

Churches of City Report General Progress in Year Ended

NEW CHURCHES ARE BEGINNING

One now Occupied, 2 Under Way; Ministers Join In Association

By GENEVIEVE MORGAN
The year just ended has held much for the churches of the city, both from a physical and spiritual standpoint. During the year one new church building, the Church of God, was completed, and two were started. Nine changes in pastorates were made during the year, one church added to the number in the city, and one church discontinued.

Many of the churches have reported individually a spiritually prosperous year, with a goodly number added to the church rolls, and greater attendance at the church and Sunday school services. Help for the needy of the city has been given by various congregations from time to time, and especially at holiday times; and thousands of dollars have been sent from local churches into the foreign missionary fields.

The Salem Ministerial association, to which the leading ministers of the town belong, has functioned as usual the past year, meeting twice a month at the Y. M. C. A. for a constructive program and business meeting. Often speakers from outside the association are invited in to discuss some pertinent topic.

Rev. F. W. Erickson, president of the association this year, and Rev. L. W. Biddle, secretary-treasurer.

Besides the Church of God's new building, which was dedicated April 6, the First Evangelical church has under construction a new \$26,800 edifice at the corner of Summer and Marion streets, and the Castle United Brethren church is now building the first unit of its modern church plant. The latter church also remodeled its parsonage this fall. Rev. C. W. Hatch is pastor of the Church of God and promoted the building program.

To Rev. A. P. Layton of the First Evangelical and Rev. L. W. Biddle of the Castle United Brethren goes the credit of the building program launched this year by these two groups.

The center street Methodist Episcopal church was discontinued in June, 1930, just before the annual conference. A new religious organization was added to the list as a result of the change in the pulpit at the First Baptist church. Rev. Robert L. Payne, who resigned after considerable disservice within the church several months later opened here the Baptist temple, which has been holding services for several months in the fraternal temple building.

The annual Methodist conference accounted for several of the changes in pastorates, while resignations and appointments of other church groups were responsible for the other new faces in local pulpits. Ministers who came to Salem to fulfill missions sometime during the past year:

Dr. B. Earle Parker, First Methodist; Rev. Hugh B. Fouke, Jr., Jason Lee Methodist; Rev. J. R. Stewart, Free Methodist; Rev. William H. Robins, First Baptist; Rev. Fred Alban Well, Unitarian; Dr. Grover C. Birtchek, First Presbyterian; Rev. C. G. Weston, Evangelical tabernacle; Rev. Fletcher Galloway, Church of the Nazarene; Wesley Gordon, Mill street Methodist church.

In addition, Miss Margaret Whyte Stevenson of Toledo, O., became director of religious education at the First Methodist church, assuming her duties early in the fall and at the same time the new pastor arrived.

Dr. M. A. Marcy is new as district superintendent of the Methodist church.



Reading from left to right: Dr. Grover C. Birtchek, First Presbyterian; Dr. William H. Robins, First Baptist; Dr. M. A. Marcy, district superintendent Methodist churches; Rev. Hugh B. Fouke Jr., Jason Lee; Rev. Fred Alban Well, Unitarian; Rev. Fletcher Galloway, Nazarene church; and Dr. B. Earle Parker, First Methodist.

PIONEER PROJECT GIVEN AT SUMMER CAMP BY GIRLS

Y. W. C. A. Owns and Operates Place Upon Santiam River; Used Each Year

Every summer the girls of Salem, Silverton and nearby towns have the privilege of using a well equipped camp, owned and operated by the Y. W. C. A. on the Santiam river. The past summer the camp fire girls also had the use of the camp.

Week end parties and programs are also planned and carried on from early spring until late autumn. This summer our Girl Reserve worked out a "pioneer" project, which proved a real success. Some genuine ability was displayed in the making of costumes, head-dress, beads, etc.

The leaders at camp were: Mrs. E. Gallaher as Dr. John McLaughlin; Helen Breithaupt as Governor Whitaker; Doris Clarke as Jason Lee; Dorothy Hutchason as Marcus Whitman; Deena Hart as Susan Waldson; Ellen Moore as John Ball; Dorothy Taylor as William Grey; Sarah Darr as Henry Spalding.

For each camp, six girls are selected to act as a council, to confer with the camp leaders; it helps make the program and work more of a real part of the camp. Council members for the first camp were: Joan Newcomb, Iris Frederickson, Frances Lavelle, June Lienkaemper, Margaret Upjohn, Lucretia McLean.

Winter and Jefferson Streets Home B. Fouke, Jr. Minister

Three directions in which the ministry and program of the Jason Lee church are expressed are in worship, which awakens and develops God-consciousness and the awareness of His presence in all of life; truth, the search for God as Father and His resulting love of all men as fellow-children in the family of God.

It is in these directions that the worship program of the church operates, seeking through music, prayer, exposition and meditation to make Sunday significant as a day of spiritual culture; the educational work seeks the second objective, while each organization has its projects of service. The church membership numbers more than 500, the Sunday school average attendance is 275, while the three groups of young people have more than 100 in attendance.

The major events of importance during the past year have been the observance of the 20th anniversary of the church, which occupied a program of three weeks in October. In June the annual conference sent a new pastor to replace Rev. Harry E. Gaudner, who had served for two years and who went to Laurelwood Methodist church in Portland.

Rev. Hugh B. Fouke Jr. was sent to Jason Lee from a six year's pastorate in two Portland churches.

It is in the leadership of the various organizations through which the church functions that responsibility for success or failure rests. Those who are leading these groups into the New Year, planning in every department to deepen the spiritual meaning of life and offer an opportunity for growth and expression, are: H. E. Carpenter, superintendent of the Sunday school; Professor Herman Clark, director of music; Mrs. Mary E. Mehr, Ladies Aid president; Mrs. A. F. Waller, and Mrs. P. J. Voth, presidents of the two Missionary societies; F. P. Phipps, president of the Brotherhood; Clarence Poor, Elsanor Barth, and Loren Benjamin, presidents of the three young people's leagues; Phil Aspinwall, financial secretary and C. D. Chorpensing and P. J. Voth treasurers of the local and world service budgets. These leaders give much time and thought to building up the work and program of the church through the agencies of worship, truth and service.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAS 800 MEMBERS

The First Christian church located at High and Center streets, has just closed a very successful year in all departments of the church's life. This church has been a factor in the spiritual life of the community for 75 years, having been organized in 1855. The present resident membership is 800. The Sunday school has an enrollment of more than 500 with an average attendance of more than 300.

Besides the regular local budget and program the church has been giving about \$2,000 annually to missions and benevolences. Hattie Mitchell, an Oregon girl is supported as a missionary in Mondombe, Congo region, Central Africa. The joint board of elders and deacons consists of 40 men who are chosen directly by the congregation to look after the spiritual and material needs of the church.

The women's work is well organized in several circles which help the church, not only in a financial way, but in a fine illustration to the poor and needy. The women's Missionary society has nearly 100 members and accomplishes a fine work.

The present pastor, D. J. Howe, is in his fourth year, during which time more than 200 have been added to the membership. The next forward step, as soon as conditions will permit, will be a new location and a new building. The church joins with all the churches of the city in expression of good will and best wishes to the community for the new year.

MEETING NEEDS OF SPIRIT HIGH AIM

Edgar F. Sims, Pastor

It has been the endeavor of this church to administer to the spiritual needs of those attending the services. To maintain and properly conduct a Bible school where the word of God is taught to childhood, youth, and to those older; and to conduct special Bible classes for the deepening of the life of believers in the scriptures of truth.

While doing this, the material needs of neighbors have not been forgotten or neglected. The church has contributed hundreds of jars of fruit to the needy and to worthy institutions. Baskets of food have been given to unfortunate families; also other necessities have been cheerfully met.

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BUILDING PROGRAM NAZARENES' PLAN

Rev. Fletcher Galloway, Pastor

Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, we press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

ORPHAN IN INDIA HELPED BY CHURCH

Besides the baptism of 18 children, 35 adults have united with the church during the past year thus strengthening every department in personnel, leadership and program. This has brought new life to old organizations, reorganization of others, and the forming of new groups. Among the latter have been a Girl Reserve corps, a Friendly Indian tribe and a men's council.

Located in the center of this growing part of the city the church is in a large sense the center of the community life. A seven-day-week program is maintained. The building with its various rooms, auditorium, and community hall is a beehive of activity with from 20 to 25 gatherings each week ministering to the spiritual, religious, educational, social, and recreational needs of the people.

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\$85,000 ADDITION IN CHURCH SOUGHT

Dr. Parker Favors Place for Social and Educational Group Program

By DR. EARLE PARKER
I have but recently taken up my work as pastor of the First Methodist church in Salem, and am not sufficiently informed to review the work of the past year. This historic old church is moving forward with the purpose of serving the needs of its constituency as devotedly and intelligently as it did when Salem was a village in the wilderness. We could not do less and be worthy of the line of succession in which we stand.

We have in mind the construction of an addition to our church at the earliest opportune time—at a cost of at least \$85,000. A building committee has been formed; some funds are in hand; and tentative plans are drawn. This building will be devoted to the educational and social program of the church. Miss Margaret W. Stevenson, a graduate of Boston university's school of religious education and social service, has been added to our staff and has the general supervision of the educational program of the church and of the young people's work.

Through the generosity of Mrs. B. F. Carrier, a set of Deagen chimes was recently added to our organ as a memorial to Mr. Carrier, a layman whose loyalty and devotion added much to the church in other years. First church music is conducted by Prof. Cameron Marshall who has a fine chorus of 50 voices largely recruited from the students in the university.

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The congregation is looking forward to securing a site and begin the building of a church building in the near future, which when completed will be a credit to Salem.

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BAPTIST TEMPLE NEWEST TO FORM

Salem Baptist temple is a young organization just a half a year old but is growing into a strong, healthy child. When this work was first begun it was without thought of becoming an organized church, but just to provide a place of public worship for those who cared to attend the services.

Large congregations attended from the very first service and the work prospered and was blessed of the Lord by the salvation of souls until those that were interested felt led to organize our present church.

The membership has made a steady growth and this is especially true of the large number of young people who have been received into the membership. The Sunday services are held in temporary quarters, but in a large comfortable and centrally located building, the fraternal temple.

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DIRECTOR

Miss Margaret Whyte Stevenson, director of religious education of the First M. E. church, who assumed her duties early this fall. She succeeded Miss Margaret Sutherland, resigned.

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