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Perhaps It's a Good Idea For Town as Well as Campus

By NATALIE MEANS
The students of the University of Oregon have just completed a week of Religious Evaluation in which an effort was made to reach every student on the campus. What would be the result if the churches were to attempt the same thing for the city of Eugene?

Every pastor will sadly admit that there are many members of his church who attend services only on Christmas and Easter, and others who make an appearance only when there is a wedding or a funeral in the family.

It is a common failing to blame our shortcomings on someone else, and people who seldom or never go to church usually excuse themselves by finding fault with the minister, or the church, or occasionally with religion itself.

The opportunity to ask all sorts of questions, and to argue freely was considered very worthwhile by the students. Perhaps a similar program would be helpful to some of these lukewarm or only nominal church members, and result in a new appreciation of religion.

In addition to those who maintain only a nominal church membership, there are hundreds, perhaps thousands, in Eugene whose names are on no church roll whatsoever. They may have belonged to a church before they came here, but never bothered to unite with any church in Eugene.

No one knows to what church they formerly belonged, and they are left in a religious vacuum.

These people need to be sought out by the churches by means of a religious census. Such a plan would require the wholehearted cooperation of all the churches, and would need to be followed by a live program to help people evaluate the place of religion in their lives.

Among the ministers of Eugene there are as devout pastors, as learned scholars, and as eloquent preachers as the men brought to the campus by the Student Religious Council for Religious Evaluation Week. Church programs are varied enough to meet almost any taste or religious background.

If everyone in Eugene were actively connected with some church, religion would be a much stronger force in our community.

The problem of reaching all the people in Eugene is much greater than that of getting all the students to take part in a Religious Evaluation Week, but a census is not an impossible undertaking, and would be a logical first step in a program of Religious Evaluation for Eugene.

Social Action in the Local Church

By EDGAR M. WALBERG
If democracy is saved in America and the world, Church people will have to take a hand. To do this they will have to know more about God and more about men.
The problem relates itself to the local church. In the local church people are exposed to the weekly sermon on our Christian faith and the implications of that faith to modern life. Ministers have a sincere, if not a passionate outlook, and are demonstrating a capacity for Christian love and spiritual leadership. The secret of effectiveness is in participation on the part of the members.
It is not uncommon for churches to appoint committees on temperance, industrial relations, racial understanding and peace, but in the confused conditions of life and the other activities of the local church, it is often difficult to get these committees to perform.
The resources of social action are overwhelming when we consider the pressure and propaganda of labor unions, business associations, political platforms, newspapers and the proponents of privilege and special interest. Church people are impressed one way or the other, or are confused with conflicting ideas. The local church has the urgent responsibility to outline a program in which Protestants may effectively do their part consistent with their basic Christian faith.
Protestantism is blessed with over-all and national organizations to promote social action and specific social needs.
The efforts of these organizations are often frustrated and are sometimes in conflict with local churches because of the fact that there is little intelligent co-ordination with the members of the churches. It is important for the local church to find some way in which its life is rooted in the basic problems of the community and democratically related to its state-wide and national leadership in these fields.

Christian Farmers Feed Hungry

(The Christian Century)
At a time when misgivings have been growing concerning the future of Church World Service, the remarkable response of American farmers to the appeal of CROP (Christian Rural Overseas Program) renews faith in the generosity of the American countryside. The CROP program, in essence, is to gather trainloads of food from the farms, ship this food to the needy in Europe and Asia, and have it distributed there by church agencies that know the people they are dealing with and are not caught in the meshes of bureaucratic red tape or in any finagling for political ends.
In cases where the farm gifts are perishable, the food is converted into money and this buys the sort of food which can be shipped overseas. Thus, the CROP train which carried milk and eggs from Wisconsin in July was turned into 266,775 pounds

of powdered milk and powdered eggs when it reached the seaboard. CROP trains were assembled in Kansas and Ohio during the last week in August. They will leave Colorado, North Dakota, Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle this month. In other states the CROP campaign will reach its climax about Thanksgiving.

Before winter, at least half the states will have been canvassed for these farm gifts by 100,000 volunteers, and it now seems certain that the goal of at least a carload of food from every county in these states will be reached. In some it will be surpassed. The American farmer is doing himself proud. And Church World Service, Catholic Rural Life and Lutheran World Relief, which are showing him how to channel his brotherly concern to those in dire need, can take great satisfaction in what is happening.

"When Our Church Burned—"

By FLOYD E. TUFFS, Pastor
We of the Coburg Methodist Church have been given an opportunity that seldom comes to a community, the privilege of building a house of God from the ashes of destruction. We seldom realize the deep meaning of love and strength which we come to identify with our chosen place of worship until it is gone.

When our church burned last Christmas it seemed a great loss, but we have been blessed in our undertaking and are now ready to consecrate a new building to His service. Though it is not yet finished, we take heart and know that because it is important for the Christian life of the community it will ultimately be completed.
Our church is directly symbolic of Christian consecration, for our members and friends have put much of themselves into the structure through prayer, gifts and personal service.

Much of the labor was given; men came when their farm work was light, and worked under a skilled foreman. Townspeople came at odd hours and often worked evenings. The unity and co-operation that has been brought about in our community by this undertaking has helped to further the work which Christ would have us do—the furthering of brotherhood and good will among men. Truly our church is one in which we might take pride, and we have every right to feel joy in our accomplishment. But our task has hardly begun. A church in itself is not the end, but merely a means to an end. We have dedicated ourselves to make this new building a house of prayer and worship.

Beautiful is the large church
With stately arch and steeple;
Neighborhood is the small church
With groups of friendly people.
And whether it be a rich church
Or a poor church anywhere,
Truly it is a great church
If God is worshiped there!

We plan always to have our church be a great church.

Communism and Capitalism

"The Christian churches should reject the ideologies of both communism and laissez faire capitalism, and should seek to draw men away from the false assumption that these extremes are the only alternatives. Each has made promises which it could not redeem.
Communist ideology puts the emphasis upon economic justice, and promises that freedom will come automatically after the completion of the revolution.

"Capitalism puts the emphasis upon freedom, and promises that justice will follow as a by-product of free enterprise; that, too, is an ideology which has proved false.

"It is the responsibility of Christians to seek new creative solutions which never allow either justice or freedom to destroy the other."

Amsterdam: An Evaluation

(The Christian Advocate)
The long heralded and highly anticipated first assembly of the World Council of Churches, meeting in Amsterdam, Holland, has been held. It has adopted its constitution, elected its officers, taken its actions, made its pronouncements, and adjourned to meet in its second assembly in 1953.

It must now be judged by its performance, and not by the promises that were made in its behalf. . . .

In advance of the meeting it had been announced that somewhat in excess of 400 delegates were expected from 152 churches in 42 countries. Actually, the credentials committee accredited 351 delegates and 238 alternates, who represented 147 churches from 44 countries. The importance the secular press attached to the gathering was attested by the fact that slightly in excess of 180 newspaper correspondents and representatives were accredited, coming from every continent on the globe.

It is probably true that there was no newspaper of importance which did not carry at least some news of the meeting.

The sharpest conflict occurred along the line that separates the state churches from the free churches.

The idea that the church is co-extensive with the state, widely accepted by European churchmen as a heritage from the doctrine of the Holy Roman Empire, finds little or no favor in the mind of the average American, regardless of his denominational affiliation.

It frequently happened that the western delegates (often including Canadians) were ranged against their brethren from Europe, the Near East and the Middle East.

Younger Churches Active

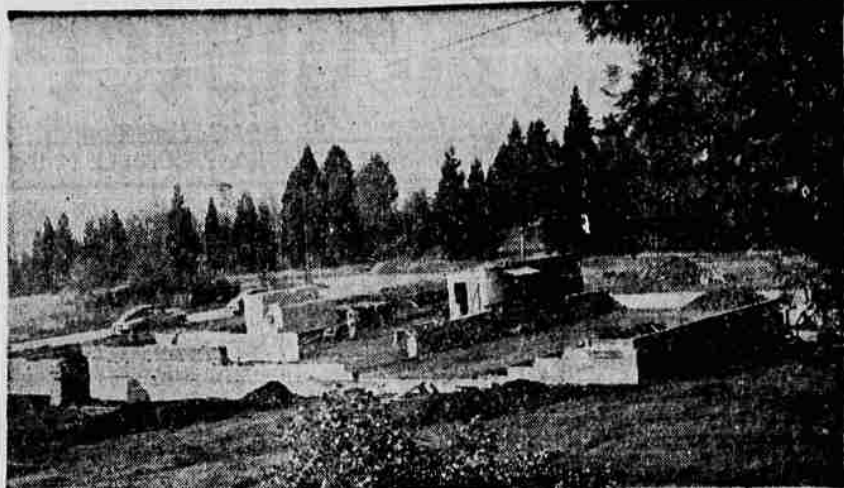
One could not sit through the plenary sessions, where matters of policy were being discussed, without becoming distinctly aware of the large part the younger churches—those of Asia, Africa, and South America—are destined to play in the Christian program of the next 100 years. Again and again some delegate from "the mission field" would get to the microphone and present his viewpoint with a skill, fervency, and conviction that swept the assembly. Listening to such consecrated souls, one knew instinctively that the day of European and American domination of the Christian scene was in eclipse. This was truly a World Council of Churches.

Extensive Program

The program as adopted by the assembly includes 11 points: (1) The organization of a secretariat numbering upward of 40 persons commissioned to carry out the mandated items agreed upon by the council; (2) continuance of the movement known as Faith and Order; (3) organization of a study department, to prepare materials for a world-wide study of the church's task; (4) establishment of a department of reconstruction and inter-church aid; (5) provision for a youth division with trained secretaries to develop youth work around the world; (6) the conduct of an ecumenical institute (financed by John D. Rockefeller Jr.); (7) a department of international affairs in conjunction with the International Missionary Council; (8) establishment of a business and administrative department; (9) organization of a work for and among prisoners of war; (10) formation of a department of public relations which will aim to work with the world press in behalf of a sympathetic coverage of religious news; (11) plans for a commission on women's work in the church; and (12) provision for a secretary of evangelism.

Not the least, and perhaps the largest single and immediate result of the first assembly of the World Council of Churches was the creation of a body of Christian leaders assembled from around the earth who, in the brief space of 14 days, learned to work together in a common cause and bound together by a common loyalty to Jesus Christ.

That alone would justify the expense involved in holding a meeting of such proportions.



Looking west and north over the foundation of the new Central Lutheran Parish Hall, at Eighteenth Avenue and Potter Street. The first unit completed was the parsonage, which is now occupied. (below) and would appear at the left is the picture were larger. The church itself will be the third and final unit, adjoining the parish hall at the north corner. The two buildings will form a U-shaped combined structure. The church will meet in the parish hall which seats about 400, until the church is completed. (Staff Photo, Wiltshire Engraving.)

Rev. Van Lierop Answers Call to Presbyterian

Fairmount Presbyterian Church members are rejoicing this week as the difficulty that has been holding back the church for so long has been resolved.

A new pastor, Rev. John H. Van Lierop, S. T. M., has answered the church's call, and the question of a temporary home for the pastor which has proven so difficult to arrange was solved the very first day he arrived in Eugene.

Sunday at 11 a. m., Rev. Van Lierop will meet his congregation for the first time, conducting the service at the church, on the corner of East Fifteenth and Villard Streets. Subject of his sermon is "The Touch of the Master's Hand."
Plans for Rev. Van Lierop's installation service are being made, and the date will be announced. Sunday school is at 9:30 a. m.

'Parents' Night' at Congregational

Parents Night will be celebrated at the high school Youth Church at their 7 p. m. worship service at the Congregational Church. Using the church auditorium, Betsy Erb and Leslie White will conduct the worship, an all-girl choir will provide the music and Wesley G. Nicholson will speak on "We Prepare The Ground." The service is open to the community.

The day's activities will include the morning worship at 9:30 and 11 a. m. The sermon will be "The Confession of Tongues." The choir will sing "Jesus, Priceless Treasure," by Bach, and Virginia Walker, soprano, will sing "The Ninety-First Psalm," by MacDermid.

Sunday school is at 9:30 for ages beginning with nursery and through the junior high. A nursery is also provided at the 11 o'clock service.

Plymouth Club for university students will be at 5 p. m. with a snack supper, which will be followed by a discussion on "A Student's Life in France" led by Miss Christianne Beylier, a student from Paris.

Women's Study Group will meet in the Wheeler Room at 8 p. m. on Monday. Professor Max Morris will begin a series of evenings with the group on "Cultural Backgrounds of the Old Testament." All women are invited.

The Women's League will hold an evening meeting Tuesday at 8 inviting all the women of the church and community to hear Dr. Charles Schleicher speak on "U. S. - Russian Relations: Power Politics or Ideology." Special music will be provided by Phillip Green, baritone.

A Fellowship Dinner will be held Wednesday at 6:30 p. m. The evening will be in charge of the Fellowship Committee of the church, of which Mrs. E. E. DeCou is chairman.

The Women's League on Friday evening will offer an audio-visual program to which all are invited. It will be two complete showings one at 7 and 8:30 p. m., the feature to be "Beyond Our Own," which is the first release of the Protestant Film Commission, produced in Hollywood.

The prairie dog is a member of the squirrel family.

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Speaker Scores Loss of Hope

"The word 'hope' is slowly slipping from the vocabulary of modern man," Dr. Carl F. H. Henry of Pasadena, Calif., declared last Sunday at First Baptist Church. "He now craves assurance that tomorrow he will avoid the lake of fire."

Dr. Henry, professor of philosophy of religion at Fuller Theological Seminary and one of eight educators invited to the Religious Evaluation Week program at University of Oregon, appealed for a return to "Biblical Christianity."

'Victorious Living' At United Brethren

In the Sunday morning worship hour at the First Church of the Evangelical United Brethren, 11 a. m., Rev. Ross Witmer will bring a message entitled, "Victorious Living." The church choir under the direction of Oscar Carlson, minister of music, will sing and special music will be presented.
The Youth Fellowship groups meet Sunday at 6:30 p. m. In the evening evangelistic service, Rev. Kenneth Dooley, assistant pastor, will speak on "A Priceless Redemption."

Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m., Ed Johnson, candidate for mayor of Eugene, will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Men's Brotherhood during which a discussion of the amendments to be voted on will take place.

Potluck Welcome for Trinity Pastor, Wife

The Trinity Methodist Church in the River Road district is meeting at the River Road School each Sunday at 11 a. m. Rev. R. W. Burtner will preach Sunday on "The Word of God."

Children and adults meet for Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Classes are held from nursery through adult. All who are interested are invited.

A special potluck dinner is to be held this Sunday following the church service in the school, to welcome the new pastor and his wife.



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11 A. M.
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7:30 P. M.
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Bible School—9:45 A. M.
Youth Meetings—6:30 P. M.
Wednesday 7:30 P. M.
THE PEOPLES MEETING
Rev. RICHARD S. TAYLOR, PASTOR

'A Cold War' At Evening Baptist Service

"Who Hath Hindered You?" will be the sermon theme of Dr. Vance H. Webster at First Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a. m. The sermon will be broadcast over KASH.

At the 7:30 p. m. service Dr. Webster will preach on "A Cold War." Song service led by Estley Schick. The Bible school meets at 9:45 a. m. and the six fellowship groups at 6:30 p. m. A "singspiration" for young people at 8 p. m.

The Umpqua Baptist Association meets Monday and Tuesday with First Baptist Church of Cottage Grove. Special speakers will include Dr. A. C. Osterholm of the Congo in Africa, and Rev. Cecil Brown of Coos Bay. The annual sermon will be given by Rev. Elwood Marvin of the Willamette Baptist Chapel.

The Bible Training classes meet Monday at 7:45 p. m. with Rev. Alexander Marsdorf and Dr. Vance H. Webster as teachers.
"Hour of Power" service will be Thursday at 7:30 with Bible study in the Book of Romans.

Rev. Peterman Takes Sermon Topic From Campus 'Religion Week'

Rev. Sidney Peterman of the Unitarian Church speaks Sunday on "God's Predicament and Man's Answer," at his morning service, 11 a. m., taking his theme from the "Religious Evaluation Week" on the campus last week.

Sunday school at 10 a. m., and adult forum and discussion preceding services. At 7:30 p. m. the youth group for college-age students will discuss "The Banning of 'The Nation' Magazine from the New York schools." Later there will be a social session with entertainment and refreshments.

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THE CHRISTIAN CITIZEN
Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore he who resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For the authorities are God's servants, for his good. Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain; he is the servant of God to execute his wrath on the wrong-doer. Therefore one must be subject, not only to God but also for the sake of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for ministers are God's servants to this very thing. Pay all of them their dues, taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for he who loves his neighbor as the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this: Love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.
Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake up. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let ourselves becoming as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. Romans 13.
The following Churches of Christ in this community welcome you to attend all of their services.
494 10th Ave. West (Eugene)
London
Monroe near Fifth (Cottage Grove)
Central View

Unity Church

Sermon topic Sunday morning will be "Bondage or Freedom." Rev. Dawson speaking. Mrs. Paul Lehman will play "Air" by G. Chopin and "Invocation" (F. Chopin). Donald Johnson will sing "He Smiled On Me" by O'Hara. Class in Truth Tuesday at 2 p. m.

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BIBLE TRUTH PROGRAM

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PRACTICAL ATHEISM

An observer recently remarked that the most common sin in America is practical atheism. It is not a mouthed open denial of God's Book; rather, it is a consistent failure to live as if there were no God or heaven at all. There can be no doubt that the Americans, although they would have the term applied to the "practical atheists." That is, they are atheists in practice.
More than twenty million Americans claim no church affiliation. The Sunday morning finds more than ten million Americans absenting themselves from church and its divine worship. And who can blame them? Millions of Americans are living their lives as if there were no God or heaven or hell!

Actions speak louder than words, and no amount of talk can conceal the practical atheism of vast numbers of our countrymen. Christ gives the lie to the practical atheist who claims to be a believer, but ignores the Church, when he says: "He that is of God heareth God's words; ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God."
Christ occupies no place in the life of a man who does not occupy the center. Paul writes, "For me to live is Christ, and, 'The life which I now live I live by the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.' Christ and His Gospel are not at the core of your life, if anything else is—and it shouldn't be."

There is only one cure for practical atheism—believe the Gospel!

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