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MEDITATION MOMENTS

REJOICE ALWAYS

CONTENTMENT

Contentment is a quality desired by all people, yet we seem to live in a world full of discontent. People are dissatisfied, seeking fulfillment in many different ways. Getting this world's goods is a means used by many. Covetousness also contributes to discontentment as people attempt to "keep up with the Joneses." They find that additional money is needed to buy more and more things. When the money doesn't reach, they turn to the credit departments. This leads to more discontentment. Human nature is such that after we have that material thing we desired so much, we still want something else. Credit buying can contribute to discontentment as it allows and encourages people to satisfy their covetous nature.

Selfishness is another thief of contentment. People want things their own way and are unwilling to tolerate anything disagreeable. The world is full of ways to escape reality. People of all ages turn to drugs, alcohol and religious cults; anything to escape the reality of self. Marriage, family relationships and homes are destroyed by the selfishness of those involved. They believe that by just getting out of the situation they will find contentment. When the way out is achieved, they

still face the same discontentment, and at what a price!

When I was in school, I drove a truck for a dry cleaning company. One customer would always complain about the weather, saying, "Isn't it awful?" My response each time was, "Just right." One day she said, "You are a strange person, is it always just right?" I replied, "This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." God makes no mistakes, so if the day seems wrong to me, I must be wrong, not the day.

Contentment is a state of mind, not a set of circumstances. Paul, in Philippians 4:11, wrote, "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Paul surely was not dependent on his situation for contentment. He was imprisoned in Rome, awaiting execution for having told the truth. His eyesight was nearly gone and his health was poor, as a result of the beatings and hardships he had suffered while preaching the Gospel. He was penniless, having given up all to follow Jesus. Paul had none of the things this world seeks for contentment, yet, in Philippians 4:4, he said, "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice." Considering all of Paul's adversities, could you rejoice in the same circumstances?

Paul had found the true source of contentment; it was a state of mind that overlooked all the things of the world and was set on Jesus. In Philippians 4:7, we read, "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." This is the mind control we need, not that induced by drugs, alcohol or occult groups, but through Christ Jesus. When we have surrendered our all at the foot of the cross, we can say with Paul, in Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Contentment is knowing that all my sins and shortcomings are washed clean, and that it is no more my problem.

The life ahead is in God's hands and all I do is trust Him. Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose." Are you experiencing true contentment, or are things going wrong? Maybe some soul-searching, in light of this verse, is needed. Do I Love God? Am I truly a called person? Is my all at the foot of the cross?

Philip S. Featherstone

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I. Hans Nielsen Hauge's Life and Message

Recollections

In 1976, our Bicentennial year, I got a desire to contribute something to the celebration. In the parish in Naerøy in Nord Trøndelag where I was born and lived for 21 years, we had two churches and four prayer houses. In my youth we had two distinct and more or less separate groups of people that we came in contact with in those formative years. Each group left a lasting impression on our faith and Christian life. Since I grew up in the shade of the church steeple with its twin bells that gave an intense call to come to worship, there is where I attended with many others.

However, there were those who attended meetings in the prayer houses. Those meetings were held mostly in

the evenings by lamplight. The laymen, who were of the Hauge type, played the guitar and were good singers. Their message was strictly evangelical and many local people, quite gifted in witnessing, were called on. No one in the years 1920 to 1930 remembered Hans Nielsen Hauge, but during his lifetime he owned a fishing village about 20 English miles out in the ocean from our home. So either Hauge or his followers had left their imprint on our community.

There was still at that time a sharp division between the clergy and the lay preachers or "emisaers," as they were called. The pastor would never be "caught dead" in a prayer house.

The pastors were very formal. I remember vividly the pastor as he walked from his carriage tipping his

top hat in greeting while the bells tolled his arrival. When I returned in 1949, after 19 years in America, I attended a service in the prayer house at Ramstad with the pastor leading. I was astonished at the change that had taken place. Today one will find the pastor down at the door greeting the people like they do here.

Background on Hauge

These excerpts of Hans Nielsen Hauge's life and message are from a book by Andreas Aarflot, new bishop of Oslo, Norway.

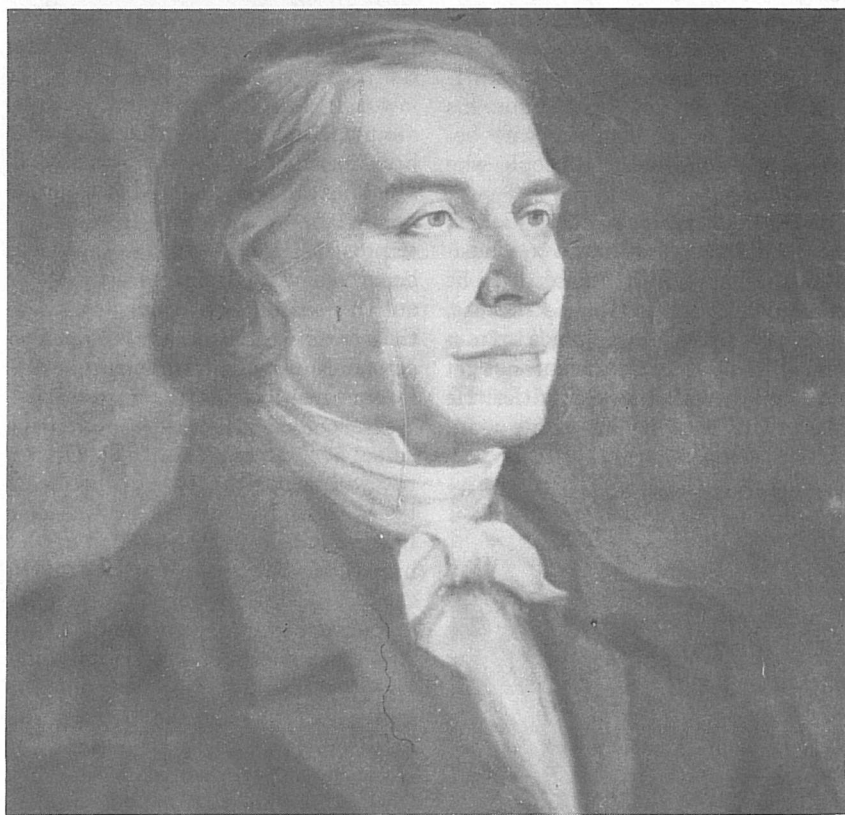
Hans Nielsen Hauge, a farmer's son, born April 3rd, 1771, was a child of the century that carried the pietism and educational thoughts in its hearts. His father, Niels Mikkelsen, married into good wealth, considering the times, when he married the daughter at the Hauge farm in Tune in southeastern Norway. Hauge grew up among four brothers and four sisters. Two of his sisters died at an early age, one before he was born, and another in the year 1800. One of his sisters married a businessman at Bergen, which came to fill a need in Hauge's life later on.

Hauge was an ardent reader and received support from his pastor, by the name of Seeberg, who came to Tune in 1778 and brought with him quite a library. He read a lot of Christian literature and even as a child had strong religious feelings. At 16 years of age he was confirmed by Pastor Seeberg. This holy experience had a great impact on Hauge; it was the start of the sanctification process in his life.

Beside his religious thoughts, he was an ambitious man and wanted very much to learn. He was busy as a carpenter, bookkeeper, blacksmith, and did some buying and selling on the side. He was, as most young men, subjected to many temptations but stayed shy of these and was never to fall for any except once. After this unfortunate experience, he realized he had to make a choice. His Christian upbringing and the world's unchristian attitude had come into direct conflict. At this time he was working away from home, and like the prodigal son he turned around and went home where there was plenty to do for an ambitious man.

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Apostle of Norway



Hans Nielsen Hauge

by Arnfinn Stene,
Worthing, S. Dak.

Hauge's Call

This is the way we find him on the memorable day, April 5th, 1796, out in the field behind the plow, singing the hymn, "Jesus, For Thee and Thy Blessed Communion." He was 25 years old at this time. There, out in the field with a horse and a plow, he received and accepted a call from God to witness to his brethren and strengthen

Extensive Travels

He travelled extensively in 1796-97, even to Bergen, where he found favor with Bishop Johan Nordal Brun. In 1799 Hauge came into difficulty with the authorities on account of his preaching. He was arrested several times by the sheriffs (lensmenn), but the authorities above them again set him free. From Bergen he travelled

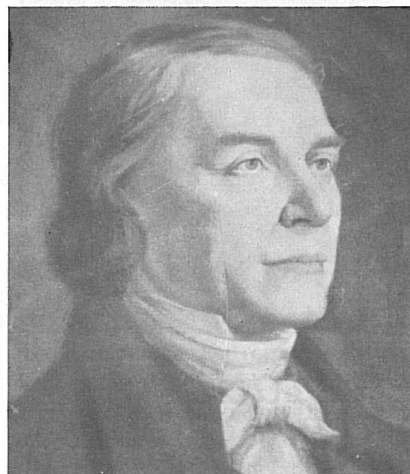
"You confess My name before all the people, urging them to repent and seek God while He is to be found. . . ."

them in their faith. Kindled by the Holy Spirit, he experienced a burning love toward God and his fellow man that all should be born again to a new life with Jesus who died on the cross for our sins, that as many as possible would repent and be sanctified through service for God and so prepare their souls for life forever with him. Hauge, at that point, saw the world engulfed in sin and prayed to God for mercy in His judgment so some could be saved. "I now wanted to serve God," he said and prayed for guidance in what He wanted him to do. A call sounded within him: "You confess My name before all people, urging them to repent and seek God while He is to be found. Call on the Lord when He is close, so He can touch hearts and turn them from darkness to light."

Right from this time Hauge started his witnessing and preaching. At first pastors attended meetings where he spoke. But soon it led to conflict as they felt he encroached on a job that was theirs. Hauge was first arrested and jailed in 1797 after the arrest was initiated by Pastor Fierman at Fredrikstad. He was set free after a few weeks, but this was the beginning of a conflict with the authorities that was to last for 16 years. The enormous success of Hauge's preaching in such a short time lay in his ability to get followers to do the same as he did. Many were young and very dedicated evangelists with an intense call to repentance and sacrifice. In the early years of Hauge's preaching, there arose a sharp division between those who supported him and those who were against him.

northward and was arrested and jailed at Trondheim. Set free again in the spring of 1800, he left for home at Tune and a little later he left for Copenhagen to get books he had written printed. One of his books was printed in 9500 copies; there were many other printings at Copenhagen's largest printers. He spent four to five months in that city where he observed business and industry. That same year he also started a wood pulp mill where later his brother and his industrious wife became leaders of about 50 people who worked there.

In 1801 he again went to Bergen where his sister was married to a businessman. Through this man's help he acquired his businessman's license, which would give him a chance to travel more freely than before and not get into conflict with the authorities. He also, in this way, increased his social position, so necessary in those days. In



his business connections there could at times assemble 50 or more people when he spoke; but there were times when he worried that these business ventures would interfere with his call to serve God.

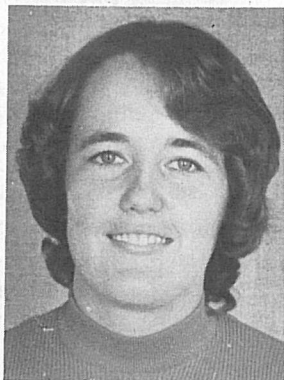
In 1803 he went north again with four ships loaded with merchandise, especially grain. In 1804 he came back to Bergen after 15 months of continuous travel. He had covered about 4500 English miles, mostly on foot, holding meetings in a large part of Norway, also writing books at the same time, and distributing those he already had written. After this he went to southern Norway and then to Denmark on his second trip to that country. On this trip he contacted others who believed as he did, to strengthen and recharge himself.

His Arrest

In 1804 he came to his childhood home again. After a short stay he went on to Eiker where he was arrested October 24th. On October 30th of the same year the cabinet of Norway ordered Hauge jailed on complaints from Bishop Peder Hansen at Kristiansand. Four points were put up as reasons for the arrest: 1) Hauge's breaking of the law not allowing people to travel around without having a certain job; 2) breaking the law as a merchant; 3) breaking the law of a free press; and 4) not having an authority-oriented call to preach. His case through the courts became long and unnecessarily drawn out like some cases in our day. Since the courts were situated in Copenhagen (as Norway had common rule with Denmark in those days), one can imagine the complications with such a trial. About 600 witnesses were called to testify within five months. In the meantime, Hans Nielsen Hauge was confined to jail. In 1809 the nation needed him to instruct people how to make salt, a needed product, because the Napoleonic war was raging and Norway was a victim of a naval blockade. He was then set free but not free enough so that he could reach his mother before her death in 1811 and his father's death two years later. The 23rd of December, 1814, his case was finally disposed of with a fine of \$1000, a lot of money in those days. However, as God looks after his own, this fine was quickly disposed of by his friends.

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Quams to ECUADOR:



Paula Quam

"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass" (Psalm 37:4-5).

My name is Paula Quam. I am attending second year classes at AFLBS.

My husband Lowell is studying Spanish at the University of Minnesota while I attend Bible school. Lowell's home church is Trinity Lutheran at McIntosh, Minnesota. We will be here in Minneapolis until the end of February. At that time we will be going to Mexico to study Spanish for a few months, after which we will come back to the States to study Teaching English as a second language. Our goal, through all of this preparation, is to be missionaries in Ecuador. We are going out under the World Mission Prayer League and hope to teach in their bilingual school for Ecuadorians, grades 1 through 12, in Cuenca.

We have been asked, "Why do you want to be a missionary?" and "Why do you want to go so far from home?" We have also considered these questions in ourselves. In answer to the first question, our basic answer is that the Lord has done so much for us in our lives that we want to share this with

others. He has saved us, brought us out of the miry clay of our sins, and given us His love and new life.

In considering the second question, our first reaction is that we don't want to go so far from home. But the Lord has called us and given us a burden for Spanish people. These people don't have the availability of the Gospel that we have in this country. We can turn on the TV or the radio to hear the Gospel. In just about any town in any state we can find a church that preaches the Gospel. The people we will be working with don't have these opportunities.

This is part of why we feel a burden to go. But the most important thing is we know that the Lord has called us to go. We know this is His will for us. As we have heard so many times from so many different missionaries, "It's no sacrifice to be in the center of God's will, but only blessing and gain."

Preparing to proclaim His salvation

Aardals to BOLIVIA:

—Gunvor Aardal

Nearly five months ago, Kjell and I left our home place near Stavanger in Norway. We are on our way to Bolivia where we will serve as missionaries. We have stopped here in Minneapolis for about 3 months to learn more English.

While living at the World Mission Prayer League, I have been attending the Bible school and Kjell the seminary at Medicine Lake. We have really enjoyed our stay here and we can hardly believe that we soon are going to leave.

Our mission in Norway, the Norwegian Lutheran Mission (Norsk Luthersk Misjonssamband), was started in 1891 as a China mission. When China was closed for missionaries in 1948, we had to go to new fields. The mission has been growing and now we have about 450 missionaries on ten different fields in Asia, Africa and South America.

It is just 20 months ago since the first missionaries from our mission came to South America. They have started work in both Peru and Bolivia. Kjell and I are going to work in Bolivia. The first couple in Bolivia has now finished the language school, and the second couple is still attending the school where we will begin the first of January. We will study Spanish in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

Having grown up in a Christian home, I heard a lot about the mission work in different countries. My parents also used to bring the whole family to the meetings in the prayer house (bedehus), where we could hear the Word of God and often hear about the mission. It was here that the Lord gave me the call to go to the mission field. I was about 12 years old then and I have never been able to run away from this calling.

We thank God that we can go to Bolivia now. And I am so glad for what Jesus says in Matthew 28:20b, "And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

—Kjell Aardal

If I asked you, "What passages of the Scriptures talk about missions?", most of you would say, "Matthew 28, the Great Commission—of course!" That's true. These words from Jesus Himself are clear. Christ's command to "go" was not surprising for those who were readers of the Scriptures. Long ago the spread of the Gospel had been foretold by the holy prophets in the old covenant.

Among them is Isaiah who said, "Thus says the Lord, 'And I will set a sign among them and will send survivors from them to the nations . . . to the distant coastlands that have neither heard My Name nor seen My glory. And they will declare My glory among the nations.'"

What is a survivor? In nature that means the strongest creature will survive while the weaker will disappear. In the kingdom of God, however, the situation is turned around. There it is the weak and helpless who will survive, those who realize and agree that they

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How many times have you quoted or have heard quoted, "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee" (Psalm 119:11)? How does this challenge our daily walk and thought life? Think also upon this: "The entrance of Thy Words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Psalm 119:130).

The Word of God is most often likened to seed, life-giving seed. But the Pharisees of old and many religionists today know only the hard shell on the outside. That shell has to be broken before the enormous potentiality that resides in the message can be released. As seed, the Word is packed with possibilities for growth and change, to be realized when it is placed in soil which has been plowed and made soft and receptive. Then the life force sprouts forth and the world feels the quickening power of springtime. But the seed must be taken out of the hard, dry shell in which it is received. It must find lodging in the dark earth—it must be hidden in the heart, where the forces there can play on it.

Moreover, after the seed has brought forth life, the first need of life is nutrition—in the spiritual realm, nurture. Young growing things must have the type of food they can assimilate by their own creative self-activity. Food cannot remain in the same form in which it is received; it must be transformed into living, growing tissue.

Early in life boys and girls should experience the help of the Lord and His Word in their daily lives. It is the teacher's business to find out what are their real needs, to challenge them with these needs, and to train them to use Scripture to meet these needs.

Children love to feel that the Lord is looking for them as well as for the adults as ones to whom He can entrust the sword of the Spirit to do His work. Of course, the first work must be done in the child himself. If the child understands the import of Scripture words, if his own life corroborates the message, and if the message is given out clearly and expressively, a child's use of Scripture can be more winsome and forceful than an adult's. Yet how seldom is this the case, for neither teachers nor children expect the Lord to use a child.

The following are practical instances in which children should use the Word of God to do the work of God:

1. *Scripture shows them their need of a Savior.* A child expects to act on the truths taught him. The man of tomorrow needs the Savior today. And he needs the verses which tie in with his own experience, so far as possible in his own words.

2. *To grow in grace children must listen to God as well as speak to Him.* Children can realize that just as their body will not grow without food, so their spiritual life in Christ will not grow without spiritual food. In simpler terms, just as Christ is the only One who can save them from sin, so He is

the only One who can keep them from sin. They need Him every day, for every day there are hard things that they cannot manage themselves.

3. *Scripture can help children overcome temptation and make right decisions in daily conduct.* When the issue is faced frankly, boys and girls will feel the need of hiding the Word where they can get at it in a moment's notice, whenever occasion arises.

4. *Children can learn to plead God's promises in prayer.* To encourage definiteness in prayer and to establish it on the proper basis, children should use appropriate verses in daily devotions.

5. *Children today need the authority of Scripture to answer objections of non-Christians.* Many young believers, in the enthusiasm of their new experience, return to homes where they receive only indifference and ridicule. They need to be able to turn to a few verses, and read, and let the adults read, what God says.

6. *Children should be learning new verses to use as grace at table and as contributions to the family altar.* Even if table grace is not the custom in a home, many parents may not object to the child repeating a Bible verse.

7. *Scripture helps children express their feelings in beautiful language.* As children are riding along in the car, some observation in nature may recall a Bible verse that can be shared. Even an unpleasant experience might bring to memory some Bible verse that has been stored away in the memory and heart.

8. *Children can use Scripture to witness to the unsaved.* We should do all that we can to help our children be comfortable in and with the Scriptures. Then the outflow will be a natural response to a situation.

In the fourth century, Bishop Basil said, "Memory is the cabinet of imagination, the treasury of reason, the registry of conscience, the council chamber of thought." What a challenge, what a responsibility! The Sunday school teacher must see that the memory storehouse of each pupil is filled with precious treasures.

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Memory work— Is it worth it?





A PAGE FOR CHILDREN

Happy Acres



STEPHEN IS WORRIED

It was time for Stephen to be in bed, but he still sat at the dining table, his school books spread before him. In a few days, he would be writing his eighth grade examinations. So Mom had been going through his history text with him, asking him questions.

Now Stephen ran his fingers nervously through his hair. "Boy, I sure hope I don't flunk that history test! Math doesn't bother me much. Or science. But history! I just get scared when I think about a history test. So many things to remember. Dates, names, places—"

"You are worried about it, aren't you, Son?"

"I surely am!"

"Then I think it would be a good idea to forget about this history book, and get your Bible instead. There's a verse in your Bible that I think will help you with your history examination."

Stephen looked at his mother, questioningly. She always had a Bible verse handy for setting a fellow straight. Usually, she would just say what the verse was. This time she wanted him to find it himself.

He fetched his Bible, then sat down with Mom again. "Okay, Mom, what's the good word this time?"

"Look in Paul's letter to the Philip-pians. Somewhere in the fourth chapter, and you'll read a verse that starts: 'In nothing be anxious.'"

Stephen ran his finger down the page, and stopped at the sixth verse in the fourth chapter. "Oh, yes. Here it is. 'In nothing be anxious; but in every-thing by prayer and supplication with

*"And which of you by being
anxious can add one cubit to
his span of life?"*

Luke 12:25

thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.'"

Mom smiled. "You are nervous because you have been anxious about that test. There are thousands of people who get so nervous they get sick. Many of them have nervous break-downs, and then spend months and years in hospitals—all because they have been anxious about too many things.

"But if we are Christians, and follow God's Word in our lives, we need be anxious about nothing. God wants us to let Him take care of anything that worries us" (I Peter 5:7).

Stephen was puzzled. "I can see that I should pray about this test. But just praying about this history test—and not studying for it—well, that wouldn't seem right."

"No," replied Mom, "that wouldn't be right. The Lord expects you to study. He expects you to do all you can to prepare sensibly for your test. But He does not want you to worry. Just worrying about something has never yet helped anybody. 'Which of you by

being anxious can add one cubit to his stature?' " (Luke 12:25.)

"I think I get it now," said Stephen. "Stuff as much history as I can get into my head. But no use biting my nails, worrying."

FAMILY DISCUSSION

1. When we worry about things, do we then have full faith in God? (Matthew 6:31-34)

2. Most of the troubles we worry about never happen to us. That makes it all the more foolish to worry. Instead of making matters worse by worrying, what should we do? Read Psalm 37:3-10. In this Psalm, what does God encourage us to do? What are the rewards He promises for trusting in Him? For delighting in Him? For committing, or giving, our way to His way? Not fretting? For ceasing our anger?

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Youth living for Christ

CLING TO JESUS

In our country today we as Christians have greater freedom to follow Christ than in any other country of the world. Christians in many parts of the world are beaten, imprisoned, disowned by their families, driven out of their country, or sometimes killed. Many undergo brutalities and tortures and live in conditions that would make us sick to our stomachs. Scores of books have been published telling of men and women who suffered and sometimes died for their faith in Jesus. They clung to Jesus as their only hope, even though it cost them everything. However, it seems to be a different story in our country. We have more Bibles than we know what to do with, but we spend so little time studying them. We have churches in nearly every town, yet we see it as such a duty to have to go to church. Bible studies are often boring and uninteresting. (Much rather be at a party or watching a football game.) The worst persecution we get is a few jokes about our involvement with our church, or being called a "Jesus freak." Yet even these don't seem to bring us to the place of spending more time in prayer, needing more time in God's Word, or of sharing Jesus with our neighbors.

My heart aches to have to tell you about one of my closest friends. We grew up together from pre-kindergarten through high school graduation. We both gave our hearts to Jesus during our Junior-high school days. We went to the same church together

and finished in the same confirmation class. When we graduated from high school, my friend decided to go to a large university in Washington. We went our different directions and despite all of our promises to keep in touch, we gradually lost contact with each other. That was almost two years ago. I recently saw him, and he shared with me about his classes, the fraternity where he lived, his schedule, parties, activities and plans. When I asked him about his life with Jesus, he had nothing to share. In all of his plans and activity, he had centered his life on *second best things* and had neglected to take time for the most important thing, his relationship with Jesus.

We need to be so careful, my friends! Satan is fighting a war over us, and the prize is our souls for eternity. He is trying to make us spiritually fat and insensitive by keeping us away from having time alone with Jesus. He will give us anything we want, as long as it has nothing to do with bringing us closer to Christ. Our love for Jesus will become cold and dead due to lack of food. We will then busily run about doing all the things that we want to do, leaving Jesus in the same place He was before we heard about Him: knocking at our hearts, wanting to forgive us and love us. And off in the distance Satan laughs at our blindness.

Perhaps you are in this situation today. If you are, you are not without hope! Jesus desires more than anything to be the center of your life, if you'll let Him. He defeated Satan for all time when He died on the cross and He can give you victory if you give Him control! Confess that you turned away and give Him full ownership of your heart and life. Then cling tightly to Jesus and to all the things that draw your heart close to Him. Peace, love and victory will be yours as you follow Him!

Tad Spading

LUTHER LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

REPORT ON LLF RETREAT

The Luther League Federation held its Leadership Retreat at Faith Haven Youth Lodge, November 24-26, with 45 in attendance, representing 12 congregations. The theme was "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto Myself."

Pastor Allan Monson held two sessions on Youth and Congregational Life and from various Scripture passages pointed out character qualities that need to be present and active in both youth and adults in the church. The first point was made from Rom. 15:7: "Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you." Are we accepting one another in the Body of Christ as fellow believers? 2. Rom. 12:10 shows us the need of preferring one another, letting others have the credit and respecting the views of others. 3. Rom 15:15 exhorts us to admonish one another, counsel, warn and correct each other in Christian love. 4. Heb. 10:24 prompts us to consider ways to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, concentrating on what needs to be done in the league. 5. In growing together we "bear one another's burdens" (Gal. 6:4). When one is having difficulty we are concerned and give support. God's love, acceptance and forgiveness are the foundation for our love and acceptance of others in the Body of Christ. We are told to maintain the unity that is already there in Christ.

In a later session, Pastor Monson talked on developing leadership from II Timothy 2. Leaders have a responsibility to other people to: a. entrust what you have learned to others. b. share salvation; c. share assurance; d. help in sanctification; e. serve; f. correct. The qualities necessary for leadership are: 1. reliance upon God; 2. endure hardships; 3. keep free from entanglements; 4. study of the Word; 5. purity; 6. righteousness; and 7. character. The

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editorials

BRIEF COMMENTS

Due to a lack of time and space we haven't been able to comment on recent national and international events. Not that we do much of that, but there are a few which call for some reaction also from us.

Jonestown. The tragedy of the People's Temple in Guyana is receding into the background now, but the lessons of it shouldn't be lost on us. Many assessments of the bizarre events have been made. We can agree with a lot of them even though many weren't made from a Christian standpoint. Our church president did speak from the Christian viewpoint and he put it well when he wrote in his Christmas message of the events in Guyana: "Its tragedy is only symbolic of the emptiness and frustration of that cult and others who have no Savior."

The Jones cult erred in elevating Jim Jones to a godlike position in their lives and when they accepted revelation beyond the Scriptures (see Gal. 1:8). Both positions are always wrong and always spiritually fatal.

The Boat People. Again we have to use the word tragic for it best describes the plight of the Vietnamese refugees, now known as the "boat people." No one flees what is tolerable, but here are people fleeing the intolerable in their homeland and finding little welcome in the world beyond.

Many drown without catching a boat pulling away from the shores. Others perish when a greatly overloaded ship sinks for one reason or another. Not all ports will allow such refugee ships to dock. Hunger and disease ravage the masses of humanity aboard.

America is accepting some of these people. We decry the misery of the boat people but the Association does nothing officially to help them, except through what the World Relief Commission may do. And it should be a problem which weighs upon our hearts.

Recognition of China. It was deeply disturbing to many Association people when President Carter informed the nation that the People's Republic of China (Red China) would receive official recognition by the United States and that recognition would be withdrawn from Nationalist China (Formosa).

Perhaps recognition had to come, but what shames us is that it is being given at the expense of Formosa or Taiwan. While the dream of mainland China being liberated by the Chinese on Taiwan died a while ago, it is very difficult for the man on the street to see what claim the Red Chinese have over Taiwan.

If the day ever comes when Red China attacks and invades Taiwan and the U.S. does not go to the aid of that little nation, then that will be a sin for which there will be no forgiveness for America.

Rhodesia, Iran. When we see the violent internal struggles of faraway nations, we are grateful for the tranquility of our nation. We forget that our nation was born out of revolution, out of the shedding of blood. And later our country was divided over the question of race and blood was again split.

In Rhodesia, we have to be for greater control of their destiny by black people. It seems to many of us that the government plan for greater participation by the black majority is reasonable. But it is strongly resisted by at least two guerrilla factions in Rhodesia. It appears that a long road of sorrow lies ahead for that beleaguered country before stability comes.

The situation in Iran may have turned one way or the other by the time this is read. Today, New Year's Day, all is in turmoil yet. Solutions do not come easily.

Mid-East Peace Talks. As the year begins there is still hope for the Mid-East peace talks. But how up and down, off and on again they have been. One day the peace agreement seems at hand, the next day everyone is pessimistic.

Some see religious significance in every turn of events in the talks. Others see it all as no more than two nations jockeying for position, for advantage, with a third force present and demanding rights, the Palestinians, and all of this taking place in the area called the cradle of civilization.

Conclusion. Many other places and situations in the world could be mentioned. The financial condition is certainly one.

All these events show clearly the fragility of life and the relationships of people with one another. There is a groaning and a travailing in nature and in human events. We are reminded that this world isn't eternal.

It is the Christian responsibility to stand on the side of right, as revealed in God's Word. No one said this life would be easy, but there is the promise that God is with His own. In that confidence they can go on.

HANS NIELSEN HAUGE

The name of Hans Nielsen Hauge comes up among Scandinavian American Lutherans more often than any other non-American Norwegian. And the reason is that he has influenced church life here to a great extent.

Hauge, a layman, was used of God to awaken a nation in spiritual slumber. The revival which began through him influenced emigrants from Norway and the churches they started over here. Later emigrants were of the same spirit and so his work was perpetuated.

The Lutheran Free Church was influenced by Hauge. So were parts of the American Lutheran Church, notably antecedent bodies of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, namely the Hauge's Synod and the United Church.

We are glad to present in several installments, beginning today, an article on Hauge, largely a translation of material written by Bishop Andreas Aarflot of Norway. The man who has done the work here is Mr. Arnfinn Stene of Worthing, South Dakota. He is a personal friend of our Pastor Dennis Gray and it is through the latter's courtesy that this work has been made available to us.

May the life and work of Hans Nielsen Hauge mean a little more to us all because of this serialized article.

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

BLESSINGS THROUGH PASTOR MUNDFROM

The Newfolden Lutheran Parish was richly blessed during October to have guest speaker Gerald Mundfrom, Nogales, Ariz., bring messages from the Old Testament. For one week at Hegland Lutheran Church, Pastor Mundfrom shared thoughts about several Old Testament books, from Genesis through Judges, and one New Testament book, Hebrews. He covered a different book every night, emphasizing the main theme and purpose of each book. Then, at Bethania, Pastor Mundfrom continued his review of the Old Testament during a second week.

His understanding of these books and their relevance, even for our 20th century, was truly inspirational. Pastor Mundfrom has a deep concern that God's Word, the Bible, be shared in truth. Let us pray much for Pastor Mundfrom and others like him that this type of frank ministry will continue, not only in our land, but throughout the entire world.

Emory Flaten
Middle River, Mn.

WHY NOT A THANK OFFERING TO GOD?

Greetings to the readers of our church paper, the *Ambassador*, and members of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, in the name of our God, the Father, and the Savior, Jesus Christ.

It's some time now since I suggested that we should be good sports for our Association and give a hundred dollars, more or less, from each family in the congregations. Let's say we have a hundred congregations and about 30 members on the average, that would bring \$30,000. That would be quite a sum to pay down on our debts. With a small effort, this can be done. Ask yourselves, should I do this after a good and blessed year? Let this be a Thanksgiving offering to the glory of God.

Constantly, O Lord, we see so much in our lives, our habits of speech, our wayward thoughts, our misguided deeds, that need to be changed. Grant us the gift of the Holy Spirit that He may change the direction of our lives, so that we walk by faith in the paths outlined for us in Your Word. Amen.

Enclosed find a check for \$100 to start the wheel rolling.

Oscar Raaen
Erskine, Minn.

IMPRESSED BY THE AFLC

I would like the opportunity of using your publication to express a favorable comment. During my search for a Christ-centered, Bible teaching, orthodox group of Lutheran Christians, I have been very impressed by the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.

Many of the smaller Lutheran bodies from which I received literature appeared so legalistic, and so concerned with proving their approach, that it seemed that Jesus didn't even enter the picture at all. By their seemingly zealous condemnation and critical overtures of other Lutheran groups, these small bodies were in fact acting and reacting like those from whom they were trying to be different.

It is refreshing to see through your literature, a group that is getting on with the business of preaching the Gospel and effectively witnessing to Jesus and His saving grace. Your entire publication is Christ-centered, there is Scriptural accuracy in quotations, rather than the arbitrary use of Scriptures used out of context.

I look forward to the day that I can have the privilege of worshipping with one of your congregations, but until then I must labor in my local vineyard, seek the Lord where He may be found, and read with true thankfulness *The Lutheran Ambassador*.

Robert F. Kennedy
San Angelo, Tex.

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are lost in their sins and really need a Savior.

Therefore, you and I must become survivors before we can go into a ministry for Jesus.

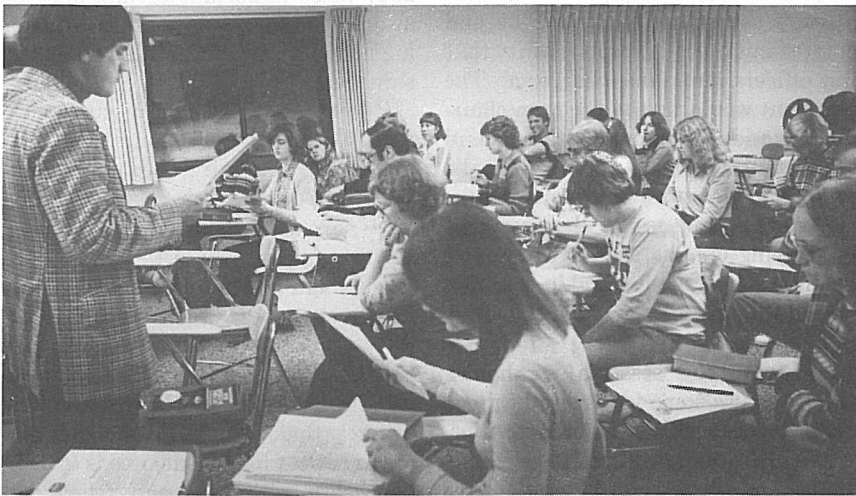
People are still waiting for a word of salvation, even in 1978. "... neither heard My Name, nor seen My glory!" That is the situation for millions. Who is responsible? You? Yes, that is the truth if we are among the survivors, those who have seen His glory, His mighty salvation.

The Norwegian translation says He will send *some* of the survivors. Maybe you are among these *some*! A few years ago the Lord convinced me: "You are one of the *some*! I want you to go and declare My glory among the nations."

To you and me, who have heard the good tidings, missions should be, not something for certain occasions, but a daily concern wherever our Lord and Savior has provided us a ministry. Let us declare His glory among the nations!

Miss Mary Rolf presented Kjell Aardal, center, and Gunvor a cake after the AFLBS Mission Club's Sunday night service on Dec. 3. The Aardals departed for Bolivia on Dec. 10.

Schaeffer's film shown at Evening Class



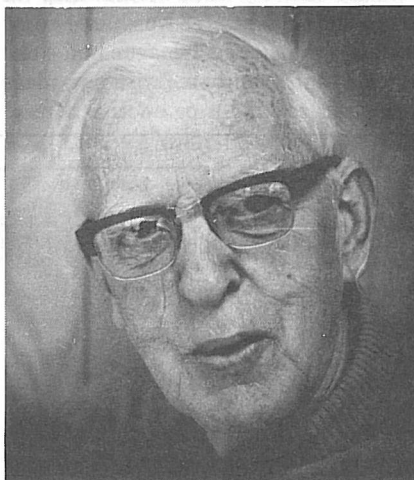
Thirty students are taking the film course, "How Should We Then Live," by Dr. Francis Schaeffer. Pastors Moland and Monseth are leading the 5-week Monday night class.

BIBLE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR SECOND QUARTER GIVEN

In the second or winter quarter of the school year 1978-79, there are 94 students enrolled full-time at Association Free Lutheran Bible School. Of these, 57 are girls and 37 are boys.

One year ago there were 92 students at AFLBS, of whom there were 48 girls and 44 boys.

The third quarter of the school year will commence Feb. 26 and applications are being accepted now.



Dr. Sverre Norborg

School News

Dr. Norborg lectures at AFLTS

Dr. Sverre Norborg, author, lecturer and preacher in America and Europe, taught at AFLTS' 2-week Inter-Term. He lectured on the "History of Christian Doctrine" and "Apostolic Confessions with an examination of the heresies which have plagued the Christian church during the history of Christian doctrine until this day."

The retired Floridian gave three lectures at the Jan. 16-18 Pastor's Conference, "The Fountainhead of a True Living Ministry," "The Pastor's Relationship to His Congregation," and "The Pastor with His Congregation Before God."

IMPACT benefits AFLBS

Lutheran Brotherhood will begin including AFLBS in its matching gift program as of January 1, 1979. IMPACT, Inviting Member Participation in Aiding Lutheran Colleges Throughout the United States, is a program which matches gifts of eligible Lutheran Brotherhood members to participating schools such as AFLBS.

IMPACT allows Lutheran Brotherhood members the opportunity to have a direct voice in how fraternal funds are distributed. Supporters of AFLBS will be able to double the amount of their gifts if eligible for the IMPACT program.

The program enables AFLBS to benefit financially and increase supporter involvement. Program details and IMPACT applications will be sent to AFLBS supporters soon. Additional information is available from the Dean's Office at AFLBS.



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leaders need to evaluate their league and identify needs. Are your strengths evangelistic, sanctification, fellowship, service or social? As a league set goals to meet your needs, to give you guidelines and purpose and then outline objectives for each activity and meeting as a means to meeting your goals.

Pastor Dennis Gray also had two sessions on leadership and from Jer. 1:6-8 and I Tim. 4:12 we see two examples of God using youth and training them for leadership. He pointed out that there are group task roles, such as: goal setter, one who is aware of the problems and concerns in the league; an information seeker/giver; an opinion seeker/giver; a co-ordinator or summarizer; and a standard setter, who would test against the goals you have set. There are also group building roles such as an encourager, harmonizer and group monitor.

In another session Pastor Gray went through the offices of the league and pointed out areas of responsibility that the officers can take charge of. The president would be the program chairman, preside at planning sessions and appoint needed help to carry on the work. The vice-president is in a learning position and assists the president in carrying out his tasks. After being VP he has his training and is qualified to lead the league as president the next term.

Following the sessions we had a chance to use some ideas and begin to plan a year's calendar of activities. With each activity we were to set a goal for that meeting and then objectives for the activity that would help us meet our goals. Later we shared some of the plans that each league had come up with and went home with new ideas

and, most important of all, was the awareness of a purpose for each meeting and activity and training in leadership.

Pastor Mellgren led a discussion on the league/advisor role and their relationship to the Luther League Federation and Youth Board. Pastor Mellgren also spoke that evening and challenged us in our relationship to the Lord as leaders and workers in the church.

Sunday morning Pastor David Molstre joined us and spoke of the necessity for congregational fellowship and the growth of believers within the congregation. It was a good conclusion to our retreat for a leader needs to be in fellowship with God and fellow believers to be the leader God desires.

—Karen Russum
Secretary

BOOK REVIEW

Remember when . . .

I Remember, 1910-1978, by Russell Duncan, \$4.95

Mr. Duncan is a retired farmer and businessman who lives in Fargo, North Dakota. He was active in establishing and building our church, the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations. He served on the Co-ordinating Committee at one time. He is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

In this book he goes back to the year 1910, the time of his birth, and tells of his early years as a boy on the farm in North Dakota. Sometimes he reflects back to an earlier time when his father and mother pioneered in North Dakota. He gives a descriptive picture of what life was like on a Dakota farm in those early years, also through the use of pictures.

This book is easy to read. The reader is able to capture the spirit of sharing and helping one another which was so very prevalent among the farmers at that time.

The writer realistically tells of the financial struggles, setbacks, hard work, and bad weather, as well as suc-



Mr. Russell Duncan

cesses which he and others like him experienced. It is a story of continued faith and hope in God, even when facing discouragement and severe testings.

As the book progresses he relates how he started farming for himself, found a wife and raised a family of three children.

He became successful as a farmer and later became involved in a seed processing business. He served in the

Legislature of North Dakota for a number of years. He has done much traveling in the United States and other countries.

Mr. Duncan also gives his own testimony of what the Christian Church has meant to him through the years. He has been involved in a number of Christian mission endeavors such as the Gideon Society, New Life Center, Bible camp, as well as the work of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.

This book would be of special interest to anyone who has lived in Minnesota or the Dakotas. It would make an ideal gift to give to an older person who can remember back to those early years, helping them to recall similar experiences which they may have had.

It can be purchased by writing to:

Mr. Russell Duncan

1534 3rd St. No.

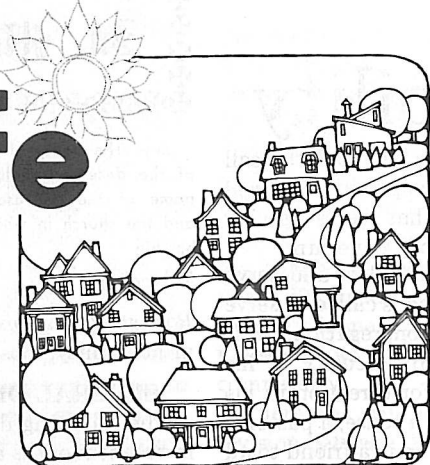
Fargo, North Dakota 58102

I am sure Mr. Duncan would be happy to autograph his book for you, if you asked him to do so.

Mr. Duncan is also the author of *What I Saw Behind the Iron Curtain*, which sells for \$1.50 and tells of his trip to Russia, taking special note of their method of farming. This book, also, may be purchased by writing to the author.

Rev. Gerald F. Mundfrom

Life on the Edge of Town



Deep Freeze

January came in with extreme cold here in northwestern Minnesota, on the edge of the Red River Valley of the North. The mercury was over 30 degrees below zero. The church service on the last day of December had to be called off because the fuel had run out during the night and the building couldn't be quickly heated after the trouble was discovered.

One wonders, in the face of rising oil and gas prices, and greater increases to come, what changes in church life will have to be made? Will smaller congregations have to combine worship services in the winter? Will the situation even lead to the merger of churches within a parish? Perhaps small congregations can hold their worship services and other activities in the homes of members in the coldest weather. In one small congregation I served in Montana we held our church services in the homes one winter. There's something very nice about that.

Here's another wonder. What is going to happen to church budgets in reference to travel allowances for pastors due to rising prices? Higher allowances are going to be needed, that's for sure. Seems like pastors are going to have to make the most out of each trip they make, even to ask, "Is this trip really necessary?"

Between parish travel expense and heating costs for our churches, the price tag is going to be noticeably higher a year from now.

In the Association, there may have to be more judicious use of board meetings, more time spent at fewer of them, to save on travel costs.

Re-Visiting Old Friends

On the night of New Year's Day I spent a while looking through a box of items I'd not seen for some years. All kinds of memories came to me. Let me mention some of the things I found in that box.

Some childhood books, including *The Story of Jesus* and *My Day* by Teddy Bear.

Two stamp albums, neither one very much filled.

A scrapbook of some Lutheran Free Church pastors, pictures and biographical sketches taken from the old Sunday School paper, *The Child's Friend*.

A scrapbook I had to prepare for my college journalism class and which will be of some help to me as I prepare for the class I'll teach at our seminary this week.

A Canadian "scribbler" (notebook) showing some of my early penmanship, perhaps in second grade.

A copy of our high school paper when I was editor in my senior year. I closed the editorial in that final issue of the year with these words to my 37 classmates: "Let us do honorably and honestly what we do in life so that we may be a credit to our parents, our school, and our class of 1946."

The 1938 Johnson Smith and Company of Detroit catalog. Many American boys ordered it. It contains all kinds of things for sale, from puzzles to bicycle accessories to time pieces and musical instruments.

The first part of a Billy Whiskers book. Billy Whiskers (the goat) was one of my favorite book series.

Southern Climes

I've often wondered what it would be like to go immediately from winter weather to warm temperatures and vice versa. At about the time some of you read this I hope to have experienced that.

I'm referring to the trip which seven other AFLC men and I are making to Houston on Jan. 29. My topcoat will be substituted for my overcoat and some lighter clothing will be packed for the five day stay inland from the Gulf of Mexico.

The occasion for the Lutheran gathering is a colloquium on the Church in Future Society to be held at the Woodlands Inn. Representatives of ten Lutheran bodies will meet to hear addresses by ten "futurists," among them Alvin Toffler, author of *Future Shock*. The colloquium is being sponsored by Lutheran Brotherhood, the insurance company.

I must confess that I haven't given much thought to the future shape of society. It is an embarrassment to have to say that. But I will know a lot more about it after the Houston assembly.

It won't be all work for us while we are there. I have a hunch we'll have a chance to see Nassau, the space headquarters, and the Astrodome. At or near the motel there will be opportunities for golf, horseback riding, ice skating, swimming, tennis, and access to a health club with a sauna, pools, exercise areas, etc.

A rather noteworthy aspect of the AFLC presence in Houston is that it will be the first contact by a group of Association men with so many representatives from a rather wide area of American Lutheranism. This is an interesting development and it won't hurt to get acquainted with one another at a gathering sponsored by a neutral, if Lutheran, party.

—Raynard Huglen

The pastor's responsibility

The pastor is the spiritual leader of the congregation. As such he has a responsibility both to it and to God for his life and his work. He should know three things: 1) who he is as a person and pastor, 2) where he is going and 3) how he is going to get there. It is important that he be a man of personal faith with a conviction born from the calling which God alone can give and the underlying confidence and direction which result from this call. This is true both in his personal life and in his ministry.

To be a pastor is not a job or profession as any other. While he needs training comparable to the doctor or lawyer, he is not setting up an office to heal the physical or social ills of the community. While he is out in the community meeting with people in their places of business and in their homes, taking to them the message of God's love, he is not in the position of the outside salesman selling a product. He is there to meet their personal, innermost needs through the message of Jesus Christ for salvation and to apply the principles of Scripture to bring about personal growth and development. The ministry is a calling and a lifestyle. A man's success is dependent upon his walk with the Lord and his ability to communicate that to others.

He must be sure of his own salvation. That may sound strange. Somehow everyone assumes that surely all ministers are saved. While we wish that were true, it is not necessarily so. For both his own sake and for the work of the congregation, it is a prerequisite to the ministry that a man know the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior in a personal and living way. The assurance of salvation gives the pastor the knowledge of his own salvation, the certainty of the Lord's work in his life and the awareness of the guidance of the Holy Spirit in his life. This is essential in order that God can work in his life and through him to the congregation.

He should be sure of and secure in his calling to the ministry. Along with the inner call he needs the abilities necessary to fulfill the ministry in the congregation. He needs to have the se-

curity of knowing he has both the call and support of the congregation as well as the assurance that he is serving where the Lord would have him.

As a man he is to follow and serve Christ. As a pastor he is called to serve through the local congregation. It is Christ he serves. His security in his calling is essential for direction in his life and ministry. In a sense, a pastor is a man alone; while he is a friend to all people and a person in whom the people of the congregation and community confide, he is still apart from others because of his calling.

It is important that he develop the qualities of Christian character in his heart and life. As a person grows in the love of Christ, he will grow in his love for men. He will become more patient, gentle, understanding and kind. He will grow in the ability to share the love of Christ with others. There is no other position in the community which people observe so closely as that of the pastor. He lives in a "glass house." It is the love of Christ which enables him to love all men. If someone were to ask what the most important quality would be for a pastor to have, it would undoubtedly be the love of Christ for the people of his congregation and community.

God has created each person with ability in particular areas. It is important for the pastor to develop and make use of the abilities which God has given him. Through their development and use he grows personally and is motivated in the work he does. This prepares him to work more effectively in the congregation. Some men have more ability to teach, some to preach, others to evangelize and some to administer. While each pastor is different, each should strive to develop the ability which God has given him. As this ability is developed, it will encourage him in the ministry, give him direction in his work and enable him to be more effective in his work for Christ.

Each person has the responsibility to become the best person he can be by the Lord's help and for the Lord's work. This is particularly true for the pastor.

—Pastor Robert Rieth

In Memoriam

Key: The name of the town is the address of the deceased. Following that is listed the name of the deceased, age, date of death and the church in which he or she held membership.

Wisconsin

Robert Willington, 67, Dec. 21, Funeral at Trinity, Boscobel

SEVERAL DEATHS NOTED

The following deaths have occurred in recent months and are of interest to *Ambassador* readers.

Mrs. Sylvester Rue, wife of Pastor Rue, retired at Salem, Ore. She was the daughter of pioneer LFC pastor William Hagen and a sister of Rev. Kristofer Hagen, missionary to India and other places. The Rues lived at Elbow, Sask., Starbuck and Willmar, Minn., and Ferndale, Wash., where they served the predecessors to the AFLC congregation there now, Triumph Lutheran.

Rev. P. G. Sonnack, 91, Minneapolis, Minn., passed away in November. He was the father of Rev. Paul Sonnack, instructor at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., and Rev. Iver Sonnack, Inglewood, Calif. He served parishes in the Lutheran Free Church in Adrian, Minn., Rockford, Ill., Northwood, N. Dak. (when he also served Zoar Lutheran in Hatton), Marinette, Wis., Bellingham, Wash., and was chaplain of Bethany Home, Everett, Wash., before becoming visitation pastor at Oak Grove Lutheran in Minneapolis, Minn., in 1960. He was a graduate of Augsburg College and Seminary in Minneapolis.

Mrs. John T. (Lottie) Quanbeck, 87, passed away on Dec. 8 in Minneapolis. Her husband was executive director of Home Missions in the LFC for 13 years and served parishes at Roseau, Starbuck and Northfield, Minn. Among survivors are three pastor sons: Russell, Randolph and Philip, the latter a professor of religion at Augsburg College. She was a sister of Mr. Clarence Gudim of McVile, N. Dak. At Roseau, Pastor Quanbeck served Rose, Spruce and Norland Churches, now congregations of the AFLC.

Blessed be their memory.

50 years since confirmation



The six people pictured above were confirmed in 1918 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Finlayson, Minn. Since the picture was taken, Mr. Enio Maki, back row, left, has passed away. The other five are still active in the church. They are Harold Mack, center, and John Haaponen; front row, left to right, Mrs. Enio Maki, Mrs. Evelyn Jensen and Mrs. John Anderson. Another living member of the class is not pictured: Arnold Heinonen of Detroit, Mich. Other deceased members are Harold Kinnunen and Theodore Branstrom. Mr. Lyle Twite of Cloquet, Minn., is lay pastor of the congregation.



Snipsteads celebrate silver wedding

Pastor and Mrs. Richard Snipstead celebrated their silver wedding anniversary with family and friends on Sunday, Nov. 12, at their home in Minneapolis, Minn. Pastor Snipstead is the president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations. The couple has six children.

NEWS of the Churches

South Dakotans hold education workshop

The South Dakota District Sunday School workshop was held last fall at Tabor Lutheran Church, rural Webster, with the theme "The Goodly Heritage," with Howard Kjos as host pastor. Mrs. Lois Oscarson was the featured speaker.

Emma Sakariason read the Scripture, Matthew 13:45, the parable of the "Pearl of Great Price." When Jesus told this parable He indicated that the Christian heritage is not an ordinary possession but, like the merchant, we must seek it. It is faith in and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and it is worth giving up everything to obtain.

Mrs. Oscarson used the hymn "I Surrender All" as the basis of her study. She emphasized that we must ever love Jesus and trust Him. We must forsake the worldly pleasures that have a tendency to lead us astray. She mentioned also that each person has a gift and God expects every person to discover it and use it.

Lunch was served by the Tabor ladies.

The local churches are grateful to Mrs. Lois Oscarson for donating her time and materials, and pray God's blessing upon her.

—Emma Sakarison

**HOUSING INFORMATION FOR
THE WINTER BIBLE CONFER-
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Single — (1 person) \$13.50 or \$14

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Persons desiring motel accommo-
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Also, there are many motels in
Grand Forks, which is only 28 miles
from Grafton.

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BUDGET RECEIPTS (11 months)

February 1 to December 31, 1978

Fund	Total Budget	Current Budget	Rec'd During October	Total Rec'd to Date	% of Current	% of Total
General Fund	\$ 78,630.00	\$ 72,077.50	\$18,582.36	\$ 63,750.54	88.4%	81.1%
Schools	143,190.00	131,257.50	32,213.96	109,648.07	83.5	76.6
Home Missions	75,000.00	68,750.00	17,955.03	65,190.07	94.8	86.9
Foreign Missions	113,512.00	104,052.63	25,203.11	99,708.79	95.8	87.8
Praise Fund	35,000.00	32,083.37	8,453.92	25,583.21	79.7	73.1
TOTAL	\$445,332.00	\$408,221.00	\$102,408.38	\$363,880.68	89.1%	81.7%
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Used *Concordia* hymnals are needed
by the Redby Indian Mission in Min-
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Contact Mr. Art Joppru, Route 4,
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**DATE FOR WORLD MISSION
EMPHASIS CHANGED**

The special World Missions
Ambassador will be published on
March 20, not February 6, as earlier in-
dicated. This is being done in order
that it may contain information from
the trip to Mexico which Pastors Ri-
chard Snipstead and Eugene Ender-
lein will be making next week.