

Lutheran Brotherhood Buys Village For School

H. E. ISENHOUR
PRESIDENT OF
NATIONAL BODY

Home For Aged Is Also Established; Pres. Isenhour Has Made Many Trips and Speeches During Past Year.

Headed by H. E. Isenhour, Salisbury, as president, the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran church of America has accomplished several major objectives during the past year.

1—Establishment of the Mulberry home for the aged at Mulberry, Indiana.

2—Purchase of an entire village at Konnarock, Va., and the establishment there of the Iron Mountain Lutheran school. This is an industrial and trade school for mountain boys.

The Mulberry home is supported chiefly by the brotherhoods of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan. The old Weidner Institute property was taken over for this home. It is now open and in active operation. It is the only home for the aged in that section of the Lutheran church.

The Iron Mountain school is now open with a small student body until the full quota of faculty can be obtained. Dr. Cal L. Miller, former Rowan county man, is superintendent of this institution. It is modeled somewhat after the Berry school in Northern Georgia.

The Lutheran brotherhood has taken over practically an entire village at Konnarock, Va. It includes a farm of about 400 acres, hotel, store buildings, residences, post office and 17 buildings. The Milwaukee convention of 1930 gave the brotherhood executive committee power to act, and the taking over the village for a school resulted.

The brotherhood has a fourfold program of evangelism:

- 1—Win the outside man.
- 2—Secure the return of the lapsed member.
- 3—Secure an increased attendance of men upon the services of the church.
- 4—Help hold the young people in the church.

The executive offices of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church of America are located at 1208 Race Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. The officers serving a two year term are as follows:

H. E. Isenhour, Salisbury, president.
Charles J. Driever, Chicago, Ill., vice-president.

Chas. F. Obenhack, Niagara Falls, N. Y., vice-president.

H. C. Michael, Johnstown, Pa., vice-president.

G. R. Edgar, Clarkston, Va., secretary.

C. W. Howe, Chicago, Ill., treasurer.

J. W. Kapp, Cincinnati, O., executive secretary.

Former presidents are as follows:
John L. Zimmerman, Springfield, Ohio.

Chas. J. Driever, Chicago, Ill.
H. E. Isenhour, Salisbury, incumbent.

The executive secretary devotes full time to the work of the brotherhood. His executive offices are open at all times. A large volume of literature is sent out from this office to all divisions of the church.

The organization is composed of the brotherhoods of all the 14 synods that make up the United Lutheran Church of America. These organizations are found throughout the entire United States and Canada. The Lutheran constituency is strongest in Pennsylvania, New York, and the middle and northwest. The growth of the organization has been enjoyed in these sections especially during the past few years. The membership is now larger than at any time in its history.

President Isenhour's duties are chiefly of a supervisory nature. Part of his time is devoted to attending conventions, addressing various meetings and the directorship in general of this national organization. Salisbury is becoming familiar to the average Lutheran hymen by virtue of the fact the residence of the president is here. President Isenhour has made quite a number of addresses in different parts of the country by virtue of his office. He has also made several talks over the radio recently on the brotherhood work.

The brotherhood publishes monthly a magazine, The Lutheran Men, giving views and activities of the brotherhood. The executive secretary is editor. Outlines for the monthly meetings of the local brotherhoods are given in this publication. This paper is also the official publication for the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods of America, and is the only paper circulated among the men of all the Lutheran bodies in America.

PRESIDENT



H. E. ISENHOUR

Mr. Isenhour is also a member of the governing board of the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods, that position by virtue of the

office of president of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church of America.

The brotherhood of the United Lutheran church meets every two years. The next convention will be held in the fall of 1932. The place has not been determined.

Sends Mail Posted Forty Years Ago

Macon, Ga.—The Macon postoffice is just getting around to the distribution of some mail that was posted 40 years ago.

Assistant Postmaster C. B. McElroy the other day saw the corner of a card sticking from behind a distribution case that had not been removed from its place since the War Between the States.

He investigated to find a score of letters and cards dated as far back as 1889. They had slipped into a hidden aperture.

The mail has been dispatched to the original destination with an explanation of the delay but the assistant postmaster said he had received responses that many of the addressees and addressees have been dead for years.

Always Read The Watchman!

CROP VALUES IN UNITED STATES DROPPED ABOUT 50 PER CENT IN TWO YEARS, GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Crop values in the United States dropped about one-half in value in 1931 over the prices received in 1929 according to figures released by the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington.

The estimated value of crops in 1931 is \$4,122,850,000 as compared with \$5,818,820,000 in 1930 and \$8,088,494,000 in 1929.

Every section of the country felt the decline with the Dakotas, hit by drought, feeling it especially hard. All crops were affected. Prices are about 36 per cent below 1930, while production is 10 per cent greater.

Compared with two years ago, corn decreased in value \$1,043,000,000; cotton and cotton seed, \$854,000,000; wheat, \$446,000,000; hay, \$386,000,000; potatoes, 263,000,000; oats, \$220,000,000, and tobacco \$130,000,000.

Exclusive of fruits, the acreage harvested in 1931 was 350,672,000, a reduction of 9,255,000 acres from the previous year. The acreage origin-

ally planted was for greater than in 1930, but drought and crop failures in California and five northern Great Plains states cut it by more than 13,000,000 acres. Yields averaged, however, 11 per cent higher than the low yields of 1930—the great drought year.

Due to the fall in cotton prices California, growing crops valued at \$316,076,000 supplanted Texas as the leading state in farm value this year. The value of Texas crops was \$297,281,000.

Iowa, with crops valued at \$224,480,000 continued in third place.

The 1931 production and value of principal crops compared with 1930 figures were given as:

Corn 2,556,863,000 bushels, \$920,142,000 against 2,060,185,000 bushels, \$1,349,218,000.

All wheat, 892,271,000 bushels, \$161,264,000, against 333,210,000 bushels, \$296,505,000.

Potatoes, 376,248,000 bushels, \$161,264,000 against 333,210,000 bushels, \$296,505,000.

FARMER TRAINS PIGS MUCH TO HIS SORROW

Warning the American Legion not to get hysterical about balancing the government budgets, Silas Strawn, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, told this story:

A farmer trained his pigs to home for food when he banged his shovel on a fence.

A visitor later found the pigs running frantically from tree to tree. The farmer said:

"I trained them that way, and now the woodpeckers are running them to death."

AND CREAM

A farmer was passing the insane asylum with a load of fertilizer. An inmate called through the fence, "What are you hauling?"

"Fertilizer," replied the farmer.

"What are you going to do with it?"

"Put it on my strawberries," reported the farmer.

The inmate countered quickly: "You ought to live here. We get cream on ours."

Tobacco, 1,640,098,000 pounds, \$156,097,000 against 1,635,210,000 pounds \$211,102,000.

Cotton, 16,918,000 bales, \$485,611,000 against 13,932,000 bales, \$659,455,000.

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