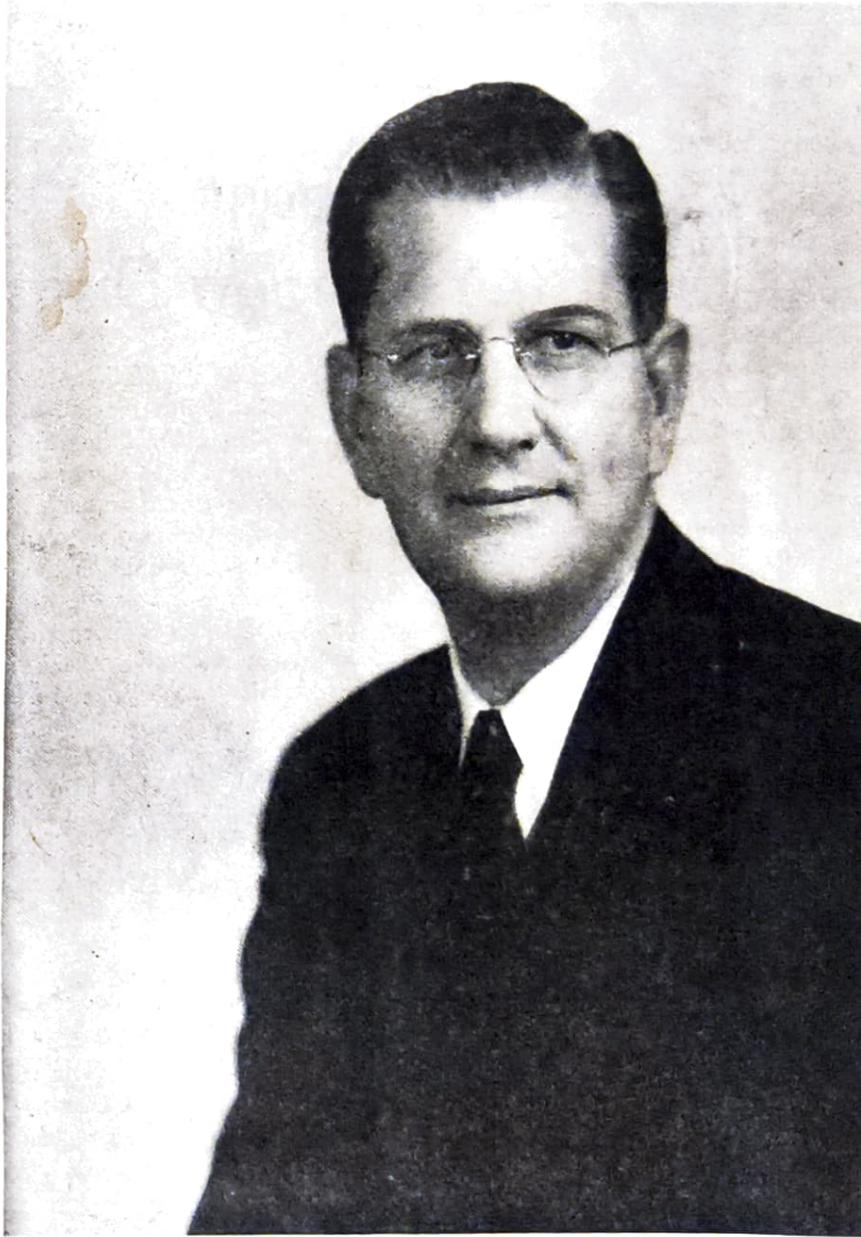


# Lutheran Herald

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THE REV. MARS A. DALE  
La Crosse, Wis., President-elect of the Canada District



# Dr. Oscar L. Olson Retires

From Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, comes word of the retirement from active service of Dr. Oscar L. Olson, who thus brings to a close a ministry of teaching in the Church which has continued without interruption, except for periods of graduate study, since 1893, a total of fifty-two years. Dr. Olson was a member of the faculty at Luther College from 1901 until the close of the school year, 1944-45, a period of forty-four years.

Dr. Olson was born in Chicago, Feb. 3, 1872. He graduated from the Preparatory Department of Luther College in 1889 and received his A.B. degree from the same institution in 1893. His appointment to the faculty of his Alma Mater was preceded by periods of teaching successively at Bode Academy, Bode, Iowa; Bruffat Academy, Portland, N. Dak.; and Luther Academy, Albert Lea, Minn. He received the Master of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1903 and became a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Chicago in 1914.

Dr. Olson's service at Luther College may be divided into three parts. From 1901 to 1921, he was teacher and professor, working chiefly in the Department of English of which he was the head. In 1921, upon the death of President Christian Feyer, he

became president of Luther College, in which position he continued until 1932. Three forward-looking steps in the outward development of Luther were taken during his presidency: the O. K. Preuss Gymnasium was built; radio station KWLC was established; and the college farm was purchased. In 1932, Dr. Olson resigned from the presidency in order to resume his ministry of teaching. He became head of the Department of Philosophy and also continued to teach in the Department of English.

Sound scholarship and unwavering loyalty to his Christian faith and to his Church have characterized Dr. Olson's ministry of teaching throughout this more than a half-century of service. By no means lenient in his demands upon his students and with a very high standard of personal scholarship, Dr. Olson won the respect and love of thousands of students upon whose lives he exerted a tremendous influence for good.

LUTHERAN HERALD salutes this veteran educator of the Church and wishes for him many happy and useful years with the leisure from heavy professional duties which he has so richly deserved.

## New President of the Canada District

As recounted in the news story of the convention of the Canada District, found elsewhere in this issue, the Rev. Mars A. Dale, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, La Crosse, Wis., was unanimously elected to the district presidency. It gives LUTHERAN HERALD pleasure to present the new district president to our readers through this present issue and to wish for him and the Canada District the richest blessings of God.

The *Shepherd*, official organ of the Canada District, includes in its July issue the following statement from Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, President of the Church:

"The Rev. Mars A. Dale was born of the parents, the Rev. J. B. A. Dale and wife Julia, nee Olson, on April 17, 1905, at McIntosh, Minnesota. He was baptized and confirmed in St. John's congregation of that city. He graduated from the McIntosh High School in 1922 and from St. Olaf College, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1926.

"He states in his vita for ordination that the call of the ministry came to him during his college years and that in obedience to the call of God he entered Luther Theological Seminary. He was ordained to the Christian ministry in 1929 on the call as assistant pastor of Parkside Lutheran Church in Chicago. Later he served as pastor of Medill Avenue Lutheran Church in Chicago, and from 1935 to 1940 he was pastor of First English Lutheran Church in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. The work in Stevens Point gave him contact with the students at the State Teachers College located in that city. In 1940 he accepted the call to become pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

"God has blessed his ministry in the places where he has labored. His active Christian leadership has borne fruit in the congregations."

"The Eastern District recognized his qualities of leadership and ability and elected him president of the Young

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Dr. Oscar L. Olson

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## Cablegram from Oslo

HAVE SEEN SEVERAL NORWEGIAN CHURCH LEADERS: BISHOP BERGGRAV, PROFESSORS HALLESBY AND MOE, STATSRAAD HJELMTVEIT. ABOUT ONE MILLION DOLLARS NEEDED FOR CHURCH RESTORATION IN FINMARK. CONFERENCE OF SCANDINAVIAN CHURCH LEADERS IN COPENHAGEN IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS: YOUR CORRESPONDENT WILL PARTICIPATE. FOOD SITUATION IN NORWAY IMPROVING. SCARCITY OF CLOTHING AND SHOES STILL GREAT. PEOPLE JUBILANT OVER LIBERATION. HOPEFUL REGARDING FUTURE. MRS. STUB WELL. RESIDES AT LOVISENBERG SUNSET HOME. BERGGRAV MAY ACCEPT AMERICAN INVITATION, NOT YET CERTAIN HOWEVER. HAVE TALKED TO SEVERAL CHURCHMEN AFTER GERMAN IMPRISONMENT; MOST OF THEM NOW FAIRLY WELL, OTHERS MORE MISTREATED.

HERMAN JORGENSEN

## Are They in Politics?

Of late a number of the more popular Roman Catholic newspapers and magazines have been at some pains to refute the statement that the Catholic Church dabbles in politics. It will be interesting to see what the hierarchy will have to say about the latest instance of such meddling which has seen the light of day in cold print. It has to do with the selection of a vice-presidential candidate to run with the late President Roosevelt. It will be remembered that the present secretary of state, Mr. James F. Byrnes, had been prominently mentioned as a possible candidate. President Roosevelt's choice, however, was Mr. Harry Truman, now President of the United States.

A recent issue of the *Minneapolis Morning Tribune* professes to give the "inside story" of the whole affair, quoting in full an article by Gladstone Williams entitled "Why Roosevelt Turned Down Byrnes as His Running Mate." The article originally appeared in the *Atlanta Constitution*, Atlanta, Georgia. The first reason given is that "as a Southern man his position on the Negro question would be embarrassing to the party in the campaign." The article then goes on, giving the substance of a conversation between the late President and Mr. Ellis Arnall, governor of Georgia:

"But the main reason had to do with Byrnes' former reli-

gious affiliations, the South Carolina man having started out in life as a member of the Catholic Church and later changed to another denomination.

"Mr. Roosevelt went on to say that at the time Byrnes was first proposed for the vice-presidency he told the inner circle of his advisers that before considering his name he first wanted to find out how the Catholics of the country would react to his candidacy.

"The President informed Gov. Arnall that he had then called in the head of the Catholic Church in the United States and put the question to him. The answer he got was that the Democratic ticket would lose seventy-five per cent of the Catholic vote if Byrnes were given a place on it.

"With a gesture of his hand toward a window in his office, Mr. Roosevelt remarked: 'And there went Jimmy,' meaning out of the window, of course.

"Under these known circumstances—known to the intimate circle around the White House at the time—it always has been something of a mystery as to why Byrnes ever projected his candidacy seriously.

"If he ever discussed it with the President it is inconceivable that he should not have been told. It was a matter that Mr. Roosevelt could have revealed to him easily enough.

"But certainly it is even more inconceivable to suppose that Mr. Roosevelt, under the circumstances, would have said anything to indicate that he approved the Byrnes candidacy. The late chief executive did not do things that way among the people he was intimately associated with.

"The only assumption warranted in the face of the known facts is that Byrnes never had any serious intentions regarding his candidacy. He must have gone to Chicago knowing that the door was closed against his nomination from the start. . . ."

We have no way of verifying the story of Mr. Williams. The fact, however, that it first appeared in one of the most respected newspapers of the South and that it seemingly is accepted at face value by the *Minneapolis* newspaper certainly lends credence to it.

The Catholic Church, then, turned thumbs down on an American citizen—not because he was not a Catholic, but because he had been one and had joined another denomination. And so powerful a political entity is the Roman Catholic hierarchy that the President of the United States feels it necessary to consult its head to ascertain what attitude that Church will take. When the head of the Roman Church (we wonder if the person referred to is Archbishop Spellman of New York) says that the priesthood will so influ-



ence the rank and file of Catholic voters that the Democratic party will lose seventy-five per cent of the Catholic vote if ex-catholic Byrnes is the candidate, why then, of course, "out the window" goes "Jimmy"! One is tempted to ask how many other persons or principles have gone "out of the window" for the same reason—the Roman Catholic Church was opposed to them.

Is the Roman Catholic Church in politics? You answer!

## Homecoming

### THE EDITOR'S BOOKSHELF

Three volumes regarding the returning service man have come to the editor's bookshelf recently. So much discussion has been going on regarding this subject that we believe we will be doing our readers a favor by giving not a little prominence to these books, attempting to evaluate them from the viewpoint of the Church. The first one to which we shall turn is *The Church and the Returning Soldier* by Roy A. Burkhardt (Harper and Brothers, New York. Cloth. With bibliography and index. 204 pages. \$2.00). Dr. Burkhardt is pastor of First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio. He has gained a good deal of renown because of the youth program he has built up in his church; he has travelled extensively in visitations of Army camps and Navy bases.

The book begins with an introductory chapter entitled "The Message of These Pages." The thesis is laid down that the problem of the Church and the serviceman is simply the problem of the relation between the Church and the individual, regardless of who or where that individual may be. The service man is just an ordinary American, like the rest of us in every particular, except in so far as the experiences of his wartime service have caused changes. But, basically, he is no more a "problem" than is any other individual. We wish to commend Dr. Burkhardt on this point of view. We confess ourselves as having become more than a little irked at the bald assumption of so many that the returning serviceman will prove to be an abnormal member of society who stands in need of special attention. We gather from correspondence with not a few servicemen that they are none too happy either when they hear of these discussions! To us it appears that the author has won half the battle when he has established the fact that the "problem" of the Church and the returning serviceman is the same as the "problem" of the Church and just anybody.

Going on that assumption, then, the "problem" is to be solved by examining the purpose and program of the Church, attempting to make the Church a living reality. This Dr. Burkhardt does by discussing four subjects: "The Mind of the Soldier"; "Where Should the Church Begin?" "The Church Prepares"; and "The Revitalized Church."

We recommend this book to pastors, congregation leaders, and parents, as thought-provoking and helpful. It is only fair to warn the reader, however, that he will be much

disappointed at the very superficial understanding the author has of the real essence and meaning of the Church. Read with a sound understanding of Scripture, however, simply to receive help on a much-discussed subject, the book is to be recommended.

## Doing the Impossible

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

AUGUST 26, 1945

Olaf Lysnes

Matthew 5:43-45: Ye have heard that it was said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy: but I say unto you, Love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you; that ye may be sons of your Father who is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust.

In his letter to the Philippians Paul says: "I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me." In II Tim. 4:14-15 Paul warns Timothy against an enemy, Alexander the coppersmith. Our sinful nature naturally and easily hates those who lie to us, steal from us, slander us, injure us, treat us unfairly, or otherwise prove themselves enemies. In addition to this there are multitudes who hate people they have never seen and have never had anything to do with personally or directly. Causes may be wealth, snobbery, race, language, politics, occupation, or nationality.

Our gospel forbids all this hating. John says: "Whoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." Jesus says: "Love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you." How can you love those that you hate?

Consider that hatred in your heart is not only a sin against God, but also a force destructive to your mind, emotions, and health. It is great gain for you to substitute love for hate. Love is positive, makes friends, builds up your health in body and nerves, is a gift of God.

Your enemy needs pity as he is on the way to destruction, "riding for a fall," as vernacular jargon has it. If your enemy is guilty of consciously committing sins of malice, he is not only a sinner, but a lost sinner under the wrath of God. How do you stand with God? Are you a Christian? You have sinned against your neighbor in some ways, against God in many ways. Do you confess fully and honestly? Do you ask God for forgiveness and grace? If you believe that you, a lost sinner, are forgiven, you can have grace to forgive your enemy and pray for him.

By faith you have been made partaker of the divine nature. God loves a lost world, feeds and upholds it physically, tries through you and other Christians to reach its people with salvation for souls. You are asked to love your enemies that you may be a child of God.

You can begin by confessing your own sins, and by praying for those who in any way have shown themselves your enemies.

DEAR LORD, we confess our need of love and we pray for it. We pray, make us Christ-like. Amen.



# Correspondence from Stockholm, Sweden

My departure from London took place in the late afternoon of Friday, July 5, by airplane; within six hours we arrived at the Brauma Airport in Stockholm. Across the North Sea the plane soared high above the clouds, which were too dense to afford us a glimpse of the waters underneath. But as we approached the coast of Denmark the clouds cleared away, resulting in an entrancing view of the entire north-west coast of Jutland. The jump across the Kattegat displayed a beautiful stretch of a perfectly calm sea, followed by a panoramic survey of the Swedish skärgård (fringe of islands) off Sweden's second largest city, Göteborg (Gothenburg). After a brief landing interval, which included inspection by Swedish immigration and customs officials, we were off for Stockholm.

Summer nights are weirdly beautiful in the Scandinavian North (I know of no other adequate descriptive term for the unearthly, dreamy wonder of the northern summer nights), and I shall never forget the delights of this flight across Sweden. The dominating note in the symphony of lights and color underneath us was given by the silvery gleam of water, at first the inlets from the sea, then expanses of lake surface, varying in size, and all the way a multitude of rivers and brooks which appeared like bands of silver.

You are doubtless interested in my impressions of Sweden after about a fortnight's stay in the country. It is a very beautiful country, not in the grand way of mountainous Norway, nor in the garden-like orderliness of the English country-side, but in a way all its own: an ever delightful succession of woods and lakes and fields and meadows—and beautiful, well-kept homesteads, and—not to forget—trim, clean cities and towns. The nearest approach to Sweden in American terms would be Wisconsin, I think.

Stockholm richly deserves its well-known cognomen "The Venice of the North," owing to its numerous islands

and its ever-present waters, in lakes, sounds, and bays. Strangely enough it suggests, in pleasing harmony, both venerable age and virile modernity.

The prospects for a bountiful harvest look very bright to me, though I admit that I am not a very competent judge. The Swedes are well dressed, in the case of the ladies, even smartly so. Prices are high, on an average higher than in America, I think; but people seem to have plenty of money. Rationing obtains fairly generally, but it is by no means ungenerous, and no scarcity of food and of other commodities seems to exist. I am of the impression that rationing would no longer be necessary if home consumption were the only consideration, but Sweden sincerely desires to share its supplies with nations less fortunately situated. Sweden's direct help to other nations has long since reached well-nigh incredible proportions. I shall have to reserve that story for a subsequent letter.

I am now ready to leave Sweden for Norway, having, after a considerable and rather vexing delay, obtained the necessary allied military permission for entrance into the latter country. I shall venture no opinion on the necessity of the continuance of these travel restrictions now that the actual war has ceased in Europe; I do not know enough about the matter to form any real opinion, but I am somewhat chagrined that all of six weeks had to elapse between my departure from Minneapolis and my arrival in Oslo.

Do not for a moment think, however, that I look upon my stay in Sweden as lost time in accomplishing the purpose of my mission. Only, I had hoped to get to Norway first, since it, as a recently liberated country, long in the limelight of war interest, possessed right now a much stronger journalistic appeal; and then, after my visit to Norway, I had hoped to go to the other Northern countries. Being forced by circumstances to re-arrange my proposed route, I have endeavored to make

use of the time profitably by seeing as many prominent Swedish churchmen as this season of summer vacations has allowed.

I cannot mention each one of those who very kindly have given me of their time; several of them do not wish to be directly quoted, and I am not sure that they all understood at the time of my talk with them the journalistic purpose of my Scandinavian visit. I shall therefore state in a general way some of the things which I learned in my interviews, without attributing any statement to any one individual. But before I do this, perhaps a comment on the personalities of some of the men seen may be of interest.

Some days ago I spent several hours with the Archbishop of the Church of Sweden, the affable Erling Eide of Uppsala. I should take him to be somewhere in his sixties; he is not above medium height and is of slight build. But he has the quick, elastic step of a young man. Genuine kindness is the predominant expression of his facial features. To me, he strongly suggested the Johannine type.

The Bishop of Stockholm (a new, almost altogether urban diocese) is the well-known Christian humanist, Manfred Björkquist, the celebrated creator of the Sigtuna institutions. Sigtuna is a very small but very old city situated about half-way between Stockholm and Uppsala. In ancient times it was the capital of the kings of the Sveas and still contains the massive and impressive ruins of these venerable stone churches; its parish church—formerly the fane of an abbey—is also very old; to me it seemed filled with benedictions left by numerous generations of worshippers. But Sigtuna of today is interesting chiefly because of the many institutions which play a very direct role in the pulsating life of this generation's church life, most of these being the creation of Manfred Björkquist. Most notable of these are a liberal arts college, a folk high school, and a school for the training of laymen for Christian service in the parishes. Numerous conventions, retreats, and conferences are, almost as a matter of course, held in the hospitable halls or on the spacious grounds of the Sigtuna institutions. Thus, Sigtuna



of today is a monument to the vision and the administrative talents of this ascetic-looking philosopher who is now the Bishop of Stockholm.

While my thoughts linger in Sigstuna, which I visited today, I must mention a very remarkable young man who lives there, the Reverend Harry Johansson, director of the North-European Ecumenical Institute in this remarkable little city. He looks like an open-faced, fun-loving college lad, but possesses a veritable fund of knowledge of conditions and men in practically every European Church. He has never been in America, but his unassuming conversation gave evidence of a very considerable insight into the church life also of our country. I came away with the feeling that here was decidedly the right man in the right place.

Next I want to mention a wide-awake layman, Thore Borgvall of Stockholm, an insurance man who for years has been a diligent promoter of Y.M.C.A. work in his city and is now devoting practically his whole time to the work of organizing Lutheran rehabilitation and reconstruction service in Europe. As a result of the visit of Doctors Long, Bersell, and Meier in Sweden last spring, the Swedish Liaison Committee of the Lutheran World Convention was formed, consisting of the Archbishop of Uppsala and Bishop Rodhe of Lund, with Mr. Borgvall as managing director. Largely as a result of Borgvall's energetic activity, similar committees have been formed in the other North-European countries: Bishop H. Fuglsang-Damgaard and Dr. Alfred Th. Jorgensen in Denmark; Bishop Berggrav and Professor Olaf Moe in Norway; and Bishop Max von Bonsdorff and Pastor Jutila in Finland, with Archbishop Lehtonen of Turku as a likely third member. I may mention in passing that these men plan to meet late in August in Copenhagen. Meeting Director Borgvall was a most interesting experience; he has the vigor and enthusiasm of an American promoter, coupled with an overwhelming love for the Lutheran Church.

In addition I should like to mention the versatile rector of the Ersta Deaconess Institution here in Stockholm, the Rev. Sven Danell (a son of the late

Bishop of Skara, Hjalmar Danell, whom older men in the Augustana Synod will remember with affection), and his affable assistant, the Rev. G. Hedenquist. I more than suspect that both of these men would raise their brows in utter astonishment if they knew that I am mentioning them alongside prelates of the Church; but I do so for two very weighty reasons: Pastor Danell has for years, through correspondence and now through direct narration, given me a much appreciated insight into the church life of the Baltic lands (he was for seven years a pastor in Estonia); and Pastor Hedenquist was working in the Swedish Jewish Mission in Vienna for some time prior to, during, and even after Hitler's *Anschluss* of Austria. After hearing his quiet, matter-of-fact account of the church work in a Nazi-ruled land, I feel that I better realize the greatness of the world's deliverance from this intolerable yoke.

My readers may by this time ask whether I have forgotten my promise of summary of what I have learned here in Sweden concerning the church situation in Continental Europe. This is in substance what I have learned: Throughout the war there has existed an active opposition to the Hitler regime in Germany, an opposition which naturally had to function largely as a underground movement if it were to exist at all. In this opposition

movement, the Church played a certainly not inconsiderable part, to some extent as an integral section of the entire movement, but in other ways as a spiritual force having a mission and objective of its own. This church opposition was not "underground" in all respects. Some of its leaders, notably Bishop Wurm of Stuttgart, again and again protested openly against the persecutions of Jews and other "non-Aryans" and against violence toward peoples of occupied lands. In several instances this German church opposition had direct and often very beneficial contacts with organized resistance movements in occupied countries, and with church leaders in neutral countries like Sweden and Switzerland.

This active group of German anti-Nazi churchmen worked out plans for reconstruction work within the German Church after the war, which they were sure would be won by the Allies. And today these very men are engaged in this work, having the encouragement of Western military leadership. Foremost among these are such men as Bishop Wurm of Württemberg, Pastor Gerstenmeier of the German Confessional Church, and Dr. Hanns Lilje of Berlin, secretary of the Lutheran World Convention.

This is all that I have time to tell this time; more of this matter on later occasions.

HERMAN E. JORGENSEN

## District Conventions

### The Canada District Reported by Milton S. Johnson Edmonton, Alta.

The Canada District, N.L.C.A., met in convention at Saskatoon, Sask., July 5-8. Zion Lutheran Church, Dr. O. K. Storaasli, pastor, was host to the convention.

The home mission theme of the convention was strengthened by a two day home mission pastors' institute held just prior to the convention, under the direction of the Rev. P. S. Dybvig, executive director of the home mission department. The Rev. E. C. Reinertson, Forest City, Iowa, was also a speak-

er at this institute and at the convention.

The theme of the convention, "Building the Future Church Now," emphasized the subject of the convention, which was home missions. The convention text was John 4:34-35.

The opening service on Thursday morning was conducted by the Rev. J. T. Dahle of Prince Albert, Sask. The sermon, delivered by the Rev. T. Nordmark of Sexsmith, Alta., was based on Luke 24:13-17 and emphasized the necessity of walking with Christ in daily life and of having our eyes open to recognize Him.

After the worship service the con-



vention was declared in session in the name of the Triune God by the Rev. K. Bergsagel of Winnipeg, Manitoba, acting president of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of Canada. During the forenoon session Dr. J. A. Aasgaard presented his report. Using the various portions of his report as a basis for his remarks, he presented a clear-cut picture of the place the Church of Christ must enter and fill if it is to carry out the divine commission. The remainder of the session and the afternoon as well were spent in organization and in dealing with convention business.

On Thursday evening the home mission theme of the convention was further developed as the Rev. G. O. Evenson, dean of the Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute, presented a forceful challenge on: "The Scriptural Basis for Home Missions." Pastor Dybvig delivered an address on "The Blueprints of God in the Building of His Kingdom." He presented these considerations for the guidance of workers: (1) We must realize that we are building God's Kingdom. (2) We build on the basis of baptismal regeneration. (3) This basis leads to the necessity for Christian instruction. (4) The blueprint calls for men. (5) Jesus is with these men to empower them.

At the Friday morning session Dr. J. R. Lavik gave a report on Luther Seminary, Saskatoon, Sask. Prof. George Moi reported on Camrose Lutheran College, and the Rev. G. O. Evenson gave a report on the Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute. Following this the convention proceeded to the election of officers. As district president, succeeding Dr. Iver Iversen, who now occupies the chair of Church History at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., the convention elected the Rev. Mars A. Dale of La Crosse, Wisconsin. The Rev. J. B. Stolee of Viking, Alta., was elected vice-president; the Rev. J. T. Dahle of Prince Albert, Sask., was re-elected secretary; Mr. E. M. Bergh of Camrose, Alta., was elected treasurer; the Rev. A. M. Vinge of Camrose, Alta., was re-elected district stewardship secretary.

An interesting and informative review of home mission work in Canada was presented at the afternoon session by the Rev. G. J. Ostrem of Ryley, Alta. Data on amount of support,

membership, etc., for a number of congregations was cited.

**Building the Future Church Now—In the Rural Field** was the subject of a paper presented by The Rev. J. B. Haave, of Rose Valley, Sask., at the evening session. He was followed by The Rev. J. R. Groettum of Moose Jaw, Sask., who spoke on building in the urban field. Saturday sessions finished the business of the convention. Another paper was also heard. Entitled, "A Permanent Parish Missionary Program and Evangelism in the Congregation," it was presented by the Rev. R. O. Olson of Claresholm, Alta.

A service of Holy Communion was held at 9:00 A.M. Sunday morning. At 11 A. M. an ordination service was held. Dr. O. K. Storaasli, liturgist and Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, ordinator. Four graduates of Luther Seminary, Saskatoon, were ordained to the Holy Ministry. They are: Harold Melby, called to Melville, Sask.; Henning Olson, called to Bentley, Alta.; Osborne Olson, called to Fort St. John, B. C.; and Harold Severtson, called to Medicine Hat, Alta. In addition to these four, Missionary Gerhard Ostrem was also ordained. Dr. Aasgaard gave the ordination address using Phil. 3:8-14 as his text. May the Lord bless these new workers in the Canadian field.

At the final session on Sunday afternoon, Dr. A. J. Bergsaker presented the needs of the Church and gave a stirring message on stewardship. The Rev. E. C. Reinertson of Forest City, Iowa, spoke on: "Home Mission Frontiers of 1945," giving us a clear awareness of the magnitude of the task confronting the church in this age also.

In the closing message Dr. J. A. Aasgaard expressed confidence in the future of the Church in Canada and urged all to "go forward." He urged that the Canadian Church put a lot of effort into becoming self-supporting. "Face the challenge as individuals. Remember that when we are in God's will we can go ahead with confidence."

The convention remembers with thanks those who conducted morning devotions and vesper services. They were conducted by pastors A. Tveit; K. O. Kandal; P. E. Nelson; T. J. Langley; S. J. Rude.

## The North Dakota District

Reported by J. M. Moe  
Fargo, N. D.

The convention of the North Dakota District was held at Fargo, N. Dak., June 12-14, 1945, all sessions being held in the First Lutheran Church, of which Dr. Selmer A. Berge is the pastor. The convention opened with divine services, Dr. Berge acting as liturgist. The Rev. H. A. Helsem delivered the confessional address and the Rev. Hans Upstad preached the opening sermon. He based the sermon on Matthew 16:13-19, choosing as his theme "My Church." He stated that the Church's aim and purpose is twofold: (1) "It is an institution of salvation. 'Rescue the perishing, care for the dying, snatch them in pity from sin and the grave.' This is her task! To carry out such a program, strong, God-fearing, Christ-serving men are needed; men who lead lives that are daily surrendered, who know the power of Christ's converting grace and who know Christ as their personal Savior; men of faith and with firm trust in the changeless Christ who gives us the assurance, 'I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.'" (2) "It is an institution of sanctification and enrichment of the saints. The Church gives the Bread of Life to men who are spiritually hungry. The Christian Church is our spiritual home where we commune with God and experience the sustaining power of His Word. Here we come to have the guilt of past sins washed away and to find strength to walk in newness of life." Mrs. J. C. Wisnaes served as organist throughout the convention.

At the afternoon session of the first day Dr. David Stoeve, district president, read his annual message to the convention. In the absence of Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, his message was read by Dr. Selmer A. Berge. A greeting was brought by Mrs. E. H. Gilbertson, president of the District W.M.F., who spoke on the progress of W.M.F. work in the district.

Seldom have we heard a series of such excellent and well prepared addresses as those given at this convention. All of them were built around the theme, "Home Missions." The first address was delivered by the Rev. A. C. Berling on the subject, "The Divine Com-



mission, the Spiritual Basis for Home Missions." The speaker reminded his hearers that the apostles were ordered to begin their missionary work at Jerusalem, and that we also should begin at home, as most of the unchurched live near our churches and homes. Every Christian should be a home missionary. If every man, woman, and child would influence their friends for Christ, millions would be saved and the glory of God magnified greatly.

At the Tuesday evening session, the Rev. F. I. Schmidt delivered an inspiring address on "The Builders' Inheritance," stressing among other things the sacrifices, toil, and suffering through which our pioneer forefathers passed in order that we might have the precious spiritual heritage of the Christian Church with its saving gospel. To preserve this heritage and to pass it on to coming generations is our task. The music at this session was provided by the Ladies' Chorus of the First Lutheran Church, which rendered two numbers.

The second day opened with a half-hour Bible study conducted by the Rev. Joseph Johnson, who based his study on I Cor. 3:10-19. Two addresses were delivered at this session. The Rev. R. C. Teslow spoke on "Building Today in Our District." He called attention to several striking and challenging facts concerning the district. For instance, of the nine hundred Lutheran churches of all bodies in the North Dakota District, 520 belong to the N.L. C.A. The state is predominantly Lutheran. Practically every congregation has a great mission field at its very doors. "All nations" means all nationalities. Many county seats in the state have no Lutheran church. The Catholic Church aims to put a hospital, a priest, and a school in every county seat in North Dakota. Every circuit should have a home mission committee to study the home mission fields. Of all the states in the Union, North Dakota is the wealthiest per capita. The second address was given by Dr. J. C. K. Preus, who spoke on the subject, "Building the Church by Means of Christian Education." Dr. Preus' message set forth forcibly the importance of parish education in the program of home missions. The Rev. R. Ulvilden spoke briefly on the pension plan.

The Wednesday afternoon session was devoted to the discussion of two subjects. The Rev. R. Ulvilden addressed the convention on "Special Missions," pointing out the activities of home missions that lie outside the boundaries of our district, and in which the Church at large is interested, such as: the mission for the Deaf and Blind, the seminary in Canada, the Immigrant and Seamen's Mission, the Zion Society for Israel, the Eskimo mission, and the Bethany Indian Mission. The Rev. T. W. Tysdal spoke on "The Evangelist as a Factor in Home Missions," emphasizing a phase of church work which up to this time has been somewhat neglected. At this session the convention decided to provide a residence for the district president. This residence is to be located at Fargo, and a special committee, consisting of three pastors and two laymen, was given full power to act, with the limitation that no contract to purchase or build be entered into until funds have been made available.

"Building the Future Church Now" was the subject of a stirring and challenging address given at the Wednesday evening session by the Rev. Philip S. Dybvig, executive director of home missions. He gave his hearers a clear picture of the vast home mission field that stretches before us and also outlined the home mission plans to be carried out in the immediate future. Miss Marilyn Hegland of Olivet English Lutheran Church rendered a vocal solo.

The final day of the convention opened with Bible study conducted by the Rev. O. O. Andvik. His text was John 9:4. This was followed by the business session. The closing address of the convention, "Post-War Plans in Home Missions," was given by the Rev. E. O. Gilbertson. The speaker called attention to the many important tasks which the Church will be called upon to perform in the postwar period. The Rev. M. O. Sumstad brought a greeting to the convention and spoke of the important part which the Book Mission is playing in the work of building the Kingdom.

Since the last convention, 23 pastors have moved into the district. The credentials committee reported 124 dele-

gates, 86 pastors, and 3 advisory members, a total convention membership of 213.

Pastors and delegates alike left this convention with a deep sense of the urgency of the tasks awaiting them in their respective communities, and with these words of the Master ringing in their ears: "I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work."

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## NEW DISTRICT PRESIDENT

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People's Luther League of that district for the years 1940-1944. At present he is serving as stewardship secretary of the Eastern District. In this work he has shown himself a loyal and faithful supporter and worker for the general work of the Church as well as for the local parish in which he has been serving.

"In 1944 he was appointed a member of the Planning Commission set up by the general convention in June, 1944. He has taken an active part in the consideration of the different activities of our Church as they have come to this body.

"He is an able preacher, bringing to his hearers a sound and strong evangelical message, always grounded in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"He was married to Miss Comfort Hinderlie in 1930. They have one daughter, Joy, eight years old. Both Pastor Dale and his wife have been blessed with fine musical talent, and they will be an inspiration, not the least for the youth of the district along those lines.

"I commend Pastor Dale and his family to you in our Lord Jesus Christ. May he be remembered in the prayers of the members of our congregations that God will give him grace, strength, and wisdom from on high as he assumes the leadership of this great home mission field of our Church, a field that has boundless opportunity to extend God's Kingdom in the hearts of men. God bless his going in among you to the glory of His holy Name, for the extension of Christ's Kingdom, and the salvation of many souls."



# Victory Thankoffering

**V** for Victory, "...—"; how familiar these symbols and slogans have become in our hopes. And as the day approaches, legislative bodies, commercial enterprises, and just plain citizens make plans for that day and the days following.

Where does the Church stand? On V-E Day, throngs of worshipers gathered at services to give thanks to Almighty God and invoke His continued blessing. Will not this be repeated with even greater rejoicing on V-J Day? But as we gather for this service will we want to come empty-handed? Will we not rather come as the Lord said to Israel of old, "Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifice of your peace-offering; that they may be to you for a memorial before God: I am the Lord your God."

As announced earlier in our church papers, a victory thankoffering will be received throughout our Church; Dr. A. J. Bergsaker will serve as director. It is left to each congregation to choose whether to receive this offering at the V-Day service or at the Sunday service following.

The offering will be divided equally between the Church Extension Fund and the rehabilitation on our China mission field. Several objectives have been considered, but these two seemed to fit best with the spirit of the occasion—one objective for the Church at home, and the other for the Church abroad. And large sums will be needed for both of these in the days following the coming of peace. New mission churches must be built for our expanding home mission program, and the buildings on the China field must be rebuilt before work can be resumed there as it ought.

Offering envelopes will be printed and sent to each pastor. Publicity material will be provided as time permits. One day it seems that this longed-for day will be upon us soon—another day it seems more remote. But as time permits, publicity will be sent to all congregations. However, if this great day should come before all these plans can

be carried out, let us nevertheless receive the offering as an expression of thanksgiving to God. Let it be a real free-will thankoffering to the Lord

when this day dawns upon the world. The occasion demands it; the objectives are challenging. Our hearts ought to be in tune with the spirit of such a thankoffering.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION

A. S. TANNER, chairman

T. H. ROSSING, secretary

## The Laymen Undertook It!

A Story of Home Mission Initiative

Villa Park, Ill., is a suburb of Chicago. In 1941 the pastors of the Chicago Circuit conducted a painstaking canvass of the homes in Villa Park. A sufficiently large Lutheran constituency to warrant organization of a congregation was found, and work was begun. The Rev. M. O. Nilssen, now president of Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa, was called as the first pastor. Eighty-four charter members made up the initial group, which adopted the name, St. Paul Lutheran. Pastor Nilssen ministered to the congregation for two years. He was succeeded by the Rev. Olaf Hansen, present pastor.

Hitherto, rented quarters have served. Now, however, the need for permanent plant and equipment has become compelling, and an interesting project has been successfully consummated to help the young congregation make a begin-

ning at acquiring property. The pastor tells the story:

"The Chicago Circuit Brotherhood has had as one of its primary objectives aid to home mission congregations in the circuit. They have helped in the construction of several church buildings and also have been instrumental in raising some funds for those congregations. Their largest and most successful project to date has been in aid to the St. Paul Congregation in Villa Park.

"When it became known that there was a distinct possibility that we might be forced out of our present rented quarters, Dr. Martin Anderson, president of the Eastern District, got in touch with the Brotherhood, particularly their mission committee. A number of organizational and planning meetings were held during the summer



Chicago Circuit Brotherhood extends gift to St. Paul Lutheran Congregation, Chicago



of 1944. Mr. O. Alf Johnson was chairman of the mission committee, Mr. Edward Munson, president of the circuit Brotherhood. October 15 was the date set for the ingathering. Though most of the churches participated on that day, several could not, and it was not until this spring that the last church contributed. In all, \$2,510.75 was received from twenty-eight churches in the Circuit.

"On May 16, 1945, at a rally held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, the Rev. Jesse Thorson, pastor, a check of \$2,242.75 (balance after expenses for literature had been deducted) was presented to me. The photograph is a picture of the presentation. In the foreground, I have just received the check from Mr. Rudolph Soderstrom, present president of the circuit Brotherhood. The others are, from left to right: Mr. John Boland, Mr. Rudolph Larson, Dr. Louis Larsen—all members of the Mission Committee—Dr. Conrad Hoyer, executive director of the Commission on American Missions for the National Lutheran Council, who spoke at the rally, Mr. O. Alf Johnson, chairman of the mission committee, and Mr. Edward Munson, former president of the circuit Brotherhood.

"Needless to say, such aid has been a great boost to our congregation. A plot of ground has been purchased for the new church, and we are busily engaged in seeking to raise sufficient funds so that we can build by the summer of 1946.

"I do hope that you will be able to give this project adequate publicity in LUTHERAN HERALD. It seems to me that this way of helping home mission congregations will do much to stimulate interest and create responsibility among our larger and self-supporting congregations, which, too often forget that they also were at one time small struggling congregations. A project for our larger congregations would be to help support a home mission congregation even as many contribute to the sole support of our foreign missionaries. In this way, home missions would be personalized to a greater degree than is done at present. This kind of work is by no means new, for the churches in the Eau Claire area have rendered similar support to one of their home mission congregations."

# My First Bible Camp

B. E. Bergesen

No—I'm not under 17. I'm over 70, and my daughter said, "You must explain why you never attended a Bible Camp." I have always rejoiced over the Camp idea, but this is the first invitation I could accept, being usually engaged as evangelist, and now I say to all who haven't attended Bible Camp: "By all means—GO!"

Laymen of the district around Moberg started Bethel Bible Camp, cleared a place in the woods by the Missouri about ten years ago, and now there is a building that serves as kitchen, dining room, cooks' quarters, and—upstairs—girls' dormitory as well as general lobby in inclement weather—of which we had plenty.

Otherwise there are a small hut—pastors' quarters—a women's tent and many private tents besides the chapel tent with piano and folding chairs, where the Bible classes, quiz-meetings, choir practices, Luther Leagues, and evening services were conducted. There are also spacious fields for different sports.

The eight miles of gumbo road from Moberg tested one's body's ability to keep together in one piece, and I admired Pastor Nilsen's ability to keep the car on the road, as it had a terrible tendency to run sideways. In the city we make milkshake before we drink it; there you drank milk and just took a ride.

When you got there, you soon learned to feel at home. All were so kind, the meals so good, and—above all—one was impressed by the spiritual atmosphere and the soul-zeal of the young pastors, C. Solberg, F. Berg, and O. B. Nilsen—the latter being in charge—and with them on the faculty was Miss Myrtle Brekke.

One should mention all the workers—from deans to cooks—but there are—according to the neat booklet edited by six young ladies—37 officers and workers who all deserve credit. Perhaps Pastor Nilsen, who worked so diligently before, during, and after camp, and Mrs. Nilsen at the piano should be mentioned.

The camp is the result of the work of Christian laymen who have put much work into clearing and maintaining the grounds, putting up buildings, etc. I feel sorry I can't mention them all. Manager of the camp was Mr. Nordahl Amundson, who gave all his time, and also entertained the guest speaker at his cozy home.

After all, the most important is the spiritual impact upon young and old of a week of intense Bible-study and religious influence, which only a callous soul could escape. The pastors themselves received much inspiration from such a week together in Christian fellowship. It is eminently worth while.

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## JESUS, OUR LIGHT

*Dark is the night and the world's tears are flowing.  
Grieving and aching hearts long for the light.  
Souls in their anguish yet sin without knowing  
Jesus, the Savior who came to give light.*

*Lord, in Thy mercy, oh heal this our madness;  
Cast not in anger poor sinners away.  
Lord, in Thy pity, restore us to gladness;  
Give us a glimpse of the coming of day.*

*Jesus compassionate, Lord ever living,  
Teach us repentance, humility, love.  
That we our lives now to Thee may be giving.  
Grant that Thy peace may descend from above.*

OLIVER EVERETTE



# Meditations for the Family Altar

HAROLD B. KILDAHL, JR.

TEXT FOR THE WEEK . . . LUKE 12:15

*And He said unto them, Take heed and keep yourselves from all covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.*

Monday, August 27

TAKE HEED

Read I Kings 21:1-23

In the divinely given moral law there are three commandments that deal specifically with the sin of covetousness. We have already dealt with the Seventh Commandment of the law and have seen that stealing has its origin in the sin of covetousness. The Seventh Commandment is general; it covers the entire action involved in stealing. It does not mention anything in particular, whereas in the Ninth and Tenth Commandments there is specific mention of several items forbidden to man. In our discussion of the Seventh Commandment we mentioned the fact that covetousness underlies the act of stealing, but, as we shall see, covetousness in reality underlies sin of all kinds and degrees, for covetousness is otherwise defined as evil desires. With evil desires our Lord was concerned and of them He warned, admonishing us to take heed lest we fall into such sin.

OUR FATHER, grant us purity of heart. Amen.

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Thursday, August 30  
AS THE ARROW FLIETH

Read Romans 7:18-19

Where the arrow is pointed there it will fly. Where the soul of man is pointed there it will lodge. It cannot be otherwise. The forgiveness of sins is not thrust upon man. Salvation is not ours whether we like it or not. We are not saved in spite of ourselves by some mystical form of predetermination. "The wages of sin is death," for God must needs deal with us according to the nature of His justice. He has plainly revealed the way of sin. He has clearly marked the way of holiness. He has told us the consequences of sin and He has promised the good life, the holy life, and the assurance of eternal life to all who are faithful. The reward of sin is death and eternal separation from God. The reward of the faithful is life and eternal blessedness in the presence of Almighty God. All men have a direction: toward evil or toward God.

HELP US BY THY GRACE, Our Father, to seek Thy way that we may live with Thee. Amen.

Tuesday, August 28

YE SHALL NOT COVET

Read Luke 19:1-10

Covetousness is forbidden. Now, it is one thing to act, but it is an entirely different thing to hold oneself in readiness to act. The act completes the thought or the desire, for all action has its beginning in the heart of man, or in the mind of man. It is not given for man to see or to know the inner desires of the other fellow. Man sees and judges largely the results of desire, that which is evident to the eye. But God looks upon the heart of man. He is concerned with the underlying motives for action. Thus man is concerned with results and God with causes. Thus man establishes patterns and forms of sin and groups them according to degree or severity, whereas God looks upon the inner man and concerns Himself with the direction of man's soul. There are two possible directions of the soul of man: toward evil and away from God, or toward God and away from evil.

LORD, point our souls toward Thee. Amen.

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Friday, August 31  
THY NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE

Read Matthew 23:14

The Ninth Commandment specifically forbids coveting our neighbor's house. In the explanation of the commandment in the Small Catechism our neighbor's house includes his inheritance and the tangible and intangible things that make up our neighbor's home. It is relatively easy to avoid covetousness when we possess much. It is more difficult to avoid covetousness when we possess little. This is true of the person, but it is also true of the nation. Before the great war of 1939 it was customary to group the nations of the world into "have" and "have not" nations. Those that had strove to protect their possessions from aggression. Those that had not were aggressors, or so we thought at the time. The consequence of protection and aggression was war. So too for man. He who by craftiness seeks to gain the possessions of a neighbor wars with God.

LORD, content us with Thy blessings. Amen.

Wednesday, August 29

POINTED TOWARD EVIL

Read Genesis 6:5-8

"As a man thinketh in his heart so is he," the Wisdom of Proverbs states. And it is so, for the Scripture lesson for today reveals the motive of God's action in sending the flood, namely, every imagination of the heart of man was wicked. Man was pointed toward evil. The propensity for evil has lodged in every man's heart since the fall of the first parents. The tendency toward evil in the heart and the life of man is original sin, the wicked nature with which we are born. Original sin expresses itself in man's inclination toward wrong thoughts and evil desires which arise in the heart. These in turn lead man to indulgence in actual sin, or the act of sinning against the commands of God. With original sin in control of man's being he cannot be otherwise than pointed toward evil. Since he is evil, therefore, his works will be evil. He is pointed toward evil.

FROM ALL EVIL, Lord, preserve us. Amen.

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Saturday, September 1  
POINTED TOWARD GOD

Read Galatians 5:24

The commandments all forbid, but they all demand; they all condemn, but they all condone, for God expects from the faithful an active obedience and not simply a quiet agreement. Therefore, the Ninth Commandment, while it forbids covetousness, also points out the way for the soul of man in relation to a neighbor. We are told to be ready to assist our neighbor in keeping what is his, to be ready to serve a neighbor in preserving what he possesses. "Bear ye one another's burdens," the Scripture admonishes, and not for personal satisfactions, either. Rather for the pleasure and the satisfaction and the edification of another—our neighbor. For who is a neighbor? Is it not everyman? Surely, if the parable of the Good Samaritan teaches us anything it is this: all men are our neighbors. Therefore, fulfill the law of God in love toward God and toward fellow men.

LORD, give us grace to do Thy will. Amen.



# Correspondence

## MOTION PICTURE ABOUT CHAPLAINS

► Your cooperation in furnishing news about Navy chaplains to your readers in the past has been deeply appreciated.

You and your readers may be interested to know that a motion picture about chaplains serving with the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard was released this month.

The Navy's program of indoctrination for chaplains is the theme for the film entitled "Navy Chaplain," and it is available for use by interested religious organizations and church groups.

Filmed on the campus of the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, and at a continental naval shore station, the film also combines pictures by combat photographers of chaplains at work overseas.

The film may be secured by writing to the Chaplains' Division, Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., or to the nearest Office of Naval Officer Procurement. The sixteen millimeter sound film is non-sectarian and is suitable for use by religious organizations of all faiths. The film is seventeen minutes in length.

W. N. THOMAS, Rear Admiral, ChC, USN  
Chief of Chaplains

## CIVILIZATION'S ONE ALTERNATIVE

► It seems ironical that we can win the war and also lose it; yet that is precisely what is happening. We are losing it not only in that we may fight another and even greater war, but also in the sense that the very things for which we fight are fast disappearing from the face of the earth. The whole world is caught up in an inevitable force that is carrying it toward destruction, and neither victorious armies nor successful peace conferences will save it. It is more than tragic to even comprehend the possibility of a third world war where no nation or peoples will be spared, where death and destruction will make German and Japanese atrocities pale into insignificance, and where our present civilization will crumble only to usher in a new and more barbaric Dark Age.

Why should all this be, why should the world prefer war to peace, chaos to order? Perhaps the world does not really prefer these things, but that is what it is going to get. It is going to get this because it has neglected and ignored the only Source of all good, Jesus Christ. Nearly two thousand years ago Christ, in His journey from Galilee to Calvary, taught man all he ever needed to know for a good life and eternal salvation, yet few were those who accepted His teachings. Today it is very apparent that the world is more disorganized and incoherent than ever in its history. There is no unity, and man-made guideposts lead nowhere. Most philosophers and scholars will admit that modern man has lost his bearings and that civilization is decaying, but only a few find any solution to the problem. Many of these men say the world should look to science, let science tell us what our guideposts shall be, and give us unity. Any good thinker can see that science cannot save us. Science gives us facts about the universe, but it

cannot tell us how to apply these facts. Science is a-moral; it is neither good nor bad. It can work toward man's welfare or toward his destruction. What is really needed today is guidance—not more knowledge but something that will enable man to apply his knowledge toward good. Christianity is the only possible place where we can find guidance and meaning for life. Without the Christian interpretation of life there is no understanding of its purpose.

In our present world, where Christianity is put aside, we see the depths to which man can fall. We see wars becoming more and more brutal. We see on all sides of us an ever-increasing sinfulness, more crime, greater moral laxity, and indifference or open opposition to all that is good and Christian. This continual and multiplying sinfulness will bring about our destruction, and no man-made schemes or laws will save us. We have but one alternative and that is Jesus Christ. Christ must take His place first in the hearts of all men before peace on earth can ever become a reality. To ignore these things is to invite the world to a Nazi concentration camp from which only Christ Himself can liberate us.

PAUL RASMUSSEN  
Madison, Wis.

## ON STRATEGY FOR COOPERATION

► In the correspondence column, the writer of the article "Strategy for Christian Cooperation" made the statement that a united Lutheranism would best make its contribution to American Christendom by sticking together as Lutherans, and cooperating "with other Christian bodies, both Roman and Reformed."

Throughout the article, the issues which separate Lutherans from Roman Catholic and Reformed groups (The Federal Council of Churches of Christ being largely modernistic) are referred to as of fundamental importance. This is true. Nevertheless, in reading the article, one is left with the impression that both Roman Catholicism and modernistic Reformed denominations are *Christian*, with this difference, that the Lutheran Church is merely a "purer brand," lying between the two extremes, one to the left, the other to the right.

There is agreement on many important and historic doctrines among the three above-mentioned groups. It is also true that as Lutherans we grieve over the divided condition of Christendom, and that we should work and pray for more unity, both in spirit and in organization (particularly among Lutherans). But to regard the Roman Catholic Church and the modernistic Reformed groups as being truly Christian, part of the true Body of Christ—born of the Spirit through the Word—and headed in the same direction with us, but possessing the truth in a lesser degree, is, according to the clear statements of God's Word, to convey a tragic misconception of the facts, a denial of the true gospel of Christ.

The pure Church, the Church of the New Testament, is to be found only where the gospel is proclaimed in its truth and purity. It is made up of forgiven sinners. The whole of the Reformation centered around the one cardinal doctrine of *salvation*—justification by faith alone! The big question was, "How does a sinner receive the forgiveness of sins?" The Lutheran and Reformed Churches came into being as the gospel of the Word was rediscovered under the pile of satanic dogmas and man-made creeds of Romanism. Lutherans, then, are more closely related to the "fundamental" Reformed groups than they are to Rome or the



"modernists," in spite of the many similar and important doctrines that are held by them.

Christianity is much more than adherence to correct doctrines. There is no salvation in any system of true beliefs, apart from a correct conception and experience of the doctrine of "justification by faith." "The Reformation was a renovation of the Church brought about by the rediscovery and renewed proclamation of the pure doctrine of the gospel of the forgiveness of sins" (*Here We Stand*, by Sasse). For his adherence to this basic truth, Luther was excommunicated by the Pope. And, to this day, "the Pope curses and damns justification by faith, and teaches that man is saved by his good works" (Canon 12 of the VI Session of the Council of Trent, from *Why I Am a Protestant, and Not a Roman Catholic*, by W. Dallmann). A converted priest, in his introduction to the booklet, *Is There Salvation Within the Roman Catholic Church?* by G. MacFaul, wrote, "I believe that a man, such as I am, who has been reared among Roman Catholics, who for years taught Roman Catholic theology and preached Roman Catholic dogmas as a priest, a friar, and an apostolic missionary; who has confessed by thousands members of the Roman Catholic Church belonging to the low, to the middle, and to the high class of society; who has been also the spiritual guide of hun-

dreds, yea, even thousands of priests, friars and nuns—such a man, I repeat, ought to know something about the Roman Catholic conscience and its needs. And because I know so thoroughly the inner and universal position of Roman Catholic people, I am compelled to declare that they need the Gospel."

Modernists, likewise, do not have the gospel. How, then, can we talk of cooperating with such satanic systems of religion? The devil will gladly mix up any proportion of truth and error, so long as a sinner is not saved, "born again" from above. What, then, separates us from Romanism and modernists? An eternity! They do not have the gospel. Our responsibility is to take the gospel of salvation to them—the Word alone, faith alone, grace alone.

FRED SOMMARS  
Bagley, Minn.

*The Correspondence page is intended to be an open forum for the use of our readers. The views expressed on this page are those of the writers, with which the editor may or may not agree. Brief letters on pertinent subjects are invited. It goes without saying that nothing contrary to the teachings of the church will be accepted.*

## Church News

### Persons

**The Rev. Orlean Rue**, Wolf Point, Mont., has accepted a call to Duluth, Minn.

**Major Harold Siqueland**, Army Chaplain Corps, is now post chaplain at Fort Stevens, Oregon. Since January of this year he had been stationed at Fort Douglas, Utah, after having served for a long period of time in the Pacific.

**The Rev. S. F. Veldey** and family, Moscow, Idaho, were scheduled to leave for South America to take up mission work with the World Mission Prayer League in Bolivia. Owing to passport difficulties, the date of departure has been postponed until November. In the meantime Pastor Veldey has been called to serve the Moscow Parish temporarily, as it is still without a regular pastor. His address will be 223 E. 6th Street, Moscow, Idaho, until that time.

**The Rev. and Mrs. O. J. Nesheim**, Granville, N. Dak., were honored by the members of Norway Lutheran Church on June 17. A program followed the morning service and a purse was presented to the couple.

**Mr. and Mrs. Christ Kim**, Benedict, N. Dak., celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at Concordia Lutheran Church recently. The Rev. E. Astrup was toastmaster and presided

at the program. A silver offering was presented to the couple.



Mrs. Anna Stub

The first direct word received since Pearl Harbor from **Mrs. Anna Stub**, formerly of St. Paul, who has lived in Oslo, Norway, since 1931, reached her niece Mrs. Samuel J. Hillis, St. Paul, recently. Mrs. Stub is the widow of the late Dr. H. G. Stub, for years head of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America. Written June 6, Mrs. Stub's note referred to the jubilation in the streets of Oslo over the arrival of the Americans, and also expressed relief

that liberation was accomplished with less of a struggle than had been anticipated. Mrs. Stub is living at the Lovisenberg Gamlehjem, an Oslo home for the aged.

**Dr. J. Magnus Rohne**, Terrace, Minn., observed the Silver Jubilee of his ordination on July 15. The members of his three congregations, Chippewa, West Lake Johanna, and St. Paul's honored him upon this occasion. Greetings and messages were received from Dr. C. M. Weswig, Luther Theological Seminary at St. Paul; Dr. O. A. Tingelstad, Luther College; The Rev. P. E. Thorson, representing Clifton College; Dr. C. M. Granskou, St. Olaf College, and Dr. C. S. Eastvold, Pacific Lutheran College. Dr. O. J. H. Preus, president of Luther College was present and also brought greetings. The congregations presented Pastor and Mrs. Rohne with a gift of silver as a token of appreciation for their services to the congregations.

**The Rev. and Mrs. O. O. Lovaas**, Dazey, N. Dak., were recently honored by the members and friends of the Dunseith Parish and friends at the San Haven Sanatorium, Dunseith, the occasion being their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Morning services were conducted by the Rev. W. L. Elster, Mohall, assisted by the Rev. C. Gisselquist, Bottineau, N. Dak. Dr. David Stoeve, president of the North Dakota District, delivered an address in the afternoon. Greetings were brought by the pastors of the Turtle Mountain



Circuit and a gift in silver was presented to Pastor and Mrs. Lovaas by the assembled group.

## Our Churches

**Conrad, Mont.** A workers' conference of the WMF of the Great Falls Circuit was held at Conrad on July 31, with Mrs. Charles Tuft, president of the circuit, presiding. Work of the circuit was discussed and plans made for the coming circuit convention at Fairfield, Montana, on October 22.

**Shevlin, Minn.** Plans are being made by the Clearwater Lutheran Church at Shevlin to observe the fiftieth anniversary of that congregation on August 25 and 26. A fellowship banquet is to be held on Saturday evening, August 25, with Arthur Johnshoy, future pastor of the church, as the main speaker. The Rev. H. W. Sorenson of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., will deliver the Norwegian sermon on August 26 and Dr. R. M. Fjelstad, president of the Northern Minnesota District, will preach at the English service.

**Rapid City, S. Dak.** The congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church, S. R. Moe, pastor, recently voted to call a parish secretary and Mrs. Charles Hayes is now serving in that capacity.—The present church has now been sold for \$12,000 and the government has granted a priority to start building the basement for a new church. \$42,000 has already been received in cash and pledges toward the church.—On July 22 forty-eight new members were taken into the congregation. The membership is now around 680, and it is anticipated that, beginning in October, there will be two morning services.

## OBITUARY

### Marie M. Weswig

Mrs. C. M. Weswig died at Fairview Hospital, Minneapolis, on July 31, from a cerebral hemorrhage. Services were conducted in the chapel of Luther Theological Seminary, August 4, with Dr. M. J. Stolee preaching the sermon. Dr. T. F. Gullixson and Dr. J. A. Aasgaard also spoke at this service. In the afternoon funeral services were held at the Holden Church, Goodhue County, with the Rev. S. O. Simundson officiating. The Rev. Ole Glesne brought a message at this service.

Marie M. Weswig was born on the Wing homestead, Wanamingo Twp.,

Goodhue County, Minnesota, on October 28, 1873. She attended St. Olaf College and was graduated from the Academy in 1894. On December 7, 1898, she was married to the Rev. Carl M. Weswig. Their first home was in Chicago and then at Jefferson Prairie, Ill. Dr. C. M. Weswig became a professor at Luther Theological Seminary in 1905. After a year's stay in Germany, 1906-07, the family moved to the Seminary campus which has been their home since that time. Mrs. Weswig was a member of the first Women's Missionary Federation Board of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Weswig is survived by her husband; one brother, John G. Wing, Kenyon, Minn.; and three children: Constance, wife of Naval Chaplain Arthur S. Johnson; Carl Osmund, St. Paul; and Paul Henry, major in the U. S. Army, now on his way home after three years' service in Europe.

### The Rev. C. T. Clauson

The Rev. C. T. Clauson died on June 29, 1945, at his home in the parsonage of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Bloomer, Wisconsin. Funeral services were held at the home and at the church on July 2, with the Rev. S. M. Moe, Colfax, Wisconsin, officiating.

Carl T. Clauson was born April 4, 1876, at Red Wing, Minn., the son of C. Clauson and Bertha (Ylvisaker). He attended Red Wing High School, 1889-93; Luther College, 1893-96; and Luther Seminary, 1896-99. In 1901 he was married to Lena Bjorgo. Pastor Clauson served the following parishes: Twin Valley, Minn., 1900; Bemidji, Minn., 1900-01; Granite Falls, Minn., 1901-08; city missionary, Minneapolis, 1908-12; and Bloomer, Wis., 1912-45.

### Mr. Ole J. Kulsethmoe

Funeral services were held for Ole J. Kulsethmoe at Nidaros Lutheran Church, Deering, N. Dak., on July 28, with the Rev. T. J. Weltzin officiating. Mr. Kulsethmoe died on July 25 following a brief illness.

Ole J. Kulsethmoe was born January 19, 1866, in Selbu Prestegjeld, Norway, where he was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church. As a young man he came to this country and spent some time near Marietta, Minn. He was married to Sena Marum at Revillo, S. Dak., April 12, 1901. Mr. Kulsethmoe came to Wolseth, N. Dak., in 1902, where he farmed until 1934, when he retired from the farm to live in Deering. He was active in the affairs of the community as well as the church. In the early years he was the "klokker" of two congregations at the

## TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY



Interior of English Lutheran Church

Story of the twenty-fifth anniversary of English Lutheran appeared in the issue of August 7



same time and would thus ride with the pastor to these services on Sunday.

Survivors include one son, five daughters, eight grandchildren, and two sisters.

#### Robert Krone

Robert Krone, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, died on April 11, 1945, at Farragut Naval Base, where he was a civilian worker. Funeral services were held at the Trinity Lutheran Church where he had been an active member for many years. He was a firm believer in his Lord and Savior.

Robert Krone was born in Lake Park, Minn., December 5, 1884. In 1921 he was united in marriage to Dora Bjorgo of Lake Park. He had resided in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, since 1923, and for many years had his own business there.

Surviving him are his wife, two brothers, and one sister.

#### Mrs. Ingeborg Anderson

Mrs. Ingeborg Anderson, 80, died in Oakland, California, on June 12. She was born in Nordfjord, Norway. Surviving her are a daughter and three grandchildren.

## Announcements

The annual Bible camp of the Spokane Circuit Lutheran League will be held at Twinlow, Rathdrum, Idaho, August 26-September 1. The teachers will be the Rev. E. V. Stime, of the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis, and the Rev. O. C. Hellekson, Sioux City, Iowa. The cost of the camp will be \$9.00 for the week. Further information may be secured by writing to the Rev. M. O. Ensberg, 414 W. Sinto, Spokane 12, Washington.

**Wanted:** A cook and a custodian for the Skaalen Home for the Aged. These could be a man and a wife. The man should be able to drive a car. A practical nurse is also needed at the Skaalen Home.

**Wanted:** A custodian for the Martin Luther Children's Home.

Write: J. Donald Larson  
Stoughton, Wis.

**Wanted:** A church bell. Send particulars about same to the Rev. E. N. Nelson, Warwick, N. Dak.

The Twin Valley Circuit LDR fall convention will be held at Winger, Minn., C. S. Lystig, pastor, on September 16.

**Wanted:** To buy or borrow—church furnishings, including a church bell, to be used by the congregation at Huxley, Iowa, where the Fjeldberg Lutheran Church burned to the ground. Write: Pastor O. C. Hellekson, Huxley, Iowa.

The Arrowhead Circuit of the Northern Minnesota District will have a joint WMF, Brotherhood, LDR, and Luther League convention on September 30, at Concordia Lutheran Church, Superior, Wis., the Rev. Paul A. Boe, pastor. Each organization will meet in separate convention in the afternoon, with a mass meeting in the evening.

**Help wanted.** Urgent. Waitresses and Tray Girls for permanent work, both part-time and full-time. Call or write: Miss Addie Hanson, Lutheran Deaconess Hospital, 1138 N. Leavitt St., Chicago 22, Ill.

#### TEST QUESTIONS ON GRIMSBY'S EXPLANATION

To arouse interest in lesson preparation, the author has prepared mimeographed test sheets for each lesson in the book. They are offered to the pastors with the desire that they may use them and kindly report their criticism for

the final revision and publication. They may be secured for 10c at the Education Office, Augsburg Publishing House, 421 Fourth Street South, Minneapolis, Minn.

#### THANK YOU

The Book Mission expresses its appreciation to the "Reader of the Lutheran Herald" of De Smet, South Dakota, for the thirty-one dollar contribution. Thank you for this generous gift. The Lord bless gift and giver to the glory of His Name.

M. O. Sumstad

**Wanted Immediately:** Man and wife as caretaker and matron, or individuals for these positions. Also maids. These positions available in Homes for the Aged in North Dakota and Nebraska.

**Wanted:** Nurses, nurses' aids, maids in hospitals. For particulars write:

Lutheran Hospitals and Homes  
Society, Inc.,  
Fargo, North Dakota

#### NEW ADDRESSES

The Rev. Paul Borup, 3117 D. Street, Eureka, California.

## THE COLONIZATION BUREAU



Town of 1300 located in the Red River Valley is in need of both a doctor and a dentist. The community is strongly Lutheran. (6-1)

Lutheran family desires to purchase some wild land in Northern Minnesota with small lake and good hunting and fishing. They desire to raise some stock such as cows, pigs, chickens, etc. Prefer land located about 5 miles from Lutheran Church. (6-2)

160-acre farm in Lincoln County 2 1/2 miles south on Fairview 10 miles from Canton. Lutheran community. Anxious to sell to Scandinavians. General stock farm, large modern home, outbuildings fair to good, plenty water, half crop-land half hay, and pasture. \$75 per acre. (6-3)

60-acre farm in Lutheran community 3 miles from Milltown, Wisconsin. Brick veneered house with hardwood finish, good water system. Rock basement bare 30x60 feet. A stall log bath for horses, wood shed, silo with steel corrugated walls and roof, milkhouse, garage, granary and machinery room. Maple

and oak timber. Across road from Lutheran church and parsonage. Bus transportation to District and high school. (6-4)

160-acre farm at Deer Lake, Wilton, Minnesota, between two Lutheran congregations. 3/4 mile lake shore, beautiful native and planted trees, attractive buildings and grounds, good soil, marketable timber. 18 acres fit to plow. (6-5)

153-acre farm for sale in Freeborn County, five miles north of Albert Lea, Minnesota. Practically all tillable. Fair buildings and electricity. Near Lutheran church. Has to be sold to settle an estate. (6-6)

156-acre farm in Waushara County, Wis., 3 miles north of Wautoma, the county seat, 1 mile from a country school, 3 miles from a Lutheran church. 90 acres of plowed, the rest in timber and pasture with a trout stream through it. Good buildings. (6-7)

Several farms for sale at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, varying from 80 to 200 acres in



size. Close to church and on school bus lines. Good buildings, good land, woodland, and pasture. (6-8)

228-acre farm at Sunburg, Minnesota, near Willmar. Buildings in good condition. 7-room house. Barn 36x80 feet. New cement silo. 2 granaries, garage, machine shed. Good soil. Norwegian Lutheran community. (6-9)

100-acre farm in Pierce County, Wisconsin. Solid Norwegian Lutheran community. 40 miles to St. Paul. Possession anytime with crops, stock and machinery if desired. (6-10)

Banker with 26 years of experience would like position on West Coast. Desires to be located where family can have advantages of a Lutheran congregation. (6-11)

The purpose of the Colonization Bureau is to assist in the location of Lutheran families in communities served by our Church. Local congregations are urged to bring Lutherans into the community for the strengthening of the Church. Individuals desiring to move into communities served by our Church are invited to make use of this service. The Clearing House has not investigated the merits of the propositions advertised above and assumes no responsibility in the matter. Send your ads and communications to the Colonization Bureau, Brotherhood of N.L.C.A., 425 South Fourth Street, Minneapolis 15, Minnesota.

Wanted: Lutheran doctor to locate in Iowa town. Scandinavian community. Large practice. (6-12)

Wanted: Farm of 80 to 240 acres. Good improvements. Prefer So. Minn. or Northern Iowa. Will consider offers in Otter Tail, Douglas, and Grant Counties. (6-13)

Wanted—Linotype operator or printer operator in predominantly Lutheran community. Job is permanent and pays well. Two-machine shop. Best of working conditions and one of the best 2,500 towns in Iowa. (6-14)

Dentist wanted—A splendid opportunity for a first class dentist. Lutheran community. The present dentist is leaving September 1. Offices for rent. House for sale. (6-15)

# Christus Emptor

By T. F. GULLIXSON, D.D.  
President, Luther Theological Seminary  
St. Paul, Minnesota



Christ the Buyer, who "paid heavily for something and is entitled to what He bought" is the theme of *Christus Emptor*. Directed to Christians generally and to lay people in particular.

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## In Loving Remembrance

### Memorial Wreaths—NLCA

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them. Revelation 14:13.

In loving remembrance of dear ones departed, the following gifts for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God have been given.

July 2-July 9, 1945 (Continued)

Furness, Jennie, Silvana, Wash. \$5.  
Grieme, Mrs. Wm., Brookings, S. D. \$34.  
Grovdahl, Mrs. Anna, Ossian, Iowa. \$4.  
Gudal, Robert, Fairmont, Minn. \$18.  
Gulbran, Mrs. Britha, Florence, S. D. \$66.  
Gutschlag, Mrs. S. H., Cando, N. D. \$14.  
Hansen, Geo. I., International Falls, Minn. \$23.  
Haug, Erick, Hawley, Minn. \$12.  
Haugen, Mrs. Nerveil, Decorah, Iowa. \$54.  
Haugrud, Victor Oliver, Pelican Rapids, Minn. \$10.  
Holland, S. Sgt. George, Inwood, Iowa. \$29.50.  
Hunemuehler, Louis, Lisbon, N. D. \$10.  
Indergaard, Oliver, Pequot Lakes, Minn. \$32.  
Isaacson, Donald Rollo, Luverne, Minn. \$85.50.  
Jepson, Mrs. O. T., Dwight, N. D. \$15.  
Johnson, Mrs. Bertha, Landa, N. D. \$49.50.  
Johnson, Emil, Garvin, Minn. \$16.  
Johnson, Henry H., Ossian, Iowa. \$25.50.  
Johnson, Ivan, Valhalla Centre, Alta., Can. \$4.  
Johnson, M., Stanley, Wis. \$3.  
Kelly, Mrs. Carl, Fordville, N. D. \$4.  
Knutson, S. Sgt., Curtis, Granite Falls, Minn. \$3.50.  
Lagerberg, Mrs. Mathilda, Seattle, Wash. \$3.  
Lakeman, Raymond, Brookings, S. D. \$25.  
Larsen, Mrs. Karl, Bawlf, Alta. \$2.  
Lasssen, Mrs. Erick E., Baltic, S. D. \$55.  
Lawson, Mrs. James, Luck, Wis. \$1.  
Loving, Mrs. Oscar, Villisca, Iowa. \$19.50.  
Lybeck, Mrs. John L., Starbuck, Minn. \$101.75.  
Maland, Stena, Morris, Ill. \$23.75.  
Mandager, Merlan, Marietta, Minn. \$101.76.  
Martinson, Mrs. Martin, Eleva, Wis. \$5.  
Moe, 1st Lt. Elmer A., Seattle, Wash. \$3.  
Moldrem, Mrs. Andrew, Westington Springs, S. D. \$17.  
Myhre, Mrs. Sophia, Spring Grove, Minn. \$18.50.  
Myster, John, Hayfield, Minn. \$57.50.  
Nelson, Baby, Baltic, S. D. \$6.  
Nelson, Ole, Elk Point, S. D. \$19.  
Nessan, Pvt. Clayton, Baltic, S. D. \$51.50.  
Nessan, Mrs. Ole J., Baltic, S. D. \$59.  
Nielsen, Otto, Brookings, S. D. \$10.  
Nordhus, Mrs. Anna, Souda, N. D. \$176.  
Nordstrom, Cpl. Harold, Browerville, Minn. \$17.13.  
Norlin, Lt. Geo., Roseau, Minn. \$13.  
Odden, H., Seattle, Wash. \$22.50.  
O'Flanagan, Adelia, Dallas, Wis. \$48.25.

Olsen, Pfc. Emil, Jr., Bellingham, Wash. \$43.  
Olson, Glen, Hayfield, Minn. \$7.  
Olson, Marie, Elk Mound, Wis. \$71.15.  
Olson, Muns, Madella, Minn. \$42.  
Otterness, Mrs. Louise, Kasson, Minn. \$18.  
Oyloe, Mrs. O. G., Brookings, S. D. \$44.50.  
Pagett, Thomas, Lisbon, N. D. \$6.  
Palm, Mrs. Marcus, Hannaford, N. D. \$19.50.  
Peterson, Mrs. C., Hayfield, Minn. \$33.50.  
Peterson, John, Sisseton, S. D. \$18.  
Peterson, Mrs. Julia, Superior, Wis. \$5.  
Peterson, Mrs. Anna Marie, LeRoy, Minn. \$2.  
Peterson, P. J., Roland, Iowa. \$155.25.  
Radeck, C., Hawley, Minn. \$1.  
Rostad, Dale R., Roseau, Minn. \$8.  
Rufsvold, Mrs. Hilda, Fort Ransom, N. D. \$5.  
Sabin, Mrs. John, Frost, Minn. \$155.25.  
Sayland, Olaf, Bristol, S. D. \$8.  
Sewalsen, Morris, Colton, S. D. \$52.50.  
Skjervheim, Mrs. Kathrina, Farwell, Minn. \$31.  
Smeby, Martin, Coon Valley, Wis. \$25.75.  
Smerud, Mrs. Helen, Solway, Minn. \$34.25.  
Smith, Mrs. Clarence, Galesburg, N. D. \$3.  
Solbak, Peter L., Baltic, S. D. \$19.  
Solberg, O. P., Volin, S. D. \$65.  
Solle, Conrad, Stanley, Wis. \$47.25.  
Solso, Mr. and Mrs. Henry, Newman Grove, Nebr. \$28.

Stamness, M., Bawlf, Alta. \$2.  
Starkey, E. B., Westington Springs, S. D. \$19.  
Staven, Martin, Brookings, S. D. \$8.  
Storstad, John, Battle Lake, Minn. \$53.50.  
Thompson, Lt. Clarence, Baltic, S. D. \$73.50.  
Thompson, O. D., Porter, Minn. \$11.  
Thoreson, Mrs. O. W., Kathryn, N. D. \$23.95.  
Thorkelson, T. E., Maynard, Minn. \$97.  
Topp, Mrs. L. Roy, Minn. \$2.  
Torgerson, Marian, Ute, Iowa. \$6.  
Vanous, Albert Roy, Badger, Minn. \$5.  
Watson, Capt. James, Brookings, S. D. \$28.  
Wedwick, Mrs. Jens E., Osabrock, N. D. \$16.  
Weines, Robert, Glenville, Minn. \$4.25.  
Whitmyre, Mrs. Emma, Bristol, S. D. \$52.  
Wilson, Leslie, Hamblontown, Iowa. \$24.25.  
Witt, Mrs. Carl, Lamberton, Minn. \$18.  
Wold, Mrs. T. M., Brookings, S. D. \$116.

From July 9 to July 16, 1945

Aas, Robert L., Fargo, N. Dak. \$8.50.  
Amund, Inez, La Crosse, Wis. \$2.50.  
Anderson, Emel J., Houston, Minn. \$19.00.  
Anderson, H. A., Whalan, Minn. \$38.30.  
Anderson, Mrs. John, Irene, S. Dak. \$52.50.  
Andrewson, Adolph, Union Grove, Wis. \$26.00.  
Baras, Robert, Dawson, Minn. \$92.00.  
Berg, Lauritz O., Colfax, Wis. \$22.00.  
Billie, Mrs. Erick, Kindred, N. Dak. \$23.08.  
Bloom, Virgil LeRoy, Plaza, N. Dak. \$5.00.  
Bomberg, Mrs. Gertrude, Marion, N. Dak. \$9.00.  
Browell, Mrs. Geo., River Falls, Wis. \$9.00.  
Cocker, Mrs. Rex, Fountain, Minn. \$36.77.  
Christensen, Mrs. L. J., Milaca, Minn. \$17.50.  
Dammen, Mrs. La Crosse, Wis. \$14.00.  
Erickson, Larry, Montevideo, Minn. \$1.00.  
Evje, Oscar, Nielsville, Minn. \$52.00.  
Foss, A. N., Havre, Mont. \$5.00.  
Gavie, Mrs. Rudolph, Spring Valley, Wis. \$38.00.  
Grandahl, Mrs. Olaf, Terrace, Minn. \$41.50.  
Hagen, Oliver, Terrace, Minn. \$120.50.  
Hanson, Mrs. John, Viking, Minn. \$2.00.  
Hanson, Otto, Ostrander, Minn. \$29.50.  
Hoff, Mrs. Hilmer, Coon Valley, Wis. \$26.50.  
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