

Council of Churches Readies For State Council Convocation

The Salem Council of Churches and Council of Church Women are making final plans for the first annual Convocation of Ministers and Laymen of the Oregon Council of Churches scheduled in Salem Feb. 2, 3 and 4.

120 Present For Pomona Grange Meet

NORTH HOWELL — Approximately 120 Grange members representing the 12 subordinate organizations in Marion county met at North Howell Wednesday for a quarterly meeting.

Activities during the three-day meeting will include individual addresses, panel discussions, vespers services, council business meeting and election of officers, counselling seminars and a banquet.

Speakers and discussion leaders will include Dr. Henry Hitt Crane, pastor of the Central Methodist church of Detroit, Mich.; Dr. Ralph Bridgman of the Court of Domestic Relations, Toledo, Ohio; Bishop Stephen Bayne Jr., of the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia; Gov. Paul L. Patterson; Charles A. Sprague, publisher, former governor and representative to the United Nations; Dr. Paul Means, University of Oregon; State Senator Richard Neuberger of Portland, and Dr. G. Henry Green, synodical executive of the Presbyterian Church USA.

Dr. Crane, who is scheduled to open the convocation with his address "The Modern Relevance of Protestant Principles," was an alternate delegate to the World Council of Churches gathering in Amsterdam in 1948. He has held his Detroit pastorate since 1938.

Dr. Bridgman, who is chief marriage counselor for the Court of Domestic Relations in Toledo, will give the address following the installation of officers for the Oregon Council. He will also conduct counselling seminars.

The April meeting will be held at Roberts Grange hall at 1:30 p.m. Following a six o'clock no-host supper the Pomona officers will exemplify the fifth degree.

The state officers conference will be held next Tuesday night at Waldo Hills, and all subordinate officers are requested to be present.

Prayer Groups Organized Here

A neighborhood prayer and study group will begin weekly meetings Thursday at 10 a. m. in the fireplace room of the Jason Lee Memorial Methodist Church.

The group will be interdenominational and in cooperation with similar groups throughout the city which are sponsored by the Salem Council of Church Women.

Minister to Fill 1st Baptist Pulpit

The Rev. Alex Sauerwein of Salem, will speak at the First Baptist church Sunday morning and evening in the absence of Pastor Lloyd T. Anderson who is attending a Bible conference in California.

The Rev. Sauerwein, formerly a pastor, is now engaged in a Bible evangelism ministry.

Members Donate Work to Youth Addition



SILVERTON—A Sunday School and Youth addition to Trinity Lutheran Church at Silverton which was estimated at \$25,000 will come to about \$15,000 because of donated labor. The report was made at annual meeting of the congregation Wednesday night. Among those putting in a lot of free-time are from left to right, Silas Trovond, chairman of the building committee; Jelmer Refsland, in charge of construction; Harlan Moe, president of the congregation and Martin Hatteberg, assistant to Refsland. (Statesman Farm Photo.)

Missionaries of Madagascar To Talk in Silverton Sunday

SILVERTON — Missionary and Mrs. G. C. Vaagens of Madagascar will speak Sunday at the 8 p.m. service of Calvary Lutheran church, the Rev. Arvid L. Hokanson has announced.

The Silverton Pilgrim Holiness church is competing with churches of the denomination in the Pacific Northwest district in an attendance contest which will end Easter Sunday. Awards offered include an expense-free trip to Summer Youth Camp and a conducted tour to local points of interest for those reaching the contest goal.

Dallas Theater To Show Film Martin Luther

DALLAS — The film, "Martin Luther," is coming to Dallas for showing at the Rio theater starting Thursday, it was announced this week. A number of churches in the city are cooperating by distributing tickets.

The movie, which portrays the life of Martin Luther, illustrates the significant role the great religious leader played in the progress of religion.

A near-capacity audience greeted the presentation of Handel's "The Messiah" last Sunday at the Dallas high school auditorium. Directed by Melvin L. Gilson, the presentation was by the Newberg community chorus and orchestra. Arrangements for the event, sponsored by the Dallas Ministerial association, were made by Ernest W. Jacobson.

A community-wide rally will be conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. in the high school auditorium on Academy street by the Val Cloud Evangelist group. The program is sponsored by the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church.

The group will also appear through Wednesday at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. In addition to Val Cloud, it features Lloyd Killgore, song leader and trumpeter, and Mrs. Cloud, contralto soloist and vibraphonist.

Move Scheduled By Congregation At Sweet Home

SWEET HOME — The Trinity Baptist Church, branch of the First Baptist Church of Sweet Home, will move into a new building in Lebanon Jan. 31.

A three-story structure, the new building contains rooms for 25 classes and an auditorium. A larger auditorium will be erected later.

Special services at 3 p. m. Jan. 31 will include an address by the Rev. C. E. Boyle, assistant executive secretary of the Oregon and Washington Southern Baptist Convention.

Others taking part in the service will be the Rev. Roland P. Hood, superintendent of missions; Mrs. Hood, secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union; the Rev. Paul McCasland, superintendent of evangelism, all of Portland. The Rev. Lee Finley, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will give the dedicatory sermon.

Church Holds Revival

INDEPENDENCE — The Church of God is currently holding revival meetings each evening with the Rev. Haustin Bible of Laurens, S. C., as guest evangelist.

Special musical numbers are featured during each service prior to the message.

St. Mark's LUTHERAN 343 N. Church St. Rev. John L. Cauble, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 5:00 p.m. Intermediate League Sr. Luther League ALL ARE INVITED

Polk, Marion Men to Meet

The North Willamette 90 and 9 Men, a group from 12 churches of Marion and Polk Counties, will hold a fellowship meeting Monday at 6:45 p. m. at the First Christian Church.

Some 100 persons are expected to attend the meeting which will include a covered dish dinner.

Salem District Youth Groups To Meet Here

The First Methodist church will be host to some 12 Methodist Youth Fellowship groups from the Salem sub-district of the M.Y.F. Sunday afternoon and evening.

Registration will begin at 4 o'clock and will be followed by a period of recreation. At 6 p.m. the Women's Society of Christian Service will serve dinner to the gathering. A worship service in the sanctuary will conclude the meeting.

Methodist churches from Pratum, Independence, Stayton, Silverton, Woodburn, Lyons, Jefferson, and West Salem will take part in the meeting along with the three Methodist churches in Salem. The Rev. Calvin Moore, director of Christian education at First Methodist, is counsellor.

Meeting Series To Open Sunday At Salem Church

A 10-day series of evangelistic services will get underway at the Calvary Baptist church Sunday evening and will continue each evening except Saturday through Feb. 3.

The Rev. and Mrs. Emil Gaverluk, evangelists with the Oregon and Washington Baptist Convention, will conduct the meetings.

Evangelist Gaverluk is an excellent chalk artist and an accomplished violinist. Special lighting and musical effects in connection with his drawings will be featured each evening along with violin music and the singing of Mrs. Gaverluk.

This Sunday Mr. Gaverluk speaks in the morning service on "What Do You Expect From Your Religion?" His topic at night will be "The World's Only Hope."

Monday has been specified as Men's Night when the men's quartet will sing, Tuesday as Sunday School Night, Wednesday will be Church Night, Thursday is to be Women's Night and Friday will be Youth Night.

Campaign Speeds Church Growth

JEFFERSON — The Rev. A. J. Quirin, pastor of the Methodist Church reports marked growth in regular church attendance since the start of the "Back to Church" campaign. Rev. Quirin's sermon topic next Sunday morning will be "Jesus and Nicodemus."

The first in a series of 12 moving pictures depicting the "Ministry of Paul," and sponsored by the Methodist Youth Fellowship, was shown in the church Wednesday night. Frank Gatchell leads the group.

Education Leader Attends Meetings Of Church Men

Dr. George B. Martin, head of the Department of Education at Willamette university, left this week for Cleveland where he will participate in the national congregational laymen's program to-day and Sunday.

As president of the Oregon State Congregational Laymen's program, he will also attend a two-day conference for the national board of missions of the Congregational Christian churches in Cleveland before returning to the campus Jan. 29.

Director to Speak

LALIBETH CENTER — The Rev. Floyd Sartwell, director of Conference Missions, will be at the Lalibeth Center Evangelical-United Brethren Church for all services Sunday. He will give the morning message and will show pictures Sunday evening of mission work and give the message also.

Visits Salem



Rev. E. B. Houser

Missionaries Home After 6 Years Service

The Rev. Tillman Houser, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Houser of Salem, is home on leave following six years missionary duty in Southern Rhodesia.

The Rev. Mr. Houser with his wife and two young sons are visiting his parents at 670 N. Church St. The missionary will spend a year in the states, traveling and lecturing, and then will return to Southern Rhodesia.

The missionary family will be honored in a homecoming service at the Free Methodist Church Sunday evening at 7:30.

He is a missionary of the Free Methodist Church. His job was supervisor of missionary schools over a large area in the southeast part of Southern Rhodesia near the Portuguese East African border.

In his traveling around the rugged country he has had many experiences with African animals and has brought home several trophies. As a boy in Salem he was a Statesman carrier and later graduated from Seattle Pacific College at Seattle, Wash.

The Rev. Mr. Houser will talk of his experiences at the Sunday night service of the Salem Free Methodist Church. Later he will visit churches in surrounding valley towns and then will travel over the United States.

Booster Club Slates Doctor

The Booster Club of St. Mark's Lutheran Church will meet at 7:30 p. m. Monday to hear Dr. Daniel Schulze of Willamette University, discuss economic and social conditions of Western Europe.

Dr. Schulze toured seven European countries last summer along with 26 students and teachers from throughout the United States.

Reception Set For Minister

An informal public farewell reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Donald Payne will be held at the First Christian Church at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5.

They plan to leave for Pendleton, Ore., in early February where the Rev. Mr. Payne has been called as pastor of the First Christian Church. He has served as minister of Christian education in the Salem church since 1952 and as interim pastor for the past four months.

Party Congress

VIENNA (INS) — The Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party announced that a full-dress Party Congress would be held Feb. 25 in Sofia. The announcement said that important changes of the Bulgarian Communist Party's constitution would be "discussed." A new central committee will be "elected" too.

Bible Group Sets Election

SILVERTON — The Weekday Bible Class Association at Silverton will hold its annual meeting on Monday at 8 p. m. at the Washington Irving building. Officers are to be elected for the new year.

Members of the association include the pastors, the Sunday School superintendent and a Sunday School Parent-Teacher Association representative, of the churches in the Silverton Ministerial Association, together with the superintendent of Silverton schools and the principals of the Eugene Field and Junior High School.

The Rev. J. A. Luthro of Trinity Lutheran is the present chairman, with Mrs. Wanda Needles as Bible school teacher.

Cadets to Hold Morning Meet Here Sunday

A Brigade of Cadets from the Salvation Army's Western Territorial Training College will conduct the meeting at the local corps Sunday morning.

Heading the brigade will be Lt. Col. E. B. Fittou, principal of the college, with Cadet Sergeant Charles Dooley of Boise, Idaho, assisting.

All members of the group are musicals and will present both vocal and instrumental numbers during the meeting. During the present tour the group will visit five other Oregon cities and hold some 20 meetings.

Following the service in Salem the brigade will be honored by a dinner given by the local Salvation Army before proceeding to their next meeting in Portland.

Membership Up, Pastor Reports

Membership of Grace Lutheran Church showed a 35 per cent increase during 1953, the Rev. Lowell W. Holte, pastor, announced this week at the annual congregational meeting.

A \$10,000 budget for the current year was adopted and plans for expanding facilities were made, he added.

Councilmen elected for the year are Carl Fisketjon, chairman; Beverly Boehm, secretary; A. M. Moon, treasurer; Harris Berg, financial secretary; Peter J. Olson and Henry Trovond, deacons; Dr. Robert Moe, trustee, and Mrs. Fidel Vroom, board of education member.

Church Officers To Be Installed

SALEM HEIGHTS — New members and officers of the church council will be installed Sunday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 11 a. m. services.

Pastor Harold Hamilton will speak to junior and intermediate pupils of the Church School at 9:45 a. m. The Church School will hold a mid-winter rally the following Sunday, Jan. 31, when a motion picture about St. Paul will be shown.

Homecoming Welcome Service

For Missionaries Tillman & Gwen Houser of Lundi, So. Rhodesia Sunday - 7:30 P. M.

Free Methodist Church

Market at Winter St. "A cordial welcome always"

SUNDAY NIGHT, JAN. 24, 7:45 P. M.

Pastor R. G. Schaffner Will Speak on THE DEVIL: Is He a Living Personality Or Merely An Evil Influence? "IF GOD CREATED THE DEVIL IS HE RESPONSIBLE FOR SIN?"

JOHNSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

N. Summer at Hood Streets

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Advertisement for First Presbyterian Church: "Try Again" by Dr. Poling. Two services: 9:45 & 11 a.m. KOOC, 10:00 A.M.

Advertisement for First Methodist Church: "Give God a Chance!" by KSLM. Brooks H. Moore Minister. Services: 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Broadcast 11:30-12:00.

Advertisement for Calvary Baptist Church: "GOOD NEWS MEETINGS" by Emil Gaverluk. Sun., Jan. 24, to Wed., Feb. 3-7:30 P.M.