



# The Assistant Pastor

*June, 1936*

## Think On These Things

All have now prepared the seed bed in field and garden to the best of their ability and understanding. The seed has been sown or planted as best we know how. We have taken every possible precaution to sow only good seed. The marvelous life-germ in every seed, which was not of our making, by the way, has exerted itself and is making ready its harvest.

But, alas, noxious weeds and grasses are also growing thickly where our good seed was sown and planted. Now we have to work and work to destroy the weeds lest they choke out the crops we have planted. And while we endeavor to root out and kill the weeds, we cultivate and nurse carefully the grains and vegetables we have planted.

As you sit on your corn cultivator hour after hour, day after day, with watchful concern for every hill of corn as it comes and goes beneath you, and intent on eradicating, if possible, every weed, remember, in similar way you should prayerfully watch over "the good seed," the Word of God, sown in your heart that it may grow and bear fruit unto eternal life, and ruthlessly kill every foul weed, sin, that would take root in your heart and bear fruit unto damnation.

While bent over the hoe in your garden, intent upon keeping it clean, are you aware of the fact that it requires similar constant effort, unremitting fight and watchfulness, to prevent sin from overrunning your heart and life?

Dear farmers and fellow Christians, as you fight weeds and foul grasses that your harvest may be good, so also you must watch and pray lest you fall into temptations and be overcome of sin.



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## Church Directory

**H. M. Tjernagel, Pastor**

### SAUDE CONGREGATION

Trustees: Chris Treider, John Borlaug, E. Firkingstad.

Treasurer: Oscar Natvig.

Secretary: Ole N. Anderson.

Cemetery Committee: Martin Borlaug, Chris Treider, Mrs.

Andrina Munson, Mrs. C. O. Natvig, Miss J. Ellingson.

Ladies' Aid: Mrs. Nels Ellingson, president; Mrs. N. Hereid, secretary; Mrs. John Natvig, treasurer.

### JERICO CONGREGATION

Trustees: Geo. N. Anderson, Ole J. Johnson, J. A. Knutson.

Secretary: A. N. Anderson.

Treasurer: J. A. Robinson.

Ladies' Aid: Mrs. C. O. Vigdal, president; Mrs. Tollef Knutson, secretary; Mrs. Carl G. Johnson, treasurer.

## Standing Services

### JERICO

First Sunday, Norwegian, October-April, 10:30 a. m.

Third Sunday, English, October-April, 10:30 a. m.

Saturday School every Saturday, 10 a. m.

Confirmation class, Fridays, 2 p. m.

### SAUDE

Second Sunday, bilingual service, Oct.-April, 10:45 a. m.

Fourth Sunday, English, October-April, 10:45 a. m.

Saturday School, 2 p. m.

Confirmation class, Fridays, 9:30 a. m.

Fifth Sunday by special announcement.

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**Mabel Theresa**, a child of Ole J. Anderson and wife Mabel, née Foss, was born April 21 and baptized May 17. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Ole C. Johnson, Alvie and Marjorie Ellingson.

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**The Jerico Aid** was entertained by Mrs. Carl O. Knutson at the church basement April 29, and by Mrs. Ole C. Johnson May 13.

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**The Saude Aid** filled the D. O. Natvig home, entertained by Mrs. Natvig and Mrs. Nelvin Hereid, April 29. Thursday, May 7, the same Aid met at the church to do spring house cleaning. After the work was done, the ladies gathered at the parsonage. Lunch was served by Mrs. H. Reinhardt.

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**The Aids** have decided to redecorate the upstairs of the parsonage. The present paper was hung 13 years ago. The work will be done in the near future.

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**The Saude Aid** gave a dinner at the Iver Natvig home on Sunday, the 17th of May. Now that Her-ring and not Harding is the governor of Iowa, we sang "Ja, vi elsker dette landet" as lustily as of yore. There was even a feeble attempt at a 17th of May talk.

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**The Jerico Y. P. S.** held its regular meeting May 3. A mixed choir has been started under the leadership of Otto Tjernagel. All beginnings are difficult, and this is no exception. One very common difficulty is that quite a few do not wish to take part until success is assured. Our guess is that it will be a success in spite of this handicap.

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**Confirmation services** are delayed so long this year, not because the class as a whole is a backward one, because so many periods of instruction had to be cancelled during the severe winter weather.

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**The following are elected** to represent the Jerico congregation at the annual convention June 5 to 11: Albert Haugen and J. O. Johnson. Alternates are, S. T. Roberson and Ole J. Johnson.

**Saude will be represented by:** Ned Borlaug, Chris. Treider. Alternates, Geo. Natvig and John Borlaug. Let it be remembered in this connection that members of our congregation are very welcome as guests to the convention. Watch the church papers for information as to lodging, etc.

We sound the warning again: Do not let beautiful weather and good roads keep you away from public worship this spring and summer, as did blizzards and blocked roads last winter.

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**A Strange Family.** This title caught our eye in a church paper the other day and we read the following:

"The father has never missed church in 23 years. The mother has a perfect record for 11 years. A son has not missed for 12 years. A daughter has been at the services every Sunday for 8 years.

"What's the matter with this family anyway? Don't they ever have company to keep them away from church? Don't they ever feel tired on Sunday morning? Don't they ever have headaches, or colds, or parties, or picnics to keep them from church? Don't they have a radio to get good sermons from other preachers? Don't they ever think they can just as well read their Bible at home? Don't they ever get disgusted with their minister? What is the matter with this family anyway, that they go to church so regularly, and are happy and cheerful?"

We leave it to our readers to answer.

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**The Joint Board of Trustees**, pursuant to resolution by the congregations, held their first annual meeting at the parsonage recently. The parsonage property was inspected and found to be in need of outside paint, but on account of lack of funds, it was decided not to incur the expense at this time. It is about 15 years since the building was painted. It was decided, however, to do something about the heating of the parsonage, but no definite action was taken.

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**We ask and expect** the following of our members who are interested in baseball: See to it in time so that you are not booked to take part in a baseball game on Sunday afternoon, June 28. We certainly have no objections that our boys play baseball in some one's pasture or meadow on a Sunday afternoon, or that our girls and the older folks, too, turn out to look at the play, but we do object if a game of ball draws our people away from doings in their church.

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**The Big Event** of the season for us is the Y. P. Convention of the Northern Iowa and Southern Minnesota Circuit which will be held at Jerico, June 26, 27, and 28. The Jerico Y. P. S. extended the invitation and will be the hosts. The society has elected a committee of five which will be responsible for the entertainment of the convention dele-



gates and guests. The members of the committee are: Milton Robinson, Loyd Roberson, Henry Munson, Norma Knutson, and Marjorie Ellingson. This committee has the authority to appoint subsidiary committees and helpers as needed.

The Convention will open at 1:30 p. m., the 26th. Two papers will be read and discussed, one by the Rev. Theiste of Chicago and one by the Rev. Wunderlich of Fredericksburg, Iowa. On Sunday morning the 28th Rev. H. I. Naumann of Muscoda, Wis., formerly a missionary to the Isle of Pines, will deliver the sermon. In the afternoon of Sunday the Choral Union will give its concert. During an intermission the Rev. Harstad of Madison, Wis., will give an address.

The pastors of the circuit are all expected to be present and will take part in the discussions and considerations of all matters which come before the convention.

We urge not only the young people, but the older as well, to so plan their work that they can attend all sessions of the convention. If anyone figures that nothing much will be doing on the first day of the meeting, he is badly mistaken. After a brief devotional service at 1:30 p. m. on the opening day the reading of a paper will begin. We have read the paper and, therefore, know what we are talking about when we say that no one should for trifling reasons miss hearing that paper. This applies to our members at Saude as well as at Jerico.

Again we urge the readers of the Assistant Pastor to think and plan ahead and make every possible effort to attend every session of the convention.

If we are blessed with good weather, we may look for a large attendance from the congregations of our circuit. It will, therefore, be necessary that our Jerico homes make arrangements to lodge as many guests as they, with reasonable convenience, can. Let us all pitch in and do what we can to make the 1936 Convention a success, and a delightful memory to our guests.

**The Strandebarm School** closed Friday, May 22. One pupil finished the 8th grade, two have completed 2nd year High, and wrote the Minnesota state examinations on the 26-28. Mr. Reinhold Dohrmann of Hampton, Iowa, who taught the school the past year, will continue his theological studies at St. Louis. Mr. Dohrmann applied himself faithfully to his task of conducting a school that truly educated not only for this life but also for eternity. To be educated in preparation for life but not for death, is of trifling value. Whether it is believed and realized or not, does not alter the fact that though a world of honor and riches be gained one profits nothing if the soul be lost. This life is, says James, as "a vapor that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away," while eternity goes on and on and on, from "everlasting to everlasting," no end, no end, no end.

Let us all join heartily in the general effort to reduce the appalling man-slaughter on our public highways. You and I can perhaps not do much to effect the making of good and wise traffic laws and regulations, nor to bring about uniformity of traffic signs, etc., etc., but I can make one law, and I can enforce it, that will insure one driver on the

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roads that is never drunk nor has even a fraction of a percent of alcoholic content in his blood while at the wheel, nor ever carries a ballast of 6% beer home from town, and, who knows, that will, perhaps, save one life sometime, and that's something. You can do the same thing and that may save another life. You and I may not be able to do much to reduce traffic accidents in and about Des Moines, but I can and so can you, see to it that wherever we happen to be there is **one** sane, careful driver, and that may avert an accident. I can also do another thing that will help some: Unless I have something more worthwhile than a dance or a cheap movie to go for, I can stay off the roads and that will not only save gasoline, but it will reduce the traffic that much, and there will be one less for the stream-lined, fool-driven meteors to miss on their mad dash to ultimate destruction.

Yes, friends, we can all do something to make travel on the roads safer. Let us begin at the beginning and determine in all earnestness to be sober and vigilant as we take the wheel of our cars, and pray our Lord to guide and protect us even though the journey we start on be merely to the nearest town.

#### INFORMATION

This is the last call the Assistant Pastor will make until, God willing, next September. Undersigned is the whole editorial staff and also the publisher. We hope that the work and time spent on it has not been in vain; that sometimes something in it benefits someone.

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H. M. Tjernagel.

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