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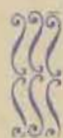
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Editorially

Are you interested in Missions? If so, procure at once a copy of "The Challenge of Lutheran Home Missions," a book published by the Lutheran Home Mission Council of America. The price is only 25 cents. In this volume you find a rare collection of goodly articles, written by experts in the Lord's vineyard. Not only are valuable and interesting facts given us, but the picturesque, romantic and adventurous in home mission work is graphically set forth.

The booklet presents, in a general way, the home mission activities of the seven church bodies connected with the Lutheran Home Mission Council of America, and also those of the Synodical Conference.

Young People's Societies, women's and men's organizations, will find in this booklet just what they need.

It is with regret that we note the death of Jacob Frederick Visell, 31 year old, pioneer stationary and office supply dealer, of Tacoma. Visell was for many years a member of the First Lutheran church and has been a faithful advertiser in the Columbia Lutheran ever since the paper was published.

"Jesus In Our Human Relationships" will be the subject for the Columbia Conference meeting at Augustana, Portland, April 29-May 3. Very interesting programs will be offered by all the branches of the conference and the delegates may be assured of profitable time. As the next issue of the Columbia Lutheran will be a special Portland and Conference number, we shall mention only the

highlights on the program at this time.

Wednesday 2 p. m.—"Kagawa as an Exponent of Practical Christianity."—Rev. O. R. Karlstrom.

"The Lutheran Church and the Social Gospel."—Rev. C. Arthur Johnson.

The convention sermon is held

Thursday—Morning devotion: "Jesus in the Heart."—Rev. John Bildt. Afternoon: "Jesus in our Home Life"—Rev. E. A. Larson. Holy Communion is celebrated in the evening. Rev. Axel Berg speaking on "Jesus in our Relationship to Others."

Friday—Morning devotion: "Jesus in our Church Life"—Rev. C. A. V. Lund. Afternoon: "Jesus in our Community Life"—Rev. Enoch Sandeen. The Women's Missionary Society is in charge of the evening service. Rev. Carl E. Rydell speaking on "Jesus in our Missionary Objectives."

Saturday—Morning devotion: "Jesus in our Ethical Life"—Rev. Roger P. Oliver. Dr. P. O. Bersell, President of the Augustana Synod, will be the speaker at the Brotherhood Banquet in the evening at 6:30.

Sunday morning: "Jesus in my Play and School Life"—Rev. Elmer M. Johnson. Sermon by Dr. Bersell at 10:45. In the afternoon Rev. Wm. Siegel addresses the Luther Leagues on "Jesus in the Life of Youth Today" and in the evening Rev. R. E. Norling speaks on "Jesus and my Life in the Future."

The Tacoma Mount Baker District Luther League will meet in Bellingham, Wash., May 16-17 according to word from the president. Rev. Lundblad writes that the program will be of greatest interest, and those who know the Bellingham leaguers are sure of the veracity of that statement. The program will be reviewed in our next issue.

In two weeks recently Rev. Paul Randolph of Augustana, Portland, has officiated at the burial of five members, namely: Mrs. C. O. Larson, sister of Dr. Jos. Anderson; Mrs. C. D. Foster; Mrs. Josephine Jensen; John Adolphson; and Mrs. Arthur Tucker, sister of Rev. E. Arthur Larson.

The dates for the Bible camp at Colton will be July 19-26. Rev. Paul V. Randolph, Dean. Rev. Edw. Schram, editor of the Lutheran Standard, and Rev. C. J. Carlson, translator of Halesby's books, will be the principal speakers.

Conference Historical Sketch

By Rev. J. A. Edlund

(Cont. fr. last issue)

The first Swedes he met in the "City of Roses" held their clenched fists before the humble messenger's face and uttered these words: "Dä ska aldrig bli någon svensk luthersk kyrka i Portland". Harsh words from men confirmed in Sweden. They cursed the Bible, the church and religion in general. These words rang long and loud in the ears and soul of Rev. Peter Carlson. The Swedish boarding house that C. came to in Portland he likens to a den of lions. Many of the Swedes here and else where may have been like lions, but he found others with different character. He preached regularly in a rented church. When Rev. Carlson later suggested that the people meet to organize a congregation, the infidels got busy and in an article in a Swedish publication: "Upplysningens Tidevarf", that was circulated weekly among our people, Rev. C. was painted in anything but bright colors. The enemies rejoiced and the friends became sad. Swedish Baptists, Methodists and others had for some time had union meetings, but Carlson did not molest them and later quite a number of these came over to our meetings and congregation which was organized December 28, 1879. This was the mustard seed planted in the name of the Lord our here and it has grown, thank God. The night following this act on the part of the missionary was a night of ecstasy which may be likened to that of St. Paul, when he was, for a while in the third heaven, when he saw and heard things that could not be described.

The first Augustana Congregation was planted on the Pacific Coast. After 55 years we have in the Columbia Conference 48 Congregations and in California 27. In 1880 Rev. C. organized a congregation in Astoria. Here he was welcomed, housed and kindly

History of the Superintendents of the Columbia Hospital ———— By C. O. MOBERG, Supt.

It is to be regretted that there are no records in the Hospital when the first Superintendent, Rev. A. V. Anderson, took over the duties. There was no Executive Committee at that time so the Hospital was managed directly by the Board of Trustees from the Columbia Conference. We find from the ledger, however, that Reverend A. V. Anderson served as Superintendent after the Hospital was opened for operation in 1927 for only one month. Almost immediately after the Hospital began operation, which was on the first of August 1927, Rev. Anderson was taken sick with pneumonia and passed away.

Upon searching for records regarding the history of the Hospital, a little book was found wherein minutes had been kept by Mr. J. A. Nordeen of Portland, Oregon. Mr. Nordeen had been appointed or selected by the Board of Trustees of the Columbia Conference to act as building inspector during the construction of the Hospital, or rather to represent the Columbia Conference and to supervise the work together with the architect, John E. Wicks, of Astoria. So from these minutes we find that about September 1, 1927, an Executive Committee had been appointed by the Board of Trustees of Columbia Conference, and that the following men were appointed: Mr.

B. F. Stone, Mr. John Slotte, Mr. A. E. Engbretsen, Mr. Adolph Hauke and Mr. G. A. Hellberg, all from Astoria. It is also apparent from the record that Reverend C. G. Bloomquist from Seattle was a member of the first Executive Committee of the Hospital. We also find from these minutes that Mr. B. F. Stone was elected chairman and continued as such for about two years, and Mr. J. A. Nordeen was undoubtedly acting as executive secretary.

Upon the death of Reverend A. V. Anderson, Mr. J. A. Nordeen was appointed as temporary Superintendent of the Hospital, date of appointment September 1, 1927, and continued as such until December, 1927, when Dr. Albert Okerstrom of Detroit, Michigan, who had received a call from the Conference Board, took over the duties as Superintendent of the Hospital on January 1, 1928, and continued until August, 31, 1928, when Dr. Okerstrom resigned having accepted a call as Pastor of the Bethany Lutheran Church of Berkeley, California. Dr. Okerstrom also served as Executive Secretary and Secretary of the Executive Committee until he resigned and C. O. Moberg was elected Secretary of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee as it existed at that time constituted as follows: Dr. A. M. Green, Emmanuel Hospital, Portland, Oregon, Reverend

H. P. Johanson, Portland, Sherman Nelson, Portland, A. E. Engbretson, Astoria, and C. O. Moberg, Astoria.

Upon the departure of Dr. Albert Okerstrom, the Executive Committee of the Hospital together with some of the Board members of the Columbia Conference held a meeting in Astoria and appointed Dr. A. M. Green, Superintendent of the Emmanuel Hospital, as acting Superintendent. Miss Ann Honkanen of Astoria was at the same time appointed as Superintendent of Nurses, and continued as such until about the time when Reverend J. K. Andeen arrived in Astoria as Superintendent of the Hospital and Pastor of the First Lutheran Church of Astoria. Dr. A. M. Green continued as acting superintendent from September 1, 1928, until March 31, 1929 when Reverend, G. K. Andeen arrived and took over the duties on April 1, 1929 and continued as Superintendent of the Hospital until August 31, 1930, when Dr. H. H. Foskett, of Portland, was appointed Superintendent. Dr. Foskett was appointed as Superintendent for a six months' period, and was afterwards reappointed and continued until August 31, 1931, when the present Superintendent, C. O. Moberg, was appointed and took over the duties September 1, 1931, and has continued and is still the Superintendent of the Hospital.

treated in the humble dwellings of Gust Holmes, Andrew Young, August Olson, John Hayseth, Sture and others. In Astoria was built a small church the same year and was the first church building on the Coast. Soon a lot was purchased in Portland and a church, not so small, was built but under very trying circumstances, especially on account of the Swedish carpenter contractor. Woe unto us when we come in conflict with a crooked Swede! During this winter Rev. C. made two trips up to Puget Sound, stopping at Tacoma, Seattle and La Conner. At the latter place was the brightest prospect for church work. Here he found a religious and churchly spirit among the people that had been there for some years.

(To be continued)

CONVENTION

The forty-fourth annual convention of the Columbia Conference of the Augustana Synod will be held in Augustana Lutheran Church, Portland, Ore., Rev. Paul V. Randolph, Pastor, April 29 to May 3, 1936.

The Executive Board will meet April 28 at 9 A. M. A Pastoral Conference will be held Wednesday afternoon, April 29 at 2 o'clock. The official opening of the Conference will be Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock with convention sermon by the Conference president.

All reports and other documents coming before the Conference should be sent to the Conference president, Rev. N. William Anderson, 1424 West Broadway, Spokane, Washington, as

early as possible. Delegates and visitors desiring lodging and meals are asked to send in their registration and the sum of \$5.00 to Mr. A. L. Morland, 2800 North Commercial Avenue, Portland, Oregon, not later than April 25.

Carl A. Bengtson, Conf. Sec'y

P. L. C. CHOIR TOUR BEGINS MARCH 27

The "Choir of the West" from Pacific Lutheran College will begin their Spring tour March 27. The tour will extend to April 12. The choir will invade the Inland Empire and will sing in Lutheran communities as far east as Lewiston and Moscow, Idaho. Due to transportation and housing difficulties the contemplated visit to Montana had to be abandoned.

The Missionary Society

"Go ye therefore,
and teach all nations
baptizing them in the

name of the Father,
and of the Son, and
of the Holy Ghost.

The 22nd annual convention of the Conference Woman's Missionary Society will convene at the Augustana church, Portland, Oregon, Paul V. Randolph, pastor, April 30th-May 2. Thursday, April 30th, theme, "Power thru Jesus Christ"

9:00 A. M. Executive Board meeting.

10:00 A. M. Business session.

1:30 P. M. General discussion.

3:30 P. M. Reception at parsonage by Mrs. Paul V. Randolph and local W. M. S.

Friday, May 1st

10:00 A. M. Business session.

2:00 P. M. Y. W. M. S. program, Martha Elmer, Conference Y. W. Sec. in charge.

7:30 P. M. "Missionary festival."

Saturday, May 2nd

10:00 A. M. Junior program, Effie Frisell, Conference Jr. secretary in charge.

2 to 4 P. M. The W. M. S. of the Portland District will entertain the visiting delegation and friends at a reception to be held at the Immanuel Lutheran Nurses Home. Mrs. A. M. Green and Mrs. A. V. Anderson, reception committee.

Mrs. J. A. Martin, Pres.

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As a delegate from St. Helens, I was happy of the privilege of attending the 15th annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Portland District, which was held on Tuesday afternoon, February 25, 1936, in the Immanuel Lutheran church, Portland.

Mrs. A. V. Anderson, district president, presided. Mrs. J. A. Martin of Astoria, Conference president, was also present.

Message of welcome was given by Mrs. J. Sture of Gresham; response by Mrs. J. Israelson of Warren.

Roll call was then taken, societies of

Immanuel, Augustana, Warren, Astoria, Colton, Mist, St. Helens and Gresham all being represented, sixty being in attendance.

Mrs. D. E. Lofgren, secretary, read her annual report, which was approved as read.

Report was also given by Mrs. Anderson. This was the 15th annual meeting of the society, which was organized in February 1921. Mrs. Anderson was its first president.

A very complete, detailed treasurers report was given by Mrs. Johanna Jensen. It showed that during the fifteen years of existence of the society, the large sum of \$19,071.72 had been received, an average of \$1271.45 per year. The keeping of these records and transactions required considerable time and effort on the part of the worthy treasurer, and as a token of appreciation, she was presented with a gift from the societies.

In the absence of the District Junior Secretary her report was read by Mrs. Herman Chindgren.

Various other reports were given, including report of Mrs. Emil Muhr, Mission Tidings secretary, and report of the Young Women's Society secretary, Miss Esther Ekberg.

Election of officers for the ensuing year followed.

Voting for president was by ballot, and Mrs. A. V. Anderson was re-elected to the office of president; Mrs. Paul Randolph to act in the capacity of vice president. Mrs. D. E. Lofgren was unanimously re-elected secretary; Mrs. Johanna Jensen, treasurer; Mrs. E. J. Sakrison, junior secretary; Mrs. Emil Muhr, Mission Tidings secretary; Mrs. Herman Chindgren, membership secretary; Mrs. Arvid Carlson, industrial secretary; Miss Esther Ekberg, Young Women's Society secretary, and "My Missionary for a Day" secretary. Mrs.

J. Sture. Auditors chosen were Miss

Esther Ekberg and Mrs. Karl Swenson.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the invitation extended by the Colton Society to hold the Fall District Missionary Society in conjunction with the Bible Institute at Colton in the summer.

Motion was also made and seconded that a greeting be sent to the missionary nurse in China; also a greeting to Mrs. H. P. Johnson of Tacoma.

The Columbia Conference Women's Missionary Societies 1936 recommendations were read by Mrs. Lofgren.

At the evening service the church was filled to capacity. Mrs. Anderson presided. Rev. C. S. O'dell lead in prayer, and also introduced Rev. Emil Swenson from Minneapolis, who gave a short, but very interesting address, enjoyed by everyone.

Mrs. J. A. Martin spoke briefly on the power of the concentrated Women's Missionary Societies.

The meeting was adjourned with song and prayer. —E. B. Nelson.

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At the vesper hour Sunday, March 22nd, the Missionary Society of First Lutheran, Moscow, Idaho observed Home Mission Day. Rev. and Mrs. Axel Berg of Troy were our guests. To the tune of "Beautiful Saviour" we sang the appropriate words that Mrs. G. R. Freedlund has written for the Mission Home in Chicago. Mrs. Berg and Mrs. Norling sang two duets; Miss Marilyn Anderson, a member of the Junior Mission Band, gave testimony of her love for Jesus with the singing of "Jesus waits me for a smilebeam."

Miss Mildred Carlson, Junior leader, directed her girls in "Living for Jesus." It was an inspiration to hear Rev. Berg, one who so recently has come from a truly home mission field in Northern Minnesota. He climaxed his talk by reading several testimonial letters received from young people who had attended the Bible Camp at Camp Siegel, Minn.

It was an hour of rejoicing to have the church vestry filled to capacity. The program committee served the luncheon which gave those present time to greet their friends and to meet with their guests. —Mrs. N.

LUTHER LEAGUE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS

On Saturday afternoon, March 7, the Executive Committee of the Columbia Conference Luther League met in Chehalis, Washington. At that meeting the Executive Committee came to the following decisions:

First — that the 1936 convention of the Columbia Conf. Luther League shall be held at the First Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Washington.

Second — that the convention shall open on Friday evening, September 4, instead of on Saturday, as usual, and that it shall be opened with a Bible study, followed on Saturday morning, September 5, with discussion groups.

Third — that the annual business meeting shall be held at 4:30 o'clock, Saturday afternoon, instead of after the banquet on Saturday evening, as usual.

It is the hope of the Executive Committee that the selection for the location of the convention and these two major changes in the program will meet with the approval of a majority of leaguers.

Our aim in opening the convention earlier with Bible studies and discussions is that we may build to a greater spiritual climax on Sunday. This longer convention is also expected to provide a better opportunity for becoming acquainted with members from other districts and to promote a stronger unity as a Conference Luther League.

The purpose in changing the time of the business meeting is to eliminate a long, tiresome session after the banquet. In the past the opening evening of the convention has been almost a continuous session from 7:00 o'clock until midnite.

By separating these two parts of the convention, we feel that it will work less of a hardship on our hosts in that we will be able to conclude earlier in the evening and both the business meeting and banquet may be better organized and conducted as individual units.

The Board also discussed several other problems which are expected to come up for discussion at the convention and which will be presented at the District conventions for preliminary consideration.

With your cooperation and support we feel that these changes will give us a better convention and a stronger Conference Luther League. We pray God's help and blessing to this end.

Marcus Renhard, President.

TEMPUS TIDGETS

By Roy N. Vernstrom
Augustana, Portland

Delicatory exercises were not conducted for this added article. Sufficient to say, this tempo column was haphazardly conceived, hastily concocted and (shifting to the present tense) is not prolifically plastered with phillosophical tidbits worthy of mental mastication. Names will play an outstanding role because names are usually associated with people. People are quite important animals. If people are quite important, the derivative cycle is completed by simply stating, this column should be favorably considered in the eyes of the L.L.L. (Loquacious Luther Leaguers).

Annapolis applicant Kenneth Erickson has been shocking Immanuel's younger set (not junior tennis match) of late with his recently acquired knowledge in the realms of electrical engineering via the Oregon Institute of Technology.

Henry Peterson, Salem's (Spokane) aspiring architect, after assimilating two years of W. S. C. wisdom and one term of U. of W's academic life, paid Portland a visit during the Ides of March; made new acquaintances; tolerated old associates.

Marva Jean Backlund migrated from the stormy coastal climes of Astoria last September in favor of Portland and a nurses' training course in the Emanuel hospital. Facts are vague but rumors are rampant that the flu epidemic plus the recent influx of hospital

patients may be attributed to the contagion of this L. L.'s smile.

Don Fredericks, Augustana's patternmaking tenor, evidenced the thrill one only can get from caressing the juttled, moving portion of a buzz saw not too long ago. Result: Several days of rest in Neophyte Nurse Backlund's invalid institution.

Immanuel's Judith Bohlin and Augustana's Rev. and Mrs. Randolph, organizer Stanley Glarum and Treasurer Clarence S. Nelson motored to Chehalis for the Conference executive committee meeting recently, preparatory to the Labor Day convention scheduled for the First Lutheran, Tacoma.

This columnist has received authentic information that several people in Colton are dubbed with the monicker Chindgren.

Don't destroy this column upon first glance. Read it thoroughly until you are convinced it isn't worthy of scrapbooking. Remember, the writer may be a good egg. A good egg deserves a break.

Ruth Morland and Edwin Erickson of the Augustana church, Portland, were recently united in marriage. Both the husband and wife are actively interested in Luther League, Sunday School and other church activities.

Alice Ek and Orville Nutt are also a recent bride and groom. Until the last year when she moved to Oregon City, Alice was an active League member.

On Saturday, March 28 the basketball team of the Bethel Church of Seattle will journey to Portland to play the basketball team of Augustana. The game will be played in the Jefferson high school gymnasium and a large crowd is anticipated.

A Lenten Song service was given by the Luther League Choir of Augustana on Sunday evening, March 15. A large crowd attended this sacred concert. On the same afternoon the choir with other young people choirs of the city took part in a choir festival at the White Temple Church.



PORTLAND DISTRICT NEWS



COURAGE

by Elva Olson.



When I learned that I was assigned to write an article for the Columbia Lutheran, I found it was customary for the editor of each League to tell something of the work or new developments of his League, so that other Leagues might adopt those which were fitted to their organizations and ultimately, all Leagues would profit by this combined effort of obtaining new and workable ideas.

As I turned over in my mind just what I would write about, it seemed, perhaps, that we should have some good, workable ideals to live up to. Ideas are fine things and necessary in our Luther League work, and we need new ideas in order to get our young people to attend our meetings and provide interesting and instructive programs for them to enjoy, while they are there. But we need something more than that. We need to instill ideals into their hearts and souls to make their lives happier and more complete, and to make them glad that they are living and that there is a God.

So I said, "Mother, what shall I write about?" And she replied, as though she had expected the question and was ready with her answer, "Why don't you write about courage?" And because mothers are pretty fine persons and usually have very good reasons for saying the things they do, I believed that courage would be a good subject. I went to my dictionary and looked up the word "courage", and among several definitions and synonyms, I found this one: "That firmness of spirit which meets danger without fear". It seemed to me that here, indeed, was a fine ideal for our Luther Leaguers to attempt to attain . . . to meet danger without fear.

In our everyday life, we cannot prevent temptations from cropping up. As long as there are human beings, there will be good and evil. It seems to me that in this present day, with the tempo of living as rapid as it is, there are innumerable dangers to overcome.

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Young men and women are sent away from their homes to attend school, or obtain positions in the business world. In their eagerness over their new station and their zest for a taste of life, they somehow lose the proper perspective of that phase and attach too much importance to the business of having a "Good time". They seem unable to comprehend that that particular period is merely a niche in the span of the years, and go after tasting life with such a fervor that they endanger all the remaining years of their own lives by unwise and imprudent actions, bred from immaturity, inexperience and lack of ability to realize what the results will be. Consequently, they either drift into other temptations easily until they soon become numb to the pricks of their consciences, or else they learn through bitter experiences that their folly will never bring them any true happiness. A great deal of their trouble, too, is due to their inability to distinguish between thrills and happiness. To assure happiness in later years, one must learn how to be happy when one is young.

Our Luther League should teach us this great lesson. It should teach us the value of faith in our God, of asking his help when the obstacles in our way become too large for us to overcome. It should teach us how to look at life with clear eyes and a level head. It should kindle a desire to give those weaker than we a helping hand, to be kind to our fellow men and tolerant of their errors. It should encourage and bring out the finer qualities in our makeup, so that our weaker side is dominated and submerged by our better side.

By knowing these things, we need have no dangers of temptation, because we will be assured of our strength to resist them. As I said before, we cannot prevent temptations from arising, but we can learn how to fight them. We will find that after we have mas-

tered them a few times, we will rejoice in the strength we are gaining, and very soon we will find that the same things which once tempted us will no longer have any allure for us.

So, to me, Luther Leaguers, it seems that we should strive for more worthy ideals . . . that we should learn how to be happy and make those around us happy. To do this, we must have the courage to do what we feel and know is right—to have that firmness of spirit which meets danger without fear. Somehow, I am sure that is what my Mother meant when she told me to write about courage.

NEWS

Immanuel Luther League has adopted a plan of having oral roll call at every meeting. If a member is absent for two or three times in succession, a card is sent out making a special appeal that he or she be present at the next meeting. If the member still fails to attend, one of the committee workers calls at the home. Usually, this results in getting the absent member back again to League meetings. It is a good plan to try!

At every other meeting now, Rev. Odell is presenting a series of Bible studies on books of the Bible, studying one book in an evening and beginning with the Book of Genesis. This has proved intensely interesting and has resulted in some interesting discussions from our Leaguers.

At the first meeting in April, we have planned a musical program, and an invitation has been extended to our entire congregation to attend. Various numbers have been planned by Waldemar Pearson, our choir director and active Luther League member, and we are expecting to have an unusually interesting program.

On Friday evening, March 20th, ZURRIEL, the society composed of young women of Immanuel, presented a missionary drama, "TWO MASTERS". Those taking part were Judith Bohlia, Esther Askim, Edith Winkler, Henrietta Johanson, Freida Peterson, Gunhild Wickstrom, Dorothy Erickson, and Elva Olson.

Sickness and cold have played havoc with our Leaguers this year. Donald Palmblad, Harold Larson, Bertha Lindgren, Ruth Davis and Esther Askum all have been on the sick list. We are glad to be able to report that most of our Leaguers are well or well on the road to recovery.

Florence Nelson, Elsie Rasmussen, Hilda Olson, Charlotte Rasmussen, Gladys Carlberg all have new jobs. We all wish them success in their new undertaking.

The congregation on Friday, March 13th enjoyed a most delightful evening together. Mr. Sundbom and Mr. Sorenson spoke and gave testimony of some of the high lights of their lives; most especially those regarding their relations to their Lord. Several musical numbers were enjoyed. The social hour following was for the purpose of getting better acquainted with other members of the congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Liedberg have moved

to their own home, and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Ekstrom are the new custodians of the church.

The Immanuel League is looking forward to the large annual Youth Rally sponsored by the Lutheran Leagues of Portland and vicinity at the Bethlehem Church, 39th and Senate, April 18—19.

Lenten services are being observed every Wednesday evening. Many are being blessed by these services. A large number close the evening in prayer much to the edification of those present. May we all enjoy and use the privilege of prayer.

LUTHERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE TO OPEN IN SPOKANE

A spring term of Bible Institute is to open in Spokane on Sunday evening, April 19, and continue for four weeks, closing on May 17. The instructors will include two of the most able of Bible teachers, Dr. S. M. Miller, Dean of the Minneapolis Bible Institute, and Rev. H. G. Randolph of the same Institute. Young and old are welcome to attend. Classes will be held each day of the week except Saturday. There will be studies from the Books of Mark, Hebrews, First John, and Hosea. Sunday School teacher training courses will be held each day from 7 to 8 P. M. to be followed by evangelistic services.

The cost of registration is 50 cents per week. A boarding club will be organized offering meals at cost. The institute will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, Magnolia and Pacific Streets.

All interested are asked to continue in prayer for the expansion of this Bible Institute movement. Pray for financial support, for students to attend, and that the cause of Jesus Christ may be honored thereby.

You may enroll for one or more. Write the Registrar, Rev. L. C. Mastred, W. 414 Sinto Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

MOSCOW SURPRISES PASTOR'S WIFE

On Monday afternoon, March 2nd, Just as Mrs. Norling, wife of Rev. Reuben Norling of Moscow, Idaho, was taking her two children for their daily walk, she was met at the door by a long line of ladies. The chain reached from the parsonage to the church! The self-invited guests brought innumerable gifts of cake, flowers, a lovely lace banquet cloth with buffet scarf to match, together with several dollars for new kitchen shelves. Mrs. Claus Lundquists, president of the Ladies Aid, spoke to the friends, as well as Mrs. Frank Oberg, who made the presentation. Both Rev. and Mrs. Axel E. Berg of Troy were there to help celebrate Mrs. Norling's festive day and to wish her happiness on the first birthday in her new home.

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