me, until I am convinced from Holy Scripture that loving hands at work in the Kingdom of God are sinful, that a supper in church is sin, I shall stand by the thesis, the theme, and the thoughts of "The Distorted Vision."

HAROLD B. KILDAHL, JR.
Willmar, Minn.

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK

►"Dedicate This Week to God" was the slogan adopted by the churches in Estherville, Iowa, as they set out on a unified effort in Evangelism during the week of September 20-25. All the churches (Catholic included) in this city of 7,000 population in north central Iowa participated, with the exception of one which does not have a resident pastor. Each church conducted the service as they deemed best, calling in guest speakers or having their local pastor give the evangelistic messages. All organizations of the city cancelled or postponed their meetings for the week, and the city mayor, Dr. S. G. Ewen, proclaimed the dates be set aside for Spiritual Emphasis Week and called upon all people of the city and community to attend the church of their choice. Co-operation was excellent, and I am sure that blessings shall long continue from this unified effort.

During this week we were most fortunate to have Dr. Oscar C. Hanson from the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis as guest speaker in Estherville Lutheran Church. He used as his theme: "Let Christ Be Lord!" God used Dr. Hanson in his challenging and soul-stirring

messages, and we regard the week as an outstanding event in our entire church year. People responded in prayer support, in very good attendance, and sincere appreciation for this added ministry of the Word.

Besides speaking at the Sunday morning worship, Dr. Hanson brought a message to the LBI Fellowship Chapter on Sunday afternoon; he preached each evening at 7:45, and addressed a large high school and junior college audience. He spoke to the Kiwanians at their Tuesday dinner meeting and was the featured speaker at the local Luther League banquet and at a dinner meeting for Lutheran public school teachers given by members of the church council and the pastor. The local daily newspaper gave splendid support and was most liberal in providing front-page summary write-ups of Dr. Hanson's messages each

day. The high school and junior college youth met daily at 8:00 a.m. for a thirty minute worship service.

The Rev. L. G. Hinderaker, pastor of the Estherville Lutheran Church, presents this article with the thought in mind that what was tried so successfully in Estherville can be done in scores of other cities throughout our country if only given the chance. Who can possibly evaluate the blessings and dynamic of a city-wide unified effort on Evangelism? Who knows but that many cities and communities are ripe for revival and a real visitation from God through such unified efforts in the preaching of the Word? Let us work while it is day; night cometh when no man can work.

(THE REV.) L. G. HINDERAKER
Estherville, Iowa

Meet the Brotherhood President

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early developed a keen sense of humor, and it never failed him. Among his acquaintances, he is known as a champion story teller and is capable of retaining the attention of his listeners for sessions that sometimes have lasted far into the night.

But perhaps his contribution to the Church can best be described in terms of his work in the area of Home Missions and in his attempt to stir up interest among the men of the Church in this field of activity.

To Myklebust, a tithe does not mean he stops giving of his money to the Church when he has given ten per cent. Proper stewardship to him means proportionate giving, with the "tenth" being a mere beginning. When pastors in the district were in desperate financial straits during the depression, Tom was there to help them. When Home Mission congregations were struggling to stay on their feet, Tom was there to help them too. In fact, when something was needed almost anywhere, dependable Tom would usually come through with aid of some kind.

But stewardship to him also meant giving of his time. For thirty-one years he was a member of the Home Mission committee of the Rocky Mountain District, serving as chairman for one year and as secretary for thirty. In this capacity he toured the district, preaching, giving needed assistance, and establishing Brotherhoods.

During the centennial appeal, as well as with other church-wide financial appeals, Myklebust could be found on the road again, traveling in behalf of the appeal. In practically all of his trips, then as always, he traveled at his own expense.

It is just another example of the kind of devotion and consistency that characterizes the man who now heads the men's auxiliary group in the ELC. In this capacity he continues to travel about the Church, winning an even wider and greater reputation as a good

lay preacher than his father had had in Norway. He gives to the Brotherhood the steady hand of one whose judgment and wisdom have been tested, tempered, and sharpened in a long, full life of service and devotion to his Church and fellow men.

We Are Not Spectators

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important to understand the relationships and interdependence of the Churches, as mentioned above, it would be a serious mistake to conclude that our spiritual solutions lie solely in the association of such Churches. These solutions will continue to be found in the kind of spiritual life which is cultivated through the congregation. The planning and work must continually be carried out with that basic truth in mind. If renewal is going to come to Lutheran Churches in Europe, it must come in the congregations. For a time certain leaders may be able to call forth results, but the leaders who will follow them must come out of today's congregational life. If our church life in America is going to be adequate for these uncertain times, it must also be nurtured by vigorous congregations. The implications of this lesson must be clear to all of us.

We are not spectators of the fact that Churches, bringing congregations together in a common organization, are important tools in God's plan. Much is involved in our own synodical program and life, just as much is involved in what the Churches of Europe do in the name of their congregations. All of it is a part of the bulwark for the Gospel. All of it is a part of the proclamation of God's saving truth to the nations in our time. The mission which is assigned to us, in our church body, is not less significant because of our participation in work of the Lutheran World Federation, but more significant. This is the part of the total task which is uniquely our own. God and our brethren look to us to be faithful in it, too.

Within the E.L.C.

PERSONS

The Rev. Herman S. Fauske will by Jan. 1, 1954, begin working as visiting pastor of St. Paul's Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

The Rev. Raymond M. Olson, ELC stewardship director, returned early in October from extensive travels abroad, including western, northern, central and southern Europe and also the Near East. Among his first speaking appointments after his return will be addressing the annual meeting of the Lutheran Welfare Society of Wisconsin Oct. 21 at Bethel Church, Madison, Wis.

The Rev. Arnold J. Melom, pastor of the Richwood-Bakke-Egelund parish at Detroit Lakes, Minn., has accepted a call to St. John's Church, Howard Lake, Minn. He will move there early in January.

The Rev. O. C. Brenna is serving as interim pastor of the rural Norway Lake parish near New London, Minn., hitherto served by the Rev. N. J. Njus. Pastor Njus preached farewell sermons in the three churches of the parish late in September and early in October. He has now moved to Benson, Minn.

Mrs. L. K. Brandser, nee Josephine Johnson, whose husband, the Rev. L. K. Brandser, passed away in 1939, died July 4 at Calgary, Alberta, Canada, in her 84th year. She was blind during the last five years of her life.

The Rev. Omar G. Otterness, Redfield, S. Dak., has accepted a call to Medill Avenue Church, Chicago, and will begin his pastorate there early in 1954.

The Rev. E. O. Walker, formerly pastor of the Wetaskiwin parish in Alberta, will become institutional chaplain in the Edmonton area of the same province, under the supervision of the ELC Board of Charities.

The Rev. Stanley Rude, Amisk, Alta., has accepted a call to Mossbank, Sask.

Miss Sadie Austin, parish worker in Trinity parish, Mason City, Iowa, has accepted a call to become the California District's full-time director of parish education. She will begin this work at the beginning of the new year; her headquarters will be in Oakland, Calif.

Joseph Runestad has resigned as manager of the Lutheran Home for the Aged at Arnegard, N. Dak. He will be succeeded by the Rev. P. C. A. Haaland of Belfield, N. Dak.

The Rev. A. M. Nelson terminated late in August an 11-year pastorate at Our Saviour's Church, Long Beach, Calif., and began the following month his new duties as pastor of Salem Church in Glendale, Calif. Prior to his leaving Long Beach the Ladies Aid gave him and his wife a farewell party, presenting them gifts. One notable feature of the celebration was a presentation in miniature of the chief events of Pastor Nelson's ministry in the parish. Later the congregation as such held a farewell reception for Pastor and Mrs. Nelson, also at the same time celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

The Rev. Ansgar E. Sovik, associate professor of religion at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., is giving during the current school year, on Wednesdays 9:00-9:15 a.m., a radio course on "Christian World Service," as a part of the service rendered by St. Olaf School of the Air, radio station WCAL. This course will give information about existing agencies for world service, Christian and secular, and their relationship to each other.

The Rev. Gordon Selbo, pastor of Our Saviour's Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Miss Elsie Kvalheim were married Aug. 17.

The Rev. H. Idanomi, a Lutheran pastor of Japan, is visiting this country, after an extended stay in Norway. In the evening of Oct. 7 he spoke at Trinity Church in Brooklyn. Toward the end of October he will visit the Mid-Western states.

DISTRICTS

Eastern

Portland, Maine. The New England Circuit YPLL held its first meeting Sept. 26-27 at First Lutheran Church of this city. Delegates from all but two of the parish Leagues were in attendance. Frederick Webber of Portland was chosen the circuit League's first president. Speakers at the convention were the Rev. Thomas Williamsen, president of the Atlantic District League, and Durward Roa, ELC youth evangelist.

Southern Minnesota

St. Louis Park, Minn. Westwood Church, parish of the Rev. Norman L. Nielsen, received over 100 new members Sunday, Sept. 27. So far this year this church has had 420 accessions.

Northern Minnesota

Twin Valley, Minn. Dr. Morris Wee, pastor of First Lutheran Church, Duluth, Minn., dedicated Sept. 27 the new parish house of Zion Church, parish of the Rev. A. C. Odden. In the evening he lectured on the topic "An American Looks at Asia." On the preceding Thursday a pre-dedication service was held; the speaker then was Dr. J. L. Knutson, president of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn. The parish house adjoins the church, and among its several rooms may be especially mentioned the Fireside Room and a large, well-equipped dining hall.

Pacific

Oswego, Oregon. Our Saviour's Church, parish of the Rev. Wm. Gentz,

NEW PARISH HALL AT CLEAR LAKE, IOWA



The new parish hall of Zion Church, parish of the Rev. Geo. C. Strum, was dedicated Sunday afternoon, Sept. 27, by Dr. V. T. Jordahl, president of the South Central District. Guest preacher at forenoon services was the Rev. Carroll Hinderlie, Watertown, S. Dak., a former pastor of the parish. The cost of the two-story building is \$72,000. A week earlier, on "Dedication to Youth Sunday," Dr. J. C. K. Preus, director of Christian education, preached. On Oct. 11 the Rev. Ruben Mostrom, St. Paul, Minn., who also formerly served the Clear Lake parish, preached at a "Dedication to Missions" service. The Zion Sunday school is supporting a missionary in Sudan, Miss Pearl Larson.

celebrated Sept. 25-27 its fifth anniversary. Speakers were Dr. H. L. Foss, president of the Pacific District, the Rev. Waldo Ellickson, who began church work in Oswego, and the Rev. Glenn Bragstad, first pastor of the Oswego parish.

OBITUARIES

John R. Graning

John R. Graning, a life-long member of St. John Church, Sioux City, Iowa, died Sept. 29, in his 61st year. Funeral services took place Oct. 2 at the church named, the Rev. C. A. Gisselquist officiating. Graning was born Nov. 27, 1892 at Sioux City. He worked for more than forty years at the Sioux City First National Bank and was one of its vice presidents at the time of his death. During the years he held many positions of trust in his congregation. He is survived by his wife, nee Clara Back, three sons, one daughter, and one brother. He was a brother-in-law of Dr. Herman E. Jorgensen, editor of *Lutheraneren*.

The Rev. P. E. Moen

The Rev. Peder E. Moen, who was pastor at Crookston, Minn., for 30 years, passed away Oct. 5 at Duluth, Minn., almost 80 years of age.

SOUTH DAKOTA PARISH GETS NEW PARISH HOUSE



Above is pictured the new parish house of the Trondhjem Church near Rosholt, S. Dak., together with the church. The parish house, which was built largely by volunteer labor, and a sacristy addition to the church were lately dedicated. The pastor of the Rosholt parish is the Rev. A. H. G. Gjevne.

Pastor Moen was born Nov. 17, 1873, at Meridean, Wis. He attended St. Olaf College 1900-04 and the United Church Seminary 1904-07. He served the following parishes: Pipestone, Minn., 1907-08; Howard, S. Dak., 1907-15; Crookston, Minn., 1915-45; and Oslo, Minn., 1945-48. In 1907 he married Ingara C. Olson, who died in

1919; and in 1920 he married Andora M. Dale, who survives him together with two sons and two daughters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camrose Circuit YPLL will meet Nov. 6-8 at Asker Church, east of Ponoka, Alberta.

Billings Circuit LDR will meet Oct. 31 at Hope Church, Bozeman, Montana. Speaker: Missionary Evelyn Lovaaas.

Glenwood Circuit will meet in fall convention Oct. 22-23 at Starbuck, Minn. The Rev. S. A. Urberg will introduce the discussion of the topic "Judgment Because of Sin."

Vernon Circuit LDR will meet Oct. 18 at Trinity Church, Sparta, Wis. Speakers: the Rev. Harold Masted and Missionary Evelyn Lovaaas.

Pioneer Memorial Home, Fergus Falls, Minn. will celebrate its 25th anniversary, in connection with its annual fall festival, Sunday, Oct. 18. Divine services at 10:30 a.m., and a festival program at 2:30 p.m. At the close of the afternoon service the Sunshine Society, will serve refreshments. Gifts of canned goods will be gratefully received by the Home.

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DEDICATION AT ELLSWORTH, IOWA



The new church of Trinity Church, Ellsworth, Iowa, parish of the Rev. C. J. Naglestad, was dedicated Sunday afternoon, Sept. 20, by Dr. V. T. Jordahl, president of the South Central District. At the forenoon service the Rev. M. C. Thompson, Prairie Farm, Wis., preached. In the evening Dr. L. A. Pierson, president of the South Dakota District, spoke at a song service by the church choir. The new church, 116x110 ft., is of modern design. Its most prominent feature is the 89 ft. high tower standing separate from the building; it is topped by a cross. The structure seats 500 persons, and represents an outlay of \$195,000.

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Schools and Colleges

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The public relations conference will center its attention this year on the subject of alumni programs. In addition, the conference will study ways and means of improving the publications and publicity of the schools and colleges; discuss joint programs now in progress, such as LEAF, the Lutheran Educational Aid Fund; evaluate the colored, sound motion picture now being completed by ELC Films entitled "Your Colleges and You" and soon to be made available for showing throughout the Church; and continue the study of the development programs of the colleges.

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Bronstad, O. M., Clifton, Tex., \$25.
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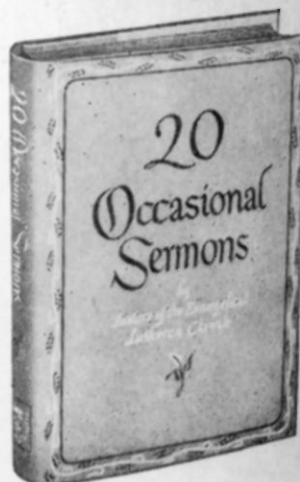
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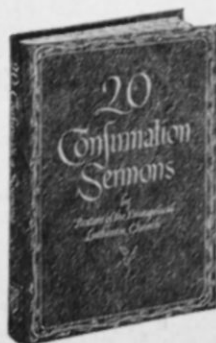


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