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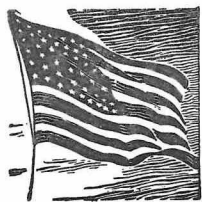
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'WE PLEDGE OUR LIVES, OUR FORTUNES AND OUR SACRED HONOR'

This year as we celebrate our nation's Independence on July 4, there is one truth we will all want to remember: that freedom is never free. Whatever else in the world that may come to us at little or no cost, freedom is not one of them.



On July 4, 1776, 56 men signed the Declaration of Independence. They were not wild-eyed radicals, but were dedicated men of means and

education.

Twenty-four of them were lawyers. Eleven of them were merchants. Nine of them were

DR. LOUIS JASPER INJURED IN ATTACK IN HONG KONG

Dr. Louis Jasper, a thirty-year veteran of the ministry to the deaf in the United States and the Far East, was the victim of a savage beating in Hong Kong where he has been serving in recent years.

A group of Chinese were illegally selling parking passes to large trucks at the site of where a new school is being built and the trucks were doing damage to the footings of the new school. Dr. Jasper observed three men there and asked them to leave. Following an extended argument, the three picked up some boards and began to beat him. His body, arms and legs were badly hurt and he was removed to a hospital.

He is now improving, and at last report, was doing some work. Please keep Pastor Jasper and his wife, Joan, in your prayers that God may give him improved health, His protection and that the new school will soon be built.

--Eyes That Hear

plantation owners. Of the 56 men, nine of them died during the Revolutionary War. Five were captured and executed by the British. The homes of 12 of them were ransacked and burned.

Corder Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy trader, saw his ships swept from the sea by the British navy. Thomas McKean lost all his possessions and died in poverty. Ellery, Clamer, Hall, Walton, Guinette, Hayward, Rutledge and Middleton saw their homes looted and destroyed.

The signers of the Declaration of Independence valued freedom and God's Will more than they valued their properties and their lives. Standing tall, straight and unwavering, they pledged their support for this declaration, a firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence of almighty God. These are those who laid the foundation of our nation.

As believers and followers of Jesus Christ, there is yet a greater freedom that we enjoy as heirs of heaven, and which was purchased for us at far greater cost. Subject to the curse of sin and of nothing less than everlasting punishment in hell forever, we were rescued and freed by the innocent suffering and death on the cross of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus. God's gift to us of faith, through the power of the Holy Spirit, grants us dual citizenship not only of a great nation, but also of heaven.

With grateful hearts, let us give thanks unto our God for the privilege of living in a free country, and for the promise of freedom from sin and eternal life in heaven with Him, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

REMEMBER ME!

The other day as I was waiting for my car to be tuned, a framed message, entitled "Remember Me?" caught my attention:

"I'm the fellow who goes into the restaurant, sits down, and patiently waits while the waitresses do everything but take my order. I'm the fellow who goes into the department store and stands quietly while the sales clerks finish their little chit-chat. I'm the fellow who drives into the gasoline station and never blows his horn, but waits patiently while the attendant finishes reading his comic book.

"Yes, you might say I'm a good guy. But do you know who else I am? I'm the fellow who does not come back. It amuses me to see you spending thousands of dollars to get me back into your store, when I was there in the first place, and all you had to do to keep me was to give me a little service, show me a little courtesy.

My first thought was, "I wish those who serve the public would read that and take

it to heart!" But then a second thought hit me. In the church we are supposed to serve mankind; is it possible we need the same message? And on the spot, I wrote a few more lines:

"I'm the fellow who comes into your church building and stands at the back, looking for a place to sit with no one asking to help. I'm the fellow who crawls over three members seated on the end of the pew, who will not move down. I'm the fellow who makes his way quietly to the exit at the close of the service, passing members enjoying their visits with each other. I'm the fellow who leaves without a word of complaint. I'm the fellow who will never come back."

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Hebrews 13:2). It is almost always better to set by example than to give advice. Christianity is a practical religion, affecting how we conduct ourselves everywhere all the time.

All About Centenarians, Nonagenarians and Octogenarians . . .

Not being exactly sure just what ages our pastor in the western Washington field, Rev. Bill Ludwig, was referring to in a recent newsletter, the editor decided to consult his dictionary for a precise explanation.

It turns out that one of his members, Mrs. Grace Krause will be 100 years old, a centenarian, in October of this year, God willing! Five other members are now nonagenarians, all between 90 and 100 years young: Mrs. Bertha Rolph, Mrs. Alice Cookson, Mrs. Annie Ferwerda, Mr. James M. Lowell and Mr. John Q. Seipp, the older brother of Mrs. Rolph. The pastor does not say how many octo-

genarians he has in his group, except that there are "many." Those would be folks at least in their eighties. There must be something good to be said about living in the "Great Northwest!"

The Light of the World is Jesus!



"ALL WE, LIKE PEOPLE, HAVE GONE ASTRAY."

DR. GEORGE KRAUS DIES

After a long battle with cancer, Dr. George R. Kraus, a long time pastor to the deaf and professor at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind., succumbed April 24. He had just returned from the hospital from a two-week stay for treatment of a blood clot earlier. He had been on leave from his duties at the seminary.

Cards may be sent to the family at One Tyndale Pl., Fort Wayne, Ind. 46825.

GAMBLING: JUST A GAME?

Gambling is becoming more popular than ever, not only in Wisconsin, where this story originated, but also in other areas of the middle west. We are sure this is true elsewhere, also. Take the State of Iowa, for example. Iowa entered the union as a state in 1846; for more than 100 years, roads and schools were built; the state prospered, all **without** any gambling, which in all that time, was illegal. All of a sudden, it is deemed necessary to have not only bingo games, which many consider harmless entertainment, but horse racing, dog racing, a state run lottery and not being satisfied with that much, but in 1989, has enacted legislation to allow river boat gambling as well.

Is gambling just a game? Let's take a look at the phenomenon from the light of God's Word. You can call this a **BIBLE STUDY**, if you will; all of us can learn something from God's Holy Word, which we shall use for our purposes here.

IS GAMBLING A RIGHT WAY TO GET MONEY?

1. God tells us how He wants us to get money. Look up these Bible verses: 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 and 2 Thess. 3:6-12. God wants us to work for our money.

2. Gambling means we want other people's money and get that money without working. Gambling depends on people losing. There must be losers--many losers--for somebody to win. What does the Bible say about wanting people's money and taking people's money? Read Exodus 20:15-17. That is a sin!

THE 1,989TH PSALM

Recreation is my shepherd, I shall not stay home. It maketh me to lie down in a sleeping bag; it leadeth me beside the Interstate each week-end. It restoreth my suntan; it leadeth me to state parks for comfort's sake. Even though I stray on the Lord's Day, I will fear no reprimand, for I am relaxed; my rod and reel, they comfort me. I anointest my skin with oil, my gas tank runneth dry; surely my trailer shall follow me all the week-ends of the summer, and I shall return to the House of the Lord this fall. But by then it will be hunting season, and that's another psalm. --Trinity LC, Pittsburgh

It takes both rain and sunshine
to make a rainbow.

IS GAMBLING GOOD STEWARDSHIP?

1. Read Psalm 24:1 and Haggai 2:8. Everything (including money) belongs to Whom?

2. We are managers for God's things. Read Matthew 25:14-30. This is Jesus' story about the "Bags of Money." We are to be wise managers of God's things. Gambling and buying lottery tickets is a poor way of managing our money from God. The mathematics department at Miami's Barry university says the odds against winning "the big one" with any single lottery ticket are 7.25 billion to one. Another estimate from another source is that the odds of being struck by lightning are 800 times greater than winning big in a lottery. It is fairly obvious that Christians cannot be good stewards and gamblers at the same time. Gambling is throwing away money.

CAN GAMBLING BE DANGEROUS TO US AND OUR FAITH?

1. Why do people gamble then? Some people say, "Lottery tickets are fun. Horse racing is exciting." Maybe. But the **real** reason people gamble is because they dream of "hitting it big" and winning lots of money. Gambling can make us want more and more money. Wanting lots of money can hurt us. Along with AA for people with alcohol problems, there is another group known as Gamblers anonymous, for those for whom gambling has become an obsession and which they cannot control.

2. Read Ephesians 5:3-5. Wanting more and more" is greed and greed is a sin. Greed is called "serving a false God." Now read Ecclesiastes 5:10. Greed can never be satisfied.

3. Read 1 Timothy 6:7-10. Loving money and wanting more money can hurt and destroy us. Wanting more and more money can even destroy our faith!

4. We don't have to be greedy and worry about money. Read Hebrews 13:5 and Matthew 6:31-33. We can be happy and satisfied. God promises to take care of us.

Jesus says, "Don't save treasures for yourselves here on earth . . . save your treasure in heaven." (Mat. 6:19-20). When you buy that lottery ticket or bet on a horse race are you **JUST** playing a game or are you hoping to get "treasures for yourselves here on earth?" Are you trying to win money from other people's losses? Are you using your money from God in a wise way?

Think about it. Gambling is **NOT** just a harmless game.

SWINGING AMONG

Sunday, April 16 saw the installation again of **Rev. Wayne Bottlinger** as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Attending the 4 p.m. service were Pastors William Ludwig, Seattle, and Robert Bauer, Edmonton, Alta. Mr. Harold Arntzen also attended the service.

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Edward A. Trainor, 33, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Trainor of Florida, passed away at Kaiser hospital in Oakland, Calif., after a long illness. Immediate cause of death was pneumonia. His Body was cremated and the ashes taken out to sea. He was the son of Ed and Ruth Trainor, whom some ILDA members may remember.

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The "new" parsonage of **Bethlehem Lutheran church** in Omaha will be sparkling with many new improvements, thanks to \$950 in matching grants received from the Lutheran Brotherhood and Aid Association for Lutherans recently.

Included in the renovation project were new blinds, carpeting, lights, ceiling fan, a thorough paint job, new bath fixtures and new back porch steps. Their new pastor, John Reinke and his family should be comfortable!

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Dr. Jean Garton, national president of Lutherans for Life, was the speaker at Rogate Lutheran church, Clearwater, Fla., Sunday, April 30.

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Ronald Madding, president of the Northwest Regional Conference of the ILDA and chairperson of the 1989 ILDA convention at Portland, graduated from George Fox college, Newberg, Ore. in commencement exercises on Saturday, April 29. Ron received a BA degree in Human resource management.

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A gift of \$50 for ILDA mission projects was received from **Mr. Richard Windisch Jr.**, of Clark, N.J. Included in the gift was \$35



52 YEARS AGO—This interesting picture of the confirmation class at the Wisconsin School for the Deaf, Delavan, Wis., was taken on May 23, 1937. As far as is known, all members of the class are still living with the exception of Pastor Gade and Fred Richardson, who died a number of years ago following a pedestrian accident. Back row (left to

right): Carl Mueller, Theron Lewis, Raymond Boettcher, Robert Shields, Rev. Gade, Frederick Richardson and Yachtman Sue. Front row: Lester Boettcher (brother of Ray), Verle Suhr, Alice Donner, Irene Christianson and Albert Arneson. Photo courtesy: Yachtman A. Sue, Anaheim, Calif., a member of the class.

THE REGIONS . . .

that Mr. Windisch had won at the ER-ILDA conference last year at Charlotte, N.C. during the logo contest for second place.

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Dr. **Rodney Rynearson** and his wife, Rhoda, have been visiting in Africa during the month of April.

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ANNOUNCING: Arriving at the home of **Rev. and Mrs. Dave Mueller** on March 14, 1989 was little Phillip Theodore at 7 lbs. 2½ oz. at Jackson, Miss. He joins sister, Elizabeth. The family is happy to receive visitors and say, "Y'all come!"

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Elizabeth Zinser, who was president of Galaudet university for only five days last year in March, has accepted a job as president of the University of Idaho.

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Emmanuel, Milwaukee, Wis. (**Rev. Bud Palmer, pastor**) has almost completed a \$15,000 re-

FLASH! OMAHA GETS PASTOR!

Bethlehem, Omaha, Neb., which has had a pastoral vacancy since July, 1988, will be served by Rev. John Reinke, a graduate of St. Louis Concordia Seminary. He will be installed July 2.



MIDWESTERNERS MEET FOR A CONFERENCE—This photograph, taken at last year's Midwest meeting at Spirit Lake, Iowa shows the members before leaving for home Sunday. In the center is Mr. Harold Nord, conference president (in suspenders) and his wife, Nadeen on his right. Immediate past president Don Kissell is immediately behind them. The 1989 meeting will be in Bonner Springs, Kan. July 28-30.

modeling project of their newly purchased church at 2306 S. 98th St., West Allis. Their new kitchen is almost finished, too, with new sink, cabinets, floor tile, stove and exhaust fan and electrical wiring. The building fund drive is continuing, however, as the congregation contemplates an addition of a fellowship hall later.

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A new chairlift has been installed at **Faith Lutheran**, Spokane, Wash. and was dedicated in a special observance on April 9 with the District president of the LWML present, as their organization gave a grant of \$7,000 toward the \$10,850 cost. There were lots of smiles as it was put to use to help infirm worshippers attend church again.

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Memorial Lutheran Chapel for the Deaf, Fremont, Calif. has abandoned plans to build a new church on six acres of land that it purchased back in 1983 near Ohlone college. The proposed site, in a historical area of the city, has increased costs and building regulations to the point that it was felt that it would be impractical to build. Another stumbling block has been the increased costs and the California-Nevada-Hawaii District has not sufficient funds to loan the congregation for the project. A plus may be found in the skyrocketing costs of land since 1983 and the church is considering selling to take advantage of the market.

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Rev. Jerold D. Munz, Indianapolis, was speaker at an open house at Holy Cross Lutheran church, Columbus, Ohio on April 28-30.

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Mrs. Miae Cho, a member of Pilgrim, Los Angeles, was sworn in as a U.S. citizen on April 26. Congratulations!

BOY NEEDS PRAYERS

WE heard this one about a little boy attending a Southern Baptist church service with his father. The boy was acting up and becoming very noisy. The daddy kept trying to quiet him.

Finally, the dad picked him up and walked to the door. It was obvious what was going to happen when they got outside.

The little boy's head came up as he called out to the congregation, "You all pray for me now, You hear!"

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROGRAM FOR HEARING IMPAIRED YOUTHS BEGINS IN MINNEAPOLIS

The first inpatient treatment program for chemically dependent youths in the nation opened in Minneapolis in March.

The program is a joint venture of two hospitals, St. Mary's and Fairview Riverside hospitals located at Riverside Medical Center, Riverside at 25th Ave. south in Minneapolis.

The program is specially designed for those who are deaf with the staff fluent in sign language. It was found that in the past, patients with hearing problems found the program isolating and frustrating.

The program will have a capacity of 20 patients, from age 12 to 21 and will last an average of 40 days with three phases of treatment; evaluation, inpatient treatment and transition back into the community.

The hospital has a staff of 25 which includes counselors, therapists, a teacher, chaplain, nurses, interpreters and a communication specialist.

Inquiries should be directed to Jean K. Tracy, (612) 371-6030 or to the hospital, 612-371-6000. Neither one of these numbers reach a TDD, however.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: ARE YOUR HEARING AIDS NOT HELPING ANYMORE?

If you are an adult who is severely hearing impaired and receiving very limited amount of benefit from your hearing aids and are unable to comfortably understand speech over the phone, you may be eligible to enroll in an FDA approved clinical study (IDE 880038) for cochlear implants. Cochlear implants may improve communication abilities for people who are severely hearing impaired from nerve deafness.

Eleven centers across the United States have been selected to participate in this study with doctors at these centers currently

screening candidates for this clinical study.

Candidate criteria:

1. 18 years or older
2. Receive very little speech understanding through hearing aids.
3. Severe to profound bilateral sensorineural hearing loss (70 dbL or greater).
4. Became severely deaf after age 12.

For more information about the evaluation process and costs involved, please call the Cochlear Information Center at 1-800-458-4999 (V/TDD).

CONCORDIA PUBLISHING HOUSE CELEBRATES 120TH ANNIVERSARY

Concordia Publishing House (CPH) of St. Louis, Mo., observes its 120th anniversary this year.

CPH is the publishing arm of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod and was founded on Sept. 11, 1869 by German Lutheran immigrants. As one of the oldest firms in St. Louis, it ships approximately 293,000 orders annually throughout the United States and world-wide.

FIELD VACANCIES

Holy Three-In-One, Houston, Texas
Pilgrim Lutheran church, Kansas City, Mo.
St. John, Fort Wayne, Ind.
St. Mark and St. Matthew, New York City,

Among its many and varied products are Christian books, music, church and school materials, tracts, videos, computer software and periodicals.

It's well known "Portals of Prayer" just celebrated its 50th year of publication.



25 YEARS AGO

On March 8, 1964, Rev. William Ludwig, pastor at Columbus, Ohio preached the service at Bethlehem Lutheran church in Chicago, where 70 years earlier, Rev. Augustus Reinke had preached the first service to the deaf in sign language on March 4, 1894.

NEW TELEPHONES MUST BE COMPATIBLE WITH HEARING AIDS

On Aug. 16, 1988, then President Ronald Reagan signed into law an act requiring all new telephones manufactured or imported in the United States to be compatible with hearing aids. The new law goes into effect on July 11, 1989. For cordless phones, the date is Aug. 16, 1991.

All phones are covered, no matter what the price range, after these dates. Reagan commented at the time, "It is a milestone that people with disabilities have been working on for years."

Surely, our friendly Lutheran churches for the deaf do not have any members like the man we meet here. . . .



Rev. Herbert Rohe accented a call to be executive secretary for the board of missions to the deaf, the third missionary to the deaf to do so.

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Mr. Louis Kieffer, treasurer of Trinity Lutheran church, Pittsburgh, Penn. was honored for 18 years of service as its treasurer. He didn't really quit . . . instead, he became president of the congregation.

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The Fargo, N.D. Bible class met in the home of Pastor and Mrs Waldemar Ferber in the evening of Feb. 21 with many coming 60 to 75 miles to be present. The class has met for over 20 years.

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The Midwest Conference met at Estes Park, Colo. at the YMCA camp July 10-12.

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Miss Patricia Louise Florine and Rev. Daniel Pokorny were married in Indianapolis, Ind. Saturday, April 25.

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Rev. George Gaertner was honored on the occasion of serving 48 years in the ministry May 24.

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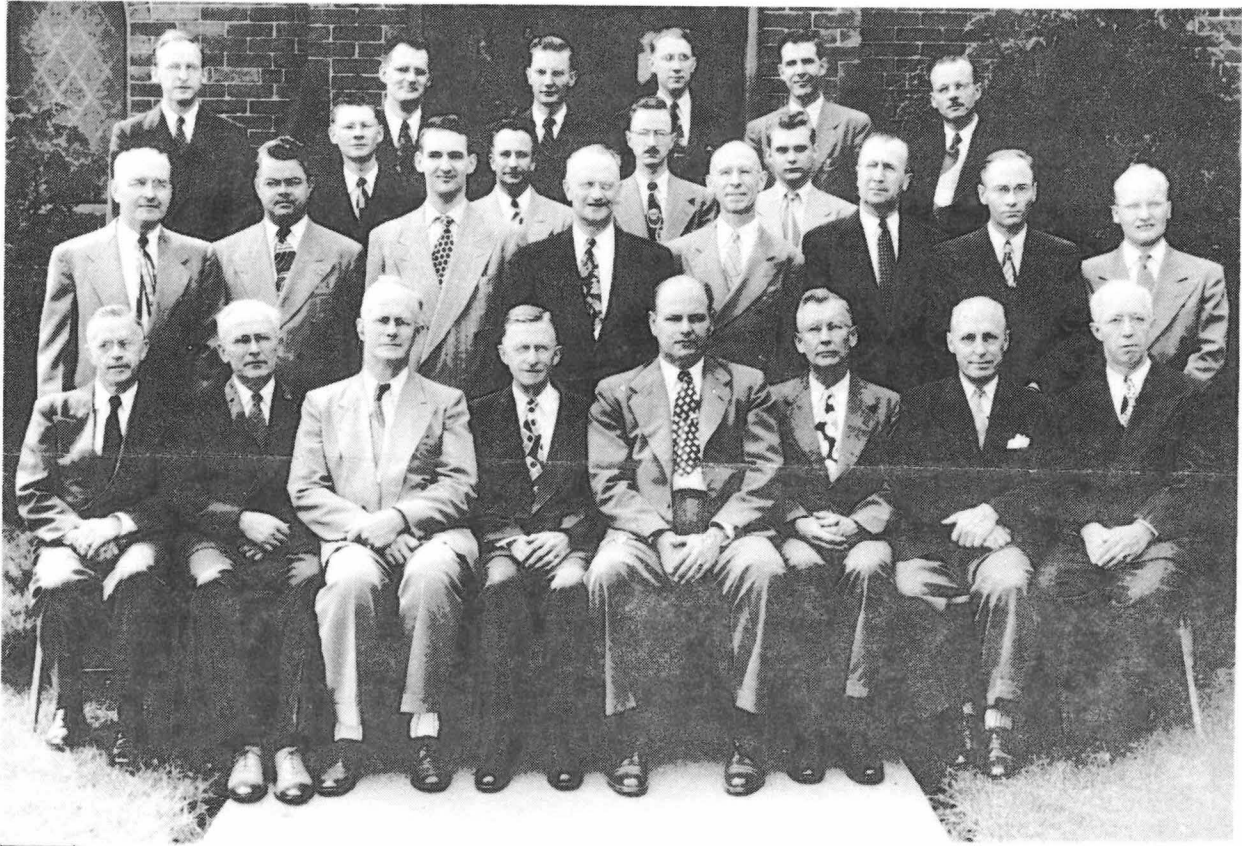
More than 300 people witnessed the installation of Rev. Clark R. Bailey at Memorial Lutheran church, Oakland, Calif. May 24.

COMPUTER DATING SERVICE

"We fed your requirements for 'affection, loyalty, soft brown eyes' into our computer and came up with a basset hound."



Or do we?



EPHPHATHA CONFERENCE, CIRCA 1949--How many of the pastors can you identify? Taken at St. Paul, Minn. during the meeting of Aug 26-30, 40 years ago. Front row (left to right): George Gaertner, Ernest Mappes, Walter Westermann, John Salvner, William Buege, N. P. Uhlig, Alvin Ferber and Waldemar Ferber. Second Row: Robert Cordes, Theodore DeLaney, William F. Reinking, John A. Beyer,

Ernest Scheibert, Theodore Frederking, Clarence Bremer and Herbert Rohe. Short Row: George C. Ring, N. E. Borchardt, Francis C. Gyle and George Kraus. Top Row: Martin Kosche, C. Roland Gerhold, August Hauptman, Martin Mueller, Floyd Possehl and Arnold T. Jonas. This Picture was obtained by the editor in 1949 and only recently discovered in a drawer.

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