

Skudesnes Church Anniversary

It was indeed a happy and blessed occasion when on August 13 and 14, many old members, friends and fellow-worshippers gathered with the Skudesnes congregation, Loreburn, to glorify God and give Him thanks for His guidance through the 60-year life of His church at Skudesnes.

Pastor T. F. Dahle, a former pastor of the congregation, spoke at the opening service on Saturday evening, designated as Youth Night services. Choruses by the Sunday School, many musical numbers, together with the histories of the youth organizations made up the program for the opening service on this festive occasion.

On Sunday, about 375 people attended this historic occasion. The morning service was led by Pastor Lars Knudson, the local pastor, and greetings were read from former pastors, Ostby, Rue and Sandness. One of the sons of the congregation, Dr. S. T. Jacobson, Saskatoon, delivered the sermon on "Wisdom." A brief outline of the 60-year history, in booklet form, was enclosed in the service folder as a memento of the day. To commemorate this occasion also, a photograph and scrapbook album was compiled by Mrs. Glen Vollmer of the early founders and families, early confirmation pictures, and pastors who served the congregation. The last ten years were covered by the pictures of all church weddings and all the confirmation classes. Some of the early documents of the church were entered, such as the original Constitution in Norwegian, written by Mandius Olson and Adolph K. Olson (Odland) and other documents of interest.

Flowers for the occasion were provided by Mrs. Myrtle Hetland



Pastors attending the 60th anniversary were: (left to right) Dr. Iver Olson, Pastor T. F. Dahle, Pastor Lars Knudson, Pastor John Lokken, Dr. S. T. Jacobson.



(Aadland), Prince Rupert, BC, as she was the first baby baptized in the congregation.

After a cold plate dinner, served in the basement, Aksel Christensen led the afternoon session and read greetings from Pastor Marlin Aadland, Wetaskiwin, Alta. Pastor T. F. Dahle and Dr. Iver Olson brought greetings from Pastor K. J. Gjesfjeld, who served from 1924-1931, and could not attend on account of health and old age. Another pastor who served here from 1948-1951, and was able to attend was Pastor John Lokken, who brought personal greetings. Another son of the congregation, Dr. Iver Olson, Minneapolis, Minn., USA, spoke at the afternoon service. He addressed the first part of his greeting in Norwegian to the older ones then was reminiscent of old times and of his visit to Norway. In closing, he urged more prayer in the life of God's people.

The history of the Ladies' Aid was given by Merrill Aadland, and many musical numbers were enjoyed throughout. Pastor Dahle, a former pastor of the congregation from 1951-1956, brought a message in song as he sang the songs he has composed. It was a very fitting ending to the Jubilee Service when the Male Chorus sang "Faith of Our Fathers," with a real personal meaning for all, as nearly all are des-

cended from the original founders of the congregation and early pioneers.

Although Skudesnes has had only one ordination, many others have gone from this congregation into the ministry. Among these are: Dr. S. T. Jacobson, Saskatoon; Dr. Iver Olson, Minneapolis, Minn., USA; Pastor Ole E. Aadland, deceased; Pastor Adolph K. Odland, Vancouver, BC; Pastor George Strand, Winnipeg, Man.; Pastor Ole K. Olson, deceased; Gordon Olson, son of Ole K. Olson and Evelyn Olson (Tastad), now in his last year at Seminary in Minneapolis, and Pastor Marlin Aadland, Wetaskiwin, Alta.

It is the hope and prayer of Skudesnes, that many more will answer God's call from this congregation, and looks forward in faith to a fruitful future, and grateful to God for a rich past.