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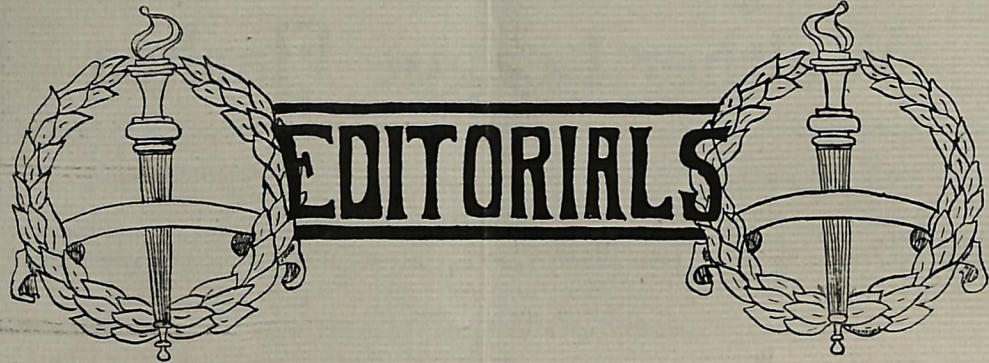
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Convention Motto:

"Let Us Go On To Perfection"



HISTORY

Our Thirty-first International Walther League Convention is now spoken of in terms of "has been." Another successful Walther League Convention has just been recorded and for the benefit of those who were unable to be there, permit me to give a brief outline of the happenings "sessionally."

OPENING SERVICE

In spite of the many mishaps to certain delegations enroute to Detroit (St. Louisans being among those who were several hours behind schedule) the opening service on Sunday afternoon was especially well attended. A most excellent convention sermon was delivered by the Rev. P. Lindemann of St. Paul, Minn., and the Rev. E. S. Fackler of Detroit rendered an address of welcome. It was an inspiration, to say the least, to see so many young Lutherans gathered together for the purpose of offering thanks and praise to the "Giver of all Good Gifts" and to ask for His continued blessings and guidance in the deliberations of the next few days.

MONDAY

The singing of a hymn and the offering of a prayer opened the first, as well as all other business sessions. An address of welcome by a representative of the City of Detroit was responded to by one of our pastors. And then we had the pleasure of hearing Mr. A. A. Grossmann, the faithful Leaguer who has served the League as its president for many years. Mr. Grossmann in a few words told us some of the happenings of the past year and, although his address was very short, it again proved to us that we have a very loyal leader. Rev. Prokopy, our Executive Secretary, another very conscientious and faithful Leaguer, then proceeded to deliver the report of the Executive Board. (Your delegate has a copy of this report—read it and learn all about the League's activities during the past year.)

When Rev. Prokopy had given about half of this report, Mr. Grossmann graciously permitted him to have an "intermission" and immediately brought to our attention the fact that we had in the audience the

very first president of the Walther League, the first treasurer and the well-known "Pap" Klein. The session for the next half hour was presided over by Mr. Gauwe, the first president aforementioned, who greeted the Leaguers and told us how glad he was to be with us, but how unprepared he was for the honor thus bestowed upon him. He then called on the first treasurer aforementioned, Mr. Bosse, who likewise intimated that he was called upon unawares, but extended to the League his hearty well wishes for continued success. It was different, however, with "Pap" Klein. He knew he was going to speak to us, no convention is complete without the yearly address of this honorable gentleman, and he came prepared. His address covered the many difficulties the League encountered 30 years ago and, while most of the so-called objections of the League were of a serious nature, yet they were presented to us in such a way as to cause quite a bit of smiling. Every St. Louis Leaguer should have heard "Pap" Klein, for then they would realize the importance of the Walther League of today. Many people would persistently misunderstand the true worth of the League, and just a few had to carry the burden and suffered themselves many times to be humiliated for the sake of the League.

In the afternoon we were given an opportunity of hearing the Rev. Prof. W. A. Maier of our Concordia Seminary, the "chief" of the "Messenger" who spoke to us on the subject "What Shall I Do With My Life?" Would that every Leaguer could have heard Prof. Maier. He gave us but an outline of the many phases of Christian duties, but it was all that we needed to prove that we were not making the most of our God-given talents. If we felt that we were doing "something," after hearing Prof. Maier we were convinced that our "something" was almost "nothing"—and many Leaguers then and there resolved to improve time and opportunity in the future, insofar as our Christian duties lie.

TUESDAY

The usual preliminaries were first attended to, after which Miss Eickhoff, the very much admired, well-known and consecrated

Junior Secretary, spoke to us about our Juniors, the younger sisters and brothers of the Lutheran faith. It is useless to try to write her message, for without her personal appeal and appearance the words as I would write them would have no effect. It is known throughout the League that Miss Eickhoff has resigned from her office and I believe I voice the sentiment of every St. Louis Leaguer by saying that no one can hope to do more for our juniors than did Miss Eickhoff—a task it will be to try to equal the service rendered by her. Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes go forth to our Junior Secretary in the new "field" she is about to enter.

Mr. W. C. Dickmeyer of Ft. Wayne, Ind., presented to us the "Opportunities of Young People for Larger Christian Service." His was an address that will long be remembered and surely the Leaguers felt benefited by his suggestions.

In the afternoon Rev. Prokopy gave a report on Bible Study, emphasizing and advocating as ever before the motto "Every Leaguer a Bible Student." He also reported on the work of the Educational Committee, which committee gives attention to the many phases of League activities. We Leaguers cannot stress these two subjects too much, for Bible Study is of great and vital importance, as we all know, and educational work along Christian lines can be considered as next in importance.

Rev. Martin Walker of Buffalo, N. Y., had as his subject "Why I Should Be Proud of and Loyal to the Lutheran Church." Again we regret the fact that so many of our St. Louis Leaguers were unable to be with us. As we have oft been told, our own dear Lutheran Church is the one and only one that gives us the "one thing needful" to obtain "salvation by faith." In so many words Rev. Walker reminded us of these facts and, we Leaguers earnestly resolved to "testify to the glory of His name" and never to be ashamed of the "Gospel of Christ."

SECTIONAL CONFERENCES

Between the hours of 2:30 and 5:30, sectional conferences were held in a nearby High School building. Each and every delegate should have attended one or more of these meetings, and the guests likewise could hardly have put their time to better advantage. It is hard to say which of the sectional meetings was the best attended—each subject had about an equal amount of interested Leaguers in attendance. There were meetings for District Officers and Field Secretaries, Walther League Secretaries, Junior Workers, Hospice Workers, Bible Students and Educational Workers, and Mission Secretaries. Your Society delegate will, no doubt, explain to you just what was discussed and decided upon at the particular conference he or she attended.

WEDNESDAY

"Winning the Heathen World for Christ" was the subject of a lecture delivered by Prof. G. C. Barth, now of Milwaukee, Wis., formerly pastor of St. Luke's Church of St. Louis. This was indeed a most interesting address. Many Leaguers present shall ever carry in mind the picture presented by Prof. Barth's remarks. The chief aim of our League is to win souls for Christ, not only in foreign lands but in our own dear U. S. A. Right at our very door. Why not "Every Leaguer a Soul-Saver?"

Rev. Prokopy reported on the Hospice Committee, another important phase of League work. We all know the meaning of hospice—"being hospitable." This is a Christian duty to those of the "household of faith" at all times. We are hoping that the time will soon come when we can have more Hospice Homes and a more systematic "exchange" for our transients. Much soul-saving can be done through Hospice work and no one should at any time slight this great cause.

OUR MONUMENT OF GRATITUDE

Rev. H. H. Feiertag, our Wheat Ridge superintendent who cheerfully, willingly and earnestly performs the many duties assigned to him, brought home to us a few facts concerning the White Plague. Surely there was not a single Leaguer present who did not silently thank his Heavenly Father for the blessings of good health he enjoys, and implore the Good Physician to send spiritual as well as physical comfort to those afflicted. St. Louis' Leaguers, you have many times heard "ALL" about Wheat Ridge, but no matter how often you are approached to help the unfortunates "out there" just think of your own strong body and then manifest your appreciation to the fullest extent by giving whenever possible. GIVE, GIVE, and GIVE again and again—your gifts are always gratefully received by our Lutheran sisters and brothers at Wheat Ridge.

An address on "The Why and How of Christian Education" was delivered by Prof. E. R. Bliedernicht of New Ulm, Minn. Leaguers, let us put forth our best efforts to learn to be real Christians so that we may not be "stumped" for words when we are approached by the children of the world with questions pertaining to our faith. The Bible contains the truth of our Lutheran faith, and we should, therefore, read it, study it and practice its teachings. No matter how many times you read a certain chapter, each reading of it will bring to your mind a new thought, something that you failed to see or understand before. This Book of books is the foundation of our Christian education and we should never neglect reading it.

INSPIRATIONAL SERVICES

On Wednesday evening an inspirational service was held—and it was inspirational in the truest sense of the word. Rev. C. J.

Buenger of Kenosha, Wis., delivered the sermon and excellently presented to us the great cause of Home Missions. Rev. J. Lankenau of Napoleon, Ohio, addressed the assembly on "Home Missions and the Young People." The stories he told were of an appealing nature and caused many Leaguers to contribute more than the "bit" they had already decided to give for Home Missions. The Detroit Walther League Chorus, assisted by Miss Esther Lange as soloist, rendered two beautiful numbers.

THURSDAY

We were greeted on this day with the result of the election. A hearty applause swept over the audience as announcement was made that Mr. Grossmann would again be our leader for 1923-24. Mr. A. H. Herrmann will perform the secretarial duties of the Walther League. Mr. Herrmann has very efficiently performed these duties for the past few years and his re-election was heartily welcomed. And Mr. Schack will again "guard" the Walther League treasury, a duty that has been his for several years and we were glad to know that our moneys were to be in his hands again.

Prof. E. H. Engelbrecht was re-elected to serve as our Field Secretary, and although we have made rapid strides in the growth of the League for the past two years, under the able leadership of Prof. Engelbrecht the League will no doubt experience even a larger growth. And as we grow in numbers let us also grow in faith—that will make for us a bigger and better Walther League. Today we have a society membership of 1008, with an individual membership of about 50,000. The Juniors now total about 150 societies or about 4500 individual members.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of the 1923 International Walther League Convention was followed by a short Closing Service, at which time Rev. F. A. Hertwig of Detroit, in behalf of the Detroit Leaguers, bade us farewell. He reminded us of the many Christian duties we could perform and that by the resolutions we had just passed we were, so to say, pledging ourselves to be extremely busy Leaguers for the Great Cause "Till We Meet Again."

Summing up the entire convention we can say that no convention has ever surpassed it. The resolutions that were adopted will convince you that a great deal of thought was given to every department of the League (see page 5 for resolutions.) In passing let us say that if the Twin City Leaguers, who have invited us for 1924, work as systematically and faithfully as did the Detroit Leaguers, they will surely enjoy the success Detroit enjoyed. We of St. Louis extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to St. Paul and Minneapolis Leaguers for the 1924 International Walther League Convention—just a year hence.

E. R. S.

OUR DELEGATION TO DETROIT

On July 14th—Saturday evening at 7:30—our St. Louis Walther Leaguers, to the extent of 135, left Union Station bound for Detroit. As per usual, we give you below the names of those who were fortunate enough to be with us:

Geo. Grunewald, Florence Angelbeck, Bertha, Hulda and Cornelia Hittmeyer, Frank and Clara Nagel, Arthur A. Gast, Wm. C. Lange, Walter Reincke, E. J. Koestering, Edna Buckmann, Agnes Miller, Clara and Henrietta Hey, Ada and Emily Kraus, Linda and Edwin Hueseman, Wm. Viets, Marie and Louise Janssen, Edna Wischmeyer, W. T. Uthoff, Etta Behrens, Lorna Markworth, Hilda Papke, Estelle Ambrosius, Paul Roschke, Emil Huber, Helen Wurmb, Clara and Mathilda Toeneboehn, Alma Thraum, Olga Landgraf, Dora Miede, Minnie Hopmeier, Lucille and Adele Schubert, Florence Westhoff, Edna Lindhardt, Raymond Kassing, Selma and Lorna Doeding, Edna Siering, Walter Zoellner, Gertrude Franke, Gertrude Ellersieck, Fred W. Krehmeyer, Ada and Viola Zastrow, Oscar Hellwege, Laura Schneerman, Lally Schuenhoff, Paul F. Zacher, Geo. Moellenhoff, Mathilda Buscher, Anna and Annetta Beck, Pauline Fuelle, Edna Bender, Erna Dau, Paul Rupprecht, Bernice and Norma Gotsch, C. T. Heinz, Gordon Begeman, Elmer Schuerman, Lucille Uthoff, Esther Schaeperkoetter, Laura Kroehnke, Lydia and Ella Hilgeman, Minnie C. Weber, Elsie Nennert, Clara Woestendick, Alma Schaefer, Anna Hoth, Pauline Niederwieser, Hilda and Estelle Lowenguth, Ruth Goener, Estelle Kuechenmeister, Clara Blauner, Flora Buettner, Irene Vellner, Caroline Schaefer, Dorothy and Esther Tepe, Viola Schmitt, Emma R. Schumann, Olga and Martin Schweppe, Fannie L. Guenther, Lydia Krohn, Eugene Fedder, Pauline Kretzschmar, Edna Ude, Thekla and Edna Melzer, Vera Vennemann, Norwin Prasse, Hedwig Breckner, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Schubert and family, Irma Schmidt, Leona Young, Arthur and Edna Wolf, Dorothea Covington, Armand Baumhofner, Minnette and Myra Claas, Irene Busse, Esther and Hattie Maack, Esther Brauch, Sarah Dorn, Herbert Duerst, Margaret Meckfessel, Philippine Groh, Anna and Marie Saling, Anna Niehaus, Elsie Gieseking, Dorothea Blesse, Elmer Theiss, Erwin Ludwig, Edwin Hobelman, Lottie Neustadt, Alvin A. Welp and Otto Schneider.

On the Wabash Special there were also many Leaguers from Cape Girardeau, Jefferson City, Kansas City, Farmington, Overland, Augusta, and St. Charles, Missouri. Besides there were many southern Illinois towns represented, and we even had a representative from Ft. Smith, Ark., with us. All told, our train brought to Detroit approximately 300 Leaguers. Not bad, eh?

READ THESE RESOLUTIONS

Your society delegate was furnished with a complete set of Resolutions adopted at the Thirty-first International Walther League Convention (July 15-19, 1923). By all means have this delegate "tell" you all about them.

We are publishing the resolutions listed below, because they have a personal appeal—each and every Leaguer should

ADOPT THEM AND PUT THEM INTO PRACTICE

WHEREAS, We, the members of the International Walther League, Lutheran Christians by virtue of our confession and faith, are exhorted to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints and to be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks us a reason of the hope that is in us; and

WHEREAS, This attitude requires, upon given occasions, a frank and open confession before men, in accordance with the injunction of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the present meeting offers not only a propitious opportunity, but in view of the various inquiries from a number of sources practically demands a full and frank declaration of principles, particularly in view of the fact that the "Walther League Messenger" has recently contained a number of stirring articles on timely topics; and

WHEREAS, Finally, it is only by a decided stand that we perform our great duty of being the salt of the earth; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That we, the Thirty-first International Convention of the Walther League, in convention at Detroit, Mich., from July 15-19, 1923, go on record with a wholehearted and emphatic statement commending and endorsing the stand taken by the editor of our "Walther League Messenger," the Rev. Prof. W. A. Maier, in recent issues of the periodical, and that we, with him, state the following points as our convictions:

1. We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, whose inerrancy not only in matters of doctrine, but also in every other statement no matter to which field of knowledge it refers, is unquestioned. We most heartily disapprove, therefore, of all recent and present endeavors to eliminate from the sacred records such things as men are alleging to be inconsistent with facts in any department of human knowledge.

2. We believe the Book of Genesis and the first page of the Bible to be God's own record of the creation of the world, holding this position as a point of faith. We most emphatically disapprove, therefore, of all the modern theories of evolution, no matter in what guise they are presented and by whom they are advocated. We particularly disapprove of the Darwinian theory, according to which apes and men had a common ancestry, holding instead the infallible truth "God made man in His image in the

image of God created He him; male and female created He them."

3. We represent a sound Lutheran fundamentalism in upholding not only a few of the basic principles and doctrines of the Bible, but all of them from Genesis to Revelations, no matter whether in so-called conformity with our reason or not. We very decidedly disapprove, therefore, of liberalism in every shape and form, from the slightest concession to unbelief in the most outspoken enmity of the Biblical truth.

4. We hold that modern social conditions are to be criticised in the severest terms as being out of general harmony with the ideals of the Christian religion. We particularly disapprove of the wellnigh universal disregard of authority in home, school, and state; of the persistent and growing laxity of morals in the matter of suggestive dressing, of unrestrained freedom, and of sinful amusements of all kinds.

5. We hold that the home is both the unity and the bulwark of our beloved nation and that we must uphold its sanctity and the holiness of the marriage tie with all the moral force at our command. We most emphatically disapprove, therefore, of the prevailing laxity with regard to the binding obligation of the marriage vow and we most earnestly censure the divorce evil of our country.

6. We hold that the Christian education of our children and youth, in agreement with the fundamental principles of our beloved country and its government, is one of the sacred duties of parents and the Church. We disapprove, therefore, of every effort to subvert the principles of a free government in this respect, of nationalizing our school systems, and thus interfering with the pursuit of happiness; and for the upholding of these principles we pledge ourselves in word and deed as Lutheran Christians and loyal citizens of our beloved country.

WHEREAS, The venerable president of the Missouri Synod of the Synodical Conference has extended to us his greetings, together with a reminder of the building program of our respective church bodies, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That we encourage all Walther Leaguers to give their moral support to and to show a positive and active interest in supporting these projects of the Church with contributions in accordance as the Lord has blessed us.

Who's Who --- In Our Local League

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow;
Is our destined end or way;
But to act, that each tomorrow
Finds us farther than today.

Some readers of FLASHES seem to be under the impression that the Who's Who column is there only to flatter and extol someone who has, fortunately or unfortunately as the case may be, been elected to some office. This has not, and never will be the case. We can truthfully say that the Leaguers whose names appeared in this column are young men and young women who work hard for the Walther League and have the welfare of this organization at heart and who therefore justly deserve the little honor, if it may be termed as such, of having their names appear in the Who's Who column.

So it is with Helen Lange our St. Louis Walther League Secretary. Ever faithful, hard working, performing her various duties with a puritanical conscientiousness, she has won the admiration and esteem of all her many acquaintances and co-workers. "Do it and do it with all your might," is the way she takes hold of things; and when Helen has done something you may rest easy and feel assured that it has been done well. There is nothing wishy-washy about her. She is "Johnny on the dot" with her work and can always be relied upon even in the "pinches." Helen's contact with the practical side of life has developed her into a quick thinker, whose mind works like an eight day clock—only it never stops. Quick at grasping a situation, yet cautious at forming a hasty conclusion, represents the modern type of woman. "Maybe's don't fly this month," is her favorite remark and she certainly lives up to it.

The reader who has read this article so far and does not know Helen might picture her to himself as a strictly business type of woman who lacks all those charming attributes that make the fairer sex so attractive! but "You'd be surprised." Her angelic temperament, coupled with a refreshing sense of humor make up an enviable disposition. Her winsome personality has made many friends for her. Of course she isn't perfect and has her weaknesses like



HELEN LANGE

everyone else, but they aren't serious. Her weakest point by far is a unique love (?) for cats (which she displayed in the play "And Billy Disappears,") but maybe she will get over it as time passes by. She also has a very pleasing voice, which is no weakness though, by any means.

Helen leads a very busy and useful life. After graduating from the Oak Hill Grammar School she took a nine months' course at the Rubicam Business School. After her graduation from there she was employed in the Hirsch and Co. Silk Exchange. In 1923 she entered the employment of the Multiplex Fixture Display Co. Besides her work at the office she has to contend with the various problems of a Y. P. S., Walther League, and Missionary Secretary, which latter office she now holds for the second term. She is also a member of the St. John's Junior Council and teaches Sunday School at St. John's, the church where she was confirmed and where she

still is a regular attendant.

It seems strange that one person can keep up with all this work and still do it as thoroughly and accurately as Helen does it. The only way we can explain it is that Helen goes at it in the right spirit. Her untiring efforts are appreciated by a host of friends who will always have a warm spot in their hearts for her. Sometimes we wish that Helen were endowed with perpetual youth so that she could keep up her good work forever.

A little more of sunshine
Makes a brighter, fairer day,
A breeze a little stronger,
Drives the fitful mist away!
A little more of giving—
How unselfish one would grow.
A little more of service—
The good you ne'er can know.
A little more of praying
Draws the heart to Him above;
A little more of Jesus—
And our hearts overflow with love.

Convenchion Mem'rees

Dat hole convenchion gang dun got off fer dot Detroit Convenchion as cuntemplatud, an deed dey sho did have sum tyme. Bo' if yo wuz down dat stachion de nite dat hungree gang left yo sho wooda sackrafized dat Sundie chickun dinnah to go wif dem.

But neba in mah hole lyfe did I laf so much as I did, wen does folks who wuz dun conshus of hom disuplin stauted to shaip demselves into pretzuls, soas to fit demselves into wun ub dem chaer ceats wut wuz on dat trane, so dey cud git sum sleap. I sho felt sorrie fo sum as to de predickamint dey dun got demselves into. Perry soon dough howeber mos' ob dem dun got into posishion an ebryting wuz O. k. till wun gurl are ladie she had wun ub dos teddy bears along dat yo ware on yo hand, an den yo maik dem byte by movin yo fingahs. Wel she dun maik dat misable specamin byte ebry wun dat hapuned two be snoosin an fo sum rezun or nodder de folks did nut seam to injoy it much, cauze mos ub dem wuz dreemin uv folks dey dun lef bhind, or maibe sum folk dey tended two sea, an den sumtyme yo hav swel dreems dat yo nebah otah an dat yo aint so crazy bout bein wok frum, an den I did nut tink it wuz so nyce pusionully cauze wun dont git much chause two do much sleepin whye on a convenchion. Neckst thing hapuned dough wuz on de niggah powtah, he was snoopin round wif a sack in his hand wen I spyed im, an I querious as I am I asked him wat he wuz doin'? an he dun sayd he dun hurd sum cooin goin on in dis trane an dat if he had sum pin to say he wuz dun gonna hab sum pigguns fo breakfus, so I inveztugayted de situachion wit im, only to hab de inveztugachion disclothes dat de cooin wuz cummin frum a cuple of huniemuners hoo wuz huniemunin to 'dis convenchion, nebah did dis niggah feal so prebusticated cince he went snype huntin wunst.

Wel we cept on a'rolin til we hit Montpealer ware we stoped to chanje croos an enjins. Dey infomed us dat be'ens de nite befo wuz Satuda nyte dey gabe de traks ahed a bawth an dey wuz washed awa — which maid us go troo Toleadah two git two Detroit. Wel dis peece ub pruperduties jes about puit us in Det. seben howahs layt. So we ryved dare in de aftahnoon sted de monin, an wuz we hungree? Bo!— notin much to eat cince de nite befo, cauze we did nut had wun ub dem rydin kichuns on owah trane. But nebah wery, we had afyne tripp an wen we got to Det. dey wuz sumpin bound to disapeer an it sho nough wuz food!

Neckst ding we did wen we got der wuz to rejister at head 25c, jes lyke we wuz doin in St. l. wen we vot ownly we pade insted gittin pade. but aftah we wuz synged to our horns or ho tels war we wuz spozed to stai we went to de opnin xercises, dat is wut wuz left ub dem. den in de ebenin' we

purculaited down to hOteL Tullah fur a gEn'L. Get toggedder (hoo eber he wuz). Mundai we wuz up reel urly two go too sechions, an de furs prez. of de W. L. resyded, ownlee fur a haf hr. dough. Den dey got down to bizness an had too seshions. An den in de aftahnoon we went on a site seeun ture den obah to Bel I'll fur a picknick an bahbacue. Bo! dis wuz sum plaice an all de leegers frum all obah wuz exercizin yells an munkyshynes an displain emblooms saing wer dey cum frum. De delagachion frum Nuu Jurzee wuz hedin der parraid wit a fly pon a poll, an lots o otha folks had bannahs uv all veriteas but dese Mizzuri Leegers jest uncovered dere ea'ahs to let de rest no wheah dey hailed frum cauze we wuz widout bajus til bout Toosda den dey wuz maid in Det. Toosda we dun had sum mo' sechions an den in de ebening we all went on chawtahd boats fah a munnlyte scershion wer mos uv us mused owahselbes, but dey had gud mewzig an singahs 'long case yo wanted tu lisen to em. also de Concodia quahtet wich hapund too bea in town entahained us lots wid sum gud sleckshions. Weall got hom perty lait but mos uv us dint mynd, Did ju? Wensda aftah sechions weall cum back to de Convenchion hawl aftah wed feeded to tend de insperachunul survises wer we lissend to too gud speakurs who gab us sum very gud edgamacashional infomashion an den de quiah alsew exekuted sum sleckshions fer us. Terrsda we had closin sechions in de monin an deed I sho kindah gretted dat, cauze if wun tended dem sechions we had dey sho wudda proffated bundently cauze dey sho wuz lots ub gud speechus 'n remawks. Fo I foget Terrsda aftawnuun we gin tuk sum boats up two a plaice cawld Bob-Lo, dont no wut dis naim ment cauze I didnt sea enybodie doin sum lo bobin, coss ebryting aint in a naim wich we suun found out. Dey had racis, tugs o wah, mewzig wun reel bawl gaim n wun micksed bawl gaim (twaz tween sum clowns 'n blumer gurls) but ebrey wun fer won. we sho enjoid it (i meen da picknick) cauze it sho is de mos butiful 'n wel cept plaice in his hole world, cordin to my magunashun.

Terrsda nite sum ub de gang went on hom to mammy, an sum went on de pleshur trip ovah to Niagerah Falls, An den sum eben tareed round Det. fer sum reezun or nodder. I speck dat I wil hafta kwit taikin up rum in dis magiezen cauze if i dont i wil be rapeeten wut Emmy Shooman has in her pusuonal Glimpce kolam wich spoze wil be plentah. But fo i cloz i mus say dat Mistah's Otto Sauer 'n Edwin Knorr, 'n Edmund Kuhlmann 'n thee othahs woo dun run dis convenchion sho put it off in hi spead an sho desurvs credat othah than un a cloding stoah, so SO LoNg till 1924 den I'all sea yo in de Twin Cities.—A. M.

PARDON US, PLEASE, WE'VE SOMETHING TO SAY

DIDJA FIND YOUR QUEEN?—Christy Schmidt of Immanuels has just returned from a journey to California. Sh-Sh-Sh, he tells us he's going back again. Whoa, Christy, take your time.

LEARNING FAST — Having found it necessary to prepare a Sunday meal, our good friend Martha Wolf of Redeemer decided to have string beans on her menu—and she didn't fry 'em either.

JUST RETURNED—Having had a wonderful vacation in South Dakota, Bertha Benz came home to prepare for a big event—see page 10 for solution to the mystery. **CONGRATULATIONS.**

NOT HALF BAD — Several members from St. Luke's felt that they hadn't seen enough of Detroit, so they stayed over an extra day—and can now tell lots about that DAY.

THERE WAS HEAP MUCH JOY at the Hospice Home when Adele Pardieck returned from the hospital, much improved in health, after a serious operation.

MORE RECRUITS—The girls of Salem's are falling in line—Rose Lahm, Marguerite Wolz and Mildred Leist have had their hair bobbed.

AN ALL YEAR 'ROUND XMAS TREE —Gene Vogt of Grace Esmond is the owner of the only Ford coupe in captivity having eleven lights, and he's looking for space to put a few more.

DID YOU FIND OUT HOB?—Hobart Nickels of St. John's wanted to know who was to do the boxing at the box party given by the choir.

TOO BAD—Lottie Brase of St. Matthew's worked so hard she had to stay home the day after our Ice Cream Social—to rest a bit.

INDEED—We are all glad to see Edna Trog, of Our Savior Junior circle, among us again. She was a victim of an automobile accident.

WHO IS THE OWNER of the big red Stutz car? C. G. of Holy Cross would like to know.

LOOKOUT CONCORDIA—Erwin Ludwig and Edwin Hobleman report that there are many attractions in Detroit.

CAN HARRY EXPLAIN?—Olivia Goodbrake of Hope says she likes to hike without a moon—why?

QUERY—Who is Hazel, and what is she that all our girls adore her? Bobby Scheer of Mt. Calvary, a formerly retiring young gentleman, is stepping into the limelight these days—see?

A VISITOR—Mrs. Geo. Luecke of Chicago, our good friend Martha of Emmaus, recently visited St. Louis for several weeks.

ST. TRINITY GIRLS—What is the attraction on the "Golden Eagle." Alma and Frieda Gross, Hilda Weidemann, Laura Thielker, Edna Jochens, Ada Paquet and

Edna Lahrman went to Peoria this summer via boat and water.

HARD TO TAKE—Paula Wisler of St. Matthew's is spending her vacation eating ice cream and real chicken, yum, yum.

HOW COME?—Irwin Struebing of Pilgrim is being missed from his usual haunts in North St. Louis lately. Perhaps Katherine Brockmeier of Pine Lawn can explain why he knows so much about Edgewood Blvd.

IN NEED OF A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE —With three weddings and six engagements reported in this issue, the Holy Cross Y. L. Society's ranks are being depleted rapidly.

CHALK UP TWO MORE—Come out to Concordia if you think that bobbed-hair is going out of style.

A SOLUTION SOLICITED — We are wondering why Sam Marshall of Hope put yellow wheels on our pastor's Ford?

A REWARD for the return of Handy Andy Grubbs, Hospice janitor, who is sadly missed by 28 girls. **HELP!!!!**

TWO CORRECTIONS — FLASHES offers apologies (in behalf of the printer) to Miss Huldah Eickhoff for omitting the "I" in her given name—and likewise apologizes to the Radmer boys of St. John's for misinforming the public by referring to their name as "Palmer." 'Seuse us, please.

LOIS is a girl—and Louis, he's a man. (Deep stuff—?)

POOR DOGGIE—Melvin Schmeidel of Grace Esmond has a new dog and has named it "Peggie" after one of the members of our society. This is an honor few hope to attain.

HOW DOES IT FEEL to get out of the upper berth? Ask Viola Zastrow of St. Matthew's about her experience.

S'MORE BOBBED HAIR—The Misses Dau, Brinkoetter, Hackett, Melzer, Ann and Louise Schulte and Mesdames Wm. Brinkoetter and Lee Brown Guge, all of Emmaus, are "with us."

CREDIT TO THE SOUTH—Come all the way to North St. Louis to meet the Hospice girls in a game of tennis at 6 a. m.

HURRAH FOR THE FORD—Took Emma Pardieck to Pittsburg, but not with "Henry."

WE CAN'T BLAME HER—Aida Zastrow of St. Matthew's likes to wear gloves when she dusts chairs.

REGAINING HER HEALTH — Nora Borgstede, former member of Our Savior Y. P. S., has returned after a two-years' absence. We hope she will soon join our ranks again.

IN NEBRASKA—Olivia Gruebel of Holy Cross, while on her vacation visited her sister, Mrs. Louis Spitz of Bertram, Nebraska, and she had a wonderful time.

NO SOCIETY REPORTS because of lack of space.

A LETTER FROM OUR MISSION COMMITTEE

Dear Fellow Leaguers and Friends:—

We kindly ask you to become acquainted with the undersigned committee and its work. And since no one else is around to introduce us to you, we will have to introduce ourselves. Our individual names you will find at the bottom of this letter and our collective name is "The Mission Committee of the Missouri District Walther League." You will hear more of us from time to time and our hope is that you will all be waiting and eager for our next communication.

In these communications which will be short we expect to keep before you the great mission work of the Walther League, your own mission work. We will let your own missionaries speak to you of their hopes, fears, joys, sorrows, needs, successes, etc. We hope thus to keep your interest in mission work ever active.

We will also bring experiences from the lives and work of great Missionaries past and present. You yourselves will see to it with your prayers and gifts, that Missouri will raise the salary of its missionary, the Rev. Carl G. Schmidt, and double the amount to help the Foreign Mission Treasury of Synod.

With this we make our bow to you and ask you to think of our Mission program.

Yours in the service of the Master—
Mission Committee of the Missouri District Walther League.

Alvin Welp, Chairman.
Walter Reinke, Secretary
Rev. E. Duever, Advisory.

BACK TO NORMALCY—???

Our July business meeting was held at Ebenezer Church, 8500 North, and in spite of the distance and the fact that many had just returned from THE convention, there were 30 societies represented.

Our August social meeting was held at Gethsemane Church—way down South, further than you can think. Was the dinky derailed? Did anyone get lost? And how about the homeward journey?

Our September business meeting will bring us BACK TO NORMALCY, for we are to meet at Emmaus Hall, 2323 South Jefferson Avenue, the most centrally located hall and one that is easily reached by street car, automobile, FORD, or the "boot and shoe" line.

The Rev. L. Sieck, chaplain of the Home, will give us a few interesting facts concerning the progress of our Hospice.

AND DON'T FORGET THE CANNED GOODS!

When you think of the September meeting, also think of the canned goods shower—and before it's too late buy your stock and have it ready to bring along. This won't mean much per person, but as a whole, should be quite a "blessing" to 3001 Rauschenbach.

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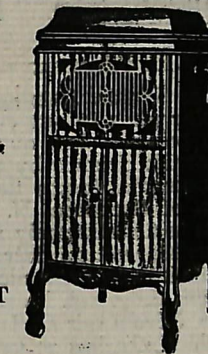
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Rev. F. E. Schumann - Miss Walda Reininga

Miss Walda Reininga, one of the most popular girls in our circle—and one of the most beloved—has quite surprised her innumerable friends by the announcement of her betrothal to the Rev. Frederic E. Schumann of Syracuse, N. Y. The Rev. Schumann is an extremely fortunate young man in having won the fair Walda, and that she will fit into this new niche with absolute perfection, there can be no doubt—yet her departure from this St. Louis Walther League, to which she has so generously devoted unlimited time and effort, will be viewed with regret by those who are proud to be called her friends.

Their marriage will take place the latter part of next summer.

Another well-known young lady who has given her heart into someone else's keeping is Miss Bertha Benz, formerly the highly efficient local and district secretary of the League, and now the official fiancée of "Nick" Hildebrandt of Mennow, S. D. Ere long she will be assuming the position of "Recording" and "Financial" Secretary to Nick, and we are sure his interests will be well taken care of.

Cards have been issued announcing the betrothal of Miss Alma Hollmann to the Rev. Ferdinand Rupprecht, who, as most of us know, is Assistant Pastor at St. John's. Miss Hollmann is also a member of that congregation.

Miss Gunhild Graebner surprised her many friends by announcing her engagement to the Rev. Gerhardt Mahler of Spencer, Nebr. Miss Graebner is a member of Holy Cross Y. L. S. In September she will spend a few weeks at the home of Rev. Mahler's parents in Hanover, Kansas.

Sisters sharing congratulations! Miss Esther Bente and the Rev. John Marozick, of Walsh, Alberta, Canada, have made known their betrothal—and Miss Lois Bente will wed the Rev. Herman Wetzel of Coal Valley, Ill.

Miss Bertha Waechtler, of Holy Cross Y. L. S. and the Rev. Enno Claus of Detroit, Mich., have plighted their troth. The Rev. Claus is a graduate of the June 1923 class and will be stationed at Barney, N. D.

At the rate they are going, Holy Cross Y. L. S. will have to conduct a membership drive shortly! The sixth engagement announcement received from them this month is that of Miss Helen Telle, who will marry Adolf Stahl of Emmaus.

In the summer a young maid's fancy....! Miss Lottie Troeschner of St. Mathew's and Charles Klaus of Concordia Y. P. S., Maplewood.

A betrothal of considerable interest is that of Miss Martha Daeumler of Webster Groves, formerly of Christ Church, and Milton Kuolt of the Class of '23.

Miss Helen Yesberg and George Breutziger have also announced their engagement. Miss Yesberg is a member of St. John's and Mr. Breutziger of Holy Cross.

Miss Olga Gieselman of Grace Society, Wellston, will marry William Jeude of Pevely, Mo.

The St. Louis friends of Edward J. Veath of Belleville will be agreeably surprised to hear of his engagement to Miss Frieda Reinbold, also an active Belleville Leaguer. Preparations are now being made for a charming church wedding. (Inserted by special request of a Belleville Leaguer)

Betrothed
Miss Helen Brauch
St. Louis, Mo.
Rev. Walter J. Lotz
Woodhaven, New York.

WEDDINGS

The marriage of Miss Catherine Rehn and Fred Vassel, Salem Leaguers, took place on June 27 at the home of the bride.

In the array of charming summer weddings was that of Miss Clara Fuerbringer and the Rev. Herman Reinke of New London, Conn. The nuptials were solemnized at Holy Cross Church on July 11. The happy pair spent part of their honeymoon at Taylorville, N. C. with the Rev. and Mrs. Jimmie Summers.

On July 21 at the Church of Our Redeemer, Miss Leonore Hall became the bride of the Rev. Walter M. Degenhardt of New York. A host of relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony. The bridal party included the Misses Verna Hall, Ethel Van Taalge and little Jane Turner, also the

Messrs. Raymond Pape and Frederick Karches. After September 1, the young couple will reside at Astoria Gardens, L. I., N. Y.

Another pretty bridal party was that of Miss Anita Flachsart, president of Holy Cross Y. L. S., whose marriage to Prof. Theo. W. Hausman of Bronxville, N. Y. took place on August 4 at Holy Cross Church. Shortly after the ceremony, the young couple left for the East.

Miss Amelia Porath of Newell, Iowa, and the Rev. George Jilg of Columbia Bottoms, St. Louis County, were united in matrimony on August 5.

Cupid has made a raid on the hearts of the officials of St. Trinity Society—its secretary, Miss Ada Paquet, and president, Harold Lilienkamp, having pledged their eternal fidelity. The wedding took place at the bride's home on August 8.

August 8 was also chosen by Miss Etta Juhlin as the happy and eventful day for her marriage to Lloyd McGeever. Dean Fritz performed the ceremony at the Church of Our Redeemer. Miss Minette Juhlin and Miss Edith Winterrose were the bride's attendants.

Of interest to many Leaguers will be the news of the marriage of Miss Olivia Fisher and the Rev. Elmer Streuffert, which took place on August 15 at St. Luke's Church. Miss Viola Fisher was her sister's maid of honor and Miss Gertrude Thilipp, bridesmaid. Alvin Streuffert and Louis Fisher served as groomsmen. Their place of residence will be Pasco, Wash.

A happy ending to a sweet romance! The wedding of Miss Bernice Ermeling and George Marcus on August 22. The newlyweds are members of Grace of Wellston.

To all of the aforementioned couples we extend our hearty wishes for the Lord's blessing and every happiness.

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