

# First Methodist Church of Salem to Celebrate 100th Anniversary

## Pastor Plans Observance With Four-Day Program Honoring Past Congregations

### First Pastor in Summer of 1841 Suggested Naming Capital City Salem; Church Now Standing for 71 Years

(Editor's note: The First Methodist church of Salem will celebrate its 100th anniversary on March 20, 21, 22 and 23. The following story of this early day congregation and of its plans today to honor its members of the past was written by the pastor, largely from a study of the old records of the church.)

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On the 50th anniversary of the First Methodist church at Salem, Dr. H. K. Hines said: "Pre-eminently this is the historic church of Oregon. Oregon City had the first edifice but Salem had the first church organization."

On October 5, 1834, Rev. Jason Lee, who had been appointed by the missionary board of the Methodist church, as a missionary to the Indians, landed a few miles below where the city of Salem now stands. On Sunday the 19th of October, 1834, he preached the first sermon ever preached in the Willamette valley. From that time until now, services have been held in this mission and church by ministers of the Methodist church. For six years the work was carried on at this point and then moved to the present site of Salem.

In 1840 the first building was erected in what is now Salem and the families of Rev. Gustavus Hines and Rev. Hamilton Campbell moved into it. Shortly afterwards the "Indian Manual Labor School" was erected, which afterwards bore the name of the "Oregon Institute" and later "Willamette university." Religious services were held regularly in this school building so that in reality it was a church as truly as a school though no formal church organization had been worked out.

The formal organization of a church occurred in June or July, 1841. David Leslie was its first pastor. It is he who is accredited with suggesting the name of Oregon's capital city in honor of his old home in Massachusetts.

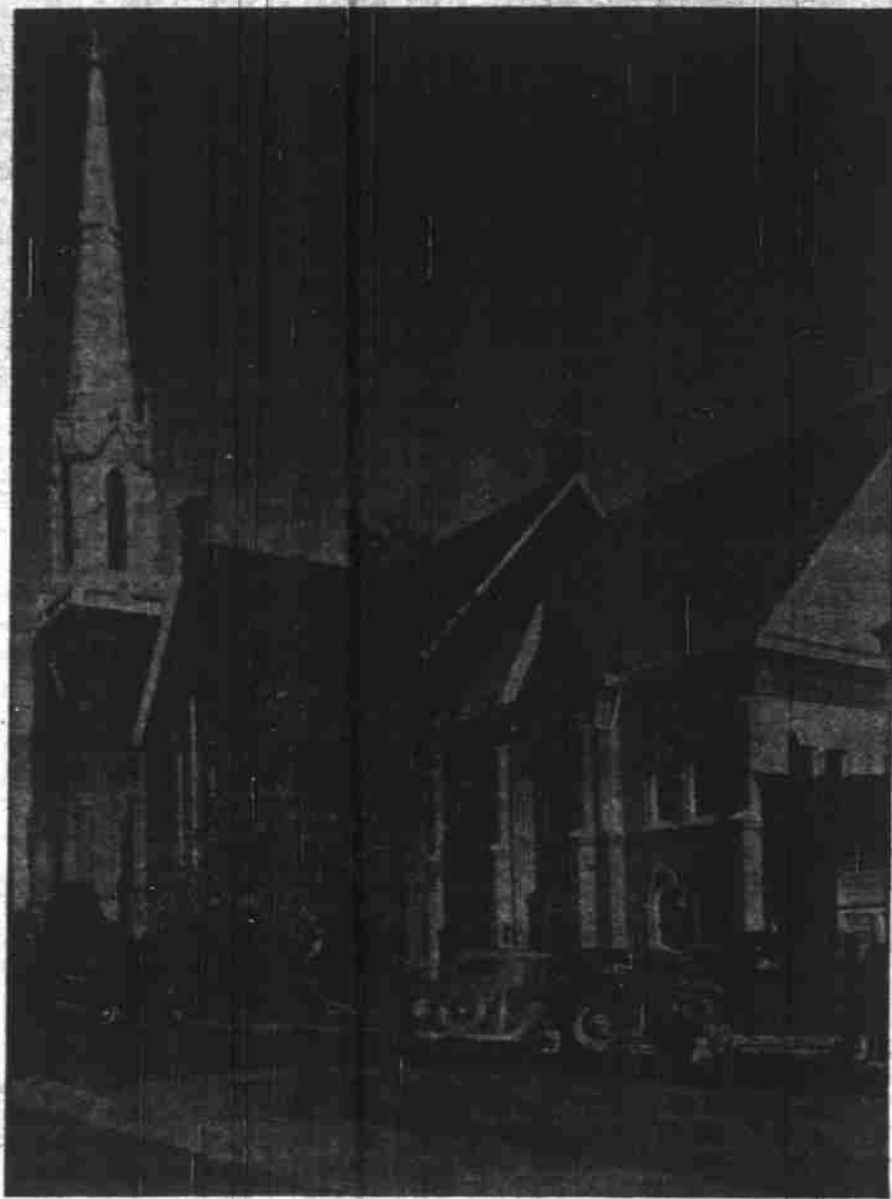
We are celebrating the 100th anniversary now because Willamette university will not be in session this summer and because Dr. Bruce R. Baxter is the only Willamette university president and preacher of Salem to have been elected a bishop of the Methodist church and his residence is still in Salem and the family members of this church.

**Original Member**  
"The original members of the church were Jason Lee, L. H. Judson, H. Campbell, James Olley, G. Hines and their wives, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holman and W. Hauxhurst, who was the first white man converted to Christ through the labors of the missionaries." (This is a direct quotation from our old records and shows their evangelistic zeal.)

Our old records go on to say: "In the beginning Mr. Lee and his assistants preached to a motley congregation of Indians with a few whites including his immediate assistants and various stragglers who from time to time gathered in from the Rocky mountains, from California and from vessels which at long intervals entered the Columbia."

The old records say too: "An addition had been built to the house erected for the mission families which was used for both school and church purposes. It was the first Methodist meeting house on the Pacific coast and the first Christian organization in the Oregon territory and the first Protestant church west of the Rocky mountains." In the same connection our records say, "The building of the university was begun in 1841 and was first occupied in the summer of 1842." Last summer Salem had its centennial—first church this

## Inspiring Spire Over Salem



The old and the new: The towering spire and Gothic arch windows at right mark the Salem First Methodist church building as it has stood through the last 71 years; the unit at the right is the educational temple, completed in 1935. The city will join in celebrating the 100th anniversary of this pioneer church on March 20, 21, 22 and 23.

third of it young people under thirty.

The staff consists of the pastor, Dr. Jabez C. Harrison; director of religious education, Miss Ruth Cremer; secretary, Miss Hilma Breuser; Dean Melvin H. Geist, director of the choir; Prof. T. S. Roberts, organist and a full time caretaker.

The ambition of the founders—religious devotion, evangelistic fervor, Christian education, missionary conquest and a commonwealth of free, intelligent, godly men has actuated the life of this old church for 100 years and is as strong today as ever.

The anniversary is to be on March 20-23rd. On the 20th the church will celebrate with an old fashioned no-host dinner for its members and those who have been members. During the dinner Miss Beryl Holt, secretary of the official board and state president of the AAUW will model the wedding dresses worn by brides in First church weddings over a period of 75 years. She will be assisted on the committee by Mrs. Winifred Herrick, Mrs. Thomas Holman and Mrs. Brown Sisson daughters of First church pioneers.

Each community along the historic highway will be asked to arrange its own celebration during the year 1943.

### Antiques Exhibition

Another feature of the evening's entertainment will be a large exhibit of antiques and hobbies in the new Educational building open from 6 to 12 with Dr. Frank Voigt, Mrs. J. A. Mills, Mrs. E. T. B. Hill, Gordon Carl, Dean Daniel Schulze, Dr. Verne Bain, Miss Mildred Yetter and Mrs. George Kelley on the committee. The program of the evening will be at 8 o'clock in the church auditorium with Hon. Willis C. Hawley, a member for over 80 years, presiding and former pastors as guests and speakers.

They are—Dr. E. N. Avison, Portland; Dr. Fred C. Taylor, Vancouver, Wash.; Dr. E. Earl Parker, Eugene; and Dr. J. E. Milligan, Bellingham, Wash. Dr. Blaine E. Kirkpatrick is the only other former pastor still living. He will not be present.

The anniversary worship service will be held on the morning of the 23rd with Gov. Charles A. Sprague expressing appreciation on behalf of Oregon, Bishop Bruce R. Baxter preaching the sermon and with the pastor and the Oregon conference cabinet of district superintendents having a part in the service. The closing program of the anniversary will be on the evening of the 23rd with the church's choir of 50 voices singing "Olivet to Calvary" by Maunder directed by Dean Melvin Geist with Prof. T. S. Roberts at the organ.

### Salary Hike Voted For Labor Chief

The senate Wednesday approved a bill by Sen. Rex Ellis (R-Umatilla) increasing the salary of the state labor commissioner from \$3800 to \$4000 a year. The office is now held by C. H. Gram. Sen. Ellis said Gram was one of the lowest paid elective officers in the state.

### Tazwell Case Delayed

The state supreme court Wednesday postponed its hearing of the quo warranto proceeding, originally scheduled for next Tuesday, that was brought recently by Newton Smith, Portland attorney, challenging the right of Probate Judge George Tazwell of Multnomah county to continue in office. It was indicated the hearing probably would be held later this month.

## \$15,000 Trail Fund Okehed

### Ways and Means Passes Centennial Celebration Commission Measure

The joint ways and means committee of the legislature Wednesday reported out favorably a bill by Senator W. H. Strayer, Baker, and others, providing for the creation of an Old Oregon Trail centennial commission and appropriating \$15,000.

The commission would be composed of five members to be appointed by Gov. Charles A. Sprague. They would represent different sections of the state and operate in an advisory capacity to the state highway commission. Members of the centennial commission would not receive any compensation but would be reimbursed for their actual expenses.

The centennial observance will be publicized through the tourist and travel bureau of the state highway department.

## New Wine Bill Expected out

Rep. H. R. "Farmer" Jones (R-Marion), who withdrew his wine bill when Gov. Sprague expressed opposition to it last week, expects the house legislation and rules to pass out a new version, cut down to the provision he most wanted, some time today, he said Wednesday afternoon.

The new bill would legalize sale of cane and tree fruit wines not exceeding 14 per cent alcohol by volume for "on premise" consumption. It will be reported out by the house alcoholic committee without recommendation, rather than with an adverse report as was the case with the original bill.

"I'm leaving the fortified wine question to be taken care of in the Burke bill," Jones explained.

## Oddities .. in the News

LEXINGTON, Ky.—(AP)—Advanced education notes: Co-eds of the University of Kentucky were offered a five-week course in billiards, starting this month.

Student fishermen of either sex also were offered a course in "fly-casting and baiting." Neither course carries academic credit.

DES MOINES, Ia.—(AP)—Amid a scattering of "no's," the predominantly republican Iowa senate passed and sent to the house a resolution to order the purchase of an old arithmetic book used by Vice President Henry A. Wallace. Sponsors said the book was for sale at \$5 in a book store here.

DENVER—(AP)—A taxpayer paid Colorado \$0.006 but he owed only \$0.0052. Trevor P. Thomas, state income tax division cashier, said the man reported his income from intangible property in 1940 was 26 cents. The tax at 2 per cent came to \$0.0052.

The taxpayer laid down three-fifths-of-a-cent sales tax tokens and obtained a formal receipt.

## Gravel Fees Are Opposed

### Eliminate Royalties, Aid Reclamation and Get Industries, Plea

Reclaiming lands along the Willamette river and other Oregon streams is essential to bringing of national defense and other industries to the state, representatives of the Port of Portland, the Portland dock commission and other organizations testified at a public hearing before the house of representatives committee on commerce and navigation Wednesday night.

The committee was considering a bill eliminating royalties on sand and gravel taken from navigable streams in the state exclusively for diking and filling purposes. The measure has been passed by the senate.

Henry Corbett, chairman of the Port of Portland commission, declared that the bill would not change the present act materially for the reason that ports are not

liable for royalties on sand and gravel taken from the streams in an effort to improve navigation at the present time.

It was Corbett's contention that the existing setup, royalties collected for sand and gravel now go into the state irreducible school fund.

"If you persist in charging royalties for sand and gravel used for filling purposes along the streams you will drive industry out of the state," Corbett continued.

Lewis Griffith, clerk of the state land board, said it was the duty and purpose of the state to collect as much royalty as possible without hindering industrial development. The land board administers the irreducible school fund.

Among others who spoke for the bill were Edward F. Doyle, member of the Port of Portland commission; George L. LaRoche, attorney for the dock commission, and ex-mayor Joe Carson.

May Darling, representing the Affiliated Teachers Council of Portland; J. W. Kennedy, Salem, and Ray Gill, master of the Oregon state grange, spoke against the measure.

## House Passes Appropriations

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wa) objected to the practice of the hospitals in crediting amounts received as board payments by relatives of patients to the hospital general funds instead of to the individual patients.

**House Committee Okehs Senator From Klamath**

A bill by Rep. Henry Semon (D-Klamath) which would give Klamath county a state senator of its own was approved by the house reapportionment committee 7 to 4. The dissenting members will not put in a minority report.

The bill would eliminate the joint Morrow-Umatilla-Union senatorial district, putting Morrow in a district with Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler.

The Klamath-Crook-Deschutes-Jefferson-Lake district would be split to give Klamath a senator with one for the other four counties.

It also would put Columbia county in with Clatsop, taking it

from the Multnomah-Columbia-Columbia district.

Protection for the bronze replica of the state seal on the floor of the capitol rotunda was voted by the house in approving a measure by Rep. Warren Erwin (D-Multnomah) to appropriate \$250 for erecting a barrier around the seal.

A resolution calling for an interim committee to study housing and care of patients at public institutions was introduced in the house by the house public institutions and the senate public buildings committees.

### To Elect Officers

Election of officers will be held at the regular meeting of the Townsend Youth association Thursday night, March 6, at 8 o'clock in the Moose hall, 12th and Leslie streets. All members have been urged to attend.

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Reg. 10c  
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**Rockwood Chocolate**

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Reg. 15c 10-Oz.  
**BORAXO**

Boraxo soap powder for hand use. Removes dirt, grease and grime easily. 13c

50c Williams Shave Cream

Large tube shave cream. Foams quickly. 39c

35c "Gets-It" Corn Remedy

Removes corns easily. Keep handy in medicine kit for ready use. 33c

50c Mystic Hand Cream

Helps soften rough, red, chapped hands. 39c

Lucky Tiger 75c Shampoo

Leaves hair and scalp thoroughly cleaned. 59c

50c Woodbury Face Powder

Choice of popular shades. Mildly scented. 43c

Jergens' Lotion

3c Bottle 39c

Just a few drops morning and night help keep hands soft and lovely.

Fairy Foot Corn Pads

Relieves shoe pressure on pesky corns. Effortless pads. 25c

10c Scott Towels

3 For 25c

Save on laundry bills. Neatly disposed of.

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Kind-edged blades for faster shave.

**\$1 Lacto Dextrin**  
16-Oz. Tin 89c

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**25c Apex Moth Cakes**  
23c

Mild cloths of pink moths; protects clothing.

**Cashmere Bouquet Face Powder**  
25c

Clinging powder. Popular shades.

**40c Palmolive Shave Cream**  
37c

Large tube of fast-foaming shave cream that softens tough beards for close shaves.

**70c Hair Tonic**  
Large Bottle 63c

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Keeps false teeth in securely, easily. 39c

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Healthful, wholesome strained foods for baby's diet.

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Soft, non-sticky cleansing cream. Easily removed with cleansing tissue.

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Soft, smooth cold cream. Ideal for powder base. Helps keep skin soft and youthful looking.

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**3 Sweetheart Soap**  
4 Bars 18c

**Certane Powder**  
4-oz. 43c  
8-Oz. Pkg. 89c

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\$1.50 Bottle 89c

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## US Gas Masks for Civilians



The war department disclosed recently that it had ordered a "limited quantity" of low cost gas masks for non-combatants in the United States for use in the event of war. Officials said the masks were designed to meet the requirements of a military commander in providing protection against gas for civilians remaining in areas under military jurisdiction and control. Above, women workers in an explosives plant rush work on the army contract. They are fitting masks on the masks.