

# DEDICATION MARKS EPOCH IN CHURCH HISTORY

## ALL IS READY FOR SATURDAY

### Market Day in Binford Will Draw Immense Crowds From Surrounding Country.

Unless all signs fail Binford will entertain one of the largest crowds of its history next Saturday—Market Day. Everything is being attended to, and with the exception of a few minor details which cannot be done until the day arrives, all is in readiness to make this day an event which will long be remembered.

There is not much more to say. The program as announced last week will be carried out to the letter. The Binford band will be on the job all day and fill in at intervals, and it is possible that the McHenry band will also be here, tho this has not been definitely decided on.

The merchants are arranging their stocks to facilitate handling a large number of customers. The splendid discounts are sure to attract the shrewd buyer who desires to stock up with reasonable merchandise.

The indoor base ball game between two lady teams will be an interesting feature, and the ball game between the locals and the Pekin team will be a hot battle. These two teams are evenly matched and as each team has won a game apiece so far this season, a supreme effort will be made by each to cop the "rubber."

"Thompson's Hired Man" will be put on again in the evening. This play has met with unusual success at each place where it has been shown. At Pekin Monday night it was necessary to put on the show twice in order to accommodate the large crowd who wished to witness the production.

Immediately after the show, F. C. Beckman will put on a big dance at the opera house, for which the Binford orchestra will furnish the music.

Throw away your cares for that day and come to Binford. We will treat you royally.

### The Old Home Town.

Do you remember the lazy fellow who used to sit in the stores and barber shops in the old home town and predict the failure of every boy who tried to poke his nose above the common herd? Up in the village of Salem they used to crack lots of jokes at the expense of a lank and ungainly young fellow who clerked in the village grocery, poled flat boats on the river and split rails for a living. They called him Abe in those days. He became president of the United States and thousands from far places on the earth have visited his tomb at Springfield to do him honor. They used to make fun of Bill McAdoo back in the home town. Of course you've heard of Bill. He dug a tunnel under the Hudson river and is secretary of the treasury now. But there are a lot of old tads back in the old home town who sort of hope that Bill will fall over something yet and land in the consomme. And Orville Wright was a regular joke in his own home town. It is the old home town itself that is the joke.

### Spread the House-Flly and Spread Disease.

The fly is preparing to make an attack on the health of your family, of yourself and of your pocket book. The housefly breeds, usually, in fresh manure. The more of this waste that is allowed near the house, the more will the dwelling be infested with flies. Not only do flies breed in filth, but they are filthy habits. They are distributors of disease germ of all kinds, including tuberculosis germs. Extreme care should be taken therefore to destroy breeding places and to keep flies out of the house.

## Impressive and Instructive Sermons by Ten Pastors Were Listened to by People Who Thronged Here to Attend the Dedication Ceremonies of the Binford United Lutheran Church.

The Cooperstown district of the United Lutheran church held its spring conference in Binford last Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 4, 5, and 6. The attendance was estimated to be near the five-hundred mark, the largest gathering ever held in this church. There were ten pastors who took active part in the sessions, namely Rev. L. P. Thorckveen of St. James, Minnesota, Rev. J. M. Jensen of Badger, Iowa, Rev. E. T. Silness of Bisbee, Rev. M. O. Dybvik of Dazey, Rev. Tollefson of Finley, Rev. Wold of Pekin, Rev. Ovrebø of Aneta, Rev. Sigurd Olsen of Cooperstown, Rev. Mjaaness of West Prairie congregation and Rev. T. E. Sweger the local pastor.

In the year 1899, Rev. Silness organized a congregation in Binford. The meetings were held in a schoolhouse. He was pastor here until the year 1904 when Rev. Dybvik was called. During his pastorate from 1904 to 1907, lots were purchased and plans laid for erection of a church, which was then begun.

After the building was up, a little was added from year to year, until this spring, when the finishing touches were put on, and on Friday of last week the last portion of the debt against the structure, \$128.00, was paid, leaving the church free of debt, before the day of dedication, which took place on Sunday June 6.

The church, as it now stands, is estimated to have cost the congregation about \$7000, and is complete in every detail. It has a seating capacity of 400. The side room was finished up this spring and will be used for Sunday school and other purposes.

To accommodate the immense crowds during the conference the ladies of the congregation served dinners each day in a large tent near the church.

The meeting opened on Friday forenoon. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Mjaaness. His text was taken from Rev. 3:20. He gave a very able presentation of Divine truth. At this service the full liturgical service was used. Rev. Ovrebø officiated at the altar. The local pastor welcomed the visitors to the meetings in a few well chosen words. It was decided to hold the sessions from 10:00 to 12:00 o'clock a. m. from 1:30 to 4:00 p. m. and from 7:30 to 9:00 p. m.

Friday afternoon Rev. Tollefson led in devotion after which a business meeting was held. The secretary, Rev. Sweger read the report which was on motion accepted. The following new officers were elected: President, Rev. E. C. Tollefson; vice president, Rev. Sigurd Olsen; secretary, Rev. Dybvik; treasurer, P. O. Olsen of Sharon; visors M. Brekke of Finley and Mr. Hegland of Sheridan. The president was appointed to receive invitations and decide the place of next conference. A committee of three was appointed to pick out the conference theme for the next meeting.

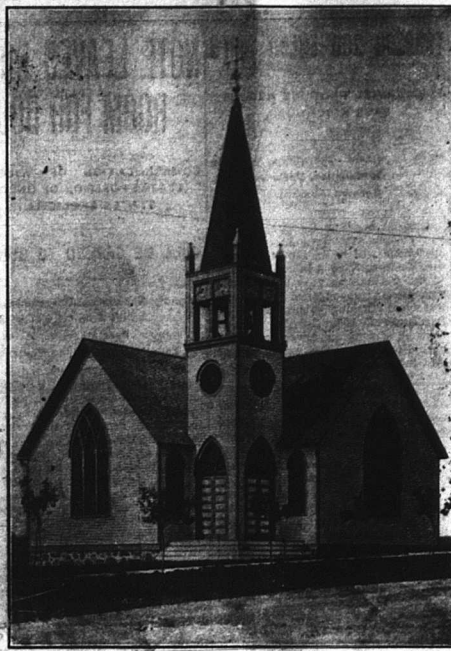
Revs. Sweger, Mjaaness and Thoreson decided that Rev. Olson should deliver his address, "The Church and Socialism" on Friday evening. Then Rev. Ovrebø introduced the theme to the conference, taken from Matthew 22, 32-46.

The points to be followed in this discussion were as follows: "What Think Ye of Christ?"

First, 'Who Christ Is:' a. True God; b. True Man; c. The Savior of the World.

Second, 'An Important Question:' a. Directed to the Enemies of Jesus, Pharisees, etc.; b. Same Question Comes to Us Christians.

Third, 'Our Salvation Depends on the Answer to This Question:' a.



They Who Deny Christ, or Who Do Not Believe in Him, Are Lost. b. They Who Believe in Him and Confess Him.

A solo was sung by Rev. S. S. Wold, after which the discussion took place, led by Thorckveen, Dybvik and Tollefson.

This session closed by singing a hymn and reading the Lord's Prayer. At the Friday evening session, Rev. Dybvik led in devotion, followed by the lecture by Rev. Olson, "The Church and Socialism." His address was very interesting. He pointed what Socialism is not and what it really is; also the stronger and the weaker sides of Socialism, and the attitude the church should take towards Socialism.

Rev. E. T. Silness of Bisbee, a fact that there is a way that leads home. Jesus is the Only Way. He is the Objective and Subjective Way to God.

Sixth, 'He Comforts Them With the Fact That They Know the Way.' Seventh, 'He Comforts Them With the Fact That He Will Receive Them Through this Way.' a. A Believer Has a Desire to be Received; b. He Must be Received; c. He Will Receive Them Individually and Together.

It was decided with the conference to follow these points in discussion. The following pastors took part: Rev. Tollefson, Ovrebø and Jensen.

The services Saturday evening were in the English language, with talks by Rev. Silness and Rev. Jensen, and a duet sang by Miss Marie Norman and Miss Ruth Alfson.

The dedication services were held Sunday forenoon. The church was packed to the doors, with a great many people standing outside who could not get in. The regular Lutheran service was used for dedication, and was very impressive. Rev. L. P. Thorckveen of St. James, Minn., delivered the sermon, which was one of the finest dedication sermons ever given. His text was taken from Luke, 10, 33, "Blessed are the eyes that see what ye see." His sermon was beautiful, delivered in a clear, masterful way. The thought was logical, and his speech was full of practical imagery. He emphasized

First, 'Who Christ Is:' a. True God; b. True Man; c. The Savior of the World; d. They Are Few; e. They Are Weak.

Third, 'They Must Change Their Opinion According to the Kingdom of Christ.'

Div. 2. 'Who Are Those Whom the Lord Comforts?'

First, 'Who Christ Is:'

First: What the kings and prophets saw. The prophets were Noah, Abraham, Moses, Eliazah and Micah, and kings were David, Solomon and Hezekiah.

Second: What the disciples saw and heard. They saw Christ. a. They saw him in person as the son of God and son of man; b. They saw him as high priest, prophet, and king.

Third: Who can appropriate to themselves this beatitude of Christ? a. Those who confess their sins; b. Those who believe in Him.

Rev. Silness gave the address of the Dean, using as his text, John 12, 20-23, "We would see Jesus."

Sunday afternoon Holy Communion was administered, Rev. Jensen officiating at the altar. The pastors, Thorckveen, Mjaaness, Thoreson and Tollefson gave short talks, closing up the discussion and bidding farewell, having to take their departure at the close of that session. Mention might be made here of the talk by Rev. Thorckveen. He illustrated his sermon most beautifully and strikingly with Thorvaldsen's statue of Jesus, a copy of which graces the altar of our church.

A musical treat was enjoyed at this session. The Cooperstown choir, consisting of twenty or more voices, under the able direction of Prof. Herigstad, gave two beautiful selections.

Sunday evening addresses were given by the three former pastors of the church, Revs. E. T. Silness, M. O. Dybvik and J. M. Jensen. The local choir sang one song and Rev. Jensen sang a solo.

In conclusion let us say that this meeting was one of the best, most instructive and well attended ever held here. It will never be forgotten by those in the congregation who have worked for years to get this church where it is today. The debt is paid and the work on the edifice completed. They have much to be proud of as this is one of the finest churches of this county.

I will be in Hannaford June 9th, Binford June 10th, McHenry June 11th, for the purpose of buying cavalry and artillery horses. Horses must stand 15-14 to 16 hands high; weight 1000 to 1400 pounds. Also all classes of eastern horses that are in good flesh and well broke. One day's inspection in above towns.—B. W. Elder, Carrington, N. D., and Chicago, Ill.

## DANDELIONS ARE HARMING LAWNS

### Experiment Station Gives Receipt For Getting Rid of this Pest.

Some of the lawns in this town have been practically ruined in the space of one or two years by the outcropping of the dandelion. All kinds of theories have been advanced for their extermination but few of them have the desired result. And while some of them kill the weed for the year, others grow in their stead another season until the fight looks like a hopeless one. The main thing is to keep everlastingly at it—no matter what "cure" you have adopted as the logical one.

Along with the "cure" comes the necessity of converting your neighbor into a like notion for it will be of no use for one man to attempt to kill the dandelions in his lawn if the neighbors on all sides allow the weeds to seed and then blow all over the town.

Sulphate of iron is considered the best remedy for the pest. It comes in the granular form and should be used in the proportion of 2 pounds to a gallon of water. One gallon will cover about 360 square feet. Spray the dandelions with a fine sprayer in the forenoon, soaking them well. Do not allow this preparation on newly mowed lawns, nor should the lawns be mowed for three or four days after the spray has been used. If dandelions are thick spray two or three times during the summer.

Another way is to put the preparation in a small oil can, cut the root of the dandelion and soak it well. This preparation finally kills the dandelion and acts as a stimulus for the grass. If your neighbor will not take up the work with you, make a sneak in his lawn some evening and do the work yourself. For with seeds all around you to scatter and grow, there is little chance of getting rid of them entirely no matter how consistent the effort on your own lawn.

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