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6th Biennial I.L.D.A. Convention in Los Angeles Sets Records! ... a record attendance



Top: The opening worship service led by Rev.A.L.Hauptmann recorded a crowd of 221. It was the largest in history of the association.

Bottom, left: Delegates and visitors lined up at the registration window.

Right: Banquet night recorded an overflow crowd of 425.



A Record Budget!

THE BUDGET 1981 - 1983

I.L.D.A.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPENSES.....	\$ 12,000.00
MISSION PROJECTS (L.D.M.S.)	10,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	1,600.00

TOTAL (Two Years)... \$ 23,600.00

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COST OF PRINTING AND MAILING	\$ 16,800.00
TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	1,000.00
EDITOR'S SERVICES (\$175/MONTH)	4,200.00
BUSINESS MANAGER'S SERVICES (\$100/MONTH).....	2,400.00

TOTAL (Two Years) ... \$ 24,400.00

TOTAL EXPENSES (Two Years) \$ 48,000.00

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PROJECTED INCOME (Two Years)

THE DEAF LUTHERAN SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$ 19,800.00
I.L.D.A. MEMBERSHIPS	10,600.00
MISSION PROJECTS CONTRIBUTIONS	10,000.00
THE DEAF LUTHERAN ADVERTISEMENTS	3,600.00
GOD'S 1,000 CLUB	3,000.00
CONVENTION PROFITS	1,000.00

TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME \$ 48,000.00

LET'S ALL PITCH IN!



During one of the business meetings, someone suggested that a collection be taken to "get the ball rolling" on the mission projects. The result was that \$433.30 was collected in donations!!

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God's 1,000 Club

This Club is open to any person who wish to help with the operating expenses of the ILDA Board of Directors. Annual dues is \$10 per person. Details about this club will be sent on request. Please make your check or money order payable to:

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Thank You for Your Contribution!

The RIGHT HAND Award Winner



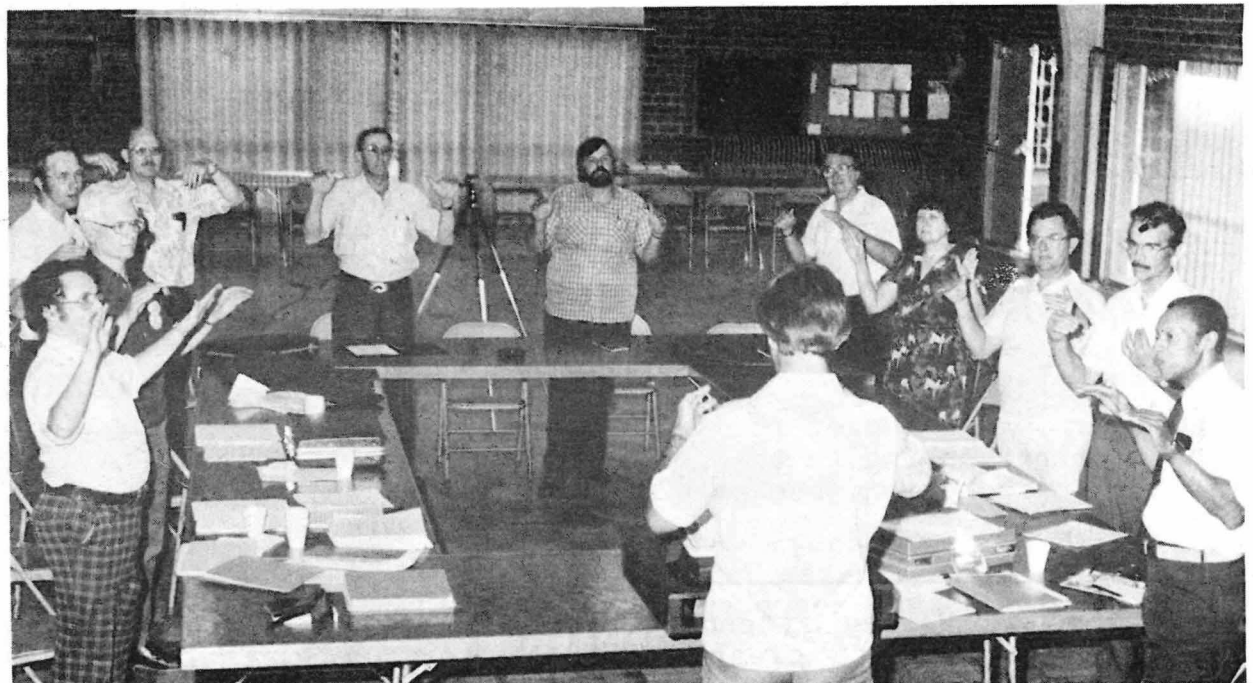
Holding the highly prized Uriel C. Jones 'RIGHT HAND' AWARD is Mrs. Florence Peterson of Bethlehem, Omaha. She proudly accepts the happy applause of the overflow crowd at the Saturday night's banquet.

This award is presented at each I.L.D.A. Convention to that individual in recognition of his or her many years of unselfish and devoted service to their church, their fellow companion and to Jesus Christ, their Lord!

This year's award was presented to Mrs. Peterson on behalf of the Board of Directors and the I.L.D.A. by Master of Ceremonies, Elmer D. Francisco (left). Mr. Francisco also serves as I.L.D.A. Treasurer and Business Manager of The Deaf Lutheran.



Sing/signing a hymn led by Rev. Paul Dorr (back to camera), the Board of Directors began their business meeting at Pilgrim L.C./Deaf in Los Angeles. Clockwise to the left is: Charles Kotal, Pres. Elect. Elmer Francisco, Treasurer; Wm. Zimmerman, Midwest Region; LeRoy Treibel, Eastern Region; Victor B. Lyon, Northwest Region; Ron Byington, Central Region; Richard Crossen, Great Lakes Region; Diane Foster, Pacific Region; Rev. Don Zuhn, Synodical Representative, Lester Ahls, Secy.; and Joseph Kindred, President. Absent: Lawrence Fields, Dixie Region.

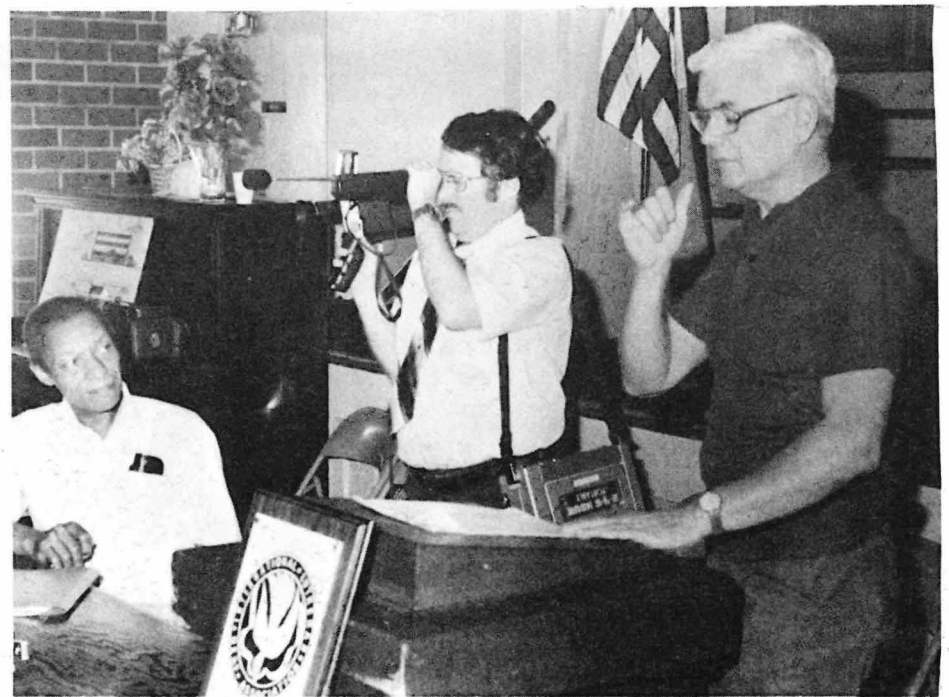


Charles Kotal (center) mans a video tape camera.

The Meeting of the Board of Directors



The new I.L.D.A. banner, (forward left), complete with the association's seal, is the work of members of the Portland, Oregon congregation. It was greatly admired by everyone at the convention.



I.L.D.A. Board Meeting at Pilgrim L.C. (prior to the convention)



Members of Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf who worked very hard preparing meals

-Condensed from a report by
Lester Ahls, Retiring Secretary
Emerging President-Elect

THE BOARD'S BUSINESS IN BRIEF

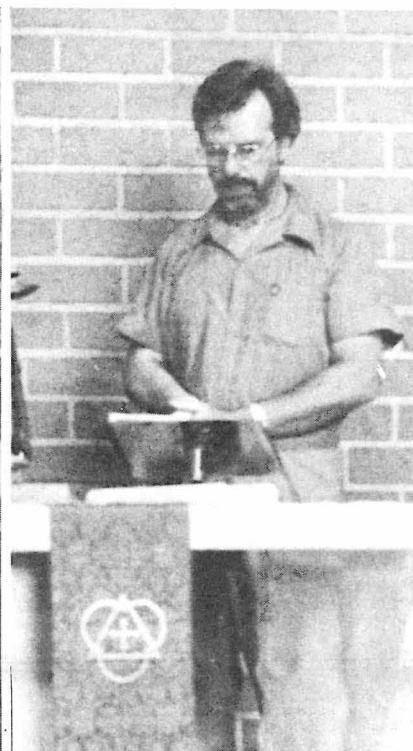
1. The I.L.D.A. Board of Directors met at Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Los Angeles, Calif. July 7-9, 1981.
2. Acknowledged two letters of thanks from last year's scholarship recipients, Rebecca Hanne- mann of Concordia College, Sewart Neb. and Beth Firnhaber of Con- cordia, Portland, Oregon.
3. Rev. Don Zuhn gave a report on the upcoming Convocation on Deaf Ministry scheduled for November 20-22 of this year. He said all is progressing well.
4. Approved a plan to accept advertising in The Deaf Lutheran
5. Picked a "Coordinator" to help plan the 1983 convention at Pittsburgh.
6. Formally accepted Mr. Ronald Byington, Milwaukee, Wis. as representative from Central Region, replacing Mrs. Bettye Healey who now resides in Canada.
7. Granted permission for two churches at Greensboro and Hickory, N.C. to move from Dixie Region to the Eastern Region.
8. Acknowledged thanks from Rev. Arnold Lutz of India for grants from the I.L.D.A.
9. Reviewed and accepted final convention plans as presented by Convention Chairman C. Kotal.
10. Treasurer E. Francisco reported that as of May 29, 1981 there is a balance of \$4,324.41 in I.L.D.A.'s account, \$2,897.49 in L.D.M.S.'s account and \$1,693 in the account of The Deaf Lu- theran.
11. Finalized Mission Projects for 1981-83. They will be presented to the convention for adoption. (see page 2)
12. Determined a Budget for 1981 - '83 for presenting to the convention for adoption. (see page 2)

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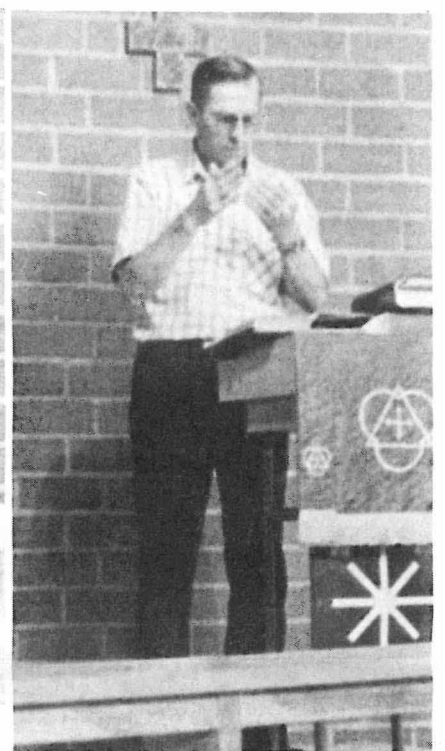
Mrs. Betty Jo Healey attending the Board meeting to clear up her standing on the Board.



Rev. Don Zuhn



Rev. Paul Dorr

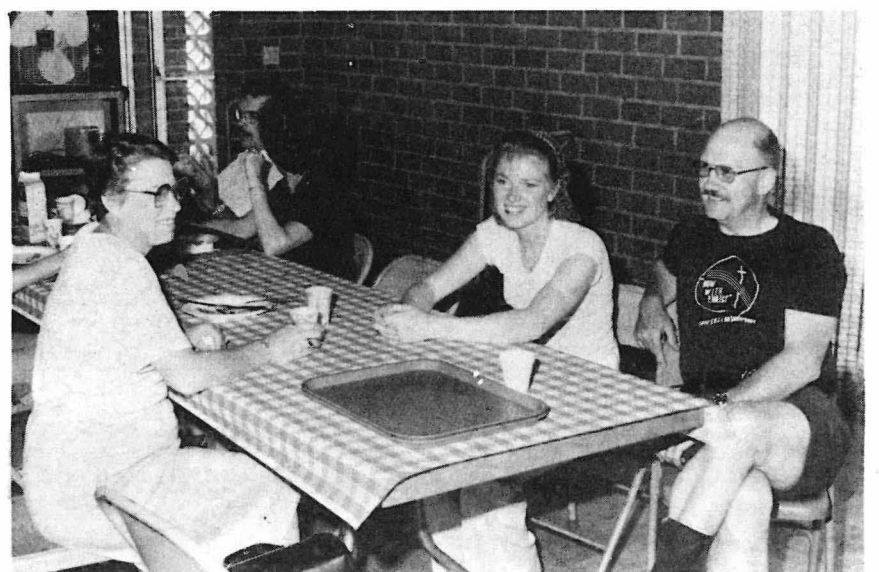


Victor Lyon

...along with Pastor William Ludwig, Archie Marshall, and the Pilgrim choir led by Charles Kotal conducted devotional services for the Board members.

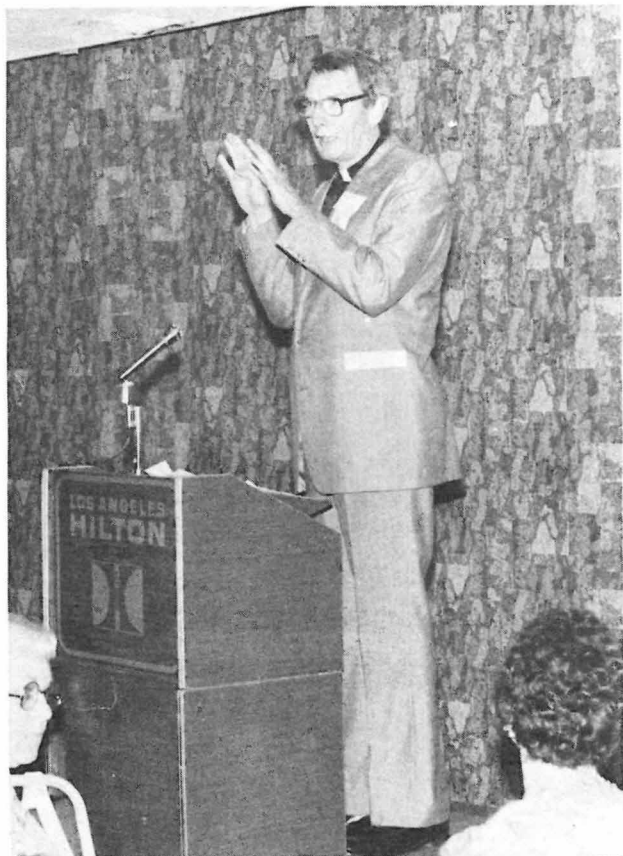
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The LeRoy Treobel Family gets together for an informal family reunion and lunch during a break.



Mrs. Betty Healey is formerly a resident of St. Louis, Missouri. She also was President of the Central Region. She and her husband (Russel Healey) now reside in Canada. They work at the Pax Natura Ranch as houseparents.

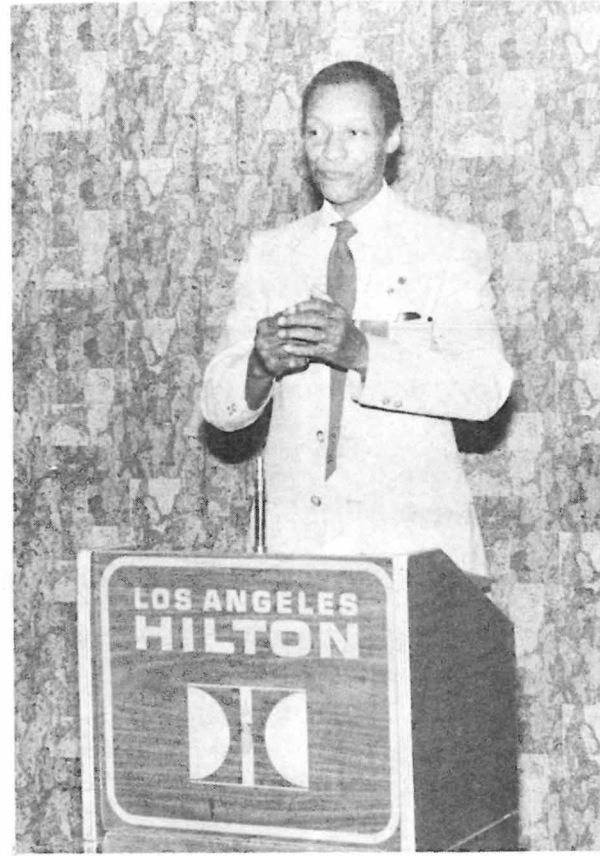
The Opening of the Convention Welcoming of Delegates at the Buffet



Rev. August Hauptmann, pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church and host congregation pastor.



Rev. Kenneth P. Fuerbringer delivered the welcoming address in behalf of Rev. Arnold G. Kuntz, President of the Southern Calif. District. On right is Jean Addis interpreter extraordinary.



I.L.D.A. President Joseph J. Kindred welcomed the assembled diners, and introduced Estella Allbright, (lower right corner) of this page.



I.L.D.A. Pres.-Elect Charles Kotal, M.C. and General Chairman of the convention. Looks like he is giving directions of how to get to heaven.



Program Chairperson Diane Foster also member of I.L.D.A. Board explaining the program to the diners. She told them that they were in for an exciting time.



During his welcoming address, I.L.D.A. President J. Kindred introduced two exceptional visitors to the assembled diners: Estella Allbright, 90, of Hayward, CA, who made her first plane flight to attend this convention; and, Bella Bright, also 90, of Chicago, Ill. (photo on left). They both received a hearty applause.

The Cultural Program - Performances



Over an hour of skits, plays and drama presentations were presented and enjoyed.

The Banquet & Award Winners



A major portion of the awards for drama and cultural presentations appeared to go to participants from the Midwest: For talent, Dorothy Sparks (above for her camera and clown mime act), and to Karen Dammeyer (below).



A distinguished visitor was introduced at the banquet. He is Rev. Rudolph Woolrab of Dresden, East Germany. Rev. Woolrab serves the deaf in that far-away country

Rev. Woolrab is this year's recipient of the John of Beverly Medal. Sharing the stand with him is Editor Archie D. Marshall, 1979 John of Beverly Medalist.

You will read more about this man from East Germany in this publication as soon as more news comes in.

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Outgoing Pres. Joseph Kindred is presented with a plaque bearing a gavel in bas relief by incoming President Charles Kotal.

This is a showing of appreciation for Pres. Joe's many years of service, both as a Board member and for the last two terms (4 years) as I.L.D.A. President.

Rest well, you have earned it.



An overflow crowd in excess of 425 sat down to the festive board of roast cornish hen and all the trimmings: an undetermined number of late, ticketless, individuals were unable to be seated.

I hope you have enjoyed reading this mostly pictorial issue. That old saying that one picture is worth a thousand words seems true to me, and besides that, the time it took me to develop and print all of those pictures did seem like 100,000 words. Forgive me for the lateness of this edition.
The Editor

p.s. more convention news and pictures will be on the next couple of issues.



HOSPITALS

Did you know that one in every ten Americans each year goes to the hospital? What would it be like if there weren't any hospitals? Long ago there weren't any. Sick people had to stay at home. Or often sick people were gathered together.



This woman is resting in one of today's modern hospitals.

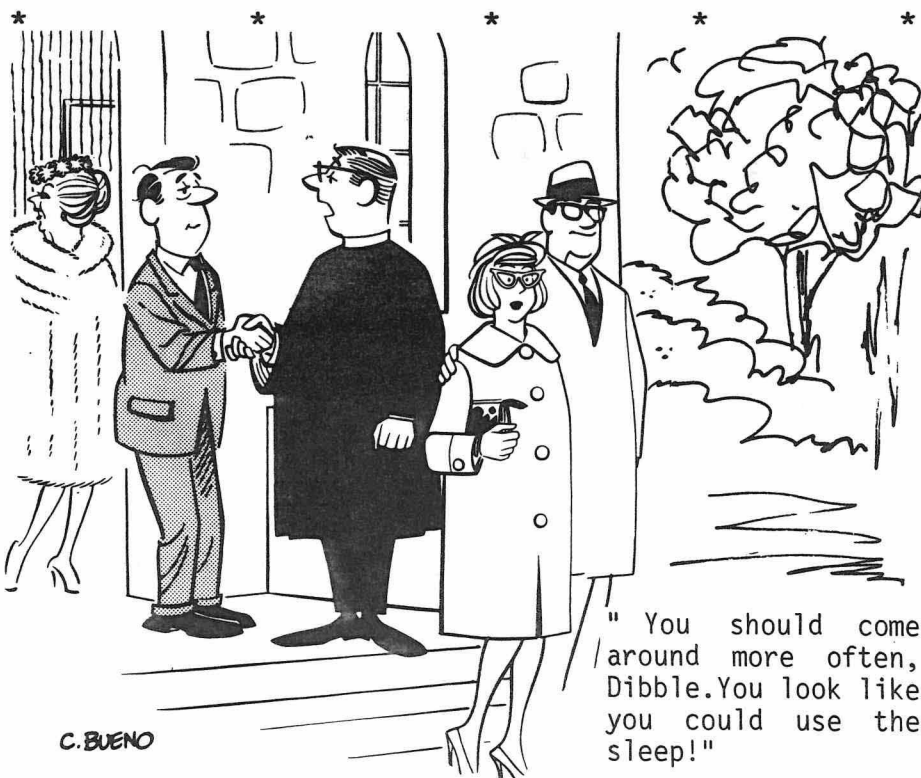


Mealtime in a Paris hospital about 300 years ago.

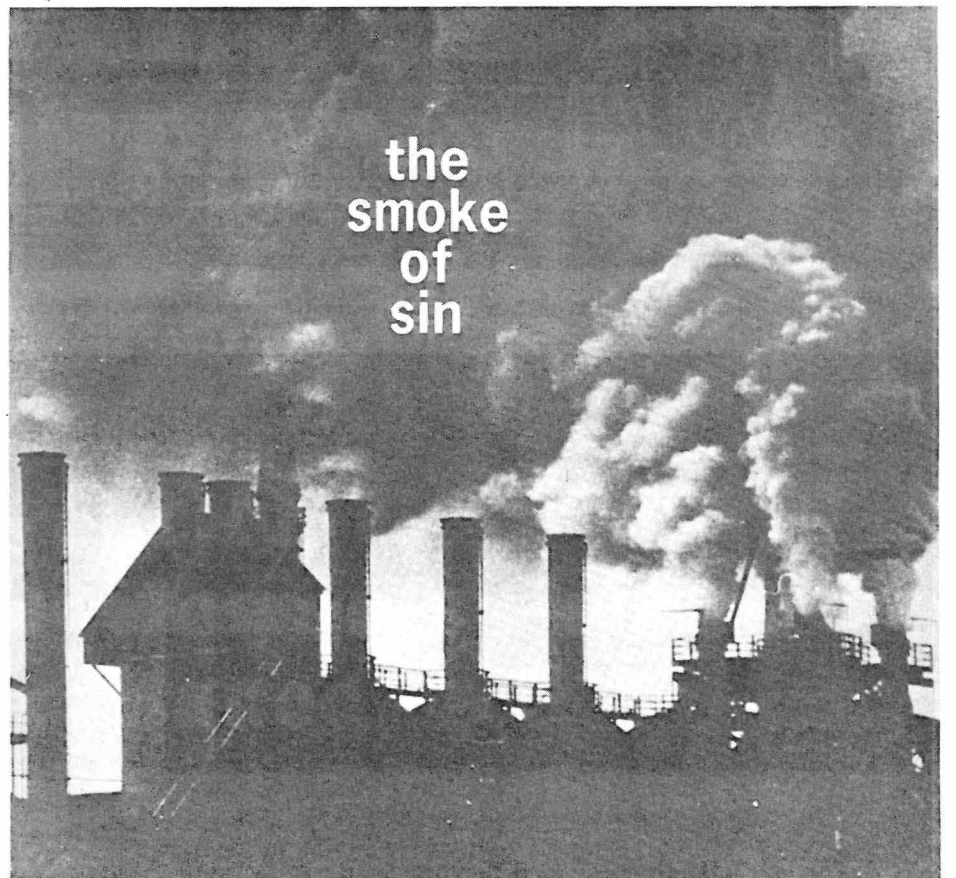
to an inn where travelers stopped at night. Followers of Jesus remember His words, "Help the sick." It was this commandment of love that was the reason followers of Jesus first built hospitals.

Do you have a hospital near you? How is it following Jesus' words, "Help the sick"?

You remember how Jesus helped the ten men who were sick with leprosy. They were separated from their families. The Bible also tells us about the pool of Bethesda. People went there to wait for God to help them. Bethesda means "House of Mercy." You remember the story of the Good Samaritan. He did not take the man who was hurt to a hospital because there weren't any. He took the man



"You should come around more often, Dibble. You look like you could use the sleep!"



This factory is sending smoke and dirt into the air.

A factory that sends smoke and dirt into the air is like people sinning. The factory smoke causes people to become sick. Breathing too much of this smoke sometimes causes people to die. As more and more smoke fills the air, the beautiful sun with its warmth and light is blotted out.

Sin is like a smoke screen, too. Sin drives us away from God. Sin covers up the light of God's love. In what other ways is factory smoke like the sins that we commit?

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A 400 Year-Old Parable Picture



Followers of Jesus love God's Word. They show this in many different ways. Some followers write songs to praise God. Other followers draw or paint pictures about the Bible.

Long ago Jesus told the people stories to help them better understand God and His love for them. We call these stories parables.

In the year 1568 a man painted this picture. In this way he told others about the Bible. The picture tells one of the stories that Jesus told. Do you know the story? Read Matthew 15:14 to find out. Does the picture help you remember what Jesus said?

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Do-it-yourselfers are always doing things around the house that they can't.

Marriage is a mutual partnership if both parties know when to be mute.

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