PACIFIC COAST NORWEGIAN METHODISTS TO CONFER HERE

Vancouver Avenue Church Will Be Host for Conference to Be Held September 19 to 24—Charles W. Burns, Bishop of Helena, Mont., to Preside in Absence of Bishop Shepard, Who Will Be in the East.

THE annual conference of the Norwegian-Danish Methodist Episcopal churches of the Pacific coast, which is a part of the Portland area under the superintendency of Bishop William O. Shepard, will be held in Portland from September 19 to 24, and the Vancouver-avenue church will be host for the occasion. Charles W. Burns, resident bishop of Helena, Mont., will preside over the conference in the absence of Bishop Shepard, who will be in attendance at several eastern conferences.

The conference is divided into two districts—Pacific and California districts—in addition to the work of the church in Ketchikan and Petersburg, Alaska. The object of the bi-lingual-speaking churches is to take care of the immigrants and to convert them into Christian citizens of America.

Among the visiting pastors will be Rev. C. J. Larsen of Salem, Or., district superintendent of the Pacific district; Rev. R. Pedersen, district superintendent of California district; Rev. Abraham Vereide, conference secretary and pastor of the First Norwegian-Danish Methodist church of Seattle; Rev. H. E. Andersen of Everett, Wash., conference statistician; Rev. Melvin Olsen, conference treasurer, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Rev. F. A. Scarvie of Portland, chairman of the board of examiners, and Rev. August Peterson, former pastor of the First church of Portland.

Other pastors who are expected to attend are Rev. O. A. Dohlsugh of Los Angeles, Cal.; F. Engelretsen of Oakland, Cal.; H. Elvigen of Kalispell, Mont.; O. T. Field, Spokane, Wash.; N. L. Hansen, Tacoma, Wash.; N. C. Hange, San Francisco; David Hassel, Salem; H. Helgesen, Moscow, Idaho; R. B. Langress, Eureka, Cal.; C. Martinsen, Aberdeen, Wash.; John Nelson, Astoria; A. Odegaard, Helena, Mont.; Joseph Olsen, Seattle, and Martinus Nelson, Eureka, Cal.

The conference will open with a reception on Tuesday night, September 19.

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Definite plans for the years' work were made by the executive committee of the Multnomah county Christian Endeavor union Tuesday night, when members met at the home of Donald O. Nelson, president, several miles out from Gresham. Each chairman will have a special month in which to drive his particular work. Clyde Beckelheimer, social chairman, is planning wholesome recreation for young people. Russell Hendricks, educational superintendent, will organize a leadership training class early in the year. Miss Orpha Phelps, social service superintendent, has definite plans to interest each society in some form of social service work. Plans for advertising the 1925 Christian Endeavor convention, which Endeavorers hope to bring to Portland, are being worked out by Edward Gieger.

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COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—Forty towns and cities are represented at the Cottage Grove Methodist camp meeting and more than 1000 people are in attendance. Bishop William O. Shepard of Portland will preach tomorrow and dedicate the grounds.

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A combined orchestra from all Sunday schools of the county will play at the Multnomah county Sunday school convention, which will be held September 11 and 12. Representatives from several orchestras are holding weekly practices under a good leader and members of orchestras wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity should report Monday evenings at the First Congregational church, 252 Park street. Practices are held in the Sunday school auditorium, side entrance.

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"The Church at Work," official publication of the Episcopal church, which has a circulation of more than 500,000, was filled at its last issue with convention material. The hospitality of the church of Oregon and details of the programme make the paper attractive to many readers all over the country. In the September number of the "Spirit of Missions" a full-page cover will present Lost Lake, revealing Mount Hood line for line. For the wide circulation John W. Lethaby, manager of this diocesan organ, announces that the convention number will be composed of striking pictures and graphic articles relating to the convention. It will circulate in every part of the Union and will be handed to each delegate. Its 125 pages will present a vivid and colorful picture of the industries and natural resources of Oregon.

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The union services which are being held in the city parks each Sunday afternoon are attracting large and appreciative audiences. Rev. R. E. Close, executive secretary of the council of churches, states that the reports indicate that the park services of this summer will have a larger attendance record than that of any previous year.

The Rev. B. Earle Parker, D. D., pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, will be the speaker at Peninsula park this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

At the Laurelhurst park meeting this afternoon at 5 o'clock Rev. J. H. Irvine, pastor of the Woodlawn Methodist church, will deliver the address. John J. Kilpack will lead the congregational singing and special music will be furnished by Mr. Kilpack and Mr. Downing.

The meeting at the Forestry building park will begin 15 minutes earlier than formerly, the service being held at 7 o'clock tonight. Dr. John Parsons of the Pacific Advocate office is to be the speaker. Mr. Egherse will sing.

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Ten study classes will be held daily during the general convention of the Episcopal church in the halls of the central library, as a feature of the triennial meeting of the woman's auxiliary. The classes will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 A. M. daily.

Mrs. T. W. Kirby is chairman of the study class committee, which includes Miss Anne Mulheron, Miss Eaton, Mrs. J. B. Hazelton, Mrs. Joseph Jones, Mrs. P. C. Taylor of Astoria, Mrs. A. J. Peel of St. Helens, Mrs. Jay Claude Black, Mrs. W. P. Jenkins, Mrs. L. D. Roberts, Mrs. S. G. Bottum, Mrs. T. N. Strong, Mrs. Joseph MacQueen, Mrs. Sarah Blue and Mrs. Abry.

The course will consist of the Bible, prayer and lectures on "Our Great Adventure," "The Task of the Church" and three classes on Bishop Bratton's new book, "The Negro."

Normal classes will also be held for church leaders. The names of the instructors for the normal classes will be announced later.

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NAMPA, Idaho, Aug. 19.—Members of the Christian Endeavor societies of Idaho will meet here August 24 to 27 in a state convention. More than 200 delegates are expected to be present. Among the speakers who will be present at the convention are Paul C. Brown, Pacific coast Christian Endeavor secretary; the Rev. J. J. Pierson of Pocatello, Idaho; the Rev. George Todd of Fruitland, Idaho, and the Rev. Jesse H. Baird of Boise, Idaho.

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Rev. Mrs. Ida M. Schorl, pastor of the Independent Bible Spiritualistic society and church, will take for her lecture topic tonight at 8 o'clock "The Golden Rule." Thursday the women of the church will serve a luncheon after the message circle is concluded. The church is on the Montavilla car line, at No. 55 East Forty-seventh street North, corner of East Couch street.

At the Mystic Church of Bethesda, 409 Alder street, near Eleventh (upper hall) services will be conducted tonight by Rev. W. W. Aber at 8 P. M., who will deliver a discourse upon a selected subject, followed by a "trumpet demonstration." Circles will be formed between 6 P. M. and 7:30 P. M. A popular feature will be a vocal and a musical solo.

Rev. Mr. Close Will Fill White Temple Pulpit.

Church Council Secretary Will Preach at Both Services.

THE pulpit of the First Baptist church (The White Temple), Twelfth and Taylor, will be filled by Rev. Ray E. Close, executive secretary of the Portland council of churches. His morning subject is "Accompaniments of Salvation." In the evening he preaches on the subject, "The Rollicking Wanderer."

Dr. Thomas J. Villers is spending his vacation with his family at Newport. He will return September 1.

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At Grace Baptist church, East Seventy-sixth and Ash streets, Rev. Charles J. Waehlte will preach at 11 A. M. on Col. 3. At 7:45 P. M. he will speak on prophecy, using a chart. Interest and attendance are well maintained in all these services.

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The community evangelistic campaign at Union avenue and Multnomah street, led by Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Jeter, will open today with a sermon by Bishop Horace M. DuBose of Charlotteville, Va., who is bishop of the northwest conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Basket dinner will be served on the ground following the sermon. At 3 P. M., Mrs. Jerry Jeter will give a Bible reading, which will be followed by a picnic lunch at 6:30. Rev. Mr. Jeter will preach at 7:45 P. M. and throughout the week at the same hour. Preceding the sermon demonstrations in cartooning, clay modeling and oil painting, subjects in which Rev. Mr. Jeter is skillful, will be given.

Plans are made to organize four choirs—a booster choir, aged 9 years; junior choir, ages 10 and 11; young people's choir, ages 12 to 15, and senior choir, 16 years and older. Song books will be free to everybody and congregational singing will be featured. Two inquiry rooms, one for men and one for women, will be used. All who accept God will be free to join the church they choose without any attempt to persuade people to join any certain church. Ministers who will assist Rev. and Mrs. Jeter are: Rev. J. B. Harris, pastor First Methodist Church, South; Rev. S. E. DuBois, pastor United Presbyterian Church of the Strangers, and Rev. J. R. Taylor, late of Lancastershire, England, from the Primitive Methodist church, and all others who will cooperate.

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In the East Side Baptist church this morning at 11 o'clock the pastor, Dr. W. B. Hinson, will preach from the subject, "Christ's Group of Gems." There will be baptism at the close of the service this morning.

Tonight at 7:45 Dr. Hinson will again preach, taking as his theme "The Signs of the Times."

The young people of the church will have charge of a special service at the county hospital this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

On Wednesday night at 7:45 Dr. Hinson will speak at the prayer service from the topic "If Christ Were Coming Tomorrow?" All of the services of this church are open to the public and a welcome is extended to all.

President Weir to Occupy Dr. McElveen's Pulpit.

Pacific University Head to Conduct Morning Service.

PRESIDENT W. C. WEIR of Pacific university will be the speaker at the First Congregational church this morning. His topic is "The More Abundant Life." The service will be in charge of Rev. Robert Allingham, pastor of the Alameda Community church. President Weir is a great executive and a practical and efficient leader. He has mapped out a big programme for Pacific university.

In the evening Rev. Robert Allingham will preach on "The Ancient and Modern Good Samaritan." Mr. Allingham is a vigorous young Irishman. He has been superintendent of city work in Denver, Colo., and has specialized in students' work in Madison, Wis. He is witty and progressive and is an expert in starting city churches.

Miss Lola Kernan, the well-known soprano, will be the soloist at both services. H. P. Lee will lead the Golden Rule forum, which meets in the pastor's study at 12:30 noon. Mrs. Carrie B. Adams will lead the service of song at the Sunday school and Mrs. F. H. Murphy will give an illutrated lecture entitled "Women of the Bible." The prayer meeting Thursday night will be led by Rev. T. F. Murphy, assisted by the board of deacons. The Endeavorers meet at 6:30 o'clock. Their topic is "Following and Setting Good Examples." Miss Pauline Snyder is the leader.

Friday night this society met at the home of Harold McEwen, 229 East Forty-ninth street, to bid farewell to two of their number, Miss Dorothy Rice, who will leave soon to attend University of Chicago, and Dudley Kleist, who will enter Princeton in September.

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The Atkinson Memorial Congregational church is holding a one-Sunday-service during the vacation of the pastor, Rev. E. E. Flint. Today the service will be held, beginning with the Sunday-school, at 10:30 and uniting with a service for worship at 11 o'clock, the combined services continuing only one hour. This service has seemed to be a success for the month of August.

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At the Men's Resort meeting at 4 P. M. today Mr. and Mrs. John Long will have charge of the music and Rev. Levi Johnson will preach from Proverbs xiii:15, "The way of the transgressor is hard." Everybody is invited.

Ministers of the Norwegian Danish Methodist Episcopal church of the west will meet in Portland September 19-24 in conference. Left to right—Bishop Charles Wesley Burns, resident bishop of Helena, Mont., who will preside over the convention; Rev. Gustav A. Storaker, pastor of the Portland church which will entertain the meet; Rev. C. J. Larsen of Salem, superintendent of Pacific district.

"Team Work," Theme of Methodist Pulpiteer.

Rose City Church Is in Splendid Financial Shape for Year.

THIS morning at the Rose City Park Methodist Episcopal church the pastor, Dr. C. W. Huett, will speak, taking as a theme "Team Work," and at night the subject will be "The Christian Ideal."

The Sunday school is beginning to round back into shape again after the summer vacation. The Sunday night service has been resumed after a month of rest and the outlook was never better for a splendid year of progress. The annual conference comes a month earlier this year than is customary but all financial claims will be met in good shape.

At the official board meeting held the first Monday night of the month it was resolved to repaint the present structure and put the property into the best possible shape. Plans have been formed and will be pushed energetically, beginning with September.

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Services will be held at the Lincoln Methodist church, corner of East Fifty-second and Lincoln streets, today at 11 A. M., theme, "Our Christian Opportunities," and at 8 P. M., theme, "Getting Into a Rut." Rev. W. N. Byars, the pastor, having returned from his vacation, will preach at both services. On Thursday night, August 24, the last quarterly conference of the year will be held and the annual reports given. Dr. W. W. Youngson, district superintendent, will preside at the meeting.

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The morning service at Clinton Kelly Memorial Methodist Episcopal church on Powell and East 40th streets will be held at 11 o'clock. The Bible schools convene at 9:45. The Rev. E. Sutton Mace, pastor, will be assisted by laymen, and soloists. The night service at Westmoreland will be 8 P. M.

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"The Source of the Minister's Sermons," will be discussed at the Woodlawn Methodist Episcopal church, morning service, by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Irvine. The night Forum topic will be "John Wesley, the Proclaimer of a Changed Life."

Professor Paul Irvine, son of the pastor, who has been musical director in this church during the summer, returned this week to his field of service as superintendent of schools at Redmond, Or.

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Centenary Wilbur Methodist church offers the interpretative reading, "The Sign of the Cross," to be given tonight at 7:45 by Mr. and Mrs. William Morton Rasmus. Rev. Harold Oberg will preach Sunday morning.

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Dr. B. Earle Parker is back from his summer vacation and will occupy his pulpit, at the First Methodist church today, both morning and evening. At the 11 o'clock morning service, he will preach on the theme, "The Choice of the Highest," and in the evening at 7:45, on "The Divine Demand." Robert Blair, precentor and soloist for August, will sing, "Fear Not Ye O Israel" (Buck) and "There Is a Blessed Home" (O'Hara). The Sunday school will convene at 9:45 and the Epworth league at 6:30.

Tuesday, August 22, at 6:15, a picnic for the members and friends of the church will be given in Laurelhurst Park. This will be a family picnic and will include everyone from the oldest to the youngest member of the church.

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At the Realization league, 148 Thirteenth street, Sunday school services will be held at 10 A. M. At 11 A. M. Rev. H. Edward Mills will speak on "Taking 'Hard' Out of Hardship." At 8 P. M. Mr. O. S. Shaw will speak on "And God Said":

Nebraska Pastor to Talk at Presbyterian Church.

Central Congregation to Hear Dr. D. J. Ferguson.

AT Central Presbyterian church, East Thirteenth and Pine, Rev. D. J. Ferguson, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian church, Alliance, Neb., will occupy the pulpit this morning. There will be no evening services until September 1, at which time Dr. Nugent will have returned from his vacation. Dr. Ferguson will also preach at Central, August 27.

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Rev. Floyd E. Dorris will occupy the pulpit of Rose City Park Presbyterian church for the remainder of August. Only morning services will be held. The pastor, Rev. Donald W. M. MacCluer, who, with his family, has been touring southern Oregon and northern California, will return the first of September.

This morning at Piedmont Presbyterian church, Rev. P. O. Bonebrake will take the place of the regular pastor and preach on the subject "Christian Service." In the afternoon at 4 the church will participate in the union services at Peninsula park.

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The pastor of the Hope Presbyterian church, who has been on a vacation the past two weeks, will be in the pulpit and speak on "Jesus, the Compassionate Friend." There will be no preaching service this evening or next Sunday. The regular service of the church will be resumed September 1.

During the vacation of the pastor the morning service was cared for by the elders, one conducting the service and another reading a selected sermon. This was an innovation, but was deeply appreciated by the congregation.

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The Society for Spreading the Knowledge of True Prayer, as organized by F. L. Rawson, holds meetings in room 405 Fleidner building, Tenth and Washington. Meetings are held Monday night at 8, when the subject is "Life Understood," and Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The First Spiritualist church, East Seventh and Hassalo streets, will hold regular services at 8 P. M. Mr. J. Willard Hills, pastor, will deliver the address, on the subject of "Smilin' Through the Borderland." Messages will be given by Mrs. Anna Lee Snyder and Mrs. Annie Coakley of Seattle, Wash. Grand circle night every Wednesday at 8 P. M., which is devoted entirely to messages.

"Mind" Is Sermon Subject at Scientist Churches.

All Portland Congregations to Hold Morning Services.

"MIND" will be the subject of the lesson sermon in Christian Science churches today.

Sunday morning services are held in all Christian Science churches today at 11 o'clock. Sunday evening services are held in First and Sixth churches, the other churches having discontinued the evening service during August.

Sunday school for pupils up to the age of 20 is held in all churches at 9:45 and 11, except Third and Fifth, where the sessions convene at 9:30 and 11.

Wednesday evening meetings, which include testimonies of Christian Science healing, are held in all churches at 8.

Reading rooms for the public are maintained at 1133 Northwestern bank building, 33 North Third street, 133 North Sixth street and 148 Killingsworth avenue, where the Bible and all authorized Christian Science literature may be read or purchased.

The churches are located as follows:

First church, Nineteenth and Everett streets; Second church, East Sixth street and Holladay avenue; Third church, East Twelfth and Salmon streets; Fourth church, Vancouver avenue and Emerson street; Fifth church, 4224 Sixty-second street southeast; Sixth church, Pythian building, 388 Yamhill street; Seventh church, 403 Smith avenue, St. Johns.

An invitation to attend the church services and visit the reading rooms is extended to the public.

"Judgment Day of God," Dr. Griffis' Subject.

Special Music Will Be Given at First Christian Church.

THE Sunday services of the First Christian church, now being held in the Lincoln high school auditorium during the construction of the new building, at Park and Columbia streets, are attracting large audiences and the congregation is finding these ad interim quarters satisfactory for both its Sunday-school instruction and its public worship. The Sunday-school session opens at 9:45 A. M., with E. Earl Feike as superintendent, and the regular classes for the various ages are being continued through the summer months.

This morning at the 11 o'clock preaching period the pastor, Rev. Harold H. Griffis, D. D., will occupy the pulpit, having for his theme, "The Judgment Day of God," the sermon being a discussion of the New Testament doctrine of future retribution in the light of modern religious thought and investigation.

The special music for the worship will be supplied by the chorus choir, of which L. Carroll Day is director, the programme for the morning service including the communion response, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" (Holbrook); the anthem, "God of Our Fathers" (Scott), and the offertory solo, "Consider and Hear Me" (Pflueger), by Eleanor Louise Stockton.

Centre College Begins Big Drive for Education.

Builder of Great Football Team to Enlarge Religious Field.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—When Centre college, Danville, Ky., beat Harvard at football every Kentuckian's breast swelled with pride. The team was entertained and toasted and cheered all over America. A sport writer of a leading metropolitan journal wrote that nobody had cheered Centre to the extent of building a dormitory for students, which is badly needed.

Now Centre and the other Presbyterian educational interests of Kentucky are engaged in a campaign to get $1,000,000 for Christian education. In addition to Centre, the theological seminary, the orphanage and the woman's college, together with the mountain mission schools, are to be the beneficiaries of this fund. This is the first time since the separation of the Presbyterian church into northern and southern branches during the civil war that a United Presbyterian movement has been started in which both northern and southern Presbyterians are to participate. It is believed that the success of this movement will have much to do with future plans for closer co-operation of the two churches.

Rev. S. Waters McGill is directing the campaign and Bethel B. Veech is treasurer of the united commission. It is stated that Centre college, out of its small enrollment, has supplied more than 300 ministers and missionaries, as well as a world-renowned football team.

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At the Vancouver-avenue Norwegian-Danish Methodist church, corner Vancouver avenue and Skidmore street, the pastor, Gus A. Storaker, will preach at 11 o'clock on the text "Christ in Our Heart." Special singing is expected on Sunday evening. The service is at 7:35 and the text will be "Holy Ground."

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Rev. H. R. Otto, of Spokane, Wash., will speak at 11 and 8 in the First Divine Science church, 816 East Clay street, near corner of East Twenty-fifth (take Hawthorne-avenue cars). The subject for the morning service will be "The Source of Life." In the evening Rev. Mr. Otto will speak on "The Greatest Need of the World." Rev. T. M. Minard, the pastor, will read the scripture lessons at both services. The public is cordially invited. The mid-week meeting is intermitted until the first Thursday in September.

Visiting Pastor to Occupy Lutheran Pulpit.

Rev. Theo Gulbaugen of Kennewick, Wash., to Preach Sermon.

REV. THEO. GULHAUGEN, of Kennewick, Wash., will occupy the pulpit of Our Savior Lutheran church, corner East Grand and Tenth streets today at the morning service. Mr. Gulhaugen and his family are in the city as house guests of Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Christensen.

"Know and Improve the Time of Our Visitation" will be the subject of the English sermon at 10 A. M. in St. Paul's Lutheran church, East Twelfth and Clinton streets, Rev. A. Krause, pastor. At 11 A. M. the pastor will preach in German on the epistle of the Sunday and will take for his subject, "The Power of the Holy Ghost." The Sunday school meets at 9 A. M. No night service will be held. Parochial school is held daily from 9 to 12 A. M. On Thursday visitors' day will be observed in Crystal Lake park. The children leave East Twelfth and Caruthers streets at 10:45 A. M. Sunday school teachers meet Friday at 7:15 P. M. and the choir rehearses the same night at 8 P. M.

There will be no services at the Clay street Evangelical church today on account of the camp meeting at Jennings Lodge. Rev. E. W. Praetorius of Cleveland, Ohio, general secretary of the Young People's Alliance and of the Sunday school, will preach at 10:45, at 3 and at 8 o'clock. His messages are very strong and forceful. The camp meeting will close with tonight's service. This meeting has lasted for two weeks, including divers conventions. The attendance has been very good.

Episcopal Rector Speaks Today in Convention.

Tom G. Taylor Will Be in Charge of Organ and Choir.

THE Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7:30 and 11 at St. Davids Episcopal church this morning. Tom G. Taylor will be back in charge of the organ and choir. The rector will continue to speak on the general convention at the morning services. At the night service he will speak on "The Right Use of the Church." Convention hymns will be sung at all the services of the day.

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Dean Ramsey announces two celebrations of the holy communion at St. Stephens Pro-Cathedral today at 7:45 and 11 o'clock. The organist, Carl Denton, has returned from California and rehearsals for the convention are under way.

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Miss Helen Burke will lead at the regular meeting of the Young People's society, formerly of St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, which will be held in Room A of the Public Library at 6:30 P. M.

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Rev. E. H. Clark will celebrate holy communion and preach at the Church of Our Savior, Woodstock avenue and Forty-first street Southeast, at 11 A. M.

Dr. Collins Will Speak on Health Programme.

Rev. N. S. Hankins Is to Have Charge of the United Brethren Evening Service.

AT the First United Brethren church, East Fifteenth and Morrison streets, Dr. Henry Collins will speak this morning on "The Christian Programme of Health," and in the evening Rev. N. S. Hankins will have charge of the services.

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At the Second United Brethren church (Alberta) Rev. B. E. Emerick will have charge of the services both morning and evening.

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Rev. E. O. Shepherd will speak this morning at the Third United Brethren church, Thirty-second avenue and Sixty-seventh Southeast, on "The Only Foundation," and in the evening on "Christ Receiving Sinners."

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The Rev. B. Ross Evans will speak this morning in the Fourth United Brethren church (Tremont) on "Adoption," and in the evening on "What Makes Things Keep Going?"

APPLE SCHOOL TO START

Experts to Show Spokane Growers How to Pack Fruit.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 19.—Plans have just been announced here for the establishment of a Spokane valley apple packing school in the warehouse of the Spokane Valley Growers' union at Opportunity, ten miles east of here. The school will open August 24 as an extension of Washington State college.

The courses will be under the direction of experts, and those completing the work in a satisfactory manner will be given a certificate of graduation from the college. Plans call for two classes with a limit of 75 pupils each. Each course will run for about a week, the length of time considered most suitable for covering the course.

Students will be expected to attend at least eight lectures and sessions and will be granted certificates when able to demonstrate to the expert in charge that they understand grade and pack methods and can put up satisfactorily the standard packs.

RETIRED VANCOUVER PASTOR HOLDS MATRIMONIAL RECORD

Rev. A. D. Skaggs, Marrying Parson of Northwestern Gretna Green, Has Wedded 6193 Couples in Period of 54 Years.

—Photo by Marcel, Vancouver, Wash.

The Rev. A. D. Skaggs and Mrs. Skaggs of Vancouver, Wash. The aged minister, in the 54 years of his service, has performed 6193 marriages, probably a world's record.

A TIMID youth and a bashful girl stood in the parlor of an old-fashioned Vancouver home one day last week and recited with an aged man a formula which he read from a book.

"I now pronounce you man and wife," said the octogenarian, and so saying uttered that pronouncement for the 6193d time.

A world's record—his friends say—one that no other welder of nuptial bonds can equal; twelve thousand three hundred and eighty-six men and women ushered into the state of matrimony in a period of 54 years!

Rev. A. D. Skaggs, retired minister of the Christian church, is the marrying parson who claims the hymeneal championship of the world. For 54 years he has served as minister and evangelist of his church in Missouri, Kansas, Oregon and Washington. For a number of years he has held forth in the little frame dwelling opposite the Clark county courthouse, where his sign "Rev. A. D. Skaggs," draws to his parlors the transient lovers who fly to the northwestern Gretna Green.

"If they're going to marry you can't stop them," is his philosophy. "As long as it's legal, I marry them. I used to marry mixed couples, but I don't any more. The Good Book says the Lord put a mark on Cain and then after Noah came out of the ark and Ham sinned he put a mark on Ham, too. So the Almighty doesn't intend for those people to marry and mix with white people; so I won't marry them."

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Rev. Mr. Skaggs is an interesting old gentleman—he has seen much of life. He was born in Kentucky in 1843, and when the civil war broke out cast his lot with the union forces, enlisting in Company K, Fourth Indiana cavalry.

He served through the war and was in action in Shiloh, Antietam, Lookout Mountain and Hatche River. He was wounded three times and was not mustered out until August 25, 1865.

At the close of the war he entered the ministry of the Church of Christ and served as state evangelist of Missouri for five years and as state evangelist of Kansas for six years. He held a similar position in Oregon for five years. In addition he has held the pastorates of a number of Christian churches.

"Yes, I've performed a good many marriages," he said with a touch of pride in his voice, "but that isn't all I've done. I've baptized 7393 persons with my own hands during my ministry. The Lord Almighty only knows how many I buried—never kept track. They used to call me the burying parson at one time.

"Yes, if these young people are going to get married there's no stopping them. I don't believe that publishing of bans for two or three weeks would help things any.

"I don't believe in the young marrying too soon. A girl ought to be 18 and a boy 21. People ought to take a little time to study life before entering the bonds of matrimony."

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Bridegrooms usually are more nervous and frightened than brides. Women usually take the lead in arranging for the marriage ceremony, the minister says, as a result of his observations in the ceremonies he has performed.

"Yes, the man is usually the more nervous of the two. Some of them are so scared they don't seem to know what to say. The women usually make the arrangement with me for the marrying," said Rev. Mr. Skaggs. "I marry them if they have the money or not. Usually they give me $5. That's the average fee. Some men give me $10. Then, again, lots of them walk out without giving anything.

"My wife knows about as much about this marrying business as I do. Most persons coming here have only one witness. The law says you must have two, so my wife helps out."

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Jazz, cards and modern dances are responsible for many of the present-day evils, the marrying parson says, though he admits that in his younger days, before he became a minister, he was a fond frequenter of the ballroom.

"But we had the old-fashioned square dances and they are not as harmful as the present ones," he said. "You know, there are not many men 80 years old that can say this: 'In all my life I've never tasted hard liquor nor had a playing card in my hands.'"

Out-of-the-way incidents seldom happen in the Gretna Green marriages, the minister says. The couples come to his house, present their licenses, get married and depart. Occasionally something happens to mar the plans. Only a few months ago an angry brother arrived at the parson's house—like they always do in the movies and in fiction—just as Rev. Mr. Skaggs was preparing to pronounce the final words. The brother dragged his sister aside, a friend handled the groom and a runaway romance was spoiled.

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"It isn't a month ago that a woman came here and began to abuse me because I had married her son, who was 29 years old," said Mr. Skaggs. "She was so excited that she knocked over the inkwell on my desk and I had to show her the door because she abused me so.

"I've been married three times myself, but I didn't divorce any of my wives. The Lord Almighty took them away from me—the first out in the missionary field. My third wife and I have been married for 24 years now and I'll tell you she's the sweetest woman on earth. If all folk got along like we do there'd be no divorce courts."

His residence at Vancouver is the factor that has made him the evident marrying champion of the world. During the year 1921, according to Clark county records, Rev. Mr. Skaggs performed 559 marriages.

"They talk about my husband marrying people," said Mrs. Skaggs when this information was given. "That justice of the peace across from the courthouse had more than 600 marriages last year."

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