

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

308 West 46th Street

New York 19, N. Y.

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Again it is a pleasure to report the results of your Church's operations during an unusually active and successful year - the 100th in its history. These operations are discussed in detail in subsequent sections of this report by our Pastor, Treasurer and the officers of our charitable and social organizations.

The Treasurer's report is particularly worthy of your study and examination as it reflects all that has been accomplished in the way of maintaining the Church proper. It also shows the effect of the successful efforts he has put forth to increase our revenues. Unfortunately, our expenses continue to mount and this is a matter of deep concern to your officers, Trustees and Church Council.

Although 1949 was a record year for our envelope and plate collections, 1950 exceeded the hopes and expectations of all of us. In addition to contributing more than ever before to the support of their Church, our congregation paid in full their pledges of \$50,000 toward the Centennial Fund. This timely addition to our Trust Fund has proven how indispensable a separate fund is as a method of support for the Church. It is an achievement that St. Luke's has reason to be proud of and has increased our prestige by attracting the respect of others to the strength of our Church.

The commemoration of our 100th Anniversary was the outstanding event of the past year and the celebrations which took place are too fresh in everyone's mind for me to comment upon them at this time. The Anniversary Program which was published to commemorate this occasion contains a complete account of our Centennial Services and should preserve the memory of them for future generations. The morale effect of the celebration was tremendous. It has enhanced our confidence in the strength of our Church and given us a new pride in a Church whose members care so greatly for it. Its benefits have been far greater than can be revealed in a brief report such as this.

Our Superintendent, Mr. W. R. Drew, resigned in September and has been replaced by Mr. Atkins.

Miss Martha Hoffmann continues to serve with the same enthusiasm and efficiency which has gone into everything that she has done at St. Luke's. On behalf of the Church Council, I wish to express our appreciation.

We record with sorrow the loss of Mr. Henry Puckhaber, whose service on the Church Council covered one half a century.

Looking back over the period, it has not been an easy year. Serious problems were met and adjustments made, but I believe it can be regarded as the most successful in our history. In spite of the tragic events in Korea, we continue to hope and pray that our country and our Church will not again be faced with the horrors and desolation of another war. If our hopes are not realized and we have to gird ourselves again, I am confident St. Luke's will assume its share of the responsibility facing our citizens.

In conclusion I want to thank all the men and women who worked so successfully during the past year to make St. Luke's what it is today. It has been a privilege to be associated with them all in the common effort.

Bernhard K. Schaefer,
President.

THE PASTOR'S REPORT

Dear Friend in Christ:

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever" is a prayer that every member of Saint Luke's should utter as he looks back at the year just past. In the life of Saint Luke's 1950 will always stand out as one of the high spots of her long history.

We began the year filled with feverish excitement as we planned our Centennial Celebration. As the months passed, our anticipation and our activity increased until we reached the climax in October and November, when through a series of services and special events, we thanked Almighty God for a century of blessings and we rejoiced at the privilege of being the centennial congregation. Our many special services, culminating with the Centennial Vespers on November 12th, were an inspiration to all who participated. From a human standpoint of view our Centennial program was successful from start to finish.

As we look back at our Centennial, we can definitely see that God's hand was in it, and that through it the Lord was endeavoring to speak to us. Very clearly He was trying to teach us a few lessons in church work. He demonstrated to us, first of all, what truly great things can be done through group activity. The Centennial was not a program in which a few did all the work and the majority sat back and watched. Our Centennial program was a joint endeavor in which many participated and shared equally in the responsibility and in the work. From start to finish we saw what happens when Christians work together. In the second place, we again saw the need for organizational life within a congregation. Organizational life brings people together, gives them a common interest, and extends to them a common challenge to serve the greater cause, which is the total program of church work. One glance at how the various organizations cooperated and shared shows us that greater emphasis must be placed on the further development of our various organizations. In the third place, the Centennial again very clearly emphasized the threefold mission of Saint Luke's in the Times Square area of New York. Very emphatically we again had demonstrated that we have a definite responsibility to our old nucleus membership, to the many transients who worship with us, and to the community in which we are located. The Lord of the Church has outlined our work for us.

As we have stressed in the past, so we again emphasize now that one of our greatest problems, yet also one of our most challenging tasks, has been our work in the Junior Congregation among the youth of our community. This work is 85% virgin mission work in which we are endeavoring to bring young souls under the influence of their Savior and help them establish wholesome life patterns. Coming from unchurched homes, in which parental indifference is appalling, and from an environment which is a hot bed for juvenile delinquency, we are endeavoring to give these children a sound program of religious education and social activity. Through a well organized, graded Sunday School curriculum and through a program of visual education in our Released Time School on Thursdays, we endeavor to teach these youngsters the fundamentals of Christianity. Saint Luke's is especially fortunate to have a staff of consecrated, mature, and loyal men and women teaching in the Sunday School and unselfishly giving of their time and effort to the development of our youth. In a full program of Scouting, basketball teams, and a teen-age group, all under the able leadership of volunteers, we are trying to get our youth into a wholesome environment and demonstrate to them that Christianity is a practical religion, which actually works in the various situations of life. In this highly specialized field of youth activity, which Saint Luke's and the church in general has so sadly neglected in the past, we must do some serious thinking and determine some constructive measures that we might take to help the ever increasing problem of juvenile delinquency. The youth of today is the citizen and the church leader of tomorrow; and our generation must ask itself, "Are we doing our best to build a better citizenry and a better layity for the world and the church of tomorrow?" We are turning over a rather sad world to the coming generation. What are we doing to prepare them to take over, where we will leave off?

Pastor's Report

Spiritually, as far as man can determine, there were definite signs of progress during 1950. Church attendance increased to the point where we had an average of 189 people in attendance at 67 different services, including the poorly attended mid-week and summer services. This is far from what our attendance ought to be, but more and more of our people are beginning to realize that their responsibility to God is not met merely on holidays or on special occasions. The place of every Christian is in Church every Sunday morning. Though we discontinued the Easter Communion Service this past year, still there was again a decided increase in attendance at the Lord's Table, 1861 having communed. We reached that total in spite of the fact that many of our people communed only once during the past year.

Some of the high light of the year's activity....the untiring and devoted service of the choir under the direction of Mildred Holmer...the summer movie project of the Young People's Guild....the camping program in which more than 40 children had at least two weeks vacation away from the city....the excellent newspaper publicity Saint Luke's received last Fall....the Centennial Reformation Service at which Mr. B.K. Schaefer presented Saint Luke's with a folio of autographed Reformation Homilies, including one by Luther....the Centennial Vespers at which the Rev. Dr. John W. Behnken preached....the Centennial Banquet at the Hotel New Yorker....the announcement of the Treasurer that \$50,000. had been contributed to our Centennial Fund.... the Christmas Candle Light Service.

Associated with me in the full program of activity during the past year was our Parish Worker, Miss Martha Hoffmann, whose assistance was invaluable and whose influence was felt in every phase of our church life. May the Lord of the Church continue to bless her in her work in His Kingdom and may He continue to use her for many years to come at Saint Luke's.

During the past year your Pastor performed the following official acts:

Baptisms	17
Confirmations	7
New Members received	36
Weddings	22
Funerals	18
People Communed	1861
Pastoral Calls (approximate)	400
Total Church Attendance	12,666
Average of 67 services	189

1950 has been a blessed one in which the Lord has been very good to Saint Luke's, using us to His glory and honor and making our church a blessing to many. 1950 was a thrilling adventure with Christ for all of us and we ought be very grateful for having had a share in it. However, our gratitude for past blessings ought stimulate us to greater service in the future. With this in view, let us adopt the following objectives for 1951:

1. a substantial increase in church attendance made possible by our regular attendance at divine services;
2. realignment of our various organizations to become a more integral part of our threefold mission in the Times Square area;
3. the enlistment of every member in one or more organizations of the church;
4. the organization of a special group of personal mission workers to visit prospective church members;
5. the organization of a married couples' group.

May God continue to give us wisdom and strength to meet the challenges and the opportunities of the present, and may He give us the vision to plan intelligently for the future is the sincere prayer of

Your Pastor,
Albert L. Neibacher

PARISH WORKER'S REPORT

Accepting the challenges of church work in the Times Square area, with its varied program of activity, has been a joy during the past year. In planning my work I have endeavored to give attention to our parish activities, to the community and to the many visitors who come to us.

For our members, helping to arrange and promote plans for their meetings, which provided fellowship, fun and spiritual inspiration; assisting in the Sunday School and cradle roll department; calling on the sick; and sharing with you many joys and sorrows, has filled many of my days.

For our community, work with our released time school and summer movie program, and following up prospects for our church, so that each child in this community may have abundant opportunity to meet its Savior, has taken many hours. I have attended neighborhood meetings in which St. Luke's has a vital interest and responsibility, and have learned to know the leaders in the community and the many problems which confront us.

For our visitors, endeavoring to speak a friendly word to every guest as they enter our church, has made the out of town visitor feel welcome. We try to give special attention to the city visitors. Calling at their homes, and trying to win them for their Savior, and fit them into the program of St. Luke's, has been a very important part of our mission program.

Other activities in which I participate are distributing altar flowers to the sick, searching records, doing routine office work, including mimeographing and mailing and helping the Pastor wherever I can. I also change the outdoor bulletin board sayings with the prayer that these tiny sermons may awake the passers by to think about their Savior.

The Lord of the church has given you and me a big task in this community. He needs each one of us to give of our time, talent and treasure to recruit men, women and children as soldiers of the Cross.

In His service,

Martha E. Hoffmann

TREASURER'S REPORT
REPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>
Envelopes	8,274.13	6,181.22
Plate	2,510.58	2,167.98
Pew Rent	718.50	691.50
Christmas	783.60	718.31
Easter	1,399.70	1,255.94
Lenten	280.07	187.34
Thanksgiving	428.50	316.55
Birthday		469.25
Income from Securities	4,176.25	3,484.00
Special Donations	1,705.00	1,065.00
Special for Music	<u>2,711.00</u>	<u>2,719.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>22,987.33</u>	<u>19,256.09</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Salaries	11,438.00	10,266.26
Travel Allowance	600.00	400.00
Retirement	786.24	
Printing & Stationery	1,020.91	1,053.04
Insurance	642.99	651.64
Heating	1,677.72	1,545.94
Gas & Electricity	386.08	470.91
Elevator Repairs	37.90	198.85
Repairs	5,233.51	2,748.43
Organ & Piano Tuning	115.00	106.00
Real Estate & Water Taxes	301.60	291.60
Expense of Envelopes (credit)	5.04	4.90
Telephone	380.69	324.28
Postage	361.47	305.68
Advertising	905.72	663.56
Devotional Booklets - Net Expense	38.02	28.07
Flowers	84.00	96.00
Miscellaneous	1,205.87	875.29
Loss on Securities Redeemed	458.79	
Sunday School	<u>150.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>25,819.47</u>	<u>20,020.65</u>
Deficit from Operations	2,832.14	764.56
Centennial Expense	<u>1,620.90</u>	
TOTAL DEFICIT	<u>4,453.04</u>	<u>764.56</u>

COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS

	<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>
Missions	1,800.63	1,495.77
Lutheran Child Welfare Assn.	1,084.28	1,247.66
Lutheran Welfare Distribution Fund	753.75	849.75
Wheatridge Sanatorium - Seals	499.00	306.65
Wartburg Old Folks Home	291.18	143.60
Valparaiso University	560.00	10.00
Red Cross	189.38	193.80
Lutheran Hospital Brklyn.	173.32	75.90
Lutheran Radio Hour	105.00	20.00
Concordia College		2,600.00
Bethel Church - Kansas		176.40
Metropolitan Inner Mission Society	249.89	255.95
Assn. for Works Mercy	108.34	58.35
Lutheran Friends Deaf	291.70	100.00
Lutheran Welfare Council	150.00	250.00
Lutheran Radio Hour - Memory Dr. Maier	443.80	
Lutheran Education Society	525.00	
American Bible Society	41.91	
Misc. Items (Less than 10.00)		49.49
	<u>7,267.18</u>	<u>7,833.32</u>

ST. LUKE'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Balance on Hand January 1, 1950		2,308.99
<u>Receipts</u>		
Interest on Investments	187.50	
Sunday Collections	8.55	
Interest Franklin Savings Bank	47.22	
Repayment of Loan	250.00	
Total Receipts		<u>493.27</u>
		2,802.26
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Financial Aid	130.00	
Thanksgiving	10.00	
Christmas (6 Families)	100.00	
Total Disbursements		<u>240.00</u>
Balance on Hand December 31, 1950		2,562.26

During the year 1950, the Society gave financial aid, also clothing and food. The balance of the funds will be kept on hand for future need.

Respectfully submitted,

Herman Reichert, Treasurer

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EXPENSE

1947 to 1950

Postage	\$ 243.04
Stationery and Printing Letters	45.38
Letters & Postage for Service Men	349.82
One file cabinet	52.00
Historical pictures	177.92
Exhibit cases	50.15
To visiting Ministers	325.00
To Pastor for entertainment Ministers	100.00
Special programs 10/15 - 10/29 - 11/5	129.00
Announcement Postals 10/15 - 10/29 - 11/5	38.50
Brochures with schedule and envelopes	162.00
Programs for Vespers Service 11/12	
with envelopes and invitations	489.28
Flowers for Vespers Service 11/12	90.00
Advertising	82.29
Miscellaneous	35.20
Deficit Dinner 11/14	427.55
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TOTAL CENTENNIAL EXPENSE	\$ 2,797.13

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Interest received on Centennial investments during 1950	687.50	
Plate Collection - Vespers 11/12	318.47	
Excess Plate Collections		
Sept. - Oct. - Nov. 1950	170.26	<hr/>
		1,176.23
NET CENTENNIAL EXPENSE		<hr/> <hr/>

CENTENNIAL FUND

Collected in Cash and Bonds 50,630.04

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3,000.	U. S. Savings Bonds G 2 1/2s	4/1/55	3,000.00
7,000.	U. S. Savings Bonds G 2 1/2s	1/1/60	7,000.00
10,000.	U. S. Savings Bonds G 2 1/2s	10/1/60	10,000.00
5,000.	U. S. Savings Bonds G 2 1/2s	3/1/61	5,000.00
5,000.	U. S. Savings Bonds G 2 1/2s	2/1/56	5,000.00
5,000.	U. S. Savings Bonds G 2 1/2s	2/1/59	5,000.00
100.	U. S. Savings Bonds F 2 1/2s	9/1/60	100.00
100.	U. S. Savings Bonds F 2 1/2s	5/1/62	100.00
6,000.	U. S. Treas. 2 1/2s	72.	6,024.40
	Franklin Savings Bank		5,637.03
	Cash in bank		<hr/> 3,768.61

TOTAL 50,630.04

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Our Secretary, Mr. Henry C. Theuerer, reports the following as of December 31, 1950:

Pupils on Register	111
Staff members	15
New Pupils	35
Reinstated Pupils	9
Dropped from Register	47
Average Attendance	65
Highest Attendance	97
Lowest Attendance	36

Our Treasurer, Mr. Herman Reichert, reports as follows:

Balance on Hand January 1, 1950 \$ 310.95

INCOME:

Envelopes	\$ 284.39
Plate	114.43
Donation from Church Treasury	150.00
Easter	52.80
Centennial	47.70
Christmas	201.25

TOTAL INCOME

850.57
1,161.52

EXPENSES:

Lessons	181.67
Bibles	37.70
Films (Rental and Purchase)	65.78
Pins	21.60
Collection Envelopes and Boxes	35.19
Easter	28.00
June Walk	104.00
Christmas	202.81
Misc. Supplies	45.79
Christmas (1949)	49.22

TOTAL EXPENSES

771.76

Balance on Hand December 31, 1950

\$ 389.76

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Sunday School Mission Fund

Balance on Hand January 1, 1950

\$ 60.01

INCOME:

Envelopes

140.09
\$ 200.10

EXPENSES:

Support of 3 Children in India

143.75

Balance on Hand December 31, 1950

\$ 56.35

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

The House Committee is pleased to report that many improvements have been made in our Church and Parish House in the past year. All in all it has been a year of great activity.

In 1949 we thought the termites had been taken care of, but they came again at the entrance to the Parish House, and in the Sunday School office. These places have been treated by an exterminator and the necessary repairs made.

As you have no doubt noticed, the entire interior of the Church and Parish House has been redecorated. This was done at great expense. In fact, we went over our budget by a large margin. We also had new alternating current feeders installed which are large enough to supply sufficient current for the Church and Parish House.

We had the motor generator and compressor repaired on the organ. The men are now repairing the bellows, etc.

The vacuum pump on the heating system has been repaired and is now in good working order. We find that the steam boilers have cracked sections, and the return lines in the tunnel under the lower auditorium floor are badly corroded and leaking. This interferes with the efficient operation of the heating system. The committee strongly recommends that this be taken care of before next winter. The water pipes in the Parish House are also badly corroded and the water pressure is very poor. The pipes should be renewed and all the toilet fixtures repaired in the near future, or we will have leaks and cause damage to our walls.

We are in receipt of an order from the Building Department of the City of New York to change the doors to the elevator in the Parish House. This is a violation and must be done.

Your committee cleaned and polished the bowling alleys and repaired and waterproofed the roof over the alleys at no expense to the church.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

George F. Schroeder, Chairman
Karl Koepchen
DeVerle Osborn
Henry Seng

THE DORCAS GUILD

At present we have 43 members participating in new programs every month.

The Red Cross collection for 1950 amounted to \$189.38.

Extra stoles have been purchased to be worn by our visiting clergymen. We also purchased two blue covers, to protect the altar linens when not in use.

A donation of \$10 was made to the Girl Scouts for school bags for children in Europe, and \$30 was given to Bethlehem Children's Home for camp and \$50 for tables for their dining room.

We were happy to cook and serve a turkey dinner for the members of the choir and the Sunday School staff, in recognition of their service to St. Luke's.

Our members have made many visits to the homes of shut-ins, to hospitals, and to our Wartburg Home in Brooklyn. Gifts were distributed at Christmas to a number of individuals.

We take great pleasure in thanking Mrs. Clark for her excellent work in the production of our Christmas pageant.

We have joined the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We celebrate our tenth Anniversary in February 1951.

Our financial statement is as follows:

RECEIPTS:

Balance, December 31, 1949	\$ 232.57	
Dues	106.50	
Birthday Collections and Donations	18.05	
Tithing Box and Missions	41.29	
Collections for Socials and cake sold	22.22	
Bank Interest	2.10	
Dinner	158.60	
Articles Sold	23.10	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 604.43	

DISBURSEMENTS:

Postage and Postals	12.40	
New Dishes and Lace Cloth	68.50	
3 New Stoles and Altar Cover	79.74	
Mission and Altar Flowers	24.15	
Dinner Expense	64.90	
Bethlehem Children's Home, for Camp and Dining Room Chairs	80.00	
for general fund	53.35	
Socials	15.64	
Miscellaneous	19.45	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	409.13	
Balance, December 31, 1950	\$ 195.30	

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Sylvia Schroeder, President
Miss Catherine Neher, Treasurer

MEN'S CLUB

We trust that during the coming year we may carry out our aim of serving our Savior by assisting, wherever possible, in doing His work at our beloved St. Luke's. Our other aim is to promote Christian fellowship among the men of our Church.

If you are not a member of the Men's Club and feel that you would like to help in doing this worthwhile work, we extend a cordial invitation to you to join us.

Respectfully,
Henry Wisch, President

The Treasurer reports as follows:

Balance on Hand January 1, 1950 \$ 170.93

RECEIPTS:

Dues Collected	\$ 116.00
Annual Party Income	57.00
Interest on Bank Balance	2.61

TOTAL RECEIPTS 175.61
346.54

DISBURSEMENTS:

Fair Linen for Church	38.00
Donation to Boy Scouts	42.43
Donation to Athletic Club	50.00
Annual Party Expenses	14.57
Christmas Party Expenses	18.83
Refreshments for Monthly Meetings	13.10
Altar Flowers for Sunday Service	5.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 181.93
\$ 164.61

Balance on Hand January 1, 1951

D. R. Osborn, Treasurer

INTERMEDIATE GIRL SCOUT TROOP 3-56

Fourteen girls were registered in November, 1950, and four more are working on their Tenderfoot requirements and will be members early in 1951.

In 1950 the troop made and filled eight school bags which are to be sent to school children in foreign countries. The Dorcas Guild contributed \$10 to help the troop with this project.

The 1950 Girl Scout Cookie Sale, although not quite as successful as the previous year, netted the troop approximately \$15. This money will be added to a special fund created by the troop to defray expenses of a weekend camping trip early in 1951.

The troop meets on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 o'clock under the leadership of Miss Genevieve Savio and Miss Verna Retzlaff.

Verna Retzlaff, Chairman
3-56 Troop Committee

SENIOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as of 1/1/50	144.85	
Receipts	<u>69.50</u>	214.35
Disbursements		<u>95.55</u>
Balance as of 12/31/50		118.80

GUILD ACTIVITIES

During 1950 the Senior Guild was composed of twenty active members who also participated in the work of other organizations at St. Luke's. Five were teaching in Sunday School; nine were Choir members; and leadership for the Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs was met by the Senior. Also five new members were accepted into the Guild.

The Young People gathered every Tuesday evening throughout the year to join in a program of planned activities. Each Sunday evening except for the first Sunday of every month, the Guild sponsored a Fellowship Supper with Devotions followed by a forum discussion led by Pastor Neibacher on subjects suggested by the Seniors.

As in 1949, the Guild undertook the Summer Movie Program for the neighborhood children. Movies were shown on 15 consecutive Thursday evenings from June 15th to September 14th. About ten Seniors were present each Thursday to supervise the program. A total of 2000 children attended the fourteen features. This made a weekly average of 145. An initial registration fee of 10 cents was charged and the subsequent weekly admission was 5 cents. The program repeated its success and the Young People are looking forward to sponsoring the project again this summer.

For several years past the Guild has helped to support the Adirondack Tubercular Mission and in 1950 contributed \$10.00 to it.

The Seniors were again privileged to help in the sale of Christmas Seals for the Wheatridge Sanatorium by taking upon itself the mailing of seals to the entire church mailing list. The 1950-51 proceeds from the sale amounted to \$499.00.

The Guild appropriated \$81.00 toward renewing some of the recreational equipment of the church. This included 6 Ping-pong paddles, 4 Badminton rackets, 9 Shuttlecocks and 3 sets of Bowling Pins.

Due to many compliments received, the Seniors were well rewarded for the time and effort put into decorations of the Church for the Christmas Season.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin G. Kynast, President
Senior Young People's Guild

ST. LUKE'S ATHLETIC CLUB

The 1949-50 basketball season was completed with a series of victories by the St. Luke's Club. Two basketball teams form the 1950-51 athletic club. The members of the senior team are fifteen years of age and older while the members of the junior team, who must be members of the Boy Scout Troop sponsored by our Church to be eligible for membership, are eleven to fourteen years of age.

The facilities for use of the teams were greatly improved at the start of the current basketball season when the Church Council provided new metal backboards and baskets which were installed in the gymnasium by Mr. John Theurer, Jr. Again the Men's Club has furnished sufficient financial aid to cover all expenses for equipment such as basketballs and nets. The uniforms purchased by the Ladies' Aid during last season fully meet the present needs of the Club.

James Crandall, who is the Captain of the senior basketball team, is coaching the junior basketball team in the church gymnasium.

The senior team, with fifteen members, is entered in a Protestant Church League at the Y.M.C.A. at 215 West 23rd Street. An attempt to form this league during the fall of 1950 failed, but, during January 1951, the league games were started. At the end of the season a tournament will be played with the winning team receiving a trophy. Each Saturday evening the team not only plays basketball at the "Y", but has use of all facilities there, including a swimming pool. The entry of the team into this league is a great step forward and was made possible by the financial support of the Church Council.

BOY SCOUTS
Troop - 314 Cub Pack - 314

Balance on Hand January 1, 1950 \$ 84.40

INCOME:

Dues	\$ 24.00
Comm. Reg. Fees	10.00
Donations	92.43
Sale of Handbooks	4.25

TOTAL INCOME 130.68
215.08

EXPENSES:

Reg. Fees	44.30
Subs. to Boys' Life	22.00
Handbooks	11.79
Camping Expense	10.10
Camping Equipment	53.57
Misc. Supplies	11.09

TOTAL EXPENSES 152.85
62.23

Balance on Hand December 31, 1950

During the year 1950, Troop 314 held their meetings under the leadership of Messrs. DeVerle Osborn and Lloyd Whitehead. Cub Pack 314 was again under the leadership of Mrs. Laura Neibacher.

A full scouting program at weekly meetings, hikes and summer camping was enjoyed by about 40 boys during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
DeVerle Osborn, Director
Herman Reichert, Treasurer