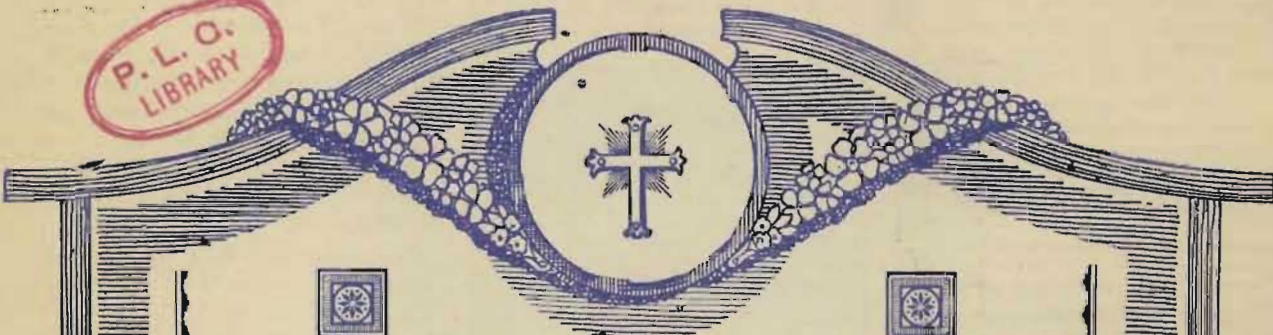


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My Life's Purpose

The reason why there are so many life failures is that men do not go to the right source to find out what they ought to do. It is vastly important that we get the proper kind of advice. The Lord is the Supreme Counsellor. Ask Him directly, sincerely, earnestly how life may best be employed, to what ends and purposes its energies may be invested.

It is a question for everybody, old and young. Even though only a few months of opportunity remain, much good may be accomplished through a renewed and devoted spirit. But, emphatically, here is youth's question—What shall I do with my life?

There is only one wise and adequate answer: I give my life to my Lord, to be used as He shall direct.

I give my body to my Lord. I shall take care of it, striving to keep it clean and strong and efficient, so that my physical resources and equipment shall contribute to noble service, to the advancement of the kingdom of God. I shall try to keep in the best possible shape for duty, to be one of God's athletes.

I give my mind to my Lord. I shall therefore, as best I can, guard my intellectual interest. I shall make Jesus Christ the center of my thinking, relating everything to Him, and judging by his standards. I shall endeavor to maintain mental cleanliness and wholesomeness, and to give my mind every possible opportunity for development. I shall spend a good deal of time thinking how best I may serve my Lord, planning how I can do most effectively the work He has entrusted to me.

And my spirit, the very essence of my immortal self, I give to my Lord. I want to be attuned to his spirit, my life united to his life, soaring more and more richly in his inexhaustible treasures.

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Editorially



THIS issue of the Columbia Lutheran is dedicated to that fine organization, The Col. Conference Luther League. We would like very much to use more material pertaining to the young people. The Columbia Lutheran will always be ready to serve the interest of the leaguers. Write your articles, young folks, and find out what we will do with them.

A cordial thank you to all the friends who have responded to our last issue. Some have sent subscriptions. Some have handed bouquets. It makes the work easier. Several have written and asked why they did not receive their copy. The answer is: you had not paid your subscription.

Two questions have come to us, and we hasten to answer them. One states: What do you mean by your statement a while ago that the new financial system of the conference will go into effect next year? What system do you refer to?

Answer: The percentage system adopted at the last conference meeting. In order to make the matter clear we have asked Rev. C. Arthur Johnson, sponsor of the system, to write an explanatory article for the next issue of the C. L. It would be well for all the congregations to secure extra copies of the next issue as it will deal with the questions of congregational finance, and the every member canvass.

The second question reads:

Is it true that the conference has

forbidden the Compass Mission in Seattle to present its cause in the congregations?

Answer: The conference decided a few years ago that outside solicitors must secure the permit of the conference president before they may ask for



REV. PAUL V. RANDOLPH
Augustana Church, Portland

contributions within the conference. This was suggested as a safeguard against unscrupulous adventurers who seem to thrive on the good will of Christian people. At the last annual meeting the conference decided that the rule remains in force but that this rule does not apply to the Compass Mission.

That was a nice way the liquor interests had about them when they wanted to drown the country in drinks. Every soak in the country had seen enough of the old saloon. Never again! Good (?) church members sighed sanctimoniously and voted yea and amen to the proposition, some of them saying: "Better let the young people have it openly; they carry it in the pocket anyway." Now the same dear souls admit that it wasn't the young

people who were always drunk. The fact is that most of them do not know that anyone was drunk before the repeal. Now they know plenty. We cannot but wonder if there could be such a thing as the older generation not having forgotten its old spew and that it wanted its "liberties" back again. At any rate we notice that when the United States fleet was in the Puget Sound a while ago, the admiral had to demand a cleanup in the nearby cities, as there were too many land-hubbers ready to put the sailors on the wiggly way.

No saloons? Of course not. They are social niceties where men, women and little children sit together in the finest of spirit. But we notice that when they return later in the evening, their pedal extremes are as wobbly as on any drunk anno 1917.

We surmise that some people have been mighty well fooled. And we wonder if it can be true that the majority of the voters three years ago were a little "tetched."

Dr. Theodore Graebner, professor in the Concordia Seminary of the Missouri synod, has written a new book, which explains much. In it we are told plenty reasons why the Missourians are so loathe to accept the company of other Lutheran brethren. We in the Augustana synod have been guilty of accepting the words of prophecy too literally. We seem to believe that the words "The first resurrection" and "A thousand years" (of Christ's future reign on earth) really mean a resurrection and a reign. We have also dared to work together with other Lutheran bodies and occasionally send a greeting to some other church group. We are even too friendly with our mother church, the church of Sweden.

If the leaders in the Missouri synod are too much affected by hairsplitting, we do not wonder why one of its pastors recently called off an exchange of Luther League meetings with one of our leagues.

According to the book, we ought to feel happy that there is such an organization as the Missourian church in the world who will keep us in the safe and narrow way—especially the narrow.

lowers established a communistic colony in Henry county, Ill., in the year 1846. Four years later there were nearly a thousand of his followers at said place, but his course was soon run for he was assassinated in 1850. Their headquarters was at Bishop Hill, where the descendants of this false prophet are still living. The Swedish Methodists did all in their power to encourage the emigrants to join hands with them in organizing M. E. congregations in this new land instead of Lutheran.

To aid the Methodists in capturing the Swedish newcomers they bought an old ship, which lay at anchor in New York harbor, equipped as a chapman's heard in their parish churches in the forenoon. In Stockholm, later on, a Methodist lay-preacher by the name of Scott, who had learned Swedish, came from England, and made quite a stir. Baptists came into Dalarna and other provinces and disturbed the people by disbelief in infant baptism. Their mission was to turn people against the state-church and its articles of faith. Here and there in Sweden people began to withdraw from the services of the church and met in smaller and larger groups to show their disapproval of the state church. Some went so far as to burn up their didactic books at public gatherings, as was the case with Eric Janson and his followers in Hälsingland and nearby provinces. For this they were prosecuted by the state. This they repeated time and again and their leader was in jail more than once. Finally he was able to sneak out of the country and came over to U. S. and with his enthusiastic fol-

CONFERENCE HISTORY

By Rev. J. A. Edlund
(Cont. from last issue)

Pastors like L. Sellergren and Per Nyman in Småland, Hoov in Västergötland, shortly after the death of Schartan, preached so gloriously that people came several Swedish miles to hear them. In Northern Sweden people had, at this time, the habit of coming together in smaller or larger groups on Sunday afternoons to read the works of Luther, Norborg and other good books as dessert to the dry ser-



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"

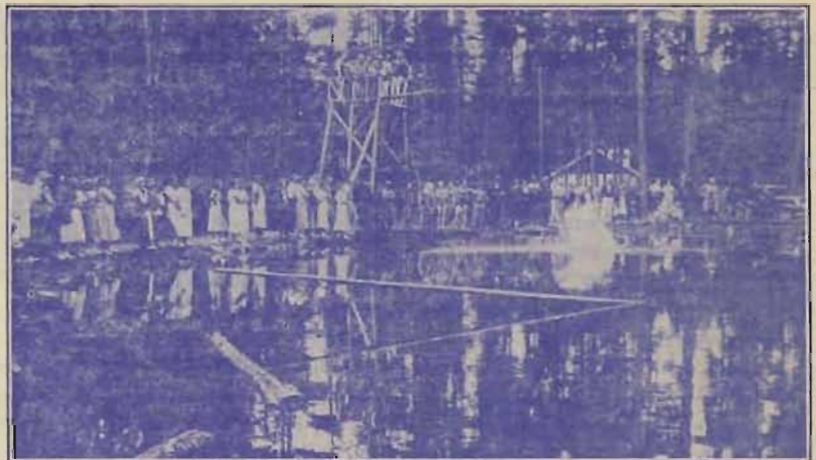
The Portland District Women's Missionary Society held their Fall rally in connection with the Bible Institute at Colton, Ore., on July 26, instead of waiting until later in the year. This proved to be a wise change as many who were attending the Institute from other synods joined with us and helped to make this a very successful outdoor gathering.

Mrs. A. V. Anderson, president of the Portland District, was in charge and did much to make the meeting inspiring. Musical numbers were furnished by a group of girls, after which Mrs. Edwins who had just returned

from China, gave a very challenging and interesting message regarding the work on our field. She closed with a plea for our prayers that the work may go on and laborers sent to work in the vineyard.

The Y. W. M. S. of the Augustana Church, Portland, held a picnic supper at the home of Mrs. Long on August 9. The Y. W. M. S. of the Immanuel Church were guests. A large number were present from both organizations and a very enjoyable evening was spent in games and visiting around the outdoor fireplace.

Esther Eckberg.



SWIMMING POOL IN COLTON

el, where they gathered our people in large numbers, when they landed, and told them that the real, living Lutherans were the Methodists. And, mind you, this bore fruit in a greater degree than we are willing to admit and made it a difficult task for those who first came out here to gather our people into Lutheran congregations. For instance; When the Swedish Lutheran congregation in Moline, Ill., was

organized in 1850, it was stipulated, that no one could become a member unless he or she was a living Christian. The Baptists and Methodists laid such stress on a living church, but they were not aware, that it was a sin to sail under a false flag and say the most unkind things about their fellow men and their church in the country they had just left.

(To be continued)

LUTHER LEAGUE



Special Convention Number

THE COLUMBIA CONFERENCE LUTHER LEAGUE

By Edith M. Winkler

The Columbia Conference Luther League in recent years has become an important factor in the work of the Luther leaguers in our conference. Their Labor Day convention is one that is looked forward to months in advance. Such a gathering of Christian young people as has met the last few years would be an inspiration to anyone. The spiritual part of the program is well handled by the leaguers and much interest is taken in it. Also the social part comes in for its share of good Luther league fellowship.

The convention will be held in Portland this year with Augustana Luther League acting the part of the hosts and from all indications it is to be the biggest one yet. Augustana is certainly doing its part to make this convention successful.

The present officers of our conference are: Edith Olson Winkler, President; Marcus Renhard, Vice Pres.; Georgia Johnson, Secretary; Virgil Sutherland, Treasurer; Eleanor Anderson, Statistician.

According to the statistical report for the conference there are thirty-three leagues in all. There are 1488 members. Out of that membership twenty are deacons, twenty-three are trustees, thirty-four organists. Two hundred thirty-one Sunday school teachers, four hundred and two choir members, five are studying for the ministry, one hundred eleven are attending a university or college.

The programs of the leagues are varied, however, all the leagues have



Edith Olson Winkler
President

undertaken Bible Study in their meetings. Some leagues have a definite purpose for which they work and others follow just a general program. All leagues contribute to their congregations and according to statistics about \$1500 is turned over a year to the congregations.

All in all we have an active group of leaguers in our conference and in years to come they will be responsible for much of the good work that will be done in our Pacific Northwest. Our Bible Institutes are now becoming well recognized by other congregations and each year their attendance is increasing, and much good has been done by

WELCOME TO AUGUSTANA

By Rev. Paul V. Randolph
With pleasure are we at Augustana anticipating the coming of many Luther Leaguers to Portland over Labor Day week-end. We are hoping and praying for a profitable and blessed convention. Certainly there will be the best of Christian fellowship and as social creatures we will want all to enjoy this to the fullest.

In this connection you are invited to consider the theme of the convention, "God's Word and the Luther Leaguer." In our social fellowship and assembly together we will be challenged to honor and exalt the Bible as the Written Word and Christ Jesus as the Living Word. We beg of you all to come, therefore, in the thought of deriving the richest of spiritual blessings offered and revealed in the Word. Then our convention will prove to be a successful one; otherwise, it will be just another convention with no real results forthcoming.

Come, therefore, expectantly and prayerfully and you will surely, by God's grace, return to your home League with spiritually enriched life and renewed inspiration for the promotion of the cause of Christ. May your stay among us prove to be a happy and pleasant one! Welcome to Augustana and to Portland! May God bless our convention to the honor and glory of Jesus only!

the leaguer by a week's stay at these wonderful Bible Camps. Surely our conference work will go forward in Christ if the same Christian spirit continues to reign that has the past few years.

LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION COMING STRONG

By Lowell F. Anderson
Augustana, Portland

The Leaguers of Portland wish to make this 1935 Convention of the Columbia Conference Luther League as enjoyable in fellowship and helpful in spiritual benefits as the pleasantly recalled conventions of recent years in Spokane, Seattle, Bellingham, and Hoquiam. Augustana wishes to welcome many of the leaguers who have so ably greeted its members in conventions passed.

Upon reaching Portland the Leaguers who are not acquainted with the city and the location of the church will find the following directions of assistance. Those coming by car from the north through Vancouver should follow Union Avenue southward to Stanton Street which is at the twenty-nine hundred block—the church is one block west on N. E. Rodney and Stanton Street. The Presidents of the local Luther Leagues are earnestly requested to send to the housing chairman, Miss Mae Anderson, 2748 N. E. 9th Ave., Portland, at their earliest convenience the following data: names of persons coming to Portland, their means of transportation, time of arrival and whether housing is desired. This information is necessary in order that we may meet the trains and buses, in order that the banquet may be adequately set and in order that housing may be assured. Registration and housing will be made at the church until six o'clock Saturday evening and at the banquet building thereafter. The usual fee of two dollars and twenty-five cents will provide banquet, Sunday meals, Monday outing and registration as well as residence.

The annual Luther League Banquet will open the convention gates at the beautiful building of the Neighbors of Woodcraft at S. W. Morrison Street and 14th Avenue on Saturday evening August 31 at 6:45 P. M. With Professor J. F. Pflieger of Pacific Lutheran College of Parkland, Washington, speaking to our group of young people the worth of the banquet seems the more assured. The business meet-

ing follows the repast of food, thought and song.

Sunday morning at 9:30 the young peoples' communion service will be addressed by Reverend Roger P. Oliver of Bethany Lutheran Church in Seattle. The Augustana Luther League Choir prepares to sing for this service. Augustana is pleased to say that the 11:00 o'clock service Sunday morning will be conducted by Reverend Reuben Norling of Moscow, Idaho, a pastor new to our conference. Numbers will be sung at the service by the well-known male quartet of Salem Luther League in Spokane.

At 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon there will be a live Luther League Rally conducted by the Leaguers from all the districts in the Conference. The theme "God's Word and the Luther Leaguer" will be discussed. From Grace League in Spokane, Miss Evelyn Case will speak on the "Benefits from Reading the Word." "Hinderances to Reading the Word" by Miss Ruth Elmer of First Luther League in Tacoma, and "Helps to Reading the Word" by Mr. Bill Carlson of the First Luther League of Bellingham will be discussed. Program numbers include the girls' quartet of Gethsemane in Seattle and Mr. George Halvar of Emmons in Seattle in violin solo.

Reverend Harry Lundblad of Bellingham will address the inspirational service to be conducted at 7:45 Sunday evening. Again Leaguers will assist in the program with musical numbers.

Perhaps one of the most eagerly anticipated parts of the Luther League convention is the outing on Labor Day. This year Augustana is proud to be able to acquaint the Conference Leaguers with the beautiful Luther League Park where the Portland District holds its annual week of outdoor bible study. We believe that this will be an ideal spot for an outing for there is a swimming pool and most certainly a ball field to wage a kitten ball battle with challenging Augustana. The new dining hall promises an adequate and comfortable eating place. Augustana is ready to welcome you Columbia Leaguers, so come to Portland that God's gifts and His Word and the fellowship of Leaguers may add to the happiness of your living.

MISSIONS?

By Helga Anderson

From the Bible Institute at Des Moines, comes the thought; what are we, as Luther League members, doing to spread the Gospel that others may receive the gift of Salvation?

As never before the gates of China stand open to receive the Word. Are we going to turn our backs on these who are ready to accept Christ.

Then, too, there are the other foreign mission fields. In our Synod, we have consecrated young men and women who are ready to go out to the foreign field. Are we going to say no, and leave them on the waiting list?

What fruit would the united efforts of over a thousand Luther Leaguers in the Columbia Conference bear? With each Leaguer giving ten cents a month some very worthy mission could be supported.

We are the fruit of mission projects. Because others prayed for us and gave of their means, we today have the privilege of worshiping God in our churches. Let us then as Luther Leaguers be more mission minded.

SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS AT COLTON INSTITUTE

By Edna S. Peterson

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God. And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Col. 3:16,17.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Ps. 133:1.

"And he shall be like a tree planted by the streams of water, that bringeth forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also doth not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Ps. 1:3.

As I read these Bible passages, I am reminded of the beautiful cathedral not made by man but by the great Creator. The 1935 Bible Institute has passed and has become a pleasant memory to the many people, both old

and young, who had the privilege of attending it and receiving spiritual blessings therefrom.

The attendance of this year far exceeded that of any previous year. Five Lutheran churches, namely: The American Lutheran, Norwegian Lutheran, Lutheran Free Church, United Danish and the Augustana Synod, united in this Bible Institute. Much enthusiasm and interest for the Institute has been shown by these various bodies and it is hoped that it will tend to bind our Lutheran members more closely together.

A beautiful dining hall has been erected on the bank of Canyon Creek. Its rustic effect gives it a beautiful setting among the tall firs and cedars of the Luther League Park. Expressions of gratitude and thanks are due Rev. E. J. Sakrison and the people of Colton who have so generously and untriflingly worked for this cause.

Every morning at 8:45 we assembled in the Cathedral for the morning devotion led by various pastors. After this Bible Study was conducted by Dr. Carl Weswig of St. Paul, Minnesota. The lesson was the book of Amos.

The practical hour was led by various pastors and dealt with the work of the Sunday School, Luther League, the significance of Confirmation and round table discussions vital to every young person.

Rev. Albert Loren spoke during the Lecture Hour on "Facing Life With Christ." Are we ashamed of Jesus who has suffered on the cross for our sins? We cannot preserve our own Christian experience, if in the face of the world's need, we withhold the bread of life from men and eat our morsel alone.

Christ's challenge is the same today. He says, "Come with me and I will make you fishers of men, I will give you a great task that is challenging and worthwhile. Come with me and I will give you the privilege of being a Good Samaritan. Come with me and I will give you the opportunity to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Come with me and you may give the cup of cold water to the thirsty, bread to the hungry, and you may have the privilege of visiting the sick and prisoners and of fight-

ing the battles for needy humanity. Come with me and you may become great—not great because many people serve you, but great because you become a servant like your Lord."

Life is before you—two voices are calling you—one coming out from the swamps of selfishness and force, where success means death; and the other from the hilltops of justice and progress where even failure brings glory. Two lights are seen in your horizon, one the fast fading marsh light of power and the other the slowly rising sun of human brotherhood. Two roads lie open for you—one leading to an even lower plain, where are heard the cries of despair and the curses of the poor, and the other leading to the highlands of the morning where are heard the glad shouts of humanity, and where honest effort is rewarded with immortality. May our choice be prompted by the voice which calls from the hilltops—yea, from Heaven itself, where our light is the very symbol of love, and where our pathway leads to the glorious mansions above which are prepared for those who love the Lord. May it be our earnest desire and prayer to be privileged to attend a bigger and greater Bible Institute in 1936.

SILVER WEDDING



Sixty-five friends distinguished the Silver Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Anderson at the home of the honored couple, 4229 Bagley Avenue, Seattle, Wednesday evening, August 14.

Returning from a dinner given by their daughters, Mrs. Harold C. Anderson and Miss Emma Anderson, at John's Rendezvous, they were surprisingly greeted by friends who had gathered to convey their congratulations. Upon entering the house, which had been decorated with a profusion of summer flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were escorted, while a wedding march was being played, into the sunroom where they received beautiful silver gifts and congratulations.

Miss Anna Johnson sang "Swedish Wedding Bells" and "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Mr. Ernest O-

BETHEL, SEATTLE

By Willie Nelson

"Educational — Entertaining — Enlightening" will be the theme of the Bethel Luther League monthly meetings for the next six months. A cruise around the world via the S. S. Bethel beginning with the September meeting will take the members through China, India, Africa, Sweden, Germany, Palestine, Iceland, Ireland, and ending with Mexico in May of 1936.

The meetings will be so planned that the customs, habits, etc. of the particular country are adhered to as much as possible. For instance, the organization plans to hold its first meeting in a Chinese restaurant, and will attempt to secure an educated Chinese, who is well versed in the habits, religions, etc. of China, to present a lecture, illustrated if possible. The native food to be served will greatly add to the spirit of the occasion.

The trip to Sweden has been planned for December, at which meeting the Yuletide spirit will prevail. This meeting, of course, will be the least difficult to plan, yet one which will be of the greatest interest to all the members. A speaker who knows the country first-hand has been selected for the program.

Topics for discussion during the journey will be based mainly on the prevailing problems of the day of the countries in question, such as Germany's religious problem, Africa's political strife, and India's caste system.

The League (passengers) as a whole have voiced their approval of the trip and the committee (crew) has been working hard preparing to set sail, and at last the good ship S. S. Bethel is ready to embark on the first leg of a great adventure.

The new officers of the organization are: Evelyn Anderson, Pres.; Carl Carlson, V. Pres.; Will Nelson, Sec'y; Arild Johnson, Treasurer; and Constance Sundquist, Fin. Sec'y.

berg. The table was covered with a handsome cloth of Venetian cutwork and adorned with pink roses, swansonia, and fern with white tapers in silver holders.

WEDDING BELLS



Of interest to all the conference is the wedding in Portland of Miss Edith M. Olson to Mr. Lewis Winkler. Miss Olson is the president of the Columbia Conference Luther League and has taken active part in that organization since its organization. Her service in her own congregation, the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Portland, has been of the noblest and finest. We regret that we have received no particulars of her wedding, but haste to wish her and her husband God's abundant blessings. Other couples married recently at Immanuel include Miss Viola Hultgren to Mr. Ossie Noren, Miss Helen Anderson to Mr. Wesley Ebert and Miss Florence Franzon to Mr. Dan Anderson.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Several pastors from the east have honored the conference with visits lately. Among these we mention especially Dr. and Mrs. Peter Peterson of Chicago, Rev. and Mrs. Walter E. Pearson and son Philip of Red Wing, Minn., Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Hanson and daughter Gwendolyn of Chicago, Dr. C. A. Wendell of Minneapolis, Rev. and Mrs. Albert Loreen and Merida and Albert Loreen of Rockford, Ill., Dr. H. E. Sandstedt of Chicago, and Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Lomquist and son Jepson of Anaconda, Mont.

Mrs. Jennie Johanna Nelson of Augustana, Portland, passed away Sunday, August 4, at the age of 66 years. Mrs. Nelson was well known in the congregation and leaves many friends. The funeral was held the following Wednesday,

Professor and Mrs. E. J. Vickner of the University of Washington have left for Minnesota where they will visit relatives and friends. Dr. and Mrs. Unis and son John Jr. of Seattle are at present sojourning in Montana and Glacier National Park. Mr. Stanley Glarum, organist at Augustana, Portland, has returned home from Winona Lake, Ind., where he has attended Christiansen's Summer School of Music.

Mrs. John Ostrom of Waterman celebrated her 70th birthday recently. The ladies of Bethel, Seattle, where Mrs. Ostrom is a member, served a picnic lunch in Woodland Park in honor of the day. Present were also Mrs. Frank Erickson of Kirkland and Mrs. John Olson, both members of Bethel. Mrs. Erickson also had her birthday on that day, and Mrs. Olson celebrated her wedding anniversary.

An outing and wiener roast was held recently by the leaguers of the Augustana church, Portland, for the purpose of raising money to pay the admission fee for some of the leaguers at the Conference banquet. The Immanuel leaguers also held a wiener roast lately at Lost Park. Another meeting was held at the home of Miss Elsa Rasmussen.

The Bible Institute of the Seattle area concluded its sessions August 11 with a total enrollment of 506. Of this number 225 were registered for the week. The services in the evenings were well attended and the Sunday services drew many visitors from near and far. Several churches in Seattle and Tacoma had called off service in favor of the Institute.

A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carlson of Seattle. Mr. Carlson is the youngest son of Mr. G. A. Carlson, one of the oldest deacons in the Bethel church.

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