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by the Editor

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EXCELLENT WORK! GOOD CO-OPERATION! That is how we feel about the work of the Convention reporters, whose signatures appear under the various reports. Each one fulfilled his assignment on time, and each one did a fine job of covering the ground staked out for him.

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FOR THAT MATTER, we have met with a fine spirit of zeal and devotion, of willingness and helpfulness

on the part of all who contribute their share to the production of our church paper.

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OUR REGULAR READERS value the contributions of Professor Armin Schuetze, which appear under the heading "A Lantern to Our Footsteps." Professor Schuetze, we regret to report, has been very ill with a serious infection. He spent weeks in the hospital. But we can also tell you that he is recovering and hopes to meet his classes at the beginning of the Seminary school year. We have, however, excused him from his writing duties until October.

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WHAT ABOUT THE DISTRICT NEWS COLUMN? We have promised you this new department, and you will get it. The District reporters are at work preparing their first contributions. We are confident that pastors, teachers, and congregation members will be alert to worthy items for this column and will send them in to their District reporter. The District reporters were listed in the August 16 issue (page 271),

together with their addresses. At that time the reporter for the Arizona-California District had not yet been appointed. We can now give his name and address:

The Rev. I. G. Frey
1634 Encanto Blvd.
Phoenix, Arizona

We hope to have this feature appear for the first time in the September 27 issue.

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"I'M TOO BAD TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN (or: a church member)" — that will be the thought Professor Carl Leyrer will take up in the column "What Shall I Say?" in our next issue. As we talk with the unchurched, we often hear the remark given above. What would you say to the person making it? Because of Professor Schuetze's illness, Professor Leyrer graciously consented to take an extra turn.

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ALSO IN OUR SEPTEMBER 27 ISSUE we will have announcements to make concerning changes in our Editorial Board and in our staff of contributing editors.

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WE MAKE SO BOLD — because we sincerely believe that much spiritual good for you can come of it — so bold as to request once again that you look carefully at the back cover of this issue.

The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us. 1 Kings 8:57

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Editorials

"High Church" Practices The so-called "externals" of worship are considered in different matters. Liturgy, pulpit gowns, crosses, candles and the like are not essential to worshipping God "in spirit and in truth."

But even a Roman Catholic writer has pointed out that it is a mistake to speak of "externals" in worship. The "externals" are — or should be — an expression of the faith confessed by pulpit and pew.

Certain Romanizing externals have been creeping into some Protestant churches, notably into the Lutheran Church. It is therefore refreshing to read the forthright statement of President J. W. Behnken, in which he pleads for soberness in liturgy in his synod.

It is even more refreshing to learn that the Pennsylvania Ministerium of the United Lutheran Church in its convention last May with a healthy majority adopted a resolution that "practices usually called 'high church' in celebrating Holy Communion 'are to be avoided.'" Among the objectionable practices listed are the use of the term "the sacrifice of the mass," use of a sanctuary lamp (we have seen them in Synodical Conference churches!), genuflection before the altar, and the use of incense.

Corporate worship demands forms. And these forms should be dignified and in good taste. But when forms become needlessly elaborate, when they ape denominations that have "another Gospel," they are a nuisance and an offense to the spiritually minded worshiper.

H. C. NITZ

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Fear of Men Fear is a painful and powerful emotion. People will do almost anything to escape it, even to the extent of committing suicide. And it is not only physical fear which exerts such terrific pressure. If anything, the fear of friends and associates is even worse. We have all heard of the teen-agers driving their hotrods at one another at a terrific clip to see which one will first "chicken out" and turn aside. One of the worst names for a teenager today is to be called "chicken."

One of the hardest things to do is to say No to close friends and companions. The Bible says: "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." How many have the moral courage to break with them when the pressure is on? The herd instinct is strong. We have a horror of being peculiar and queer, as all who take their church and its truth seriously are bound to be considered. If you do not go along with the prevailing views or do not join in carnal and worldly excesses, it will cost you many friendships and you are in danger of being left out of things.

Joseph was made of better stuff. When he was exposed to the immoral allurements of Potiphar's wife, he knew that he would be made to suffer for it if he did not consent, and yet he said: "How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" It takes a lot of the same fear of God to go counter to the community views and practices today which fall under the condemnation of God's Word.

It depends on which is stronger, the fear of God or the fear of men, and when we speak of the fear

of God we do not mean slavish fear but Christian awe and reverence. "Perfect love casteth out fear." Scripture tells us that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. When you choose to follow God's precepts, you never go wrong. It is the wise choice. And what folly it is to fear puny men more than the almighty God Jesus demonstrated when He said: "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both body and soul in hell."

IM. P. FREY

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The Mature Luther There is something provocative about the title of a recent book called *The Mature Luther*. The title suggests that there is a difference between the younger Luther and the older Luther. The implication is that the Luther of 1519 and 1523 had not developed his theology as fully as the Luther of 1537 and 1545 had. It even suggests the conclusion that Luther changed his mind about his earlier Reformation teachings, that he took back what he had stood for at Worms and what he had taught in the Small Catechism.

To maintain that he retracted what he had taken his stand on in the first flush of the Reformation is misleading and false. He did not, for example, disavow his insight that the righteousness of God is the righteousness that God imputes to us for Christ's sake. He did not repudiate the Scripture teaching that we are saved by faith, not by works. Fundamentally, Luther in 1545 stood by what he had preached in 1519.

The later Luther, however, did mature in many respects. He grew in knowledge; he developed as a theologian. As he progressed in his career as a Reformer, he sloughed off more and more of the Roman Catholic tradition in which he had been reared. More and more clearly he saw the Pope for what he was and still is; more and more clearly he understood what was wrong with the business of worshipping Mary and the saints.

In 1545 he wrote: "So in my former writings you can find many important places where I basely made concessions to the pope. These earlier statements I now hold to be the height of blasphemy and do solemnly condemn them as an abomination." Regarding his *Short Commentary on Galatians*, published in 1519, he said in 1531: "I had not realized how weak my first commentaries on Galatians were. They were nothing more than my first light against confidence in works."

Even topflight Luther scholars have made the mistake of quoting the early Luther, particularly the Luther before 1519, as if he had already then spoken his last word on a given subject. Frequently they have ignored the older Luther and have quoted the early Luther against the later Luther. But that is doing mischief to Luther. That is leaving out of calculation the growth evident in Luther.

Whenever scholars claim new and startling insights into Luther, one does well to ask: "When did Luther write that?"

C. TOPPE

Studies in God's Word: The Two Processions At Nain

"And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother" (Luke 7:11-15).

We may not be aware of it at once, but there were actually two processions at Nain that day. One was leaving the city, the other was about to enter. One was sad and mournful, the other happy and joyful. One was headed by the King of Terrors, the other by the Prince of Life. These two processions teach us a very sobering and comforting truth, both of which are expressed in one of our hymns (Lutheran Hymnal 590).

I.

*In the midst of earthly life
Snares of death surround us.*

Jesus was returning from Capernaum where He had healed the centurion's servant. He was accompanied by many of His disciples and a great number of other people. As they approached the city of Nain they met another procession, a funeral procession, on its way to the burial-ground outside the gates.

Let us accompany our Lord as He approaches this funeral procession. Who was it that was being carried out to his final resting place? Was it perhaps one whose eyes were dim with age, whose body had been wearied by many years of toil and

pain? Was it perhaps a hoary head who had gladly laid down a heavy burden at life's eventide? Not this time! The words of Jesus make it plain that the man in the casket was a young man.

He was not only a young man, however, but he was the only son of his mother. That made this funeral especially sad. There was no one else to take his place. All the joys that were centered in him, all the hopes that were built around him were shattered in one blow.

Yet another fact made this procession even more pathetic. The mother was a widow. Not so long before this she had been first in line in another funeral procession. First her husband was taken from her, now her only son. The one that she had left to comfort her, to provide for her, was now gone. To our way of thinking this son was certainly necessary for his mother's well-being. Yet here are the facts: A young man was carried out of Nain that day, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow.

Death is no respecter of persons, of age or of station. The Scripture gives us the general rule, "The days of our years are threescore years and ten" (Ps. 90:10). But what assurance have you and I that we will not be exceptions to the rule? The procession coming out of Nain underscores the sobering truth, "In the midst of earthly life Snares of death surround us."

II.

*Where shall we for refuge go?
To Thee, Lord Jesus, only!*

It was a long procession that came out of Nain. Many friends and neighbors had come to pay their last respects to the young man and to speak words of comfort to the sorrowing widow. Human hands and earthly helpers were doing all that they could. But it was not enough. She needed more than that and she received more than that.

As she left the city she met another procession headed by Jesus. It was not a chance meeting. Jesus had so arranged it. It is never an accident when death enters our home. The Lord of Life has planned it. He enters our home at the same time so that He will be present when we need Him most.

The Lord saw her and had compassion on her. His compassion was not make-believe, but genuine and real. As a true man He was able to put Himself in her place. He knew what she was going through. He quickly dried her tears by restoring the young man to life and returned him to his mother. She had found One to whom she could flee for refuge "when earthly helpers fail and comforts flee."

This Jesus is our almighty Lord of Life today. He has not promised to do what He did for this widow. We would not expect that. Why should we wish our husband or wife, our son or daughter, our brother or sister, our father or mother back into a world of sin and sorrow from which they have already been set free? He does not have to halt the procession in which we are walking in order to show us that His compassion toward us is genuine and His comfort for us is real. He already demonstrated that on Calvary by shedding His precious blood to win full atonement for our sin. By conquering sin He has removed the sting of death and hallowed our grave as a final resting place which serves as the gate to life immortal. When our Lord returns for judgment He will once and for all end the funeral processions that are moving relentlessly across the earth. He will reunite us with those whom we have lost and heal the wounds caused by their parting.

The procession approaching Nain shows us the One to whom we can flee for refuge. "To Thee, Lord Jesus, only!"

C. MISCHKE

REPORT
ON THE
Thirty-Fifth Convention

AT SAGINAW, MICHIGAN



AUGUST 5-12, 1959

INSPIRATION FROM THE WORD

The 1959 Synod Convention did not stint in the time allotted to the study of God's Word and the praise of His redeeming name.

"My Word Shall Not Return Unto Me Void"

In the opening service on Wednesday morning at St. Paul's Church, Pastor Theodore Sauer employed the words of Isaiah 55:6-11 to develop the theme: "The Sureness With Which God Would Have Us Do the Work of His Church." After this heartening message the delegates found further strengthening at the Lord's Table.

Two Devotional Messages Are Heard Daily

Each morning and afternoon meeting was opened with a devotional service. The brief addresses all came under the general theme "Preach the Gospel," which also served as the Convention motto. Planned by the arrangements committee to put the tasks we have before us in a positive way, these sermonettes surely accomplished their purpose. Visitors to the Convention and delegates alike expressed their appreciation for the benefit they received from this series of addresses:

"Preach the Gospel"

What?

Our Message to the World.....Professor G. Hoenecke

Who?

All Christians Preach.....Pastor Irwin Habeck
Pastors and Teachers Preach.....
.....Professor Carleton Toppe

How?

Through Evangelism.....Pastor Armin Roekle
Through Stewardship.....Pastor Leonard Koeninger
Through Publications.....Pastor Werner Franzmann

Where?

In our Home Missions.....
.....Pastor Lee Sabrowsky
In our Christian Day Schools.....
.....Professor Carl Schweppe
In World Missions.....
.....Pastor A. Mennicke
In Apacheland.....Pastor H. Hartzell
In Rhodesia.....Pastor A. Habben
Summing Up.....Pastor Norman Berg

Left to right: Secretary Theodore Sauer; Second Vice-President Karl F. Krauss, First Vice-President Irwin Habeck; and President Oscar Naumann.

The President Reports to the Synod

We should like to quote rather liberally from the report of President Oscar Naumann, but we will have to content ourselves with this resolution adopted by the Convention: "that the Synod thank our President for his timely and inspirational address in which he pointed out that the Lord in His infinite wisdom has chosen us to work in His kingdom and admonished us that our hearts be filled with love toward one another. May the recognition of these truths humble us, strengthen us, and fill us with love and zeal in His service."

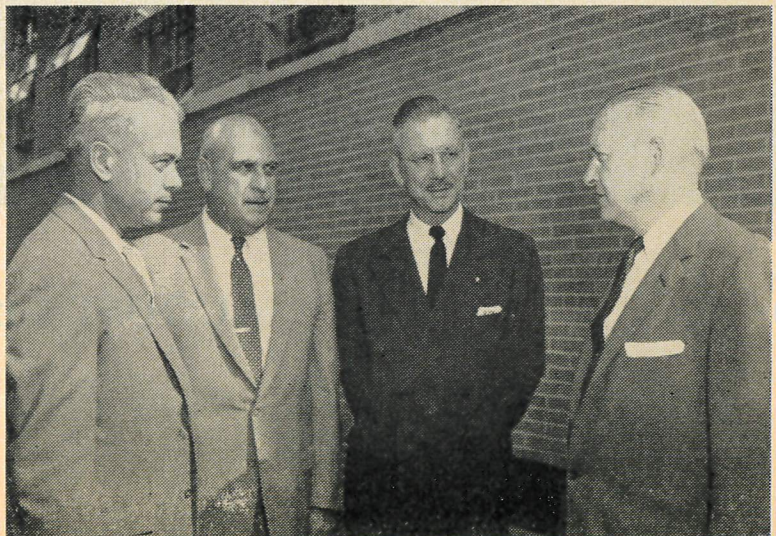
A Voice From the Past Speaks Again

One of the high points of the Convention certainly was the essay "A Study of the Essay by Prof. John P. Koehler 'Gesetzlich Wesen Unter Uns.'" The essayist, Pastor Waldemar Gieschen, wisely confined himself to brief introductory and closing remarks and an explanatory word added here and there. For the rest he let Prof. Koehler speak to us through an English translation. And though this theologian wrote in our theological quarterly some forty years ago, yet he speaks to us with force today. He "hit home" many a time as he showed how means and methods born of the Law, and not of the Gospel, were manifesting themselves in our Synod in his day. We said to each other: "How timely this is!" We also were aware that the call to repentance sounded a generation ago was coming to us today.

We are pleased to report that the essay will be made available to you in printed form.

Two Doctrinal Statements Are Adopted

Prof. Dudley Rohda was to have delivered a second essay, but became ill just before the Convention. However, the Convention did not have to twiddle its thumbs. It took up a study of the statements on Scripture and on the Antichrist. These had been adopted by the Doctrinal Committees of the Synodical Conference. After a thorough study, both statements were adopted. (For further details see "Union Matters.")



"From Sorrow to Joy"

This was the theme of the sermon delivered by Pastor Walter Schumann, Jr., president of the Dakota-Montana District, in the service on Tuesday evening. Expounding Isaiah 35:10, he showed that it is the way of our God to lead us, as individuals, congregations,

and church bodies, from sorrow to joy and that, as always, His is a blessed way. In this service a male chorus recruited from the Convention delegates by Prof. Meilahn Zahn, director of music at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, also served to edify the worshippers.

WERNER H. FRANZMANN

WORLD MISSIONS

High above the Convention floor, in large block letters, the theme of our 1959 Synod Convention PREACH THE GOSPEL was prominently displayed. Those words served to remind delegates and visitors alike of the Lord's Great Commission to His Church, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature!"

In obedience to the Lord's command, our Synod is now engaged in an expanding mission program both at home and on the continents of Europe, Asia, and Africa. Difficulties and discouragements have indeed been experienced; but, above all, through the grace of God, much progress and success can be reported from every field. For these blessings upon our humble efforts, we give all glory to the Lord.

A New Mission Policy

Not dependent missions, but self-supporting churches — that is the goal for which the Board for World Missions is striving in its new mission policy. Already, within a few short years, remarkable progress toward this goal has been made. At the beginning of the past biennium, foreign fields were asked to accept at least 15% of the cost of new projects if at all possible. The results are indeed cause for rejoicing. Our world mission fields have effected a saving under budget of over \$64,000 during the past biennium. Their budgetary requests for the coming year have been reduced by almost \$52,000 as compared with the previous annual budget. Yet none of the work in the fields has in any way been curtailed.

The saving of money is not, however, the primary purpose of our new mission policy. It is rather a means to an end, indeed, to several very worthy ends. One is to encourage the members in our foreign fields to share more fully in the joy and consecration of doing the Lord's work in building a church which is their own. Another is to encourage us, the people here at home, to take on new foreign mission projects in the assurance that the new fields will gradually assume responsibility for themselves and become more and more self-supporting, both as to men and to means. Such mission churches which begin to support themselves from the very start will stand a much better chance of surviving when trials

and persecutions arise or when support from the parent body is cut off by war or some other disturbance.

Full-time Chairman

To implement our new mission policy, and in view of the great expansion of duties to be carried out by the chairman of the Board for World Missions, the Convention voted that a qualified man is to be called to assume full-time responsibility as chairman of the Board until the next regular Convention of Synod in 1961. At that time, Synod is to determine whether the office of chairman is to be continued on a full-time basis or not.



At the World Missions display: Pastor Armin Schlender of our mission in Germany (left) and Missionary A. B. Habben of Northern Rhodesia, Africa.

Your delegates also voiced approval of our expanding world mission program by making available to the Board for World Missions the sum of \$10,000 for the exploration and temporary holding of new fields which may be found.

Apacheland

The Convention noted with satisfaction and with thanksgiving to the Lord of the Church the progress

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made in developing the potential of the Apache Christians in Arizona as it refers to the privileges and responsibilities of all phases of church membership. A saving of more than \$51,000 under budget was effected during the past year in this the oldest of our mission fields.

The East Fork Lutheran Nursery at White River, Arizona, will continue to solicit funds necessary for its operation directly from our congregations. As of May 1, 29 homeless children were being cared for. May the members of our Synod continue to support with enthusiasm this God-pleasing work!

Northern Rhodesia

In Northern Rhodesia, our work consists of five divisions — the work among urban natives, tribal work, operation of schools, work in institutions, and work among the whites. About 2900 Africans are reached with the Gospel message every week. Missionary Habben, who was present at the Convention, spoke briefly of the work being carried on in this mission field. Since there is an urgent need for native workers to assist our missionaries, the Executive Committee was urged to carry out its plan for the establishment of a Bible school and a Bible correspondence course. After additional training, some of these workers may then become native pastors of the African Church. A \$12,000

loan was granted to our European Congregation in Lusaka for the erection of the first Lutheran church for whites in all of Northern Rhodesia.

Ghana

Mission work has now been inaugurated in the new field of Ghana. Our missionary, Dr. Wm. Scheweppe, writes: "Every effort possible should be made to exploit the tremendous opportunities which lie before us in this new land. How necessary that we put forth every effort to bring Africa to Christ!"

Japan

In Japan our two missionaries are moving to new promising fields outside Tokyo. Approval was given by the Convention for the calling of a third missionary to Japan.

Thus, in a small way, our Synod is carrying out the Lord's Commission to preach the Gospel to every creature. Mindful of the rich blessings which the Lord has showered upon our humble efforts in the past, let us as a Synod zealously move forward with our expanding mission program, that the Gospel may be more widely proclaimed and souls won to the glory of God's saving name.

W. A. WIETZKE

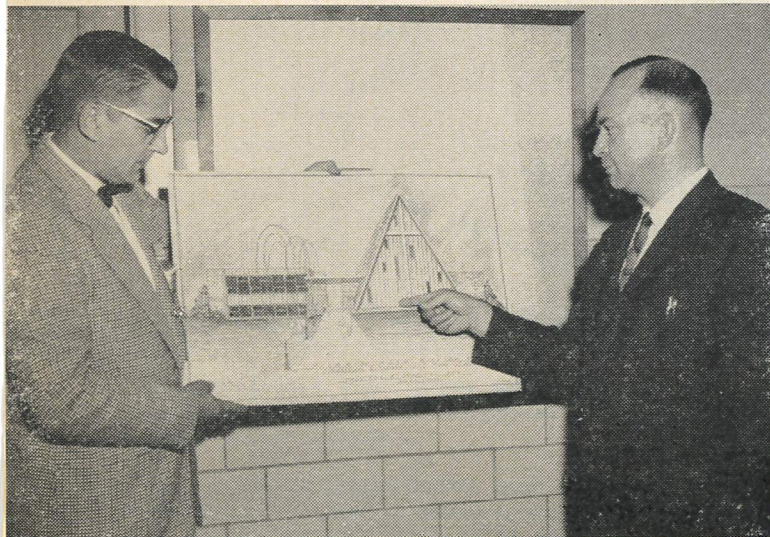
HOME MISSIONS

Home Mission work is that work of our Synod which is carried on in the cities, suburbs, towns, and country-

"And other sheep have I, which are not of this fold: them also must I bring," stressed the importance of this work, and showed that all mission work, quite naturally, begins close to home. Pastor Karl Gurgel, Caledonia, Minnesota, chairman of the Board for Home Missions, briefly reviewed the work done by our Districts during the past two years, and called upon heads of the various departments to report on their activities.

The fact that not more new mission fields were opened during the past biennium was caused by a lack of sufficient Church Extension funds, "but the biggest cause is our very serious manpower shortage." The Synod recognized the fact that a constant flow of gifts into the Church Extension Fund is necessary for expansion, and encouraged all members to make diligent use of Church Extension Fund collections and children's banks, so that more badly needed mission chapels might be constructed. A modified set of regulations, proposed by the Board of Trustees and the General Board for Home Missions, to be more realistic and mutually advantageous for both the Synod and the congregations receiving loans, was also set up. Regarding the manpower shortage, the Synod decided to appoint a committee to study, plan, and carry out a recruitment program in our Synod, to enlist more and more of our youth for full-time work in the church.

The Synod voiced its disapproval of a plan to establish an executive secretary for Home Missions at this time. It was felt that creating such an office would



With a new design for a mission church: Pastor Ray Wiechmann, chairman of Southeastern Wisconsin District Mission Board (left) and Pastor Karl Gurgel, chairman of the General Board for Home Missions.

side of our nation under the direction of our nine Districts. One of the devotions of this convention, in which the words of Jesus in John 10:16 were used:

only take another man from the field and add much to the budget of the Synod.

One District had requested autonomy in matters of home missions. Since it was felt wise to study and review present policies and preview new ones, it was decided that a committee should carefully study this question and report to the 1961 convention.

Another matter to receive consideration and to be reported to the next convention of Synod was that of Synod-supported parochial schools in mission congregations. There seems to exist a difference of opinion in regard to the definite advantages of Christian day schools in our home missions. All aspects of starting and maintaining day schools in our home missions were to be studied in this next biennium.

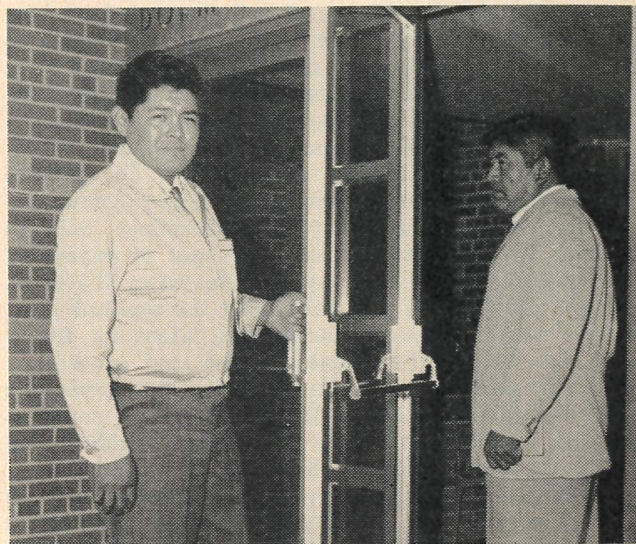
The Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission, which provides our servicemen and students away from home with spiritual literature, urged the cooperation of all in keeping their office informed of new addresses and changes of address, so that no one be deprived of the material available to them.

In Madison, Wisconsin, where Calvary Lutheran Chapel and Student Center serves the many university students of the Synodical Conference, an average of 850 worshipers per Sunday fill the chapel to capacity in each of three Sunday morning services. The work of this student mission has expanded greatly, its present facilities are inadequate, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is ready to bear its share of a building expansion. For these reasons the Synod resolved to place into the budget 41 per cent of the total cost of the proposed expansion of the physical plant at this mission.

Congregations were encouraged to support the work of mercy at Bethesda Lutheran Home in Watertown, Wisconsin, more earnestly. This Home's improvement and remodeling programs are lagging and in debt because of insufficient financial support.

Our Spanish Mission, which formerly was under the supervision of the Arizona-California District Board

of Home Missions and the General Board for Home Missions, was placed under the administration of the Board for Foreign Missions. It was felt that this mission had a scope of activity and problems different from those found in home missions, and would better fit under the program and policies being inaugurated by the Board for Foreign Missions.



Visitors from Apacheland: Asa Lavender (left) and Ralph Henry.

Certainly, opportunities abound to begin new missions in our country, but the shortage of men and money is making itself felt more and more. May we all pray to the Lord of the harvest that He give us wisdom and zeal to provide both funds and manpower for the building of His kingdom!

ARMIN H. SCHULTZ

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

As each delegate to our 35th Convention studied his booklet of Reports and Memorials, he must have stopped short for a prayer of thanks at the report that the enrollment in our Christian day schools had increased by 1,298 children over last year. The same report of the Board of Education showed that seven new Christian day schools had been opened during the past biennium and that a total of 263 congregations now provide Christian education on the elementary level. Equally as inspiring was the report on the effort of congregations in establishing and maintaining eight area Lutheran high schools.

While all such reports point out the need for humble thanks to our gracious Lord, they also point to certain responsibilities, for all these children and all these young people need teachers in their classrooms — teachers who will bring them up in the nurture and

admonition of the Lord in harmony with their home and church. The Survey Committee of our Synod illustrated the needs on the elementary level through this one startling report, namely, that last year 152 teachers were needed, and our training courses provided 84, but 68 had to be found elsewhere.

The Synod Convention was fully aware of the critical situation, having had before it the reports of the Educational Institutions, the Board of Education, as well as the Educational Survey Committee and the Planning Committee. A floor committee was given the assignment to study all the reports and make recommendations to the Convention. The plan, presented to and adopted by the Convention, included effort in three directions: 1. reaching back to make up work long overdue; 2. increasing the training facilities immediately; 3. planning systematically for the future.

In a situation such as this our attention is naturally drawn to Dr. Martin Luther College at New Ulm, Minnesota. For the past 75 years this College has been blessed by the Lord and has provided teachers for our little ones. But while congregations were expanding their schools, they were not expanding their teacher-training College. Year after year prospective ninth graders were turned away from DMLC for lack of room. The Synod's pledge of relief was indeed long overdue, for even the present enrollment of 500 cannot be cared for adequately in the present facilities. This Convention recognized as its first obligation the work still undone at this College and resolved to begin a building program of one and one-half million dollars. This program will include alterations to the present administration building, a new music hall, a gymnasium-student union building, a girls' dormitory and an addition to the heating plant. The cost of expanding the physical plant in this way is estimated at \$1,500,000.

All of this work will only bring the physical plant in line with the present enrollment. Plans for future expansion will be the business of the next convention. Buildings alone do not train workers. Two professors are to be added to the faculty in each of the next two years in an effort to relieve the present workload and insure the high scholastic standards we all expect.

The needs at other preparatory departments were also examined. An added professor was granted at Northwestern College and at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, where the student load had become excessive through growing enrollments. A similar request from Northwestern Lutheran Academy was not granted, in spite of the recommendation of a previous convention, because of the decrease in enrollment. The academy was also asked to present their request for a new boys' dormitory to the next convention.

While all of these expenditures of funds and manpower represent a step forward, consideration of the immediate needs of our elementary schools and high

schools dare not be postponed. A new department will be added at New Ulm, namely, a training course for teachers on a secondary level. The various areas of Synod with a student potential for a teacher-training course were reviewed. The Milwaukee area with its many Christian day schools and large enrollment seemed a likely spot for added training facilities. The offer to Synod to use both the staff and facilities of Wisconsin Lutheran High School at Milwaukee for a two-year college course came as an answer to prayer and the convention voted to open a teacher's college in Milwaukee in this way.

Much planning must still be done on a long-range basis if we are to continue our work and expand. With this in mind, the Synod authorized the formation of a "Planning Committee for the Educational Institutions of Synod." This committee, made up of a variety of technical skills, will continue to work on the basis of previous studies and will present to future conventions a well-rounded program of expansion.

Since this Convention had definite and pressing problems of manpower to contend with, it had to delay the fulfillment of a previous pledge to the Nebraska District to establish an academy, but it did so in the conviction that it had directed Synod's efforts toward the largest potential of workers for the kingdom through its decision.

Plans must be made and resolutions must be passed as the first steps in any venture. In the days ahead let us take all our schools from kindergarten through college and seminary to the Lord of the Church in our prayers, asking also that He prosper us that we may carry out the plans with His blessings. Our representatives in convention have done the preliminary work. May the love for the Savior and His lambs which inspired them, fill us with a zeal to carry this work forward in the two years ahead!

KARL G. BAST

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Synod has at all times sought to educate its own workers for its many fields of work. Pastors and teachers are needed for the work in the established congregations. Pastors and teachers are needed in the mission fields. Pastors and teachers are needed to man the faculties of Lutheran high schools and academies. Pastors and teachers are needed as professors at our colleges and seminaries.

To prepare workers for the spreading of the Gospel, Synod maintains its system of educational institutions. There are four preparatory schools. These are located at Watertown, Wisconsin, New Ulm, Minnesota, Saginaw, Michigan, and Mobridge, South Dakota. A contemplated preparatory school at Grand Island, Nebraska, had to be postponed largely because of the present shortage of men in the teaching and preaching ministry.

There are two colleges, one at Watertown, Wisconsin, and the other at New Ulm, Minnesota. Dr. Martin Luther

College at New Ulm this year had an enrollment of 516 students, 272 of which were in the college department. About 70 candidates for teaching positions in our day schools were graduated this year. This number, however, was far below the number needed by our Synod. There was need for 107. This left a serious shortage of 37 teachers in our schools. This condition caused the Synod to resolve to open a new teacher-training college in or near Milwaukee. The new school is to be opened in 1960 under an arrangement with the Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee. The faculty at New Ulm will be enlarged at the same time so that it will be possible to handle its teaching load adequately. By Synod resolution, the faculty will also have the duty of providing a training course for teachers in our Lutheran high schools.

Our seminary at Thiensville, Wisconsin, graduated 23 candidates for the holy ministry this year. The number anticipated for next year is even smaller. This fact

again emphasizes the need for more workers in the fields which our Synod has established. The laborers being prepared at present are few, too few.

Synod courageously resolved to augment faculties where the need was found to be greatest. Existing facilities will be enlarged and improved. New buildings will be added at Dr. Martin Luther College. The Lord has blessed our endeavors in the past. We realize that He has given us new challenges for the future. But our present responsibilities already present vexing problems, most of which revolve around the shortage of workers in our Synod.

Seven new Christian day schools were opened in the past two years by congregations of our Synod. We now

have a total of 214 Christian day schools, with a total enrollment of 23,466 pupils. We have, in addition to elementary schools, eight Lutheran high schools in our midst, with a total enrollment of 1,367. Our elementary schools employ a total of 731 teachers, and our high schools 64 full-time instructors.

In order to carry on the work of preaching the Gospel in the fields which the Lord of the Church has opened to us, we need many more consecrated workers, workers trained in our synodical institutions to carry out our assignment, "Preach the Gospel."

A. C. MEYER

SYNODICAL STEWARDSHIP

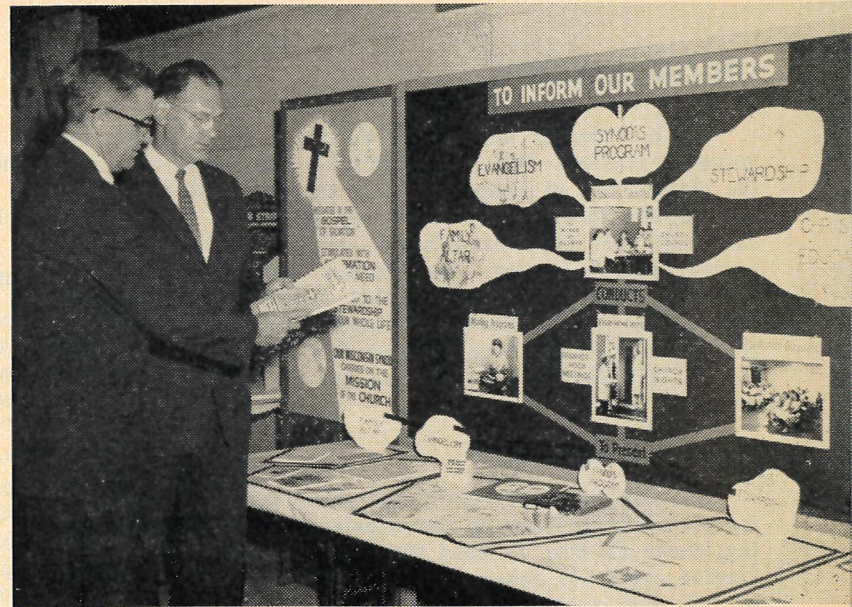
Within the last four years a comparatively new stewardship program has been instituted within our Synod. A general Board for Information and Stewardship was appointed; District Boards were chosen; stewardship committees were encouraged and organized in many congregations. The goal of this entire program is to make the very best use of every talent which the Lord has entrusted to us.

Workers in His Vineyard

A regret repeatedly expressed at the convention was the alarming shortage of pastors and teachers. Surely, the Lord has blessed us with a sufficient number of young men and women with the necessary talents for this work of the Lord. In the interest of Christian stewardship we ought to seek out and encourage such boys and girls so that their talents may be employed in the service of the Lord.

The Synodical Budget

A very intensive stewardship program is also necessary in connection with our synodical budget. A record budget of \$3,400,112.74 was adopted by our delegates. Of this amount \$1,086,398.00 is for educational institutions and \$1,433,995.40 is for Home and World Missions. We are no longer a small church body. The new budget is, indeed, a huge figure. And yet if each one of us will only strive for an average goal of \$15.00 per year or \$1.25 per month per communicant member, then the entire program which the Lord has set before us can be carried out. It is a blistering and time-consuming task for one man to cut down a huge oak himself. But with many men, each taking his turn, the tree is soon cut down — and no blisters! So it also is with our synodical budget. Every hand and member is needed; and with each one doing his best the giant will not be so impossible at all. But an intensive



At the stewardship display: Pastor Norman Berg, chairman of the Board for Information and Stewardship, and Mr. Fred Hagedorn, secretary of the floor committee on stewardship matters.

stewardship program will be necessary both on the synodical level and on the congregational level, especially when we realize that our new budget calls for about \$780,000 more than we raised in the year past. Our Board for Information and Stewardship was, therefore, encouraged to continue its work presenting the full program of our Synod to our members so that we may see and realize the great and wonderful opportunities which the Lord has set before us. May we, as individual congregations and members, make use of the information available.

Stewardship Helps

It is one thing to vote a record budget; it is quite another to collect it. It is one thing to recognize a need for more pastors and teachers; it is quite another

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to get young people to study for that calling. Thus, for our assistance, our Board for Information and Stewardship recommends stewardship committees in each congregation which shall conduct every-home visits, neighborhood meetings, church nights, mailing programs, organizational discussions, or any other workable program. The aims of such stewardship committees might be the encouragement of the family altar, evangelism, Synod's program, stewardship, Christian education, and the like. To help our congregations set up some form of stewardship program, our Board has prepared an excellent manual on Christian stewardship and a flip-chart showing the program of our Synod. Monthly inserts will continue to be mailed for distribution among our members. Filmstrips and moving pictures describing our mission work and educational institutions will

continue to be produced. A manual has just been completed by our Synod's Commission on Evangelism entitled: "Gaining and Reclaiming Souls For Christ." Our Audio-Visual Aids Committee is constantly reviewing filmstrips and movies produced by others, selecting and listing those which they recommend for our use. These materials may be obtained by writing to the "Audio-Visual Aids Committee," 3614 West North Avenue, Milwaukee 8, Wisconsin. This Committee has also listed a complete number of filmstrips which may be used in conjunction with our Sunday school lessons.

May God bless our stewardship endeavors. And may the motivation for our entire stewardship program continue to be one which is summed up in the words: "We love Him because He first loved us."

ELTON H. HUEBNER

UNION MATTERS

On the closing day voting delegates by a large majority resolved that we "continue and accelerate the discussions" of issues troubling the Synodical Conference and that "in our vigorously protesting fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod we testify strongly against the offenses which are still prevalent and unresolved" in that synod. Thus our relationship to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod remains what it has been the past few years: a fellowship in the Synodical Conference but on a vigorously protesting basis.

Study of the Question

This matter was certainly one of the weightier and more perplexing items on the agenda. While endeavoring, above all else, to heed the Lord's Word, the convention could not close its ears to the discordant notes of rifts and resignations in its own midst, the ringing pleas of brethren in the Synodical Conference, and the moving voices from Germany and Australia eloquently expressing their concern over our problems. The Convention had before it the reports from the Standing Committee on Matters of Church Union. Other material on the issue were numerous and opposing memorials. These were weighed by the twenty-two members of the floor committee under the cochairmen, Pastors H. Nitz

and W. Schmidt, in extended sessions and discussed in a two-hour open hearing. The committee's findings, from a part of which three members dissented, were then debated for four hours on the floor.

Convention Action

Encouraged by reports that current discussions have demonstrated "a receptive attitude toward our testimony" and "a willingness to face all the issues" and that the sister synod has shown in resolution and action "concern for proper supervision of doctrine and practice," the convention resolved:

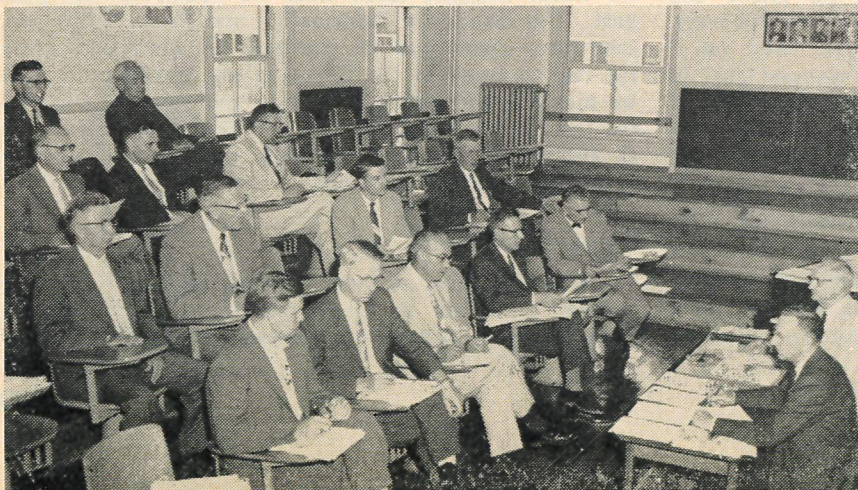
That we instruct our Church Union Committee under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to continue and accelerate the discussions in the Joint Union Committees to bring about complete unity of doctrine and practice in the Synodical Conference; and

That we instruct our Church Union Committee to continue its efforts in the Joint Union Committees until agreement on doctrine and practice has been reached, or until an impasse is reached and no such agreement can be brought about.

To facilitate the work of the Joint Union Committees, our Synod petitioned the Synodical Conference to set up a uniform procedure to be followed by all constituent synods that every doctrinal statement prepared by the Joint Committees "shall be submitted immediately upon completion directly to each synod of the Synodical Conference for adoption or rejection."

Because offenses of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, named in our 1955 resolutions,

Committee No. 2, On Matters of Church Union, at Work.



have continued and been aggravated, causing troubled consciences and a serious breach of fellowship in our own Synod, the convention declared:

That in our vigorously protesting fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod we testify strongly against the offenses which are still prevalent and unresolved in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and request that body to remove them, and to refrain from causing a wider breach between the members of the Synodical Conference.

Efforts were made to obviate difficulties caused by the most recent reaffirmation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's stand on Scouting by our convention's resolution "that we instruct our Church Union Committee not to proceed with the discussions until it has been assured by the Missouri Committee on Doctrinal Unity that they will be governed by "their convention's resolution that they face all the issues and, by God's grace, help to resolve them. That this would be done, was the assurance given the convention by Dr. Martin Franzmann, representative of the Missouri Committee on Doctrinal Unity.

Confession of Faith

Statements on *Scripture* and the *Antichrist*, prepared by the Joint Union Committees, were adopted after study without dissent. The *Statement on Scripture*, previously accepted by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, testifies that we and our sister synod stand together in confessing the verbal inspiration, the inerrancy, and the sole authority of Scripture. Because of this united stand on the Word we dare to hope that all remaining differences can be resolved. The *Statement on the Antichrist*, which has been accepted by the Committee on Doctrinal Unity but not yet by a convention of the sister synod, declares: "Since Scripture teaches that the Antichrist would be revealed and gives the marks by which Antichrist is to be recognized (II Thess. 2:6, 8), and since this prophecy has been clearly fulfilled in the history and development of the Roman Papacy, it is Scripture which reveals that the Papacy is the Antichrist." It also declares with the Lutheran Confessions "that 'the Pope is the very Antichrist' . . . , especially since he anathematizes the doctrine of the justification by faith alone and sets

himself up as the infallible head of the Church" but does not "imply a blanket condemnation of all members of the Roman Catholic Church, for despite all the errors taught in that church the Word of God is still heard there, and that Word is an effectual Word."

In the Future

There are breaches that have not yet been healed and offenses that have not yet been removed. We pray that there will be progress in the work that remains, and not an impasse, as the joint discussions continue with the subject of fellowship, in which lies the vexing problem of unionism.

These efforts should be furthered by a second conference of theologians similar to the one held in Oakland in June. Tentative plans, which the convention endorsed, call for a ten-day gathering next summer at Thiensville, to which Lutheran theologians in doctrinal agreement with us will come from six continents to strengthen each other in upholding confessional Lutheranism.

Some Synod members had indicated that they would leave Synod, as others already have, if termination of fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod were not declared at Saginaw. The Convention expressed its concern by resolving:

That a letter be drafted by the Conference of Presidents and conveyed, in a manner left to their discretion, to every pastor, teacher, and congregation of the Wisconsin Synod, said letter to plead in a loving spirit with every brother and congregation to preserve the bond of fellowship and to consult with the District President before acting.

It further resolved, while disavowing charges that its continuation of fellowship with the sister synod was contrary to God's Word, to study with those who make such charges "what Scripture teaches concerning the boundary between the patience which requires a continuance of fellowship and the command in Scripture which calls for an avoidance or termination of fellowship." Such a study of basic Biblical principles should do much to restore unity in our midst.

The light of the Word beaming on all our synodical and intersynodical problems can guide us to better ways.

E. C. FREDRICH

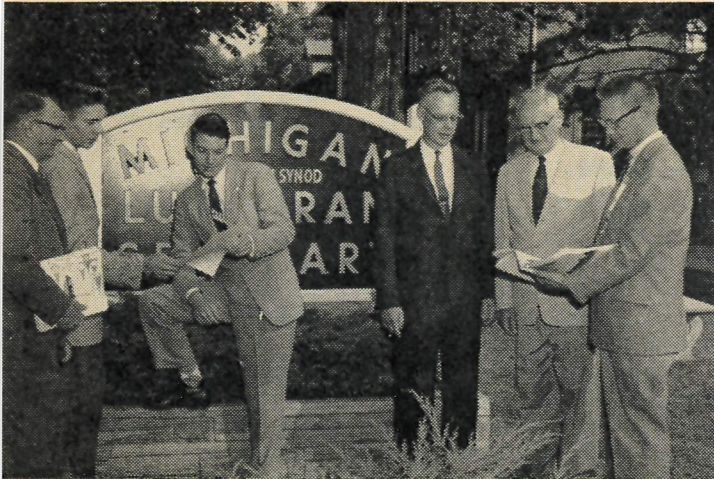
SIDELIGHTS OF THE CONVENTION

On a delightfully cool Tuesday, July 28, 1959, an otherwise vacationing campus suddenly came back to life. The delegates of our 35th Biennial Convention were gathering there. Wednesday's roll call showed 164 voting delegates (67 pastors, 30 teachers, and 67 laymen) and 97 advisory delegates at hand ready to do the Lord's business. Representing congregations located in twenty states, they had come to be guests at one of Synod's schools, Michigan Lutheran Seminary at Saginaw, Michigan.

Those who had previously been privileged to see this school of our Synod were happy to be back, and those

who had viewed the buildings only through occasional pictures were agreeably surprised to see the excellent campus. New to both groups were several recently built professorages located on a street east of the campus.

Guests included not only those from the States, but from far off places such as Australia, India, and Germany. Our guests from Germany, Pastor Armin Schlander, president of the Church of the Evangelical Lutheran Confession in the Dispersion, and Dr. Hans Kirsten, director of the Evangelische Lutherische Hochschule at Oberursel, brought greetings as did Pastor F. W. Noack, president of the Queensland District of the Evangelical



The Nitz "Clan": reading left to right — Mr. W. J. Antilla, Pastor R. Schultz, Mr. D. Manley, Pastor F. Nitz, Pastor H. C. Nitz,, Pastor P. Nitz.



Visitors from abroad: Pastor F. W. Noack, Queensland, Australia (left), Dr. Hans Kirsten, Oberursel, Germany (center), and Pastor Armin Schlender, Germany. (See "Convention Sidelights.")

Lutheran Church of Australia. Our convention was also visited by the president of the India Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Reverend B. H. Jackayya of Nagercoil, South India, where he teaches isagogics in the Concordia Seminary.

Visiting representatives of the Synodical Conference were Professors Martin Franzmann, Alfred V. R. Sauer, and Alfred O. Fuerbringer, president of Concordia Theological Seminary at St. Louis, Pastor M. E. Tweit, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Professor B. W. Teigen, president of the Bethany Lutheran College at Mankato, Minnesota, Pastor Julian Anderson, ELS member of the Joint Doctrinal Committees, and Dr. Andrew Daniel of the Slovak Ev. Lutheran Church. Dr. Karl Kurth, executive secretary of the Synodical Conference Mission Board, and Pastor A. Habben vacationing missionary from Northern Rhodesia, also addressed the assembly.

Mr. Ralph Henry and Mr. Asa Lavender, members of our Apache congregations, were introduced during the report on that mission. The gathering was unable to believe its ears when Mr. Lavender opened his address with a paragraph in German instead of his native Apache. It was a pleasure to see former director and still bursar, Professor Otto J. R. Hoenecke, 88 years young, still participating as was visiting Professor John Meyer, at the age of 83. However, those attending former conventions missed the familiar face and evangelical counseling of former president of Synod, Pastor John Brenner, Sr., of Bay City, Michigan, and also that of Dr. F. Uplegger of Arizona, who has been seventy years in office. Illness prevented the former from attending.

In sessions and in committee rooms, delegates, as consecrated servants of the Lord, went about their tasks seriously and diligently. The sessions themselves were conducted in a manner befitting the character of a church convention—all business was done "decently and in order." Here and there to relieve the tension a timely injection of humor was added; some came spontaneously and some unwittingly. Reproving a speaker for

being too generous with his doctor titles, our chairman on one occasion, without meaning to insinuate that the next two speakers were long-winded, said: "We'll let them speak, and then it will be noon hour."

During the debates an occasional call for "Mike, Mike," was heard, but this was only a reminder to the soft-spoken to heed the admonition to speak into the microphone. Misreadings also provided a source of humor. A rather hearty chuckle was encouraged when the word *educational* was substituted for *coeducational* in the sentence referring to the purpose for the establishment of the Milwaukee Teachers' College: "Be it resolved that this school be educational." It was also to be instituted to provide more *normal* students. Even the dining hall afforded merriment. Announcements there called several guests' need for a "Good Housekeeping" magazine and the necessity for keeping one's car away from the incinerator.

The reference to the dining hall brings to mind the tasty and plentiful food of excellent quality provided by the hosts and the willing and friendly table service rendered by girls either attending Michigan Lutheran Seminary or hoping to do so in the future. Inquiry led to the discovery that many of these efficient young waitresses were daughters of the faculty members. In the waitresses' behalf, the Reverend R. Timmel gave an oration, punctuated with Latin "learned of Demosthenes." His words, however, bespoke the visitors' thoughts when he said, "We could have done our work this week ecclesiastically. But without you how would we have looked physically?"

When we think of *board*, we automatically think of *room*. The providing of room became quite a problem for the hosts when a greater influx of delegates than had been anticipated presented itself. Hotel and motel accommodations were added to those already provided for in the three dormitories: a boys' and two girls' dormitories. Those inhabiting the latter were the butts of jokes such as these: the inspector of one called himself the matron and those of the other were invited to come

to breakfast one morning with the words: "Come on, girls!"

But convention delegates do not "live by bread alone." To do the Lord's work properly requires Food of higher caliber. Our opening communion service, the daily devotions, and the Sunday services of our Saginaw churches fed our souls and helped enable us to do the work in the Spirit.

Some of our assignment was constantly kept before us in the large maps (one with flashing lights) of our world missions and in photographs and displays of Synod's schools. Samples of handicraft enhanced our Apache Mission display.

When convention meetings had recessed, it was observed that friend sought out friend for old times' sake, and acquaintances were made or renewed. Nine members of the Class of '31, Northwestern College, and twelve members of the Class of '28 had what might be called a kind of class reunion. Most personal of all, however, was the coming together of the Nitz Clan, who supplied six delegates to the convention. Father of the clan, Pastor H. C. Nitz of Waterloo, Wisconsin, a member of the Synodical Conference Mission Board, rejoiced getting together with three of his immediate family: two sons,

Pastors F. Nitz and P. Nitz as delegates from Cochrane, Wisconsin, and Tacoma, Washington, respectively, and a son-in-law, pastor-delegate R. Schultz of Wayne, Michigan. Two others also represented the family in so far that they were delegates from congregations served by Pastors P. Nitz and M. Nitz, his youngest son. These delegates were Mr. W. J. Antilla, lay-delegate from Tacoma, Washington, and Mr. D. Manley, lay-delegate from Tucson, Arizona.

Elections also brought a few interesting facts to light. It was noted that the highest number of votes ever given to a candidate for a synodical office (168 votes) elected the Reverend T. Sauer to his fourth term as Synod's secretary. It was also noted that the race for president was between two Oscars — Naumann and Siegler. This fact assured us of receiving *an Oscar*.

Finally, it should also be noted that the badges worn by the delegates ought to be highly prized by them, for they will be the last badges that will bear the name Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States. Henceforth we shall be known as Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod — this by unanimous resolution of the Convention of '59.

C. J. TRAPP

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CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

GADSDEN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 28, 1959.
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: San Pablo, Tucson, Ariz.

Essays: Development of the Papacy, Gerlach; Willful Sinning According to Hebrews, Hochmuth; John 5, Putz.

V. H. WINTER, Secretary

DAKOTA-MONTANA

EASTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Place: Willow Lake, S. Dak., Willow Lake Lutheran Church, R. F. Zimmermann, pastor.

Time: Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1959, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing till business of conference is completed.

Agenda: Holy communion at 9:00 a.m. Reports of the delegates to the Saginaw Synod Convention.

H. A. BIRNER, Secretary

MINNESOTA

NEW ULM DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Place: Courtland Lutheran Church, Courtland, Minn., R. Schoeneck, pastor.

Time: Wed., Oct. 14, 1959, 9:50 a.m.

ROBERT L. SCHUMANN, Secretary.

MICHIGAN

SOUTHEASTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Place: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Findlay, Ohio, A. Maaske, host pastor.

Date: Sept. 21-22, 1959.

Time: 10 a.m. with communion service.

O. MAASCH, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

WINNEBAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Winnebago Pastoral Conference will meet in Martin Luther Church, Neenah, Wis., Paul Hartwig, pastor, on Monday, Sept. 21, 1959. The conference will open with a communion service at 9:00 a.m. Pastor W. Weissgerber will be the preacher with Pastor E. Albrecht the alternate.

R. REIM, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Place: Hillpoint, Wis.; N. Retzlaff, host pastor.

Date: Sept. 15, 1959.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Communion sermon: C. Rosenow (W. Schulz).

Exegesis: Heb. 1, W. Schulz (Heb. 2, N. Retzlaff); Evaluation of the Paper "Church Fellowship," M. Hermann and H. Krause.

Practical Theology: Romanizing Tendencies in the Lutheran Church, O. Heier (Classical Saying of Luther in Regard to Pastoral Theology, M. Nommensen).

Business, Visitor's Report, Financial Report, Stewardship Report, Casuistry, Synod Report.

Please announce to the host pastor!

C. R. ROSENOW, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

METROPOLITAN

NORTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Metropolitan North Pastoral Conference of the Southeastern Wisconsin District will meet on Monday, Sept. 28, 1959, at Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church, 8231 W. Herbert Ave., Milwaukee 18, Wis., Harry Shiley, pastor.

Confessional speaker: Milton Burk (James DeGalley, alternate).

PROPOSED AGENDA

9:00-10:00 a.m. Opening Communion Service.
10:15-10:30 Preliminaries: Roll Call, Minutes, Announcements.
10:50-11:45 Continuation of Exegesis of II Corinthians, Prof. J. P. Meyer.
11:45-1:00 p.m. Noon Recess.
1:00-2:15 Reports: Synodical Convention.
2:15-2:50 Recess.
2:50-4:00 Reports continued. Questions of Casuistry. Closing.

In the event that you will not be able to attend, please excuse to the host pastor, Harry Shiley.

NORMAN SCHLAVENSKY, Secretary

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 22, 1959.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: St. John's, Burlington, Wis.

Host pastor: N. Barenz.

Preacher: Communion service, H. Wiedmann.

Agenda: 1. Exegesis of Phil. 3, R. Bittorf; 2. Giving and Taking Offense, F. Naumann; 3. Isagogical Treatment of Prophet Haggai and Application, M. Kujath; 4. Whom May We Receive as Sponsors and Witnesses for Baptism? A. Buenger; 5. The First Christian Congregation at Jerusalem as an Example of Missionary Zeal and Activity for Us, P. Eickmann; 6. The Operation of the Holy Spirit in Our own Work and Life as Pastor and Layman, W. Lehmann, Sr.; 7. The Program of Alcoholics Anonymous, H. Wackerfuss; 8. Report of Synod Delegates.

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