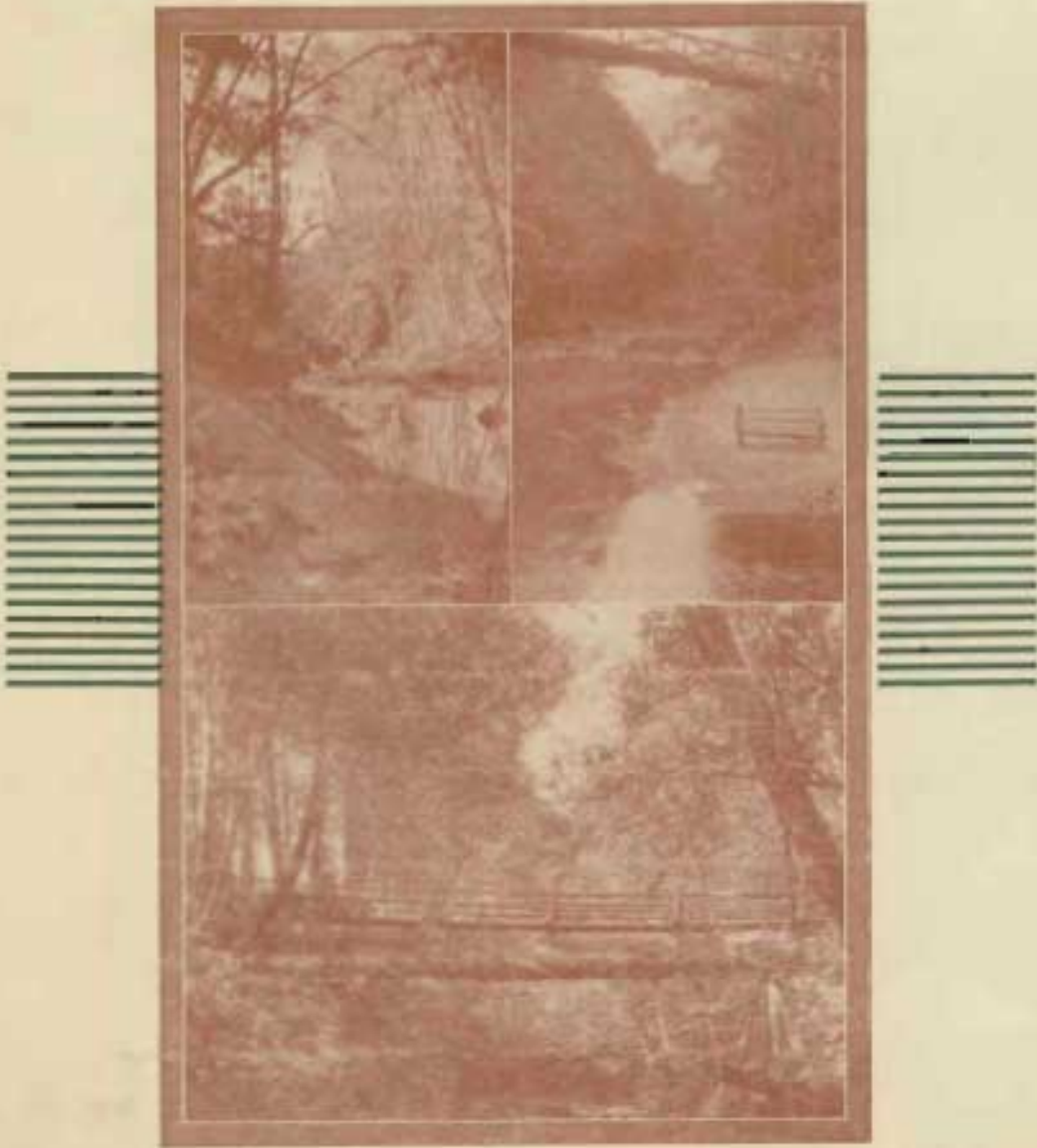


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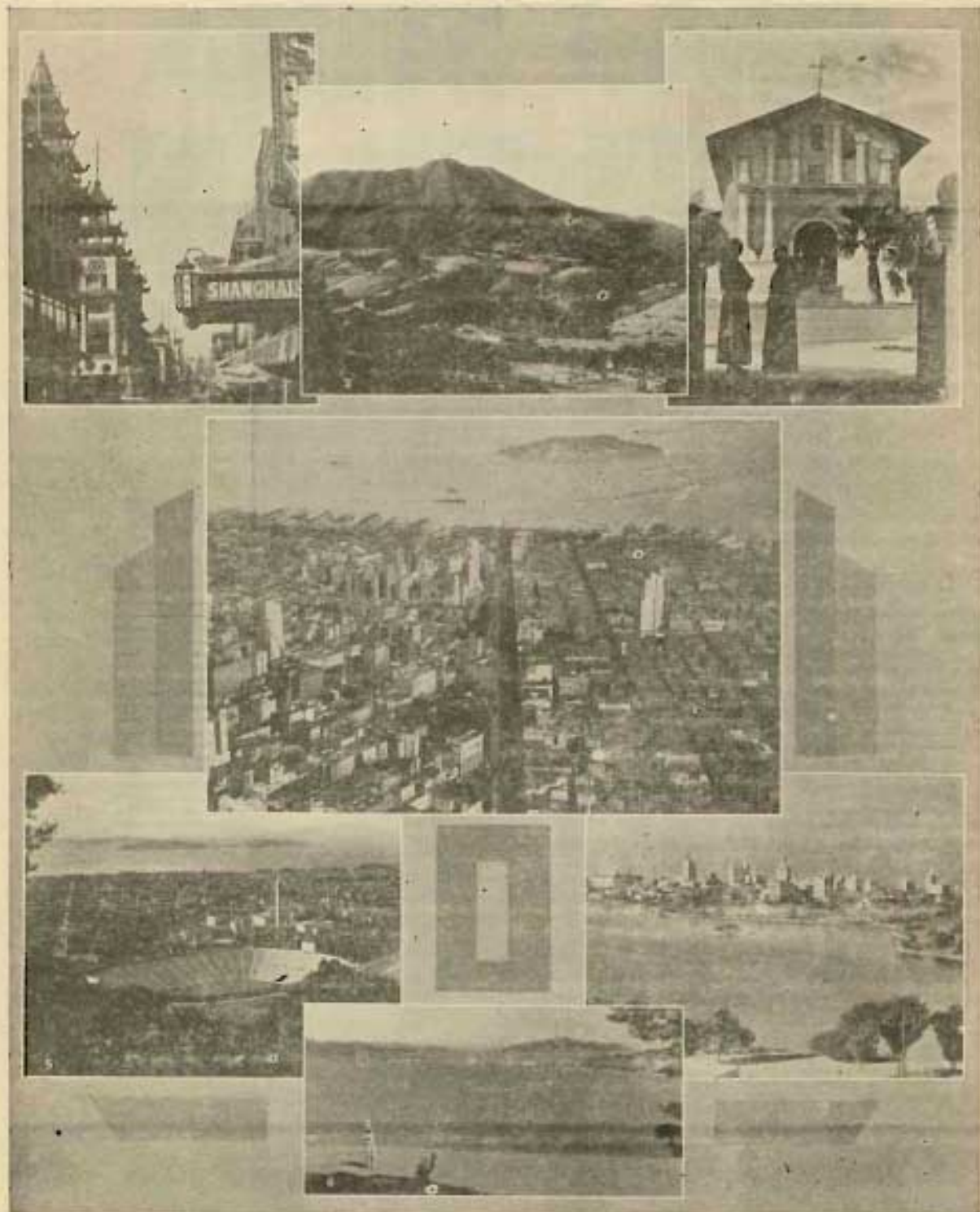


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Editorially

If God lets his sun shine in all its splendor; if he brings beautiful flowers into abundant bloom; if he makes the trees green, the grass soft, the birds to sing merry melodies, the lakes and rivers warm and the skies blue and sunny—in one sentence; if he makes the season thrill to the odor of summer—is that any reason why you should withdraw from God? Should his rich summer verdure and outdoor splendors make him less attractive? You say no! And yet you take your children out of Sunday School as soon as summer comes, and at a time when there is no school and when the children have a whole week of free time. You say to your singers in the choir: "No need of singing to God in the summer." You load your car full with friends Sunday morning and get all tired out before night, and you tell them: "We do not worship God in the summer." You are so consistent when it comes to the things of the world that one must marvel. But when

it comes to God, you are so obstinately inconsistent that one must wonder whether you even know that there is a God.

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We are presenting on this page a few scenes from California. They represent places of interest along the vacation trip recently enjoyed by the editor and his son, Orville. Most outstanding among the places visited was the Salem Home for the Aged at Oakland, organized and guided by Dr. C. O. Lundquist, our beloved and devoted church and civic leader in San Francisco. The home is built entirely along the most modern lines and is indeed a monument to the people of the bay district. The undertaking is sponsored by a local organization, The Salem Home Association, and is not connected with the conference, although it is a strictly Lutheran undertaking.

The picture on the cover gives a glimpse of the Mount Hermon Bible Grounds where the California Luther Leaguers hold their Bible Institute each summer. After having seen this camp we are more than ever convinced that the best Bible Institute is the one that takes rest and recreation into consideration—i. e. which selects a place far enough away from the noise and hurry of life to give the participants an opportunity for natural beauty and spiritual inspiration combined; a place where there is intimacy and friendliness and where young people can meet and really get acquainted instead of being just so many lost individuals in a milling, noisy crowd, just out of the nearby city for the

occasion. The latter always leads to the cumbersome Chautauqua, which is another thing.

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Don't read this. That is, if you own the C. L. any money. If you do, you will have a bad conscience.

The C. L. is doing its best to serve the conference without cost to the conference treasury. Our only income is from subscriptions and a few ads. If all subscriptions were paid up, we could keep up a good work. One friend has paid until 1940 and another until 1928. They are the extremes. We like the former the best. In between there are many who could make us happy these days. . . .

Do you remember when the congregations lifted special offerings for the C. L. and when the Luther Leagues contributed a large sum for its upkeep? When the editor was paid \$120 a year for about half the work spent on the paper now? Do you remember when the conference voted to make it the official organ of the conference? Those were the days! Now all we ask is NEWS. Without them the publication cannot serve its purpose. If the C. L. were used properly there were no need of special parish papers and other expensive local publications. If there are no news from schools, hospitals and other institutions, it is because no news have been sent. The C. L. is the best informer if permitted to inform. There is no need of striving in joint efforts to get less publicity at a great cost. The solution of the problem is not to burn the house but rather to improve on what you have.



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COLUMBIA CONFERENCE IN PERSPECTIVE

(Address by Rev. J. A. Edlund at the Columbia Conference meeting, Hoquiam, Wash., May 2, 1935)

Fellow-coworkers in the service of the Master, the Rock of Ages, on which his Church is founded,

The Augustana Synod, of which the Columbia Conference is a part, celebrates this year the founding of its school, Augustana College and Theological Seminary, in April, 1800, and the Augustana Synod in June the same year. This prompts us to stand at attention and unfurl our Conference banner in salute to our mother Church in the United States of ours and Canada.

One hundred years ago there was not even a hand full of Swedish born people in this country, but between the years 1800-1835 were born and reared the men and women in Sweden and Norway that were destined to become the vanguard of emigrants that would, in due season, settle in this country, especially in the Upper Mississippi Valley, Chicago being the gateway through which these thousands went forth in all directions of the compass.

A number of these became the charter members of the congregations which in due season became the Augustana Synod. Looking back upon these two countries in the Scandinavian Peninsula the state of affairs were anything but ideal during the first 35 years of the last century.

Take Sweden for instance: Education was at low ebb. In 1815 there were 1,200 parishes without permanent schools. Public morals were bad, even among the clergy. The sermons were anything but edifying. There were distilleries on nearly every farm, drinking and carousing was the program for each day. The frigid ways of infidelity was still in vogue among high and low—from the throne to the cottage.

In 1815 Napoleon lost his last bloody battle at Waterloo. The horrors of this war was felt all over Europe, and Sweden-Norway were not exempt. One of Napoleon's brilliant generals became the king of Sweden-Norway under the

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The executive board of the Columbia Conference W. M. S. met June 26 at the Y. W. C. A.

Mrs. Martin, the president, urged that as far as possible every W. M. S. carry out the recommendations adopted at our last Conference meeting.

The fund known as "Anna Olson for a Day" was changed to "The Columbia Conf. Missionary Nurse." Every society is reminded of its obligation to the Vancouver Home for Girls and to the work among Jews in Greater New York.

name of Charles XIV in 1818 and he took up the reigns of government with a firm hand for the salvation of the land. He was a noble man with a good character. He considered it unmanly to drink and gamble. Though not a Christian at heart, he had reverence for sacred things. The year after he ascended the throne he was called upon to sanction the new Hymnbook, which he did. The compiler of this hymnal was the matchless hymn-writer Johan Olof Wallin. This hymnal, as we know, is still in use in Sweden and at the Swedish services in our synod. The melodies arranged by

Haeffler were gripping and these hymns seem to have touched the Swedish people more than anything else and brought a longing for peace to souls walking in spiritual darkness. Things began to look brighter. Not all the people in Sweden were spiritually dead and not all its pastors had fallen asleep in the pulpits. Early in 1825 a remarkable man, Henrik Schartau, worked among the people. He was dean of the cathedral church at Lund and was gladly listened to by all. His sermons were published and read in large circles, especially in Southern and Western Sweden. (Cont.)

LUTHER LEAGUE



SHANGHAI

By Stanley Thorson

Cont. from June issue.

The following is a resume of industrial and commercial Shanghai as we saw it.

The enormous industrial importance of Shanghai moves more slowly than news of bandit outrages and stories of floods and famines.

In addition to being the "Paris of the Orient," the exchange of raw Chinese products for goods from America and Europe has made Shanghai the greatest port city of the Far East. Shanghai is also known as a manufacturing city. It has 1630 Chinese factories. The diversification of products is noticeable, from cotton yarn, cotton cloth, raw and woven silk mills, to machine shops, railway plants, cement and many other lines.

While we were in Shanghai we witnessed the testing of a new street traffic invention—Mechanical Robots. It takes sophisticated Shanghai to make actual use of these "robots." The traffic along Shanghai's Bund rivals New York's Broadway and London's Piccadilly Circus, according to an English policeman stationed at the Bund. Over 1500 automobiles, motor cars and trucks and over 5000 rickshaws cross this intersection in a single rush hour.

The automobile is still the mode of travel used by the upper class in Shanghai, but the Chinese peasants use bicycles almost exclusively. In Shanghai there are 10,000 licensed bicycles.

The modern radio broadcasting is slowly but surely killing Oriental music. One night in Shanghai we passed a Chinese band presenting a concert in the street. As we listened to this concert it was evident that Chinese

ENOUGH!

Enough! To labor and to know
I'm serving Him;
If on the mountain-top—or deep
In valleys dim;
A yielded vessel for His use—
To stand or go as He shall choose—
His all the praise.

Enough reward! When at the close
Of earthly day
I shall behold Him face to face,
And hear Him say:
"Thou hast been faithful in the least—
Come, join the ransomed at My feast
And dwell with Me.

Enough through all eternity;
To sing His praise
For love unbounded, full and free,
And matchless grace:
Though glitt'ring crown be mine to wear
Within a mansion great and fair—
Christ is enough!

—Elna (Danielson) Eriksen

music is intimately associated with the customs and habits of the people.

Improvements in ventilation and sanitation were noticeable in the construction of new buildings. Homes are better built, narrow alleyways are being done away with in Chinese cities. We could readily see that Western design is slowly creeping into Oriental architecture.

As we journeyed from Shanghai to Hongkong on the Yangtze River we could see big river-sampans and small native steamers clustered in quiet ponds waiting favorable water conditions. Towering mountains jumbled together in a geographic hodge-podge thru which runs the mighty Yangtze river. This river has been known to rise or fall as much as a 100 feet in a day and a night.

CONFERENCE LUTHER LEAGUE TO MEET IN PORTLAND

"God's Word and the Luther League" is the subject for the annual convention of the Columbia Conference Luther League, held at Augustana, Portland, August 31 to Sept. 2. The convention promises to get off to a good start on Saturday evening when a banquet will be held in the large banquet hall of the Neighbors of Woodcraft Building. The speaker chosen for this occasion is Dr. J. F. Pfeizer of the Pacific Lutheran College at Parkland. Sunday morning two services will be held in order to accommodate the crowd. At 9:30 Rev. Roger P. Oliver, Seattle, gives the communion address, after which the delegates join in Holy Supper. At 11 Rev. Reuben Norling, new pastor of Moscow, Idaho, speaks. Three papers will be read by young people at the afternoon rally at 3 o'clock, "Hindrances to reading the Word of God," "Help in reading the Word," and "Benefits from reading the Word." The annual Labor Day outing will be held in the Luther League Park in Colton.

COLTON INSTITUTE A SUCCESS

In a letter to the editor Rev. Paul V. Randolph of Portland writes concerning the Bible Institute just concluded in Colton:

"The Institute came to a wonderful climax on Sunday with over one thousand people present. The services were all held out-of-doors under the towering, majestic fir trees. Not soon will we forget the spirit-filled messages God gave us thru pastors Lorenson and Westwig. It is our hope and prayer that every Luther League and congregation represented at the camp will be richer spiritually because of the activities at Colton. The total registration was 229. Of this number 126 came from the Augustana synod.

LUTHERAN MEN ORGANIZE

The Lutheran conscience is troubled. Everybody feels that all synods ought to work together and that our people ought to meet in great, joint labors for Christ. The habits, however, of centuries of nationalistic separation cannot be bridged in a year or two.

One such meeting has been held in Oregon last month. On July 13, 14 Lutherans from Oregon and Washington met in Salem and Silverton to promote Lutheran co-operation. Representatives came from every synod excepting one. The business session began at 10:00 a. m. in American Luth. Church at Salem.

Matters of common interest were discussed and a permanent organization effected to be known as "The Lutheran Men's Alliance of the Pacific Northwest." Officers elected are: President, Ralph Laedke, Vancouver; Vice President, Theo. G. Nelson, Salem; Sec.-Treas., Adolph Benson, Portland, with Geo. C. Henrikson, Sigmund Holden, G. A. Krause, Alf O. Nelson, and H. Henningsen as additional members of the executive committee. A banquet was served at 6:30 p. m.

BETHANY, SEATTLE

Visitors have been a matter of the day at Bethany this summer. Last Sunday the congregation had the pleasure of listening to Dr. C. A. Wendell of Minneapolis, and next Sunday Rev. O. B. Hanson, former pastor of Bethany, will preach. Dr. Wendell, who is teaching at the Spokane district Bible camp this week, has a special corner set aside for the beauty of the Puget Sound country and took the occasion to visit the coast while in the inland empire. Rev. Hanson arrived Friday last week with his wife and daughter to spend two weeks among friends and former members. The weekday religious instruction just concluded at Bethany saw sixty-one children enrolled. Creative things were a part of the instruction, such as basket weaving, manual training, Bible study, and spiritually directed recreation. Final program and exhibit of handwork was held Monday, Aug. 5, and certificates of attendance and prizes were distributed.

REV. GREEN HONORED

At the commencement of the Augustana College and Theological Seminary of Rock Island, Ill., last spring Rev. A. M. Green of Portland, Ore., was accorded the honorary title of Doctor of Divinity in recognition of his splendid record as superintendent of the Emanuel Hospital for the last eighteen years. On his return to Portland, Dr. Green was the object of several dinners and receptions, the most important being held at the Augustana church July 12 when church



REV. A. M. GREEN

and civic leaders of the city met to pay Dr. Green their homage. Greetings were given on behalf of the County Medical Association, the City Commissioners, the Hospital Board of Trustees, the County Commissioners, the Hospital Medical staff, and the Augustana church, where Dr. Green has been a faithful member and vice pastor since his coming to Portland.

Few persons have made themselves more worthy of this honor than Dr. Green. His work demands courage, patience, common sense and lot of knowledge. Besides these qualities, Dr. Green combines an enviable lot of good natured disposition and true humility, which is captivating and admirable. All thru his career, Dr. Green has won

WEDDING BELLS

Tuesday evening, July 2, Mr. Harold A. Wey and Miss Lillian M. Rudeen of the Augustana church, Portland, Ore., were united in holy wedlock. The ceremony was performed in the church in the presence of many friends.

The same week the church was again crowded for another beautiful wedding, when Mr. Roy Lindberg and Miss Hilma Lindwall exchanged vows before the altar.

In glancing thru a Spokane paper the other day we came across some interesting news—although old by this time. How we do wish that somebody in Salem, Spokane, would have reported to the C. L. the wedding June 8 of Miss Elsa H. Berggren, daughter of Mr. K. G. Berggren, to Mr. W. G. Lundstrom of Moscow. The bridegroom is a graduate of the University of Idaho and is engaged as engineer by the Jumbo mine near Graingerville.

Last Saturday evening Miss Ann Ingeborg Anderson of Bethany, Seattle, became the bride of Mr. Ivar Hamre of the Bullard First Lutheran. The ceremony took place in the church, which was beautifully decorated for the purpose. The bride, who is outstanding in the work at Bethany, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Anderson.

the devotion of young and old, and it can be truly said concerning him that today he has a whole conference of true friends at his side.

Dr. Green was graduated from the Gustavus Adolphus College and the Augustana Theological Seminary, and ordained in Denver 1906. He served the congregations of Orange, Mass., Immanuel, Tacoma, and Bethel, Seattle, before he was called to superintend the hospital in 1917. He has been president for the Oregon Hospital Association for years. The C. L. readers will also be interested to know that he was editor and publisher of this paper for some time. The C. L. is happy to join a host of friends in congratulations and well wishes.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Sad news have come from Spokane telling of an accident in which the youngest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. N. Wm. Anderson was severely burned while playing with an electric cord, which she placed in her mouth.

Dr. H. E. Sandstedt, former pastor of the Augustana church, Portland, was a welcome visitor to his former church on July 21.

Mrs. Charlotte Anderson of Gethsemane, Seattle, passed away recently at the age of 85 years. The funeral was held from the church, Johnson and Sons in charge. The departed was born in Sweden and has lived in Seattle since 1868. She is survived by two daughters, Adolphia and Ethel Anderson.

Carl Froude of Augustana, Portland, was graduated recently from the Benson Poly Tech. Milan von Lany of Bethel, Seattle, was graduated this spring from the Washington University.

A good sized General Electric refrigerator was presented recently to Rev. and Mrs. N. Wm. Anderson of Salem, Spokane, by the congregation in recognition of close to nine years of devoted and faithful service in the church. The Ladies' Aid and the Adolphia societies have installed a modern combination range in the parsonage, and many other tokens of love and consideration have been shown the pastor and his family during the last few weeks.

A reception was held August 7 in the Bethel church, Seattle, in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Albert Loreen, Miss Merida and Mr. Albert Loreen. Rev. Loreen, former pastor of Bethel, spoke briefly in behalf of himself and family. The program committee was headed by Mrs. Ralph Ostrom and the reception committee by Mrs. A. Bergstrom.

A Birthday party was held two weeks ago at Bethany, Seattle, in honor of Rev. Roger P. Oliver, who on that occasion stepped one pin higher on the stepladder of life. A goodly number of members and other friends had gathered to express their felicitations on the happy occasion.

An unusually fine musical treat was given last week at Waterman, Wash., as a conclusion to the weekday religious instruction held for three weeks at the Klum church by the pastor. Violin duets were rendered by Mr. Milan v. Lany and Miss Ruth Hogberg of the University of Washington, solos by Mrs. Enoch Sandeen, and several anthems by the choir. Mrs. Adolph Forsmark, director. A social hour followed in the church park, which had been nicely decorated with Japanese lanterns.

Milan v. Lany, member of the Bethel church, Seattle, and graduate student of the University of Washington, had the misfortune two weeks ago of losing his violin while parking his car one evening. The loss is so much greater to Mr. Lany, as the violin was acquired during his studies at the Leipzig conservatory, Germany.

A private communion set was presented recently by the Board of Administration of the Augustana church, Portland, to its pastor, the Rev. Paul V. Randolph.

Mr. Oscar Anderson of Augustana, Portland, passed away July 4. The funeral took place July 6.

The Portland District Lather League convention will be held at Immanuel, Portland, August 17 and 18. We are sorry that no one has thought of reporting this important event to the Columbia Lutheran. Such conventions ought to be important enough to be

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