

SMITH RIVER

By Ethel Goodlin

The historical Methodist church of Smith River celebrated its centennial year on Friday, Sept. 3, when an open house was held during the afternoon and evening. Members, friends and their guests gathered for a social time during the afternoon, and talk-

ed over the early history and organization of the Smith River church.

Cookies and tea were served during the afternoon. During the evening program under the direction of Pastor Rev. James Shelton, a song service was held, and visiting Ministers, brought a message telling of the progress in Christian heritage by the people of the community who have steadfastly worked in the church throughout the year.

After the organization of religious meetings at Smith River in 1854 by a lay leader, Rev. J. Jeffrey, meetings were held for many years in the school house and in the homes. During the early years of this Methodist organization Smith River and Crescent City were together until the population of each community began to grow.

A building committee was appointed at Smith River and work started on the building of the Methodist church in 1878. The building was completed and dedicated in 1880, by the pioneers who settled in this community. Even with 100 years of progress, the growth of the church membership and Sunday school, a new addition was built on the north of the building, where a pastors study, social hall and kitchen has been added. At the present time additional rooms are under construction for more Sunday school rooms, as the Sunday school is out growing the present addition.

At the close of the Centennial program of this evening meeting homemade cakes and home made icecream was served to all in the social room of the church.

Former Smith River Man Passes Away

Word was received in Smith River telling of the death of Clyde Morrison, 59, who passed away at his home at Blue Lake following a short illness. Mr. Morrison was the son of Henry and Julia Morrison, and a native of Smith River. He has resided at Blue Lake for the past nine years.

He was employed by the Redwood Lumber Company at Korbel. He is survived by his wife, Mal; one sister, Mrs. Cora Fahcett, Grants Pass, Ore.; three brothers, William and Pat Morrison of Smith River, and Clifton Morrison of Springfield, Ore.; and a number of neices and nephews. Interment was in the family plot in the Smith River cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Elva E. Brown, who has made her home at Newport, Ore. for many years, sold her home there and moved to Smith River, and will occupy the Brown apartments and be near her son and wife Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown.

Lake Earl Grange is making plans to celebrate their annual Booster Night, on Friday evening, Sept. 24 at the Grange Hall in Fort Dick. A program, dancing, and social time will be held and past masters will be honored. A pot luck desert lunch will be served.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hall returned home Sunday evening from Salinas, Calif. where Mr. Hall visited his aged mother, Mrs. Florence Hall who underwent major surgery on Sept. 17. The latest report is that she is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hamman received recognition from the American Legion Monday night for having served 1500 hours as ground observer here.



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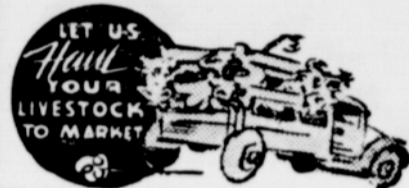
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