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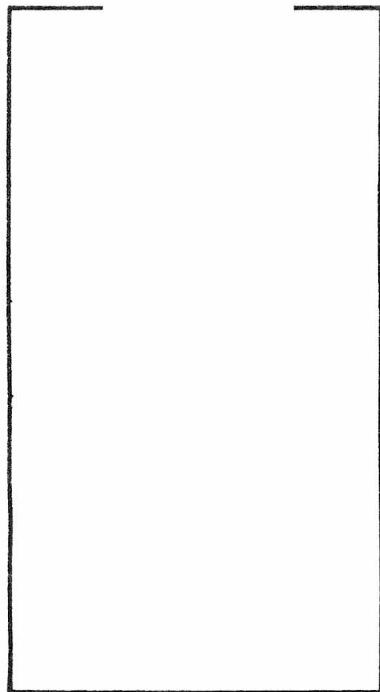
Eastern Regional Conference Hosted by St. Matthew

-by Dorothy Cohler

The 1980 ERILDA (Eastern Region of the International Lutheran Deaf Association) Conference was held at Tuscarora Inn, Mt. Bethel, Pennsylvania during the weekend of June 13 to 15th. The host was the congregation of St. Matthew Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Eastern Metro, New York City. The conference theme was "NOW WITH CHRIST." The symbol of the theme was a circle enclosing a rainbow flowing across the cross of Christ.

Friday, June 13th - Registration was held in the evening of this day. Many arrived from the Eastern Region area. Following registration, the evening devotion began. This beginning service was conducted by Marion Wright and Warren King. After the devotion, a SING-ALONG FELLOWSHIP was opened with Mrs. Margaret Borgstrand singing one of her favorite hymns, "ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS." One after another, our conference comers got up and took the floor to sing their favorite songs. The evening closed with a fellowship gathering in the snack shop. Refreshments plus old friends meeting and new friendships forming gave everyone a chance to chat awhile before retiring to very neat and comfortable quarters for the night.

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Pastors who conducted the morning worship service for ERILDA conference. They are signing the conference theme "NOW WITH CHRIST." l.to r. Revs. R. Collins, G. Natonick, C.R. Gerhold and Vicar D. Mueller (signing "AMEN").

Central Regional Conference held in St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, MO.- The 26th Annual Central Regional Conference was held on June 6-8, 1980. The lessons from this conference will continue to help and aid all of our churches in our region. The success of this conference will not be measured in numbers, through over 140 registered. The success will be seen in what was learned to aid us to better bring Christ to all the deaf.

After the registration on Friday, the afternoon's business of reports from the congregations and other business concluded (ended) right on time. From the reports we heard how the Lord is continuing to bless His work among us in our region: new members, new programs and many other ways God is working among us.



A general view of the delegates who gathered at Stan Musial and Biggie's Restaurant-Motel to began the 26th conference of Central Region ILDA.



The entrance sign at Six Flags Over America welcomes the Lutherans & Friends on their day there.

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EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

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Saturday, June 14th - The conference theme "NOW WITH CHRIST" was discussed during the Bible Workshop. It was conducted by Marion Wright with three leaders, Donna Wright, Mrs. Margaret Borgstrand, and John Woods. Three groups were divided according to the rainbow colors (blue, red and green). The Blue group talked about "NOW" with a Bible verse from St. Matthew 25:1-3. "...so always be ready. You don't know the day or the time when the Son of Man will come." The Red group talked about "WITH" with a Bible verse from St. Matthew 28:16-20. "...I will always be with you until the end of the world." The Green group discussed about "CHRIST" with a Bible verse from John 3:16. Each group gave a short play about the Bible verse that was theirs with the help of their leader who had about an hours' time to practice with them. Everyone enjoyed working with their group and did a good job of dramatizing their short plays. Those in the audience enjoyed watching the plays as well.



Rev. Bob Collins (on stage in picture on the left) directing a group preparing to act out their part of the convention theme, "NOW WITH CHRIST." In the picture on the right another group is acting out their part in this play.



Banner winners: from left to right: Mary Burgess accepting the award presented St. Mark of Western Metro N.Y.C. for Best Theme; George W. Trotman of New Jersey accepting the award presented to Delaware Valley Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Philadelphia for Best Beauty; Gerald Ahrens accepting the award presented to Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Washington, D.C. for Best Inspiration and in the last picture on the right, Mr. Ahrens also accepted the award presented to Christ L/C won for its logo design for the ERILDA letterhead.



Photo on left: New ERILDA officers: (l. to r.) August Beyer, President; Mary Burgess, Treasurer; Donald Galloway, Secretary; Rev. Geo. Natonick, Pastoral Advisor and Gerald Ahrens, President-Elect. Photo on the right - ERILDA Conference Committee (l. to r.) Dorothy Cohler, Warren King, Cecelia Norman, Don Galloway, Bob Van Vorst, Marion Wright, Donna Wright, Linda King and Inga Ammon.

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EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

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A business meeting was called to order by President Elroy Treibel. The keynote speaker during the meeting was Reverend Donald W. Zuhn. He is the Secretary for North American Ministry for the Blind and Deaf of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. Rev. Zuhn spoke about evangelism as a challenge to bring 600 deaf people (LCMS and LCA) in the Eastern Region area to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and then be (as the conference theme says).... NOW WITH CHRIST! Pastor Zuhn said then he has hopes to see us and the new 600 Christians at our next ERILDA conference. What a challenge! That means everyone in ERILDA will have to roll up their sleeves and get busy! Time is short!!!

One of the highlights of the business meeting was to encourage and give support to the National ILDA in becoming a self sustaining group. Also an ERILDA Fund Raising Project was established for Ministry Among Hong Kong Deaf (Teacher Training Scholarship Fund for Mr. Chan Kwok Kuen and New School for the Deaf in Hong Kong.)

An afternoon recreational time was filled with swimming, canoeing, water skiing, shuffle board, tennis and relaxing in the shade.

During the evening banquet, Robert Van Vorst, Master of Ceremony, introduced Mr. Archie D. Marshall, editor of THE DEAF LUTHERAN. Mr. Marshall gave a short history of this news media involving deaf Lutherans and their churches. He spoke eloquently about the editors that were before him, especially about, Mr. Uriel Jones, who was actually the first deaf Lutheran layman to be appointed to the position. Mr. Marshall explained that he was greatly indebted to many people who have helped him along the way and that many are continuing to be very supportive presently. "I was very surprised," he said, "when news reached him last year that Lutheran Friends of the Deaf at Mill Neck Manor had selected him to be recipient of the John of Beverley award on the basis of his work as editor and leadership in the deaf community. It was a great honor I never expected, but as Jesus Christ promised, God blesses them who serve Him...often unaware."

The Banner and Logo contest winners were then announced by Inga Ammon. The winner of the ERILDA letterhead logo contest was Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Washington, D.C. The Banner contest winners were: Best Theme: St. Mark Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Western Metro, New York City; Best Inspiration Design: Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Washington, D.C.; and Best Beauty Design - Delaware Valley Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Philadelphia, P.A.

After the banquet, THE GOSPEL TRIO (Warren King, Linda King, and Dorothy Cohler) and ITS GANG (Don Galloway, Marion Wright, Donna Wright, and Inga Ammon) presented their show. Robert Van Vorst was the emcee for the show. There were eleven skits and eleven Gospel songs. Each participant in the show wore rainbow suspenders with different color T-shirts. This was to represent the rainbow over the cross as the conference theme. The closing song for the evening was "Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord."

Sunday, June 15th - Sunday morning began with the Family of God Worship Hour. The worship was conducted mostly by the members of the host congregation. Marion Wright served as a leader while Warren King served as a lay leader. The Bible readers were: Nancy Woods - "NOW" - St. Matthew 25:1-13, Dorothy Allgair - "WITH" - St. Matthew 28:16-20, and Caroline Ammon - "CHRIST" - John 3:16. The Gospel Trio (Warren King, Linda King and Dorothy Cohler) with Inga Ammon and Don Galloway made up the choir. They signed five beautiful songs accompanied by music - "Spirit of God", "Love", "God Give His People Strength, Hope, Love and Peace" "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" and "The Lord Bless You and Keep

You." Rev. R. Gerhold officiated the installation of new and continued officers: President-Elect: Gerald Ahrens; President: August Beyer; Secretary: Don Galloway; Treasurer: Mary Burgess; and Pastoral Advisor: Rev. George Natonick. Rev. Robert Collins, who is deaf, was the guest preacher. He is pastor to a deaf congregation at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Lancaster, Pa. His sermon was based on honesty, love, preaching and supporting our work in sharing the Good News with everyone throughout the world based on the theme of this conference.

The monetary offering at this service will go into the Scholarship Fund. This fund is being administered by the ILDA Board of Directors. It is to provide grants to deaf students in any of our seminaries who pursue a career in the Lay Ministry, Pastoral, or as professional workers in any area of our church structure.

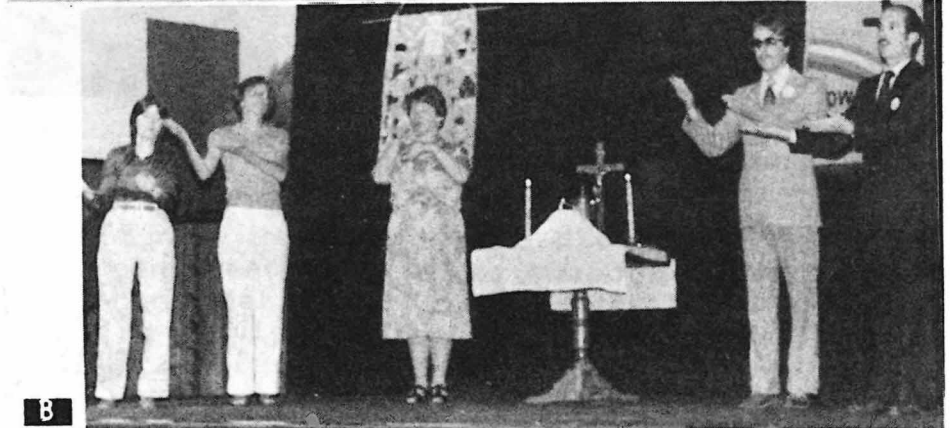
The 1980 ERILDA Conference closed with a standing ovation to members of the host congregation for their hard and faithful work in making this conference so successful. Thanks were also extended to those who came to the conference from Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Pa., Western Metro New York City, Newark, N.J., Baltimore, Md., and West Hartford, Conn. To all who came to share this fellowship of love, peace and to be "NOW WITH CHRIST" - may Christ be with you now and forever.

Dorothy Cohler served as ERILDA Chairperson at this 1980 conference. She is a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Eastern Metro New York City.



Photo A & B - The Gospel Trio
Photo C - The Installation of New and Re-elected Officers
Photo D - Introducing and thanking the conference committee.

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What Excuse Do We Have For Midwest & ILDA?

-from The Silent Visitor newsletter
Rev. Walter Uhlig

It's Midwest time again! That means work, time, money!

It takes a lot of work to prepare for and run a meeting like Midwest. It takes a lot of time for people to attend such a meeting for two or more days, and the time the committees spend is much greater. It takes a good bit of money for the cost of transportation and registration as well as other incidental expenses by all who are involved as attendants or workers.

That raises the question: Can we justify paying what it costs in work, money and time for a meeting like Midwest, ILDA or any social gathering in the church?

Many such activities of the church are not purely social, but educational and inspirational. That is fine. They ought to be. The fact of the matter is (not all pastors will agree, but if they are honest, they will) that often the educational and inspirational parts of programs are not very educational or inspirational, and when the program is finished, the leader or pastor gives a sign and then thinks, "Well, that job is done!" And the people who attended then promptly forget what they heard.

But even if such activities are not or do not try to be educational or inspirational, we, as church workers, have an obligation to have them. It is our duty to have social activities as well as sermons in the church.

It is our duty because Jesus said, "Go and tell." We can't preach the Gospel if we can't get the people to come and hear it.

St. Paul said, "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" The best sermons in the world do not help the person who is not there to hear them.

You say, "They won't hear the Gospel at a potluck or a captioned film!" That is true. But if they come to the social activity- whether it is Midwest or ILDA or a captioned film or a potluck- they might become interested in church so that they do come back, and maybe then they will hear the Gospel. Or maybe the social activity will help stimulate the interest of some members whose interest

in the church is dying. Or maybe -it will keep alive our own interest in the church and what it stands for.

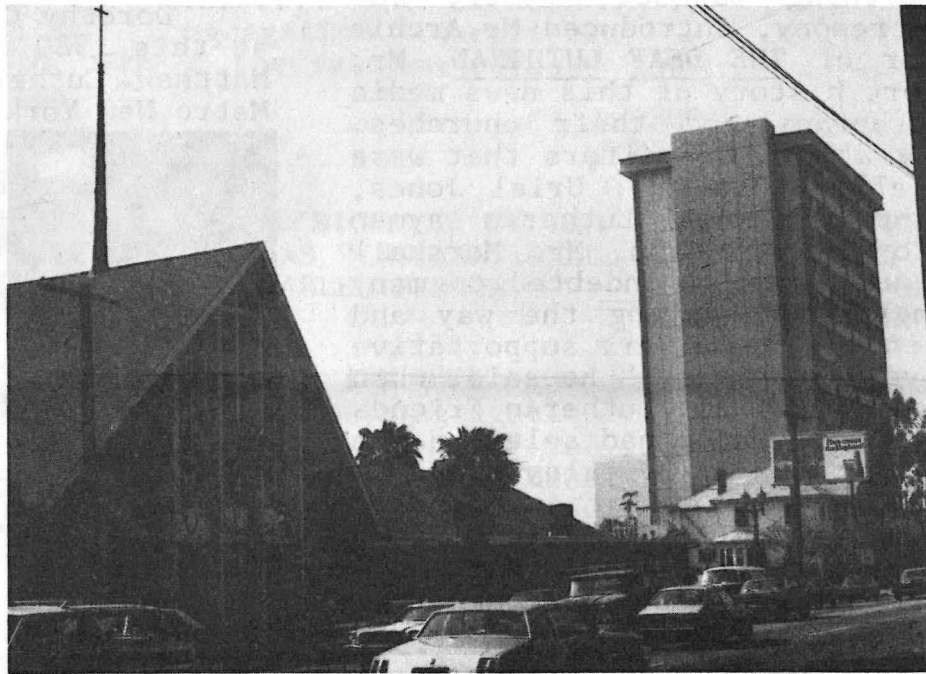
St. Paul never advocated captioned films in the church. He did urge using any means possible in the work of the Gospel. He certainly would have supported meetings like Midwest and ILDA and even potlucks.

A social activity can be a servant of the Gospel. Let us use it. Let us ask ourselves whether we have been using it enough in the past.

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Pictures of the 20th Anniversary Celebration at Pilgrim - Los Angeles

In last month's issue (July, 1980) we ran an article on page 6 under 'Field Gleanings' telling about the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the church building - Pilgrim Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Los Angeles, California. Below are some pictures taken on that joyous day. These pictures were just sent to the editor.



Pilgrim Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Los Angeles (on the left) and Pilgrim Towers (on the right). This church will be the host for the 1981 ILDA Convention.



Attending their Church's 20th Anniversary Celebration are some of the church officers in 1960. left to right. . . Frank Webb, Harold Thuve, Rev. Arnold Jonas, who was pastor at the time, Harry Kingsley, Perry Stephenson and John Heitschusen.

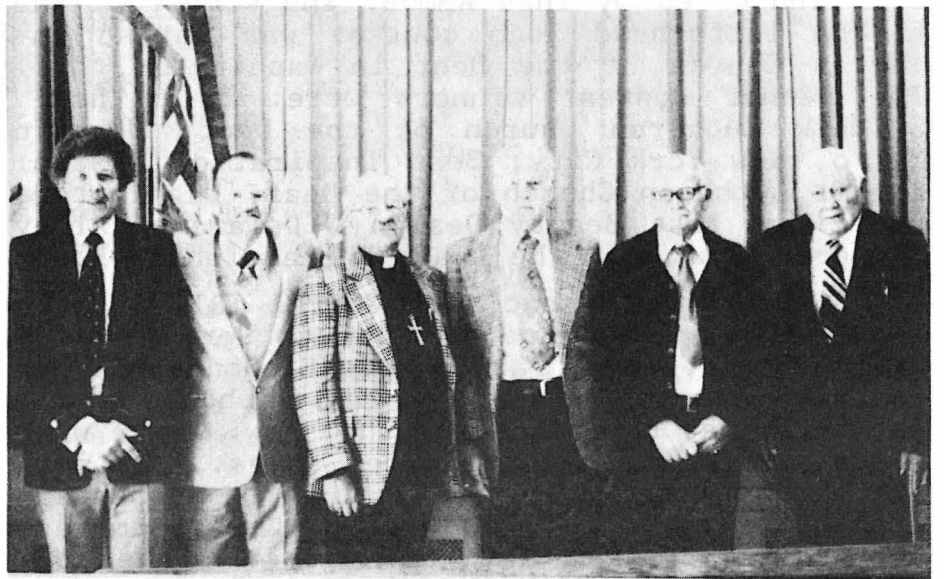
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Obstacles placed in our way often prove whether we truly wanted something or just thought we did.

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Chef: A man who should invent waterproof toast to put under poached eggs.



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CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

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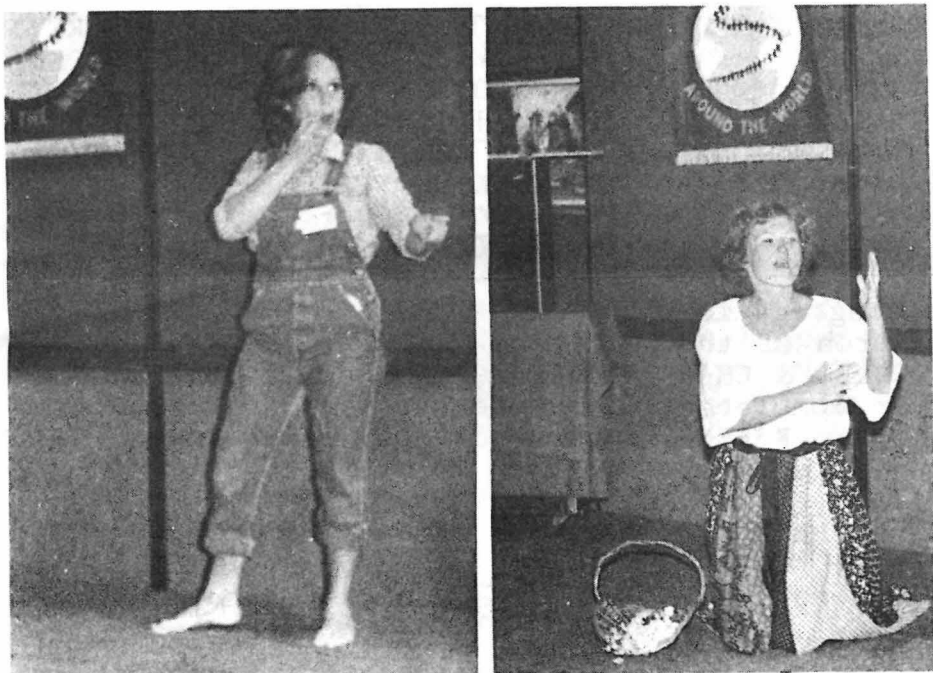
Friday evening we had the honor of hearing Pastor Dan Pokorny speak to us about Recruitment. Pastor Pokorny is the John of Beverley Professor at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. His presentation of our theme involved many of the Conference members in role playing. The lessons learned truly made this workshop on the theme one of the high-points of this conference.

One of the things that made this conference quite different was the trip to Six Flags Over America Saturday. 90 people took the afternoon and enjoyed themselves at this beautiful park full of thrilling rides and marvelous shows. This was part of a project where each ticket sold gave a donation to support the John of Beverley Chair for Deaf Ministries at Concordia Seminary. Each donation was matched by AAL. The total donation to the fund by the conference members was \$270.

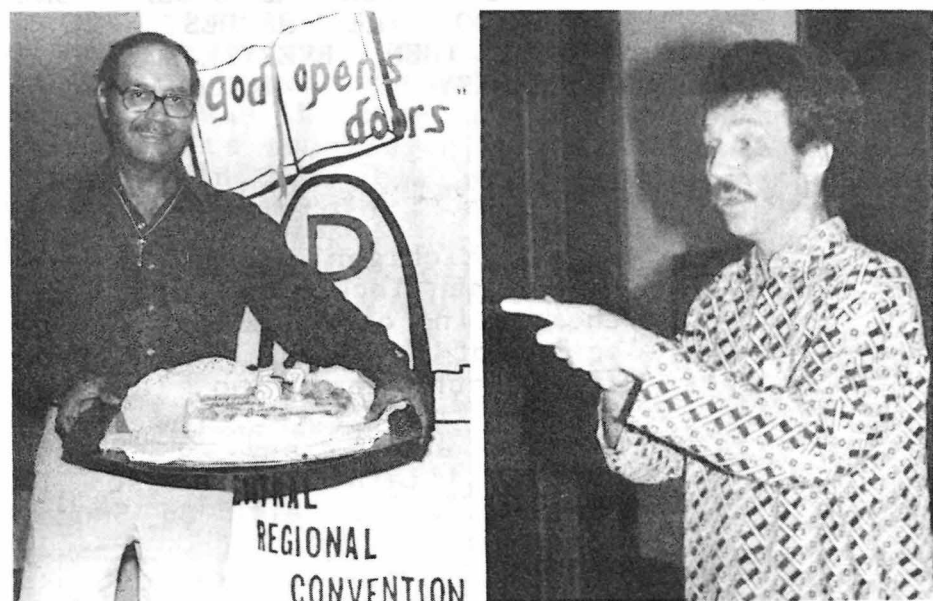
The Conference ended on a Western theme, Cowboy hats, rancher clothes, and all. This was the way we dressed for our Banquet that night. It was a great success with 144 people in attendance. The entertainment included Miss Deaf Missouri (now 1st Runner-up in the recent Miss Deaf America contest at the N.A.D. Convention in Cincinnati), Regina Pawol, The Former Miss Deaf Missouri, Shirley Schwarz, Pastor Pokorny, Russel Healey, Betty Healey, and Pastor Moody.



Left: Central Region ILDA President Betty Jo Healey bid farewell to Central Region at the 26th Conference. She and her husband, Russel, have accepted a call to work at Pax Natura Ranch in Edmondton, Alberta, Canada. They will work as house parents and counselors at the ranch under the directorship of Pastor Robert Bauer. Central Region certainly will miss them. Right: Pastor Richard A. Moody preparing to give his talk to the delegates at the conference with the help of an overhead projector. His hard work and drive with the committees was the big factor which made this 26th conference a big success.



Miss Shirley Schwarz, 1979 Miss Missouri, and Miss Regina Pawol, 1980 Miss Missouri and 1st runner-up in the NAD Miss Deaf America contest this year performing after the banquet at Central Region's Conference. They both are tops. Shirley is on the left and Regina on the right.



Left: Editor Archie Marshall accepting the birthday cake presented him at banquet night, June 7th on his 55th birthday. Right: No, Pastor Pokorny is not gesturing in shocked surprise at the huge number on Archie's birthday cake. He is shown making a point as he delivered his keynote speech. His speech brought home many good points.

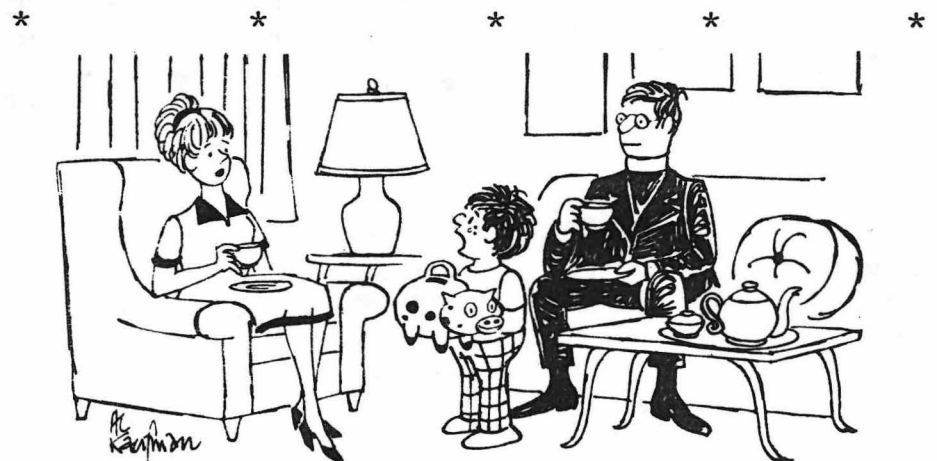


ILDA President Joseph Kindred and his lovely wife, Hazel, are obviously enjoying themselves at Central Region's conference.

Sunday morning found all the members of the conference at Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf. We worshipped together in this closing service which was followed by a luncheon. A great conference indeed!!

Thanks to the following individuals who made the 26th Annual Central Regional Conference a great success:

Bill and Sharon Schwarz, Jackie Kemper, Russel and Betty Healey, Evelyn Batz, Jack and Geraldine Chapman, Lois Yemm, Ann Yemm, Susan Woodward, Aaron Crawford, Archie Marshall, Elma Griffin, Regina Pawol, Shirley Schwarz, Pastor Daniel Pokorny, Pastor Richard A. Moody, and all who participated and attended.



"WHY NOT? WE HAFTA PUT SOMETHING IN HIS WHEN WE GO TO HIS PLACE."



Denver, Colorado ... Rev. Donald W. Zuhn, former pastor of Bethel Deaf Lutheran Church was in Denver recently and a pot luck reception was given for him in St. John's Lutheran Church School cafeteria. Following the pot luck dinner, Pastor Zuhn led in an inspiring devotion, "A Picture of a Christian Church", based on the Book of Acts 2:42-47.

Washington, D.C. ... The members of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf hosted a farewell party for VICAR DON and SUE KLUGE on Sunday, May 11th. The members were joined by members of St. Mark Lutheran Church of the Deaf to pay their respects to Don and Sue. More than forty people filled the chapel to watch Don's farewell sermon. Don had been reassigned for a continuation of his vicarage with St. Paul Lutheran Church, Blue Earth, Minn. The two deaf congregations and Gallaudet College students presented the Kluges with money gifts to help with their travel needs, along with God's greatest blessings.

Western Washington Deaf Field L.C./M.S. ... Northwest Branch of I.L.D.A. will have its annual conference at Interfaith Lacombe Centre, located on #2 Highway in South Calgary, Alberta, Canada on August 8, 9 and 10. Hopefully someone will send in some news about this conference for THE DEAF LUTHERAN.

VOLCANO JOKES?

Why not? Of course you know why St. Helens erupted - it didn't take its earth control pills. And with all that smoke billowing out, some black, some white, somebody is sure to say, "It's like electing a new pope", and somebody did. And one thinks the mountain would stop belching "if we drove a thousand Alka Seltzers down the cone." Seriously, consider the truth that God is far stronger than Mt. St. Helens!

Denver, CO ... PASTOR GEORGE and MRS. FLORENCE WINKLER marked their 25th Wedding Anniversary on June 19th. Their children gave them a night at "Turn Of The Century." Going to Texas they celebrated it once again with their respective families. God is good & we thank Him!

Omaha, NE ... July 20, 1980, marked a new page in the history of Bethlehem Deaf Lutheran Church. On this day MR. ROBERT OETTEL was installed as Lay Minister. REV. WALTER UHLIG preached during the service. Joining them with his prayers for MR. OETTEL was Lay Minister OSCAR HACKBARTH from Bethany Lutheran Church. After the service, every one joined the OETTELS for a Salad Luncheon held in their honor. They were then given a Pantry Shower. Bethlehem congregation thank God for His gift of CAROL & ROBERT OETTEL and their lovely daughters, VICKI and TINA.

Jacksonville, IL ... On Sunday, June 29, several deaf members from Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Greater Peoria, IL traveled to Jacksonville, IL for outdoor worship and picnic. Also being celebrated that day was a "surprise" anniversary for Pastor Anderson's 20th year in the ministry. The Jacksonville congregation surprised him with a special anniversary cake.

1981 HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AS "INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE DISABLED PERSON."

Spokane, WA ... The congregation of Faith Lutheran Church of the Deaf rejoiced with CLYDE & CHARLOTTE CATRON as they completed adoption proceedings for KAREN. They plan a baptismal service on August 17. The congregation also sent their best wishes with KEITH CATRON as he went off to Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C. Plans are being made for a new DEAF SERVICE CENTER. All the paperwork for the proposal is in the hands of the County Commissioners. A decision will be made in September. The proposal will include plans of housing the blind organization, deaf-blind work, and the deaf into one building. Other agencies associated with the deaf community may also rent space.

DAY BY DAY, DAY BY DAY...OH, DEAR LORD, THREE THINGS I PRAY: to see thee more clearly, to love thee more dearly, to follow thee more nearly, day by day.....

Houston, Texas ... Pastor and Mrs. (Mary) Robert Case's daughter Cynthia of Milwaukee has a new baby girl, Catherine Ann, born July 9th, 8lbs, 7 1/2 oz. We congratulate the parents, Mark and Cynthia. Catherine Ann makes 4 grandchildren that Mary and Pastor Case have been blessed with.

Los Angeles, CA ... Pilgrim Lutheran Church of the Deaf seem to be headed for a record year regarding attendance at church and offerings. In his report, Rev. Donald Zuhn says that Pilgrim had the highest average attendance of all the churches for the deaf in 1979. 67 per Sunday. During the first four months of this year, the average was 81. Pastor August Hauptmann hopes that all of his members will continue the good start for the balance of the year so that Pilgrim can end another record breaking year.

The ILDA CONVENTION COMMITTEE is really at work preparing the 1981 convention. Chairman Harold Thuve plans to make this one of the best conventions ever. Fourteen committee members were present at the July 26th meeting discussing various duties, planning more ways to raise funds, and other business related to the convention. Their next meeting is scheduled for November 1st.

THANKS TO THE EAGLE EYES OF REV. BOB CASE (HOLY THREE-IN-ONE) WHO SPOTTED A MISTAKE MADE IN THE DEAF LUTHERAN ABOUT THE DATE OF THE NEXT ILDA CONVENTION. IT WILL BE HELD JULY 9 - 12, 1981 NOT JUNE 9 -12, 1981. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK PASTOR CASE!

Houston, Texas ... The Bus Fund Goal thermometer bursted, praise the Lord! Holy Three-In-One L.C. of the Deaf received a gift of \$10,000 from the L.W.M.L. Convention at Tyler, Texas this summer. The church will be getting its van soon after the members decide on the make and model. Pastor Case hopes this gift of a van will bring more children to church.

IF YOU HAVE TO SWALLOW A BUNCH OF FROGS, PICK THE BIGGEST ONE FIRST. (DO THE HARDEST THING FIRST, THEN EVERYTHING ELSE COMES EASY. --Mystery Quoter

Flint, Michigan ... What a surprise when lack of a quorum for the meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Deaf Lutheran Church meant no lack of friends to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. (Elaine) W.O. Neisch in the lounge at Faith on Sunday afternoon, July 20th. Pastor and Elaine give their thanks to God for His abundant blessings through the years and thank all who worked so hard at keeping those wonderful plans all so very secret. Loving friends are a real blessing of the Lord!

20th Anniversary Celebration at Pilgrim

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Former pastor Arnold Jonas and wife, together with present pastor August Hauptmann.



Charles Kotal making the presentation of a painting to Pastor and Mrs. Arnold Jonas.

Adult Study Available on 2 Peter and Jude

-from REPORTER-Aug. 18, 1980

Although 2 Peter and Jude are small as Biblical books go, their messages are immense, especially for 20th century Christians. Study of the two books is aided by a new study guide called **Remember/Rejoice: A Thematic Study of 2 Peter and Jude** edited by the Synod's Board of Parish Education staff.

The 13 sessions include titles like "Is It By Chance?" "Who is the Enemy?" and "Is That the Christian Attitude?"

The material is designed to help Christian groups get into the Word and work through God's message as it touched first century Christians and as it now reaches them today. Each lesson includes suggestions for working through the text, helps in re-

lating them to other Scripture, discussion questions, and suggestions for moving the message into life.

The new guide is order #20-2086 (\$2.90) and is available from Concordia Publishing House.

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Bell System Adds TDD Operators

WASHINGTON, D.C.- Beginning on June 29th, the Bell Systems initiated operator services for TDD. TDD users now may reach an operator 24-hours a day by dialing a single nationwide toll free 800 number. The number is 800-855-1155. The operator at that number can provide directory assistance and help with person-to-person, collect, credit card, and third-number calls.

"A customer instruction booklet was prepared with the help of a number of deaf consumers

FRIED ALLIGATOR NEW TASTE TREAT

Are you bored with the conventional fast foods-burgers, chicken, fish and chips, or tacos?

Another fast food item is making its debut. It's the exotic gatorburger! Fried alligator meat is reported to be catching on. When it was first introduced in LA. at a fried chicken outlet it was an instant success.

The meat is cut in strips and marinated in a very special seasoning and dipped in batter. The fried gator meat has a texture similar to pork and a delicate fish taste like frog's legs.

What one can't do with marinade, seasoning and batter!

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INCINERATOR: A person who doesn't come right out with his nasty cracks.
-Daffynitions

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Discouraged suitor: "Everytime I find a girl who cooks like my mother, she looks like my father."

Daily Bible Reading



for Sept. 1980

- 1Leviticus 18:1-5.....
- 2Zechariah 7:4-10.....
- 3Acts 9:1-20.....
- 4Luke 20:41-44.....
- 5Proverbs 2:1-8.....
- 6Matthew 20:20-38.....

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 7Luke 14:1,3-14.....
- 8Jeremiah 17:13-14.....
- 9Galatians 5:16-24.....
- 10Numbers 12:1-15.....
- 11Acts 13:42-49.....
- 12Zachariah 8:7-13.....
- 13John 5:1-15.....

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 14Luke 14:25-33.....
- 15I Kings 17:8-16.....
- 16Romans 8:18-30.....
- 17Matthew 6:19-23.....
- 18Isaiah 56:8-57:2.....
- 19Deuteronomy 6:4-7.....
- 20Acts 8:26-38.....

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 21Luke 15:1-10.....
- 22Deuteronomy 32:39-40.....
- 23Ephesians 3:13-21.....
- 24Luke 7:11-17.....
- 25II Kings 4:18-37.....
- 26Job 5:17-26.....
- 27John 11:19-45.....

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 28Luke 16:1-13.....
- 29I Samuel 2:1-10.....
- 30Ephesians 4:1-6.....

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Come unto Me, all you that labour and are heavy ladden, and I will give you rest.

Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls.

For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light. Matthew 11:28-30

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and is being distributed by the Bell Telephone Companies assisted by local TDD groups," reported Joe Heil, AT&T's assistant manager of Services for Disabled Customers. Any TDD user who has not received a booklet may obtain one by contacting the local Bell Telephone TDD Customer Assistance Bureau.

"The Bell System is pleased to offer this new service which will provide TDD users many of the important services available to other customers," Heil said.

Children's Page

The Prairie Dog

A Bird of Many Names



The prairie dog is not a dog. People call him that because he barks like a puppy.

Prairie dogs make their home under the ground. They dig holes and tunnels that lead to many rooms.

During the day these little animals are extremely active above the ground. They look for food and visit with their neighbors. But they don't forget to keep watch for any enemy that might be near. When one of them sees a coyote or a hawk, he barks a warning. At once all the prairie dogs start running to the hole that leads to their home. Soon they are all safely underground.

Prairie dogs are very friendly and gentle to one another. They often touch noses when they meet. They keep chattering, and some will even sing a "dog song."

Years ago the United States was crowded with little animals called prairie dogs. In 1900 about 800 million lived in the state of Texas alone.

But as the country grew, prairie dogs began to disappear. Ranchers and farmers saw they were eating grass that was meant for their sheep and cows, so they hunted them down. Today only a few are left in the West.

This is the way prairie dogs build their homes underground. A hole at the surface leads almost straight down to the place where they live. All grass and shrubs around the hole are removed except one stalk. This left stalk of grass serves as a marker for the entrance.

Prairie dogs live most of their life in their own front yard. They never wander far away from the entrance

You can see and enjoy the prairie dog at the zoo. It is God who made this happy little animal. Did you ever thank Him for all He has given us?

Christians should work hard to build good character in their lives. Ask God, and He will help you.

Here are some things which should be in every Christian's life.

Find the words in the puzzle. They may be found by reading in any direction. Even backward!

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Some people call this bird a water turkey. Others call it a snakebird. And there are some people who call this bird by the name "darter."

Whatever people call this bird, it is about 34 inches long. Its feathers are black and a few white feathers go in a circle around its neck.

This bird lives where it is usually warm. It likes to be near water or a marsh or swamp. For food it mostly catches frogs and somewhat small snakes. This bird will swim with only its long neck above the water. In a way it looks like a submarine.

After coming out of the water, this bird cannot fly until its feathers have had a chance to dry out. Then it can soar high in the air again.

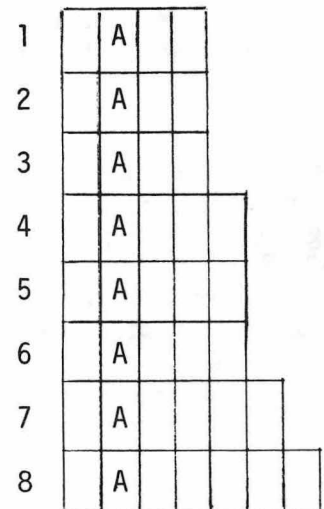
Sometimes this bird will build its nest to be alone. But often it will build its nest with other kinds of birds. All the birds living together make up a bird area called a colony.

When there are baby birds in the nests, the colony is a very noisy place.

This bird is another one of God's interesting and unusual creatures. Remember to thank Him again and again whenever you see or discover some kind of bird or animal He has made such as this bird of many names.



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1. He was approved for the ministry by Paul. 2 Timothy 4:11
2. He was a king who envied David. 1 Samuel 18:7-9
3. God worked miracles by his hands. Acts 19:11-12
4. He was a disciple of Jesus. Mark 1:19-20
5. He killed Goliath. 1 Samuel 17:49-50
6. He was Joseph's father. Genesis 47:7
7. He was known for this great strength. He killed 1,000 Philistines. Judges 15:16
8. Jesus called this tax collector to be his disciple. Matt.9:9.

ANSWERS
1. Mark 2. Saul 3. Paul 4. James 5. David 6. Jacob 7. Samson 8. Matthew.