

# SPLENDID SPEECHES AND MUSIC INSPIRE BIG CROWD

## THE LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION HELD IN BINFORD WAS THE LARGEST EVER HELD ON COOPERSTOWN CIRCUIT

The Luther League of Cooperstown Circuit held in Binford, Sunday and Monday, July 23rd and 24th, was a great success from its beginning to the last meeting. The people of Binford and vicinity, together with Rev. H. O. Bach, certainly deserve honor and praise for their excellent work and splendid arrangements.

Sunday morning the convention assembled in a large tent, with a seating capacity of about 1500 people, and when the services started at 10 o'clock, the tent was packed.

The Liturgical part of the service was conducted by Rev. H. O. Bach, Pastor Locii, and the sermon was preached by Missionary Prof. E. Sovig, from China. It was the most heart searching sermon based upon Christ's command in Luke 34-46-49. The speaker emphasized first, the salvation in Jesus Christ only—for the whole world; second, the gospel should be preached among all nations, beginning at home, in the Christian countries; and third, we, who profess ourselves Christians, are Christ's witnesses. At the close of the sermon a most striking appeal to all christian people to be whole-hearted, real witnesses for Christ, was emphasized, otherwise we will not be fulfilling our christian purposes and in some way or another we should suffer for our disobedience, the Bible states. A mission offering amounting to \$160.00 was taken at the close of the service.

The community singing at the afternoon session was conducted by Mr. Oscar Overby, of Aneta, and there were also songs by the Cooperstown choir and by Mrs. McKenzie. Dr. Prof. J. Tanner, of Concordia college, gave an excellent speech on "Christian Education." The next speaker, Hon. John L. Sundeen, of Minneapolis, spoke on "Biblical Civilization." Very seldom has the writer heard or seen any speaker who could handle his subject and an audience in such a masterful way as did Mr. Sundeen. The main thought in his one and a half hour lecture was to prove from history that the only solid foundation for individuals, churches, communities and nations is to follow God's plans, as laid down in the word of God, the Bible.

At the evening session, Mr Albert I. Johnson, of Hannaford, read a well prepared paper on "Education," the responsibility and obligation all educated people have, and proved, that education is of no value in itself unless it is of service to others. Prof. Sovig spoke about conditions in China and compared them with conditions in our own country. In conclusion he asked "What do we expect God to do for us more than He has done?"

At the business meeting Monday morning the convention decided to buy the big tent which was rented from Minneapolis.

The report from the officers showed that the condition of the circuit was very good.

The officers elected for the coming

year were as follows: President, Miss Angeth Fosmark, of Finley; vice-president, Rev. A. Green, of Page; secretary, Miss Svanhild Frisvold, of Cooperstown; treasurer, Mr. Oscar Greenland of Binford.

At the afternoon session Miss Fosmark of Finley gave an excellent talk on "More Religion among the Young People." Hon. Sundeen gave a splendid lecture about "The Layman's Field."

Only one thing can be said about the concert in the evening. It was fine, and the director, Mr. Overby, proved himself to be an excellent leader, who handled the big choir in a splendid way. The solos rendered by Mr. Tollefson, Miss Boe, and Mrs. McKenzie, and the duet by Mrs. McKenzie and Miss Frisvold, and also the selection by the mixed quartette added much to the success of the concert and were very well received.

All in all, it was a fine convention, and the retiring officers had the satisfaction of hearing that all were well pleased with the efforts made in making this convention a great success.

The retiring officers are: President, Rev. T. S. Hanson, Warwick; vice president, Rev. G. Natwick, of Hannaford; secretary, G. Gilbertson of Finley; and treasurer, Miss Cora Berg, of McVilleville.

The Binford Ladies' Aid served lunches to the big crowds both Sunday and Monday, and did it to the great satisfaction of everyone.

It is to be hoped that the result of this convention may be a great harvest for the Kingdom of God.—Contributed.

### THANKS

The Trinity Lutheran Church, the Young People's Society, Ladies' Aid and members and pastor, wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to one and all who helped us prepare for and so successfully carry out the Luther League Convention held in our city, Sunday and Monday of this week. Those who know say that it was the finest and greatest convention ever held on the Cooperstown circuit. For this we are glad and thankful, and next to the good grace of our Lord and Master of the church we owe this to the splendid co-operation of the people of Binford.

Again, we thank you.

Trinity Lutheran Church  
by Rev. H. O. Bach, pastor

### POPULAR PEOPLE WIDDED

Sunday morning at the Binford Lutheran Free church, occurred the beautiful marriage of Miss Inga D. Pederson, of our community to Rev. John E. Thompson, of Minneapolis, Rev. L. M. Halling uniting them in holy wedlock.

The church was neatly decorated and the church was filled to the last seat with attentive witnesses. Palmer Pederson and Miss Emma Gilbertson, and George Gilbertson and Miss Gerda Watne, acted as attendants. Miss Bertha Tweed played the wedding march.

The bride is favorably known in this community and has been very active in church work. The groom has just been ordained into the ministry and will take up work in Bella Colie, British Columbia, where he has been called. The newly weds have our united congratulations and best wishes for a successful work.—Contributed.