

Protestant Churches In Council at Atlanta, Ga.

Representatives from 20,000,000 Christians Gathering in South for Fifth Quadrennial Meeting of Federal Body.

ATLANTA, Ga. (Special)—Official representatives of more than twenty million Protestants and American Christians are gathering here for the fifth quadrennial meeting of the Federal Council of Churches, which will open this afternoon and continue a week. They come from 28 Protestant communions.

In addition are representatives from interdenominational religious organizations. Many foreign countries will be represented by "visitors."

The meeting is regarded by church leaders as the greatest religious gathering in years. The Federal Council of Churches is the largest Protestant cooperative body in the world.

Wants War Outworn

"The Common Tasks of the Churches" is the general subject. Chief problems to be settled are: the increasing evangelism, or personal religion, the outwearing of war, international relations and friendship, the application of Christianity to the industrial and social life of the country, relief for the suffering churches of Central Europe, and cooperation in church work. The opening session is being devoted to addresses of welcome from Atlanta churches and messages from foreign bodies of Christians.

"The Christian churches represent the greatest body of uniform conviction and purpose in the nation. They are increasingly speaking with a common voice, and acting with a common program," said Dr. Robert Speer of New York, president of the Federal Council of Churches, in summarizing his review of its work for the last quadrennium.

Churches Strong

"In one view the Christian churches of the United States are a set of organizations having small relationship to one another and small influence over their own membership, representing very different types of mind and following no common line of action," he said. "And in this view they are called futile and ineffective."

"But there is another view which is far closer to the real facts. They have no common direction and are under no central authority, though they seem to lack unity both of opinion and of effort. Nevertheless the Christian churches represent the greatest body of uniform conviction and purpose in the nation, and they are increasingly speaking with a common voice and acting with a common program."

"The last four years, in spite of doctrinal discussions, have witnessed a steady advance in the cooperative action of the churches. They are planning together their common and primary evangelistic work. They are uniting more than ever in common worship, they have worked together to meet human need in Japanese earthquake and Chinese famine and Near East relief. They have spoken their mind about war and world courts and arbitration and international justice and good will and their voice has been more influential than ever before."

"It is perhaps to the credit of the churches that they have not pleased every one. Their attitudes on political and social questions has pleased neither those who would have had the churches committed to partisan positions nor those who would have had the churches make no effort to realize the Kingdom of God in actual human relationships."

A Chance for Unity

"All groups represented in the present economic struggle are to be found in the churches. Capital and labor are both there and they must work out a common course of action as Christians in the church."

"Whatever differences of view there may be as to the functions of the churches in relation to social and economic and political questions, there is no difference of view in the churches as to their main and central business of bringing human life under the lordship of Christ. The last four years have convinced them more

deeply than ever that there is no way out of the evil and waste and wrong of the world except the way of Christ. And they know that no one knows any other way. They are more than ever united in this."

DEBATEES ARE CHOSEN

REGINALD, Ore.—Walter Macleod, Joe Fraser, both of Portland, and Paul Patterson of Kent, O., will represent the University of Oregon in the Oregon-Oregon debate to be held in the Eugene Methodist Episcopal church.

"Resolved, That the referendum is a desirable part of representative government," is the subject to be debated. Oregon will take the affirmative. The Oregon team, taking the negative of the argument, will consist of Macleod, Macleod, J. D. Woodruff and J. C. Hollis. The audience will give the decision voting not on the merits of the debate, but on the question under consideration.

REHABILITATING IS URGED

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—The question of whether or not the Klamath Falls and Harney Springs a distance of 123 miles, will be rehabilitated is now in the hands of the state highway commission.

For the second successive year the local division of the state highway department has recommended that this project be included in the annual road construction program. Local highway engineers estimate the cost of the rehabilitating job at \$48,250. The basic purpose of the section under consideration is said to be exposed and deteriorating.

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GRANGE PLANS A XMAS TREE

Entertainment Furnishes Funds That Will Be Applied to Yuletide Cheer.

GRANGE HALL (Special)—On Friday evening the Grange and the Home Economics committee of the Blue Mountain grange gave a picnic at Grange hall. The picnic was a success both socially and financially. The program which consisted of songs, recitations, drama and dialogue was ably directed by the school teacher, Mrs. Delia. Between acts of the longer dialogue Amy Brown, Mildred Spencer, Janita Spencer and Edna Gekeler each rendered musical numbers. Ben Gekeler acted as auctioneer when the picnic was sold. Velma Merab, Dorothy Smith and Mrs. Chas. Smith had charge of the sale of the home-made candies. Mrs. Delia and her group had charge of the center of attraction as long as there was anything left in the box. The receipts of the evening's entertainment will be applied on the community Christmas tree fund.

About forty grangers and their friends partook of the community dinner which was held Thanksgiving day at Grange hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Walla Walla spent Thanksgiving in the

George Gekeler home.

George Halsebury is making some improvements in his barn.

Election Held

Wednesday, December 3rd was annual election day at Blue Mountain grange and the following officers were elected: Worthy Master, Elmer Sherwood; Worthy Overseer, Grace Grant; Worthy Lecturer, Carrie Spencer; Secretary, Mattie Gekeler; Worthy Steward, Roy Gekeler; Worthy Assn. Steward, Wm. Sherwood; Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Holman. The rest of the officers will be elected at the next meeting which will be the third Saturday in December.

Ponoma Grange Master J. A. Niece of Tolocast was a Blue Mountain grange visitor Wednesday.

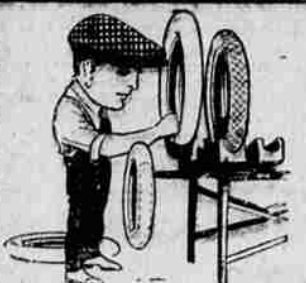
Mr. Tolocast was a business caller in the district today.

The second real estate transaction to take place in the Grange hall district recently was when J. A. Holman became owner of the Jas. Parker place. This farm consists of 160 acres and is one of Grand Rapids valley's good divers.

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strid farms. The land joins Mr. Holman on the south.

A number of neighbors and friends spent a very pleasant evening Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Williams who live on the McCall place. The party was a sort of a get-together affair.

Mr. Reynolds is erecting another sheep shed on his sheep ranch.

MAN KILLED BY TRAIN

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—An unidentified man, about 35, was killed instantly when struck by the eastbound Portland Limited of the U. S. R. & N. company. The man, who was about 5 feet 10 inches tall, was walking directly into the locomotive. His body was badly mangled.

Of medium build, the man, who wore blue bib overalls, arrived from The Dalles on a freight train shortly before the accident, with a negro and another white man, neither of whom, however, knew his name. The body is being held while a quest is made for relatives.

Brighter Days Forecast For British Ship Owners

LONDON (AP)—A list of better things in store for the shipbuilding trade was given at the recent annual dinner of the Institute of Marine Engineers by Sir Ernest Glover, president in 1933 of the Chamber of Shipping.

There were indications, the speaker said, that shipowners were nearing the end of the slump. Last year's tonnage, he said, was a great deal less than at any time during the last 15 months.

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