

The Assistant Pastor

September 1939

Obituaries

Ole O. Anderson, a son of Ole Anderson and wife Ellen, née Knutson, was born December 18, 1899. He was baptized and confirmed in the Jerico Lutheran Church.

December 24, 1923, he was married to Celia Veverka. The union was blessed with three children, Virgil, Norbert, and Helen.

He died suddenly on Sunday, July 16, at the age of 39 years, 6 months and 28 days. He is mourned by his wife, two children, mother and sister Alice, and many relatives. He was preceded in death by his son Norbert, his father, a sister, and a brother.

The funeral services were held at the Jerico Church on the 19th of July. Interment was made in the adjoining cemetery.

Hans Anderson was born February 28, 1877, and died August 10 at the age of 62 years, 5 months and 10 days.

His parents, Ole and Anna Anderson Kleiven, were refugees from the Indian scare in South Dakota in the early sixties and were among the first Norwegian settlers in the Jerico community, where Hans was born and lived all his life. He was baptized and confirmed in the Jerico Lutheran Church which his parents helped to found.

He was married April 24, 1901, to Clara Robinson who preceded him in death on July 21, 1929. One daughter Alice died at the age of 3 years. Six children live to mourn his sudden death: Oscar, Alert, Henry, Mrs. Theo. Haugen, Mrs. Orval Landsverk, and Alice, all of the Jerico community.

Of the large Kleiven family, large in numbers and large in stature, only three now remain, namely Jim Anderson, Mrs. Chas. Johnson, and Mrs. L. A. Robinson.

Funeral services were held at the Jerico Church August 12.

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Church Directory

H. M. Tjernagel, Pastor

SAUDE CONGREGATION

Trustees: Chris Treider, Ned Borlaug, E. Firkingsstad.
Treasurer: Nels Ellingson.
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Trustees: C. Cutsforth, Ole C. Johnson, Olaf Roberson.
Secretary: A. N. Anderson.
Treasurer: J. A. Robinson.
Cemetery Committee: Mrs. Fred Amman, Mrs. L. A. Robinson, Mrs. S. T. Roberson.
Ladies' Aid: Mrs. M. A. Robinson, president; Mrs. Lloyd Roberson, secretary; Mrs. Harvey Roberson, treasurer.

Services

JERICO

First Sunday, Norwegian, October-May, 10:30 a. m.
Third Sunday, English, October-May, 10:30 a. m.
Saturday school every Saturday, 10:00 a. m.
Confirmation class, Fridays, 2:00 p. m.

SAUDE

Second Sunday, bilingual service, October-May, 10:45 a. m.
Fourth Sunday, English, October-May, 10:45 a. m.
Saturday school, 2:00 p. m.
Fifth Sunday by special announcement.

You will find a considerable amount of old news in your paper this time. The fact of the matter is that the items are not offered as news but rather as a record of church events since our last issue. Quite a few, we understand, are filing their copies of the Assistant Pastor and are thus laying up for posterity authentic history of our congregations. We are, therefore, trying to record events as completely and correctly as possible.

BAPTISMS

George Harvey, a child of Ole A. Anderson and wife Ella, née Thronson, was born May 12 of this year and baptized June 4.

The sponsors were Agnes Thronson, Herbert Lee, Lauraine Anderson, and Bernhard Douglas.

Diane Louise was born August 2 and baptized August 20.

Parents: Harvey Roberson and wife Eloise, née Walters. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Roberson, Omer Roberson, and Stella Knutson.

Alve Lowell was born July 30 and baptized August 20.

Parents: Alve Robinson and wife Alveda, née Uglum. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. W. Drechmann, Omer and Annetta Robinson.

The summer has not dealt so kindly with the Jerico Y. P. Society. The June meeting was a failure because of threatening weather conditions and the evening and night of the August meeting brought us the heaviest rainfall of the season and thus prevented attendance at that meeting.

June 4, 1939, the following class was confirmed in the Jerico Church: Stanley Knutson, Calvin Anderson, Leland Johnson, Virgil Anderson, Raymond Knutson, Lauraine Anderson, Eva Mae Vigdal, Janice Anderson, Edna Knutson.

And when they leave their childhood home,
And Satan would undo them,
May their baptismal grace become
A shield and buckler to them!
Blest he who then can say,
God's covenant stands for 'aye:
He ne'er shall be undone
Who trusts in God alone—
God is his mighty Father!

The Aids have held many good meetings during the summer months.

The Jerico Aid was entertained in the church parlor May 24 by Mrs. Rosa Dahlen and Mrs. James Dahlen.

Mrs. Carl O. Knutson was the hostess June 7.

Mrs. Olaf Roberson June 21.

Mrs. Theo. Knutson and Mrs. Alvie Iverson July 7.

Mrs. John O. Knutson July 21.

Mrs. Lloyd Roberson August 16.

The Saude Aid was entertained by Mrs. H. Ellingson and Mrs. Caroline Vigdal at the former's home May 25.

Mrs. Nels Ellingson and Mrs. Odell Natvig served the Saude Aid at the Nels Ellingson home June 8.

The same Aid gathered again August 3 at the Ned Borlaug home. The hostesses were Mrs. Ned Borlaug and Mrs. Henry Borlaug.

Confirmation instruction will begin at Jerico on Friday, September 8, at 2 p. m.

The Saturday Schools will open on Saturday, the 9th. Time and places of meeting same as last year.

Another Church Wedding at Saude. This time Sophia Munson was the bride. The groom was Frank E. Dow of Sedalia, Mo. July 29 was the wedding day. Mr. Dow is a government employee located at Louisville, Ky., at the present time. Sophia is one of our good girls that our congregation and community is proud of. We all wish her and the man of her choice God's richest blessings.

Rain or shine, early and late, whoever and whatever we are, our expenses go on as long as we live. We cannot ignore that fact; we must exert ourselves and plan intelligently to meet them. It is true also that no organization can live and function without expense. Our Synod is no exception. Please remember that when the modest little envelope comes to you soliciting a lift in carrying the running expenses of our Synod.

Sunday, September 17, the Rev. Milton Twite will preach a mission sermon at the Saude Church. After the service dinner will be served by the Aid at the parsonage grounds. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon a quartet of singers from the Piney Woods School will give a concert in the church.

The evening of the same day at 8 o'clock the same quartette will sing in the Jerico Church after which a light lunch will be served.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PINEY WOODS SCHOOL

Twenty-two miles southeast of Mississippi's capital, along the right of way belonging to the railroad which runs from Jackson to Gulfport, is a sign: "Piney Woods." There is no store nor shop to indicate a town or village. Merely a railroad stop. One-half mile from this "station" is Piney Woods School.

About thirty years ago Mr. Lawrence Jones, a negro, was graduated from Iowa University. Equipped with a good education and a will to lead a worthwhile life, Mr. Jones deliberated over the question of spending his life profitably. He finally decided to cast his lot with the poor and neglected colored people of the deep South. There little children were growing up without opportunity for an education. They were neglected otherwise too.

Arrived in the Southland with less than \$5.00 in his pockets, Mr. Jones went into the "Piney Woods" of Mississippi to open a school for colored children. Neither white nor colored people trusted him. They feared he would do what others have been known to do, get money under the pretense of opening a school, and then leave the people minus their money, and still without opportunity for education. No one would help.

Because there was no other alternative, Mr. Jones gathered a few children together, perched them on logs under a cedar tree, and there in the open founded his school. The cedar tree under which Piney Woods School was cradled still stands on the present campus. When the cold and chilly winds blew, Mr. Jones would build a big fire near the tree. While these fires built during those raw and cold days could hardly have given warmth to the "school," they must have been good to look at. So Piney Woods School was founded, Mr. Jones trying to teach a few little colored girls and boys how to read, write and spell.

The history of Piney Woods School is the history of fighting obstacles, and the determination of a man to help the neglected. It is not possible in this short sketch to detail the obstacles, opposition, and persecution met with in the building of this institution. But fighting against tremendous odds, against calumny, slander, lack of funds, fires which time and again destroyed buildings, the Piney Woods School is a monument to the determined purpose of Mr. Jones to lead a useful life and to help others.

Today the school owns 1,500 acres of land, 300 acres available for cultivation, a large administration building with class rooms, chapel and offices; there is a girls' dormitory with a capacity of 100 students; and a boys' dormitory with room for about the same number of students; there are eight

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teachers' cottages on the campus, a large community house in which Mr. Jones lives, and in which visitors are cared for in truly Piney Woods fashion; there is a carpenter shop, a printing shop, two dairy barns, a storage house and several other buildings. A huge water tank erected by the school supplies the water for the institution.

The school has an enrollment of about 350 students in classes ranging from nursery class through Junior College. From the community surrounding the school approximately 75 children attend Piney Woods. This number is included in the enrollment given above. The other students board and live at the school.

There is a blind department, the only opportunity for blind boys and girls in the state to acquire an education. In this work for blind children, the state aids financially; Piney Woods, however, carries a large part of the expense. Mr. Jones has a heart for children afflicted otherwise also. There is a boy at school who has no legs; there is a student with only remnants of arms. Thus the physically defective find a haven where they can learn something worthwhile.

During the past years hundreds of boys and girls have gone forth from Piney Woods School better equipped to take their places in society and lead worthwhile lives. The students are led in their academical and industrial activity by a faculty of 30 teachers. Miss Ella J. Carter is the efficient head of the Academic department.

The Piney Woods School, born and cradled in the open under a cedar tree, has laid aside its baby clothes and has now become a large institution, better known for its usefulness than many other larger institutions.

LUTHERAN MISSION WORK AT PINEY WOODS SCHOOL

Ten years ago there was no religious instruction at Piney Woods School. When the attention of Mr. Jones was called to the work of the Lutheran Church among the negroes of the Southland, he became interested. After correspondence with the Synodical Conference Missionary Board, he succeeded in getting a Lutheran pastor for his school.

At the present time and for some time past, the Lutheran Church has had sole charge of the religious instruction at the school. Each student, from primary grades through the high school department, receives instruction in God's Word four days of the week. In the Junior College department religious instruction is optional with the students. On Sundays Sunday school is conducted in the morning. This Sunday school is attended by upwards of 250 students. The Sunday school teachers meet on Friday nights to study the Sunday

school lesson. Classes are held on various nights during the week for those who are not students. Sunday night services are conducted. The attendance varies between 200 and 350 at these services. Thus the inspired Word of God is taught day after day at this institution. In the class room Luther's Catechism is used as text book, together with our Luheran Bible Histories. No other church is doing any sort of religious work at Piney Woods.

Students have come to Piney Woods School for mere earthly learning and have found that and much more besides. One students can be quoted as saying: "I came to Piney Woods to learn to read and write and spell—and here I found my Saviour." Streams of blessing have gone forth from this institution through the religious work being done there by our Synodical Conference. Eternity alone can reveal in full the real extent of these blessings. To God be all the glory and praise!

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