

Oregon Christian Endeavor Ends First 50 Years

SOCIETY MAKES RAPID GROWTH

Forest Grove Home of Move in Oregon, Where Now 13,000 Belong

By MILO ROSS
The Golden Jubilee celebration of Oregon state Christian Endeavor is found to closely parallel the 50th anniversary of world-wide Christian Endeavor. It was in the manse of the Williston Congregational church that the pastor, Dr. Francis E. Clark, met with a group of young people to organize a young people's society. From that beginning, February 2, 1884, the new organization quickly spread to other churches and denominations. In October of the same year the second society was formed in Newburyport, Mass. One year later, after the organization of six groups had been effected, the first convention met as a guest of the mother society.

Started in Forest Grove in May, 1884, in Forest Grove, Christian Endeavorers first gathered in Oregon. The society in the Congregational church of that city was chartered as the first in all the great northwest. Thus, Christian Endeavor, in three years had traveled across the United States.

Dr. Francis E. Clark made a world tour in 1888 in the interests of Christian Endeavor, and established societies wherever he went. They are now in every country of the globe, but especially strong, next to the United States, in Great Britain, Germany, Canada, South Africa, Australia, India, China and Japan. Christian Endeavor is found in about eighty evangelical denominations, in most of which it is the only young people's society.

13,000 State Members
Membership now totals four million of which three million are in the United States. Fifty-six thousand societies are chartered in America. Oregon Christian Endeavorers number 13,000, meeting in 700 societies throughout the state. Of this number 1200 are found in Marion county. Conventions have marked the growth of the movement. The first nation-wide convention was held in New York City in 1892, just 11 years after the establishment of the first society, with 35,000 in attendance. Others have been held in Montreal, Cleveland, Boston, Washington, D. C., San Francisco, Atlantic City, Des Moines, Portland, Ore., again in San Francisco 1931, and last year at Milwaukee. Conventions of World Christian Endeavor have met in Washington, London, Geneva, Switzerland; Agra, India; Chicago, New York City and this coming July will meet in Budapest, Hungary.

Oregon state conventions have assembled in many cities and towns of Oregon. Of note during the last few years have been those in Salem, Medford, Marshfield, Portland, and last year in Eugene.

BIG MEET HERE IN '25
The only international convention that Oregon has entertained was in 1925 in Portland. Judge Jacob Kanzer, who was president of the state union for the two years following the convention, was the general chairman. It was at this convention that Dr. Francis E. Clark relinquished the duties of international president of Christian Endeavor and installed Dr. Poling as his successor.

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Leaders in Endeavor Convention in Salem This Week



Above, left to right: Rev. Paul Pettit of Corvallis Evangelical church who will address the convention Friday afternoon; Miss Helen McClay of Oregon City, who will address the convention; Rev. Milton S. Weber, pastor of the First Evangelical church, Eugene, and college superintendent who will give the main address at the opening session Thursday night.

HIGHLIGHTS MARION UNION RECOUNTED

H. A. Gile, Fred Lockley and W. I. Staley Among Early Leaders

Early days of Christian Endeavor in Oregon were recalled yesterday by H. A. Gile, who came to Salem from Nebraska in 1889, the year of the first state convention, and who was for many years active in the work of both the Marion county and state unions. That first convention was held in Oregon City and attracted 40 delegates, a history of the state union written by Mr. Gile in 1895 records.

The historical sketch is included in a group of such articles which form a portion of the book "World Wide Endeavor," the story of the movement by Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder and first president of the society. At the time of its publication Mr. Gile was president of the state union, in which capacity he served for several terms.

Serving on the state cabinet with him at one time were two Salem young men, W. I. Staley, now head of the Capital Business college here, and Fred Lockley, now of the Oregon Journal editorial staff. State Christian Endeavor headquarters in Salem, manned by these three ambitious men, overflowed with activity. A paper was published then, as now, serving a comprehensive mailing list which Staley kept up.

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State and City Leaders Laud Endeavor For Fine Services Past 50 Years

GREETINGS to the hundreds of Endeavorers who will be Salem guests for the next few days and well wishes for entire success of their 50th annual convention, are extended by state and local leaders:

As had also other members of his cabinet. Trips by horse and buggy to outlying points in the county were the order of the day during his administration. A canvass completed one year netted an increase of 200 per cent in the number of societies in the county outside of Salem, he recalls. During the last year of his presidency of the state union, Gile was a delegate to the great international convention at San Francisco.

A visit to the home of Mrs. Robert McMurphy in Eugene with Dr. Clark is one of the memories of early C. E. work Mr. Gile treasures. Mrs. McMurphy, who still lives in Eugene and is well-known to many Salem people, was one of the first counselors of the state society, and was for many years one of its most active leaders.

Yours cordially,
JULIUS L. MEIER,
Governor.

Dear Christian Endeavorers of Oregon:—It gives me great pleasure in welcoming you to Salem for your Golden Jubilee state convention. We trust that all Endeavorers will enjoy their stay with us and that you shall experience your greatest of all conventions. I congratulate you upon the completion of 50 years of worthy and useful service, may your movement grow and increase in its worthwhile purpose.

Sincerely,
DOUGLAS MCKAY,
Mayor of Salem.

Officers and Delegates of Christian Endeavor Convention: On behalf of the people of Salem greet you, and particularly on behalf of the Salem chamber of commerce, I extend to the officers, delegates, and to the Christian Endeavor Convention a most cordial welcome. I trust that your meeting in Salem may be well attended, and that your sessions here may be both pleasant and profitable.

May I also express the hope that the occasion of your Golden Jubilee may inspire you to greater efforts in the wonderful character building work in which you are engaged.

WILLIAM P. ELLIS,
President.

On behalf of the Salem Ministerial association I take great pleasure in extending a hearty welcome to the Christian Endeavor convention. We are happy that Salem has the privilege of entertaining this wonderful group of earnest youth. We will do all in our power to give you a happy stay in our city.

FLETCHER GALLOWAY,
President, Salem Ministerial Association.

Field Labor in State Carried On Since 1920

Field work in Oregon Christian Endeavor has had an intermittent existence. In the summer months of 1929, Lloyd R. Carrick worked in that capacity but it was not until after the international convention in 1925 that regular field work was begun. In the summer of 1925 Dallas Rice, now with the White Swan mission in Yakima, Wash., was chosen as Oregon's field secretary. He continued this work until the spring of 1928 when he resigned to take up work in Yakima. In December of the same year, Ross Guley, who is a professor in the Eugene Bible college, was elected field secretary which office he held until the spring of 1933.

In the summer of 1920 the first Oregon Christian Endeavor summer conference was held at Forest Grove with 153 paid registrations.

Scribe Has Long Service Record

Miss Viola Ogden, state secretary, has 18 years of service to her credit. Early in 1916 she began her work as campaign secretary and historian. When Christian Endeavor headquarters was established in 1919 Miss Ogden became the paid secretary, at first only part time, but finally on a full time basis. She has been Oregon's secretary since that time.

W. U. EVENTS GET ACCLAIM

Campus Music, Debate and Dramatic Events Meet With Success

Outstanding success has met the efforts of Willamette extracurricular activities during the past year. Not only was the Philharmonic choir, directed by Dean Cameron Marshall, selected as Oregon's official representative at the Century of Progress exposition in Chicago, and Willamette's forensic squad picked as one of the leading debate groups west of the Rockies, but also the football team placed high in the conference ranking, a number of three act and one act plays were successfully presented by the various dramatic clubs, and the Collegian, campus newspaper, gained recognition as the outstanding college weekly in the state.

Record Jaunt by Choir
The trip of the Philharmonic choir to Chicago on a circle route, giving concerts throughout the midwest, was the longest jaunt ever made by so large a group under the Willamette banner. The choir filled 51 engagements in 14 states, sang before large audiences at the World's fair, one of which passed the 40,000 mark, and broadcasted several times over the nation wide hook-ups of the National Broadcasting company. The choir took ten weeks to make the tour, covered six thousand miles, and was enthusiastically received everywhere.

Another feather in the Willamette bonnet was the performance this year of the debate teams which enjoyed their best season for several years and finished up by being ranked with the teams of the University of California at Los Angeles, twice national champions, Stanford, and the University of Southern California as the best forensic outfits on the coast. William Mosher won first place in the Pacific Northwest speaking contest, the Pi Gamma Delta invitational tournament at Pasadena, making him champion of the Pacific and Rocky mountain states.

Has Little Theatre
Dramatics suddenly broke forth this year as a major field of campus interest with the formation of the Little Theatre Guild, intended as an adjunct to the local chapter of the national dramatic honorary, Theta Alpha Phi. Nearly 20 one act plays and one three act play, "The Mollusc" have already been staged by this newly formed dramatic group, composed mostly of freshmen and sophomores. Added to these are the productions of Theta Alpha Phi and the junior class. The junior class play is traditionally given at May week end, which will be May 4, 5, and 6, this year. It is "Come Out of the Kitchen," a three-act comedy.

May day festivities and Freshman Glee are two of the most important student body occasions during the year. At May day the campus assumes a gala Mardi Gras atmosphere with maypole dances, early morning breakfasts, court ceremony, and athletic events. Freshman Glee is a 26 year old songfest, unlike anything presented on any other campus in the United States. Each class writes and presents an original song of a selected type. Class rivalry and campus spirit are at their heights during the week of Freshman Glee. This year the sophomores carried off the banner for the second time.

The Associated students also sponsor two major publications, the Collegian, which is one of the foremost college weeklies in the northwest, and the Willalua, a yearbook of student activities.

Many Nations Send Students To Willamette

Willamette university students come from widely separated parts of the globe, a recent survey made by the office of Dean F. M. Erickson shows students are enrolled from Bombay, India; Peking, China; Harbin, Manchukuo; Tokyo, Japan, and from several cities in Alaska. Also students from 11 states are on the rolls of the university. Thirty-one are from Washington, 9 from Idaho, 8 from Montana, 6 from California, 3 from Kansas, 2 from Ohio, and one each from Wisconsin, Illinois, Texas, New Jersey and Colorado.

TOMORROW FEATURES

Buck JONES in "Fighting Code" and "F. P. No. 1" A Drama of the Future

Ends Today Anna STEN in "NANA"

Grand

The C. E. Pledge

TRUSTING in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do; that I will make it the rule of my life to pray and to read the Bible every day, and to support my own church in every way, especially by attending all her regular Sunday and midweek services, unless prevented by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my saviour; and that just so far as I know how, throughout my whole life, I will endeavor to lead a Christian life.

As an active member, I promise to be true to all my duties, to be present at, and to take some part, aside from singing, in every Christian Endeavor prayer meeting, unless hindered by some reason that I can conscientiously give to my Lord and Master.

If obliged to be absent from the monthly consecration meeting of the society, I will, if possible, send at least a verse of Scripture, to be read in response to my name at the roll-call.

School Head



Dr. Carl G. Doney, president of Willamette University, on whose campus the four-day convention of Christian Endeavorers of Oregon is to be held.

GRADS PROMINENT IN HIGH PROFESSIONS

Willamette graduates have gained prominence in many fields a checkup on the alumni records of the university has revealed. Notably in the professions of journalism, law, theology, education and politics have they reached the top.

In the journalistic column perhaps the one of most fame is Edgar B. Piper, who was editor of the Oregonian for 15 years and helped to make it one of the great newspapers of the United States. Sam Simpson, who received his B.A. degree at Willamette in 1886, can qualify for the best beloved of the Willamette newspapermen, for his "Beautiful Willamette" has become an Oregon classic. The journalist with the most colorful career is Ralph Barnes, Moscow bureau of the New York Herald Tribune. Before going to Russia he served for the same paper in Paris and Rome.

Others prominent in the field are Frank B. Irvine, editor of the Oregon Journal, and Lawrence Davies, head of the Philadelphia bureau of the New York Times.

Three well known educators are listed as Willamette grads. They are: Carol C. Stratton, '67, president of Mills college; William A. Manning, professor of mathematics, Stanford university; and James Walter Shepherd, '00, dean of social science, state university, Ohio.

Governors, numerous state legislators, United States senators and representatives graduated from Willamette. Willis C. Hawley achieved distinction both as a legislator and an educator after he graduated from Willamette in 1884. Before going to congress to serve for 25 years, Hawley was president of Willamette university.

HA Home Owned Theater HOLLYWOOD

Tonite is Dime Nite 10c
An Explosion of Mirth
BOMBSHELL
with HARLOW and TRACY

Frank Morgan, Franchot Tone, Pat O'Brien, Una Merkel, Ted Healy
Added — Comedy, News and Travel Reel

Friday - Saturday 15c - 2 Features - 15c
JOHN WAYNE in "THE END OF THE TRAIL"

AND SECOND FEATURE Dorothea Wieck in "Cradle Song" A Paramount Picture

WILLAMETTE HAS RICH HISTORY TOO

Campus Host This Year Observing 100th Anniversary of Founding

This year is Willamette's year for anniversaries too. It is the 100th anniversary of the establishment of a mission school near Salem by Jason Lee which soon afterward became Willamette university, and the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Willamette law school, which since 1884 has produced many of the northwest's outstanding jurists.

It was exactly 100 years ago this week that Jason Lee set out from Boston, where he had just been ordained by the Methodist board of home missions, to set up a school for the Indians of the Pacific coast. Last Monday, April 16, a Jason Lee special, a replica of the covered wagon driven by Lee, left Boston to trace the route taken by the pioneer on his journey to Oregon.

Celebration This Fall
September 8, the motorized prairie schooner will arrive on the Willamette campus, where a celebration of the centennial of the school's beginnings will be held. The following day, September 9, another celebration will be held at the site of the original mission, 10 miles north of Salem on the Willamette river. It will be 100 years after Jason Lee landed there in his canoe, cut trees, and built from the logs the mission school intended for the education of the Indians, but Jason Lee's plan to bring literacy to the redmen failed, and the school was transferred to Salem, then called Chemskeeta, to be a school for the children of the pioneers. Ten years after Jason Lee had built the first mission it became Willamette university, the first institution of higher education to be established west of the Mississippi river.

A Jason Lee pageant will be one of the main features of this year's state fair.

Had First Law School
When the Willamette law school was started in 1882 it was the only law school in the northwest, and, with the exception of Hastings College of Law in San Francisco which was begun in 1872, it was the oldest law school west of the Mississippi. It had four professors and three students the first year. The first dean, Judge William M. Ramsey, is still living in McMinnville. The school of law has graduates all over the world, and has had more graduates on the supreme court benches of the northwest than any other school.

Alumni, faculty and students will gather here at a banquet May 1.

Fri., Apr. 20

the first of Five Public Lectures, nightly at 8 P. M., by Dr. Loomis (Ph.D.) at the Marion Hotel, Banquet Hall.

"Intimate Secrets of Life"

Sane, sensible, scientific — you may be shocked, but you'll be delighted! Adults only! Admission Free! See Friday's paper for details!

CAPITOL

Last Times Tonite JOHN BARRYMORE in "LONG LOST FATHER" HELEN CHANDLER DONALD COOK

FRIDAY - SATURDAY
Fast-Moving Comedy-Drama "Come on Marines" RICHARD ARLEN LIDA LUPINO
TENSE MOMENTS! BOB STEELE in "NEAR THE TRAIL'S END"

1000 YOUTHS COMING TODAY

For Golden Jubilee Meet of State Society; Program Leaders are Told

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The complete program for Friday follows:

- FRIDAY MORNING**
8:45—Quiet Hours
9:35—Assembly and song service led by Claude Neely
9:40—Conferences on Christian Endeavor Methods and Work
10:25—Assembly
11:20—Address, "The Challenge of the Race"—Rev. Kendall E. Burke
12:00—Pastors' Luncheon—Rev. C. P. Gates presiding
12:00—Life Work Recruit Luncheon—H. A. Anderson presiding
FRIDAY AFTERNOON
2:00—Song service led by Claude Neely
2:20—Conferences on "Witnessing for Christ"
3:05—Assembly and song service led by Claude Neely
3:35—Address, "Lay Aside Every Weight"—Rev. Paul Pettit
4:15—Tea for any who have attended an international convention—Mary Jewell Ladd presiding
FRIDAY EVENING
5:30—State Executive Committee Dinner
5:30—College Endeavorers' Dinner
7:30—Song service led by Claude Neely
8:00—Radio Cast "personal appearance" program
8:35—Address, "Fit for the Race"—Dr. Raymond B. Walker

Dan Poling to Preach Sunday In Pulpit Here

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the International Christian Endeavor union, who will be here this weekend for the 50th anniversary of the state Endeavor, will speak at the Evangelical church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, announces the pastor, Rev. E. W. Pettit. While in Salem Dr. Poling will be a house guest of Mrs. Ethel Poling Phelps.

26 to celebrate the law school's 50th anniversary. Nearly 300 prominent lawyers and judges who received their degrees from Willamette will be present. Chief Justice Walter Berle of the Washington supreme court will be the principal speaker, and toasts will be given by other well known graduates.

EL SINORE ENDS TONITE

THE STORY OF A WOMAN'S WANDERING HEART!
Edna Ferber's Thrilling Novel

GLAMOUR

PAUL LUKAS CONSTANCE CUMMINGS
Joseph Cawthorn LITA CHEVRET YOLA D'AVRIL

FRIDAY - SATURDAY

The author of LITTLE CAESAR provides its star with his mightiest role! . . .

ROBINSON

DARK HAZARD
500 Seats 25c