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Your Church - - - - by Rev. JOHN LIPTAK, Raritan, N. J.

WE have often heard people say, "I cannot become a member of a Christian Church because the church demands too much." Others say that as members of a church they would be compelled to give up too many pleasures (?) and make too many sacrifices. We feel sorry for such people for truly they "know not what they say". Tell me, does a loving mother consider it a sacrifice when she gives up the doll she had once played with as a child in order to give it to her own daughter? Does a conscientious student consider it a sacrifice when he burns the midnight oil in order to become a fine educated man in later years? Should a person consider it a sacrifice to give up the earthly for the heavenly — the dross for the gold? We cannot think of it as a sacrifice when we remember that the church here on earth is the golden key to the heavenly temple.

Too many people today take their church and its spiritual significance too lightly. What does your church mean to you? Is it merely a place of regular weekly meetings where you see your friends and chat with them? Are you one of those who make the church a convenient place for a fashion show? Yet that is not the function of a church. Remember that as

your body has a place called home where it is fed and nourished, where it is given its proper care and rest, so your church is the home of your soul where it is fed by the living Word of Christ. Without the church, without the true significance of the house of God rooted deeply in your soul, your spiritual life is homeless. Remember, too, Christ loved the church and "gave Himself for it". Can we as followers of Christ **REFUSE TO SERVE** the Church?

One day, three years ago, while standing among the many ruins of the ancient heathen temples in the historical city of Rome, I looked about in silent meditation turning back the pages of history to the age steeped in idolatry when those houses of sin reigned in their highest glory. I tried to visualize the beauty of their rich architecture, how firmly they must have been built of solid marble. They seemed to stand there beyond the reach of all ages, beyond the reach of ruin itself. And in the far end of the same city I could see the humble, poorly constructed meeting places of the followers of Jesus. The heathen temples, at this time seemed to possess the highest glory, their indestructible appearance seemed to fill one with the surety that they would

stand there forever. But as I stood I could see those houses of idolatry fall one by one into the ruin that was before me. Today not one of them remains, their beauty has turned to ugliness, their glory has completely gone out of existence. But the humble church of Christ stands to this day. Neither age nor weather, nor the fury of mankind has been able to mar its spiritual beauty. Yes, the old heathen temples are in ruins, but the church of Christ is still standing in all its humble glory. And stand it will forever for it is built not on sand, but on the solid, firm truths of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

There is glory in every house of the true God, a glory which no one or nothing can ever destroy. It does not matter how humble or how costly is its architecture. It does not matter how hoary with age or how rich or humble are its interior decorations, if God's Word is taught there in all its truth and purity, it is the house of God, a home for your soul, a place where the sinless God receives sinful man. Your church is the eternal home of every believing soul, a home for which Jesus died. Hus went to the stake for it; Luther labored and suffered for it; thousands upon thousands of believers gave up all willingly for it. O the glory, the riches of your church, the glory which all the money in the world cannot buy, the riches which are even beyond the reach of the depression — the eternal glory, the eternal riches! All this is yours! You will find it in your church waiting for you. You may have it for the asking. It is all free, free as the air, free as the water which you drink from the springs in the far away hills. All is yours, if you only believe that Jesus is your Savior, whose precious blood cleanses you of all sin. — Do you believe?

What is it that gives your church its glory and riches? This, that Christ

died for it. Jesus, the Savior, is the church's glory and richest treasure. With Jesus as its only Head, the church becomes a holy place, a place where our heavenly Father hears the prayers and praises of His believing children. Here little children are brought to the Lord and made heirs of the Kingdom through holy baptism. Here sinners approach the Lord's Table and receive His body and blood for the forgiveness of their sin. Here men see God; sit with Him; talk with Him, and receive comfort from Him. Here sinners are filled with peace and hope for the future for here they leave off their old sinful lives and are clothed in newness of life.

Your church is the voice which calls men from the sinful to the sinless; from the earthly to the heavenly. It is the only voice in the whole world which speaks the truth, the truth which is neither too old nor too new. It is the only voice with comfort which brings surety and certainty into the quaking hearts of men. Your church is the only hand with authority which rules over the spiritual affairs of man. It is the only messenger who brings the saving Gospel of Christ to lost mankind. Your church has the only cure and remedy for the sick and hopeless and helpless world of today. In its message it has the only power which leads from hatred to love, from injustice to justice, from sin to righteousness. Yes, the power of your church's message reaches into all corners of the world and extends over all ages. Your church with its saving Gospel is the only sure haven of rescue for the sick and sorrowing souls. How miserable would this world be if the church did not exist! How helpless and gropingly blind would the children of men be if the torch of light and truth, the Saving Gospel of Christ were extinguished! But thanks be to God who in His mercy

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and therefore - be it RESOLVED --

THE time is rapidly approaching when the member societies and the individual leaguers begin to formulate concrete plans for attending the League's Annual Convention.

Perhaps the policy of the local society has been such as to let its membership shift for itself as to the possibility and the ways and means for attending the convention.

While this may work out to some extent, individuals whose main purpose is the fun and none of the work are the ones who are able to go and, usually do go; while no provisions are made for those individuals who have the ability to become good workers for the League and are left behind at home for their lack of transportation. This lackadaisical attitude on the part of this type of society not only deprives the League of much needed workers, but it also penalizes this narrow-minded society by handicapping its potential leaders by depriving them of the valuable training and experience which they can obtain by participating in the activities of the convention.

The program of our National Convention is so arranged that an equitable balance of inspirational, educational and recreational activities has been established. To gain the fullest benefit from attending the convention, each Leaguer should participate in all of the Convention activities.

According to our League's Constitution, "Societies that wish to offer resolutions or recommendations to the convention shall submit them in writing to the Executive Board at least 30 days before the convention." (Sec. 5 Article IX). In order that these re-

solutions and recommendations can be assembled and a copy of them mailed to all societies for discussions, all resolutions and recommendations must be mailed to J. G. Surak by July 31. In order to have an efficiently working Resolutions Committee, it is imperative that the societies comply with this request and to cooperate in this matter to their fullest ability.

A suggestion would not be amiss here, namely, that your resolutions be formulated along constructive lines, that is, for the improvement and betterment of the structure and policy of the League. Think out your resolutions; be positive that they will be of benefit to the League at large and not merely only to the local. Remember, IT IS YOUR LEAGUE AND THE LEAGUE WILL BE AS YOU ARE.

J. G. Surak.

Your Church

(Continuation from previous page.)

established His Church and gave it the message of light to lead men from the darkness of sin into the brightness of eternal glory and life.

Others may say, "I cannot belong to the church because it demands too much . . . as a member I would have to make too great a sacrifice", but surely they "know not what they say". When we realize the great blessings in store for us as members of the church, then we cannot consider it a sacrifice but a privilege to be and remain faithful members of the church doing all in our power to help spread the message of salvation throughout the world. Are you such a member?

THE CONVENTION DATE IS
RAPIDLY APPROACHING. ARE YOU
PREPARED?

Slavia, Florida

S. M. TUHY.

THE St. Luke's Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Slavia, Florida, dedicated its new church on Trinity Sunday, the fourth of June.

Pastor Leopold Alexander Jarosi of Cleveland, Ohio, delivered the valedictory address at the old church which has served the congregation for 15 years. He based his address on the text, Exodus 20, 24. The service was begun with a hymn based upon Psalm 121. After the address the two guest pastors with the pastor loci, Stephen M. Tuhy, led the procession to the new church. The door was opened by Pastor Jarosi after a brief ceremony at the foot of the west tower.

The festival service was led by the home pastor who has served this congregation since April 1934. In keeping with the old Slovak Lutheran practice the Epistle and Gospel were chanted. Pastor John Bajús, Granite City, Ill., delivered the dedicatory sermon based on the text: Haggai 2, 1—9, "The True Glory of The Church of God." After the Slovak sermon Pastor Bajús delivered an address in English on the theme: "The Christian Church — A House of God and Gateway to Heaven," based on the text: Genesis 28, 17.

The act of consecration was performed by Pastor Jarosi. His consecration address was based on the text, 1 Timothy 4, 4. 5. In the consecration prayer all church furnishings and ecclesiastical appointments were dedicated to the Lord.

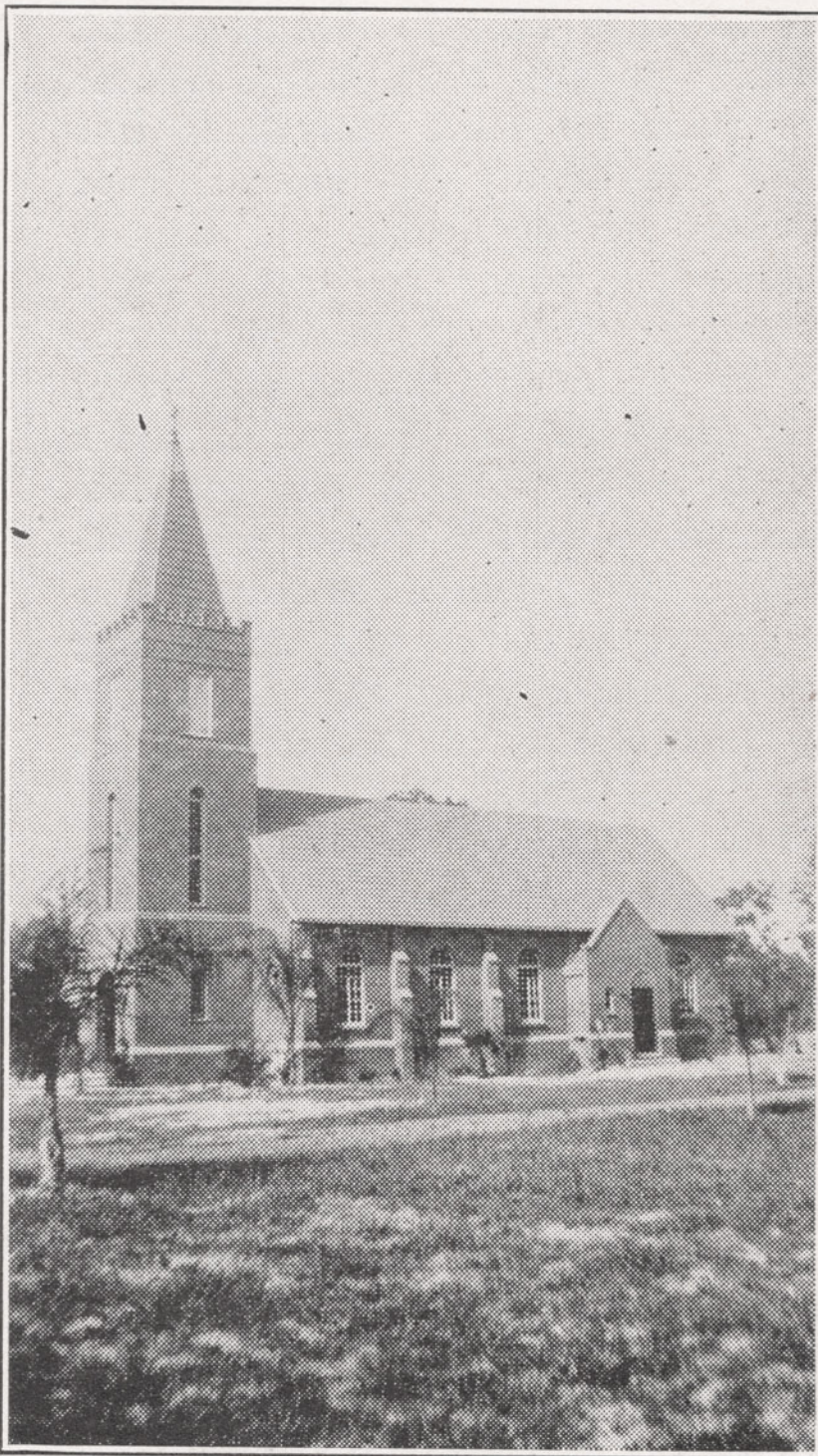
We are very glad to state here that the church building and all furnishings were dedicated without a debt.

The congregation composed of 13 families, 85 souls, owns 13 acres of ground upon which this new church, parsonage and church school building are located. It also has its own cemetery.

Festival vespers were held at 7:30. Pastor George Trapp of Orlando, Florida, preached the sermon. The complete altar service was chanted — as is customary in Slovak Lutheran churches.

After the morning service a church dinner was given by the Martha Ladies' Aid Society.

The church is of Later Norman architecture and built of red, oversized brick. Outside dimensions are: 72x26½x16 feet. Inside walls are 14 feet high; width of nave 24½ feet. The length of 72 feet includes the tower, the nave and sanctuary. The



St. Luke's Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church, Slavia, Florida.

tower is 68 feet high. Windows of steel sash glazed with amber cathedral glass; all windows and outside doors are equipped with copper screens. There is no basement. The floor is of cement and covered with asphalt tile. Pews are of rock elm and finished in mission brown. The end panels are of the ecclesiastical design; each is incised with a cross and embellished with a fleur-de-lis, a symbol of our Lord. The baptismal font is designated to harmonize with the pews. The ceiling is of celotex. The trusses and purlins are exposed. All woodwork is stained and waxed. The inside walls of brick were left in their natural color. The choir loft (or future pipe organ loft) is in the tower. Near the sacristy, to the south, is a side entrance and an alcove where the new Estey reed organ is located.

There are three elevations in the sanctuary. The pulpit floor is three steps above the nave and two from the first sanctuary step. The lectern is on the right side as one faces the altar which is against the east wall. Below the three sanctuary windows and behind the altar is a dossal curtain with a metalline brocade border. The chancel drapes on each side are of dark blue velour. The communion rail and kneeling cushions are on the second step. The sanctuary is also equipped with a credence table, brass altar-book desk, brass crucifix, candle sticks, vases and vestments. To complete the vertical treatment of the sanctuary an arch was omitted, and instead, a rood beam with a holy rood (cross) of wood spans the upper part of the sanctuary.

The sacristy is equipped with a shelf, an aumbry for communion vessels and a case for clerical vestments. On the opposite side of the sanctuary is the vestry with equipment for altar, hymn board etc. The church is equipped with a three wire electricity

service. The lanterns in the nave are white and modern in design. The church also has an 842 lb. bell.

The seating capacity is 150.

The church cost \$7,600.00. The furnishings are valued at \$2,500.00; total \$10,100.

It is the nicest and best equipped small liturgical church in the state of Florida within the Synodical Conference.

It was indeed a pleasure to pay for the church and furnishings in full before the dedication.

May the new church always serve as a thank offering to the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; may the Word of God be preached in all purity and fullness; may the Sacraments be administered according to Christ's institution..

Lutheran Hour Campaign Report

St. Lucas Jr's. St., Louis — — — —	\$ 5.00
So Zone — — — — — — — —	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gotch — — — —	4.00
Streator, Jr's — — — — — —	6.00
Streator Sr's and Jr's — — — —	42.50
Offering, W. D. Convention — — — —	21.20
Zion, Chicago — — — — — —	25.20
Racine, Wis. — — — — — —	2.50

Total — — — — — — — —	\$118.40
Tarentum, Pa. — — — — — — — —	\$ 15.00
Youngstown, Ohio — — — — — — — —	25.70
Rally Collection, C. D. — — — — — —	7.17
Pentecost, Lakewood — — — — — — — —	35.25
Dickson City, Pa. — — — — — — — —	2.00
No. Emporia, Va. — — — — — — — —	2.55
Massillon, Ohio — — — — — — — —	4.20
Coal Ridge, Ohio — — — — — — — —	5.00

Total — — — — — — — — \$106.87
Net Total — — — — — — — — \$218.27

Attention is called to the fact that contributions for this year are \$131.45 less than last year.

Olga Bagel.
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The Western District's Presidents' Message

JOHN G. SURAK

THE World is in a state of flux, of unrest and uncertainty. It is treading a pathway replete with the shadows of fears, hatred, bigotry, racial prejudices, intolerance and nationalistic fanaticism. The grim specter of war, threats of wars and rumors of wars is ever desirous of spreading its somber and chilling wings, to spread panic wherever it casts its shadow.

Consequently, in despair and with forlorn hope, mankind turns to alliances. And in the military forces of dominant world power, they place their trust and confidence in man, insignificant, weak, selfish and oft times deceiving man. Yes, the world, blindly shambles along the morass of uncertainty, and will not look up to Him who holds the world and its destiny in the palm of His hand. He who can hurl down from their throne the mightiest of princes and destroy the strongest of nations.

Surely, the world could have learned by now, that it is folly to place its trust in man. History is replete with examples of those who started out to conquer the world and to subjugate all mankind under the brutal force of marching feet: — but neglected to take into account Him that sitteth in the Heavens, who shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Where is Alexander and the world he set out to conquer? Where is Caesar and his glorious empire? Where is Napoleon and his invincible armies? "Surely it is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." (Ps. 118—8)

What the world needs is not bigger and better flying fortresses, not larger and more mechanized armies, not alliances: but Christian Fellowship and the love of Christ which is kind and unselfish and that understands.

However, we must come to this realization that as Christians our quarrel is not with the dominant powers or forms of government but rather with all forces of iniquity and irreligion. We must be on guard; and we must fight all the forces that would destroy the Church of God, no matter under what banner they may parade. For today, as in the past, it is not merely a question of freedom, political or lingual but rather that of conscience, — the privilege to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience. It truly is humiliating for the Church of God, — and suicidal when Christians are willing to ally themselves with the destroyers of Christianity and Christian liberty — and are willing to fraternize with those whom they should condemn — ready to embrace and to nourish on their breasts the poisonous serpent of atheistic assistance, in their misguided efforts to preserve that, which these enemies are out to destroy. Truly politics make strange bed fellows.

Have we soon forgotten the promise of Christ "I am with you always"? Are we going to bury our heads in the sand and not see the reality of this truth that God will provide and preserve? Shall we forget that the Church of Christ is a praying Church? Are we going to becloud the issue by the mist of temporary expediency and not see the glorious future of eternity and the promise of Him "that all things work together for good to them that love God."

Surely, even today there comes to us that calm, peaceful, pleading and encouraging voice of Jesus as He speaks to us "come, follow Me." May it please the Lord that we the youth of today, the Church of tomorrow, will

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THE TALENT QUEST

A GAIN the League is sponsoring a Talent Quest in conjunction with its convention. We had a small but encouraging beginning at our Minneapolis Convention. Our District Conventions and Rallies have proven that the Talent Quest can be a motivating factor.

We all have been endowed with some talent. Perhaps some of us more than others. No matter how few are the talents we have, nevertheless, we should use and develop them. Of course, "the man with the one talent may not be able, will not be able, to fill so wide a sphere as he who has five; but he can fill his own sphere, and that is all that will be required at his hands."

Perhaps those who seem to have more are those who developed them and did not bury them in the ground as did the unprofitable servant. It is a well known fact that no person has more opportunities to perform service than that which he can avail himself to his fullest ability, and no more than that he can utilize with fullest advantage. New opportunities always come with the improvement of those which we already have. "By utilizing what we have, we get what we have not. By doing what we can, we attain ability to do that which was originally impossible for us."

The purpose of our Talent Quest is to search out (quest) the talent which our Leaguers have, and give them an opportunity to show and to use them in His service. Psychologists state, "that many individuals are content to do nothing because they cannot do something great, something which will attain wide acclaim". These indivi-

duals rationalize by stating, "If we were only in other and better circumstances we would exert ourselves to purpose, for then it would be worthwhile." "If we only had the abilities of such a one, we might do something; but as it is, it is useless to attempt to do anything." **And they do nothing.** Isn't it logical that a person who neglects the work which is at his disposal now, no matter how trivial it may seem to him, will equally neglect the opportunities of a wider sphere if he were put into such a position?

The League invites you and extends to you this opportunity to participate in our Quest and to make your talents productive. Our Quest will consist of the following activities. These are open to all members of the Slovak Luther League; only Oratory is a closed affair limited to District winners.

- I. Oratory (District winners.)
- II. Art and Design
- III. Creative Writing
- IV. Music (Ensemble or Solo)
 - a. Instrumental
 - b. Voice
- V. Dramatics
- VI. Photography
- VII. Handicrafts and Hobbies.

All participants will receive a certificate of award. Entries placing in the A, B, C, brackets will receive medallions.

In conclusion, it is our desire that each society will participate in the Talent Quest, bearing in mind — "Faithful service widens opportunity."

John G. Surak.

"Why the new suitcase? Are you leaving?"

"No, I'm just getting ready for that convention in St. Louis. Are you going?"

"Say, thanks for reminding me. I'll be there!"

St. Louis Leaguers Await You

THE young people's societies of the St. Lucas Slovak Lutheran Congregation in St. Louis, Missouri, your hosts to the Twelfth Annual National Convention, are preparing for you. The program for the convention which is scheduled for three days, from Saturday, September 2nd to Monday, September 4th, is rapidly nearing completion. A diversified and entertaining program is being planned for the visiting leaguers.

Mr. Paul Sadlon, our sports committee chairman, is planning a series of sports events that will appeal to all sports loving leaguers. On Saturday afternoon a golf tournament will be played on the Country Club golf course; the tennis tournament on the Roosevelt High School tennis courts; a soft ball game on the St. Louis Soft Ball Association Ball park; and a Ping Pong tournament in the church Hall. Mr. J. K. Tomko, chairman of



the entertainment committee, is working out the entertainment program for Sunday evening. Our chairman of the housing committee, Mr. J. E. Sadlon, assures us that all possible efforts are being made to accomodate the visiting leaguers.

We hope to make this the biggest and best convention in the history of the League. To reach that peak of success for which we are striving, your attendance is necessary.

Beautiful, scenic, and historic sights await you in St. Louis, the largest and fairest of cities on the Father of Waters. St. Louis leaguers invite you to their city, the city surrounded by the United States. Don't forget the date — September 2, 3, 4. St. Louis leaguers are preparing for you; St. Louis leaguers are awaiting you.



President's Message . . .

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answer in a mighty chorus:—

Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Flee the world that would deceive us
And to sin our soul allure.
Ever in His footsteps treading,
Body here, yet soul above,
Full of faith and hope and love
Let us do the Father's bidding
Faithful Lord, abide with me,
Savior, lead, I follow Thee.

Western District Financial Report

March 1, 1939 — May 31, 1939

GENERAL FUND

Receipts

Balance March 1, 1939	— — —	\$138.09
Dues received	— — — — —	75.55
Total receipts	— — — — —	\$213.64

Disbursements

Dues to National Treasury	— \$	90.09
Free copies of Courier	— — —	6.75
J. Bajus, printing	— — — —	1.75
Telephone charges	— — — —	.80
J. G. Surak, expense acc't	— — —	9.25

Total disbursements	— — —	\$108.64
Total receipts	— — — — —	\$213.64
Disbursements	— — — — —	108.64
Balance May 31, 1939	— — —	\$105.00

MISSION FUND

Receipts

Balance March 1, 1939	— — —	\$ 12.33
Streator, Seniors	— — — —	2.75
St. Louis, Seniors	— — — —	3.50

Total	— — — — —	\$ 18.58
Forwarded to National Treas.	12.33	
Balance in Mission Fund	— — —	\$ 6.25

Society	Paid	Am't Due
Boyceville, Wis.	— — \$ —	\$ 6.20
Chicago, Ill., So.	— — 3.60	— —
Chicago, Ill., Zion	— 2.10	— 4.20
Cudahy, Wis.	— — — —	2.40
Granite City, Ill.	— — 2.60	— 1.30
East Chicago, Ind.	— 5.00	— 5.00
Minneapolis, Minn.	— 16.00	— 1.50
Racine, Wis.	— — — 6.00	— —
St. Louis, Mo.	— — — 5.60	— —
St. Louis, Students	— — — —	8.80
Shamrock, Texas	— — — —	— —
Slavia, Fla.	— — — 6.60	— —
Streator, Ill.	— — — 10.00	— —
Whiting, Ind.	— — — 10.00	— 5.00
Total	— — — — —	\$67.50 — \$34.40

Juniors

Ft. Wayne, students	— \$ — — —	\$ 6.25
St. Louis, Mo.	— — — — —	3.00
Streator, Ill.	— — — 3.20	— 6.40
Whiting, Ind.	— — — 4.85	— —

Total	— — — — —	\$ 8.05 — \$15.65
Grand Total	— — —	\$75.55 — \$50.05
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August Unified Program

PROJECTS:

- In preparation for the St. Louis Convention, Sept. 3 and 4:—
1. Elect delegate and alternate.
 2. Discuss resolutions submitted to your society by the Executive Board.
 3. Mail your credentials to the President.
 4. Send in the names of your candidates for League offices.
 5. Submit your entries for the Talent Quest to J. G. Surak, Cudahy, Wis. cf. COURIER, July '38, pg. 198.
 6. Attend the convention personally.
 7. Select proxy to represent your society if you cannot send a delegate.
 8. Mail your reservations to the Housing Committee of the St. Louis Society.

EDUCATIONAL:

1. Walther League Topic: Living in the World — Your Country.
2. The Relation of the Society to the Congregation and Pastor, cf. Walther League Manual, pg. 53—4.
3. Choosing your life's work:
 - a. Investigating various fields,
 - b. Getting first hand information about the prospective field,
 - c. Ascertaining your ability and interest in this field,
 - d. Choosing suitable institution.Will it help you develop mental-



- ly, physically and spiritually?
- Consider and investigate Valparaiso Lutheran University,
 - Obtain information on other Lutheran Institutions.

RECREATIONAL:

Cf. W. L. Workers Quarterly.
 — J.K.T.

Western District

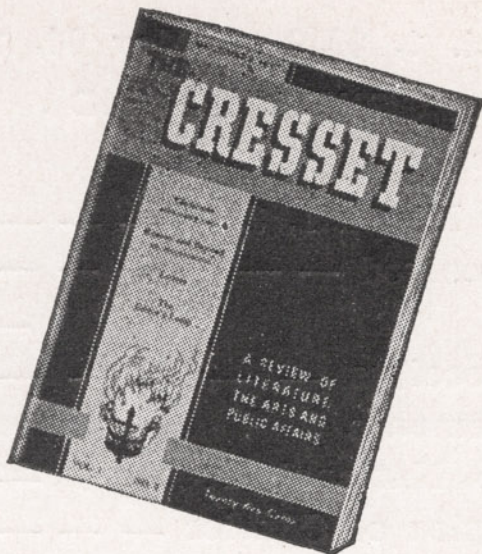
The following cities were represented at the Western District Convention at Streator, Ill.

Chicago, Ill. — — — — —	30
East Chicago, Ind. — — — — —	21
Whiting, Ind. — — — — —	19
St. Louis, Mo. — — — — —	15
Cudahy, Wis. — — — — —	13
Racine, Wis. — — — — —	6
Streator, Ill. — — — — —	80
Total — — — — —	
	184

PAUL HALUSKA

Many of our Leaguers will be saddened by the news of the sudden death of Paul Haluska. We remember him as one of the pioneers in the Oratorical contest held in the Western District.

Although ill for some time there were indications that his condition would improve, however he suddenly took a turn for the worse and died May 29th, at the Mt. Mercy Sanitarium. His remains were laid to rest June 1st, at Concordia Cemetery, Whiting, Indiana, Pastor Bradac officiated.



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REFLECTIONS

Around the League

From Concordia College, **FORT WAYNE, IND.**, we learn that Steve Jurkovich pitched a five hit game against Huntington College. Concordia won 9 — 1. Must have been some game. — More recognition for Slovak Students. Captain Klementik and Ludovit Vajda are to be decorated with silver medals at the annual Government inspection. They earned these awards as members of the Hearst Rifle Team which placed second in the Fifth Corp area. This team is composed of the five high members of the regular team of fifteen. Congratulations!

A flash from **LORAIN, O.**, informs us that Mr. J. Chochol of Lorain and Miss Sue Kerchmar of **LAKEWOOD, O.**, were married June 17th, 1939. Our best wishes to the newlyweds.

The Pentecost YPS of **LAKEWOOD, OHIO**, held its annual reunion service June 4th, followed by a social. Mr. Meyer who directed the choir in two numbers gave a fifteen minute organ recital. At the social which followed Mr. Milos Pelikan acted as toastmaster. The program was opened with the League Song. The Choir sang two selections and our genial violinist Mr. John Gombosh rendered a violin solo. Mr. Edward Janco, newly appointed Senior President, welcomed six members of the adult class. Mr. John Gombosh, President of the Juniors, extended invitations to those who will be confirmed July 2nd, to become members of the Junior Society. Let's hope they will join. We need members.

Still going strong in Ping Pong. The **AKRON, OHIO**, Leaguers are victorious in their ping pong games within the Central District. Recently Pentecost of **LAKEWOOD** was defeated. The game played very cautiously was very interesting. The final score was five to one. After the game refreshments were served to kind of make the **LAKEWOOD** players feel a little better after their defeat. Now our only hope is to reach the Western District for the Championship Playoff. Did we understand that **GRANITE CITY** wants to be the first on the list for defeat. (**GRANITE CITY** plays only class A teams. — Ed.)

The **SLAVIA, FLORIDA**, Leaguers were proud to witness dedication of their New Church Building. Pastors L. A. Jarosi of **CLEVELAND, OHIO**, J. Bajus of **GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS**, George Trapp of **ORLANDO**, and S. M. Tuhy, local Pastor, took part in the dedicatory services. The Society sang two selections. A delicious dinner was served by the Ladies Aid after the morning service.

Here's a report from **WISCONSIN** which states that the retiring President Paul Gluch of **RACINE** gave a "thank you" talk to the Leaguers for their cooperation during the past year. Much time was spent in discussing the coming convention in **ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**.

A group of our Slovak Students at Concordia College, **FT. WAYNE, IND.**, were privileged to obtain a personal interview with Dr. Beneš, former President of Czechoslovakia, after his address which was delivered in the Shrine Auditorium.

After the last class meeting held May 8, the Slovak group staged a banquet in honor of Rev. Dolak, who had been instructing the boys in Slovak during the past year.

Ss. Peter & Paul Juniors of **LAKEWOOD, OHIO** have had many interesting doings lately. Among them was a social held in honor of the prospective members. Games, refreshments and entertainment made up the program.

"Look Out, Lizzie!" — a three act rural farce was presented to an overflow crowd by the **GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS** Leaguers. Those taking part were John Kuhrik, Mary Petrovich, Helen Palenchik, Esther Cell, Martin Martinko, Mary Palenchik, John Karlechik and Steve Henke.

On May 14th Pentecost Seniors of **LAKEWOOD**, held their annual Mothers Day Banquet. Chicken Dinner and the Program which followed was enjoyed by all present. The guest speaker for the occasion was Rev. J. Horarik, of **CLEVELAND, OHIO**.

SLAVIA, FLORIDA, reports that the Leaguers were glad to welcome Rev. J. Bajus and family. It was a grand reunion in his honor. The Y.P.S. arranged a beach party at Smyrna. Hope the sunburn didn't cause too much misery. — Not much misery but we felt like the **FLORIDA** orange, hard to peel.

Flash from **FORT WAYNE, IND.** Paul W. Stanko was chosen valedictorian of the high school ministerial graduating class. Congratulations!

Skating in summer? But this must be roller skating. — A skating party is always an event enjoyed by the SS. Peter & Paul Leaguers of **LAKEWOOD, OHIO**. The last one enjoyed was on June 19th. The young people of the neighboring Lutheran Churches were taken to the rink in chartered buses.

Many of our Leaguers will remem-

ber Ted Ondov, formerly of **CUDAHY**, now of **RARITAN, NEW JERSEY**. We are informed that he presented a beautiful diamond to Miss Julia Tkachik of **RARITAN**. Congratulations. — No wonder that he stays out East.

Something new, but its the same old thing with a new name. Pentecost Seniors of **LAKEWOOD** do not call it a hike but a walk. They recently held a May Walk which turned out to be a stag affair since only nine of the fair sex went along. However when the refreshments were served the number was suddenly increased. It must have been a hot day or a long walk which caused their measuring rules to become slightly out of order. The coffee cooker couldn't understand why 8 pints of coffee would not make 2 gallons of coffee and the young lady who had charge of the doughnuts figured that four dozen of doughnuts would total to exactly a hundred or enough for the occasion. Perhaps she counted the holes in the doughnuts together with the doughnuts.

Finally, a flash which we awaited for the past ten years. An old friend and former officer and an old time Leaguer, none other than Joseph Nauta, has adorned the ring finger of Miss Mildred Hus, **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**, with a blinding sparkler. The date has been set for September 30th. Congratulations, Joe! How about coming to the convention in **ST. LOUIS**, for your honeymoon?

While in Florida, your editor went to the ballgame to see the famous Mikler boys (members of Slavia) in action. Steve and Andy saw action during the entire game. Andy brought in the only and winning marker with a triple and then saved the day (or the night, since the game was played under floodlights) with a sensational catch of a line drive. The game won by the score of 1—0 put them into a tie for first place in the Orlando

League. Other Slavia Leaguers on the team are "Little Joe" Mikler and Andy Jakubcin.

Romance in the budding? There is a rumor that a certain Streator fair Leaguer likes boat rides especially around Cudahy where a certain very important bachelor Leaguer accompanies her. The future will reveal more on this.

Moral to some of our Slovak Pastors who are planning a vacation: Stay out of Washington, D. C. Recently one of our Pastors lost a pair of trousers while there. Those tax sleuths will take anything you have.

The Sixth Annual Reunion was held June 4, 1939 at St. John's Slovak Lutheran Church, Cudahy, Wisconsin. (Rev. Mazak)

The Reunion service began at 7:30. The Rev. R. Buerger, Milwaukee, delivered the sermon. The Young People's Society had charge of the program which followed the services.

At this program addresses were given by guests and older members of our church. After the welcoming address by the outgoing chairman of the Young People's Society, Mr. Emil Zakovich, the program soon got underway. Emil Zakovich, served as master of ceremonies, introducing the various acts and speakers. The newly confirmed members were welcomed by John Babinec, new chairman of the Young People's Society.

The Moravec Trio, Dorothy, Amalia, and Ann sang "Three Little Fishies," and "Hold Tight" in their own inimitable style. Ann Kolosovsky sang two of the favorite hymns of the Young People's Society. Edith Martinek assisted by other members of the society presented a visual prophecy of the class of '39 as it was to be ten years hence.

The club also presented a one act play "Grandpa Gets A Bomb." One of the most hilarious presentations

was that of Baron Von Popoff and his Cudahy Hollihocks and Bluebells recently arrived from the 20th Century Exposition who presented the hats of the future. Girls! Attention! Here are some new creations: a plain tennis racket bedecked with flowers of any kind and held on by a piece of ribbon; or your mothers calenders with sprays of dainty flowers. This act was presented by Madam Fifi known to her friends as Millie Mikula. Part of the Baron was played by Emil Zakovich. The hats were all styled by the girls participating in the skit.

A monologue was given by John Babinec, and Edith Martinek presented her Oratory. The evening was rounded out by community singing and refreshments.

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