

News of the Churches

Churches Make Ready For The New Year Period

Central Church of Christ and First Baptist Church Hold Annual Meetings.

With 1926 a thing of history and its accomplishments matters of record, churches of La Grande are turning to the new year, organizing their various units, and arranging programs of work.

The first of the annual meetings took place last night when the members of the First Baptist congregation gathered for the event. A report of the meeting will be made in Monday's issue of The Observer.

The second meeting will be at the Central Church of Christ Sunday. After the morning services, dinner will be served in the basement of the church. Members are asked to bring sufficient for their families.

At 2:30 o'clock the business session will begin. Many important matters are to be considered and members are urged to be present, according to the pastor, the Rev. C. V. Dunn. Reports from all departments for 1926 and plans for 1927 will be heard and officers will be chosen to fill the places of those whose terms expire.

The Endeavor societies will meet at 6:30 o'clock, with Miss Esther Phelps in charge of the junior organization. Bible school will begin at 9:45 a. m. and the morning sermon will be "The Church a Building." In the evening the minister will begin a series of discourses on the books of the Bible, devoting one sermon to each book as long as the series lasts. The main purpose of these sermons, Mr. Dunn says, will be to discover the main thought of the book and apply the teachings. He invites the public to attend.

First M. E. Church
The choir will present a special number Sunday evening, "A Prayer for Refuge" and special music also scheduled for the evening service. The sermons of the day will be in keeping with the holiday season, the morning theme to be "The Challenge of the Year 1927" and the evening "The Orchard March." Let us make this first Sunday of the year a Methodist church-going day," the Rev. H. W. Parker urges. "All of the membership, the adherents and those holding their membership elsewhere are cordially invited."

Church school begins at 9:45 a. m., morning worship at 11 a. m., Epworth league meets at 6:20 and evening services begin at 7:30 o'clock.

First Baptist Church
The Rev. George Albert Potlard will use as his sermon subject Sunday morning at 11 o'clock "My Personal Responsibility for 1927" and at 7:30 p. m. his sermon will be "The Sick Man Born of Four." The latter is the third sermon in the series on the topic: "People Who Came to Jesus and Why."

Children's sermon theme in the morning will be "Engine Number 599," following Sunday school, which meets at 9:45 o'clock.

Salvation Army
A special New Year's meeting will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the Salvation Army hall with special singing. Sunday school will begin at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and at 6:30 p. m. the young people's meeting will be held. The membership, which has been increasing steadily, is expected to mount even more this year.

The evening meeting will be held at 8 o'clock with Adjutant R. H. Rooney, divisional commander of Oregon, as the speaker. Regular meetings will be held Tuesday and the young people meet Thursday and Saturday. Envoys and Mrs. J. C. Barker cordially welcome all to the army services.

Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Daniel J. Kerr, of Seattle, will occupy the pulpit in the Presbyterian church Sunday. The morning worship hour, which begins at 11 a. m., will also feature two musical numbers, "Every Valley Shall Be Filled" (Hesperus) by the quartet, and "The Living God" (O'Hara), by Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp Jr.

Junior Christian Endeavor meets at 7:30 o'clock.

Lutheran Church

Bible school will meet at 9:45 a. m. Sunday at the Zion English Lutheran church. A new class of boys will be organized and led by the pastor, the Rev. Leif H. Awes. Morning worship begins at 11 o'clock and the pastor's sermon will be on the subject "The Acceptable Year of the Lord."

The church council will meet Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, in Mr. Awes' study.

Christian Scientist
Services will be held at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock. The subject will be "God."

Wednesday evening meetings, which include testimonials of healing, begin at 8 p. m.

Episcopal Church
Holy eucharist will be held at 8 a. m. at St. Peter's Episcopal church and, following church school at 9:45 a. m., choral celebration of the holy communion will begin at 11 o'clock services. The subject of the address will be "What is Convocation?" and the sermon "Deep Calling Unto Deep."

The divine healing class will meet in the chapel at 4:15 p. m. and the Wayfarers' guild in the church basement at 6 p. m.

Mission service will be held at 7:30 p. m., featuring an address on "Is There a True Religion?"

M. E. Church South
The subject on which the Rev. J. A. Hall, pastor of the M. E. Church south, will speak Sunday morning is "The Value of a Vision in Christian Work." An evangelistic service will be held at 7:30 o'clock in the evening after Epworth league meeting at 6:30. Sunday school convenes at 9:45 p. m.

"We extend a hearty welcome to all who have not a church home," Mr. Hall says, adding that "We should all strive to make this a church-going year."

Church Magazine Is Published By The Rev. L. Awes

The first issue of The Grande Ronde Lutheran, a monthly publication of the Lutheran church, is out. The Rev. Leif H. Awes is editor and business manager of the publication and Mrs. Awes is assistant editor.

The purpose of the little magazine, which has about six pages, is to assist the pastor by carrying announcements, church local news and other matter into the homes of Lutherans at least once each month, the many visits being a bigger undertaking than the pastor could accomplish in person.

The first number gives the church program for January, including the meeting dates of all of the church auxiliaries, editorial comment and personal concerns of the church, the pastor and his family and members of the church. A children's page, where a story for the children will be found each month, completes the magazine. This month the story is the one of Baby Moses.

All members of the church and others interested in the progress of the publication are being asked to subscribe for it.

Churches at Cove Observe Christmas

COVE, Ore., Dec. 31 (Special).—Christmas programs were held in all of the churches here Christmas eve. At the Methodist Episcopal church a Christmas cantata was given with more than 50 persons participating. The program consisted of solos, quartets and choruses, and was followed by a Christmas tree, which furnished pleasure for all.

A program was given at the Ascension Episcopal church, with the choir singing Christmas hymns during its presentation. This program was also followed by a Christmas tree.

The Baptist church presented a Christmas play, members of the Sunday school taking part, followed by a Christmas tree.

A Christmas morning service and celebration of the holy communion was held at the Ascension Episcopal church at 10 o'clock Christmas morning.

Largely the remainder of the day families and friends gathered for dinner and parties. Some of the hosts and hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Antles, Mrs. Lydia M. Lantz, Mr. and Mrs. T. Towle, Mr. and Mrs. O. Eckerstedt, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Laird, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Daniel, and Mrs. Mae Kelly.

Apple Shipments For Year Heavy

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Jan. 1.—Up to December 18 apple shipments from here had reached 4,941 cars, and estimates placed remaining local stored stocks at 350 cars. Except for about 125 cars, which will be rolled from here to Portland to catch refrigerator steamers for Europe before the first of the year, shipments from Hood River will be negligible. The remainder of the apples of first grade, late-keeping varieties will be held for the late market.

Hood River's poor-tonnage shipped up to Dec. 19, reached 481 cars. Although growers here for the most part received no returns on their 1926 apple crop, banks report \$200,000 more deposits than a year ago and loan conditions are in excellent shape.

WINNOWINGS

On New Year's eve the Wayfarers' Guild held a candy-pull at the Episcopal rectory.

The choir of the Zion English Lutheran church presented the pastor, the Rev. Leif H. Awes, with a music stand as a Christmas gift at the Christmas program last Friday night. A sum of money was given to Mrs. Awes as a gift from the congregation.

The annual parish meeting of the Episcopal church will be held in the church Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the Lutheran church will be held Friday evening, Jan. 7, at 7:30 o'clock, in the church annex. The pastor, treasurer, and heads of each organization will make brief reports on the work of the past year. All church members are urged to be present.

In connection with the bishops' crusade the Rev. C. A. Kopp, of Montana, will hold a mission in the Episcopal church the last week in January.

The Methodist Church south's aim for the coming year follows: "Start well, on time, do our best every day in helping those who need us. Stick to our work and envy none who do more than we can. We start with a vision and by God's grace shall endeavor to make this vision a reality."

Church watch parties are not losing their popularity, as may be judged by last night's attendance at many in La Grande.

Methodists Gain 23,295 During Year

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—The Methodist Episcopal church gained 23,295 members during 1926, according to a report. This gain, according to the report, gives the church a membership of 4,758,984 in the United States.

The Methodist church has 69,444 ministers throughout the world, 21,149 of whom are in the United States, the report said. There are 105,519 churches.

Worldwide adherents of the church approximate 22,000,000.

Michigan has the only state constitution with a provision for a university. The University of Michigan was established when the territory became a state in 1827.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Stockholders of The United States National Bank will be held in their banking house in La Grande, Oregon on Tuesday, Jan. 11th, at 2 p. m. At this meeting a Board of Directors will be elected for the year 1927, and any other business transacted that may properly come before the meeting.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

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H. E. COOLIDGE,
Cashier.

Three chess men of Anglo-Saxon times, each as large as a building brick, are in the British Museum.

More than 300,000 fish have been placed in Kansas streams this year, breaking all previous records.

Less Love, More War For Film's New Year Crop

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 1 (AP)—Love cliches for the final fade-out will be fewer in next year's crop of motion picture films.

What's more, the studios and shows are going to have a hard time to hold their place through the season, while the comedy crowd works at premium figures and war and costume pictures are given the right of way.

That is how John McCormick, west coast production chief, lines up the program at First National studios. Natural endings, he says, are the new rule.

"Perhaps the year's generous importation of foreign-made pictures had something to do with it," McCormick explains. "Europeans have been accustomed to logical development—where happy or tragic—in their literature for hundreds of years and naturally demand it on the screen. Americans, trend for stories, but now they are getting the Old World idea. It means more natural pictures for next year."



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Evolution Problem In North Carolina

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 1 (AP)—North Carolina fundamentalists plan to furnish legislators again with the evolution problem. They are preparing to submit to the state legislature the question of whether the theory of evolution as it related to the origin of man and as originally propounded by Charles Darwin shall be outlawed at the University of North Carolina State college and in the public schools. A handful of fundamentalists at a meeting here agreed to employ a lawyer to prepare an anti-evolution bill.

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