

News Items of Especial Interest to Church Circles of Salem District

YOUNG PEOPLE TO HEAR JUDGE

Baptist History Subject of Coshow's Address to be Given Tonight

Judge O. P. Coshow of the state supreme court will talk before the young people of the Calvary Baptist church at the senior B. Y. P. U. meeting tonight. "A Baptist History" will be the subject. Lois Cochran will give charge of the meeting.

Other meetings of Salem young people, as announced by Edith May Jenks, chairman of the local committee of the Christian Young People's union, which will be held tonight are as follows:

At the First Presbyterian church, topic for the Christian Endeavor will be "What Are We Doing to Abolish War?" Charles Kaufman, leader. The senior C. E. of the church will be under direction of Irving Hale, with the topic, "God's Christmas Gift to the World."

"That Glorious Song of Old" will be discussed by the young people of the Jason Lee Methodist church, with Bonnie Weidheimer leader. Gwendolyn Hubbard will lead the senior Epworth League upon the same subject.

The intermediate union of the Calvary Baptist church will study the "Life of Queen Esther" under the leadership of Dorothy Ross.

Walter Lottis will conduct the union hour at the First Baptist church, with the topic, "The Call of Another World."

At the First Christian church, the C. E. group will consider "God's Christmas Gift to the World," under leadership of Helen Miltenberger. The senior C. E. will be led by Mildred Crabtree, with the same subject as the young people's group.

The University Epworth league of the First M. E. church has as its topic: "That Glorious Song of Old." Ruth Margaret Hall will be the leader. The First v church chapter will study "Christmas in Other Lands."

West Salem Church Plans Two Programs

The Ford Memorial Community church of West Salem is planning a musical program, to be given Sunday night, December 23. A Christmas program will be given Friday night of this week. Choir practice for the program next Sunday will be held tonight at 9 o'clock and again Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the church.

The weekly prayer service of the church will occur Thursday night. The Boy Scouts will meet at the church Tuesday at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Castle Chapel Will Entertain With Program

The choir and pastor of the Castle United Brethren church are cooperating in preparation of a story and song service to be given Christmas Sunday night.

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High School Students In Concert Today

A Christmas concert will be given at the Calvary Baptist church in the old Grand theatre building, this afternoon at 3 o'clock, under direction of Lena Beitar, head of the music department in the Salem high school. The chorus classes and orchestra class of Miss Tartar are giving the program, in which more than 100 voices will participate. The concert is open to the public. Carol singing will feature the concert.

Calvary B. Y. P. U. To Meet Monday

The B. Y. P. U. of the Calvary Baptist church will hold the monthly business meeting at the church at 7:30 o'clock Monday night. Other week day meetings of the Calvary groups included a meeting of the Baracca Philathea class Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the church for a pot luck supper, after which they will wrap presents for their Christmas giving as a class.

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LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY
"Church nite" will be observed at the First Christian church Wednesday night, beginning at 6:30 o'clock with a covered dish luncheon. These get-togethers of the church members and their friends are a regular weekly feature.

Likely Church Head



Latest reports point to Bishop Francis J. McConnell, of the New York area of the Methodist Episcopal church, as the next president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

Mill Street Church Plans Yuletide Hour

The Mill street Methodist church is making preparations for its annual Christmas program, to be given next Sunday night, December 23. "If ye truly seek Him" will be the theme of the program. Solo parts will be sung by Miss Arbutus Rudie, who will also assist with the music.

Events for this week at the church are announced as follows: The intermediates will meet at the church Tuesday night, "What is the Christian Method of Getting Even?" will be discussed at the mid-week service Wednesday night. The recently organized Friendly Indian club will meet at the church Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Norman Sorenson as leader. The Pioneer club under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. Patrick Dahlin, will meet Saturday afternoon at 1:00 at the church. The boys will spend the major part of the afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. At 7 o'clock the boys will meet again at the church for a business session.

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COMMUNITY SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZED

Organization of the Salem Heights community Sunday school was perfected Wednesday, December 12, and school will be held every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The first session was held a week ago today. Prof. W. H. Hertzog of Willamette University is presiding.

F. H. Zincer was named superintendent of the new school, with other officers as follows: Helen Larsen, secretary; M. Van Eaton, treasurer; Mrs. Earl Pruitt, pianist. Teachers chosen include:

Mrs. A. H. Blumenberg, Mrs. Malcomb MacDonald, Mrs. Bertha Ohm, Mrs. H. M. Nixon, Mrs. K. Smith, Mrs. D. D. Craige, Mrs. M. Van Eaton, Mrs. F. H. Zincer, A. H. Blumenberg, F. H. Zincer, C. F. Skelton, Ethel Jones.

Jason Lee Folk Plan Devotions

The mission class of the Jason Lee Memorial church will meet at the parsonage Thursday at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Gordon Black is the teacher. Devotional service will be held at 7 o'clock Thursday night, with Bible classes at 7:30. Professor Clark will lead the study of the synoptic gospels at his home. The pastor, the Rev. Harry E. Gardner, will discuss the book of John.

Church Election To Be Wednesday

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Knight Memorial Congregational church, of which the Rev. H. C. Stover is pastor, is planned for Wednesday, December 19, at 6:45 o'clock at the church. A pot-luck dinner will be served at that hour.

Harmonic Glee Is Here Today

The Harmonic glee club, consisting of 25 male voices, will appear in concert at the First German Baptist church this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The chorus is a Portland group. Both English and German songs will be contained in the program.

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