

Lutheran Churches Hold Fall Meeting

Budget Discussed
By Dr. Kretzmann

Dr. Martin F. Kretzmann, of Kendallville, secretary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, was the principal speaker at the fall meeting of circuit A Sunday afternoon at Emmanuel Lutheran church, at Soest. Each of the Lutheran churches in the Decatur area was represented.

Dr. Kretzmann discussed Synod's 1950 budget, emphasizing that while members contributed over fifty million dollars for all purposes during last year, the church-at-large will receive only about four and a quarter million for its important work of worldwide missions, support of normal schools and seminaries, church publicity, support fund for retired pastors and their families, and general operating expense.

He stated that the budget represented only the bare necessities and had been carefully prepared by the various synod boards. He urged that there be no thought of retrenchment with the present almost unlimited missionary opportunities in America and abroad.

The Rev. E. T. Schmidtke, of Freidheim, visitor for circuit A, discussed the "Building for Tomorrow" collection which is to be taken by most congregations next Sunday.

John Bleeke of Trinity Lutheran church of near Fort Wayne explained a loan plan for the church extension fund is suggesting by which members may lend money to the fund and receive interest while it is being used to aid new congregations establish their own church facilities.

The Rev. E. P. Schmidt, of Decatur, has been appointed the Valparaiso University representative for this circuit. He reported a record enrollment over 2,000 students for this school year. Special plans are being made to celebrate the school's 25th anniversary under Lutheran ownership.

E. Krueckeburg of Immanuel, Union township, R. Koenemann of St. John's, Flatrock, and C. Lepper of Emmanuel, Soest, were appointed as the nominating committee. They will select the candidates, prepare the ballots, and conduct the election at the group's next meeting, which will be held at the Trinity Lutheran church the first Sunday in February.

Indiana VFW Fall Conference Planned

Officers and members of the local VFW Post will be well represented at the annual fall conference of the Indiana department, Veterans of Foreign Wars, to be held in Indianapolis, October 29-30.

They will join with more than 500 VFW post officers and department officers at the fall conference, when plans for carrying on the various activities of the VFW in Indiana will be discussed.

Authorities Report Two Weekend Arrests

Two men were arrested over the weekend, one by city police and the other by sheriff Herman Bowman, and each man was fined in separate justice of the peace courts.

Carl Eberhard, of Columbia City, was arrested in the 300 block of North First street Sunday at 12:45 a.m. on the charge of public intoxication. He pleaded guilty in justice of the peace Floyd Hunter's court and was fined \$1 and costs after spending the remainder of Saturday night in jail.

George Krill, of Bluffton, was arrested by the sheriff in Berne for running a stop light. Taken to justice of the peace Stengel's court in Berne, Krill hit a school driver training car while parking. Krill was fined \$1 and costs totalling \$10.75; the sheriff estimated the damage to the school car's hood at \$15.

Notice of Commissioners Sale of Real Estate
The undersigned Commissioner, by virtue of an order of the Adams Circuit Court, made and entered in cause therein pending, entitled "Matilda Oberlin vs. Edward, Ashbaucher and Lula P. Ashbaucher," and numbered 19233 upon the docket of the Adams Circuit Court thereat, that at and on the premises known as the 4th day of November 1949 at 7 o'clock P. M., the real estate hereinafter described and designated, will be offered for sale at Public Auction, for not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the full appraised value thereof, to-wit:

Tract Number 2 (three) in Philauer Sub-division of the north part of Outlot Number 274 (two hundred and seventy-four) in Joseph Crabbe's Third Western Addition to the town (now city) of Decatur, Adams County, Indiana.

Terms: One-third (1/3) of the Purchase Price on date of sale and the balance when the purchased is furnished a Commissioner's Deed and Abstract of Title.
BID. A. BOHRE, Commissioner
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OCT 21-23-26

SALE CALENDAR

- OCT. 25—George Mellett, Bona Vista farm, Bryan, Ohio. Dairy cattle. Roy & Ned Johnson and Melvin Liechty, aucts.
- OCT. 26—C. A. Pettigrew, 12 mi. W. of Fort Wayne on No. 30 to first road W. of Allen & Whitley county line. Then 1/2 mi. S., then first farm W. 4 mi. W. of Arcola. 7 mi. E. of Columbia City. 25 registered Holsteins. Roy & Ned Johnson and Melvin Liechty, aucts.
- OCT. 27—Indian Hill Farm, Rochester, Ind. Angus cattle and sheep. Roy & Ned Johnson and Son, aucts.
- OCT. 27—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Strickler, corner Oak & First Sts. Furniture Sale. 6 p. m. D. S. Blair, C. W. Kent, aucts. Conducted by Kent Realty & Auction Co.
- OCT. 27—Eugene Gase, 3 mi. E. and 1/2 mi. N. of Decatur, Ind. on No. 101 Highway. Complete Closing Out Sale including Live-stock, 400 bales of Hay, Farm Machinery and Power Equipment. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sanmann, Auct.
- OCT. 29—Floyd and Russell Acker, "The Acker Estate," 1023 N. Second St., 9 room home and business building 25x15. 1:30 P. M. Kent Realty & Auction Co., Decatur, Ind. D. S. Blair and C. W. Kent, auctioneers.
- OCT. 31—Harold K. & Wm. B. Bacholder, 1 1/2 mi. S. of Geneva, Ind. on Highway No. 27. An improved 195 Acre Stock and Grain Farm. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sanmann, Auct.
- NOV. 2—Mrs. Floyd Lewton and Alfred Rauch, 6 mi. N. of Decatur on Adams & Allen county line. 2 1/2 mi. E. of U. S. 27 on county line road, 5 1/2 mi. W. of state road No. 101. first farm E. of Williams Elevator. Complete closing out sale. Roy & Ned Johnson, M. Liechty and Chris Bohne, aucts.
- NOV. 2—George L. Forsythe, 5 mi. N.E. of Fulton, Ind. Highly Productive 80 Acre Farm with Modern Buildings and Personal Property. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sanmann, Auct.
- NOV. 8—Paul Stouffer, Oakwood, Ohio. Holstein cattle and Duroc hogs. Roy & Ned Johnson and Son, aucts.
- NOV. 9—Harvey Gerber, Marcus Gerber, Clifton Gerber, Heirs of Ed Gerber, two miles south of Berne on road No. 27 and two and one-half miles north of Geneva in Wabash township. Personal property and 90.2 acre farm. Roy & Ned Johnson & Melvin Liechty, aucts.

Neighbors Pitch In To Assist Family

Home Destroyed By
Flames Is Rebuilt

Columbus, Ind., Oct. 24—(UP)—Monte Meredith, 46, a factory worker who never asked for help when fire wrecked his home but got it anyway, counted lush profits from a roadside produce stand today and prepared to move his family from a woodshed to a new house.

Meredith, his wife and their seven children lost their home on the Batholomew-Brown county line and all furnishings last July in a fire. He tried to rebuild the house but ran out of money and faced a cold winter in a woodshed. Meanwhile, their eighth child arrived.

Yesterday, through the aid of the Columbus Republican newspaper, Meredith set up a stand on a busy city street and sold nearly \$500 worth of apples, cider, persimmons, nuts, sorghum and bitternest gathered from the woods and fields near his home.

Carpenters and bricklayers, donating their time and skill the day before, finished work on the new house Meredith started, and electricians prepared to wire it this week. Meredith will be able to move his family into the house before the week is over.

The Republican told the family's story last week. Although no appeal for help was made, contributions of more than \$100 cash and a truckload of household furnishings poured in. At first, Meredith was reticent to accept help.

"I always feel like a fellow ought to be able to take care of himself," he said.

But Ind. 46 where he operated a roadside stand for tourists between shifts at a Columbus factory, was closed for repairs to a bridge and he couldn't augment his industrial income. His concrete block house was only half finished and the money was gone.

After the house was finished and the cider stand closed, Meredith said it was all like a dream. "People are wonderful," he said.

Cpl. Adam Bailer Named Legal Clerk

Cpl. Adam R. Bailer, son of Jasper Bailer, of this city, has been assigned to the 3rd armored cavalry regiment in the capacity of legal clerk at Fort Meade, Md.

Cpl. Bailer enlisted in the army in October, 1942. He is married and has one daughter, Carol Diane. The 103-year-old 3rd cavalry regiment is the oldest cavalry unit in the army, having been organized to campaign against the Indians.

To Honor Heroic Hoosier Milkman

Pasteur Gold Medal
To Capital Milkman

Indianapolis, Oct. 24—(UP)—William Jay Becktel, 34, a milkman, will receive the Pasteur gold medal for heroism Wednesday as the nation's milkman hero of 1949. The presentation will be made by Governor Schricker.

Becktel, a native of Columbus, Ind., was picked from a group of milkmen who all performed "beyond the call of duty" to win their industry's highest award.

Becktel won the award for rescuing four youngsters from a burning house here last December. He saved the lives of Odessa and Louise Willis, 17 and 15 years old, respectively, and their two-year-old brother, Samuel. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Willis, were away when the blaze broke out.

Also rescued by Becktel was the Willis' nine-month-old granddaughter, Diana Marie Bruce.

Becktel is the first Hoosier to receive the award.

Coal, Steel Strikes To Affect Indiana

Hoosier Business Expected To Suffer

Bloomington, Ind., Oct. 24—(UP)—Indiana University's business review warned today that unless coal and steel strikes ended shortly, their effect would be felt in the economy of the state "for much of the remainder of the year."

"Substantial coal supplies above ground prevented the work stoppage in the coal industry from having any immediate influence on the production of other goods in September," the review explained.

It said that the Indiana business index dropped less than one percent in September compared to August, but that the loss was chiefly due to coal miner idleness.

General employment rose nearly two percent, and manufacturing employment increased more than three percent in the 30-day period. "There is evidence that the trend in the state would have continued to be upward for the remainder of the year had not labor difficulties intervened," the review said.

Coal production was about one-fourth of its normal output in September, but steel production rose slightly — probably less than it would have had it not been for the prospects of work stoppages, the report said.

Construction was the best since June and farm receipts were balanced. Receipts from cattle sales declined while those of hogs increased as hog prices improved and the market became more active.

True happiness does not just happen.

Race Driver And 10 Spectators Killed

Rafaela, Argentina, Oct. 23—(UP)—Italo Bizio, driver in a 500-mile automobile race, and 10 spectators were killed yesterday when Bizio's car left the track, plunged through the crowd and smashed into Woods bordering the track.

Thousands Of Men Drift To Skid Row

Suffering May Be
Tragic This Winter

By United Press
More and more "forgotten men" are drifting into the skid rows of 45 cities across the nation and suffering may be "tragic" this winter, a United Press survey showed today.

About 95,000 men live in the run-down areas of Los Angeles, New York, Boston, New Orleans and Chicago alone. Thousands of others were uncared for in other metropolitan areas.

Welfare workers said the men lived amid filth, degradation, and vermin, most of them alcoholics who would literally sell their blood to get money for a drink.

Although flophouse beds cost as little as 20 cents a night, most men would rather sleep in a doorway or in alleys to spend their pennies for cheap wine. If they can't get that, they drink weak alcohol, buy rum, or canned heat.

Many of the young men slipping into the drifters' life are World War II veterans, unable to adjust to civilian life.

Missions reported they were turning away "thousands every night that we just can't handle."

Of the cities surveyed, only seven had no segregated "skid row" neighborhoods.

Most cities blamed increased drifter populations to increased unemployment. But a survey in one city showed that 45 percent of the gaunt-eyed men slipped to their low level because of drink. Other causes given were mental instability, laziness, old age, poor health and family troubles.

Buffalo and Kansas City reported that campaigns to clean up conditions were winning out. The campaigns included the building of dormitories and stricter enforcement of vagrancy and drunkenness laws.

Des Moines police said they waged a constant fight to prevent a skid row from developing. In Chicago, the Daily News recently published a series of articles describing life on West Madison Street in graphic detail. The articles shocked the city and forced authorities to take action.

Cleveland Salvation Army officer Peter F. Hoffman said, however, it's "not in the clean up the areas because they want to be helped."

Some officials said clean-up campaigns simply drove the drifters to more remote areas. Detroit, for example, reported an influx after the Chicago campaign started.

Some authorities said the men would be able to work if they wanted to and if jobs were available. A Milwaukee survey showed 22.2 percent of the drifters were unemployed, but 77.8 percent capable of limited work. "temporarily disabled and usually employable," and could be "fully employable."

NEW RUSH
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missioner's office at 4000 clutching a handful of money in a bag of flaky gold. Within a matter of hours news had raced across the city and the rush was on.

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