

One Out of Every Two Americans Is A Church Member

NEW YORK—More Americans—better than one out of every two—are church members than at any time in history, according to the Yearbook of American Churches, published by the Federal Council of Churches this week.

Pointing out that 150 years ago only one person in fifteen was a church member, Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Council, observed that the annual rate of increase while behind earlier decades, is running slightly ahead of the country's population.

The most recent estimate of the nation's population is placed at 148,000,000. The Yearbook's compilation of church membership based on latest figures from all sources is approximately 76,000,000.

"On the surface at least, the United States appears to be a religious country," states Dr. Cavert. In round numbers there are 45,000,000 Protestants; 25,000,000 Roman Catholics; 5,000,000 Jews and 1,000,000 Eastern Orthodox.

He acknowledges that a wide discrepancy exists between church membership and church-going in America. He points out that recent surveys of typical communities indicate that on any Sunday, except Easter, only 30 per cent of those on church rolls attend a service.

"Any" thoughtful observer," he

comments, "would detect a disturbing discrepancy between the size of churches and their influence on American life."

The 76,000,000 church members are split among more than 250 separate and independent church bodies listed in the Yearbook—a fragmentation peculiar to the United States.

The number of diverse denominations, however, Dr. Cavert says, is not as serious as it looks. Ninety seven per cent of all church members are found on the rolls of the 50 largest denominations and eight denominational families embrace 80 per cent of all Protestants. These eight groups are Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Reformed, Disciples, Episcopal, Congregational and the Evangelical United Brethren.

The great diversity of religion in the United States, Dr. Cavert points out, springs primarily from two factors—the great diversity of the population and the emphasis on religious liberty.

"The various emigrations from the old world to the new brought religious traditions with them. All of the divisions found in all of the countries of Europe were domesticated in a single nation. Religious fecundity also was encouraged by the fact that this country had no established church, no political pressure was exerted upon religious conformity and all of the churches could expect equal treatment from the national government."

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Rev. K. Tanimoto To Tell of Atom-Bombed Hiroshima

A Japanese Christian minister, who was within a mile of the center of the atomic bomb explosion in Hiroshima on the fateful day in 1945, will be the guest speaker at the Methodist church on Friday, July 29, at 8 p.m.

He is the Rev. Kiyoshi Tanimoto, pastor of the Methodist church in Hiroshima, which he is now in the process of rebuilding. Mr. Tanimoto is visiting in the United States as a guest of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist church, filling many speaking engagements, and studying church social work in this country with the idea of establishing like work in his home city upon his return.

Mr. Tanimoto was injured when the bomb exploded, but hundreds of the people served by the Christian group in the city were killed or maimed for life. The church and most of the homes were razed to the ground. Within a short time he was able to gather a handful of the survivors into a parish and the improvised church now has a membership of more than 300. Mr. Tanimoto has been active with other Christians in a widespread relief and rehabilitation service in the city, especially in the care of some of the more than 2,000 children left parentless and homeless by the bomb. He has worked with LARA and other agencies in providing food and clothing for the most needy victims.

Born in Japan, Mr. Tanimoto was educated in Methodist schools in his native land, and then came to the United States, receiving his arts and ministerial training at Emory university, Atlanta, Georgia. Before returning to Japan in 1940, he was pastor of an independent Japanese Christian church in Hollywood, California.

Mr. Tanimoto is one of the six heroes of John Hersey's book, "Hiroshima", written around the experiences of the fated city. For months after the bombing he conducted religious services in the open air, in railroad yards, and in other public places. Now his church has a temporary home.

Chick Sanitation

Before baby chicks are started, it is highly advisable to scour the brooder houses with lye or other suitable disinfectants. One pound of lye in six gallons of hot water is satisfactory for this purpose. If it is possible, the brooder house should be moved to new ground some distance from the laying house.

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Church ACTIVITIES

Blue Mountain church. Every one is invited to visit these services. Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship at 11:00, children's church at 11:20 a.m. Junior Christian service at 6:45 p.m. Evening service at 7:45 p.m.

Bible study and prayer meeting Tuesday evening at 7:45. Young People's own service Friday night at 7:45.

We extend an invitation and an appeal to our local young people and all local families to attend these services. Clifford E. Landis, minister.

Assembly of God — We wish to extend a hearty invitation to you to worship with us—the church of evangelical action.

Sunday services: Sunday school 9:45 a.m.; morning worship 11:00 a.m.; Christ's Ambassadors 6:30 p.m.; evening evangelistic service 7:45 p.m.

Weekday services: Tuesday, prayer, 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Bible study, 7:45 p.m.

We have a home department and any wishing spiritual help or would like a visit from the minister, feel free to call at any time. Also, if you are in need of a wheel chair, in an emergency, we shall be glad to be of an accommodation to you.—Rev. R. E. Parrish, minister, phone 195-R.

Culp Creek Assembly of God Church — We invite you to our Sunday school where we have classes for all ages. Sunday school 9:45 a.m.; morning worship 11:00 a.m.; young people's service 6:30 p.m.; evening evangelistic service 7:30 p.m.; prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Come and join us in these services. We desire to help you.—W. Kenneth Brightwell, pastor.

The Reorganized Latter Day Saints meet each Sunday in the banquet room of the Rainbow cafe at 10:00 o'clock for Sunday school and at 11:00 o'clock for the church service. Z. A. Coop, pastor, phone 361J.

St. Andrew's Episcopal church meets the second and fourth Sunday mornings at 11:00 o'clock for worship in Mills Chapel. Dean Perry Smith of Corvallis is in charge of the service.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Sunday school at 10:00 in I. O. O. F. hall.

The London Church of Christ Lord's Day services: Bible classes for all ages at 10:00 a.m. Song service at 10:50 a.m. Preaching at 11:15 a.m. by Max Bradford. The Lord's Supper at 11:45 a.m. Bible study at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. Bible study. Tune in KORE at 7:45 a.m. each Lord's Day for a Gospel program presented by the Springfield Church of Christ.

The London Church of Christ Lord's day services: 10:00 a.m. classes for all ages. Young people's class is studying "The Parables of Christ." 10:50 a.m. congregation song service. 11:15 preaching by Joe Olds. 11:45 The Lord's Supper. 8:00 p.m. Bible class study, the Hebrew letter.

Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. Study from the Book of Acts. It is your opportunity, privilege and duty to worship God. The Church of Christ invites you.

Trinity Lutheran — The Church of the Lutheran Hour. In the morning service next Sunday the Rev. W. B. Maier of Grace Lutheran in Eugene will deliver the message. The pastor will be preaching in Eugene. Sunday school and Bible class will be conducted at 9:45. Beginning on Monday, August 1, at 9 a.m., through August 12, Daily Vacation Bible school will be held under the church's auspices in the S.D.A. church, W. Main and M. streets. We welcome all children of grade school age to come. There will be Bible stories, songs, handicraft, and games.

Hear the Lutheran Hour each Sunday morning over station KORE, Eugene, at 9:30. The Rev. John W. Pehnken of Chicago is guest summer speaker.

Richard E. Gross, pastor

Free Methodist Church, 915 S. Sixth Street — The pastor will be absent the following two Sundays in attendance at the annual conference and camp meeting at the Free Methodist camp ground, near Portland. Sunday school next Sunday at 9:45 a.m., with Edna Stout, acting superintendent. At the 11 o'clock hour Charles O. Hosman will be in charge of the services. No young people's services but at 7:30 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. J. Stanley Krantz will be with us in a musical program consisting of specialties, requests, duets, solos, and instrumental numbers.

For the following two weeks the midweek prayer services will be in charge of Bernice Overton, on Wednesday evenings at 7:45 p.m.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend any of all of these services where you will receive a hearty handshake.

"Love" is the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, July 31.

The Golden Text is, "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you" (II Cor. 13:11).

Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon is the following from the Bible: "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice" (Eph. 4:31), together with the following correlative passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "Love one another" (I John 3:23) is the most simple and profound counsel of the inspired writer" (p. 572).

Christian Science Society, Cottage Grove, Oregon, 242 Second street holds Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday evening meetings at 8:00 p.m. (the second Wednesday of each month). Reading room is open Monday through Saturday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1301 West Main. We invite you to join us in our sabbath (Saturday) services. Sabbath school for young and old begins at 9:30 and the church services at 11:00.

Prayer meeting is held on Wednesday evening at 8:00.

A free Bible correspondence course is available to any wishing to study the Bible. Call 570 or write to 1650 So. 9th St.

First Methodist Church, 334 Washington Avenue, Frank E. Brown, minister.

A student from Willamette University, Wesley Bolliger, will be guest speaker at the eleven o'clock morning worship hour this coming Sunday. Mr. Bolliger will be entering his senior year this fall and is planning on going into the field of religious work. His topic for this Sunday will be, "Being True To Yourself." Sunday school will meet at 9:45 under the direction of Harold Hicks, superintendent.

Hebron Christian Church, the church with a hearty welcome.—Bible school 10 a.m. Classes for all ages. Jess Hill, superintendent; Marjorie Berggren, assistant superintendent. Worship service 11 a.m. Lord's Supper. Special music. Sermon, P. M. Campbell. Bible study August 2 at the Ed Roth-aug home.

Young people's meeting at the P. M. Campbell home. Mrs. Ollie Powell, advisor.

If you are without a church home, the Hebron church welcomes you.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. in I.O.O.F. hall. Elder Roscoe S. Musser, superintendent. Elder and sister Roscoe S. Musser, missionaries from Salt Lake City, Utah. Lesson for July 31, "The Training of Children," Chapter 26 in Doctrine and Covenant's Studies.

The Church of Christ, 6th and Gibbs. The church with the friendly spirit. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Classes for all ages. Morning worship and communion 11 a.m. Special music by the choir. Sermon topic "Jesus' Interview With the Man Who Wore Chains." Scripture Luke 8:22 through 59.

Young peoples C.F.C., 7 p.m. Bob and Marion Beach, sponsors. Junior E.F.C. 7 p.m. Gerry and Eileen Witherspoon leaders. Pre-prayer service 7:30 p.m. Congregational singing and evangelistic sermon beginning at 8 p.m. Sermon topic "The Personality and Deity of the Holy Spirit." Special music on the marimba by Mrs. Sherwood Smith.

Choir practice Wednesday evening 8 p.m.

Young peoples Bible study Thursday evening 8 p.m. at the Beach home. Adult Bible study and prayer service Thursday evening 8 p.m. at the church. Sherwood Smith, leader.

We invite you to come and worship with us if you have no other church home.

F. Sherwood Smith, pastor

First Baptist Church, 5th and Jefferson Avenue, Cottage Grove. F. Sidney Shinnall, minister. Mrs. Roy Reed, music director. Mrs. Charles Parrett, church school superintendent.

The regular classes of the church school are at 9:45 every Sunday morning. Graded lessons, efficient teachers, classes for all. The subject for the morning sermon at 11:00 o'clock will be "Shall We Know Our Loved Ones In Heaven? Special music by the choir."

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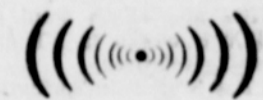
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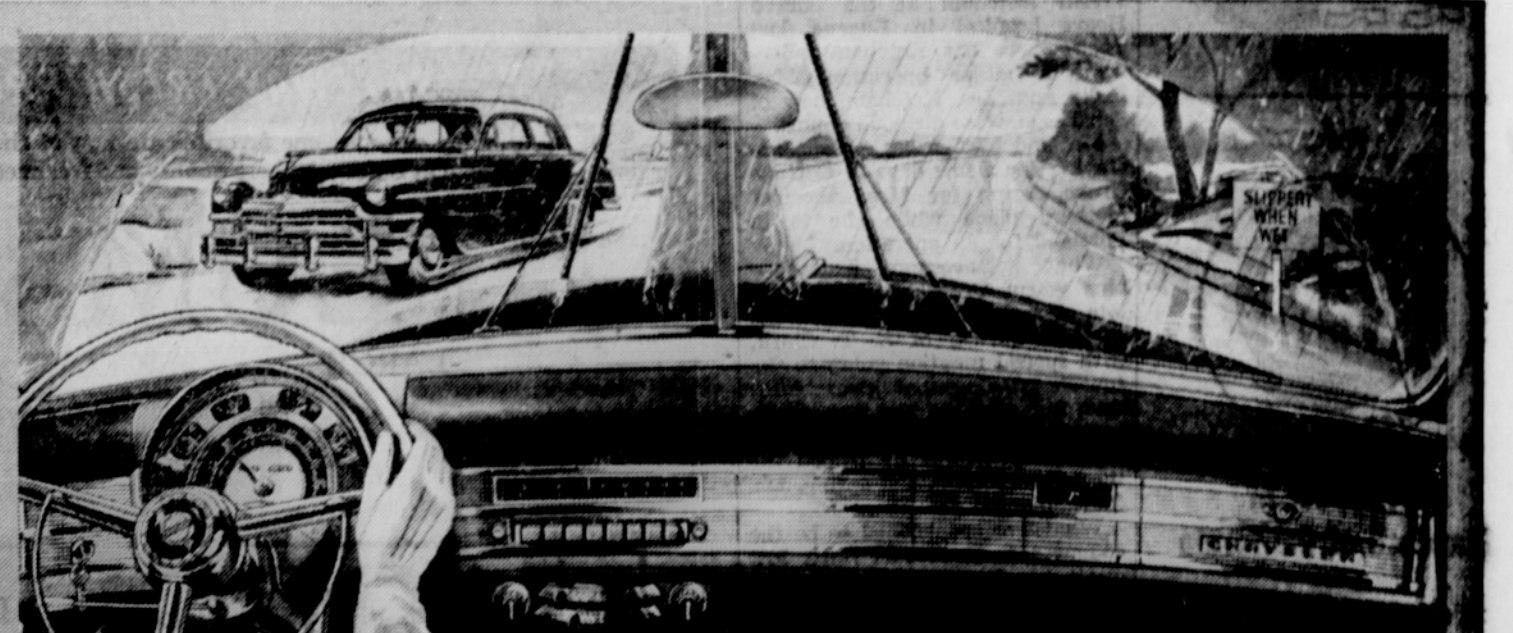
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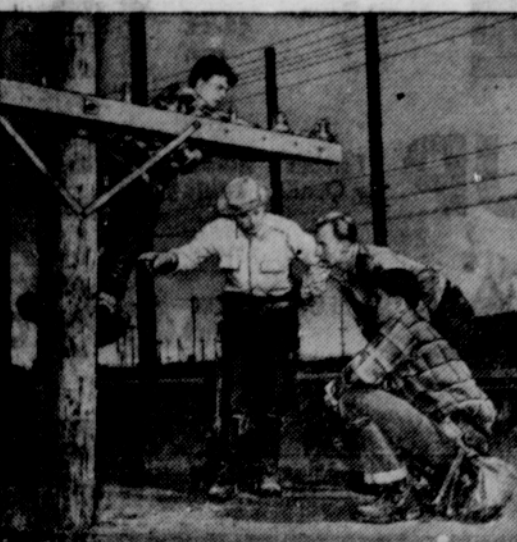
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