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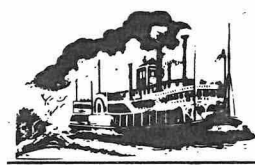
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## CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE CELEBRATES 25th ANNIVERSARY!

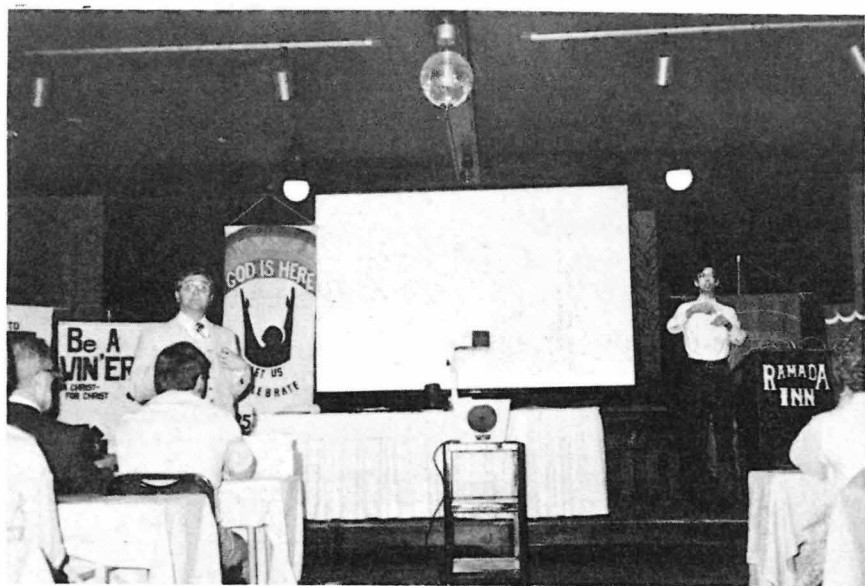


Ramada Inn Registration Desk.

- by Rev. Larry J. Larsen

The Central Regional Conference of the International Lutheran Deaf Association celebrated its 25th Anniversary this year at the Ramada Inn of Peoria, Illinois, April 27, 28, and 29th. The host was Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf of Bloomington-Normal and Peoria, Illinois, a deaf congregation which became a member of the Central Region in 1978.

Registration was held on Friday noon and the meeting was opened by President Betty Jo Healey at 1:30 p.m. The sessions were filled with business matters and an annual report by each of the congregations that make up the Central Regional Conference. Throughout the day, Pastor Larsen led the group in singing. Friday evening closed with a buffet supper.



Left: Rev. Ellis Rottmann, Keynote speaker. Right: Rev. Ron Friedrich of Rockford, Illinois, interpreter.

The program on Saturday was given to the building up of our faith as we gave our attention to the keynote speaker, Reverend Ellis Rottmann of Springfield, Illinois. Rev. Rottmann is the Administrative Executive of Evangelism and Mission Education for the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. His presentation was given on the conference theme of "God is Here -- Let Us Celebrate." Rev. Rottmann spoke of the ways God is here, what He is doing here, and what He wants for us. To prepare us for the ILDA convention in Memphis this June, Rev. Rottmann continued his address on evangelism -- what we can and cannot do to help a person become a Christian. Rev. Rottmann also conducted a workshop in which we could consider the needs and problems of sharing Christ.

Following Saturday's lunch, a film was

shown entitled "The Fable" which is done completely in mime on the theme of sharing. We again formed a workshop discussion groups to apply the film's message to our own congregations.

Finally, a skit was presented by members of the host congregation, entitled "FLIGHT 19 --" in which the Angel of Death had called 5 people to leave the earth as their time here was all used up. One of the five came with joy saying, "I thought you would never find room for me." But the others all argued with the Angel of Death. The audience laughed at Martha who was willing to come if she could bring her nice things, and came in struggling with a large suitcase and asking the question, "Where can I put my luggage?" Jimmy reminded us of those who postpone taking care of earthly business in preparation of death with the disappointment of "Well, I wish I had time to get myself ready. I never finished making a will." We felt sorry for Melinda who tried to convince the Angel of Death with "O please, my children still need me." And although Nancy had baptism and confirmation certificates, she didn't have faith in Jesus which was necessary to get the robe of righteousness. The angel ignored her as she argued "According to my insurance company I should live 57 more years." One church member came onto the plane with an extra robe of righteousness to give to her friend who was leaving. "Too late", the angel said, as the woman tried to excuse herself with "I always felt too shy to talk about Jesus with my friend." The skit reminded us of our need to always be ready for death for we may have to leave this earth at any time.



A large number of delegates and visitors were in attendance at all lectures, workshops and worship services at the Central Regional Conference.

Saturday evening was a gala 25th Anniversary Celebration, beginning with a Luau, complete with whole Roast Pig with an apple in its mouth. Many of the people wore their Hawaiian costumes and we ate in the Garden Room and around the swimming pool of the Ramada Inn to give us the atmosphere of Hawaii. Following the Luau was "Musical

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Luau Whole Roast Pig with Apple stuffed in mouth.



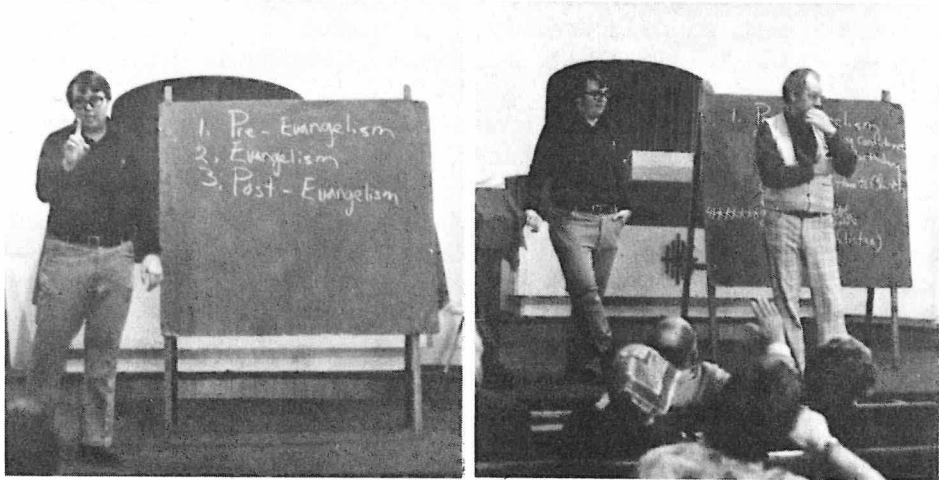
# ILDA PAGE



## NORTHWEST REGION HOLDS WORKSHOP ON EVANGELISM

-by Rev. Shirrel Petzoldt

The Northwest Region of ILDA gathered in Portland, Oregon during November 3-5, 1978, for their fall workshop. Members from Vancouver, British Columbia, Seattle, Spokane and Portland met at Hope Lutheran Church of the Deaf on the evening of Friday, November 3rd, for fellowship and devotions.



Rev. Shirrel Petzoldt and Rev. Frederick Gehrs teaching about making evangelism calls. They answered questions during the discussion that followed.

Saturday morning saw the group gather again to learn more about how to make evangelism calls. A number of dramas were presented as examples of different situations that can happen while calling on others. Drama leaders included: Mrs. Virginia Lauer, Mrs. Mae Madding, Mrs. Judy Miller, Mr. and Mrs. James Drake, Mr. Francis Grote and Mr. Otis Rudd.



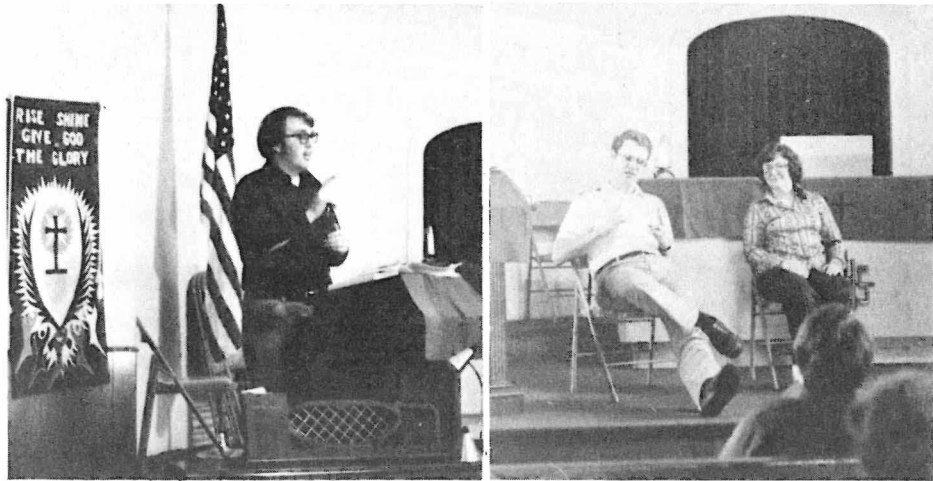
The drama group discussing the results of their visits. They told of the successes and failures they encountered. There is a lesson to be learned both ways!

Portland congregation giving a drama on evangelism. They are making preparations to go out and make actual house calls.



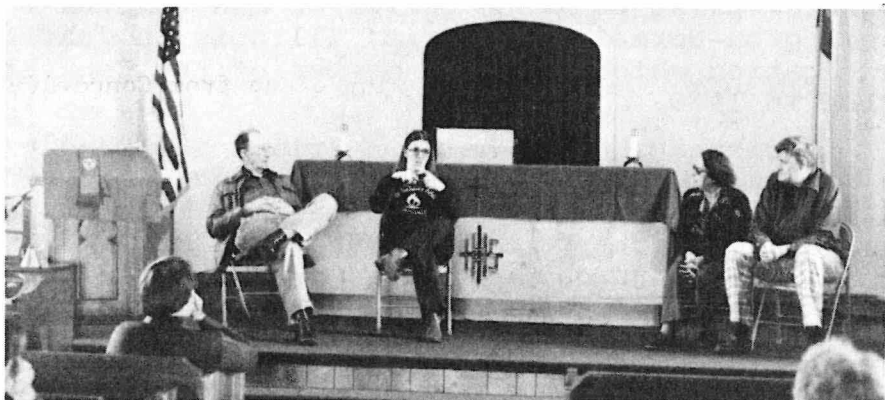
During the afternoon the group was divided into small teams, each team making a call to various people in the Portland area. In the late afternoon everyone assembled again to discuss the successes and failures of the day.

A banquet was held at a local restaurant on Saturday night with Mr. Harold Rife, Northwest Regional ILDA President, as master of ceremonies.

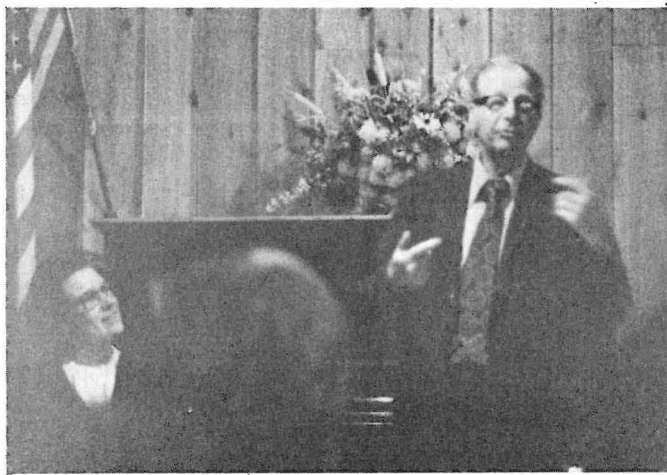


Left: Rev. Shirrel Petzoldt teaching the workshop about making evangelism calls. Right: Participants in the workshop comparing experiences with evangelism.

The workshop closed on Sunday morning with a special worship service. Rev. William Ludwig of Seattle gave an inspiring sermon and a drama about loving your enemies was presented by Portland's Ron Madding and Rev. Shirrel Petzoldt.



Above: Group discussing their experiences in evangelism made in the Portland area that afternoon.



Master of Ceremony Mr. Harold Rife speaking before the banquet crowd Sat. night.

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## Central Regional Conference

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Paintings" by John Mosiman. Mr. Mosiman of Elgin, Illinois, paints on a large easel to the rhythm of music using 42 colors, a powerful black light and stereo sound tracks. Mr. Mosiman painted "The Prodigal Son" and "The Resurrection." Narration was interpreted for the deaf by Reverend John Nickerson of Chicago. The program continued with "The Revelation of Joy," an 18 member Christian contemporary music group which sings and signs for the deaf. They are full-time students of Concordia Lutheran College of Milwaukee.



Revelation of Joy. A singing/signing group from Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

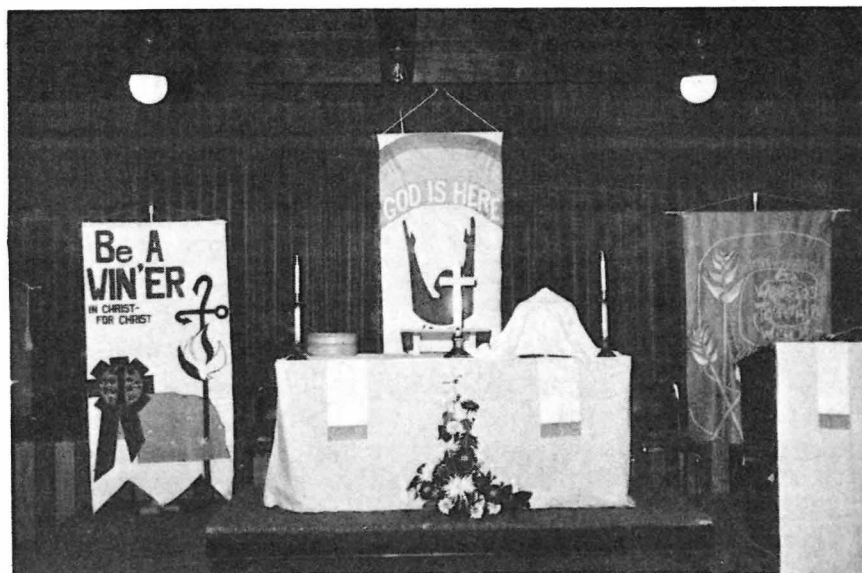
Three prizes were given for the best banners. Holy Cross of Delavan, Wisconsin won first prize and received a painting of Christ's hands, entitled "Come Unto Me." Silent Lutheran of Madison, Wisconsin won second prize and received a ceramic sculpture of "Christ, The Good Shepherd." Emmanuel of Milwaukee, Wisconsin won third prize, receiving a wooden carving of the word "HOPE," which was shaped in the form of a butterfly.



Happy and hungry conference attenders getting their plate-full of roast pig and other good food at the Luau feast Saturday night.

Sunday morning began with a light breakfast of juice, coffee and pastries. Bible classes were led by the pastors on the use of tracts in our life to share Christ. Each person was given a packet of tracts which he could take home and use.

A service of Holy Communion was Celebrated. New officers were installed during the service, namely, President: Betty Jo Healey of St. Louis Vice-Pres: Ron Byington of Milwaukee Secretary: Albert Moore of Jacksonville Treasurer: Sharon Schwarz of St. Louis Historian: Robert Schneider of Milwaukee Pastoral Advisor: Rev. Martin Kosche of Delavan.



The Altar prepared for Sunday Communion Service.



Sunday Morning Bible Class.

The Reverend Robert Corl of Wausau, Wisc. served as liturgist and the Reverend Delbert Thies was the preacher. Rev. Thies was the pastor for the Deaf Lutheran Church in Central Illinois from 1956 until 1962 and also former pastor to the deaf in Tennessee and Nebraska. He spoke on the text of Job 19:23-27 on why we can celebrate. The conference closed with a brunch.

The host for the 1980 conference will be Holy Cross of St. Louis, Missouri.

### God Is Here - Let's Celebrate!

Sing out with joy and praise our God,  
Blessing His name forever.  
All the day long His name we laud.  
Mighty be our endeavor.  
Great is the Lord, His praise we sing.  
There is none greater than our King.  
God is here - Let's celebrate!

Each generation sings His praise  
Proclaims His mighty wonders.  
Joyfully too our voices raise,  
Lauding His kingdom's splendor.  
We will recall His goodness great;  
His righteousness with joy relate.  
God is here - Let's celebrate!

The Lord is merciful and good,  
Gracious and slow to anger.  
Our souls are e'er with grace imbued.  
We are to Him no strangers.  
Forever more His kingdom reigns;  
Dominion over all He claims.  
God is here - Let's celebrate!

His outstretched hands guard all our ways,  
Deliver us from evil.  
The Lord guides us through all our days.  
For such care we do marvel.  
Our hearts now sing with one accord.  
Our lips give thanks and praise our Lord.  
God is here - Let's celebrate!

L.W.M.L. HYMN





## CHURCH BUILDING DEDICATED



Hope Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Portland, Oregon dedicated its newly purchased church building on Feb. 5, 1978.

Present at the dedication were many members and friends of Hope as well as visiting clergy. Preacher for the occasion was the Reverend Doctor Emil Jaech, President of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. Assistant pastor for the service was the Reverend William Ludwig of Seattle. Liturgist was the Reverend Shirrel Petzoldt of Portland and lay reader was the Reverend Fred Gehrs of Vancouver, British Columbia. Songs were led by the children's sign choir, Concordia College Sign Choir and the Hope Deaf Choir.

The church was purchased in Oct. 1977 and the members lost no time in moving into the building. Besides the main worship area, the building has six smaller rooms in the balcony, three rooms on the main floor, a kitchen and two large rooms in the basement.

Hope Church praises God for leading them to this building!

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. . . Pilgrim Lutheran Church of the Deaf members, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Thuve, Mr. & Mrs. Yiu Lee and Mr. Charles Kotal attended the Evangelism Festival of Grace Lutheran Church in Lancaster, Cal. on Jan. 21, 1979. They gave a demonstration of sign-singing and Mr. Kotal gave a talk about the ministry to the deaf at Pilgrim. They were given a warm welcome and good response. Grace congregation is having an offering for a hospital being proposed by Pilgrim.

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### SUCCESS:

The fine art of making mistakes when nobody is looking.

## WHEAT RIDGE SEALS GIVING SETS RECORD -- \$607,000

CHICAGO -- Contributions to the 1978 Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals Campaign passed \$607,000 -- the highest total in Wheat Ridge history.

Held every year since 1910, the Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals Campaign is one of the oldest in the country. Originally started to support the Wheat Ridge Lutheran TB Sanatorium in Colorado, the Seals gift effort today makes it possible for the Wheat Ridge Foundation annually to support over 40 ministries in health, education, and social services around the world.

"The Christmas Seals Campaign continues to be the primary source of income for Wheat Ridge's project funding," Robert J.L. Zimmer, Wheat Ridge President, reported. "We are most grateful for the individual and family gifts that these totals represent -- making possible each year the initiation of new-church related ministries that bring health and healing to the total person."

The 1978 Wheat Ridge Seals total -- \$607,196 -- was an increase of \$24,810 (4.26%) over 1977.

Over 5200 Lutheran congregations annually participate in the Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals effort. That number includes over 80% of the LC-MS parishes, 201 congregations of the AELC, 63 congregations of the ALC's North Pacific District -- this year for the first time -- 22 parishes of the LCA's Pacific Northwest Synod.

The LC-MS District with the highest Seals contribution totals for 1978 was Northern Illinois -- with \$51,736. Areas showing the largest percentage increase in contributions over 1977 included LC-MS overseas church and mission related personnel (56.5%); the North Dakota District (31.2%); the Minnesota North District (23.6%); and the Oklahoma District (18.5%).

The ALC's North Pacific District showed the largest percentage increase of non-LC-MS participants (78.2%), with the AELC's Southwest Synod (36.9%) and East Coast Synod (34.0%) also showing major percentage increases. Highest contributions in the AELC came from the English Synod -- with \$17,546.

Closing date for the 1978 Seals Campaign was March 31. Congregational contributions sent to the Wheat Ridge office in Chicago after that date are applied to the 1979 Seals Campaign.

"A Child Is Born," chosen to fit in with the 1979 emphasis on the International Year of the Child, is the theme of the 1979 Wheat Ridge Seals gift effort.

Wheat Ridge will sponsor a Seals Design Contest in Advent 1979 for the children of the church. Winning design entries will appear on the Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals in 1980--Wheat Ridge's 75th anniversary year.

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## CALLS and VACANCIES

### FORT WAYNE -

ST. LOUIS - Candidate, Richard Moody (St. Louis) has been assigned. He will be ordained in Crawford, Nebraska on May 27th and installed in Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf sometime in June.

DALLAS - A new vacancy. Rev. Russel Johnson has accepted a call to Newman, Georgia.

CLEARWATER, FLORIDA - Candidate, Glen Borhart (Ft. Wayne) has been assigned as assistant pastor in this deaf/hearing dual ministry.

DELAWARE VALLEY - Rev. Wally Neisch declined the call.

### NEW ENGLAND -

NEW YORK - St. Matthew -

WASHINGTON, ISAAH 29 - A new vacancy. Rev. Daniel Pokorny accepted the appointment to the John of Beverley chair of deaf ministry at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.

### CLEVELAND -

ROCHESTER - Candidate, Mark Seeger (Ft. Wayne) has been assigned. He will be ordained in California and installed sometime in July.

KANSAS CITY - LaVern Mass (Colloquy, Ft. Wayne) has been assigned.

### MINNESOTA NORTH -

MONTANA - Lay Minister Gilbert Berninghaus has accepted the call and will be installed in July.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA - Rev. Gary Bomberger has been called.

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## CAMPING AT MEMPHIS

Rev. Dave Bush informs us that self-contained, hard-sided campers (no tent trailers, please!) may be parked on the Eternal Mercy Church parking lot during ILDA and EPHPHATHA meetings in June. Restroom facilities will be available. The Holiday Inn Rivermont has agreed to the same courtesy regarding the use of their parking lot during the ILDA convention, as has Memphis State University for EPHPHATHA conference, however, at both of those locations, the use of restroom facilities inside is limited. No hook-ups are available at any of these three locations.

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## XVXYONX IS NXXDXD

Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxcxpt for onx of thx kxys. I havx wishxd many timxs that it would work pxefxtly. It is trux thxrx arx forty-six kxys that work wxll xnough, but just onx kxy not working makxs thx diffxr-xncx.

Somxtimxs it sxms to mx that our church is likx my typxwritxr. Not all thx kxy pxoplx arx working proprly. You may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll, I am only onx of thx many pxrsons in my church. It won't makx any diffxrxncx." But it doxs makx a diffxrxncx, bxcausx a church nxxds xvxy pxrson to makx it xffxtivx. So thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson and that you arx not nxxdx, rxmxbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I am a kxy pxrson of thx church, and am nxxdx vxxy much."

--sxlxtd.

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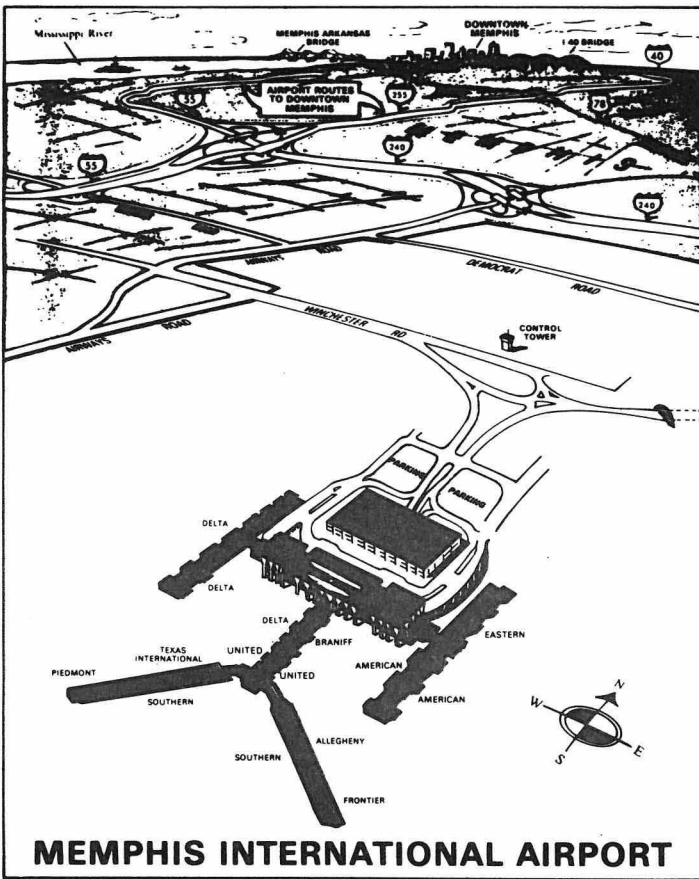
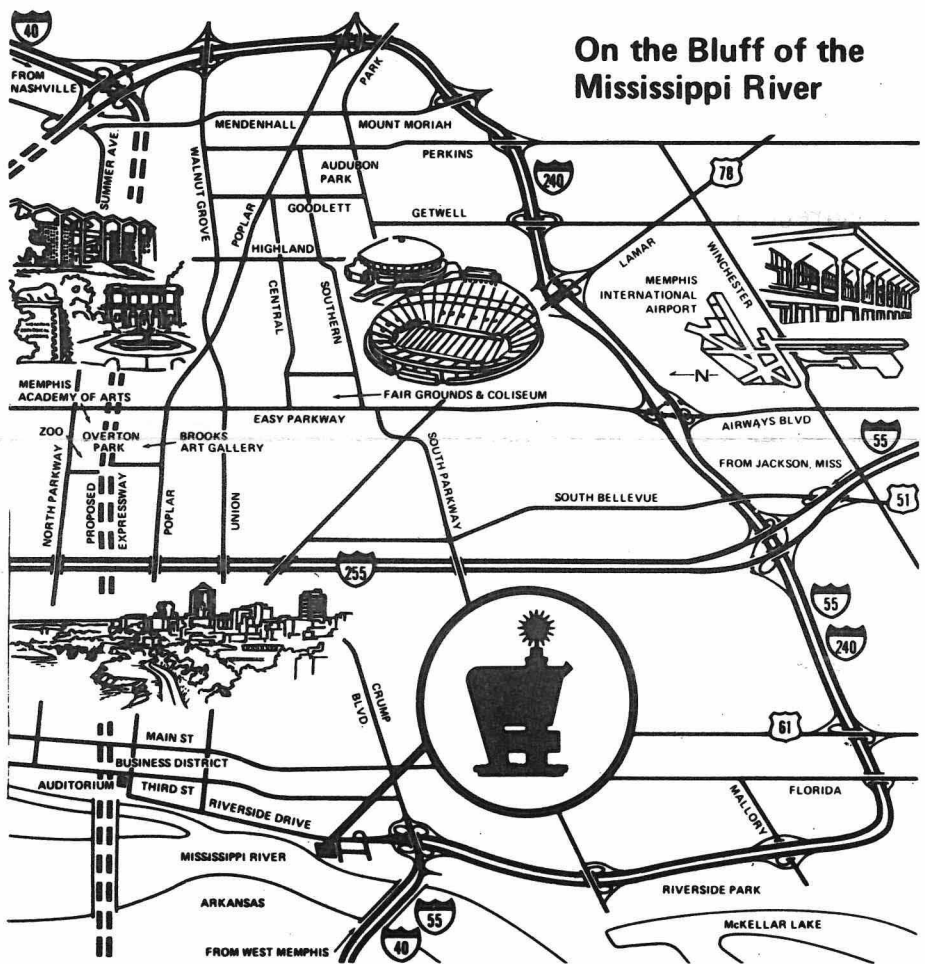
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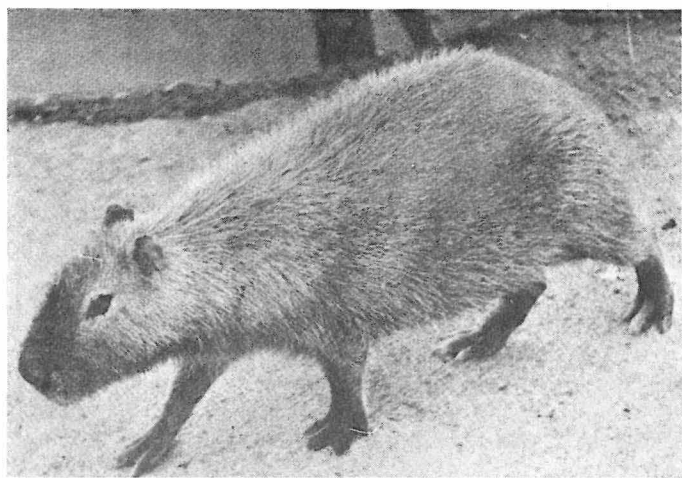
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## THE WATER PIG

The pigs that you know are fat animals. They live in pigpens out on the farm. They are good food.

There is also an animal called the water pig. It lives along the rivers in South America.

The water pig is not really a pig. It likes to dig holes under the ground. This keeps the ground soft so that plants can grow.

Water pigs, like our farm pigs, make a very good meal. Many people in South America hunt for water pigs. When water pigs hear danger nearby, they can often get away from their enemies by jumping into the river. They are very good swimmers.

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## The Ready Already Food!

Early one morning Sharon was eating her breakfast. Suddenly the warm, brown toast popped up out of the toaster. But Sharon just sat there.

"Sharon, your pop-up food is ready," said her dad.

"What?" asked Sharon.

Dad said it again. "Your pop-up food is ready to eat."

"What's pop-up food?" asked Sharon.

"Why, it's the toast in the toaster," said Dad.

"Is my toast ready already?" asked Sharon, her eyes opened wide because she was by this time fully awake.

"Yes," said Dad. "Toast is one of the fast pop-up foods."

"Do you mean there are other pop-up foods?" asked Sharon.

"Right," said Dad. "There's another kind of pop-up food that grows. It pops up over night. We call them mushrooms. Suddenly in the morning mushrooms that weren't there before are there, growing and ready to eat."

"Some mushrooms aren't good to eat. But the ones that are, pop up overnight. They're ready to pop into your mouth."

For a long time people looked for mushrooms in the woods. But today there are mushroom farms. Workers grow mushrooms in mushroom beds, where it is damp and dark.

+ SILENT PARTNERS +

The tired businessman was reading his newspaper one evening at home while his wife knitted.

"Alvin," she purred, "why don't you read to me while I knit?"

"I have a better idea, my love," suggested the weary husband. "Why don't you knit to me while I read?"

## BIBLE QUIZ

### Bible Characters From A to Z

- A is for \_\_\_\_\_, first man of all. Genesis 3:21  
 B is for \_\_\_\_\_, traveling with Paul. Acts 13:2-4  
 C is for \_\_\_\_\_, who loves us all. Acts 10:36  
 D is for \_\_\_\_\_, who dared to do right. Dan. 6:10  
 E is for \_\_\_\_\_, who showed God's might. 1 Kings 18:36-39  
 F is for \_\_\_\_\_, who heard of Paul's plight. Acts 23:24  
 G is for \_\_\_\_\_, who called out a dare. I Samuel 17:4-10  
 H is for \_\_\_\_\_, who God heard her prayers. I Samuel 1:9-11  
 I is for \_\_\_\_\_, peaceful in deed. Genesis 26:18-22  
 J is for \_\_\_\_\_, a friend in need. I Samuel 19:1-7  
 K is for \_\_\_\_\_, the father of Saul. I Sam. 9:1-2  
 L is for \_\_\_\_\_, a helper of Paul. 2 Timothy 4:11  
 M is for \_\_\_\_\_, a friend of Jesus. Acts 12:25  
 N is for \_\_\_\_\_, who built the ark. Genesis 7:1  
 O is for \_\_\_\_\_, a slave who loved the Lord. Colossians 4:7-9  
 P is for \_\_\_\_\_, who explained God's Word. Acts 8:34,35  
 Q is for \_\_\_\_\_, a Christian brother. Rom. 16:23  
 R is for \_\_\_\_\_, Joseph's mother. Genesis 30:22-24  
 S is for \_\_\_\_\_, true to the end. Acts 7:59-60  
 T is for \_\_\_\_\_, the poor people's friend. Acts 9:36  
 U is for \_\_\_\_\_, a king good and strong. 2 Chronicles 26:3-5  
 V is for \_\_\_\_\_, his reign was not long. Esther 1:9  
 W is for \_\_\_\_\_, which was from the beginning. John 1:1  
 X is for \_\_\_\_\_, called \_\_\_\_\_, Esther 1:1  
 Y is for YOU, GOD KNOWS YOU BY \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Z is for \_\_\_\_\_, the man who invited Jesus to his house. Luke 19:5

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## SMITH - smith - Smith

Policeman: "All right there, son, what's your name?"  
 "Smith, John Smith."

Policeman: "Oh, yeah! and mine's Napoleon Bonaparte. Don't give me any trouble! What's the name?"

Sometimes it's tough to be one of the two million Smiths in the United States. It's the most common surname in the English-speaking world.

Most any size phone directory presents a problem, but just take a glance at one like Chicago's and imagine the problem of locating a John Smith if you didn't know the address! That book has over 125 John Smiths alone.

Policemen, credit managers, bank tellers, and hotel clerks are bound to give a skeptical once-over to anyone who identifies himself as John Smith.

But there are advantages. There's little danger of the family name dying out. And don't overlook its honorable origin. Smiths originally were metal-workers honest, hard working craftsmen.

It may be small comfort to the Smith clan to know that other nations also have one or more common surnames. With the Poles, it's Kowalski - which also means, believe it or not, metal-worker!

With the Japanese, it's Tanaka - meaning one who lives by, or near, a rice paddy.

The contender for the title among the Chinese is Chan - which means old.

Maybe the Smiths (and their equivalents in other nations) should stoically accept all the inconveniences associated with their name as the price of popularity.

\* \* BITS OF WISDOM \*

Experience is an odd teacher; she gives the test first, then explains the lesson.

A good memory test; what did you worry about one year ago today?