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IN MEMORIAM

This page is dedicated to the loving memory of all those who served so faithfully and effectively during my years of service.

We likewise pay tribute to those who are still with us, and rendered faithful and efficient service, but whose physical and mental condition prohibits them from knowing about this story.
PREFACE

One of my chief interests in a diversified ministry, all of which has been spent in the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, was Christian Education on the parish level. An article in *The Lutheran*, dated September 6th, 1934, has this headline, "My Congregation and Parish Education" by J. Lewis Thornburg, Statesville, N.C. This interest was kept alive through my participation in Summer School for Church Workers, as well as training schools on a county and district level. The years spent at our Lutheran Assembly Grounds kept the focus on Leadership Training for children, young people and adults. We assure you that it was not easy for us to terminate this rich and exciting ministry.

Since then many of you have asked and suggested that we write a history of these events in which so many had participated. Our reply to each was the same, “We are not a historian, and we have never been officially asked to do this”. A large collection of photos, programs, copies of the weekly newspaper, Tel-A-Vision, and many other items awakened an interest to assemble "A PICTORIAL STORY" of Lutheridge with narratives. The photos, transparencies, and other items are from the original, and not reproductions or duplicates. I have made an earnest effort to see that all dates, and other data in the narratives are true and correct. I assume responsibility for any errors or omissions. I wish it were possible to include the names of the many individuals who have provided photos and transparencies but many of you will recognize yours, and we hope you will find pleasure in being a part of this project. I have found much pleasure, joy and satisfaction in assembling the materials to be printed in this Pictorial Story. We hope each of you will experience some of the same joy and pleasure.

We hope our efforts will meet with your approval and acceptance, and as a result there will be a permanent record of some of the exciting and enriching experiences that so many of us shared during the passing years.

We want to thank each of you for your encouragement, your co-operation and support in this enterprise; for without this the project would never have gotten off the launching pad.
DEDICATION

TO

Mary Lee Barnhardt Thornburg

My wife and team-mate who shared many happy, eventful, exciting and serviceable years and whose life of devotion, patience, dedication, creativity, cooperation and encouragement enabled me, by God’s grace to complete this pictorial story of Lutheridge.

Martha Thornburg Cauble

Our daughter, a constant source of joy and inspiration.
Someone once said "Everything had a beginning before it really began." The story we are presenting could bear out the truth of this remark. Mrs. Fred Shepherd, daughter of J. L. Sifford, Ebenezer, China Grove, gave me the original copy of these minutes, and they are now in the Archives at the Church House in Salisbury, N.C.

A seed symbolizing "Leadership Training" was planted, then watered and cultivated through the years—when a healthy plant called "Summer School for Church Workers" grew and flourished bearing much fruit in every leader "being a trained leader".
Minutes of the First Sunday School Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The first annual Sunday School Convention of the Southern Section of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was held at the Church of the Holy Cross, Decatur, Illinois, on Saturday, March 5, 1870.

The business of the Convention was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Keller, who was called to the chair of the President by the Rev. W. B. Summerfield, who was called to the chair of the Secretary by the Rev. W. B. Summerfield.

The Business of the Convention consisted of the following:

1. The formation of a Sunday School Society.
2. The formation of a Sunday School Convention.
3. The formation of a Sunday School Lecture Society.

The Convention adjourned at 3 p.m., and voted to meet next year at the same place.

J. A. Keller, President.
W. B. Summerfield, Secretary.

The Election of Officers:

The following officers were elected:

President: Rev. J. A. Keller, President.
Secretary: Rev. W. B. Summerfield.
Treasurer: Mr. E. R. Bums, Esq.

The officers of the Convention were authorized to arrange programs and to make a joint report for the ensuing year.

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The Early Years

The years following the first Sunday School Convention at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church do not provide too much information about the continuation of training for Sunday School teachers and other church leaders.

1910

However, we do have a record of the compiling and editing a "HYMNAL FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL" by the Rev. E. C. Cronk. The hymnal was officially approved and recommended by the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the south. In the Preface, Rev. Cronk writes, "A widespread and generally recognized need for a book of dignified churchly, singable hymns and tunes is the reason for the existence of the Hymnal for the Sunday School." Appreciations were also expressed to Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. E.A. Shenk, Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D., and Rev. C.F.W. Hoppe for their valuable assistance and suggestions.

1918

This year not only marked the end of the First World War but a very historical event in the life of American Lutheranism. There was a merger of three general Lutheran bodies into the United Lutheran Church in America. The three merging groups were the United Synod South, the General Council, and the General Synod.

1920-1922

A few years later there was a merger of two synodical groups: namely, the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod and the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, merged into the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.

The seed which was sown in 1889 germinated, was watered and fed, and has now grown into a healthy, vigorous plant. One of the branches can rightly be called, The Parish and Church School Board of the ULCA, under the direction of Dr. C. P. Wiles—its Executive Secretary.

1921 Forward!

THE MERGERS brought into focus a new concept in Christian Education. The Parish and Church School Board, Dr. C. P. Wiles, Executive Secretary, offered new courses in leadership training, and Summer School for Church Workers became the agency through which this training was offered to the church at large.

THE FIRST Summer School for Church Workers was held at Lenoir-Rhyne the summer of 1921. I know: for I attended! These schools were held yearly at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory; Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute, and Mont Ameena Seminary, in Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina; and at Newberry and Summerland colleges in South Carolina.

The type of program and activities held at Lenoir-Rhyne in 1923 was very similar to those offered each summer. These schools brought together leaders from other synods in the area as well as leaders of the national Church. This exchange of leadership broadened the base of interest and outlook among the rank and file of our congregational membership, resulting in a moving from a parochial to a national and world-wide view of the Church's ministry.
Enrollment card

An identification streamer

LUTHERAN

Summer School For Church Workers

HICKORY, N. C., 1924

Opportunity was given for trips to nearby points of interest. This group, with Dr. Gomer Reese, Philadelphia, one of the leaders in musical programs, were taking a stop at Blowing Rock, N.C.

Another group in front of the dining hall.

Lutheran Summer School for Church Workers, 1923
Losaltos-Hylton College, Hickory, N.C.
July 25th to August 2nd

First meal in boarding hall, 6:00 P. M., Wednesday, July 25.
Assembly for Registration—H. Announcement.

ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED AT REGISTRATION AND ON REGULAR CLASSES. ALL ALLERGIES ARE FREE AND OPEN TO PUBLIC.

God Together in Service to State Lutheran—45 is Gymnasium.

DAILY SCHEDULE (Except Sunday and final day)

IN CHAPEL

1:45—Matins: Led by Members of Faculty.
2:00—Study: Dr. W. H. McGough.

IN CLASS ROOMS

8:30—Morning—In Service and Interests.
9:00—Lecture: The Honorable Japanese Far East.
9:30—Lecture: Living Among Your Young Readers.
10:30—Lecture: Japan's home life. Miss Molis Anderson.
11:30—Lecture: Great China for Youth. Miss M. Gum Meyer.
12:30—Lecture: Youth in the Church. Miss E. C. Stahl.
2:30—Lecture: Church Environment. Miss M. H. E. Smith.
4:30—Lecture: Church Union. Miss E. C. Stahl.
5:30—Lecture: Church Literature. Miss M. H. E. Smith.

IN RECEPTION

3:30—Mrs. G. L. Morgan.
4:30—Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Morgan.
5:30—Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Morgan.
6:00—Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Morgan.
7:00—Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Morgan.
8:00—Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Morgan.
9:00—Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Morgan.
10:00—Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Morgan.
11:00—Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Morgan.

THE FACULTY

CORNELIUS, REV. ZENAN M., Philadelphia, Pa., Executive Secretary, West Virginia Women's Board, United Lutheran Church.
COUNTY, MISS OLYSE, S. C., Conant in Youth, for her work in the summer and county, in the execution so successfully to take the same work.
ELON, REV. W. B. Washington, D. C., National Lutheran Synod, formerly with Lutheran Bureau and Lower College, A.A.B.
GREEN, REV. W. P. Arizona, S. C., Augustus, Editor, Professor in Southern Seminary.
JUDD, REV. NORMAN W., Rich- ey, D. C., Advance Director, Lutheran Bible College.
McCULLOUGH, REV. D. A., Columbus, Ohio, President, St. Mary's College.
GRANT, W. D., Pastor, Pittsburgh, Pa., Secretary, American Association for the Advancement of American Lutheranism.
MILLER, REV. EDGAR GRIM, Philadel- phia, Pa., Executive Secretary, Board of Missionary Relief, United Lutheran Church.
MILLER, REV. L. B. S., Japan, One of the leading missionaries in our Japan. New in charge of the Foreign Mission in Japan, and in the Southern district.
MORGAN, REV. J. B. Montague, S. C., President, United Lutheran Church.
MORRISON, REV. D. J. B., Berkeley, Calif., Secretary, American Association for the Advancement of American Lutheranism.
OSTERLING, REV. J. K., Baltimore, Md., Secretary, American Lutheran Sister Mission Society of Baltimore and Vicinity. Formerly with Lutheran Brotherhood of America.
PEEY, REV. T. B. Benton, Columbia, S. C., Pastor, School Missions. Very popular and successful in their work. Formerly with California Synod Orp.
PORTER, MISS MAWBE, Japan, On foreign from the Japan field. Founded and headed our Mission station.
ROSE, REV. L. D., Allentown, Pa., Executive Secretary, Interurban Mission, founded this year in the United Lutheran Church.
SMITH, REV. W. S., Rich- ey, N. C., Secretary, Eastern States, Pa., Members, United Church.
STEWART, REV. J. E., Columbia, N. C., Secretary, Eastern States, Pa., Members, United Church.
SHELDON, REV. A. A., Columbia, N. C., Secretary, Eastern States, Pa., Members, United Church.
STEWART, REV. E. L., Church of the Advent, New York City.
STEBBS, REV. W. A., Newark, N. C., A very successful pastor. Member of Board of Trustees of Lutheran Bible College.
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Lutherans Talk of Missions; To Have Assembly

Convention of North Carolina Synod in Session Here.

Discuss the $100,000 Fund

Synod Invites Cooperation of Other Lutheran Bodies in Purchase of Grounds in State.

The morning session opened at 8:45. The roll of the ministers and delegates was called and it was found that near 200 were present. Rev. J. C. Dietz, of Salisbury, was then elected secretary of synod, as the former secretary, Rev. R. H. Schaffer, of Kings Mountain, has moved to Charleston, S. C.

The president of synod then appointed committees and reports were read from various standing committees. The reports were accepted with their recommendations among which was the continuation of the work service appeal for ($550,000) and the insurance of all ministers under the group insurance plan. The appointment committee reported that $80,000 had been raised by the synod in the year 1923. Moneys raised, all organizations of the synod for the year 1923 for all purposes, amounted to $425,000; this amount includes $325,000 pledged for Lenoir college, and $100,000 raised by the synod and its organizations.

At 11:30 a.m. Rev. J. F. Crigler, the pastor of St. Mark's church, addressed the synod on Evangelism, and particular interest is the side evangelism, which includes pastoral, personal and organized evangelism.

Dr. A. D. R. Hancher, of Richmond, Va., then made an address on Home Missions. He pleaded for individual and congregational support, but mission board spent $2,275 in 1923 for North Carolina mission work. The synod appointed General secretary of the mission board, was then introduced to the convention and spoke to the tremendous responsibility of the church in planting missions and pleaded with the church to raise their apportionment in full.

The afternoon session began at 2 o'clock with Rev. J. L. York leading the devotions. This session was devoted to items of business and the report of committees.

The mainthemes were the $100,000 home mission fund and Lutheran assembly grounds.

The apportionment caused enthusiastic discussion on the part of the members of the synod. It was finally moved that Rev. W. Rhine, of Rocky Mount, should be empowered to canvass synod in behalf of the above amount, which has already been raised. This move was characterized as being one of the most progressive moves of this synod in recent years. As to a Lutheran assembly ground, it was decided to invite other Lutheran bodies to the south to co-operate with this body in the purchase of such a ground in the western section of Carolina.

The apportionment for the coming year is $57,000, which is divided between 125 congregations having 12,000 members. The synod has 46 students studying for the ministry.
THE LUTHERAN
Summer School
FOR
CHURCH WORKERS
Cooperating Synods:
NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA,
GEORGIA-ALABAMA, FLORIDA

Blue Ridge Assembly Grounds
BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C.
July 6-13, 1940

A LEADERSHIP SCHOOL, DEDICATED TO THE PURPOSE
OF PREPARING A TRAINED LEADERSHIP FOR THE
WHOLE WORK OF THE WHOLE CHURCH

THE RIGHT INSTRUCTION OF YOUTH
IS A MATTER IN WHICH CHRIST AND ALL THE
WORLD IS CONCERNED.
—Martin Luther

GENERAL INFORMATION
Administrative Officers
Director—Rev. W. C. Davis, D.D., Charleston, S. C.
Registrar—Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, Statesville, N. C.
Kinner Tel-A-Vision—Miss Helen Miller, Hickory, N. C.

Advance Room Reservations
To reserve a room write the Registrar, Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg,
Statesville, N. C. Send the registration fee of $1 per person. This will
secure you an immediate room assignment upon arrival.

The Cost
Registration fee $1.00. (Short term registration fee, 50c)
Meals (for the week), $8.00. (Short term for meals, $1.25 per day)

Lee Hall (without bath) per week $6.50. (These hotel rates are
Martha Washington, per week $10.00 for each person, two
Overflow Cottages, per week $6.50)
Lee Hall (private bath), $6.60 per person single, or $9.00 double.
Abbott Hall (private bath), $2.50 per person single, or $3.00 double.
Abbott Hall (connecting bath), $1.75 single, or $2.50 double.
A Cottage, apartments with bath, a rental of three times the
adult rate in Lee Hall, furnished with electric meter, occupants
to furnish their own hot plates. Dishes and cooking equipment is fur-
nished for three persons in each apartment.
Short term rates on rooms in twenty-five cents per day per person above
the regular conference rate.
Rooms without bath in Lee Hall and Martha Washington have convenient
access to bath and toilet facilities.

Housekeeping Cottages
If interested write the Registrar for further details about cottages.
These are cottages for eight persons at $40 each for the week, with the privilege of adding ten
more persons at $2 each. There will be six cottages for ten people at
$50 each for the week, with the privilege of adding ten more persons at
$2 each.

The cottages are equipped with cooking vessels, china and silver for six persons;
rooms occupying these cottages must bring additional material for all
persons beyond that number. The Committee allot four of these cot-
tages to North Carolina, three to South Carolina and one to Georgia-
Alabama Synod. Reservations should be made early for these cottages.

Recreation
While the school is aimed to do real work there is ample opportunity
for wholesome recreation—swimming, tennis, mountain hikes, golf,
ski hill, horse shoes, etc. There are equipped playgrounds for children.

Come by Train, Bus or Automobile
Blue Ridge is fifteen miles east of Asheville, two miles from Black
Mountains, on N. C. Highway No. 19 (U. S. Highway No. 70). Tourist
rate summer fares can be had on train and bus. Rail address—Lutheran
Assembly, Blue Ridge, N. C.

"Beautiful for Situation"
Located on the edge of the Smoky Mountain Park, the most popular
park in the country. In the rugged mountain, near Mt. Mitchell, the
highest peak east of the Rockies, "Skyland Drive", a park to park high-
way, is nearly, many miles of it near Blue Ridge now open. A well-
paved program with inspirational leaders, and fellowship with Christian
workers from over one hundred combine with the beautiful setting to
give inspiration and spiritual stimulus which can hardly be measured.
### PROGRAM

**Saturday, July 6, 1940**

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<td>7:00 P.M.</td>
<td>First Meal</td>
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<td>10:15 P.M.</td>
<td>The Family Altar (All Family Altar programs will be under the direction of Chaplain, Rev. Carl Craighead, Cameron, S. C.)</td>
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**Sunday, July 7th**

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<td>7:30 A.M.</td>
<td>Revitalize</td>
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<td>Breakfast</td>
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<td>9:45-11:00 A.M.</td>
<td>Sunday School (Adults taught by Dr. Russell Snyder, Young People taught by Dr. J. L. Blackwell, Children under 12 taught by Mrs. J. H. Heimbach)</td>
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**Daily School Program Beginning Monday**

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<td>8:10-9:25 A.M.</td>
<td>Day with Bible Study for Adults, by Dr. Russell Snyder, Philadelphia Theological Seminary, Bible Study for Youth, by Dr. M. L. Blackwell, Columbia Theological Seminary</td>
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<td>9:30-10:00 A.M.</td>
<td>First Leadership Training Period</td>
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<td>10:15 A.M.</td>
<td>The Church Worker and His Progress (Course 144) Special Electives, Text: &quot;My Progress&quot;—Note and Hob, Teacher Rev. Boyd Ham, King’s Mountain, N. C.</td>
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<td>10:45 A.M.</td>
<td>The Church Worker and His Personal Life (Course 118) Text: &quot;My Life&quot;—Note and Hob, Teacher, Rev. C. K. Derrick, Charleston, S. C.</td>
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<td>11:00 A.M.</td>
<td>The Church Workers and His Materials, Special Electives, Text: &quot;My Materials&quot;—Note and Hob, Teacher, Rev. H. P. Whyte, Chasen, N. C.</td>
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<td>11:15 A.M.</td>
<td>The Church Worker and His Work (Course 131) Text: &quot;My Work&quot;—Note and Hob, Teacher, Rev. Paul G. McCollough, Miami, Florida</td>
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**Also At**

3 A STUDY IN MISSION (Course 148). Text: "Hold On and Dangerous Opportunity" (Rabbits); Teacher, Mrs. Virginia Evans, New Britain, N. J., 10:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M.; General, required. Text: "The New Testament, A Study" by Allen, Teacher, Dr. John D. Moore, Columbia, S. C. |

4 GUIDING YOUTH'S APPROACH TO RELIGION (Course 210), Specials. Text: "Social and Religious Problems" by Wessley and Hallow Teacher, Rev. C. A. Line, Savannah, Ga. Week by Week. |

5 The Church and Social Work (Course 128). The student's booklet will be "Social in Social Problems" by Hoeby and Hob. Supplemental materials will be used. Teacher, Rev. E. D. Stone, Saline, N. C. |

6 GUIDING YOUTH'S APPROACH TO RELIGION (Course 210), Specials. Text: "Social and Religious Problems" by Wessley and Hallow Teacher, Rev. C. A. Line, Savannah, Ga. Week by Week. |

7 CHILDERN'S APPROACH TO RELIGION (Course 220), Specials. Text: "Survey for Children" by Wessley and Hallow Teacher, Rev. C. A. Line, Savannah, Ga. Week by Week. |

8 ENCOURAGEMENT COURSE FOR INTERMEDIATES. Text to be announced. Teacher, Miss Virginia Greaves, Columbia, S. C. |

9 ENCOURAGEMENT COURSE FOR JUNIORS. Teacher, Mrs. A. M. Holt, Augusta, Ga. |

10 ENCOURAGEMENT COURSE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 13. Teacher, Mrs. J. Lee Hines, Charleston, S. C. |

11 ENCOURAGEMENT COURSE FOR YOUTH. Teacher, Miss Virginia Greaves, Columbia, S. C. |
1923
Annual Convention

The Charlotte Observer, with a photo of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in that city, carried an account of the annual convention of the North Carolina Synod, at which meeting the Lutheran Assembly Grounds was given special consideration. It is recalled that three laymen attending the convention made the announcement that they would underwrite the cost of the real estate whenever and wherever the synod decided to locate such a movement.

The minutes of that convention carried: "Are part of a committee on Lutheran Assembly Grounds", on page 81 of the minutes. This action was reported even before the synod owned any property for Assembly.

1926
Mt. Pleasant

The Summer School for Church Workers of the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina was held August 3-12-1926, with program schedule and leaders as presented herewith

Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute and Mount Amonrea Seminary served jointly in providing accommodations for the school.

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Summer School for Church Workers of the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina

Mount Pleasant, N. C.
AUGUST 3-12, 1926

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LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA

was amended by substituting the name United Lutheran Church in America, for the name Evangelical Lutheran Church, where it occurs in parts 4a and 7a, b, and c. The report of the committee was then adopted as amended.

Report of Committee on Lutheran Assembly Grounds

The Joint Committee on Lutheran Assembly Grounds, held a meeting in Salisbury, N. C., of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. Hon. L. M. Swink of Winston-Salem, N. C., was present and rendered valuable assistance in getting the work outlined. After careful consideration, the Committee agreed to recommend to the Synod presented in the matter, the personnel of a non-stock corporation for this purpose, none to be acted on by Synod at its next annual meeting. Hon. L. M. Swink was asked to draw up Articles of Incorporation, which were to be printed in sufficient quantity for distribution in the several Synods taking part in the matter, the cost of the printing to be divided equally among the Synods. A copy of these Articles of Incorporation, together with the accompanying Prospectus, is herewith submitted for your consideration and adoption. It will be noted that the Articles of Incorporation provide for the appointment of a representative from the Synod who shall be elected a director of this corporation, which appointment should be provided for at this meeting of Synod, if the plan for the formation of the corporation is adopted. As our representative on the Joint Committee for the past year, I would commend this matter to the loyal and hearty support of our people, and would recommend that Synod make an annual appropriation through her appointment system in favor of this undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. MORGAN.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF
The Lutheran Assembly Grounds, Inc.

This is to certify, that we, the undersigned do hereby associate ourselves into a non-stock corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina, as contained in Chapter 32 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Corporations", and the several amendments thereto, and to that end do hereby set forth:

The name of this Corporation is THE LUTHERAN ASSEMBLY GROUNDS, INC.
1940
Blue Assembly Grounds

The Lutheran Summer School for Church Workers with North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia-Alabama, and Florida Synods co-operating, was held at the Blue Ridge Assembly Grounds, Black Mountain, N. C., on July 7-13, 1940. The program and schedule followed the pattern of previous synodical schools with leaders from participating synods, pastors and professors from the church at large, along with a number of missionaries from other lands.

During the week, pastors and lay persons were engaged in conversation about Lutherans owning and operating a Summer Assembly Grounds in Western North Carolina.

At the first joint school held at Blue Ridge Assembly Grounds, during the breakfast period, Dr. H. A. McCullough spoke to the group in his own characteristic style, declaring we had been on the mountain top for a week, with mountain top experiences, so, "Go home and tell your vision to your congregation". Thus the name of the weekly newspaper was born, and from that time for an indefinite period "Tel-A-Vision" was the official name of the weekly news bulletin for Lutheran Summer Schools.

Published by the N.C., S.C., Ga.-Ala., Florida Summer School for C.W.

1940

I served as register for this school and upwards of ONE THOUSAND persons, including babies, children, young people, pastors, lay persons, teachers, professors, a truly mountain top experience for everyone.

One night, we experienced a very heavy electrical storm and the next morning, one of the leaders read the poem by Dr. William L. Stidger, "I Saw God Wash the World".

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I SAW GOD WASH THE WORLD

I saw God wash the world last night
With His sweet shower on high;
And then when morning came
I saw Him hang it out to dry.

He washed each tiny blade of grass,
and every trembling tree;
He flung His showers against the Hills
and swept the billowy sea.

The white rose is a cleaner white;
The red rose is more red
Since God washed every fragrant face
and put them all to bed.

There's not a bird, there's not a bee,
That wings along the way,
But is a cleaner bird and bee
Than it was yesterday.

I saw God wash the world last night;
Ah, would He had washed me
As clean of all my dust and dirt
As that old white birch tree:

—William L. Stidger
The V. R. Cromer, the Jeff Norris and Wayne Boliek families occupying one of the cottages at Blue Ridge

Martha Thornburg (left) and Mary Ann Huffman. St. John's, Statesville.

One of the attendants, enjoying the "Popular Rocking Chair Course" on the porch of Lee Hall.

Joint summer at Kanuga. (No program available).

Postcard:

April 20, 1936

Dear Dr. Thornburg,

May I start by expressing to you a clipping that stood on my desk: "I am enclosing a picture that I took at Lake Kanuga in the thirties. There are some black and white photos, including one of Dr. Horris with his family and me in the background."

I do not remember the date on the photos, but I believe they were taken in 1937 (the year after you were married).

The lady at the right is Evelyn Brown, my Cook's daughter, and you are on the left. I do not remember the date on the photos, but I believe they were taken in the thirties. If I recall correctly, it was on the lake that I met you. Why can't we let's have a camping trip?"

And now we have a wonderful Saturday morning at Kanuga and I am writing to you after dinner.

Thank you for your great work in making this a reality.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Date]
Land Purchased

A LUTHERAN ASSEMBLY GROUND

This was the topic of conversation and discussion when and wherever Luthers from the southeast gathered. When Luthers came to Blue Ridge Assembly Grounds in Black Mountain, N. C., the conversations and discussions regarding our own Assembly Grounds were intensified. Such leaders as Dr. A. G. Voigt, Dr. W. H. Greever, Dr. H. A. McCullough, Dr. F. D. Brown, Dr. George H. Rhodes, just to name a few, were pressing for such a property in Western North Carolina. The synodical presidents of the area were asked to contact the Rev. S. White Rhyne. Executive Secretary of the Parish and Church School Board of the ULCA, asking him to convene a meeting of representatives of all of the southern Lutheran Synod, and to form a search team to seek out a desirable location. This was done, and time after time the group met to look at possible sites, but their efforts were unsuccessful.

1946 A Dream Came True

On August 5th, 1946 the Rev. S. White Rhyne received a letter from the Rev. Fisher, pastor of Augsburg Lutheran Church in Winston-Salem, advising him that the N.C. delegation of which he was chairman, and by the authority of the Synod, had purchased a tract of land in South Buncombe County, midway between Asheville and Hendersonville, consisting of 172 acres at a cost of a little more than $34,000.00. A meeting of the entire delegation was called to view the property, and each synod would decide if they would join in the ownership to begin the development of a Lutheran Summer Assembly.

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Augsburg Lutheran Church
580 W. 5th Street
Winston-Salem, N. C.

August 14, 1946.

Dr. S. White Rhyne,
1226 Spruize St.,
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Dear Dr. Rhyne:

Due to higher bids we were unable to secure the property at Black Mountain on which the Committees agreed. The North Carolina Committee set out again to look at other sites. We finally selected and purchased some property at Arden, N. C. for $34,400.00. There are 172 acres in the tract.

It is well located on the Asheville-Hendersonville highway midway between the two cities. The property has already been developed to some extent with an excellent road running throughout it. Quite a number of building sites have been located. I think the Committees will be well pleased with it.

I would suggest that you call a meeting of the general Commit-tees, which includes the Synodical Committees, for their consideration of the property. The North Carolina Committee realizes that the other Committees are not bound by the transaction if they are not in favor of the property selected.

Very sincerely yours,

Ray H. Fisher

rrf/pk

S. White Rhyne
The Lutheran Synods of South Carolina, and Georgia-Alabama took favorable action to join the North Carolina Synod in the joint ownership of the property and the development of a Lutheran Summer Assembly. Each of these synods elected members to serve on the Board of Trustees. Rev. Rhyne was asked to convene the group and preside over the business of organization and election of officers. The following officers were elected:

Clarence L. Whisnant, chairman
Dr. C. A. Linn, Vice-chairman
B. T. Bodie, secretary
Oscar Pitts, treasurer

This meeting was held on August 25th, 1947 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Asheville. Committees were appointed in preparation of the development of the property. At another meeting in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Charlotte, December 30th, 1947. A number of names for the proposed corporation had been offered by various persons, but the one suggested by Secretary Bodie prevailed, and we now have a name . . . LUTHERIDGE. Someone asked, "What's in a name?" At this time, a constitution and bylaws along with a charter was adopted and ratified by the owning synods.

LUTHERIDGE
A Southern Lutheran Church Center For:
Lutheran Leadership Training
United Useful Vacationing
Timely Conferences
Helpful Associations
Enriching Experiences
Religious Instruction
Inspiring Leaders
Devotion to the Church
Guiding Youth
Extending the Kingdom of God

Lutheridge—has as its chief purpose the training of Christian leaders.

An Investment in Lutheridge TODAY is an investment in the Christian Leadership of TOMORROW.
At the same time the Board decided to elect an Executive Director of Lutheridge, and a call was extended to the Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, China Grove.

This group of men, ministers and laymen, were charged with awesome responsibilities. They had no precedent to guide them. They had very limited funds with which to operate. They all stood tall. They were men of faith and adventure, but always with their feet solidly on the ground. Contracts were let for eight buildings, and when they were completed and furnished ready for use, there was no indebtedness on them. There was never any mortgage indebtedness on the property or the buildings, although short term loans were obtained to complete financing of a unit while the donors were finishing the payment.

In addition to committees of the Board, the following persons were employed:

Hon. J. C. Sigmon, Sr. attorney
Abee & Tashiro, an architectural firm for designing and long range planning.
Carter & Bearden, Engineers, for topo, water and sewer installations.
Reed & Abee, Inc., low bid on water and sewer installations.

The low bidders for the first eight buildings were:

Merchant Construction Co., General contractor for Efrid Hall and the Lineberger Mem. dining hall and kitchen; Moser Plumbing Co., low bidder on all plumbing for the first eight units.
Hartnett Electric Co., low bidder on electrical installation.
Lindsay & Eckard, contractor for the six cottages

1950 Two Special Events

While construction was taking place on the Assembly Grounds at Arden, two Youth Camps were being conducted for North Carolina under the general supervision of Dr. Inez Seagle, professor at Lenoir-Rhyne College, and an experienced camp director for the New York-New England Synod. The Rev. Bernard Trexler, pastor of Holy Trinity, Rocky Mount was in charge of the camp at White Lake, N. C., and the Rev. Leslie Conrad, pastor of Holy Comforter Lutheran Church, Belmont, was in charge of the camp at John's River in Caldwell County. Pastor Thornburg was likewise involved in these activities as the Executive Director of Lutheridge.
A glance at the above map readily reveals the central location of Lutheridge with reference to the southern Lutheran Church. The one hundred and seventy-two acre tract of land is located in the beautiful mountain country of western North Carolina, midway between Asheville and Hendersonville, and surrounded by the rolling peaks of the Blue Ridge and Smoky mountains. Our property is in the heart of the summer camping and assembly district.

Considerable work has been done in the development of the property since it was purchased. Water and sewer lines have been installed. Roads and drives opened and graveled, and power lines extended through the property. A residential area opened, with more than half of the sixty lots already sold to individual Lutherans and congregational groups.

The property is now ready for the construction of the buildings which will be necessary to provide facilities for carrying on the camping and summer conference programs.

A map of the eastern United States, with circles radiating out from Arden indicates the mileage to the most distant area to be served by Lutheridge.
The Call Accepted

Mr. C. W. Whisenant, Chairman
Board of Trustees of Luthcrville,
Hickory, N.C.

Dear Mr. Whisenant:

The call which was extended to me by the Board of Trustees of Luthcrville has been acknowledged previously.

Having had the call under serious and prayerful consideration I now feel that I am in a position to accept the call to you and the members of the Board of Trustees.

The growing need of such a project as an Assembly Grounds for our Southern Lutheran Church offers a great challenge. I realize fully that there will be many aspects of this ministry which will lack some of the work that a parish pastor has trained himself to do.

However, I have come to the conclusion that with God's help I could undertake the work of Executive Director to which your Board has called the Board of Trustees and its officers in carrying out the plans and policy of Luthcrville as set forth in the charter.

I have tendered my resignation as pastor of Mt. Hope's effective early part of March and would expect to assume my duties as Executive Director of Luthcrville immediately thereafter.

Pray that our efforts together in this phase of the Church's ministry of Christian training and leadership development may be richly blessed by the Holy Spirit, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L. Lewis Thornburg

Installation of Executive Director

WESTERN DISTRICT
LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

QUARTERLY MEETING
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
REV. WADE F. HOOK, Pastor
HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.
JULY 31, 1949 — 3:00 P.M.

PROGRAM

HYMN 159 — "Come, Thou Almighty King"

SCRIPTURE LESSON AND PRAYER W. A. Risher

ADDRESS OF WELCOME Guy Husk

INDUCTION OF REV. J. LEWIS THORNBURG AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LAWRENCE ALABAMA SYNOD

HYMN 399 — "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

ADDRESS — "Boy Scouting" Rev. F. Leslie Conrad, Jr., Pastor of Holy Comforter Lutheran Church at Belmont

OFFERING

BUSINESS SESSION

RECESSION Rev. Mr. Hook

The first evidence that Lutherans were now in the field is shown by this sign, facing U.S. Highway 25 S.
LUTHERANS PLAN FOR ASSEMBLY GROUNDS

ARCHITECT'S SKETCH OF LUTHERIDGE IN WESTERN N. C.

AWAIT ACTION BY TRUSTEES AT GATHERING IN ASHEVILLE

Program Will Be Launched in Near Future.

WEST N. C. SITE SELECTED

Assembly Grounds, Covering 172 Acres, Situated Between Asheville, Hendersonville.

ASHEVILLE — Definite action toward development of "Lutheridge," proposed assembly grounds in western North Carolina for the Lutheran church synods of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia-Alabama, is expected to be taken at a meeting of the Lutheridge board of trustees to be held within the next few weeks.

Selection of the site for the huge assembly grounds was made and approved by the North Carolina synod in 1947. Consisting of 172 acres of wooded, rolling land with the highest elevation reaching 2,500 feet, it is situated between Asheville and Hendersonville, fronting the U. S. highway.

At its approaching meeting in Asheville, the trustees are expected to decide on the number and type of buildings to be erected in order that the camping and conference program may be launched within the near future. Decisions on the location of the Chapel, dining rooms and kitchens, classrooms and Fellowship buildings, as well as cabin, cottage and diocesan, will also be made at this session.

Among buildings and areas contemplated for the assembly grounds are: general assembly building, worship and inspiration center, week-end cabin, area for privately-owned summer cottages, development of lake for boating, areas for sports and other recreation.

In describing the purpose of the assembly grounds, one speaker pointed out:

Lutheridge is the realization of long years of hoping and praying on the part of a host of southern Lutherans that an assembly grounds program might be established somewhere in the beautiful and improving mountain country of our southland.

Lutheridge, when developed with a program of activity planned for the summer season, will provide the means for an extended leadership training program for the young and growing numbers of church workers in the Southern Lutheran Synods.

At a meeting of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod in 1945, action was taken to have a committee on Assembly Grounds appointed to meet with representatives of the Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia-Alabama synods for the consideration of locating and developing a summer assembly grounds. The committee of the North Carolina synod consisted of Rev. Ray Fisher, Winston-Salem; Clarence J. Whisenant, Hickory; Rev. E. F. Troutman, Boone; Rev. E. F. Swicegood, Kinston, and Herman Payne, Lenoir. Numerous meetings were held. Various pieces of property were inspected and considered. The site pictured with this story was finally decided upon as the location for a long-hoped-for Lutheran assembly grounds, and was purchased by the Executive committee of North Carolina and given approval by the synod at its 1947 convention.

The leading North Carolina newspapers were very generous in the space which was given to announcing the purchase and plans for the development of a Lutheran Summer Assembly in Western North Carolina.

The coverage by The Charlotte Observer is typical of the rest of the media, and for all of this we are most grateful.
REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LUTHERITE

A distinguished Christian educator, late President of Harvard University, said the "Church camping is the best contribution in the field of Christian education since the founding of the Church School," This is a statement, and many denominational groups in our midst have been doing a great deal of this program during the past half century.

In 1946, three of our southern Lutheran synods definitely entered the field of Church camping and summer assemblies when they purchased a 172 acre tract of land in the heart of the summer assembly district in Western North Carolina. The report submitted herewith is the first annual report since the calling of a full time executive director in the person of Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg. The annual meeting of the Board was held at St. Mark's, Asheville, May 18th, with all members present except two. The newly called director was present and gave a detailed report of his visits to several Lutheran camps and assemblies in Western North Carolina. The Charter and By-Laws of the Corporation, which had been approved by the respective synods in their previous conventions, was reported filed with W.C. Secretary of State; and the following officers were elected for Lutherite, Inc., President, Clarence L. Whitman; Vice-President, the Rev. C.A. Linn, Ph.D.; Secretary, B.T. Bodie; Treasurer, Oscar Potts. Action was taken by the Corporation to have the title in the property transferred from the North Carolina Lutheran Synod to it through payment of $25,214.09 which represented the amount involved in the original purchase.

Roads and drives have been improved and new roads built thru the area near the cottage of 1946, full of decorative plantings and three denominational groups in our midst have been doing a great deal of this program during the past half century.

The Executive Director was installed at a service held in Grace Lutheran Church, Hendersonville, July 31st, with the Rev. W.R. Cremer, D.D., President of Lewis College, and a member of the Board, in charge of the service. The Board approved the program with reference to developing the Assembly Grounds:

The basic number to be accommodated per week during an eight or ten week period shall be 225. Ten cabins, alleged to be set aside for senior citizens or others desiring to spend the summer, shall be erected to house this number. Other buildings considered necessary for carrying on the program shall be an assembly, a dining-hall-kitchen, a recreational building, a mission building and a chapel. The assembly building will be the Efird Memorial Building for which the sum of approximately $15,000.00 was given by the late Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Efird, Albermarle.

A called meeting of the Board was held at Grace, Hendersonville, September 6th, with only one member absent. The Executive Director gave a full report of promotional activities since the May meeting. The presidents of the three participating synods were asked to give the plans which had been adopted for securing financial quotes for the original purchase price, and for the additional supplement for promotion and development. The following basis was reported:

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The Board authorized an Appeal for $100,000.00 in keeping with the provision of the first section of Article III, Section 2 of the By-laws, with which to finance the development and construction program. Camp plans have been set and work begun. Bids for laying of water lines are to be called for at an early date.

Encouraging response has been received from individuals and groups thus far, but more money is needed. Summer programs are underway for this summer.

We have been encouraged with the interest manifested by the three synodical Lutheran Leagues in their plans for financing the recreational building. Likewise, the three synodical Missionary groups are giving favorable consideration to the erection of the mission building. A number of individuals and congregational groups have expressed interest in providing funds with which other buildings might be erected. A cottage is being given by Dr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, Kings Mountain, as a memorial to the Rev. and Mrs. E.A. Shanks.

Pastors and congregational leaders desiring to have the cause of our Lutheran Assembly Grounds presented to their members are asked to contact the Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, 931 Main Avenue, Hickory, N.C., Telephone 6772. It is desirable that contributions be sent through the local and synodical treasuries. A generous offering for the building program at Lutherite during 1950 from each congregation represented in the ownership of the property would give us assurance of an early use of the grounds. Lutheran Assembly of the Church, by the Church and for the Church; and the Board of Trustees covets the confidence and support of the Church for her youngest institution. We ask that a representative of the Board be given the privilege of supplementing this report when it is presented.

Clarence L. Whitman, Chairman
Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, Executive Director

1950

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LUTHERITE

Gratefully acknowledging the manifold blessings of our gracious Heavenly Father, and giving Him all the praise and glory for the progress made during 1950, we submit herewith this annual report to the owning Synods.

The year has been marked by considerable activity. The annual meeting of the Board was held in Asheville, May 18th, with called meetings held in Charlotte, April 13th at Lutherite, June 5th and November 7th. All meetings were well attended. All officers were re-elected at the annual meeting; and Clarence Mauney, Intermediates; the Rev. Oscar Potts, and B.T. Bodie were elected to serve as the Executive Committee.

During the year the work which had been contracted for waste disposal and water systems was completed by Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Bledsoe. Roads and drives were further improved and paved. Power and telephone lines have been extended to the buildings. Pump house built, and a centrifugal pump installed to boost the water pressure over the ridge. Successful sale of lots in residential area, with the Board authorizing the opening of additional area for lots. In cooperation with the Forestry Department, considerable work has been done in our forest, resulting in the sale of pulpwood and the improvement of timber stands.

At the June meeting, the Board authorized contracts with the Merchant Construction Company, Asheville, for erection of Efird Hall and the dining hall-kitchen; and to Lindsay & Hickory, for erection of cottages.

July 2nd, was a Red Letter Day at Lutherite. The first ground breaking service was held and the announcement was made that Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Whitman, Hickory, were giving the Chapel. More that four hundred persons attended the religious service, in which the following persons participated: The Rev. L.T. Morgan, D.D., the Rev. Karl W. Elizard, D.D., the Rev. Marcus Osterheim, the Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, members of the Board of Trustees; Presidents of the owning Synods; and representatives of all auxiliaries of these Synods. Members of St. Mark's, Asheville, and Grace, Hendersonville, rendered invaluable service in connection with these ceremonies.

The contractors began work immediately, and at this time (January 5th) work is being completed on Efird Hall, the dining hall-kitchen, and six cottages. These buildings are expected to be in use during the summer of 1951.

A one week work camp for older Lutheran Boy Scouts was financed by the North District Brotherhood and Youth Group of the North Carolina Synod during the summer. Alpha Village was the name given to this camp site, which will be a permanent part of the camping program at Lutherite.

The Board approved the personnel of the Program Planning Council, which has been named by the respective synodical Parish Education Committees as follows: The Rev. H.O. Kroeckley, Racoon; Mr. Albert Pray, Augusta; Mr. L.F. Eyler, Savannah; The Rev. Wm. Frazier, Lexington; Mrs. Parey, Columbus; Mr. W.B. Weber, Columbus; the Rev. J.O. Mauney, Jr., Fayetteville; Mr. Aubrey Mauney, Kings Mountain; Rev. Russell During, and Mr. C.E. Kenner, Saluda; and the Rev. Marcus Osterheim, Philadelphia for the Parish and Church School Board.

The Planning Council elected the Rev. Vernon Prater, chairman; and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, Secretary. Plans were approved for the initial summer program at Lutherite, beginning June 17th, 1951; and consisting of camps for Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors. The following schedule was approved:

Seniors: June 17-23
Intermediates: June 24-30
Juniors: July 1-7
Seniors: July 22-28

It is understood that additional weeks will be added to the season if the registrants justify such procedure. The weekly programs will begin Sunday afternoon with close following, Assurances are given for a short week-end for older young people and adults to visit Lutherite during the summer. Reservations will have to be made with the Executive Director for such accommodations. Provision will be made for recreation and fellowship for these, as well as Sunday Services.

Lutherite needs the active financial support of all those who are members of the governing Synods. The Board of Trustees realized this when at one of their meetings each Synodical President was asked, 'To urge their membership to send in contributions to Lutherite for the construction of the necessary buildings. Additional rooing facilities are urgently needed. The Board anxiously and prayerfully awaits the reports from the Sunday Schools which were asked to supply funds for the erection of a dormitory or guest house. Pastors and Sunday School Superintendents, we ask for your full co-operation in this endeavor.

A statement of the Treasurer, Mr. Oscar Potts, is submitted as a part of this report. We respectfully ask that a representative of the Board be given the privilege of speaking briefly when this report is presented.

Clarence L. Whitman, Chairman
Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, Executive Director
The First Campers

1949
Alpha Village

The following letter was received from the Rev. George Schott:

Alpha Village, first group to camp at Lutheridge under direction of Rev. George Schott and Rev. David Johnson and Pastor Thornburg.

601 Caroline Ave.
Spencer, N. C.
October 31, 1949

The Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg
10th. Street
Hickory, N. C.

Dear Lewis:

The Northern District Brotherhood voted yesterday, at its District meeting, to set aside $15.00 per boy for 24 boys who are registered Scouts of 14 years of age or over, to spend one week at Lutheridge in a work camp this next summer. The money is for their food, lodging, etc. No boy is to receive any pay for his work, and the 24 boys are to be sent from the Northern District.

I would like to get together with you and work out the details as soon as possible so that this activity can come early in the summer’s program. If you would like to have several leaders in camp with the boys, I am certain that we can supply the men for the job. This can be a wonderful experience for the boys and a great help to the development of the property.

The Northern District hopes that the same sort of plan can be worked out in the other District Brotherhoods. It might be good to have this well in hand for the State Brotherhood on November 15.

Sincerely,
Geo. Frederick Schott Jr.

Truck bringing a group of Boy Scouts for a week camping.

Pastor Thornburg demonstrating how to light a fire to a group of Girl Scouts at Alpha Village.

The platform tents had been purchased and set up for sleeping. These were set up on a site just west of the caretaker’s residence.
On a bright, warm Sunday afternoon some 400 Lutherans from over the southeast gathered at the top of the hill for what proved to be an exciting and significant event. A Lutheran Assembly Grounds was now a reality. The Board of Trustees had awarded contracts for the construction of eight buildings. This was indeed an adventure in faith. The contracts totaled $100,000.00 and the only funds on hand at that time was the gift of the John Efird family, Albermarle, N.C.

Invitations had gone out to congregations and individuals. Paul Bodie, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Bodie, Secretary, welcomes people to whom the registrar, and Chairman Whisnant leads the signers. The individual signatures are attached herewith.

SCENES AT THE GROUND-BREAKING

Chairman Whisnant

Mrs. E. R. Lineberger, representing the Women's Missionary Societies of the owning synods. Others who participated in the shovel ceremony are listed in the printed bulletin.

Marcus Otterbein, representing the Parish and Church School Board, with Thornburg, Kinard, and J. L. Morgan.

Executive Thornburg
Dr. J. L. Morgan, president of the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina delivering the keynote address.

The Board of Trustees of
LUTHERIDGE
cordially invites you
to attend
The Ground Breaking Service
Sunday, July 2nd, 1950
at 3:30 in the afternoon
Lutheran Assembly Grounds
(U S HIGHWAY 25)
Arden, North Carolina

Clarence L. Whisnant registers for ground breaking ceremonies. Why an umbrella? A light summer shower, followed by a beautiful rainbow within the ribboned area.

Architect Carroll Abee

Chairman Whisnant talking with Treasurer Oscar Pitts.

Chairman Whisnant conversing with Secretary Bodle.
GROUND BREAKING SERVICE
Lutheridge
"Land of the Sky"

July Second, 1950--3:30 P.M.
Arden, North Carolina

ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymn: "Beautiful Saviour" ................................. Musiner Gesangbuch

1. Beautiful Saviour, King of Creation!
   Sun of God, and Light of Man!
   Thou dost divide the midnight, Thou,
   Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
   Blooming in flowers of blossoming spring.
   Jesus as Saviour, Jesus is pure.
   He makes our sorrowing spirits sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
   Bright the sparkling stars in night.
   Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
   Than all the stars in the sky.
4. Beautiful Saviour! Lord of the national
   Son of God and Son of Man!
   Glory and honor, Praise and adoration,
   Now and forever be Thine.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Bordered by the Choir of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Asheville


   Rev. Marcus F. Otterbein, Secretary, camps and Summer Schools of the Parish and Church School Board

PRAYER: Lord, have mercy upon us.
   Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.
   Pastor: The Lord be with you.
   Congregation: And with thy spirit.

PRAYER: The Act of Ground Breaking

President of Lutheridge Board of Trustees: Mr. Clarence L. Wimsett
Executive Director of Lutheridge: The Rev. J. Louis Tomberg
Representative of the North Carolina Synod: The Rev. J. Arthur Linn
President of the South Carolina Synod: The Rev. Karl W. Kinard, D.D.
Representative of the Georgia-Alabama Synod: Mr. Herman W. Hooper
Representative of the J. S. Erifld Family
Representative of Board of Trustees
Representatives of the Auxiliary of the Participating Synods: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia-Alabama The Womans' Missionary Society
The Brotherhood
The Luther League
The Children of the Church
Representative of the Parish and Church School Board: Rev. Marcus F. Otterbein


PRAYER: O God from whom every good thing, worketh its beginning and through whom it supplieth, we beseech Thee, that things to be take to the power of this name, we pray, by the help of Thy Father's wisdom, carry through to completion through Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.

Pastor: Bless the Lord.
   Congregation: Thanks be to God.
   Pastor: The Blessing of Alas! My God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be with you all.
   Congregation: Amen.
Some of those in attendance at Lutheridge ground-breaking.
LUTHERIDGE—1951

This year will mark the first opportunity for Lutheridge young people of the owning Synodos of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia-Alabama to use the facilities of their own Summer Assembly Grounds—LUTHERIDGE.

We are looking forward to a capacity attendance and suggest that everyone get their registrations in early. First come will be first served. We will try to provide for everyone; however it might be necessary for us to add more camp weeks. This will be done if registrations justify it.

WHO MAY ATTEND AND WHEN?
Senior Boys and Girls—(8th School)—June 17-23
Ages 15, 16, 17
Intermediate Boys and Girls—June 24-30
Ages 12, 13, 14
Junior Boys and Girls—July 1-7
Ages 9, 10, 11
Junior Boys and Girls—July 8-14
Intermediate Boys and Girls—July 15-21
Senior Boys and Girls—July 22-28

Cost—$17.00 per week
$3.00 must accompany registration.

THE CAMP PROGRAM

The program at Lutheridge is designed to minister to the whole of life.

RELIGIOUS—, Studies in the Bible conducted by competent leaders. Private devotions and group worship is a part of each day’s activities.

MENTAL—, Enrichment courses, crafts and other activities provide opportunity for students to express themselves. Leadership training courses are a part of the schedule for older campers

SOCIAL—, Supervised games, hikes, swimming, assemblies, camp fires, and night’s dances make possible a wholesome environment for developing social graces.

PHYSICAL—, Properly supervised activities are provided that require varying degrees of skill and endurance.

The program is designed to discover and develop leadership for the local church. Parents can only be fully assured that campers will at all times have adequate leadership.

ASSOCIATE CAMP DIRECTORS
Junior Camp, Miss Barbara Yount, Cherryville, N. C.
Senior Camps, The Rev. John L. Yost, Jr., Savannah, Georgia

HOW TO REACH LUTHERIDGE

Lutheridge is located on U. S. Highway 25, midway between Asheville and Hendersonville and can be reached by Auto, Bus, Train and Plane. The Station and the Post Office is ARDEN, N. C.

WHEN TO ARRIVE

Campers should plan to arrive after 2 P. M., on the day camp begins. Each camp week begins with supper on the opening day and ends with dinner on the closing day.

WHAT TO BRING

All campers should bring drinking cup for camp use. They should also bring at least two heavy blankets, sheets, pillow, pillow case, hiking shoes, flashlight, towels, soap, comb, toothbrush, paste, swimsuit, warm sweater or jacket, raincoat, outdoor clothing, notebook, Bible, pen and pencil, and musical instruments.

LUTHERIDGE YOUTH CAMPS

1951

LUTHERIDGE HAS AS ITS CHIEF
PURPOSE THE TRAINING OF
CHRISTIAN LEADERS.

CAMP STORE

A store is operated by the Camp at which each camper is permitted to spend a NOMINAL amount each day for ice cream, candy, etc. They will be able to obtain camp pictures, emblems, craft materials, textbooks and other incidentals here.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lutheridge will provide plenty of good wholesome food for each camper. We suggest that parents do not send boxes of food or sweets to campers.

Camps water, kitchen and sanitary system are under the constant control of the State Department of Health and meet all requirements. Accident and liability insurance is carried for each camper.

There is a telephone at Lutheridge, and we are accessible to both physicians and hospitals when the need might require their services. It is advisable and would be beneficial to the camper if the family physician gave a physical examination not more than two weeks prior to coming to camp.

SPONSORSHIP

Camp Lutheridge is sponsored by the Program Planning Council, consisting of three ministers, three laywomen and three laymen from each of the owning Synodos, a representative of the Parish and Church School Board, and the Executive Director. The Program Planning Council has the endorsement of the Board of Trustees.

All registrations and inquiries about the Camp should be mailed to the Rev. J. Lewis Thomberg, Executive Director, Hickory, N. C., until June first and after that to Arden, N. C., which is the Camp Address.

DEDICATION OF LUTHERIDGE
July 4th — 3:00 P. M.
Lutheridge Summer Assembly
ARDEN, NORTH CAROLINA
LUTHERIDGE YOUTH CAMPS

REGISTER NOW
See Your Pastor or Sunday School Superintendent for Information
CAMP OPENS JUNE 17, 1951
Senior Boys & Girls . . . . . . June 17-23  Intermediate Boys & Girls . June 24-30
Junior Boys & Girls . . . . . . July 1-7  Senior Boys & Girls . . . . . . July 15-21
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PRICE FOR ALL CAMPS IS $17.00 PER WEEK.
Additional weeks will be added if registrations justify.

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Dedication of Lutheridge - - July 4th - 3 p.m.
** **
PICNIC PERIODS
MAY 15th to JUNE 15th  SEPTEMBER 1st to OCTOBER 15th
For Reservations Write The Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, Hickory, N. C.
Accommodations for a limited number of young people and adults from Saturday afternoon to Sunday afternoon.
Must write for RESERVATIONS. Sunday Services with Guest Ministers preaching.

Lutheridge
REGISTRATION
1951

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Name ________________________________________________________
Address _____________________________________________________
Date of Birth_________________________ Grade in School__________
Period in Camp________________________ Name of Church__________
Have you attended camp before?________ Where?__________________

Your registration fee of $_________ has been received, and reserva-
tions have been made for you___________________________ at which time
you will be expected to pay the balance of the weekly rate of $18.00. The
fee of $5.00 is not returnable UNLESS your cancellation is in the office at least
two (2) weeks prior to the time you are to come to Lutheridge. Your place
may be taken by another of the same sex.
Registration will begin each Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, and the first
meal will be Sunday night supper. Those who find it necessary to come
earlier MUST notify the office in advance and will pay the regular daily rate
as published in folder.
Trains will be met Sunday afternoon at Biltmore and Fletcher, and buses
will be met at the Main Entrance Gate, when we are notified in advance to do
this.
This card MUST BE presented at the Registration desk.
THE REV. J. LEWIS THORNBURG, D. D.
ARDEN, NORTH CAROLINA
Telephones - Residence: MUtual 4-6447 - Office: MUtual 4-4591 (June first)
The Board of Trustees authorized engineers, Carter and Bearden, to survey the area west of Laurel Drive, and lay out lots, ranging in price from $350.00 to $750.00. The first lot sold was purchased by Mr. J. K. Taylor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Greenville, S.C., and the first cottage to be erected in this residential area was built by Dr. L. R. Zimmerman, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, High Point, N.C.

Executive Director Thornburg was the selling agent, and people came from all areas of the owning synods, to look, and some to purchase. All lots in the area were sold within a very short time. The receipts from these sales proved to be sufficient to cover the cost of installing water and sewer lines for most of the acreage which had been purchased and to be used for summer programs.

Prospective buyers.
Things were very plain and simple. The Program Planning Council later to be called, the Program Committee of the Board of Trustees, had planned for a six weeks' program: Two for Seniors; two for Intermediates; two for Juniors, with the possibility of a seventh week for Junior-Intermediates.

Mrs. E. J. Sox, Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory had been employed as dietician; Mrs. Thornburg was to serve as registrar and dining hall hostess and Jane Sox and Martha Thomburg would serve as the summer staff.

The first formal conference was held at Lutheridge on May 2, 1951 under the auspices of the Parish and Church School Board, United Lutheran Church, the Rev. S. White Rhyme, Executive Secretary. The delegates shown in the photo came from synods of the southeast and were members of parish education committees. The conference lasted for three days.
First Summer Staff

Kitchen Staff
Susie Hammond
Marie Nesby
Ovenia Alexander

Mrs. E. J. Sox, Dietician

Martha Thornburg (left), Jane Sox (right).

Mrs. J. Lewis Thornburg
The First Season

1951

The first eight buildings to be constructed, and furnished were now ready to receive those who had registered for the leadership training programs. A typical schedule for intermediates is shown, with leaders and topics of courses offered.

**Paster John L. Yost, Jr., (left) and Pastor Douglas Fritz (right) leading the campers to the Altar of Dedication, each carrying a stone to be placed on the altar.**

**A group of campers who were enrolled in another week, serving in the dining hall.**

**Martha and Jane serving at the snack bar in Efird Hall.**

**Campers on their way to classes in Efird Hall.**
Enjoying a delicious meal in the dining hall

Christmas Pageant given by Senior Campers

Lutheridge's first station wagon
Lineberger Foundation
incorporated
Belmont, North Carolina

April 2nd, 1951.

Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg,
Executive Director,
931 15th Avenue,
Hickory, N. C.

Dear Mr. Thornburg:

Since our last discussion of the matter, my brothers, Henry and Joe, and I have discussed the need for a Dining Hall-Kitchen building at Lutheridge, and as you know from our recent telephone conversation, we have decided that we would like to provide this facility by making a donation of $25,000.00 to Lutheridge, Inc.

Cordially yours,

J. Harold Lineberger

The spacious veranda, looking westward with Cane Creek valley in the distant foreground.

The large train bell, a gift of the Southern Railway. The bell was a multi-purpose item: the rising bell, the call to meals, vespers calls and other announcements.

The rear of the building, showing the frame construction along with three large windows which could be easily removed when the building would be totally completed.

The exterior of the building looking from Efird Hall.
The outer office and registration desk, where everyone comes for registration and other information.

Rear view of Efird Hall

Lounge in Efird Hall, Lutheridge.
The Dedication

1951

What a July 4th Celebration!

Eight buildings and grounds, consisting of one hundred and seventy-two acres, free of indebtedness and to be dedicated to the Glory of God and to the leadership growth and development of children, young people and adults.

The Dedicatory Bulletin along with some photos, records some interesting information. A delightful surprise came when Pastor Iddings of the First Lutheran Church, Albemarle, N.C., presented the painting of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Efird on behalf of their daughter Mrs. Estelle Efird Morrow. Their gift of $52,000.00 to the North Carolina Synod provided the funds for the construction of Efird Hall.

These paintings hang in the spacious lounge of Efird Hall, along with a painting by a Norwegian artist, given by Mrs. C.A. Linn, Atlanta, Georgia in memory of her husband, Vice President of the Board of Trustees. Still another piece of historic interest, is the grand piano, which belonged to Dr. and Mrs. C. B. King, the former President of Elizabeth College, Charlotte, N.C., first given to St. Mark’s Lutheran Sunday School and later to Lutheridge.

A capacity group of juniors and their leaders were attending camp this week, and one of their group, Jerry Fogle of Holy Communion Lutheran Church, Dallas, N.C. was chosen as a typical junior camper.

TO LUTHERIDGE

1. Oh, Lutheridge, such wealth is thine,
   Thy hills declare "God is Divine."
   Thy stately trees point us the way,
   All Nature sings "This is God’s day."

   Oh, Lord of all that we do see
   May Lutheridge guide us to Thee.

2. Thy trails wind over hills and glade
   Lead on to goals which are man made;
   Thy other path, not made of sod,
   Shall lead us over trails to God.

   Oh, Lord of all that we do see
   May Lutheridge guide us to Thee.

3. Oh, Lutheridge, when we depart
   May all we’ve seen live in our heart,
   May God’s own presence set the pace,
   And cause all men to seek His face.

   Oh, Lord of all that we do see
   May Lutheridge guide us to Thee.

The words and music of the Lutheridge hymn were arranged by Miss Winifred Bodie, Mrs. Stafford Swing, Miss Roslyn Bodie and a group of junior campers.

The hymn was sung for the first time at the dedicatory service.

Composers of Lutheridge Hymn

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Dedication of
LUTHERIDGE
LUTHERAN SUMMER ASSEMBLY GROUNDS
ARDEN ... NORTH CAROLINA

An Institution jointly owned by the Evangelical Lutheran Synods of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia-Alabama, for the purpose of Christian Leadership Training.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 1951
3:00 P.M.

The Service of Dedication
LED BY
THE REV. J. LEWIS THORNBURG, D.D. Executive Director.

Hymn—"God Himself Is Present."

Verses and Response:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

The Lord preserve our going out and coming in;

From this time forth, even for evermore.

Peace be unto this place.

And all that come here.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord; or who shall stand in His holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Minister and Congregation: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lesson: The Rev. Carl Fisher, Pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Mount Holly, N. C.

The Prayer: The Rev. J. W. Iohnson, Pastor, First Lutheran Church, Albemarle, N. C.

The Dedication Message:

The Rev. H. A. McCullough, Sr., D.D., Pastor Emeritus, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Columbia, S. C.


Hymn—"Beautiful Saviour."

Announcements.

Minister: Let us pray.

The Benediction.

GENERAL INSPECTION OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

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Has As Its Chief Purpose The Training Of Christian Leaders
The lounge in Efird Hall, with pictures of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Efird hanging on the wall at the East End.

Rear view of Efird Hall
Terrace and Water Fountain in the rear of Efird Hall given by L.C.W. of South Carolina and Ladies Auxiliary of St. John's, Statesville, N.C.

Opening of road from Main Entrance
The Second Season

1952

The FIRST season had ended, and a host of people who had participated in the programs, spending short weekends, coming for Sunday worship and picnics—returned to their homes to share the good news—Tel-A-Vision—of what they had seen and heard. The Trustees had awarded contracts to low bidders, Howard-Hickory Construction of Hickory, N.C. to build Luther Lodge and the Recreational (“Rec”) Hall. The 1952 schedule has been prepared and distributed, and many, many more children, young people and adults will be coming to Lutheridge.

In the meantime, Executive Director Thornburg was busy travelling across the owning synods and spreading the good news. His responsibility: to solicit funds for construction of Luther Lodge and encouraging early registrations. The Luther Leagues of the synods are engaged in “The Penny Parade,” a pageant prepared by Betty Rice, to pay for construction of “Rec,” their building.

Our Sunday Schools, as well as private individuals were challenged and encouraged to send contributions to pay $40,000 cost for the construction of Luther Lodge. Offering envelopes were printed and distributed throughout the area: printed checks, pledge cards as well as letters (similar to the one printed here from Mr. Clarence Whisnant), for the annual Thanksgiving—Christmas Appeal. (This one from 1957).

We attended the annual convention of the Georgia-Alabama Synods at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Savannah. We remained in the city for the weekend when members arranged an appearance at the opening of one Sunday School and the closing of another; speaking to a congregation at their morning worship, attending a Luther League meeting, and a Vesper Service following this. These contacts bore fruit. One of the cards indicate the FIRST gift of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS received from Mr. Rhue, Brunswick, Ga.
What to Bring to Camp

Remember you are not going on a six-weeks cruise, and will not need all the clothing you possess! The truth is that most campers bring too many things. May we help you suggest a few things?

A Bible, with good print.
Two blankets (Wool preferred)
Two sheets (Pillow cases if desired)
Drinking Cup
Raincoat, Pair of old shoes
Note book and pencil
Shorts, Shirts, Slumgarees
Ratbng Suit
Toilet articles
Shells, Sweater or Warm Jacket
Clothing, usable for fashion show and stunts.

What Not to Bring

Radio, comic books, candy, fruit, and foods of any kind. Parents and friends are asked not to send or bring food or fruit to campers.

Those wishing to spend week-ends at Lutheridge during June, July and August, as well as those who may desire to spend longer time during September and October are asked to make reservations with the Executive Director, Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg.

1952 Program

Camp Lutheridge will begin its second year of operation June 19th. Additional sleeping quarters provided by our new "Dorm" and a longer camping season will result in more happy children, young people and adults coming to Lutheridge for a mountain-top experience.

The Program Planning Council has prepared a rich, full and varied program for those who attend the various camps and conferences. Bible study will be a vital part of every day’s activity. Camp courses will be offered for Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors. Also courses in leadership training, missions, stewardship and church music will be given. Supervised recreation will include archery, shuffleboard, ping pong, soft ball, volley ball, horse shoe pitching, swimming and hiking. Dramatics, nature study, crafts and other worthwhile projects will be a part of the daily program. Not a dull moment!

Lutheridge is much more than a recreational camp. Altho play and recreation is a part of the daily program, the chief purpose of Lutheridge is "to train Christian leaders for the Church, the home, the community, the nation and the world," and to aid children, young people and adults "to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ."

We, therefore, expect those who come to Lutheridge to be willing to participate wholeheartedly in this glorious adventure of Christian community living.

All campers must have a health certificate filled out after examination by doctor not more than one week before entering camp.

No refunds on registration fees will be made after two weeks prior to opening of camp period.

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Campers bringing individual or group sponsored outings on the Lutheridge Assembly Grounds will be under the same rules that govern other Lutheridge events. Excursion will be expected to pay a Registration Fee.
Lutheridge
LUTHERAN ASSEMBLY GROUNDS
ARDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. J. LEWIS THORNBURG, D.D.
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ARDEN, N. C.

Dear Friends in Christ:

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Will you not share your blessings with Lutheridge? Your gifts will help us to build and to grow. May you find it a real joy to be on the giving end of this far-reaching program of Kingdom building.

With genuine thanks and God's every blessing upon you and yours, we remain,

Gratefully yours,

C. L. WHITAKER, CHAIRMAN
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W. MILLER GROSDEN, TREASURER

LUTHERIDGE, INC.

Lutheran Assembly Grounds Program
$100,000.00 Appeal

Consideration of the gifts of others, as an expression of my desire to see this project established as soon as possible, I submit to you this program of Christian leadership training. A favorable response to this presentation has enabled our Board to do many things that otherwise would have to wait. Last year we received over $7,000.00, and we are hoping that the amount will reach $15,000.00 this year.

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The Trustees created a new department for finances. The Treasurer of the Corporation was to handle all capital funds; and the Executive Director was appointed Business Manager and Treasurer of "Lutheridge Assembly" or "Camp Lutheridge", thereby handling all finances in connection with the summer sessions and other program activities.

LUTHERIDGE ASSEMBLY
ARDEN, NORTH CAROLINA 28704

PAY TO THE ORDER OF:
THE NORTHWESTERN BANK
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LUTHERIDGE ASSEMBLY
J. LEWIS THORNBURG, TREASURER

1952

July 19-23
Board of American Missionary Conference
DEAN: Dr. Karl S. Henry

Date: 19

Dollars

1952

JUNE 13-19
Youth Leadership Training
MISS INEZ SEAGLE, Program Director

June 20 through July 3
Intermediate Boys and Girls (12, 13, 14)
Bible Study, "The Acts of the Apostles"
Camp Grounds, "From All The World"

In addition to these courses of study, there will be offered a full and varied program of the arts, crafts and recreational activity. A happy and enriching work of "Christian Community Living".

THE COST
Each person, attending one week pays $17.00, and those attending the two week period will pay a total of $33.00.

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Parents are asked to see that children do not bring EXCESS amount of clothing for a week stay.

Inez Seagle

MRS. E. A. MOORE
"Aunt Grace"
Dietician

LUTHERIDGE

Lutheridge is the name of a camp and Assembly Area in western North Carolina. Daniel and spiritual leader John Lutheridge started the camp in 1923. Lutheridge now has a program of Christian education for all age groups.

The camp opens on June 19, and closes August 26.

To address the weekly program, food and accommodations are provided for a limited number. Reservations must be made in advance.

MISS INEZ SEAGLE, Program Director

LUTHERIDGE Director J. Lewis Thornburg (left) accepts the keys for a new station wagon for the summer assembly from Lenoir Rhine College Head Resident E. J. Sox, who assisted Dr. Thornburg in raising funds and arranging the trade of an older model. The purchase was made with money given by Lutheridge friends, primarily in Western North Carolina.
WE ACT IN
LUTHERAN STUDENT ACTION
Our program of prayer, effort and money—by which we can meet a few of the needs facing our neighbors.
The Needs—$31,230

Action Abroad
World Student Christian Federation—$7,500
WSCF Staff Member—$2,500
Hanover Scholarship Fund—$2,000
German Student Movement—$1,500
Scholarships—$1,200
Youth Work in the Far East—$100
Lay Pastor in France—$500
Seminary students in Yugoslavia—$500
Literature for refugees in Great Britain—$500
Action at Home
United Student Christian Council—$2,500
Publications—$2,280
Mission to international students (Mrs. Kohls) —$1,600
Ashram guests—$1,200
California Student Service Project—$450
Full-time student worker—$2,000
Administration—$5,100

"Tend the flock of God . . ."

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

FRIDAY
Registration ................................... 4:00
Supper ......................................... 6:30
"THE WORLD"
Opening Address ................................ 7:30
The Rev. George Forell, D.D.
Educational Secretary
Division of Student Service
National Lutheran Council
Mixer ............................................. 8:30
Lenoir Rhyne in charge
Campfire ...................................... 10:30
Installation of Area Officers
V. P. I. and Norman Hjelm in charge

SATURDAY
Rise ............................................. 7:00
Breakfast ...................................... 7:30
Matins ......................................... 8:30
Bible Study Introduction
The Rev. Albert H. Keck, Jr.
Liturgy
Richard Hollinger
Quiet Hour ................................... 9:00
Bible Study .................................. 9:30
Free Time ...................................... 10:30
LSAA Internationale (LS Action) ......... 11:30
Don Castor
Lunch .......................................... 12:30
Area Meetings ................................ 1:30
Recreation ................................... 2:30
Banquet ...................................... 6:30
"GOD WORKS THROUGH THE CHURCH"
Dr. Voight R. Cromer
President of Lenoir Rhyne College
Hickory, North Carolina
Seminars ...................................... 8:00
1. Why, L. S. A.—Pastor Elbert
2. Workshops for Officers—Norman Hjelm
3. Why I Am a Lutheran—Dr. Forell
Recreation: Movie .......................... 9:00
Campfire .................................... 10:30
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SUNDAY
Breakfast ...................................... 8:00
Quiet Hour .................................... 8:30
Bible Study .................................. 9:00
Free Time ...................................... 10:00
The Service with Communion .......... 11:00
Dr. Karl W. Kinard—FRONTIERS
President of South Carolina Synod
Installation of Regional Officers
Norman Hjelm
Dinner ....................................... 12:30

The Bible Study based on Acts 2.
Remember Bibles and notebooks.

Registration .................................. $1.00
Room and Board .............................. 6.00
Travel Pool ................................... 1.00

Total ........................................... $8.00

Southeastern Officers
President—Marvin Shealy (Deceased)
Vice President—Don Castor (Acting President)—Duke
Secretary—Bill Johnson (Acting President)—South Carolina
Treasurer—A. Clifton Gray—V. P. I.
LEADERSHIP TRAINING INVOLVES STUDY, INSTRUCTION

Efrid Hall was designed for this purpose with six classrooms and a large assembly. Similar provisions were made in a number of other buildings on the grounds. Quite often when weather and surroundings were favorable, classes were held out of doors.

Conference For Church School Administrators
LUTHERIDGE JULY 6-8, 1957

SUNDAY MORNING

7:30-8:00 Morning Watch
8:00 Breakfast
9:45 Sunday School Adults and Young People
11:00 Morning Worship

LUTHERIDGE ARDEN, NORTH CAROLINA
July 6-8, 1957

3:30-4:30 The Overall Coordinated Children's Program
Miss Eleanor Sheets

4:30-5:15 Problem Clinic
Dr. Harold Creager

7:30-8:30 "The Role of Theology in Christian Education For Today"
Dr. Harold Creager

8:30-9:30 Audio Visual Aids
Rev. George Ammon

11:00 Lights Out

MONDAY

7:30-8:00 Arising and Morning Watch
8:00 Breakfast
9:00-9:30 Devotions

9:30-10:20 Weekly and Vacation Church Schools
Miss Eleanor Sheets

10:30-10:40 Intermission

10:40-11:40 Audio Visual Aids
Rev. George Ammon

12:00 Lunch

1:30-2:30 The Sunday School and Stewardship
Rev. E. L. Misenheimer

2:30-3:00 Conference Evaluation and Announcements
Closing

PROGRAM 1961
FIRST LEADERSHIP WEEK
JULY 2-6, 1961
DEAN: THE REV. JACK EVERETT SMITH,
Pastor St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Asheville, N. C.

Vesper Speaker: The Rev. Louis H. Valbracht, Pastor Edgewood Lutheran Church, Chicago; Graduate of Wittenberg and Hamma Divinity; Speaker at Luther League Conventions; Church Summer Schools and a Missioner in the Evangelism Program of the ULCA.

THE SECOND LEADERSHIP WEEK
JULY 23-29, 1961
DEAN: THE REV. JOSEPH HOLT,
Pastor St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Decatur, Ga.

Vesper Speaker: The Rev. Edmund Steinle, D.D., Graduate of Princeton and University of Penn., Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia; Professor of Practical Theology, Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia; Brown Professor of Homiletics Elect, Union Theological Seminary, New York. NBC National Radio Pulpit; United Lutheran Series of the Protestant Hour, 1953-1961.
SOME PHOTOS OF DAILY EVENTS

Vespers.

Morning watch.

Flag raising & lowering.

General Assembly, Inspection report and fun time.

Recreation.

Meals in dining hall.

Down cabin row with a gleam and a glint,
The snooping snoopers gaily went,
At cabin one and on down the line,
Hoping some leep jeeps at least they would find.
Down on all fours they carefully crept,
Looking for some place that hadn't been swept.
No leep jeeps in sight! All bunks carefully made.
These snoopers returned, and all were dismayed.
At cabin six, what did they see?
A big cardboard sign, as plain as could be:
"To you, you snoopers, better beware.
You may be mistaken for a big mountain bear."
Out of there they quickly retreated.
Their task now halfway completed.
"Certainly," they said, "This cannot be.
There's something wrong, somewhere, yes siree.
These campers on us are playing a trick.
We must find something, and find it quick."
The dorm they inspected with hearts full of hope.
Find anything? The answer was, "Nope."
And then at the last, their hopes were revived.
Paper in front, they gratefully spied.
Someone had swept right down the steps,
Dust and leep jeeps and paper scraps.
Tomorrow, if they don't do better,
From me they will get one little letter
Telling them from their jobs they are fired
And more in their place have just been hired.
TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE
AT LUTHERIDGE

Rising Bell
Morning Watch
Flag Raising
Breakfast
Clean-up Time
Classes: Bible Study, Camp Course; First and Second Leadership
Dinner
Rest Period: F.O.B.
Assembly: Inspection Report
A variety of recreational activities
Get ready for supper
Flag Lowering
Supper
Canteen, Snack Bar
Vespers
Night's Doings . . . Fun Time
Ready to retire.
Lights out . . . Quiet

Each week there are three special events: Introduction of Staff on Sunday night; Lakeside Vespers on Thursday night; and Friday night entertainment by permanent staff followed by the traditional Camp Fire Ceremonies.

Where new friendships are formed

Classes

Nights Doings

Classes

Rest period, F.O.B.
Checking mission study materials and other literature to be used at home.

Rev. Keith Beam teaching a camp course.

Mrs. W. A. Voss conducting a Mission Study Class in Efird Hall Assembly.

Teaching a class under the "REC" hall.
The Board of Trustees of Lutheridge set up guidelines for the hiring of young people to serve on the staff. They must have completed one year of college training or the equivalent in some other training school.

We salute that large group of young people who served with us during the years from 1951 to 1967. What an array of talent! Their energy, enthusiasm, dedication, along with some of their mischievousness still amazes us. We have thought of you many times, and have longed to see you again. A few times our paths have crossed at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, or at a Global Mission Event.

When we think of you as young collegians, we also think of that other group of persons who stood high, and gave balance to a wonderful summer staff. We would like to name all of these but can only mention a few due to limited space: The Rev. Marcus Otterbein; Miss Winnie Butt; Miss Ethel Hockemyer, Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Long; Dr. Inez Seagle, Paul Holscher (Uncle Dutch); Mrs. R. H. Bingham; Mrs. E. A. Moore (Aunt Grace).

We have a file of all of these as well as the names of leaders, both nationally and internationally who shared some of their time, skills and abilities with us. We thank each of you, sincerely and fully.

We have only a few photos, but we hope that some of these will help to bring fond remembrances to many of you.
PERMANENT SUMMER STAFF

1954
Mr. Paul Holscher (Uncle Dutch) ........................................ Water Front Director
Miss Inez Seagle ................................................................. Program Director
Miss Janice Clodfelter ......................................................... Co-Director
Mrs. Marjorie Wagoner ....................................................... Dietician
Mrs. Fannie Mayer ............................................................. Dining Hall Hostess
Mrs. Frank McCarver ......................................................... Leadership Hall Hostess
Mrs. J. Lewis Thornburg ..................................................... Book Store & Registrar

Kitchen Staff: Ovenia Alexander, Susie Hammond, Marie Nesby

Ardis Miller .......................... Frances Montsinger .......................... Robert Dasher
Connie Bertolet .......................... Louise Ritter .......................... Paul Rudisill
Martha Thornburg .......................................................... Melba Taylor .......................... William Boyd
Sarah Burns ................................................................. Joan Hurst .......................... Walter Tatum

1956 SUMMER STAFF

1956
Miss Inez Seagle (Robin) ...................................................... Program Director
Mrs. Maude Sumner .......................................................... Dietician
Mrs. Frank McCarver ......................................................... Dining Hall Hostess
Mrs. F. M. Mayer ............................................................. Leadership Hall Hostess
Mr. Paul Holscher (Uncle Dutch) ........................................ Water Front Director
Mrs. J. Lewis Thornburg ..................................................... Registrar

Shirley Keaton ................................................................. Doris Shook .......................... Betsy Shealy
Caroline Todd ................................................................. Linda Adkins .......................... Joe Holt
Barbara Keller ................................................................. Jerry Hollar .......................... Joyce Keller
Sara Huddle ................................................................. John Cline .......................... Melba Taylor
Martha Hewley ................................................................. Ralph Wallace .......................... Frankie McCarver
Miriam Eleazer .................................................................

PERMANENT STAFF AND PIONEER CAMP LEADERS

1961
Richard Graf ......................................................... J. Lewis Thornburg ........................................ Patricia Hartsell
Mrs. Richard Graf ......................................................... Mrs. J. Lewis Thornburg ........................................ Scott Hendrix
Jean Derrick ......................................................... Mrs. J. V. Long ........................................... Jo Elaine Hoffman
Becky Coffey ................................................................. Miss Ethel Hockemyer ........................................ David Huddle
Betty Roof ................................................................. Miss Winnie Butt ........................................ May Frances Jantzen
Al Mullen ................................................................. Mrs. E. A. Moore ........................................ Susan McGinnis
Virginia Lewis ................................................................. Mrs. L. O. Shook ........................................ Mary Mahler
John Boyd ................................................................. Grace Fish .............................................. Kitty Miller
Joyce Plonk ................................................................. Margaret Fish ........................................ Peggy Murph
Rebecca Lindler ............................................................ Mrs. Herbert Volkert ...................................... Betty Roof
Marie Templeton .......................................................... Marilyn Bopp ........................................ Linda Sloop
Peggy Deal ................................................................. Lois Bouknight ........................................ Ethelyn Smith
Vivian McSwain .......................................................... Marion Clark ........................................ Patricia Stender
Norma Lansford .......................................................... Becky Coffey ........................................ George David Swygert
"Schonnie" Setzer .......................................................... Kathy Cooper ........................................ Kitty Kay Thornburg
Marion Clark ................................................................. John Cooper ........................................ Ella Walters
Eugene Windham .......................................................... Jean Derrick ........................................ Carl Warren
John Bradburn .............................................................. John Ellsworth ........................................ Janice Weaver
Ed Schaak ................................................................. Patsy Frick ........................................ Emogene Windham

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PERMANENT SUMMER STAFF

Mrs. J.V. Long ........................................ Program Director
Dianne Bumgartner ................................... Associate Director
Barbara Beck ........................................... Water Front Director
Arden Ray ................................................ Associate Director
Mrs. Arden Ray ......................................... Dining Hall Hostess
Rev. and Mrs. Ben Clark ................................... Host & Hostess Leadership Hall
Mrs. E.A. Moore (Aunt Grace) ...................... Dietician
Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Shealy ......................... Joint Host & Hostess Kohnjoy
Mrs. J. Lewis Thornburg ............................ Registrar
Miss Winnie Butt ...................................... Resource Person
Mrs. Bingham ............................................ Resource Person

Kitchen Staff: Ovenia Alexander, Susie Hammond, Marie Nesby, Mrs. Carolina Huber, Mrs. Jim Ball, Mrs. Larry Hulme, Mrs. Effie Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Jon Fogleman
Mary Louise Haack
Mr. and Mrs. John Cline
Cecelia Page
Libby Deal
Tom Ford, Jr.
Russ Stilwell
Dick Poole
Nancy Caughman
Charles Cullum
Judy Fry
Dottie Hendrix
Linda Kewat
Susan Coble
Jane Rimmer
Mary Francis Sigmon
Tom Steele
Sylvia Buff
Linda Caldwell
Carol Ballentine

Judy Wessinger
Patricia Zipperer
Lorraine Wolf
Conrad Conrumb
Clyde Overcash
Alice Rhyne
Carol Anne Blanenburg
Bonnie Rapp
Wayne Williams
LeVerne Miller
Wanda Blackwood
Sarah Kessler
Martha Potter
Judy Autry
Johnnie Dennis
Jo Bookhoop
Sara Proto
Nancy Carpenter

Sunday was a significant day for summer staff at Lutheridge. Camp attire was not the order of the day, and both men and women were encouraged to dress differently from the routine camp attire. And how gratifying it was to greet them. Time was allowed for the change-over before afternoon duties began.

SENIOR WEEK—
JUNE 7-13, 1959

FIVE YEAR CAMPERS
Patsy Rhyne
Ann Morrison
David Mellichamp
Bobby Carlton
Steven Duncan
Robert Justus
Ann Rice

SIX YEAR CAMPERS
Andy Mauney
George Privette
Pastor and Mrs. Clark

SEVEN YEAR CAMPERS
Don Steele

EIGHT YEAR CAMPERS
Linda Nichols
Margaret Ridenhour
Amy Meyer
Shirley Katzenmoyer
The Leaders

1951 Forward!
Local and Church-wide Leaders

How well and how pleasantly we recall so many of you. We seldom fail to give thanks for the valuable contribution each of you made in terms of time, talent and dedication. Our files contain the names of most of you, and the part you played in our ongoing summer programs. God alone can register in His divine mind the witness and the influence you had in the lives of children, youths and adults.

The names of some will appear under the head of “Programs”.

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, President of the United Lutheran Church in America, and Dr. Elson Ruff, Editor of The Lutheran were among a vast number of renowned leaders in the Lutheran Church who participated in programs of Leadership Training which we offered at Lutheridge.

By Elson Ruff—

I am amazed to see what has been done at Lutheridge in so short a time. The splendid grounds and fine buildings acquired are only part of it. You have a superb, effective program of Christian training underway. I know of no other summer camp in our church which has done so much in six years.

It is obvious that the decisive factor in this swift progress has been the Thornburgs. Dr. Thornburg and I were fellow students in theological seminary some 30 years ago, so I take special pleasure in observing the results of his genius and devotion in leading this work. If ever a man and an opportunity met at the right moment. it was when he took charge of this program. A man who had put such skill and energy into developing a commercial summer resort so rapidly would already be wealthy as a result. In a higher sense I feel that Dr. Thornburg is wealthy in knowing of the marvelous blessing that has been showered on his work.

The Thornburgs alone would have accomplished little, of course. How strongly and imaginatively the Southern synods have supported this work. It has been a pleasure to be here this week and observe the excellent progress along one of the most important frontiers of present days church life—the summer camping program.
Fry Is Attending Lutheran Session

Dr. Frances Clark Fry, school principal, was attended through Friday and Saturday by the United Lutheran Church in America, in attendance at the 17th annual meeting of the Board of Trustees in Tampa.

The meeting was held at the University of Tampa, and Dr. Fry, as president of the Board of Trustees, addressed the meeting. In his address, he emphasized the importance of the church's educational work and the need for increased support of its activities.

The meeting concluded on Saturday with a worship service at the University of Tampa, attended by Dr. Fry and other church leaders.

The Lutheran Session was attended by a group of church leaders, including Dr. J. Lewis Thurnburg, executive director of Lutheran Schools, and Dr. Walter H. Fleet, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The session was held in conjunction with the Second General Assembly of the United Lutheran Church in America, which was held in 1955.
An announcing announcement of the Second General Assembly of LUTHERAN ASSEMBLY GROUNDS Arden, N.C.

July 24-30, 1955

The Rev. J. Lewis Thunder, D.D.

LUTHERAN

One Bishop Talks, Other Is Reticent

By RALPH FLEMMING

CHICAGO (Reuters)—A Lutheran
bishop who has faced a
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Source: the National Press

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Dear friends,

"write to us from Africa". Those were the farewell words from so many in the U.S.A. last year. And now I have already been back in S. Africa for several months. So I shall have to start by making up my notes in order to prepare talks or find some good points that I could use in my work.

Yours in the Lord's Service


Dr. Subama

They came from many parts of the world with natives and missionaries from Japan and far away India (Dr. Subama, with Mrs. Thornburg and a small family.) She told her hearers, "You are now seeing the fruits of Christian missions. I grew up in a very primitive, non-christian tradition." She is now the president of a Lutheran educational institution in Madras, India.

L. to r., Dr. Charles Carrol, Bishop Hans Lilje, and Thornburg.

Dr. Subama
A grandfather and his granddaughter enjoying the fun-time at night's doings during Senior citizens week.
A large group picture of senior citizens.

Dr. E. B. Keisler, retired Lutheran minister leading a Bible study at another time for senior citizens.

Bible study led by Dr. Sam Hahn for Senior Citizens in the lounge at Efird Hall.
Senior citizens enjoying relaxed conversation and fellowship on the lawn of Efird Hall.
Weekly Programs

Someone has said "Variety is the spice of life", and we can safely add that the variety of programs offered at our Lutheran Assembly Grounds called Lutheridge is the major attraction which keeps people coming in increasing numbers. We hope the materials offered in this section will validate what we have just written.
TENTH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM 1960

The Lutheran Board of tracer is pleased to extend communications to all our friends and supporters. This is an opportunity to share with you some of the highlights of the program. The Board's annual meeting was held in November, and a report on the activities of the Board will be published in the next issue of the journal. The program was attended by a large number of persons who were interested in the work of the Board.

1. SORORITY: June 3-4 (Progressive college tutor's retreat).

2. SENIOR WEEK: June 11-12 (Annual retreat of college tutors and leaders).

3. INTERMEDIATE PIONEER CAMP: June 12-13 (Intermediate camp for college tutors and leaders).

4. SENIOR-INTERMEDIATE WEEK: June 12-13 (A week-long retreat for college tutors and leaders).

5. JUNIOR PIONEER CAMP: June 19-20 (Intermediate camp for college tutors and leaders).

6. INTERMEDIATE WEEK: June 26-27 (Intermediate camp for college tutors and leaders).

7. JUNIOR PIONEER CAMP: June 28-29 (Intermediate camp for college tutors and leaders).

8. LEADERSHIP WEEK: July 4-5 (A weeklong retreat for college tutors and leaders).

9. SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC: July 8-9 (An intensive course for college tutors and leaders).

10. JUNIOR PIONEER CAMP: July 16-17 (Intermediate camp for college tutors and leaders).

11. JUNIOR-INTERMEDIATE CAMP: July 23-24 (Intermediate camp for college tutors and leaders).

12. LEADERSHIP WEEK: July 30-31 (A weeklong retreat for college tutors and leaders).

13. SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC: August 6-7 (An intensive course for college tutors and leaders).


15. LEADERSHIP WEEK: August 19-20 (A weeklong retreat for college tutors and leaders).

16. CONFERENCE WEEK: September 2-3 (A conference for college tutors and leaders).

Programs similar to these were offered every week.

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The Sixth Annual School of Church Music

Lutheran Assembly Grounds
Arden, North Carolina
August 25-31, 1957

The Rev. R. Harold Terry, Director

REGISTER NOW
Send Reservations to
Dr. J. Lewis Thornburg
Executive Director
C 0 Lutheran, Arden, N. C.

Conferences for Church School Administrators

Study and Leadership

Your Conference Week

LUTHERAN ARDEN, NORTH CAROLINA
July 8-8, 1957

Mrs. Russell L. Byrnes
Founder and Director of The Children's School of Music, Atlanta Ga. Specializes in children's and youth music, and is on the faculty of Converse College with post-graduate study in leading music centers of the nation. Eastern School of Music, Rochester, N. Y. and special study in New York and Chicago.

Mrs. Wayne Kostis
Assistant Professor, School of Sacred Music, Columbia University. Dr. Kostis will be a frequent guest of honor at the site.

WHAT IS CONFERENCE WEEK?

This is a period of time set aside with the cooperation of the Synod, for Adult Education. Here is an opportunity to learn more about the Church, both in the United States and around the world. The Synod has organized a number of conferences throughout the country for this purpose.

WHO IS IT FOR?

This conference is for the Lady, the Pastor, and their families. All Lutherans of the church-going age are welcome.

MISSION HALL—Constructed from funds contributed by the Women's Auxiliary

LUTHERAN ARDEN, NORTH CAROLINA
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3-6 DAYS OF FAMILY ENRICHMENT

Lutheran Assembly
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THE COST

The total cost of the school will be $25.00 which will include room, board, and all music used. A registration fee of $3.00 must accompany each reservation which will be applied on the above cost.

Time of Arrival and Departure

The school will begin on August 25th with registration beginning at 2 p.m. The last meal served will be breakfast on Saturday morning, August 31st.
Make it A
Singing Vacation
At Lutheridge

JULY 9-15, 1961

JUNIOR CHOIR CAMP
LEADER: MR. RICHARD SIEBER
ACCOMPANIST: MISS DELORES HAHN

Ages: 9-14
Junior Choir Directors, plan to send some of your members or the entire group, for a week of supervised work and play.

Cost: $18.00

School of CHURCH MUSIC
REV. A. JAMPS LAUGHLIN, Director
REV. HERMAN CAUBLE, Chaplain

Seniors and Up
Outstanding leaders in organ and choral work.
Organist, Choir Directors, members of choirs you should not miss this opportunity.
Pastors and Church Councilmen see that some one from your parish is receiving the benefits of such a week...studying new methods...materials...literature...worship and inspiration.

LEADERS:
Dr. Sigvant J. Steen
Prof. Paul Peterson
Dr. Richard Carlson
Mrs. J. W. Remington
Miss Dorothy Gilham

Cost: $20.00

LUTHERIDGE—Lutheran Assembly Grounds
ARDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION NOW.
Recreation

Swimming

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. We do not want this to happen to any boy, girl, man or woman who comes to Lutheridge. Our afternoons afford ample time and opportunities for all to participate in some form of supervised recreation and fellowship. We have group games and individual activities; and the arrangement of these activities gives the small cabin groups with their counsellors an opportunity to mix and mingle with much larger groups. We are pleased to share some photos with you.

Ready to hit the nice, cool, spring fed water in the lake.

A junior camper aiming for the bull’s eye at the archery range.

"Uncle Dutch" Paul Holscher, rules supreme as the waterfront director.

Swimming could well be the most popular sport, both at the lake and at the pool.
CRAFTS, learning to make things, was a part of each afternoon’s activities. This was true of the FIRST summer, even though our facilities were limited and cramped. Craft supplies and materials were for sale, and instead of buying something which another had made, everyone was encouraged to try their hand at creating, designing and making their “own thing” to take home.

Leather work Many find pleasure and satisfaction in making a slide as well as many other items.

Lanyards The teacher and the pupil engaged in a teaching-learning experience.

Marionett’s This art required imagination, skill and dexterity.

Shells & beads And what a lovely sight to behold.

Other There were other craft activities under “Rec. Hall” and at other places. Then Beldl Craft arrived, providing many more activities. There was pottery, wood carving, and painting.
Net games on the all-weather play ground.

Jane Pope and two friends have fun in the lake with "The Seagle," one of our canoes named in honor of Program Director Dr. Seagle (Robin).

Summer Staffer Joe Holt and a group of campers on the Nature Trail.

Shuffle Board, and there are eight of these courts on the grounds.

Having some fun and frolic at Night's Doings at the "Rex" Hall.
Campfire Ceremonies

Altar of Dedication

At the conclusion of the Friday night entertainment by the staff, a member of the staff explained the ritual of the rock, dating back to ancient Biblical times. Each one was asked to select a rock or small stone picked up from the ground, and carried with them to Friendship Circle and on to the Altar of Dedication.

“What means these stones?”

Since earliest times man has used a stone or heaps of stones as a memorial to stand as a mark of endless endurance to a vow he has made, a covenant promise, or as a sign of some great event in his life. Gen. 28: 11-23.

But why such a cairn at Lutheridge? Why this heap of stones, now placed in an altar, with stones on either side? God wanted Israel to remember the loving care and tender mercy of her God and the vow she had made to Him. And we gave this Altar of Dedication at Lutheridge and in the tradition of Camp Nawaka, which was established by our Church as a pilot for those who followed in this same program of Leadership Training.

Those who came here, young and old alike, have had a mountain top experience. Their last night here in and through this beautiful ceremony, they endeavor to reaffirm that child-father relationship with God—and only God and each person who knelt here and placed his or her stone on the heap of stones knows what was said, or vow made or renewed.

We hope the photos which we are able to share with you will help you to catch something of the magnetism, and the strength which this service created in the lives of those who were participants.
Circle of Love

The first Intermediate Camp, under the direction of Rev. Vernon Frazier, located a site on the grounds and called it Friendship Circle or Circle of Love, and held the first Friday night Camp Fire at this location.

It was this group of campers that presented the picture of Christ and the Rich Young Ruler, which hangs in the outer office in Efird Hall, in memory of my father who died during this week.

The site was improved and expanded as the years went by, and an untold number of campers participated in this impressive ceremony around the camp fire. The ritual of lighting a fire was always a part of the program. Four persons were invited to light the four small fires, each saying, "I light this fire for the physical life; I light this fire for the mental life; I light this fire for the social life; I light this fire for the spiritual life."

As these fires gently and slowly burned, campers who had received a five year, ten year or a fifteen year attendance medallion spoke about their weeks at Lutheridge. Then the large central fire was lighted by Program Director Robin Seagle or another member of the staff and the following ritual was followed:

"Kneel always when you light a fire;
Kneel reverently and thankful be for God's unfailing majesty.
Kneel always when you light a fire.
Kneel always when you light a fire;
And as the flames ascend the sky
Know you that your "Great Chief" is standing by
Kneel always as you light a fire;
And as you sit beside your friend,
Know you that your Savior will be with you to the end.
Kneel always when you light a fire."

Altar of Dedication
Every night of each week was special at Lutheridge, but Sunday, Thursday and Friday nights took on a distinctive characteristic. Miss Winnie Butt, St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Charleston, S.C. was our chief resource person for two of these events.

Introducing the staff each Sunday night was very important for everyone. Each year "Miss Winnie", as she was affectionately called, came up with a new version for this introduction.

Our Friday nights had a two-fold emphasis. The permanent staff providing gala entertainment in the Lineberger Memorial Dining Hall. The impressive and never to be forgotten "Friday Night Camp Fires" at Friendship Circle and at the Trinity Tree concluding with the impressive service at the Altar of Dedication.

Kellers two have we this year, They're no kin neither far nor near,
   In office work they know everything, Class room bells they will always ring. Joyce, Joyce and Barbara,
   Ringers of the bell,
Now Snoopy Lou had X-Ray eyes and she never minded the campers' sighs,
   She did her job and did it well, "That score you get only she can tell,
   Snoopy, Snoopy Lou! Looking thru X-Ray eyes.
Now Shirley came up from Charleston Town, She makes funny noises all around,
   Assists Snoopy Lou, has a funny accent, Her diaphragm is probably bent. Shirley, Shirley Keaton,
   With the peculiar accent.
Working with Boy Scouts for 40 years, Now he's at Lutheridge helping,
   Keeping us safe, from all harm, For our parents won't have us here, Dutch, Dutch Holscher, King of the waterfront /alarm,
   Been up at Lutheridge for summers two. Does most anything there is to keep things in line. Ardis, Ardis Miller,
   Robin's right-hand man!
Chief of the waitresses is her main chore. You'll see her running in,
   And out the door, Drink and food on the table she keeps,
   The gratitude of all for this she reaps. Sarah, Sarah Burns, Keep our tables full.

Down on the Waterfront with Uncle Dutch, Jumping in the water and
   splashing it much, Helping keep all out of danger is he,
   This job makes him very busy. Jerry, Jerry Livinstone. Bring them back alive!
A good ole southern boy with lots of spunk, Picks up garbage cans and
   burns the junk, Works in the dining hall with fellows three,
   No doubt about it, a handy man is he. Joe, Joe Holt, A handy man is he!
Keeping the bookstore is quite a job, But Martha's calm amid the mob,
   The paper she puts out each week, Into Lutheridge news we take a peek.
   Martha, Martha Caldwell. Busy girl is she.

Now little Anne's bout the size of a flea. Her singin' oughta keep us out of misery.
   She sings to the clock and to all the men, If she hits a wrong note she has to chase 'em in.
   Ann, Ann Cline, Musical girl is she.
Sweeps the floor and washes the table. And anything else that he is.
   Watches out for everyone in his sight, All the time from dawn to night, Gordon, Gordon Card, Tallest man at Lutheridge!
Thursday afternoon was "time off" for the kitchen staff and the time for the weekly "cook-out" for both Hill and Pioneer areas.

It was also time for those participating in Leadership or Conference to visit the Pioneer and Wilderness campsites.

The day came to a close with an inspiring vesper service at Lake Lewthorne. At Vesper Call, the Hill campers assembled as usual at the flag pole, and then silently walked two by two to the lake, assembling on the side near the lodge; and at the same time those in the Pioneer area, having responded to the Vesper Call, gathered at the flag pole in the softball field and made their way walking silently, two by two to the opposite side of the lake.

The photo of one of these services, showing the group of Hill campers, gives one some idea of this impressive service of songs, scripture, prayer and a brief sermonette by different leaders.

The Motion Choir, consisting of a number of campers was often a special feature of this service, with the Lord's Prayer sung by one of the staff.
NEWSLETTERS

TELA-VISION STAFF

Editor, Mrs. S. L. Swing; Associate, Betty Shealy, Joyce Keller, Ann Lorlin, Jane Killar, Laura Shumpert, Marie Waller, Jean Nichols, Margaret Ridonhour, Donna Baker, Martha Mahlon, Bill Trexler, Joe Holt, Linda Lucas, and Brad Reed.

Editor's note: ORCHIDS to all the Staff members for getting their assignments in and for the offers of help and work rendered.

ENROLLMENT REACHES 197, REPRESENTS FOUR STATES

The July 22-26 Intermediate camp has an enrollment of 197. Of these, 81 are boys and 116 girls. From where do they come? North Carolina, 118; South Carolina, 57; Georgia, 4; and Alabama, 10.

We understand from one Alabama member that many others would like to have come but their registrations came in after the camp was filled. Our advice: Plan now to attend Lutheridge next summer, and send your registration fee of $5 now. The registrars would like to accommodate all who want to come but they can offer to you only what the supporting synods have provided. If you can't register early enough to get in, better get the synods busy providing more accommodations!

FIVE-YEAR CAMPERs SPEAK AT CAMPFIRE

Those campers who have attended Lutheridge for five years since its beginning in 1951 told the campers that Lutheridge has meant to them at the Campfire ceremonies Friday night.

Those speaking were: Brad Reed, Lexington, S. C.; Kenny Counts and Betty Moore, Chase, Charlotte; Mary Dean Lents, Spartanburg; Janice Summers and Ginger Black, Cherryville; Betty Root, Columbia; Ronald Clodfelder, Troutman; and Margaret Ridonhour, Asheville. "Betsy Shealy, as always, led the campfire meditations.

All emphasized the ways in which their experiences have helped them in their spiritual growth.

CAMPERS NUTT LUTHERIDGE ADDITIONS

"What a difference a year makes" could well be the theme song of this year's campers.

"Night's Doings" made good use of the new Lakeside Pavilion with half of the groups reporting there for folk plays and others to the "Ree" Hall for relays. In the past all campers had to crowd into the "Ree" Hall at one time. The pavilion was built through gifts of Mrs. Thadrd Harrison, Charlotte.

Those working on crafts noticed the surface floor provided for by the N. C. Luther League.

The 1955 campers returned to find the surfaced tennis and volley ball courts toward which they contributed and the drive up from the main entrance gate were given by the Lemonburgs.

Campers share in the disappointment which Mr. Beach Keller and Mr. Grover Frady, caretaker and grounds supervisor, recently experienced. They had approximately 65 pheasants which they planned to let roam the (See IMPROVEMENTS, page 4)

IMPROVEMENTS

(continued from page 1) assembly grounds, but wasels left only a few.

Countless other improvements have been made, giving evidence of (as LUTHERAN's Editor Ruff stated) "the results of his (Dr. Thornburg's) genius and devotion in leading this work...and of) how strongly and imaginatively the Southern synods have supported the work."

Staff members are agreed that one of the most helpful additions is the automatic washing machine in the staff cabin.

CAMPFIRE SERVICE

"What will you do with this Jesus who is called the Christ?" asked Betty Shealy in her campfire devotions. She challenged each camper to make the right decision.

She pointed out the decision Pilate made nearly 2,000 years ago. Instead of that, "these who were in a position to guide him correctly, he needed the cries of the mob.

"Christ confronts us as we depart," she said. "Take your heart in altar, it won't be easy." As examples of those who had chosen the way of Christ, she told of the lad with the barley-lavas, Timothy, Heart Switzer and David Livington.

She emphasized that for each hour of the decision was at mid-point of the altar dedication. She concluded with the quotation: "I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any fellow on being, let me do it now. Let not dead or neglect it, for I will not pass this way again."

NIGHT'S DOINGS

This week's Night's Doings found Groups A, B, and C enjoying Folk and Square Dancing on Monday night while Groups D, E, and F had relays. The Dumb Bunnies won first place in the relays and the Siders and Flattons tied for second.

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Introducing The Lutheridge Family

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Thornburg as Mama and Daddy Lutheridge (since 1951).

Big brothers and sisters:
- Shirley (afternoon) Keaton, Charlotte, N. C.
- Doris (Freakles) Shook, Stanley, N. C.
- Martha (Wollnow) Hawley, Stanley, N. C.
- Barbara (Bingo) Koller, Rock Hill, S. C.
- Joyce (Koon Eyo) Koller, Arden, N. C.
- Mary Lou (That'll be the day) Wyrick, Gibsonville, N. C.
- Linda (Rock-on Lizzy) Atkins, Hickory, N. C.
- Miriam (Woo-woo) Elsner, Orangeburg, S. C.
- Melba and Joe (Ball and chain) Holt, Mt. Airy Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Betsy (Lights out, girls) Shealy, Batesburg, S. C.
- Sarah (Let's sing) Huddle, Salisbury, N. C.
- Franko (Lost trunks) McArver, Gastonia, N. C.
- Carolyn (Wahalla) Todd, Wahalla, S. C.
- Paul (Uncle Dutch) Holesher, Rocky Mount, N. C.
- Chad (Dreamboat) Mitchell, Hickory, N. C.
- Ralph (Whore's Sarah) Wallace, Concord, N. C.
- Jerry (Papa) Hollar, Faith, N. C.
- John Clino, Concord, N. C.
- Mrs. (Aunt Sunny) Summers, Spartanburg, S. C.
- Mrs. (Mama Mae) McArver, Gastonia, N. C.
- Mrs. (Girls, get quiet) Mayer, Newberry, S. C.
- Among the visiting aunts, uncles, and cousins are:
- Rev. Luther Fulmor, Ebenezer, China Grove, N. C.
- Rev. Marion Rhoden, Mission Developer, Greenvile, S. C.
- Miss Ellis Jane Shandy, Little Mountain, S. C.
- Mrs. Sadie Sloan, Ebenezer, China Grove, N. C.
- Miss Jean Cushing, St. John's, Salisbury, N. C.
- Miss Mary Wise, St. Peter's, Salisbury, N. C.
- Miss L. M. Davis, Holy Trinity, Gastonia, N. C.
- Rev. and Mrs. Keith J. Beam, Good Shepherd, Brevard, N. C.

And to all the little brothers and sisters, a big invitation to the family reunion during Junior week of 1957!!

JUDY FORD

The Lutheran League of America elected Judy Ford as its first girl president in the 62 years' history of the organization. The Convention is now in session in Lawrence, Kansas.

Miss Ford, former Vice-president and President of the Lutheran League of North Carolina, is from Cherryville, N. C., and a rising senior at Lincolin-Rhyme College.

GREETINGS TO CAMPERs AND STAFF!

This week brings to a close our 16th camping season, and it has been a good summer all the way. We have had splendid participation by campers and all of our leaders. Our total attendance will most likely climb to an all time high. We hope you will keep a place in your prayers and your plans for Lutheridge. May Christ be at the center of your life, then you will grow and develop into the kind of manhood and womanhood He wills for all of us.

GOOD CAMPING ALWAYS!
J. Lewis Thornburg
(Daddy Lutheridge)
1956

TO ALL OF YOU

Campers, I know that you have had a "glorious" week here at Lutheridge. Today, we shall all go our different ways—but we will be bound together in the Master's name. I ask you to make use of what you have learned and be helpful when you go home.

"The good, Lord be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us
leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain."
Mrs. J. V. Long
Program Director

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

You give but little when you give of your possessions, but you truly give when you give of yourself.

LUTHERAN BOY SCOUT RETREAT

The 15th Annual Lutheridge Retreat is being held on August 19, 20, and 21 in the Pionner Camping area. There will be approximately 350 boys scouts coming from 20 to 30 troops. The majority of the scouts come from North Carolina and the rest from Charleston and Columbus, South Carolina.

The leaders are: Mr. Joe Bland, Camp Director; Mr. Aubrey Mauney, Director of Scouting in North Carolina; and The Reverend Paul Rimow, Devotional Speaker.

LUTHERIDGE GIVES TO YOU A
HEARTY WELCOME.
Spiritual Experiences

Nourishing the Devotional Life  We begin the day with God, and we end the day with Him. Someone once remarked about the quality of the spiritual atmosphere which characterized the place. At the Vesper call everyone moves quietly and reverently toward the flag pole, arranging themselves in ranks of two by two, and waits for the leaders to begin the trail to where the service is scheduled for that day. Dr. Seagle suggests, “We talk with one another during the day—vesper trails allows us time to talk with God.”

Sometimes the vesper trail leads to Whisnant Memorial Chapel, the Temple of Silence, the Altar of Peace, the Shepherd Stone terrace, the Lawn to the rear of Efird Hall, the beautiful stone terrace to the rear of Efird Hall made possible with funds supplied by the S.C. United Lutheran Church Women, and on and on the trails lead.

Someone has said “Altar fires are here kindled, and kept aglow in the valley and along the heights. The Vesper service affords light at eventide. There is girding for a new day at MORNING WATCH. There is the prompting of high hopes at the Lakeside Vespers. To be in the mountains with the Master—there is nothing like it!”
The Lutheridge Cross at Lake Thorne.
Boy Scouts

Lutheran Boy Scouts and Leaders Schott and Johnson from the Northern District of the N.C. Lutheran Synod spent a week on the grounds in 1950 near the intersection of Laurel Circle at Alpha Village. A short time thereafter in 1951, they held a Scout Retreat in the woods across from the Wilderness Camp under the direction of Mr. Aubrey Mauney, Director of Scouting for N.C. Lutheran Brotherhood, along with Mr. Beach Keller and Roger Adkins. This event has taken place each summer and a countless number of Scouts have had a rewarding experience.

Flag lowering ceremonies.
Sunday School held at the Lakeside each Sunday morning before going in silent procession to the Chapel for Sunday worship.

“A long road from boyhood to manhood. It is vitally important what happens between here & there. . . now and then.”

Scouting is concerned with the in-between—knowing that much care must be given NOW if God is to have a worker TOMORROW.

The trail up the hill to Whisnant Chapel for Sunday Worship.
Lodging

Luther Lodge

A Lutheran Summer Assembly should have a building named for Luther. The building was designed by the architect to serve as an apartment for the Executive Director and his family during the summer months. At a later date it would be headquarters for the Program Director.

The unit provides lodging for sixty-four persons, having two sections with connecting bathroom facilities: a long porch connecting this unit with another, divided by two rooms with private bath; the second unit is similar to the first, and to the left with a small porch and three bedrooms with a group bathroom. Contributions received from Sunday Schools throughout the owning synods was used in paying for the cost of constructing this building.
Pass In Review! -- For Lutheridge

(A program about Lutheridge
prepared by Betty Rice especially for South Carolina Luther Leaguers.)

SUGGESTIONS TO LEADER:
The devotions for this program are built around learning and teaching
since that is what Lutheridge will be used for.

A Pageant

Those Luther Leaguers, young people of the owning synods, full of adventure, enthusiasm, dedication, and generosity, joined in a "Penny parade for Lutheridge". A pageant, written by Miss Betty Rice, and presented at many different locations and occasions, raised funds to construct this recreational building known as "Rec. Hall"—a needed and functional structure, provided accommodations for a variety of events during any given week at Lutheridge. A large spacious assembly on the first floor with a large stone chimney at the east end and large open windows around the entire building, made an ideal gathering place for night's doings. Restrooms and a snack bar were also on the first floor and tables and equipment for a diversified craft program. Hats off to the Luther Leaguers.

The Luther League Committee for this building had met at Lutheridge and on the way to our home in Hickory going down Old Fort Mountain, Jeanette Coyner asked me to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the success of our project. Others may have forgotten this, but I have not; for this was the first time I offered a prayer under similar circumstances.
Provisions were made for lodging in six FAMILY TYPE COTTAGES, which were built with funds provided by the following:

1. Ketner Cottage by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ketner, Sr., Salisbury, N.C.
2. The Shenk Memorial Cottage, given by Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, Kings Mountain, N.C., as a Memorial for Mrs. Mauney's father and mother, the Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Shenk of Greensboro, N.C., long time participants and supporters of Lutheran Summer School for Church Workers.
3. The Hal Aderholdt Memorial Cottage, given by Mr. Miles Aderholdt, Henry River, N.C., in MEMORY of his brother Hal Aderholdt.
4. The Cansler Cottage, given by Mrs. Ernest Cansler, Lincolnton, N.C.
5. The Barger Cottage, given by Mr. Paul Barger, Statesville, N.C.
6. The Fox Cottage given by Mr. Carl Fox and Mr. Luther Moss of Hickory, N.C., a long time friend and neighbor of Chairman Whisnant.

Mr. Eckard, brother-in-law of Chairman Whisnant was the contractor for these six units.
The Caretaker’s Residence was the first year-round facility to be erected on the Assembly Grounds and was first occupied by Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Coon. Most of the framing materials for the dwelling were provided by Mr. John Beam, Cedar Grove Lutheran Church. Many others provided various kinds of materials, such as roofing, nails, windows and money. In later years when occupied one week during Senior Citizens Week by Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Goodman, the residence was named “Merry Knoll”.

The residence was located near the main entrance for protective reasons.

The Coons occupied Aderholdt Cottage while the building was being erected.

The Board of Trustees hired Mr. Grover Frady whose home and property was adjacent to land owned by the Assembly to serve as a non-resident caretaker. His salary was paid by the treasurer of the Corporation. Mr. Coon and Mr. Frady worked as a team, with Mr. Frady’s responsibilities being much more extensive. Grover, as he was known to all of us, had a green thumb and much of the beautification, the shrubs, the rose gardens, the hydranums, the care of the forest, the cleaning and care of buildings, all of these and much, much more, including repairs, both electrical and plumbing could classify Mr. Grover as a “handy-man plus”. All of us owe a lot to this one individual.

When Mr. and Mrs. Coon retired, the trustees enlarged the caretaker’s residence and hired Mr. Herbert Volkert to fill the vacancy. Mr. and Mrs. Volkert and their two children, Pam and Danny moved into the residence the early part of the 60’s.
The name "Leadership Hall" was given to this building to focus attention on the top priority for establishing Lutheridge, namely, LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR THE ENTIRE Church family. How many times the word got around, "We are not establishing another college or theological seminary here".

This is the only two-story structure in the master plans. It was planned for lodging with a variety of room arrangements. There are single rooms with adjoining bath; private rooms with bath; double rooms with adjoining bath; and one large room accommodating eight or more persons.

Furnishings for all of the rooms in the unit were given by individuals and so marked, and if as a memorial, so marked.

A large number of friends provided funds for furnishing the bedrooms, some as gifts honoring or IN MEMORY of loved ones. Mr. Ralph Bowman of Hickory Chair Company made a very generous gift of beautiful, upholstered chairs for a number of the bedrooms.

Small plates on each door designates the one who provided for the furnishings.
**1952 Beam Cottage**

This was the first cottage built by Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Lincolnton, N.C., and used by members and friends for a number of years became available for sale. It was purchased by the Board of Trustees with funds which had been given over the years by Mr. Dewey Beam of St. John's Lutheran Church, Cherryville, and is now named "Beam Cottage." Mr. Beam was likewise a consistent contributor to the car and truck fund which Mr. E. J. Sox, St. Andrews, Hickory had spearheaded from the beginning of Lutheridge.

![Beam Cottage Image]

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**1953 Gosler Cottage**

This cottage was built and owned by the Dr. K. W. Kinard Family of Columbia, S.C. After the formation of the Lutheran Church in America, synodical presidents were encouraged to own their own homes and so the Kinard cottage at Lutheridge was offered for sale.

The Board of Trustees purchased the residence and used it for a number of seasons for overflow groups. The Trustees took favorable action to call an associate for Pastor Thornburg. When the Rev. Dexter Moser accepted the call, this dwelling was enlarged. Mr. Deems Haltiwanger who owned the adjoining lot donated this to the Assembly to effect the expansion. Funds for the initial purchase of the cottage by Lutheridge were provided by gifts through the years by Mr. J. W. Gosler, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Lenoir, N.C., and was later named the "Gosler Cottage." The Mosers only occupied the residence for a few years.

![Gosler Cottage Image]
Additional lodging space was made available to Lutheridge by long-time participants and supporters of the Church’s Christian Leadership Training Program on a synodical level as well as the joint efforts of the owning synods. The two dwellings, located between Luther Lodge and Leadership Hall were given by friends in Columbia, S.C., and were named the “H & H” and the “Carlan cottages respectively from right to left.
This attractive building of wood and stone stands as a symbol of the devotional life which is cultivated and deepened during one's stay here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Whisnant gave the building as a memorial for their daughter, Doris. The Chapel was formally opened for worship Sunday afternoon, June 14, 1953. The Rev. Dwight Conrad, pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Hickory, read the lessons and offered prayers.

The Rev. S. White Rhyne, Executive Secretary of the Parish and Church School Board of the ULCA, delivered the sermon on “From whence commeth our help?”

The offertory solo, the 81st Psalm was rendered by the Rev. Douglas Fritz, pastor of Mt. Hebron Lutheran Church, Hildebran. The Act of Dedication was led by Executive Director Thornburg.

A number of donors provided furnishings for the Chapel: 6, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

At a later date an Allen organ was donated by Mr. and Mrs. J. Rankin Parks in honor of their daughter, Serena. An organ recital was given at the time of the dedication.
FORMAL OPENING OF LUTHERIDGE CHAPEL
June 14, 1953
3:30 P.M.

THE SERVICE

Prelude—"Variations On A Theme By Handel" Rev. J. Lewis Thorburn

Hymn 122—"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"

The Scripture Lesson and Prayer Rev. O. Dwight Conard

The Prayer of Dedication Rev. J. Lewis Thorburn

The Art of Dedication Rev. J. Lewis Thorburn

Postlude—"Caro Nome fra L'Amor" Rev. J. Lewis Thorburn

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

The Chapel: Given by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Whiting, in the memory of their daughter, Donna.

The pulpit: Given by Rev. and Mrs. J. Lewis Thorburn in the memory of their mothers.

The retinae: Given by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kullman in the memory of God.

The cross: Given by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Stearns, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

The bleeding to the earth: Given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Swenson, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

The prayer: Given by Mrs. Emma E. Stearns, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

THE NECESSITY AND CHALLENGE

We invite you to note some of the immediate needs of Lutheridge:

1. For the Chapel: An organ, a Pastor, a Sister of Mercy, a Confessor, a Director, a Treasurer, a Steward.
2. For the Parish: A Pastor, a Sister of Mercy, a Confessor, a Treasurer, a Steward.
3. For the Congregation: A Pastor, a Sister of Mercy, a Confessor, a Treasurer, a Steward.

We challenge you to consider these needs as an investment opportunity in Christ's Leadership.

LUTHERIDGE

A Southern Lutheran Church Center For:

Lutheran Leadership Training
United Church of Christ
Trinity Conference
Presbyterian Association
Evangelical Exposition
Leadership Training
Call to the Church
Great Youth

Expanding the Kingdom of God

Lutheridge—has as its chief purpose the training of Christian leaders.

An investment in Lutheridge TODAY is an investment in the Christian Leadership of Tomorrow.

We are most happy to welcome each of you to this formal opening of our beautiful Chapel. We hope you will become a part of the community that will grow in Lutheridge for the purpose of improving your leadership skills, and sharing in the experience of Christian community living.

THE SERVICE

Prelude—"Variations On A Theme By Handel" Rev. J. Lewis Thorburn

Hymn 122—"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"

Verses and Responses:

Verse 1: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Verse 2: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is the center of the worship service.

The service concludes with the benediction.
The attractive Main Entrance Gate, of wood and stone, is completed. This project was made possible through contributions of campers and other interested friends during the summers of 1953 and 1954. May all those who enter find rich blessings in Christian Community Living. The wrought iron gates were given by Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Fisher, Granite Quarry, N.C.
1954

Someone said, ‘Camping without swimming is not camping.’ We think the seniors in this photo would agree. They had to be transported to Royal Pines Swimming Pool during their first week at Lutheridge. These and others had to wait patiently until funds were available for the construction of our own lake on Kimsey Creek.

Several strong springs at the foot of Crescent Hills supplied the water and as years passed the banks of the stream became matted with vines and many small trees. all of which had to be cleared before the contractor would come in with his equipment. Grover Frady, R.A. Coon, Mr. Jones and his faithful and gentle horse and myself, performed this time-consuming and difficult task.

Mr. Ray Kluttz, Organ Lutheran Church had the contract to clear the basin of deep sediment and then to haul in dirt to build the dam which provides a foundation for the sewer and water lines as well as impounding the water for the lake.

The cleared basin, with Kimsey's water slowly flowing.

Group of swimmers at Royal Pines swimming pool.

The dam completed and the basin began filling.

Sand was hauled in and spread for a beach for beginners.

The completed job with Grover's hydrangeas adding beauty.
United Lutheran Church Women of the owning synods, supporters and participants in the programs and activities at Lutheridge, provided funds with which to erect this beautiful, unique and functional building located between Efird Hall and the Whisnant Memorial Chapel. The gifts were to honor and memorialize missionaries who had gone out of the area to serve the Church in its worldwide ministry.

It was called "MISSION HALL" for it was to stand as a constant symbol of world missions. A large assembly with a stage and platform up front, a porch extending across the east side, a powder room, the conference room with rustic stone fireplace, a small kitchen, two finished bedrooms with connecting bath furnished by Mrs. Doris Thornburg and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Cannon, where returning missionaries and guests from foreign lands could be accommodated and another twin bedroom which served temporarily as a class room. A porch from the main entrance extended to the end of the building. There was a prayer room, rest rooms and a storage unit with a concrete floor extending the full length of the unit and was used for classes and group meetings.

In the foyer is a statue of the Christ with extended arms, inviting all to come unto Him—and around this octagonal arrangement were the words of the Great Commission. The statue was a gift of the United Church Women of St. Barnabas Lutheran Church, Charleston, S.C.

The presidents of the owning synods, along with the Executive Director, participated in the dedication ceremonies with Mrs. John B. Moose, President of the United Lutheran Church Women delivering the dedicatory message. She said in part, "The purpose for which this building has been designed and given is that all who come here may catch a vision. Go into all the world and as they come into contact with our missionaries and nationals, this will enable us to see that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus."
Boy Scout Retreats under the sponsorship of North Carolina Men had grown and expanded over the years. These men provided funds with which to build a number of permanent shelters in an area near Lake Lewthorne, and later to be designated as "Pioneer Camp". Funds were provided by this same group of men to erect a number of lean-tos across the lake in an area to be marked, "Outdoor Camping" with bathrooms and shower facilities for both men and women.

Lodging facilities on "the Hill" were being taxed and many were being turned away from some of the summer sessions. A Lutheran layman, H. D. Nilson, Walterboro, S.C., approached me at a meeting of the Lutheran Synod of South Carolina being held that year in Charleston. "Pastor Thornburg, by the time our people get their reservations sent we are advised that there are no vacancies. What can we do to change this?" Our response was prompt and simple, "Provide some money to erect cabins in the Pioneer Camp area." Mr. Nilson was equally prompt and with his gifts, the first cabin was built. The word spread and friend after friend came forward with support and we are pleased to list their names herewith. In addition to Mr. Nilson:

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schaefer, Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Georgia.
Schroder Cabin given in loving memory of their Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claus Schroder, and an uncle, Herman Schroder by Lillie Schroder Schwalbe and Annie Schroder Sisichlo, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Savannah, Ga.
Hugh E. Fritts, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hickory, N.C.
J. E. Fisher, Wittenberg Lutheran Church, Granite Quarry, N.C.
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Triece, Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church, Kannapolis, N.C.
Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Goodman, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Salisbury, N.C.
Mr. H. D. Fry, Sr., St. Stephens Lutheran Church, Hickory, N.C.
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ketner, Sr., St. John’s Lutheran Church, Salisbury, N.C.
Invitations and announcements were sent out to members and friends that the lake and Lakeside Pavilion had been finished and in use, and it was time for the Dedication Ceremonies. This celebration took place on July 3, 1958 at 2 o’clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Thad Harrison, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Charlotte provided funds for both facilities and requested that the lake be called “Lake Lewthorne”. Her request is preserved in her own handwriting.
Pastor Thornburg presiding at the dedication of Lake Lewthorn and the Lakeside Lodge. At his right are Pastor Bernard Trexler and Dr. Karl Kinard.

Water Festival under direction of Sylvia Wyrick, member of the staff.

Edwin VanPoole, Salisbury Waterfront Director at the Buddy Board.

Swimming for beginners & intermediates during another season at Lutheridge.
The Pioneer Camp area was developed in two areas. A recreational area with softball diamond and a flag pole serves as a gathering for the two groups for flag raising and lowering ceremonies as well as assemblies for other activities in which the two groups were involved.

A large structure, with both sides open, a fireplace and chimney at one end and living quarters, a snack bar with a utility room at the opposite end. A large bell, a gift of the Southern Railway was placed on a firm stand at this end of the building to be called Unit Lodge. Two loyal, generous friends from the Columbia, S.C., area, Mr. Hart Kohn Jr., and Mr. Ed Cave, solicited funds from friends in the area to pay for construction of this unit.

The same pattern of erecting small cabins like those previously mentioned for the boys area. We proudly and gratefully list their names:
  Dr. L. R. Zimmerman, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, High Point, N.C.
  Members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, High Point, N.C.
  Mrs. Cora Bostian Gray, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Asheville, N.C.
  Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Voight, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Summerville, S.C.
  Mrs. Charles Sleigh, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Columbia, S.C.
  Mrs. Thad L. Harrison, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Charlotte, N.C.
  Mr. J. B. Baker, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Charlotte, N.C.
  Mrs. E. O. Black and daughter, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Columbia, S.C.
  The Lorick Cabin, by members of the Lorick Bible Class, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga.
  Mrs. J. C. Johnson and family, Bethany Lutheran Church, Hickory, N.C.

These eleven small cabins provided lodging for 152 campers and nineteen counsellors or a total of 171 persons.
The second stage of the Lineberger Memorial Dining Hall–Kitchen is completed with a seating capacity of over five hundred persons, including the private dining area.

The spacious and attractively furnished lounge with chimney and fireplace with bronze plaque above, all incites warm and friendly fellowship before meal time or at any time one should choose to linger there.

In addition to providing facilities for preparing and serving delicious meals, the building now provides large storage space on the lower level. Beyond this area is a bookstore and a snack bar. The lengthy veranda on the first floor along with a porch at the west end of the building provides accommodations for those who enjoy rocking chairs for relaxation.

A capacity crowd of diners enjoying one of those good meals which Mrs. E. A. Moore (Aunt Grace) and her staff are famous for serving.
At last, after nine long years of waiting, living in Hickory and working at Lutheridge during the early spring, summer and fall, Pastor and Mrs. Thornburg moved into this wood and stone dwelling, so well planned and arranged by architect Carroll Abee for relaxed and gracious living.

The main entrance to the right leads to a den, powder room and fireplace, then into the kitchen, with modern equipment, a serving area and an outside door.

Going to the left you enter the hall, the spacious living room and dining area with doors and windows opening onto a porch. A stone chimney and open fireplace adds warmth and liveability to this part of the residence. As you enter another hallway, a guest bedroom is to your right and a bathroom to the left. As you proceed further, you enter a door leading into the master bedroom with private bath.

On the ground level, there is a large room which lends itself to large groups, with an open fireplace, a well-proportioned area for the pastor's office and a study. And adjoining that, the furnace and utility rooms.
The Cora Sifford Shepherd Terrace between Luther Lodge and Leadership Hall was erected with funds left to Lutheridge in her estate. We remember her as a daughter of J. R. Sifford, Secretary for the First Sunday School Convention, marking the beginning of our story.

A vesper service is held on this terrace as a part of the devotional life of those who come here for a spiritual enrichment.

This landscaping and beautiful stone work was done by Mr. Edgar Coleman, Asheville and facing the Henry A. Lineberger Swimming Pool.
The need for enlarged facilities for the Craft program at Lutheridge became evident as the attendance increased year after year. As in the past, God raised up friends to supply the funds for such a need. Mrs. Beidenmiller, her daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Bacott were the friends who made the construction of “Beide Craft Lodge” become a reality.

On August 22nd, 1962 at three o’clock a service of dedication was held when the Rev. Vernon Frazier, pastor of St. Mathews Lutheran Church, Charleston, S.C., delivered the message. A goodly number of persons were present for the service. The future of an expanding craft program at Lutheridge was now assured.
We often remarked, "Each building on the grounds of the Lutheran Assembly has its own unique story to tell."

If there is any truth to the phrase "a little child shall lead them", then this building stands as a testimony to that remark. A father, mother and a little daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Schumpert, and daughter Helen Marie, members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Greenville, S.C., were thrilled with joy and excitement in providing the funds for this distinctive building dedicated to children for their instruction and growth in Christian faith.

The bulletin for this service of dedication will serve as a source of interesting information about the beginning and the culmination of the project.
Someone once remarked, ‘It is a short distance from the Conference Room in Mission Hall to Kohnjoy Inn; but a longer period in time’. Miss Erin and Miss Nell Kohn had expressed interest in Lutheridge by furnishing the Conference Room in Mission Hall in memory of their parents. Their interest was kept alive through contact and ultimately these two dear friends and their brother Mr. Hart Kohn Sr., and his wife provided the financing for this spacious, comfortable and attractive motel-type building. The contractor was Mr. George Burgin Morrow who was a contractor for a number of buildings on the Assembly Grounds. There are sixteen connecting bedrooms with private bath in each, two double beds in each room, carpeted floors, and electrically heated. The south end of the building has a comfortable lounge with stone fireplace, wide windows and sliding doors and a porch to the rear. In this same area is a registration desk and a snack bar and one bedroom with private bath for the host and hostess. Beneath the lounge area is a completely furnished kitchen and a dining area to accommodate approximately sixty four people—again with an attractive stone fireplace. There are public rest rooms, and a linen closet on the second floor. The building is classified as a complete functional unit, giving Lutheridge it’s most prestigious building.
Lutheridge Opens New Building

Lutheridge dedicated its newest structure, an 18-unit motel-type building, at a special dedication service held on the Lutheran assembly grounds on June 14. Kohn-Joy Inn represents a new type of facility for Lutherans staying at Lutheridge. In contrast with bunk-style quarters typical of Lutheridge and other summer assemblies, the new inn features private rooms (or suites) with wall-to-wall carpeting, lounge chairs and individual baths. Each room has two double beds, and the cost of the room ($9 for two) includes bed linen, towels, soap, and the other supplies (except TV) typical of a motel.

When fully furnished, the building will satisfy most first-class needs; it will have an adjacent kitchen and dining room under the same roof as the rooms. The food service, however, is not available yet; to keep in harmony with the "no debit" Lutheridge policy, the kitchen and dining room will be completed when funds are made available.

Kohn-Joy Inn is too plush for the youthful, adventuresome camper, but it does meet a Lutheridge need. It offers the comfort many vacationing adults seek even when attending one of the adult weeks at Lutheridge. With its individual heating units in each room the inn also offers facilities for small Lutheridge retreats, even during weekends in the cold winter.

Its dedication was a "high-water mark" in the history of Lutheridge. Executive Director J. Lewis Thornburg told the 200 Lutherans assembled in the Lutheridge chapel for the special service.

Plans for such a building date back to the pre-Lutheridge era, he said. The need for other types of buildings and the lack of funds for an inn delayed its erection.

The couple memorialized in the name of the building were "two singing hearts", said Dr. James Kinard, former president of Newberry college and a close friend of Arthur H. and Mary B. Kohn (rhymes with Don). "They were two devoted servants to Christ who knew how to spread joy", he added.

Mr. Kohn, founder of a large insurance company in Columbia, S. C., was a trustee of Newberry college for 30 years and treasurer of the South Carolina synod for 23 years.

The fact that Mrs. Kohn "was always in her pew at St. Paul's church and during the week walked with God in her treasured garden" was recalled by a next-door neighbor, Mrs. T. B. Steghouse of Columbia.

Special recognition was given during the service to the three children of Mr. and Mrs. Kohn who gave the building: Hert Kohn, Sr., and Misses Erin and Nell Kohn, all of Columbia.

Also introduced were the architect (D. Carroll Abee of Hickory), the builder (George Burghin Morrow of Asheville), and the chairman of the Lutheridge board of trustees (C. Miller Sigmund of Morganton).

Following the worship service, the congregation processed to the inn for the unveiling of the memorial plaque, led by Dr. Thornburg and the service director, the Rev. Carroll Westinger, pastor of Nativity church at Arden.
Mr. J. C. W. Bischoff, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Charleston, S.C. had sent contributions in response to the Annual Thanksgiving–Christmas Appeal though he and Mrs. Bischoff had never visited here. Their children insisted that they come and see, and registered them for Senior Citizens Week. They came, they saw and Lutheridge won. Shortly after their arrival, Mr. Bischoff asked if we had time to show them over the grounds—and of course we were happy to accommodate them. In the Lutheridge Plymouth station wagon, we slowly began the drive pointing out things of interest. When we arrived in front of the Childrens, Activity Building, Mr. Bischoff was quite interested and as we drove away he asked, “Pastor Thornburg, what do you need now?” We passed Unit Lodge and stopped at the location where Wilderness Camp was being developed. “We need the central unit to provide program facilities for those who would be housed in the five small cabins.” Mr. and Mrs. Bischoff did not hesitate very long to give their response to this need. A pertinent question: “What will it cost?” The response: “We will provide the necessary funds.”

A photo of the exterior facing Laurel Drive.

When Wilderness Camp was opened, plans were made to construct SEVEN small type cottages similar to those in the Pioneer Area. Five of these were completed, providing lodging for eight campers plus one adult leader.

1. Graham-Linn, given by Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Graham, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, China Grove, IN MEMORY of their parents.
2. Lipe, given by Miss Josephine Lipe, Trinity Lutheran Church, Landis, N.C.,
3. Dreher, given by Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Dreher, Sr., Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Columbia, S.C.,
4. Sam Sox, given by members and friends of First Lutheran Church, Greensboro, under the leadership of Vance Elter, a member of the congregation.
5. Zimmerman, given in MEMORY of Dr. L.R. Zimmerman, by members and friends of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, High Point, N.C.,

Gifts were also given by Mr. and Mrs. Deems Haltiwanger, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Columbia, S.C., Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rudisill, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Cherryville, N.C., and others in order to complete the project.

DEDICATION
of the
Wilderness Camp Buildings
Lutheridge, Ashe, N.C.
March 13, 1966

Rev. and Mrs. J. Virgil Long who served as the program directors with some of the campers.
On our very first visit to this place with the Rev. J. L. Norris and his family, we hoped to find a stream gushing out of the springs on the crest of the plateau. Instead, we found a large yellow jackets' nest.

As years passed, we still longed for that stream flowing through the property, and so the idea of a fountain and a miniature waterfall surfaced. The first treasurer, Mr. Oscar Pitts had died and a more fitting memorial could not be erected in his memory.

The water fountain with a rustic wooden structure and the short waterfall is located between Efird Hall and the Lineberger Memorial Dining Hall-Kitchen.

**DEDICATION**

**Oscar Pitts Memorial Water Fountain**

**Lutheridge Assembly**

**Arden, N. C.**

**SUNSET AFTERNOON, JULY 21st, 1966**

**SPEAKERS**

**PROGRAM OF DEDICATION**

**Principal**

Mr. C. Miller Sigmon, Chairman of Board, Mabton, N. C.

**Executive Director**

The Rev. W. E. Iddings, Jr., D.D., D.D., Chairman, Lutheridge Assembly, Arden, N. C.

**Speaker**


**Speaker**

Mr. C. C. Perry, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Lutheridge Assembly, Arden, N. C.

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**THE FOUNTAIN**

The fountain is given in memory of the loved and beloved Oscar Pitts, beloved husband and father, an esteemed elder and a good neighbor. Oscar W. Pitts.

A man who loved his Church, his family and community with unwaning devotion and loyalty. He was an inspired leader of his congregation and the love, respect and admiration he held was evident to everyone who knew him. He was a long time member of the Presbytery of Greenville and was a member of the Board of Trustees and was our past treasurer until 1966. He was a member of the Lineberger Memorial Church in Arden.

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The growth in weekly attendance was taxing the capacity that the health department had established for the lake to be used for swimming and the time for building a swimming pool to supplement the facilities at the lake was here. How excited we were to be advised by the Lineberger Foundation that they would finance this project in honor of Henry Abel Lineberger, a long-time interested and generous friend of Lutheridge. How pleased and delighted we were that this happened during my administration and Mr. Lineberger’s lifetime.

**Scene at the lake**

**The pool**
Scenes from Lutheridge

Beaucatcher Mountain to the East.

Two youths looking into the unknown future.

From Veranda of the Efird Hall.

Fall in all of its colorful splendor.
One who has come to Lutheridge should find no difficulty in understanding the sweet singer of Israel who said "Beautiful for situation is Mount Zion." Truly every prospect is pleasing to the eye.

It would be very pleasing to us if we could enable you to enjoy the four seasons at Lutheridge in the scenes we present. Mr. Parrot, one of Asheville's tree surgeons, was employed by the Board of Trustees to visit Lutheridge and open some vistas, a window or two, so that you might enjoy some distant scenes from Efird Hall, the Lineberger Memorial Dining Hall, Mission Hall, Whisnant Memorial Chapel and Kohnjoy Inn. After a while one begins to realize what Rudyard Kipling meant when he wrote about keeping "the wilderness out": for nature keeps sending out new branches here along the vistas, the windows are closed once more.
How peaceful just strolling through luxuriant forest.
Our files are full of letters and newspaper clippings in which others have expressed their thinking and evaluation of our Lutheran Assembly Grounds and some of the things which take place here.

We can only include a few, but we think they are typical and representative of most of the others.

**What Others Think**

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**Lutheridge Is One Of Nation's Most Beautiful Summer Camps**

ARDEN - Swirling in rugged splendor across a mountainside near Arden in the western North Carolina mountains is one of America's most beautiful summer camps - Lutheridge.

As far back as 1918, when the first Sunday School Institute was held at St. James Lutheran Church, Concord, Lutheridge at North Carolina had envisioned a summer meeting place.

The idea that was first born in Concord was realized in the years that followed in one-week summer sessions at such places as Mt. Pleasant College in Wilmington, Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, and Newbern College and Shepherd College.


Dear Dr. Thorburn,

You and Mrs. Thorburn are to be commended for your unselfish service to the church as you both work to beautify the grounds and to beautify the church on high standards and by improvements so that it may continue to increase its monetary value.

As I walked with Mr. Dooley over the greater area of Lutheridge I commented to him that the little area that you had picked out for you to plant the white oak things that you had picked out for you to plant the flowers along a hill out of the little white oak hill that you planted among the trees along the white oak hill, and I think that you had planted among the trees along the white oak hill.

The whole of Lutheridge will forever be the spiritual life of the whole church and stand as a monument to you and Mrs. Thorburn forever.

I know that you have called Singon, but it would be good for both of us to have a copy of Board action on the urgent matters I was mentioning.

Sincerely,

- R. T. Boldt.

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**August 23, 1961**


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**332 Hunter Street, Charleston, S. C.**

July 4, 1961

Dear Dr. Wood,

I have recently returned from two weeks at Lutheridge helping with the counseling and trying to tell them what an inspiration they received.

I am sorry that I could not be there in person to help them, but I believe that the camp is going to be a great success.

The Rev. R.D. Wood, D.D.

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**August 1, 1961**


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In Appreciation

1987
Some Expressions of Gratitude and Appreciation

This pictorial story of the Lutheran Assembly Grounds, officially named, “Lutheridge” would not be complete without some expressions of appreciation and gratitude on our part.

Praise and thanksgiving to the Almighty God and gratitude and appreciation to a host of others have been a recurring theme in our ministry here. We longed for this final expression to reach a high plateau. We are well aware that even now we cannot thank every one individually, but we hope each one will see themselves as a part of the corporate group.

Those first intermediates and their leaders, memorializing my father, Lorenzo A. Thornburg with the painting of “Christ and the Rich Young Ruler” which hangs on the wall in the outer office of Effrd Hall.

The support, understanding, cooperation and wisdom of the Board of Trustees, not always unanimous, but always in the majority.

The donors of time, talents, finances and leadership are placed under the same umbrella. There were small and there were large contributors of money, but all counted and all were thanked personally and individually. In our imagination, a host of summer staff, counselors, public school teachers, resource persons, the caretaker, the giving of time, and on and on these volunteers come. We never asked anyone for money, but as the needs were presented by word of mouth and with the annual Thanksgiving one-page letter, the response was generous and liberal, and God multiplied what was given.
The resolutions, an appreciation, both expressions by the Board of Trustees, and the J. Lewis and Mary Lee Thornburg Day with unveiling of portraits with funds provided by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dreyer, Sr., Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Columbia, S.C.

1953...Summer School for Church Workers moves to Lutheridge.
...1,434 persons involved in programs at Lutheridge.
1953 - 1957...More buildings: Mission Hall, director's home, Pioneer, Laboratory School for adults begun.
1957...Pioneer area opened.
1958...Lake and pavilion, dining hall, completed.
1963...Swimming pool completed.
1964...Kohn-Joy Inn first used - first winterized facilities.
1965...Wilderness Camp program begun.
1966...7,002 persons involved at Lutheridge...property and equipment valued at $1,000,000.

THOSE WE HONOR

Dr. Thornburg is a native of Gaston County and St. Paul's, Dallas, a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1920, Southern Seminary in 1923, and Mt. Airy Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia, in 1924. He received his doctor of divinity degree from Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1951.

He served as pastor of three churches in N.C. over a period of 23 years. He began his ministry at St. Paul's, Durham, moved to St. John's, Statesville, in 1930, where he served for 15 years. He served at St. Mark's, China Grove, from 1945 to 1949. Early in 1949 he accepted the call of the Board of Trustees of Lutheridge to become its first Executive Director.

Through the years he has been a devout and consecrated servant of the church. He has made Lutheridge into one of the most outstanding church assembly grounds in the LCA. The church is greatly indebted to him for his foresight, his hard work, his care of the property, his deep interest in developing the spiritual lives of our young people, and his love and devotion to one of the impor-
CHURCHMEN FROM THREE LUTHERAN SYNODS joined in paying tribute July 12 to a couple who presided for 17 years over the development of the Lutheridge conference center at Arden. Representatives of the two Carolina Lutheridge synods and the Southeastern synod hailed the accomplishments of Dr. Lewis Thornburg and his wife Mary Lee Thornburg. Thornburg became director of Lutheridge and his wife Mary Lee Thornburg. Thornburg became director of Lutheridge in 1949, before ground was broken on any building. When he retired in 1966, the conference center contained 40 buildings worth more than $1 million. In his tribute to the Thornburgs, when portraits of the two were unveiled, the Rev. Bernard Trexler of Greenville, S. C., said the couple had the “preservation and the vision of the pioneers of our nation in their pursuit to turn funds and efforts into stone and mortar at Lutheridge. . . . Their influence can never be measured. . . . It is far greater than they could dare to dream.” The portraits, unveiled by C. Miller Sigmund, president of the board of trustees, were provided as a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Julius Clarence Dreher, Sr., of Columbia, S. C., Dr. and Mrs. Thornburg reside at Lutheridge and Dr. Thornburg serves as vice pastor of Good Shepherd, Brevard.

**The Board of Trustees of Lutheridge cordially invites you to the observance of J. Lewis and Mary Lee Thornburg Day Friday, July 12, 1968 Lutheridge, Arden, North Carolina Unveiling of Portraits R. P. M. Dinner in Lineberger Dining Hall $6 R. P. M.**

**Lutheridge Director Resigns**

Dr. J. Lewis Thornburg has resigned as executive director of Lutheridge, it was announced last week following the regular meeting of the Lutheridge board of trustees at the summer assembly.

His resignation becomes effective on Dec. 31.

Thornburg is the only executive director to serve Lutheridge in its 20-year history.

**Began In 1949**

He assumed the duties in 1949 when the 172-acre wooded tract was still undeveloped. During his 17-year administration, the assembly has grown into one of the largest summer camps of the Lutheran Church in America.

Its property and equipment is valued at $1,000,000, the highest among the 90 LCA summer camps. Its per week capacity of 500 residents is also the highest.

The Lutheridge site was purchased for $35,000 in 1946 by Lutherans in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. In 1952, Lutherans in Mississippi joined the project.

Major buildings at the assembly include Efird Memorial Building, the chapel, Lineberger dining hall-kitchen, Luther Lodge and Leadership Hall dormitories, recreation building, Mission Hall, lakeside pavilion, an activity building, and Kohn-Joy Inn.

Prior to assuming the Lutheridge duties, Thornburg served as pastor of three North Carolina churches over a 23-year period. He began his ministry as pastor of St. Paul, Durham, in 1923. In 1930, he moved to St. John, Statesville, where he served for 15 years. He also served as pastor of St. Mark, China Grove, from 1945 to 1949.

A native of Gaston County, Thornburg graduated from Lenoir Rhyne College in 1920, and Mt. Airy Lutheran Seminary.

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RESOLUTION

While recognizing Lutheridge to be a gift of God through the generosity of a host of His people, the Board of Trustees, also, acknowledges that much of what Lutheridge has become is directly the fruit of the labors of our first executive director; therefore, this board

RESOLVES:

First - That the Board of Trustees record its abiding gratitude to God for the gift of Lutheridge; and

Second - That its sincere appreciation be expressed to the Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, D. D., for the seventeen years of self-giving service he has contributed to the building of this assembly and the development of its program of education, recreation and spiritual enrichment;

Third - That we thank Dr. Thornburg for the many friends he has won for Lutheridge, and for the liberal contributions he has encouraged;

Fourth - That we assure Dr. Thornburg that those who have been board members will always remember gratefully the guidance he has given this board in its work;

Fifth - That, on behalf of the owning and supporting synods, we register the grateful appreciation of the church for the fruitful ministry of Dr. Thornburg at Lutheridge and throughout the territory it serves;

Sixth - That we note with thanksgiving the kindesses which have been extended to those resorting to this place of blessedness and which have prompted many to thank God for giving this good minister to Lutheridge;

Seventh - That we say to Mrs. Thornburg how genuinely we appreciate her devotion to Lutheridge, and her services everywhere that her talents have been needed; but most of all, we would thank her for the support she has given her husband under the heavy demands which Lutheridge has made upon him;

Eighth - That we show our grateful appreciation to God and to Dr. and Mrs. Thornburg by continuing the good work which has been begun here, and that we do so in the prayerful hope that it may be performed unto the day of Christ Jesus; and

Ninth - That we pray that these good servants of Jesus Christ be followed by the Heavenly Father's finest favors as they walk into the future together, and that God will go on using them to the blessing of many.

9 November 1966

PRESIDENT [Signature] SECRETARY [Signature]
Bob Terrell

Lutheridge: A Monument

Dr. J. Lewis Thornburg looks at the land, the rolling, forested hills, the green meadows, the service buildings and dwellings of Lutheridge, and swells with pride.

"Prior to 1909," he said, "this was a land development by Florida people, but the depression caught them, and the land lay here useless for 20 years..." During that time, Oscar Pitts learned of it and our church was able to buy it for a church assembly grounds.

Under Dr. Thornburg's direction for 18 years, Lutheridge grew from a $25,000 investment (the cost of the land) into a million dollar institution that annually serves thousands of Lutherans from all over the southeast.

They gather here to worship and study and play, and they learn many things through association with others that benefit them in their own church work back home.

This weekend, Lutheridge, located in Arden just south of the U.S. 15-52A intersection, will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a Founders Day celebration and banquet on Saturday and a Sunday service in Whiskman Chapel.

Dream Of The Far-Sighted

For many years, Lutheridge was a dream of several persons in the Lutheran church. Oscar Pitts, an auctioneer at the Asheville stockyards and a devoted Lutheran layman, was one of those.

He relayed information about the 175-acre tract of land to the first meeting of the board of Lutheridge at St. Mark's Church in Asheville in 1947, and the assembly made the purchase. Later, 20 more acres were added, giving the assembly roughly 200 acres.

Several factors favored construction of Lutheridge on this site. Accessibility was immediate. The railroad brought people from the directions of Charleston and Cincinnati and dropped them practically at Lutheridge's doorstep. Bus services was adequate on nearby US 25, and the Asheville-Hendersonville Airport was "just over the hill." Mr. and Mrs. John S. Efird of Albemarle, lay people who had seen other denominations develop assembly grounds and profit by them, believed so strongly that they contributed $30,000 to the North Carolina Synod for this purpose, and the church put the money into trust. By the time Lutheridge was ready for its first assembly building, this money had grown to $60,000.

"All this," Dr. Thornburg said, "put me into an adventure of faith." My thoughts were that this had to be an assembly ground FOR the people. We had to get the people to feel "this is ours," and we succeeded in this. Consequently, they had a pride in taking care of it and contributing to it.

"Because of that, and because we chose to let Lutheridge grow in small parts, every building here was paid for when completed. At no time did we carry a mortgage. At no time did we have an extremely large capital outlay. But now we have a capital investment of one million dollars."

No Stones Unturned

The first building at Lutheridge was Efird Hall, an all-purpose building completed just before the Korean War. The center of social and fellowship life at the assembly, it contained administrative offices, classrooms and assembly rooms.

As time passed, other units were added, living quarters, dining areas, the chapel, an outdoor altar, various recreation facilities – many of them contributed by wealthy Lutherans who had a deep and abiding faith in the value of the work being done at Lutheridge.

"Lutheridge," said Dr. Thornburg, "has grown to the point that it has the potential of serving a lot of people, and the buildings have been wistened to make the assembly a year-round facility."

Dr. Thornburg was the perfect man for the position of executive director of Lutheridge. He took his first pastorate at the age of 26 at St. Paul's in Durham. There were only 12 persons in his congregation at the start, and he had time on his hands. So he did something he had wanted to do all his life: He joined the Boy Scouts. He was a 12-year-old tenderfoot, and proud to be one.

"My experience in the Boy Scouts," he said, "helped me tremendously at Lutheridge because many of our activities center around camping.

"But the thing that helped me most," he added, "were three words given me by a state editor of The Charlotte Observer. The first was "visualize." The second was "organize." The third word was "action." I'm sure my dreams were not tied to a plan, he said, so we wouldn't get off the ground. The third word was "enlist." It takes energy to make a place like this go. Over the years, I found those three words invaluable."

He put those words to use. He led so stone unturned. And the people pitched in. Together they built Lutheridge into an assembly ground they are extremely proud of.

Dr. Thornburg retired as executive director in 1967 and has been serving the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Brevard. He will terminate that service June 30 and retire again, at the age of 75, to live contentedly on the grounds of Lutheridge.

To show their appreciation of the job Dr. Thornburg did, the people of Lutheridge will air the "this weekend the change of the name of Leadership Hall on the assembly grounds to Thornburg Hall."

The honor is most deserved.
The Story is ended—

Every story has a beginning and ending. This has been true of "A Pictorial Story", with narratives, of Lutheridge. The story ended when I terminated my ministry as the first Executive Director of the Lutheran Summer Assembly at Arden, N.C. Miss Ethel Hockemyer, a member of the summer staff, wrote of the event as "An era ended".

I did my best using the talents and skills God had given me to dream dreams, to visualize the type of facilities which would be needed for leadership training for which the Church had purchased the property. Facilities were needed for comfortable housing; for preparing and serving good, delicious food, and last, but by no means of lesser importance, space and equipment for a well-rounded recreational program. This required careful, detailed planning and organizing by the Board of Trustees and myself to see that financial and leadership resources provided the most and the best.

If these splendid facilities were unused our work and labor were unproductive. The children, youth and adults of the owning synods and to be energized, excited, and challenged with a yearning to fill every available space to capacity, week after week, all summer long. The pictorial story seeks to record how it all grew and developed.

My visualizing, my organizing, my energizing has come to an end with this story.

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