

Rally Day Church Programs Are Arranged

REV. C. W. CUTLER WILL SPEAK AT BAPTIST CHURCH

New Schedule in Operation Now at the Island City Community Church at Island City.

Programs in the various churches of La Grande Sunday present many very interesting sermons, musical numbers and other events, including Rally day services at some churches, a message by Rev. C. W. Cutler at the Baptist church and others.

All churches of La Grande, with the opening of the school year, are extending invitations to Normal school students to attend services. Programs for Sunday follow:

Baptist Church Sixth and Spring At the Baptist church Sunday morning, at 11:00 o'clock, Rev. C. W. Cutler, the chapel car evangelist, will speak on "The Christian's Guarantee," and at the evening service at 7:30 his subject will be "When My Ship Comes In." Special music has been arranged. These two sermons will conclude Rev. Cutler's two-weeks series.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. provides classes for all children, young people, and adults. The young people's meeting will be held in the church auditorium at 6:30 p. m. All Normal school and high school students are especially invited to attend any or all of these services and become acquainted with the members of the church.

Presbyterian Church (Sixth and Washington) Our church is organized for effective work. We deeply realize the importance and responsibility of our work, and in order that you may get the full benefit of our labors, we want to enlist your support and cooperation. If you are not tied to any other congregation, come Sunday and worship with us," urges Rev. J. Geo. Walz, the pastor. This is Rally Sunday in the Presbyterian church, beginning with the Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Meet with the children and young people and learn what the school is offering. Mr. Walz adds:

At 11:00 o'clock morning worship hour Miss Gladys Miller will play the service. The quartet, Mrs. S. B. Morgan, soprano; Miss Corinne Baker, alto; E. E. Hurley, tenor; and C. E. Anderson, baritone, will sing the anthem number. The minister will speak on "This May Be a Sign Unto You," a sermon for youth and also for adult. During this service parents will present and consecrate their children in Holy Baptism.

Christian Endeavor at 6:30 with an invitation to all young people not attending such a service elsewhere.

Island City Community Church (Island City, Ore.) The new schedule at the Island City Community church is running nicely now with the morning preaching service at 9:45 a. m. followed by Sunday school at 10:45 and Epworth League at 6:30. Rev. W. H. Hertzog will speak Sunday morning on "Giving or Getting."

Central Church of Christ (Pennsylvania Avenue) Sunday services at the Church of Christ begin with the Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Miss Dorothy Smuts is superintendent of the school, and has a splendid corps of teachers working under her. Classes in all departments are showing good interest. Rally and promotion day will be observed October 2.

The pastor of the church, Rev. Paul De F. Mortimore, is preaching a series of sermons dealing with Christ's Sermon on the Mount at the morning worship service. These are proving very interesting and popular, and of practical helpfulness. There will be an anthem by the choir at this service. The Communion will be served. The worship service begins at 11 a. m. Christian Endeavorers will meet at 6:30 p. m. for their prayer meeting. Three age groups meet at this time. Young folks are cordially invited.

The popular evening service at 7:30 p. m. attracts many who enjoy a service of the gospel evangelistic type. Old time music will be featured by the orchestra in their prelude concert. The song service is an enjoyable feature, and each one is encouraged to sing. The pastor will preach on a much discussed subject this week, using the topic, "Baptism." In announcing his subject he says: "Baptism is nowhere recorded in the Bible as a social event! It is one of the most solemn and sacred ordinances of the church. The Bible clearly teaches who are subjects for bap-

Church Membership Gaining As Result Of Depression, Says Religious Statistician

By Herbert Yalraes Jr. NEW YORK (AP) The Christian church, which made its early gains during a period of "hard times," is increasing its membership as a direct result of the depression, Dr. George Linn Kieffer, president of the American Religious statisticians, believes. The gain in 1931 was much greater than that in 1930, Dr. Kieffer asserts, but the figures compiled by him for The Christian Herald do not furnish a basis for comparison between the two years.

A five-year gain of 4,743,019 over the figure of 54,525,715 established by the government census of 1926 is noted by Dr. Kieffer, the total membership in 1931 being placed at 59,268,734, the largest in history. According to government estimates, the 1931 population was 124,070,000.

Church history shows that Christianity rose among the poor. When poverty, famine, disease, and war were undermining the apparent prosperity of the Roman empire, millions of people turned to the new religion, with the result that early in the fourth century it won full state recognition. In recent times, according to Dr. Kieffer's figures, the churches not only have gained in membership but also have increased the proportion of that membership to the total population of the country; that is, church membership has been growing faster than the population.

In 1810 in the United States there were only 85 church members in every 1,000 of population. In 1920 there were 398. Today there are 401. Dr. Herman C. Weber, next editor of the Handbook of the Churches, points out that the adult (13 years and over) church membership in 1931 was 54 per cent of the adult population.

The religious bodies also have increased the number of churches and ministers. In five years the churches have increased by 6,177, from 231,543 in 1926 to 237,720 in 1931. The ministers numbered 226,165 in 1931, an increase of 2,538 over the year before.

Church of the Nazarene Sunday school begins at 9:45 a. m. at the Church of the Nazarene. The "Rally" is creating much interest. Rev. Daniel L. Swartz reports: The morning service will begin at 11 o'clock with the pastor to speak on "Holiness Required." Frank Cain is organist. The junior missionary group will meet in the basement of the church during the sermon hour.

The young people meet at 6:45 p. m. with the lesson topic "Bible Questions." H. H. Cleaver will be leader and each one present will ask a question. The evening service begins at 7:30 and the sermon subject will be "A Sinner's Last Night." Special music is planned. Prayer meetings are held Wednesdays at 7:30 and choir practices Thursdays at 7:30 o'clock.

Church of God (Spruce at X) A Rally day program will take the place of the morning service at 11 o'clock at the Church of God. The public is invited to attend. Sunday school begins at 10 o'clock and this week completes the membership contest.



U.S. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP 1926 54,525,715 1931 59,268,734 A five year gain of 4,743,019

Church membership has increased nearly five million since 1926, and Dr. George Linn Kieffer (above), religious statistician, says a large part of the gain is a result of the depression.

"I believe that the depression has occasioned a definite increase in church membership," said Dr. Kieffer, who besides being the head of the religious statisticians is a leader in the United Lutheran church. "The church was founded in the midst of hard times, and there is always an awakening of interest in it when the world is troubled. We are witnessing a return to normalcy. In other words, men and women are going back to the beliefs and practices implanted in them as children."

"The reports from the few bodies that have tabulated figures since I worked out my totals indicate that the membership gains are continuing."

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First Church of Christ, Scientist (First and Washington) Services are at 11 and 8 p. m. with Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. for all children up to the age of 20 years. Wednesday evening testimony meetings begin at 8 o'clock.

"Reality" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, September 25. The Golden Text will be "From everlasting to everlasting, thou art God" (Ps. 90:2).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon will be the following from the Bible: "The Lord knoweth the days of the upright; and their inheritance shall be for ever" (Ps. 37:18).

The Lesson-Sermon also will include the following passages from the Christian Science textbook: "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy; "Mortal belief would have the material senses sometimes good and sometimes bad. It assures mortals that there is real pleasure in sin; but the grand truths of Christian Science dispute this error." "If sin, sickness, and death were understood as nothingness, they would disappear. As vapor melts before the sun, so evil would vanish before the reality of good. One must hide the other. How important, then, to choose good as the reality!" (pp. 489, 466).

Presbyterians Plan Rally Day For Next Sunday

A special Rally day service will be held in the Presbyterian church, Sunday morning, 9:45 o'clock, with all departments of the Bible school meeting in one large assembly. There will be promotion and graduation from cradle roll, beginners, primary and junior departments, with appropriate exercises under the direction of the superintendents. Mrs. Ray Murphy, cradle roll; Mrs. J. George Walz, beginners; and Miss Alma Cusick, primary, the little open-gate exercise by the beginners, welcoming the cradle roll children, is always beautiful and full of interest. This is the time when the little children become members of the school proper, and begin their class work. Harold Frinley, general superintendent of the school, is directing the work of the school in a most successful way, and will appreciate the attendance and cooperation of all parents and friends. Certificates of promotion, and other recognition will be given those advancing to the next class or department. According to the custom carried out by this school for the past five years, the cradle roll, beginners and primary children will appear in cap and gown. The school extends an invitation to all who can attend to be present and enjoy the children and program.

My pathway He has made so bright And scattered clouds away. Among the pastures green He leads And guides me all the way.

I praise Him for His wondrous love. That He doth show to me And for His tender mercies shown In love beyond degree. —J. H. B.

THANKFULNESS Thanks be to God for blessings rare Which He has sent today For guidance o'er the stony ground That made so rough the way.

COVE PERSONALS (By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent))

COVE (Special) — The workers were not very plentiful on the town's "clean-up day" but the few were enthusiastic and a lot of good cleaning was done and everybody felt well repaid for their efforts.

Alaskan Caribou The caribou in Alaska are the only ones now found in the United States. They inhabit the reindeer regions, largely the tundras and barren mountain ridges.

Individuality and Unity In all things that are purely social we can be as separate as the fingers, yet one as the hand in all things essential to mutual progress.—Washington.

The Mirthless Man A man without mirth is like a wagon without springs, in which one is caused disagreeably to jolt by every pebble over which it runs.—Becher.

Country Court Proceedings SEPTEMBER TERM, 1932. In re allowance of bills: GENERAL FUND

Western Union, telegram, \$ 44 Pacific Stationery & Printing Co., supplies 11.50 Nelson Printing Co., do 37.85 R. R. Huron, P. M. do 15.03 C. A. Howard, Supt., postage 3.87 City of La Grande, water 24.11 Fred Speth, labor and material 15.75 Lynch Plumbing Co., do 3.00 Andrew Grocery, supplies for Ind. 10.23 O. R. Meas Co., do 1918.18 George Barnhart, do 154.35 Community Cash Store, do 134.88 Piggly Wiggly Co., do 160.10 Mohr's Market, do 18.85 W. J. Hallmark, do 20.45 J. J. Waggoner, do 23.07 N. H. Nielson, do 5.58 G. N. Spears, do 32.28 Levy Store, do 34.24 Hofmann Grocery, do 23.51 Alstock Fay & Co., do 7.20 Haggerty Grocery, do 9.15 Moon Drug Co., do 15.55 Wright Drug Store, do 35.29 Roy Hall, hauling, rent for Mrs. O. P. Harrison, do 8.00 Mrs. Guy Chappin, do 8.00 Sol Seelman, do 7.00 Oscar Olson, do 8.00 Adrian Nielson, do 8.00 Irene McCarthy, do 10.00 J. J. Peck, do 10.00 La Grande Invest. Co., do 10.00 Geo. Chappin, do 10.00 T. H. Moore, do 6.00 Mary Horstman, do 6.00 Amy Rinehart, do 12.00 C. W. Erwin, do 11.50 Blue Mt. Creamery, do 22.61 Jennie Moon, care of Ind. 20.00 Nora Ordway, do 12.50 C. W. Erwin, Prof. service 2.00 C. R. Hospital, care of Ind. 302.50 Mary E. Mayville, do 40.00 Ed. W. Hackman, supplies 30 Dorothy Smith, rent State Ind. Acc. Comm., Ins. on men 1.70 Elgin Recorder, Pub. Court, Proc. 13.75 La Grande Observer, do 13.85 West Coast Printing Co., supplies 139.81 La Grande Book & Stat. Co., do 24.45 Wagner Hotel, do 4.80 E. O. L. & P. Co., lights and power 50.53 McClay Grocery, supplies for Ind. 180.85

LOWER COVE PERSONALS

By Mrs. Nell Knight (Observer Correspondent) LOWER COVE (Special) — Farmers are busy at odd jobs. Some fall wheat is being sown, sheep are being brought in from pasture and the lambs sent to market. Rain the fore part of the week settled the dust. A few farmers have donated their red coats and gone to the mountains in search of deer.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Johnson, Mrs. Sarah Thompson and Miss Anna Hacker went to Eagle valley recently to visit at the Carl Peterson home. They returned Friday laden with fruit from Eagle valley.

Charles Hecker, of Elgin, visited his daughter, Miss Anna, at the Johnson home last week.

The Christian Endeavor society of Lower Cove, met at the William Miller home Thursday evening for a business meeting followed by a party. A fine time was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baker spent Friday at the N. P. Knight home.

Neil Knight is remodeling his chicken house and making other improvements. Several families of this vicinity attended the Home Products show in La Grande this week.

LaVon Koger has enrolled as a student at the Eastern Oregon Normal. He will stay with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. August Erickson, of La Grande.

Miss Vera Case, teacher of Frosty, has 13 pupils enrolled. They are Eida Mae Children and Billy Mason, first grade; Betty Kight and LeRoy Children, third grade; Betty Koger and Morris, fourth grade; Edna Wiseman, sixth grade; Robert Becker, seventh grade; Lovene and Manfred Morris, George McClung and Alice Wiseman, eighth grade. There are 11 pupils enrolled at Shanghai school and 12 at Lower Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson entertained Harold Huff, of Elgin, at their home last week.

Mrs. C. A. Becker is slowly improving after her serious illness of the past two weeks. Mrs. Becker came to this neighborhood as a bride a year ago. She is at the Grande home hospital.

Mrs. Lena Becker and daughter, Florence, arrived Monday to be at the bedside of Mrs. C. H. Becker. They came from Los Angeles where Miss Becker has a position. She will return the latter part of this week but her mother will remain indefinitely.

Watch for Rust Rust has a bad habit of eating into metals. Now and then a scratched or dented fender with paint peeled off starts to rust. In these cases a little new paint will stop the damage and prevent it spreading. A half hour's work now in brushing up these spots will improve the appearance of your car.

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Local News of Record

The following information from the Union county records is by the Abstract & Title company of La Grande, Ore.

Deaths Florence Elliott to Frank E. Smith et al, Pt. Secs. 8 and 9-1N-42775. Wade, Pt. S. 14, 15, 17-28-44. C. T. Hockett et al to W. L. Rice, Pt. Sec. 13-4S-39, \$1000.

Mortgages P. M. Litter et ux to First Nat. Bk. of Union, L. 1, 2, B. 2, Union (6 mo.) \$132. E. G. Evans et ux to C. E. Hackman, Pt. L. 15, B. 114, Chap. (3 yr.) \$1250.

Miscellaneous Placer Location Notice: Ted Stoll et al, locators of "Golden Field Placer Claim" in Secs. 16 & 21-8S-35. Placer Location Notice: Frank B. Pierce et al, locators of "Golden West Mine" in Secs. 15, 22, 23, 26-6S-35.

Judgments Basche-Sage Hdw. Co. vs. Homer M. Carnes \$107.76, fee \$50, costs \$22.00. Mary A. McKenzie vs. D. A. & Bertha B. Osborn, \$13,800, fee \$500.

Circuit Court Orders Jean F. Branson vs. F. W. Lambert et ux, order for publication of summons. Oregon Mortgage Co. vs. C. A. Miller et al, order of default.

Occidental Life Ins. Co. vs. A. Hackbart et al, default, judgment, decree and order of sale of Pt. L. 3, 4, B. 4, Enterprise. Velma M. Marr vs. Odell Marr, order for suit money, attorney fees. Eva McCoy vs. Glen McCoy, order of default.

Charles A. Bingham vs. Black Marble & Lime Co. et al, order adding certain party defendants and providing for service of summons. Eva McCoy vs. Glen McCoy, divorce and judgment for attorney fees and costs.

Bill of Sale: Fred W. Smith to James W. Weaver, 60,000 feet lumber, \$400. Bill of Sale: Kenneth Hall to D. G. Gibbons, garage and office equipment \$600. Art of Incorporation: C. T. Hockett, Louie W. Hockett and J. C. Wade incorporate as "Pine Creek Livestock Co." Capital \$25,000.

The Lavendar Lunch Depot St. Baked or Fried Chicken Dinner Sunday - 35c Includes Potatoes, Dressing, Bread, Vegetable, Drink, Salad or Pie

McWilliams' DUTCH SHOPS. Burnt Sugar CAKES Each 34c. Braided TEA RINGS 15c - 2 for 25c. Date Nut CUP CAKES Dozen 15c. Fresh APPLE PIES Each 17c. Lady Fingers and Macaroons Made to Order

Keeps a cake fresh much longer. The cream of tartar in Schilling Baking Powder makes tiny bubbles in your cake batter that make tiny air holes in your cake. Substitutes for cream of tartar make big bubbles—big air holes that dry out a cake faster. Baking powders cheaper than Schilling use the substitutes. Look for the words "Cream of Tartar" on your baking powder tin. Ask any teacher of COOKING which one SHE uses