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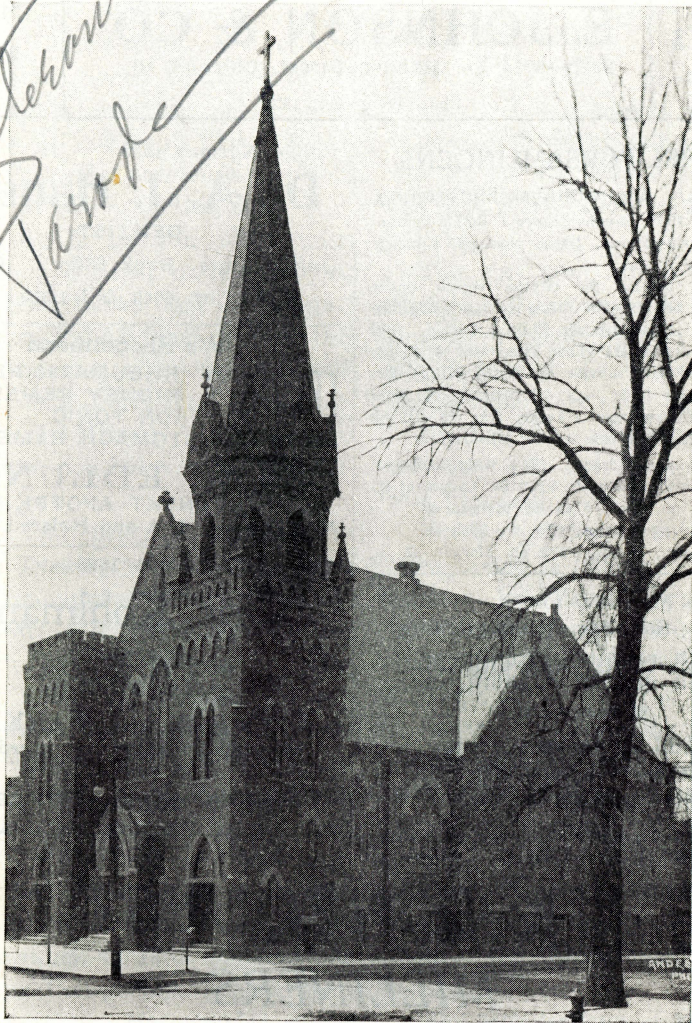
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The Illinois Conference at Paxton, Illinois.

The Illinois Conference of the
Augustana Synod convened to its
74th annual meeting in historic
Paxton, Ill., on April 24th, 1926.

A Pastoral Conference was held
in the afternoon of that day.

Dr. V. R. Pearson of Chicago
presented a paper on the subject,
"Fundamentalism and liberalism,"
and Dr. Joshua Oden, also of this
city, presented a paper on the sub-
ject "What Constitutes True Suc-
cess in the Ministry." An interest-
ing discussion followed on this time-
ly subject.

The Convention proper was open-
ed on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock
with communion services. Rev. W.
R. Pearson of Sycamore delivered
the Preparatory address and Dr.
Peter Peterson, President of our
Conference, preached the Conven-
tion sermon, text: Heb. 10. 35.

The pastor of Paxton congrega-
tion extended a most hearty greet-
ing to all pastors and delegates.
He called our attention to the facts
that Dr. Hasselquist organized the
congregation in 1863 and that Au-
gustana College was located there
for 12 years. He extended special
greetings to 2 former Paxton stu-
dents at the Convention, namely
Dr. Teleen and Dr. Abrahamson.

The first business session was

held Wednesday, beginning at 9
o'clock a. m., with a large delega-
tion in attendance.

Dr. P. Peterson presented his
annual report, a lengthy document,
reviewing in details all the activi-
ties in the Conference as well as
the condition in the various congre-
gations.

You may read in our Church
Press a full account of this conven-
tion so we touch briefly on what
was done and the impression we
gained from this great Convention.

Dr. J. G. Dahlberg was re-elected
secretary and Dr. F. A. Johnsson
vice president.

Members of the executive board
were elected as follows: Mr. E. W.
Olson of Rock Island, Mr. Lawrence
of Paxton, Mr. Johnson of Gary,
Ind., and Rev. Linus Herman of
Chicago.

Reports were submitted from
Home Mission Board, Augustana
Hospital, Moline Hospital and
Board of Charities. A paper pre-
pared by our Dr. A. P. Fors on the
subject, "Our Charitable Institu-
tions," was read by Rev. J. N. Bran-
delle at the Thursday afternoon de-
votional.

The consideration of the Augus-
tana Hospital report took up more
than 2 business sessions. This be-
ing the largest and most important
Institution controlled by the Con-

ference it is natural that it is given careful attention.

Another question that consumed much time was brought before the Convention, namely Augustana College. Representatives from the Board of Directors presented a plan to raise \$1,500,000.00 for new buildings and endowments.

The board asked that Illinois, Iowa and Superior Conferences assume \$500,000.00 of this sum, the \$1,000,000.00 to be raised from other sources. A lively discussion followed. The resolution that was finally adopted was in substance this, "That the Conference is in full accord with this purpose of the Board of Directors, but would not pledge itself to any stipulated sum.

The Conference treasurer reported a deficit of more than \$7,000.00 in the Home Mission fund. To remedy this and to enable the Mission Board to carry on a more aggressive Home Mission work it was decided that the contribution to Home Mission shall be \$1.35 per communicant and in addition 7c per communicant to the Chicago Inner Mission and 2c per communicant to the Conference treasury. This decision was unanimous and without debate.

It was decided to request the Augustana Book Concern to publish a Sunday School song-book of 300 songs selected from the new Hymnal. The disposition of the old Immanuel Church, now the Central Church, came up for consideration.

The executive board was given

authority to take such action as in their judgment would be for the best of all concerned.

Dr. G. A. Brandelle, president of Augustana Synod, appeared before the Convention on Thursday and addressed the delegates and also took part in the debate on the Aug. College question.

Friday afternoon and evening was set aside for the Conference Lutheran Brotherhood. It was reported that the Brotherhood's goal of raising \$100,000.00 for the Church Extension fund had not been raised, but they hoped that it would be in the near future. In the evening a concert was rendered to an audience that filled the church to its capacity. A large Male Chorus from the Paxton community furnished excellent singing and Dr. Stub from Minneapolis delivered a wonderful address on the theme, "The Goal."

Saturday evening, at about 8 o'clock, the Convention finished its business, after which an hour was devoted for prayer and meditation led by Rev. Parkander of Central Church.

Sunday morning two services were held: one a Swedish sermon by Dr. Abrahamson, and Rev. Elliot preached at the English service. At both services the large church was filled to capacity.

The visiting pastors to the Convention occupied the pulpits in the various churches in Paxton.

The Convention came to a close on Sunday evening with services in

the church, when Dr. C. E. Hoffsten preached on the theme, "Let us go forth."

The congregation and the whole Paxton community were excellent hosts, and were doing their utmost to make the Conference Convention a pleasant and memorable one in the fair little city of Paxton.

I wish to extend to the Bethel congregation my gratitude for sending me as your representative to this, the 74th Annual Convention of the Illinois Conference.

JOHN WESTBERG.

Pastorala förrättningar.

DOP.

Den 22 maj: Bernice Edith, född den 13 april 1926, dotter till Lawrence och Jeanette Soderholm, 6803 Aberdeen st.

Den 5 juni: Russel Oscar, född den 24 mars 1926, son till Oscar och Esther Carlson, 2414 W. 61 st.

Samma dag: George Charles, född den 2 maj 1926, son till Theodore och Olga Brelsford, 6625 S. Campbell ave.

Den 6 juni: La Verne Anna, född den 15 juli 1925, dotter till Rudolf och Paulina Häggglund, 1017 W. 59 st.

Samma dag: Frank Milton, född den 18 nov. 1925, son till Frank och Vera Sandelin, 5842 S. Morgan st.

Samma dag: Harry Ellsworth, född den 22 nov. 1925, son till Harry och Catherine Paulson, 6844 S. Seeley ave.

Den 13 juni: Mildred Loraine,

född den 30 mars 1926, dotter till John och Mildred Garrett, 120 st. och 52 ave., Worth, Ill.

Den 17 juni: Elsie Bernice, född den 16 april 1926, dotter till Martin och Malvina Ljungberg, 6713 Green st.

Den 20 juni: Gordon Frederick, född den 16 febr. 1926, son till Bernard och Elvi Aanerud, 8115 Green st.

VIGSLAR.

Den 1 maj: Harry R. Frieberg och Mable Robinson, i Bethel prästgård (av dr Lindvall), nu bosatta 5937 S. Racine ave.

Den 9 maj: Albert E. Mongerson och Emma M. Sueley, 3513 W. 62 Place; nu bosatta 1506 W. Garfield Blvd.

Samma dag: Charles A. Larson och Ethel E. Monson, i Bethel prästgård; nu bosatta 3235 W. Adams st.

Den 19 maj: Grant W. Erickson och Grace E. Aderholt, i Bethel prästgård; nu bosatta 628 Brian Place.

Den 2 juni: Roger P. Oliver och Viola B. Westberg, i Bethel kyrka; senare bosatta som prästfolk i Moscow, Idaho.

Den 5 juni: Ernest J. Bergstrom och Marie F. Harnet, i Bethel prästgård.

Den 12 juni: Ernest Peterson och Linda Sjödin, i Bethel prästgård. nu bosatta 7516 Emerald ave.

Den 26 juni: Mark S. Love och Ruth E. Davidson, i Bethelkyrkan; nu bosatta 7801 S. Carpenter st.

Samma dag: John Englund och

Birgit Öhman, i Bethel prästgård; nu bosatta 6849 Yale ave.

Samma dag: Fred J. Brolin och Hilda Landerholm, i Bethel prästgård; nu bosatta 5554 North ave.

Samma dag: Ernest Magnuson och Agda Johnson, i Bethel prästgård; nu bosatta 6800 Justine st.

Den 28 juni: Gustav F. Johnson och Medella Snook, i Bethel prästgård; nu bosatta 7758 Chappel ave.

BEGRAVNINGAR.

Den 10 maj: Albert Almer, 6744 S. Morgan st., 62 år, 8 månader och 9 dagar.

Den 11 maj: Oscar W. Carlson, 2844 W. 36 Place, 45 år, 1 månad, 2 dagar.

Den 13 maj: John Eric Sandstrom, 6222 S. Peoria st., 77 år, 5 månader och 22 dagar.

Den 15 maj: Claes Otto Rodine, 7922 S. Union ave., 59 år, 1 månad och 26 dagar.

Den 4 juni: John August Carlson, 6818 S. Throop st., 68 år, 7 månader och 18 dagar.

Den 16 juni: John Weisenstein, 7016 S. Ada st., 36 år, 8 månader och 16 dagar.

Den 17 juni: Charles W. Olson, 7257 S. Peoria st., 60 år, 11 månader och 9 dagar.

Den 18 juni: Edna C. Johnson, 5839 S. Carpenter st., 23 år och 24 dagar.

INLYSTA I FÖRSAMLINGEN.

Den 6 juni: Mrs Hanna Sandstrom, 6222 S. Green st.; Olle Olson, 6931 May st.; John A. Petersen, 5733 Peoria st.



Åter har döden gästtat i vår församling.

Mr Albert Almer

avled helt hastigt i sitt hem, 6744 S. Morgan st., den 7 maj, i en ålder av 62 år, 8 månader och 9 dagar. Mr Almer föddes i Skirö, Tolga socken, Jönköpings län, Sverige, den 28 augusti 1863 och konfirmerades 1878. Kom till Amerika 1883 och ingick i äktenskap med miss Hulda Carlson den 14 september 1889. Denna förening välsignades med fyra barn, av vilka döttrarna Stella och Laura fått i unga år flytta till det rätta fadershuset. Tillsammans med modern sörja nu djupt även sönerna Arthur med hustru och Carl; dessutom ock brodern Gust Almer med maka.

Familjen förenade sig med Bethel-församlingen den 5 juli 1905. Mr Almer var en tystlåten person och njöt familjen helst av den närmare släkten. Därför kännes ock saknaden smärtsamt för maken då vänkretsen var så begränsad. Församlingsmedlemmarne, särskilt Dorcas genom sin visitkommitté, vilja dock göra vad de kunna att med besök och Guds ord hindra smärtan. Det är också Guds ord endast som kan borttaga sorgens bitterhet och ställa i utsikt det saliga hoppet.

Sorgegudstjänsten, efter sång och bön i hemmet, hölls i Bethelkyrkan den 10 maj. Pastorn talade tröstens ord både på svenska och engels-

ka. Mr David Johnson sjöng flera vackra sånger. Likfärden ställdes därpå till svenska gravgården Oak Hill, där stoftet vilar till uppståndelsens saliga morgon. Frid över hans minne!

C. Otto Rodine

insomnade stilla i sitt hem, 7922 S. Union ave., den 12 maj, i en ålder av 59 år, 1 månad och 26 dagar. Mr Rodine föddes i Vireda socken, Jönköpings län, Sverige, den 16 mars 1867. Ankom till Amerika 1887 och förenades i äktenskap med miss Elizabeth Strand den 25 november 1893, och välsignades detta äktenskap med fyra barn: Esther, mrs Maybelle Jasper, Raymond och Stanley.

Familjen ingick i församlingen den 6 februari 1910. Mr Rodine åtnjöt temligen god hälsa tills för några månader sedan och var hon sängligande de sista fem veckorna och avled rätt så oväntat av hjärtfel. Det var under detta lidande och genom pastorns besök som mr Rodine kom att innerligare söka sin själs frälsning. Enda brodern här i landet avled för 7 månader sedan. En brorson, mr Axelson, som en tid vistats här i landet för att utbilda sig till missionär i Kina, fick bevittna bådas slut. Övriga 9 syskon äro kvar i Sverige.

Efter en stund i sorgehuset av bön och sång, då även missionär Axelson talade tröstens ord, hölls sorggudstjänsten den 15 maj med både svenskt och engelskt tal av pastorn. Mrs Jennie Ekblom-Pe-

terson sjöng ett par väl mottagna sånger. Resolutioner upplästes från söndagsskolan, där dottern Esther är en trogen lärarinna. Likfärden ställdes så till Oak Hill. Innerligt sörjd och saknad av maka och barn med tvenne barnbarn jämte övriga släktingar mednyllades så stofthyddan med förhoppning om ett saligt återseende. Frid över hans minne!

Edna Charlotta Johnson,

dotter till Emil och Helga Johnson, insomnade i tron på den Frälsare hon så helt bekände i hemmet, 5839 Carpenter st., den 15 juni i en ålder av 23 år och 24 dagar. Född här i Chicago den 21 maj, konfirmerades hon i Bethel den 11 maj 1919, då familjen ingick i församlingen. Edna älskade söndagsskolan och besökte mrs J. A. Andersons klass tills hon måste intaga sitt sista sjukläger vid jultiden. Onkel Mårten, som hon kallade honom, tog henne ofta till söndagsskolan och gudstjänsterna. Även lutherförbundet besökte hon.

Det egendomliga med Edna var att fastän född här i landet, önskade hon helst tala svenska. Då pastorn gjorde sitt sista besök hos henne nämnde hon, då hon märkte de avtagande krafterna, att möjligen slutet var nära. Nej, svarade hon, jag kan icke lämna ännu. Detta påminde om Pauli svanesång Fil. 1: 23, 24, som ock blev pastorns liktext, jämte Dv. ps. 23: 4 vid sorggudstjänsten i kyrkan den 18 juni efter en bönestund i hemmet. Mrs Fred Paulson och mrs Gust Larson sjöngo några vackra sånger.

Sv. Ev. Luth. Bethel-kyrkan

Hörnet av 62:dra och Peoria-gatorna.

Pastorn träffas i prästgården varje f. m. säkrast torsdag och lördag, samt vid gudstjänster och möten i kyrkan.

A. P. FORS, pastor.

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Sorgeresolutioner upplästes från söndagsskolan och Luther league.

Den snälla Edna sörjes av jämte föräldrarna även systemen Mabel, samt farbrodern Martin Johnson. Å Oak Hill vilar nu den i förtid nedbäddade stofthyddan till uppståndelsens morgon. Vile hon så i frid!

The Veteran's Parade, 1926.

Get me my old knapsack, Mary, and my uniform of gray.
Get my battered helmet, Mary, for I'll need them all today.
Get my canteen and my leggin's, reach me down my rusty gun—
For I'm going out parading, with the boys of sixty-one.

Never mind them blood-stains, Mary, never mind that ragged hole,
They were left there by a bullet that was seeking for my soul.
Just brush off them cobwebs, Mary, get that bonnie flag of blue—
For I'm going out parading with the boys of sixty-two.

These old clothes don't fit me, Mary, as they did when I was young.
Don't you recollect how neatly, to my manly form they clung?
Never mind that sleeve, that's empty, let it dangle loose and free—
For I'm going out parading with the boys of sixty-three.

Pull my sword-belt tighter, Mary, fix that strap below my chin,
I've grown old and threadbare, Mary, like my uniform and thin,

But I reckon I'll pass muster, as I did in days of yore—

For I'm going out parading with the boys of sixty-four.

Now I'm ready, kiss me, Mary, kiss your old sweetheart goodbye,
Brush away them wayward tears; Lord I didn't think that you would cry.

I ain't going fort to battle, cheer up Mary, sakes alive—

I'm just going out parading with the boys of sixty-five.

MARTIN BENGTON,
Member of Bethel.

Civil War, 1861-'62-'63-'64-'65.

Our Societies.

Junior Luther League welcomed the confirmation class of 1926 into their League on May 3rd, with quite a large attendance. "Angry Words" and "Oh Christians Leagued Together" were sung, followed by Bible Study of the first thirteen verses of the sixth chapter of Mark by the pastor. Mr. Bengtson led in prayer, after which we sang "Keep Your Covenant With Jesus." The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. It was decided by the class of 1923 that they would stay as a class yet with the Juniors, but who ever wished to join the Seniors could do so. Dr. Fors then presented the new class. Six members of this class volunteered to serve at our June meeting. As the wedding

Program for the Third Quarter, 1926.

Time	Singers	Service
July 4 A. M.	Eulalia Westberg	Swedish
July 11 A. M.	Ruth Paulson	English
July 18 A. M.	Ernest Westberg	Swedish
July 25 A. M.	Rosalie Paulson	English
Aug. 1 A. M.	Eulalia Westberg	Swedish
Aug. 8 A. M.	Rustan Olund	English
Aug. 15 A. M.	Ellen Johnson	Swedish
Aug. 22 A. M.	Ruth Davidson Love	English
Aug. 29 A. M.	Mrs. Walter Peterson	English
Sept. 5 A. M.	Ruth Paulson	Swedish
Sept. 12 A. M.	Choir and Ernest Westberg	English
Sept. 12 P. M.	Mrs. Gust Larson and Mrs. Paulson	Swedish
Sept. 19 A. M.	Ellen Johnson	Swedish
Sept. 19 P. M.	Song Service	English
Sept. 26 A. M.	Choir and Eulalia Westberg	English
Sept. 26 P. M.	Bethel Circle Chorus	Swedish

MUSIC COMMITTEE.

of Miss Viola Westberg is to be held on our regular meeting night in June, it was decided to hold that meeting on the second Thursday, viz. June 10th. The following enjoyable program was rendered: Vocal Solo, "To Jesus I Have Promised" by Mr. Bengtson. "Wonderful Words" was sung by a quartette consisting of Melba Newstrom, Alice Stockel, Alice Ahlson, and Marie Malm. A piano dialogue, "In The Usual Way," was given by Melba Newstrom. As one of our members, La Verne Newman, was reported very ill. it was decided that Beda Melander and Helen Larson were to act as a sick committee to send her flowers and our wishes for

her speedy recovery. The meeting was closed by singing "There Is A Gate That Stands Ajar" and with benediction. Excellent refreshments were served by the committee in charge.

GRETA STOCKEL, Rec. Sec'y.

The meeting Thursday evening, June 10, was opened by singing songs number eighty-seven and eighty-eight, followed by Bible Study of the fourteenth to the forty-fourth verses of the sixth chapter of Mark by Dr. Fors who also led in prayer, after which we sang song number one-forty-nine. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Dues were col-

lected amounting to \$5.20. There had been some slight misunderstanding concerning the refreshment committee's bills. A motion was made and carried that each member on the committee pay seventy-five cents to the chairman of the serving committee to help pay the expenses. The rest of the expenses would be paid from the treasury. A motion was made and seconded that we donate fifty dollars towards the fixing up of a room at the Augustana Hospital. John Burgeson was appointed delegate to the Long Lake Conference at Long Lake, Ill., with James Nelson as alternate. Dr. Fors announced that the Sunday evening services of the District would be held as usual this summer at the Old People's Home, and he urged the young people to attend these meetings. Song number one-twenty-two was then sung, led by Mr. Bengston. He then spoke to us about the Long Lake L. L. Conference, which is to be held from July 19th to the 29th, after which he closed the meeting with prayer, the following program having been rendered: A piano solo by Ruth Larson. A piano solo by John Burgeson, and several selections on the harmonica were played by Albert Ellison. Delicious refreshments were served by the committee in charge.

Respectfully submitted,
HELEN LARSON,
Sec'y Pro Tem.

Missions-föreningen höll sitt möte den 7 maj i kyrkan, på inbju-

dan av fruarna Malm, Grell och Otto Swanson. Mötet öppnades med att sjunga sången 196. Ordföranden, mrs Anderson, läste de första verserna av Pauli brev till Filipperna och ledde i bön. Så sjöngs sången 302. Ordföranden hälsade alla välkomna. Därpå följde sång av fruarna Larson och Paulson samt läsning av mrs Burgeson. Doktor Fors läste och tillämpade ur första Krönike-bokens 29:de kapitel några verser om offervillighet. Åter en sång av fruarna Larson och Paulson. Ordföranden tackade alla som deltagit. Föregående mötets protokoll upplästes och antogs. Kassören rapporterade 41 dollar i kassan. Kollekten upptogs och blev \$14.03. Sången n:r 26 sjöngs av föreningen. Mötet avslöts med bön av mrs Ahlstedt. Gott kaffe med dopp serverades.

Mötet den 4 juni hölls i mrs Paul Johnsons hem, 5621 Emerald ave. Mötet öppnades med att sjunga sången 184, varefter doktor Fors läste och förklarade Apg. 13: 1—5, om Guds tjänares utsändande. Så sjöngs sången 302, därefter ledde mrs Ahlstedt i bön. Ordföranden, mrs Anderson, hälsade alla välkomna, synnerligen syster Allie, som var här på besök. Följande program utfördes: Sång av mrs Helen Smith. Syster Allie gav en hälsning från den plats hon förestår, nämligen Bethania-hemmet, Alexandria, Minnesota. Mrs Ahlstedt tackade henne och sände en hälsning tillbaka från vår missionsförening. Åter en sång av mrs

Smith. Mrs Anderson tackade dem som deltagit. Föregående mötets protokoll upplästes och antogs. Kassören rapporterade \$55.69 i kassan. Förslag gjordes och understöddes att vi sända penningar för vår studerande i Kina. Förslag gjordes och understöddes att ge fruarna Gell, Malm och Otto Swanson ett stående tack för vad de gjorde för den "bake-sale" vi hade tillsammans med missionsföreningens möte i kyrkan, vilket inbringade \$37.00 för missionshemmet. Förslag gjordes och understöddes att vi ge \$6.00 som hjälp för mrs Walther Petersons resa till synoden i Philadelphia. Kollekten upptogs och blev \$15.00. Sången n:r 144 avsjöngs och mötet avslöts med bön av syster Allie. Gott kaffe med dopp serverades av mrs Johnson. Nästa möte den 2 juli blir hos mrs Anderson, 5753 Morgan st., och den 6 augusti i Ogden Park och bjuder då fruarna Marker, Bohlin, Nelin och Knutson.

MRS KNUTSON, sekr.

Bethel Circle met at the home of Esther Johnson, 6212 Peoria st., on June 9th. The meeting was opened by singing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." Dr. Fors then led us in Bible reading and prayer, reading the first twenty-two verses of the 19th chapter of the Acts. As the secretary was not present the undersigned was elected to perform her duties.—The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. A report was made by Ruth Gustafson, chairman of the visiting committee, as to the number of vis-

its made since our last meeting.—A letter of thanks was read from Mrs. Rodine and Esther for the visit made at their home by the committee. Ellen Johnson also thanked for the plant she received while she was ill.—Upon suggestion of the chairman of the visiting committee, a motion was made and carried that they present a plant to Mrs. Anderson, in memory of her daughter Selma's untiring faithfulness.—The following committee was appointed to arrange for our outing to be held on Aug. 14th, and to make a report at the July meeting: Esther Carlson, chairman, Thyra Johnson and Florence Johnson.—The sale of Xmas greeting cards was left in the hands of Florence Johnson this year also. Song 103 was sung and we had the pleasure of listening to the following program: Reading, Evelyn Berg; Piano solo, Myrtle Berg; Bible Study, Dr. Fors.—A novel part of our program was a spelling match in which most of us took part. The most efficient speller proved to be Ruth Gustafson and she was presented with the prize. Dr. Fors then brought us greetings from Mrs. Fors.—The meeting closed with prayer after which refreshments were served by the hostess.—We will be entertained on July 14th by Mrs. Marker and Mrs. Knutson in the church.

ESTHER JOHNSON,
Sec'y Pro Tem.

The May meeting of the Bethel Circle was held in the church on May 12th and was in the form of

a Mother's meeting. We opened with singing of "Blest be the Tie that Bands" and Scripture reading and prayer by Dr. Fors. The minutes of our April meeting were read and approved. Our president extended a hearty welcome to the mothers, after which we enjoyed the following program: Piano solo, Harriet Dahlquist; Song, Ruth Paulson; Reading, Stella Johnson; Talk, Dr. Fors; Song, Ruth Paulson. Mrs. Axel Johnson, president of Dorcas, then thanked the Bethel Circle for entertaining the mothers. The meeting closed with singing Swedish song No. 109 and prayer by Dr. Fors. Delicious refreshments were then served by the committee in charge. Mrs. Herbert Larson thanked the Circle for the plant she received during her illness. All welcome to our meeting June 9th at the home of Miss Esther Johnson, 6212 Peoria St.

MISS ESTHER JOHNSON,
Sec'y Pro Tem.

The Bethel Lutheran Brotherhood usually meets on the third Monday of every month but on the date for the May meeting the good ladies of our District Mission Society stole a march on us and appropriated the 17th of May and gave us a *real treat*, having arranged with the "Scandinavian Bell Ringers" to render a program which attracted a full house and helped to swell the treasury of that energetic and zealous society. God bless our missionary workers. The members of the Brotherhood at-

tended the concert in a body.—The following meeting was held June 21st, President Ehrenstrom in the chair. The meeting was opened with H. S. No. 406 and the Lord's prayer, said in unison. In the absence of the secretary the undersigned was appointed secretary pro tem. The minutes of meeting of April 19th were read and approved. The president announced that the Southern Chicago District Brotherhood would hold its quarterly meeting in our church, June 19th, with the Rev. J. A. Parkander of Gustavus Adolphus Church as the principal speaker, Bethel Brotherhood to furnish the rest of the program and serve refreshments.

J. A. WALGREN,
Sec'y Pro Tem.

Dorkas samlades i kapellvåningen den 19:de maj, på inbjudan av fruarna Knut Johnson, Alfred Johnson, Albert Johnson och O. Karlblom. Mötet öppnades på övligt sätt, varefter protokollet justerades. \$473.66 fanns i kassan. Visitkommittén hade gjort 29 besök och lämnat blommor till fruarna Burgeson, Magnuson, McDonald och Nelson, vilka tacka föreningen. I blomsterkassan fanns \$2.64. Ordföranden uttalade föreningens sympati med de familjer som haft sorg: Anderson, Almer och Sandstrom, varpå sången 346 sjöngs. Kökssaker och gardiner för \$89.26 hade inköpts. Inkomsten för första "Kitchen Band-konserten" blev \$117.75. Om någon kökssak sönderslås skall full ersättning erläggas till kyrko-

våktaren. Födelsedagsgåvor inlämnades av fruarna C. A. Nelson, Otto Swanson, Youngman, Ekblom och M. Nelson. Efter kort men väl utfört program tackade mrs Axel Johnson dem som deltog samt de som serverade. Efter bön och servering befanns insamlingen bli \$37.35.

Den 16 juni samlades föreningen på inbjudning av fruarna Krantz, Knutson, Er. Larson och Fred Larson. Efter vanligt öppnande justerades protokollet. Kassan var nu \$466.80. Visitkommittén hade gjort 43 besök, och följande fruar tacka även för blommor: Nelson, Fors och Frisk. Familjen Funk, Sandstrom och Rodine hade ock besökts. Ordföranden ställde några ord till mrs Carlson och föreningen sjön sången nr 478. Gåvor lovades för utflykten till Oak Forest, så ock för middsommarfesten vid Hemmet. Födelsedagsgåvor inlämnades av fruarna C. F. Carlson, McDonald, And. Johnson, Danielson, Christensen, Melander, Sandstrom och Carl Johnson. Mötet den 2 juli servera följande fruar: Oscar Larson, Henry Larson och Sandstrom. Bland annat förekom å programmet en intressant hälsning av mr Walgren från synodalmötet i Philadelphia. Ordf. tackade dem som deltog som ock dem som serverade. Mötet avslöts med bön av pastorn och sång av föreningen. Efter serveringen befanns insamlingen bli \$28.85.

Mrs J. E. NELSON, sekr.

Senior Luther League held its May meeting on the 19th. It was

called to order by our president and songs 136 and 39 were sung. Carl Lundell gave a few words of welcome to Messiah's League which was being entertained by our League. His address was followed by words of greeting by Dr. Fors. Mr. Bengtson led in Scripture reading and prayer, after which song 16 was sung. The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved. Lawrence Larson gave a report of the Basketball Banquet and a motion was made and carried that the deficit of some \$46.00 be taken from the Senior Luther League Treasury. Svea Johnson was chosen as delegate to Long Lake, Dorothy Anderson to be her alternate. The business for the evening having been completed, the remainder of the evening was given over to the members of the Messiah League, who gave a very interesting program as follows: Messiah Octette; Recitation, Dorothy Larson; Vocal solo, Norma Gustafson; Xylophone solo, Harold Johnson; Recitation, Dorothy Larson; Xylophone solo, Harold Johnson; Messiah Octette. Song 45 was sung after which refreshments were enjoyed by all.

The meeting June 16th was called to order by our president and songs 84 and 148 were sung. Dr. Fors led in prayer and read the Book of Revelation, 22. 16-21, after which song 174 was sung. The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved, and the dues were taken up. A motion was made and carried that our next Bible

given to Mr. Emil O. Otto for life. After the ceremony the Kjellberg children and their families celebrated the golden wedding of the lovely old couple, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Kjellberg, at the South Shore View Hotel. Later that evening Mr. Raymond Olson and Miss Lucille Granberg were united in his parents new home, 7723 So. Loomis St. Another church wedding is promised for July 17th, when two of our young church-members will happily be united. God bless all these new homes!

Cradle Roll had their Annual Festivity in church, June 6th, when 3 children were baptized. These gatherings are always enjoyed by the parents with their little ones. God bless our thoughtful Cradle workers!

A *John Morton Memorial Service* was held in the evening at the Mission church, 59th and Carpenter. Rev. Gottfrid Olson and Dr. Fors were the speakers at this Union meeting for the Western part of the South Side of all the Swedish churches. The Eastern part had their meeting at our Old People's Home.

The Second Kitchen Band Concert June 18th, by our Dorcas ladies, arranged by their Ways and Means Committee, was again a great success.

At our *Song Service* June 20th, we were favored with two solos by Miss Maude Bauslough of the Geen

School of Music, through the arrangement of our organist. We gratefully welcome back Miss Bauslough to Bethel!

Sveriges kronprins och kronprinsessa ha i dessa dagar gästade Chicago på genomresa i Svensk-Amerika. Icke minst hjärtligt mottogos de höga gästerna här i Chicago. En storartad hyllning gavs dem vid Augustana Hospitals invigning den 24 juni. Storslagen var också hyllningen dagen därpå vid "the University of Chicago", då L.L.D.-graden tilldelades konprinsen, vilken som vanligt höll ett om sakkännedom vittnande tal. Gud signe Sveriges blivande konungapar!

The Bethel Sunday School Outing at Beverly Hill June 26th, was favored with good weather. Already 7 a. m. the pastor together with Mr. Harold Karlberg staked a view-commanding space. The day was greatly enjoyed by a goodly crowd. Rev. Gregg, in pastor's absence because of weddings spoke, and the Superintendent, Miss Esther Carlson, led the singing. The officers had arranged a good sport program. In the evening the Choir enjoyed a progressive supper. It was a day well spent in Bethel.

Aldersdomshemmets 15-årsfest. Midsommardagen firades i år på synnerligen tilltalande sätt. Med vackert väder hade å inre gården en ostörd skara av omkring 2,000 Augustanare samlats vid 3-tiden, att på kristligt sätt uppmuntra de gamla och varandra. Festtalet hölls av kon-

ferenspresidenten dr P. Peterson och anslående sång presterades av Bethlehem-kören. Efter åtnjutna förfriskningar serverade av våra alltid verksamma kvinnor hölls kl. 7 e. m. den första av de sedvanliga för sydsidan gemensamma friluftsaftonsångsgudstjänster med engelsk predikan av pastor Knut Erickson och svensk av pastor Conrad Bergendoff jämte god sång av Salem-kören. Allt var skönt!

Southern Chicago District Brotherhood met in Bethel in the evening of June 28th. "So many things have been going on just now that this quarterly is not so well attended," thus began the District President, Dr. Sandberg. Mr. Ehrenstrom, our local Brotherhood president, welcomed the District Brotherhood "home to his place of birth," Bethel. Rev. Parkander gave an inspiring talk on "Why I Am a Lutheran." The pastors present were then excused, that they might attend a reception that same evening, tendered by Salem to its pastor, Rev. Bergendoff, who these days sails for Sweden to take up studies for his Ph.D. at University of Uppsala.

Utflykten till Oak Forest den 30 juni var väl besökt av våra Dorkasmedlemmar tillsammans med damer från andra församlingar.

Our Bible Vacation School begins July 6th, at 9 a. m., with Mr. Gilbert Bengtson (fourth summer) as teacher. We hope for and urge a good attendance. These

four weeks should crowd our schoolroom. The school is free. It will be very helpful to our Sunday School.

Luther Leaguers—do not fail to attend the League Week at Long Lake July 19th–25th inclusive. Let us pray for a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We shall be richly benefited in our local work!

Pastorala förrättningar.

VIGSLAR.

Den 30 maj: Olof Bertel Hult och Alva E. Lindberg i Bethel prästgård; nu bosatta 8247 Sangamon st.

Samma dag: Emil O. Otto och E. Esther Kjellberg, i brudens hem, 1415 W. 73 st.; nu bosatta 8028 Ingleside ave.

Samma dag: Raymond J. Olson och Lucille A. Granberg, i brudgummens hem, 7723 Loomis ave.; nu bosatta därstädes.

Letter from the Blind Evangelist Who Spoke in Our Church Some Time Ago.

Dr. A. P. Fors,
6206 S. Peoria St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Fors:

I have received the check for seventy-five dollars, the very generous collection your people so kindly gave me. I wish to thank you all very very heartily for your kindness. I will be very grateful to you if you will extend my sincere thanks and greetings to your people.

My visit with you was so unusual in every way. It was one of the largest collections I have ever received, and then to think that your people added a five to the already large amount made a great impression upon me and strengthened me in my determination to do more for my fellow men.

Then Mr. Brooks and I enjoyed our Sunday dinner with you and your family. It still remains the only private meal we have had in Chicago. We both wish to thank your wife for this fine meal.

Thanking you all once more for all your kindness and with many good wishes I am,

Yours very sincerely,

WALTER C. GRAN.

1707 Stevens Ave.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Words of Thanks.

To the members of the Nursery Society I herewith express a deep-felt thanks for the beautiful flowers which I received during my recent illness. May the Lord bestow health on each and every one of you!

Sincerely,

MRS. RAY NEWMAN.

Dear members of the Junior Luther League:

We wish to extend our appreciation for the beautiful flowers La Verne received during her recent illness.

Sincerely,

MR. AND MRS. R. NEWMAN AND
FAMILY.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our true appreciation to Dr. Fors for his visits to our dear husband and father during his illness.

We also want to thank the Bethel Circle Chorus and Bethel Sunday School for their floral offerings and the church members and many friends who helped console us in our bereavement.

MRS. C. O. RODINE AND
CHILDREN.

Tack!

För all den vänskap och sympati pastor, församling, söndagsskola och Lutherförbund visat under vår dotters Edna Charlottas sjukdom och vid hennes fränfälle tacka vi innerligt.

FAMILJEN EMIL JOHNSON,
5839 Carpenter st.

Card of Thanks.

To the Pastor and Members of Bethel Church, 6201 So Peoria St., Chicago, Ill.:

Many thanks for your great and kind assistance to my aunt Marie Erickson, who, thru your aid was admitted to the Augustana Home for the Aged.

Very truly yours,

B. ERICKSON,
6219 S. Carpenter St.

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Long Lake Edition.

The time of the year has arrived when our leaguers are all enthusiastic about Long Lake.

Much has been said in past years of the unending amount of spiritual and recreational benefits derived from attendance at Long Lake. Idle words cannot suffice. Actual presence is the only way to fully appreciate it.

Bethel has had the largest attendance in recent years and we hope to continue this year with a goodly representation. Both the president and vice pres. of our league besides several of the other officers will be included in our delegation this year.

If you haven't made up your mind to go, it isn't too late yet. The minimum expense is about \$15.00 for a week which you will feel is worth more than money.

So don't forget! We'll meet at Long Lake, July 19th!

More Truth than Poetry.

You can be a fox at Fox Lake,
You can be around at Round Lake
But you can't stay too long at Long Lake.

Personals.

C. L.: "You goin' to Long Lake, Stan?"

Stan: "Can a fish swim?"

Uppmärksam!

Penüten-föreningen håller sitt nästa möte i Long Lake den 19:de juli. "Penüten" själv kommer att närvara.

Heard in a Bible Class.

Teacher: "Was King Darius a Persian or an Egyptian?"

Student: "Yes."

Teacher: "Yes, what?"

Student: "Yes, ma'am."

Personals.

Hal Johnson is busily ferreting out fire hazards in Joliet. Carl Johnson is performing a similar service in Des Moines, Ia. The fellows are acquiring some practical experience in connection with their training at Armour Institute.

Contributions for this dep't will be gratefully received.

Help—Help—Help

Lest we forget *Long Lake, July 19.*
"MAURY" AND "STAN."

The Financial Secretary's Report for April, May and June, 1926.

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det är just i detta sista avseende många välmentade människor begå ett stort misstag och betaga sin gåva själva dess doft.

Vi förebrå andra, att de icke äro omtänksamma, att de komma för ofta, att de begära för mycket. Vi begagna oss av den givna hjälpen såsom ett tillfälle att också meddela en förebräelse eller tillrättavisning. Den bedjande får vänta, till dess vi givit honom de förebräelser, som vi anse lämpliga, eller påmint honom om hans förut så ofta visade otacksamhet och hans fel. Men hos Gud förekommer icke något sådant.

Vi må gå till honom tusen gånger på en och samma dag, han skall dock icke förebrå oss, att vi komma för ofta. Vi må gå till honom med behov, omätliga som havet, han skall aldrig förebrå oss, att vi begära för mycket. Vi må komma efter långa års otacksamhet och likgiltighet, han

skall icke förebrå oss det förflutna. Detta skall ej ens bliva nämnt av honom, ehuru visserligen hans kärlek skall komma oss att minnas det, vida mer än strängheten skulle göra.

F. B. MEYER.

Korset och tornet.

I den lilla byn Romalla på Filistéerslätten, som torde vara det gamla Arimatea, finnes en kristen kyrka, som fått sitt namn efter Josef av Arimatea.

För tre à fyra år sedan slog blixten ned i tornet på denna kyrka och förstörde korset. Muhammedanerna sade då att det var ett tecken på Guds vrede över de kristna och deras kyrka.

Då en person uttalade sig i denna riktning till en av de kristna, svarade denne: "Jesus dog på korset för att frälsa oss; blixten splittrade korset för att byn skulle bli räddad."

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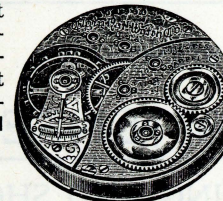
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