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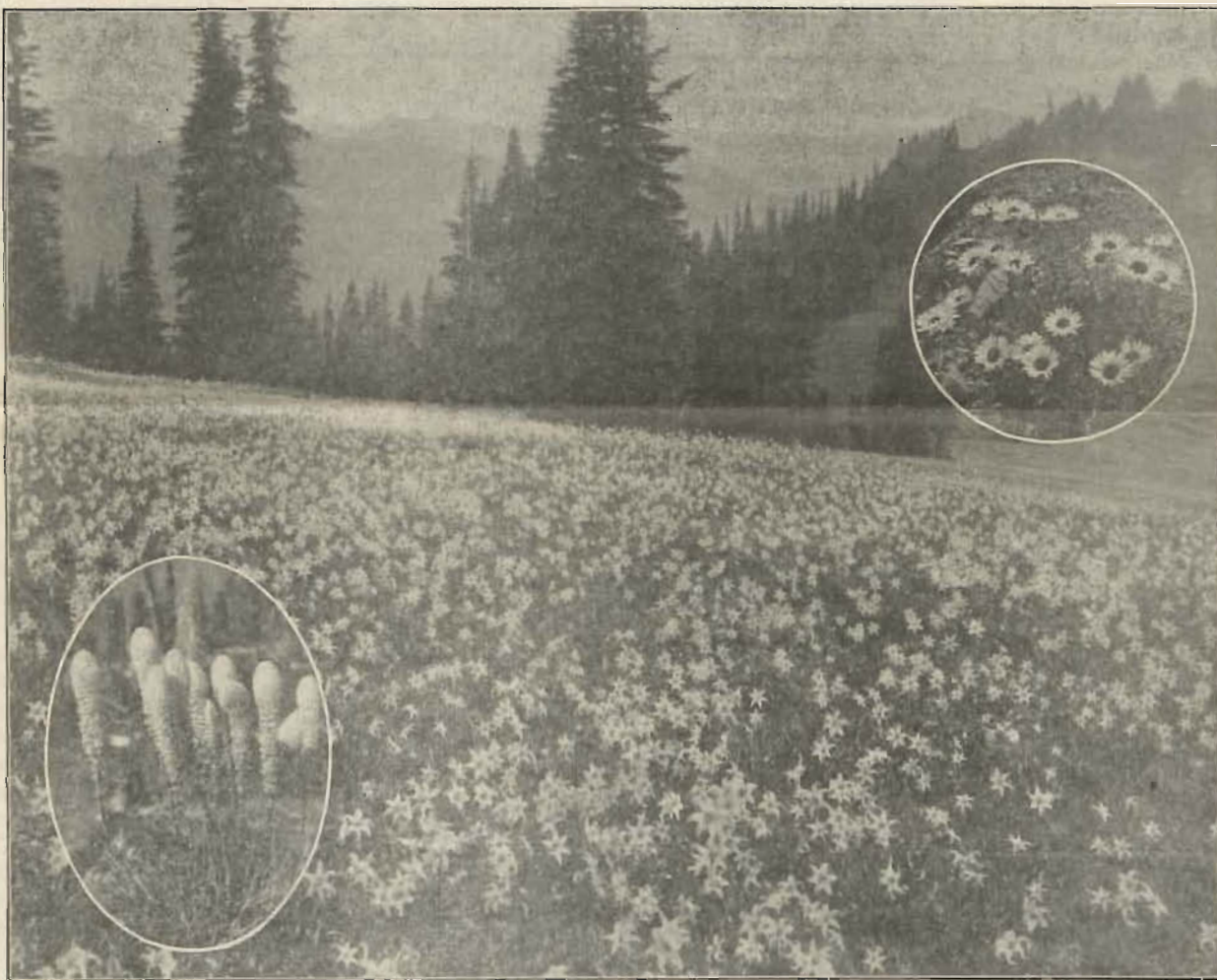
✠ Praise the Lord, for He is Good, and His Goodness endureth forever ✠

Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord!
Let us make a joyful noise to the
rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence
with thanksgiving.
Let us make a joyful noise unto him
with psalms.

Oh, that men would praise the Lord
for his goodness
And for his wonderful works to the
children of men.
For he hath broken the gates of
brass
And cut the bars of iron in sunder!

Thou crownest the year with Thy
goodness, and Thy paths drop fat-
ness.
They drop upon the pastures of
the wilderness: and the little hills
rejoice on every side.

The pastures are clothed with
flocks: the valleys also are covered
over with corn: they shout for joy:
they also sing.



MOUNT RAINIER, WHERE GOD'S FLOWERS GROW

The apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians, "In nothing be anxious: but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."

It is comparatively easy to express such sentiments when one is surrounded by the comforts and conveniences of life.

Many hearts will express gratitude this season for having their lives cast in pleasant places, for material blessings, for health, for friends: but when Paul wrote these words he was a prisoner in Rome.

He had been betrayed by friends; had suffered scourging, imprisonments; had experienced hunger and thirst: yet in the face of all these difficulties, he was thankful. He had learned in whatsoever state he was, therewith to be content.

We ought to be thankful. The gospel of Jesus Christ is still the power of God unto salvation, to everyone that believeth. The simple gospel is still able to meet the needs of every nation and tribe and tongue and kindred. All the world over the gospel is being preached with pentecostal results.

We thank God for a national and international conscience, made sensitive by the gospel. There is a growing protest against age-long iniquities, and in many lands reforms are being instituted looking to the improvement of social and economic conditions. The motive power for every civilizing movement, however, must be furnished by the gospel, and such movements must be set forward by regenerated men and women.

We may thank God for suffering. Through suffering we are able the better to sympathize with others

who suffer and it furnishes us with a better opportunity to become acquainted with God. So long as everything goes well and material blessings abound, we often fail to realize our dependence upon God; but when we reach the end of our own resources and are compelled to fall back upon God, and seek his counsel and strength, we come to know Him better.

Of course, we thank God for material blessings, for the family fireside, for friends, for enlarged opportunities for service, for health and strength and life itself.

Editorial

Let our Thanksgiving be without worldly taint. Let it be truly acceptable thanksgiving to God. To turn aside from the will of God and resist his call and then to speak of the plenty of harvest and the protection of the government as reasons for offering thanks to Him may seem like appreciation and gratitude but it is in reality indicative of conceit declaring itself in terms of downright falsehood.

God's appeal to our sense of appreciation is never found in the deliciousness of the fruit of the nutriment of the bread or the advantages of the government as it is revealed in his holiness providing for us eternal life. The two—the material and the spiritual—can never be placed over against each other as competitors in the promptings of our gratitude. Placed thus the conclusion would be apparent and instant: which is that the material cannot accomplish the first real note in thanksgiving's song without the spiritual. Just as the material is ever fading and failing—doomed to decay and death—so the material promptings to acceptable thanksgiving would of themselves lack the value and the durability to inspire real praise to God. God is unknown to the one thus engrossed in material things. How then will such a man reach Him with his feigned offering of praise?

We are concerned with the future of the Columbia Lutheran. The magazine is at present published without cost to the conference, but is in no way an easy burden to the editor-manager. The editor works on, however, in the belief that the conference needs such a publication and in the hope that times will get better and make possible again an eight page magazine. It is hard to understand, however, why so little support is received from churches, pastors, and members in general. We wait patiently for news until the 15th of the month. When nothing is heard, the paper must go to press with limited information. That is not so good. Subscriptions—fifty cents a year—come occasionally, but not as regularly as they should. Five hundred bills for subscriptions are ready to be sent out. But that costs another \$20. Why need of that expense? Why not come to the rescue without a bill? It is easier for a thousand subscribers to pay the printing bills than for the manager alone.

The next issue, God willing, will be the annual Christmas issue. If only some good soul would collect enough advertising to pay for an extra four pages! Or if the churches would feel magnanimous enough to spend one dollar each for the Christmas issue! That would indeed make it a **Conference paper**—"It shall be owned and controlled by the conference," say the minutes. But it does not say who shall pay the fiddler.

All news, advertising, etc. must be in the hands of the editor by Dec. 10 the very latest. The Christmas issue will be in the mails Dec. 18th.

THANKSGIVING

AND thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the Lord thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the Lord thy God, according as the Lord thy God hath blessed thee.

AND thou shalt rejoice before the Lord thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the Lord thy God has chosen to place his name there.

AND thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt; and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

THOU shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine;

AND thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gate.

SEVEN days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the Lord thy God, in the place which the Lord shall choose; because the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice.

DANGEROUS PATHWAYS

By Roland Swanson

Talk Given at Auburn Rally.

Three books have altered the course of history above all others: The Bible, The Origin of Species, and Das Kapital! This statement appeared in a syndicated Sunday magazine section about two months ago. We need not know the scholastic standing of its author: its meaning causes us to pause.

In examining this statement we find that the thoughts, ideas, and philosophies of modern youth have been molded by the subsequent trends in thinking, in living, in education, and in business due to the writing of these three volumes.

Youth in the public schools of today finds itself in a maelstrom of intellectuality. In the classroom the lecturer spews forth his desecrating wit and humor, making thousands laugh at sacred things. In text books there arises now answers to life's greatest questions. The world today does not know where it is going, or why, and it has almost given up the attempt to find out. The world despairs today because that which was to bring us to an Utopia has dashed us into a deeper and more oppressive darkness. The keys to heaven were to have been the science and the intelligence of man. These have failed. The latest answer is animalism, as expressed in the emotional demagogues in Russia or in Hitler's cry, "We think with our blood."

At every turn the envoys of the devil are striving to shake the faith of youth. College undergraduates are exposed to sentimentalism, romanticism, philosophies of skepticism and cynicism. Conscience and sin, prayer and sacrifice have become mere social phenomena, but without meaning. Faith in the supernatural is gone. Even the fundamentalist becomes a skeptic, the choir boy ceases to hear the call of the church bells on Sunday morning, the sensitive turn their backs at the slightest provocation. Some might join

church, but secularity will have its grip on them and memories of college reading places dozens of philosophies at their disposal to be used as defenses against any appeal of faith.

The failure of science and philosophy properly to regulate the affairs of the human race is evident on every hand. The whole human race seems to be in a panic of confusion and despair. In the midst of this wreckage of collapsed civilization there is but one institution which gives to the world the only justification for its existence and which has as its divine commission the only panacea for the world's ills and the only solution for the world's problems. It is the beacon light—the church. It holds high the cross of Christ. Even the gates of Hades cannot prevail against it.

The church today offers to youth the Bible and its plan of salvation—the most treasured possession of God's kingdom here on earth. The church offers to youth the Bible, because it is during the days of youth that men lay the foundation of their lives. If in youth the Bible and its plan of salvation is omitted, that life will be founded on the sands, susceptible to destruction at every shifting wind and tide. Surely foolish men build on the sand but the wise build on the rock—the Rock of Ages.

The other two books and their philosophies have surely influenced men, but their conclusions are made. They build on a foundation of sand and the result is evident in our police courts, our divorces and broken homes, our suicides, and the heinous sins committed in the world. Neither communism nor socialism meets the realities of human nature. Both have an emotional dryness, a dogmatic thinness. They deal in dry bones of economic man, but man craves the flesh and blood of artistic and religious man. The Bible is the only answer to man's inmost desires and cravings.

The world's greatest need to day is the Bible. We do not need more money, nor more education. America to-

day has more education, its people have better homes, better cars, more luxuries, more leisure time, and better positions than ever before in its history. Yet America is in a worse mess today than ever before. The Bible alone will give us the fear of God. Only a better knowledge of that Book will enable youth in the future to avoid the mistakes and pitfalls that America has fallen into today.

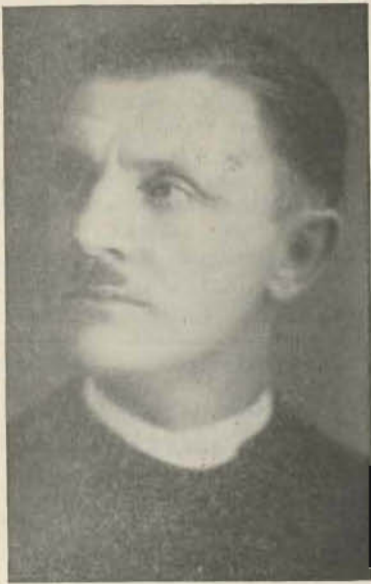
What attraction can the Bible hold for youth?

It answers the truly important questions of life. It answers that age old question, "Is there life after death?" It gives an encouraging and heartening reply to this query. The Bible offers a sanctified and glorified life in heaven above. What other philosophy offers this? The Origin of Species, and Das Kapital, the two most important books ever written, next to the Bible, instead of giving peace of mind and soul rather arouse in man a spirit of violence and uprising. These are man made philosophies, but the Bible speaks the will of God.

The Bible shows the way to the heart of God. It lifts man out of the land of the shadow of death and places him on the plain of faith, redemption, hope, and happy living. Coleridge says, "I know that the Bible is the word of God because it finds me in the deep places of my being. The truth of this statement is attested by the experiences of millions of the noblest men and women that ever lived."

It sets before the old the model of successful living. Jesus said, "I am among you as he that serveth." He that would be greatest in the eyes of God must first become the humblest. Pride, vanity, selfishness, must be made captive and man must become as a little child. If only the world today could learn that lesson.

The church makes a special plea to the youth of the Lutheran faith of read and study the Bible. We, who constitute the youth of today are to be the leaders in a very short time. Today the Lutheran Church is known as the church of the open Bible. It would be sheer folly to say that the laity of our church are ardent Bible readers. It would not be honest. Doctrinally the Lutheran church is the Bible church. Her membership is among the best instructed in protestantism. Her catechetical system has built a unity and a solidarity that others can't approach. Her conservatism has spared her the collapse from modern rationalism. While this is true, we are not, in a sense, the Bible church. The laity is not at home in the Bible. Although the Bible is the best seller, it is also in proportion to its circulation the world's most neglected and least read book. If the Lutheran church is to remain the church of the open Bible, youth must become acquainted with the Word of God. The church is doomed if church members cease to search the Scriptures. Our church will remain Lutheran as long as the laity knows the Bible. In other words, the future of the Lutheran church depends on us to whether or not the youth of today becomes acquainted with the Word of God. If there is any call to which the youth of today should give earnest heed, it is the call to greater Bible study.



REV. ROGER P. OLIVER

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR IN SEATTLE

Rev. Roger P. Oliver, who arrived in Seattle Oct. 24 to become the pastor of the Bethany Lutheran Church, was installed as pastor of the congregation last Thursday evening in the presence of a good number of the members and the five pastors of Seattle. Rev. N. Wm. Anderson, president of the conference, gave the address and directed the ceremony.

A reception of welcome was held the day following the pastor's arrival in

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Ladies Aid, 3rd Thurs. 2:00 p. m.
Choir every Tuesday 8:00 p. m.
Girls' Club, 3rd Thurs. 8:15 p. m.
Luth. Brotherhood 3rd Monday.... 8:00

the city and was attended by nearly the entire membership. The address of greeting was given by Rev. Enoch Sandeen, vice pastor, and other greetings were given by Dr. C. R. Swanson, Rev. E. Arthur Larson, Rev. Carl A. Bengtson, Rev. Otto R. Karlstrom, and members of the civic organizations of Green Lake. Musical numbers were rendered by the choir. A gift of money was tendered the pastor by the board of trustees.

NOTICE TO USERS OF CHRISTMAS STORY

It has come to the attention of the editor that some of our churches are again using his Christmas pageant, "The Christmas Story," published four years ago by the Augustana Book Concern. It would please the author immensely if the pageant would be rendered as originally written. For some reason or other the publishers exchanged the Angels' Chorus in the shepherd scene with the doxology "Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow." Anybody would know that the doxology was not sung at that time by the angels. Substitute any "Glory to God in the Highest" for the doxology, and it will improve the story. This song should be rendered by a good church choir. There are some other substitutions in the story, but not of such great importance.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY IN TACOMA

Anniversary celebrations were held at Bethel, Tacoma, Nov. 2-4 in memory of the thirteenth day of July, 1914, when a group of sixteen persons were gathered by Rev. A. M. Green, now Superintendent of Emanuel Hospital, Portland, for the purpose of organizing a congregation. Charter members were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Hogdahl, Mr. and Mrs. Karl W. von Walter, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wm. Dahlberg, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Eric Pearson and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Berglund. Nearly all were present on the festive occasion. Nine pastors and students have served the congregation since its organization, the present pastor being Rev. E. Arthur Larson. Rev. Elmer M. Johnson, formerly student pastor in the congregation, spoke on Friday evening and Dr. John W. Unis, also former student pastor, spoke Saturday night at the Confirmation reunion. The sermon on Sunday morning was given by Rev. A. M. Green, organizer of the congregation. Beautiful music and singing was rendered by former confirmands and members of the choir. The church at present has a membership of forty souls.

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AUGUSTANA, PORTLAND, MOURNS CHARTER MEMBER

John A. Nordeen, one of the best known laymen of the conference, passed away October 20 at the Emanuel Hospital, Portland, at the age of 78 years. He was born in Sweden, May 12, 1856, and came to Portland in 1902. Previously to this time he spent several years as successful contractor in Minneapolis, Minn., and was even then prominent in the work of the church. On his arrival in Portland he immediately associated himself with the Immanuel church, but later, in 1908, helped to organize the Augustana congregation. The church building was planned and constructed by him. He is mourned by the widow and two daughters, both residing in California.

Mr. Nordeen was a faithful member of the church, always ready to stand solidly in support of the side which he considered right. His opponents always knew where to find him. Well versed as he was in churchly affairs, he was asked time after time to serve on various committees and on the conference board, a position which he held for many years. His greatest work lies, undoubtedly, in the Emanuel Hospital, Portland, an institution that will forever remain indebted to Mr. Nordeen for its success.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. A. M. Green, Superintendent of the Emanuel Hospital and personal friend of the departed.

CONFIRMATION REUNION IN EVERETT

Sixty former confirmands of the Zion Lutheran Church of Everett met Nov. 2 in the Monto Christo hotel, Everett, to remind themselves of the vows they once gave to the church. The oldest members present were Olivia Swanson Sears and Emely Jedin Swanson, both members of the class of 1903. Greetings were received from Rev. M. L. Swanson of Detroit, Mich., former pastor of the church, and from Lucille and Elsie Johnson of San Francisco and Viola Swanson Anderson of Virginia, Minnesota. A total of 275 have been confirmed in the congregation since its organization 32 years ago. Guests of the evening included Rev. and Mrs. Enoch Sandeen and Student Lawrence Holt of Seattle. Mr. Holt was the speaker.

Musical numbers were rendered by Mrs. John Billdt, Carl Norberg, Einar Buckman and Ruth Norberg, the latter being home on furlough from Washington, D. C., where she is engaged in government work. Mae Carlsson offered a reading, and Margaret Ous read the class history of the class 1932, the largest in the history of the church.

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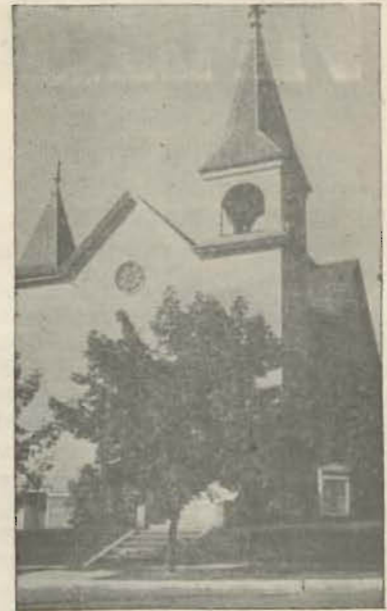
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PRESENT CHURCH BUILDING

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The First Lutheran Church of Moscow, Idaho, last month began its fifty-fifth year in the service of God. Proper celebrations marking the event were scheduled to take place just prior to the departure of Rev. Roger P. Oliver, pastor of the church, for Seattle, where he had accepted the call to the Bethany Lutheran Church after five years of faithful labor in the congregation.

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Ladies Aid, 1st Wed. at .. 2:00 p. m.
Luth. L. 1st & 3rd Thurs.....5:00 p. m.
S. S. teachers 2nd and 4th
Tuesday 7:45 p. m.
W M S quarterly 2nd Thurs. 2:00 p. m.
Zurich Third Friday 8:00 p. m.
J. M. B., 2nd Saturday at.....1:00 p. m.
Brotherhood 1st Friday..... 8:00 p. m.
Choir Thursday evenings.....7:30 p. m.

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The congregation was organized in October 1884 by Rev. Peter Carlson, one of the first missionaries on the coast and organizer of several congregations.

Thirteen men and women wrote their names into the membership rolls at the first meeting. The membership to day is 238. Of the first members four are still active, namely Mr. and Mrs. Olof Olson, Mrs. Gustav Johnson and Mr. John Ramstedt.

Eight pastors have served the congregation, namely: Peter Carlson, C. A. Ramstedt, P. J. Berkman, N. J. W. Nelson, George Johnson, John Oslund, A. André, and Roger P. Oliver. Rev. Arden of Granville, Ill., has been called as Rev. Oliver's successor.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

A special Luther League Rally for the leagues comprising Tacoma, Auburn and Seattle was held Nov. 11 at Auburn under the auspices of the local league. The meeting was addressed in the afternoon and evening by Rev. Wm. Siegel of Spokane, who spoke on "The Christ of the Bible" and "The Life of the Bible." Musical numbers were presented by members of the various leagues, Bethany and Gethsemane of Seattle and First, Tacoma, being represented in the afternoon and Bethel and Emmanus of Seattle and Bethel of Tacoma in the evening. Talks were given by Arthur Linn of First, Tacoma, and Roland Swanson of Gethsemane, Seattle. Both talks were well worth printing, but owing to limited space we print only the last mentioned in this issue. The attendance at both meetings exceeded all expectations and the feeling prevailed that such rallies ought to be repeated in the near future.

Mission meetings were held Nov. 18-20 by the Tacoma District in Auburn and Tacoma. The meetings began on Sunday evening and continued over Monday and Tuesday. The subject discussed was "I believe in God." Edifying sermons and discussions helped to make this meeting one of the most important during the year. Holy Communion concluded the program on Wednesday night.

The First, Tacoma, Luther League is sponsoring an annual Lutefisk dinner, Friday, Dec. 14, in the church parlors. Margaret Hogdahl is chairman. A series of talks by the leaguers has characterized the meetings of the league during the fall. "Religions of South Asia," "Christian Art" and "Recreations" are some of the subjects discussed. Confirmation reunion was held Nov. 23, Mrs. Lloyd Johnson, chairman.

The Luther Day Festival, held Oct. 28 in Seattle under the auspices of the Lutheran Ministerial Association of that city, was a huge success, the large Masonic Temple being filled to capacity with eager participants. The newly organized All-Lutheran Choir sang for the first time, and to judge by the response the Seattle Lutherans have at last started on a successful undertaking along musical lines. Reports from Portland and Tacoma also indicate record breaking celebrations in these cities.

Ernest Anderson of Bethany, Seattle, appeared in song recital recently at Women's Little Century Theatre, Seattle. Mr. Anderson has been a student under Bernard Bronson and ranks as one of the finest soloists in our churches in Seattle.

Stanley Thorson, member of the Bethel church, Seattle, and treasurer of the Tacoma-Mount Baker District Lutheran League, has been ordered on six months tour of the Orient by the American Mail steamship company in whose service he is engaged. He left Seattle last Saturday on the President Jefferson.

Mrs. Conrad Hoyer, wife of the student pastor of the First church of Tacoma, has returned from the hospital, where she was operated on for appendicitis. She is doing well. Two cases of the same illness has occurred in Bethel, Seattle, Alida Swanson and Dorothy Abramson being the sufferers. Both are rapidly improving.

The treasurer of the Tacoma district of the Missionary Society has drawn our attention to the absence of the Bethel organization in the treasurer's report in the minutes of the Columbia Conference for 1933. The reason for the absence is not to be found in any inactivity on the part of Bethel but rather in the sleepy attitude of the printer of the minutes, as the report was found in the manuscript. The sum reported was \$61.50.

The church building at Skomakowa, Wash., was one of the many buildings destroyed on the coast during the hurricane recently. The congregation numbers nine members.

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