

REPORTS ON
THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH
WORK IN ALASKA
1930-1979

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From 1887 when the Swedish Covenant Church first sent Axel Karlson and Adolph Lydell as missionaries to Unalakleet and Yakutat, what is now known as the Evangelical Covenant Church had a strong impact on the history of Alaska. Bringing the Gospel to the Eskimos of Western Alaska is of greatest importance to the state even though it may not be discussed in the textbooks. The natives were impacted greatly (whether for good or bad) by their assimilation into Western culture, the native leaders produced through the private high school, and the better life provided to orphans in the children's home. The Covenant Church also contributed politically to the state- especially Maynard Londborg who was one of the framers of the Alaska state constitution. Not to be forgotten are the missionaries who were also aviation and radio broadcasting pioneers.

The Covenant Church's role has been neglected by historians. The Alaskan Covenanters have been action oriented rather than introspective, few had the time or inclination to document current or research past accomplishments, for the missionaries were always trying to enter another village or starting new projects. The few references by authors to the Covenant Church are made in passing, and often, as in Colby's Alaska, confusing the Covenant Church with the Lutheran Church. Most church records are stored in the Covenant Archives in Chicago, so that any researcher from the North would be faced with an expensive trip to find out about the work in Alaska.

I desire to bring as much as possible on Alaska's past back to Alaska. So much, both in the religious and secular field, has been written about Alaska, but often it is filed in some out of state office or archives and Alaskans never get the benefits of the research. Inspired by a history assignment at Covenant Bible College in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, I started reading the annual reports of the Covenant church. I was amazed at the amount of information in the old yearbooks, so I copied two decades of reports to bring back to the Alaskan church. Since then the project has grown to cover a fifty year period.

This document could be a starting point for someone to write a history of the Covenant Church in Alaska. I hope it will be an incentive for the local churches to gather information on their past, concentrating on the native leaders who would have been passed over by "Outside" authors.

These reports are of four forms: 1) Excerpts from the President's report- high lighting the work in Alaska; 2) Excerpts of the Secretary of Foreign Missions Report, reviewing the work of the church outside of Alaska; 3) Report on the labors in Alaska and the work in each local church, written by the chairman of the Alaska Covenant Missionary Council or one of the missionaries in each village, and 4) Partial lists of the Alaskan workers. The president of the Covenant wrote at least one paragraph on the Alaskan work up to 1960 when the mission reports were nearly cut out of the yearbook, and the Secretary of Foreign Missions, saw that 5 to 10 pages of reports on the work in Alaska were part of the Covenant denomination's annual report. Each article was not part of a separate document; rather, each was part of the entire denomination's annual report to its members. I extracted these segments dealing with Alaska.

The dates 1930 to 1979 were chosen for some very practical reasons. The published reports were very meager after 1979. Much happened before 1930 in Alaska, which the annual reports could shed light upon; but up till that date the reports are written in Swedish, a language I do not read. If someone wanted to translate the documents between 1887 and 1929 I would be happy to help put the reports in a typed form.

My thanks for help in this project go out to Rev. Wendell Anderson and the rest of the staff at Covenant Bible College, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, for their encouragement in this project and Norma S. Geortzen of the Mellander Library at North Park Seminary, Chicago, for duplicating so many of the reports that were not available in Alaska.

I wanted to make this available as quickly as possible so omitted the index. That will be coming shortly. Surely there are a few typos. Feel free to point them out to me.

Timothy Miller

Annual Report from Yakutat

To the Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant of America,
gathered in Annual meeting at Jamestown, N. Y.,
June 18-22, 1930

Dear Brethren:

Peace!

Again I have the duty and privilege to make a report, covering the fiscal year 1929-1930. And this concludes my nineteenth year at Yakutat. In reviewing the year just finished, as well as making a retrospect of the whole period spent in labor here, I feel that all is worth while to remember and report is due to the unbounding grace of God and the love of Jesus Christ, and just because the dear Lord has showered heavenly blessings upon us in a most generous way.

The year just finished has been another link in our lives' work. It joins the past and the future, and only for the purpose of report can it be considered separately. And really there is nothing new to report; only the old, old story of sinful men, and how God in His infinite mercy tries to save the people from sin and damnation.

As usual, regular meetings have been held throughout the year, summer as well as winter. This is possible because the people have their work and fishing fields close to the village so they can come home for Sunday services. A further reason is that fishing is closed on Sundays; thus there is no inducement for the fishermen to stay out.

I am happy to report that these meetings have been very well attended. At Sunday forenoon services the greater part of the time is taken by preaching. My two assistants, T. M. Italio and D. S. Benson, serve alternately as interpreters of the sermons. The Sunday School meets immediately after these services. This is divided into two parts, children in their teens, who are instructed by me, and the Primary, which consists of children under ten years of age and is in charge of Mrs. Axelson. This school is also quite well attended; some 70 pupils are enrolled and quite often the attendance reaches up to 50.

The Sunday evening meetings as well as the mid-week meeting are largely spent in prayer and testimonies. The natives are great in taking active part. Often every person attending will take part and thus the meeting may last from two to three hours. And they certainly are not wanting in confessing. But sometimes I almost wish they "preached less and practiced more."

We also have a church choir and orchestra. The choir is led by Mrs. Axelson and meets for practice every Friday evening. The orchestra generally meets Thursday evenings. The people delight in music and song, and both the choir and the orchestra have been of great help to us at our meetings.

We are trying to carry on a regular and organized church work. On January 1st we had our annual meeting as usual and elected a chairman, secretary, treasurer, trustees, deaconesses, etc. In contributions and collections we have raised about \$300.00 during the year. Of this we have paid \$30.00 for song books, about \$60 to the poor people, and the remainder we will use for a platform and other repairs in the church.

Liquor is our arch enemy, and our chief concern in the past has been to keep it down. A great number of the natives also realize the danger the booze traffic puts their village into and do what they can to stop it. More than once I have heard the natives say to officials of the government: "Liquor is the downfall of our people." Yet some of these rather encourage this evil.

Last fall and early winter the traffic flared up and drinking became quite general. It caused us much trouble. However, with the beginning of the year we experienced a spiritual uplift among the natives. Many backsliders were reclaimed, sinners confessed Christ, and the Christians were renewed in life and spirit. As a result the drinking almost ceased among the natives. But of course, the whites continued, and even the power of God does not seem sufficient to break their old boozing habits. Unfortunate people!

Taken as a whole the past year has been rather above the average in progress. Some 15 new members have joined the church, many of these in their teens. The total membership is a little over one hundred, but some of these are hardly in good standing. Ten persons have died and nine have been born in the village during the year. Two adults and seven children have been baptized during the year.

Only one couple has been married during the year, and two have been divorced. Marriage and family life are not given the sanctity and respect the Bible teaches, and this is to a great extent due to the loose morals of the whites and other races the natives have come in contact with in recent years. This loose living has become a most serious problem for the missionaries, especially in southeastern Alaska, where the seasonal influx of the cannery workers consists of great number of Philipinos, Chinamen and unprincipled whites. And here also booze is often the source of the trouble.

The population of Yakutat is increasing; many natives that formerly lived here are now returning, and white men married to natives are also coming here. This is due to the fact that fishing is good in Yakutat, and that fish-traps are prohibited here, and all the fish must be caught by fishermen, whereas in other parts of Alaska most of the fish is caught in traps. Personally I have worked hard to keep the traps out, as I hold these are the greatest enemy to the native fisherman. Another company, the New England Fish Company, is this year coming into the Yakutat field. This means better prices and better treatment for the natives. The old Libby, McNeill & Libby Company has had everything to itself. Fishing here has been a real gold mine to this company, but the natives never get a fair price or a square deal. But from now on it will be different. The New England Fish Company has the name of being the best in its treatment of the fishermen. And I feel that I did the people here a good turn in persuading this company to establish itself in this field. Of course, the people are delighted, but hardly Libby, McNeill & Libby.

Every year there is quite a bit of repair work to be done and expenses in the upkeep of the buildings. During all these years at Yakutat I have only asked for one extra allowance of \$500 for building purposes, and yet the three main buildings are in fair condition. I painted the church and put a new foundation under the old school building last fall. This year a new foundation must be put under the living house; also it should have a coat of paint, and other minor repairs must be done.

The seven years period is up with the end of the year. However if God permits, our plans are to remain till the fall of 1931 and then take a protracted vacation, and if it can be arranged we intend to visit Sweden. Personally I am in need of a change and a little rest from the routine work on this field. We have somewhat planned that the natives themselves should have charge of the work while we are absent. However, this we can better decide after having had a consultation with the Board at home.

Lastly I wish to thank you all for your generous support, spiritual, moral and financial. Thanks for your prayers and your well wishes. God bless you all. Let us labor faithfully, soon our day is ended and we can work no more.

Yours in the Master's service,

E. M. Axelson.

Yakutat, Alaska, May 2, 1930

Report from Unalakleet, Alaska

To the Swedish Evangelical Covenant Annual Meeting at Jamestown, N. Y., June 18-22, 1930.

Last year at this time we were four missionaries at Unalakleet, but three left early in the summer of 1929, and after that I have again been the only one here in the service of the Covenant.

In some respects this last year, and especially the winter, has been a trying one. We have had unusually much snow and much stormy and cold weather. Hunting and trapping have been poor, and, being that but few of the Eskimos have treasures laid up for themselves in this world, food has been scarce in some homes. However, most of our people have enjoyed good health and no severe epidemics have visited us. Thus we have been able to keep on with the church work without any interruptions. With services and Sunday School on Sundays, and choir practice, Sunday School teachers' meetings, Bible classes, etc., on the program during the week, we have been kept rather busy. The winter is the time of intensive work. During the summer the people are scattered, and we have the services on Sundays only. Our services have been well attended and the Word of God has been working to salvation for some souls also this last year. But it is a fight between the powers of good and evil. The bad example of drinking, smoking, gambling, dancing, breaking the sabbath, etc., that some of the white people set, exerts an influence for the worse on the natives who come in contact with such people. By the grace of God it is that in each village of our district is found a group of Christians. Every year some from these groups are removed to the heavenly home, but the Lord is adding to the church such as are saved.

Recently I have returned from a trip through our district north of Unalakleet. I visited the villages of Egawik, Shaktoolik, Koyuk, Elim, Golovin Bay, and White Mountain. In most of these villages I held three or more services. In every place the services were well attended and the Christians came in big numbers to the communion services. A few Bibles and some hymn books were brought along, but these were not by far enough. When there were no more Bibles left, some almost cried in disappointment and begged me to send for some more. It does a missionary good to see such love for the Word of the Lord.

On my way home I stopped in the village of Koyuk for our yearly conference, which was held March 20-23. The government school house was opened for the conference, and there we had a few blessed days before the Lord. Only a small part of the time is taken up for business transactions. Preaching in English and in Eskimo, the giving of testimonies, singing and prayers take up most of the time. The Christians were strengthened to their spiritual life, and some souls turned to God for salvation. The conferences appear to be a means of bringing great blessings to the Christians here.

In the Hooper Bay and Mountain Village district the work is going forward. Three native missionaries are now working there: Wilson Conongnan, stationed at Mountain Village. He is in the service of the native Christians here. Jacob Kenick is at Hooper Bay, and Oscar Andrewuk at Scammon Bay. These last two are in the service of the Covenant. A conference has been held down in that district for the first time. Thus the conferences of the Christians will, probably, replace the old Eskimo feasts and dances.

The church at Hooper Bay, in which are also living quarters for the native missionary, is almost finished. It would have been finished last fall if we only had been able to get all the lumber down there. But it is exceedingly difficult to get boats to take freight down to that part of Alaska. The new church is used for services already, however, and Jacob Kenick and family have moved into their living quarters. The lumber for our church at the new station, Scammon Bay, came up here from the States last summer. We hope to get that church built before next winter.

One of our native Christians, Harry Soxie, prepared to go to Siberia last summer. However, he came only as far as the Diomed Island. Some of the native chiefs from Siberia had told Soxie that he better wait a little until things get more settled over on their side. These chiefs had promised to let him know when they thought it would be safe for him to go there. If he can go this coming summer, I hope that the Covenant will give him support. Eight hundred dollars for salary and two hundred dollars for traveling expenses, etc., would probably be enough.

"Hitherto hath Jehovah helped us," and we trust in His grace and power for days to come.

Yours in His service,

E. B. Larsson

Missionssekreterarens rapport.

Angående missionen i Alaska har det varit ett framgångsrikt och uppmuntrande verksamhetsår, vilket ock framgår av rapporterna därefter.

I Yakutat i södra Alaska har missionärsparet E. M. Axelsons verkat med framgång och välsignelse. Det var meningen, att de skulle komma hem för sin vilotid detta år, men vi hava blivit underrättade om, att på grund av en stor och betydelsefull School Convention, som skall hållas i södra Alaska sent på hösten detta år och till vilken missionär Axelson blivit inbjuden som talare och delagare, hava de beslutat sig för att kvarstanna i Yakutat ännu ett år. Detta äro vi glada och tacksamma för.

I norra Alaska hava missionärerna E. B. Larson och Ralph H. Pearson liksom verkat med framgång och erfart rik välsignelse från Gud. Ganska många hava vunnits för Herren i både norra och södra Alaska, vilket såväl de som vi innerligt tacka Herren för. Verket är ingalunda fåfängt i Herren.

Hälsotillståndet bland missionärerna i Alaska under året har försports vara synnerligt gott, tills nu på vårsidan, då vi erhöilo telegram om, att en svår epidemi av "flu" utbrutit, som skördade djupt bland eskimåerna. Det kom begäran om hjälp av \$200 för att bekämpa denna sjukdomsvåg, vilken hjälp ock beviljades och utsändes per telegram till broder Pearson i Elim.

Joel S. Johnson

Report from Yakutat

To the Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant of America and its delegates gathered in Annual meeting at Chicago, Ill., June 17, 1931

Dear Brethren:

Peace?

The fiscal year 1930-31 is about to close and I herewith submit a brief report covering the same.

The work has progressed along the same lines as in the past. Not by leaps and bounds have we prospered, yet the growth has been rather steady. And the dear Lord has blessed us in a wonderful way. The Gospel has been preached "in season and out of season." And with joy I report it is still a "power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" - and, at last, to the Indian. It is the great re-generative power, the only really civilizing agency. And without it the Indian race, and every other race is doomed even though we should attain the loftiest heights in education and enlightenment.

As a missionary I am asked to assist in almost every field of human endeavor. True, the spiritual needs must be looked after first. However, I have had it most strongly impressed upon me, through experience that these people also need material assistance. Let me mention a few cases where my assistance is requested, and often "demanded": In sickness, I must call and pray for the sick, give good advice to the patient, and come not exactly empty-handed, if I am desirous of being in the best standing with the sick. In financial difficulties a little "lift" is most always requested, and sometimes demanded. At times of quarrels and strifes generally one side, and sometimes both come to me and beg me to help them win the battle, no matter if their cause is ever so wrong. Have they anything to sell they look to me to boost their prices. And when they buy they often look to me to assure them a square deal. Letters to business-houses, communications to friends, and request to Government officials, and papers and documents of various kinds I am constantly requested to compose, type, and execute. Thus, I am called upon for assistance in practically every weighty matter.

However, this general demand upon me, keeps me constantly busy, and I am really glad to be able to serve in every way possible.

With the exception of a couple of months during the busy fishing season, when the midweek prayer meeting was closed, we have met regularly in the church. As in the past T. M. Italio and D. S. Benson have assisted with preaching and interpreting. The people have attended the meetings rather good. And some of the old Indians are most faithful churchgoers. The chairman of the church has hardly missed a meeting during the whole year.

As usual much of the time at our meetings is taken by the people. They sing, they pray, and they testify and we have really blessed meetings. A number have been won from sin and heathendom, and some backsliders have been reclaimed. Also a couple of families who some years ago wanted to try the Salvation Army method have now come back to our church. And thus we are really stronger than ever and the work is sound in every way. Praise be to the Lord.

Our Sunday school is constantly growing. Only Mrs. Axelson and myself have served as teachers. But as the attendance sometimes passes the 60 mark, it is too many for only two teachers. And we are planning to engage some of the natives to help us.

Our orchestra and choir have been somewhat handicapped this year due to the loss of some members by untimely deaths. We hope, however, that in time we shall gain new recruits to fill the places left vacant by those deceased.

At our annual meeting we adopted an official name. And our church is now known as the Covenant Thlinket Church, a most suitable name, I think. Thlinket is the name of this people. It is an Indian word and means "the people." And covenant I do not need to explain. We all know its meaning, and we love to bear this name.

During late winter and early spring we built an addition to our church, 22 feet by 18 feet. Most of this new addition is used for a platform which gives ample room for the choir, the organ and the orchestra. Most of the labor done was donated by members and friends of the church. Yet it cost nearly \$700. But in this sum is included the cost of carpets, etc. This money was all raised by the people here. And on Easter Day we had a kind of dedication service. We also took up an offering to cover balance of debt incurred on the new addition. And to my great joy and astonishment the offering exceeded the debt by a sum sufficient to buy a carpet for. Oh, what an inspiration it was for me to see the Indians coming forward to the platform of the church, and there stand in line waiting for a chance to place their Easter offerings on the collection plate. I could hardly keep from shedding tears.

We have been working hard to get a light plant for our village. And just now our hopes are coming true. A 50 H. P. Diesel Engine arrived the other day. It will cost us around \$5,000. We will pay in five annual installments. And we have the money for this first payment.

I am a little uneasy about that the natives will not give the machinery the constant care and watchfulness to insure the best of service. However, I trust they will learn to be dependable in such matters also. The generator is 35 K. W. and should be able to take care of and furnish light to every home in the village.

At last the Government or rather the Forest Service has decided to build us a road. It will come at the old and new village here, is about mile and a half long, and is estimated to cost \$35,000. This will be a most wonderful improvement, and I am mighty glad to see the road built. I have made several trips to Juneau trying to persuade the Forest Service people to undertake the project. Yet, finally after fifteen years of efforts, the road will be an actuality. However, we had to grant a 66 foot right-of-way through the mission land. This was a stiff price for getting the road. And yet, I feel the road will richly compensate for the land granted as right-of-way.

The population here is constantly on the increase. Fishing has been very good of late, and this attracts many white men. But these are generally without principles or morals, and thus become a hinder to the good work, and bad examples for the Indians. And it is really disgusting to watch their conduct and behavior. They simply throw overboard every whit of character and decency and live without restraint entirely.

The Alaska School Service is also planning to build a small hospital at Yakutat. Then we will get two nurses and possibly three teachers. This will be different than some years ago when I and my wife served as teachers, nurses, missionaries, and everything else. As a rule, however, these people are not taking any active part in the Christian work. And it is really unfortunate that they take such an aloof attitude towards the spiritual work among the people they have been called to minister unto. If the school in the States can ill afford to have religion out of their educational programs, it is of still more serious consequence to do so in schools conducted for people what were heathen less than a generation ago.

But where is the remedy? Brother Larson has suggested that teachers and nurses from our own people be sent out as such in the employ of the Alaska School Service. As I happen to know the present Acting Chief of the Service very well, I am doubtful the plan suggested by Larson will meet with success. While as superintendent I served under him as teacher for many years, but it was a continuous struggle to get him to recognize the need of Christian work.

The land held by us here is in constant demand for settlement. After much discussion and talk I have finally given three Indian families permission to build their homes on the mission land. Others are pleading hard for similar privileges. But unless they are loyal, good Christian people, I try to keep them off. The right-of-way was granted to the Forest Service for the road as above mentioned. And the nurse and teachers here want a hospital site on our land also. However, we have nearly 300 acres here, a good deal more than we really need. And I feel it is a good policy to be liberal with our land for purposes of direct benefit to the Indians.

We had planned to come home on furlough next fall. But on account of that the Alaska Native Brotherhood will hold its convention in November at Yakutat, we will stay over till fall of 1932. This organization is a Christian organization, and it comprises all the Indian villages in southeastern Alaska. The Yakutat people look forward to this meeting with great expectation. And I have been asked to stay and help them set their village in order. And I also feel it is my duty to stay and represent our work in the very best manner at the All Indian Congress.

Further, it is no easy matter for us to "break camp" and leave. We are just rounding out our 20th year, and since we left in 1911 we have hardly spent six months in the home field. Thus, we have become so attached to this place and the work and the people that it feels like severing home ties in leaving.

In closing let me thank you all, the officials and Mission Board, the churches, and pastors, and every Christian brother and sister who have helped to further God's work in Alaska. God bless you all.

Yours in the Mission Work,

E. M. Axelson

Yakutat, Alaska, April 25, 1931.

Report from Unalakleet, Alaska

To the Swedish Evangelical Covenant Annual Meeting at Chicago, Ill.,
June 17, 1931

Until very recently I thought that this was one of the best winters we had had here for many years. The weather has been unusually good, and we had enjoyed good health. But in the very last part of March the "flu" came, and things have changed much these last few days. It spread very quickly and with the exception of just a few, we have all had it. Four of the older people have died from it, and some others are still very weak. But most of the people are getting well again.

On account of this sickness we can not hold any services right now. Otherwise we have kept on regularly with our church work during the whole year. The Lord has especially blessed us during this winter in that many of the young people here in Unalakleet have been converted. It has been a great encouragement to see these young people and listen to them, as they have taken part, singing, praying, and testifying at our meetings in the church. May the Lord keep them all.

Our annual conference was held at White Mountain this year. Also there, quite a number were seeking the Lord during the conference days. In our new district south of Unalakleet our native missionaries had arranged for a conference at Mountain Village in the first part of April.

This year also I have traveled extensively and visited many villages. Everywhere the people come willingly to hear the word of God.

From our native missionaries in the new district come encouraging reports now and then. The Catholic priests are working hard against them, but they keep on faithfully with their work, nevertheless. The church building in Hooper Bay is finished, and the one at Scammon Bay will, probably, be finished this coming summer. Wilson keeps on with his work at Mountain Village: Jacob Kenick is at Hooper Bay, and Oscar Andrewuk at Scammon Bay. Misha Ivanoff is school teacher on Nunivak Island, and he also preaches to the people there.

Harry Soxie was not able to leave for Siberia last summer. He has spent this year also on Diomed Island. Yet he is willing to go to Siberia as soon as there will be a possibility to do so.

This last year I have been thinking a good deal of starting a training school here for native Christian workers. Many of the Christians here are willing to help, but they need better training than they have got so far. To send young Eskimos to our schools in the United States seems not to be the best way. Traveling expenses and the cost of keeping people in schools in the United States come high. Also, the change of climate seems to be very hard on many of the Eskimo. A course here for about three months each winter would, undoubtedly, be a great help to such as could come along.

In order to interest young Christians in our home churches in the work as school teachers and nurses up here in Alaska I have written short articles in the Covenant papers regarding such work. Several young people have already let me know that they are willing to do such work for the government, if they only can get into the service. It would be a wonderful help to our mission work, if we again could have Christian teachers and nurses of our own people in our mission districts.

Yours in the Lord,

E. B. Larsson

Report from Golovin, Alaska

To the Swedish Evangelical Covenant of America Annual Meeting at North Park College, Chicago, Ill., June 17-21, 1931

Nearly a year has rolled by since I started on my journey destined far to the North. Now that the time of the Annual Conference will soon be here, I wish to send a short report of what it has been possible to accomplish during these months.

The Golovin Mission is not a new field for our Mission. A station was opened here as early as 1893 by the Rev. August Anderson. Besides a small home for the missionaries, a fine little church was erected and a thriving congregation was organized. The people migrate a good deal so it was later found necessary to move the church to what is now called the Old Mission. There a large children's home had been erected and was supported by the Mission Covenant. About 1914 the church was again moved to a new location namely Elim. The above are just a few words about the past history of the Golovin Mission.

Golovin or Cheenik is a thriving little village of some 130 residents. Its location is really the center of three villages, namely Golovin, White Mountain, and Elim. During the summer and fall many come here for the fishing season. I remained in Golovin steadily until Jan. 1st. During January, February, and March I made regular visits to White Mountain. Our Government has an industrial high school there with some 50 resident students. There are about 200 native residents during the winter. I have only been able to make one visit with the friends in Elim.

During the last week of March, our Annual Conference was held at White Mountain. It was our privilege to have Rev. Mr. Larson of Unalakleet with us. The meetings have been reported in the papers more at length. People came from many of the neighboring villages. One thing which should have special mention is that the natives are hungry for the word of God. They attend the services very faithfully.

Quite a few Bible and song books are in demand. The supply of song books gave out early in the fall. I have several orders for Bible, song books, gospel phonograph records, and other Christian literature to come on the first boat in June.

Since Easter Sunday the villages all around have been swept by an epidemic of flu. Only a very few escaped to look after those who were sick. Both food and fuel gave out very quickly. We have reason to be thankful that the weather was mild. There were six deaths in Golovin and seven in White Mountain. It has been especially hard on the old people. The \$200 which was sent to me by wire on Mr. Ost's request arrived in yesterday's mail. They will come in very useful just now as the food supply is very low. Milk is very scarce in the community, but I have been fortunate in obtaining ten cases.

As been voiced in the columns of the papers and in personal letters, we are very much in need of a church at Golovin. Since last fall we have been using a building owned by the Lomen Company. As it is also used for a dance hall and besides is extremely cold in winter, it is a distinct disadvantage to meet there. We can obtain native logs and a good deal of rough lumber right here. I think \$300 would cover the cost of windows, doors, sheet iron, floor, building paper, and hardware. I will be very grateful if you will grant us this sum so that we might put up the building during the summer.

I also hope you will be able to grant us an allowance of \$500 for general expenses connected with the Mission. According to the way things look at present, conditions for the native will be much harder in the coming year than in the past. Just now I am bringing two or three prepared meals daily to a young man who is a tuberculos patient and partly blind. Another young wife was left a widow in the epidemic. Then there is the item of transportation to consider. It is a great deal more expensive than we are used to in the states. Yet it is necessary to travel between the different villages in order to preach the Gospel to the natives.

You will ask what we have been able to accomplish and what your contributions have accomplished. At times it seems so little is accomplished that it is hardly worth while. Yet we do not need to look far for the fruit which our older missionaries have laid down on this field. In nearly every village of our field are a group of faithful Christian. During the past month a few have come to Christ. In their sickness during this epidemic, a few have sought God through the Lord Jesus Christ and found peace. In the meantime we are sowing the word as God gives us grace. We are encouraging the young people especially to take part in the choir as they seem to be most interested in music.

I wish to thank you for your support. I would especially ask that you remember us in your prayers. "Prayer changes things."

Golovin, Alaska, May 7, 1931.

Yours in the Master's Service,

Ralph H. Pearson

Recommendations to the Annual Conference in Regard to the Foreign Mission Field

That the following budget for Alaska Mission for the coming year be approved:

a) Unalakleet.....	\$4,808.90
Elim and Golovin Bay.	2,000.00
Yakutat.....	2,500.00
Total.....	\$9,308.90

b) And furthermore that a sum of \$1,500.00 be granted for an addition to the church in Unalakleet, under condition that the Central Board, after receiving fuller information, gives it approval.

Report from Yakutat

To the Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant of America, and its delegates gathered in Annual meeting at Minneapolis, Minn., June 22-26, 1932.

Dear Brethren:

Peace!

"So teach us to number our days"- our years- "that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Ps. 90:12.

The time is at hand for another report. And my desire is to make an accounting for the fiscal year just closing in such a way that the friends at home may get a clear understanding of the scope and nature of the work. And it will reveal the hardships and difficulties as well as the gains in the field of labor.

As a whole the meetings have been well attended. Most of these have been held in the church. On Sundays we generally have three gatherings. One in the morning, and one in the evening, for all ages; and one in the afternoon for children and young people. The last mentioned, the Sunday school, has an enrollment of some 85, and the average attendance is around 50. Excepting the fishing season in the summer, we have one and two meetings during the week. These are very well attended at times, but not so well at other times.

Of nature the Thlinket people are spiritual. They are eager to take part. And our meetings are crowded with testimonials and prayers. They readily respond to the message of the sermon, and again and again refer to it in their talks. They also pray often. The only fault I find with them is that they lack in being "doers of the word," as the Bible puts it. This I often said before, and quoting Paul, now "say it with tears." Often I am much grieved by their worldly ways, and the lack of harmony between their confessions and their actual way of living. However, this lack of stability in character, no doubt, is a common trait among people who are just coming out of the darkness of heathendom. This I have been told by missionaries laboring among other people, and so the apostle Paul tells in the above quotation.

Nevertheless God's word standeth fast: "Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." And especially during the winter months many backsliders were reclaimed. It seems as though those that have tasted God's mercy and grace cannot find any real satisfaction in a life in sin. Most of those converted last winter were those that liquor or other evil have lured away from Christ.

As assistants D. S. Benson, T. M. Italio and Jack Ellis have served. Their principal work is to interpret the sermons to those older natives that are not at home in English. Jack Ellis has served while T. M. Italio has been absent from the village. These interpreters each receive \$10 per month for their services.

The Sunday school is a promising field. The Covenant's Sunday school books for the higher grades we have found a little too difficult. But we use the lower grade books. Besides we use the Standard Lesson cards. And we have also introduced the Covenant's lower grades Sunday school papers, which the children are much pleased to receive. Mrs. Axelson and myself are the principal teachers. We, however, have had two native young men to assist us, and we hope that in the course of time these will be trained so they can carry full responsibility as teachers.

The church choir has also been of much encouragement this year. For practice we have met in our home every Friday eve. As songbook we use The Covenant Hymnal. Some sixteen people, mostly young, belong to this group, and our services are much benefited by their singing. And as to the songbook, The Covenant Hymnal, I may say that it is a book well thought of by even the Thlinkets of Alaska.

The Report of the Secretary of Missions

Brethren in the Lord!

This report cannot be very extensive as it only covers a period of four months...

In Alaska we have 4 missionaries and 5 native born workers who carry on the work in 3 headstations and 6 substations besides in many villages surrounding the stations. The government has taken over the hospital and school work in Alaska, thereby depriving the mission of the opportunity and privilege to serve the Lord in those capacities...

The Alaska missionaries are all on their fields of labor in active service. E. M. Axel-sons, who have spent 2 ten-year periods there were entitled to a furlough, but on account of the depression at home they decided to stay another year.

Gust E. Johnson

As mentioned in last year's report the Forest Service in conjunction with the Bureau of Public Roads has constructed a road from the new village across the mission land to the old village and to a lagoon a short distance beyond. This was a wonderful improvement. As the road leads directly to the wharf, we can now haul our supplies received at this wharf to the mission nearly a mile away. And upon completion of this road last fall I sent for an old Maxwell car. This spring I am getting a sort of trailer, so now I can haul both supplies and friends around. And be sure, my Thlinket friends enjoy a ride as much as anybody. And they think it is "great" to ride to church in this car.

Our lightplant we have enjoyed all winter. A young native man is running it. However, we had to buy this plant on the installment plan and as the price on fish has fallen greatly, I fear we will have difficulty in meeting the installments. Further, on the one hand, the Thlinket people are very poor business men. And on the other hand, the Libby people operating a salmon cannery here seem to work things so they may get control of the plant. It was bought through these people. And they seem to think that they are the proper custodians of the Thlinket's soul and body, not to mention his earthly possessions.

On the other hand, how different it would be, if these people would feel the moral responsibility of assisting instead of hindering the good work. But as it is, these seem to have no other interests, save trying to make as much money as possible on the fish that run in the waters here. And money they have made in millions since they began canning. But they have indirectly done their utmost to lower the standard of the Yakutat people to that of the low oriental people, which are annually shipped in here to work in their canning business. They have so conducted their affairs that it has become a blot on the fair name of Alaska.

The All Indian Congress or rather the Annual Convention of the Alaska Native Brotherhood held at Yakutat last November was a great help to our people. Delegates from every sizable village in southeastern Alaska attended this convention. Besides, there were many visitors. The meetings were conducted in a Christian spirit, and the interest and fellowship manifested by those in attendance was most commendable. And the Yakutat people acting as hosts spared no effort in caring for the comfort and well being of the delegates and visitors. True, as the convention lasted a whole week it entailed considerable expenses for us to feed about one hundred visited guest. However, we feel it was worth the price. We became acquainted with the representative men and women of the entire Thlinket tribe. And this contact inspired us to greater efforts in the Gospel work.

The last winter was rather lean. With extra expenses in the fall on account of the convention and the Libbys store here absolutely refusing to grant any credit during the winter, many had to resort to the chase for a living. But as there is an abundance of seals in these waters, no one needs to starve. The government also pays a small bounty on the hairseal. This is sufficient to buy ammunition with. Thus, in a pinch like this, these people can get through with little or no money. There is plenty of wood for fuel around here. Nearly everyone has his own cabin. Thus no house rent is paid. And costs of clothing can be kept down to the most necessary things. However, during the good times, when prices for salmon were high, these people acquired a standard of living similar to our standard. And they now find it hard to return to old primitive ways. Another reason is that they of nature are not backward about asking for a "lift". Thus, this winter was fraught with loan seekers, and "can you help me a little," was a request always ringing in my ears. And, of course, I did what I could afford to help them.

During the year I painted the church and the house, put new foundation posts under the last named, a roof on the stable, built a drive-way up to the church entrance, etc. The interior of the church was also decorated, some furnishing were also bought for the home. The allowance was not quite sufficient for this. But the balance I may be able to cover out of the next year's allowance.

As mentioned in last year's report we had planned to come home for a rest next fall. However, as we are experiencing such a depression we have just about concluded that it is nothing but proper for us to postpone all expensive travel till the times have changed to the better. As we are in good health and enjoying the work, we believe it will serve the missionary cause best by holding over at least another year.

Lastly, I desire to thank all of you, dear friends, who have given us such loyal and unstinted support. Your interest, your prayers, and your money given to the work in Alaska are all in remembrance before God. Also I desire to thank friends and churches in Seattle, Stockton, San Francisco, and Los Angeles for the cheerful Christmas gifts sent to my family and the native people here. God bless you all.

Yours in the Mission Work,

E. M. Axelson,

Yakutat, Alaska, April 28, 1932

Report from Unalakleet

To the Swedish Evangelical Covenant Annual Meeting at Minneapolis, Min., June 22-26, 1932.

This last year has been a blessed year for us here in Unalakleet. Many of our young people have been converted, and we rejoice and praise the Lord. The attendance at our services has always been good, as far back as I can remember, but now we have also the interest and the help of the young people in our Christian work. Quite a number of the newly converted ones have joined the church and are very active, taking part in the services in different ways. Our choir has grown, so the platform is rather crowded when all the members are along. We have an excellent stringband that assists every now and then at the meetings in the church. Many of the young men also sing in the Male Chorus. A Young People's Society has been organized during the year, and they hold meetings every other week. The young men also have a society all by themselves in which the members have taken upon themselves to help in getting wood for the church, to assist the sick and the poor, and in other ways be ready to do good as opportunities come. Already this society has done much good in the village.

The Bible school which I had planned for last year has been started now. My intention was to have only a twelve-week course, but it turned out to be fourteen weeks. Some of the men that had to go out hunting during the winter wanted a chance to be along some more after the hunting season was closed. This we are still keeping on, but we shall close with this week. Altogether, twenty-six pupils have been along in these classes. Some have been very faithful in coming, others have been unable to attend regularly, as they have had to go out hunting or to work with something else. We have spent most of the time in the classes for the studying of the Bible, but we have also studied some Church History and English. The interest seems to have been very good, and we trust that the Lord will add his blessing to our efforts.

Being that I had school for so many weeks, I have not had much time for travels this winter. However, I have been out some. Recently I went out on a trip north as far as to Dime Creek. The people in the villages which I visited came in great numbers to the services. They want to hear the Word of God. When there is no white missionary visiting with them they conduct their own services in most of these villages. But they need church to gather in. The schools of the Office of Education, it is true, are supposed to be left open also for the religious services of the native. However, that does not always work well. If the teachers are worldly people, as often is the case, it is sometimes difficult for the Christians to get the schoolhouse for their services. We hope that in the near future the Christians in our mission district will have a church in each village.

Our native missionaries are faithfully keeping on in our new district. Wilson is still at Mountain Village and receives his support mainly from the native Christians here in our old district. Jacob Kenick at Hooper Bay is willing and glad to stay, even though the Catholic priests are trying to make it hard for him there. At Scammon Bay Oscar Andre-wuk has finished the new church building. Misha Ivanoff is spending another year out on Nunivak Island. He writes that they would need a church there also. Misha Ivanoff is in the government service as school teacher, and if he should be transferred to some other place, they would need a missionary also out there. Right now, when it is difficult to gather money for missionary work, I think, we shall have to wait some time until we have the means for the support of more native missionaries. Harry Soxie did not return to Diomed Island after he had come here last summer. He spent the winter here at Unalakleet. The school teachers on that Island are Christians, and a young Norwegian went out there last fall to do missionary work. Thus, I think they have been able to look after the work there this winter.

Some repair work and improvements were made on the residents here last summer. Now the church will get its turn this coming summer, I hope. Our church was built over thirty years ago. Some time later an addition to it was put up. Now we need another addition. Occasionally, it is very crowded. Next spring we are to have the Yearly Conference here. Then we shall need more room than we have at present.

A year ago the influenza was raging here. Some of our older church members were called away, or rather called home, then. Later in the summer came the whooping cough and a "light flu". That was especially hard on the children. Right now the people here are in good health again. The winter has been extra cold and stormy, the worst winter for many, many years, but the sunny spring days are here now, and soon we shall again have the season in which it can be said of northern Alaska, "There is no night there."

Yours in the Lord,

E. B. Larsson

Unalakleet, Alaska, April 5, 1932

Report from Golovin

To the Swedish Evangelical Covenant Annual Meeting at Minneapolis, Min., June 22-26, 1932.

The time is now here when I must submit another report to our good people who are standing back of us here. I wish to thank you for your continued support both in prayer and means by which to carry on the Lord's work in this district.

The Lord has blessed our people with comparatively good health during the last winter. It took a long time for them to get over the flu epidemic last spring, and besides that most of the children had the whooping cough last fall.

We have continued with the preaching of God's Word as time and opportunity has permitted. It will be good news to many of our people that it has been possible to open a station in White Mountain. It was possible last fall to purchase a two-room cabin which provides me with comfortable living quarters. We have had regular services each Sunday.

The most encouraging part of the work has been among the children and young people. There is an enrollment of 45 children in Sunday school with an average attendance of about 30. We have been using the Covenant lessons as outlined in the Primary Department. Each Monday evening an average of 20 young people meet for Bible study. We have been studying the Gospel of Luke, but were unable to complete it before the people began to scatter out to their camps. Each Tuesday evening I have had a Bible Class for those who are older. It was necessary to have some of these studies translated as some of the older folks do not understand the English language. On Friday evening the young people gather here for a song service. All these classes were held right at home. We also have a choir but the native leader looks after them so well that I leave their practice entirely to his care.

Besides these meetings, it has been my privilege to have a good many callers. It seems like the missionaries here in Alaska have used the coffee cup a good deal in order to gain the confidence and friendship of the natives.

I cannot boast of any great victories as many others are able to do. I believe at least one young man has found peace with God. He was much troubled over his sins for a long time, but at last received grace to cast them on the Lord. Those who I am especially concerned over are the splendid young people who reside at the Government Industrial School. They are what we might call the best from a large section of Alaska. Many of them come from Christian homes. While they are permitted to attend one Sunday service, some of the influences in the school are not such as to foster their spiritual lives for God. Pray that these young people may be reached with the message which is unto the salvation of their souls.

A few days ago I returned from a trip which took me way down to Unalakleet. The trip was by dog team over the winter trail. On the way I visited Golovin, Elim, Isaac's Point, Koyuk, Shaktoolik, and Egawik. As this was my first visit to Koyuk and Shaktoolik, it was my privilege to get acquainted with quite a number of our people for the first time.

Yours in the Master's Service

Ralph H. Pearson

Secretary of Missions Report

Our Alaska mission has also been carried on according to the usual program. The missionaries are only four in number and the native workers also four. These report progress in the work. Missionary E. M. Axelson and wife have spent more than twenty years in Alaska with only one furlough of just a few months and were entitled to come home this summer, but refrain from doing so on account of our financial difficulties and because missionary E. B. Larsson's furlough comes this summer. The Rev. and Mrs. Elder Anderson have accepted the Covenant's call to supply for E. B. Larsson while he visits Sweden, and when he returns next summer they will supply for E. M. Axelson. Our Alaska mission, the Covenant's "first child," does not have such a warm place in the hearts of our people now as it had some years ago. This no doubt due to many causes, the chief of these the deplorable litigation of years aback, which is now bearing fruit. Another is the lack of field work. Our churches have not been visited by a missionary from Alaska for years. This is no reflection on our faithful and loyal missionaries, but a fact which must be considered.

Yakutat

Time is ever rolling onward in its ceaseless course and I find a report is due, covering my twenty-second year at Yakutat. It hardly seems possible that I am approaching the quarter century mark in my work here. Yet it is a fact. And while I have tried to do my best, I still realize that my limitations are many and my accomplishments few and mediocre. However, I thank God for his grace and infinite mercy. To Him alone is credit due for what has been done in the Yakutat field of labor.

The last year has been very much similar to former years. We sow and we labor expecting the field to yield a future harvest. But the sowing and the reaping both depend upon God's gracious will.

In character the Yakutat people are very much different from others, such as Scandinavians. And, of course, we should not expect Indians or even Eskimos to be like our own people. These Indians are by nature a religious people. Worshiping of spirits was prevalent among them before our missionaries came here. They groped about in darkness, earnestly seeking communion with a God they did not know. Their religious inclination is a point of contact for missionaries who are seeking to win converts to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

However, of the traits that have proved a hindrance in our work, perhaps the greatest is the shiftlessness of the people. And I doubt if there is a race with this characteristic more pronounced. This trait tends to divide our work during the year into three periods. In spring and fall we are about holding our own; the summer is a period of indifference and apostasy. Then along come the winters with their gains and real revivals. Yes, so extremely opposite are the winters and summers in the condition of the work, that there have been times during the former when nearly the entire native population has confessed Christ. On the other hand, during the latter period, I have felt like Elijah, the only one left that cared for God's work. I find it hard to understand these winter Christians. They confess so earnestly and pray so sincerely that I cannot hold them as hypocrites; yet their Christian character changes with the seasons.

However, all is not lost during the summer months. No, thanks be to the Lord, a group of men and women remain true to the Church of Jesus Christ in season and out of season. It is also true that the summer seasons are full of temptations for the natives, especially the younger people. The large number of fishermen brought here by the fishing companies every summer is recruited from the slums of the seaports in Washington and California, and these people are confirmed to vices of the lowest kind. In their close association with the natives they exercise a strong but bad influence.

In spite of these difficulties the work is not in vain. We are gaining little by little. And as a whole our meetings have been very well attended. On Sundays we have regularly two meetings for older people, and the Sunday school for children and young people. T. M. Italio, D. S. Benson, and Jack Ellis have assisted me with interpretation to the elder people. Mrs. Axelson serves at the organ, and also teaches in the Sunday school.

During the week we have prayer meetings, choir practice, band practice, etc. The choir practice has been held regularly in our home during winter. The stringband has met sometimes in the church and sometimes in the homes. William Benson is the leader.

Our offerings go into a fund used for the repair of the church building, fuel, etc. As this last year was rather lean, less money has come in from this source. We also have a charity fund. The total receipts in this fund amounted to nearly \$100 and all of this has been paid out to old and needy people.

Many requests have also been made to me for loans. But as the natives nearly always forget the payment of such loans, I could not advance any. Yet where there was real suf-

fering, I donated what sums I could afford. In these waters there is always and abundance of seal, and people who are thrifty also put up enough fish to last for the winter. Thus, no one really needs to starve.

Our village light plant has been running this winter also. The native boys have taken turns in running it, and they have given their service free. However, we may not be able to continue running the plant because of the almost insignificant fish prices this year-- only four and one-half cents for salmon that brought thirty cents two years ago. In many other ways we feel the effects of the depression, but we will have to draw in our belts a notch or two, cheer up, and wait for better days.

From New Year till the present we have had one of the best spiritual periods ever experienced here; many backsliders have been reclaimed, and our meeting-places have been crowded. I had never before seen so many people in church at one time as the last Easter services. The few who have been baptized during the year have all been children.

We had planned to come home next fall. However, as Brother Larsson at Unalakleet wanted to come home this year, we have about decided to hold over until next year, so that the brother who will supply Unalakleet during Larsson's absence will be able to come down here and take charge when we leave.

At one time I thought the natives here could possibly be able to look after themselves during our absence. But, as I have said before, they are not yet to be depended upon, and if left to themselves they may fail entirely. The Presbyterian Church has tried to place native leaders in charge of some of their stations. But I understand this has not proved satisfactory; some of these stations are again taken over by white missionaries. Thus, I feel these people are not yet ready to carry the full responsibility of the work.

In closing I wish to express our most sincere gratitude to all of you friends. You have ably and faithfully supported us in our labor. You have been loyal to the missionary cause, you have cheered us by your well wishes, and you have strengthened us by your prayers. God bless you all, officials, delegates, and members of our beloved Covenant.

E. M. Axelson

ALASKA MISSION REPORT

Unalakleet

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9.

The Lord has been very good to us also in these "hard times." He has granted health and strength, so we have been able to continue in the glorious work to which he has called us.

During the summer our church here in Unalakleet was repaired and an addition of good size was built. Now the church is in fine shape with new roof of corrugated iron, new chimneys, and new paint both on the inside and on the outside. At our recent conference it proved to be none too big even with the new addition.

Beside the ordinary services, Sunday school, and Young People's meetings we have had many weeks of Bible school during the fall and the winter, and we still continue. The attendance last year was good but this year it has been almost doubled. About fifty people, older and younger, have been enrolled. Some of these are from other villages. One young man I have kept here all winter, since his parents live far from here and yet want him to be along in these studies. First of all we study the Bible, but we have also studied English, Church History, Music, and some Public Speaking. Brother Pearson was here for a while and helped in the Bible school, teaching Music and also one class in New Testament, but most of the time I have been the only teacher. It has been very encouraging to find such interest for Bible study. Native leaders that have a good Bible knowledge are very much needed in our work.

Neither time nor money will permit much traveling these days. However, I did make a trip north to visit a few of the villages in our district and we had very well attended services in every village. Quite a number of children were baptized, and many of the Christians took part at the communion services. Bibles, New Testaments, and songbooks are sold, or given out free, on these trips, and copies of the Covenant Weekly, the Covenant Companion, and our Sunday school papers are distributed free of charge.

The yearly conference for our older district was held at Unalakleet this year. More than 300 people had come for the conference from other villages. Not only Eskimos from our own mission districts come to these conferences but Quakers and Catholics from other districts, and Indians from along the Yukon, also come. We had very good meetings during this conference. Many of the Christians seemed to renew their covenant with the Lord and some souls were seeking salvation. Officers to serve as a conference committee are chosen from the native Christians, and in that way they get used to take charge of and be responsible for part of the Christian work. These conferences and the native missionary work along the Yukon give our people from the different villages a work which they have in common and which helps to keep them interested in one another and our mission work as a whole.

In our new district, south of Unalakleet, our native missionaries have kept on faithfully also this past year. One of them wrote me in the fall that he would be willing to stay in his palace and work, even if the Covenant should not be able right now to send anything for his support. They are also having a yearly conference in that district now and it has proved to be very helpful to them, too. Wilson Gonongnan is still at Mountain Village, Oscar Andrewuk at Scammon Bay, Jacob Kenick at Hooper Bay, and Misha Ivanoff on Nunivak Island. Wilson receives most of his support from the Christians up here, and Misha Ivanoff

is in the service of the government as school teacher, so the Covenant supports only the two of them, Oscar Andrewuk and Jacob Kenick. Last summer Misha Ivanoff and Wilson were here and they told of how people turn from superstition and their idols to God.

At present we are having extra services here at Unalakleet in connection with the Bible school. The Holy Spirit is working in our midst. Some have sought salvation, and we hope and pray that many more may be won. The Lord be praised for every victory.

It will be five years this summer since I came up to Alaska the second time, and so I asked that I should get my vacation according to the regulations for the Covenant missionaries in northern Alaska. I am happy and thankful that my request has been granted. The work up here is dear to me and I love to continue. But I believe also that a vacation is helpful, and my promise to relatives and friends has been that I would come home on vacation, if possible, after the five years.

Many precious souls are already gathered home from this mission field but let us labor and pray that yet more may come from the North to meet us in our heavenly home.

E. B. Larsson

White Mountain

"Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your Spirit, which are God's." I Cor. 6:19,20.

I have spent most of the time in White Mountain during the past year. As was mentioned in last year's report, it was possible to establish residence here a year ago last fall. The work has continued as steadily as possible, when the people have been in the village.

Throughout the fall, winter, and spring, we have continued with regular Sunday services both morning and evening. They have been well attended. Old and young are always present at each meeting. I have been especially happy over the work among the children. We meet at home each Sunday afternoon. The enrollment has averaged forty-two and the average attendance about thirty. Because of moving, some have attended for shorter periods only. The children rendered a very nice program at Christmas. Two Bible classes have continued meeting weekly. The young folks come on Monday evening, and the older folks come on Tuesday. The interest among many of the young people has been quite encouraging.

As has been mentioned before, we are much in need of a church building. Some years ago the natives erected log walls, but nothing more was ever done to it. I have tried to arouse some interest. The Mission already has some material stored in Golovin, which I have offered. There is a balance in the regular allowance for expenses to buy some more necessary material. I feel that the native Christians are able and should donate logs and labor for the purpose. The government regulations restrict the Mission from holding any title to a church building in the reservation. Just what the outcome will be I cannot predict now. I also think the time has come when the native Christians of the village should band together into a local congregation.

This spring it has again been my privilege to make a trip to Unalakleet and make a longer visit with Brother Larsson. On the way, I visited and had services at Golovin, Elim, Isaac's Point, Koyuk, and Shaktoolik. I was along to help with a two weeks' Bible course. It was a real joy to work with their young people. We also had our annual conference at Unalakleet. More has been written of it elsewhere. I only want to say here that we had a blessed time around God's Word.

I returned to White Mountain right after the conference. If the Lord permits, I expect to make a trip to Solomon this week. Several families reside at that village. It is located west of White Mountain.

This summer I hope to visit the different camps along the river and bay once in a while. Early last summer I ordered a boat and outboard motor but had to wait for it nearly until freeze-up before the motor came and the boat finally was completed. At White Mountain one is unable to get around at all in the summertime without a boat.

Our people have been blessed with a very good health during the year. We have enjoyed a beautiful winter. Hunting has been very poor this winter. The people have been very hard up, yet seem to get along remarkably well. They dried an abundance of salmon last summer, and nearly all the families have all the reindeer meat that they need. With some flour, sugar, tea, and milk they get along very well.

We have had the joy of seeing a few decide for the Lord. One must meet many disappointments with a people who are subjected to so many temptations. I am thankful for some older Christians who can always be depended upon as faithful. A few younger parents are also very faithful. For many months it was my privilege to make regular visits

with a young man, at the school, suffering from tuberculosis. He learned to know the Lord as his Savior and received assurance of the forgiveness of his sin. In March he went home to be with the Lord.

Last of all I want to thank our friends for their support in funds and prayers. Our plea is that you will continue to pray for us even more.

Yours in the Lord,

Ralph Pearson

Secretary of Missions Report

The work on the foreign fields has been carried on in the same general way this last year as in former years. However, the reports, especially from China, indicate God has never before so wonderfully bless the work. A great, old fashioned revival, real Swedish in character, has swept over the province of Hupeh which comprises our field, and hundreds have been brought to a saving knowledge of God. The work in Alaska has not been so signally blessed and yet the Lord has manifested his power and saved some souls....

Our work in Alaska has been carried on by 5 missionaries, 3 men and 2 women. Rev. E. B. Larsson of Unalakleet "came out" last fall for one year's furlough and one year's leave of absence without salary. Rev. and Mrs. Elder Anderson have taken up his work. They have become quite enthusiastic about the work and are putting forth all their energy to make it prosper. Their efforts have been successful. One sad feature was the destruction by fire of the government hospital in the village. This was built by the mission, but maintained by the government. If it will not be rebuilt it will be a loss keenly felt. Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Axelson were also due for a furlough this year, having spent more than twenty years at Yakutat with only one brief visit during a summer in the States. But for personal reasons they desired to stay on another year. Rev. Ralph Pearson will also be due for a furlough next year. His work has been extremely hard because of lack of equipment and of difficulties existing on the field before his arrival.

Gust E. Johnson

Recommendations Concerning Budget

3. For Alaska Missions \$8,000.00

Yakutat

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

It is so helpful and refreshing to keep in mind that Christ rewards work done among obscure and downtrodden people such as the Indians and Eskimos of Alaska. In the past these have really been a forgotten people. No outstanding character illumines their history, and the rank and file had become enslaved in superstition and spiritual darkness. Lacking even a moral code to guide them, they remained at the foot of the scale of progress.

However, with the advent of the missionaries came the dawn to a better day. The love of God began to show its transforming power upon these people and redeem them from sin, evil, and heathenish customs. And to the work of these missionaries is credit due for to-day's betterment of the Alaska natives. True, we have medical workers and teachers employed by our government, serving the Alaska people, and at present these outnumber the missionaries, about three to one, I believe. As a rule however, these do not exert any positive spiritual influence. Thus, it is left to the missionary to win the people for Christ. This work is sometimes discouraging on account of the lack of interest manifested by these whites.

Another difficult problem facing the missionary is how to combat the evil influence of the fishermen and cannery workers migrating to Alaska every summer. Many of these are moral lepers. And through booze, gambling and other vicious habits they exercise a most baneful influence upon the natives. For this reason the summers are always the trying periods. And the summer of 1933 was most discouraging at Yakutat. Evil people seemed to have their way.

Yet, while we were hard pressed, we held the fort. And during the past winter God came and touched the people in a mighty way. A revival brought the people back, and since the beginning of this year we have had wonderful times. Our meetings have been crowded, and a great number of sinners have confessed Christ. Thus, we made a distinct gain in the work. Praise be to God.

The work has been carried on along lines similar to those of former years. Services have been held regularly during the year with two general meetings and Sunday school each Sunday; prayer meeting Wednesday even, and meeting for the choir Friday evening. As usual T. M. Italio and D. S. Benson have assisted with interpreting my sermons, and also preaching when I have been absent from the village. Mrs. Axelson serves as organist and also assists in teaching the lower grade in Sunday school. As far as practicable, material issued by the Covenant Sunday School Board is used in instructing the children.

Considerable time is taken by receiving visitors in our home, as well as in visiting the natives in their homes. Seemingly they have their share of trouble, and they are evidently relieved by unburdening their hearts to the missionaries. Sickness is also a constant guest in many homes, and the person ill is always glad to have us call and pray for him. At such times we often bring along some little gift in the way of food suitable for the sick, and thus our visits are highly appreciated.

The health of the Alaska natives is very poor, largely through the fearful ravages of tuberculosis. True, the Bureau of Indian Affairs had erected many hospitals and maintains a great number of doctors and nurses, but no progress has been made in combating this disease. As none of the erected hospitals is open for tubercular patients, these are forced to spend the days at home among their own people while an insidious disease slowly consumes their lives.

From an economical view point this last winter threatened to bring much suffering, as the 1933 fishing season was almost a failure both as to price paid, as well as fish caught by the fishermen. However, the Civil Works Administration came to our rescue in a most liberal way. Nearly ten thousand dollars was spent for relief work last winter at Yakutat. True, I made several trips to Juneau, our capitol and pleaded with the Governor and other officials to give us help. Yet, I hardly dared to expect such a lift. It was really wonderful. God bless our Governor. "We cannot let the people starve," he said when other officials wanted our plea for help shelved in preference for other places. Somehow I felt a bit proud when I returned home with news of the liberal assistance from our government, and as the money was spent on building streets, and beautifying the school and hospital grounds (we have an emergency hospital at Yakutat), the village as a whole benefited greatly through this work.

I also persuaded the Bureau of Indian Affairs to send us a shipment of reindeer meat. This arrived shortly before Christmas and was distributed among the needy almost free of charges. The nominal charge was to cover freight expenses. The meat proved to be most wholesome and delicious. Unfortunately the reindeer moss does not grow in the Yakutat vicinity, if it did, we would have had reindeer planted here long ago. This winter, however, we have had the common deer planted here under the Civil works stocking program. We hope this small herd will increase to such an extent that the future meat supply is assured, and the Yakutat people will have no need of calling upon their northern neighbors to furnish them reindeer meat. At the same time I wish to congratulate the people of northern Alaska for having such a splendid reindeer industry. Its development forever banished want and hunger from the doors of these people. But at the same time I thank the dear Lord for providing the extensive pastures of reindeer moss for these animals so useful to man. He has certainly been mindful of the material as well as the spiritual welfare of the Alaskans, and if these people only will give the Savior a chance, He shall lead them out of their lowly past into a glorious future.

In the summer of 1934 we had planned to take our delayed furlough. However, with the first mail of this year came the sad news that my dear old mother in Sweden had passed on to her heavenly reward. This caused me to abandon the intended trip to the old home, for the present at least. And this, as other reasons, caused us to postpone our furlough till spring or summer 1935. We would very much enjoy to be present at the Jubilee in Chicago, if we can get away early enough in the season. And while the Covenant holds its Golden Jubilee, we ourselves will hold our silver jubilee as servants of the same. Happy thought. God send showers of blessings upon the Covenant, its people and the forthcoming jubilee.

Lastly, I wish to express our sincere gratitude for the wonderful support given us by the churches at home. As usual friends in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Seattle remembered us with Christmas gifts. Rev. H. Carlson of Rockford came on a pleasant visit and encouraged us in the work. God bless and reward all of you.

Fraternally,

E. M. Axelson

ALASKA MISSION REPORT

Unalakleet

When brother Ernest Larsson was home on furlough in 1928, he visited us at Aurora, Nebraska. He told of the work in Alaska and we felt we would like to go to that land of the North. In 1931 we applied for teaching positions in the Government Service in Alaska, but due to the great number of applications on file, and the few openings, it appeared we were to be disappointed in our desire. But it seemed to be the Lord's will we should be in His service in Alaska, and we were happy to accept the call of the Covenant to supply at Unalakleet during Larsson's absence on furlough. Larsson intends to be gone two years, so our stay at Unalakleet will be longer than we had expected. If we also supply for brother Axelson, our missionary experience will be among both Eskimos and Indians of Alaska.

Although living conditions up here are in many respects different from "outside," we have endeavored to adjust ourselves accordingly and we have tried to be like the Apostle Paul when he said that he had learned to be content with whatever circumstance life offered him. We have discovered that happiness in the Lord's work is not dependent upon personal comforts, but it is the result of giving one's self in service to the Christ who sought not His own, but others' good.

In many ways the church work here is similar to that of our smaller churches in the States, and in many ways it is different. Our Sunday School has averaged 105 in attendance during the past four months. We have nine classes. The teachers meet at the Mission every Thursday even to study the lesson for the following Sunday.

Two regular preaching services are held each Sunday. There is usually much singing, both by the audience and other groups. The Eskimos are good singers and enjoy gospel song. During the week there have been Bible study classes, the family prayer meeting night and bi-monthly a young people's service. Three young people were prayed for at the close of the service the Sunday evening before Easter. At such times one is happy and made to feel that the Lord's servants have not labored in vain.

Since we are submitting a series of articles to readers of the "Covenant Weekly," we shall not in the report write at any greater length of our work. We want to be good stewards of Jesus Christ and serve faithfully as Covenant missionaries in our field of labor, north of 63 degrees.

Yours in Christ,
Elder C. Anderson

White Mountain

"Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Gal. 6:9

Time has passed by so that it is already time for me to make my fourth report on our missionary work her. Here at White Mountain we have continued with regular services since October 1. During the summer the people are scattered along the river.

The Y. P. Bible class has met 18 times with an average attendance of 10. This has not been as good as I would have wished. The Sunday school has met 19 times with an average attendance of 32 children. I have also had a class in the confirmation age. We met 13 times with an average attendance of 10. This was a new class so it was hard to get the needed co-operation both for attendance and studying the lessons.

I have the good news to report that the Mission now has a building at Golovin containing a good-sized meeting room and living quarters. The was the building we had borrowed before. I was glad when an opportunity came to purchase it. Part of the year are many people gathered there, but there was no place where I was welcome to have a meeting when there. I am also glad to say that it is paid for out of the regular appropriation so it was not necessary to ask for a special appropriation. This summer I wish to fix it up some so that it will be nicer to have meetings there. This winter I have made a few visits down there.

At Elim the natives themselves are trying as best they can to keep on holding meetings. Since Julius¹ died in an accident last summer, they are left much as sheep without a shepherd. The Lord is able to raise up a leader for them even among these people. Our church building over there is in need of some repairs so that it will not be quite a difficult to keep warm. The mission building there is also showing signs of neglect, though I must commend the people over there for being kind to our buildings. Some window panes in the church are cracked from the building sagging, but there is not a sign that one has been wilfully broken.

Recently I made a longer trip down the coast. I had planned to spend a number of days at each place so as to have more time to get acquainted with the people. I left White Mountain on Feb. 14th and remained at Golovin for 10 days, having Bible school with the children for 6 days. On Feb. 24th I went to Elim and remained for 9 days. In the afternoons we had Bible classes which were attended mostly by the school children. In the evenings we had preaching services. At the last Sunday even meeting we had the joy of praying with two men who were concerned over their sins. I have reason to believe they were earnest and really wanted to get right with God.

From Elim by trip continued to Koyuk. The natives have a small church which they built by themselves. Carl Napayonak is their native leader. He has had a limited education, but he is a sincere Christian and well at home in the Bible. They were very glad to have me stay with them for a few days. Here I had the joy of praying with one young man who was in distress over his sin. Afterwards he gave his testimony and prayed at the services. There is so much indifference for their spiritual welfare that it makes one very happy when some show a real concern to get right with God.

From Koyuk I made a side trip to Haycock or Dime Creek. That is a mining community with quite a number of inhabitants. Some of them are single white men, the rest are mixed families. It was my first visit there as Brother Larsson had made visits there for several years.

1. Julius Pleasant -personal correspondence with Fred Savok

I made shorter visits at Shaktoolik, New Shaktoolik, and Egawik. In these villages there is some Christian work carried on by the natives themselves.

Since sending the last report, I have officiated at seven marriages. The Notary Public at Golovin fills out the marriage license and mails it to the U. S. Commissioner at Nome. When it comes back with his signature, the missionary is able to perform the ceremony. Most of them prefer this way as it saves them an expensive trip to Nome. At these occasions we try to make know the sacred meaning of marriage.

I have also baptized 31 children. Many of the parents wish to have their children baptized. In some cases where the parents are not believers, they do not bring their children for baptism. If they do not want to live as Christians nor intend to instruct their children, I think it is just as well they do not bring them for baptism. We try each time to emphasize the sacred responsibility for bringing up their children in the right way.

The news came recently that the White Mountain Industrial School is going to be discontinued. The young folks who have been residing at the dormitory will be sent back to their homes this summer. Some of them have been coming to the Sunday morning services. Many of them come from places where there is mission work. Here will be a regular school for the children of this village.

In closing this report, I wish to thank our many friends for their support in prayer and means.

Ralph H. Pearson

President's Report

Foreign Missions

In foreign missions also we are not retrenching but advancing. In the midst of our Jubilee year we have sent new missionaries to China and Alaska and have also taken steps in a pioneering venture in Africa. Altogether ten missionaries have sailed to distant lands this year. The sweeping revivals in China have sent us to our knees in gratitude and prayer. The work in Africa will bring us into closer cooperation with the Covenant in Sweden as is the case now in China. Since we took over the missionary enterprise in Alaska from the Covenant in Sweden nearly half a century ago, we are really associated with our kinsmen across the waters in all our foreign missionary endeavors. A fuller report on the activities in the foreign fields is rendered by the secretary of foreign missions.

Theodore W. Anderson

Report of Secretary of Missions

From Alaska we have received very encouraging reports of a revival that swept over Yakutat last winter. Such reports bring joy to our hearts... IX Larsson, E. B.

Rev. E. B. Larsson has also spent this year on the field representing and pleading for our Alaska mission. He has served us this year without salary for which we feel greatly indebted. His work has been appreciated, both by our churches and our board.

In this connection we wish to mention the fact that Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Axelson of Yakutat have again declined to accept a furlough which they have been entitled to for several years. They have been in Alaska since 1909 and during this time have only been out once and that just for the summer, 1923. Such loyalty, faithfulness and devotion is worthy of commendation. Rev. Ralph Pearson in Golovin is entitled to come home this summer after a period of five years. His work has not been the easiest as he was handicapped by not having the necessary equipment to work with. He lacks buildings, both for living quarters and for chapel services, but he has struggled hard against these odds and conquered. We are very fortunate in obtaining new recruits for our Alaska work in Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Hanson of North Park College. They will accompany Rev. E. B. Larsson to the northland next month to take up the work in Golovin....

In Alaska we have 5 missionaries and 4 native-born workers. One is on furlough and 2 new ones leave after this conference for the north.

Gust E. Johnson

Yakutat

"A jubilee shall the fiftieth year be unto you."

Thus spoke the Lord unto the children of Israel. And as we through faith have become members of this holy tribe and nation, it is meet and proper to observe this beautiful custom upon arriving at our fiftieth anniversary. 'For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy unto you.'

And while my report for year 1934-1935 in character will be similar to former reports, yet the fact that I am now writing to the Covenant people assembled for a jubilee causes me to be seized with a feeling of reverence and joy. And like Paul I thank God and take courage.

In our last year's work we experienced two distinct periods, one of depression, the other of reawakening. Generally the summers are seasons of indifference due to several causes. But the 1934 summer was especially hard in the work. This was largely caused by the liquor traffic which flared up in a most deplorable way.

However, the last winter came with a real revival. And we more than regain our losses. Praise the Lord. Since New Year until the present we have had wonderful times at our meetings. Sinners have been converted, backsliders reclaimed, and God's children have experienced and uplift in soul and spirit. And the effect upon our village life has been most wholesome. Bootleggers, gamblers and other violators of law, morals and decency have taken to covers. And again we have a decent, orderly community.

Services have been held regularly in the church. As assistants and interpreters, T. M. Italio and D. S. Benson have served. During Sunday evening meetings, as well as during those held on week-days, the people have the biggest share of the time. They pray, they sing and testify so that it makes me happy to listen to them. And, if anything, these people have a tendency to overdo their public worship. And as before stated, the attendance at all these meetings as well as at the Sunday school has been very good during the winter months.

Besides myself, Mrs. Axelson has served as teacher of the children. The time for our Sunday school is immediately after church services Sunday forenoons. There are some 85 enrolled, ranging in ages from "wee tots" around two years to twenty years old. Of course many of these young folks are not very steady attendance. We use primary lesson cards, the Bible, and Sunday school papers as material for instruction, and, needless to say, we have the Covenant publications. Our big program at Christmas is the great attraction of the village, and everyone is present to listen to the Christmas story, told by our boys and girls.

These natives are fond of music. We have a choir that meets every Friday evening. This choir makes it a point to attend church services and sing the gospel to the people. For such holidays as Christmas and Easter this choir makes special preparations and thus becomes of great help.

The string orchestra we count as another blessing. While the choir has about twenty members, this organization has only about half as many. However, difference of opinion as to leadership has somewhat retarded the work of this band during the winter.

From an economical viewpoint this was probably the most difficult of all the years. As the village was flooded with liquor last summer, many spent their earnings from fishing, which should have been saved for the winter, for liquor. Thus, these found the approaching winter with empty hands and pockets. The fur catch was unusually light and the prices rather low, and there was very little of other work to be had. True, we appealed to Governor Troy for relief, but a so-called friend went and told the governor that we deserved no relief. Thus we received a sum of only five hundred dollars which was hardly sufficient to cover two days of work for each person. But fish and seal have been plentiful. Further-

more, we have woods all around, and the supply of fuel is free and almost inexhaustible, and with plenty of fish and seal and fuel we do not need to starve or freeze. So, perhaps, I should not complain but thank God for what we have. Years ago the people here could live well on the natural resources, but now they want food in cans and fruit from the south, and modern garments just like their white neighbors. They are "civilized," they say, and surely they have inherited the wants of civilization.

Besides the regular annual repairs I also put on a new roof on the living house. The cost of material was covered from the maintenance appropriation. This year the interior of the manse as well as the church must be papered, painted, etc., the cost of which also to be covered from the same source. By little economy and good judgment I have made this appropriation cover all the expenses of repair and upkeep of the buildings during all the years I have been here. Besides, it has covered small monthly allowances to the two interpreters, upkeep of household furniture, etc.

Thoughts of a long furlough have been in our minds for the last year, and we somewhat planned to be home for the jubilee. However, some young men have been paroled and put in my care within the last year; other problems have arisen, making it most difficult for us to leave just this summer. Furthermore, Alaska will be most ably represented at the jubilee by Missionary Larsson. Thus, we are now planning to stay until towards fall 1936, if our Lord grants us health and strength.

Lastly, we wish to thank you all for the kind interest taken in us, and the generous support given to the work. Friends in San Francisco, Oakland, Seattle, Ogden Park, and Minneapolis spread Christmas joy in our village by sending us and the natives here many useful gifts. And all of you friends scattered throughout the land from coast to coast have given us the most liberal support financially, morally and spiritually. We have lacked nothing. Now, we feel you are sharing equally with us in the glorious missionary work, and during the forthcoming jubilee let every true mission friend glory in this work and join in a might praise that will be heard around the world to every race and people, saying, "Hallelujah; Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power unto the Lord our God." Yes, let this be done. God bless you all.

E. M. Axelson

Alaska Mission Report

Unalakleet

Another year has passed, a year of Covenant effort to win Eskimos to Christ and to establish in the Faith those who have yielded themselves to the Lord of missions. The year has given us discouragement and disappointments. The forces of evil have made inroads upon "Christ's plantation." Hypocrites have been exposed, professing Christians have fallen away and as a result the church membership has been reduced. It is with grieved hearts and not a little disillusionment, we write this report. Evil "white" influence has contributed in no small way to this saddening spiritual situation. The only remedial hope is a Spirit-given conviction of sin that will lead to genuine repentance. There have been instances of "hand plucked fruit" throughout the year, but God only knows how long this fruit will keep. We have had good attendance, often capacity crowds, at our services, but it appears that so much of the Seed has fallen on unfruitful soil. Our prayer is that God may keep us from becoming so pessimistic that we lessen our usefulness to his cause, but also that we do not become so optimistically blinded to true conditions that we fail Him in our stewardship.

Two missionary trips by dog team were made during the winter to villages along the coast north of here. An account of these trips has appeared in the Covenant Weekly. The mission stations at Mountain Village, Scammon Bay and Hooper Bay should have been visited also this winter, but because of the great expense involved in traveling, we were unable to realize our plans in this regard. We believe that these mission stations should be visited once each year. The supervision needed over the work at these places makes necessary these trips. The inspiration to the native workers stationed there and the contribution of spiritual blessings such visits would bring to the churches warrant the expenditure. Were it not for the excessive cost of travel in Alaska, one could spend more time in pioneering new fields and visiting the Christian people in villages where there are no missionaries.

Soon it will be two years that we have been stationed at Unalakleet to supply during brother E. B. Larsson's absence on furlough. He will return to the field where he has given many years of faithful devotion to the cause of Christ. We shall return to the States, thankful for the opportunity we have had of laboring for Christ among the Eskimos. In the great harvest of souls, shall there be sheaves gathered for His kingdom because of our ministry here? God grant it!

Elder C. Anderson

White Mountain

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." 2 Cor. 5:20

Again the time has come to render another report of our mission work in this district.

In Alaska a missionary is fortunate if he is located in a village where the people stay the year around. With White Mountain it is the case that an exodus takes place each summer. Some go to Nome for work during the summer, others go to their fish camps, and still others change camps about three times during the summer.

One must try to adjust himself to local conditions in the best way. Now that we have a suitable church and living quarters at Golovin, I have tried to make frequent trips back and forth, and thus try to serve the two places as far as time has permitted.

During the fall I was able to hold four weeks of what one would call Vacation Bible School in Golovin with nearly 25 children who are not able to attend any public school. It was very pleasant work. The children did very well. Bible instruction had first place, but some reading, writing, and arithmetic was included. The older children learned the ten commandments and explanation as we find it in Luther's Small Catechism.

As mentioned above, I have been out traveling quite a bit. The distance, of course, would not compare with what our people outside travel by trains and automobile. But when one considers that dog team travel averages at least 35 cents a mile then one's allowance soon goes. By boat last summer I made visits in Nome and Unalakleet. Even boat trips up here are connected with a good deal of discomfort and uncertainty. This spring I made a longer trip by dog team visiting Elim, Koyuk, Haycock, Shaktoolik, Egawik, and Unalakleet. Then I took an airplane direct to Nome. On the return trip I was at Solomon over one night. I was able to visit the homes during the afternoon, and have a service in the evening.

A missionary up here needs to be handy with tools. There are often repairs which need to be made. Labor is high. The natives are extremely slow about getting anything done. Last summer I was able to make considerable improvements on our building at Golovin. With a man to help me three days, we installed three windows in the west wall of the meeting room, and put a layer of malthoid roofing on the outside. I replaced the broken window of the storeroom with two new sashes. The meeting room received two coats of paint and the living room a new coat of calomine. I made several benches and some seats seven feet long with backs on them.

In the early fall I brought some material over to Elim and we did some repair work on the church building there. The building was evened up as it had settled at the edges. A new layer of malthoid was put where most needed on the outside of the walls. The inside walls were covered with clean plaster paper. A native made a new tank stove to replace the one which was almost falling apart. Several of the men helped with the work, donating their time. It was only on this condition I felt able to help them out. When I visited Elim this spring, it was very noticeable that the room was much easier to keep warm since the improvements were made.

Services have continued quite regularly. As a rule they are well attended. Whenever possible at whichever village I may be, I gather the boys and girls for Sunday school on Sunday afternoon. We have also had a good many Bible studies though not quite as regularly as one would have wished. The Book of Acts has been used in these classes.

In February we had the joy of welcoming two visiting missionaries. One was Brother Elder C. Anderson who has supplied in Mr. Larsson's absence. The other was Mr. Wilson Gonangnon who has been stationed as native missionary at Mountain Village. They

remain with us at White Mountain from Feb. 5 until Friday, Feb. 8th. Their messages were very much appreciated. It was a joy to have them for a visit in my home. They also visited in the villages along the way.

Since the last report, seventeen little children have been brought for baptism. I try at these services to stress the responsibilities the parents have for their children. Six couples have been united in marriage. One cannot often officiate at weddings with joy, because it seems so hard for them to realize the sanctity of the marriage bonds as taught in the Bible. It is a continual campaign to get couples who have been living together or had children to become legally married. Since the law was made to have marriage commissioners in outlying communities, long delays are avoided. Last summer in Nome, I received an appointment and since it has been possible to fill out the necessary papers and perform the ceremony without delay.

Liquor and gambling are responsible for much evil among these people. Some natives go to Nome, work all summer, and use up nearly all of their earnings for this purpose. It is said of one native in Golovin that he made good wages all summer, sent home just a little to his family during the summer, and came home with \$30 for a winter grubstake. He has a wife and four children to support. Whenever they do earn a little there is much temptation to use the money for evil purposes. It makes one feel bitter that any white man will be evil enough to tempt these poor weak natives to waste their money and health for liquor.

This is my fifth report as I am rounding out my fifth year of service in this district. As I look back upon experiences of these years, there has been both joy and disappointment. Some hopes have been fulfilled, others have not been realized. As one thinks of what has been accomplished, there is much to wish. It was under peculiarly difficult circumstances that I took up the mission work which had been virtually laid down for a time. It has often been stormy. The Lord deserves the honor for opening up a way when humanly speaking, it seemed to be closed. I believe that I can truthfully say that confidence has been largely restored in the unselfish purposes of our mission.

In a few weeks I am hoping to be relieved and turn my steps homeward. It is not pleasant to think of leaving the many friends whom I have learned to know here, yet I believe it is for the best that I should step out now. I think it will be better that a married couple takes my place permanently. I am sure they will reap much joy in their ministry in this place.

I wish to extend sincere thanks to those who have remembered us in prayer and other ways.

Ralph H. Pearson

The Foreign Missions Board reported through its secretary, Rev. Alfred Johnson, the following recommendations:

2) That in as much as the year 1937 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the missionary work in Alaska this annual conference start making plans to celebrate that jubilee year in some appropriate manner, and that the committee on arrangements for this jubilee be the members of the foreign missions board who live in and around the city of Chicago.

3) that the following budget for foreign missions be accepted:

For Alaska..... \$11,000.00

Report of Secretary of Missions

And during the last fall a blessed revival broke out on our field in White Mountain, Alaska, which is practically a new field, having been an outstation to our station at Golovin. Many souls have accepted Christ and a church has been organized, consisting of forty-three charter members and many more are expected to join in the near future. Also in Unalakleet and in Hooper Bay has the spirit of revival been manifest in the conversion of not a few natives.

Our Oldest Child- Alaska

This mission will celebrate its golden jubilee next year, 1937. Preparations are already being made to do this in a worth manner, hoping that this will also bring a new impetus into our work in this cold and benighted land. As we have already stated, and as our reports show, there has already been an awakening to the needs and the possibilities of this vast field.

Our Newest Recruits

The last annual meeting called and separated unto God four young people for service in the foreign field, two to proceed immediately to Alaska and two to go to China. The two for Alaska, Rev. Ralph Hanson and his wife, Alyce, left Seattle as soon as a passage on the steamer could be arranged for. They had the "veteran" Alaska missionary, Rev. E. B. Larsson as companion and guide. They arrived at their destination after, a not so enjoyable voyage on the great Pacific Ocean, but made themselves quite at home, and in their last letter they express their joy over the privilege to be God's witnesses in this place and are convinced now more than ever before that they are where God wants them to be.

Missionaries on the Field

In Alaska we have five missionaries and three native-born workers. The Rev. E. M. Axelson's have decided to remain another year in spite of the thirteen years since they had their last furlough.

Missionaries on Furlough

Rev. Elder Anderson and wife, who supplied two years in Unalakleet, Alaska during the absence and furlough of Rev. E. B. Larsson, came down last fall and spent their short furlough, visiting our churches in the behalf of the Alaska missions. Since his furlough ceased Mr. Anderson has continued to travel, visiting churches and showing pictures of our work up there.

Rev. Ralph Pearson, who spent a term of five years at Golovin, Alaska, also came down last fall, but does not intend to return as a missionary.

ALASKA MISSION REPORT

Yakutat

"Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him." 1 Cor. 5:9

We count our labors by days and years and thus another annual report is due. This will be the 25th for us at Yakutat. A quarter of a century looks like a mighty mountain upon approach, but has dwindled to a mere foothill as we leave it behind. And while this period represents the best part of our lives in labor and achievement, yet it must be very insignificant in the great scheme of God's work. Yet, we have the blessed privilege to be his co-workers. And with this commission before us we have carried on throughout the seasons including 1935-36. In many respects this year's labor was like unto that of former years. As usual we have held meetings regularly in church, and in the homes, when convenient. The church, however, is almost within a stone's throw of most of the village homes. And being so centrally located it serves well for nearly all the gatherings.

Sundays are our big days. As a rule our forenoon services are well attended by old and young people, and we follow the order of services generally adopted by the Mission churches in the states. The sermon is translated into the native language by an interpreter. The old people request such a translation, and the young people have no objection.

The Sunday school follows the forenoon services. Boys and girls from wee tots to those approaching maturity attend. The enrollment has been near the 80 mark and the average attendance is a little better than fifty percent of enrollment. This gathering also follows the methods of instruction commonly used by our churches.

The evening services are more free and the native people take part with confessions, prayers, testimonials and songs just as it pleases them. And during the winter months we have usually wonderful meetings. At these meetings sinners are saved, backsliders reclaimed, and the children of God blessed in a mighty way.

During the week we have prayer meetings, choir practices, rehearsal of the string band, etc. Throughout the winter the choir has met in our home, and light refreshments have been served by Mrs. Axelson at the close of rehearsals. This is a great factor in insuring regular attendance of the members.

As usual the summer of 1935 ushered in a period of drinking. For when the natives start fishing they earn money, and then bootleggers get busy and sell them liquor. I have been told hard liquor and beer could be bought at twenty different places in our comparatively small community. This is a most deplorable state of affairs. The saddest part of all is that the authorities do not seem willing to interfere and stop the infamous traffic. And still more sad is the fact that a bootlegger has more influence with the powers that be, than a missionary.

However, when winter comes the money is mostly spent and liquor ceases to flow. The people as a whole sober up. Then the drunkards and the backsliders are most earnest to mend their ways. They flock to the meetings and confess their sins and plead for mercy from the Lord. This again ushers in a period of spiritual re-awakening, and instead of a disorderly village we now have a quiet and Christian community. Thus we have once more experienced a most blessed winter. The attendance has been almost better than ordinary. At some meetings practically every inhabitant of the village has been in church, and God has blessed us in a wonderful way. "Never again shall we do debauch ourselves so," say these reclaimed ones. We hope that this decision will stand, but the coming summer will tell.

Thrift is a virtue difficult for the natives to learn. They always have a hard time to make both ends meet and under such conditions charity of relief work is greatly needed, especially in the winter. Last winter we did not get any amount worth mentioning from the government and there was a continuous request on me to assist needy ones.

At Christmas we received gifts from friends in the states. Especially the church in San Francisco was generous in donating both money and many useful articles. This was a great help in relieving those in need. We thank all our friends for remembering the people here at Christmas time and we pray that God shall richly bless everyone who helped to bring Christmas cheer to the hearts of the poor Alaska natives.

Our furlough we hardly dare mention as our plans are so very uncertain. We have been thinking of remaining here another year, especially when we expect to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Alaska Mission next year. However, I have not been well of late and if I should get worse I may not be able to continue over the winter. Yet, the Lord will provide and with Him we take the future as it unfolds itself, but a day at a time.

Lastly we wish to thank you all, brothers and sisters in Christ, who have so generously supported us by prayers, and material gifts. You are our co-laborers in the great mission work. And truly the Lord shall reward you according to his unfailing promises. With brotherly love.

E. M. Axelson

Unalakleet

Returning to Alaska in the later part of the summer 1935, I could look back on a period of almost two years during which I had had the privilege of traveling extensively both in Sweden and in the United States of America, of visiting many relatives and other friends, and of getting acquainted with many more of the people in our Covenant churches in these two countries. I thank my God many times when I remember a few or many of these friends. Such memories are an inspiration to a more consecrated service on our Lord's harvest fields.

When I, in 1933 told brother Elder C. Anderson and Mrs. Anderson that I intended to ask for one year "out of the service" in addition to my one year of furlough, they kindly promised that they would stay here for two years, if my request would be granted. This promise they kept and stayed even some over two years. In order to be on time in Seward for a boat that was scheduled to call in at Yakutat they had left Unalakleet about a week before I got back here. For a new missionary it is very helpful to have an opportunity to talk things over with his predecessor, but coming to the same place for the third, time, as I did, one is quite familiar with condition. It was a great joy for me to be with my Unalakleet friends again and to be back in the fine missionary home that the Covenant has at Unalakleet.

Ever since my return I have had plenty of work. First, there was the extra work which goes with moving, unpacking and getting things in order again. Then, there were the big gardens to be looked after in the fall. In October I began with Bible school, five days a week, and continued with this until the latter part of November. During December there is the special work in preparing for Christmas programs. The first eight days of January we

had our prayer week and on the ninth I started on my long trip north. In February we had Bible school again, and in March the yearly conference of our district was held here in Unalakleet. With all this extra work to take care of I have been kept very busy, but the Lord in his love and mercy has bestowed health and strength for each day.

Altogether, I have held Bible school for grown-up people for nine weeks this past year, most of the time in the mornings and afternoons, but for some weeks only in the afternoons. We have studied the Bible, church history, and some music. Attendance has not been quite as good as it used to be. Some of the men were kept from coming by having a somewhat longer trapping season than usual, by work in connection with preparations for the conference, butchering of reindeer, etc.

About my trip as far north as to Candle I have written in the Covenant Weekly. I was again much impressed by the great need of a missionary for Candle and Dime Creek (Haycock). In a telegram and by letter to the semi-annual meeting we Covenant missionaries in northern Alaska urged that a missionary for these two places should be sent this summer. Both Candle and Dime Creek are mining places, and most of the population are white people. It is very possible that in a few years the people in these places would contribute some, perhaps most of the means needed to carry on missionary work there. At first, however, the Covenant would have to grant even a little more than the ordinary appropriation for a station in this new place, as a missionary there would have to spend much for traveling and also pay rent for living quarters. As perhaps on no other previous trip I saw this winter a hunger for the Word of God and the might work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of men. In several places, without any special urging, but just a plain invitation to come to the Savior several remained for an after-meeting and with bitter tears and crying asked the Lord to save them. I just felt that a great revival was at hand in more than one place. It was with great joy that I heard later about the many souls at White Mountain and at Golovin that have been saved.

Brother Wilson Gonongnan is back in Mountain Village, and the native Christians in our old district together with the white missionaries have decided again to work for his support there. We are very thankful for the help from the Covenant for Mountain Village during the past years. From now on, as we hope, we shall be able to take care of this work without any help from the Covenant.

Oscar Andrewuk from Scammon Bay was with us at our conference here in Unalakleet. Jacob Kenick wrote from Hooper Bay that several people there had been converted during the fall and winter. We now need a man that could go out to Nunivak Island, build a church there, and stay there as a missionary. Since we have asked for a white missionary for Candle and Dime Creek we did not dare, at this time, to ask for one more native missionary to be supported by the Covenant. We have asked one of the two that already are in the service to go over to Nunivak Island and stay there for a year, at least. If one of them does, go, the other one will have to look after the work both at Hooper Bay and Scammon Bay.

During the past year I have from time to time written short articles that have been published in the Covenant Weekly, asking for contributions to a special Alaska church building fund. A little more than \$500.00, according to my knowledge, has come in already and many promises from trustworthy people have been given, so there is hope that this sum will keep on growing. Now that the Covenant's Jubilee Fund has come up to the mark set, it seem but right and proper that the Alaska 50-year jubilee fund for church building in Alaska comes next. We are hoping to get churches built in Koyuk, in Shaktoolik, and on Nunivak Island this coming summer.

Looking back on this year, we have many reasons for which we should praise God. Most of the people in our districts have enjoyed good health. Many souls have returned to

the Lord and others have come for the first time. We had a very blessed conference, at which quite a few souls came to the Lord. And it seems, that at home there is a new, warm interest among our Covenant people for the Lord's work in Alaska.

Fifty years ago this coming summer the first Covenant Alaska missionaries, Axel E. Karlson and Adolph Lydell, were sent from Sweden to the United States. Next year it will be fifty years since they first arrived in Alaska. We hope that the Covenant will celebrate a 50-year jubilee for our Alaska Mission in a worthy manner. A good-sized and well illustrated jubilee book, the raising of a good-sized church building fund, and a visit to our Alaska Mission fields by one of the Covenant leaders are some of the things we are hoping for in connection with the observing of our Alaska Mission's 50-year jubilee.

E. B. Larsson

Golovin, White Mountain and Elim

Eight months have fled swiftly since we relieved former missionary Ralph Pearson and began our work on this field. These months have been crowded with activities of all kinds. To acclimate oneself to this northern country and to become adjusted to living conditions is not the easiest task, especially when one is loaded with the full responsibility of the work and finds many new doors open for service. Yet the Lord has helped us in a wonderful way, giving us strength when needed as well as wisdom and grace. We found our field presenting many opportunities for service and began immediately to do our best. So these months have been extremely busy ones for us, as we have endeavored to adjust ourselves to our field and at the same time carry on a full program as far as our work is concerned.

In addition to our regular services at Golovin we began to concentrate on our Sunday school. Besides the regular class for children we organized classes for the young people and adults. From an enrollment of twenty-six our Sunday school grew steadily until when we left for White Mountain it had reached an enrollment of seventy-two. During our absence this winter the school teacher, assisted by one of the girls, has continued the Sunday school work. We also conducted a short day school for our native children who have no opportunities to attend school. Our material was made up from Bible stories so we accomplished a two-fold purpose- teaching them to read and write and give them a knowledge of God's word. Mrs. Hanson also organized a class among the girls and young women which met every other week. We succeeded in getting together a choir which in addition to singing at the Sunday services, took part in a special Thanksgiving service. The church attendance was very gratifying at Golovin as well as the friendliness and interest of the people in the work, but we were a little discouraged at the lack of response on the part of the people to accept Christ.

We moved to White Mountain the last days of November via dogteam. Here we found a thriving village of two hundred and twenty-five inhabitants, all so eager to hear the gospel that they filled the small Government chapel at almost every service. Our first task was to prepare a Christmas program. This was particularly difficult, as we didn't know the name nor abilities of any of the children. However, we worked out a program and we believe it was enjoyed. We are certain that the apples and oranges as well as the Scripture Text calendars given at the close of the program were appreciated.

In White Mountain also we have worked hard with our Sunday school and the young people. At the end of nearly five months we have reached an enrollment of one hundred and thirty in the Sunday school, with eight classes, ranging from the age of four to adults. Six natives are assisting us as teachers with whom we have a weekly meeting for the pur-

pose of discussing and studying the lesson for the coming Sunday. A class among the young women has been organized here, too, by Mrs. Hanson and there are about twenty-five or thirty who attend. We have two choirs, one of our older folk who sing translated native songs and the other of young people who furnish English singing for the church services. We also have a string band. The young men of our village take part in the playing of gospel songs with their guitars, mandolins, violins, banjos and accordions. Lately we have organized a music class among the most talented of our young people, the purpose of which is to teach notes and encourage the playing of the organ. Our people are very musically inclined and gifted and take great interest in singing and playing.

The most encouraging item on our report is that it has pleased God to visit our field with a real revival. At Golovin, Elim, and here at White Mountain many have turned to the Lord this winter. Many persons, who never before have made a confession or even attended church, have given themselves to Christ and are now living true Christian lives. When visiting Elim this past winter we had the joy of praying with quite a number of the folk who wanted to be right with God. At Golovin also quite a number have taken a definite stand for Christ. Here at White Mountain there has been the most wonderful response to the gospel. Many have received Christ as their Savior. Backsliders have been reclaimed and Christians reconsecrated. We praise God for these souls and for the victories won in the name of Jesus. God has blessed the faithful efforts of those who have labored before us in this field. They sowed the good seed and now we are reaping the fruit in this great harvest of souls.

White Mountain is by far the most promising and largest of the three villages that constitute our field. Thus far it has been hard to gain the whole-hearted interest and support of the people. Our work has also been carried on under a great handicap, as we have no church of our own, but must use a Government chapel which is far too small for our needs. Now as a result of the revival our people are all interested in the work and eager to co-operate even in the building of a church. They are willing to furnish logs and building the church, providing the Covenant will provide materials which must be sent in from the outside, such as timber, doors, windows and wall board for finishing the interior. We trust the way will soon open so that we shall be able to build our church for it is absolutely essential to the permanency and success of the work. We have already made an urgent plea to the Covenant for help and would like to renew it in this report.

A short while ago we met and in an informal way organized a church. There were forty-three who applied for membership at that meeting, but there were at least twenty who could not be present and who will join later. Four deacons and two deaconesses were elected to assist the missionaries and minister in the church. We are certain that this organization is going to be of real help to our work and that it will encourage a much deeper interest on the part of the people when they themselves can have a part in the work. We have a number of the finest Christian men and women, well qualified for leadership. Some of the most desirable of these were chosen to places of responsibility in the election of church officers. When the time comes to build our church this native organization will help bear the responsibility and will insure greater co-operation on the part of our native people. There are great opportunities here in White Mountain and with these splendid native Christians standing behind us we hope by God's help and grace to make the best use of them.

We have done a good deal of traveling this winter. I have tried to keep in contact with Golovin by making frequent trips there. We made one trip to Elim and also went to Unalakleet for our late winter conference.

During these eight months I have performed three marriages, thirty children have been baptized, and I have officiated at two funerals.

We thank God for the privilege of coming to Alaska to minister to these dear Eskimo people. The manner in which God has opened the way for us, as well as the victories

experienced and blessings enjoyed, has established the conviction we had last spring that the Lord of the harvest had called us to Alaska. Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving to God for what he has already done, but our eyes are on the future for there is much more to be done in behalf of our Eskimo people for who also Christ gave his life.

"Keep us true Lord Jesus, keep us true
Keep us true Lord Jesus, keep us true
There's much work that must be done
There are souls that must be won
Give us power every hour to be true."

Ralph and Alyce Hanson

The Board of Foreign Missions reported through Rev. Alfred J. Johnson the following recommendations:

1) The board of Foreign Missions recommends to this conference that we comply with the request of the Alaska missionaries in sending a Covenant representative to the 50th anniversary of the work in Alaska which anniversary is to be observed in 1937. We recommend that Rev. Gust. E. Johnson, Secretary of Missions, be this representative.

2) This board further recommends the adoption of the following budget¹ for the fiscal year 1936-1937 to be applied as follows:

- a) Maintenance of Stations.....2,713.88
- b) Salaries of Missionaries.....6,035.00
- c) Transportation of Missionaries
- d) Equipment of Missionaries
- e) Appropriations
- f) Administration Expense

1. The report lumped China, Africa and Alaska on lines c) through f)

President's Report

Our Ambassadors Overseas

In Alaska, this year marks the golden jubilee of our missionary enterprise. To aid the missionaries and the natives in celebrating this memorable occasion, our Secretary of Missions will visit the field in the later part of the summer. A church building fund for the northland is being gathered this year and is arousing widespread interest.

Theodore W. Anderson

Report of the Secretary of Foreign Missions

Growing Old, But More Active Than Ever

Our Alaska missions have just celebrated its golden jubilee year. For half of a century our missionaries have been active in that cold, dark and isolated land. And that has not been in vain. Hundreds of natives thank God today for salvation in Christ and many hundreds already in glory praise Him for the gospel brought to them through our efforts.

During this anniversary year there has been a renewed interest manifested in the Alaska missions. A chapel building fund has been raised as a memorial and several chapels have been erected.

At White Mountain, a practically new field, the great jubilee meeting was held the last week in March, attended by approximately three hundred natives. This is a very strategic place as the government has built a large school there for the young people of northern Alaska and hundreds enroll every year. It is also a reservation, which excludes the white man and his evil influences, except the missionaries. How happy are we now to have a missionary family placed there and a new chapel too?

Our missionaries in this district have visited several villages during the year and established new work. In two very strategic centers the inhabitants have requested a missionary and our supervisor there has promised that one shall be coming up this summer. He did that on the strength of the action of our home board, which is ready to recommend to this meeting the calling of a young man, a graduate of North Park seminary. This man is also an aviator. If we can supply him with an aeroplane he will be able to visit many isolated villages. One of our problems in Alaska is the difficulty to reach the villages in summer as the dog teams cannot be used, neither the automobile as there are no roads. The aeroplane solves the transportation problems and is much less expensive than travel by dog team.

It had been decided that the secretary of missions pay Alaska a visit and especially attend their golden jubilee conference in March, but this could not be done as a seaman's strike on the west coast made it impossible to obtain passage on a boat until after the conference date. We trust that it will be possible for him to take this trip during the summer. We do thank God for the renewed interest in our Alaska missions.

A Word of Thanks

Our Covenant Women's Auxiliary deserves a special mention and vote of thanks. They have not only supported Dr. Mildred Nordlund, but also subscribed a sum of two thousand dollars for our Alaska chapel building fund. This sum has been applied at their request to the new chapel at White Mountain. This will be a very worthy and honorable monument in Alaska to the C.W.A.

Gust E. Johnson, Secretary

Foreign Missions

Rev. Alfred J. Johnson reported the following recommendations from the Board of Foreign Missions:

- 1) For Alaska:
That the Rev. Paul B. F. Carlson of Virginia, Minn., be sent to Alaska this year for missionary work at Candle and Haycock.
- 3) Budget for Foreign Missions
 - b) That the budget for ALASKA be.....10,245.00

ALASKA MISSION REPORT

Unalakleet

E. B. Larsson

"And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year... it shall be a jubilee unto you." Leviticus 25:10

The Fifty-year Jubilee for our Alaska Mission has come, and in gratitude to the Lord for his marvelous works of love and grace toward us let us rejoice and praise his holy name. Fifty years ago the Rev. A. E. Karlson came to Unalakleet and established the first Covenant Mission station in northern Alaska. From 1887 until 1910, when the Lord called him home, he spent most of his time at this station. Many other servants of the Lord have preached the gospel at Unalakleet to the salvation of many.

As it was for the apostle Paul so it is for us missionaries in Alaska, we find much labor for our hand to do. Expecting our Secretary of Missions, the Rev. Gust E. Johnson, to come for a visit at the time of our Jubilee Conference at White Mountain, I considered it proper to put my house in order and spent several weeks painting, varnishing, putting on wall paper and fixing things up in general. He did not come at that time, yet it is well to have that work done. For many years I have spent much time in the summers to get the Eskimos of Unalakleet interested in garden work. It has been very encouraging to see how they have done better and better year by year. Last summer the value of the garden products raised in our village amounted to several thousand dollars. We ship some of the vegetables to Nome and other places, and, as I have big mission gardens, I have been able to get some extra income from them for the mission work. Most of that extra money from last year has gone to pay for freight and lighterage in connection with shipping and reshipping materials for church buildings.

Thirty men and women were enrolled in our Bible School this winter. We studied a few of the New Testament books, Church History, and Music. If time permits, we shall have another course before the people move out to their fishing camps. During this past year there has been but very little drinking and dancing in our village. We are very thankful to God that we can report that this is true about most of the villages in our districts. During the fall and winter we have had the joy of praying with quite a few. Some of these had for years appeared very indifferent towards God and his word and had gone far in sin. During the winter I have been out on two longer trips to visit villages north of Unalakleet. The first time I went as far as to Dime Creek, and the last time to the conference at White Mountain. In all the places people gather willingly to hear the word of God.

A year ago Oscar Andrewuk, our native missionary at Scammon Bay and Hooper Bay, was visiting us at Unalakleet. This year Wilson Gonongnan came to be with us for the Jubilee Conference. Thus we have had opportunities to talk with them and plan for the work in the new district. It has given us much joy to have heard very good things said about our native missionaries and their work. Jacob Kenick, who for many years had been stationed at Hooper Bay, was asked to go to Nunivak Island last fall. On Nunivak Island the first church paid for by money from our Alaska Church Building Fund was built in the fall of 1936. The people of the island had long been asking for a missionary, so we are especially thankful to God that we could send them a teacher and build a church there.

The materials needed for church buildings have been shipped to Shaktoolik and to Koyuk. At both places the people began with the work last fall but did not get far before the cold winter weather stopped them. They have promised to finish the work this year.

Our Jubilee Conference was held at White Mountain in the last part of March. Close to three hundred people had come there by dog teams, on skis, or by airplanes. Many more had planned on going, but report about a severe epidemic of whooping cough at White Mountain scared many of the parents with smaller children so they decided not to go. It was inspiring to see the big crowds that gathered in the large government gymnasium to listen to the preaching, the testimonies and the wonderful singing. Fifty year ago, who could have dreamt of such a gathering of Eskimos at a Christian Jubilee Conference?

Several things we have hoped for and asked for in connection with the Fifty-year Jubilee, and now it looks like we are going to get them.

We have asked for a missionary for Candle and Dime Creek. Through reports from the Covenant semi-annual meeting in Chicago we learn that it is probable that the Covenant will send such a missionary this summer.

We have been looking forward to a visit by the Covenant Secretary of Missions. It was a disappointment to us that he did not come to our conference in White Mountain but we are happy to know that he plans on coming to see us in the summer.

We have suggested that a book on the Covenant Alaska Mission be published this year. Even smaller individual churches have some sort of Fifty-year Jubilee book published, and it would seem like something very essential had been neglected, should we fail to get such a book this year. Young people in the Covenant churches are often asking where they can find something in English to read about our Alaska Mission. There is hardly anything in English on this subject but recently yearly reports and articles in our church papers.

In 1935 it was decided that special efforts should be made to raise a fund for the building of church in Alaska. The first contribution to this fund came from a small group of North Park College Alumni of the class of 1921. After that, gifts came, slow but steadily, from individuals, from churches, and from different groups and organizations within the churches. About a year ago the need of getting more churches in our districts in Alaska was placed directly before the President of the Covenant Woman's Auxiliary. Together with other leaders within their organization she began to make plans to help us in this work. With the enthusiasm and effective working methods characteristic of their organization the members of the Covenant Woman's Auxiliary went to work to raise enough money for one small church or chapel in Alaska. By this time, as it appears from reports in the papers, they have, probably, raised as much money for the fund as all the other contributors have done so far. We never know, but indications are that the members of the Covenant Woman's Auxiliary will do more than they have promised. If the total of all the contributions to this fund should come up to the sum of \$10,000, we would, very likely, be able to get a church in every village of our districts. We would rejoice, if the fund should reach that mark during the Jubilee Year.

As I look around me here in Unalakleet and see our good church, the fine Missionary Home, and even the grave yard north of us, where Rev. Axel E. Karlson and his wife are laid to rest, and where many little wooden crosses point toward heaven; as I think of the many dear friends in our home churches that for many years have labored and prayed for our Alaska Mission, and even now are doing so, as I think of all this, there rises within me a Jubilee song of praise to our God.

Golovin, White Mountain and Elim

Ralph P. Hanson

"Lo I am with you always."

The longer one remains on the mission field the more precious does this promise of our Lord become. The first year is generally filled with interesting and new experiences and the stern realities are somewhat glossed over. The newness of the situation appeals both to the missionary and the people. The new missionary is received with much the same interest as the new pastor in a regular parish, but it is not a self sustaining interest and sooner or later things settle down to their normal course. When the more superficial wears away, then realities become more clear, the needs, the sin, the multitudinous problems of those under ones care. It is then that the unshaken, the eternal, God's promises and the assurance of Christ's abiding presence become unspeakably precious.

During the past year we have experienced God's goodness and kindness as ever before. Many have been the answers to prayer, many the God given encouragements, in so many ways we have been reminded and assured of the abiding presence of the Lord with us. It has been a year of testing for us and our people. Satan has tested the armor of those who became soldiers of the cross last winter. Some have fallen, some have wavered and other have come through victorious, all the stronger because of the testing.

This year has held a special interest for us and our people inasmuch as it is the Fifty Year Jubilee of our Alaskan Mission. We had the privilege of entertaining the Jubilee Conference here at White Mountain the latter part of March. Large numbers of people came from all parts of our field, altogether nearly three hundred. It was gratifying to note the genuine appreciation and thankfulness of our people for the gospel which our missionaries brought them these fifty years and which is still being preached among them today. Many voices were lifted to God in praise and thanksgiving for the gospel and there were many who lovingly mentioned the names of former missionaries who have faithfully labored among them.

During the past year we spent the summer and fall at Golovin and moved here to White Mountain for the winter and spring. Throughout the winter I have visited Golovin as often as possible and held services with the people there. In addition to carrying on the work in these two villages I made two trips to other places by dog team. The first of these was to Elim where we found the natives eager to hear the word of God. We had the joy of praying for some young people who expressed their desire to receive Christ. Another victory for Christ was the surrender to God of a man who was brought up in our mission home many years ago. Up until this time he had not been a true Christian, but at one of the meetings he broke down and said, "I was brought up right in the mission and have lived along side of this church all my life, but still I have been fighting against God and the mission." He earnestly prayed for forgiveness and asked God to make him a true Christian. He is quite an influential man in the village and I am sure that it will be a real help to the Christians to have him in the Lord's side.

On our first visit to Elim last winter we organized a Sunday school and I was happy to find it still going strong this winter. We are thankful to have Christian teachers in Elim who are willing to carry on this work.

My second trip was to Solomon, a village some forty miles from here, with a population of nearly one hundred natives. We do not have a church in this village, but our missionaries have been visiting it and holding services for quite a number of years. This was my first visit and it was gratifying to see how glad the people were to have the missionary come and how eager they were to hear the gospel. One of the young men of the village had written previous to my coming, asking me to come and preach the gospel to them.

When I visited the homes I found this young man bed ridden. He asked me to pray for him that God might forgive his many sins. It was a joy to lead him to as saving knowledge of the Savior who bore our sins on the cross. We should have a chapel in this village and it should be visited by the missionary more often, but with our present program it is almost impossible for us to visit there more than once during the winter.

Our people spend their summers mining, fishing and berry picking. Therefore in order to reach them we have to travel by boat to their camps. We are thankful for a fine boat and motor received from friends in the states. We made a number of trips up the river last summer and visited some of the larger camps, holding services among the people.

We have been working toward our church building here in White Mountain this winter. About half the logs needed are now cut and we will be able to start with the building next fall. However, it is doubtful that we will be able to finish it during one winter. Our people are very busy with their hunting, trapping and many other tasks so it is very difficult to get help. Then too, I am sorry to say, some are not really willing to sacrifice time and effort to help with this work, but the Lord is with us and he will see us through with this work. We are deeply thankful for the help of our friends in the states who have given so freely in order that we might have a church in White Mountain. May God richly bless and reward every one. We are also deeply grateful and thankful to those who have helped us in many other ways, praying and giving that the gospel might go forth with power in Alaska.

President's Report

During the past year we have celebrated the golden jubilee of our first venture in foreign missions, namely that in Alaska. In accordance with the decision of an earlier annual conference, our secretary of foreign missions visited this field last summer. His reports have greatly stimulated the interest of our people in the work among Eskimos and Indians in the northland.

Theodore W. Anderson

Report of the Secretary of Foreign Missions

In Alaska the work is progressing very favorably. The privilege was mine last summer to visit northern Alaska, especially Seward peninsula and the villages along the coast of Norton Bay. This gave me an insight into the work which has proved valuable, not only to me, but to the missions, which have reaped many benefits as a result. One of these is the renewed interest which has been aroused and the many new friends we have won for this mission.

The church building program is showing progress. This last year two new churches have been dedicated, one at Shaktoolik and the other at White Mountain. One is at present under construction at Koyuk and one was built on Nunivak Island two years ago. Does not this speak of progress? Also one new missionary has been added to our list of workers up there, namely Rev. Paul B. F. Carlson, located at Candle, just a few miles south of the Arctic Circle. We have also three very efficient native workers, who are carrying on the work in the southern district of northern Alaska: Jacob Kenick on Nunivak Island, Oscar Andrewuk at Hooper and Scammon Bays, and Wilson Gonongnan at Mountain Village. There are still many places which should be added to our list of mission stations and will be when our missionaries get the airplane which has been provided for them by individual subscription, especially amongst our young people. The missionary work in Alaska has not reached its culmination period by far. There is still much territory to be claimed for the Lord.

Gust E. Johnson

Yakutat

E. M. Axelson

We are about to terminate another year of field work in God's great domain. And thus we give a brief resume of our feeble efforts, on the one hand, and the Lord's mighty deeds, on the other.

In some respects the past year has been an outstanding year. Especially as its beginning marked the completion of fifty years of missionary work among this people. At Easter and the in last days of 1937 we had meetings to commemorate this event. These gatherings were well attended and did much to direct our attention to him who gave the great commission to go and teach all nations. And while we had no personal representation among us from the churches in the States of those who formerly worked here, yet we were most happy to have letters and greetings from them. And those from the Covenant headquarters, signed by President Anderson and Secretary Johnson, were treasured most of all.

But besides these holiday events the good work has been carried on very much the same as in former years. It is work and an sowing of the gospel "in season and out of season," both in public and private. We have earnestly tried by honorable means and methods to be, like Paul says, "a Jew unto the Jews, and a Greek unto the Greeks," that we might win some for Christ. And thus we are obliged to be concerned with the material as well as the spiritual welfare of these people. "Can't you help me" is a request constantly ringing in my ears as I make my rounds in the community. And sometimes, although no request is uttered, the sickness, poverty and want staring me in the face, pleads for help far more eloquently than human words.

Church services have been kept up regularly throughout the year. The people respond to these meetings, and when the bell tolls they generally start for church. As in former years I have been assisted by T. M. Italio and D. S. Benson who take turns in interpreting the spoken word. But as most of the people here now begin to have some knowledge of the English these interpreters are not as necessary as in years passed.

Some meetings are entirely given over to prayers and testimonials. And usually the greater part of those present join in. And frequently, especially at New Year and during January a fervent Christian spirit prevailed and backsliders were reclaimed and sinners converted.

The Sunday school has also continued regularly throughout the year. The enrollment is around seventy, and Mrs. Axelson and myself are the teachers. Nearly twenty of the older boys and girls are attending vocational schools in other parts of Alaska. This has somewhat reduced attendance. Lesson cards are used and Covenant Sunday school papers are distributed to all of the older pupils.

The mixed chorus has also given valuable assistance at our church services. Besides serving as organist Mrs. Axelson also assists this chorus at rehearsals, etc. Our orchestra also assists with string music. But its leader has not been able to rally the members to assist at our meetings in such a wholehearted way as I would have liked.

Economically this should have been a banner year. A good price was paid for the salmon last summer and considerable C. C. C. work was done throughout the winter. Nevertheless the people seem to be as poor as ever. They simply do not seem to understand how to save a dollar for future need. Always keeping the debit ahead of the credit they are in dire needs as soon as ill health, unemployment or other adverse conditions set in- a striking example of how impossible it is for a people to have plenty and be prosperous, except by being thrifty.

The Indian Bureau boasts about the great progress it has made in teaching these people how to solve their economic problems. But I fail to see any signs of this progress. On the other hand, there are signs on every side that the people become more and more dependent upon relief and charity. Personally, I have done my best to teach thrift by words and examples. And if left alone, I believe, I would have had considerable success. But as the whole nation, and especially the Bureau spokesmen have adopted the slogan, spend and you will prosper, I cannot prevail by either counsel or example. And I fail to see how this people or any other people will be able to get away from this economic wilderness except some strong Joshua will rise up and lead out.

The interior of the church was calcimined and painted. And as the old coal stove was entirely gone an oil heater was installed. The cost of these improvements was defrayed from the Jubilee Fund, which we subscribed to for that purpose. The total of this fund amounted to \$157.75. The balance we had after paying for above improvements we used to help pay for a public dinner given by the church in connection with the Jubilee.

At present the spiritual condition is good. There has been very little drinking of late. And whenever the bootleggers give us a respite the Lord's work prosper. Just recently two young men have been won for Christ. Especially one of these was addicted to drinking. With tearful eyes and in broken words he told what power liquor had over him, and pleaded for mercy and strength from the Lord.

Strikes and labor union quarrels have hung as a black cloud over our isolated village for the last few weeks. The scene is in Seattle. Yakutat has no union, but if the canneries and union labor in Seattle do not soon reach an agreement no fish will be canned at Yakutat, nor in any other part of Alaska. This would be the hardest economic blow of all. It would force starvation on the native people who depend on fishing for their livelihood.

Long overdue on our vacation trip we planned to come down next fall. However, as another depression set in and it looks like we all have to draw in the belt a notch or two, and economize, we just can't bear to take expensive trips and place extra burdens on the faithful supports in the States. And if the outlook does not improve any by next fall perhaps we stay over the winter again.

In closing we thank you all. Your faithful support and prayers touch us deeply. And we thank God for your untiring efforts in promoting the missionary work in Alaska and throughout the world. God bless you all.

Yakutat, April 14, 1938

ALASKA MISSION REPORT

Unalakleet

E. B. Larsson

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." I Cor. 15:58

Though we can not truthfully say that we have been "always abounding in the work of the Lord," yet we have continued in the Master's service, teaching and preaching the glorious gospel which is the "power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Much people continue to come to our services here in Unalakleet, and at special occasions our church is crowded. Attendance in the Sunday school has been unusually good, and I have had nine native Christians help me to teach. During the fall and winter I have met twice a week for study in a confirmation class. Nine boys and five girls are enrolled in that class. Twenty-seven students have been enrolled in the Bible school this winter. So far we have had about eight weeks of Bible school, but I plan on two weeks more, at least, before summer comes.

During the past year I have made one longer trip by plane, one by boat, and two by dog team in the interest of our mission work. In the winter most of the people live in their homes in the villages, and thus they are able to come along to the services. Many services were held during those trips and some of the people present have been converted. Several have joined the church during the winter. At my first visit in Shaktoolik this winter their new church was dedicated. It is quite a large building that easily holds 300 people.

Good reports have come from our native missionaries in the district south of Unalakleet. Jacob Kenick on Nunivak Island wrote me last fall that by the time nearly the entire population of the island had been baptized by him. They are yet very ignorant, but they are eager to learn about God and the way of salvation. Oscar Andrewuk is in charge of the work both in Hooper Bay and in Scammon Bay. Some of the members of the churches there assist him a good deal in the work. From Mountain Village we have had very good reports about Wilson Gonongnan and his work. He is the missionary there not only to the Eskimos but to many white people also. They go along to our church there, now and then, and Wilson has several white children in his Sunday school.

Our annual conference was held in Shaktoolik March 24-27th. Though Shaktoolik is one of the smaller villages in our district, the people there had prepared so well for the conference that they were able to take excellent care of the 181 delegates, or guests, and their 596 dogs during the whole conference. The word of God was preached in English and in the three different Eskimo dialects of our northern district. We prayed with some that were seeking salvation and the Christians were cheered and encouraged to continue to fight the good fight of faith. The following were among the more important decisions of the conference.

That we accept the invitation from Koyuk to hold our conference there in March, 1939.

That we continue to keep Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Gonongnan as our missionaries to work at Mountain Village and in neighboring villages. And offering of \$66.20 for this work was taken the last day of the conference.

That our Conference sends greetings to other Protestant Missions in northern Alaska, suggesting that we all put forth our best efforts in an attempt to check the liquor traffic in the Territory of Alaska. Since the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment the use of strong drinks has increased so alarmingly in Alaska that in many places it threatens to ruin the people to body and soul.

Last summer we continued our Golden Jubilee celebrations, when we had the pleasure and privilege of having with us the Covenant Secretary of Missions, the Rev. Gust. E. Johnson from Chicago. Here at Unalakleet we were especially happy to have him stay for quite a long visit. Most of our people had arranged things so they could stay in the village and be along at the many and blessed Jubilee services. At that time we also had the joy of welcoming our new Alaska missionary, the Rev. Paul Carlson, and to have with us the Rev. Ralph P. Hanson and Mrs. Hanson from White Mountain. We feel very grateful to God and to the many friends in our Covenant who have made it possible for us to celebrate the Alaska Golden Jubilee amid such great rejoicing. Two new churches have been built in our district during the year and a good deal of work done on a third one. Still there is money left in the Alaska Church Building Fund and so we plan on building some more churches.

Most of our requests in connection with the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of our Alaska Mission have been granted. Yet there is one important thing that has been neglected, this far. At the celebration of their golden jubilee even smaller individual churches in the States publish some sort of a jubilee book. Thus, we considered it proper that the Covenant should publish a jubilee book for our Alaska Mission. The promise was given us that such a book would be published during the jubilee year. We missionaries in Alaska, and former Alaska missionaries, were asked to contribute with articles for the book. Many such articles were written and sent in to the office, but so far no jubilee book has been forthcoming.

Candle

Paul Carlson

"Enlarge the place of thy tent." Isa. 54:2

Staking new ground is part of the work of the man who seeks for gold. The miner stakes claims, washes out the valuable dust wherewith he enlarges his operations. To me has been entrusted the privilege of enlarging the geographical boundaries of our missionary endeavors in northern Alaska. Staking new ground enlarging our place.

This new field is our northernmost missionary endeavor. Candle is located twenty miles south of the Arctic Circle; Haycock is sixty miles south of Candle.

After a very pleasant journey in company with our secretary of missions we reached Golovin July 13. Together with the Rev. Hansons we journeyed on to Unalakleet to visit Rev. Larsson and take part in the Golden Jubilee of our Alaska mission work.

The 28th of July, escorted by Rev. Larsson, the journey turns toward its destination. We boarded a plane, faced north and are off. However we were detained at Haycock so we did not reach Candle until the 3rd of August. Since then, the greater part of my time has been spent building.

August and September were given over to the erection of a small mission dwelling at Candle. Then too, permission had to be secured to use the local school for our services. The people, both natives and whites attend in goodly numbers. In fact, the school is too small to accommodate all that would like to attend.

October 4th Mr. Wien¹ called for me again. This time to take me to White Mountain where it was my Church. It is a building that is an honor to our mission enterprise; to its donors and the village.

Upon my return to Candle we resumed to gather for services. A choir has also been organized and the interest shown thus far is very encouraging. It is our plan to give a special Easter program this year.

Haycock is my charge also. The friends there were inquiring about my whereabouts and promised visits. Several plans were made to visit them and all failed until the 4th of March I went with the mail-plane; having finally arrived at Haycock, again the fold gladly gathered to hear the word of God. We also met for song services. It was gratifying to see the interest and abilities that are hid away among the people up here.

The friends down at Koyuk sent me a request to visit them also. The time of our conference was nearing and Koyuk is on the route to Shaktoolik where the conference was to be held, therefore, a stop over at Koyuk was also included in my itinerary.

At the conference we gathered around the word of God; the Christians were encouraged, and sinners names were written in the Lamb's book of life.

After the conference Rev. Larsson invited me to Unalakleet. My visit here has a two-fold purpose. First to assist Rev. Larsson with his spring institute work. He has entrusted me with the teaching of Second Corinthians. In the evenings special services are held. Then too, waiting here until information is received that the Mission plane has been shipped will mean a considerable saving in transportation.

Thus far the work has been most encouraging. It is my desire and prayer that even though my efforts thus far have been scattered over the greater part of our northern field that God will add His blessings to the seed that has been sown.

1. Sig Wien according to personal correspondence with Rev. Paul Carlson

Golovin, White Mountain, Elim and Solomon

Ralph P. Hanson

"Bless the Lord oh my soul and forget not all his benefits."

As we look back over the past year our feelings coincide with those of David when he wrote the above Psalm. God has been so good to us and we have experienced so many evidences of his kindness and faithfulness. Things for which we have long labored, prayed and hoped have come to a realization. Yes God has been even better than his promises and given more than we asked or hoped for.

This year might well be called a year of building as far as our field is concerned. Shortly after we sent in our last years report I began building a boat to be used in traveling among our natives during the summer months. We named it "Evangel" and it has had a real part in our missionary endeavors and shall continue its usefulness throughout the coming years. Thanks to the Covenant Tabernacle of Minneapolis we also have a fine outboard motor and so have good equipment with which to carry on our work during the summer months.

Our greatest cause for rejoicing is our new White Mountain church which we built last fall and winter. For years our work in this village has been terribly handicapped because we had no church building. Funds were not available for a church and even greater hindrance was the fact that the Government refused to grant us permission to build a church, the village being in a Government controlled reservation. However, God overruled all these obstacles. We were finally able to gain the Governments permission. The Covenant Woman's Auxiliary and other individuals from our churches in the States supplied the means to build the church. Last fall ground was broken and the foundation made. The materials came in just before the river froze up. On October 4th Paul Carlson came over to help us and the building proper began. The natives showed a splendid spirit of cooperation and gave freely of their time and labor. Cold weather came and it became very difficult, but we kept on. Finally the day before Christmas the interior was completed and we held our first service in our new church on Christmas morning when we gathered for Julotta. It was a blessed gathering and heaven seemed near. How our hearts rejoiced that we could gather and pay homage to our Savior in our fine new church. We and our people are deeply thankful to God and to the friends whose hearts he touched to made our church possible.

The work on the church consumed most of our time during the fall and early winter, but when the work was finished I began working on a snowmobile. Since coming to this field I have been impressed with the need of a more economical and better way of traveling. Traveling by dog team is very costly, slow and tiresome. Having four villages to visit and consequently much traveling, it has been a real handicap during the winter. Therefore I have been working on a snowmobile propelled by a small airplane motor and propeller. The first one I built two years ago was more of an experiment to find out what type would work best under our snow and ice conditions. It was a fair success, but too heavy for loose snow. This winter I built another sled making use of last years experience and knowledge and it has been a real success. With it I have made the trip to Golovin, a distance of eighteen miles, in forty minutes with a fuel cost of about one dollar. The same trip by dog team would have cost five dollars and taken between two and three hours. I have also hauled fairly heavy loads with it. The snowmobile has been and will be a great help and saving in our work, making it possible for us to reach out to other villages more frequently with the gospel during the long winter months. However, my motor is a little too small and a larger one is needed. We are hoping that somehow means will be provided to get a larger one.

It was our great privilege to have as honored guest on our field our Secretary of Missions, Rev. Gust. E. Johnson. His visit meant much to us and our people as well, although

most of them were scattered about at their camps. It was such an inspiration to have brother Johnson with us and we so appreciated his fellowship. His visit gave us new zeal and courage to press on in our Master's service here in the far north. He was able to give many helpful suggestions and much good advice as well as get a first hand knowledge of general conditions and particular problems. Our people called him "Enokpuk" meaning big man, not only in the sense of his stature, but also in the capacity of his kind heart. We and our people shall cherish the memory of that visit for many years.

During this winter I have visited Solomon and Elim and also made frequent trips to Golovin. I also visited Nome and made contacts with many of the Scandinavian people there. I was impressed with the need of the gospel in that place. The present preacher though a fine man is an out and out liberal with no gospel in his message. There is much dissatisfaction with among the people and some asked me to write to our office asking the Covenant to send a man into Nome.

I went to Solomon in February and had a very encouraging visit with our people there. The old village is on the low flats and subject to high tides and floods. They are therefore all building new homes on a higher village site. I was overjoyed to hear that they were already talking about building a church too. I called the leaders together and encouraged them to build and promised whatever aid we could give them. Not so long ago I received a letter from the mayor or chief signed by all interested in the the church avowing their plans to build this fall and asking for four windows, sheet iron for the roof, a bell and an organ. They are going to buy the rest of the materials themselves and also do all the work. It shows a fine interest and a splendid spirit of cooperation on the part of our Solomon people. The services held there were also very encouraging. The Spirit of God was very near at all the meetings and the word of God went forth with power.

The work is going on very well at Elim too. The native leaders are doing their work very well. We have a fine Sunday school there conducted by the mother of one of the Government teachers. The church at Elim is badly in need of repair and the people have promised to help with the work if we get the materials. This should be done soon.

At Golovin the work of God is progressing. We now have a fair sized group of earnest born again Christians. Just last Sunday night we had the joy of praying with two of our young women who desired salvation through Christ. There is much evil and wickedness in this place but the influence of the growing number of Christians is beginning to tell throughout the village.

At this time I think that it would be fitting to mention the fact that we feel that our field is entirely too large for us to do justice to it. We feel keenly our need of assistance and are hoping and praying that in the near future we might have the aid of a native worker.

Before closing this report we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to God as well as to the officials and people of our Covenant who have stood behind us and helped us so wonderfully this past year. May the Master who said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye did it unto me," abundantly bless you for your kindness to the Eskimos of northern Alaska.

The President's Report

Foreign Missions

Our foreign missionary enterprise touches three continents, North America, Asia, and Africa. In Alaska a strong impetus has been given to our work in recent years in the arrival of new missionaries and new equipment. During the past year an airplane has been sent to the northern field for use in this region where transportation is such a problem. We have requested Rev. E. M. Axelson, in our southern Alaska field, who has not been back in the States for a decade and a half, to come home this summer, but he has pleaded for permission to delay his furlough another year.

Theodore W. Anderson

Report of the Secretary of Foreign Missions

At present we have fifty missionaries on our staff. These are divided into three groups: Thirty-five in China, nine in Africa, and six in Alaska. Besides these we have a group of native workers: Over one hundred in China, sixty in Africa and three in Alaska.

In a large family of fifty odd members there is bound to be some that are afflicted with one disease or another. But thanks be to God, very few in our missionary family have been afflicted. Paul Carlson, Candle, Alaska, had to be taken to Nome and placed in the hospital because of pneumonia;

Missionaries are Builders

This last year as well as the previous ones has been a year when the hammer and the saw has been used to a great extent in Alaska. A new parsonage was built in White Mountain last fall to house the missionary family, Ralph Hanson's. Paul Carlson and Hanson have built both the church and parsonage in that place with very little help. Few realize that this has saved the Covenant hundreds of dollars of missionary funds. Our missionaries are not only qualified scholastically, but are also practical. They can build boats, houses and churches. They are also mechanically inclined as well as spiritually minded. They can also pray, preach, sing and lead souls to Christ. They are indeed "Jack's of all trades." Several places in Alaska are in need of chapels. In come of these chapels have been built as in Shaktoolik, Koyuk and Solomon, including the churches in White Mountain and on Nunivak Island have have been built in four years. Not a bad showing. Yet these are houses built with hands and very essential to carry on the work. But our missionaries report that simultaneous to this building there has been a better building going on and that is a spiritual building with living stones. Many, especially young men have been won for the Lord in Alaska.

The Missionary Plane

Several young people have asked: "What became of the airplane we sent to Alaska last fall?" That same question have we asked of the missionaries. The answer is that it has been in the hanger at Nome. The reasons for this is, that first of all the missionaries were so busy to finish the parsonage before the severe winter set in; the second was the sickness of the pilot who had contracted pneumonia and had to be taken to a hospital and the third and real reason was that it was not equipped with heavy skiis which would permit landing on the frozen tundra. It takes time to do things down here in the States, but much longer up in Alaska, but these skiis have been obtained and the plane has been in active service for some time.

A New Missionary Station

Our missionaries in Alaska consider it absolutely necessary to take up work in Nome, which may be started even this summer. This city should be the headquarters of our work in Northern Alaska, as it is such a strategic center. Natives from the many villages flock to Nome during the summers and if there is not a strong gospel work there, the evil influences will be too strong for the young, unestablished souls. Many young men and women have returned to their villages and homes demoralized after just a brief visit to that city.

Gust E. Johnson

Covenant Foreign Missions Budget

Maintenance of Stations.....	4,745.00
Salaries of Missionaries.....	5,950.00
Building materials.....	500.00

Yakutat

"If God be for us, who can be against us"

The above passage has been the source of strength and courage to us especially during the past year. While last winter was not so bad as to ravages of the liquor traffic, the summer of 1938 was most disgusting. All sin and evil seem to have become personified in bootlegging. It became our public enemy No. 1. As a cruel monster, a merciless hydra it destroyed character, ravaged the families, undermined the faith, and slew and devoured the people like sheep assigned to slaughter.

At one time I counted not less than 21 trafficking in illegal liquor. And still there were some I gave the benefit of doubt and did not include. This is most extraordinary in a village of this size, at no time did our population exceed 500.

Several efforts have been made to establish the legalized or licensed saloon here. But, as we have a kind of local option law, we were able to defeat these efforts by counter petitions. The last of these efforts was made in the spring of last year. It utterly failed as I was able to get two to one against it on a counter petition. Now our present Commissioner has always trafficked in liquor. And his motto is: "Give the Indians all they want." And I am told he directly encouraged other to do likewise. Thus we had this deplorable condition. And neither the local commissioner nor the officials in Juneau, seemed to be concerned that the law was violated.

I am reasonably certain two died from drinking poisonous liquor, and one was shot and killed during a drunken brawl. And it was most common to hear about people taken to the local hospital for treatment as a sequel of a drinking party.

From time to time we complained to the authorities in Juneau. But without results. Finally, at the end of the summer, when the murderer was to be tried before the court in Juneau, we had a chance to tell about the conditions existing at Yakutat. It looked bad for our commissioner, and he resigned. But none of the bootleggers, except an Indian woman, were really convicted of liquor violations. I ask; "Where is the fairness and justice of law enforcement." However, since then these liquor peddlers have taken to covers. And since last fall we have been rather free from the curse. Yet we are somewhat uncertain as to what the conditions will be when the fishing season opens up this year. But we hope and pray the dear Lord will help us keep the infamous traffic down.

When the Alaska Legislature met in Juneau at the beginning of the year, we had hopes it would enact temperance laws. And a dry law was introduced. But as it concerned only Indians, this people took exception to this law as being discriminatory, and it was not passed. Of course Yakutat is really supposed to be a dry community, But when law-enforcement totally breaks down, like it did last summer, we have this intolerable condition.

But, "If God be for us, who can be against us." And thus we have been able to carry on, not by leaps and bounds, but by a determined effort to hold our own against formidable foes.

The meetings we have held in the usual and regular way, with generally three each Sunday, and during the week according to existing conditions. As during winters when the people are home in the village, we may have three and four, and none in the summer when everyone is away from home. And it has been with the utmost interest I have watched the people come to the meetings in spite of the rampant liquor traffic. And really, it is not the church attendance that suffers the most, but the general demoralizing effect upon the village life that causes us most concern.

Thus we had a rather fair attendance at our meetings during the fishing season. And much better was the attendance during last winter. Nor were these meetings without tangible results, as we had the blessed privilege to see several won for Christ,- true, some of them were back-sliders. But just the same, souls are redeemed from sin.

As in the past T. M. Italio and D. S. Benson have served as interpreters. However, Sunday evenings and during weekday services we have discarded the interpreter.

Mrs. Axelson has served as organist at all meetings including Sunday school. Here the enrollment has been somewhat less this year as a number of the young people have gone to other places to attend schools. In the Sitka Presbyterian School we have six, in Haines, a school of the same denomination, a like number; and fifteen divided between the Government School in Wrangell, and the Catholic School in Skagway. Of course, we would rather see them stay at home and attend public school here. And then we would be able to continue teaching them in our Sunday school. But evidently the teacher here has other ideas.

The choir and string band have also rendered valuable service and assisted in making our meetings attractive and interesting. Mrs. Axelson also serves as leader of this group. The band is led by a certain Wm. Benson.

Also during the year eight have been baptized. These, however, were all children. Eight also have died during the year, and at these occasions I am privileged to assist both in a spiritual and material way, - contributions are generally solicited at these times for the mourning relatives.

As usual much time and efforts are used in assisting the poor and the sick. Since the Government has started to give Old Age Assistance to a number of the old and poor, conditions have improved somewhat among this class. And yet there are some constantly in need, especially during the winter months. And as most of them do not seem to understand how to put aside "something for a rainy day," as soon as health fails or an accident happens, the individual is in need of material assistance. Thus, we are called upon to assist these less fortunate in a material as well as a spiritual way.

The health conditions have been far from satisfactory. An outdoor life is the one and only life for this people. If the Indian Bureau only would realize this before it is too late, and accordingly adjust its service, I believe the race could be built up to its former strong and healthy position. As hunters and fishermen they are unsurpassed. They also made a good living at this. And why do indoor work, such as in office or in factory, when it robs them of health and strength and place them in an unequal competition with the white race. But perhaps, such a course would soon justify curtailment of the vast sums now spent on trying to rehabilitate their health. Of course, this would not be progress, according to some.

The station buildings are in fairly good conditions. However, I may have to kalsomine interior and paint exterior of church this coming summer. I have a promise that the C. C. C. would clear and level the grounds around the church. It happened that the Forest Service collected money for timber cut by the Indians on the mission land and sold to the Libby Company here. I protested that the Forest Service had no further claim to lumber cut on the mission ground. But the Forest Service was reluctant to open up the case and readjust records, and we compromised in this way that our church grounds would be improved.

The Executive Board has offered us this coming year for furlough. We are glad of this. However, we like to have two years, as we would like to visit the old homeland, Sweden. And further, as the liquor problem became so serious last year, and is not yet solved here, we feel it would not be proper to leave this troublesome problem in its present state. And as to our return here- well, the dear Lord will provide. However, I have not enjoyed the best of health in late years. And should furlough not improve health, it is doubtful if we will be able to return here for active work. Thus our plans are as yet not so very clear.

Lastly, we herewith express our most sincere thanks for faithful and loyal support from the homefield. Your warm interest in our work and earnest prayers for our success has touched us deeply. And we pray that the dear Lord will richly reward you. Several of you remembered us in a special way at Christmas, especially do we wish to mention our San Francisco friends. God bless you all.

Yours in the Master's service

E. M. Axelson

Yakutat, Alaska, April 20, 1939

ALASKA MISSIONS REPORT

Unalakleet

Another year of labor in the Lord's fields is gone. We have been sowing, as usual, and we have had the joy of seeing much of the precious seed fall in good soil. Attendance at our church services and in the Sunday school has been very good. We are still continuing with the Bible school, this being the tenth week for the past fall and winter. We try to get in a few weeks here and there, when it is most convenient for teacher and pupils. Some over 30 people, mostly young men and young women, have come along more or less regularly to these classes to study the Bible and Church History.

During the summer I was out on a short trip by boat and gathered quite a few natives both at Bonanza and at Shaktoolik around the Word of God. In January I started out for my regular winter trip. That time I visited Egawik, Shaktoolik, Koyuk, Dime Creek, Elim, Golovin and White Mountain, and had the opportunity to speak at many services. Just a short time ago I again went north as far as Koyuk.

This recent trip to Koyuk was the conference trip. The Koyuk people had not quite finished their new church on the inside, but it was good enough for us to meet in for conference. Almost 300 people had come from 14 different places, and the Koyuk people together with their school teacher received us with much kindness and hospitality. Many and blessed services were held and several souls were saved. The conference voted to send hearty greetings to our many friends in the States.

Every now and then do I hear from our native missionaries. Even today have I received two letters from Jacob Kenick, Nunivak Island, and two letters from Wilson Gonongnan, Mountain Village. They had arranged for yearly conferences both at Mountain Village and on Nunivak Island. Though our native missionaries have much opposition from the Catholics in some places, yet they keep on faithfully with the preaching of the gospel. Mrs. Sarah Kenick, the wife of our missionary on Nunivak Island, fell asleep in the Lord last September.

There are many places for which we would like to do more, if time and money would permit. The native Christians do try to carry on the work as well as they can when they have no missionary with them, but, for one thing, good leaders are but few in number, and moreover, they are kept busy, working to make a living for themselves and theirs. At this time we are especially concerned about the people in Nome. The Methodists have carried on missionary work there for some years, but they have, apparently, lost all enthusiasm for that work. At present they have no regular missionary in Nome, though they still have the church and the parsonage there. All year there are a great many natives living in Nome, many of them from our district, and in the summer the number of natives in Nome is very large. A good, strong Protestant mission is needed for Nome. Last January, when all the Covenant missionaries in this part of Alaska were gathered at White Mountain we talked this matter over and sent a written request to the Secretary of Missions that the Covenant inquires from the Methodists whether they be willing to turn their mission in Nome over to the Covenant. We further asked that the Covenant sends a missionary to Nome this summer, if the Methodists are willing to let us take over this work.

During the fall and the winter we have had a very special season of refreshing in Unalakleet. Many of the young people here have turned to the Lord, and the older Christians have been blessed and strengthened in their Christian life. We have already welcomed many of these newly-converted young people as members of the church. May the Lord keep them as his own for ever.

The Lord has graciously granted health and strength also during this past year. Yet one more year here and I should again have the privilege of visiting my friends at home.

E. B. Larsson

White Mountain

Greetings in Jesus Name!

It is now time to send in another annual report to the Covenant Board of Foreign Missions. Time flies so quickly. It seems such a short while ago that I was making the annual report for 1937. But as we look back over the past year we can see that much has transpired, that the year has wrought many changes and above all we can see many evidences of God's kindness and faithfulness. It is a glorious thing to live one's life, yea spend one's ministry under the shadow of the Almighty. It is a wonderful thing to be able to look back over the years that have passed and be able to point to definite places along the way where God has revealed himself to us in a special way and helped us. Praise God that is or may be the inestimable privilege of everyone who loves and serves the master. So we too can see the loving hand of God in the year that is past and point to place after place, time upon time when he has met us and in a special way given victory and supplied all needs.

A great portion of this past year has been spent in building. Last year we built our new church. This past year we built a parsonage here in White Mountain and that took no less than about seven months of our time as well as nearly that much of Paul Carlson's time, who came and helped us with the building. But though it took much hard work to build our new home, still we feel amply repaid in the added comfort that it gives us. We are most thankful for our new home. After having lived in rented quarters which at best were small and cold, it seems almost a luxury to have a warm, large and comfortable house to live in. We thank God for this added gift to our field and also our heartfelt thanks go out to the friends in the homeland who provided the necessary means.

The White Mountain parsonage does not include all the building done on our part of the field this past year. We are happy to report that our new church at Solomon is finished or very nearly so. It is nearly two weeks ago since I received a letter from the native leader there and he said that the church would soon be finished. For the past two or three years I have, during my visits to Solomon, been encouraging the natives to build a church and last summer they began by getting the logs together. Then they sent an appeal to us for help, asking for some of the other materials that would have to be purchased in Seattle. These I sent for and they came in on one of the last boats last summer. When I visited the village in February, they said that they would start the work just as soon as trapping season was over. We are very thankful for the co-operation these natives have shown. Unaided by us, except for words of encouragement and letters sent from time to time, they have gone ahead and built the church. We are having a very late spring and traveling by dog team is still good. I hope to be able to go over to Solomon for dedication services before the breakup.

The work in Solomon has been very encouraging from other angles as well. During our visit in February we had the great joy of praying with approximately twenty souls, most of whom were young people. We now have a fine group of Christian people there. A missionary and his wife, who have for the past five or six years labored on the Diomed Islands, spent the major part of the winter in Solomon. Another young missionary couple had come up and they were sent out to the Diomedes, leaving the Browns¹ with no place to spend the winter. Therefore they went to Solomon to live and while there have been preaching the gospel and conducting the work among our natives. They have done a splendid piece of work and we do appreciate the efforts they have put forth on this our field. They have now left for Nome, where Mr. Brown will get employment for the summer, working in a mine.

1. Mr. Oscar Brown and wife- correspondence with Rev. Ralph Hanson

Although our major efforts have been applied to building this past year, still the other phases of our work have not been neglected. The regular schedule of services has been kept up. We have traveled considerably. Two trips were made to Elim, one by boat last spring and one this winter by dog team. We also made a trip by boat to Nome and were able to contact our natives who are employed there during the summer months. Two trips were made to Solomon, one in connection with our journey to Nome and the other the latter part of February.

We thank God that we have had the joy of praying with souls throughout this past year, although with the exception of Solomon there has been no great revival. Here in White Mountain it seems as though we are passing through a period of sowing. A keen interest is manifest in the word of God both among the saved and unsaved and this we know will surely bear fruit. Our people have many difficult problems to contend with. They are as a whole quite reticent and hesitant about speaking of them to the missionary personally. So we have made use of the question box. It has been most gratifying to see the practical questions raised and problems submitted in the question box. These we answer or deal with at the midweek service.

Our choirs have done outstanding work here this winter. If I have counted them correctly, I believe there have been around ten songs translated from English and Swedish into English after which the natives translate from English into Eskimo. To thus translate a song from English into the Eskimo tongue is no small task for the Eskimo is very cumbersome and it is difficult to crowd enough words into the melody to express the message of the song. Among other songs they translated the Swedish "Näda Stolen"¹ at my request and it has since become a favorite among our people.

Last fall I ordered new choir books for our English choir and they have given us the finest singing we have ever had here in White Mountain. One of our natives is unusually gifted along musical lines and choir directing. I had often urged him to take over the leadership of the choir, but this he would never consent to do. Last fall he and his family nearly perished on the bay when the ice stove a hole in their boat causing it to very nearly sink before they reached shore. He said he promised God that if He spared their lives he would do whatever work God wanted him to do. Their lives were spared and when I again asked him to take over the choir he consented almost immediately, after which he told me of his promise to God.

Our Easter services were particularly inspiring this year. Years ago when Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Anderson were conducting the mission on Golovin Bay, the natives used to come from all over the country for the Christmas and Easter services. We have revived that custom here at White Mountain in connection with our Easter services. Our local church sends out invitations to all neighboring villages and when Easter comes there are many visitors. This year there were about thirty-five dog teams bringing visitors from Nome, Solomon, Bluff, Golovin, Elim, Koyuk, Council and even one visitor from Candle. Our large church was packed at each service.

The evening was devoted to a service of song and sacred music. Choirs, Quartets and other combinations of singers from White Mountain furnished the program, aided by contributions from visiting choirs from neighboring villages. A string ensemble made up of young people from our village played three compositions in keeping with the day. The inspiring service was brought to a close by an anthem sung by the combined choirs. The platform was packed with singers and it was glorious to hear the anthem of praise to the risen Christ rolling out in the voices of that large choir.

1. Mercy Seat- per Rev. Ralph Hanson

In closing we would once again render praise and thanksgiving to God for His kindness and faithfulness to us and our people. Then, too, we would express our heartfelt thanks to our co-workers in the homeland who have stood behind us. To those who have prayed, labored and given of their means that the glorious gospel of Christ might go forward in Northern Alaska.

Sincerely,

Ralph and Alyce Hanson

Candle District

Another year has quickly passed. But looking back upon it there was much good contained within its limits for which my heart is grateful.

My work has been very much divided during the past year. Immediately after the conference at Shaktoolik last spring it was my privilege to assist Rev. Larsson at Unalakleet in a series of services as well as teach a class in the study of II Corinthians.

The purpose of the institute is to give all interested Christians a deeper knowledge of the word of God. It is also our desire to expand this work so that we will be able to give instructions to our young natives that are interested in Christian work a working knowledge of God's word and a foundation upon which to build. We are in need of such trained native workers.

Upon returning home the summer work lay ready to be commenced. Much interest was shown by the children in both Sunday school and a small scale garden project.

For the older folk a Bible study class was conducted and the choir work resumed and our regular Sunday service.

The sixteenth of July we winged our way to White Mountain to continue the building project. Now the Mission has a beautiful church and home there. it was a privilege and joy to assist the Hansons in the building as well as the services. During the summer we went up the river to the fish camps to conduct services and when the people returned to the village the services were resumed in the church.

Returning to Candle I found several changes in the village. Now the Arctic Circle Mining and Exploration Co. have a recreational hall which we are permitted to use for our services. That gives us more liberty than we enjoyed when the school house was used. That interest in the work is also increasing for which we praise God.

At Haycock three, to my knowledge, during the past year have taken a stand for Christ. There the interest in eternal values is even greater than here.

We are also formulating plans to secure or else build a church there this coming summer. If we build some of the materials will have to be purchased from the states. Some we can secure, in the form of logs, a few miles out of town. The future is just as bright as God's promises. We see his guiding hand leading on, may we be willing to follow.

To the leaders of our Covenant, to the Foreign Missions Board, to all our loyal supporters and to our God I am grateful for your kind support, for providing us with a plane to be used in the mission work, and for the privilege of service.

We are grateful to God for the souls that have been won. May 1939 see even more of our Eskimo friends turning to Jesus.

Paul Carlson

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

A new era has dawned in our work in Alaska, our oldest foreign missionary field. With the entrance into new fields, and the building of new churches, our opportunities are multiplied. It seems difficult to organize the missionary enterprise in Alaska into a conference due to the distances and poor communications involved. Yakutat, in particular, in southern Alaska, is completely isolated from the rest of the field.

New candidates for Alaska, as well as China and Africa, will be recommended to the conference by the board of missions and the executive board. They are needed to replace some missionaries who are scheduled to retire and to respond to the needs in the expanding fields.

Theodore W. Anderson

ALASKA MISSIONS REPORT

Unalakleet

"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" Rom. 8:31

Some days we are glad, some days we are sad, as we labor in the Lord's vineyard. But whether we are glad or sad, we carry on. During the past year I have rejoiced when I have seen sinners saved, but I have also been grieved at times, when I have seen Christians grow indifferent towards the Lord and fall for temptations.

Here in Unalakleet we keep on with our services the year around. In the summer we have only the Sunday services, as many of the people are away from the village during the week. Late in the fall and in the first part of the winter the measles raged in our village, and for a couple of weeks it was so bad that the school and the church were closed, but after that we have had our ordinary services and many extra ones. A good number of young boys and girls, and a few young men, have turned to the Lord. During the fall and the winter I have had a confirmation class and some weeks of Bible school. On account of the epidemic of measles and some extra work with the reindeer herds, which prevented many from coming along to the classes, I was unable to have as much Bible school as I used to have.

During the winter I have spent almost one month in traveling, visiting other villages. In the first trip I went as far as to Dime Creek. In Shaktoolik, Koyuk, and in Dime Creek I saw the mighty work of the Lord at that time. Never before had I seen such a hunger and thirst after salvation in those villages as I saw then. In Shaktoolik and in Koyuk it seemed as if every unconverted person present at the meetings had to yield to the Lord. On the next trip, which was the conference trip, I visited Egawik, Shaktoolik, Koyuk, Elim, Golovin, White Mountain and Council. We had one or more services in each of these villages.

The conference was held at Elim this year. In that little village of about 100 people they entertained from Thursday till Monday close to 250 visitors. At this conference also there were some that returned to the Lord. Among the more important matters decided on at the business meeting were the following (1) to hold next year's conference at Unalakleet; (2) To continue our missionary work by supporting Wilson Gonangnon at Mt. Village; (3) To petition the airplane companies in this part of Alaska not to carry any intoxicating drinks from Nome or any other place to the villages in our district.

As usual, I have corresponded with our native missionaries south of Unalakleet and forwarded their salaries to them or paid out for them in accordance with their requests. When Jacob Kenick moved from Hooper Bay to Nunivak Island we asked Oscar Andre-wuk to take care of the work both in Scammon Bay and in Hooper Bay. This seems not to work well, and so we recommend, according to the requests from that district, that another native missionary be sent to Scammon Bay to take charge of the work there.

In the later part of the summer it will be five years since I returned to Unalakleet the last time, and so I hope to be able to leave for the States late in the summer or early in the fall. And I recommend that the Covenant calls and sends a missionary here in the early part of the summer that he may be able to get acquainted with the work before I leave.

E. B. Larsson

Yakutat

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord."

The time is at hand when another report is due. And I am happy to begin with the apostle Peter's greetings to the Christians of his days. Perhaps those days were just as full of wars and rumors of wars as our own troublesome times. And yet the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord would cause grace and peace to be multiplied. How can we take it gracefully when the fangs of the Russian beast are tearing our Finnish cousins to pieces; how can we be calm when the Hitler juggernaut crushes our kinsmen in Denmark and Norway; how can we have peace when our own brothers in Sweden are threatened with similar fate; and how can we endure while godlessness, sin and evil roll over the earth like the might tide of the ocean.

Yes the knowledge of God and Jesus Christ shall sustain us, and cause grace and peace to be multiplied in us in the midst of all this wickedness.

The work has progressed along the same line as in former years. First comes the spiritual needs. We administer to the people by proclaiming the Gospel or Word of God publicly and in private. And nearly all of our meetings are held in the church, which has a most central location. During the fishing season several of the leaders in the Alaska Native Brotherhood, an organization comprising all Indians in Southeastern Alaska, came here to fish. Two of them were Presbyterians one was Greek Catholic, but all these confessing Christ. And they were of a great help to us. Regularly they attended our meetings, and often they assisted with prayers and short talks. And their assistance did much to encourage the native people during the otherwise world-conforming fishing season.

And during the winter our meetings have been well attended and God has blessed us with joy and salvation. Especially during the holidays of Christmas and Easter did we experience a spiritual outpouring, and at each of these a few of our young people were won for Christ.

As organist, leader of choir, and teacher in Sunday school Mrs. Axelson has served. Many of our young people have been away to school. They have increased in number during the last few years so that nearly thirty of our boys and girls have been away.

This is a great handicap to the work. And if it continues, it will be more so in the future. Further, it is hard to understand why this migration of young people out of Yakutat every year, when the Indian Bureau has increased its teaching staff here threefold, and in a similar way increased expenditures for equipment and other school facilities. But, in my opinion this problem would be solved, if teachers of our own religious faith would be stationed here. And it certainly is most deplorable to have educators at Yakutat with seemingly no religious interest at all.

During the year there have been seven births and eight deaths in the village. During the same period seven were baptized and four couples were united in marriage. Three of these were church weddings. I am happy of this turn of affairs. For a long period Yakutat has been without any official authorized to issue marriage licenses. This forced people to go Juneau and secure their licenses, a trip of some two hundred and fifty miles, requiring four weeks time, and entailing expenses of upward of one hundred dollars. And no wonder some resorted to the common law marriage, frequently practiced by whites and native alike in early Alaskan history. After much effort on my part a license officer was appointed here by the judge of the District Court in Juneau. And this removed the obstacles hitherto in the way of those desiring to marry. Further, such couples receive my clerical services free, and besides five dollars as a wedding gift. While the Alaska law now demands solemnization of marriage by a duly authorized officer, the enforcement of this

statute has been most lax, at least at Yakutat, and in order to discourage loose family ties I advanced such generous offer. And it seems to work for better morals.

However, much remains to be done yet, before our village can boast of even average decency. A number of white men have come in here in recent years, and some of these have even less of morals than the most backward Indian. They often move into the Indian home and become a kind of second husband, taking the place of the regular husband when he for some reason absents himself from home. Or, on the other hand, if this type of white man has a cabin of his own, it becomes the rendezvous of all the loose women in the village.

This state of affairs is most discouraging for us. And more than once I have been very sad and bitter because of the degeneracy of my white kinsmen.

The liquor traffic abated somewhat during the last year. This was largely due to the effort put forth by me and the native Christians. When our commissioner resigned and left Yakutat for a visit to Germany conditions began to improve. He believes in an "open town," a condition which is most harmful to the Indians. At two different times in recent years we have circulated petitions for a dry Yakutat and secured fully two-thirds majority. This has prevented the legalized saloon from getting a foothold. But the bootleggers have flourished--to the greatest injury of the people--and in direct violation of the statutes, especially so while the above mentioned commissioner held office.

From a material viewpoint this has been a good year for the people of Yakutat. While the fishing season was nothing extra the construction of a radio beacon here during the winter brought employment and good pay to many. Besides, the C. C. C. kept a gang busy all winter doing odd jobs around the village. We entertained the hopes that a much needed water system should also have been built during the winter, but this failed to materialize. Of all projects this should come first, as the insanitary, and poor health conditions of the people are largely due to lack of an adequate water system.

The native people of Yakutat have applied to the Secretary of the Interior for a reservation. This would include a strip of the coast over fifty miles long with the village nearly in the center. It is wanted largely because of the fishing privileges in these waters. Whether or not it will be granted remains to be seen. However, if granted, besides giving the Indians a substantial advantage as to fishing rights, it would be a wonderful boon to their moral and spiritual welfare. Because, if this people does not get some sort of protection from the harmful influences of unscrupulous whites its future is almost hopeless.

The station buildings including the church are in need of some renovation such as kalsomining and minor repairs. However, I have not been in my usual ambitious mood of late, and this work may have to go over until later.

As our vacation is long overdue we were requested by the Executive Board to come home a year ago. However, I was in the midst of a bitter war with the bootleggers here, and could not leave without causing great injury to temperance in particular and the missionary work in general. Because of this, and because of that I wanted extra time so I could visit Sweden during vacation, I in turn requested permission to remain here another year. This was generously granted by the Board.

Now the year has passed. War has broken out and engulfed the Scandinavian countries. And thus the much cherished trip must be cancelled. Further, the bootleggers of Yakutat have seized upon the opportunity to circulate that we must now leave Yakutat because of our misdeeds, which they have presented the Board. For these reasons we would rather stay yet another winter. However, the Mission Board has again requested us to take a vacation. And presume it will be best for us to obey the Board's will and leave for the homeland in the near future. But we all, and especially the Christians of Yakutat, deplore the fact that our leaving just now should be seized upon by the bootleggers as a victory for them. On the other had, it will be on the thirtieth year, if we stay until next fall, as now contemplated, since we came here, and about seventeen years since we were home last.

We have spent our best years and efforts to minister to this people. In a quiet and unostentatious manner we have worked and sought to exemplify the Master. And in season and out of season we have tried to be faithful to our great commission as missionaries. And not in vain have we labored. God has blessed us in a wonderful way, and we have had the blessed privilege to see many souls won for Christ during this period of work.

Lastly we want to thank our many friends and supports in the States. You have kept faith with us, generously you have contributed to our material welfare and your interest, love and prayers have brought us untold spiritual blessings.

Again we thank you, and God bless you all.

Yakutat, April 11, 1940.

Nellie and E. M. Axelson

White Mountain

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto Salvation to everyone that believeth."

It is time for another annual report. This will make our fifth and it should be our last for this term in Alaska for we shall be due for our first furlough this summer. However, for a number of reasons we have deemed it advisable to stay here for another year and then take our furlough. The Covenant Board of Foreign Missions has kindly consented to this plan. We would of course very much prefer going home this summer, but we are willing to stay on another year for the sake and welfare of the Lord's work here.

Again as we look back over the past year we see so much to be thankful for and so many things for which to praise our Lord and Master. There have been times when our faith has been sorely tired, when things have looked very discouraging, but by the power of God and faith, discouragement has turned into rejoicing and trials into blessings. This has been especially true concerning the spiritual condition of our people here in White Mountain. When our people came back from the camps last fall it just seemed as though a spirit of indifference and worldliness had placed its grip upon their hearts. Even those in whom we had had the most confidence were affected and seemed to draw away from their Lord. Our young people especially seemed to be losing out. For the first time since our coming to the village they began to have dances each Saturday night and even those of our young people who were professing Christians were drawn away with the ungodly to these worldly pleasures with the resultant loss of spiritual life and faith. However, they continued to attend church and this gave us an opportunity not to condemn, but to remind them of the folly of turning from Christ to the shoddy things of the world. There was a great temptation on our part to become discouraged, but our Lord stood with us and gave us faith to believe that the good work he had begun in the hearts of our people he would also finish. We continued to preach the gospel and pray for a time of spiritual refreshing from above. God answered prayer and the time of refreshing came and souls are still returning to the Savior and others are being born again.

This awakening did not come as a great sweeping revival, but as a quiet, powerful convincing work of the Holy Spirit. One of our young women who had fallen away from Christ confessed her sins and returned to the Lord. That was the beginning and since that time they have been coming one by one, although at some of our recent services we have had the joy of seeing a number of souls seeking the Savior. In order to help these young people we have organized a senior young people's society and that is proving to be a

valuable help to them in keeping up their testimony as well as encouraging others to come to Christ. We rejoice to see so many of our young people walking with Christ again and best of all they seem to be so much more in earnest now and one can see so much more evidence of the fruits of the spirit in their lives. Even the older Christians have been revived and have reconsecrated themselves to the Lord. So whereas the year began as one of our most discouraging it has through the help and power of God become one of our most encouraging. The spiritual standing of our people here in White Mountain both among the young and old seems to be the best that it has ever been. In past years we have noticed so little of the real fruits of the spirit in the lives of our professing Christians and it has grieved us and we have prayed for our people as Paul prayed for his people, that Christ might be formed in them. But recently through the working of God's Spirit there seems to be a deepening work of grace among our people and the fruits of the spirit are beginning to be seen in the lives of many. We praise and thank God for His faithfulness and goodness and for the fact that we know that when God begins a work of grace in the hearts of men He will not abandon them to the power of sin and worldliness.

We have continued with our regular services and activities this year in White Mountain. We have three Sunday services including Sunday school. On Monday night Mrs. Hanson meets with the Junior League group. Wednesday afternoon there is a meeting of the Sunday school teachers for the study of the lesson and in the evening we have our mid-week service. Thursday afternoon our Dorcas society holds its weekly meeting. There is a short devotional service after which the women sew garments and article of clothing that will later be sold and the proceeds used for charity work in our village and the support of our conference missionary in Mountain Village. On Friday evening we have our weekly young people's meeting. In addition we have weekly rehearsals of both our translator and English choirs. Then there is much other work that is in need of constant attention so that we are kept constantly busy.

I made my annual winter visit to Solomon the first part of March. They had the new log church all ready for dedication. We had a very inspiring dedication service and the little church was packed to the door. It was very encouraging to see the fine way in which our people over in Solomon are carrying on the work. They have built this fine little church all by themselves and they are carrying on with a full schedule of services every week. It is inspiring to visit a village under ones supervision and find the native leaders doing such a splendid piece of work.

We have during the past year included another village in our building program. Our church at Elim was badly in need of repair. Last spring I sent outside for materials. During the fall and winter the Elim people and especially the church leaders rebuilt the church. They also have done a very fine piece of work. Our annual conference was held in Elim this year and when we came we found practically a new church ready for the conference services. During the past five years we have built a church and house here in White Mountain, a new church in Solomon and rebuilt the church in Elim. Golovin is the only place in our charge that has not been improved. However, we do need a better building and location in Golovin, but time has not permitted us to undertake any further building projects.

I have traveled extensively this past year by boat, dog team, airplane and Aero Sled. Last summer I managed to get a good reliable airplane motor and build a new aero sled which has been highly successful, enabling me to travel more than ever before at a very small cost. It is especially useful in traveling between here and Golovin and Council, but I have also made a trip to Bluff and have gone part ways to Elim with it. My traveling expenses have been cut in half this winter due to the sled and its economy of operation. Then it is so much faster, comfortable and convenient than traveling by dog team.

In closing this report we would like to extend our most heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of our friends and the faithful supporters of our Alaska Mission in the homeland. You are our co-workers, through your interest, prayers and support, in the great work of bringing the knowledge of Christ and Him crucified to the Eskimos in the far North. May the Lord richly bless us all, each in his particular sphere of service, that we might be faithful to him who has called us from darkness into light and into his glorious service.

Yours in the Master's service,
Ralph and Alyce Hanson

Candle District

"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days."
Ecc. 11:1

Laboring in Alaska is often disheartening. Time passes on-- the Word sown sprouts in the good soil of some heart and then bears fruit. That has been our experience during the past year. At Haycock nine individuals have requested prayer. They, together with a few others that gave their hearts to God a year ago, now request that we organize a church there.

Mrs. Clara Johnson conducts a Sunday school which all the village children attend and some of the older folk as well.

Mrs. Carlson and I plan to visit the friends over there at least twice a month and also spend some longer periods of time there during the coming summer.

Late last fall the measles raged there which hindered us from conducting services when we visited the village. The same was true here at Candle also; here the epidemic lasted the greater part of the summer which hampered our work immensely.

The interest here at Candle has not been as keen as we would enjoy seeing it but our Sunday school is well attended, the natives and half-breeds are coming out to the services in large numbers while the interests among the whites are lagging. Much of their disinterest can be traced to our unconformity to their suggestions for conduction our mission work. However, we will continue to pray for them and labor on--God alone can move their hearts Christ-ward.

I have traveled more during the past year than any year heretofore and am looking forward to the coming year with greater accomplishments now when I can pilot the plane myself.

Our long intended trip to Hooper Bay and Scammon Bay has failed again this winter. Breakup came immediately upon my return from Fairbanks making ski landings unsafe and then, too, an epidemic of diphtheria was raging there, making it doubly inadvisable to go down for a visit but we are planning to visit those stations during the summer months.

At the present time we are greatly handicapped because of inadequate quarters to conduct our services. We are not complaining but hope that we might be able to arrange for buildings of our own during this coming year.

I am grateful to God also for the helpmate he sent me during the past year. Mrs. Carlson has done much to interest and teach the children in Sunday school; the older folk in our choir work and church services.

Grateful to our friends for their interests and continued support, and to God for His manifold blessings,

Gratefully submitted,
Rev. and Mrs. Paul Carlson

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Golovin and White Mountain: Rev. and Mrs. Ralph P. Hanson
Candle and Haycock: Rev. and Mrs. Paul B. F. Carlson
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Hooper Bay: Oscar Andrewuk
Mountain Village: Wilson Gonongnan
Nunivak Island: Jacob Kenick

The President's Report

Alaska apparently is the last western frontier of America. Our missionary work in this oldest of foreign fields is again blossoming. Many new churches and chapels have been built in recent years and others are planned. The huge defense preparations in the north-land, planned by the federal government, are bringing large numbers of white people to Alaska, among them some of our own young men. This year we are sending Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Benson to Yakutat to replace Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Axelson, who are returning to the States after a continuous absence from the homeland of nearly two decades.

ALASKA MISSIONS REPORT

In the summer of 1940 I remained at Unalakleet until late in August. For one thing, I wanted to be there to welcome and introduce our new missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. George O. Welch. We were happy to have them come to Alaska and to Unalakleet in the latter part of the summer. In connection with their arrival to our field we also wanted all the other Covenant missionaries in Northern Alaska to meet at Unalakleet for a Missionary Conference to discuss and decide upon several important questions regarding our work. One of these questions concerned the calling and sending out of native missionaries for Scammon Bay and for Mt. Village. After the Welches had arrived, the conference had been held, and the native missionaries had been sent, I got ready to leave for my third furlough.

As I was ready to leave I was happy to think of how much brighter things look now for our Alaska mission than they did some years ago. Part of 1929 and of 1930 I was the only white missionary in the service of the Covenant in northern Alaska. Again and again I pleaded for more interest in and more help for that field. Now we have six white missionaries in that district, and five new churches have been built there in recent years. Also, an aeroplane has been given to our Alaska mission and is a wonderful help in the work, taking us in comparatively short time from place to place.

For several years we have been wishing to do something for the people in Nome. The American Methodists have had the work there since many years back, but in recent years they have had no regular missionary there but a deaconess. Since many Eskimos live in Nome, especially during the summers, and many of the people from our villages go to Nome for work part of the year, we have been much concerned about that place. We, therefore, recommended that the Covenant should offer the Methodists to take over their mission in Nome, being that it is so close to our field. This has been done but the Methodists were not willing to let the Covenant take over their work. If the Methodists will do no better, in the near future, for the Eskimos in Nome than they have done the last five years, we can then feel free to start in with our own work there whenever we get ready. At least one man ought to give his time chiefly to the work among the natives in Nome.

September 13th I landed in Seattle, Wash., and from that time on I have been traveling and visiting in the Covenant churches most of the time. It has been my privilege again to present the cause of our Alaska mission in Covenant churches from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic. On some of my trips I have travelled together with the Secretary of Missions and missionaries from the Covenant fields in China and in Africa. We have had the privilege to speak at many missionary conferences. On this, my furlough, I have found a deeper, warmer, and more general interest in the Alaska mission that I have ever found before.

Thinking of the Covenant work among the native of Alaska and of the renewed love and interest for the same, I feel happy and praise God. But now there is a burden on my heart for many of the white people in Alaska. For some years past the population in Alaska has been made up of one half whites and one half natives. But recently the white population has increased much faster than the natives. We missionaries do, at times, emphasize the fact that an Indian and an Eskimo is just as precious in the sight of God as a white person, but we need remember, also, that a white person is not less precious in the sight of God than an Indian or an Eskimo. Alaska is opening up for business and settlement like never before. Millions and millions of dollars are spent by our government for the Defense Program in Alaska. Air bases and naval bases are built in many places. Men are going up there by the thousands, some for construction work, and others for training. Landing fields and roads are built, and transportation facilities for planes, boats and trains are speedily improved. We do not figure on that all these people will settle permanently in Alaska. Some will be there for a short time only. But it is probable that the army and navy bases will be kept there for years to come. Moreover, many people realize more and more the wonderful industrial and agricultural possibilities in Alaska. More and more white people move up there and settle there permanently. So far, about half of the white population in Alaska has been made up of Scandinavians. According to statistics, the two most common names in Alaska are Anderson and Johnson.

During my travels in different parts of Alaska I have met many whites that have not had the spiritual care that they had needed. Some former Covenant people, some Swedish Methodists and Baptists, I have met or heard of who had come to Alaska, and stayed for years, and slowly drifted away from God. During my travels in the States since last fall I have heard from friends in our churches about relatives and friends of theirs who were already in Alaska or were planning on going there in the near future. Against all the temptations, the sins and evils found also in Alaska a spiritual Defense Program is much needed. Does it not seem the right thing for us now to do all that we can do for these white people in Alaska? In behalf of the thousands of young men sent up to Alaska for military training--many of them from our own churches--and in behalf of other white men that are up in Alaska or go there to work for some years; or to settle permanently, I plead this time with our Covenant people not to shut their eyes to these opportunities, or their ears to the Macedonian cry, now coming from the north, "Come over and help us." The Covenant ought, as early as possible this summer, send a man up to Alaska to investigate carefully in a number of these places where white people now gather. After such investigation has been made recommendations should be made to send pastors and to begin work at different places among white people in Alaska. I fully believe that it would be the beginning of permanent Covenant work in several places in that Great Northwest of our continent.

E. B. Larsson

Candle District

"Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: Bless the Lord o my soul." Ps. 103:22

There was much good contained in the past year for which we are deeply grateful; not least for visible progress in the work of the Lord. It has been a source of joy to see definite Christian growth in the lives of many of the people on our field. Others have sought Christ as their Savior. Some of this keener interest is in part due to the more frequent contacts by the missionaries made possible by the use of the plane.

Twenty different villages have been visited during the past year. Last June Rev. Hanson and I made our first joint visit to some of the villages on his field.

The latter part of July our entire Northern staff met at Unalakleet for a week of services, consultation with each other and also to welcome to our field Rev. and Mrs. Welch.

During the month of November Rev. Hanson and I visited the major part of his field. Even though we were often stormbound the Gospel of Christ was not bound. The message He spoke still holds its divine power. It was our pleasure to have Rev. Hanson visit us here at Candle also.

January found us back at White Mountain again, assisting with a series of Bible studies and special services. At the close of the first week I called at Unalakleet for Rev. Welch and after the second week at White Mountain he, Mrs. Carlson and I left for Candle. After a night's visit at home Rev. Welch and I left on a two weeks itinerary ending at Unalakleet.

The seventeenth of March the much spoken of visit to Hooper Bay was begun. Our first stop was Haycock; from there we journeyed on to White Mountain to call for Rev. Hanson. At Unalakleet we bade farewell to Mrs. Carlson and headed south to our destination. Upon our first sight of the Yukon we changed our course and headed toward it, landing at Anvik. There we met the Rev. Chapman, son of the Rev. Mr. Chapman, who came to Alaska on the same boat that Rev. Mr. Karlson came to St. Michael on the first time. Rev. Chapman went up the Yukon to Anvik. Rev. Karlson up the coast to Unalakleet. After taking on a case of gas we took off for Mountain Village where we conducted a service that evening. The next morning we baptized two children; visited the village folk; had lunch; gassed up and left for Hooper Bay. Skirting the east side of the Kuschevak Mountain, following the low mountain range southeast of it we easily located the village. The distance that it take three days to traverse with a dog-team we had covered in forty-five minutes. It was a pleasure to meet with the people of this district for their annual conference. The Lord met with us also. His saving grace was revealed in the seeking of salvation by several of the people present.

Monday morning the weather was clear and unlimited. Our return trip to Unalakleet, non-stop was made in three and one-half hours. There we remain for our annual conference. The day before the conference began I called for Mrs. Hanson, Paul, and David. This was the second time during the year that it has been our privilege as a group to meet for a special occasion.

During the past year beside carrying on our work here at Candle we have visited Haycock twelve time. There, this year also, there have been some that have requested that we pray with them. Mrs. Johnson is faithfully continuing the Sunday school work. We are looking forward to making more frequent visits there this coming year, because the landing field was improved considerably last fall.

We are also hopeful that his coming summer, the Lord willing, to erect a chapel here at Candle. May it be a house where souls will see the Light of Life.

Gratefully Submitted,

Paul Carlson

Unalakleet

"O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the people."

Truly we give thanks unto God for His presence with us these past months and for victories won in Jesus name, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we did not arrive at Unalakleet until the later part of July, our report does not cover a full year. We were very grateful for Rev. Larsson's staying on about a month after we came; it meant so much to us knowing so little about this type of work with its many problems.

The first part of September the natives began to return from their fish camps so we were able to begin a full weekly schedule again. Soon weekly meetings were held again for Choir Rehearsal, Girl's Chorus, Sewing Society, Mid-week Prayer Service, Sunday School Teacher's Meeting and Sunday School besides the regular Sunday services which had been held all summer. Then every two weeks the Male Chorus and String Band began to rehearse again. Later in the fall, we began Children's meetings for those of school age, conducted by Mrs. Welch and still continue to be held. Then later in the winter a Young People's Society was organized. This time of the year we have to close off may of our meetings as whole families leave to hunt squirrel and seal. In July and August nearly all the people will move to their fish camps. Many of them come home Sundays though so Sunday services are held even then.

For a number of years Mr. Larsson has held a number of weeks of Bible School in which many of the people are interested. We had altogether five and one half weeks this year which proved a blessing to many and was used of God to bring one young woman back to Him.

Last fall, as we got into full schedule of services, there seemed to be a very keen interest and splendid attendance. Not only that but the Spirit of God began to move hearts and lives. Before we had gotten far into the winter, several having a need would stay at the close of a Sunday evening service. Some had problems, some had things in their lives bothering them, and some would stay to be saved. Very seldom did we pray with more than three or four in one night for salvation and yet during the winter over forty have sought the Lord here in Unalakleet. Many were backsliders, but many have come for the first time. A number of these new converts are already taking active part in the work of the church and are burdened for others. We are happy over a number of young married couples who have found salvation in Christ Jesus.

During our prayer week services, a real Spirit of revival was poured out upon us. Every night, if I remember correctly, some one sought the Lord. We rejoice greatly to see a deepening in Grace of many Christian lives and a turning from evil habits.

After prayer week I left for a three-week trip, Mr. Carlson taking me by plane. Both of us taught in the Bible school at White Mountain as well as speaking in evening services while there. These sessions were blessed by God, to the enlightenment and encouragement of those who attended, who were mostly young people. We stopped at both Candle and Haycock, but had services only at Haycock. From there brother Paul Carlson and I went to Koyuk and Shaktoolik, both outstations of Unalakleet. We spent four days in Koyuk and eight in Shaktoolik having two sessions of Bible study afternoons and evangelistic services in the evenings. These services resulted in the salvation of souls and strengthening of Christians. Particularly at Koyuk a number of backslidden young people returned to the Lord as well as several coming for the first time.

Conference was held at Unalakleet this year. Two hundred and eight guests came by way of fifty-five dog teams and the Fairchild. This conference proved to be a time of blessing to our Christian people as well as a means of salvation to several from different villages and Unalakleet.

We have corresponded with the native missionaries in Scammon Bay, Hooper Bay and Nunivak Island as well as forwarded their checks or paid bills or ordered for them at their request. Mr. Carlson and Mr. Hanson made a trip to Hooper Bay in the middle of March on which, I am sure, one of them will report. Also we have corresponded with the new native missionaries at Mountain Village and tried to encourage them in their new work. The Native Christians of our Native Conference of Northern Alaska support this missionary family and do so quite well considering that many of them have little to give.

The people at Shaktoolik have pleaded with us for a missionary but this is an outstation of Unalakleet and visited occasionally by the missionary here, we knew we could not think of asking the Covenant for a missionary in view of the fact of the added expense of transportation due to war and the necessity of building new stations in China. We advised them that we would do the next best thing, and send them a native leader whose wife is a splendid organist and choir leader, as we already knew of their willingness to go. We promised the Shaktoolik people that we would raise two hundred dollars if they would do the same and buy a house in Shaktoolik to belong to the Mission work. So this will be taken care of by garden money, special gifts sent in and so forth. Pray for Nick and Freda Riley, the lay leaders there who earn their own living and give of their time to God's work.

As the Hansons are leaving and Mr. E. B. Larsson is returning to Unalakleet, we are scheduled to go to White Mountain until the Hansons return, so we probably will leave here about the middle of July. We have learned to love these people and somewhat reluctantly leave so quickly, but we know that great opportunities await us in the White Mountain district also. A vocational school will be opened at White Mountain this fall which will bring in about one hundred young people of high school age from all over Northern Alaska. This will be an added opportunity in itself as well as a great responsibility.

We thank you, our loyal friends, for your loyal interest, your prayers on behalf of the work of God among the Eskimos, your material aid both by way of our support and by Christmas gifts for the native children, clothing for the poor and special gifts for the work.

"Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Sincerely yours in the Master's service,
George and Gladys Welch

Yakutat

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Thus spoke the Lord to the first missionaries long, long ago. But the call to missionary labor is still ringing clear, and servants of God are still pushing on with the gospel to re-

gions beyond. And people forgotten and hopelessly lost in sin and heathendom are reclaimed and saved to glory in the salvation of Christ.

The annual report is due. It completes the period 1911-1941, the time we have labored at Yakutat. Thirty years is but a moment in the evangelization of the world, but it is a major part of the individual missionary's work. True, some of us have the grace and strength to continue almost twice that period, yet others do not reach this allotted time; and we begin to feel as though the thirty years period had almost prepared us for retirement. However, we gladly take from the Lord whatever He has in store for us.--years of active work, or rest.

Perhaps it would not be far-fetched to make a summary of the years spent here. But we fear it would be difficult to find place for such a summary in the Year Book. Thus we will confine ourselves to the last fiscal year. Throughout the same we have labored as in former years. As we have a most centrally located church, we hold nearly all our meeting there. During fishing season we have morning services and Sunday school only each Sunday, as the people return to their fishing camps later in the day. But during the winter we have in addition to these, services during the week as well as Sunday evening services.

The year has not been a banner year in religious life and progress. And yet the Lord has blessed us in a very definite way. Our meetings have been well attended, most of the old Christians have continued to give good account of themselves, and a few have been reclaimed from sin and evil. And our holiday seasons such as Christmas and Easter were wonderful in spiritual blessings.

During the year we lost our old and faithful interpreter, T. M. Italio. This was a severe blow to us, as he was singularly gifted as interpreter and always on hand at the meetings. As interpreter he served since way back during the days of Johnson and Hendrickson, a truly great Indian pioneer in the Christian work at Yakutat. May God reward him accordingly. And not long since another pioneer was called to glory. That was Mrs. Mary Shakokawan Jackson. She had been with from the beginning; one of the first converts, she kept the faith in season and out of season until the Lord took her home. Except in time of illness she never missed a meeting. She was always ready with prayers and testimony to glorify her Savior. The above two are the outstanding Christians called by death during the year, but nine more have heard the last great summons and two of them were outstanding sinners; -a sad testimony to the works of the devil.

An equal number of children, boys and girls, have been born during the year. May they all, as the Scripture says, grow and increase in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Nine children have been dedicated to the Lord through the holy rites of baptism, and three couples have been joined in the sacred bonds of matrimony.

Many have been in ill health during the year, and considerable part of the time has been used in visiting these and administering spiritual and material comfort to them. Which of the two most desired, I am unable to say. But really, in time of sickness, these people are most anxious for spiritual comfort, and almost as eagerly they look for a material token of friendship, a piece of money, some fresh fruit, or such. And, needless to say, a missionary does not want to disappoint them in any way.

From being an isolated and almost forgotten village, Yakutat is just now growing up almost to the highway of the world. We now have mail service from Seattle twice a month by commercial steamers, and Government transports have called here about every week with men and supplies. The work on the radio beam station is finished. Construction on the Landing Field is in full swing. Some two hundred and fifty people have come here. Most of them are enlisted men, Just how many of them will be permanently located here, is hard to say, as the Army is not exactly broadcasting its future plans. However, all signs seem to indicate an important landing field under construction.

Nor is it just now easy to predict how this influx of people will affect the missionary work. Up to this time most of the new-comers have lived in the village. But as the barracks are completed at the landing field, they will move out there. This is over three miles from the village, and thus becomes a community by itself, separated and wholly governed by military regulations.

Up to this time, however, there has been more of a free concourse among us. Many of the soldiers are attending our meetings, a few of them confess Christ, and have impressed us greatly with their testimonies. Others, of course, are of a different type. But we have no complaint to make about them. And especially the officers have proven to be of a most excellent class of men. The two in command here, use neither liquor nor tobacco, are industrious and efficient, and, indeed, our Army and our country are safe in the hands of such men.

The station buildings are in fair condition. The church was painted last summer. This was done by me and son Clifford. I also intended to Kalsomine the interior, but part of the roof was leaking a little. Thus this work has been put off until next summer, when we expect to have the roof repaired. The manse also needs a coat of paint, which will be applied at first opportunity. The old school building near the manse should be torn down, and a small supply house built in place, serving also as a garage. But I may not be ambitious enough to do this during the summer.

Our arch enemy the liquor traffic has had tough going, at least part of the year. The chief advocate of an open town, and which always was the main spring in this traffic, has been exposed as advocate of Hitlerism. And this seems to have made him more careful in his support of liquor. For part of the winter even beer was banned at the canteen, and not even the soldiers could buy it, much less, civilians.

To those of you who have become impatient with our long stay, we wish to say that our plans are made to come home early next fall. We are happy to learn that the brethren in the Executive Committee have made plans to call Reverend and Mrs. Stanley Benson of Ridgway, Pa., to succeed us in the work. We had hoped for two years of furlough, and spend one of these years in Sweden. But the horrible war has cancelled our plans, and at present we are not so sure about our future plans. But I am confident that the Lord will reveal in due time the course for us to take.

There are many problems confronting the Yakutat field, which we would like to discuss, but feel this is not the time nor place to do so. We trust, however, such opportunity will offer itself on our visit in the home field.

In closing this, the thirtieth report, we pause, and thank our Lord and Master for his unspeakable love and mercy that have sufficed for us in such a wonderful way, and so abundantly sustained us during the years; we thank you, dear friends and supporters in the home field, you cheered us with your greetings, you sustained us with your goods, and you strengthened us with your prayers. Again thank you, and God bless you. And now, as though present, all of you with us in spirit--let us pause, and in silence offer a prayer for the Yakutat field and the Christian natives.

Your missionaries,

Nellie and E. M. Axelson

Yakutat, Alaska, April 28, 1941

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Alaska also bristles with military establishments. It is our front against Asia. Even to this field, within our own national borders, transportation is restricted. In northern Alaska we are expanding the scope of our endeavors, including plans for missionary work on Little Diomed Island, a stepping stone to Siberia. The board of missions does not consider it advisable to augment our work in southern Alaska since this is far from our main field.

Theodore W. Anderson

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF WORLD MISSIONS

Our Alaska Missions consists of eleven missionaries and eight native workers. Two new names have been added to our Alaska roll during the past year, namely Stanley and Edla Benson who have succeeded Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Axelson at Yakutat.

The Hansons have been granted an extended furlough because of Mrs. Hanson's frail health and the government order barring women and children from northern Alaska for the duration. Paul Carlsons have just returned to the States for their first furlough and the board has seen fit to send up to Alaska a young man from our school to supply the vacancies in the Candle District. We hope that this meeting will approve the selection of this young minister, namely Emory Lindgren of Lanyon, Iowa, for one year's service in Alaska.

The airplane which has been so useful in our work in Alaska has recently been sold with the intention of purchasing another when the war is over. New war-time restrictions and regulations made it well nigh impossible to use the mission plane, as the federal agents were afraid it might get into the hands of a hostile power who might use it for other purposes than that of spreading the message of peace.

Gust E. Johnson

ALASKA MISSIONS REPORT

Unalakleet

After a furlough of ten months and one week I left Seattle on the 20th of July last summer to return to Alaska. My visits with our Covenant people in their homes and churches and at conferences had given me much joy and encouragement. More than ever before do I realize what a great number of friends we missionaries have; friends that think of us, pray for us, and gladly bring their offerings for the Lord's work in Alaska.

My main reason for returning to Alaska so early in the summer was my desire to make an extra trip along the coast of southwestern Alaska to find what I could about the needs of missionary work in that part of the territory. As the boat connections were good, I managed to make the round trip between Seward and Unalaska in less than two weeks. According to what I was able to find out, the greatest opportunities and needs for missionaries are found in Anchorage and in places southwest and west of Anchorage. As the town or village of Homer is situated about six miles from the dock nearest to it, I could not take the time to go there, but I spoke to several of the Homer people. They told me that

Homer is a prosperous farming district, extending about fourteen miles in length, with about five hundred people having their homes there. They have three schools but no church. Anchorage is a modern, fast growing city. It was estimated that by fall of 1941 there would be approximately 15,000 people, counting the men in training in the military camps just outside of Anchorage. It is probable that a good number of men will be kept in these military camps even after the war. Some distance west of Anchorage is another place, Livelock, the needs of which have been called to our attention by Christian school-teachers who for some time worked in that part of Alaska. After this my special trip I feel more than ever convinced that the needs for missionaries in that part of Alaska are great, and I think that the Covenant ought to send a man there to look the places over more carefully than I had time to do. Starting with work in one or two places, the work could afterwards be enlarged and extended. Our Missionary Council of northern Alaska unanimously agreed to recommend to the Covenant that an investigation of this field be made this year.

In Anchorage I stayed over one Sunday and was invited by brother Axel Nicolason to speak at the meetings in his church. Brother Nicolason told me that he would like to have his group organized as a Covenant Church.

Brother Paul Carlson met me in Fairbanks and took me to Unalakleet. There I found things in good order. The Welches had left about a month before I came but had arranged with one of the natives to look after the work until I arrived. During their stay in Unalakleet the Welches had won the confidence and love of the people there.

The people of Unalakleet have been unusually busy during the past fall and winter. Quite a few of the young people have gone for work to other places, and several of our young men have left for military training. During the fall and the first part of the winter many of the men here were engaged in CCC work. Thus I found it impossible during the daytime to gather any large number for Bible School, as I have done many years in the past. When I could not have the classes during the day I tried with evening classes and a good number attended.

Every other year I have a confirmation class. A class of eleven have finished this course. The Sunday services and our many extra meetings during the winter have been very well attended. A few have been converted during the winter.

In the fall I made a short trip by boat as far north as Shaktoolik. In the first part of February brother Carlson came and took me by plane to visit the villages as far north as Dime Creek. During that trip we had several services in Dime Creek, in Koyuk, and in Shaktoolik. Both in Koyuk and in Shaktoolik we had baptismal and communion services. Later on I went to Egawik by dog team. Our yearly conference, which should have been held in White Mountain this spring, had to be cancelled on account of sickness in the village. But brother Carlson then brought the Welches and some of the members of our conference Committee to Unalakleet. Thus, we white missionaries could gather as a Missionary Council to discuss different plans and problems in connection with our work. Together with the members of our Conference Committee we also made the necessary decisions and arrangements for our work at Mt. Village and for the conference for next year. Hearty greetings were sent to our many dear friends in the States from the people gathered here at that time.

As usual, the salaries and the appropriations for our missionaries and stations at Scammon Bay, Hooper Bay and on Nunivak Island have been sent to Unalakleet and forwarded from here. Jacob Kenick together with Paul Ivanoff and some of his family and others from Nunivak Island visited us last fall and took part in several services. The Lord's work has prospered out on the island. Jacob told me that all the people out there now profess to be Christians. They are eager to get Bibles and to learn to sing. Both on the island and in the district south of Unalakleet they now have their yearly conferences. The

missionaries sent to Mt. Village in 1940 left last fall and returned to Unalakleet. Our conference has now called Abraham Lincoln from White Mountain to go to Mt. Village for a year.

Most of our people in Unalakleet and neighboring villages have been in comparatively good health this year. But our Chief, Nashalok, has passed away. He was about 80 years old at the time of his death. Nashalok was the youngest of five brothers that were leaders in the village at the time our first missionary Axel E. Karlson came to Unalakleet in 1887. From the very first these brothers, Dalelek being the chief at that time, received the missionaries with kindness, and they continued to be their friends. Now old Nashalok was happy at the thought that he was going to that Great Chief, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, whom he also had learned to trust and love.

Unalakleet, Alaska, in April, 1942

E. B. Larsson

Candle District

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Ps. 126:3

A great deal of our time during the past year has been occupied by menial tasks. The major ones were: assisting with the overhauling of the plane, the erection of a church here at Candle, moving the living quarter, and adding to it. All this has taken time, but not all of our time.

Most of the month of May I supplied in the White Mountain district; Mrs. Carlson carried on the work here at Candle.

Our travels this year were curtailed because of work, inclement weather, and war. However, eighteen villages have been visited. It was an inspiration to see the appreciation expressed on the faces of many that attended the services. Some, this year also, sought Christ and his forgiveness.

It was my privilege to take Rev. and Mrs. Hanson and boys to Fairbanks last spring when they left on their furlough, and again call there for Rev. Larsson when he returned.

This spring when our annual conference was called off we prepared to go to Unalakleet. First Rev. Welch and I went to Solomon. The next morning we took off for Unalakleet. Upon our arrival we enjoyed the fellowship of our Christian friends, after which I was sent back to pick up Abraham Lincoln, secretary of our northern Alaska conference, living at White Mountain, and Stephan Ivanoff, president, who resides at Shaktoolik. Thus we, together with the officers of our northern Alaska conference, had the opportunity to deal with the problems pertinent to our work.

Yes, "the Lord hath done great things for us..." He has made it a reality for us to have a church at Candle. He has provided us with the best possible means of transportation. He has honored the efforts put forth with souls.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul and Nell Carlson

White Mountain

Again it is time for another annual report; a year goes by so quickly. Though we cannot report such results as we did in our report a year ago nevertheless God has blessed in a measure and we rejoice in the privilege of being Christ's ambassadors to dark, cold Alaska.

We spent about three months in Unalakleet after sending in our last report. As Mr. Larsson was returning to Unalakleet in late summer and we were scheduled to take the Hansons' place at White Mountain and Golovin we left Unalakleet on July 23 for Golovin. We spent about five weeks in Golovin and found good interest there especially among the children. A few of the older children confessed Jesus Christ as their Savior. An elderly couple of Christian workers had spent a few weeks in Golovin previous to our coming and it seems their stay, too, proved to be a blessing to Golovin people.

By September many White Mountain people were home from their fish camps and new students were arriving for the Government Vocational School so we felt the need of moving again, this time up river to White Mountain. What a contrast the fine new Mission buildings of White Mountain were to old dilapidated Mission at Golovin. The Golovin Mission is built on a low spot on the sand "spit" and high waters which come each year are threatening the old building. The same month we left Golovin a bad storm and high water did wash away all the floor from the front porch, and washed away the banking and began to undermine the main part of the building. Perhaps only another year will the old building stand if such storms continue.

We have carried on the usual services here besides visiting the outstations as time has permitted and circumstances have allowed us to. I have visited Golovin a few times since leaving there last September and we rejoice to be able to report that things look brighter at Golovin. While formerly one elderly woman alone had carried on with meetings as best she could when no missionaries were in Golovin, now we have a few men who have come more fully on the Lord's side and are helping in the leadership of the church. I have been able so far to visit Elim, Solomon and Council only once since coming here. Short visits were possible at Council and Solomon. At Solomon I was really surprised to find how small and inadequate their church building was for the needs of the village. They surely need a new building, and the Missionary Council is requesting same. The people there promise to help to the extent of about \$250 beside \$250 which they hope to get for the present building. I was able to stay one week in Elim and saw the blessing of God upon the services with visible results.

Last fall when we moved to this field from Unalakleet we found that the Adventist missionaries from Nome were here as hosts of the Government teachers and having some services. These teachers had been here the same length of time as the Hansons and had been secretly trying to proselyte all that time and more so last summer when no missionary was regularly here. We thank God that these teachers have left, the husband now studying for another profession. This proselyting by personal means as well as the paid subscriptions to Adventist papers for our people has undoubtedly been one cause for the spiritual lethargy we seem to be going through at present in White Mountain. I'm afraid that some are still bewildered and wonder who is right, we or the Adventists. If any of our brethren in the ministry have some suggestion as to how a permanent stop might be put to these papers coming to our people we should be so glad for your prayerful suggestions. Slowly the Adventist missionaries in Nome are getting the names of our people in our villages and sending them free subscriptions to their magazines "Signs of the Times" and "Present Truth." These are definitely propaganda magazines and bewilder some of our people. Even yet I believe it is true that the majority of our people do not care for these papers but

they have little to read and some do spend time on these papers. The Adventist seem to respect no other Protestant work but seem to think of such a good field for them to work in.

The reopening of the vocational school with its worldly-minded staff also has brought about problems but through much discussion with the principal of the school and then the loss by fire of the main school building, a better spirit of co-operation and understanding has come about between church and Government school as well as a curb on some planned amusements. Since the time of the fire in early winter, a goodly portion of the forty boarding school students have attended faithfully two to three services a week. For these victories we thank God.

We covet the prayers of others for the deepening of the Native Covenant church in Alaska. A hearty thank you and may God bless you to those who have given of their means and to those who have made articles of clothing to be given out to our people, to those who have sent Christmas boxes and to those who have remembered us and God's work in this corner of the world in prayer in past months.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

Yours in His service,
George and Gladys Welch

April 21, 1942

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Alaska is now in the foreground in the military strategy of our nation. Though as yet restricted to military use, the Alaska highway brings this field much closer to the United States. If it is possible a Covenant representative should go to the northland this summer to visit our mission stations and appraise new fields in southern Alaska. Due to the recurring illness of George Welch, he and his family must return to the states without further delay. Emory and Ruth Lindgren flew into Alaska last fall to begin their missionary career, temporarily in Alaska; ultimately, they hope, in China. Paul Carlson and his family will return to the field later this year. Due to Mrs. Hanson's incomplete recovery, Ralph Hanson and his family must remain in the States another year.

Theodore W. Anderson

Snatches from the Report of the Secretary of Missions

During the past year we have had...thirteen (missionaries) on our Alaska roll. At present six of our Alaska missionaries are on furlough; Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Hanson, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Carlson, and Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Axelson.

We have seven missionaries in Alaska. In Alaska we have four married, native-born couples in our work.

We were enabled to get two new missionaries off to Candle, Alaska, namely, Rev. and Mrs. Emory Lindgren. The way to Alaska was barred for civilians. The government forbade women and children to take that trip. But when Rev. Emory Lindgren applied for himself and his wife, Ruth, to go to Candle, Alaska, the authorities willingly granted him his request, because they were missionaries.

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Hanson, of Alaska, will not be able to return to their field this next fall as had been planned, because Mrs. Hanson is not so strong as she ought to be. Rev. Ralph Hanson has therefore accepted a temporary call to the church in Berkeley, Calif. Rev. George Welch's health has broken down on account of the severe climate, so he and his wife must return to the States. We are fortunate in having Rev. and Mrs. Emory Lindgren up there, and they will stay on another year, though their original intentions were to go to China.

Gust E. Johnson

ALASKA MISSIONS REPORT

Unalakleet

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isaiah 55:11

For yet another year it has been my privilege to proclaim the blessed word for the Lord to quite a number of people here in northern Alaska. During the winter I have, this far, made two trips in the district. Before Christmas I made a short trip, visiting Egawik and Shaktoolik. Then, after New Year, I went as far as to White Mountain, stopping at Egawik, Shaktoolik, Koyuk, Dime Creek, Moses Point, Elim and Golovin. In most of these places I was able to hold three or more services. This winter I was to help with the teaching in the Bible school at White Mountain, and thus I had the pleasure of staying with the Welches about two weeks and a half. Again in a few days I shall leave for White Mountain, as our yearly conference is to be held there in the last part of this month. Later, I may make a trip to St. Michael where a few of our church members are living. All my traveling this winter has been by dog team. The commercial fliers are very busy these days, and the fare, in having them make frequent stops, is higher than we missionaries can afford to pay.

During the winter I have visited a small military camp and held services there. Some of the men there were Indians and half-breeds from southern Alaska but most of the men were white. A good number of the young men from our own district are now out in military service, and more are being called right along. By writing to them and by having the Covenant Weekly sent to them I try to help and cheer them in their new kind of life.

As usual, I have kept on writing to and forwarding the salaries to our native missionaries in the district south of Unalakleet. Wilson Gonongnan and wife, stationed at Scammon Bay, were here at Unalakleet for a visit last summer. On their way, coming and going back, they stopped for quite a while in different places and held services. For Mt. Village we succeeded to get Harry Soxie and his wife as missionaries supported by the Christians up here. During the year some very encouraging reports have come from the district south of Unalakleet, telling of souls that have been saved and of a great willingness on the part of many to help in the Lord's work.

Right here at Unalakleet we have continued with our work much the same as usual. In the summer we, ordinarily, have our Sunday services only, but for the rest of the year we have our Sunday school work, weekly meetings, choir practice, some Bible school, and so forth. Many extra services have been held this winter and the attendance has been good. Though we have had no great revival, yet we have had the joy of seeing some here at home and some in other villages turn to the Lord.

Last summer we started to gather a church building fund for Unalakleet. The oldest part of our church was built in 1901. Two additions have been made, the latest one in 1932. But we need a new church soon. It was very encouraging to see many of our people, church members and other, be very willing to help with the gathering of such a fund. We have now almost \$1,000 subscribed, and of that a little more than 98% has been paid. Some of this money has come from friends in the United States and some from Alaskans in other villages but most of it has been contributed by Unalakleet people.

Everything considered, we can rightly say that we have had a good year. Mail and freight service has not been any too good during the past year, and for a season we were running short of butter, milk, sugar, and other good things, but we have not been starving. I keep on directing and helping with the garden work and it has been a great help to our village that we have had a large quantity of garden products both for use in the village homes here and for shipping. No severe epidemic has visited our village during the past

year. At present most of our people are in fairly good health. And we praise the Lord that, so far, we have been left in peace and no enemy has come to destroy our villages in this part of Alaska.

E. B. Larsson

Candle District

"Establish thou the work of our hands."

Esa. 90:17

The progress of our work at Candle has been two-fold. During the past year we had the joy of erecting a church edifice. It is not a large building but it is a church that would be an asset in any community. The church and house are built on a lot three hundred by four hundred feet. The ground was given to the Mission by a Mr. Mathew of Seattle. The church was completed and dedicated the seventeenth of May, 1942.

Our visitations to Haycock and many of the other outlying villages were curtailed because of our building program. However, we have been much encouraged to know that the work is progressing.

In the spiritual realm, our successors, the Rev. and Mrs. Emory Lindgren report a renewed interest in the Sunday school. They have added an adult class that is taught in the Eskimo language by a lady that lived in Unalakleet several years ago and found the Lord there. Since then she has given much of her time to Christian work. They also have introduced a native service. One of the Eskimo men interprets the sermon. This gives the old people that do not understand the English very well, an opportunity to hear God's word in their own tongue. The most gratifying news received from Candle is the fact that God has moved hearts heavenward. Several have been convicted of their sins and have sought Christ for forgiveness and salvation.

It was deemed advisable to sell the Mission plane because of existing conditions. At the present time none of the missionaries in Alaska has a "pilots certificate of competency" to fly. Since Pearl Harbor, all planes have to be under twenty-four hour guard, or dismantled and stored in proper buildings. A plane that is dismantled cannot be used. It only deteriorates. Hiring men to stand guard for a period of eighteen months would cost a sum of money greater than the value of the plane. A more modern and up to date plane can be purchased, when the time comes, with the money received for the "Fairchild" and other available funds. But until that time, if the Lord tarries and so wills, the missionaries on the field are depending upon the available modes of transportations their respective villages afford, boats, dog-teams and planes.

Mrs. Carlson and I desire also to express our appreciation to the Mission Board and Mission Friends for their keen interests in the Alaska Mission work. The kindness shown us have made our furlough a most pleasant one.

May the Lord bless and establish the efforts put forth in his name.

Nell and Paul Carlson

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"Candle is a mining town." Those words speak for themselves in Alaska. The three saloons in this small village gave evidence when we arrived last September, that our work would be difficult. A few warned us to "take it easy." Others insinuated that life in Candle

could not be changed. Such was our initiation. It was not pleasant but we heard the reassuring words of Christ--"Lo, I am with you alway." They have given us much comfort.

We have carried on faithfully with the work here and although the saloons are still here, we have won some definite victories. First we sought to enroll all the children in Sunday school. A package of gum for each new pupil was the enticing proposition put to those already enrolled. It wasn't much but we soon had every child in town enrolled! We taught them many choruses which we knew would gladden their own little hearts. We also gave them the most important thing-- God's Word, with the prayer that the seed would fall on good ground.

Many of the natives think they must do what the white man does and in consequence their Christmas was celebrated with much drinking. Disheartened, we decided to hold a series of evangelistic meetings following Christmas and to call upon God to send a cleansing. Our prayers were answered and a number came to the Lord. Praise God! The natives are very weak morally but God is able to save to the uttermost.

In order to help the young girls, Mrs. Lindgren organized a society for them which meets the majority of the time at our little home on Saturday nights. This has proved to be very helpful.

Our week-day services have consisted of an evening of song and one of prayer. The natives love to sing and have enjoyed these services much. If they loved to pray just as much, the difficulties would not be so numerous.

The middle of January we planned a dog-team trip to Haycock, sixty miles away, but the weather turned so bitterly cold that it was unthinkable. However, we took that route on the way to the annual conference held in White Mountain the latter part of March. We held services at four villages along the way where native workers are carrying on for the Lord and for the Covenant. It was about twenty below most of the week during which we traversed the hundred and seventy-two miles. A hard trip especially for a white woman but the missionary's wife remained undaunted.

On our arrival in White Mountain we learned that our host-missionary, George Welch, was ill and unable to attend the conference. We nevertheless proceeded with the conference together with our veteran missionary E. B. Larsson. We new missionaries will long remember this great gathering. If you had been there I'm sure your faith in foreign missions would have increased. There were testimonies in the native tongue which we could not understand except for the radiant faces which told of an inner joy which Christ alone can give. It was a thrill to grasp their hand and feel that kinship in Christ.

We came to the conference wondering what should be done about the work in Candle. We felt that full-time missionaries would not be warranted during the coming year due to a population decrease brought about by a curtailment in gold-mining. With the decision that the Welchs should return to the States as soon as possible in order that Mr. Welch may regain his health, the council decided that we should take charge of the work in White Mountain for the coming year. We thus plan to leave in a few weeks for White Mountain. However, we trust that at least occasional visits can be made here if a town remain. It appears now that even the saloons will have to go out of business.

The blessings of the last seven months have been untold. The abundant life, at least to a degree, has become a real reality. We close by thanking you for your prayers and your support. May we together look forward to the future and claim that great promise-- "Ask and it shall be given you."

Ruth and Emory Lindgren

Yakutat

While on the whole we must report that the Mission here is weak, yet there are things that make it worthwhile. Not only does the work we are privileged to do among the men in our armed forces make it so, but when one is privileged to note perhaps a few, yet unmistakable footprints of the Master and discern his influence upon even a remnant, and when all allowances are made, we cannot yield to despair. Our duty is to be faithful to our Lord and to our calling, and that is what we seek to do.

As we conceive it, our main duty here is to live and to preach and to teach the gospel among these people. Services are held regularly twice each Sunday, with one of the messages of the day translated by an interpreter. Some forty boys and girls attend our Sunday school and also receive our fine Sunday school literature. Eight girls are enrolled in our confirmation class, some of them manifesting good interest. Communion is celebrated once each quarter. The average attendance at the morning services is 25 and at the evening services 50.

The special occasions that arise in the homes give the missionaries choice opportunities to bear witness. Such have been the ten funerals we have conducted during the year. Eleven children have been born of which three have died and five have received baptism. One wedding ceremony was performed.

Other means are also utilized. Thus we have distributed Scripture calendars, Christian literature, pictures of the Christ, and the gifts provided by thoughtful groups in our churches.

The service the mission renders to the members of the local armed forces is important. The post chaplain is Catholic and thus we have been called upon to minister to the Protestants. Every courtesy has been shown us by the officers in charge. A service is held at the post each Sunday morning before the service in the church. Bible study meetings are held at the parsonage each Tuesday evening. The men also attend the Sunday evening services at the church in goodly number. On many occasions both the officers and the enlisted men have been entertained in our home. We are confident that opportunities of service to these men will increase in number.

Improvements have been made on the church. A new roof is being put on and the interior is now being redecorated. New Covenant hymnals have been purchased. A curtain to be used in the Sunday school work has been provided. The parsonage has been partly remodeled.

Special offerings have been taken. One for the aforementioned improvements, one for our foreign missions, one for our former missionary, the Rev. Albin Johnson, one for the teachers who lost all their possessions in the school fire, and one for the chairman of the church, Mr. Sam George, who has been in the hospital for some time.

In a community like this we are called upon to participate in other worthy causes, and this we have done by giving leadership to the local Red Cross by organizing a branch and by raising \$1,400 in the War Fund Drive and through the Post Office issuing over \$60,000 worth of War Savings Bonds.

We are most happy to learn of the proposed visit of a Covenant representative. We believe that such a visit will be an inspiration to the work here.

Personally, we greet all our fellow-Covenanters and pray God's blessing upon our annual meeting. Many thanks to our leaders and to all who by prayer, by correspondence, by gifts, and by their thoughtfulness have brought us comfort, joy, and renewed courage.

Edla and Stanley Benson

White Mountain

"All things work together for good to those that love God."

The work of God continues to go on in spite of sickness, opposition, indifference or any of the many enemies to the great Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We continue on with the regular services in White Mountain. During the past winter the deacons have willingly conducted many services during my illness. Mr. Larsson came here late in January to help with Bible school and special meetings. These efforts were blessed with the salvation of a goodly number of junior young people and children.

We have travelled as much as time, weather and health have permitted. Four dog team trips and three boat trips have been made to Golovin the past year and besides we spent nearly two months in Golovin last summer. One dog team trip was made to Council and Solomon last spring and one boat trip to Council. Mr. Emory Lindgren made one trip to Solomon and he and his wife made one trip to Council during my illness.

During the past year the work in Golovin has shown the most progress. Though many are yet unsaved there is good interest and a few capable leaders. I spent five days there this winter with Bible classes in the afternoons and evangelistic services in the evenings. The old church building was filled each evening. The greatest handicap in Golovin is the poor building we have there.

Last fall we planned to visit Elim, Council, and Solomon at least twice each month during the winter but sickness prevented fulfillment of these plans. However, these places have had visits from other of our missionaries. Council and Solomon have already been mentioned in this matter and also both the Lindgrens and Mr. Larsson held services in Elim as well as in Golovin when passing through by dog team.

Last September I followed Mr. Larsson's suggestion to make a trip to Nome to find out what I could do in regard to the Little Diomedé people who usually spend their summers in Nome. However, last summer they had crossed to the mainland but had not come to Nome in as large numbers as usual. And yet, I did find many natives in Nome from our different villages where we have churches.

This report is being finished in Bozeman, Montana, where we now are. Due to my breaking down in health we found it necessary to return to the homeland. I have been ordered by the doctor to rest until at least the end of August.

We left White Mountain early in May and the Lindgrens are carrying on there now. While in Nome a few days, on our way out, we found many of our own natives working there. If we start work in Nome we would have many natives who are not only acquainted with our work, but a number who are also Christians.

What the future has in store for us personally we know not. To know that God is in the future is enough.

George and Gladys Welch

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The President's Report

Alaska is no longer a scene of battle, but remains a vital military zone and is increasingly strategic commercially. At last we have a missionary family in the important city of Nome. Little Diomed Island, on the edge of Russia, is in our sphere of operations. Our missionaries would like to establish a beachhead in Siberia too in due time. Last fall we purchased a new plane for Alaska. A Christian children's home would be a great asset in our field. At the request of the executive board Ralph Hanson is remaining in the homeland to assist us at the Covenant office in the administration of missions for which he is so eminently qualified.

Theodore W. Anderson

Report of the Acting Secretary of Missions

Alaska

The missionary staff in Alaska numbers thirteen, native workers not included. A year ago we had only five of this number in the field, now we have seven. The addition is the result of the return of the Paul B. B. Carlsons last August. At present the Ralph P. Hansons are temporarily serving the church at Berkeley, Calif., the George O. Welches are temporarily serving the church at Phoenix, Ariz., and the E. M. Axelsons are residing in Seattle, Wash.

Upon their return to Alaska the Paul B. F. Carlsons settled in Nome. Their particular task in Nome and vicinity is to minister to our Covenant people and others who have come to this area as a result of the war. When the Carlsons arrived in Nome last summer they found it impossible to rent a house to live in. For this reason a house has been purchased during the year. This means that we have a home for missionaries at Nome also.

Last fall we purchased another missionary plane. We were compelled to sell our first missionary plane at the outbreak of the war. The acquisition of a new plane was a fortunate one. We had concluded that it would be impossible to purchase another plane until after the war and that it would be necessary for us to find a suitable one here in the States and ship it to Alaska. Shortly after arriving at Nome brother Carlson located a suitable plane in good condition. He immediately informed the Covenant office of his find, and shortly authorization to purchase it was forwarded to him by the Covenant Executive Board. During the past year a new snow sled has also been built. This work has been done at Berkeley, Calif., by Ralph P. Hanson. Recently this work was completed and the sled is now being shipped to the northland.

Edgar E. Swanson

ALASKA MISSIONS REPORT

"And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God." Luke 13:29

To the Lord God our Father we lift up our hearts in praise and thanksgiving for his abounding love and mercy during the past year. Through his people in our Covenant churches he has provided the means to keep the mission work going on this field; and in these troublesome times, when "destruction wasteth at noonday" and at any time of the day, he has graciously protected us and permitted us to work in peace and safety. Every year there are joys and sorrows in the mission work. We have been happy to see quite a few come to the Lord also this past year, but with grief we see some that "walk no longer with him." With many soldiers and other white men in this part of Alaska at present, some of which do not take any real interest in Christianity, there come special problems and difficulties. Temptations to evil are more numerous than usual, and some of the natives are easily led astray.

Unalakleet

The undersigned has carried on the work at Unalakleet also this past year. All the year around we have our Sunday services. For the greater part of the year we have Sunday school, and we have Wednesday night prayer meetings. This year I have had a confirmation class of eighteen. We have also had several weeks of Bible school and a good many services during the fall and winter. In the early part of the fall brother Lindgren came and stayed with us for quite a while and later brother Carlson came. We had extra services during their stay with us, and we prayed for many, especially of the boys and girls. Just recently both of them have been here again and we have had some more extra services.

During the winter I have been out four times to visit other villages. On the first trip I went as far as to Dime Creek, stopping to have services in Shaktoolik and Koyuk. As I found that the Spirit of the Lord was working in a special way in Shaktoolik, I made a second trip to that village. Some of the Christians there were renewed and strengthened in the spiritual life and many of the younger ones came to the Lord. In the latter part of March our annual conference for this district was held in Shaktoolik, and so I went there again. According to the report there were 218 people from other villages attending the conference. From this conference greetings in the Lord were sent to our Covenant people in the Chicago office, to pastors and members of our Covenant churches, and to former missionaries to Alaska. After the conference at Shaktoolik brother Carlson took me in the mission plane to the Hooper Bay district where we arrived just in time to have a part in their conference.

White Mountain

Since the Welches had to leave last spring, because of brother Welch's sickness, the Lindgrens were asked by the missionary council to move to White Mountain. They arrived there last spring, May 4. As many of the White Mountain people move away for fishing and other work during the summer, the Lindgrens spent almost three months at Golovin at that time. They also visited Council by boat during the summer.

Right at home in White Mountain many of the Christians have been renewed in their faith during the winter and some have come to the Lord for the first time. Beside the two visits to Unalakleet brother Lindgren has visited Candle, Moses Point, Elim, Golovin, and Solomon during the winter.

There are now three missionaries in White Mountain. On December 26, 1943, little JoAnn Ruth came to stay with the Lindgrens. They call their little daughter "Mashock," which means sunshine.

The rest of the Covenant missionaries in Northern Alaska are happy to know that the Lindgrens feel led by the Lord to stay in Alaska for the full five-year term, at least. We hope that they will work here much longer, if the Lord tarries.

Nome

At last the Covenant has missionaries in Nome. For a number of years we have been thinking of Nome as a place for Covenant mission. Considering the great need of mission work in Nome and of the good landing field for aeroplanes, the missionary council decided a year ago to suggest to the Carlsons that they on their return to Alaska settle in Nome. This they did when they returned from the States early last fall. Many people from the villages of our district- church members and others- go to Nome to stay there for shorter or longer time. Some settle there permanently. As the Covenant has no church yet in Nome people have met for prayer meetings in the Carlson's home. At time the Carlsons have also arranged for programs and short services over the radio. Now they think the time has come for them to get a place for regular services. Suggestions for this are made in the report from the missionary council, which has been sent in to the Covenant office.

Another great opportunity of serving the Lord presents itself to our missionaries in Nome. There is a great need of a Protestant children's home. In Nome and in neighboring villages are children that have lost either father or mother, or both. There are other that are neglected and mistreated because the parents are slaves of strong drinks. During the fall and winter commercial planes have been carrying load after load of children from this district to Catholic orphanages. Even if some of them return to the home villages, the influence of the Catholic institutions remain with them and some of them remain indifferent our church and its work. Some of the prominent white people in Nome have brought this question of a Protestant children's home before the Carlsons had strongly urged that something be done about it. Some of these have promised to help in one way or another, if the Covenant decides to have a home for these unfortunate children. There is a building about three miles from Nome, which brother Carlson thinks could be fixed up and prepared for this purpose.

Since brother Carlson got another mission plane he has been able to be out travelling considerably, and he has taken brother Lindgren and me out for trips to visit other villages.

In connection with Nome we think also of Diomed Island. Last summer we were not able to get a man, able and willing, to go there as a native missionary. Again we are going to try, and if we succeed in find one, brother Carlson will assist such a missionary in getting out to the island and in getting the supplies needed.

District South of Unalakleet

For a long time I have been wishing to visit the district south of Unalakleet, Mt. Village, Scammon Bay, and Hooper Bay. Nunivak Island is so far out in the sea that it is not advisable to go there, except by boat or pontoon plane. After our conference in Shaktoolik both Carlson and Lindgren came down to Unalakleet for the missionary council meeting and for extra services. We decided to make a trip to the district south of us. The weather

was not the very best, but we went and got to Hooper Bay in time to get in on a part of their conference. It was a joy again to meet and be with our native missionaries for several days and to see the church well filled at most of the services, and crowded at times. Because of our coming, the time for the conference was extended one day. Moreover, the weather continued such that we could not leave by plane, and those that had come by dog team did not like to go either. Thus we stayed from Sunday night til Thursday morning and had many services there. Considering what little training these native missionaries have had, it seems remarkable that they do as well as they do. In all these villages the Roman Catholics also have mission work, and they manage at times to make things unpleasant and difficult for our missionaries.

Both going to and coming back from Hooper Bay we stopped at Mt. Village. The Christians in our mission districts up here support Harry Soxie and his wife as missionaries in Mt. Village. The contributions for their support this year have been better than ever.

Good reports have come from Nunivak Island during the year. "Our people love to help with the church work," writes our native missionary on the island. Neatly typewritten and detailed reports are sent to me from their annual conferences.

Miscellaneous

A full report from the meeting of our missionary council has been prepared by the secretary to be sent in to the Covenant office.

We had been asked, among other things, to prepare and report on a program of expansion for our field and to estimate the number of missionaries needed here before the end of the decade. For several reasons we do not consider it practical, or even possible, to send in such a report at this time. For one thing, the population in the villages is shifting very much during war times. Mining is almost at a standstill in most places up here.

We would like to include Siberia in our expansion program, but at present we do not know how soon that can be done. Also we would like to know whether or not the Covenant will take up work in new places in the southern part of Alaska, and if it would be in one or more places. If a Covenant representative is to investigate carefully those places that we have mentioned, we wish that such an investigation should be no longer postponed. After we get to know these things mentioned here, we shall be able to make out a more definite and reliable program of expansion than we could do now.

At present very many schools for the natives of Alaska are closed, because there are not enough school teachers. This would be a good time for Covenant people to apply for such positions in Alaska.

For the training of our native missionaries we are thinking of and planning for better courses in the future. We do have Bible school every winter in different villages, but something more regular and inclusive should be started to give them better schooling and training in their work.

E. B. Larson,
Chairman of the Missionary Council

Yakutat

We would be happy if the church here had a voice of its own and could send a greeting and a review of the years activities, but being still in its infancy, we must speak for it. One must always here fight impatience and bitterness as well as the tendency to despise the very ones we should love. One thing that has helped in this is the reminder that perhaps our forefathers had not come so far either to years after Christianity first touched their shores.

The gospel has been preached and taught at services held regularly each Sunday and on Wednesday evenings. The language barrier is a formidable hindrance to effective work from the pulpit. Only as the younger generation, which is familiar with the English, supplants the older generation, will this barrier be overcome. We have now less than 200 natives in the village, including the children and the whites number less than 50. There have been 10 births and 7 deaths during the year.

Our school teachers have given us the opportunity, since the first of the year, to teach the Bible in the school one afternoon a week. This we have done in the one room, of the two room school. The lack of a teacher being the only reason for not doing the same in the other room. The work has proven very satisfactory, and we hope to continue it next fall. A confirmation class of seven has met once a week since last October.

We have sought to fit ourselves into the religious program at the local army post, as the chaplains have come and gone, holding regular services there when there has been no chaplain. Just now we are holding services at the navy area on Sunday mornings, and the soldiers that are interested come in to our evening services and always come to our home to spend the rest of the evening in singing and other social activities.

The Salvation Army worker left Yakutat last summer and thus far has not been replaced. This leaves us as the only representatives of the gospel in the village.

A 24x10 addition has been built onto the parsonage, and includes an additional bedroom, a bathroom, and a rear porch. It has been put up at the cost of about \$300.00, most of the labor being done and donated by Mr. John Mollan of Oakland, California. No special request for this has been made of the Board, but has been made possible through the surplus, built up by the generous offerings on the part of the soldiers and government workers. That is now, however, a thing of the past. The old school house built about 40 years ago has been taken down.

The new room has been put on in the hope that some day a woman worker might be added to the staff here. We would gladly furnish her room and board. Her work among the girls and women as well as her assistance in the services, the Sunday school and week-day school would be of great help and value.

We gratefully acknowledge all the helpful correspondence we have received as well as all the other helps that have come to us from our home office and churches during the year. The Lord be with you.

Stanley and Edla Benson

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Report of the President

In Alaska the scope of our missionary endeavors is expanding. In the strategic city of Nome, to which many of our Christian Eskimos have moved, a missionary family is now established. Here a church will be built, if possible this year. Little Diomedes Island is a promising beachhead, beyond which lies Russia and all Asia. We are planning to send at least two new couples to Alaska this summer, one permanently, and the other temporarily. Included in the vision for the future is the thought of a Bible institute or training school for the natives, and also a children's home, probably at Unalakleet. Some of our ablest leaders in Alaska are at present are the product of the orphanage we once maintained in that field. Serious consideration is being given to the need of a radio station in Alaska. Henceforth we plan to have the isolated church at Yakutat in southern Alaska, more than a thousand miles from our main field, represented at the annual meeting of our Alaska Council. This spring the Rev. Edgar E. Swanson, and also the Rev. Edwin S. Johnson have visited the northland to counsel with the missionaries and bring encouragement to them and their people.

Theodore W. Anderson

Report of the Secretary of Missions

Alaska

Our Covenant Mission field in Alaska is undoubtedly suffering least from wartime conditions, and definite progress is being made. Our new work in Nome is become established under the able leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Carlson. They hope to build or obtain an adequate church building in the near future. A large basement under the parsonage is being used as temporary church quarters. Nome has an Eskimo population of over 1,000, presenting a great spiritual need.

In addition to the work in Nome, Rev. Paul Carlson, using the missionary airplane, makes frequent trips to other villages on our field where there is no resident missionary. At the recent annual meeting of the Alaska missionary council it was decided that he should be relieved of some of the work in Nome, so as to be able to spend more time in such field work. Accordingly the council requested that the Roald Amundsens be sent to Nome this summer to assist with the work there.

Concern for many Eskimo children without homes have caused our missionaries to plan for the building of an orphanage. Rev. and Mrs. Emory Lindgren have taken at least one little orphan into their own home. This summer the Lindgrens will be transferred to Unalakleet to take charge of our mission there and also plan for the building of the orphanage which will be located in that village.

Rev. Ernst Larsson is on his way to the homeland and hopes soon to obtain transportation to Sweden where he will spend a year of furlough with relatives and friends. Rev. and Mrs. Edward G. Nelson have been called to serve in Alaska until the way opens for them to go to China. They will undoubtedly take over the mission at White Mountain. The council is asking for still a third missionary couple to be stationed at Hooper Bay.

This summer Mr. and Mrs. Harry Soxie will be sent out to Little Diomed Island. The consecrated Eskimo missionaries will minister to the village on the island and be able to make occasional contacts with the natives of Siberia, just 30 miles away. Our missionaries are praying that this island will some day become a stepping stone into Siberia, one of the world's neediest mission fields.

Rev. Edgar E. Swanson spent the months of March and April on the Alaska field. He attended the annual conference and visited most of the mission stations. Rev. Edwin S. Johnson, of Oakland, California, also visited Alaska. Both of these brethren reported a wonderful spirit of revival on the field and brought glowing reports of the work in general. Rev. Mr. Swanson also visited Yakutat and brought encouraging report of the fine ministry of the Stanley Bensons in that isolated mission station in southern Alaska.

Missionaries on the Alaska staff...9
Missionaries on call.....4
Native missionaries.....10

Ralph P. Hanson
Secretary of Missions

ALASKA MISSIONS REPORT

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isa. 55:11)

The time has come for another yearly report to be sent in, and to the praise and glory of the Lord we can say that this year also he has dealt with us in great mercy and has manifested his power to save and to keep. He has granted us missionaries strength and health to carry on in his service, and he has given victory against sin and evil.

Nome

Rev. Paul Carlson reports briefly of their work in Nome and vicinity during the past year:

"Our efforts in the service of the Lord here at Nome have been varied. Sunday morning Rev. Carlson has taught the Young Adult Bible Class, and Mrs. Carlson a group of beginners and primary children in their home. On Wednesday evenings a group has gathered for Bible study and prayer. Since the middle of December when Miss Erickson, the Methodist deaconess, took sick, we have taken charge of the work at the Methodist Eskimo Mission.

"Several services have been conducted in the Federal jail, and personal visitations to the jail and the hospital have been made. We, too, have taken part in the radio ministry. Each Sunday afternoon the churches of the city are granted one half hour by the local station KXLN for a religious service.

"Much of our time has been taken up by construction work. Last fall a basement under the mission house was begun. It will be completed in the near future and dedicated as a meeting place until such a time that a church can be built.

"The servicemen have been given special invitations to our home. We have supplied several time during the year for the army chaplain as well as serving as chaplain of the Nome unit of the A. T. G.

"Sixteen other villages- from Diomed Island to Hooper Bay- approximately 750 miles apart, have been visited from one to eight times during the past year. The plane has been flown approximately 150 hours, 10,500 miles.

"Several have requested prayers, help and guidance during the past year."

According to the decision of the missionary council, the Carlsons will remain in Nome for the coming year. A couple of new missionaries will be called to work in Nome, and brother Carlson will be free to travel more to visit villages that have no white missionary. He will also help the native missionary for Diomed Island to get out there and to get his supplies over to the island.

White Mountain

The Lindgrens have carried on the Lord's service in White Mountain and in near-by villages. Though there has been some opposition to the mission work by certain government employees in the village, yet the Lord has given to them the joy of seeing the natives there stand firmly by them, and souls have been saved and other renewed in their Christian life.

Part of summer and fall the Lindgrens spent at Golovin, preparing for the yearly conference. Brother Lindgren helped the Golovin people to enlarge their church. A very blessed, though comparatively small, conference was held at Golovin in the last part of March. On account of some diphtheria cases in the district not only the Lindgrens, but all the White Mountain people and others from other villages, were kept from going to the conference.

Brother Lindgren has also visited other villages close to White Mountain, such as Elim, Council and Solomon. During the winter he travels at times in the snowmobile, and he is also learning to fly. It looks very promising for him that he soon will be able to travel with good speed both on land and in the air.

Last fall, in the presence of all the missionaries on this field, brother Lindgren, according to his own request and the decision of the Ministerial Board was publicly ordained in our Unalakleet church. We are so happy that the Lord has led the Lindgrens to decide that they will remain as Alaska missionaries for one full term, at least. We hope it will be for life. Otherwise they had previously planned to go to China.

According to the decisions of the Missionary Council the Lindgrens will move to Unalakleet in the early part of the summer to be in charge of the work there.

Unalakleet

The undersigned has spent most of his time in Unalakleet during the past year. Here we have regular Sunday services the whole year around, and Sunday school, Bible school, and many extra services during the winter. Last summer quite a number of white men were employed here, working on government projects. There are some fine Christian men and women that come up to Alaska for work of that kind. However, the majority of such whites are worldly. Many of them are slaves under strong drinks and other evil habits. In general their influence upon the natives is not good.

Right at New Year we began with prayer meetings and have kept on nearly all the time since that with extra meetings. The Lord has worked among us to salvation and regeneration, and to the deepening of the spiritual life among the Christians. A few now and then have come to the Lord during the winter. Now at these extra meetings, with our brothers, Edgar E. Swanson and Edwin S. Johnson as speakers, a great many have come to the Lord, some for salvation and others for renewal in their Christian life. This gives me and all the Christians here great joy. During this winter I have also thanked God, because many of the Christians have been deeply concerned about the salvation of their fellowmen. In the church, in the homes, and in other places, they have urged people to accept the Lord as their Savior. At the after-meetings in the church many Christians have stayed to pray for and to help those that have come to seek salvation. At these recent extra meetings they have in that respect done better than ever.

As usual I have visited the villages north of Unalakleet for extra services with preaching, communion service and baptism.

District South of Unalakleet

Since it had been planned that Carlson and Lindgren should make the trip to the Hooper Bay district this past winter I have not had plans for going there. As it turned out, brother Carlson took Edgar Swanson down to Mt. Village, where they held services and had the opportunity to talk things over with two couples of the native missionaries in that district. Unfavorable flying weather kept them from visiting the other stations in the dis-

trict. During the year I have kept on corresponding with these native missionaries, sending them the salaries and appropriations for the stations and helping them in other ways. The Catholics have work in most of the villages of that district and they manage to make things unpleasant at times for our native missionaries. Among other important decisions at the meeting of the missionary council was that we recommend that the Covenant sends a couple of white missionaries to the Hooper Bay district.

Missionary Council Meeting

On March 22 our "Sky Pilot" came to take me to Nome for our missionary council meeting. Ordinarily we hold it in connection with the conference and in the same village. Now on account of diphtheria we were not sure whether we could go to Golovin for a conference. The Lindgrens had to stay home on account of the quarantine in White Mountain. However, the Covenant representative, the Rev. Edgar E. Swanson, and our specially invited guest, the Rev. Edwin S. Johnson, Oakland, California, were in Nome at my arrival there. On Friday, March 23, we had our Council meeting, which so far, undoubtedly, is the most important meeting of that kind we ever had. Our two guests of honor were invited as members of the missionary council to discuss with us and to vote on matters taken up for consideration by the council.

For several years certain matters had been left undecided: for one thing war conditions have been such that it has been considered the best not to make any definite decisions before this, and for another thing we have long had the promise that the Covenant would send a representative that would investigate new fields and report on the advisability of taking up work in new places. Far bolder plans than ever were now made for the extension of and for the strengthening of our mission work in Alaska. Among the more important decisions made are the following, that we recommend as a missionary council:

That a Covenant church be built in Nome.

That a children's home be built at Unalakleet, as soon as good building materials will be available.

That the beginning of a Bible school, as it has been held at Unalakleet, be extended to at least a three months course every winter.

That a furlough be granted to E. B. Larsson, beginning in the month of May, 1945.

That four missionary couples be called this year; one of these to take up work in a district west of Anchorage.

That the Covenant establishes a radio station in or near Anchorage.

As missionaries we voted to express our gratitude to the Covenant for sending the Rev. Edgar Swanson to visit our Alaska mission fields, and to the Church of Oakland, California, and to the family of the Rev. Edwin S. Johnson for doing their share in making it possible for him to come to our mission fields in Alaska.

Our Guests

Never before in the history of our Alaska mission have the missionaries and the people here had the privilege and joy of having two Covenant men from the States visiting us at the same time. It seemed almost too good to be true. With two such enthusiastic men of faith and vision we dared to make decisions that we had hardly dared to dream about before.

Both of our guests were along at the conference in Golovin, preaching and singing the blessed gospel. There we had a most blessed time for several days. After the conference brother Swanson went with me to Unalakleet and we began at once with services in the church. From the very first much people came to the services and sinners were saved. Later brother Carlson came and took brother Swanson to Mt. Village, to Shaktoolik, Koyuk, Haycock, Candle and White Mountain. Soon he has visited nearly all the missions stations here and has brought much blessing to our people by his visits.

For quite a long time brother Edwin S. Johnson had been thinking of a trip to Alaska to have special services on our fields. After many invitations and much urging on our part, he finally decided that he would go so that he could be along at our conference this year. The Lord has used him mightily to proclaim the blessed gospel in preaching and in singing. At the conference in Golovin, at special meetings in Nome, Unalakleet, Shaktoolik and in White Mountain, he has preached to the salvation of many and to the establishing of the Christians in the faith. His intention is to visit Anchorage and Homer also before he leaves, to hold services there and to look things over in these places.

Alaska is no longer an isolated field to our pastors in the States. In one day they can get from Seattle, Wash. to Fairbanks, Alaska and in a few hours more they are right in our Northern Alaska field. Perhaps some more Covenant pastors in years to come will do like brother Edwin S. Johnson has done-come here to help win souls for the Kingdom of God.

E. B. Larsson, Chairman of Missionary Council

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Alaska will probably retain the prominence it acquired in the war days. Unquestionably it will constitute a great aviation center in world affairs. This gives added importance to Nome which is rapidly becoming a pivotal missionary center for us. Our radio ministry in that city is a fruitful channel of service and is being expanded. In accordance with the decision of last year's conference a children's home is being established at Unalakleet. A school, comprising a Bible institute and a high school for training Christian leaders, is an immediate need. Missionary work is now maintained on Little Diomed Island. Across the straits from this outpost Siberia is beckoning to us.

Theodore W. Anderson

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF WORLD MISSIONS

Alaska

In Alaska also much progress has been made during the year. Both native workers and missionaries from the homeland have been added to the staff. Roald and Harriet Amundsen arrived on the field last August to assist the Paul Carlsons in the Nome area. Edward and Mildred Nelson, unable for the present to return to China, supplied in White Mountain from August to the middle of April. Our native missionary, Harry Soxie, went to Little Diomed Island last summer and has faithfully carried on the work of the Lord on that tiny, westernmost Covenant missionary outpost, just thirty miles from Siberia. Job Mathews has taken up the work in Shaktoolik with great success and blessing. Others of our consecrated native lay preachers have traveled about the field holding services in villages where we have no full time workers.

In April a consecrated building contractor and his wife, John Dahlstrom, from our Lily Lake Covenant church, went to our northern field where brother Dahlstrom will assist our missionaries with the growing building program.

It is significant that a number of our Eskimo young people have felt the call to prepare for Christian service. Miss Teenie Ashenfelter came to Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, to attend the Covenant Bible Institute last fall. Job Mathews, who is now serving our Shaktoolik church, also desires to better prepare himself and will begin his schooling as soon as satisfactory arrangements can be made for him. In view of the need for Bible institute training for our native workers and a Christian high school for our Eskimo young people, our missionaries are recommending the opening of a combination Bible Institute and High school at Unalakleet in the fall of 1947. More native workers are needed on our large field, and God is calling them forth. It seems clear that the time has come to open a school.

The construction of the Unalakleet children's home has begun under the capable supervision of John Dahlstrom. Our missionaries plan to open the home this fall. Our thriving native congregation at Solomon is building an attractive new frame church.

Our missionary pilot, Paul Carlson, continues to make good use of the missionary plane. Early in the year we placed an order for a new and larger plane and we hope to get delivery sometime this summer.

Because of opening doors of opportunity in Alaska, our missionaries are asking for more workers. Arlene Anderson and Walter and Naomi Anderson will be going north this summer. We shall have to send another couple to Yakutat to take the place of Stanley and Edla Benson, who will be coming home on furlough in August.

Number of missionaries on the Alaskan staff...11
 Missionaries on call..... 5
 Native missionaries.....10

Ralph P. Hanson

ALASKA MISSIONS REPORT

"Lo, I am with you always" (Matt. 28:20)

This year as in the past, God has fulfilled that promise among us here on our Northern Alaska field.

Diomedes Island

Last August, Harry Soxie moved out to Diomedes Island again. A cook stove, fuel oil, groceries, window panes, stove pipes, roofing, and many other necessary items have to be purchased and packed for shipment. Yes, Harry was off once more for that westernmost point of the U. S. A. Several of the Diomedes families that had moved to Nome and other points on the mainland, returned to their old home village, when they learned a Protestant missionary had returned to minister to their spiritual needs. The attendance at the services have been good, but we are in need of new buildings to replace the present plant that was built about 35 years ago of used lumber and has not been properly maintained for several years. I shall mention more about this need later.

Nome

For over a year, the Covenant missionaries have had charge of the work at the Lavinia Wallace Young Mission. It has been a delight to see the progress in the church as a whole and in the lives of individual members. The Sunday School attendance has increased by more than 50 percent. Attendance at the services has more than double. It is a common sight to see sixty to seventy-five at the Thursday evening prayer meetings.

A children's work was started, which has proved a blessing. The women have shown a new interest in their society meetings. The service men have been entertained either in our or Amundsen's home each Sunday evening after church. On Thanksgiving and Christmas as many of the boys as could be crowded around our tables were invited to home-cooked dinners. If anyone has ever appreciated visiting in a home, these young men did.

H. Roald Amundsen has been chairman of the radio program committee since his arrival in Nome. Through his energetic efforts, time was secured for evening vespers in addition to the Sunday after noon broadcasts. The five Protestant ministers of Nome sponsor these programs and visitation to the jails each Sunday afternoon.

The building program will be renewed again this summer. There is the completion of the hangar, more work remodeling the Mission Home, and if the negotiations with the Methodists fail, it will necessitate erecting a church edifice of our own.

Solomon

At Solomon, a new church is under construction. Most of the jobs created by the war have come to an end. The people are returning to their villages which is true of Solomon also. The building so far has been done by the villagers. At first, they set aside two days a week for this new church project, Tuesdays and Fridays. Before the summer is ended, the church will be completed and dedicated.

White Mountain

Last August, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nelson came in to carry on the work at White Mountain, Council, Golovin, and Elim. Mr. and Mrs. Lindgren served that part of our field three years before they took up the work at Unalakleet.

With the coming of a new principal at the government school, there has been good cooperation between the church and school. The students have attended the services and the Nelsons were invited to conduct a Bible study class in the school. Mr. Nelson and I visited the villages of his circuit by plane, and this winter he made the trip by dog-team.

Golovin

At Golovin, the work has been carried on by Ed Pungak, Andrew McCafferty, and Shelby David. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have directed the work and also paid them visits. An excellent choir sings at the services. Mr. Amundsen, Mr. Ost, and Mr. Frank Johnson held a Bible conference there this winter.

Moses Point

At Moses Point we are greatly in need of a chapel. Mrs. Uzzel, the wife of the chief operator for C. A. A., has carried on the Sunday school work, but we need a place to meet for the services. Many of the people from Elim have moved down to Moses Point and there are a few white families who are employed by the C. A. A.

Elim

At Elim the work has been carried on by David and Fridolf Saacheus and Misha Charles. These friends were visited by Mr. Nelson and Mr. Carlson last summer. This winter, Joshua Ohwinona took Mr. Nelson by dog-team over to Elim and Koyuk. Mr. Ost also has visited the friends twice conducting services. Last summer, new foundation logs were laid under the Elim church. It was also repainted.

Koyuk

At Koyuk the work had lapsed for the first part of the winter. The local leader of the group was not given the support by his own people and was criticized for his stern preaching against loose living among some of the young people. When he was told by one of his neighbors that the other men of the village could preach as well as he, he resigned as their leader and the spiritual life of the village began to decline. However, the annual conference was scheduled for Koyuk. Two of the men took an active interest in the coming event, rallied the men of the village, and remodeled the church, although there is much work that still needs to be done in finishing the building. Now after six years, it has a completed ceiling. The conference came and brought a rich blessing and a renewed interest to the Koyuk people.

Joshua Ohwinona and family have accepted the call to serve as native missionaries at Koyuk. The men of the village have agreed to cut logs and assist Joshua in building a log cabin this summer. We are planning to purchase materials in the nature of celotex, plywood, and lumber to use in completing and enlarging the church plants in all villages where we have work.

Haycock

At Haycock, Mrs. Carl Rylander has carried on the Sunday school work. The undersigned has visited the village four times during the past year. New year's week, Mr. Amundsen and I conducted a series of services there for three days. God has worked in the hearts of several to a deepening of their Christian life. After one of our visits, Mrs. Rylander said, "I taught Sunday school because I felt it my duty to do so, now it has become the joy of my life to help the children find the Lord."

Candle

Candle is one of the most active villages again, as all prepare to return to a full gold-mining schedule. There Mr. and Mrs. Sievenpiper have carried on most of the work for the past year. They have held Sunday school and also conducted services. At times they have been assisted by some of the Eskimos in their native preaching services.

We have visited Candle on several occasions during the past year. Our last visit was the week after Christmas when Mr. Amundsen brought very inspiring messages. Here too, we need a full-time worker, or else we will find others filling the churches where we, as a Covenant, have pioneered the work.

Shaktoolik

Little was being done by the villagers to carry on their spiritual work. However, when we called the energetic, spiritual Job Mathews and his wife to take up the work at Shaktoolik, a new spirit was manifested immediately. On Easter Sunday evening, I visited with the friends there and an offering was lifted for foreign missions. We are praying that through the increased staff of workers the people in the villages will become firmly established in their Christian faith.

Unalakleet

Unalakleet is our oldest mission station in northern Alaska. Next year, the Lord willing, we will celebrate our 60th anniversary. Last May 15th Mr. Larsson left for his long desired trip to Sweden. On July 6th Mr. and Mrs. Emory Lindgren were moved down from White Mountain with the mission plane and are heading up the extensive program there of shepherding the local church plus conducting the building program thus far. Now Mr. and Mrs. John Dahlstrom are there taking charge of that part of the work for which we are extremely grateful to the Lord and to all that have a part in making the children's home a reality.

It is not only the need of a home, food and clothing that so much of the children on our Alaska mission field need, but a Christian school also. A large number of young people have pleaded with us to start a Bible Institute where they can come for instruction in the word of God. A still greater number desire the opportunity of attending an accredited Christian high school. We have on our field, at the present time personnel with the necessary teaching credits and experience to take charge and carry on for the first year. Are we as Mission Covenanters willing to accept the challenge of these young people? Are we willing to provide the means whereby these young people may equip themselves in a Christian way for the tasks of life that lie ahead? We have the vision of the need. Our prayer is, "May God give us grace to step out, ready to do the work so urgently needed." How gratifying it would be to dedicate not only the Children's Home, but also the beginning of this Christian educational enterprise on our 60th anniversary next spring when President Theodore W. Anderson plans to be with us.

Mountain Village

Wilson Gonanguan has faithfully served the church of his "first love" again for another year. The work at Mountain Village is supported by the churches of our northern Alaska field. It was voted at this last conference to take on half of the support of another native worker. We thank God for this additional indication of spiritual growth on our field. Pray that we may see more of it and have an indigenous church in Alaska also.

Upon our recent visit to the Yukon Delta area we were compelled to spend three days at Mountain Village. The Lord gave us a glorious time, several came to renew their fellowship with God. One young man said, "I have never been prayed with before." When we left, his face was radiant. He bid us farewell with joy in his heart.

Last October, George Andrewuk, the native pastor of our Scammon Bay church went to his reward. A young and zealous man, whose whole purpose in life was to win his fellow-men to Christ. He is missed by us all.

The church at Scammon Bay has requested that Oscar Andrewuk, father of George, be transferred to Scammon Bay. In fact, they were ready to move him up from Hooper Bay by dog team before the snow melted this past winter.

Hooper Bay

Oscar and Mrs. Andrewuk are carrying on the work here. However, we must have a new worker in this field, and we had hoped to be able to place a white missionary there this summer to help direct the work in the surrounding area.

Nunivak Island

Thus far we have not visited Nunivak because of the distance across open water between the Island and the mainland. All reports we received from Nunivak are very encouraging with the exception that Jacob Kenick is over-worked. During the past winter he has had two heart attacks, but is strong enough again to carry on the Sunday school and preaching services.

Again this year the plane has served a very useful term in our missionary program. It has carried us approximately 10,000 miles.

For the past year with its many blessings we thank God and we are also grateful to all who have had a part in this extensive enterprise of love.

Paul B. F. Carlson, Chairman

Yakutat

Our mission station among the Indians in Southeastern Alaska continues under the blessing of God and the able leadership of the Stanley Bensons. During the past year there has been a significant growth and development in all phases of the work. For the first time in the history of our Alaska mission it was possible for the Yakutat missionary to visit our northern field and take part in our annual conference in the Norton Sound area. Brother Benson's visit was of great blessing to our Eskimo churches.

The Bensons are due for their first furlough this summer and we are making plans to send someone to take charge of the work during their absence.

RESOLUTIONS

(g) Restoration of L. E. Ost

Upon recommendation of the missionaries in Northern Alaska in which the Mission Board of the Covenant whole-heartedly concurred, the Ministerial Board recommends that L. E. Ost be restored to full standing in the Covenant as an ordained minister.

The motion to adopt the recommendation was seconded and unanimously passed. Upon the request of the Moderator Ralph P. Hanson, Secretary of Covenant Foreign Missions, led the meeting in a prayer of gratitude.

Missionaries of The Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America

Alaska

Yakutat: Rev. and Mrs. Maynard D. Londborg.
White Mountain and Golovin: Rev. L. E. Ost
Nome: Rev. and Mrs. Paul B. F. Carlson;
Rev. and Mrs. H. Roald Amundsen
Unalakleet: Rev. and Mrs. Emory E. Lindgren;
Miss Arlene M. Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. John Dahlstrom
Candle: Rev. and Mrs. Walter J. Anderson
Chairman: Rev. Paul B. F. Carlson
Secretary: Rev. Emory E. Lindgren

Native Missionaries:

Nunivak Island: Jacob Kenick
Hooper Bay: Oscar Andrewuk
Mountain Village: Wilson Gonangnon
White Mountain: Joshua Ahwinona
Shaktoolik (via Unalakleet): Job Mathews
Nome: Harry Soxie (c/o Rev. Paul B. F. Carlson, Box 232)*

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

This year it was my high privilege to attend the 60th anniversary of our mission field in Alaska, only two years younger than the Covenant itself. Lights and shadows have alternated in the three score years of the history of this enterprise, but the former completely eclipse the latter. A powerful impact has been made not only on individual lives but also on entire villages. Conference days were a season not only of celebration and commemoration but also of consecration to the on-going task. In the words of the new chairman of our Alaska Council, we are sending out the gospel in the northland by air waves and air ways. Alaska is a hot spot in world strategy, the crossroads of great air routes. The children's home being erected at Unalakleet will be a center of Covenant missions and a training school for native leadership. A Bible school should be begun at an early date, and possibly a Christian high school as well.

Theodore W. Anderson

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF WORLD MISSIONS

Alaska

This has been a year of changes on our northern field. The Stanley Bensons left Yakutat for their first furlough in October and were relieved by the Maynard Londborgs. The Paul Carlsons had to return to the homeland because of Mrs. Carlson's illness, leaving the Amundsens alone with the work in Nome. We trust that Mrs. Carlson's health will improve sufficiently for them to return next year. In May the Emory Lindgrens came home for their first furlough, leaving the John Dahlstroms and Arlene Anderson in charge of the work at Unalakleet.

Five new missionaries have gone to Alaska since the last annual meeting. Walter and Naomi Anderson went to Candle; Arlene Anderson to White Mountain, and the Maynard Londborgs to Yakutat. All are doing excellent work and have become valued members of our missionary staff.

President Anderson visited the field during the early spring. A large conference was held at Unalakleet to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the mission. The following week another was held at Elim. At both conferences large delegations from our entire field attended and the blessing of God was manifested in the salvation of souls and the reconsecration of believers. Our president's visit meant a great deal to both our missionaries and the people and his personal observations of the various needs and problems makes it so much easier for our home board to work for the best interests of our northern field.

Our missionary builder, John Dahlstrom, hopes to complete the children's home at Unalakleet this summer and we hope to inaugurate this new enterprise next fall. Our missionaries have also requested permission to open a short term Bible School at Unalakleet, which may ultimately expand into a regular Bible Institute and high school.

A new Stinson 150 plane was purchased for Alaska to replace the present Piper Cruiser. Roald Amundsen secured his pilot's license last fall and is now serving as our missionary pilot on the field during Paul Carlson's absence.

Our annual meeting, held in Seattle, the gateway to Alaska will commemorate the 60th anniversary of our Alaska mission. For sixty years we have been sending missionaries to Alaska. The good seed sown is coming back to us a hundred fold. Three consecrated Eskimo young people, Job and Mary Matthews and Tennie Ashenfelter, are now preparing for Christian service at the Covenant Bible Institute at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Missionaries on the field 10, on furlough 7, on call 3.

Ralph P. Hanson

ALASKA MISSIONS REPORT

"Behold, I have set before you an open door which no man can shut."

Although I have not been the chairman of this mission field long and Paul Carlson, the former chairman, is out on furlough, I will attempt to recall from my visits to the various stations the facts that you should know, so that you can the more earnestly pray for the furtherance of the work in Alaska.

Diomed Island

Last summer, Harry Soxie and his family came into Nome with the summer migration of the Diomeders to the mainland. Because of conditions hard to cope with, we thought it best not to send the Soxies out there for another year. At the present time there is no one out on the Island to take care of the spiritual work among the 125 inhabitants. The Catholics have sent out a full-time white worker to Diomed and are doing their best to romanize people who are already too pagan. Our need is a white missionary who will be willing to build up that field so that we will have an opportunity to evangelize not only that island but also the numbers of Eskimos who annually visit Diomed from the Siberian mainland.

Nome

Since last year at this time, we have in Nome four new church buildings. Our work has been carried on the last year in cooperation with the Methodists, and we have been using their church building. We have felt keenly the effects of these other groups in town and many of our own people have been linking themselves up with them. We feel the need of stepping out on a program of our own, that the flock may not be scattered and that a more concentrated effort may be put forth to win the lost.

We were sorry to lose the help of the Paul Carlsons here in Nome. Ill health made it necessary for them to go outside for a rest and medical attention. In Paul's absence, I have been carrying on the airplane ministry also. Much of the opportunity has been lost during the winter since the mission plane has been laid up for repairs. Now as the summer months come and go, we trust that much time will have been spent in carrying the gospel by air to the neighboring villages.

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The radio work in Nome continues from the missionary studio. As soon as the needed funds are in hand, Covenant broadcasting will be started over the Fairbanks or Anchorage station. A half-hour broadcast was made at the conference at Unalakleet to be sent outside for rebroadcast in Seattle.

The Lord has been gracious to us and blessed us beyond measure. A number of young people have come to the Lord with real experiences of salvation. The Lord has been working in the hearts of these people, but they especially need your prayers that the manifold temptations here in Nome may not be too much for them.

Solomon

At last the church in Solomon is completed enough for regular use. The natives have built this building themselves and have done a real nice job of it: Milton Adams is still the native leader and is prayerfully laboring for the salvation of souls and the building up of the saints. There are a number of young people who are ready to go to a Bible school as soon as we can get one under way. We are trusting that the Lord will have many young people to carry on the work started by the last generation. Solomon is one of the stations visited often by the mission plane, thereby giving an added lift to an otherwise heavy load.

White Mountain

This last year Brother Ost has been carrying on the work at White Mountain. Miss Arlene Anderson has been stationed there part of the winter to aid in the youth work, since the Children's Home in Unalakleet was not finished. Brother Ost had to be in Juneau part of the winter. During this time, when building in Unalakleet was at a standstill, because of material shortages, John and Julia Dahlstrom went to help Arlene with the work in White Mountain. The air sled has been of great assistance this year in making the contacts up and down the river.

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There has been fine and much appreciated co-operation between the Government School and the mission this year. The school students are allowed to attend the services every Sunday night. Praise the Lord for this open door.

Golovin

Except for the visits of Ost, Arlene Anderson, and John Dahlstrom at the Golovin station, the work has been carried on by the native leaders. Ed Pungak, Andrew McCafferty and Shelby David have done a good piece of work among their own people. The storm last fall did a good deal of damage to the church and mission house at Golovin. The buildings will not stand many more waves like the ones that lashed it at that time. Soon we will have to be looking for a new location and means to build a new church and home in Golovin.

Elim

At Elim the work is still carried on by David and Fridolf Saacheus and Misha Charles. Rev. Emory Lindgren has made visits to that station. Brother Ost, too, has kept close contact with the work there. A new addition has been built to the church. It was a joy to see the preparation these folks went to to make the conference there this year a blessed success.

Koyuk

Joshua Ahwinona, a native missionary, has been doing a fine work among the people at Koyuk. Joshua is a gifted man full of the Holy Ghost and is in a marvelous way leading his people to know the Lord as Savior and Lord. Much of the past difficulty is getting straightened up through much prayer and wisdom given from above. Materials have been sent down to build a mission house for the Joshuas to live in. As soon as the weather allows, the construction will begin. Rev. Mr. Lindgren has made several trips to Koyuk this year to aid Joshua in the work. I have had the pleasure of stopping there once with the mission plane. I might say that Joshua Ahwinona was elected, with a large vote, president of the native conference at Unalakleet this year, thus replacing Stefan Ivanoff who has been president for 28 years.

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send someone to that village, and our hearts are heavy for there are no trained workers to send. Rev. Lindgren has made several trips to Shaktoolik during the winter and has been of great help to them in their problems.

Unalakleet

The oldest and largest mission station in northern Alaska is Unalakleet. This year we celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Covenant work in Alaska, and in Unalakleet. The Lindgrens have been carrying on an effective ministry there for the past two years and are now to leave on their well-earned furlough. A temporary addition was build to the church to care for the overflow crowds at conference time. Many young people who have withstood God's calling in the past came to the Lord in a wonderful way the last evening of the conference.

Miss Arlene Anderson is at Unalakleet now to aid in the children's work and to work in the new children's home. Already her labors have borne fruit and we look forward to an effective ministry with Miss Anderson amongst the children and young people.

John and Julia Dahlstrom have certainly lived up to the full name of missionary builders. Not only have they done a thorough job of the Children's Home in Unalakleet and the mission house in Nome, but they have contributed wonderfully by ministering in a spiritual way wherever they have been. This year the Camden Covenant Church of Minneapolis donated a light plant for the mission at Unalakleet and the church in Lanyon, Iowa, gave the money for the D4 Caterpillar. With this added equipment, the Home will have a good start.

We still have great hopes and plans for a Bible School and Christian High School at Unalakleet in the near future. We have seen in every turn of our work amongst these people the dire need of trained young people to lead the mission work of the future.

As the Lindgrens leave for the furlough, the Unalakleet station will be cared for by John Dahlstrom and Miss Anderson until a new missionary comes up to take over.

The Delta

The work on the Yukon Delta continues as usual. I have not had the opportunity to visit that region but will report the changes made on the field. In Mountain Village, Wilson Gonangnon continues, supported by offerings from the other villages. Oscar Andrewuk has moved from Hooper Bay to Scammon Bay. Harry Soxie is carrying on the work in Hooper Bay. The native workers in these regions have a mission boat, now completed and in operation. This helps them in a marked way to better minister to these stations.

Nunivak Island

Jacob Kenick has won much notoriety and well-earned fame by his faithfulness to the Lord and his Word on Nunivak Island. The entire population has been baptized and attend church. Brother Kenick, who is now up in years, has recommended that a native Nunivak Islander be sent to Nome for training, so that someone will be able to take over when his days of labor are ended.

Yakutat

Since last winter, Maynard Londborg and his wife have been doing a remarkable work amongst the Indians of Southern Alaska. During January, a revival broke out and as a result of this awakening the work has expanded. The young people's organization which was started last fall by a young native leader, John Williams, has adopted a constitution. The Sunday school has been reorganized to include two adult classes, one in the native language and the other in English, and also a native Sunday school superintendent.

This year, Sam George, the church chairman for many years, went to his reward. The church plans to construct an addition to their building to be dedicated as a memorial to Sam George. This year again, the missionary from the southern field had a chance to be present at the Alaska Council and Conference.

Mission Plane

The plane has this year, too, been of untold blessing in the mission work of Alaska. Native leaders of the various villages have been in need of help in one way or another during the year, which only a visit from one of the white workers could supply. The white missionaries have had valuable contact with the other missionaries on the field through this missionary plane. For four months of this winter, the plane has been laid up for repairs. This has been keenly felt and the expense of traveling by commercial airlines has been an extra burden on the mission. The plane has traveled over 10,000 miles and this figure will probably increase as our field becomes more fully staffed.

Trusting that the work in the Lord may during the next year show marked increased in every way, both spiritual and material, I submit this report.

H. Roald Amundsen,

Chairman of the Alaska Council

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

In Alaska a new era of usefulness has begun with the opening of the children's home and the beginning of a Bible institute at Unalakleet. In the building of the former the John Dahlstroms have done notable service. The institute is designed to train native leaders to assume larger responsibilities in the missionary task. Even in this first year the enrollment far exceeds our expectations. The new plane is now in service and is helping to keep isolated stations in touch with each other. Nome has been established as the center of our Alaskan missionary council. Contrary to expectations the Methodists are not willing to turn over their native church in Nome to us, in which we have been active for several years. Attorney Carl F. Christophersen of Seattle is endeavoring to clear up the titles to our missionary property in Alaska.

Theodore W. Anderson

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF WORLD MISSIONS

In Alaska too, we find much for which to thank God as we review the developments of the last twelve months. The Unalakleet children's home was completed in February by Mr. John Dahlstrom, of Lily Lake, Illinois. It has room and adequate facilities for from 30 to 40 homeless Eskimo children. Rev. Maynard Londborg, who together with Mrs. Londborg was transferred from the Yakutat station to Unalakleet, is serving as superintendent, assisted by Arlene Anderson. On the way home from China it was my great privilege to stop off in Alaska and visit our northern field briefly. We dedicated the Children's Home on Sunday, December 7. Another step of far-reaching importance was the inauguration of a Bible institute, last February, at Unalakleet for the training of native pastors as well as lay workers. We have long felt the need for such a school on our northern field. Increasing numbers of our Eskimo young people are getting a vision of service for Christ. How thankful we are that we now have a school on our field where they may secure suitable training. When the school opened no less than twenty young people were enrolled.

Five new missionaries arrived on the field last summer. The Rodney Norths went to White Mountain and Louise Klassen to Golovin. The Melvin Pedersons went to Yakutat for temporary service. The Helge Hamiltions will relieve them this summer.

The Job Matthews, Eskimo young people from our northern field, have continued their studies at the Covenant Bible Institute in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. However, Tennie Ashenfelter had to return to Alaska during the school term, because of illness in her family.

The chairman of our Alaska Council, Roald Amundsen, made a survey trip in the Yukon Delta last March and reports great need and equally great opportunities in that area. Plans are being made to place a missionary couple in this region to assist and encourage our native workers who are faithfully serving there.

Ralph P. Hanson

ALASKA MISSIONS REPORT

"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." (Ephesians 2:13)

Only eternity will reveal those "who sometimes were far off" and now "are made nigh by the blood of Christ" on the Covenant Mission fields of China, Africa, South America and Alaska, but we praise God for the visible progress which can be reported in Alaska.

The efforts on the field have been supplemented greatly by the coming of new workers. Maynard and Loraine Londborg have now joined our staff as regular missionaries, Rodney and Jean North have taken over the work at White Mountain, Louise Klassen has taken her place in the village of Golovin, and Theron and Theodosea McGrew have been temporarily assisting with the work in Nome. With these additions to our workers, we find the burden of having "sheep without a shepherd" on our field relieved. At the present time, the developed missions stations are well taken care of and as native pastors and people find themselves, we trust that they will take over and the way will open for the development of the unreached fields to the South which Protestant missions as yet have not touched. The beginning and successful operation of the Bible school for one term has speeded our progress toward the goal of thoroughly evangelizing Alaska.

Bible School at Unalakleet

It was a thrill never to be forgotten to witness the first term of the regular Bible school at Unalakleet. Students from many portions of Western Alaska were present. Wales, Nome Solomon, White Mountain, Elim, Shaktoolik, Unalakleet, Hooper Bay and Nunivak Island contributed students. Brother L. E. Ost, who carried the brunt of the teaching load, tenderly and yet firmly guided his family of Eskimo young people along. Maynard and Loraine Londborg and Arlene Anderson gave their contributions to the curriculum providing a well-rounded program of Church History, Music, Health, English, Speech, and Bible. From time to time, it was a joy to note the growth both spiritually and in the knowledge of the Word in these young lives. It is our hope that some will develop into future pastors and leaders of the village missions. Others will at least go home to establish homes on Bible standards. The Bible school is our big hope for the future of the village missions on which we have spent much money and effort. It seems to be the only way to get these dear people "out on their own" in the work of the Lord.

Children's Home at Unalakleet

A white monument stands today in Unalakleet as a standard raised for the homeless children in the second division of Alaska, giving helpless orphans a home and Christian training. On the first of March of this year, the home was finally completed and occupied. In a matter of weeks, children living under unfavorable circumstances were brought to a clean, healthy environment to receive food for the body as well as the soul.

Maynard Londborg was appointed superintendent of the Home by the Council, with Loraine Londborg as assistant. Arlene Anderson is in charge of the girls in the Home. As the children keep coming in, we can see how inadequately the Home is staffed but trust that the way will be opened by the Lord for every need.

Of untold value to the Home and mission was the D4 Caterpillar that was purchased over a year ago. Maynard Londborg used it to good advantage in supplying the mission with fuel.

The food for the Home has been one big item. The diet is not elaborate--in fact a great deal of native foods are used such as beaver meat, dry fish, seal oil, and reindeer meat, but nevertheless, a good deal has to be invested every year in such items as milk, dry fruit, flour and sugar.

For this next year, Mr. Londborg feels he should limit the total number of children to twenty with the present staff. There is the need for the immediate future of the mission running its own elementary school to care for the children in the Home. The government school is crowded to capacity and the attitude is taken that our children's education is our responsibility. However, there is good indication that the territorial school system will supply the funds for a teacher of our choice, provided the mission facilities can be used for classrooms.

Village Missions

The work of the missionaries in the head stations is by no means to be overlooked as insignificant. I feel that our white missionaries in the villages have an unexcelled position. The native people are being directed in the way of Christian living and self-government. The field which we occupy now is pretty well evangelized but the growth toward self-direction and support is a long process.

Candle has shown a marked growth in the Sunday school. The people are transients to a large extent and have as yet felt little responsibility in caring for their own work. The Andersons have nearly completed the mission house.

White Mountain suffered a good deal by not having a permanent worker stationed there. We are thankful that it was possible for the Norths to take over that station. They have an opening into the Government High School there which will bear much fruit in the years to come. The entire school attends the services at the mission. These young people come from all parts of Western Alaska. We pray that they will get a new heart from above to live aright when they go back to their villages.

Another boon to our work in the Fish River area, was the coming of Louise Klassen to Golovin. These people have needed a resident missionary for some time and the work of Miss Klassen is bearing fruit. It has been good to hear of the decisions for Christ from time to time in that place. A new mission house and church is needed there if we are to continue the work.

Unalakleet has always been the largest village church and around which the most activity has centered. This year the congregation decided to take on the support of their own native pastor. This is a big step forward towards the self-support of the older mission stations.

In Nome we have enjoyed the fellowship and labor of our fellow-workers, the McGrews. Just at a time when we needed an additional couple in Nome, the Lord sent these dear people to us. Although the McGrews are only on temporary status, they have worked as any of our permanently engaged workers would have done. Mr. McGrew is a builder as well as a Bible school graduate. I have felt free to leave Nome on the itinerant work of the mission plane with confidence that the home station was well taken care of. McGrew is also a big help in the maintenance of the mission plane in that he has a good deal of experience along that line. In Nome we are still working in the Methodist Church with no definite settlement in view. However, in the meanwhile the Lord has blessed and souls have found the Lord nearly every week.

The work of the Yakutat mission has gone ahead this year under the leadership of Melvin Pederson and his wife. We are sorry that Pedersons did not get to the Council meeting this year but all the reports from there pointed toward victories in Christ. Pedersons leave this year for the outside and Helge Hamiltons come to take their place.

Since the coming of the new mission plane to Alaska, the effectiveness of this branch of the work has been on the increase. Its capacity to fly over greater areas with safety has allowed me to visit the remotest corners of our field.

During the summer months, Solomon and Moses Point (the fish camp of the Elim people) had regular services by the mission pilot. Solomon has been able to carry on by itself a good deal of the time with its capable native leader. The Elim people are crying for a pastor of their own which may soon be realized. These villages have been threatened by outside mission groups wanting to come in, but thus far all has gone well and we still have the only work in these places.

Aside from these villages which have had regular visits, I have managed to spend considerable time with the people on the Yukon, most of which has been at Mountain Village. This has encouraged me to promote as never before, interest in this untouched land to the south. The area of the Yukon Flats alone has a population of over 2,000 people in which we have only two gospel missions. The remainder of the field is Catholic dominated. On the Yukon River we have only one mission, namely Mountain Village, and the rest is in the same plight as the Flats. I managed to start limited gospel activity in St. Michael and Marshall by having regular Sunday school in those places. Whites and natives alike are calling for some Protestant mission to come in and liberate these thousands of natives in the Yukon region.

Nunivak Island was visited this year. Brother Kenick has build a new mission house, organized a church at Nash Harbor, and has the Island on partial self-support. This activity is the result of only twelve years of gospel work in that place. I hope it will be possible to visit that place again soon. Their fervent spirit is inspiring to say the least.

Besides the regular itinerant mission work of the plane and pilot to these out of the way mission fields, the plane has had an added responsibility in carrying the children to the Home in Unalakleet. A great deal of travel is required for each child before entrance is completed. With the threat of tuberculosis, x-rays have to be taken and read in far away Nome or Kotzebue. The Children's Home has had the benefit of the plane also in securing native foods such as dry fish, reindeer, etc.

Then Council time in Alaska is no small transportation problem with a mission staff of fourteen to gather at a central location. In all, the mission plane has covered 40,000 miles in the last year, over miles of trailless tundra, ice-covered mountains, and frozen rivers. Truly those who were "far off are made nigh" by this modern means of transportation. Also, praise be to God, they are "made nigh through the blood of Christ" into one body of believers.

It is with sincerity that I submit this report of the Alaskan missionary field.

Yours in Him,

H. Roald Amundsen, Chairman

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 Council: Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ost
 Chairman: Rev. H. Roald Amundsen
 Secretary: Rev. Walter J. Anderson

Native Missionaries:

Nunivak Island: Jacob Kenick
 Scammon Bay: Oscar Andrewuk
 Mountain Village: Wilson Gonangnon
 White Mountain:
 Covenant Bible Institute: Job Matthews
 Unalakleet: Reuben Paniptchuk
 Hooper Bay: Harry Soxie
 Koyuk: Joshua Ahwinona

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

In Alaska both the Children's Home and the Bible Institute have begun their work effectively. It is possible that the latter may be moved from Unalakleet to Iron Creek, near Elim. During the past year a church has been organized at Nome where we have previously cooperated with another denomination. The Yukon Delta is a field that is challenging and needy. Our Alaska Council is planning to place a missionary family there this year. Mr. Carl F. Christophersen, our attorney in Seattle, is helping us to clear the titles to our mission properties at various stations in Alaska.

Theodore W. Anderson

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF WORLD MISSIONS

Alaska

A gracious revival visited our mission field among the Eskimos this past winter. Special services were held in many of the villages. Large numbers accepted Christ as Savior and many of the Christians confessed sins and rededicated their lives to Christ. Daniel Ost was God's instrument assisting our missionaries in these special services.

During the winter, our missionaries L. E. Ost and Roald Amundsen made a thorough survey of the Yukon Delta area. Here they found hundreds of unevangelized natives with no one to bring the gospel to them. They also visited a number of white communities without even a Sunday School. This area was first visited by brother Ost nearly thirty years ago. For over twenty years our Eskimo pastors have been carrying on the work, but we have long felt that missionaries were needed to help them. This is at last coming to realization with plans for the stationing of Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ost at Marshall on the lower Yukon and Rev. and Mrs. Walter Anderson at St. Michael. This will bring about a more vigorous program of evangelization in that part of our field.

Approximately twenty Eskimo boys and girls are being cared for in our Children's Home at Unalakleet, Miss Mildred Olson was called for service in the home last October and joined the staff in November.

The Bible Institute, also located at Unalakleet, convened for its second term this past winter. The enrollment was not as large as last year, but the students who returned and others who came for the first time showed real promise. A number of these young people are planning for full time Christian service.

Ralph P. Hanson

ALASKA MISSIONS REPORT

THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Diomedes: Last summer I made my first trip to Diomedes Island to look over the situation and to determine how we can hold what little, very little, footing we have. The Catholics, through some tribal custom which is more effective there than the civil law of the territory, took possession of the mission lot and buildings and in return offered us a new site on which to build. It so happened that the old mission buildings were located on the ancestral plot of one of the Catholic members, the use of which we were asked to turn over the existing buildings to the family. Our permit to build a mission there has a time limit on it and we have to erect our new buildings within the next two years. It wasn't the best sort of deal for us but it was the best that was made available to us.

Now if we are to continue our efforts on this far outpost something needs to be done soon. However, in the light of no available personnel to staff the station, I have no immediate recommendation.

Solomon: In Solomon we still have Milton Adams carrying on the load of the preaching services and the brunt of the building, etc. This year Solomon has been especially blessed in having Christian school teachers, who are of untold help and inspiration to our native leader. They are Mr. and Mrs. Downs, formerly of the Friend's Mission up north, but now retired for health reasons to school teaching. If we had Christian teachers in every village where we have a mission, the load on the leaders and native pastors would be lifted to a great extent. If there was only some way in which our Christian Covenant young people could be shown the wealth of service they could be to the mission by enlisting as teachers in Alaska, we could soon move on to untouched fields.

Elim: Elim is an up and coming village. This last year it has grown to 150 people. The church is crowded to the doors. The deacons have been crying for a pastor of their own for a number of years and have promised to carry on a greater part of the support. It is almost twice the size of Golovin, which has a white worker, larger than Koyuk and Shaktoolik which have their own native pastors, so we can share with them their well-founded desires. We had no one to go to them. Yet the Lord, who provided a sacrifice for Abraham in the time of need, provided workers for Elim last fall. The Savoks, who were raised and trained by our first missionary Karlson, had been serving a church with the Friends at Deering. The Elim people have really gotten under the burden and supplied them with the necessities of life. In return, the Lord has richly blessed both the people of Elim and the Savoks. Word from there brings news of souls coming to the Lord. Praise his name! A cabin has been remodeled and equipped with a new stove, so the Savoks are comfortably situated. A quonset hut was also secured last fall and moved to a suitable site at Moses Point, to be used as a chapel for the nearby campers during the summer season.

Koyuk:

Joshua Ahwinona has been serving this place. A number of people have come to the Lord there this year, and we are especially thankful for the young men who have come clean, and seem to be good stock for future missionaries.

Shaktoolik:

I am happy to report the same for Shaktoolik as for Koyuk. This church has one man in the Bible Institute at Unalakleet and has promised the native food to support one boy at the children's home. We feel that this is definitely a step in the right direction. Reuben Paniptchuk and his wife continue to faithfully minister to these people the bread of life. Nome mission furnished the lumber and Paniptchuk and Ahwinona came to Nome and built a boat for the Paniptchuks to use in their work.

Nome:

Without the McGrews, it would be impossible for me to rightly care for the work in Nome and the itinerant mission work at the same time. We were so thankful to have brother Daniel Ost, the youngest son of our veteran missionary, who was up to see his parents for his vacation, with us for a series of meetings last fall which certainly gave us a lift. It was a time of real revival which we accepted as from the Lord. Brother McGrew and I both felt our own souls revived. A number of white people found the Lord as Savior. Tobacco went in the stove, stolen goods from many years ago were returned, false witnessing and gossip was made right, homes reunited, old bills paid up and a general refreshing for all. As a result a church of forty-four adult born-again members was organized here in Nome everyone of which is remaining fervent to this day. In this place where there are so many churches and hard to keep the flock together, the Lord made a real issue in the hearts of our people not to be divided and follow every wind of doctrine. Bible classes and cottage prayer services throughout the city have strengthened our people in the Lord and His Word.

The Mission Plane:

There has been a trail blazed by our pioneer missionary, Paul Carlson, that will never be forgotten by the people on the Alaskan field. Again this year the mission plane has been used of the Lord as in other years. With this modern means of transportation, we have managed to cover over 30,000 miles of about 310 hours of flying. In looking through my log book and its notes, I have broken this time down into the various aspects of the work of the mission plane this year. The itinerant mission work used over 83 hours. During this time, twenty villages were visited with about 120 services held. This included the special services of Daniel Ost which I assisted. The travel of the missionaries took about 46 hours. Mission business required 41 hours. There was 40 hours use for the children's home flying. This included transportation of children to an x-ray machine and the securing of food for the home, such as reindeer, fish and hunting wild meat. Last summer we had a native missionaries' conference at Unalakleet, and we held missionary meetings all along the coast to Nome. Although the Yukon missionaries traveled most of the way in the mission boat, we still used the plane 38 hours. The entire field benefited greatly by hearing from their native pastors, and we have felt that it stimulated interest in missions amongst our own people. The construction work for the new Bible school set-up took 26 hours. Eighteen hours were used for the Council meetings of a year ago. For securing and bettering mission equipment, I used the mission plane 17 hours. This time included testing the motor, fulfilling a bargain for the new Unalakleet radio phone and assisting a plane in distress for which we received additional equipment. The installation at Unalakleet saved the mission \$200 and for assisting the downed plane, I received from the owner, a new radio transmitter and receiver for the plane valued at over \$600. Last but not least in value was 10 hours spent on mercy hops and if the last boy that I took to the hospital recovers, it will be the third life that the mission plane definitely saved this year.

H. R. Amundsen

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MISSIONARIES' REPORT

Our Yukon Regions Field, Alaska

The cry: Come over into our part of Alaska and help us.

It is not a small matter with such a one as me to speak concerning this field, for there is a sore cutting within at the thought of what could have been. Had we, had I, after we started this work, pushed it as it should have been pushed, we could today have had the upper hand (humanly speaking) instead of "the Synagogue of Satan" (read Rev. 17,18,19) having the upper hand.

This situation, however deplorable, does in no manner or measure excuse us, nor relieve us of our unavoidable responsibility. For myself, I only can come and say, O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day. O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face. To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness. So we must now go ahead in and with this work and field, our Lord continues to hold us to. Let us clearly understand that most of the people in these parts continue to be held in sin, by Satan and superstition, and this is the stark situation after soon three quarters of a century of Christian work in Alaska. Remember that unregenerate human nature, the flesh, is the ever strong cooperator with the organized forces of Satan. Old, dark ways often have power over those who have begun to come out of thick darkness into His marvelous light.

Brother Amundsen and I have prospected for Christ in these parts. The findings are most encouraging. In the same old way, the way in which God works, we have been preaching and teaching the work of truth. That is definitely the need-Bible preaching and Bible teaching. Such preaching and teaching still works to the salvation of such as hear and believe. It definitely works, even among the most unenlightened.

As to needs and possibilities, we hesitate to put some things in print, for the forces of Satan are well organized and have a system, the better to counteract the true Christian work and to hold the people enslaved in darkness and superstition. Their religion certainly is a religion of the flesh. Pool table, movies, together with gambling, drinking, and old practice of darkness, take much of the men's time, so that at times they have no wood to make fire in their "homes"--women and children suffering in consequence.

What have we? And we profess to believe that God has called us, and is calling us, to free the people from this power of Satan. What have we?

A few of our faithful Christian Eskimo brethren have carried on under the most trying conditions, opposed by these fearful odds, endeavoring to keep the light burning brightly in the midst of the oppressive darkness. From personal observation, and from testimonies given in all places concerned, by Christians and non-Christians, we must mention the brethren Jacob, Wilson, and Soxie, giving them due credit for their measure of faithfulness.

But do our ramshackle buildings, in this part of our field, with poor windows and doors, dilapidated stoves, leaking roofs, makeshift furnishings and equipment, rightly and honorably represent and present that "Great Salvation"? We know the all-important spiritual side to the work, but we are commissioned to carry forward the work in this material world. That being so, should not the material side be honorable also, and not a sore disgrace to God's great cause in this world?

Besides preaching and teaching the sure word of salvation in our partially established places, we have looked into other communities where total spiritual darkness yet prevails. There also the Light must be brought in. They also must hear and have opportunity to believe unto salvation. All this must take personnel, men, and means. We certainly have both men and means if we mean anything by praying, "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Let us anew realize the meaning of Ephesians 2:10. Are we the people, do we want to be the people through who God can work? Where are you, definitely consecrated

Christian school teachers of otherwise unquestioned qualifications, who will come and teach in our schools? Who will say: Here am I, send me? As it stands today, non-Christian teachers are in most of the schools here, evidenced by the sorry backwardness of the children. While the Christians have slept, are sleeping, on this point-the enemy is assiduously sowing the tares. Where are you, young men and women, of qualifications, who will deny yourselves and take up your cross daily, following the Savior in sacrificial work in our Alaska field?

In the established schools, the quarters are fairly good, the pay fair, and the food that is brought from the States and such foods as Alaska locally offers nourishing. But, remember, you must definitely be in harmony with Christ and His work- if you are not, you are a failure.

We definitely need improvements in the work, and in the buildings and equipment, we have in this field. (My hands are now so cold thy can hardly guide the pen.) But in addition we must definitely have buildings and equipment and the right workers to meet the crying need in the new places, from whence the insistent cry is: Come and help us. Doors are now open to us- dare we refuse to enter? Certainly God has yet much people in these parts.

Where this is written, Bible teaching continues forenoon, afternoon, evenings. Some days the blessed experience is that it continues all day. Not only "our" people come, but others come with them. The children come with our children. Many times the other children come so they fill the room, when our children are not present. Last night, after class, two young men came. I read to them several chapters and passages in the Bible. Then I knelt and prayed. One man brought in an armful of chopped wood, when wood is at a premium. The women, not only our own, come and ask if they can bring me some seal meat, tom cod, or such other fresh fish as they get, dividing to me a portion, giving me a share in the best the land offers. And it tastes so good. It is given in plain, sincere hospitality and kindness. Shall we not give them the best we have to give, the things in Jesus Christ? Pray for them. Pray for the work. Pray for me, that I fail not our Lord, nor his people, nor those who are to be saved.

L. E. Ost

Unalakleet

Unalakleet is a place of much activity. It is the location of a Children's Home and our Bible Institute, as well as our largest native church. There is never a dull moment in any of the three phases of our work. A year ago the work was carried on by Miss Arlene Anderson and Loraine and Maynard Londborg. Rev. L. E. Ost spent three of the winter months teaching in the Bible school. Miss Mildred Olson joined our group in November and Naomi and Walter Anderson came from Candle, Alaska, in January to help temporarily with the work.

The Unalakleet Covenant church has recently seen a marvelous spiritual revival. During the summer months the majority of the people had left the village to work in the canneries or had moved to the fish camps. Daniel Ost, missionary to Mexico and son of our senior Alaska missionary, visited our village in January and was instrumental in bringing about the renewing of the Spirit within the hearers of the people in our church and the conversion of many of our wayward young people. Our winter months then, have been spent in Bible study with various afternoon and evening groups of children and adults. There have also been some very inspiring prayer meetings and discussions on different problems in the Christian life. We pray that all the new converts may continue in the spirit of revival and place their complete trust in the God who is able to keep them from falling.

Covenant Children's Home

We had only four children with us the morning of February 15, 1948, when our Children's Home was officially opened, but by the end of May we were a happy family with nineteen children, between the ages of one and fifteen. A thorough medical examination is required of each child before it is accepted into the Home. This is the only Children's Home in the second division of Alaska. Most of the children are full-blooded Eskimos while a few are part white. They are here because they are either orphans or have only one parent living who is not able to give them the proper care. They come in from this and surrounding villages. Our children share in the work around the house. In the summer they are busy picking berries and helping to catch and preserve fish and working in the gardens. Our daily concern is that a warm Christian atmosphere may permeate the home and that Christ be rooted in the heart of each child. Rev. and Mrs. Londborg maintain the superintendency of the Home and Arlene Anderson and Mildred Olson serve as counselors for the girls and boys. Rev. and Mrs. Anderson of Candle are spending the spring months with us helping us in the home.

Covenant Bible Institute

"Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed..." This challenge has been accepted by many of the second term of our school. At that time Rev. L. E. Ost was in charge of the school and served as its only teacher. As Rev. Ost left in January for our Yukon field, the teaching was left to Miss Anderson and Mr. Londborg.

Our enrollment has not been large this year but the majority of the students that have attended have been those who are preparing for full time missionary work. Many of our villages have been without a pastor for many years and as we move into new villages with the gospel we must turn over more of our work to natives. This explains the importance of our Bible Institute, a place where our young people can be grounded in the word of God, a place where they may study to be a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

White Mountain

White Mountain has had the gospel preached this year, too, with the same warming influence as ever before. It is our desire that one by one hearts may be melted by the love of God and be remolded in the Master's hands. White Mountain is a normal village and its people meet with the same problems as the rest of the villages, therefore patient well-doing labor must be carried on. Our activities have consisted of: Sunday school, junior and senior Bible study, prayer service, boarding school Bible study, Dorcas, Mission League, Mission Helpers, preaching service, and D.V.B.S.

One of the goals, to which we are striving, is to develop leadership and responsibility in our native Christians. We have taken certain measures to encourage more giving of time and money toward the mission work. We fully realize that there are very few Christians among the people. It is therefore our joy to see them coming so faithfully to our services under the influence of the blessed Word of our Lord.

The most encouraging activity at White Mountain has been among the children. Through these contacts, most of the children have taken a stand for Christ. It remains to be seen just how sincere and how deep the experience has gone. It is a joy to feed them

with substantial spiritual food that will uphold them in future days. In these activities, we have stressed memorization of scripture. The Word planted in their hearts will do its work if listened to and abided by.

Golovin

January found us looking forward to the special meetings, praying that God would shower His blessings down on us. And truly the Lord did answer prayer, for when the meetings were held many new decisions as well as renewals were made. Even before the meetings, we sensed the Holy Spirit's working in the hearts of many, and though no outward results were seen, it was in the after-meetings or the visits to the mission home that these things were revealed. Often after a busy day is over and one wishes to spend a quiet evening at home, there comes a rap at the door, and it is either a young person or an older one seeking a better understanding of certain things in the Bible. God grant us the enlightenment we need on His truths, to share and divide it rightly. Since many of the people have taken a definite stand for Christ, and many of them are utterly unfamiliar with the Bible, we have begun regular Bible study periods. The young people meeting on Tuesday night and the older folks on Thursday night. We still meet for prayer on Wednesday night.

Sunday is always a busy day, with Sunday school at ten and the morning service at 11, after which we have our weekly young people's meeting, which is always well attended. The evening service is always the highlight of the week and we have a full house, as the people love to come out and sing the gospel hymns as well as hear the gospel message. At both the morning and evening service, and Eskimo message as well as an English message is given, so I am sure that all hear and can understand.

The ladies' organization, better known as the Golovin Missionary Circle, is busy in its work to raise funds to aid in the building of a new mission and living quarters.

Mr. Sigfried Aukongak has very ably led the meetings and has had full charge of them when I have been away from the village at any length of time.

Candle

In the early part of 1948, one of the greatest temptations ever to befall our Eskimo race was truly rampant in Candle. With the close of 1948 this temptation, in its present form, ended. The tavern at Candle has been closed, along with all sales of alcoholic beverages for the year 1949. We had prayed hard for just this to happen and thanks be unto God our prayers have been answered. Only those of us who live so close to the Eskimos and see the awfulness of liquor to these natives, fully know what a great thing it is to have such a sale of sin banned by law in a native village.

Last October we went from home to home with a petition, stating that all sale of alcoholic beverages be discontinued for the coming year. Although there was another petition going round at the same time for the reissuance of the liquor license for the coming year, we had the majority of signers and our petition was granted. We truly believe that the people will now begin to listen to the gospel and take Christ into their lives and have real joy, instead of the pleasures of the world.

A church has been organized, but as yet it has only a few members. The Sunday school has been growing. In the past year we have had seven classes. Six of our young people were confirmed last fall.

When we first came to Candle we had a three room house to live in. The entire building was 16 by 20 feet. It has taken long hours of hard work, especially when there is all the other missionary tasks that must be done first. But there is now a five room home and bathroom.

We are looking for a much greater spiritual harvest in Candle now that some of the ground work has been laid. Continue to remember the work in Candle in your prayers, for truly God is greater than the greatest need.

RESOLUTIONS

(7) Upon the recommendation of the Covenant Attorney for Alaska, Carl F. Christophersen, and of the Board of Missions that a long term lease be given the city of Yakutat in exchange for certain considerations, seconded by Kenneth A. Berlin, was adopted.

(8) Upon the recommendation of the Covenant Attorney for Alaska, Carl F. Christophersen, and of the Board of Missions President Anderson be authorized to write a letter, removing the protests of the Covenant concerning our property at Unalakleet, was adopted.

The following resolution prepared by Attorney Christophersen and recommended by the Board of Missions, seconded by Henning Gustafson, was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America, formerly known as, and successors to, the Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant hereby withdraw all protests heretofore made by it or its representatives to amend Survey No. 800, Swedish Evangelical Mission Reserve, Tracts A, B, C, which bears certificates of approval by Public Survey Office at Juneau, Alaska, May 11, 1938, and acceptance by the U. S. Department of the Interior, General Land Office at Washington, D.C., June 8, 1938.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America accept said Public Survey No. 800 and request that patents be issued for said mission reserve.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Theodore W. Anderson, President of the Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America, be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to address a letter to the Manager, District Land Office, Anchorage, Alaska, containing certified copies of this Resolution and he is further authorized to perform such acts to the lands covered by the above survey.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Carl F. Christophersen, attorney at law of Seattle, Washington, be and is hereby appointed, designated and empowered the true and lawful attorney to represent the Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America before the department of the interior, Central Land Office of the United States of America, in the matter now pending relating to claim of the Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America for land at Unalakleet, Alaska; and that Theodore W. Anderson, as President, be empowered to execute such power of attorney on behalf of the Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America.

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 Elim: John Savok

The President's Report

In Alaska we have our oldest missionary project outside continental United States. Other denominations designate this area home missions, but we have continuously called it foreign missions, possibly because we took it over from the Mission Covenant of Sweden. The Bible Institute and the Children's Home at Unalakleet are real assets to the work. We are seeking to acquire a site for building a church at Nome. We had hoped to acquire the Methodist native church in which we have had our services for years but now we are definitely informed that this is impossible. In the expansive field in the Yukon Delta where we have previously had only native workers we now have a missionary family, the Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ost.

Theodore W. Anderson

Secretary of Foreign Missions Report

Alaska

This year has witnessed a significant and long needed development on our Alaska field. For many years our missions has occupied the Yukon Delta region-- an area some two hundred miles long and one hundred miles wide. However the whole responsibility for carrying on the work has rested upon a small corps of native pastors. For years we have felt that we should station a missionary couple in this area to aid our native brethren. Last summer this need was realized. The chairman of our Alaska Missionary Council, Rev. L. E. Ost, moved to the town of Fortuna Ledge, located near the center of the delta. From this strategic location he will be able to aid our native workers and supervise the work in this entire area.

Following graduation from the Covenant Bible Institute of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Job and Mary Matthews returned to their native Alaska and are now stationed in the large village of Hooper Bay. Other young people are being trained for Christian service in our Bible School at Unalakleet.

After over two years' absence from the field, for health reasons, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Carlson returned to Alaska last June. They traveled by auto from Duluth to Fairbanks over the Alcan Highway. Brother Carlson has resumed the piloting of our mission plane, while Roald Amundsen and his family are on furlough.

For some years we have used the Methodist church building at Nome. However, they have informed us that they want to tear down the present building and erect a social center. This leaves us no choice but to build a Covenant church. Our missionaries are planning to build this summer.

The splendid ministry of our Unalakleet Children's Home continues. Some twenty Eskimo children are cared for. An additional room for use as an infirmary is needed and Mr. and Mrs. Helmer Olson, of Seattle, have generously donated \$2,500 for this purpose.

Ralph P. Hanson

Alaska Missions Report

Before Aviation came, Nome was the main gateway to upper coastal Alaska. Even today the place is of such importance that a "seawall" is being built to halt the erosion of the city seafront by the restless Behring Sea. Nome is also of no small importance as the terminus of modern air traffic for this large section of Alaska. The Army maintains a small base here. Not only white people, but many natives from north, west, east and south have come to Nome to work and live and make their homes.

It is necessary that we maintain a living, aggressive church to care for not only our own members, who have, for economic reasons, moved here, but also people of other Christian groups, who make their church-home with us. Our church attendance is therefore greater than the combined average attendance of the other and newer churches, which came in during war years. As we have no church building of our own in Nome, and as we no longer can use the old Methodist native church, it is absolutely necessary that we secure site and build a church in Nome this summer.

This places a very heavy load on brother Paul Carlson, to care for the regular Christian work at Nome, build the church, and take care of the mission flying. So it may be necessary to base the mission plane at Unalakleet, and have brother Amundsen take care of the mission flying from there, as Unalakleet is more centrally situated in relation to our whole field. We thought it perhaps would be possible for brother Hamilton to come up from Yakutat and help Carlson for the summer. But Hamilton wired our council that they also, at Yakutat, are building a church this summer, so he cannot come. So we must stretch ourselves a little more, that the work may be done.

Solomon is a windswept community, 33 miles east of Nome. Here the work continues in the care of our native pastor, Milton Adam. Milton, to some extent, grew up in connection with our Golovin Children's Home, when O. P. Anderson was in charge, and later when Mrs. Ost and I had taken over. With a broad smile Milton philosophically says his sons are now old enough and able enough to support him, so that he can take care of the church work.

Forty miles northeasterly from Solomon the work has centered in the Ost home at Council, where Sunday school and other services have been held for many years. The "pulpit" here is on wheels much of the time, when the writer is away, and the responsibility rests on Mrs. Ost. Last year Daniel Ost was a blessing to our field. This year Nathan Ost is home from Africa and freely gives to our work in Alaska. He has now been with me one week at Marshall, and we have framed the lower story of our new station home in this place. It would have been fine if he could have remained longer, to help me finish building here, and to help Carlson build the church at Nome. But Nathan's African field called him away this morning.

White Mountain snuggles against the spruce-clad hills along Fish River, 25 miles easterly from Council. Here we have a fine church and mission home, and the Norths are in charge of the work. The Interior Department has for many years maintained a "boarding school" for native young people at this place. Now it is reported that the school will be closed for two years, while the facilities are to be enlarged for more than one million dollars. As these native young people come to this school from the communities of upper coastal Alaska, and as our church is alone at White Mountain, it is doubly important that we here maintain a living evangelical mission work.

Fifteen miles southeasterly from White Mountain we have Golovin, where work was established next after our Unalakleet station. Some of the sod-walls speak mutely of how those our first missionaries accommodated themselves, under primitive conditions, that the gospel be brought to the people. Several of those our first missionaries are now resting and shall in God's good time have their full share and glorious accommodations in the Father's house, where the many mansions are being prepared for them. Louise Klassen

and her saintly mother are laboring at Golovin. It should be possible to care for the work at Golovin by the missionaries stationed at White Mountain in cooperation with a native leader at Golovin. That would make it possible for sister Klassen to labor in connection with the home at Unalakleet, or to work in some of the other places, where workers are so sorely needed.

From Golovin, easterly overland, is a distance of 26 miles to Elim. In this slowly but steadily growing community the aging Savoks, John and Lilly, are doing a real good work. They grew up in connection with our first "home" at Unalakleet. For many years they labored in the Friend's field up north, but they wanted to "come back to our own people." Lilly is rather gifted and at home in her Bible, and both are evidently very much in love with the Lord and his work. Satan, working through the medical setup, has again and again been active to stop the good work they are doing, but so far he has failed. As John and Lilly receive no salary from us, but are supported by the natives, their fare is at times somewhat on the meager side. But they can also say that it is food for them to do what God wants them to do. The people at Elim largely support the work and workers there. Twelve miles from the village the CAA maintains airport facilities.

About 45 miles northeasterly we have the Koyuk village at the mouth of the Koyuk River, at the very head of Norton Bay. Here the Rubens are stationed, faithfully doing the Christian work entrusted to them. Mrs. Ruben also grew up in connection with our first mission home at Unalakleet.

At Candle, some 60 miles north, we have a fine little mission home and church, and here the McGrews are. They will soon be leaving Candle, and the work will be taken over by one of our Bible School "graduates." we praise God for these "first fruits" of our Bible School.

Southeasterly from Koyuk, some 48 miles, on the shore of Norton Sound, new Shaktoolik is located, and here Harry Soxie and wife labor to establish the believers and to win to Christ such as have not come to him. Soxie was not always thus. With him there was and is a definite demarcation between what he was and what he is. He continues to learn what it means to belong yieldedly to Christ. Shaktoolik has recently been host to the Native Christian Conference in the northern section of our field.

Again we follow the storm-pounded coast southeasterly, 35 miles, and come to Unalakleet, a concentration of Covenant efforts in Alaska. Here we have a staff of six white workers glowing in the vigor and resilience of full youth and manhood. Here we have the new children's home with its appointments and disappointments, and anointments. And here we have one of our oldest churches in Alaska. On the oldest part of the present structure it says "1901," the year this part was built. The membership is accumulating funds for a new building.

And here we also have our homeless Bible School-- a beginning out of which shall spring and flow streams of untold blessings, until the Lord shall call us to come up higher.

It will be noticed that we have for God occupied village after village and we must occupy till he comes. Soon thirty years ago we placed faithful Wilson Gonongnan at Mountain Village, on the mighty Yukon. Planting out Wilson there was the concrete result of our first Native Christian Conference, when we, white and native brothers, knelt about Wilson, laying our hands on him, pouring out to God our hearts desire, that he would take Wilson and consecrate him and use him to further the gospel to the then "regions beyond." All who knelt about Wilson in that work began at Hooper Bay and on Nunivak Island, also largely resulting from that first conference. Humbly do we praise our God for his mercies.

In all these places the work is going on with Sunday schools, preaching and teaching, house visitations and help. The plane has done good service under able hands. It probably should be exchanged very soon for a more economical and more efficient plane, while there is still exchange value in the Stinson.

Now it is our burden to bring the gospel to all the villages in-between, in this large Yukon field. We have just held our Native Christian Conference at Hooper Bay. When I first was there there was not even a place where a semi-civilized person could safely sleep. But even then the people were in their way kindness itself, but so were not the pervading vermin. But the grace of God changes everything. In present-day Hooper Bay we have the happy, youthful Job Matthews laboring in the whitening harvest, and people are brought to the Savior. Job already has gathered some material, and has plans and hopes to take away the present unsightly and unpractical protuberances on the mission building, replacing them, and adding more needed room.

So far this winter it has been impossible for me to spend any time in Bible teaching to the people on Nunivak Island. Their hope in this is long deferred. We have the only two church on the island, and here the Kenicks labor and supervise ably. At their request, we have allowed the Kenicks "one year of preaching furlough" on the mainland, and Joshua Ahwinona will move to the Island to continue the work while the Kenicks are on the mainland.

At Mountain Village we soon must replace aging Wilson with new laborers, and the station must be improved. Within this Yukon field there are a dozen hopeless, bedarkened villages without the gospel. we must bring them the gospel. To rightly occupy with the full blessings of the gospel all these forlorn people in these bleak weatherbeaten places, we would need a plane for this part of our field alone.

Marshall? Due to the favorable weather and to the fact that my son Nathan came to be with me one week, before he starts the long journey back to Africa, we framed the first story of our new station building, and started on the second story. The building is 28x38 feet, and one large room will provide meeting place till we can get a church built. It is also a real blessing to have Dwight Milligrok, one of our Bible students, with me in the work.

On my own behalf, and on behalf of all my fellow-laborers, and on behalf of the field and work my heart speak to you in warm appreciation for your financial and warm prayer support. Thank you, and thanks be to God.

The prayers and tears and giving have not been in vain in Alaska. Humbly do we thank God for his infinite grace manifested.

L. E. Ost

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Klassen, Miss Louise
Lindgren, Rev. and Mrs. Emory E.
Olson, Miss Mildred

White Mountain
North, Rev. and Mrs. Rodney J.

Yakutat
Hamilton, Rev. and Mrs. B. Helge

Native Missionaries
Ahwinona, Joshua Nunivak Island
Gonangnon, Wilson Mountain Village
Kenick, Jacob Unalakleet
Kokochuruk, Job and Mary Hooper Bay
Paniptchuk, Ruben Koyuk
Savok, John Elim
Soxie, Harry Shaktoolik
Tungwenuk, Thomas Candle

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President's Report

Militarily exposed, Alaska is witnessing an increase in the white population, especially in the armed forces. Our work, however, is among the natives, the Eskimos in the North and the Indians in the South. Our new missionary project in the Yukon Delta, a region long neglected, is making progress. The Children's Home is rendering valuable service, repeating the experience of early days in Alaska missions. With the thought of ultimately supplanting the missionaries, the Bible Institute is training native workers. This school may be moved to a new location. The church in Nome, after suffering severe damage in a storm last fall, is now nearly completed. Valuable reinforcement to our missionary work is given by two Covenant nurses serving in the municipal hospital in Nome. This is typical of the service non-professional missionaries can give to the cause of Christ in many lands.

Theodore W. Anderson

Secretary of Foreign Missions Report

Alaska

Our northernmost mission field continues to experience the blessing of God as the word of life goes forth through our missionaries and the native workers and Christians. The native pastors are assuming more and more responsibility in the work of our mission. There was a time not too many years ago when we had only three native pastors on the staff and they had very little in the way of training. Now we have eight who are giving full time to the work. Most of these have received formal training at our Bible Institute. Villages too small for a resident missionary are now being served by such consecrated native workers.

Our Bible Institute has played a major role in the encouraging development outlined above. However, it has been operated thus far under considerable handicap due to lack of a permanent location. For the last three years it has been held at Unalakleet, but our facilities there are already crowded and the arrangement has not been too satisfactory. Next fall the school will be conducted at Marshall on the Yukon River. However, we must have a permanent site in a central location. Then, too, a missionary couple is needed to devote full time to this important phase of the work. This far the school has been taught by our missionaries who are already loaded down with many other responsibilities. We are hoping to call teachers in the near future who will devote the major part of their time to the school. A land grant and a building have been secured at Moses Point, some eight miles from Elim. It is possible that the Bible Institute will be permanently located there.

Last year our mission in Nome was asked to vacate the Methodist Church building which we have used as our meeting place for a number of years. This made it necessary for us to build our own church. A lot and materials were secured and the building project was launched last fall by Rev. Paul Carlson. Early in January we called Mr. Spencer Strand, of Woodstock, Connecticut, to go to Alaska for a year and help our missionaries build. He arrived in Nome the later part of January. His home church generously decided to underwrite both his transportation and salary.

The Children's Home at Unalakleet continues to minister to about a score of homeless Eskimo boys and girls. Practically all of these precious children have received Christ as Savior. In the spiritual atmosphere of the home they are growing in grace and Christian character. They are being nurtured and trained for a life of devoted service for Christ and their fellowmen.

Rev. and Mrs. Helge Hamilton are continuing with their effective ministry at our isolated mission station at Yakutat. Here, too, the blessing of God is evident. The Christians have taken upon themselves the responsibility for purchasing materials and building a new church.

In May Mr. and Mrs. Helmer Olson, of Seattle, Washington, staunch friends of Covenant Missions and of our Alaska field in particular, visited our northern field. Last year they graciously provided funds for building and equipping an infirmary for the Unalakleet Children's Home.

Ralph P. Hanson

Alaska Missions Report

As no local reports have come to me, I must set forth my own over-all observations of the work, having had opportunity to visit most of our mission places during the year. In doing this I am conscious of our lesson in Luke 13:8 and the whole tenor of the New Testament. Certainly in all this is revealed to us God's unfailing grace, that he is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and be saved.

Nunivak

On the Nunivak Island, where we have two mission stations, our Brother and Sister Ahwinona, who came last summer, are laboring in the furtherance of the Christian work. Sunday school, regular preaching services, Bible study, prayer meetings, young people's work, choir practice and home visitation is a rather full program. Some years ago some natives told me about a man "up north" who could pray so the driftwood logs would come flying to his cabin. I asked why he did not pray that the wood be chopped for him and brought into his cabin also. No, neither white missionaries nor native workers get the wood fuel that way - but by the way of hard labor, a steady chore. It can also be a quite serious problem when the wood becomes scarce. Some of our mission places have no standing timber of wood within reach. And even in these prosaic matters the Christian missionary should, must, set a good example before his flock.

Our stations on this island are about twenty-five miles apart, and the "outstation" people are asking for a missionary. The past winter we have been prevented from visiting the island, but we hope one of us shall be able to get out there the coming summer. This island is hidden in fog for days and weeks at a time.

Hooper Bay

April 23 we were again at Hooper Bay, where we found Job and Mary happy and busy. The three Deacons of the church at once asked for a meeting with us. The matter: We want Job to stay as missionary. It has been reported that the Jesuit priest one day assayed to ridicule Job- and was promptly rebuked some Catholic young men, who told the priest they like Job, and thus stood in defense of our missionary. Our brother has concluded that the parents cannot very well teach their children the right way until they themselves know the right way. Therefore he has initiated a program to teach the parents their duties and parental responsibilities as Christians. They also have Sunday school, preaching, visitation, Bible study, prayer meetings and general counseling to the people. There is a continuous coming of Catholic children to sing and learn choruses and lessons from the Bible. Two gifted young people from this church came to our Bible School the past winter- and beg to come again next fall. But Job says we should station a white Missionary at Hooper Bay next year.

Scammon Bay

God has surely been good to us and to the people at Scammon Bay in that he sent Brother and Sister Smagge to labor at that place. They are prayerfully preparing some young people for our Bible School. They have also conducted a day school, so much needed in this place. Up till this time Scammon Bay has had no regular mail service. We took the matter up the the authorities, and they are now establishing mail service and the Smagges will have the post office. This place is favored with terrific winds. The old mission building is still hanging together. But they had to crowd day school and meetings into the small kitchen, where some of the family also sleep. So we as a missionary council were constrained to ask for safer living quarters for our beloved missionaries. This item-very modest indeed- is included in the budget, and we hope the new living quarters can be built this summer. The Yukon Regions Christian Native Conference met here the later part of March. Fuel is here a standing problem. Smagge had gathered home a fair supply of fuel for the winter. Then came a flooding storm and took wood and boats and oil away into the flats. They were luck to be able to recover the boats and some oil, but the wood was gone. There are some small alder brush to be had- under ten and more feet of snow. I wonder what our ministerial brethren would say and do after laboring for hours, in severe storms, recovering a small quantity of such brush fuel? But the missionaries sent by God cannot consider any circumstances too hard. The Smagges have no salary from the Covenant. We are thankful to God that we may present Christ to these people. Yet we are troubled within because we cannot as yet bring Christ to the other villages, when they are, spiritually, in total darkness.

Mountain Village

It is about thirty years since we began work at Mountain Village. During most of that time Brother Wilson, according to his abilities, has faithfully remained at his post. I remember how he and I were up the Yukon gathering logs for his church. The building is not pretentious, but it still serves for meetings and Sunday school. Wilson is too months older than I, but he thinks he is getting too old and wants to kind of retire. It has been hard for him since Mrs. Wilson's passing. During all the years he has been supported by the Christian Native Conference.. As we knelt in prayer together the other day he said in parting, "Tell your wife we shall soon meet with Jesus up in the air." The local church and

our council say it is necessary that we station a white missionary at Mountain Village when Wilson leaves. This is especially necessary because of the children and young people.

St. Michael

Another place, the historically important St. Michael, is being more permanently added in our field and work. Here we have the musically gifted Dwight Milligrok taking up the labors. formerly a place of the Russian Orthodox church, they have now abandoned the place. It appears the Roman hierarchy would seek to make it a strictly Roman Catholic village to shut out all other churches. But Dwight has long before this bought a house there and the people want him and us to give them the Christian teaching that brings salvation to the lost. Let us remember Dwight and this place in prayer especially, and in necessary support.

Unalakleet

At Unalakleet they have upwards of 160 children in the public school, and the principal told me that have 120 more in the village in the ages 3 to 6. No wonder the Catholics are trying to force themselves in, though there are only two known Catholics in the place. Home visitation, Bible school, Sunday school, prayer meetings, preaching services, both native and English, the children's home, ladies' aid, mothers' meetings and choir meetings highlight the work. The Sunday school and Sunday evening meetings especially usually have a crowded attendance. There is also the material side with endless work with wood and water and maintenance. The Amundsons, the Lindgrens and Louise Klassen and Mildred Olson make up the staff.

Shaktoolik

Brother and Sister Soxie carry on the work at Shaktoolik, as do Brother and Sister Ruben at Koyuk. At Haycock the school teacher, a young woman, holds Sunday school. She and several of the people from that place came to the Christian Native Conference at Koyuk this winter. We had expected Brother Tom Tungwenuk from Candle to come to the conference, but weather prevented his coming. Tom has at Candle a faithful attendance of about forty children in the Sunday school with a slow but steady growth. Brother Tom is hungering for some books to better qualify himself in the Christian work.

Elim

Brother Jacob Kenick, who has a preaching furlough of one year, spent some time at Elim the past winter, and while there baptized 26 children. This community is steadily growing. It was my privilege to help in three days meetings there before Easter. The Savoks hunger for a new field. They are not Covenant supported, and Elim begs for white missionaries. It had been some time since I met with these friends, and many wept at meeting and parting.

Golovin

Golovin was left without a white worker when Klassen and her mother had to go to the children's home at Unalakleet. But the people keep on with the work, and in Sigfrid we have an able and stable leader, whenever he can be in the village. He early became one of our reindeer herders, and he is still the best active reindeer man in Alaska. When so many other reindeer herds have completely disappeared Sigfrid's herd has steadily grown. But he tends to business. The best reindeer meat is to be had from Sigfrid. Now that the Walter Andersons have come to White Mountain, they will also help with the work at Golovin and Council.

White Mountain

It was a blessing to be at White Mountain for Easter, and to again break bread with the people. In the evening the church was so crowded that many had to stand. There is a responsible opportunity among the many school youth. We were privileged to be at White Mountain the past week and found the Andersons and the work well organized. Even a large pile of wood was already cut for stove. The Norths have returned to the States for needed change and rest. At Council the work has centered in the Ost home.

Solomon

Above forty years ago a bedraggled little Eskimo girl was taken into our Golovin Home. In the absence of a pastor, she now leads the work at Solomon. One of the Bible students is called to go there on self support, to help with the work.

Nome

At Nome the new church building is taking shape. It will be a blessing to the work and community when it is finished for services. The meetings have for some time centered in a building belonging to one of the members. Frank L. Johnson, and the work program is extensive and inclusive. Besides the usual church work, there are vacation Bible school, meetings in jail, meetings in hospital and radio services. Brother and Sister Carlson and Brother Strand do not lack work. We thank God that two of our Christian nurses have come from the States to work in the Nome hospital, and we thank God for our Christian doctor. A blessed addition to the work is the Christian medical work done by our doctor out in our villages. This much needed work is made possible by reason of our having our own mission plane. Brethren Carlson and Amundsen have faithfully served, besides all their other work and preaching, in piloting the mission plane on mercy flights and in transporting missionary personnel and goods. In these critical times of war threat our mission plane assumes new meaning.

Marshall

For several valid reasons we have not been able to finish the building program at Marshall. There has been preventing weather; there has been much necessary travel; and there has been sickness.

The outlook for the work is widening and heightening. We yet need several more white workers, and we believe we should let God send them in his good time. To our supporters in prayer and material things we give hearty, humble thanks. To my fellow-workers in the field; "They who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." We must fully share in both weeping and rejoicing- to the praise and glory of God.

L. E. Ost

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Yakutat

More than a year ago our people began talking of building a new church. Although very little was accomplished on this project due to inability to get the ground levelled, the interest still runs high. When anyone suggests that perhaps the old church be moved, they say, "No we want a new church."

After the first of the year the church was re-organized with a membership of 22. Two more have been added since. One young man who has some leadership qualities has made a stand for the Lord recently and we look forward to receiving him into membership soon.

We believe that re-organization of confessing believers was necessary due to much laxness of the people as a whole. As a result bad habits are being thrown aside and there is a deeper feeling of consecration.

A public address system has been purchased and will be invaluable in reaching out over the town at our services.

We have also been able to send out a mimeographed paper each month to all the residents of the district, as well as to young folks away to school and others in hospitals, sanitariums, and young men in the armed forces. This had been made possible through a generous gift of a very fine mimeograph sent to us by the Torchbearers of First Covenant church, Chicago.

We thank God for the covenant and the opportunity to serve him here in Yakutat.

Helge and Joyce Hamilton

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Strand, Mr. Spencer

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Anderson, Miss Arlene M.
Lindgren, Rev. and Mrs. Emory E.
Londborg, Rev. and Mrs. Maynard D. (In HOMELAND until 12-1-51)
Olson, Miss Mildred R.

White Mountain
Anderson, Rev. and Mrs. Walter J.

Yakutat
Hamilton, Rev. and Mrs. B. Helge

Native Missionaries

Ahwinona, Joshua	Nunivak Island
Gonangnon, Wilson	Unalakleet
Kenick, Jacob	Hooper Bay
Kokochuruk, Job and Mary	Hooper Bay
Milligrok, Dwight	St. Michael
Paniptchuk, Ruben	Mountain Village
Sagoonik, Johnson	Solomon
Savok, John	Elim
Smagge, Edmund ¹	Scammon Bay
Soxie, Harry	Shaktoolik
Tungwenuk, Thomas	Candle

Chairman: Rev. Paul B. F. Carlson
Secretary: Rev. Emory E. Lindgren

President's Report

The oldest foreign field, as we term it, is in Alaska. Though still denied statehood this is an increasingly vital military front. In Nome a new church has been completed in a strategic location on the main street. A new church is also planned for Unalakleet, largely financed by the natives. We believe that from the children's home, also at Unalakleet, future leaders will come as was the case a generation ago in the children's home at Golovin. The Bible Institute, which may be moved to a new location at Iron Creek, is definitely training native workers for positions of leadership. The work in the Yukon Delta is growing. Our missionaries would like to establish a mission station at Fairbanks, the territorial capital, where a number of Covenant families, both white and native, make their home.

Theodore W. Anderson

Secretary of Foreign Missions Report

Alaska

The past year has been a time of steady growth for our Alaska mission field. It is strategically situated on the town's main street, where it is a witness to Christ and where it opens its doors inviting all to come and hear the gospel.

The weather, always unpredictable and ferocious in this part of the world, was unusually severe this past year, bringing great hardship especially to our Eskimo pastors. Dwight Milligrok who serves our mission at St. Michael tells how last summer the bears and the elements got away with his dry fish and wood. The bears invaded his fish camp during a rainy, stormy night. With no gun to ward off the dangerous intruders, he and his family stood helplessly by while their valuable dried salmon was being devoured. Later when he launched his little boat on the treacherous waters of the Bering Sea to gather driftwood, he was caught in a sudden storm. He wrote: "I escaped, I don't know how, except by God's grace. The storm washed our boat up across big rocks and into a shallow pond beyond the rocks."

A number of our Eskimo pastors did not get their yearly food supply in the fall because the stormy weather made it impossible for the supply ships to land. This condition brought much suffering and hardship. One of the pastors whose family was close to starvation made a journey across country by dog team to get food supplies. On the return trip he got caught in a raging blizzard and only by a miracle of God's protecting care succeeded in reaching his home.

The Bible Institute conducted at our Marshall mission station this year has enjoyed a successful season with a good enrollment of consecrated young people from a number of our villages, especially in the Yukon Delta area. These young people now receiving training for witnessing and for Christian service will be a great asset to our Alaska Mission.

The splendid ministry of the Unalakleet Children's Home continues under the blessing of God and the guidance of our missionary staff. At present the home is ministering to approximately a score of children. we are hopeful of securing a couple to serve as caretaker and cook in the home in the near future.

There are a number of encouraging indications of a growing sense of stewardship on the part of our Alaska churches. Their contributions to the Easter foreign missions offering totaled close to \$600 this year. The Unalakleet Church has raised approximately \$5,000 for a new sanctuary. They have borrowed an additional \$5,000 from our foreign missions church extension fund which they have agreed to repay at the rate of \$500, per year.

Ralph P. Hanson

Alaska Missions Report

Let us rejoice over the fact that souls have been won for the Lord during the past year—not in mass revival, but from time to time at a number of the mission stations from far north Candle to Nunivak Island. The course via land, water and air has not always been a smooth one, nevertheless, the assigned ambassadors have traveled them, undaunted, praising God for results.

Personnel

Several changes have been made in the placement of our native pastors. The Thomas Tungwenuks who served so faithfully at Candle for two years, exchanged stations with the John Savoks who had been at Elim for almost four years. Mr. Savok's health has failed considerably. Much of the burden of the work is being carried by his son and daughter-in-law. They wrote recently how they had prayed with a woman who came as a backslider, returning to the Lord. The Savoks have been at Candle over a year and report having prayed with several of the people during this time.

Thomas Tungwenuk will be host pastor for our Alaska Conference at Elim this year. He, too, has had the joy of praying for souls. His food supplies were unloaded at Golovin and shortly after freeze-up Thomas and another native man came over by dog team to get some of the necessities. After getting the sled loaded, the dogs gave a jerk and the sled turned over, hitting Thomas on the leg, which hospitalized him here in Nome for a few days. He is back at the post of duty, still happily serving the Lord.

The Reuben Paniptchuks were transferred from Koyuk to Mountain Village, replacing Wilson Gonangnon, who resigned after many years of faithful service. Mountain Village is host to the Yukon district conference this year.

At Koyuk the Jacob Kenicks took up the work. They will serve Haycock also as time and weather permits. I am grateful to say, Jacob reports progress in their endeavors this past year.

The Harry Soxies are serving faithfully at Shaktoolik, where they have been stationed for the past four years. It is not always the largest villages that show the most rapid progress, because stemming from the little village of Shaktoolik is our present Solomon native pastor, who spent two years in the Unalakleet Bible School, previously.

Dwight Milligruk, another of the Unalakleet Bible School students, has carried on at St. Michael. It has been a very hard year for Dwight. Last summer the elements and the bears got away with his dry-fish and wood. The bears invaded Dwight's fish camp one rainy night. He had no gun, so he put his family in his boat and pushed out into the Golsovia River, where they were tossed all night by the breakers, that pushed into the river from the sea; watching also the bears devouring the results of their hard labors and winters' supply of dry fish. When Dwight started gathering wood for his winter need he was caught

by a sudden storm which carried his wood away. He wrote, "We escaped, I don't know how, except by God's grace. The storm washed our boat up across big rocks and into a shallow pond beyond the rocks." During this winter he has cut oil soaked sod from where the old oil storage tanks used to be to supplement his fuel needs. Regardless of the soot and oily mess, he endured these hardships that the gospel might be preached.

Scammon Bay

At Scammon Bay Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Smagge have held the fort. They too have had a difficult winter because their food supply did not arrive at Hooper Bay until the close of the navigation, due to violent storms. Therefore, they have been compelled to live in the old and crowded quarters, living to a great extent off the tundra, until he was able to travel by dog team, over thirty miles, for a load of food. On the return trip Mr. Smagge was caught in a blizzard and spent hours on the tundra, groping his way in the dark and through deep snow. Exhausted and on the verge of giving up, which would have meant disaster, he heard dogs barking. With renewed hopes, he pressed onward. Soon a light appeared, then another; yes, he made it home. Just as the light from the cabin window guides the traveler, who has spent twenty hours on the tundra in blizzard and darkness, so does the Gospel light guide those hearts that are burning with a divine zeal, ready to endure numerous hardships for the sake of Christ, and the people in this barren northland.

Bad weather set in at Hooper Bay early in the fall. Rev. Amundsen and I flew over the village, hoping to land, but nowhere within walking distance could we find a river or lagoon on which to land our seaplane. Out beyond the shallow reef, the government supply ship North Star, on which the Hooper Bay and Scammon Bay supplies were ready to be unloaded, rolled and pitched in the storm. Later that night she was forced to lift anchor and seek shelter. They had to go all the way to St. Michael, where they unloaded both Hooper and Scammon Bay freight. Then the ship continued northward to Point Barrow. On its return trip it picked up the freight at St. Michael and discharged it at Hooper Bay, hence the Scammon Bay mission freight is still at Hooper Bay.

Hooper Bay

Job and Mary (Mathews) Kokochuruk have held the fort against the onslaughts of the unscrupulous Roman church. Job at his own expense is pioneering visual aid in his teaching program, and is planning for a more extensive evangelistic program for this coming year. There are two young people from Hooper Bay attending the Bible Institute this year.

Nunivak Island

Out on Nunivak Island Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Ahwinona have spent more than a year. They report many hardships, but in spite of these, God has blessed the word that has been sown. Joshua has had a most difficult fuel situation because of storms. The food supply at the local cooperative store is almost depleted, but Joshua writes that they are happy in the Lord even though they have to spend at least two or three days a week hunting for wood. This coming year we hope to ship them some coal from the States. Twice this past year we tried to visit the Island but bad weather prevented us. However, the gospel is being proclaimed, and Christ is uplifted.

Fortuna Ledge

Brother Ost has spent a very strenuous year at Marshall (Fortuna Ledge, post office), building as time permits on the mission station, traveling as a circuit rider in the Marshall area and arranging for the Bible Institute pupils, as well as teaching and preaching. Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Londborg are now at Marshall and brother Londborg is in charge of the Bible Institute. This is an important phase of our work which we must enlarge upon if we are to build a stable and enlightened Christian church in Alaska. Our mission builder, Mr. Spencer Strand, is on his way to Marshall to assist in the building program. The response to the gospel has been very encouraging in Marshall. The chapel room has been filled to capacity at many of the services.

Unalakleet

Unalakleet has had a slight turnover in personnel, Miss Arlene Anderson who was on furlough, returned to Unalakleet, releasing Miss Louise Klassen, girls' supervisor, so that she was able to take her furlough last spring. This spring Miss Mildred Olson, assistant superintendent of the home and boys' counselor, will be leaving for her first furlough. Miss Klassen will return to take up the duties of Miss Olson. These three girls have done outstanding work spiritually as well as domestically in the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Lindgren superintend the childrens' home. They, with the above mentioned staff, are molding the lives of problem children as well as other children into Christian character. Future Christian leaders will come from this home just as our best native Christians and leaders came from the Golovin Mission Home of years ago.

The church work, under the leadership of Mr. Lindgren, has advanced and plans are being formulated to begin construction on a new and larger church edifice. A considerable sum of money has been raised for purchase of materials. Last year this congregation gave over one hundred dollars for foreign missions on Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roald Amundsen have been stationed at Unalakleet since their return to the Alaska field. The plane has also been stationed there, and Mr. Amundsen has shouldered the responsibility of its upkeep mechanically as well as a major part of the flying. Mr. Amundsen has been kept very busy with the flying of missionaries. Bible school students, children for the home, and many other varied flight. Mrs. Amundsen has done excellent work with the village ladies and children along with her many other duties.

White Mountain

The Walter Andersons have done a commendable work at White Mountain. The church had been redecorated and other improvements made. One of the young men who was recently led to Christ is now attending our Bible Institute at Marshall, Mr. Anderson visits Council, Golovin, and the fish camps as often as time and weather permit.

Solomon

Solomon has its first resident pastor, a fervent, energetic young man from Shaktoolik, Johnson Sagoonick. During the gold mining season he worked and did a large part of supporting himself, thus lightening the burden for the Mission. We do thank God for such willing souls who are willing to sacrifice for the sake of spreading the gospel.

Nome

Nome has been the scene of a lot of activity. On the main corner of Front and B street, in the downtown area, our new church has been erected. It is without question the most beautiful and up-to-date church in town. It is the result of the untiring labors of Mr. Spencer Strand who came all the way from Woodstock, Connecticut, a couple months after the partially completed frame work blew down in a storm. His home church has carried his support here in Alaska. We are very grateful to God for Mr. Strand's help. We deeply appreciate the support his home church has given both prayerfully and financially. Mr. Strand has been the leader of the "Covenant Navigators," a young people's group, has taught Sunday school all year, singing in the choir, and being president of the youth for Christ organization here in Nome. Aside from building he has had a big part in turning the lives of some of the young people as well as the older into the straight and narrow path. His departure from Nome is keenly felt by all of us. We know he will be a blessing and inspiration to all those with whom he works and mingles with down on the Yukon.

Our Nome church shares as co-sponsors in the "Youth for Christ" services. We take our turn every fifth week on the radio, using both English and native languages in our services. To date we have had letters from twenty-two villages expressing appreciation of our programs and music, and the blessings received as they listen. It is our prayer that we may minister, well pleasing unto God, as we prepare and send out these programs over the air.

Our most recent convert is attending Bible Institute at Marshall, and hope to enter full time ministry as soon as he is prepared.

Fairbanks

Fairbanks has several Covenant families, who have expressed a desire to have a Covenant church there.

Fairbanks is the terminus of the Alaska Highway, in the center of the territory, and in a strategic location, and we should pray and work with that as our goal. There are few white families as well as many native families who are members of the Covenant. It is a city of about 20,000 stemming from every state in the Union.

In reviewing the brief survey of our entire field, much more could be said about each station and the individual missionaries' work, except for limited time and space. It is evident, however, that God has done great things for all of us, for which we are all deeply grateful.

"Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Paul B. F. Carlson, Chairman
Alaska Covenant Missionary Council

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Yakutat

For almost four years we have been at Yakutat. As our first term draws to a close we feel reticent about leaving.

We have learned to know our people here and have come to be accepted by them. Though progress has been slow, we have seen a difference in the attitude of the people toward the work of the Lord. During the past year there have been a number of conversions, and several have been added to the church. We are planning a baptismal service soon for some adults who have not been baptized.

The interior of the church has been painted and plans are to paint the floor, and add book racks to the benches for the songbooks. New Hymnals- the new Covenant Hymnal- have been purchased by the local church, and several families have brought the leather covered hymnals for home use. It is an inspiration to see our people coming to church carrying these hymn books with the.

A regular choir has been organized and has been singing at our various special meetings, such as Easter, Mother's Day, and funerals. The Sunday school enrollment is above 30, with good attendance, even though an "opposition" Sunday school was started recently.

Although the situation remains unchanged with regard to the new church, we have hopes of having the ground cleared and prepared for the beginning of the church soon. I am convinced that the people here can do this work themselves provided they have the will to do it.

A new bulletin board has been provided in memory of the late Rev. Adolph Lydell by his family. As soon as the snow leaves, we shall put it up. It will add considerably to the advertising of our church, particularly to the many summer transients.

We thank God and the Covenant for the privilege of working here. We pray for a continued awareness of our Covenant people to the cause of missions.

Helge and Joyce Hamilton

ROLL OF COVENANT MISSIONARIES

Alaska

Marshall (Fortuna Ledge)

Londborg, Rev. and Mrs. Maynard D.
Ost, Rev. and Mrs. L. E.

Nome

Amundsen, Rev. and Mrs. H. Roald
Carlson, Rev. and Mrs. Paul B. F. (Box 523)

Unalakleet

Anderson, Miss Arlene M.
Brodin, Mr. and Mrs. A. V.
Lindgren, Rev. and Mrs. Emory E.
Strand, Mr. Spencer

White Mountain

Anderson, Rev. and Mrs. Walter J.

Yakutat

Johnson, Rev. and Mrs. Edward G.

Native Missionaries

Ahwinona, Joshua	Nunivak Island
Gonangnon, Wilson	Mountain Village
Kenick, Jacob	Koyuk
Kokochuruk, Job and Mary	Hooper Bay
Milligrock, Dwight	St. Michael
Paniptchuk, Reuben	Mountain Village
Sagoonik, Johnson	Solomon
Savok, John	Candle
Smagge, Edmund	Scammon Bay
Soxie, Harry	Shaktoolik
Tungwenuk, Thomas	Elim

President's Report

Alaska, with its large area and small population, is our oldest mission field. In the international situation it is a vital region of defense. The Eskimos and Indians in their scattered villages constitute our constituency. The Bible Institute is useful in training native workers. The work centered in the children's home is fruitful too. A new church, largely underwritten by the native Christians, is being built at Unalakleet. The missionaries declare that a Christian high school is needed. Our Secretary of Foreign Missions will visit our Alaskan field this summer.

Theodore W. Anderson

Secretary of Foreign Missions Report

Alaska

Our Alaska Bible Institute has been located at Marshall the past two years. Rev. Maynard Londborg has been in charge. Mrs. Londborg, a graduate of the Covenant School of Nursing in Chicago, has done much for the health needs of the village.

Our missionary pilots, Rev. Paul Carlson and Rev. Roald Amundsen, are stationed at Nome where both men have access to the mission plane and thus are able to share the flying responsibilities as well as take care of the work of our large Nome mission.

A lovely new church is being built at Unalakleet the cost of which is being underwritten by the congregation and partly financed by a loan from the foreign missions church extension fund. The concrete basement has been finished and the building will be completed this summer under the supervision of our missionary builder, Mr. Spencer Strand.

Miss Arlene Anderson of our Children's Home staff and Mr. Spencer Strand, our missionary builder, were united in marriage last October 14. Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Brodin of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, are doing splendid work as caretaker and cook in the Children's Home. Miss Lucile Dahl arrived at Unalakleet last November to serve as counselor on the Children's Home staff. Job and Mary Matthews have been transferred to Mt. Edgecumbe in southeastern Alaska where Mary is taking a course in practical nursing. Job is conducting services with the Covenant students from our villages in the north, attending the government school.

Mrs. L. E. Ost was called to her eternal reward on April 1 after a life of faithful and heroic service for Christ and our Covenant in Alaska. Rev. L. E. Ost will return to the homeland in June for his first furlough in many years. Rev. and Mrs. Edward G. Johnson have served interim at Yakutat during Helge Hamilton's furlough. Louise Klassen (Mrs. Julius Matson) has been granted leave of absence from our Alaska staff.

The Secretary of Foreign Missions has been delegated by the Board of Missions to visit our Alaska field this summer and spend the month of July conferring with our missionaries and surveying the work.

Many of our Alaska churches are taking part in the Easter foreign missions offering each year. Their contributions this year totaled between six and seven hundred dollars. We thank God for this evidence of a growing sense of responsibility and stewardship.

Ralph P. Hanson

Alaska Missions Report

"Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days. Give a portion to seven, and also eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth." (Eccl. 11: 1-2).

The message of love and hope has lifted souls into a new life with God. We, your co-laborers with Christ, on the Alaska field, count it a special privilege to be in the service of Christ, even though it may be on the periphery. A missionary who visited a very sick person recently, asked her, "Are you saved?" "No," was the feeble answer, "but I want to accept the Lord." In her prayer she expressed regret over so many wasted years in sin. She wept repentently, and gave her heart to the Lord.

Since our last report, there have been a few changes in our personnel and their station placement. In 1952, when Rev. and Mrs. Maynard Londborg returned to the field, they were stationed at Fortuna Ledge, where our Bible school has been located for the past two years. Mr. Londborg has assumed the responsibility of the Bible school this year. His very capable wife, who is a musician as well as a registered nurse has given much of her time and talent in the church work as well as caring for the sick in the village.

Another change in placement has been the transfer of Rev. and Mrs. Roald Amundsen from Unalakleet to Nome. This gives both pilots access to the Mission plane so that flying may be shared. In this manner we can serve the field more effectively.

Mr. Spencer Strand, who helped us so faithfully here in Nome for more than a year, left for Unalakleet and Marshall to assist Mr. Ost with his building at Marshall. From there he came back to Unalakleet to talk over plans and order materials for a new church building at Unalakleet. While at Unalakleet a romance developed and in the fall, on October 14, a most impressive and beautiful wedding was held when Arlene Anderson of our Children's Home and Mr. Strand were joined in marriage. Mr. Strand will be building the new church at Unalakleet this year. Mrs. Strand is boys counselor in the children's home as well as treasurer of the Alaska Missionary Council. This energetic young couple has been a real blessing to those to whom they have been ministering.

For several years we have been praying for a lay couple who would come to Alaska to take over the responsibility of the Children's Home. Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Brodin have answered that call and have taken up the task of managing the Home. The which brother Brodin cannot accomplish with his hands and hammer, get done the old fashioned way, "on his knees in prayer." We appreciate this couple and the fine work which they are doing in our Children's Home.

The most recent addition to the staff is Miss Lucile Dahl, a registered nurse from Brainerd, Minnesota. Miss Dahl is our girls' counselor in the Children's Home. She radiates a ringing testimony for Christ, and has truly been a real blessing to our staff as well as the children in the home.

This year we hope to welcome one new worker to our field, Mr. Don Bruckner, for the Hooper Bay area where Job and Mary Kokochuruk have labored for the past few years. They have requested a transfer to some other village. Mary is now at the Mt. Edgecumbe School taking up the practical nursing course. Job expects to go down and hold religious services among our people during the time Mary is there. We have quite a large number of our young people in the school taking up varied kinds of training. He will also be able to make frequent visits to our people in the Sanitarium.

The John Savoks will remain at Candle again this year. They have reported several converts recently, for which we praise the Lord. Candle is a very difficult place to work because there is so much wickedness there.

Johnson Sagoonik is faithfully serving at Solomon, where he will continue again this year. He goes out to the fish camps with the people in the summer, so that he, too, might help in providing for his winter upkeep, as well as for getting part of his dog feed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kenick will continue their labors for the Lord in Koyuk. Jacob is making improvements on the dwelling as well as ministering to the people.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Soxie will remain at Shaktoolik. This year Harry hopes to do some work on the parsonage. A recent visitor to Shaktoolik returned to Nome with this comment: "I marvel at the response Harry gets from all those children in both singing and scripture memorizing." Even though Harry's hearing has failed considerably he still plays the guitar and teaches the people many choruses and songs.

Dwight Milligrock and wife have been laboring at St. Michael, although, with much opposition, especially from the priest. Dwight had the misfortune of losing his outboard motor boat in the rough sea last year. Just recently they lost their little girl who was just a few months old, but in spite of all the misfortune and sadness, they have a hopeful spirit, laboring faithfully, trusting the Lord to give results.

The Reuben Paniptchucks who are serving at Mountain Village, found it quite convenient and helpful spiritually to their people to go along with them to the canneries where they are employed during the summer. It gave Reuben a chance to help with his own support as well as continue his services and contact with the people. It is becoming increasingly necessary for our native missionaries to take temporary jobs to help defray the rising cost of living.

Nunivak Island has been rather rough on the missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Ahwinona. They have been on the island about three years. Some of the leaders in the village tried to stop them from hunting on the island until they had been there for a period of five years. The Christians and Joshua made it a subject of prayer. At the village election, the unsaved man was defeated for councilman and a Christian was elected. The others on the council became Christians afterwards. Joshua, in this account stopped in the middle of a sentence and said, "Praise the Lord, now we see light."

Mrs. Joshua Ahwinona became ill on the island a few months ago. She went over to a doctor at Bethel, and then back to the island. Recently, she became very sick again and Rev. Amundsen flew down to the island and brought the Ahwinonas into Nome, and left Job to supply there until Joshua gets back. Mrs. Joshua has been in the hospital ever since.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Smagge will be leaving Scammon Bay this summer for a visit to the States. They have worked very diligently in this isolated village. Mrs. Smagge has been teaching day school as well as having children's classes in Bible. The public school, government operated, but taught by a Catholic girl, consisted largely of Catholic catechism.

The Rev. L. E. Ost will continue to be stationed at Fortuna Ledge with the Londborgs. Mr. Ost wishes to spend much of his time ministering to the villagers along the Yukon. Mrs. Ost, who had been staying here in Nome with her daughters, had suffered three strokes, making it necessary for Mr. Ost to come into Nome, where he could care for her. Over a period of many years Mrs. Ost conducted Sunday school classes, services and much personal counseling from her wheel chair. She was the only known person in Alaska who ran a post office from a wheel chair. On April 8 this radiant and faithful servant of the Lord was released from her sufferings and promoted to higher realms of service.

Unalakleet will be the center of much activity this summer as Mr. Strand begins erecting the new church. The concrete basement was poured last summer, giving a good start for the coming job. Rev. and Mrs. Lindgren are carrying a considerable part of the village work and church services, with the help of the competent Children's Home staff of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Brodin, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Strand and Miss Lucile Dahl.

White Mountain was the scene of much activity, as it served as host to our recent annual conference. Rev. and Mrs. Walter Anderson are the missionaries serving this station and

area. There were at least 140 guests from other villages. A blessed time was experienced by all who were able to attend. Mr. Anderson has had considerable manual labor to do also. Last summer he moved the house at Golovin back from the eroding beach to higher ground. There is much work to be done on the house this year as time and weather permit.

Our mission planes are based at Nome which is the medical center for all our northern villages. Much of the time there are people from our villages in Nome for either medical or dental care. The local hospital has a tuberculosis ward with ten beds. Out of the ten at the present time six of the patients belong to our church. They are from three different villages where we have work. We endeavor to make two visits per week to the hospital. We also have services at the Federal jail.

Rev. Amundsen built a home for his family and they are now comfortably settled in it. He is kept quite busy with the plane maintenance, flying and other phases of the work in and out of Nome.

Miss Elenor Holm, a Covenant nurse from De Kalb, Illinois, here at the hospital has been an inspiration and leader in the Covenant Navigators Organization which was started by Mr. Strand. The young people are very active in Youth for Christ, benevolence and Mission projects. Our church shared in the "Youth for Christ" revival campaign last fall. A number of our people took a stand for the Lord. This spring we shared in Union services held at the Methodist church. These services brought a definite blessing to all of us.

Our itinerant work is on the increase. Definite plans have been formulated whereby the outstations will be visited more regularly by our missionary pilots as weather permits. Last summer Rev. Amundsen visited several of the canneries, where people from our villages go to work. Due to the adverse environment at the canneries keeping in contact with our people is most important to our work. Recently Rev. Lindgren and I made a trip to Hooper Bay, stopping at several of our stations enroute.

Much more could be said about each station and the splendid work each of our missionaries is doing, if limited time and pressing duties permitted. We do earnestly pray God's richest blessings upon his people as we work together for the winning of souls for this kingdom. God shall supply for all our needs according to his riches in glory.

Paul B. F. Carlson,

Chairman, Alaska Covenant Missionary Council

Roll of Covenant Missionaries in Alaska

Marshall (Fortuna Ledge)

Londborg, Rev. and Mrs. Maynard D.
Ost, Rev. L. E.

Hooper Bay

Bruckner, Rev. Donald J.

Nome

Amundsen, Rev. and Mrs. H. Roald (Box 303)
Carlson, Rev. and Mrs. Paul B. F. (Box 523)

Unalakleet

Brodin, Mr. and Mrs. A. V.
Dahl, Miss Lucile
Lindgren, Rev. and Mrs. Emory E.
Strand, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer

White Mountain

Anderson, Rev. and Mrs. Walter J.

Yakutat

Hamilton, Rev. and Mrs. B. Helge

Native Missionaries

Ahwinona, Joshua	Nunivak Island
Gonangnon, Wilson	Mountain Village
Kenick, Jacob	Koyuk
Kokochuruk, Job and Mary	Mt. Edgecumbe
Milligrock, Dwight	St. Michael
Paniptchuk, Reuben	Mountain Village
Sagoonik, Johnson	Solomon
Savok, John	Candle
Soxie, Harry	Shaktoolik

Chairman: Rev. Paul B. F. Carlson
Secretary: Rev. Emory E. Lindgren

President's Report

Our oldest mission field outside continental United States is Alaska. Here the profile is changing, natives leaving their little villages for the cities seeking education and employment. The visit to Alaska by our Secretary of Foreign Missions last summer provided an opportunity for extensive consultations about this field. The missionaries urge the establishment of a Christian high school, preferably at Unalakleet. Some government buildings at White Mountain may be available for the children's home or a high school. The Board of Missions and the Executive Board recommend that our station at Yakutat in southern Alaska, near to the Presbyterian field, be exchanged for the Presbyterian station at Wales in northern Alaska, adjacent to our won field. The Wales stations incidentally is nearer the Iron Curtain than any other point on the North American continent. The new church at Unalakleet, costing approximately \$11,000, is being financed by the natives. A new and superior film of Alaska will soon be available as a result of the visits of Ralph P. Hanson and Robert A. Honnette to this field. Our missionary council is assuming the leadership in calling a conference of Moravians, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Friends, and some interdenominational missions in Alaska this fall.

Theodore W. Anderson

Secretary of Foreign Missions Report

Alaska

Far-reaching changes are taking place on our northern mission field and the pace seems to be accelerating. Most noticeable is the growing migration from our mission villages in Seward Peninsula to the larger centers, such as Nome, Fairbanks, and Anchorage. While visiting the field last summer, I found that good-sized villages of some years ago have dwindled to only a few families. A few villages have almost become ghost town. Increasingly, the Eskimos are turning away from their hunting-fishing-trapping economy and means of livelihood. Many are no longer content to remain in the smaller villages, where they must live under the more primitive economy; hence, they migrate to the larger centers, where they can secure employment and enjoy a higher standard of living. This migration is producing many problems. The populations of the smaller villages are dwindling and, as a result, the number of people to whom our missionaries are able to minister in these areas is diminishing. Many of the people who move into the larger centers are overawed by the lights, glamour, and temptations and too often fall victims to drink, gambling, and other vices. Our missionaries feel very deeply the need of a continuing ministry to our people in the larger centers to which considerable numbers have moved. However, they find it beyond our ability to establish Covenant churches in all of these centers. Furthermore, surveys have revealed that in practically all of these centers evangelical churches have already been established, where our people may find spiritual care and fellowship.

A mission high school is a most pressing need. The only high school available to our young people at the present time is the large government school at Mt. Edgecumbe, near Sitka, Alaska. A number of our Covenant youth have enrolled in this school, and our missionaries report that most of them return to their home villages after four years with little or no interest in spiritual things and with a tendency to smoke, drink, and participa-

tion in many of the other vices of the white man. Thus, we as a mission are losing our most progressive young people. The only solution seems to be for us to conduct a small Christian high school where both future pastors and lay leaders of our Covenant church of Alaska may obtain a positive Christ-centered education. It has been proposed that this school be launched at Unalakleet this coming September. However, the Board of Missions feels that it may be best to allow more time for careful planning and perhaps to launch the school in September of 1955. Such a high school, together with our Bible institute, holds promise of meeting a number of vital needs, and it will help insure the future of our missionary church in Alaska. If the school is established at Unalakleet the children's home may be moved to White Mountain, where the government has offered us suitable buildings with furnishings and equipment.

The Rev. Donald Bruckner spent his first year in Alaska at Hooper Bay, one of our largest villages in the Yukon Delta area. Here, where Roman Catholic opposition is so strong, he has been a great inspiration and blessing to our Christian people, and the work has prospered under his leadership.

Four Covenant school teachers from Minnesota drove to Alaska over the Alcan Highway and they proceeded by plane to Nome, where they volunteered to teach Daily Vacation Bible School. We hope that others of our young people will follow the good example of these teachers.

We are encouraged by a growing sense of Christian stewardship among our Eskimo Christians. They made a substantial contribution to the Easter offering. Our thriving church at Nome is steadily increasing its giving and is helping to underwrite a good share of the expense involved in maintaining the work. Our congregation at Unalakleet has assumed full responsibility for buying materials for the erection of a lovely new sanctuary, with the aid of a loan from the Foreign Missions Church Extension Fund. Shortly after the turn of the year we received the first installment toward repayment of this loan, a sum of \$500.

It was my privilege to visit our Alaska field last summer. This close contact with the work enabled me not only to see and evaluate the needs and problems, but also to observe and rejoice over the many evidences of God's blessing upon the work. Ours is a great responsibility with the largest Protestant mission field on the arctic slope. The sparse population, together with the great distances between our villages and the absence of roads of any kind, create many problems. However, we can thank God for our missionary staff and the courageous way in which they are seeking to make the best use of the opportunities which are theirs.

While in Nome it was my privilege to take part in the dedication of our lovely new church, situated strategically on one of the prominent corners on Main Street. The major responsibility for this large building project was carried by the Rev. Paul B. F. Carlson, aided by Mr. Spencer Strand.

After some years of investigation and negotiation an arrangement has been worked out whereby, subject to the approval of the Covenant Annual Meeting, we will exchange our Yakutat mission station in southeastern Alaska for the Presbyterian U. S. A. Wales station in northern Alaska. Yakutat is in the Presbyterians missions orbit, while Wales is in our Covenant missions orbit. This transfer will work out for the best interests of the work in both villages and it will consolidate our field. If approved by the Annual Meeting, the transfer will take place on or about August 1, 1954.

En route to the homeland I visited Sitka and was deeply impressed by the splendid ministry being carried on by our native missionaries, Job and Mary Matthews. They are ministering not only to our covenant students at Mt. Edgecumbe High School and the patients in the nearby sanitarium, but also to the town itself. Shortly after their arrival an Indian home was opened for gospel services. A regular schedule of services has been

maintained down to the present time. Job and Mary are receiving no financial help from us but are supporting themselves by regular employment.

A color sound film portraying our Alaska field, photographed by the Rev. Robert A. Honnette and the Secretary of Foreign Missions, is being prepared for release this fall.

Ralph P. Hanson

The moderator recognized Ralph P. Hanson, Secretary of Foreign Missions, who presented the budget and the following recommendations for our foreign missions work:...

Yakutat, Alaska, property. The board of Missions and the Executive Board recommended to the Covenant Annual Meeting that we approve the transfer of our isolated Yakutat Mission station in southeast Alaska to the Presbyterians, in exchange for their Wales station adjacent to our Covenant field in northern Alaska. Further, that we give the Presbyterians the church, parsonage, equipment, and furnishings at Yakutat, together with the land on which the buildings are located, in exchange for their buildings, equipment, and land at Wales. In the disposition of the balance of our mission property at Yakutat, the Board of Missions suggests that oil and mineral rights be retained by the Covenant.

A motion prevailed adopting this recommendation.

Government buildings at White Mountain. The board recommended that the Covenant accept the temporary free use of the government buildings at White Mountain, Alaska, and that we continue negotiations for permanent possession of them by a free grant.

A motion prevailed adopting this recommendation.

Transfer of children's home. The board recommended that the Covenant Children's Home be transferred from Unalakleet to White Mountain and be housed in one of the government buildings.

A motion prevailed adopting this recommendation.

Alaska high school. The board recommended the establishment of a small mission high school at Unalakleet in the fall of 1955 using the facilities of the present Children's Home building, with the understanding that necessary budgetary adjustments will be made so that the budget will not materially exceed the average budget for the last five years.

A motion prevailed adopting this recommendation.

Alaska Mission

The efforts we have put forth on this "last frontier" have been blessed with visible fruits, here and there, in that a number of souls have been won for Christ's kingdom. We have not experienced a landslide, but a collection of letters from both native and white missionaries gives brief stories and incidents in which the Lord has dealt with various individuals and how they finally humbled themselves and surrendered to him. There is a growing concern among our missionary staff for the many souls who are lost. Much prayer is needed for a genuine turning to God. Will you please pray with us and for us?

A Worthy Venture

Last summer a new venture was introduced to our field. Four young school teachers from Minnesota -- Misses Doris and Rosalind Johnson, Thelma Homasaki, and Norma Eckholm -- decided upon a venturesome vacation. They decided to drive up the Alcan Highway to Fairbanks and then to Nome via commercial airlines. At Nome they separated into pairs--two visited the northern Covenant villages and two went to the Yukon region. For about six weeks these girls held Daily Vacation Bible School in villages which probably would not have had a Bible school otherwise. This we feel was a great spiritual contribution by these Christian teachers. At every place they visited they made indelible impressions upon the people. Pastor Amundsen transported them to the villages in the mission plane wherever possible. In some cases they traveled by boat.

Personnel Activity

Members of our missionary staff have continued to serve at their respective stations, and also to visit other villages as time and transportation has permitted. The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Carlson and the Rev. and Mrs. Roald Amundsen have served at Nome; the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Anderson at White Mountain; the Rev. and Mrs. Emory Lindgren, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Brodin, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Strand, and Miss Lucile Dahl at Unalakleet; the Rev. L. E. Ost and the Rev. and Mrs. Maynard Londborg at Marshall; and the Rev. Donald Bruckner at Hooper Bay. Mr. and Mrs. Brodin have carried the burden of the children's home maintenance and cooking, with Mrs. Strand and Miss Dahl serving as counselors for the children. Mr. Strand has been kept busy building the new church at Unalakleet.

The Walter Andersons have carried on a very active work at White Mountain and have made periodic visits to Council and Golovin. A number of families have moved away from the village, a loss they feel keenly. Many have moved from Golovin also. Most of them have taken up residence in Nome.

The Maynard Londborgs, who are stationed at Marshall, report an encouraging increase in interest and attendance in both morning and evening services. Though they have met with many obstacles, they report that the most encouraging part of the work has been the general acceptance of the Word by the people. They seemed to have a fear of the Bible at first and did not care to use it during the services or take a copy home. Last fall, however, the Londborgs were able to give out New Testaments during the services. Now the people ask for the testaments when they come to meetings and feel that these are as much a part of the worship as their songbooks.

The Rev. L. E. Ost returned to Marshall this fall after a short summer's furlough in the States. En route to and from the States he visited Sitka, Juneau, and other places where

several of the people from this northern field are hospitalized or in school. Mr. Ost now plans to spend much of his time visiting the villages in the Marshall area where the gospel is not being preached.

The Rev. Donald Bruckner, shortly after arriving in Alaska, was stationed at Hooper Bay. In this large, isolated village where the Roman church opposition is strong he has had many interesting experiences and has become acquainted with the people and with various phases of the work. Mr. Bruckner has his private pilot's license.

Our Bible School

The fall semester of Bible school was not held this year inasmuch as prospective students were not able to meet the requirements for applicants. Those who desire to attend our Bible school fall into two categories--those who are not interested in going on to high school, and those who have been saved very late in life and can hardly read and write but want to redeem lost time. With this problem before us we must change our educational program to appeal to the Christian young folk who have the desire and ability to pursue a profitable course of studies. Therefore we are laying plans to launch a Christian high school which will fill a threefold need: where the young people on our field may get a high-school education in a Christian atmosphere, where our future Christian workers and pastors can receive their basic training, and where the children of the missionaries may receive a high-school education without being separated from their families for the entire year.

Encouragements

The Rev. and Mrs. Joshua Ahwinona are continuing their services on Nunivak Island. They have done a very effective work and report that souls have been won for Christ, although they have been confronted with some difficult situations at times. The Rev. and Mrs. John Savok, who serve our Candle station, have just come into Nome for medical attention, bringing the glowing report that eleven people recently gave their hearts to the Lord. One of these was Daniel Thomas, who was for years a habitual drunkard. This was a real work of the Holy Spirit states Mrs. Savok--no one ever thought he would change his way of life.

The Nome Covenant church which was formally dedicated July 19, 1953, by the Rev. Ralph P. Hanson, has been the center of much activity. This past month we have been privileged to have several guest speakers: Pastors Helge Hamilton, Maynard Londborg, Walter Anderson, Emory Lindgren and Donald Bruckner. These missionaries were in Nome for the 1954 council meeting, which was in session for about nine days. Refreshing and spirit-filled messages were given by these co-workers. Some of the young folks who were Christians became convicted and came forward for prayer and a more sincere dedication of their lives to Christ. We have a very full church schedule here, with services every night except Wednesdays and Saturdays. Our Phoebe Circle meets monthly, and one Saturday each month we participate in a community-wide "Youth for Christ" rally. The Covenant navigators group is growing and is increasing the scope of its witness. Once a month they have a missionary night. This organization was started by Mr. Spencer Strand. The "Navigators" felt it was like a real homecoming to have "Spence" back with them, when he and Mrs. Strand came to Nome for the council meeting.

A Wider Ministry

Time and space would not permit us to enumerate the many smaller meetings, house calls, sick visits, and other varied calls upon our time- it would take a book. We all share a number of things in common, however. We cannot find time to get as many things done as we wish to. The dark, short arctic days sap our energy considerably, and the weather controls our travel and plans considerably.

Years ago the difficulty of transportation was one of the major hindrances to spreading the gospel. Only dog teams were available for traveling from village to village, with the driver frequently breaking miles of trail. During this span of years progress in aviation has made possible "the gospel via wings." This past year the two mission planes have flown 342 hours in mission activity. The "Sea Bee," a seaplane, was used for most of the summer flying, for it could land on water in some of the remote places where there are no landing fields to accommodate our Stinson landplane. Mr. Amundsen reports that he has made many one-night stops at Hooper Bay, several at Mountain Village, and at Nunivak Island, which is 600 miles from Nome. The rounds in the northern section of our field from Candle, White Mountain, Golovin, Elim, Koyuk, and Shaktoolik, down to Unalakleet were made at intervals by myself in the Stinson.

Visit From Headquarters

It was our great pleasure to have our Covenant Secretary of Foreign Missions visit our field this past summer. Mr. Amundsen met him at Unalakleet, taking him as far south as Naknek, where they visited several of the canneries in which many of our people work during the fishing season. They visited Bethel, Nunivak Island, Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay, Mountain Village, and Marshall, where services and conferences with our pastors were held in these isolated places. Upon their return to Unalakleet all the missionaries that could attend met for a five-day conference. Much time was spent in prayer waiting upon God for guidance. Problems pertinent to our work and field were dealt with openly and frankly. Plans for the future were prayerfully discussed and formulated. A five-year plan showing proposed expenditures, personnel needed, and services that will be rendered was also projected. This, coupled with the spiritual uplift derived from the days spent together, gave untold encouragement that sent us on our way rejoicing.

From Unalakleet, Mr. Hanson and the undersigned flew on to Shaktoolik, where we conducted a service. We consulted with our pastor, Harry Soxie, encouraged him in his task and enjoyed a time of rich spiritual fellowship. We did the same at Koyuk, where Jacob Kenick is our pastor. The people from Elim were camping at Moses Point, so we stopped there for a service and then took a boat up-river to the fish camp of Charley Saccheus. Mr. Saccheus, who was then nearly ninety years old, has been the lay leader at Elim for years. His life has been a benediction upon our work. It thrilled him to know that Secretary Hanson would take the time to come up and pay him a final visit. We'll never forget his last words, "Thank you for coming; next time we meet up with Jesus." Last November this faithful servant of Christ received his long-awaited heavenly summons.

From Moses Point we flew on to White Mountain, where Mr. Hanson spent several days with the Christians of his former parish and with the Rev. and Mrs. Anderson. On Sunday evening, July 19, Mr. Hanson took part in the dedicatory services of our new Nome church. From Nome we took the mission plane to Candle and then went on to Kotzebue, where we visited the Friends Mission and participated in one of their services at their quarterly meeting. The month of July was a busy one. Approximately seventy hours of flying was done to accomplish the survey of the field. The month of July was the high light on our field this past year.

Unfinished Tasks

Two missionary families, the Emory Lindgrens and the Paul Carlsons, are due for furloughs this year. Our third furlough is scheduled to begin about the last of May. Again we will have to say, as both times in the past, we are leaving so many unfinished tasks. However, we will leave a symbol of much effort and prayer in our new church building, which stands conspicuously on the main corner of Nome's Front Street. We hope there were a few seeds sown which, if watered by prayer, will sprout roots and grow into stanch Christians. Yes, such Christians, if nurtured in the gospel, may be extending their witness into the regions beyond where souls are waiting to hear the gospel and are sending out a Macedonian call-"Come, or send the Light, to us who grope in darkness."

What a blessed privilege it has been for us and our entire staff of missionaries to proclaim the message of love, peace, and hope to those who walk in darkness. May we all hold high the banner of love, which all men may see and attain if only they will raise hearts, minds, and faith to reach it.

Paul B. F. Carlson, Chairman

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- White Mountain
Anderson, Rev. and Mrs. Walter J.
Brodin, Mr. and Mrs. A. V.
Dahl, Miss Lucile

- Yakutat
Hamilton, Rev. and Mrs. B. Helge

Native Missionaries	
Ahwinona, Joshua	Wales
Gonangnon, Wilson	Mountain Village
Kenick, Jacob	Nome
Kokochuruk, Job and Mary	Unalakleet
Milligrock, Dwight	Scammon Bay
Paniptchuk, Reuben	St. Michael
Savok, Fred	Hooper Bay
Savok, John	Koyuk
Soxie, Harry	Shaktoolik

Chairman: Rev. Maynard F. Londborg
Secretary: Rev. Walter J. Anderson

President's Report

In Alaska the establishing of a Christian high school at Unalakleet marks a significant forward step. The definite purpose is to win and train young people for Christian service. The Children's Home has been moved to White Mountain, where government buildings are available for our use. The exchange of our Yakutat station in Southern Alaska with the Presbyterian Stations of Wales in our northern field has been effected. Our missionaries now propose that our station at Candle in the northern most part of our field be given to the Quakers since that is logically their territory and our Covenant people have left that region. The missionary work in the Yukon Delta is growing, hampered, however, by RomanCatholic opposition. The Alaska film, "Call of the Arctic," is deservedly well received in our churches.

Theodore W. Anderson

Secretary of Foreign Missions Report

Alaska

This year witnessed a number of significant changes on our Alaska mission field. After years of negotiation the transfer of our Yakutat station in southeastern Alaska for the Presbyterian station at Wales, Alaska, was effected. This change consolidates our field and also that of the Presbyterians and it will work out for the spiritual good of both villages. Our native missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Ahwinona, are stationed at Wales, which has now become our westernmost Covenant missionary outpost. It is located on the very westernmost tip of the North American mainland, just thirty miles from the nearest Soviet outpost on Big Diomed Island and fifty-five miles from Siberia. So far as can be determined, very little has been done to evangelize the peoples of Siberia's northeast costal region. Hence, we are just a few miles from what may be one of the last significant unevangelized areas of the world. Let us ask God to open the way for us to cross the Bering Strait and the Iron Curtain so that we may bring the gospel of love and life to these benighted people.

Among other significant developments was moving the Children's Home from Unalakleet to White Mountain and the inauguration of a mission high school at Unalakleet. Our missionaries have long felt that, doubtless, the greatest need confronting our mission is for a Christian high school, where both native evangelists and pastors as well as future lay leaders may receive an adequate and Christ-centered training. Under the heavy impact of white culture the best of our Eskimo young people are determined to secure at least a high school education. Until last fall the only schools open to them were those conducted by the government. It was the almost universal experience that Eskimo young people, after spending four years at government schools, returned to their villages with an extremely materialistic outlook on life and with little or no spiritual interest. Consequently, our missionaries recommended to the home board that a high school be opened at the earliest possible opportunity. The board approved this request and made provision for launching the school in the fall of 1955. However, using available personnel and resources, our missionaries found it possible to launch the school unofficially at Unalakleet last September. Nine students enrolled for the freshman class. They are very pleased with the progress made this first year. The school is being conducted in the building which formerly

housed the Children's Home. A permit was obtained for housing the Children's Home in a government building at White Mountain. The children, staff, equipment and supplies were moved to this new location last summer.

Our missionaries are greatly encouraged by evidences of an increasing sense of stewardship on the part of our Alaskan Christians. The Easter foreign missions offerings from the Alaska churches set an all-time high of \$1,148.38. Last fall the Nome congregation pledged itself to provide full support of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Slwooko, our native missionaries serving on Nunivak Island. At the annual conference held at Unalakleet last March, where the Rev. Wilbur C. Westerdahl was the greatly appreciated guest speaker, delegates from the church voted to substantially increase financial support and assume greater responsibility for the unevangelized areas of our field.

For many years our northernmost headstation has been located at Candle, just thirty miles from the Arctic Circle. However, during recent years most of our Covenant people have moved to other villages because of the closing of the gold mines. On the other hand, natives belonging to the Quaker mission have moved into the village. Hence, our missionaries recommend that the Candle station be sold to the Quakers. This will further consolidate our field and will enable our missionaries to invest the funds obtained from the sale of the Candle property in the development of a mission station in one of the unevangelized areas of our Yukon Delta field.

On February 10 we held the premiere showing of our new Alaska sound film, "Call of the Arctic." The film is meeting with an enthusiastic response on the part of our Covenant people and many testify of the blessing which has come to them as they have viewed the work of Covenant missionaries on our northern mission field.

Following the exchange of our Yakutat mission station for the Wales station, the Helge Hamiltons, who had been stationed at Yakutat, resigned and were transferred to Mt. Washington, Virginia, where they are serving under the home missions department as staff members of the Covenant Mountain Mission.

Just when we were deeply concerned about how we were going to replace our 1946 model Stinson plane, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Cederberg of Attleboro, Massachusetts, graciously and generously donated their personal plane for the use of our Alaska mission.

Job and Mary Matthews are doing excellent work at Sitka, where and impressive Covenant church work is developing. Our Sitka friends contributed \$122 to the Easter offering.

Ralph P. Hanson

The recommended candidates were accepted for missionary service on the mission field: Mrs. Donald J. Bruckner (nee Eunice Ericson), to Alaska

Mr. Paul Swedberg, to Alaska, to serve as a teacher on the staff of our mission high school at Unalakleet

Resignation. we regret to report that Rev. and Mrs. Emory E. Lindgren have tendered their resignation as missionaries on our Alaska staff. We recommend that their resignation be accepted and that we hereby express our deep gratitude for the effective and fruitful years of service they have given for Christ and our Covenant on our Alaska mission field.

A motion prevailed adopting this recommendation.

Alaska Mission

Another year of missionary endeavor has been put forth and again we leave the results in God's hand for he has promised to honor his word. During this year several major changes took place on the field. The Helge Hamiltons left Alaska as the Yakutat station was transferred to the Presbyterians in exchange for Wales, a station near our northern field. The Paul B. F. Carlsons left in May for their third furlough and in August the Emory E. Lindgrens left for their second. No replacements were sent to the field this past year.

Nome and Substations

Last March the annual conference was held in Nome under the guidance of Paul B. F. Carlson, host pastor, and Reuben Paniptchuk, native president of the conference. At that time it was our pleasure to have with us the Rev. Robert A. Honnette as guest. Since the Carlsons left the field, Amundsens have been in charge of the Nome station. Donald J. Bruckner was transferred from our Hooper Bay station to assist the Amundsens and to share the flying of the mission plane. Along with the Nome work and flying they have supervised the work in several of our other stations. Under their supervision several changes were made among the native personnel. Fred and Gladys Savok were moved from Mountain Village to Hooper Bay. Howard Slwookos, new recruits, were sent to Nunivak to be in charge of that station, while Joshua Ahwinona and family were moved from there to our new work at Wales. A significant thing in connection with the Slwookos going to Nunivak is that the Nome church, their home church, voted to give them full support in addition to their current missionary budget.

The following are a few excerpts from the annual report of Pastor Amundsen. "A good many fellows were in Nome this summer working for the mining company. We found it very profitable to make regular trips to the bunkhouse to pick up men who wanted to come in for the Sunday evening services. A good many Catholics from the Yukon came in this way to hear the word.

"In September we called the Sunday-school teachers together for a staff meeting to discuss the type of program which would best reach the most people. It was decided to try a unified correlated program. The attendance has been on the increase to the point where we have no longer adequate room for the children.

"We have taken on another project in Nome-it is the correspondence Sunday school. We send material to those who are in the hospitals, to the white in out-lying villages where there is no English service, and to C.A.A. personnel and servicemen with whom we have contact. It not only gets the Word out to them but make them conscious of our Covenant work in Nome, where they will all visit at one time or another.

"As soon as I received word that I should place Joshua at Wales, I took him and his family to that isolated village. I needed to transport not only the pastor and his family but also his groceries and dogs. It required a good deal of flying for me but it was the only way to get the supplies in for the winter. It will be a wonderful day when we shall see the numbers from this far West station stand before the Throne and give praise to the Father for the Son who has redeemed them with his own precious blood.

"This year most of the work at Solomon has been carried on by Johnson Sagoonik. During the summer months we made several visits to Solomon by truck."

White Mountain and Circuit

The Mission work at White Mountain has continued under the ministry of the Walter J. Andersons. In addition to this work, Pastor Anderson has carried on the ministry at Council, Golovin, and Elim, where we have no native pastors. In his report he writes, "Our Council, Golovin work is much the same as previous years. We spent the summer at Golovin with the families there. Last fall we sent Fred Walker to help the Elim people with their services and to act as their pastor. He is very conscientious about his work and feels the responsibility greatly but is getting old, and Elim needs someone they can feel will be with them for a longer period of time."

Unalakleet and Substations

Last August the Londborgs moved from Marshall to Unalakleet to take over the mission work left by the Lindgrens. Of valuable assistance in this work are the Spencer Strands. Mr. Strand is completing the new church building at Unalakleet which will be ready for dedication at the March annual conference. We are looking forward to having with us at that time the Rev. Wilbur C. Westerdahl of California.

The work at Koyuk is progressing under the leadership of John and Lily Savok who moved there this past summer from Candle. They enjoy the work and reported that "the true Christians are really going on with the Lord, for which we are thankful." The Reuben Paniptchuks are doing a commendable work at St. Michael. He reports that there is an increasing interest among the people of the Catholic church. They feel the work has a future and request that we consider building a chapel soon. The Harry Soxies are continuing faithful at Shaktoolik, and those who have visited there report the work is progressing.

Hooper Bay and Scammon Bay Area

The work at Hooper Bay and Scammon Bay has continued under the supervision of Don Bruckner. About these stations and neighboring unreached areas he writes: "The physical change at Hooper Bay has been little, but in comparison to what already existed, it seems tremendous. In the month of October our builder, Spencer Strand, erected out of used lumber a twelve-by-twenty-foot cabin. The building was placed about one half mile from the former building, on a hill we refer to as Protestant Hill, away from the Catholic controlled village proper. The advance that we make here affects our witness to the people of Scammon Bay and of Chevak, as these villages are closely knitted by relatives. These people have not been given an equal chance in the gospel. The dominion of the Pope has been strong here for many years. Our dear people in this area need our help. Fred and Gladys Savok have been accepted in the village by the people and have been doing a good work and seem to like it. Likewise, Dwight Milligrock will remain at Scammon Bay the coming year." The Yukon area conference was held at Scammon Bay last spring.

Marshall and Lower Yukon Area

The transfer of the Londborgs to Unalakleet last summer left the full burden of the entire Yukon River area to Rev. L. E. Ost. In addition to his work at Marshall, the head-station on the Yukon, Pastor Ost has made several trips by boat and dog team to neighboring villages and has found many receptive hearts among the Catholics of these villages. Let us pray that the power of Satan may soon be broken in this area.

We had to call our veteran missionary, Wilson Gonangnon, out of retirement to renew his ministry at Mountain Village. This growing village is much in need of a young couple to assist with the work there.

Many of our native pastors are getting old and will soon have to retire. Pray much that the Lord of the harvest will send forth new laborers into his harvest.

Institutions

Children's Home. One of the major changes on our field was the transfer of our Children's Home from Unalakleet to White Mountain. The following is a report by the Superintendent Mr. A. V. Brodin, who together with his wife and Miss Lucile Dahl, make up the staff of the home. "The final OK from the home office in Chicago and also the 'use permit' from Congress had been received by July 15. Preparations were made for the moving of the Children's Home from Unalakleet to White Mountain, where it was to occupy one of the buildings of the former federal boarding school. Captain Castel of Nome had agreed to move the personal effects, some supplies, and a small amount of equipment in his ship, the "Vickie C." Spencer Strand accompanied him on the voyage so as to be there in time to supervise the unloading. They left Tuesday, July 26, and stopped at Golovin overnight to wait for the right tide conditions, which brought them to White Mountain on the morning of July 27. I arrived that day by plane- and from then on were busy days. Mrs. Brodin, Fred, and Miss Dahl arrived on the mission plane before the week was up, but the children of the home stayed on at Unalakleet with Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Strand until we had gotten somewhat settled. Mr. Amundsen brought them in the mission plane about a month later. He also made several trips from Nome out here with supplies, which we were not able to get any other way on account of the time element, since there was no other transportation at that time of the year. Some effort has also been made to improve the general appearance of the grounds around the home, cutting brush and leveling the land. The installation of two large water tanks and the rebuilding of the furnace were major undertakings, also. Much remains still to be done."

High School. For many years we have planned and prayed for a Christian high school on our field. God wonderfully opened the way for us so that we were able to start our first class of freshmen last fall. This high school is conducted at Unalakleet and at present the Strands and Londborgs are serving as teachers. We have tried in every way to comply with the rules and regulations of the Territorial Department of Education and recently the "Covenant High School" was added to their list as a regular school on the private and denominational status. Thus far this has proved to be a successful venture, and it is believed that it will be of great spiritual assistance to our mission work as it will provide a basic training for future native pastors and other Christian workers. For this major step we truly thank God.

Much more could be added if time and space would permit. We are thankful for this field of service and our greatest regret is that so much must remain undone. Unreached villages are still calling us to come with the gospel. One of our native pastors was witness-

ing to a man from one of these villages, and after he had explained a few scripture verses, the man replied, "If someone would come and teach us like that, we, too, could believe." Pray that we may occupy these villages soon that thy too may believe.

Maynard D. Londborg, Chairman

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Soxie, Harry

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Mountain Village
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St. Michael
Hooper Bay
Koyuk
Shaktoolik

Chairman: Rev. Maynard D. Londborg
Secretary: Rev. Donald J. Bruckner

President's Report

In Alaska the establishment of our Christian high school at Unalakleet constitutes a large forward step. For the conservation of our young people and their training for Christian leadership this school is indispensable. Progress has been made the past year in securing clear titles to our mission properties. The impact of our mission in a wider sphere is indicted by the fact that the Rev. Maynard D. Londborg was a member of the representative committee that drafted the constitution for Alaska to go into effect when the territory is given statehood.

In Alaska we took the initiative in the calling of an interdenominational conference of missionaries in the fall of 1954.

Theodore W. Anderson

Secretary of Foreign Missions Report

Alaska

The ministry of the Word and the development of the work continues on our Alaska field, under the blessing of God, at the headstations served by our missionaries, at the outstations served by native pastors, and in the smaller, isolated villages visited from time to time by mission plane. Our mission high school at Unalakleet and the Children's Home at White Mountain have also had a good year.

The church in Nome continues to develop in an encouraging manner. Last fall the congregation decided to purchase an adjacent house and lot in order to expand the facilities of the church. They undertook full financial responsibility for this project aided by a loan from the Covenant Foreign Missions Church Extension Fund. This congregation also provides full support for native missionary Howard Slwooko and his family, serving our church at Mekoryuk, Nunivak Island. When the H. Roald Amundsens returned to the homeland on furlough, the Rev. and Mrs. Donald J. Bruckner were placed in charge of the work at Nome, assisted by our native missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Job Matthews Kokochuruk. Missionary Bruckner also serves as pilot of our mission plane.

The Children's Home is comfortably housed in one of the government school buildings at White Mountain. We are hoping to obtain permanent possession of this building and other properties in the village this year through special act of Congress.

Our recently launched mission high school at Unalakleet is in its second year, with twelve students enrolled. Mr. Paul D. Swedberg, of the North Park Academy faculty, was granted leave of absence in order that he might serve on the staff of a year. Because of the urgent need for a caretaker and matron for the school, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Matson were called into service. We are happy to have them as full-time members of our missionary staff.

Work in the Yukon Delta area of the field continues under the leadership of the Rev. L. E. Ost, of Marshall, and the native pastors stationed at Mountain Village, Scammon Bay, Hooper Bay, and Nunivak Island. In this area the pressure from the Roman hierarchy is particularly strong. Our native workers need to be undergirded by much prayer. The work at the Wales station, recently acquired from the Presbyterians, is making good progress under the consecrated and capable leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Ahwinona. Two of

three of our native pastors have been stricken with illness and have had to spend some months in the tuberculosis sanitarium at Anchorage.

Hopes for statehood are running high in Alaska. Delegates from all parts of our northern territory were convened in Fairbanks last November and December to draft a constitution. The Rev. Maynard D. Londborg, chairman of our Covenant mission in Alaska, was chosen to serve as one of the delegates from the Second Judicial Area, in which our Covenant field is located. Only two clergymen were chosen to serve on the commission and we feel it was a significant recognition of our Covenant mission, as well as a high tribute to Mr. Londborg, that he was one of the two selected.

The Rev. and Mrs. Emory E. Lindgren, who have given thirteen years of faithful and effective service on our Alaska staff, tendered their resignation last fall. After approximately a year of evangelistic ministry in our Covenant churches, Mr. Lindgren plans to serve as pastor of a Covenant church or in home missions work. We are grateful for the splendid contribution they have made to our Alaska mission, and we covet for them God's richest blessing the the new ministry to which he is leading them.

Ralph P. Hanson

Alaska Mission

Another year of grace has passed. A lot of activity has taken place along this part of the coast of Alaska. Again, the Word has gone out; there has been planting, watering, and, thank God, harvesting also. As reports have come in from various parts of the field we have been encouraged, but there remains much to be done, as you will note as we visit the various villages through this report.

Marshall and Lower Yukon Area

The Rev. L. E. Ost has carried the full responsibility of the work in this area. The work at Marshall requires full-time attention, but it has had to be shared with other villages Pastor Ost has visited. About this work he writes: "Like Paul of old, I can count myself happy to write to you. When the people are home at Marshall, we have endeavored to gather them to be taught out of the Word of God. When they have been at their summer camps, we have visited them with the gospel. We have endeavored to gather the young to meetings for them and Sunday school. We have visited in the homes where we have been welcome, and endeavored to have meetings with the people in their homes. Sunday mornings we have gone out to bring in the children and older people. Are we not told to go out and compel them to come in- even though it may become wearing? Last summer some young Mennonite members came up, and two of the women, a nurse and teacher, worked with the children up at the fish camp, in a large tent I provided. Most of the children came at the start, but as soon as the people learned that they were teaching Bible to the children, many of the children were kept away from the work. We have talked a little about the advisability of trying to gather the children away somewhere and have Christian children's meetings with them the coming summer- if the Lord tarries. I have made some trips to villages during the year but wish it were possible to make more gospel trips here in the Yukon regions, where the people are so deluded and bound with the same binding that held Simon Magus bound.

"But there are a few faithful one who have come to the Lord for forgiveness and cleansing, and they are faithful people of 'the way.' Do you know what it means to be tempted to be discouraged? And then I remember the compassionate pleadings in Luke 13:8. I also remember the word of our Lord: 'Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?' Just think of all the church workings and facilities- and yet the Lord Jesus Christ wonders if he shall find faith on this earth when he comes again."

The conference of the Yukon regions area was held at Mountain Village this year. Wilson Gonangnon, our veteran native pastor, is still carrying on the work there even though his age is against him. He recently told Pastor Ost that he should soon be replaced. Pastor Ost replied, "I asked him what he is going to do. He took out and showed me the conference ribbon and said, 'I am still a missionary.' That ribbon has the date of July 7, 1919. That was the conference when we started the Christian Native Conference to stimulate the native Christians to participate more in the gospel work. That was the conference when we knelt about Wilson and with the Holy Ghost separated him for the mission work of the Yukon. Evidently, that biblical separation for the work is still in effect.

Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay, and Nunivak Island

The work in these villages has continued under the supervision of the Rev. Don J. Bruckner. Fred and Gladys Savok have done a commendable work at Hooper Bay and are anxious to continue there. They are looking forward to having the Yukon region annual conference there this year.

A change in personnel was made at Scammon Bay, because it was necessary for the Dwight Milligrocks to leave the work in the summer due to ill health. We are thankful that God had a replacement ready in Henry and Hilma Shavings. Henry was one of the first students in our Bible institute at Unalakleet, but only recently has he felt led to go into full-time service. They are from Nunivak Island- the first ones to go from that place into Christian service.

The Howard Slwookos have continued faithfully at Nunivak Island throughout the year, and last spring experienced a revival which swept the entire island. The awakening started at the village of Mekoryuk and spread to Nash Harbor when Howard and a group of young people brought the gospel there via dog team. Howard wrote that several times on the way they knelt in the snow praying God's blessing on the trip, and God did bless, for the hearts were prepared for the Word by the time they arrived.

Unalakleet and Substations

The Unalakleet church has continued under the ministry of the Rev. and Mrs. Maynard D. Londborg. They have received valuable assistance in the work from the various members of the high-school staff. The church was blessed with two series of special meetings in the spring of 1955. The first was conducted by the Rev. Ed. Smagge, of Kaltag, a neighboring mission. His two-week visit was very timely; it helped prepare many hearts for the annual conference, which was held at Unalakleet in March. The second series of meetings was in connection with the conference, and it was our pleasure to have as our guest speaker the Rev. Wilbur C. Westerdahl, of Redwood City, California. One hundred fifty guests were present from about eighteen different villages, and it was indeed a wonderful time of spiritual fellowship. A high light of the conference was the dedication of our new church building which Mt. Spencer Strand and his helpers completed just in time for the occasion. The use of the new church, with full basement, has made it possible for all Sunday-school classes to meet under one roof.

The Reuben Paniptchuks have continued to do a commendable work at St. Michael. They have reported an increase in Sunday-school enrollment and a greater interest in the other church services by the older people. Four from there were converted at the conference at Unalakleet. A church building is still a crying need for St. Michael.

The Harry Soxies have been faithfully carrying on at Shaktoolik. The Soxies would like to retire, but as yet we have not replacement for them. We trust the Lord will give them strength for another year.

John and Lily Savok are still holding forth at Koyuk, as they write that there is an added interest among the people there. The people have gathered logs for a new church and plan to erect it this summer.

This trio of native pastors are well advanced in years, and it causes us to wonder who will be ready to take their places. Let us pray the Lord of harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

White Mountain and Circuit

The work in this area has been carried on by the Rev. and Mrs. Walter J. Anderson. In addition to the work at White Mountain, Pastor Anderson has made several trips to Golovin and Elim, where he has encouraged native lay leaders to continue the work during his absence. Of the work they write, "We were encouraged in the early part of this past year when a number of our White Mountain folks went forward for prayer during the annual conference at Unalakleet. Services have been conducted regularly all through the year at White Mountain. The members of the Children's Home staff have been a real help and blessing to the work of the church. We have also enjoyed the help and co-operation of our Christian school teachers. Last year during the Lenten season most of the Christian folks shared in the midweek services, with various ones leading the services or speaking. For two months of the summer we moved down to Golovin to take care of the church work there. While we were at Golovin, we finally got our building there put down on a permanent foundation. Sigfried Aukongak continues to serve as lay pastor at Golovin."

"For the past two winters Fred Walker, Sr., has consented to going over to Elim to serve as their pastor. He says he is too old but is willing to do what he can. He has had some trying situations but has done very well."

"In spite of many discouragements with the people in the church work we must say there has been some progress. With all the help we have received, the fine fellowship we have enjoyed, and the blessings of the Lord, we can with thanksgiving say it was been a good year. Praise his name."

Nome and Substations

A high light of the year took place in the church at Nome. It was the uniting of the Rev. Don J. Bruckner and Miss Eunice Erickson in holy matrimony. Not only did Pastor Bruckner gain a helpmate, but we gained a talented co-worker on our field.

The work at Nome was under the guidance and ministry of the Rev. and Mrs. H. Roald Amundsen the first half of the year. They left in July for their second furlough and the responsibility of the work was turned over to Pastor and Mrs. Bruckner. This responsibility included the supervision of several native stations, the flying of the mission plane, and responsibility for the work in Nome. Mr. Bruckner reports, "The work of the church has been very encouraging throughout the year. The first six months of the year the average Sunday-school attendance was 193. The record Bible-school attendance of 113 average

was a blessing. In September the Job Kokochuruks came to assist in the work. They have worked into the program very well."

The work at Solomon is still under the ministry of Johnson Sagoonik, who writes that the work is very encouraging.

Joshua Ahwinona and his wife have served this past year at Wales, our westernmost station. Last fall Joshua was sent to the Alaska native service hospital at Anchorage for a needed rest, for he is afflicted with tuberculosis. For a man who has been so active, this was quite a letdown, but he writes that he has had wonderful fellowship with the Lord as he has been resting and that he has had a chance to witness to many other patients. It is our prayer that the Lord will strengthen his body that he may soon be back in his service. Mr. Bruckner reports that Mrs. Ahwinona has carried on the work with the assistance of her sons and their wives. He has also evidenced an increase in interest in the work among the young people.

Institutions

Children's Home. Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Brodin have served as superintendent and matron of the Children's Home, and Miss Lucile Dahl has been the counselor. Mr. Brodin writes of the work that "last years our report ended with these words, 'Much remains still to be done,' and, undoubtedly, this one could end in the same way. In making this report we are reminded of the works of Jesus to his disciples in Luke 17:10, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.' These duties vary according to need and ability. Some of the needs, we feel, have been met in the past year. The major and visible ones of these being the rearranging of some of the rooms, building of needed clothes closets, interior decorating, the rearranging of the kitchen and building cabinets, installing a stainless steel double sink and new floor covering in the kitchen. A pump house was also built and a pumping system set up down by the river so the water can be pumped directly up in the storage tanks in the basement of the home."

"But all these can be seen and the Scriptures tell us that they belong to the temporal things. But we trust, too, that something has been done in the realm of the unseen, which is eternal and abiding. Our counselor, Miss Dahl, who is a registered nurse, serves in that capacity in the home and village as well. The health of the children has been good, and for this, too, we do praise God."

"And so looking back over the past year, we say with the psalmist, 'Blessed be the Lord,...who alone does wondrous things.'" Our Covenant high school has now completed a full year of history, and it was indeed an interesting, exciting, and somewhat adventure-some year. When we closed the doors last May, we could not help but thank God for his leading. Our second years in now well underway."

Last August, Paul Swedberg came from Chicago to be the principal of the school and he has also been teaching the majority of the classes. Julius and Louise Matson came to replace Spencer and Arlene Strand, who left in August for their furlough. The Matsons have supervised the dormitory and taken care of the maintenance at the school; in addition to this they have helped with the teaching.

This year we started with thirteen students. All seven of those who finished last year returned for their sophomore year. Two students who had taken their first year at Mt. Edgecumbe asked to be enrolled, but one dropped out at the end of six weeks. Our freshman class, as expected, was small. Three of the four are from villages other than Unalakleet so we have "boarding" students this year.

If our school expands very much, we will have to be making some definite plans for an additional building. A combination building should be considered. One that would have classrooms, assembly room, library, and gymnasium.

It is hard to estimate the eternal achievements of a school like this. Some of the students have accepted the Lord as Savior, and we trust that all will soon. To have them on our field during their high-school age certainly presents a great challenge and opportunity, and it means much to our church at Unalakleet to have young people the year around who are willing to help in the various activities of the church. We thank God for the open door of ministry we have in our high school.

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We cannot but thank God for all the blessings of this past year. We are thankful; for all who have in so many ways made the work possible. A special thanks is due Pastor Westerdahl for his effective ministry on the field during March, 1955.

The work is not finished- the day is far spent and the night is coming. Pray that as a Covenant we may not fail in our task in Alaska. The Lord has asked us to be faithful in sowing the Word, and he has promised that his word will not return to him void. Praise his name.

Maynard D. Londborg, Chairman

Recommendations of the Board of Missions

Calling of new missionaries. We recommend the calling of the following missionaries at this conference:

- Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. White, for educational work in Alaska for two years.
- Mr. Julius J. V. Matson, for vocational work in Alaska.

Roll of Covenant Missionaries in Alaska

Marshall (Fortuna Ledge)

Ost, Rev. L. E.

Nome

- Amundsen, Rev. and Mrs. H. Roald (Box 303)
- Bruckner, Rev. Donald J.
- Strand, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer

Unalakleet

White, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S., Jr.

White Mountain

Matson, Mr. and Mrs. Julius J. V.

Native Missionaries

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| Ahwinona, Joshua | Wales |
| Gonangnon, Wilson | Mountain Village |
| Kenick, Jacob | Nome |
| Kokochuruk, Job and Mary | Nome |
| Milligrock, Dwight | Unalakleet |
| Paniptchuk, Reuben | St. Michael |
| Sagoonik, Johnson | Solomon |
| Savok, Fred | Hooper Bay |
| Savok, John | Koyuk |
| Shavings, Henry | Scammon Bay |
| Slwooko, Howard | Mekoryuk (Nunivak Island) |
| Soxie, Harry | Shaktoolik |
| Walker, Fred | Elim |

Chairman: Rev. Maynard D. Londborg
Secretary: Rev. Donald J. Bruckner

President's Report

After nearly a century of history virtually as an American colony, Alaska is now eager for statehood. This is our oldest mission field outside continental United States. The high school at Unalakleet is a center for the training of native leaders. Our missionaries are deeply interested in the possibility of launching a Christian radio station in Nome. This would establish a ministry that would reach not only our field in Alaska but also into Siberia. The Board of Missions and the Executive Board are making a thorough study of the feasibility of such a project.

Theodore W. Anderson

Secretary of Foreign Missions Report

Alaska

This year we commemorate the seventieth anniversary of our Covenant mission in Alaska. When our pioneer missionary, Adolph Lydell, arrived at Yakutat in southeast Alaska, he was met with cries of "give us fire water." "Give us tobacco." However, the natives soon found that this white man was different from the others who had visited their village. When Axel Karlson arrived at Unalakleet, the Eskimos pointed at him and exclaimed excitedly, "Isregalik, isregalik." The reason for this excitement being that he was the first human being they had ever seen wearing glasses. Isregalik, or "the man with the glass eyes," was the way they described him, thereafter, Isregalik became his name.

Our missionaries were first to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ on the arctic slope, although since those days of beginning many other missions have come to help with the work. While we praise and thank God for the accomplishments of these past three score and ten years, we realize there is still much land to be possessed.

Our churches located in the larger centers and having the benefit of good leadership are making excellent progress. This is particularly true of Nome and Unalakleet. In addition to carrying on its own aggressive ministry, the Nome church is generously supporting missionary work in other isolated villages. It has also taken the initiative in purchasing additional property and buildings in order to increase the facilities for its Sunday school buildings and youth groups. Those who have native pastors fare quite well, but it is often difficult for those who must carry on with lay leadership. Obviously, one of our greatest needs is for more and better trained native pastors. We believe our mission high school at Unalakleet is a very important factor in making provision for this need.

The mission high school continues to make good progress under the capable leadership of our missionary teachers. This important institution so vital for providing both a trained lay leadership and ministry will graduate its first senior class in the spring of 1958. The enrollment is not large. The school is concentrating on quality rather than quantity. Alaska Covenanters are becoming increasingly proud of this young institution.

During the past year the staff of our Children's Home at White Mountain has taken care of the local church work. When Lucile Dahl left for furlough, Doris Beistle, of San Jose, California, consented to come to Alaska and serve as a temporary counselor. The government has limited the home's capacity to twelve children and has also established age

limits, which means the home will never have more than twelve children and sometimes less than that number. In spite of a limited census, it is fulfilling a very important need. There are not many homeless Eskimo children in our area, but there are some and, were it not for our home, these children would be sent to Catholic institutions, with the result that they would be lost to our church.

Transportation and communication are real problems on our large field with its scattered mission stations. The mission plane is a tremendous help, but it too has limitations. Within the past year a group of California Covenant laymen built and installed radio-telephones at a number of our head stations. In an area where there is no other means of communication this equipment has been of inestimable value, making possible a much closer co-ordination of the work and also contributing to the morale of our missionaries, especially those serving at isolated stations.

William Hartman, of Lafayette, California, is the chairman of the committee which undertook this radio-telephone project. He made a special trip to Alaska in order to see that the equipment was properly installed. While there, he saw the tremendous potentialities of Nome as the location for a missionary radio station. He conferred with our missionaries and also with our board after his return to the States pointing out that a missionary radio station located in Nome would not only reach all of northwestern Alaska but also deep into Soviet Siberia, bringing the gospel to these benighted people through the medium of Russian language broadcasts. Mr. Hartman then proceeded to make an exhaustive survey and has submitted a comprehensive report to the Board of Missions. As a result of this survey, as well as recommendations from the Alaska Mission Council, the board is giving this proposal serious consideration. Mr. Hartman estimates the capital cost at around \$35,000, with an annual operating cost of approximately \$25,000. We feel this is too large a project for us alone and, moreover, it should ideally be a cooperative project with other established denominational missions in the area.

A sense of urgency has been injected into this whole consideration. During and since the last war, Alaska experienced an influx of independent missionaries who have literally crowded into this sparsely populated area seeking to get a toe hold. Among these is an organization known as Denali Broadcasters, Inc., formerly Nome Gospel Broadcasters Inc., which has set as its goal the establishing of a missionary radio station at Nome. Our missionaries feel that under such sponsorship the station would not achieve its maximum usefulness for the welfare of the total Christian community and might in fact become the tool of those who hold very rigid theological viewpoints and have little regard for comity and the rights of the established missions.

Our missionaries were gladdened by the coming of three consecrated young women last summer for the express purpose of helping our missionaries with the daily vacation Bible school ministry. We hope that others of our Covenant young people will find it possible to follow their example in coming years.

Our Alaska church continues to progress in the matter of stewardship. Shortly after Easter Sunday a package arrived from Mountain Village containing twenty Easter offering envelopes, each with an offering. Our hearts were touched by this evidence of devotion to Christ and his cause, for we knew it meant a real sacrifice on the part of these dear fellow-Christians.

Ralph P. Hanson

Alaska Mission

This is the year we will remember the pioneer missionaries in a special way. It was seventy years ago that the Rev. A. E. Karlson first came to Unalakleet with the gospel. These years have been marked by much sowing and reaping, some growth and falling away, some years of joyous labor, and some years of disappointment and heartache. However, in whatever era we are found, the Lord requires faithfulness. The increase, growth and harvest are in his hands.

Seventy years is a long time to have carried on mission work in one field. It lays upon us a tremendous responsibility to have produced a thriving church. The years have not made this a reality. There is yet a great ministry to be accomplished in Alaska.

Nome

Nome continues to be a center for much Covenant activity, the church attendance being at a high level. The Sunday school is an increasing challenge. Last year a near-by house was purchased, which is being used for classrooms. The old army building which was used as a church during the early beginnings under the Rev. Paul B. F. Carlson was moved in close to our present church building and joined to the annex. The church gathers on Saturday evenings for a festival of gospel singing where the local talent can find expression. It is gratifying to see the response.

The Nome church carries the load of the missionary giving for the field. The Alaska Covenant churches receive most of their support from Nome. At the present time we are giving nearly \$240 a month to Alaska native missionary work. This has substantially decreased the amount of support to our native church from the States. Our local budget compares with the Methodist church, which is composed mostly of white people from the States. This next year, we expect that ours will exceed theirs in giving. A native pastors' retirement fund has been started by the officers of the Nome Covenant church and will go to aiding the retired native pastors in our midst.

The eyes of many church groups are fixed upon Nome and the Covenant field. More money is spent in Nome by different church groups than goes into the entire Covenant Alaskan budget; yet we find that our modest little work exceeds the others in attendance. The hand of the Lord has continued to be upon us, blessing us in many ways. Pray with us that we will always feel his presence and that many souls will be saved.

Wales

Joshua Ahwinona is again at Wales taking care of the mission work. For some time he was out to the hospital recuperating from tuberculosis but is now feeling fine once more. Word from there shows that the attendance is increasing at all the service, and much of the initial opposition to the Word has been broken down. It continues to be the station on the field that holds great possibilities for the future, especially if the way opens up for us to get into Siberia.

Solomon

The native pastor that was at Solomon has now left the ministry and that station is without a pastor. One dear, old person from that church have a stirring appeal to have a

missionary. She said, "We feel like we are lost without someone to help us spiritually." This station has also been frequently visited by free-lancing missionaries from Nome.

Golovin and White Mountain

The Golovin mission is pretty much at a standstill with no one to take care of the services. Sigfried, the reindeer herder, is away at the hospital, and we have no word as to any services since he left.

The Rev. Julius J. V. Matson writes in his report about the White Mountain Children's Home and church work:

As this report covers only four months of 1956, we will attempt to summarize some of the spiritual and temporal happenings. Due to the added responsibility of the church work, it has worked out best to have all the meetings, except the Sunday services, in the home. The population of the villages is the same as in 1948, namely, 128. Two funerals were held in the church. Before Lucile Dahl left on a much needed furlough, she assisted the teachers in the medical duties of the village.

A. V. Brodin and family went to the States on furlough the latter part of August. They had made the buildings very livable. Doris Beistle arrived in November to be counselor at the home. It is encouraging to have the children take part in the services, and there have been some decisions for Christ among the younger ones. Children's meetings, confirmation classes, prayer meetings, and Dorcas' Society meetings are held once a week in the home with good attendance.

Upon our arrival in August, ten children were living in the home. One boy was killed in a plane crash while returning to Nome. Three girls have been admitted, so we have a total of nine girls and three boys in the home at present.

A transmitter and radio receiver were installed by William Hartman and the Rev. H. R. Amundsen, so we have had contact with a number of the stations. The physical condition of the building and equipment is in good repair. A few minor changes have been made to allow more storage space and room.

We thank all the former workers at the home for their labor of love. Looking forward to a most blessed year in the harvest field of our Lord and Savior as we give out his Word and care for the children in the home, I respectfully submit this report.

Elim

For many years Elim has been neglected, and the people are not slow to let us know that. They have a population the size of White Mountain and at times have exceeded that. A couple years ago, the Rev. Walter J. Anderson completed the backbreaking task of moving one of the army buildings, that we owned, from Iron Creek to the village of Elim to be used as a missionary dwelling.

At our Alaska churches' conference this year, it was decided to send a missionary to Elim. We were made aware of the need to strengthen our churches on the northern field before any more missionary expansion is done on the Lower Yukon. A good example of this fact was the effective place that the strong church at Nome was playing in the role of giving to the conference work. Up to this date, with the exception of a couple of years that the Savoks labored at Elim, it has been without the benefits of a regular pastor.

Koyuk

The Savoks are still holding forth the Word of life at Koyuk. The people have gathered a considerable number of logs to build their own church, which should get under way this fall. Spencer Strand had taken care of ordering some lumber for the floor of the new church. Mr. and Mrs. John Savok, who are getting pretty old and in some ways less active, have their daughter and son-in-law staying with them to help in the work. Besides having real talent in the work of the Lord, the Savok children, Mr. and Mrs. Outwater, alleviate the manual labor the old folks around the station. We are hoping and praying that they will turn out to be the missionaries that John and Lily Savok have been throughout the years.

Shaktoolik

My heart goes out for our veteran missionaries, Harry Soxie and his wife. The missionary house in that place has not been fit to live in for years, and still they continue to put up with the cold and drafty abode so that the Word of the Lord may be preached in that place. This year Mr. Soxie should retire and get social security benefits; however, we are not in a place to let him go because of the lack of replacements. We need to pray that the Lord will touch young hearts to get into the work.

Unalakleet Station and High School

The work at Unalakleet has been carried on by only two missionary couples, namely, the Donald J. Bruckners and Alfred S. Whites. One doesn't realize, at the outset, the tremendous handicap it is to try to do missionary work understaffed, until you spend some time at Unalakleet. The work of that station is best described by the written report from Mr. Bruckner:

The work in Unalakleet is divided into the two areas of church work and high school. The Maynard D. Londborgs were in charge of the station through the year up to September, when they left on furlough. At that time, Mr. Bruckner was placed as superintendent of the station.

The most encouraging sign with the church was the continued interest in paying for the new church building, for as construction jobs were available to all the men of the village, they have increased their giving to the church building fund. However, with the increase of income, a new problem has been presented in the village, liquor. It has been felt that the problem has been mild in comparison with other places where construction invades the native life. The heads of the construction work have had nothing but good words for the Eskimos of Unalakleet and have attributed it to the faithful mission work of the past. As in many places, the second generation receives the blessings of Christian work without necessarily themselves being Christians. The general feeling of the young people up to the first generation of Christians is that of indifference to the mission.

This of course leave the village ripe for Catholicism and faith that thrive on proselyting. Such groups as the Southern Baptists and a Holiness group have come through Unalakleet making contacts. A priest has spent considerable time in the village throughout the winter. It would not surprise us to see any of these come to work permanently in Unalakleet at any time. This calls for a more concentrated effort on our part, particularly with the children in grade school.

The high school has progressed with gratifying results in the education of the young people. The villagers seemed pleased with the high-school program and perhaps a little proud of it at times when no one sees them. There were five who entered in the freshman class, one of whom dropped out. The enrollment was seventeen for the whole school. Mr. and Mrs. White came to shoulder the teaching burden and have done an excellent job. With the next year adding a new class, making the full four years of high school, more help will be needed in the teaching field.

It is recommended that an oil burning unit be installed, so that the personnel of the station will be able to devote more time to the real work. Getting word becomes an increasing problem, as trees get scarcer and the native get high paying jobs and will not work for the little we can pay.

It is also recommended that an attempt be made to place a stronger emphasis on the pastoral ministry so as to have as strong a work as possible in this our first mission station, which is at the heart of our field.

St. Michael

At this strongly Catholic outpost, our missionary, Reuben N. Paniptchuk, found the going pretty rough. The facilities were rundown and living difficult. Discouraged and somewhat defeated in spirit, the Reubens returned to Unalakleet. There are no replacements.

Marshall

The Rev. L. E. Ost still holds forth at this hard place. There is a note of discouragement from Marshall also. Psalm 37 gives us the answer. Pray that God's grace may be sufficient as his promise is.

Hooper Bay and Scammon Bay

Henry Shavings is still at Scammon Bay. There is no report from that station. At Hooper Bay, however, we have continued good word of the work of the Fred Savoks. Mr. Savok's sweet spirit and patience in his labor of love is bearing fruit. This year we received authorization for a radio phone station in that place. This should bring the work of this outpost into close contact with our head stations. There was a proposed church for Hooper Bay but lack of an opportunity to purchase lumber at a reasonable rate in Seattle and the excessive freight rates made it necessary for us to withdraw our order and seek out some new deal. Pray for this possibility.

Nunivak Island

To this date I have been unable to get out to Nunivak to view the work first hand. However, there continues to be both problems as well as joys in the labor out there.

Builders's Report

We also include a report from our missionary builder, Spencer Strand:

An over-all look at the buildings on the field reveal much needed work in the the nature of repair. Some buildings, such as the church at Scammon Bay, are at the point of being beyond repair. For such buildings replacement is advisable.

The people of Koyuk have drawn in enough logs for the construction of a new church building this summer. At Nome additional Sunday- school room has been made available be relocating the old church building next to a building already used for Sunday school. Construction of a new church building at Hooper Bay will begin in the summer of 1958.

One of the desires of our missionaries is that the people, particularly in the small-er villages, may realize more fully the responsibility that is theirs of keeping their buildings in good repair.

Mission Plane

This year finds the activity of the mission plane at the lowest point in our history. This remark applies at least to last winter. The Lord allowed us to have a forced landing just before Christmas and although no damage was done, very extensive damage was incurred in a storm that broke the rope and twisted the plane. The family and I will spend part of our spring down at Egavik, where the plane is now, and make the necessary repairs to fly it home. How thankful we are that through the years of flying in Alaska, there has never been an accident and lives have been spared. We know that the Lord has had his hand even in this seeming handicap to the work. We trust that the Lord's blessing will be brought to light through it all.

Radio Project

The radio project for Alaska has taken on two separate directions. One is the radio telephone system that William Hartman, of Lafayette, California, developed for the field. We have radio contact with each one of our head stations and three of our native outposts. White Mountain, Unalakleet, and Marshall were the first. Later on came the licenses for Hooper Bay, Nunivak Island, and Wales. Besides these necessary points of contact, there were issued three shipboard licenses to make the entire program of ministering to these isolated places, convenient and less hazardous. The Nome station is also linked into the radio network by the use of amateur radio. Praise God for this new tool in the hands of your missionaries to speed the gospel out to remote places.

The other portion of the radio project is an extensive investigation into the possibilities of a radio station to reach all of western Alaska with the gospel as well as the possibilities of getting into world radio missionary work from this strategic location. We have been uniting our hearts that the Lord may open up to us his will in the matter of missionary radio in the far north.

Daily Vacation Bible School Ministry

Special mention should be made of the efforts put forth on the Alaskan field during 1956 to reach the children for the Lord. There were three young women who felt a definite call to come to Alaska at their own expense and help in this ministry. Wanda Hult,

Darla Schneider, and Thelma Duckles were the ones from the States. With these capable workers were tow of our won staff to make it an effective team. These were Lucile Dahl and Eunice Bruckner. Villages reached last year were Unalakleet, Shaktoolik, Koyuk, Marshall, Mountain Village, Scammon Bay, Hooper Bay, and Nome. Praise the Lord for the work with the children.

With these few paragraphs, I prayerfully submit this report that you may also join in with us in the battle for souls in Alaska.

H. R. Amundsen, Acting Chairman

Recommendations From Board of Missions

Helen Solander, for educational work in Alaska.

By individual motions duly moved and adopted the recommended candidates were unanimously called for missionary service on their designated mission fields.

Radio station in Alaska. Our Covenant missionary conference in Alaska recommends that we take steps to build and operate a missionary radio station at Nome, Alaska, with the understanding that the \$15,000 allocated to Alaska from the Diamond Jubilee Fund be applied as part of the capital cost thereof. The Covenant Board of Missions and the Executive Board have given this recommendation serious and prayerful consideration, especially in view of the following factors:

1. There is no missionary radio ministry on the arctic slope of northwestern Alaska. In fact, the only broadcasting station of any kind as a tiny 250-watt station operated by the armed forces.
2. A 5,000-watt station, strategically located at Nome on top of the world, could reach both northwestern Alaska and northeastern Siberia, broadcasting the gospel behind the Iron Curtain through the medium of Russian language broadcasts.
3. Such a station would be a powerful medium for transmitting the gospel and also stabilizing influence through a Bible teaching ministry for our entire field, as well as for isolated civilian and military outposts in that region of the world.
4. A number of our Covenant young people are already trained or in the process of being trained for missionary radio service. Such a station would provide an outlet for their services.
5. A number of our people have indicated a vital interest in this project.
6. This year, 1957, marks the seventieth anniversary of our Alaska mission field, and it seems fitting that we should launch out upon some challenging new project as a memorial of gratitude to God. There appears to be a number of significant evidences that God is placing such a challenging opportunity before us in this proposed missionary radio station. We, therefore, recommend that authorization be granted the Board of Missions and the Executive Board to continue studying the possibility of establishing a missionary radio station at or near Nome, Alaska; to take the necessary preliminary steps, including the filing of application with the Federal Communications Commission for license if deemed advisable; and to report detailed findings to the 1958 Annual Meeting.

A motion prevailed to adopt the recommendation.

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- Unalakleet
Londborg, Rev. and Mrs. Maynard D.
Solander, Helen
White, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S., Jr.
- White Mountain
Beistle, Doris (until 4/58)
Dahl, Lucile (before 4/58 see Homeland)
Matson, Mr. and Mrs. Julius J. V.

- Native Missionaries
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| Ahwinona, Joshua | Wales |
| Gonangnon, Wilson | Mountain Village |
| Kenick, Jacob | Nome |
| Kokochuruk, Job and Mary | Nome |
| Milligrock, Dwight | Unalakleet |
| Paniptchuk, Reuben | St. Michael |
| Savok, Fred | Hooper Bay |
| Savok, John | Koyuk |
| Shavings, Henry | Scammon Bay |
| Slwooko, Howard | Mekoryuk (Nunivak Island) |
| Soxie, Harry | Shaktoolik |
- Chairman: Rev. H. R. Amundsen
Secretary: Rev. Julius J. V. Matson

President's Report

Begun only twenty years after the annexation of the territory by the United States, our missionary enterprise in Alaska is only two years younger than the Covenant itself. The urgent need here is to train young national pastors and lay pastors. The Covenant High School at Unalakleet is a vital factor in these endeavors. It was my privilege to participate in the impressive first commencement of this school a few weeks ago. Several of these students are hoping to continue their studies at North Park College, our School of Nursing, or the Covenant Bible Institute of Canada.

Theodore W. Anderson

Secretary of Foreign Missions Report

Alaska

Nineteen hundred and fifty-seven was an eventful year for the Covenant mission in northern Alaska. It marked the seventieth anniversary of the arrival of the first Covenant missionaries to publish the tidings of Christ and his salvation among the benighted brown-skinned people of the arctic slope. The people of that entire vast region north of the Kuskokwim River delta, trace their first contact with the gospel to our won covenant missionaries. We praise God for this privilege of first heralding the tidings of salvation in this region. OURs is still the largest Protestant mission in the area.

It was fitting that the anniversary year should mark the initiation of steps to build and operate a missionary radio station at Nome. The 1957 Annual Meeting authorized the Board of Missions and the Executive Board to study this challenging prospect and take whatever steps it deemed advisable, including application to the Federal Communications Commission for license. After further careful study these boards decided to apply for license subject to the final approval of the 1958 Annual Meeting. The Rev. Arthur R. Zylstra, Covenant missionary assigned to the staff of radio station HCJB, was by our request released for a period of from two to four years to help us spearhead this venture.

Others, too, have heard the call of God and have volunteered their help, including Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fondell, of Monticello, Kentucky. Then engineering firm we have engaged to prepare our application believe that a 5,000-watt standard broadcast station will reach practically all of Alaska as well as deep into the unevangelized areas to the west. There is at present no effective radio station of any kind in this entire northwestern area of Alaska. Hence, our proposed station promises to fulfill a very significant ministry.

Our mission high school had an enrollment of thirty-four this past year and graduated its first class of nine on May 19. President Theodore W. Anderson was present for this outstanding occasion. A number of the graduates are planning to attend North Park College or the Swedish Covenant School of Nursing. We are convinced that the pastors and lay leaders of the Alaska Covenant church of tomorrow are being trained in our school, which has received high commendation from government officials and educational leaders.

The Covenant churches in Alaska are continuing to grow in vision and strength. Higher levels of stewardship are being achieved, and both native pastors and lay leaders are shouldering more responsibility. The native pastors gathered at Unalakleet last April for a week of conference and consultation with the leaders of our mission. This time together proved to be stimulating and fruitful in many ways.

The Covenant Children's Home at White Mountain continues its benevolent ministry to homeless Eskimo boys and girls, eleven of whom are being cared for currently.

Dr. S. E. Backstrand, Covenant dentist of Portland, Oregon, visited Alaska last September and took care of the dental needs of our missionaries, the children in the home, and the people in a number of our villages. This ministry was greatly appreciated, and we hope that other Covenant dentists will follow Dr. Backstrand's generous example.

Our missionaries continue to feel a heavy burden for the people of the Yukon Delta and are hoping to station a missionary couple in this area of our field in the near future. Here, as well as in some other places, the Roman church is a force to be reckoned with.

With the consent and blessing of our mission, but acting on their own initiative, Job and Mary Matthews moved to Anchorage last fall to launch a Covenant church among the people from our field who have moved to this large center.

Ralph P. Hanson

Alaska Mission

Alaska, our far north frontier territory and possible future state, continues to grow and progress. Together with the progress and development of this vast territory we, as Christian workers and laborers in a great harvest field, see new areas to be won for the Lord. Old ground needs to be dug deeper and nourished with the Word of Life. Education and evangelism need to go hand-in-hand in forming a new and stronger native church in Alaska. With this we see the added need for prayer support and deep concern for the old and also for the new work in the Arctic regions.

We have been unable properly to care for the great Yukon district that has been within our mission's boundary. Lack of funds has curtailed expansion on our field. The Conference Baptist Mission was hoping to co-operate with us in this area but their plans did not materialize. Consequently, this work still rests heavily upon us. Perhaps the Lord has great plans for a future ministry among these people. The proposed radio stations would reach this great territory and may be the means by which people will be prepared to receive the message of Christ.

Marshall

The Rev. L. E. Ost continues to hold forth at Marshall. The work there becomes discouraging at times because of the strong Catholic opposition. His ministry is greatly enlarged during the summer months with the ministry along the river. By boat he goes from village to village bringing help and the ministry of the Word to the people.

Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay, and Nunivak Island

Fred and Gladys Savok's steady, consistent testimony has borne fruit at Hooper Bay. Many Catholics who were steeled against the Protestant message have been coming to our mission. Fred's testimony has gradually worked into their hearts. Work on the new church building was contemplated last summer but hindrances postponed that project until this year. A beautiful sanctuary has been planned by Spencer Strand, which will be built with funds raised by the natives themselves over a period of time. Henry Shavings, the first worker to come from Nunivak Island, is serving at Scammon Bay, and Howard Slwooko still ministers at Nunivak. New radio phones at Hooper Bay and Nunivak help the missionaries to keep in touch with each other. These isolated outposts now do not seem so far away, and helpful consultation is available with other workers when problems arise.

Unalakleet and the Covenant High School

The Covenant High School continues to be a high lighted in our ministry in Alaska. This year thirty-four students have found that teachers in high school can be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Seven graduates this year will be the first to receive diplomas from our school. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred White, Helen Solander, and the Rev. and Mrs. Maynard Londborg composed the teacher-missionary team for Unalakleet.

VBS During 1957

Gladys White and Doris Beistle spent two weeks at Shaktoolik in VBS work. Two child evangelism workers, Sylvia Bray and Sara Ruth Davis, contributed substantially to the work with children on our field last summer. Beginning at Nome with a two-week school, they went to Koyuk, Elim, Wales, and Solomon. A number of children gave their hearts to the Lord and the older folk were edified.

Mountain Village

The ministry of Wilson Gonangnon is nearly at a standstill. His health has been failing for years. Mountain Village has requested a younger pastor, which may be in the program for 1958. One denominational group known for its lack of comity has staked out a lot for a church in this village, where already a Catholic church and a Covenant church exist.

Shaktoolik, Koyuk, and Elim

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Soxie are still in Shaktoolik. A couple years ago they asked to be relieved of this work; however, they seem to have a new drive to carry on for a few more years. John Savok and his able wife are in the process of building a new church at Koyuk. They have had the willing help of their daughter and son-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Paniptchuk moved from St. Michael to Elim, where they are doing a fine work.

White Mountain and the Children's Home, Council and Golovin

The children's home has been licensed for another year with the following stipulations: age limit, 6-16 (formerly 6-14); maximum number of residents, 14 (formerly 12). seven children were returned to their homes and one child was taken for adoption. Six children were received into the home during the year. At present ten children are in our care. Doris Beistle, staff member, was stricken with hepatitis in October and was hospitalized in Nome. She recuperated in California and returned to White Mountain in May. Staff members and children made three trips to Golovin and one trip to Council during the summer. This winter no one has lived in Council. Sigfred Aukongak, of Golovin, was resting the the Anchorage hospital but has now returned home to take up the work in the the church. Mr. and Mrs. John Savok, of Koyuk, conducted revival services in the White Mountain Covenant Church during October with much success. Dr. S. E. Backstrand, Covenant dentist from Portland, Oregon, visited the home and offered his services the children and staff. This dental care was much appreciated by all. During the summer months staff and children were busy fishing and picking berries for the winter food supply. An electric powerline from the home to the church was installed. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson, of Nome, presented the home with a portable light plant for use in emergencies. Some painting was done on the outside and inside of the home. The newly organized young people's society sponsored by Mrs. Julius Matson has been very successful with an average attendance of twenty. Missionary pilot Amundsen made a number of trips from Nome to White Mountain to deliver some of the supplies that were delayed in Nome for several months. We thank all who have had a part in making this past year a very blessed one through your prayers, gifts, and letters.

Nome and Vicinity

The church work at Nome continues to be encouraging in some respects and discouraging in others. We are so thankful to the Lord for the lady workers that have been in our midst, such as the Kenneth Andersons and the Lloyd Sundstroms. Their faithful work in our church is like extra hands to the missionaries. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Strand do their share of the ministry in the church besides supervising construction work on the field. The Nome church continues to provide the major part of the funds needed for the home missionary program of the Alaska Covenant churches, and real progress is being made toward self-support. On the darker side of the picture, we see a deep need for a spiritual revival. There is a lack of interest in spiritual matters. Perhaps the financial prosperity our people are enjoying has made them too self-sufficient. Pray for us.

Wales

Joshua Ahwinona and his wife have been the only native workers the Covenant has had at Wales. Reports from there indicate the work is difficult. There has been much opposition to the gospel message. We are encouraged, though, to hear that some have turned from their old ways to serve Christ. Praise his name.

Mission Plane

This year we had our second force landing in two years. The Lord has watched over our flights in this north country nonetheless. We are in desperate need of a new plane. Our

present one is over ten years old and we are now using the only repairable motor. Lloyd Sundstrom has been most kind in loaning his own plane to our mission whenever we have needed it this year; otherwise we would have been without this means of transportation.

Native Pastor's Conference

The native pastors from all over our field gathered at Unalakleet for a conference the latter part of March. Much time was spent in prayer and Bible study during the opening days of the conference. The work of the mission and planning of the work of the native pastors was thoroughly discussed. A tentative budget was set up for the Alaska Covenant churches featuring a livable wage scale for each pastor. A good deal of the time was spent discussing and planning ways for encouraging more native financial support. Some churches have done very little to support the A. C. C. With this new interest and emphasis coming from the pastors, we should experience a marked increase in giving this next year.

Medical Mission

Last September Dr. S. E. Backstrand, of Portland, Oregon, spent his vacation in Alaska with the Covenant missionaries. His main objective was to care for the dental needs of missionaries, children at the home and the high school and our people in the villages. His service as well as his fellowship were very much appreciated. May the Lord richly bless him for his generosity and helpfulness.

Radio Station

One of the most challenging projects on our field is the missionary radio station. There has been a great deal of work done both in the homeland and here on the field on behalf of this project. Step by step it is taking shape, and we are increasingly impressed with the tremendous ministry it will have on our field and in all of Alaska. Nearly every home is equipped with a radio, so we shall be able to reach many with the message of salvation through Christ.

These are days in which men's hearts are failing them for fear. But we have hope. This hope gives us a real incentive to be faithful in preparing the way for the coming of the Lord. "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet...This gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, as a testimony to all nations; and then the end will come" Matt. 24:6, 14).

H. R. Amundsen, Chairman

Alaska radio station

Mr. Hanson also presented for adoption the following recommendation from the Board of Missions, with the Executive Board concurring, regarding a missionary radio station in Alaska.

General statement. The 1957 Covenant Annual Meeting gave the Covenant Board of Missions and the Executive Board authorization to continue studying the possibility of building and operating a standard missionary radio station at Nome, Alas-

ka; and if deemed advisable, to file application for license with the Federal Communications Commission. we have pursued this mater during the past year and, in both finances and personnel placed at our command, and many indications of divine guidance, we have proceeded to fulfill the detailed requisites for filing application with the F.C.C. for permission to construct and operate such a station.

Estimated capital cost. As the result of a more detailed study of the material requirements of such an installation, it has been determined that the original capital investment for such a radio station will be approximately \$60,000. This represents the cost of land and buildings, and technical and nontechnical equipment. This cost will be distributed over a period of two budgetary years.

Current budget. This year's budget is estimated at \$39,820, of which amount over \$20,000 is already at hand and other funds are in prospect.

Estimated annual operating costs. We estimate that the annual cost of operation after it is on the air will be approximately \$25,000. It should be noted that a considerable portion of this expense will be underwritten by the sale of time to sponsors of gospel programs as well as to responsible commercial interests in Alaska and the United States. Also we have excellent prospects of assistance from other Alaska missionary organizations in the way of both personnel and finances.

Recommendation. After much careful and prayerful deliberation, the Covenant Board of Mission and the Executive Board have voted to request of this Annual Meeting final authorization to inaugurate this project with the following stipulations:

- a) That the Arctic Broadcasting Association, a legal entity, should be operated as a project distinct from the Alaska mission, however with liaison representation from the Alaskan council.
- b) That while we anticipate participation by other evangelical missions, a controlling interest shall be held by the Covenant.
- c) That this facility shall be operated under the authorization of the Executive Board and the Board of Missions.
- d) That requests for all appropriations shall be approved by the Covenant Annual Meeting.

Following a discussion in which Missionary Arthur R. Zylstra served as a resource person and answered a number of questions, the motion to adopt prevailed.

Missionary candidates. The following recommendations regarding the calling of candidates for missionary service on Covenant mission field abroad were presented for adoption by Mr. Hanson:

That Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Duey be called for educational and evangelistic work at our high school in Unalakleet, temporarily replacing Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. White Jr., who will be on furlough.

That Doris Beistle be called to serve as a counselor at the Children's Home in Alaska.

That Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fondell be called for radio ministry in Alaska.

By individual motions duly carried the recommended candidates were unanimously called for service on their designated fields.

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Unalakleet
Duey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J.
Londborg, Rev. and Mrs. Maynard D.
Schneider, Mrs. Stanley, (Lucile Dahl)
Solander, Helen

White Mountain
Beistle, Doris (until 4/58)
Matson, Mr. and Mrs. Julius J. V.

Native Missionaries	
Ahwinona, Joshua	Wales
Gonangnon, Wilson	Fortuna Ledge
Kenick, Jacob	Nome
Kokochuruk, Job and Mary	Box 3-447, Anchorage
Paniptchuk, Reuben	Elim
Savok, Fred	Unalakleet
Savok, John	Koyuk
Shavings, Henry	Scammon Bay
Slwooko, Howard	Mekoryuk (Nunivak Island)
Soxie, Harry	Shaktoolik

Chairman: Rev. H. R. Amundsen
Secretary: Rev. Julius J. V. Matson

President's Report

The earliest missionary outreach of the Covenant was to Alaska, now our forty-ninth state. Today the Americanization of the native culture is being accelerated. A major problem for missions is the conservation of youth for Christian life and leadership. In this our high school at Unalakleet, where forty-two Eskimo youth are enrolled, is a powerful factor. The proposed 5,000-watt radio station at Nome, "The voice of the Arctic," promises a greatly expanded ministry. Favorable action on our application for the building of this station is expected from the Federal Communications Commission at any moment.

The past year has been characterized by an intensive study of the indigenous church by our missionaries and the board of Missions. Paternalism in missions is as outmoded as colonialism in politics and economics. The goal on every front is to transform the mission into a church that is self-supporting, self-governing, and self-extending, ministering to its total environment.

Theodore W. Anderson

Secretary of Foreign Missions Report

Our Covenant mission in Alaska has taken on added significance since Alaska achieved statehood. Mike Stepovich, former governor, predicts that the current population of approximately 215,000 will expand to one million during the next ten years. Much of this development will take place in southeastern Alaska, which is far removed from our Covenant field in northern arctic Alaska. However, even our remote area will, undoubtedly, witness new and significant developments. A highway is being built from Fairbanks to Nome, which will make it possible to drive from the States to our mission field.

The Covenant work in Alaska has experienced a noticeable quickening during the last two or three years. At its recent annual meeting, the Covenant church of Alaska voted to increase its contributions from \$5,000 to \$7,000 per year for the support of its work, to continue its missionary activities in the Yukon area, and to support a full-time native pastor for the congregation at Unalakleet. Native pastors and lay leaders are assuming increasing responsibilities, thus relieving the missionaries of some of the heavy load they have been carrying.

Forty-three Eskimo students were enrolled in our mission high school at Unalakleet this past year. Members of the first graduating class are continuing their studies at the University of Alaska, North Park College, and Swedish Covenant Hospital School of Nursing.

Our children's home continues its ministry at White Mountain with an average census of ten children. This seems like a small number for which to maintain such an institution; however, the only alternative for these children would be Catholic homes. There are other important factors also. The government pays for the major part of their keep, and the staff at the home takes care of the local church work, making it unnecessary for us to maintain a missionary pastor in the village. We believe that consecrated leaders of the church of tomorrow will come out of the ranks of the children cared for in the home.

We have continued to push the Alaska missionary radio project during the past year. Arthur Zylstra and Ralph Fondell spent last summer and early fall in Nome, where, with the assistance of missionary builder, Spencer Strand, they erected two houses for the staff. They returned to the homeland in October and devoted the winter to traveling throughout

the Covenant in the interests of the project. Our application for license was filled with the Federal Communications Commission on August 8, 1958, and we are momentarily expecting word that the construction permit has been granted.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nelson, of Columbus, Nebraska, will be called by the coming Annual Meeting to augment the staff. Volunteer engineers and builders are offering to spend from two to eight weeks in Nome this summer, assisting with the project. We are hoping to get the station on the air this fall or early winter. Through the station, we shall be able to reach a major part of northwestern Alaska as well as far into regions to the west. Alaska statehood has greatly increased the significance of this challenging project.

Alaska statehood has brought increased pressures upon the Board of Missions to establish a Covenant church in Anchorage, the new state's largest and most strategic city. Our native workers, Job and Mary Matthews, are continuing their part-time ministry in the city, assisted by Covenant families who have moved to Anchorage from the States and from other points in Alaska. We are giving this appeal careful study.

Last March we found it possible to replace our rather badly worn Stinson plane with a new Cessna 180, largely through the interest and generosity of one of our Covenant laymen, Wallace N. Lindskoog, of Turlock, California.

Ralph P. Hanson

Covenant Medical Mission Fellowship

A third project already underway is the securing of good dental equipment to be kept on our Alaska field for use by our dentists as they volunteer to render services to our missionaries and native workers. This arrangement is in charge of members of our dental profession and considerable progress has already been made in this direction.

K. M. Nelson, Chairman

Missionary candidates

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Duey to be called for educational work in Ecuador.
Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Nelson to be called for radio ministry in Alaska.

Alaska radio station. Mr. Hanson reported that word was expected from the Federal Communications Commission momentarily to the effect that a construction permit for the Alaska radio station had been granted.

Alaska Mission

Alaska is now a state in the Union of the United States of America. This has brought attention to our great country, and people of all walks of life are showing greater interest daily in Alaska. Investors and outside industry has made a bid for central and southern Alaska with renewed push. In every aspect we can see wonderful possibilities for Alaska in the years to come.

From a missionary point of view, our Alaska field is still the strip of arctic coastline that is "home" for fifteen isolated Eskimo villages. Even though transportation is better and shipping is easier than it was fifty years ago, the Covenant work is still confined to the difficult and out-of-the-way places of western Alaska. However, with the difficulties, the Lord has provided assistance in the form of a strong corps of native workers, who will be able to take over the entire field some day.

Lower Yukon

A little over a year ago, negotiations were being made with the Conference Baptists to come into our lower Yukon field and establish a mission. We were much in prayer that a co-operative mission would be able to strengthen the present witness in adjacent villages, but these hopes did not materialize. Since then, the Southern Baptists have moved in- not to the unevangelized areas of the lower Yukon, but into Mountain Village, our first home mission station on the Alaska field. With a new plane and seeming unlimited resources, they are out to reap where faithful Covenant native pastors have been plowing and sowing with the Word. Even though this is disturbing to us, we are still much in prayer that the will of the Lord will be done and that we will continue to be faithful.

Marshall

The Rev. L. E. Ost continues his lone stand for Christ in that part of the Yukon. This year he has been carrying on Bible classes for prospective gospel workers. Eula Johnson, of Scammon Bay, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Whitman, of Nunivak, have been under the able teaching of Mr. Ost. Mr. Whitman will be used this year to fill a vacancy left by a retiring native pastor.

Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay, and Nunivak Island

Peter Smith, who spent last year in additional training at Nome, moved to Hooper Bay this year. The work at Scammon Bay is still under the direction of our evangelist, Henry Shavings, and Nunivak continues to be served by Howard Slwooko. Henry made several trips to the Yukon for special meetings and will continue the same effort this year. The Lord has blessed this young man with a special evangelistic gift, which the native church conference plans to use to the full. From the ministry of our Nunivak Island work, three new missionary couples have entered the work. Word comes to us that the Roman Catholics are making a new and strong bid for the people of Nunivak. Satan has his way of disrupting the witness of faithful pastors, and they need our special interest and prayers.

Unalakleet and the Covenant High School

Our great hope for the Alaskan native church is that of trained pastors and lay people. The high school at Unalakleet is a bright spot in that direction. This year the Rev. and Mrs. Maynard D. Londborg, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Duey, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Schneider, and Helen Solander have been carrying on the teaching and pastoral work. Forty-three students were in attendance at Covenant High this year. Many of them found the Lord as their personal Savior because of the witness of the students and staff members.

Mountain Village

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Savok have been doing the village work this year. As was ready mentioned, the Southern Baptists moved in, making for a very difficult situation. Fred conducted himself wisely and in a Christian manner, which should work out for good.

White Mountain and Golovin

During 1958 the Covenant Children's Home has been staffed by Mr. and Mrs. Julius J. V. Matson and Mrs. Stanley Schneider for several months before Doris Beistle returned in May. The average case load for the year was ten children. One child was returned to his home; one child was admitted; one child was admitted to the hospital and is still there; one child was stricken ill and rushed to the hospital, where she died. We have continued with a full schedule of meetings, and a newly organized 4-H club. All meetings are held in the home except the Sunday services. One week of Vacation Bible School was held with Mrs. Kenneth Anderson, of Nome, assisting. New plywood and linoleum were installed in six rooms at the children's home. The painting of the home, parsonage, and church was completed. A jeep port was constructed. A number of people moved to White Mountain from Golovin, causing the post office to close in Golovin. Sigfried Aukongak has been in charge of the church work during the past year.

Shaktoolik, Koyuk, and Elim

The Harry Soxies have been serving the Shaktoolik. This year, because of age and health, Harry and his wife moved to Unalakleet to retire, leaving the village without a pastor for most of the winter. The old folks, John Savoks, are still holding forth at Koyuk. with the help of their daughter and son-in-law, they have been able to carry on the ministry very well. Although ailing in body, they are still fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Reuben Paniptchuks have been serving at Elim, one of the oldest churches on Norton Sound. Many of the older folks who were at Elim have gone to be with the Lord or have moved to other communities. The village still persists and needs a loving ministry of the Word.

Nome and Vicinity

Nome continues to be a center for much church and other activity. With the coming of the Covenant radio station and during all the related construction, many missionaries as well as lay workers have been in and out of Nome. The heart of the work still lies in the Nome Covenant Church, where both leadership and support of the Alaska Covenant churches find their source. The Unalakleet and Nome congregations continue to be the

main support of the Alaska Covenant churches. Fine consecrated leadership, such as is given by Thomas Tungwenuk and James Oksoktaruk, is not too often found among out people. They are an inspiration to their people throughout the field. The Spencer Strands and the Roald Amundsens are the resident missionaries for the Nome area. The duties of Mr. Strand as builder for the field and Amundsen as missionary pilot take them away from the home station a great part of the time but with the co-operative efforts of the missionary wives and deacons the heavy schedule is carried on. Attendance at the services has been as great as could be handled with our facilities, but we are still much in prayer for a real breakthrough in a heaven-sent revival.

Wales

The work at this station continues to be difficult, but the Lord will reward faithfulness to his Word. We are still trusting that the Lord will become known in a real way to these people. More and more are showing interest in the church and are coming out to the services. Much prayer is needed on their behalf as well as for the Joshua Ahwinona, native pastor.

Mission Plane

This year we saw the coming of a new and better type of plane for our work in missionary travel, the best we have ever had. The mission pilot spent nearly two months in California getting a new Cessna 180, which was procured as a result of the sale of the Covenant Headquarter's Beach Bonanza and the old mission plane. Again Wallace Lindskoog's interest in the best for missionary travel was seen in more substantial gifts to secure and equip the plane for Alaska.

Native Pastors' Conference

The pastors' conference was delayed this year until my return from OUtside with the new mission plane, since they are almost totally dependent upon it for transportation. We were again confident that this was a successful meeting for the pastors. Much of the burden that has rested upon the superintendent's shoulders has been lifted and the pastors' organization is now in effect. There seemed to be a spirit of expectancy in the planning of their own church affairs. The budget was increased by \$2,000, which comes wholly out of the offerings from the churches for the combined Alaska Covenant church program. It has been especially gratifying to notice the increase in giving since they have gotten a clearer understanding of the business involved.

The outlook of world affairs is not an encouraging one, and as a result we are awakened more and more to the amount of the work of the Lord still undone. As laborers together in his vineyard from various parts of the globe, let us be prayerful and faithful to him who has redeemed us with his own precious blood.

H. Roald Amundsen, Chairman

Roll of Covenant Missionaries in Alaska

Marshall (Fortuna Ledge)

Ost, Rev. L. E.

Nome

Amundsen, Rev. and Mrs. H. Roald (Box 303)

Fondell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V., Arctic Broadcasting Association, Box 303

Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Arctic Broadcasting Association, Box 303

Strand, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer

Zylstra, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur R., Arctic Broadcasting Association, Box 303

Unalakleet

Bruckner, Rev. and Mrs. Donald J.

Londborg, Rev. and Mrs. Maynard D.

Solander, Helen

White, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S., Jr.

White Mountain

Beistle, Doris (until 4/58)

Matson, Mr. and Mrs. Julius J. V.

Native Missionaries

Ahwinona, Joshua

Wales

Kokochuruk, Job and Mary

Box 3-477, Anchorage

Paniptchuk, Reuben

Shaktoolik

Savok, Fred

Unalakleet

Shavings, Henry

Scammon Bay

Slwooko, Howard

Mekoryuk (Nunivak Island)

Smith, Peter

Hooper Bay

Soxie, Harry

Unalakleet

Whitman, Ben

Mountain Village

Chairman: Rev. H. R. Amundsen

Secretary: Rev. Julius J. V. Matson

Report of the President

Youthful at Seventy-Five

This new life will always find effective channels of expression and usefulness. Among the new ventures of Covenant faith during our seventy-fifth year was radio station KICY at Nome, Alaska, that gave its first witness for Christ on Easter morning. What better day to inaugurate our new medium of communication than on the day commemorating the Lord's resurrection! . . . To lend a particularly rich meaning to the jubilee year, three young men from separate mission fields shared Christian fellowship with us at Midwinter Conference- Fred Savok, of Alaska, Matthew Kongawi of Africa, and Junichi Tsuehiya of Japan. . .

At seventy-five the Covenant still shows signs of youth and life. Its membership is currently 59,339 in the States, including the Canada Conference, 14,211 in Congo; 99 in Ecuador; 734 in Formosa; 591 in Japan and 1,005 in Alaska- for a total of 75,979.

Board of Missions--World Missions Division

It was a forgone conclusion that statehood would profoundly affect Alaska, both as to influx of population and accelerated construction of roads, airports, and development of industry. We also have evidences of development and spiritual growth in our churches. Some are paying one-half of their pastor's salaries, besides helping to support native missionaries serving in remote villages in the Yukon area.

A number of the graduates of the mission high school at Unalakleet are planning for the ministry with the result that our Bible seminary has been reactivated. Thirty-five students are presently enrolled in the Unalakleet high school. Thirteen children are cared for in our White Mountain children's home. A new Cessna 180 airplane was provided for our Alaska mission, largely through the generosity of Wallace N. Lindscoog. At Anchorage regular Sunday afternoon services are being held by Covenanters who have come from Northern Alaska and from the State, with encouraging response.

The dramatically new factor in our Alaska work is our Nome radio station, KICY, dedicated on Sunday afternoon, March 27. Regularly scheduled broadcasts began at six o'clock in the morning of April 17, Easter Sunday, broadcasting seventeen hours a day, seven days a week. At the end of two weeks, five hundred letters and communications had been received from sixty different localities, indicating good reception.

Board of World Missions

Alaska

Achieving statehood has had a marked, stimulating effect on Alaska. There is renewed confidence in the new state's future on the part of Alaskan, together with a new interest on the part of people of the low forty-eight states in what is now considered to be our last frontier.

There is notable influx of population, particularly in large center like Anchorage, where it is predicted the present population of 60,000 to 70,000 will grow to a quarter of a million within ten years. New industries are being launched, and large corporations, such as Texaco Oil Company and Safeway Food Stores, are getting in on the ground floor in order to serve the needs of the growing population.

Roads are being built, including a highway which will eventually link Nome with Fairbanks, the Alcan Highway, and the States. Airport facilities are being greatly increased and also improved in this country, where wide open spaces make the airplane the most important means of transportation.

A definite quickening is to be seen in the work of the Christian church, including our own Covenant mission in northwestern Alaska. During my recent brief visit to the field, I attended the closing days of the annual conference of the Covenant churches of Alaska, held at Nome. I was deeply impressed and gratified over many evidences of growth and development. Many of our churches are paying part of their pastors' salaries. The Covenant church in Nome is in the process of calling its first native pastor, Fred Savok, who will be fully supported by the congregation. The facilities of this church have been considerably enlarged in recent years, financed by the congregation. However, they are still too limited, and steps will have to be taken in the near future to enlarge the church significantly. The Unalakleet congregation recently built a lovely new church with the aid of missionary builder, Spencer Strand. The congregation paid for materials and equipment and also provided considerable labor. Unalakleet plans to call its own pastor in the not too distant future and will likely underwrite his salary.

Our Bible seminary was reactivated at Unalakleet, with five young men taking the courses offered this year. These men are also students at our mission high school and will soon be graduating. We are grateful for the good fruits already discernible as a result of the high school's ministry. Many of the older native pastors have served long and faithfully and have now retired. They are being replaced by capable younger men who are carrying on a very effective ministry. Encouraging also is the growing number of dedicated laymen sharing actively in the leadership of the church. These developments speak well for the church's future.

Many of the changes taking place in Alaska also bring great temptations to the native Christians. Steady employment and higher incomes increase desires for a higher standard of living. Moving from the villages to the large centers brings problems of adjustment. No longer sheltered, our people sometimes find it difficult to cope with the bright lights and temptations of the big city.

For the first time in the mission's history, every village on our field had a Vacation Bible School during the summer of 1959. Young people from our churches in the States, missionary women, and young people of our Alaska Covenant churches teamed up to make this possible. We have good prospects of other young people coming from the States to assist in the 1960 V.B. S. program. It is hard for us adequately to appreciate how much it means to the boys and girls of our isolated villages, to have the privilege of attending Vacation Bible School.

Thirty-five students were enrolled in our mission high school this past school year, and our curriculum was enlarged to include geometry and chorus. The students take an

active part in the work of our local church. Two years ago representatives of the Friends mission at Kotzebue visited Unalakleet to make arrangements for sending students to our school. However, they were so impressed with the school and the contribution it was making to our field that they decided they could ill afford not to have a similar school in Kotzebue. They have since started their own high school. Our building facilities have been added to, including a dormitory for boys and additional living quarters for the staff. A gymnasium is under construction and will be ready for the fall term.

Thirteen children are being cared for in our White Mountain children's home. The staff members also take care of the church work in the village. The state provides a monthly allowance for most of the children and this is sufficient to care for the major part of the running expenses.

The new airplane, a Cessna 180, provided for the Alaska mission largely through the generosity of Wallace N. Lindskoog, of Turlock, California, has been of great help in the work, providing greatly improved transportation.

For some years there has been a growing concern that a Covenant church should be established in Anchorage, because of increasing numbers of Covenanters from northern Alaska moving into this rapidly growing city. The Board of Missions made arrangements for the Rev. Gordon A. Nelson and the Rev. H. Roald Amundsen to make an extensive survey of Anchorage in December, 1959. It revealed that over a hundred Covenanters from northern Alaska plus about a score of Covenanters from the States are now living in Anchorage. Though there is no dearth of churches in the city- among them a number of good evangelical church, as Mr. Nelson pointed out in a splendid report prepared for the board- if we are to conserve the fruits and results of our work in northern Alaska, we may find it necessary to establish a Covenant church in Anchorage. At its Midwinter Conference meeting the Board of Missions decided to appoint a committee of Covenanters in Anchorage to secure a hall and hold Sunday afternoon services in order to determine what the response might be. I was privileged to attend and bring the message at the first of these services held Sunday afternoon, April 3. Forty-five people attended. The services are continuing with good results. Although it is too early to evaluate, there are indications that we may be led to establish a church in Anchorage.

Early this year marked the completion and inauguration of radio station KICY, the Voice of the Arctic, Nome, Alaska. Seldom, if ever, has a project been undertaken by Covenant world missions in which we have seen so many remarkable answers to prayer and had so many experiences of divine guidance and provision. The KICY staff was assisted by Covenant engineers, builders, and laborers from the States and from Alaska, who donated from two weeks to three months of strenuous labor in order to get the station on the air. Our Alaska mission builder, Spencer Strand, supervised the planning and construction of the buildings. Lloyd Sundstrom, Covenanter from Tacoma, Washington, who is employed by the White Alice Communications System has given invaluable help throughout the entire project.

KICY was dedicated March 27, 1960, at impressive services in which it was my privilege to participate, together with the Rev. Paul P. Fryhling, of First Covenant church, Minneapolis. Local and regional officials together with leaders from neighboring missions were present for this auspicious occasion and participated in the program. The station went on the air for a scheduled broadcast at six o'clock Bering Sea Standard Time, Easter Sunday morning. How fitting that the glad tidings that Christ is risen should be the first message broadcast from its transmitter. Since then the station has continued to broadcast seventeen hours a day, seven days a week. At the end of two weeks over 500 letters and communications had been received from sixty different localities in northwestern Alaska, indicating good reception and expressing keen appreciation. It is almost impossible for us to evaluate as yet the tremendous potential of the station, the only station within a radius of 500 miles!

The project cost considerably more than estimated chiefly because, late in the season, the Nome Utility Company denied us the electric power they had promised to provide, making it necessary for us to invest in additional, costly generating equipment. The increased capital costs will be reported to the Annual Meeting and its approval sought.

We praise God for enabling us first to proclaim the message of Christ and his redeeming love in northwestern Alaska seventy-three years ago. We are grateful that during this year of emphasis on world missions, and the year which marks our seventy-fifth anniversary as a denomination, God has enabled us to build, dedicate, and put into service this might new "Voice of the Arctic" by which the glad message of the gospel of Christ is being broadcast throughout the arctic.

Concluding his annual report, the Rev. H. Roald Amundsen write as follows: "May the Lord bless us as we try to keep pace with these moving times. I feel that there remains much to be accomplished on this our oldest Covenant mission field. The moving in of other groups, who look with envy on our "greener pastures," indicates to me that there should be more instead of less support for Alaska. This land is going to grow in population and activity. Unless we move ahead with other developments in Alaska, we may recall with regret some day that we once had one of the strongest missions in Alaska. Today we stand at the crossroads, where we must either go ahead and conquer the land or permit others to come in and reap a harvest where we have plowed, sown, and nurtured."

WORLD MISSIONS STATISTICAL REPORT

	Alaska	KICY
Missionaries	16	6
Native Workers	16	
Church Membership		
1958	927	
1959	1,005	
Contributions	\$5,348.00	
Sunday Schools		
Number	7	
Enrollment	785	

Report of the President

In Alaska we have taken a very progressive step by installing and operating radio station KICY at Nome. Reports from villages, some at great distance from Nome, prove that this witness for Christ is finding entrance into communities and home that we could not possibly reach in any other way. The staff at KICY has earned our sincere gratitude, especially Arthur R. Zylstra, who supervised the installation and first year's operation of this station. Last November the First Evangelical Covenant Church of Anchorage was organized with twenty-six charter members. Now that property has been purchased, it is hoped that a sanctuary can be built during the coming summer. At Koyuk and Hooper Bay new churches are also being added to our Alaska work. Many responsibilities, financial and otherwise, for the Covenant churches in Alaska are now being assumed by the Alaskan Covenanters with the counsel and help of the missionaries. An active Alaska Covenant ministerial association is safeguarding the spiritual welfare of the native pastors and also exercising discipline in problems which arise. Thirty-five young men and women are enrolled at the Covenant Mission High School in Unalakleet; six students are enrolled in the Bible seminary. At the White Mountain Children's Home thirteen children are cared for. The Rev. L. E. Ost retired last October at the age of seventy-five, having served in Alaska for fifty years.

Alaska

During my brief visit to Alaska in March, 1960 to dedicate our Covenant missionary radio station KICY, I was deeply impressed by evidences of significant growth and development of the work since my visit in 1953.

Attending the closing sessions of the annual conference of the Covenant churches in Alaska, I was very favorably impressed by the dedicated and capable lay leaders and pastors this church is producing. No longer do the missionaries have the responsibility for running everything. Many responsibilities have been taken over by Alaskan Covenanters with the counsel and help of the missionaries. An active Alaska Covenant ministerial association is safeguarding the spiritual welfare of the native pastors and also handling discipline problems which arise. The conference has increased its missionary support and outreach in the Yukon area of our field. The Nome church has called and is fully supporting its own pastor, Fred Savok, whom many of us will remember from his visit with us last year. The Unalakleet church is taking similar steps to call and support its own pastor.

Thirty-five young men and women are enrolled at the Covenant Mission High School in Unalakleet. Six students are enrolled in the Bible seminary, where they will receive three years of training plus a year in internship. The critical need for pastors as well as capable lay leaders is being met by our schools, and for this we thank God. A long hoped-for gymnasium was erected last summer from a surplus steel quonset hut. This has proved to be a great asset to the school, the church, and the town, providing needed recreational facilities during the long arctic winter and also a place for large gatherings.

We are deeply grateful for the excellent contribution George A. and Margaret Larson have made during the year in which they have served as full-time teachers on the staff, and we only regret that health conditions will not permit them to continue. Eight students graduated in May, five of whom have been accepted at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

Thirteen children have been cared for at the White Mountain Children's Home under the supervision of Julius J. and Louise Matson, assisted by Doris M. Beistle. Miss Beistle resigned from our staff in December. We are deeply grateful for her years of devoted

service at the home. Kenneth and Eleanor Anderson have taken over responsibility for the home during the Matsons' furlough. Dorothy G. Ford of our Covenant staff is assisting them.

There has been considerable building on the field this year. A new church was completed by the Koyuk congregation and another new church is being built at Hooper Bay, in both instances assisted by our missionary builder, Spencer Strand. An Alaska Covenant "Frontiers Builders" organization patterned after "Frontier Friends" is giving financial assistance to these new church projects.

L. E. Ost went into retirement status last October at the age of seventy-five, after having served in Alaska for fifty years. He is remaining at Marshall, taking care of the work. We join our missionary and Alaska Covenanters thanking God for our brother and his many years of service for Christ in Alaska.

Our Covenant missionary radio station KICY at Nome has continued its great ministry, broadcasting seventeen hours a day, seven days a week. Both outreach and response have surpassed our expectations. The station has literally opened up a new world for northwestern Alaska, which was in a virtual radio vacuum before the advent of KICY. Letters from listeners have averaged nearly one thousand a month! The station brings the gospel to many Roman Catholic villages, to isolated miners, trappers, and servicemen, practically to all of northwestern Alaska. Our missionaries report that there is a noticeably new depth to the preaching of the native pastors because they are now able to listen to good sermons over KICY.

I regret to report that a health condition, as well as previous commitments to the World Missionary Radio Fellowship, will make it necessary for the Arthur R. Zylstras to terminate their services with KICY this spring. After some months of furlough in the homeland they will be reassigned to Latin America. As leader of the Alaska radio project and manager of KICY, Mr. Zylstra has made a tremendous contribution. In spite of limited health he has given himself to the work without reservation, sometimes, I fear, to an extent detrimental to his health. No words of mine could begin adequately to express how deeply we appreciate the contribution he has made, not only to KICY and the Covenant mission in Alaska, but to the Covenant as a whole and to the Church at large.

The First Evangelical Covenant Church of Anchorage was formally organized last November, with twenty-six charter members. This new and promising congregation with a membership now numbering thirty-eight is applying for membership in the Covenant. Property is being purchased, and they hope to begin building a church this summer, aided by a Frontier Friends appeal and a loan from the Church Extension Fund. Paul B. F. Carlson was called to serve as pastor of the church and began his full-time ministry the latter part of May. There is every indication that this new church is going to enjoy a very successful and useful ministry.

Ralph P. Hanson, Executive Secretary

Report of the President

The particular observance of world missions at this Annual Meeting will be the seventy-fifth anniversary of the beginning of missionary work in Alaska by the Swedish Mission Covenant in 1887 at Unalakleet and transferred to our Covenant two years later. The presence of the Rev. Arvid Stenstrom of Stockholm, Sweden, Secretary of World Missions of the Swedish Covenant, is exceedingly appropriate at this time.

Missions World Missions Division

Alaska

The year 1962 marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Covenant mission in Alaska. Launched by missionaries of the Covenant of Sweden in 1887, the new mission was taken over by the American Covenant in 1889. Covenant missionaries were the first to bring the good news of Christ to the Eskimos of northwestern Alaska.

The past year has been encouraging with the Covenant churches in Alaska taking increasing initiative and responsibility. The congregation at Unalakleet built a parsonage and called a native pastor who it is supporting. Other congregations have built new church or have improved existing facilities. Our new congregation in Anchorage is firmly established, with a membership of close to fifty and attendance at Sunday school and Sunday services approaching the one-hundred mark. The Rev. and Mrs. Paul B. F. Carlson, who have given strong leadership to this work since May, 1961, lived in rented quarters until a parsonage was purchased last February. Property for a church was purchased last July and construction is now in progress. This project is receiving substantial aid from the Evangelical Covenant Church of Glen Ellyn, Illinois. This thriving congregation is aiming at full self-support at the end of this year!

The Covenant High School at Unalakleet continues its effective ministry to a small but carefully selected student body of thirty-five. Three members of last year's graduating class of nine received scholarships to the University of Alaska! Paul E. Lindholm, of Los Angeles, California, and Wilmer Oudal, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, joined the staff last September, taking over the teaching responsibilities formerly carried by Mr. and Mrs. George Larson, of St. Cloud, Minnesota, who found it necessary to resign because of health reasons. A number of students are prayerfully considering the possibility of full-time Christian service and some of these are already enrolled part-time in the Covenant Bible seminary, which is being conducted in connection with the high school. The Rev. W. Norman Barram, of our Congo staff, went to Unalakleet last January to take over leadership of this vital part of our ministry. His family will join him this summer, and they will continue serving Unalakleet until the spring of 1963.

Thirteen Eskimo children have been cared for in the Covenant Children's Home at White Mountain during the past year. The Rev. Kenneth A. and Eleanor Anderson, assisted by Dorothy Ford, of our Congo staff, took over the management of the home when Julius J. V. and Louise Matson left for furlough in May, 1961. The home is being conducted at minimum expense to us owing to the fact that the government underwrite the cost of maintaining each child.

Radio station KICY continues its effective ministry to an appreciative and growing audience. Having completed their assignment in connection with KICY, the Arthur R. Zylstras left Nome in May, 1961, whereupon Lloyd Sundstrom, Covenant layman of

Tacoma, Washington, took over as manager for a period of one year. The Sundstroms plan to return to the homeland this summer, and the management of the station will be taken over by one of the other members of the staff. Last September Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Hansen joined the staff of KICY where Ernest is in charge of the station's follow-up ministry.

A group of from forty to fifty Covenanters will participate in a tour of Alaska and key centers on our field, June 26-30.

One of the most encouraging indications of spiritual growth and maturity at this seventy-fifth milestone of our Alaska work is the growing sense of responsibility manifested by the churches. Typical is the case of the Unalakleet church of which retiring mission chairman, the Rev. Maynard D. Londborg, writes as follows: "The people have been very concerned about their responsibility to the Alaska Covenant churches and met their quota of \$1800 for the last conference year. This year's quota is \$2,200, and so far the response has been good and there seems to be a determination to meet it."

As we survey the past seventy-five years of missionary endeavor in Alaska, we thank God for his faithfulness, for the dedicated labor of his servants and for the precious harvest gathered in. We look to the future confident of his continued blessing.

Ralph P. Hanson, Executive Secretary

BOARD OF MISSIONS--WORLD MISSIONS DIVISION

Alaska

Field chairman H. Roald Amundsen writes: "In general I feel greatly encouraged over indications of the progress being made by the Covenant churches of Alaska, lay leaders and pastors. There is more and more evidence of abilities never seen before in the Alaskan co-workers. Their sincerity in dealing with finances and business shows great hope for the church. The pastors give evidence that they are growing in knowledge of the word and the work of the church. The annual pastors' conference, together with our visits to each of the villages on the field to confer with the pastors and leaders, is bearing fruit. At last year's pastor's conference there was a deep heart-searching, which proved to be just what was needed to make progress in the work this year."

The work of the Covenant Church in Alaska, is being strengthened by a continuing building program. Last summer a new residence was constructed for the pastor at Wales. Excellent progress has been made on the church buildings at Anchorage. The lower auditorium was completed in time for the Easter services, and it is hoped that the upper sanctuary will be completed and ready for dedication this early fall. Having its own church building will be a tremendous asset to the promising Anchorage congregation.

Covenant High School continues its excellent ministry at Unalakleet with an enrollment of about thirty-five. The Bible seminary, conducted in conjunction with the high school, is fulfilling an extremely vital ministry training pastors who will be serving our churches in coming years. The Rev. W. Norman Barram, of our Congo staff, is serving temporarily as its director and teacher.

It was primarily for the purpose of communicating the gospel that Radio Station KICY was established at Nome, Alaska. Contained in the 1,000 letters received by the station each month are indications that much of eternal value is being accomplished through the daily broadcasts. It may be a missionary, native pastor, or other Christian who writes in to tell that some specific spiritual need has been met through a broadcast. Much more needs to be done in the way of follow-up work. However, a limited staff makes it impossible to give as much time as is really needed to this important area of the station's ministry. Manager Ernest L. Hansen writes: "Having become an accepted part of life here, we must now, I believe, re-examine and clarify our purposes and goals and then seek to move in the direction of their fulfillment through the shaping of our broadcast schedule. This will be a major project in the coming year."

Having served as station manager for a period of nearly two years, Lloyd C. Sundstrom concluded his service in August, 1962, and was succeeded by the Rev. Ernest L. Hansen. Last fall the Rev. and Mrs. Donald J. Bruckner, formerly of our Alaska missionary staff, returned to Nome to join the KICY staff. We are planning to call two additional staff members at this Annual Meeting to replace Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Nelson, who are returning to the homeland after serving on the staff for the past three and a half years.

We are finding it necessary to continue subsidizing KICY rather heavily, and we commend this strategic far-reaching Covenant missionary ministry for more generous support by our people.

July 12, 1962, marked the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Covenant's ministry in Alaska, begun by the Covenant Church of Sweden, and taken over by the American Covenant just two years later. This significant milestone in Covenant missions was appropriately

observed at the Covenant Annual Meeting. It was fitting that the Rev. Arvid F. Stenstrom, Secretary of Foreign Missions of the Covenant of Sweden, should be present as the fraternal delegate, together with Mrs. Stenstrom.

Forty-five Covenanters made a five-day air tour of Alaska immediately following the Annual Meeting. This venture was a richly rewarding experience, not only to those who were directly involved, but to our missionaries and the leaders and members of the Alaska Covenant churches. We hope it will be possible for the World Missions Department to sponsor similar tours in the future, to Alaska and other Covenant mission fields.

Ralph P. Hanson

The Board of Missions and the Executive Board recommend to the Annual Meeting the calling of the following new missionaries:

Alyce M. Johnson, for service on the staff of Radio Station KICY, Nome, Alaska.

Lawrence A. and Betty C. Nilson, for service on the staff of Covenant High School, Unalakleet, Alaska.

Earl J. D. Swanson, for service on the staff of Radio Station KICY, Nome, Alaska.

Roll of Covenant Missionaries in Alaska

Anchorage

Carlson, Rev. and Mrs. Paul B. F., 1436 "M" Street

Mountain Village

Schnider, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley

Radio Station KICY, Box 303, Nome

Bruckner, Rev. and Mrs. Donald J.
Fondell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V.
Hansen, Rev. and Mrs. Ernest L.
Johnson, Alyce M.
Swanson, Earl J. D.

Unalakleet

Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E.
*Barram, Rev. and Mrs. W. Norman (after 7/64 see homeland)
Londborg, Rev. and Mrs. Maynard D.
Nilson, Lawrence
Oudal, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer J. (after 5/64 see homeland)
White, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S., Jr. (before 6/64 see homeland)

White Mountain

Matson, Mr. and Mrs. Julius J. V.

Licensed Pastors

Ahwinona, C. Murphy	St. Michael
Daponuk, Dana	Koyuk
Outwater, Walter	Wales
Paniptchuk, Reuben	Shaktoolik
Savok, Fred	Nome
Shavings, Henry	Mekoryuk
Slwooko, Howard	Elim
Smith, Peter	Hooper Bay
Whitman, Ben	Scammon Bay
Matson, Juluis	White Mountain
Schneider, Stanley	Mountain Village

Chairman: Rev. Maynard D. Londborg
Secretary: Rev. W. Norman Barram

* Serving with the Covenant of Sweden

BOARD OF MISSIONS--WORLD MISSIONS DIVISION

(The following are scattered references to Alaska)

In Alaska, for example, it became clear that is is time to change our orientation from an expatriate mission to a national mission, and we shall, henceforth, move in the direction of our Alaska church becoming the Alaska Conference of Covenant Churches of The Evangelical Covenant Church of America. To this end, Anchorage was integrated into the Alaska churches and a constitution was adopted.

In Alaska, recognition was taken of the seventy-seven young Covenanters from our north-western field who attend the high school at Mt. Edgecumbe, near Sitka, and Alice Fondell has begun a counselor ministry to these young people.

In Alaska plans are being made for a possible bookstore in Nome, as well as for a combined literature follow-up program in connection with KICY.

In Alaska plans are under way for broader participation by other missions in radio station KICY, including personnel, and possibly also in the high school and Bible institute.

Even nature reminded us in the past year that we are indeed pilgrims and strangers. Freshest in our memory is the earth quake which caused such havoc in Alaska. I was in Anchorage to dedicate our new church on Palm Sunday and left only two days before the quake; I returned to see the destruction. How grateful we were at the low loss of life, and the sparing of our church and parsonage and the lives of our own people?

And in Alaska we are moving to give the Eskimo a voice in the conduct of KICY and Covenant High School through local boards operating in the framework of the church's new constitution.

(End of scattered references)

Alaska

KICY reports 10,638 letters received from April 1, 1963, to March 31, 1964. The KICY Call Letter reaches about 2,000 people with each issue. The staff house for KICY was completed, as was the apartment above the studio. The earlier staff building was also remodeled. A trial Russian broadcast will be put on this year. KICY lost its case for tax exemption as a nonprofit organization in the Nome courts. In his annual report the manager, Ernest L. Hansen, describes the radio's ministry in these terms: "The great ministry of KICY appears to be in preparation for conversion, and in instructing and maturing believers. Here we have had some real cause for thanksgiving to God this year."

Principal Maynard D. Londborg reports that Covenant High School has had an enrollment of about thirty-five this past year. Five students graduated. All plan to go on for higher education. The Bible school had two students, Joe David and Lincoln Riley. Insulation of the gym the past year has contributed greatly to the school's program. Construction of the new dormitory has begun.

Julius Matson reports that the children's home at White Mountain has had an average of thirteen boys and girls in its care during the year. Some improvements in facilities have been made.

The Stanley Schneiders terminated their ministry at Mountain Village this year after serving there for three and a half years. Mrs. Schneider, the former Lucile Dahl, served on the Alaska staff for twelve years.

Those who served as officers on our Alaska filed during the past year are: Maynard D. Londborg, chairman; Kenneth E. Anderson, vice-chairman; W. Norman Barram, secretary; and Wilmer J. Oudal, treasurer.

L. Arden Almquist

The Board of Missions and the Executive Board recommend to the Annual Meeting the calling of the following missionaries:

- Donald L. and Kathryn A. Erickson, called for educational work in Alaska.
- Henry W. and Lillian M. Pearson, called for pastoral-evangelistic work in Alaska.
- W. Edward and Deana L. Rickman, called for construction work in Alaska.

By separate motions the above missionary candidates were called to serve the Covenant.

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- Swanson, Earl J. D.

Unalakleet

- Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. (after 7/65 see homeland)
- Barram, Rev. and Mrs. W. Norman
- Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald L.
- Londborg, Rev. and Mrs. Maynard D.
- Nilson, Lawrence
- Rickman, Mr. and Mrs. W. Edward
- White, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S., Jr.

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- Elim
- Wales
- Shaktoolik
- Mountain Village
- Mekoryuk
- Hooper Bay
- White Mountain
- Koyuk
- Scammon Bay

Chairman: Rev. Maynard D. Londborg
Secretary: Julius J. V. Matson

** On leave of absence

Report of the President World Missions

World missions has not only felt the distressing loss of three very capable missionaries in slightly more than a year: Spencer Strand, Arthur R. Zylstra, and Dr. Paul Earle Carlson; but has had to review with intensity and understanding changes taking place on all our field. Executive Secretary L. Arden Almquist has visited the Alaska and Ecuador fields since entering into his position, and has had manifold consultations with other mission leaders in order to gain as much knowledge as possible about various procedures and programs that have been found useful in the gospel outreach. Assistant Secretary Russell A. Cervin has also visited our fields in the Orient for the sake of better understanding the conditions that affect us in Formosa, Japan, Indonesia, and Korea.

Significant to the work on our Alaska field was the meeting on February 5, 1965, of the executive secretaries of five major boards that have work in northwest Alaska. A second meeting is scheduled for March next year, when the five field superintendents will also attend. The purpose of these consultations is, of course, closer co-operation in all areas of the work. KICY in Nome, Alaska, completed five successful years of gospel broadcasting in April this year.

Board of Missions World Missions Division Alaska

A highlight of the year in Alaska was a meeting held at Covenant headquarters on February 5, 1965, attended by the executive secretaries of five major boards with work in northwest Alaska. These included, besides myself representing the Covenant, Dr. Philip Dybvig of the American Lutheran Church, Dr. Edwin Dortz of the Moravian Church, the Rev. Keith Sarver of the California Yearly Meeting of Friends, and the Rev. John Gillespie of the Arctic Missions, Inc. At this historic meeting, the first of its kind in more than three-quarters of a century of our work in Alaska, the five representatives exchanged information about their respective groups and laid plans for increased co-operation on the Alaska field. A second meeting is to be held in Anchorage, Alaska, on March 6, 1966, at which the five field superintendents will also be present. It was found that in the areas of radio, education, children's and youth work, literature distribution, pastors' conferences, and evangelistic campaigns, as well as air transportation, we should be able to work out co-operation between two or more of our groups. One immediate outcome of the meeting was a decision on the part of the Friends to close their high school at Kotzebue, where the government has come in with a high school, and unite with us at Unalakleet. Our co-operation begins there this fall with the addition of a Friend's staff member to the teaching staff at Covenant High School, as well as the coming of some ten students from Kotzebue to Unalakleet. Studies are currently under way to determine how KICY might become increasingly co-operative in the area of personnel and finances as well as in the area of services. And, to this end, it is projected that it may be desirable to double KICY's power to increase her effective range to the groups which are interested in co-operating with us in the radio. There's a real note of excitement from our staff in Unalakleet as they anticipate this kind of sharing with the other missions which are working in Alaska.

Another important development in Alaska was the assignment of the Rev. and Mrs. W. Norman Barram from the Congo field to the Alaska field. The Barrams had done a

short term in Alaska following the evacuation from the Congo in 1960 and have now been reassigned to Alaska, where Norman is acting as field superintendent. He has already made a very real impact on the field as he brings insights learned from the revolutionary Congo situation to the Alaska field.

KICY celebrated its fifth anniversary on April 17, 1965, and continues to increase its effectiveness. The addition of a follow-up literature ministry to its already broad services holds promise of making more permanent the results of its gospel broadcasting. The station has also enhanced its community relatedness. It has suffered somewhat in the Eskimo department by the absence of the Rev. Fred Savok, but it is hoped that he will return to assume the direction of this very important aspect of KICY's ministry very soon. Pilot Russian broadcasts have been aired in the past year.

The coming of the Rev. Henry W. Pearson to Nome as full-time pastor of the church there has sparked new life in the church. The opening of a new grade school by the government has infused the membership with several new people.

The Rev. H. Roald Amundsen has made real progress in the development of an effective outreach in the Kenai Peninsula, where it is anticipated that widespread industrial expansion will take place in the future, and, as a consequence, migration of Eskimos from our northwest field will follow. The Amundsens have completed the construction of a house and are meeting with a Christian fellowship group. Progress on the structuring of a missionary aviation service for missions working in Alaska has been made, and careful plans for its structure and policies have been developed by Mr. Amundsen. At this writing it appears that several other missions with which we are associated in the Alaska Consultative Committee are interested in the services which Mr. Amundsen expects to offer in this new lay missions project.

Again, in the area of lay missions, we have been pleased during the past year to have the services of Herbert and Pauline Pearson in Sitka, who, in addition to their job with the U. S. Geodetic Service, have maintained a vital spiritual ministry and contact with the seventy-five Covenant students from northwest Alaska attending the Mt. Edgecumbe High School.

In the Lower 48, our church at Salem, Oregon, under the leadership of the Rev. Wilbur J. Solie, has undertaken a ministry to some twenty Eskimo students at the Bureau of Indian Affairs School at Chemawa. Quite a number of Eskimo students are also in attendance at Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas. The Rev. Glenn L. Lindell, along with some of the young people from the Hillcrest Covenant Church of Prairie Village, has sought to minister to these students from time to time.

At Unalakleet, a duplex has been largely completed by missionary builder Edward Rickman to serve as a badly-needed missionary dwelling, its construction made possible by a gift from Covenant Women and the Nunivak Island church has been dedicated.

Coach Donald Erickson led the Covenant High basketball team to the Class C championship of Alaska, and Linda Londborg, daughter of Field Chairman Maynard D. Londborg, was honored as Alaska's Junior Miss.

Among short-term workers who have ministered in Alaska during the past year were Dr. Victor Mastberg of Sultan, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Dean of Spring Valley, California; Stanley Summers of Glen Ellyn, Illinois; David Olson, of Jamestown, New York; Douglas Johnson and Robert Martinson of Bismark, North Dakota; and Paul Johnson of Santa Ana, California. The following young men assisted Mr. Amundsen with his project at Kenai: Jerral Wimberly, David Graham, Robert Twynling, Maynard Nordmoe, and Lynn Swanson.

Our Alaska staff shared a measure of turmoil this past year, too. The staff at Unalakleet evacuated temporarily because of high winds, and at Nome the threat of tidal waves moved our people out of the city for a time.

Ruth M. Ericson joined the nursing staff of the Methodist hospital in Nome, Alaska, for several months.

Covenant World Missions Statistical Report

Fields Missionaries	Church Membership			
	Native	1963	1964	Contributions
	Workers			
Alaska	24	12	1,100 1,100	\$24,358
KICY	8			
	Sunday Schools		Elementary and Secondary Schools	
	Number	Enrollment	Number	Enrollment
Alaska	14	1,118	1	42

BOARD OF MISSIONS--WORLD MISSIONS DIVISION

Alaska

Covenant High School at Unalakleet has had an unusually good year with enrollment reaching fifty students. The merger of the effort of the California Yearly Meeting of Friends and The Evangelical Covenant Church in secondary education at Unalakleet accounted for the increased enrollment. In addition to bringing ten students from their school at Kotzebue, which they closed earlier, the Friends also brought a teaching staff, being represented by Marilyn Miller, who has made a real contribution to the life of the school and the Unalakleet community, and fitted in well with our own Covenant staff. Newcomer Donald L. Erickson of the Covenant High staff was named Alaska's outstanding young educator of the year and represented the state in Washington, D. C. in July. A large number of the high school students committed their lives to Christ in personal decisions during a series of meetings.

The KICY staff rejoiced at the return of Pastor Fred Savok to its midst. His absence for a year in the pastoral ministry had been deeply felt at KICY. With his return, the ministry to the Eskimo community is immeasurably strengthened.

The youth and their teachers in our churches profited from the visit of Frances M. Anderson and Shirley Gustafson representing the denomination's Department of Christian Education. The pair held teacher training and Sunday school institutes in our churches at Anchorage, Nome, and Unalakleet.

In the Kenai, the Rev. H. Roald Amundsen has made substantial progress in the development of M.A.R.C. (Missionary Aviation Repair Center), which has received assistance from our Lay Missions Revolving Fund and aims to present a ministry similar to that of Missionary Aviation Fellowship in other countries to the missions functioning in Alaska. He has been joined by pilot Dale Stenberg of Baudette, Minnesota.

The Anchorage church recently acquired a Microbus-the gift of First Covenant Church, Minneapolis-to aid them in their Sunday school outreach.

At the children's home in White Mountain our enrollment has averaged about ten.

There have been a number of staff changes during the year, including the following: Stanley R. and Beth Summers were called for radio work at KICY at the 1965 Annual Meeting and joined the staff later in the summer. Those who have been home on furlough during the past year include Kenneth A. and Eleanor Anderson and Earl J. D. (Chip) Swanson. Wilmer J. and Anna-Marie Oudal returned to Unalakleet to resume their teaching responsibilities at Covenant High School after a year of furlough.

The new field officers are Ralph V. Fondell, chairman; Ernest L. Hansen, vice-chairman; Donald L. Erickson, secretary; Wilmer J. Oudal, treasurer; and W. Norman Barram, superintendent.

The Stanley Schneiders returned to the field as Covenant representatives on the staff of the Moravian children's home and school at Kwethluk near Bethel, thus extending the efforts at co-operation which now mark our relationships with the other missions in Alaska. Norman Barram has continued his able ministry as superintendent of the conference. Paul B. F. Carlson reports a good year in the Anchorage church, and the Nome church has had a real upsurge in attendance with many evidences of new life.

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BOARD OF MISSIONS--WORLD MISSIONS DIVISION

Alaska

Covenant High School in Unalakleet enjoyed a good year, with a total of fifty-four students enrolled, twenty-six of them in the dormitory. These included nine students from the Friend Missions and three from the Moravians. The Friends have also supplied staff in the person of one teacher, Marilyn Miller, and anticipate replacing her with a couple when she goes on furlough. The couple will fill the position vacated by the Maynard D. Lomborgs, who are now on leave of absence and teaching at Minnehaha Academy. Early in 1967 Ann Tremble, Child Welfare Consultant from Juneau, visited both Unalakleet and White Mountain. Of her visit Superintendent W. Norman Barram wrote on January 31, 1967: "She was impressed with both institutions. She feels that these schools prepare the Eskimo more adequately to fit into this changing competitive culture than the regular public schools. She was impressed by the number of students who had gone to the University (at Fairbanks) from Covenant High.

For several months of the year an interim Bible school has been conducted by the staff at the school while awaiting development of a co-operative effort in the training of pastors at Nome. The staff has also begun to seek possible extramission sources of funds (such as foundations) for certain building projects needed at the school. A large number of students have been won for Christ during the year, and gospel teams have been active in village witness. Tragedy visited the school when Rita Young, an outstanding student and dedicated Christian, was fatally injured in an accident involving a mission truck.

KICY continues to fill and improve its evangelism and community service role as northwest Alaska's only radio station. In January a cordial meeting was held with leaders of the community in Nome, where a frank discussion of the station's role in the area was held. Although there were some complaints that KICY puts out "too much religion," many expressions of appreciation for its general ministry and public services were made to the staff. Religious programming actually constitutes about 25 per cent of the station's offerings to the public, the remainder being secular. A hard to replace loss was suffered recently when Fred Savok, responsible for programming in the Eskimo language, decided to leave the work for other employment. The Donald J. Bruckners also left in February for secular employment, having accepted a job in Fairbanks with Wien Alaska Airlines. They are enrolled in C.O.V., our lay missions program, and already have organized a fellowship group of Covenanters in Fairbanks. Study is being made pointing to the enlargement of the Arctic Broadcasting Association board to give it a more Alaskan base. At present all the directors live in the "lower 48". Substantial progress was made in self-support by KICY during the year.

The children's home under Julius and Louise Matson's management, is seeking to develop a status similar to that of M.A.R.C., which H. Roald Amundsen manages, i.e., an independent corporate status related to the Board of Missions and the Covenant through C.O.V. It continues to fill a vital though changing need in the northwest Alaska area for children of non-Catholic delinquent parents. Reference to the Child Welfare Department's appreciation of the home has already been made. Eleven children are being cared for presently.

M.A.R.C., founded by Roald Amundsen under C.O.V., has come of age. It provides flying services to our staff as needed in the North, besides offering local services in the Kenai area and services to other missions. M.A.R.C. was the first project to share in the lay missions revolving fund made possible by World Missions' share in the Complete Dedication Campaign.

A number of physical improvements were made in mission facilities during the summer, with the help of short-term volunteers from the "lower 48." At Unalakleet the new parsonage was completed, classrooms at Covenant High were painted, an all-weather entrance to the gym with stairway and fire doors finished, and a furnace room built.

Among decisions made by the Alaska missionary council during the year was a recommendation that veteran pastors Reuben Paniptchuk and Jacob Kenick be ordained as ministers of the gospel. This was agreed to by the Board of Missions and at this writing details of a special ordination to be held in connection with the board chairman, Emory Lindgren's, visit in April are being worked out. They will be the first Eskimo pastors to be ordained in the eighty years the Covenant has had a mission in Alaska. The council has continued to wrestle with the problems of administrative structure involved in making the transition from a world missions field to conference status in The Evangelical Covenant Church of America. In concurrence with the desire of the Alaska Covenant Conference and with the approval of the Board of Missions the council has designated Anchorage, Nome, and Unalakleet as urban ministries, who churches are to be served by missionary pastors.

The Alaska Consultative Committee met in Anchorage on March 16-17. Represented were the Moravians, Lutherans, Friends, Arctic Missions, and the Covenant, with board secretaries and field superintendents in attendance. Russel A. Cervin and W. Norman Barram represented the Covenant. The consultation shared reports and mutual concerns, and discussed areas where we could so-operate in our mutual task. Immediate tangible results of discussions included the advancement of co-operation between the Friends and the Covenant in Covenant High, the seconding of Covenanters Stanley and Lucile Schneider to the Moravian Children's Home in Kwethluk, and the start of a co-operative Bible teaching effort by the Lutherans and the Covenant in Nome.

Staff changes during the year include the following: Returned for furlough: Ralph V. Fondells, Alyce M. Johnson, Maynard D. Londborgs, W. Edward Rickmans. Returned to the field: Kenneth A. Andersons, Earl J. D. Swanson. Transferred to secular employment: Donald J. Bruckners.

Norman Barram, field superintendent, continues to serve in this capacity. Elected as field officers at the annual meeting were Alfred S. White Jr., chairman, Donald L. Erickson, secretary; and Wilmer J. Oudal, treasurer.

L. Arden Almquist, Executive Secretary

Application for ordination.

The Board of Missions, through its Division of World Missions, requests and recommends that Reuben Paniptchuk and Jacob Kenick of our Covenant Alaska mission field be granted ordination in The Evangelical Covenant Church of America.

This request and recommendation has been considered by the Board of Ministerial Standing, and it recommends that the ordination of these two brethren be granted, under the rule of exception, and on the basis of the Board of Missions' recommendation.

The exception to the Rules and Regulations is that they have not met, nor can they in the future meet, the educational requirements for ordination. That this ordination be retroactive to the time of the 80th Anniversary observance on April 5, 1967, and that the act of the board of Missions be ratified.

A motion was made and carried to adopt the recommendation.

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Swanson, Earl J. D.

Unalakleet

Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. (after 7/65 see homeland)

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Alaska

The Covenant church at Anchorage has passed a significant milestone in that the Paul B. F. Carlsons, who served the church for a number of years, left for furlough and Roland J. White and his family, formerly of our Northwest Conference, have taken up the work. Reports indicate that a number of new members have been received into the congregation during the year.

Continuing the Alaska Consultative Committee meetings started several years ago, the field representatives met in consultation in Anchorage. Further plans were laid for extending the co-operation between several of the missions in our area.

The Nome congregation has been making strong efforts to reach the student body of the new Beltz regional vocational high school, which opened in the fall of 1966 with 200 students-about thirty of whom come from a Covenant background. The challenge is a great one.

KICY. Dave Olson, a short termers serving with KICY, left in the fall to continue studies in Fairbanks. Early in the year the Donald J. Bruckners took leave of absence from our missionary staff and also moved to Fairbanks. When the Ernest L. Hansens left for furlough during this summer, the Ralph V. Fondells returned to assume the responsibility of managing the station. During the year consultations have been held with representatives of World Radio Missionary Fellowship and Trans-World Radio to explore possibilities of collaboration with our station KICY at Nome. The consultations did not hold much hope for expanding the co-operative base of this station because of the government's restriction on shortwave radio licenses. New to our staff this year are David W. and Kathryn DeVries, who began their work at KICY in the fall.

Covenant High School at Unalakleet continues to do a piece of work significant far beyond its numbers. While the enrollment for the spring semester stood at fifty-four, the enrollment in the fall reached seventy-two. About thirty of these are dormitory students. This school has continued to send out gospel teams to the villages with great effectiveness. The value of the high standing of the basketball team in the regional games has been a means of Christian witness as well. A number of these games have been broadcast over KICY. The Donald Ericksons left for furlough last summer and were replaced by a family from the Friends Mission.

The Unalakleet church, our largest in Alaska, was served by Donald Erickson prior to his furlough and subsequent to that by the superintendent, W. Norman Barram, whose family moved from Nome to Unalakleet during the summer. With the help of considerable summer labor a new parsonage for the church was completed.

During most of the year the Children's Home at White Mountain has been filled to near capacity. The interest taken by the State Welfare Department has been helpful in making this an effective operation. Two short termers aided in the work during the summer, making it possible for Mrs. Julius Matson to take a summer furlough.

During April, at the time of the Alaska Covenant Annual Conference, the Rev. Emory E. Lindgren represented the Board of Missions at the ordination of two of the older Eskimo pastors. Plans continue under discussion for a possible interim Bible school for pastoral training. W. Norman Barram continued to serve effectively as field superintendent for Alaska, aiding in the co-ordination of mission and church as well as in the general and institutional ministries. The constituency of our Alaska Covenant church numbers about 650 believers. Serving on the field are thirty missionaries and fifteen Eskimo pastors and Christian workers.

Russell A. Cervin, Acting Secretary

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Secretary: (To be elected)

** Two year term

BOARD OF MISSIONS--WORLD MISSIONS DIVISION

Alaska

KICY in Nome completed the construction of a fallout shelter for the station at a cost of \$35,442.28, paid for by the U.S. Army. The designation of our radio facility for such a shelter is an index of its strategic importance to the area. A complete re-evaluation of KICY was completed during the year, exploring possibilities of merger, addition of short-wave, sale, or continued operation, and the conclusion was that the covenant should continue to operate KICY through its subsidiary, the Arctic Broadcasting Association, maintaining a core staff, and inviting co-operating groups to second' additional staff. The decision was based on the station's unique position in Alaska, the role it plays in ministering to isolated villages, its evangelistic impact over a wide area, and its growing significance in the light of the anticipated rapid economic expansion of the northern part of the state.

Covenant High at Unalakleet reported a record enrollment of seventy-three for the year 1967-68, and both the facilities and staff were severely taxed to meet the influx. Facilities were improved with the addition of a classroom and activities unit behind the gymnasium through a Friends of World Missions, but they still leave much to be desired. The school is the only private academy in northern Alaska and has the enviable reputation of doing the best job of any high school there-private, state, or federal- in terms of preparing young people for life. A high proportion of its graduates (66 out of 82 to date) went on to higher education. Covenant High School was tops in the state in Class C basketball. Sam Towarak, senior class valedictorian, was chosen as one of two representatives from the state of Alaska to the National Science Camp in West Virginia. Like KICY, Covenant High has done much not only for the people of the state but for our image as a denomination in Alaska as well.

The children's home with an average case load of ten continues to meet a crucial need as a haven for youngsters from broken homes and is almost fully self-supporting. The Missionary Aviation Repair Center, based in the Kenai, serves our staff's transportation needs supplementing available commercial air services. The center now has a fleet of five planes and a staff of three pilots and serves other missions as well as our own. Our churches in urban center- Anchorage, Nome, and Unalakleet- continue to stress an integrated ministry with admirable success (and numerous problems'), bridging the gulf between two cultures through a common devotion to Christ. While the rural churches grow smaller because of migration of village people to the cities, the Eskimo pastors who serve them have grown in understanding of their task and are performing increasingly effective ministries under truly difficult circumstances.

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Unalakleet
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BOARD OF WORLD MISSION

Alaska

The Alaska Mexico Transfer Committee of the Board of World Mission and the Board of Home Mission met to discuss the question of transferring the administration of the Mexican mission to the Department of World Mission from that of Home Mission, and the reverse for Alaska. Both boards are agreed that the Mexican mission should come under world missions, but the Alaska question remains undecided and will be studied further. KICY agonized with it appeared that a second station might be installed in Nome, but that has not yet materialized, and the staff reacted by improving KICY's services to the community, particularly in the area of music and more extensive news coverage, and by moving to improve the station's facilities, financed by a F.O.W.M. appeal. Covenant High School reported an enrollment of seventy-four students for the fall term. All of us were saddened by the sudden passing of Julius J. V. Matson of the Children's Home at White Mountain on July 12, while fighting a fire. Roland J. White has resigned as pastor at Anchorage, and the Unalakleet church is also seeking a pastor.

L. Arden Almquist, Executive Secretary

Roll of Covenant Missionaries in Alaska

Nome

Pearson, Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. (Lillian), Box 657

Radio Station KICY, Box 820, Nome

DeVries, Mr. and Mrs. David W. (Kathryn)

Fondell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. (Gertrude)

**Johnson, Alyce M.

Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley R. (Elizabeth)

Unalakleet

Bakken, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey (Lillian)

*Bowman, Dean R.

Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. (Kathryn)

*Nilson, Carol M.

Oudal, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer J. (Anna-Marie)

White, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S., Jr. (Gladys)

Licensed Pastors

Kaponuk, Dana

Riley, Lincoln N. Sr.

Tungwenuk, Thomas

Weston, Fred C.

Bethel

Mekoryuk (Nunivak Island)

Koyuk

Wales

Lay Preacher's License

Bekoalok, Simon

Johnson, John K.

Kotongan, Edwin

Whitman, Ben

Shaktoolik

Scammon Bay

Elim

Hooper Bay

** Short term

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

World Mission

The Unalakleet High School had the highest enrollment in its short history, with seventy-nine students. It also has the distinction of having the highest percentage of its graduates go on to college of any high school in the state of Alaska.

Mexico is now under the administration of World Mission. Alaska is in the process of being transferred to Home Mission Leadership.

Milton B. Engebretson, President

BOARD OF HOME MISSION

Alaska

As of February 1, 1971, the Board of Home Mission assumes responsibility for the work in Anchorage and Fairbanks, and other cities in the southern part of the state where we may see fit to begin Covenant work. A fellowship group has been organized in Fairbanks, and we look forward to seeing these friends organized into a Covenant church in the near future.

Paul W. Anderson, Executive Secretary

BOARD OF WORLD MISSION

Alaska

The village churches proceed at a somewhat static level since population does not increase but rather decreases as young people tend to move to the bigger population centers. Eskimo pastors are growing in stature and understanding and are doing commendable work in their communities. Radio Station KICY under the direction of the Arctic Broadcasting Association and the Board of World Mission continues to do an excellent piece of work in a potential broadcast community of over 30,000 people. Quality of program is under constant review and upgrading. A Roman Catholic station has now begun broadcasting in the Nome area, and cable television has also been introduced. What the implications of these new facilities may be for our radio work remains to be seen. We agree with our staff in Nome that the threat to our work is not as great as formerly thought, and there may be advantages to a competitive situation.

Covenant High School at Unalakleet continues as a high-level institution in Alaska, since official reports indicate that there is a higher percentage of graduates of our school going on to university and college than any other high school in the state. The high morale

of the institution is shown in the fine gospel teams that go out to the communities periodically as well as in the sports program highlighted by the basketball team which every year gets into the final playoffs and on occasion wins the regional championship and goes on to state playoffs. It is interesting to note that this team carries a vital Christian witness as a part of its participation wherever it goes. The present enrollment at Covenant High is about seventy-five. The new classroom building completed a year ago has made a better arrangement of classes possible with the same number of teachers. A request has been on hand for some time for the building of a boy's dormitory, and we expect this will be the next phase of that work. When this is completed, it is anticipated that ninety-five students can be handled with little change in staff or facilities.

During the early part of the year the children's home at White Mountain was closed. An article in the Covenant Companion explained the background and reasons for this. The work carried on by Mr. and Mrs. Julius Matson at that children's home for a number of years has made a significant contribution to missionary service.

A committee composed of representatives from the Department of Word Mission and the Department of Home Mission is developing plans for the transition of the Alaska work to the Department of Home Mission. The committee met late in the year and tentatively approved the transfer of work in the lower part of Alaska on February 1, 1971; the hope is to bring about the transfer of a larger segment of the Alaska work within the coming year. In the process of this discussion the Arctic Broadcasting Association board sought to develop possible alternate arrangements whereby it might become independent if this became necessary. The Board of World Mission has made no decision concerning this.

Russell A. Cervin, Executive Secretary

Roll of Covenant Missionaries in Alaska

Nome

Pearson, Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. (Lillian), Box 657

Radio Station KICY, Box 820, Nome

Engwall, Mr. and Mrs. James L. (Lola)

Fondell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. (Gertrude)

**Gerdin, Phyllis

Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley R. (Elizabeth)

Swanson, Earl J. D.

Unalakleet

Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. (Eleanor)

**Armstrong, Signe B.

**Bengtson, Jean

Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. (Kathryn)

**Garms, Peter P.

Oudal, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer J. (Anna-Marie)

White, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S., Jr. (Gladys)

Licensed Pastors

Kaponuk, Dana

Riley, Lincoln N. Sr.

Tungwenuk, Thomas

Weston, Fred C.

Whitman, Ben

Bethel

Mekoryuk (Nunivak Island)

Koyuk

Golovin

Hooper Bay

Lay Preacher's License

Bekoalok, Simon

Johnson, John K.

Kotongan, Edwin

Milligrock, Dwight

Shaktoolik

Scammon Bay

Elim

Nome

* Short term

BOARD OF HOME MISSION

Alaska

As of February 1, 1972, all the work in Alaska with the exception of KICY will be come the responsibility of the Board of Home Mission. In preparation for this changeover, Pres. Milton B. Engebretson and I went to Alaska in August to Meet with our entire staff to discuss the implications of this change. We are presently preparing a new organizational structure as well as new financial arrangements.

Paul W. Anderson, Executive Secretary

BOARD OF WORLD MISSION

At the 1971 Annual Meeting, five new missionaries were consecrated for field service. These were Mr. and Mrs. James L. Engwall for service with KICY in Nome, Alaska; Rev. and Mrs. James W. Gustafson for evangelism and church development work in Thailand; and Marian E. Johnson for youth work in Zaire.

Alaska

Howard I. Slwooko, Sr., was elected superintendent for the Eskimo churches in Alaska. This is the first time a native Alaskan has been elected to that post.
Mr. and Mrs. James Engwall came to complete the staff at KICY in NOme. We had been filling the staff with short-termers for a year at a time, so this represents a filling of the staff to a minimum permanent level. The radio station continues effectively to minister to and influence the entire community on the northwest slope of Alaska. The progress of Covenant High School in Unalakleet continues at a high level. During the year, it received a high citation from a government official on an inspection trip there. The basketball team continues at top level in the competition in the state. A new men's dormitory and classroom building was constructed during the summer with extensive volunteer labor and much donated material. The school facilities now stand at the highest level in their history. There is a larger percentage of graduates of Covenant High going on to college than of any other high school in Alaska.
Friends of World Missions continues to be a vital part of our World Mission work providing a number of needed projects for various countries. The projects for which appeals were made during the year were:

No. 23- Boys' Dormitory for Covenant High School, Unalakleet, Alaska¹

Russell A. Cervin, Executive Secretary

1.Among others on the list

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HOME MISSION

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Barram, Rev. and Mrs. Norman (Ruth)
- Fairbanks 767 Yankovich Rd.
Pearson, Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. (Lillian)
- Nome Box 657
Crider, Rev. and Mrs. Norman J. (Margery)
- Unalakleet
 - Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. (Eleanor)
 - Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. (Kathryn)
 - Fairfield, Richard
 - Johnson, Grace Mrs.
 - Oudal, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer J. (Anna-Marie)
 - Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. (Sue)
 - White, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S., Jr. (Gladys)

Licensed Pastors

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Smith, Peter L. | Mountain Village |
| Tungwenuk, Thomas | Koyuk |
| Weston, Fred C. | Golovin |
| Whitman, Ben | Mekoryuk |

Lay Preacher's License

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Bekoalok, Simon | Shaktoolik |
| Davis, Kenneth L. | Mountain Village |
| Johnson, John K. | Scammon Bay |
| Johnson, Jonathan | Hooper Bay |
| Kotongan, Edwin | Elim |
| Koutchak, Jack B. | Elim |
| Riley, Lincoln N. Sr. | Shaktoolik |
| Seetook, Andrew | Wales |

WORLD MISSION

KICY*

- Box 820, Nome
 - DeVries, Mr. and Mrs. David W. (Kathryn)
 - Engwall, Mr. and Mrs. James L. (Lola)
 - Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley R. (Elizabeth)
 - Swanson, Earl J. D.

* After February 1, 1973, under the Department of Home Mission

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Home Mission

The administration of the Alaskan operation is now all under Home Mission, including Radio Station KICY. Unalakleet High School had an all time high of a hundred students this year.

Milton B. Engebretson, President

BOARD OF HOME MISSION

Fairbanks. We have purchased a centrally located church and parsonage for our church in Fairbanks. Rev. Henry W. Pearson moved here from Nome last summer to help establish this work.

Covenant High School. We called several new staff members to the school at Unalakleet this past year. They are: Mrs. Grace Johnson, a member of our Fairbanks Covenant church, who becomes our first Eskimo teacher; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peterson from Anoka, Minnesota; Richard Fairfield from Davis, California; and John Hunt, who graduated in June from North Park and accepted a one year call as a short term.

Nome. Rev. Norman J. Crider accepted the call to succeed Rev. Henry W. Pearson and moved here from Kingsburg, California.

KICY After February 1, 1973, this too became the responsibility of the Department of Home Mission. In March, at the annual meeting in Alaska, we expect the new Covenant Church of Alaska to be brought into being.

Paul W. Anderson, Executive Secretary

BOARD OF WORLD MISSION

Alaska

Radio Station KICY has functioned with good efficiency and has performed an excellent ministry to northwest Alaska. During the year the station began its first regular Russian language broadcast. On February 1, 1973, the transfer of administrative responsibility for KICY to the Department of Home Mission was completed.

Russell A. Cervin, Executive Secretary

Roll of Covenant Missionaries in Alaska

HOME MISSION

Anchorage 1436 "M" St.
Barram, Rev. and Mrs. Norman (Ruth)
Honnette, Dean

Fairbanks 1001 Lathrop St.
Pearson, Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. (Lillian)

Nome Box 657
Crider, Rev. and Mrs. Norman J. (Margery)

Unalakleet
Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. (Eleanor)
Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Roger (Joan)
Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. (Kathryn)
Fairfield, Richard
Johnson, Grace Mrs.
Oudal, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer J. (Anna-Marie)
Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. (Sue)
Slwooko, REv. Howard L., Sr.
White, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S., Jr. (Gladys)
Wilber, Jacqueline D.

Licensed Pastors

Davis, Kenneth L.	Mountain Village
Kopanuk, Dana	Bethel
Koutchak, Jack B.	Elim
Riley, Lincoln N. Sr.	Shaktolik
Smith, Peter L.	Mountain Village
Tungwenuk, Thomas	Koyuk

Lay Preacher's License

Johnson, John K.	Scammon Bay
Johnson, Jonathan	Hooper Bay
Kotongan, Edwin	Elim
Seetook, Andrew	Wales

KICY Box 820, Nome

Chamberlain, Christiana A.
DeVries, Mr. and Mrs. David W. (Kathryn)
Engwall, Mr. and Mrs. James L. (Lola)
Fondell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. (Gertrude)
Gustafson, P. Dennis
Hendershot, James R.
Peterson, Mrs. Enoch (Janet)
Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley R. (Elizabeth)
Swanson, Earl J. D.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Covenant High School in Alaska continues to press its enrollment beyond expectations and facility capacities with an enrollment of 109 students. The vital importance of this ministry, aside from its spiritual dimension, is the fact that this school is for most of its students their only hope for a high school education. Education by extension has finally come to the native Alaskan pastor through a cassette tape ministry.

Milton B. Engebretson, President

Our New Structure for Alaska

The "Evangelical Covenant Church of Alaska" was accepted at the Annual Meeting in Elim in March, 1973. The following boards were elected and are functioning: ECCAK, KICY, Covenant High School, and the Village Ministry. With representatives from our village churches on these boards, our work is strengthened and tied together in a significant way.

In covenant High School at Unalakleet we have 109 students enrolled, taxing all our facilities to the limit. We are seeking immediately to get some classroom space in the BIA School Building adjoining our property, with a view to perhaps ultimately taking over the building if the present classes are moved out. We have a staff of thirteen and one volunteer worker for the year, who serves as secretary for the school.

KICY continues to be on the air seventeen hours a day. We have a staff of nine plus four volunteer workers who are serving for the year. This ministry continues to have wide acceptance. The board is making careful studies to determine the size of our listening audience and the possible need for increased power.

Many things are being done to strengthen our village work and give some kind of training to our native pastors. We are planning for the day when we can have an intensive study of two weeks for so each year for our native pastors, with a teacher from our seminary at North Park or a pastor giving the kind of Bible training that will better prepare these men for ministry in our village churches.

At our annual meeting in March, 1974, we hope to initiate a cassette tape ministry to help our pastors and the members of our churches in programs of more intensive Bible study. We are praying that the Lord will call some young men in our Covenant High School at Unalakleet to get further training and then to accept the responsibility of helping in our village work.

In the summer of 1974 we expect to secure young people from North Park College, who can conduct daily vacation Bible schools in several of our villages.

Considerable building was done last summer both in Nome, where a new parsonage was built, and in Unalakleet, where there were numerous smaller projects. We had a total of thirty-three volunteers contributing their time and talent to these projects.

Paul W. Anderson, Executive Secretary

Roll of Covenant Missionaries in Alaska

HOME MISSION

Anchorage 1436 "M" St.
Barram, Rev. and Mrs. Norman (Ruth)
Holmertz, Don

Fairbanks 1001 Lathrop St.
Pearson, Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. (Lillian)

Mountain Village
Slwooko, Rev. Howard I., Sr.

Nome Box 657
Crider, Rev. and Mrs. Norman J. (Margery)

KICY Box 820, Nome
Chamberlain, Christiana A.
DeVries, Mr. and Mrs. David W. (Kathryn)
Engwall, Mr. and Mrs. James L. (Lola)
Fondell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. (Gertrude)
Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley R. (Elizabeth)
Swanson, Earl J. D.
Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. G. Kendall (Darlene)

Unalakleet
Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. (Eleanor)
Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Roger (Joan)
Anderson, Warren
Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. (Kathryn)
Fairfield, Richard
Johnson, Grace Mrs.
Oudal, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer J. (Anna-Marie)
Rapp, Julie Ann
Thomas, Cynthia J.
White, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S., Jr. (Gladys)

Licensed Pastors

Kopanuk, Dana
Koutchak, Jack B.
Smith, Peter L.
Tungwenuk, Thomas

Lay Preacher's License
Herman, Sam
Johnson, John K.
Johnson, Jonathan
Kotongan, Edwin

Bethel
Elim
Mountain Village
Koyuk

Bethel
Scammon Bay
Hooper Bay
Elim

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Alaska

Taking over the Alaskan field has been a major and expensive undertaking for the department. We are seeking to bring the work in line with home mission policies and are happy to report that two churches will join the denomination this year, making a total of four fully-accredited Covenant churches in Alaska. Incorporation of our village churches continues in an effort to make them an integral part of the Covenant.

There are now separate boards functioning for radio station KICY, Covenant High School, and the village ministries. The churches in Alaska are beginning to feel a greater responsibility for these ministries because of their increased participation on the boards mentioned above.

Last summer over thirty people helped in various phases of the work for periods of two weeks to three months. The parsonage at Mountain Village was enlarged and improved for use by Rev. and Mrs. Howard Slwooko, and both parsonage church at White Mountain were extensively repaired after being vacant for many years. This has made it possible for Rev. and Mrs. Jack Koutchak to live and work in the village while also serving the church at Golovin.

Paul W. Anderson, Executive Secretary

BOARD OF THE MINISTRY

Another concern of the board is for the active pastors on our Alaskan field, who do not have the opportunity of formal education and have, therefore, been denied full credentials. We do have several men in our Alaskan churches serving with ministerial license, but at the present time only one man in holding ordination. A way by which these men can improve their skills for ministry even though they cannot complete college and seminary is now being provided, and will lead ultimately to ordination.

Earl M. VanDerVeer, Executive Secretary

Roll of Covenant Missionaries in Alaska

HOME MISSION

Anchorage 1436 "M" St.

Barram, Rev. and Mrs. Norman (Ruth)
Key, Brian

Fairbanks 1001 Lathrop St.

Pearson, Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. (Lillian)

Mountain Village

Slwooko, Rev. Howard I., Sr.

Nome Box 657

Crider, Rev. and Mrs. Norman J. (Margery)

KICY Box 820, Nome

DeVries, Mr. and Mrs. David W. (Kathryn)
Engwall, Mr. and Mrs. James L. (Lola)
Fondell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. (Gertrude)
Hayden, Kathy
Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley R. (Elizabeth)
Swanson, Earl J. D.
Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. G. Kendall (Darlene)

Unalakleet

Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. (Eleanor)
Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Roger (Joan)
Anderson, Warren
Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. (Kathryn)
Fairfield, Richard
Johnson, Grace Mrs.
Mahoney, Julie
Oudal, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer J. (Anna-Marie)
Rapp, Julie Ann
White, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S., Jr. (Gladys)

Licensed Pastors

Kotongan, Edwin
Koutchak, Jack B.
Smith, Peter L.
Tungwenuk, Thomas

Elim
White Mountain
Mekoryuk
Scammon Bay

Lay Preacher's License

Herman, Sam
Johnson, John K.
Johnson, Jonathan
Savetilik, Daniel, Sr.
Three Stars, Peter P.

Bethel
Scammon Bay
Hooper Bay
Shaktoolik
Bethel

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Alaska, now viewed totally as a domestic field, demands constant evaluative monitoring as to the best way KICY can minister and Covenant High School in Unalakleet can serve. Frontier Friends assisted ten churches this year with an average gift of \$12,660.

Milton B. Engebretson, President

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Alaska

Reverend Donald L. Erickson, pastor of our church at Unalakleet and chairman of our Alaska council, continues to give excellent leadership working with the various churches and seeking to get them ready for membership in the Covenant. We hope that, ultimately, all our village churches will be incorporated, have their constitution, membership rolls, and so forth, in order, and become members of the Evangelical Covenant Church of America, with the same standing as all other churches that receive appropriations.

The Board of the Ministry is working with us in seeking to make it possible for more of our native pastors to obtain ordination. We anticipate that by March, 1977, three will be ready to be ordained at the annual meeting of the Alaska churches.

The friends in Bethel are now organized, have purchased property, and would like very much to begin building their church as quickly as possible. We believe it is possible to have a strong self-supporting church in Bethel within a reasonably short time.

KICY Radio Station has been in the process for several months of making a survey that will help to determine our listening audience and the kind of programming that the audience desires. The cost of operating a radio station continues to escalate and is of great concern to the Board of Home Mission and to the staff of KICY, who are trying in every way to keep operational costs down.

There has been much talk for some years of the government placing a high school in Unalakleet. This is now to become a reality, and the contract has been signed to begin building that high school this summer. What impact this is going to have upon our high school, we do not know. Over half of our students come from Unalakleet, and it is only reasonable to anticipate that a number of these will elect to go to the new high school; however it is our prayer that many of the families will be concerned about the Christian atmosphere of Covenant High and want to send their young people there. The new high school will not have boarding facilities, so perhaps we can increase our enrollment with more students from some of the outlying villages. Here, too, we have a dedicated staff much concerned about this ministry to which God has called them. They want to do everything possible to make this an effective ministry that will have an impact for time and eternity upon the lives of the young people who attend the high school.

Roll of Covenant Missionaries in Alaska

HOME MISSION

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Barram, Rev. and Mrs. Norman (Ruth)
Gustafson, Mr. and Mrs. Keith (Florence)

Fairbanks 1001 Lathrop St.

Honnette, Rev. and Mrs. Dean R. (Robin)

Mountain Village

Slwooko, Rev. and Mrs. Howard L., Sr. (Ellen)

Nome Box 657

Folden, Rev. and Mrs. Albin T. (Ivie Norma)

KICY Box 820, Nome

DeVries, Mr. and Mrs. David W. (Kathryn)
Engwall, Mr. and Mrs. James L. (Lola)
Fondell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. (Gertrude)
Lundeen, Michael J.
Mattson, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell (Nancy)
Raszler, Edna
Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley R. (Elizabeth)
Swanson, Earl J. D.

Unalakleet

Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. (Eleanor)
Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. (Kathryn)
Hjelm, Mr. and Mrs. James G. (Nancy)
Okerson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Grace)
Oudal, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer J. (Anna-Marie)
Rapp, Julie Ann
Towarak, Annebelle
White, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S., Jr. (Gladys)

Licensed Pastors

Kotongan, Edwin
Koutchak, Jack B.
Smith, Peter L.
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Herman, Sam
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Bethel

Alaska

Because of escalating costs it has been necessary for us to set up a ceiling of \$99,000 on the budgets of KICY in Nome and the Covenant High School at Unalakleet. We are seeking to bring about changes that will enable us to keep within these budget limits.

On December 20, 1976, the F.C.C. granted KICY a permit to construct a stereo-FM station at Nome. Plans are to program the station for eighteen hours a day with a music format along with six newscasts, short religious spots, and so forth. Funding of \$30,000 is being donated by the American Lutheran Church through their United Mission Appeal and will be available by April, 1977.

With the building of a new high school in Unalakleet by the state our board gave serious consideration to the possibility of having to close our high school. However, after a meeting the leaders of the Bering Strait's School District, at which time they pledged cooperation and support, it seemed wise for us to make the decision to continue for at least four more years. By then we will know what impact the coming of the new school has upon our work. Meanwhile, our goals and objectives will be re-evaluated, and there will be an exploration of alternative means of funding, including private funding and co-operation with the Bering Straits R.E.A.A. School District. We are much concerned about finding qualified people to staff the school when we open next fall.

Two native pastors were recommended and accepted for ordination at the Annual Meeting last June. These men will be ordained at the Annual Meeting in Nome, Alaska, in March, 1977. Following the Annual Meeting in 1976 in Tacoma, Dr. Robert C. Larson, assisted by Rev. Donald L. Erickson of Unalakleet, conducted a very successful tour of ninety-six Covenanters to Alaska, giving them an opportunity to see something of our work firsthand. On Sunday, January 30, 1977, our newly remodeled church in Nome was dedicated. The new church in Bethel is nearing completion. A new church will be built in the village of Shaktoolik this summer, because the entire village is being moved to another location.

Last summer over thirty short-termers helped us with various phases of work at Unalakleet and Nome.

Paul W. Anderson, Executive Secretary

Department of Home Mission

Alaska

At the annual meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church of Alaska in March two of our native pastors received ordination. Our president, Dr. Milton B. Engebretson, and the dean of our seminary, Dr. Glen P. Anderson, were present for the installation of Rev. Jack B. Kouchak and Rev. Peter L. Smith. This was a happy day for the Covenant Church of Alaska.

Two new church buildings were completed in the villages this past year, one in Shaktoolik and the other at Bethel. Both of these buildings are attractive and adequate.

There are other villages where it is absolutely essential for us to give attention to replacing the old church buildings, as well as parsonages that have become almost uninhabitable.

Last September we dedicated a new FM facility at KICY in Nome. As mentioned before, this was possible because of a \$30,000 grant that came to us from the American Lutheran Church. This means that we are now broadcasting AM and FM simultaneously. The programming of the FM is beamed particularly to Nome, while the AM programming is for Nome and the outlying villages.

Our church in Nome purchased a building next to the church, which has been renovated into three apartments, giving the church rental income property.

This coming summer we plan to add one or possibly two small apartments above the broadcasting studio. It is imperative that we make immediate plans for further building for staff housing.

Our high school at Unalakleet is having a good year with an enrollment of eighty-two, which is considerably less than we are accustomed to having. The decrease in students is due to the new school that was built in Unalakleet. However, with the smaller student body, discipline has been at a minimum, and there has been an unusually good spirit felt among the students and faculty.

In many ways, the new school in Unalakleet has created many problems, not only for us at Covenant High but also for the village of Unalakleet. The serious question still prevails as to whether or not we can maintain our school now that this other school has come to the village.

With the escalating costs of maintaining our work in Alaska, it is imperative that more of our staff needs be met by volunteers whose support will come from individuals and churches, thus enabling us to keep the total budget at a level where we will be able to meet it.

Paul W. Anderson, Executive Secretary

Roll of Covenant Missionaries in Alaska

HOME MISSION

Anchorage 1436 "M" St.
Nelson, Rev. and Mrs. Robert H. (Sigrid)

Fairbanks 1001 Lathrop St.
Walton, Rev. and Mrs. Fred W.

Mekoryuk
Smith, Peter L.

Mountain Village
Koutchak, Rev. and Mrs. Jack B.

KICY Box 820, Nome
DeVries, Mr. and Mrs. David W. (Kathryn)
Engwall, Mr. and Mrs. James L. (Lola)
Fondell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. (Gertrude)
Mattson, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell (Nancy)
Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Terry (Linda)
Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley R. (Elizabeth)

Shaktoolik
Slwooko, Rev. and Mrs. Howard I., Sr. (Ellen)

Unalakleet
Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. (Kathryn)

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The Evangelical Covenant Church of Alaska (ECCAK) is a special case in ethnic ministries. It is special because the denomination has had a ministry among native Americans in the state for over ninety years. It is special because it is a case study in the attempt by the Depart of Home Mission to create strong local congregations in which Christians receive their primary spiritual nurture- a major objective of church growth.

Attempts at the creation and organization of local congregations which will accept responsibility for their own destiny are confronted by paternalistic federal and state governments which vie with each other in their attempt to provide the native American with everything but self-respect. Though it would be easy to provide money, parsonages, and church buildings for these people in the isolation of village life, self respect and self-determination are better accomplished by a partnership relationship.

The ECCAK Council, composed of both Eskimos and Caucasians, has accepted the responsibility for the preparation of a strategy for the state of Alaska and this, in itself, is a sign of the maturation process. Another evidence is the movement of the Spirit of God, which is unprecedented in this part of our mission. He has called many young Eskimo persons to faith and others to offer themselves for pastoral service in Covenant Churches.

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