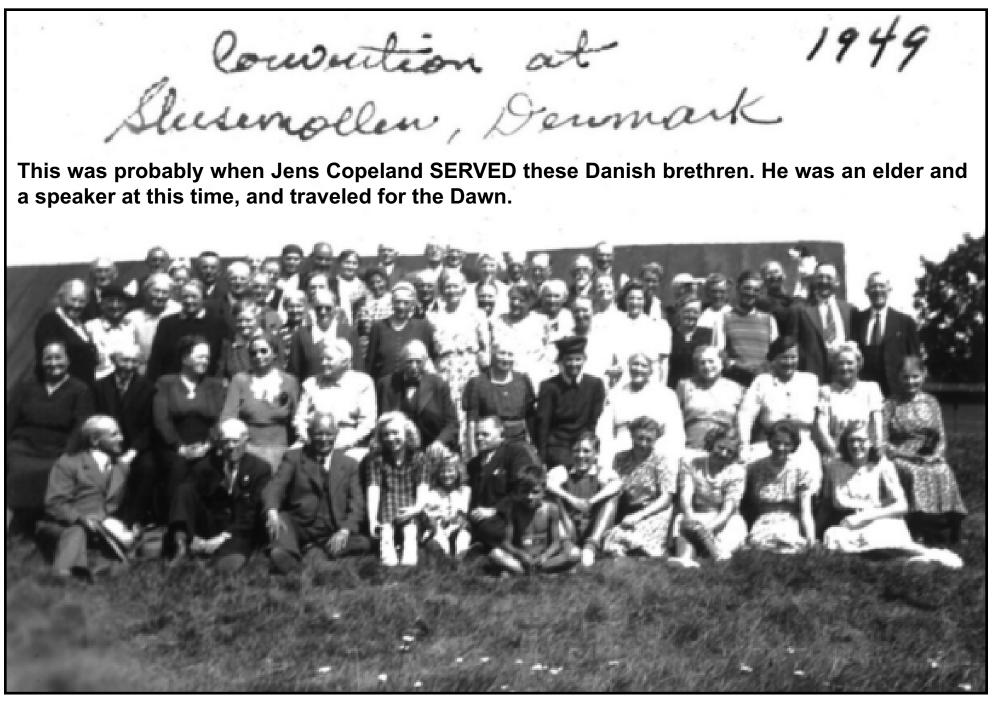


The Melhorn farm was the successor of the Marwood farm picnics. This new location was farther west, in Batavia, Illinois. This, too, is not as far as it seemed then. Bro. Siekman lived near there when he died. The Chudzicks and the Jack Whittaker family live near there, yet attend our Chicago Ecclesia (which, of course, no longer meets in Chicago, either). Later, perhaps in the '20's, a Truth radio station, WORD, was transmitted from the Melhorns' farm.



I included this because we don't hear much about Swedish brethren today. Bro. Jens Copeland, being a native of Norway, served Scandinavian brethren in later years, although I do not see him in this picture. Marie Copeland was raised by a noble worldly father who insisted they (his consecrated wife Sr. Marine Peterson, his child Marie, and he) speak one language at breakfast, another at lunch, and a third at supper; I think the languages were Norwegian, Swedish and Danish.



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On the left is Bro. Raymond Jolly, later so active with Laymen's Home Missionary.

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The greatest inspiration of my early consecrated life was Bro. Norman Woodworth. He epitomized complete zeal, total service to the Lord, and a humble attitude I greatly appreciated. To my parents, he and the Dawn opened a world they didn't know existed.

As JWs, we thought that everyone who left "the channel" had left the Truth. When my father dared leave the disgusting atmosphere of the Society, we found that many who had left were leaving FOR the Truth, not leaving the Truth.



Above shows my mother, Sr. Holly Foss, Bro. Wnorowski (most recently of Florida, before he finished his course), my sister Shirley (Bruce, of Seattle), a brother I do not remember, Sr. Marie Copeland, and myself.



My father was the young upstart who had the courage to leave the JWs first. Within a few weeks, his beloved brother-in-law whom he'd always reverenced so highly, Bro. Dan Morehouse, brought his wife and daughter and joined us. Within a few months, his cousin-in-law, Bro. Jens Copeland and his wife Marie, came, too.



We began to meet brethren we hadn't known before: Bro. and Sr. Mattson of Marquette, Michigan, Jens and Marie, and Bro. and Sr. Percy L. Read of St. Louis, Missouri.



Jens and Marie Copeland

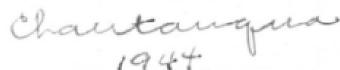


I can see Joanne Marten in the first row. Is that her twin Jim next to her?

- —That's Tillie Jezuit in the second row.
- —Third Row—Isabelle Zawacke Novak, Florence Kleban Trzyna (?), Henrietta Stocker, ???, and Pat Gorecki Nemesh.
- —At the right end of their row is Bro. Carl Schiller. Fourth row—Elsie Marten Peters, Anastasia Ewasiuk Sheppelbaum; on the right side, Helen and Alex Bushman.

Fifth row—Julia Roy (right of Elsie's head) and Esther Niemyski Ledwinka (right of Anastasia's head).

- —I think I see Helen Burns Rapport, Irene Roguski Mitchell, John Belush and Alice Ledwinka Ulicni in the sixth row.
- —Behind Helen are Bro. Fred Rice, Sr. Alice Rice, and son Gilbert.
- —In the eighth row on the right are Bro. Wilbur Poe and Bro. Krebs.
- —Across the aisle to the right are Bro. Horace and Sr. Luella Blynn.
- —Eight rows behind Gilbert Rice, I see Henry and Ann Kwolek.
- —Three rows behind the Blynns, I see Sr. Poskonka (Leo Post's mother) and, behind her, Michael and Mary Litwin. After that, I'd only be guessing.





Marie Copeland, Modie Morehouse, Frances Price, Gundborg Rostad, Holly Foss.



SUNBOMS - CHAUTAQUA



Top row: ??, Fay Wallace, Gundborg Rostad, and ??

Second row: Renee Nekora, Viola Schltz, Marie Copeland, and ?? Third row: Sr. Wahn, ??, Mike Nekora, and I think Bro Wahn.



Top row: Orene Carpentier, Marjorie Doland, ??, Harriet Reed

Second row: Roy Carpentier, Bro. and Sr. Durand, ??

Third row: ??, Bro. Krebs



Sam Krystek, Isabelle Zawacke Novak Elsie Marten Peters, Bro. Harp?



Estelle Sorenson Hagensick, Bro. Blodgett?

Josephine Ledwinka Liskey, Bro. George
Kendall



Amy Anderson, Bro. Krebs Anastasia Ewasiuk Sheppelbaum, Alfred (?) Kuehn



Bro. Shirley DeGrott, Bro. Peoples Bro. Peter Kolliman, Bro. Jens Copeland



Sr. Myrza Kolliman, Sr. Ruth Jezuit Mitchell Sr. Jean Koterba Livermore, Bro. Obenland



Sr. Wilson, Bro. Wilson Bro. Ray Krupa, Sr. Luella Blynn

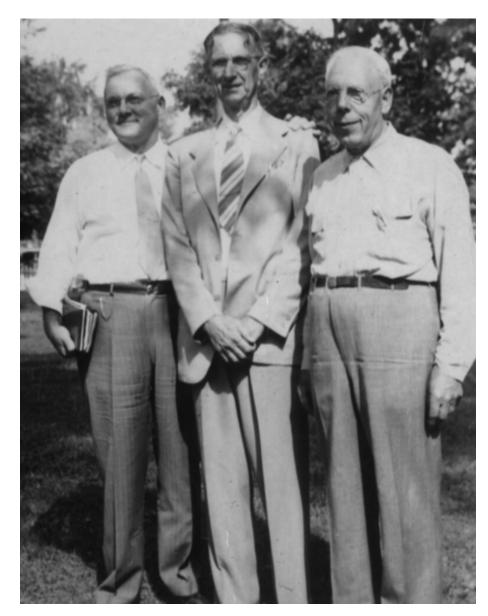


Back Row: Bros. Zahnow, Muir, Wilson, Krebs, MacAulay, Norby, Copeland, DeGroot, Morehouse

Second Row: ??, Deming, Blynn, ?? Front Row: Sundbom, Wylam, Krupa



Violet Morehouse Jurek, Gene Jezuit, Elsie Binda



Bros. MacJilton, Murray, Copeland



Ruth ??, Gundborg Rostad, Marie Copeland



Bro. Deming of Ada, Ohio



Laura Kelsey, Marie Copeland, Norma Mitchell, Sr. Mattson?



Sr. Edith DeGrott with daughter Elva DeGroot Lanowick



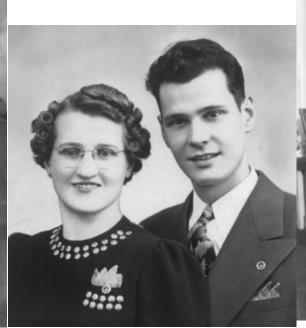
Copelands began to reach out farther. Bro. and Sr. Henry Burdette and Bro. John Moore. I think they lived around Vancouver, Canada.



George and Jennie Rubin of Minneapolis



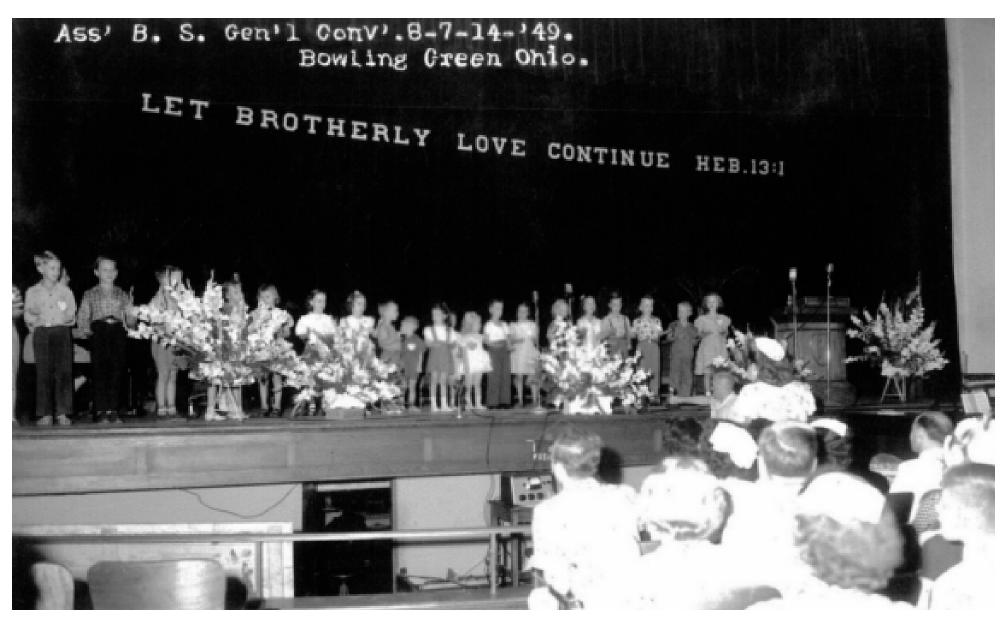
Bruno Hack, Jens Copeland, Edmund Jezuit



Edmund and Marie Jezuit.
The date on the back of the picture indicates they'd been married
3 ½ years at this time.



Marie Hack, Marie Copeland, Marie Jezuit.



I'm sure the boy to the far left is Dan Larson. I'm not sure, but I think the blonde girl behind the mike and flowers is Alys Schneider. To her left, with the light ribbon in her hair, I think is Merrily Wesolowski. The sister directing the group looks like Lu Wesol.



Some of the first conventions we attended after we left the JWs were the Saginaw conventions.

The brethren in this picture are:

BACK ROW: Sr. Nelson, Nodie Morehouse, Sr. Ostrander, Vi, Elva DeGroot Lanowick, Shirley Foss Bruce, Stella Hack, Sr. DeGroot, Marie Copeland, Stella Lanowick, Valeria Lewandowski Karczmarczyk, and Cora Sundbom.

FRONT ROW: Bro. Robert Krebs, Bro. Shirley DeGroot, Bro. Gustin (?) Ostrander, Casimer Lanowick, Jens Copeland, Bro. Deming, Ted Hack, Dan Morehouse, and Chester Sundbom.