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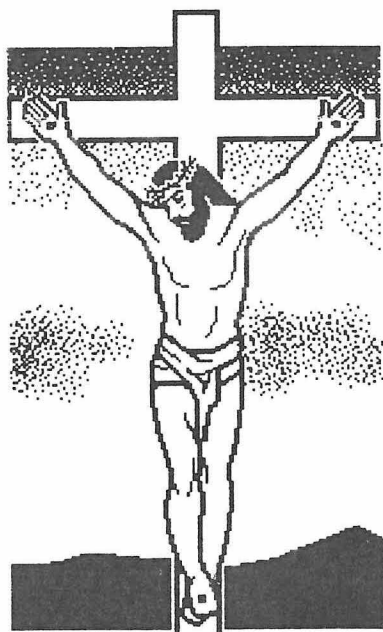
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THE RESURRECTION

If you were to ask many people who they thought was the most important person in all of history, you would be likely to receive as many different answers as people you asked.



This is true as shown by a survey conducted by one professor at a college who asked his students the same question. The startling answer revealed that Jesus Christ was tied for 14th place! Likewise, if we were to ask what was the most important events, many would say, "the landing on the moon; or the atomic bomb or perhaps even the

Revolutionary war." No matter how important we may feel these events and persons may have been, the truth is that none of them compare with the Advent of the birth of the Saviour of the world, Jesus Christ and His resurrection on Easter.

The resurrection proves beyond all doubt who Jesus Christ is. Only the Son of God could come back from the grave, never to die again. No human being has such power. Millions of people worship the prophet Mohammed, the founder of the Muslim religion, a man who is still in his grave. In contrast, we trust in a God who came to us as a child, lived among us, taught and healed wherever He went, and was crucified and buried and rose again on the third day, even as He had promised. And a God who is still with us even

today and forevermore.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ proves that the Father has accepted the work Jesus did on the cross for all time. All people have sinned, and there is not a single one who is pure and free of this scourge, save for Jesus Himself. Our faith which is a gift from God, enables us to free ourselves from the punishment of sin which He has promised for all unbelievers, and live with Him forever in heaven.

Death no longer has any fear for us, because our trust in Jesus removes all fear of the grave and of that place called hell. All believers who have been baptized into Christ will rise to eternal life. This message of hope on Easter has been the comfort of Christians down through the ages, that we who are buried in Christ shall also rise again into all eternity.

HE LIVES

Can you imagine happier words than those

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ILDA MISSION PROJECTS UPDATE

As we go to press, approximately five months remain before the 1993 convention opens in Austin, Texas. ILDA Treasurer Dennis Konkel reports that as of January 16, 1993, receipts for ILDA Mission Projects since the last convention at Toledo, Ohio have reached \$8,534.97 or approximately 42.6% of the \$20,000 goal set two years ago.

While a goal of \$20,000 does not seem to be an impossible achievement to attain, we also realize that the economy the past few months has been hard on many families and may account at least in part for the disappointing results so far. But there is still time to at least improve before we gather in Texas.

A barometer showing "how we are doing" appears elsewhere in this issue. (See Page 2.)

NOMINATIONS FOR ILDA OFFICES

PRESIDENT:

Ronald L. Madding, Portland, Ore., incumbent, eligible for second term. Mail carrier, U.S. Postal Service, Gresham, Ore.

PRESIDENT-ELECT:

Larry M. Gorton, Spokane, Wash. In event the president is re-elected, the president-elect remains in office for a second term.



JIM SWALLEY

James G. Swalley, North Manchester, Ind., currently president of the central region. Registered draftsman.

SECRETARY:

Charlies J. Kotal, Westminster, Calif., concluding second term in office, not eligible for re-election.

Alice L. Hagemeyer, Silver Spring, Md. Retired librarian. Ms. Hagemeyer has indicated she will decline to run.

TREASURER:

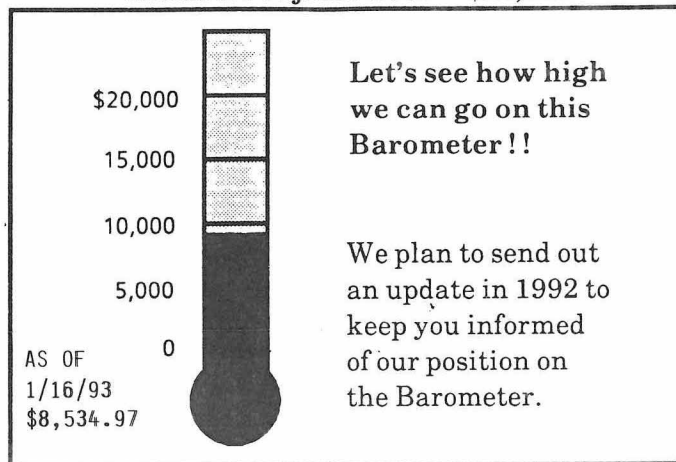
Dennis R. Konkel, College Park, Md., incumbent for eligible second term.

Note: Additional nominations for the above offices will be accepted from the floor during the convention. Chairing the nominating committee will be Lester Ahls of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

WHOSOEVER
 And whosoever of you would
 be the chiefest, shall be servant
 of all.
--Mark 10:44

1991 - 1993 ILDA Mission Projects

Mission Projects Goal - \$20,000



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THE RESURRECTION

of the angels at the empty tomb: "He has risen." We can only listen in awe at these simple, but life-changing words. Now consider how terrible and devastating it would have been if their worst fears had been realized! They huddled in fear because they thought their hopes had been dashed. Their Master had died, and they had little incentive to go on living. Nothing had come of the kingdom of God after all. True, He had said He would rise on the third day, but could it really happen? No, that was too unlikely.

"He has risen!" Had He not, we, who cling to Him as Lord and Saviour, would draw nothing but pity for our trust in a loser. The truth is, He lives. He has established that He is a Winner. He met our enemies head on and won. He struggled with Satan over guilt of sin-our sin-and suffered the damnation that is the end result of sin. But Jesus is not in the grave to which all that took Him. He gave His life, but within three days He took it back again. Satan was defeated, even tho' he had brought out his strongest weapons. Jesus had won the final victory.

Jesus lives, He lives and now so may we!

 YES!! I want to help bring God's Word to many other people through the ILDA Mission Projects. Enclosed is my offering of \$ _____.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail to: Mr. Dennis Konkel, Treasurer, ILDA Mission Projects, 8712 34th Ave. College Park, MD 20740. May God bless both the gift and the giver. All contributions are tax deductible.

MILLIE FRANCISCO DIES DEC. 21

After a long ordeal with cancer that devastated her body, but never her cheerful spirit, Mildred Mary Francisco, 70, of Spokane, Wash., was called home by our Lord on Monday, Dec. 21 to celebrate Jesus' birthday in heaven. Millie, who would have been 71 in eight more weeks, was looking forward with her husband, Elmer to their 50th wedding anniversary on April 10 this year.



MILDRED M. FRANCISCO
1922 - 1992

A native of a remote area in southeastern Montana, she attended a one-room school in Camp Crook, S.D., and by the time she was 13, entered the South Dakota School for the Deaf, graduating in 1941. She was one of the first deaf people to be employed at Boeing in Seattle, Wash., during WWII. She met her husband during church services in Billings, Mont. in 1942 and the couple was wed a year later at Poulso, Wash.

The couple moved a number of times during their years together, to Montana, North Dakota, Wyoming and back to Montana, again and also Washington. Before settling down for good in Spokane, they accepted one more challenge by moving to Detroit, Mich. in August, 1978 where they were houseparents and counselors at the Lutheran School for the Deaf until their retirement at which time they returned to their home in Spokane.

Active in her church, the International Lutheran Deaf Association, the Northwest Re-

gional Conference of the ILDA and the deaf community wherever the couple happened to reside, Millie could always be counted on to help when something needed to be done. She was also president of her local LWML as well as financial and church council secretary.

Services were conducted on Thursday, Dec. 24 at Faith Lutheran Church, Spokane, with Rev. Martin Hewitt officiating. Surviving her are her husband, Elmer, and three children, Donna of Spokane, Patricia of Bozeman, Mont., and Ronald of Lyons, Ore; seven grandchildren; three great grandchildren; her mother, Fern Catron, 92 of Lewistown, Mont.; three brothers, Clyde, Bob and Rex, and one sister, Helen and a number of nieces and nephews.

"... I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:3

BENJAMIN J. BEAVER

Benjamin (Ben) Beaver, 100, of Detroit, Mich. passed away Sept. 8, 1992 at the Elwyn Institute, Philadelphia. A native of Illinois, he spent most of his life in the Detroit area, where he was employed by the Ford Motor Co. for 42 years, rising to the rank of engine inspector. A fighter all his life for the rights of the deaf community, he and his brother, Ralph, were the first deaf people to be issued drivers' licenses in the State of Michigan.



**BENJAMIN
BEAVER**

His response to periodic considerations by state lawmakers to restrict the rights of deaf people to operate automobiles results in the organization of the Detroit Association of the Deaf (DAD) and the Michigan Deaf Drivers' Defense Fund, which remains to this day. He was an avid athlete and baseball player and was always involved in helping others.

Ben Beaver was a member of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Detroit, for many, many years and attended conferences of the Great Lakes Regional Conference.

Services were held on Sept. 11, 1992 with Rev. Clark R. Bailey officiating. Interment was at Grandlawn, Detroit.

ROAMING THE REGIONS FROM HERE 'THERE . . .

Two people from the Spokane area (Wash.) will be serving on the Standing Committee for Deaf Ministry of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod . . . the are **Rev. Martin Hewitt** and **ILDA President-elect Larry Gorton**. They were in St. Louis for their first meeting the second week in December.

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Another couple from the Spokane area have taken up temporary residence for the winter in Apache Jct., Ariz. . . . **Melba and Luther Sandberg**.

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Recovering from prostate cancer surgery is **Rev. Clark Bailey** of Detroit. The pastor reports the operation went well and no further treatment is needed. He is probably back in the pulpit by now.

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Many of our ILDA members will remember the late **Arthur Nyquist** of Milwaukee. He passed away Sept. 16. Art and his wife were members of Emmanuel for many years and members of the Central Region of the ILDA.

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Former parish worker, **Mrs. Doris Myhre** of Milwaukee passed away in Crawfordsville, Fla. on Dec. 6. She will be fondly remembered for leading the choir during the 1985 convention at Milwaukee.

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Rev. Steve Schlund has received a call to the South Dakota District to serve the deaf as missionary at large in South Dakota, southwestern Minnesota and northwestern Iowa. He has been serving the deaf in southern Wisconsin and the state school students since July 31, 1983.

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For interested persons, please note: the **1993 Church Interpreters Training Institute** at Concordia Theological Seminary at Fort Wayne, Ind. will be on the dates of June 20-July 16.

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Rev. Ely Prieto from Porto Alegre, Brazil was the guest preacher at Peace Lutheran Church, Indianapolis on Dec. 20. He spoke on work among te deaf in that country. He is presently attending Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind.

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The deaf people in Kansas are planning to raise \$2,200,000 to establish a **Deaf Cultural Center** in the Kansas City area. Efforts at fund raising are underway with ground break-

ing tentatively set for October 1993 and a grand opening in May 1995.

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Mrs. Mildred Burford has been chosen as "Deaf Woman of the Year" by the Quota Club of Toledo, Ohio. Millie has been active in her church, Good Shepherd, as well as many other organizations of the deaf in leadership roles. Congratulations!

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Mrs. Ruth D. Ludovico, 86, of Pittsburgh, Pa., a long time member of Trinity Lutheran Church, passed away after a brief illness. She was a member of the ILDA, LWML and choir director at her church.

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New ideas are always springing up, it seems, and when it involves the ILDA, we sit up and listen! **Hope Lutheran Church**, Portland, Ore. has established a local branch of the ILDA whose goal is "to promote and encourage the programs of the national ILDA." It is noteworthy that the current ILDA president is a member of this congregation, and no doubt had a hand in this worthwhile endeavor. The new branch is emphasizing the Zacharias Fund which encourages funding to help students studying for the pastoral and teaching ministries and who plan to serve the deaf after graduation.

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Some 1,200 people are already registered for the **Walther League 100th Anniversary Reunion** at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Chicago May 21-24. It is described as a "once-in-a-lifetime event" and is being sponsored by the Wheat Ridge Ministries.

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Lutheran Deaf Community Service (LDCS) is a brand new service being made through Word of God Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The new agency will be providing services to the deaf community who face a variety of challenges and without regard to church affiliation. The new service is not intended to replace Deaf Services of Iowa, which is state funded in Des Moines.

IN MEMORIAM

It has been suggested that persons wishing memorialize Millie Francisco or Ben Beaver send their contributions to ILDA Mission Projects, care of Dennis Konkell, Treasurer, 8712 34th Ave., College Park, Md. 20740.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

Greetings to all our supportive ILDA members in Jesus' name!

According to ILDA Constitution, Article XXI, all resolutions of amendment, modification, alteration or repeal must be presented to all congregations, fields, and persons involved in pastoral ministry with deaf persons of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod at least ninety (90) days prior to the ILDA convention.

As requested for our certification on Internal Revenue Services (IRS) 501 (c) (3) status in our continuing application for Synod auxiliary status, two additions are asked to be made into our ILDA constitution.

1. Addition as a second paragraph to article IV.

"The Association is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purpose within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code."

2. Addition as second paragraph to Article XVII.

"Upon the dissolution of the Association, the Association shall after paying or making provisions for payment of all the liabilities of the Association, dispose of all the assets of the Association exclusively for the purposes of the Association in such a manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the qualify as an exempt or-

ganization or organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any Such assets not so disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Association is located, exclusively for such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes."

Also presented will be the approval of the ILDA Board of directors to set up an **ILDA Mission Endowment Fund**. The fund will be used as designated for specific purposes or missions in memory of pastors, members and friends called to heaven to be with Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,
LARRY M. GORTON, Chairman
ILDA Law Committee

WHY SOME PEOPLE GO TO CHURCH

A couple was talking on the way home from church when the wife asked her husband, "Did you see the lady in the big red hat?"

"No, I didn't."

Wife. "Well, did you see the lady with the ugly looking purple dress?"

"No, I didn't."

Then the wife replied, "Goodness, a lot of good it does you to go to church."

--The Lutheran Journal



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, SPOKANE, OBSERVES 65TH--These pictures show the congregation gathered at the church Oct. 16-17, 1992 as they celebrated their church's 65th anniversary. The gentleman on the far right is Rev. Wayne Bottlinger, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, who was guest speaker. Photo courtesy--Larry Gorton

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1991 ILDA Convention

By Archie D. Marshall, chairperson

Resolution No. 1

Whereas, The Board for Missions, Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod has supported and encouraged a study council for deaf missions through ILDA's standing committees and,

Whereas, It has been very helpful that our standing committees have been useful in adding our input to the Board for Missions regarding deaf culture, ethics, languages and other needs as we work together to bring the Good News of Christ Jesus to deaf people,

Be It Resolved; that we thank the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod and the Board for Missions for permitting and encouraging this exchange of ideas, programs, plans through our standing committees,

And Be It Further Resolved; that the ILDA encourage every Lutheran Deaf Congregation to send letters to LCMS thanking them for their fine cooperation and encourage them to continue their support of our standing committees.

Resolution No. 2

Whereas; The congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Toledo, Ohio, in preparing for this convention, has worked more than two years. They took extra pains in selecting this wonderful motel, planning programs, tours, registrations and 1,000 other things including printing and mailing, Be It Resolved; that pastors, delegates and visitors give Pastor Petzoldt and his congregation a standing ovation of thanks for making this ILDA convention one of the best ever, and

Be It Resolved; that we all thank God for His many blessings to us for Pastor Petzoldt and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the Deaf, and

Be It Further Resolved; that this convention be set as an example for ILDA conventions in the future.

Resolution No. 3

Whereas; their wives, Mrs. Burford and Mrs. er, chairmen together have successfully directed various committees preparing for this convention and,

Whereas; their wives, Mrs Burford and Mrs. Snyder were very active and helpful to their husbands along the way. They all spent hours away from their homes day and night,

Be It Resolved; that every one at this convention give a standing ovation to these wonderful couples and their committees, and Be It Further Resolved; that we ask God to continue His blessings on all these fine Christians, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the Deaf and their pastor.

Resolution No. 4

Whereas; The ILDA Board of Directors and their pastor/advisor, Rev. Shirrel Petzoldt worked many hours with this 1991 convention committee in their planning to make this convention so great,

Be It Resolved; that we give ILDA Board of Directors, Pastor Petzoldt and his family a standing ovation of thanks.

Resolution No. 5

Whereas; Mr. Lester Ahls, Editor of the DEAF LUTHERAN has performed his duties so well since taking over from the past editor, Archie D. Marshall, and

Whereas, Mr. Ahls studied very hard to learn how to publish a newsletter using a computer, a field he had no past experience to give us an excellent and information newsletter, Be It Resolved; that we give Mr. Ahls a standing ovation and ask that God to continue blessing him and his work.

Resolution No. 6

Whereas; Mr. Elmer Francisco has served as Business Manager of THE DEAF LUTHERAN newsletter along the same number of years Mr. Lester Ahls was editor, and

Whereas, Mr. Francisco has kept accurate records of subscribers, financial records of the newsletter, faithfully paying all bills when due and at the same time enduring hardships and health problems in his family,

Be It Resolved; that we give Mr. Francisco a standing ovation and ask God to bless him and his family with good health.

Resolution No. 7

Whereas, Mr. Don Mowl, ILDA Historian, has struggled hard to preserve our history, our conventions, photos and records in his archives and,

Whereas, Don has shown his love for ILDA and for each member individually, being helpful and accommodating whenever anyone was in need of information in his files,

Be It Resolved; that we give Mr. Mowl a

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE UPDATE

January, 1993 marks the 20th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal in all fifty states for all nine months of pregnancy. It was sup-

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standing ovation with encouragement and prayers to God for his continuing blessings on Don and his family.

Resolution No. 8

Whereas; Holiday Inn, French Quarter of Perrysburg, Ohio has opened its doors and its wonderful staff have wholeheartedly helped us in meeting all our needs and comforts,

Whereas; because of this, this convention has been one of the most beautiful, comfortable and enjoyable,

Be It Resolved; that ILDA secretary, Mr. Charles Kotal be instructed to write a letter of thanks to Holiday Inn, French Quarter, asking management to convey our thanks and love to their staff.

Resolution No. 9

Whereas; President Ron Byington, ILDA Board of Directors and Pastoral Advisor Sherrel Petzoldt have guided ILDA throughout the last two years, some board members serving more than one term,

Be It Resolved; that we thank President Byington, board members and pastoral advisor for their love, labors and skills in leading our association to greatness,

And Be It Further Resolved; that we give them a standing ovation and ask God's blessing on all of them.

Resolution No. 10

Whereas; because there are obvious needs of our deaf convention goers when we have ILDA conventions and board meetings,

Be It Resolved; that we urge future ILDA convention committees to make sure the hotels/motels to install flashing light smoke detectors, have TDD's available and other assistive devices that will protect and help deaf guests.

Notes: All resolutions were passed by vote of the convention.

Respectfully submitted,
ARCHIE D. MARSHALL

posed to be the solution to child abuse, teen pregnancy, and unwanted children. In fact, child abuse has gone up 500%, teen pregnancy with live births is higher than ever plus millions of teen age girls have had abortions and are now dealing with the physical and emotional problems that have resulted. Abortion clinics have sprung up all over our country promising safe and legal abortions.

Abortion is just another product to be sold for a profit. Planned parenthood is creating a market by handing out condoms in the schools and convincing our youth that they cannot control their sexual desires. Instead of stopping teen pregnancy, it is increasing the rates of pregnancy and abortion. Already, 25 million babies have been killed. That is more people than have been killed in any war in our history and more than Hitler killed before the American people woke up and got into WWII.

For the last 12 years, Americans have set back and expected the government to end the holocaust. When the new administration takes office, they plan to pass radical laws making it illegal to restrict abortion in any way.

What can we do? One thing that can be done is to write to the White House and your Senators and Representatives in Congress telling them how you feel about this national calamity. And pray.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT WORK--This shows the ILDA officers at work at St. Louis last October. Clockwise are Charles Kotal, secretary; Dr. Rodney Rynearson, Counselor of Deaf Ministry, LCMS; Rev. Ed Bergstresser, pastoral advisor; Dennis Konkel, treasurer, and Ronald Madding, president. Absent from picture is Larry Gorton, who was probably busy taking the snapshot.

AUSTIN CONVENTION UPDATE

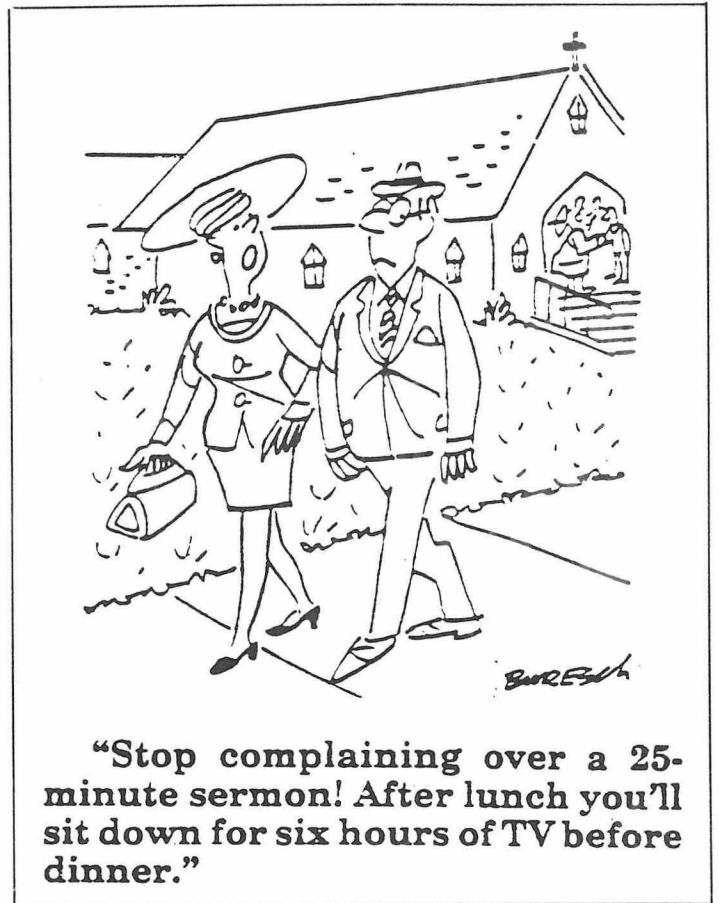
The editor regrets that this issue of THE DEAF LUTHERAN contains no information regarding registration, hotel accommodations and reservations, ticket prices and tour information and the convention agenda due to the fact that none of the above has been received from the local committee.

Members of the ILDA and interested persons planning to travel to Austin for the 12th biennial convention July 1-4 are urged to contact their pastors and/or churches for pertinent information.

We regret any inconvenience this may have caused our readers.



If God placed an editorial in your local paper, you would read it, wouldn't you?



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