

Skudesnes observes 100th

Over 400 people attended the two day celebration of the 100th anniversary of Skudesnes Lutheran Church near Pierpont Saturday and Sunday. Among speakers were Rev. Loren Espeland, former member and confirmand of the church; Rev. A.R. Sellevold, former pastor; and Rev. Dan Fodness of Colfax, Wis. The Rev. Leslie Hernes is present pastor.

Among highlights of the centennial was recognition of sons and daughters of charter members of the church.

1—They are pictured in the top picture, from left in front: Mabel Nygaard, Webster; Mrs. Sarah Nygaard Nerland, Roslyn; Melvin Alsager, Brainerd; George Alsager, Omaha; Mrs. Bertha Alsager Kambestad, Webster; Mrs. Petra Alsager Jessop, Webster. In back are Henry Paulson, Aberdeen; Lewis Mortenson, Roslyn; Mrs. Bertha Rye Aadland, Webster; Arthur Rye, Webster; Lewis Paulson, Groton; Melvin Paulson, Pierpont; Melvin Johnson, Waubay. Not pictured, Mrs. Anne Amundson Gould, Safford, Ariz.; Mrs. Hannah Aadland Nelson, Seattle; Mrs. Mathilda Rye Aadland, Roslyn; Alfred Paulson, Minneapolis; Mrs. Julia Nygaard Snortland, Hettlinger; Harold Nygaard, Webster.

2—The oldest former member of Skudesnes Church present was Mrs. Hannah Syhre Tastad of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Canada (center). Pictured with her, from left, are Rev. Loren Espeland, Redwood Falls, Minn.; Mrs. Mildred Lee of Pierpont who received recognition as chairman of the centennial event; and Rev. Leslie Hernes.

3—Among presentations to the church was a flag from the Andrew Enstad family. Enstad, a member of the church who was crippled during WWII, died in 1983 and was buried at Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D.C. His wife Mabel, who was presented an American flag at that time, died in April of this year, and his nieces and nephews gave the flag to the church Sunday. Pastor Hernes accepted the flag from Lois Hayes. Others from left are Ellen McKoy, Shirley Chapin, Mary Helen Lind, Rosalie Pittington, Jean Salmon; and in back, Donald Langager, Alice Russell, Marv Hansen, Mae Nelson, Douglas Langager.

4—Centennials are a time to reminisce and identify people in old pictures. That's what this trio was doing Sunday afternoon. From left are Joe Espeland, Harriet Oglum Bowen and Mrs. Bertha Aadland.

