

# DIXIE LEAGUER

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

DECEMBER, 1955

## CHRIST, THE SAVIOR, IS BORN

Our hearts together with the hearts of all christendom are aglow with exultant joy during these days. Again by God's grace and love, we are privileged to celebrate the nativity of our Savior and our Lord.

Christmas brings to us an all-glorious message. A heavenly herald was chosen by God to proclaim this singular event in the history of the world: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ, The Lord."

When the fulness of time had come, God sent forth His Son. For more than nineteen centuries, have christians celebrated the birthday of Christ. These glad tidings of great joy, that God became man, the Creator a creature, to fulfill the law of God for us, to be our Savior from sin, manifests God's love to us and all mankind.

Christ, through His birth in the flesh, gave us the most gladsome and gracious, brightening and inspiring holiday. This joyful Christmas message proclaimed more than nineteen hundred years ago on the plains of Bethlehem, is being reechoed throughout the world today. This little Child of lowly birth shall be the joy of all the earth.

The first minister to proclaim the birth of Christ was an angel. The first congregation to hear the glad tidings of great joy consisted of lowly shepherds. The first message was God-given and heaven-sent. A multitude of angels formed the first choir.

The shepherds went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the Babe lying in a manger. They beheld the Son of God visibly. So, today, our hearts are stirred at Christmas time. Joyfully do we come to God's house of worship. Triumphantly we sing unto Him and adore Him, who is our greatest Christmas Gift, Christ the Lord.

Because our hearts are filled with joy, we desire to give gifts unto one another. May our first and greatest Christmas gift be brought unto Christ whose birthday we are celebrating. May the Christchild fill our hearts with love, faith, and zeal even for the coming year, and grant unto us His heavenly benediction. Through God's eternal grace and love, it is granted us to celebrate an everlasting Christmas in heaven.

Joy to the world, the Lord  
is come

Let earth receive her King  
Let ev'ry heart prepare  
Him room

And heav'n and nature sing.

Rev. H. Wehmeier  
Pastoral Advisor

## DIXIE DOINGS:

St. Pauls Walther League, Foley, Ala.

St. Pauls Leaguers have had lots of fun lately. On October 9 the Foley Leaguers went to Pensacola, Fla. for the fall rally. The rally was held at the casino on the beach. Swimming and games were enjoyed by everyone. On October 30 the leaguers were invited to a Halloween Party by the Fairhope Leaguers. The invitation was accepted and games and a marshmallow roast were enjoyed by everyone. On November 6 the leaguer's went to the church to pack Wheatridge Christmas Seals. After this the monthly social was held. A wonderful time was had by all.

Irene Holman  
Reporter

Birmingham First Lutheran Junior

Although the weather was wet and disagreeable Sunday evening Nov. 6th, twenty-seven First Lutheran Juniors--

boys and girls packed the house in presenting their third minstrel. This one was called THE HOT SHOT MINSTRELS and there's no question about presenting a hot-shot performance. Costumes and blackfaces disguised the Juniors beyond recognition. It's reported the freewill offering boosted their treasury balance considerably.

Murray Schoel  
Reporter

### Faith, Oak Ridge, Tennessee

For the Oak Ridge senior Leaguers, the busy holiday season seems to be the busiest part of the year for Walther League activities too. Annual projects include our Wheat Ridge Seals campaign and Christmas card sales for our Church Project Fund. Several fall Sunday afternoons were spent making neighborhood canvasses of the type which have previously located families who have since joined our church.

Social activities besides our regular meetings have included a party when our semi-traditional annual group meeting to the Smokies was rained out, and a social meeting of the Wartburg League to which we were invited.

Paul A. Haas  
Reporter

### Smoky Mt. Zone Rally

The Fall Rally of the Smoky Mt. Zone Rally was held October 22 & 23 in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the Church of The Good Shepherd. Registration began Saturday afternoon followed by an evening meal in the school cafeteria. After supper Mr. Peterson and Mr. Groth led Choral Union practice. All enjoyed the moonlight boat ride up the Tennessee River and thru the Chickamauga Dam Boat Lock and back. Many good skits were presented during the boat ride with the Oak Ridge Jr. Leaguers taking the skit Oscar Cup. Also, group singing and a very inspiring vesper message closed the very pleasant evening.

Bible Class and Church Services were attended by all Sunday. Rev. Waldemar Hinck of St. Louis gave a very inspiring message "What Do We Owe?"; while the Choral Union

sang "Praise The Almighty".

After services a very good dinner was served by some of the ladies of the congregation.

The afternoon was taken up with the business meeting and the presentation of talents. The Knoxville Leaguers won the talent cup again. Many are determined to take it away from them next Rally.

Some of the following things were discussed at the business meeting: LSV School, Wheat Ridge Seals, International Convention of 1955 & 1956 and the Messenger Blanket Subscription Plan.

### Smoky Mt. Zone Workers Conference

The first Zone Workers Conference began at 1:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon, November 19 and lasted thru Sunday afternoon. Approximately 20 officers and leaguers attended the very informative discussions. The discussions were led by Billy Rau, Bill Zunstein, Mary Mertins and Jim Kolb.

Many new things were learned and a lot of new ideas were given by our fellow officers and leaguers.

Some of the topics discussed were: How to be a good efficient Secretary, President, Treasurer, Christian Growth Chairman, Membership Chairman, Wheat Ridge Seals Chairman, Messenger Salesman, Executive Board Members, outline of a well conducted business meeting and how all these fit in with each other.

A weinner boil was enjoyed by all Saturday evening in a cabin at the church camp site closing with a short vesper led by Pastor Scherer.

The conference was a great success and everyone is looking forward to the next one.

Geraldine Adkison  
Reporter

### Trinity Walther League, Birmingham.

Things have been buzzing around here lately. Since the installation of our new minister our League has been



reactivated and having regular meetings. Recently a social was enjoyed by the group at Green Springs Park. After the weinmer roast games and group singing were enjoyed by all. Pastor Kretzschmar closed the evening with a short vesper service. Leaguers have been busy selling Christ centered CHRISTMAS cards and we are now making plans to decorate the church. New officers elected at our first meeting were Carl Mattil, President, Martin Fox, Vice-President and Treasurer, and Janet Hrbek, Secretary. Since the election our President, Carl Mattil, has been called into military service and left on December 6. Our prayers go with Carl and we wish him a safe return to Trinity.

Gordon L. Schoel  
Reporter

#### Trinity Walther League, Hanceville, Ala.

For Halloween the Hanceville Leaguers held a masquerade party and a box supper. The box supper profited the league \$24.00 for use to send leaguers to the 1956 LSV School. We are looking forward to doing a mission canvass of Jasper, Alabama during the Christmas holidays. The Executive Board has been busy planning the 1956 Calendar and appointing new committies for the new year. We are having a lot of fun doing this.

Ann Hartwig  
Reporter

#### TO ALL REPORTERS:

The deadline for future issues of the DIXIE LEAGUER will be the 15th of each month. We hope that the LEAGUER will be published every month and therefore request your cooperation. The deadline for the next issue will be JANUARY 15, 1956. Please try to have all news items in a few days before the deadline. Send all news items to:

Dixie Leaguer Editor  
Gordon L. Schoel  
530 19th Street S.W.  
Birmingham 11, Alabama

The editor may find it necessary to limit articals to one-half page or less in order to accomodate all reports that are received.

#### A CHALLENGE:

Grow in Christ

This is the theme of the Dixie Christian Growth Program for each individual Leaguer in Dixie. This can only be done by daily devotions and daily Bible reading. An excellant guide for daily devotions is the "Portals of Prayer". A two year subscription from Concordia Publishing House is only \$1.00. As a guide for daily Bible reading you can get for 5 cents "Feeding on His Word" - in fact 51 copies cost only 3 cents each. Why not get one for each family in your congregation? Will YOU accept this challenge to Grow in Christ?

#### Crescent Zone Holds Successful Officers Conference

On November 26 & 27, with Rev. A.P. Klausner as visiting speaker, the Crescent Zone held an Officers Conference for Crescent Zone Officers. Special sessions were held for Junior officers, Senior officers and Counselors. A banquet followed on Saturday night at the "Y". Sunday afternoon was devoted to the quarterly Rally.

#### Counselor's Retreat

The Southern District Young People's Committee sponsored a week-end retreat at Camp Kittywake for all Counselors of the Crescent Zone and Gulf Coast Zone areas. Pastor Witt, Executive Secretary of the International Walther League explained to the group the Walther League Program and the duties of a Counselor.

Does your society have any Counselors? If not, get your congregation to appoint at least one. See Resolution #55-39, and get to work on it today!

It is hoped that in the near future more retreats can be held in Dixie.

## "Your District President Speaks"

L.S.V.

This year we in Dixie have a great challenge before us: to "Witness Where You Are". You can witness at your job by being honest, efficient, courteous, and hard working. People will notice that you approach your work with joy and enthusiasm. Then you will have the opportunities to tell others about your church, your faith, your Savior. Always remember that God has placed you in this calling. Therefore, we should make full use of the talents God has given us by witnessing for Him.

On Nov. 10-13 I attended the International Walther League District Officers Conference at College Camp, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. All District Presidents, Treasurers and Synodical Youth Chairmen attended this conference. We heard reports and discussed Wheatridge Seals, L.S.V. Schools, Home Mission Builders, League Finances, Bible Study, Topic on "Family Life", League Publications, Youth Caravaning, Counseling, League Membership, and, Recreation. I shall always be grateful to my Savior for permitting me to attend such an inspiring conference.

Here are a few important League projects for this year:

1. District Convention and Camp in August at Mobile, Alabama
2. An L.S.V. School in June at Auburn, Alabama
3. International Convention - Ames, Iowa July 22 - 26
4. If you haven't taken up a special offering for the International Deficit Fund, PLEASE do so at your next meeting and send this to your District Treasurer.

Gerhardt Engel, President

### SPECIAL NOTICE

Did you know that Dixie's Budget for 1955 - 56 is \$2,000? Are you sending in your share to Miss Annie Ruth Holm, 1624 West La Rue Street, Pensacola, Fla.

Remember that one-half of this sum will go to International.

The thirty-five Leaguers that attended the LSV School at Auburn this past summer gained much valuable help in learning to take a more active part in the work of their societies. It was also an experience which helped each one to strengthen his faith and to lead a more consecrated daily life. The Christian fellowship that was developed during the week at the school made the leaguers reluctant to part at the school's close.

The District Convention in Chattanooga decided to have another LSV School this coming summer at Auburn if possible. More details about the date and place will be printed in future issues of the DIXIE LEAGUER.

One thing to remember about the LSV Schools is this: that the enrollment is limited to fifty. Therefore, it would be wise to see how many of your own leaguers would like to go to LSV this year and let your LSV School Planning Committee know as soon as possible. If enough interest is shown it may be possible to have two in the Dixie District this year. The Planning Committee Chairman is:

Martin E. Fox  
701 W. 15th Street,  
Birmingham, Alabama

Be sure and write him as soon as possible so he will know if two LSV Schools could be held this summer.

A Merry CHRISTMAS and a  
Blessed New Year

As we approach this blessed holiday season, we on the DIXIE LEAGUER staff wish each and every one of you a very Merry CHRISTMAS and a Blessed New Year!





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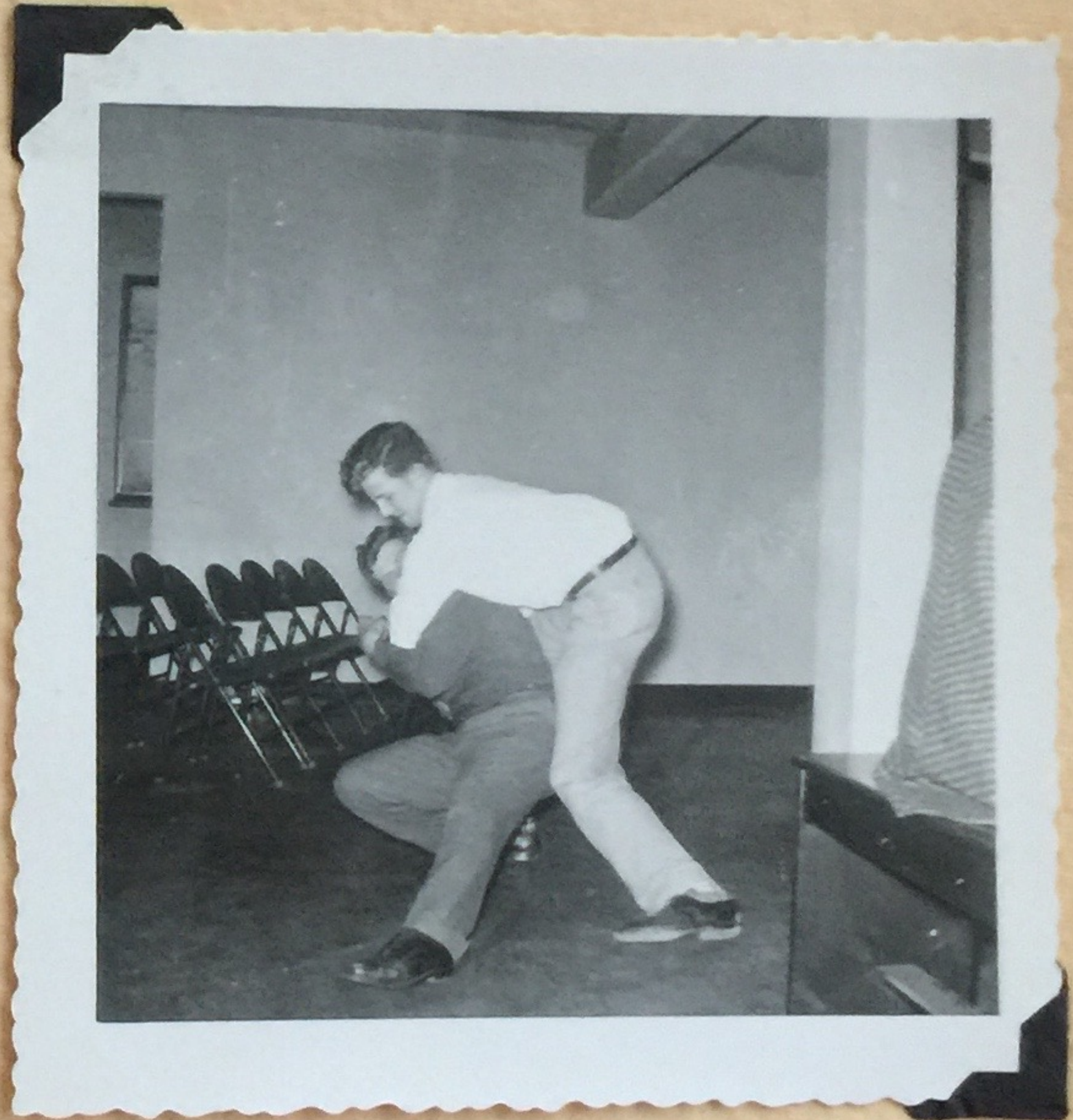




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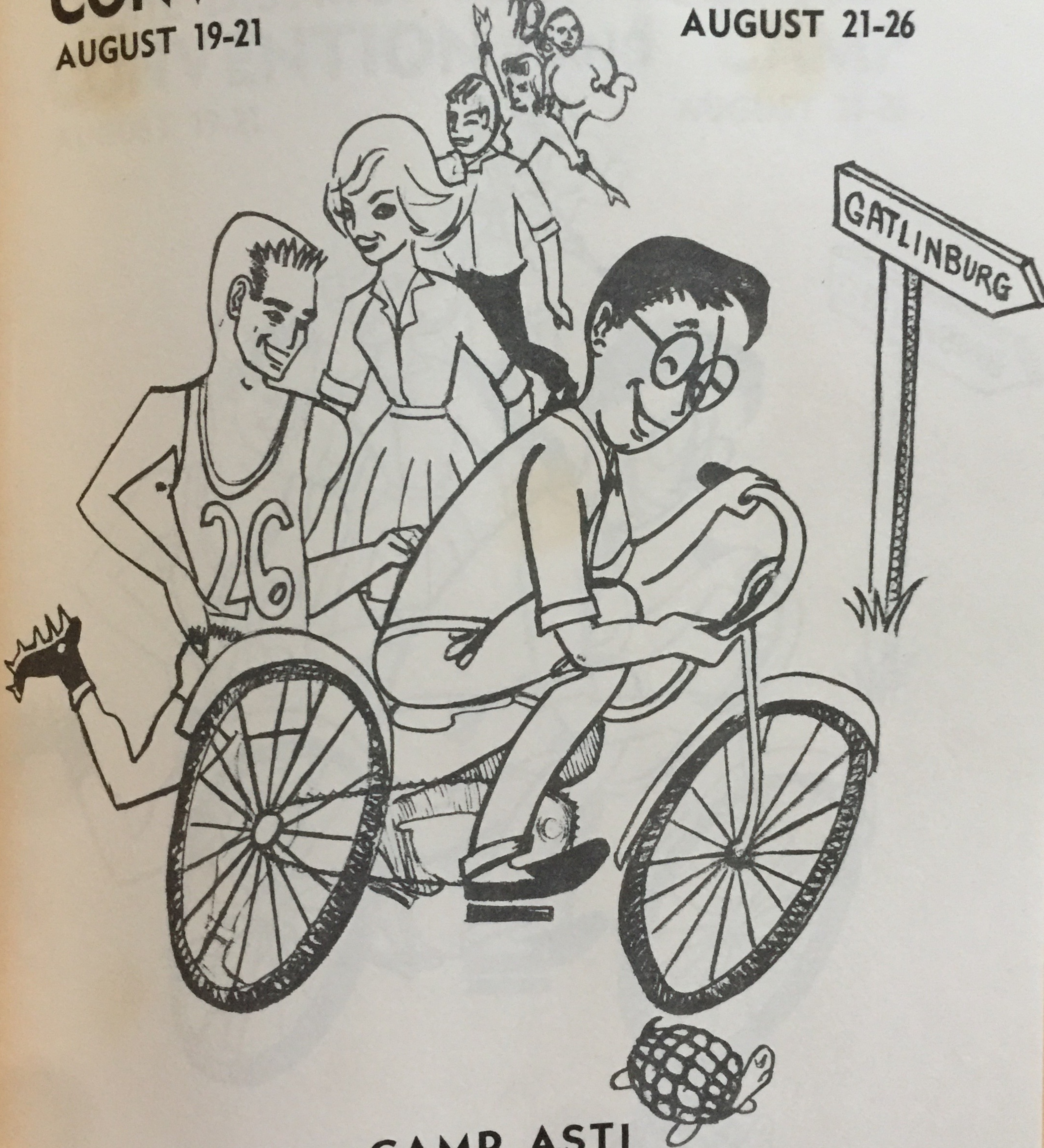




# DIXIE DISTRICT WALTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION AND CAMP

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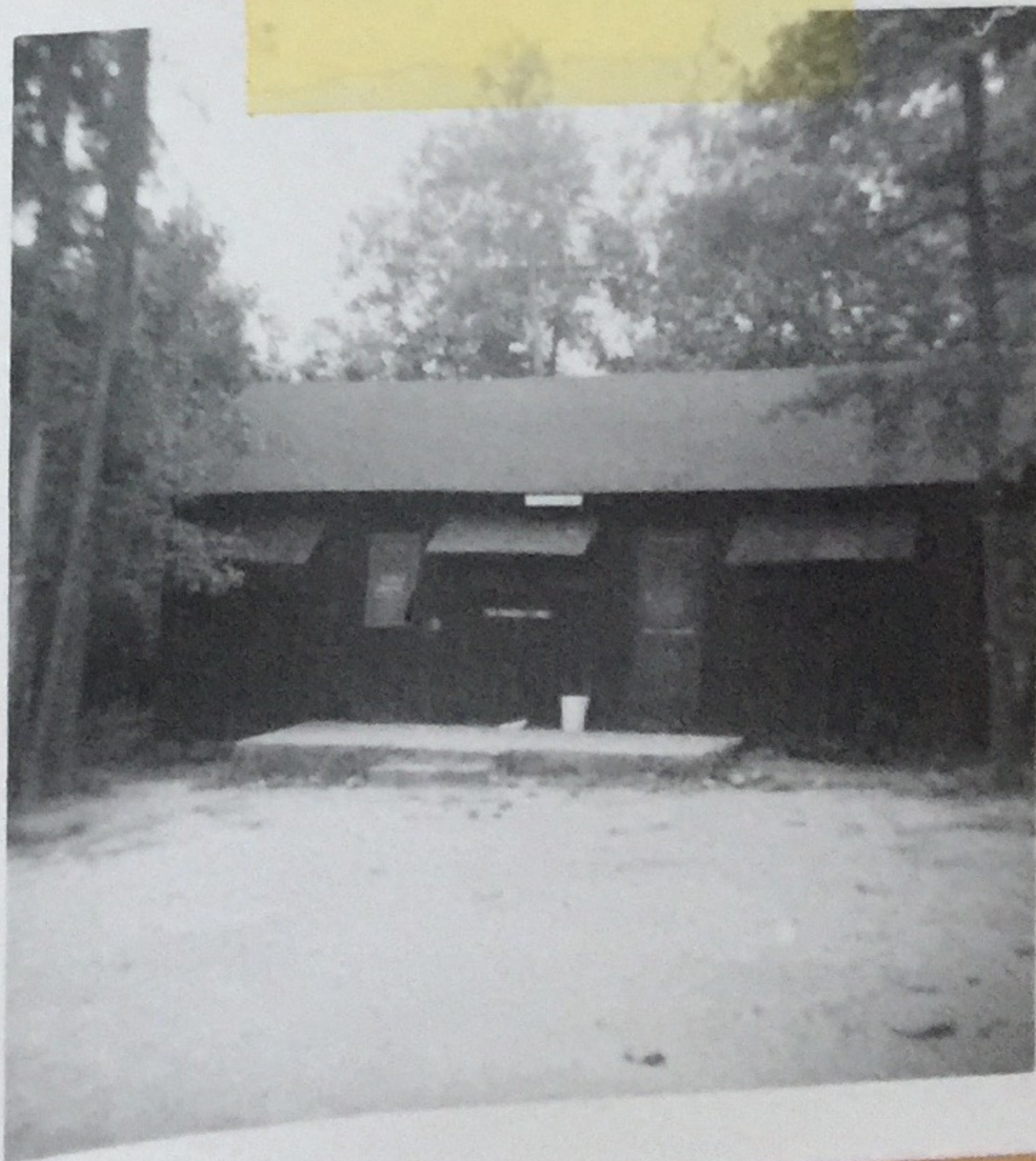
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# Lutherans Will Be Hosts To

## Walther League Convention

### Young People To Meet Here July 14-21

#### Five Southern States Will Be Represented At Annual Meeting

First Lutheran Church will be host to the annual convention of Dixie District of the International Walther League July 14-21, with approximately 100 young people expected from Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Florida and Louisiana.

The meeting is the twenty-eighth annual gathering of the district organization of young people of the Lutheran Church between the ages of 14 and 25.

Al Hecht, First Lutheran member, will be chairman of the convention. To assist in leadership will be Marilyn Hunze, president of the local Walther League, and the Rev. Roland Frerking, pastor of First Church.

Registration will take place 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 14. The convention formally opens at the Sunday morning service at First Church, with a special sermon for the young people to be preached by Pastor Frerking.

The first business session, at 2 p.m. Sunday, will be called to order by Reinhardt Holm of Pensacola, Fla., the district president, who will represent the international organization at the convention. Another international representative will be Don Koenig of Chicago.

An important feature of the convention will be the camp to be held July 16-21 at Wonderland Club Hotel at Elkmont. The camp program will include lectures in the morning and afternoon recreation. The Rev. W. W. Grumm of Oak Ridge will serve as camp dean. Bible study periods will be conducted by the Rev. Herman Scherer of Chattanooga. Various topic studies will be led by Pastor Frerking.

The five-day camp and convention will officially close with a banquet and "talent festival" on Friday night, July 20.



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### Choral Union Concert To Be Presented At Dixie Convention

A chorus of Walther Leaguers from all parts of Dixie will present the annual Choral Union Concert as part of the Dixie Convention on Sunday, July 15. Mr. Erich W. Jahn, principal of the Lookout Mountain School, has kindly consented to be the director of the Choral Union endeavor. Under his directorship a concert of seven numbers will be presented. The program will consist of two anthems, Bide With Us, Lord and Only Begotten Word of God Eternal; and five Bach chorales, Come, Holy Spirit; Praise God, The Lord; If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee; Dearest Lord Jesus; and Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide.

In order to present this concert it is essential that all preliminary practice be done before arriving in Knoxville on Saturday, July 14. The only requirement for joining this Choral Union endeavor is that each person know his or her part. If there is anyone in your congregation who is no longer a Leaguer but intends to attend the convention as a guest, invite them to join you in your preliminary rehearsals. Let's have everybody who can sing be a member of the chorus.

By this time all societies who intend to be a part of the chorus should have placed their order for necessary copies of the choral selections with Mr. Eric W. Jahn. In case your order has not yet been placed, please do so immediately. There is still time for your local members to learn their parts with intensive rehearsal. We need the support of all Leagues to make this year's

### DIXIE LEAGUERS MEET

Two days of business and five days of camp marked the 28th annual Dixie District convention of the Walther League at Knoxville July 14 and 15. Approximately 100 Leaguers from Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and Florida registered.

The only business session was held Sunday afternoon, conducted by Reinhardt Holm of Pensacola, Florida, president. All officers were reelected.

Camp was held at the Wonderland Hotel in the Smokies, and the week through Friday was replete with hiking trips and swimming. Grand finale was a hill-billy banquet coupled with a talent festival. Rev. Grumm served as M. C. and Rev. Scherer addressed the group.

endeavor better than ever.

The final rehearsal of the Choral Union concert will take place at convention headquarters, First Lutheran church and school, Saturday evening, July 14, from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. Let's all meet with our director, Mr. Jahn, that Saturday evening and honor him by knowing our parts.

July 14-16  
1951



# Dixie Walther League

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