



## NORTHWEST DISTRICT HOLDS FORTIETH CONVENTION

The fortieth convention of the Northwest District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod opened Monday evening, June 9, with a solemn Communion service at Zion Lutheran Church in Portland, Ore. For all in attendance the service was a great spiritual experience. Worship was begun with a confessional service, Rev. Henry J. Lieske serving as confessional speaker. His address was based on Ps. 51:6, and it discussed "Inner Health and Healing." The officiant for the confessional service and the following Communion service was Rev. Edwin Zschoche, pastor of Zion.

Dr. John W. Behnken, President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, addressed the assembled congregation of 350 worshipers, speaking on "Our Day and Its Challenge," basing his words on 1 Tim. 4:1-5.

Two hundred sixty persons knelt in unity of faith before the Lord's altar to receive His blessing which He offers in the Sacrament.

On Tuesday morning the Convention Committee welcomed 225 lay and pastoral delegates and guests, as sessions got under way.

### NEW CONGREGATIONS

The following congregations were received into membership with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and with the Northwest District after the convention was formally called into session:

- The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Seattle, Wash.
- Paradise Lutheran, Othello, Wash.
- Christ the King, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.
- Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Seattle, Wash.
- St. John's Lutheran, Benton City, Wash.

### NEW PASTORS

The following ministerial candidates were received into membership with the Northwest District and with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod:

- Robert L. Thoelke, Southeast Idaho Falls, Idaho
- Wayne Brandmire, East Wenatchee, Wash.
- Armand J. Mueller, Burley, Idaho
- Lawrence Rohlfing, Eugene, Ore.
- Howard Peterson, Eugene, Ore.
- Clemens Pera, Everett, Wash.

### NEW TEACHERS

The following teacher candidates were received into membership:

- Robert D. Schmidt, Venezuela, South America
- Arthur Goldgrabe, Tacoma, Wash.

Mr. Robert Schmidt is the son of Pastor and Mrs. Edward Schmidt of Grace, Vancouver, Wash. He is currently serving as teacher in our mission school in Caracas, Venezuela. Since he is not in an organized District, and since his parents' home is in our District, Mr. Schmidt desires to be a member of the Northwest District.

### ELECTIONS

For additional positions on the Board of Appeals, Pastor A. Eichmann, Rupert, Idaho, and Mr. Walter Lenz of Nampa, Idaho, were elected.

Delegates elected to attend the Synodical Conference are: *Pastors:* E. W. Hinrichs, A. W. Schelp. *Laymen:* Mr. Elmer Kosche, Tacoma, Wash.; and Mr. V. G. Martin, Caldwell, Idaho.

### THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Bensene presented his opening address and report on the state of the

District, basing his remarks on the theme "Holding Forth the Word of Life," and using as his text Phil. 2:12-16. Stressing the importance of speaking and living the Word of Christ, Pastor Bensene reminded the delegates of the challenge of this District where 50 per cent of the people are unchurched. He encouraged and called upon all faithfully to hold forth the Word of Life and to hold it forth to all, young and old, if we are to meet the challenge of our times which is confronting us everywhere throughout the world.

To that end, also, we must intensify our parish programs. The parish education program should receive much attention so that Christians, from the Sunday school and the Christian day school on, through Bible classes for adults, may learn to know the Savior.

President Bensene stressed the need for recruitment of young men and women for full-time work in the church. There are still 300 vacancies in our synodical parishes, and still greater need exists in the teaching profession for our parochial schools.

President Bensene concluded his report with an exhortation that all remain true to the Word and to the church which teaches this Word.



Convention in Session.—A candid of pastors and delegates, as they listen with rapt attention to the report of Dr. Behnken

## CONVENTION ESSAYS

Law and Gospel  
in the Modern Church's Ministry

(Prof. David Schuller is a member of the faculty of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. He is an instructor in homiletics and practical theology. He has an M. A. degree in sociology. His special interest is the Lutheran family, its problems and dangers, and the Lutheran Church in the urban scene. In addition to serving the faculty, Professor Schuller is also a member of Synod's Committee on Hymnology and Liturgics.)

"In the midst of a world crisis God has called us to work." Characterizing this world crisis, Professor Schuller set forth the situation of current need in which the church must proclaim God's Law and Gospel. This need for the presentation of Law and Gospel today he highlighted under three headings: (A) Secularism; (B) Anxiety; and (C) Loneliness.

The essayist went on to set forth the definition of Law and Gospel in Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. The third major portion of his essay concerned itself with "Sin and the Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel," in which he stated that the task of the Law, as also emphasized by Luther, is to make men conscious of sin.

In the final section, "The Use of Law and Gospel in Our Day," he endeavored to set forth the practical insights into Law and Gospel for the ongoing ministry of our churches. He also presented a brief overview, comparing Lutheran and Protestant views of Law and Gospel.

The following are several excerpts from Professor Schuller's essay:

"We are to live and work faithfully in this passing moment of the present—



Prof. David Schuller addresses the convention

between time which has already slipped into the eternity of God, and that moment of the future when God shall ring down the final curtain upon human life as we know it in the world."

"Our age is secular—as any age is secular—because it lives only in the present. Secularism has been defined as 'the organization of life as if God did not exist.' . . . To be secular is to give in to the spirit of one's age. Ours becomes a secular age to the extent that people lower their vision, forgetting God and living as if this world with her values and possessions were all of life."

"To summarize, Romans 7 contributes the following points for our consideration of the function of the Law: The Christian man is free from the Law. But this in no fashion deprecates the Law, for it is not the function of the Law to justify; its task is to convict of sin. It intensifies sin and brings a man to death. . . . The power and motivation for the new life for the Christian comes from the Gospel and not from the Law."

"To minister effectively today, the church must remain alert to the changing conditions of people—socially, psychologically, and as a result, spiritually. Because of a decreased sense of sin, the church must attempt with sensitivity to speak the Law so that the individual senses its judgment within himself. The Christian man lives by the Spirit but lives in the world. Therefore he needs the daily reminder of the Law to ferret out every growth which springs up apart from God. The Gospel is the source of faith and its continued nourishment. To speak the Gospel involves speaking explicitly about Jesus Christ and God's offer of rescue through Him. The Gospel is needed in the ongoing proclamation of the church as the only motivation for the new life. To accomplish this, a distinction between Law and Gospel is necessary."

## The Aims of Christian Education

(Prof. Karl Keller is a member of the faculty of Concordia College, Portland. He is an instructor in social studies, education, and religion. He has served Concordia as professor since 1950. He has filled the position of dean of students since 1953 and has been acting president of Concordia during the past year. Professor Keller is presently completing his thesis for the degree of Master of Arts.)



New laborers in our District's fields of harvest pictured with Dr. Behnken, shortly after they had been received into membership. They are, l. to r.: Pastors Robert L. Thoenke, Clemens Pera, Wayne Brandmire, Armand J. Mueller, Dr. J. Behnken, Howard Peterson, and Lawrence Rohlfing



Delegates of newly received congregations sign the District's constitution. Above, the delegate of Good Shepherd, Seattle, signs the constitution for his congregation

Prof. Keller introduced his essay as a "study in contrast" in the aims between Christian education and education which is not Christian. He stated that education and its basic aims must take into account the revelation of the will of God if it is to achieve its highest goal. This will of God offers, first of all, the one great overriding purpose for all of life and all of education—namely, that the life of man might glorify God, the God who has created, redeemed, and sanctified man. All other aims of education must be viewed in the light of this one purpose.

After his introduction Professor Keller presented and discussed the basic aims of education, which he lists as follows:

"I. Education must seek to provide the individual with such knowledge, such skills, such attitudes and values as will enable him in specific ways to meet his basic needs as an individual, be they physiological, social, psychological, or spiritual.

"II. Education must seek to provide the individual with such knowledge, such skills, such attitudes and values as will enable him to recognize the importance of those things which are essential to the preservation of the human race.

"III. Education must seek to provide the individual with such knowledge, such skills, and such attitudes and values as will enable him to gain whatever may be valuable and worthwhile from the culture in which he finds himself, and to be in a position to pass on the best of what he has received.

"IV. Education must seek to provide the individual with such knowledge, such skills, such attitudes and values as will enable him to live in an organized society and there to meet successfully his social,



Dr. Lorenz Blankenbuehler

civic, and economic responsibilities and opportunities.

"V. Education must seek to provide the individual with such knowledge, such skills, such attitudes and values as will enable him to accept the best values and ideals as the underlying motives for all his choices and behavior.

"VI. Educational aims must seek to provide the individual with such knowledge, such skills, such attitudes and values as will enable him to achieve his full stature as a 'homo sapiens' in the development of those characteristics which make him unique among the creatures which inhabit the earth."

The specifically religious aims of Christian education were also clearly stated, namely:

"I. To lead the individual to faith in Christ and to keep him in that faith.

"II. To help the individual grow in understanding the Word of God.

"III. To help the individual grow into a mature Christian who applies the Word of God in all of life's relationships."

He went on to state that public education cannot afford to be as clear or as definite in these matters.

To quote: "Secular education is placed in the peculiar position of admitting that God exists and then, for all practical purposes, denying Him any significant voice. This is the result of the strict neutrality which secular education must maintain with regard to religious beliefs. The contrast becomes more apparent as education seeks to provide man with such knowledge, skill, and values as will enable him to meet his basic needs as an individual. According to the secular view the physiological, social, and psychological needs of man are purely biological in origin, while the Christian view begins with God's planning and order. This results in widely

different approaches to such things as marriage, the home, discipline of children, preservation of the human race, and so forth. This is the problem which confronts Christian teachers, parents, and children in the vast area of secular education."

Nor will the bringing of religious values into public school teaching solve the problem. This would only meet with serious difficulties. It results in the development of a NEW RELIGION. This is the religion of the public schools. It speaks of moral and spiritual values but can never relate them to God nor to His revealed will in the Holy Scriptures.

The essayist concluded his presentation with the plea that we might clearly see the aims of Christian education and develop them carefully for the blessing of home and church, state and society, and to the glory of God.

### DR. L. BLANKENBUEHLER

Older members of our District will remember Dr. L. Blankenbuehler as a member of the Concordia faculty.

The doctor came to Concordia in 1907 and remained for two years. He returned in 1911 to become "the other half" of the faculty, teaching practically everything that was to be taught. He remained at Concordia, Portland, until 1920, when he accepted a call to teach in Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn. From there he went to St. Louis, where he is now serving as editor of the LUTHERAN WITNESS.

Dr. Blankenbuehler represented Concordia Publishing House at the convention. In his concluding remarks to the convention he stated that he was anxious to hear any and all compliments, complaints, or suggestions that pastors or laymen might have about Concordia Publishing House.



The large cross that practically became a landmark in convention hall. Standing beside it is Mr. Karl Wedeward, who constructed and erected it



Rev. R. C. Muhly, member of Synod's Stewardship Department, addressed the members of the convention on the work of his department



President Bensene and Dr. Behnken welcome Pastor Weber, newly elected president of Concordia College, to the Northwest District and wish him God's blessing in his new field of labor

### CONCORDIA'S NEW PRESIDENT

On Tuesday morning of convention week Pastor Erhardt P. Weber, newly elected President of Concordia College, was presented to the assembled delegates and pastors. Pastor Weber addressed the convention briefly, expressing his joy over the fact that he was able to meet so many of those with whom he would be laboring as head of the Portland Concordia.

President-elect Weber stressed the need of an educated and responsible ministry. Students must be utterly loyal to the Lord Jesus Christ and fully conversant with His Word and the Confessions. He stated that the reports that he had received about Concordia and the District have been good. With a virile faculty, a stable Board of Control, and a co-operative District, his work will be greatly facilitated.

In his new capacity, Pastor Weber is anxious to serve the District to the best of his ability, and calls upon pastors and laymen of the District for their continued co-operation in all areas, and particularly in the area of recruitment. Closing with a request for the prayers of the people of our District, he expressed hope for a blessed ministry of service at Concordia.

A reception for Concordia's new president was held in the college library on Tuesday evening. Miss Lala Handorf; Concordia's dean of women, Mrs. Amos Schmidt; and Mr. George Udy, member of Concordia's Board of Control, served as hostesses and host.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Pastors, note! Please send in reports on your vacation Bible school for 1958 as soon as you have had your school. Deadline for the WITNESS feature on VBS is September 10!

### PRESIDENT BEHNKEN REPORTS

The Northwest District was highly honored to have Dr. Behnken in its midst to relate the interesting and inspiring progress of our church in the world.

Dr. Behnken commented on the fact that there is an "ecumenical fever" in the air and that many are affected by it. He stated that our church has patiently discussed the matter of church union wherever it has been approached on the matter. "We are not isolationists, but we are not joiners," he stated. As far as the Lutheran World Federation is concerned, we are not members, but we are active in some areas of joint work. In August of this year three of our theologians will meet with the Commission on Theology of the Lutheran World Federation to study their doctrinal theses. The meeting will be held in Oslo, Norway.

Despite invitations from England, France, and West Germany, there will be no "Bad Boll" meetings this year, largely because we haven't the funds.

In matters of Synodical Conference, we are meeting at the present time with representatives from the Wisconsin, Norwegian, and Slovak Churches. Relations in the conference are improving, reported Dr. Behnken.

Dr. Behnken continued his message on the work of Synod, commenting on various divisional committees of Synod's Board of Directors. The Missouri Synod is not controlled by pastors; Synod's Board of Directors consists of six laymen and five pastors!

Concerning our ministerial training program as it affects the West Coast, Dr. Behnken expressed himself to the effect that there ought to be two preparatory schools on the Coast, one in the north (Portland) and one in the Southern California area, with a seminary in the Oakland area.

Fort Wayne Senior College was dedicated on May 30, 1958.

Commenting on the work of the Evangelism Department of Synod, Dr. Behnken reminded the convention of the Christian's responsibility of winning souls for Christ. He made note of the fact that 1957 has shown a greater outreach to the American unchurched largely through PTR missions and preaching the Gospel in more languages than ever before.

In his remarks concerning missions in South America, Dr. Behnken reported that Synod will help the Districts in South America train national pastors for work in that continent. He commented on mission work in Hawaii and Alaska, underscoring the great need for more laborers in the vineyard.

Dr. Behnken gave interesting and inspiring insights to his recent personal overview of our foreign mission fields in Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, India, Australia, and New Guinea. The Lutheran Hour continues as a strong missionary arm.

Dr. Behnken touched upon many other matters. In the work of the blind and deaf he encouraged the delegates to bring blind persons to church with them. He stressed work in European countries, medical missions, the Commission on College and University Work, the Armed Services Commission, Christian education, adult education, stewardship and finance.

He emphasized the fact that our Synod faces a debt of \$1,500,000 right now, an accumulation of the past few years. "This is a real debt, not a book debt." That may be only about \$1 per communicant, on the average, but it is a real debt!

### Parish Education

Our Sunday school enrollments now total 700,000. There has been an increase of 7,949 pupils in our parochial schools



A delegate enjoys a bit of refreshment during intermission

last year. The total is now 140,000. About 80,000 children are baptized annually, but only about 40,000 children enter Sunday school each year, including those which come from the outside. We are not by any means holding the children we baptize, and we are not gaining the unchurched that we ought.

Adult Bible class enrollments have remained practically static during the past several years, though the gain in enrollment was from 65,000 to 200,000 during the past ten years.

Dr. Behnken pleaded with the delegates to consider the way of the cross and all our Savior suffered for us as the only motivation of life. He pleaded that out of love to Him who loved us even unto death, we give ourselves to Him.

### TEN YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

On Tuesday afternoon Pastor Carl Bensene, President of our Northwest District, was publicly honored on the occasion of his 10th anniversary as President of the Northwest District.

The special ceremony was a complete surprise to Pastor Bensene. Pastor Hinrichs, District Executive Secretary, paused in his report on missions and turned the convention over to the First Vice-President, Rev. Emil Jaech. As Pastor Jaech ascended the platform, President Bensene was instructed to be seated before the convention. Pastor Jaech then led in a brief service of thanks to God. "We are convinced," Pastor Jaech said, "that it is still a gift of God to provide His churches with consecrated leaders, since He is concerned about the lives of the people, about the practice of the church body, and the truths of the Word of God. Let us remember that these blessings come from God, both in Synod and in the Northwest District. The Lord of the church has blessed our Synod during the past ten years. We thank God for the leadership, the guid-



President Bensene is presented with a gift of appreciation on the occasion of his tenth anniversary as President of the Northwest District



Alaska Bound.— Pastor and Mrs. Omar Stuenkel and family are introduced to the convention and interviewed by Pastor Hinrichs. Pastor Stuenkel began work in Fairbanks, Alaska, about July 1. L. to r.: Mrs. Stuenkel, Rita, Teddy, David, Pastor Stuenkel, and Edward

ance, and the inspiration of President Bensene. May God grant unto President Bensene, our capable leader and consecrated administrator, grace, wisdom, and discernment in the future as in the past."

Pastor Bensene replied with a brief address of thanks. The convention presented him with a gift of luggage. The anniversary service was arranged by the Board of Directors of the Northwest District.

### DISTRICT MISSIONS REPORT

Pastor E. W. Hinrichs, Executive Secretary of the Northwest District, reported on the progress of the District's mission program for the past year. He stated that 25 new mission churches have been built or are under construction, and one has been purchased. Nine new church sites were purchased for the development of new mission churches. Eighteen men have entered the District's mission field since the last convention. Only one vacancy existed in a mission congregation at the time of the convention.

#### Alaska

Pastor and Mrs. Omar Stuenkel and family, our missionary family to Fairbanks, Alaska, were introduced to the convention. Pastor Stuenkel stated that a sum of \$175,000 has been appropriated for a church and parsonage at Fairbanks. The appropriated sum is a large one, but necessarily so, because of the terrifically high cost of building. Chaplain Martin Poch of the Alaska Command of the U. S. Airforce, also addressed the convention, emphasizing the need for a missionary in Fairbanks and the establishment of a house of worship.

Pastor Hinrichs also announced that candidate Rolland Fritz, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, has accepted the call to the Anchorage-Palmer field.

It was reported, furthermore, that be-

cause of declining population in the Juneau, Alaska, area, that station is now being served once each month by a pastor from Seattle.

#### New Missionaries

New missionaries in the District were also introduced to the convention and interviewed. They are: Lawrence Rohlfing, Messiah, Eugene, Ore.; Howard Peterson, Peace, Salem, Ore.; Robert L. Thielke, Southeast Idaho Falls, Idaho; Armand J. Mueller, Burley, Idaho; Wayne Brandmire, East Wenatchee, Wash.; Paul Schmidt, Bingen, Wash.; Carl Last, Good Shepherd, Seattle, Wash. Other pastors from subsidized parishes who were also introduced were: M. Lankow, Reedsport, Ore.; O. Markgraf, Moses Lake, Wash.; Paul Lehenbauer, Ephrata, Wash.; and M. Biel, Good Shepherd, Pendleton, Ore.

#### Institutional Missionaries

Institutional missionaries were introduced to the convention and interviewed briefly. Our institutional missionaries in the District number four. They are: Pastor E. Becker, Salem, Ore.; Pastor F. Krinke, Portland, Ore.; Pastor G. Weiss, Seattle, Wash.; and Pastor Theodore Dorpat, who was installed as institutional missionary for the Spokane, Wash., area on Sunday, June 15.

#### Parish Workers

Miss Flora Klaus, District parish worker, was presented to the convention and interviewed briefly.

A word of thanks is owing the Oregon and Washington districts of the LWML, who have in the past sponsored the parish worker program. The Oregon District has again granted \$2,500 to the parish worker program for the next biennium.

It was also stated that, next to the work of a missionary, dollars spent for missions touch more souls with the Gospel in the



Miss Flora Klaus, District parish worker, and Pastor Hinrichs look over the list of missions that have been opened in the past year, and the list of new missions about to be opened

parish worker's service than in any other work.

It was also reported that Miss Beverly Richardson, first-year student at Concordia, Portland, will render parish work service to subsidized congregations in the Spokane area during the summer months. Portland students, both boys and girls, are interested in rendering this service during the summer months. Were sufficient funds available, all of them could be put to work.

In his concluding remarks Pastor Hinrichs pointed out in a graphic presentation the progress that continues in our District at the present time. He stated that the Northwest District plans to open four new missions in 1958, and four more in 1959, in addition to the nine new missions opened last year.

## INTRODUCING OUR PARISH WORKER

Miss Flora Klaus comes to us from St. Louis, Mo. Her home is in Farrar, in Perry County, Mo., the cradle of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Actually this is the second time that she is being employed by our District as parish worker. In 1949 Flora attended a parish workers' training institute in Detroit, Mich., under the direction of Rev. Wm. Hillmer, former Executive Secretary of the Northwest District. In 1950 a request from the Northwest District for two parish workers brought Flora to our District.

Flora served our District until May 31, 1951, at which time she accepted a position as parish worker for Zion Lutheran Church in downtown St. Louis, Mo., where she served until September 15, 1957. Again she was approached by the Northwest District, and again she accepted.

Since October 1957 Flora has completed the following assignments: canvassed at student housing area in Pullman, Wash.; made a factor analysis of Milton-Freewater, Oreg.; canvassed for Resurrection, Portland; Peace, West Salem; Messiah, Eugene; made a survey of Columbia County; did a factor analysis of the Toledo-Newport-Ocean Lake area; assisted Rev. Langhecker of Walla Walla, Wash., with work in his own congregation and at Milton-Freewater; canvassed and called at Grace Lutheran Church, Van-

couver, Wash.; canvassed the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, area, and is presently serving at Redeemer, Spokane, Wash., canvassing an area which has promise of becoming a new mission of the District.

We are indeed fortunate to have in our District a parish worker, consecrated, able, and willing, as Flora is. We wish her every happiness and success in her labors in our District.

## YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Pastor Norbert Dey and Mr. George Kellerman comprise the District Youth Committee.

Pastor Norbert Dey, chairman of the District's Youth Committee, reported briefly to the convention, presenting the needs of youth and the importance of the youth program in the life of District and congregation, emphasizing the fact that if we are to move into new dimensions in our ministry to youth, more than paper resolutions are needed. The most important youth work is done in the individual congregation. If it isn't done there, it isn't likely to be done at all. Youth needs our help. Above all, effective youth work is personal and therefore calls for personal concern and participation. The consecrated activity of many more of our church members is needed in the Christian ministry to youth.

Pastor Dey presented a group of Walther Leaguers, who, under the leadership of Wayne Duchow and Jim Sylvester, presented the work of the New Dimensions program of the Walther League, dwelling particularly on the BIG M membership mission and other phases of the program.

Wayne Duchow, president of the Oregon District Walther League, presented step No. 1 in the BIG M program of the league. By 1960, he stated, the number of confirmed in that year will reach 60,000. The league hopes to increase its membership from 90,000 to over 200,000 in that same year. Evangelism is the first step in gaining these young people.

Step No. 2 was presented by Jim Syl-

vester, Oregon District Walther League treasurer. Step No. 2 has to do with finances. Money is needed to provide better communications, better tools for leaders and counselors, for furnishing better teaching aids and materials, and for expanding the staff and facilities of the league.

The convention unanimously adopted a resolution to help to make the work of our youth a successful operation.

The highlight of the Youth Committee report was a fine presentation by Miss Joanne Dinger, one of this year's Concordia teacher grads, based on the letters:

- Y—You and your work
- O—Our work
- U—Unity in Christ
- T—Talents
- H—Help

She was assisted in her presentation by Kathy Brandt, Dennis Lindemann, Marilyn Cieloha, Mary Zimmermann, and Jim Sylvester.

## CHURCH EXTENSION

In the past year God has presented many new opportunities to carry on his work in our District. This has made it necessary to purchase sites, erect churches to the glory of God, and provide parsonages and other facilities so that many more may be brought into the fold of the church.

The Church Extension Fund expresses its gratitude to Synod's General Church Extension and to individuals who have made loans to the Church Extension Fund, thus making it possible to loan \$466,841.14 to assist in the mission program of our District.

However, Mr. G. C. Hilken, who presented the report of the District Church Extension Fund, stressed the extreme need for further loans from individuals and pleaded for help by members of the convention. He cited the urgent need for chapels and for additional church facilities in various places in the District.



Presenting the New Dimensions program of the Walther League are Kathy Brandt, Marilyn Cieloha, Jim Sylvester, Oregon District treasurer, and Wayne Duchow, president of the Oregon District Walther League



**"Browsing."**—No District convention is complete without the familiar Concordia Publishing House Book Display. Rev. H. C. Messerli, southwestern Oregon, is enjoying a bit of browsing. The Book Display was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Marion Chappelle, who own the Lutheran Book Store, known as the Chapel Bible and Supply Co., on 21st and N. E. Burnside, Portland



**"Chow Line."**—A familiar scene every day of the convention. Yes, people do need to eat—and they do! Conventionites consumed 175 pounds of steak per meal, plus 90 pounds of peas, 125 pounds of spuds, covered with seven gallons of gravy, and 38 dozen rolls, washed down with 600 cups of coffee. For breakfast: 45 dozen eggs, 20 loaves of bread, 500 cups of coffee, 15 gallons of milk



**"You're related? . . . No! . . . Really?"** These brethren are, l. to r.: Rev. John Merz, pastor of Holy Cross, Seattle; his son, Mr. Robert Merz, teacher at Bethlehem Lutheran Elementary School, Kennewick, Wash.; and Pastor Merz's brother



**Press Room.**—The busiest place in the convention hall! L. to r.: Mrs. Earl Muck, publisher of the "Convention Daily"; Mrs. C. Nitz, in charge of mimeographing, and Rev. Robert Conrad, editor of the "Convention Daily"



**"Coffee Break."**—We refer to the brother's left hand and what it is doing. Pastor Theodore Brackmann, Ontario, Oreg., suffered his broken arm as the result of a misstep and fall at his home



**Press Room.**—Mrs. Ruth Hyde and Jeanne Lieske, together with other typists and stenos, made it possible for pastors and delegates to have printed copies of reports, overtures, essays, etc., just when they were needed

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE NORTHWEST

Under the leadership of Rev. Roland Frantz, chairman, the Parish Education Committee of the District presented an interesting and informative report.

Rev. Carl Nitz, District Counselor in Education, presented and interviewed the following who are working in the field of formal Christian education in the District: Miss Louise Rodgers, parish worker in St. John's, Salem, Oreg.; Teachers Jim Sylvester, Don Freeman, Wayne Duchow, Wilbur Tewes, Ray Knauft, Arthur Goldgrabe, Herbert Einspahr, Dennis Lindemann, and Rev. R. Ernst, who, in addition to his ministry, has been teaching the parochial school in Eden, Idaho.

Mr. Waldemar Kamprath, principal of Concordia Lutheran School in Seattle and a member of the Board for Parish Education, presented a brief report on educational matters, particularly on the work of regional conferences that have been held.

The Parish Education Committee stressed the fact that the Lutheran elementary school is a growing institution in our church. Synod's goal is to have one half of our school-age children in parochial schools by 1972. At the present time only 31 per cent are in attendance. By comparison, our District is pitifully low, with only 14 per cent of our school-age children in our parochial schools.

There are 50 teachers in this District, and 67 young men and women of our District are presently preparing for the teaching ministry at Concordia College.

The report of the Parish Education Committee stressed the extreme importance of Christian education in other agencies of the church also. Mrs. E. Clancy of Saint John's, Portland, was introduced to the convention and described her work as chairman of her congregation's cradle roll program, a program in which fewer than 50 per cent of the churches in our District participate.

The area of teacher training was also touched upon, and Mrs. Walter Boss, Saint John's, Salem, Oreg., explained the value and the importance of regular and frequent meetings of Sunday school teachers.

The convention commended the Parish Education Committee for the faithful work it has done in the past year in assisting the congregations of our District to "hold forth the Word of Life." It urged all congregations of the District to lay more stress upon Bible class enrollment and to give consideration to the parochial school in their future planning.

## CONCORDIA COLLEGE

In his report on Concordia College, Acting President Karl Keller acknowledged the blessings of God which have attended the school during the past year. With the absence of a full-time president, and with Prof. Arthur Wahlers on sabbatical leave until the end of March, much improvisation was necessary. Mr. Glenn Dallmann, who hurried to the campus immediately



Jubilarians. — Back row, l. to r.: Pastors Paul Schaus, Theodore Brackmann, Henry Kahle, Theodore Dorpat, Otto Blessin; Teacher Arthur Buescher. Front row: Pastors Albert Reese, Karl Durdel, Richard Tschirley, John Feiertag, Felix Janssen, and Edward Lutz

upon his return from the mission field in Nigeria, helped to fill another vacant spot on the staff.

Looking ahead to the new school year, Professor Keller stated that the faculty is now almost complete. Rev. E. P. Weber will assume his presidential duties in August. Mr. Lewis Klitzke will serve as librarian and instructor in English on the college level, Mr. John Buuck as instructor in science in the high school department and as residence counselor, and Mr. M. S. Pohl as instructor in English and German. Mr. Pohl is a substitute for the coming year for Prof. H. Spalteholz, who will do further work at Columbia University.

The enrollment of the past year showed a 40% increase over the year before, with 70 in the college department and 66 in the high school. Ninety-one per cent of the student body were here to prepare for full-time professional service to the Savior.

Elizabeth Hall, the women's dormitory, is well along in construction and is scheduled for completion about mid-July. Temporary housing, however, will still be necessary to take care of additional students beyond the capacity of the dormitory. Other important building needs remain — a lounge for the women's dormitory, remodeling of the gymnasium, reorganization of administrative offices, expansion of the library, and a small auditorium.

A major step will be taken with the beginning of the new school year in the complete separation of the high school and college departments. This step was taken in order to maintain high school accreditation, and to prepare the way for college accreditation, possibly within the next two years.

Professor Keller expressed his gratitude for the continued interest and support of pastors, teachers, and lay people in the program of Concordia and pleaded that our people continue to support the cause of Concordia for the furtherance of Christ's kingdom.

## JUBILIARIANS HONORED

On Wednesday afternoon of convention week an anniversary service was held, honoring pastors who had completed 25, 30, 35, 40, and 45 years of service in the holy ministry. Pastor John Simon, Hood River, Oreg., led the convention in the service of thanksgiving, basing his thoughts on Is. 46:4. He assured the jubilarians that the Lord Jesus, who had been with them all the years of their past ministry, promises His continued presence and protection.

The years of service for the jubilarians were as follows:

25 years — Pastors John Feiertag, Felix Janssen

30 years — Pastor Edward Lutz

35 years — Pastors Otto Blessin, Theodore Brackmann, Richard Tschirley

40 years — Pastors Theodore Dorpat, Karl Durdel, Albert Reese

45 years — Teacher Arthur Buescher, Pastors Henry Kahle, Paul Schaus

## THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS

The District Stewardship Committee presented, in sight and sound, the new recorded synodical filmstrip entitled *It Is Toward Evening*. The film presents the great necessity of our bending every effort to win souls for Christ in this dying day of the world's existence.

After the viewing of this film, Pastors Eugene Schramm, chairman of the District's Stewardship Committee, and C. Nitz, Counselor in Stewardship and Education, graphically presented a comparison of statistical facts in the field of our giving, and needs for District and Synod, during the past ten years. The following are some of the facts and figures:

Congregations: 1947 — 159; 1957 — 187  
Members (baptized): 1947 — 33,579; 1957 — 38,397

Communicants: 1947 — 19,815; 1957 — 32,460

Number Baptized: 1947 — 1,936; 1957 — 3,134

Confirmed:

Adults: 1947 — 626; 1957 — 1,167

Children: 1947 — 564; 1957 — 1,122

Contributions for all purposes:

1947 — \$1,145,969; 1957 — \$2,702,484

Average per communicant:

1947 — \$51.83; 1957 — \$85.47

For District and Synod:

1947 — \$11.79 per communicant

1957 — \$16.50 per communicant

#### To Meet the Challenges in District and Synod:

Budgeted: 1947 — \$105,075; 1957 — \$498,750

Received: 1947 — \$108,977; 1957 — \$447,402

Budgeted for Synod: 1947 — \$30,000; 1957 — \$275,000

Remitted: 1947 — \$30,000; 1957 — \$245,921

Subsidy from Synod:

1947 — \$22,000; 1957 — \$134,000

Our District today receives six times the subsidy that it did 10 years ago.

The budget needs of 1958 were emphasized again to remind our people that the needs of 1958 — \$582,000 — call for a monthly income of \$48,500. Pastors and delegates were urged to impress upon their congregations the importance of their remitting 1/12 of their responsible share to the District each month in order that our "Venture of Faith" in 1958 may continue uninterrupted.

The Stewardship Committee also urged that every congregation undertake the every-member visitation program. A panel consisting of Pastors Carl Nitz, Erwin Gerken, Amos Schmidt, Roland Koch, and Walter Boss gave a demonstration of the planning which precedes an every-member visitation program in a congregation.

It was also emphasized in the presentation of the Stewardship Committee that our District has 79 workers — 69 full-time missionaries, two vicars, three part-time workers, one parish worker, and four employed in the District office. These, together with their families, number 245 souls who labor for the Lord and for the District and who depend upon the District for their support.

With regard to the stewardship of means, the delegates resolved:

1. That each congregation be encouraged regularly to review its performance for the general mission program of District and Synod to determine whether it is really assuming and meeting its responsible share;

2. That the voting body of each congregation be urged to determine what proportion of the District and Synodical budgets it ought to assume as its responsible share and that it instruct its financial officers to remit to the District treasurer 1/12 of this proportion each month.



Institutional chaplains of the Northwest District, l. to r.: Pastors George Weiss, Seattle, Wash.; Emil Becker, Salem, Oreg.; Friebert Krinke, Portland, Oreg.; and Theodore Dorpat, Spokane, Wash.

Further, it resolved:

1. That the convention heartily endorse the policy of the District Board of Directors to send 1/12 of its 1958 pledge to Synod's Treasurer each month; and

2. That the individual Christians and the congregations of the Northwest District be encouraged to bring regular and generous offerings for the support of Christ's cause through the District to make a continuation of this policy possible throughout the year.

In compliance with the suggestions of the Stewardship Committee, the convention also resolved

1. That every congregation in the District be urged to adopt the every-member visitation program, as suggested by our Synodical Stewardship Department; and

2. That this program be planned on a continuing basis and include at least three or more visits in each home every year.

#### CONVENTION OVERTURES

At every convention, overtures are discussed by various committees appointed prior to the convention.

These overtures come from individuals, groups, and congregations within the District and have been submitted with a view to improving District administration or the functioning of the church at large. They are submitted to the District President prior to the convention and are usually published in the *Convention Manual* and studied by pastors and delegates before the convention.

At the convention they are assigned to committees which consider them at length and make specific recommendations to the convention. If an overture is approved by the delegates of the convention, it is accepted and becomes a part of District activity.

The following are a number of important overtures that have been adopted by the convention:

#### FRESHMAN HIGH SCHOOL AT PORTLAND CONCORDIA

At present our Portland Concordia has no freshman high school year. Students preparing for the ministry and teaching professions begin their training in their sophomore year. This, it is believed, makes it more difficult to recruit young men for Concordia. Also, since only three of our parochial schools in the Northwest District have a ninth grade, and since there is no Lutheran high school to which students of our District may go, and since there is and will be in the foreseeable future a serious pastor and teacher shortage, it was resolved that we strongly encourage the Board of Control of Concordia, Portland, to take immediate steps to re-establish a freshman year, and that we also memorialize the Northwest District convention to lend its support to this effort by memorializing the synodical convention in San Francisco, Calif., in 1959, to re-establish a freshman year at Concordia, Portland.

#### DEACONESS TRAINING

Since the work of deaconesses is closely associated with the ministry of the Word, and since many of our congregations would in all likelihood avail themselves of the opportunity to employ a deaconess in Kingdom work if more deaconesses were available, and since it is also highly probable that there is also a field of service for them in the foreign field, and since it would seem highly desirable that the training of the deaconess be under the direct supervision of the church because their work is in and for the church — it was resolved by the convention to memorialize Synod to institute a training program for deaconesses under the direct supervision of the church, using our present preparatory school for preparatory training, and that Synod make further arrangements for the terminal training of

students for the deaconess profession either at one of our present institutions or by arrangement with Valparaiso University.

### LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

The overture that the District memorialize the 1959 synodical convention to request membership in the Lutheran World Federation was not adopted.

Invitation to membership in the LWF is respectfully declined by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod for the following reasons:

"a. The constitution of the LWF clearly indicates that the nature and purposes of the Lutheran World Federation are such that they promote co-operation of the member churches in actual church work (e.g., joint missions and educational endeavors).

"b. The doctrinal basis (Article II) of the constitution of the LWF does not insist on full confessional agreement on the part of member churches.

"c. Membership in the LWF is in itself a form of co-operation in the aims and purposes of the LWF.

"d. Such co-operation would involve us in a union in spiritual matters with groups not in doctrinal agreement with us." (Resolution No. 11, adopted by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod at its St. Paul Convention)

The convention urged laymen, teachers, and pastors to study thoroughly the matter of membership in the LWF.

### DISTRICT OFFICE PROCEDURE

Since Synod's auditor has recommended that the Northwest District adopt an accounting system which conforms to Synod's accounting system; since it would be in keeping with good order that the business of accounting be centralized at one place; since our District Executive Secretary and our Counselor in Stewardship and Education are doing work which is only incidental to their calling; and since under the present system much that is vital to good business remains undone because we lack the manpower in the District office, the convention decided unanimously on the following:

1. That the files of District business (correspondence and reports) be reorganized and co-ordinated in one system and that proper equipment for this work be provided.

2. That a proper record of District property be provided and the files for the District's legal documents be reorganized.

3. That the District Board seek to engage an office manager to supervise the District's business, and that he be provided with needed assistance, and that adequate equipment be provided to place the District business on a functional basis.

4. That the District Board of Directors assign to the office manager the duties he is to perform.

5. That the District seriously consider introducing adequate and functional business procedure before planning and erecting a District office building.

6. That the Fiscal Conference make available sufficient funds in the District budget for the office of an office manager.

### TIME OF CONVENTION

Since it is desirable that a week be allowed between the end of any school year and the beginning of a District convention, so that the dormitories and other campus facilities may be cleaned and organized to meet the needs of the convention,

And since the present date of conventions (the second full week in June) forces the entire academic calendar of Concordia College into an extremely rigid pattern—Labor Day to the second week in June—and since the separation of the high school and college departments makes a more flexible school year much more desirable and efficient, it was resolved:

That the Northwest District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod hold its annual convention no earlier than the third full week in June and no later than the third full week in August, beginning with the 1960 convention.

### DISTRICT HANDBOOK

The Handbook Committee submitted its second draft for a proposed District handbook. The committee was commended for work well done and the proposed *Handbook* was accepted with but minor revisions and additions.

### REORGANIZATION OF DISTRICT CIRCUITS

Believing that a reorganization of District circuits as proposed in its *Convention Manual* was inadvisable at the present time, the convention decided:

1. That the general alignment now in force be maintained.

2. That a Yellowstone and a Mid-Columbia Circuit be established according to the suggestions of the reorganization proposal.

3. That the Alaska field be under the direct supervision of the President of the District.

4. That the Yellowstone and Mid-Columbia circuits become a new electoral circuit.

### RECRUITMENT AND STUDENT AID

The need for professional workers in the church is very urgent. Every congregation should give serious and prayerful attention to this problem and seek out and encourage potential ministerial and teacher-training students in its midst, so that it may at least replace those workers who have served it. To that end it was resolved

1. That each congregation of the Northwest District be encouraged to adopt a definite program of recruitment for professional students from its midst.

2. That each congregation be encouraged to establish an annual grant-in-aid of \$100 or more per professional student from its midst (or contribute \$100 or more per year to the District Student Aid Fund to assist an "adopted" student if none is available in the parish).

2a: That congregations be urged to find and give summer work to the students of our District attending our Lutheran educational institutions.

3. That the Northwest District encourage the District Fiscal Conference to increase the budgeted amount for Recruitment and Student Aid by at least \$1,500 (to \$5,500) to enable it to carry out more fully its duties by providing literature and other recruitment helps, together with an enlarged program of Student Aid.



"WHEN we become a state, and not IF!" says Pastor Frenz of Anchorage, Alaska, as he points to the American flag, opining that someday a star would represent Alaska. He was right, of course! Pictured with Pastor Frenz are Rev. Omar Stuenkel, missionary to Fairbanks, Alaska, and Rev. Emil Jaech, Second Vice-President of the Northwest District

## DELEGATES FOR SYNODICAL CONVENTION, 1959

The following were approved as delegates and alternates for the synodical convention meeting in 1959.

### Electoral Circuits

No. 1. Pastors: E. Hellwege; A. Nickodemus (alternate). Layman: Corvallis; Cottage Grove (alternate).

No. 2. Pastors: F. Krinke; F. Riess (alternate). Layman: Klamath Falls; Roseburg (alternate).

No. 3. Pastors: W. Luedtke; Benjamin Schuldheisz (alternate). Layman: Trinity, Hillsboro; Immanuel, Portland (alternate).

No. 4. Pastors: Raymond Ernst; E. G. Riedel (alternate). Layman: St. Paul's, Boise; Concordia, Weiser, Idaho (alternate).

No. 5. Pastors: R. Langbecker; D. C. Schroeder (alternate). Layman: Redeemer, Dishman; Beautiful Savior, Spokane (alternate).

No. 6. Pastors: C. Krueger; L. Westerkamp (alternate). Layman: Our Savior, Seattle; Moses Lake (alternate).

No. 7. Pastors: E. Schramm; E. Jaech (alternate). Layman: Immanuel, Puyallup; Grace, Tacoma (alternate).

**Advisory pastors:** Martin Lankow; Prof. R. Reinisch (first alternate); Pastor Karl Kiisk (second alternate).

**Teachers:** Arthur Schoenauer and Martin Dobberfuhr; Robert Merz and George Shoemaker (alternates).

## CONVENTION NOTES

Rev. Elmer Yoehr, co-ordinator of student work in the Northwest District, reported on work among students at colleges and universities in our District. He stated that 488 students are now being served. More help is needed to cope with the tremendous influx of students yet to come.

Mrs. William Fisher, regional representative for Good Shepherd Home of the West, in Terra Bella, Calif., presented the needs of the home, and of such a home as Good Shepherd, for the needs of our District. . . . Did you know that there are 50 mentally retarded children in the Northwest District? We have two Sunday schools for the mentally retarded in our District, with twenty children attending. A class at Fairview Hospital, Salem, Oreg., has an attendance that runs from 100 to 212. Six Sunday schools for the mentally retarded are contemplated in our District. One of these is to open in September at St. John's, Portland. A memorial service on behalf of Professor Karl Lorenz and Mr. A. K. Engel was held on Thursday afternoon on convention week. The message, based on Heb. 13:7, 8, was delivered by Rev. Carl Eggers of Bellingham, Wash. . . . I am well pleased, yes, amazed, at the large number of highly intelligent laymen attending your convention," was



Martin L. Koeneke, right, president of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., points out to Dr. John W. Behnken one of the proposed sketches for a chapel-auditorium which will be provided by the Northern Illinois District by 1964, the centennial year of the college

Dr. Behnken's comment when asked what feature of the convention impressed him most of all. He was also happy to note that the laymen were not reluctant to make comments from the floor. . . . Dr. Behnken added that he considered the mission and youth reports outstanding. . . . A vote of thanks to the teachers of the District who provided special music at our morning devotions. . . . The convention heard the news that Rev. Edward May, formerly of this District and now director of the Wheat Ridge Foundation, was involved in an accident in Denver shortly before Trinity Sunday. Mrs. May suffered multiple fractures and required plastic surgery. Pastor May and son David escaped with minor injuries. . . . Convention delegates also heard the sobering news that Dr. Martin Neeb, president of Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Ind., suffered a heart attack on June 6 and will be incapacitated for a number of weeks. These we commend to our heavenly Father's care. . . . Mr. Melvin Sandwick, Portland, who is Club Services chairman for the Oregon District LLL, presented the work and program of the league to the convention. . . . Mrs. Walter Kahle, president of the Oregon District of the LWML, addressed the convention and spoke on the work which is being done by that organization. . . . Mr. Jack Hylton addressed the convention briefly regarding the District pastor-teacher insurance plan. . . . Pastor E. Hellwege addressed the convention in behalf of Lutheran World Relief. . . . It was resolved to place the convention service offering, received in the opening service on Monday evening, into the A. K. Engel Memorial Fund.

## "UNTO THE UTTERMOST PART OF THE EARTH"

Sons and daughters of our District or relatives of fellow members are serving the Lord in practically all the mission

fields of our church outside the United States and Canada. Perhaps the fact that Dr. Herman Koppelman, whose father was one of the pioneer pastors of our District, is the Assistant Executive Secretary of the Board for Missions in Foreign Countries has something to do with it. A quick survey of our foreign mission workers indicated the following ties with our District:

**In Nigeria:** Dr. G. Ronald Reule is the son of our pastor in Hillsboro; Grace Sahnaw, R. N., is also a member of the Hillsboro congregation; Vivian Brandt, R. N., is a member of our congregation at Sweet Home, Oreg.; Harriet Lieske is a sister of one of our Portland pastors. Missionary Harold Ottemoeller is the brother of another member of the Hillsboro congregation; Glenn Dallman, who served as instructor at Concordia last year, spent several years as a teacher in Nigeria; as did Ted Kauth, son of the former pastor at Kennewick.

**New Guinea:** Dr. and Mrs. Klomhaus were residents at Southern Oregon prior to their service at the hospital in New Guinea; Clarence Rivers of Seattle served as a "foreign mission builder" for the Walther League.

**India:** Rev. James Fergin is the son of one of our Spokane pastors; Rev. Louis Wetzel, who hails from Portland, formerly served in India; Rev. W. A. Luedtke of Sandy also served there at one time. Missionary Lutz is a brother of our pastor at Tillamook. Missionary Zorn is related to Pastor Rimbach in Yakima.

**Japan:** Missionary Hugh Auw vicared at Snohomish. Rev. Albert H. Carow is originally from Portland. Rev. Delmar Glock is a native of our District, whose father at one time served as pastor here, and has relatives in the Portland area. Rev. David Hinz comes from Vancouver. Ralph Gihring is from Southern Idaho. Ed. H. Tewes, who is currently touring our District, comes from Spokane.

**Philippines:** Missionary R. Prange has relatives in Portland.

**Argentina:** Missionary Heyner, one of the early graduates of our Portland Concordia, was a pioneer missionary in this country. Pastor Raymond Ernst of Eden, Idaho, served as a missionary in Argentina, and Pastor A. J. Bueller of Burley was born there.

**Hawaii:** Pastor W. Schroeder formerly served in our District, and his wife is from Portland. Pastor Preisinger's wife is a sister of Pastor Pfotenbauer of Portland.

**El Salvador:** Missionary G. Kempff is from Spokane.

**New Zealand:** Pastor Teyler of Oregon City, now retired, was one of the pioneer missionaries of our church in New Zealand.

**Venezuela:** Teacher Robert Schmidt is the son of our pastor in Vancouver.

**Formosa:** Prof. Erhard Riedel, formerly a missionary in China, is the father of our pastor in Ashland, Ore.

**Brazil:** Dr. Paul Schelp is a brother of Vice-President Schelp of our District. Rev. Elmer Reimnitz is a cousin of our pastor in Buhl. (His wife is a niece of Pastor Schelp.) The sister of Rev. Werner Wadewitz (Mrs. Walter Rubke) lived in Portland while her husband taught at our Concordia. Pastor Paul Lehenbauer of Ephrata was born in Brazil, the son of a missionary.

**Hong Kong:** Martha Boss and Gertrude Simon are sisters of our pastors at Salem and Hood River.

**Korea:** Missionary Paul Bartling is a brother of Prof. Walter Bartling, formerly in Seattle, and Pastor Fred Bartling of Pullman. Wi Jo Kang of Korea will vicar at Beacon, Seattle.

**Europe:** Pastors Karl Kiisk and J. Cilnis are serving refugees from Estonia and Latvia who have many relatives in Europe.

**Alaska:** (a part of our District): In addition to Pastor Stuenkel, who served in several other areas of our District prior to beginning work in Fairbanks, Chaplain Martin Poch was pastor of Pilgrim, Spokane, prior to entering the chaplain service. Since that time he has been instrumental in opening the doors for the mission program of our church in many parts of the world.

**Australia:** Pastor Paul Harting of Philomath has relatives in this country.

The above list does not pretend to be complete. If you know of other workers who have some connection with individuals in our District, please let us know.

### THE LORD ADDED

Congregations of our District have enjoyed the following recent additions to their membership by confirmation or Baptism:

**Bethlehem, Yakima:** Eight adults were received. They are: Roy Baker, Frederick Brayton, Rexford Fredin, Nancy Hoff-

mann, Helen Patton, James Thomas, Janice Upton, Clarence Ward.

**Good Shepherd, Boise, Idaho:** A class of five were received on July 6. They are, from left to right: Mrs. Margaret



Buth, Marcella Juedes, Mrs. Barbara Jasper, Pastor Kellerman, James Tyner, Mrs. Darlene Conrad.

### PASTOR C. F. W. SCHULENBURG RETIREES

On June 29, 1958, Rev. C. F. W. Schulenburg, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, McMinnville, Ore., preached his farewell sermon to his congregation in St. John's, bringing to its close a ministry of 47 years.

Pastor Schulenburg was born in Saint Louis, Mo., and baptized in historic Trinity Church in St. Louis. His family moved to Portland in 1892. He attended Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis., and graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., in 1911. Pastor Schulenburg claims to be the oldest "District boy" in the ministry.

His first charge was Hood River, Kent, Hermiston, Ore., and Goldendale, Washington. These stations he served from 1911



Rev. C. F. W. Schulenburg

to 1913 — days when the going was rather rough. Pastor Schulenburg recalls being snowbound at Cascade Locks for thirty-six hours on one occasion. On another the coach in which he was traveling was derailed, landing upside down in a ravine.

Other charges served by Pastor Schulenburg were Bethlehem Lutheran, Lebbanon, Ore., with preaching places at Stayton, Lyons, and Sweet Home. Here he served from 1913 to 1928. He also served Trinity, Sheridan, from 1928 to 1945, and McMinnville, Ore., from 1945 until the time of his retirement.

### CALLS

**Received:** Rev. E. Schramm, Memorial, Bremerton, Wash., to St. John's, Spokane, Wash.; F. R. Riess, St. Matthew's, Washougal, to Toledo-Newport, Ore., parish.

**Accepted:** Rev. Mervin Kellerman, Good Shepherd, Boise, to St. John's, McMinnville, Ore.; Rev. Kenneth Korby, Saint Peter's, Medford, Ore., to Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind.; Rev. Paul Thiello, Prof. Concordia College, Portland, to American Lutheran Publicity Bureau, as assistant executive secretary.

**Declined:** Rev. E. Paul Riedel, Ashland, Ore., to St. Paul's, Wenatchee, Wash.; A. Ludwig, St. John's, Merrill, Wis., to Holy Cross, Portland; Rev. H. Malkow, Saint Luke's, Seattle, to Mount Olive, Forest Grove, Ore.

### AROUND THE DISTRICT

**St. Matthew's, Edmonds, Wash.,** is purchasing a Volkswagen bus for the use of the parochial school and other agencies of the church. It is to be used especially for transporting children to and from parochial school.

**Karen Schaper, Holy Cross, Portland, Ore.,** a 1958 graduate of Concordia College, and **Sharon Brandt, Sheridan, Ore.,** a 1956 graduate of Concordia, have been selected to serve on the Concordia, River Forest, summer school student Council.

This fall Karen will teach at Escondido, Calif., while Sharon will attend River Forest Teachers College.

**Redeemer, Gresham, Ore.:** When leaguers of Redeemer, Gresham, Ore., found that their church facilities were inadequate to host a Walther League Zone rally, and sought other accommodations, but without success, Trinity Lutheran Church (Augustana) of Gresham granted Redeemer's Walther Leaguers the use of its entire church plant free of charge for the entire afternoon and evening.

**Trinity, Hillsboro, Ore.:** The Martha Guild of Trinity have carpeted the halls and stairways of their church at a cost of \$800.

**Resurrection, Seattle:** Excavating has been done and forms are being built for a new parsonage.

Send news items and bulletins to Rev. Fred R. Riess, P. O. Box 1104, Washougal, Wash. Send changes of address and subscriptions to Lutheran District Office, 2811 N. E. Holman, Portland 11, Ore.