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Site of the 1983 ILDA convention

-by Ruth G.Ludivico

229 years ago the original steps were taken in the development of the city now we know as Pittsburgh.

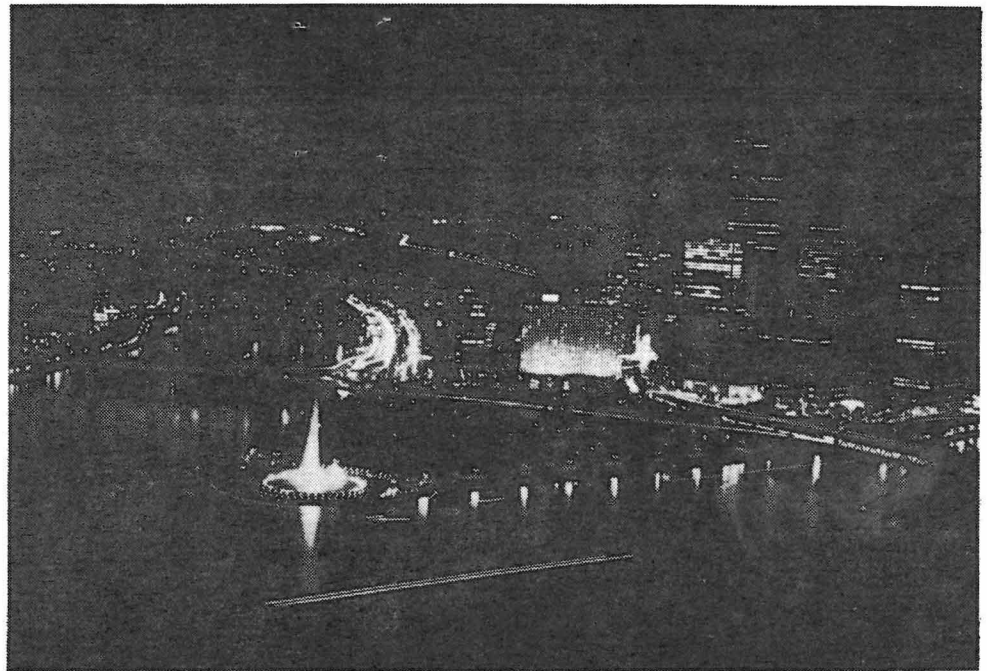
In 1753 George Washington was sent here to survey the area for the construction of a permanent fort. The fort was called Ft. Prince George.

In 1754 the French were greatly interested in the area because of its geographical position, and they promptly drove the Americans out. They built a larger fort called Ft. Duquesne.

In 1758 the British set their sights on the area and drove out the French. The British built a new fort called Fort Pitt and by 1764 had developed a town around the fort they called Pittsburgh.

In 1800, once again in the hands of the Americans following the Revolutionary War, glass and iron manufacturers started to develop plants in the area, and the town started to grow. In 1811 the first steamboats appeared on the rivers, and in 1816 the area went to the status of a city.

The 1800s saw substantial growth of the city as a heavy manufacturing area with the advantages of river transportation and the nearby deposits of bituminous coal. Some firms were started such as Westinghouse Corporation in 1872, Rochester-Pittsburgh Coal and Iron Company in 1883, Hunt and Clapp Pittsburgh Testing Labs in 1881, Pittsburgh Forging in 1871, Mesta Machine Company in 1898, Jones and Laughlin Steel in 1853, and H.J. Heinz Company in 1869. By 1901 and 1922 respectively the industrial giants U.S. Steel and Gulf



Nighttime view of "The Golden Triangle"

Oil Corporation were founded.

This growth continued in the 20th century especially with the oil exploration and discovery by Colonel Drake at Titusville in 1859. Three of the largest contributions made to the U.S.A. were in steel, transportation, and medicine. In the period 1941 to 1945 more steel was manufactured in Pittsburgh than in Germany and Japan combined. In 1940 the Pennsylvania Turnpike was opened. This road was the first of the U.S. highway systems as we know it today. In 1955 a press conference was held at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School to announce the discovery of the Salk vaccine.

In the early 1950s the local government officials and private industry combined their efforts in eradicating the soot and dirt con-

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ditions and also cleared five blocks of old loft buildings to build the Gateway Center.

Mayor David L. Lawrence lead this effort with private capital furnished by the Equitable Life Assurance Corporation. This accomplishment was labeled Renaissance I.

Pittsburgh, since its rebuilding renaissance, is one of the most beautiful, picturesque river cities in the country. The fabulous Gateway Clipper Fleet's array of sailing vessels offer an exceptional panoramic view of "The Golden Triangle" from a unique vantage point: the three rivers- Allegheny, Monongahela where they meet at the point to form the Ohio River. A spectacular evening Dinner-Dance Cruise, complete with the famous Captain's Buffet is on tap for ILDA conventioners.

Renaissance II is now in progress with six new office buildings (18 floors to 54 floors) under construction, a new subway system, and major revamping of downtown streets among the priority projects. The completion of the new David L. Lawrence Convention Center was one of the initial accomplishments.

Today sixteen of the major Fortune 500 companies are based here. Pittsburgh serves a metropolitan area population of just under 2.5 million which is the nation's thirteenth largest. The international airport is the fourteenth largest in passenger traffic exceeding both Philadelphia and St. Louis. The river traffic has grown to 70 million tons per year.

The University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie-Mellon University, and Duquesne University head up twelve educational institutions of higher learning. Culturally, the Pittsburgh Symphony, the Carnegie Institute, and the Mellon Institute head up the list. Theatrical performances and college and professional sports play a major role in the daily life of the citizens.

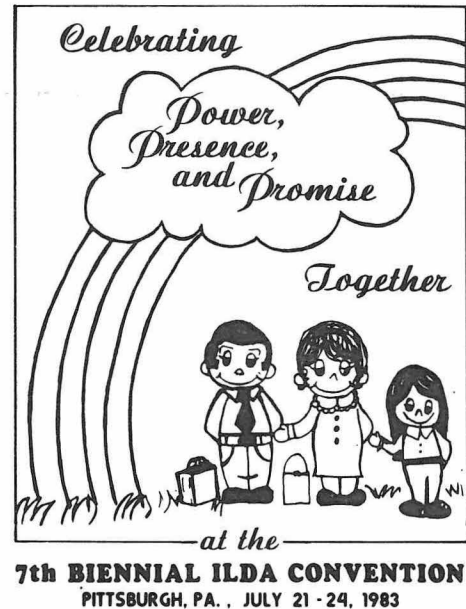
The English, Scotch-Irish, Irish, Poles, Slavs, Italian, and German immigrants all played important parts in the development and growth of the area.

A variety of sightseeing excursions which will include historical points of interest will be offered so that everyone has the opportunity to see as much as possible while visiting this "special city!"

Pittsburgh is a warm and friendly city,

and we sincerely hope that your brief stay here is one of both business success and personal enjoyment. Naturally, we hope to welcome you once again to our city.

Again, I would like to remind all who are planning to come to the ILDA convention to be sure to bring three things: First-bring a rock or stone with your home town written, printed or taped on; Second- bring a picture of your homechurch building or place where you worship; Third- bring a color photograph of yourself alone or together with your family.



L.C.M.S. Moves Headquarters

ST. LOUIS, MO.: The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will open its new headquarters at the intersection of Interstate 44 and Kirkwood Road in Kirkwood, Missouri, Monday, December 20, 1982.

Movers will begin moving furniture and office files during the week of December 12, from the synod's office at 500 No. Broadway, which has been the 2.7 million-member denomination's headquarters since 1973.

The new headquarters, a 127,000 square-foot, four-story building, has been under construction for the last twenty months. The building was authorized by the 1979 convention.

The synod originally planned to locate the headquarters at Concordia Seminary in Clayton however, after difficulties encountered in rezoning, the church bought the 9.5 acre site

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The Ant Keeper

-from The Silent Visitor Newsletter
Omaha, Nebraska

A gardener had very special powers. He kept a beautiful garden, and in this garden were several ant hills. He really loved the ants, but they were always fighting and destroying each other.

The gardener loved them, but he couldn't tell them any thing about LOVE and PEACE. He decided he would have to become like them.

He did this by changing into an ant, so he could tell the ants about LOVE and PEACE

That's kind of a silly story, isn't it? Who, with that kind of power would love such unimportant things as ants and become one of them??

GOD WOULD, OF COURSE.
GOD DID, OF COURSE!

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Pound Day

Annually the Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, Mich. appeals to the congregations and individuals to participate in their annual Pound Day program. The program is designed to acquire food for our pantries for the child nutrition program.

As indicated in the picture below, our greatest commodity on hand is canned corn. Apparently all our friends favor corn in the normal diet. This year we are asking for food stuffs in varieties other than corn. We would in-

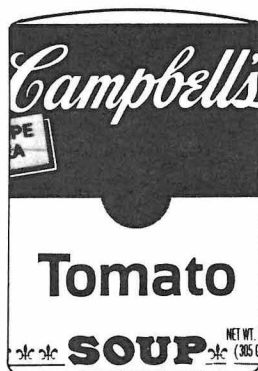
vite churches and individuals throughout our readership to participate in our Pound Day program. A specific donation for the support of our child nutrition program can be made. Please keep in mind that we prepare meals 7 days a week, 3 times a day for the residential children as well as serving 130 lunches each day for the entire student body as well as staff.

If you would be interested in supporting this program please contact the Lutheran School for the Deaf, 6861 E. Nevada, Detroit, MI 48234.

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Campbell Labels for Education

The Campbell kids invite you to participate in the 1983 Labels for Education Program sponsored by the Campbell Soup Company. The



Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, Michigan has participated in the Campbell soup label redemption program for several years.

Last year they redeemed over 300,000 soup labels for various items of equipment. They hope to gather greater numbers of labels this year so that they may continue the equipping of their classrooms

If you would like to participate in this program, please save the labels and trim them to show the face of the label as indicated above. All Swanson products, V8 vegetable juice, Swanson TV dinners, as well as Franco

American products are also included in the program.

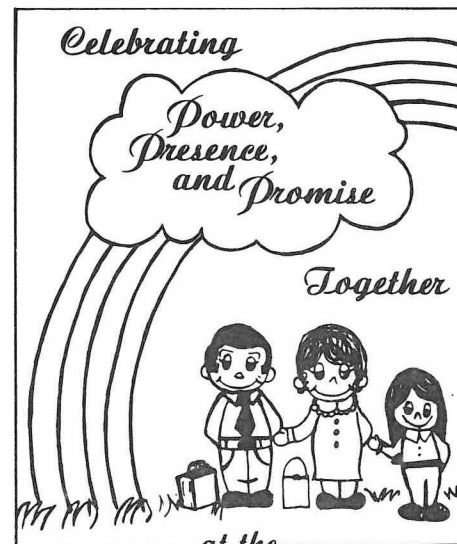
These labels should be forwarded to the school no later than February 12, 1983 for inclusion in the 1983 campaign. For our Canadian friends it is appropriate to include those labels with French words

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PASTOR LARRY W. BOST served as Pastor-In-Residence at Lenoir-Rhyne College November 7-10. He attended classes and visited with students and teachers. He enjoyed talking with deaf students who are enrolled in the new program for the hearing impaired. While there one day he preached at the Chapel service using both voice and signs. Let us tell all our deaf youth about Lenoir-Rhyne College and the good education that deaf people now are receiving just 3 hours from Columbia, South Carolina.

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"DID" is a word of achievement
"WON'T" is a word of retreat.
"MIGHT" is a word of sorrow.
"CAN'T" is a word of defeat.
"OUGHT" is a word of duty.
"CAN" is a word of power.
"WILL" is a word of beauty.
"TRY" is a word for each hour!



7th BIENNIAL ILDA CONVENTION
PITTSBURGH, PA. JULY 21-24, 1983

MULTIPLE ANNIVERSARIES



-by Meta Luetzow
Seattle, Washington

Sunday, September 26, 1982, members and friends of the Western Washington Lutheran Church of the Deaf gathered to celebrate in a service of thanks and praise to God, a series of multiple anniversaries.

The 70th anniversary of the Lutheran Ministry to the Deaf in the Northwest; the 65th anniversary of the first resident missionary for the Deaf, Pastor George W. Gaertner; the 61st anniversary of the organization of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Seattle and the 40th anniversary of Calvary L.C. for the Deaf, Tacoma, Washington.

In addition, Pastor Martin A. Hewitt of Faith L.C./Deaf, Spokane, Washington who spoke at the worship services in Seattle and Tacoma and the banquet held Saturday, Sept. 25th, reminded the group of the 20th anniversary of the organization of Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Vancouver, B.C.

80 people attended the banquet on Saturday evening. They came from Vancouver, B.C., Eastern Washington, Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, and Portland, Oregon to share in the celebrations.

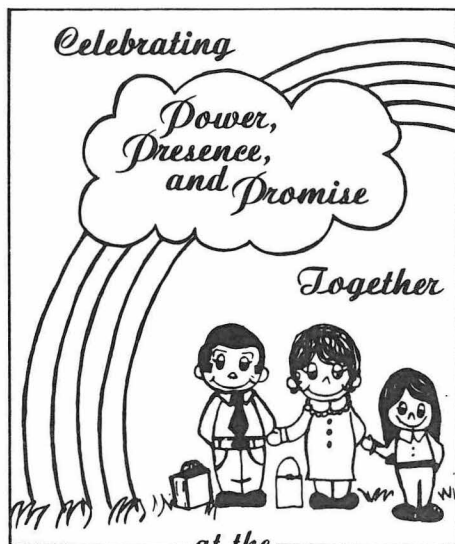
Pastor Martin Hewitt spoke on the theme, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and

forever." Mr. Richard French, Layworker of the Seattle church, was Master of Ceremonies.

Ted Brighton, President of the Western Washington Lutheran Church for the Deaf gave the words of welcome and did a short skit in pantomime. Miss Lee Ann McLane and Mrs. Ruth Erickson sign/sang the Hymns of Praise.

Members and friends shared some of the history and events of the past. Pastor William A. Ludwig presented slides depicting the history of the deaf ministry from 1912 to the present day.

Pastor Ludwig was installed as pastor of the Western Washington Field on October 17, 1971. He was the first deaf person to become a pastor in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.



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It seems everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to go right now.

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If you don't learn from your mistakes, there's no sense in making them!

Many Resources Exist For Planning a Luther Commemoration in 1983



-by Theodore W. Schroeder

Next year marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's birth and there is no doubt that numerous observances will be planned to remember the reformer.

To mark the occasion, a congregation might wait until next October, get out a few old pictures, do a "festival worship" service and briefly "celebrate" the event. Or, it might schedule a more meaningful celebration, making 1983 an educational, year-long observance of the important anniversary.

Here are a few suggestions for enriching your congregation's observance of Luther's birthday.

EMPHASIZE THE CATECHISM

Ohio District President Paul Weber has suggested taking a little time each Sunday morning to read and comment briefly on a portion of the Small Catechism. As an alternative to the children's sermon, the pastor might invite the children to help think about the meaning of a selected portion.

Inexpensive copies of the Enchiridion might be ordered
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REPORT OF THE MIDWEST ILDA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf of Kansas City, MO and other preaching stations in Northeast Kansas hosted the 27th Annual Midwest ILDA Regional Conference. It was held at the Rock Spring 4-H Camp in Junction City, Kansas. Starting Friday night, June 11th, the conference lasted until Sunday, June 13th. Rev. LaVern Mass, Pastor of Pilgrim worked closely with the conference committee in the planning of this conference.

President Ronald Nester of Hiawatha, Kansas had the pleasure of welcoming ninety (90) people who came to this conference. In his welcoming address, Pres. Nester emphasized the conference theme which was "UNITY". Following his welcoming speech, Mrs. Ruth Nester sang/signed "Father You Have Made Us Family".

Mr. Lester Ahls, ILDA Pres. Elect and Board Member gave a short report about the 1983 ILDA Convention in Pittsburgh Pa. The theme of this 1983 ILDA Convention will be "POWER PRESENCE AND PROMISE TOGETHER". Mr. Ahls instructed those who are planning to attend this '83 ILDA Convention in Pittsburgh to bring a rock with your name painted on. After the convention you will be taking home someone else's rock with a different name.

Lay Pastor Bob Oettel,

of Omaha, Neb. led the evening devotion service. Karen Dam-meyer of Omaha sang "We Are One In The Lord".

President Nester appointed Elizabeth "Dolly" Keliher of Colorado Springs, Colorado and Bill Zimmerman of Monticello, Iowa, on the Nominating Committee; Lester Ahls of Cedar Falls Iowa, as Resolutions Committee Chairman; on Ahl's committee went Earl Peterson of Omaha, Neb. and Harry Searles of Colorado Springs, Colo. Mr. Donald L. Kissell of Des Moines, Iowa was appointed Conference Reporter. That finished up the business for Friday evening, June 11th.

Lester Ahls led the morning Devotion which he began with a reading from 1 Corinthians 13:13 (Faith, Hope and Love). Rev. LaVern Mass served as moderator for the first of two sessions on "UNITY".

Pres. Nester called a business session to order Saturday evening, June 12th. Rev. Walter Uhlig opened it with a prayer. The minutes were read and approved. A question came from the floor concerning the legality of a Lay Minister serving as a Regional Pastoral Advisor. Lester Ahls said that it was still permissible because this matter has not been entirely resolved since the last ILDA convention in Los Angeles. This problem will be brought up at the Pittsburgh convention in 1983.

Treasurer Augusta Haines of Sioux City, Ia gave her report which was approved. Also approved was that half of our last year's profits (\$362) be donated and sent to ILDA.

Our Midwest Regional Advisor Rev. Mass gave his report. He was happy to announce that the vacancy in Denver will be filled by Rev. Leimkuehler

by Aug. 1, 1982 succeeding Rev. Winkler who has accepted a call as Chaplain to the Texas Penal Institution.

In balloting for new Midwest Regional ILDA Officers for 1982-1984, the following were elected:

President - Harry Searles
Vice Pres. - Ronald Nester
Secretary - Betty Ahls
Treasurer - Carl Munz

(The vote count for Treasurer originally had Augusta Haines as winner, however a question from the floor citing a two term limitation according to the Constitution and By-Laws disqualified Haines and Munz was declared winner.)

Regional Advisor - Rev. L. Mass

Ardella Klein of St. Paul, Minn., invited the conference to come to Minnesota for the 1983 meeting. It was accepted by a vote from the floor! No firm date was set, however, Barbara Zimmerman suggested July 15, 16, and 17, 1983.

Harold Nord moved that Sunday's offering be given to Our Redeemer L. Church in recognition of so many things done for the deaf there. Bill Zimmerman amended the motion to split offerings 50/50 between Redeemer L.C. and ILDA. Amendment carried.

Pres. Nester wanting to bring Article VI of Midwest's current By-Laws more in harmony with the National ILDA Constitution suggested that the following words be deleted: "except for the Pres. -Elect" after the word "office" in line 58 and deleting entirely lines 60, 61, 62, and 63. This was passed by vote. Since this change in Midwest's Constitution mean that the newly elected Pres., Harry Searles, will begin serving immediately on ILDA's Board of Direc-

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Plan a Luther commemoration in 1983

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from Concordia Publishing House (see its catalog). They can be placed in your hymnal racks so worshippers can read a catechism portion aloud each week.

CONFESSIONAL DOCUMENTS

Four of the "That We May Grow" adult series recently produced by the Board for Parish Services through Concordia Publishing House focus on confessional documents that came out of the Reformation.

You might want to select and use from these:

* **Augsburg for Our Day**-A Study of the Augsburg Confession. (study guide #20-2061, leaders manual #20-2062);

* **We Believe, Teach, Confess** -
-**Formula of Concord** (study guide #20-2054, leaders manual #20-2055);

* **Our Lutheran Heritage**- Study of Selected Doctrines (study guide #20-2063, leaders manual #20-2064); or

* **Daily Discipleship**-Large Catechism (study guide #20-2056 -leaders manual #20-2057).

MOVIES, NEW STUDIES

Schedule the movie "Martin Luther" (105 min. or the version shortened to 30 min.). These and others are available from the Concordia Publishing House Film Library to use at a "family night" in the spring.

As a result of that event, encourage classes, groups, and organizations to prepare a fuller celebration of Luther's work and life for the fall. Some might do a skit on his

life.

Classes might make a banner or poster featuring the **Small Catechism**. (You'll find patterns in "Six Catechism Posters You Can Make," CPH order #55-8400.) Others might plan special worship services or some other events.

And watch for the new "Life of Luther" series- curricular materials on Luther for use with children from nursery to junior high- coming from Concordia Publishing House in the spring.



Rev. Theodore W. Schroeder is editor of Sunday school materials for the Board for Parish Services.

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tors with his expenses to the 1983 ILDA Convention paid, Harold Nord made a motion to provide Pres. Ron Nester with an allowance to the 1983 ILDA Convention in Pittsburgh in recognition of his service to Midwest Regional ILDA Conference. Glenda Haefner seconded the motion and it passed.

Saturday evening's festival found Lester Ahls serving as Master of Ceremonies. The invocation was given by Rev. George Ring of Des Moines, Ia. Dolly Keliher signed the song Blessed Be The Tie That Binds Mr. Harold Nord handmade the little wooden crosses that were placed on each table. Some lucky person at each table had the privilege of taking the cross home.

Rev. Robert C. Schadel, pastor of St. Luke L.C., Manhattan Kansas, and 3rd Vice-Pres. of Kansas District, LC/MS gave greetings from Kansas Dist. Pres. Rev. George Bruening of Topeka who was hospitalized and unable to attend.

Mr. David E. Rahberg, Dir. of Christian Education at St. Luke L.C., Manhattan, Ks. and on short notice gave a most inspirational message that had a great impact on everyone at the banquet.

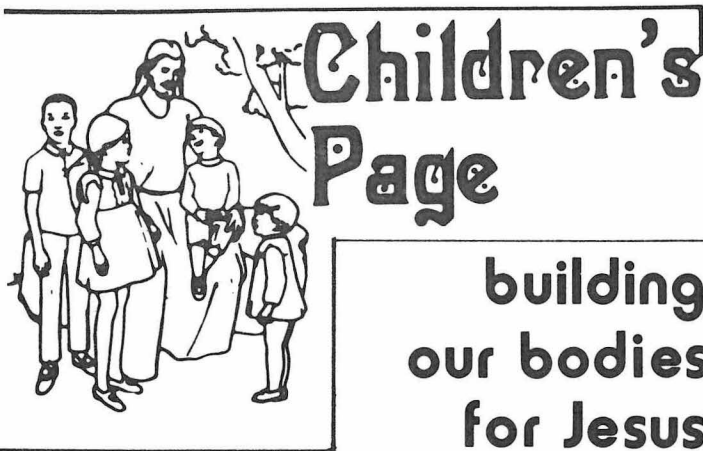
The planned outdoors Devotion Service led by Rev. W. Uhlig had to be moved indoors due to overcast skies. Lester Ahls sang/signed the hymn, "Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessings".

The evening's Magic Show was skillfully handled by Mr. Rickey Rowary of Cedar Rapids.

Following breakfast and just before Sunday morning worship service, Pres. Nester called the last business session to order. Mr. Lester Ahls gave the report of the Resolutions Committee, below in keyhole form:

1. Thanked N.E. Kansas Lutheran members for this meeting.
2. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Rev. Geo. Bruening.
3. Special thanks to Mr. Dave Rahberg, Banquet guest speaker
4. Thanks to Rev. Bob Schaedel for "greetings" from Kan. Dist.
5. Thanks to Harold and Nadeen Nord for contributions to the success of this meeting.
6. Thanks to Kansas 4-H Foundation for providing meals and use of their facilities.
7. Thanks to Rev. LaVern Mass for inspiring workshop on our theme, "Unity".

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building our bodies for Jesus

Boys and girls need exercise every day to help them grow strong. National Health Week and school gym classes helps boys & girls learn and remember to keep good health habits through regular exercise of their growing bodies and tender young muscles



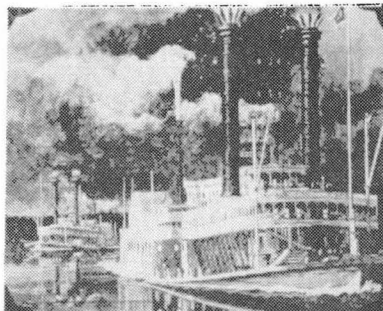
Having healthy bodies can help boys and girls to be happy. They can have fun together. They can do their work better.

Boys and girls who follow Jesus remember God's Word. We remember what the Bible says about our bodies. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

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the great boat race

ROBERT E. LEE is in the lead with NATCHEZ close behind.



Today people who know about the Mississippi River and the exciting things that have happened there can tell you about the Great Boat Race. In the long shadows of June 30, 1870, two of the most famous sidewheelers, the Robert E. Lee and the Natchez, pulled out together into the mighty Mississippi after taking on their cargoes in New Orleans.

The captains of these two boats had agreed to race-which boat would be the first to get to St. Louis?

There could be no mistake. This was a special day. The passengers crowded the railings of the two riverboats, yelling and waving, urging their boat to move faster. Crowds of people along the banks of the old river waved and shouted from the levee.

The two boats plowed up the river through the fog, whirlpools, and dangerous waters of shifting sandbars. Steam plumed from their escape pipes and black smoke poured from the boat's stacks as each boat streamed forward until every timber in the wooden riverboats shook.

Up the Mississippi the two boats sped. The Robert E. Lee gained the lead, but the Natchez hung on. As they passed Memphis, Tennessee, the two boats were 63 minutes apart. At Cairo, Illinois, the Lee had gained another 7 minutes because the Natchez had run into fog and had engine trouble.

But St. Louis was still ahead. The Natchez would not give up and kept gaining on the lead. Finally, on July 4, three days and 18 hours and 14 minutes out of New Orleans, the Lee steamed into St. Louis. Six and a half hours later the Natchez tied up at the same wharf. Although the Lee was the victor, no one could deny that the Natchez too was a grand ship.

Something to Talk About

How is life along the Mississippi River today different from the days of the Great Boat Race?

What races are going on today? In space, science, medicine, and the church?

Which of these races do you think people will, one hundred years from now, want to learn about and to remember?

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"I shared"

-from GOD'S CHILDREN
-by Ollie James Robertson

*I sent a gift to a little girl
Who lives across the sea;
A pair of shoes I could not wear-
A coat that was too small for me.*

*I sent a gift to a little girl
And I prayed that God would bless
Her home and friends and family
With peace and happiness!*

*I'm glad that I could send a gift
And I'm glad that I can share
The greatest gift in all the world-
God's love in Christ, His tender care!*

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8. Thanks to those who made possible the retreat at Living Water Ranch, Olsburg, Ks.

9. Thanks to Manhattan, Kansas branch of AAL for supplies, etc

10. Thanks to Wilma Munz for creating impressive banner.

11. Many thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Bob Munz for many 280 mile round trips helping prepare meeting.

12. Thanks to Camp Staff and others who cared for children.

Vratislav Horacek, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, moved for acceptance of resolutions, seconded by Glenda Haefner. Carried.

That closed the 27th Midwest ILDA Regional Conference.

Sunday morning worship began with Holy Communion. Rev. Mass served as Liturgist, Rev. David Mueller of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, preached the sermon.

Total attendance was 93, the offering was \$269.67.

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in Kirkwood.

The mailing address of the new headquarters is 1333 South Kirkwood Road, St. Louis, MO 63122 and the telephone number, effective Monday, December 20, 1982 is (314) 965-9000.

The dedication of the new building will be on February 20, 1983.

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Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened.

-Winston Churchill

ILDA Membership Application

We Want YOU in the ILDA today!

Fill in your name and address on the spaces below. Use as many names and addresses as desired. Clip and mail to: Mr. Elmer D. Francisco, 6861 E. Nevada, Detroit, Michigan 48234.

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