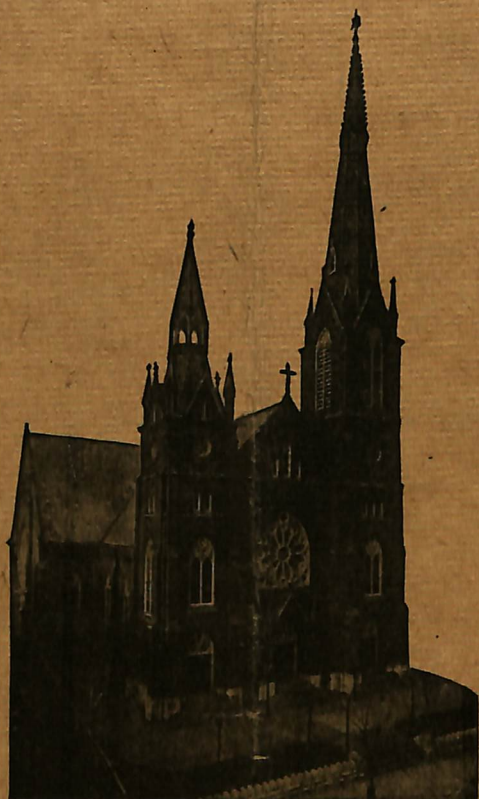


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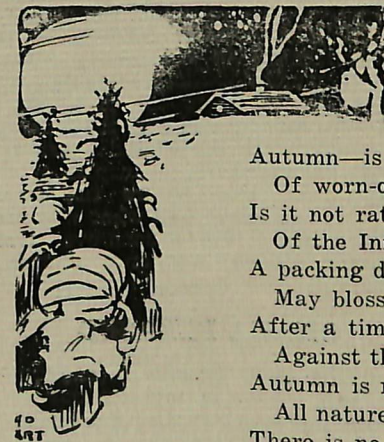
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**AUTUMN**

Autumn—is it a huge discarding  
Of worn-out sheathes of faded green;  
Is it not rather far the working,  
Of the Infinite plan unseen?  
A packing down so that the future  
May blossom forth each year anew  
After a time of silent nestling,  
Against the dear earth where it grew?  
Autumn is not the time of dying,  
All nature speaks “Conserve for strength.”  
There is no space for futile sighing.  
Life is our heritage at length.  
Then why this sorrow, why this anguish?  
We need more faith in Him above;  
More confidence that all our troubles,  
Are nothing in the hands of love.  
Nature hath faith; each autumn lieth  
It down to rest in silent peace,  
Until in God's own time it waketh,  
With added beauty to release:  
Let us give thanks for summer's frolic,  
Welcome the storm fast drawing nigh  
To test our strength—In faith we conquer,  
Souls do not blossom forth to die.

OTILIE SCHROEDER.

SEPTEMBER, 1922.





### NO FLAPPERS AT CONVENTION

"Do you see any evidence of flipness and flapperism?" Rev. Walter A. Maier challenged a newspaper reporter who chanced to be standing with him at the rear of the Omaha municipal auditorium, where 2,000 young people from all parts of the United States and Canada had gathered for the Walther League convention.

The reporter replied he saw none.

"These young people," continued Rev. Maier, "are interested in the more serious aspects of life. I am editor of a publication for young people, dealing with serious subjects. Its circulation has increased 300 per cent during the past year. Would that have been possible if American young people had all been inoculated with the 'flapper' virus?"

### SOUND KERNEL BENEATH

"It is my personal opinion that short hair, short skirts, rouged cheeks, and all the rest of the 'flapper' paraphernalia is merely a pose, and that there is a sound kernel beneath.

"Our church is very conservative in its attitude, however, and we caution against even the appearance of evil.

"But I maintain that there is a lot of good in all of our young people, and that we must bring it out by constructive, and not destructive criticism.

### WARNS AGAINST MOVIES

"I especially caution our young people against immoral motion pictures. There is a tendency to glorify family irregularities in the films. I do not say, 'Do not go to the movies.' I say, 'Be your own censor. If advance information indicates that a picture will sully your mind, don't go to see it.'

"I always try to bear in mind that young folks must have their fun, and that Luther himself said 'Pleasure and happiness is more essential than food and drink.'

### NEWSPAPERS FRIENDLY

It was highly gratifying to note the amount of publicity and the willingness with which such publicity was given the league by the Omaha daily papers. The clippings on hand (which are incomplete) aggregate between four and five thousand agate lines, or enough if put together to fill almost two solid newspaper sheets. Our president's, Mr. Grossman's, picture appeared on the front page of one of the papers, and Miss Wehr's (convention committee chairman) in the society columns. Besides this, some of the proceedings of our meetings and some of the addresses delivered were broadcasted over the country by radio, whereas the Associated Press asked the principal speakers for copies of their addresses two weeks before the convention. Thus was advertised what was surely one of the largest conventions ever held in the circles of our Lutheran church of America.

### OMAHA PLEASED

"You have made Omaha an easier place to live in," we were told by our fellow Lutherans and leaguers. Our good behavior, our serious-mindedness, our determination, the zeal and ardor with which we pursued the aims of the league, made a deep impression on all who had their eyes on us, and, as you see, we were judged accordingly. Yet who is there who would dare to say we didn't have a good time alongside of our work? But our work was our main concern. What we accomplished you will see when reading over the resolutions that were passed.—Oh, that every St. Louis leaguer might have been there, and have imbibed to the fullest that spirit of *greater service to God and our fellow-men!*

### HOMEWARD BOUND

"The heavens are telling the Lord's endless glory,  
Through all the earth His praise is found."  
These and similar thoughts entered my

mind while traveling homeward on the Wabash, speeding through Iowa's fields of waving corn, past verdant meadows and woodlands—the sun slowly sinking in the golden-scarlet West.—But what could that tall, swaying object be, looming up on the distant horizon?—

### NOW I SEE—

It's a tree, standing apart from others further in the background, swaying to and fro in the wind. Its foliage is luxurious, the tree itself quite uniform in appearance. But should a terrific wind blow and the windows of heaven open, emitting hail, thunder and lightning—there must have been times when the tip of this tree nearly touched earth. It is weak. It has failed to absorb from the earth enough strength to make it the sturdy tree it might have been. It lacks endurance and power of resistance; it is a weakling and some day a storm will arise, the tree will bend, break and fall.

### HOW MANY PEOPLE—

do you know who are like that tree? They grow up to be fine appearing young women and young men. Of course they go to church, partake in its activities, help give plays and socials, achieve a certain amount of worldly success, are socially quite well enjoyed by their set—but they are not absorbing those qualities that will mould them into morally strong and determined young men and women. They bend whichever way the wind blows. They say "Yes" to your opinions, and "Yes" to the next fellow's, contrary though these may be. They are afraid to displease anyone, especially on religious questions, and therefore avoid religious subjects as much as they can. They are weaklings, undependable, unprincipled, inconsistent—they are the "wishy-washy" kind that our church cannot bank on. A little storm perhaps—and they will be done for—the call of the world and their evil human desires will be too great: they will bend, break and fall away.

### MAKE WAY FOR THE TRUE LEAGUER

Hail! to the young men and young women, though, who aim to become strong in Christ, who are bent in absorbing daily from *their Bible* the necessary faith, strength and knowledge to win the battle of life. Hail to the Bible student!

Our church is called "The Bible Church." "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible," is our cry. The greatest movement ever undertaken by the league is educational work, and the greatest study in the world is Bible study. There is no better solution to the many discouraging problems in league and church work than the intense application of Bible study. Through it the league and church will become strong and will be able to scale heights and do things almost undreamed of before. It will make well informed, intelligent and efficient church workers who will love their church more and more, and who will be able to better defend it and its teachings. Like charity, their divine knowledge too will not stay at home. A true Bible student will intelligently and emphatically enlighten others, urging them to also take up Bible study, though it be but fifteen minutes daily.

And now, dear leaguer, if you correctly value your soul, and if you wish to become instrumental in saving and guiding souls that might otherwise go astray and be entirely lost for the Kingdom of Heaven—make room now for these fifteen minutes (at least) of Bible study on your daily program, if you have not already done so. God will bless you for it, just begin and see. "The Bible Student," a quarterly edited by Prof. Theo. Graebner, and sold by the Walther League Service Department for less than a dollar a year, will be invaluable and indispensable for aiding you in the systematic study of the Good Book. "The Bible Student" is one of the latest periodicals intended to aid leaguers in systematic Bible study and there's not a leaguer who can afford to be without it.

### NOW, ALL OF US—



"Every Leaguer a Bible Student"



## Who's Who --- In Our Local League

All of us know that there are many fine young men in our St. Louis League. Wm. A. Lahrman is indeed one of them and we take this occasion to better acquaint you with our worthy advertising manager.

Our attention was first called to Mr. Lahrman last summer when he became St. Trinity's advertisement solicitor for FLASHES. (St. Trinity had just recently joined the League.) Another might have considered this a trivial and unimportant task but Mr. Lahrman is faithful also in smaller things. In fact, so intent and so zealous was he in doing his bit for FLASHES and learning to do it as best he could, that in October, 1921, he was appointed to the then vacant position of advertising manager. Without a doubt we owe it largely to Mr. Lahrman's stick-to-itiveness and winning will, that FLASHES is still operating and on the solid financial basis it now stands. For this we should all be very grateful to him and may the League never lose his good will and interest. "Bill," as he is familiarly known, was born in St. Louis, February 26, 1899. He attended St. Trinity Parochial school, until his confirmation at thirteen, where upon he entered Walther College. Walther College closed down so he pursued his studies at McKinley High School. Not considering this education sufficient, Bill attended St. Louis University at night, graduated from the Law and Finance department, and is now a public accountant. Still his ambition does not seem to be satisfied. In order to take the government examination for accountants, he was compelled to forego the pleasure of attending the Omaha convention; at present he is busy devoting his spare time to a LaSalle University extension course. For several years he has now been employed as accountant with the National Lead Co. A young man of such caliber, who believes in winning and is so far-sighted and progressive can hardly fail in the business world.

impossible that Bill should have had much time left to devote to other thoughts—but not so! He is Sunday School teacher at St. Trinity, also usher, and St. Trinity's representative for the St. Louis Lutheran Publicity Bureau. For almost six years he has been a faithful choir member and is now president of St. Trinity Young People's Society. In connection with his work for FLASHES he is often compelled to devote several hours a day to it. He is liked by his co-workers, and quite often have they expressed their pleasure in being privileged to work with him. Not only does he so well take care of his own end of the work, but is ever ready and willing to assist with the various other phases connected with it. In fact he is one of the very few who understand the maneuvering of FLASHES from A to Z. Furthermore, he has been a voting member of St. Trinity ever since his twenty-first birthday. Bill was never the kind of boy who had to be urged before attending church regularly. He always did love the habitation of the Lord, and was ever in readiness to devote his time, thought, means, and energy to the furtherance of His Kingdom. "To business that we love we



WM. A. LAHRMANN

rise betimes and go to it with delight." He has a kind father and a loving mother and one of the greatest factors to influence Bill's life has without doubt been the Christian training he received at home. Swimming and skating, tennis and motoring are among his chief delights. This is fine, for all work and no play would surely make Bill a dull boy. He takes great pleasure too in playing the mandolin.

"Good nature," we are told "is one of the richest fruits of true Christianity," and it is also one of Bill's greatest assets. His good humor, friendliness and courtesy, alertness and thoughtfulness is making life pleasant for others and enriching his own. He is very interesting and has won for himself the friendship of many members of his own sex and of many of the fairer sex as well, but as yet has formed no definite attachment.

Glancing over his fine record in the educational and business line it seems nigh

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### HOSPICE COMMITTEE NOTES.

During the month we received application from two young ladies who desired to stay at our Hospice Home temporarily. Request for boarding place was also received from two young men, who were referred to a Lutheran family in the city.

We received two notifications of arrival. These people have been visited and we hope to see them at the Walther League meetings.

At our last meeting it was resolved to do hospice work at the various hospitals and other institutions. This work will be arranged so that a certain society or several societies will be responsible for visiting patients at a designated hospital.

EDNA UDE, CHAIRMAN.  
Local Hospice Committee.

### OUR MATRON REPORTS

Our Hospice Home was opened on June 1 and is proving a real home to the girls who have come to us thus far.

We miss our musicians, the Zuhlke sisters, very much, but expect them to return before long.

Misses Marie Vogel and Clara Zimmerle, who had been with us for some time now, returned to Terre Haute.

A home which is the expression of so much love and thoughtfulness for those who shall dwell there, should be full to overflowing and not until then, will the hearts of those in charge rejoice as they should.

E. J. SALLMAN, MATRON.

### ORCHESTRA NOTES

Our Walther League orchestra is now being reorganized. So send in your application at once, if you can play one of the required instruments, and let's begin the season with renewed zeal and energy. You will be doing something very worth-while by joining the orchestra. Not only will you benefit yourself, but your efforts are going to be appreciated by your fellow-leaguers. So join without delay and help us give our St. Louis League an orchestra that it can truly be proud of. For your information please read the—

### CONSTITUTION of the

St. Louis Walther League Orchestra.

#### ARTICLE I.

The name of the organization shall be the "St. Louis Walther League Orchestra."

#### ARTICLE II.

The purposes shall be:

- To encourage a high musical standard in our midst.
- To serve the league and the individual societies.

### ARTICLE III.

The orchestra shall be managed by a committee, consisting of a director, two members of the league at large, and two of the musicians of the orchestra.

The director and the two members of the league at large shall be appointed by the executive board of the local league at its January meeting. The two representatives of the musicians shall be elected by the orchestra.

This committee shall elect its own chairman, secretary and treasurer.

It shall accept or reject all applicants who have been approved by the director.

The committee shall make a report at every executive board meeting of the local league.

### ARTICLE IV.

The director shall conduct the orchestra. He shall select and purchase the music. He shall pass upon all applicants.

The chairman shall call and preside at all committee meetings.

The secretary shall notify the members of all meetings and engagements, keep minutes of the meetings, and handle the correspondence.

The treasurer shall receive all moneys intended for the orchestra, and pay all bills which have been authorized by the committee. He shall keep an account of all moneys received and expended, and shall report regularly to the committee.

### ARTICLE V.

Any Walther Leaguer in good standing who has been approved by the director shall be eligible to membership in the orchestra.

The duties of members shall be:

- To attend rehearsals faithfully.
- To accept the director's authority.
- To play at all engagements.

### ARTICLE VI.

Requests from Walther League societies to play will be granted whenever possible, upon two weeks' notice. For this a reasonable contribution towards the expense fund is expected.

Requests to play at any of the league functions shall be granted, gratis.

### ARTICLE VII.

The disposition of surplus funds in the treasury of the orchestra depends upon the decision of the committee, and the sanction of the local executive board.

### ARTICLE VIII.

Amendments to this constitution shall require a majority vote of the committee, and the sanction of the local executive board.

WALTER KERN, Director,

4310 Dewey Ave.

Phone: Victor 3642-J.



## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT

That the 1922 International Convention was the greatest in the League's history, most every one knows by this time. Such complete reports will be forthcoming in the Messenger, that it will not be necessary to here relate in detail all the business that was transacted. However, it will not be amiss to briefly touch on some of the important topics.

The International Walther League now embraces 886 societies, in 39 states of the Union, and has a membership of more than 40,000. The executive offices and the service department of the league are located at Chicago.

The league has pledged to pay the salaries of twelve missionaries, and a resolution was passed urging the various districts to carry on this work even more energetically and also help work toward the erection of a mountain retreat for missionaries in China.

The sum total that has thus far been raised by the league for Wheat Ridge, our "Monument of Gratitude," amounts to \$185,000, \$70,000 still remaining unpaid. Seventy-five dollars from every society would wipe out the entire debt.

The recent clothing campaign for Central Europe resulted in more than 100,000 pounds of clothing and shoes.

The importance of educational work was brought home most forcefully to every one attending the sessions. This department is being conducted under the capable leadership of Pastor Paul G. Prokopy. It was resolved that the "Bible Student," a quarterly publication, edited by Prof. Theo. Graebner, be introduced by the societies to help carry out the slogan, "Every Leaguer a Bible Student."

It was resolved to nationalize hospice work and to engage a full-time, paid secretary for this important work. In Washington, D. C., a memorial hospice is to be erected. Individuals and societies will furnish the rooms in honor of the Lutheran boys who fell in the World War.

Furthermore it was resolved:

To issue a special Junior paper and publish a Junior Bible Student (also, the proposed Junior constitution was adopted).

To accept a grant of land with half mile frontage on Lake Michigan from a friend at Arcadia, Michigan, for the purpose of establishing a summer training camp where recreation and religious education shall be offered to Walther Leaguers.

To authorize the establishment of a special district for student chapters from the various colleges and universities of our country.

## TO OUR BASKET-BALL BOYS

Basket ball activities will be resumed in the near future. For particulars get in touch with Ted Moehlman, 1479 Arlington avenue. Phone Forest 2312-W.

## PLANNING A RALLY

At the executive board meeting in Maplewood, the president was authorized to appoint a committee to plan a rally for the fall, to which all neighboring Walther League societies within an approximate radius of fifty miles are to be invited. Good luck to the committee!

## ADORATION

I stand upon thy mighty brow and gaze  
Upon illimitable worlds below.  
Now turns the rising orbits golden glow  
Upon thy cold, gray crags with smiling face.  
Here feeble man has scanned thy dizzy height,  
To ask thee, whence thy towering frame might be,  
To wrest the secrets of thy bowels from thee,  
That lie beneath the shades of speechless night.  
Still all thy granite strata tell no tale;  
Thou smilest at the sage's glib report.  
Whose puzzled searches would in vain extort,  
The mysteries of mountain and of dale—  
For it is mine to worship, not to know,  
The infinite God who shaped thee long ago.

JOHN THEODORE MUELLER.

PIKE'S PEAK, COLO., July 26, 1922.

*Inspired by the vastness and glory of Pike's Peak, Prof. Mueller wrote this sonnet. How admirably it expresses man's inability to fathom the mysterious depths which shroud the origin of that wondrous mountain!*

## EMPLOYMENT BUREAU



At Your Service

The Employment Bureau is now working in close touch with the Hospice Committee.

There are quite a number of applications for positions on file at present, so we shall thank you to kindly co-operate with us also in this phase of our league work, by notifying the bureau of any vacancies coming to your attention.

FRANK E. ROTHER, Mgr.,  
5200 Alabama Ave.  
Phone: Riverside 1823-M.

## Omaha Konwenshun Sidelites



Sat. nite, Chuly the 15th, a happy bunch of 129 walther leegers presented their r. tickets to the Pullman porters 'n boarded the spechul for Omiha. at th same time sevrul hundred reserves hed been caled out (to keep the strikers in resurv i spose), 'n while their xcellent military band was puttin sum punch into the soljers, we got some of it too. at 8 thirty tho we hed to say adieu to our frens hoo hed kum down with us 'n helpt us carry our baggae, fer our wabash spechul was puttin on sum akshun 'n afore we realized it we wur flyin past fields 'n houses, homes 'n towns. We wur on our way to Omaha!

The nite past peacefully well, everybody that wanted to amused themselves, some pursuns hed enough fun fer two, as fer instanz in Emma's kar, others went to sleep. sum ov the tall fellers hed a time ov it in ther berths, they say thay slept on th' adjustment n' installment plans, as fer sample our ol' fren Louis from Lancaster, but by mornin' it wuz al over onlee we wur turrible hungry 'n mity gleeful wen the trane finully arrivved at the Omiha sta. sun. noon 'n we wur delivered to the Rome hotel (konwenshun hedquarters) an to our hosts if we wur deligats.

this here "westurn hospitality" shure was everything 'n even more'n we xpekted, space don't giv me time to tel yuh mutch in detail here, but i must tel yuh bout miss Wehrs, hoo sat on the chair of the omiha konwenshun com. i lookt for her 'n found her purty quik, rite when i kame in the Rome—she's a little lady an the konwenshun was a big an monstus affair. Sed i to myself, "just wate, she won't be wearin' that big smile by th' time we've bin here 5 da." we're too meny, more'n 2,000 leegers at onct, she'll be tired an kranky when she's thru with us." but no, she still hed thet same smile wen she tol' us goode-by, and we liked her an admired her deeply fer all she did fer us. also rev. Acker who wurked awfully hard fer us, we appreshiate that too, and what the city an chambur of commrs and the other members of the ent. board did for us, but thay say they wur proud of us becuz we behaaved so wel and gave the leegue sutch a good rep. in Omaha.

the nat'l ossifers wur al ther, onlee Prof. Engelbrecht, the feeld secy. wuz late be-

cuz he was detaaned at a meeting of 5 thousand pepul the day befor. Our pres. mr. Grossmann had his pitchur in the paper on the front page rite awa. "Will the assembly please refrain from clapping when opinyuns are voiced" was his byeword, we shud show our opinyuns by our votes he sed, so we voted him as our pres. again for nex yr. somehow a 'sweet sorrow' pervaded the atmospher of this convensh. becuz Rev. Maier offishully xcepted the kall to the sem. he is leeving the leegue (offishully) with a very heavy heart becuz he loves the leegue an its wurk so. that we leegers lov him i need not say—everyboddy knows it in his own heart 'n when he performed his last offishul act and spoke the blessing at the closing seshun tears dimmd the vision of many, meny a leeger.

It wuz beautiful to observ the true frenship xisting between rev. Maier and rev. Prokopy. "its' the sincerest friendship i've ever known ov," sed a little gurl from denver.

mr. Fischman, the pleasant bus. mgr. of the int'l leege, finully got to be so popular thet he hed to lock hissself up in one of the hotel rooms so as he cud finish his work, 'n hand us bak hour r. certifikates.

mr. Herman of Virginia, hosoever, did something else. (hes the rec. secy. yuh kno) well, he an his sweet bride made this ther honey moon (puttin the finishin tuches to it on the Yellowstone trip). good idee, wuznt it?

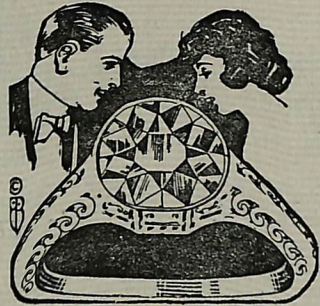
of course miss Hulda Eickhoff wuz present too—i like her better every time i see her—just why i havnt bin abl t' figger out yet, unless its her sweet an trooly Christian karakter. yes i gess that's it for i kno i wudn't konsider the best man in the world too goode to marry a gurl like that.

at 8:45 each morn. seshuns commenced an wur attended by 100%, as the daili paprs sed. swell wuzn't it? an yuh shud hev seen the gud order; not onct wuz the meetin "called to order" (xcept fer clappin on opinyuns); in the pm. ther wur wur seshuns too; likwis well attended. in the evenings there wuz 1st night a band con-

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## WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS



Youth is the time of love  
When heart to heart replying  
Answers a sweet "I will,"  
In trembling cadence dying.  
A circlet of pure gold  
Shall bind the twain together;  
But stronger unseen love  
Binds—than the golden tether.

## Weddings

A notable wedding took place at Emmaus recently when Miss Martha Kretzschmar became Mrs. George Luecke. Rev. Luecke is from Chicago. The church was filled to overflowing, although nearly half the seats were reserved for relatives and friends. The bride's only attendant was her sister, while the groom's brother acted as best man. The bride's father, Rev. Kretzschmar, performed the ceremony.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Peter's church on Thursday evening, August 3, when Wilma Priep became the bride of Tobias Buehner, who has accepted a call to Sisseton, S. D.

Miss Hulda Hoefner was married to Rev. A. Kratky of Saskatchewan, Canada, on August 16, 1922, at Trinity church. Rev. Kratky is of the 1921 Concordia class.

Miss Elsa Thraum and Mr. Baese of Our Redeemer were married August 30 at 8 o'clock at St. John's church. Next Sunday Rev. Baese will be ordained. A miscellaneous shower was given at the Baese home in honor of Miss Thraum. We extend our best wishes.

## Engagements

Miss Magdalene Spilker of Bethlehem and Theophil A. Weinhold of Frohna, Mo., is a 1922 graduate of Concordia Seminary.

Miss Olga Moeller of St. Trinity has announced her engagement to Rev. Carl Gun-

dermann of Brazil, South America. Rev. Gundermann is a missionary in Brazil, where they will be married sometime in the fall. The good wishes of all her friends will accompany Olga on her long journey.

Miss Lydia Heyer and Ben Thiemer, both of Holy Cross congregation, recently announced their engagement. They will be married sometime in November.

Miss Etta Roeber of Bethany and Adolph E. Saxenmeyer of Red Bud, Ill., announced their engagement through cablegram received from Mr. and Mrs. John C. Roeber who are at present touring Europe. Miss Roeber is well known in tennis circles and holds the ladies' tennis championship of the Municipal League of St. Louis, both singles and doubles. Mr. Saxenmeyer is in the lumber business in Red Bud, where the couple intend to reside.

Undoubtedly, very much has been heard about the wonderful convention at Omaha. However, very little has been heard of the St. Louis convention badge, which will not only serve as a convention souvenir, but can be used as a means of identification at other Walther League functions. The badge referred to was furnished by Mr. John Grosse, better known as "Jack," district manager of Whitehead and Hoag Co., Newark, N. J., manufacturers of advertising novelties. Jack gave us a more expensive badge than was ordered at no additional cost. "I want 'the best badge you ever turned out' for this Walther League," he told his firm. So we had the distinction of wearing an original badge in addition to patronizing one of our former "live wire" leaguers.

August Sieving of Christ Y. P. S. returned August 2 from an automobile trip to Chicago and boat trip to the city of last year's W. L. convention, Milwaukee. In his car were his parents and Miss Olga Kinzel of Zion and her mother. August states that a certain Illinois town he passed through (at 6 mi. per hr.) is so "slow" that the town marshal one day last month shot at two visiting mail carriers from St. Louis (in their grey uniforms) in the belief they were Confederate scouts.

*Don't forget those items of furniture that the Hospice Home could use, viz. a table suitable for sewing, sewing machines, chairs and electric fans.*



## 1922 Walther League Tours

(A reminiscence in blanketet verse)

By the shores of the Missouri,  
In the commonwealth Nebraska,  
From clean Omaha—they call it,  
"The Gate City to the West." From  
There it was July the 20th  
That two special trains took all the  
Nearly five times hundred leaguers  
To some wonders of God's Nature,  
To the West, the land of wonders.  
All our hosts of the convention  
Grieved to see us leave their city  
And the dreary rainy weather  
Added to their poignant sorrow.  
Brief reviews of the convention  
Were exchanged till night came on, and  
After each coach held devotion  
We retired for "Pullman slumber."  
Waking up in Colorado  
Soon we reached our destination—  
'Twas the pretty city Denver,  
Clep'd "The Gateway to the Rockies."  
Hurriedly we broke our night-fast  
Rushed to fill awaiting busses,  
Fifty-three red, idle busses,  
In the which we toured the city  
And were taken thru the mountains.  
We ascended Lookout Mountain,  
Seeing Captain Cody's grave there,  
On the summit of the mountain,  
On the crest of Lookout Mountain.  
Leaving it we came to Wheatridge.  
Glad hearts leaped to view the buildings  
As our train of busses neared them,  
But our joy was all the greater  
And astonished looks were noted  
As the Leaguers passed along the  
Inner walls of our own Wheatridge.  
Everything was clean and perfect—  
An immaculate perfection  
And a white immaculate.  
Leaving Denver in the evening,  
We were on our way to Ogden,  
In the so-called "Bee Hive" state and  
Where the Golden Spike was driven.  
Here we had a chicken dinner  
In betwixt the Rocky Mountains.  
Bridal Falls were also greeted  
After which we took our leave for  
Yellowstone, the Land of Wonders.  
Great was our anticipation  
And we were not disappointed,  
Gazing on the furious geysers  
On the rushing streams and streamlets,  
Viewing waterfalls which seemed to  
Be as endless as the grace of  
God which we were put in mind of.  
There were numerous kinds of springs of  
Boiling, cold, or healthful water,  
Likewise lakes so calm and quiet.  
Oh, the mountains! Endless mountains!

High and towering, massive mountains,  
And the abysmal, rocky canyons!  
There the bears and eke their cubbies  
Meet the tourists on the roadside,  
Sit up like a well-trained canine  
And accept the sweetmeats proffered.  
Many are the gushing geysers!  
Best of all we liked "Old Faithful",  
For it played in clock-work fashion!  
Well-nigh every seventy minutes  
It would send its boiling waters  
Hundred fifty feet above the  
Mouth of its great oblong crater.  
Not far distant is the "Beehive"  
Shaped like all old-fashioned beehives.  
This one shoots its seething fountains  
Two times hundred feet above you.  
Next we sight-saw "Giant-Geysers"  
Known to be the highest geyser  
In the world and plays still fifty  
Feet above the crest of "Beehive."  
Many others are of interest,  
For example, Constant Geysers,  
Then the family of Lions,  
Lion, Lioness, and even  
Their two cubs have formed there with  
them.

Fascinating is Grand Canyon  
Viewed from any point, but seen from  
Inspiration Point you have this  
Gripping sight where it's most gorgeous.  
More than thousand feet below you  
Flows the Yellowstone, the river;  
Moves this stream with verdant water  
Green and glassy is the water.  
Vast and solemn are the walls which  
Cut in various, wondrous figures  
Offer opulence in color—  
Not a common, grayish color  
But a flaming rainbow color,  
Yellow, orange, vivid greenish  
Browns and crimson, blood-drenched colors,  
'Tis a wilderness of color.  
In the distance, thru the chasm,  
See the Lower Falls which is a  
Sheer, unbroken shining mass of  
Silver foam, most overpowering!  
Gazing at this sight your conscience  
Says, "There Is a God in Heaven!"  
Leaving Yellowstone we traveled  
On and on to Salt Lake City.  
Toured the city of the Mormons  
Heard a splendid organ concert  
After bathing in the Salt Lake.  
On our way to Colorado  
Royal Gorge commanded interest,  
But our long trip never wearied  
For the views throughout were scenic.

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