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Abraham Lincoln

In his recent book "Lincoln and the Preachers," Edgar DeWitt Jones gives a fine summary of Lincoln's spiritual life. Although Lincoln never joined any church, he was deeply interested in religious things and was friendly to all churches, and attended services regularly in a number of different churches.

Dr. Jones declares:

"No one communion can ever claim Abraham Lincoln to the exclusion of the others. He was greatly and grandly, yet withal simply, a Christian in love and tenderness. His Christianity was unique, non-sectarian, and undenominational.

Tomorrow, the Sunday nearest Lincoln's birthday, will be observed by churches throughout the land as "Race Relations Sunday."

It is a pity that it is necessary to set aside a day for such a purpose. It is even doubtful that the setting aside of such a day makes race relations much better.

It is, however, a hopeful sign when all the churches realize that an effort must be made to improve race relations. Good work is being done, and we can only pray that the day will come when it will be unnecessary to have a special day designated as "Race Relations Sunday."

New Churches

During the past year and a half a number of new churches have been built in the Eugene area, all of which show a definite trend in church construction.

In the first place the visitor is impressed by the attractiveness of these new churches.

Constructed on clean, simple lines, they look like churches. The barn-like structures or ginger-bread decoration of 50 years ago is no longer acceptable. Eye-sores are being replaced by buildings of which Christians can be proud.

The loss of the Cottage Grove Christian Church and the Coburg Methodist Church by fire served to impress people with the need for more nearly fireproof church buildings. The new Christian Church of Cottage Grove is brick and the Coburg Church is constructed of pumice blocks.

Provision for Sunday school class rooms has been made in these new churches, with adequate space for the entire Sunday school. The old custom of holding three or four classes in the sanctuary, each bothering the others, is a thing of the past.

One feature of the old churches which no one regretted giving up was the fat wood heater.

Those who sat near it roasted, while the rest of the congregation shivered. Good furnace installations make the new churches much more comfortable, to say nothing of doing away with an ugly note in the sanctuary.

All these new churches have very attractive social rooms, and excellent kitchen facilities.

Of course the women of 50 years ago prepared wonderful church suppers in the little cramped kitchens, and on the single wood range most churches possessed. But the church of today should have a modern kitchen, and the church architect realizes that it cannot be stuck under a stairway or off in a corner. It is an important feature of today's church.

Still another fact strikes the visitor to these new churches—the provision for parking.

Since the majority of people go to church by car the problem of parking is great, even for a church in a town the size of Coburg.

Fifty years ago it was believed that the ideal location for a church was on the highway. Probably there was the hope that some traveler might stop for a service. However, the noise of heavy traffic, and the hazard for children have made such locations the least desirable today. The Junction City Methodist Church was wise indeed to give up its old site and build a few blocks off the highway.

One interesting development in these new churches is a growth in membership and in zeal in church work.

Evidently people are inspired by these new churches. Certain it is that these new structures make possible a greatly enlarged program for youth.

At First Christian

"Saved By An Idea" is the message of Pastor Hugh N. McCallum of First Christian at the 11 a.m. service. The choir will sing the anthem "Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake" by Farrant, and Barbara Jean Smith will sing "Prayer Perfect" by Stenson. At the 7:30 p.m. service Rev. McCallum will speak on "Faraway Places." Miss Marybeth McCallum will sing "Just for Today."

Bible School 9:45 a.m. Nursery service for both morning services. Junior Church from 11 to 12 in the junior department. Junior High groups meet at 5 p.m. for fun and social period and Christian Endeavor. The High School group meets at 5:30 p.m. for a social period, followed by Christian Endeavor. Town and Campus group meets at 6 p.m. in the White Room. The University Christian Fellowship meets at the campus YMCA lounge (Kincaid St.).

Mid-week service Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the White Room.

At Methodist

At the First Methodist Church Sunday at 11 a.m. the minister Rev. L. O. Griffith, will preach on the theme, "The Failure at Laodicea." Music for the morning will include an anthem by the choir, "To Thee We Sing," by Schredov. The morning solo will be sung by James Kays, tenor.

Church school 9:45 a.m. A nursery will be maintained for young children and infants from 9:45 a.m. through 12 p.m. From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. a World Fellowship banquet will be sponsored by and for the members of the Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship, Wesley Foundation and the Young Adult Fellowship. A nursery will be provided during the banquet hour.

Nicholson Brings Church Merger News

Rev. Wesley Goodson Nicholson will preach on "The Doubtful Future" at both the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services at the Congregational Church.

Mr. Nicholson has just returned from the historic meeting of the Congregational-Christian Churches where it was voted to merge with the Evangelic and Reformed Churches.

Miss Virginia Walker, soprano, will sing "The Ninety-First Psalm" by MacDermid, and the choir, under the direction of Miss Mary Grubbs, will sing "God Is A Spirit" by Bennett.

Sunday night will be Parents' Night at the High School Youth Church, and will include a worship service in the chapel at 7:30 p.m. on the theme "The Christian Home," followed by an informal reception in the Wheeler Room.

Plymouth Club for university students will meet at 5 p.m. in the Wheeler Room. Following supper Mr. Nicholson will speak to the group on the recent merger of the Congregational denomination.

The World Church News and Inspirational Reading Group will meet on Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the home of Miss Helen Staples, 1301 Ferry Street.

The Women's League will meet in the Wheeler Room on Tuesday at 2 p.m. Dr. C. C. McCown will speak on "What Do We Know About The Real Jesus." Mrs. C. W. Wester will lead devotions. Larry Maves, violinist, will be guest soloist. Mrs. Arthur Dunning is chairman of the tea committee, assisted by Mrs. Harlow E. Hudson, Mrs. Willis Warren and Mrs. O. N. Mickelson.

Four-fifths of U. S. farm houses were without modern bath rooms in April, 1947.

Profanity Is Sermon Target At Baptist

Dr. Vance H. Webster will preach on "The Sin of Swearing" Sunday at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church. This will be the third in a series of messages on "Rules for Living Today" based on the Ten Commandments. The service will be broadcast over KASH.

The Bible school meets at 9:45 with classes for children and young people and seven classes for adult groups. There is a nursery for babies, and classes for those 2 years and over.

The new choirette directed by Faye Schick will make its first appearance at the evening service with Charles Roffe presiding. Special music will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Chase and Mrs. Elsworth Maricle. Robert Kintigh, Mrs. Max Boles, Ronald Paul and Robert Van Atta will also take part in the service. Dr. Webster will preach on "Honoring and Dishonoring Our Parents."

There will be two singspirations for young people after the evening service.

The Palermo Brothers who have recently returned from Italy will be featured in music and message at a Youth for Christ rally Sunday at 3:30 p.m. and at Youth for Christ banquet Monday at 6:45 p.m.

Hour of Power service Thursday at 7:30 p.m. with Bible study in the Book of Romans.

'First, Build'

"First Build the Temple" is the subject on which the Rev. R. W. Burtner will preach at the 11 a.m. service Sunday at Trinity Methodist Church in the River Road School. Music will be provided by Mrs. P. L. Wallace. There will be nursery supervision during the church hour. Church school 9:45 a.m.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rogers, 1571 Horn Lane. The group will discuss the book of Genesis, continuing a study of the Old Testament. Jo Ann Rogers and Patricia Bell will lead the worship service.

A worker's conference for church school teachers will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday evening in the parsonage to discuss various departmental needs to be included in the building program.

Sound Film at Central Lutheran

"Messenger of Peace," and hour and a half feature sound film will be shown at Central Lutheran Church Sunday 7:30 p.m. Luther Club has charge of the service. A free will offering will be received.

"The Confession of a Great Soldier" is the title of Pastor Harold Aalbue's sermon at Central Lutheran Church this Sunday morning at 11:00. The choir will sing "Praise Ye The Lord" by C. Palmer.

Members of the Sunday School Staff will meet for a fellowship and instruction at 5:30 p.m. for supper in the parish hall. M. O. Dahl and Miss Murray will lead the practical hour.

Adult instruction class will meet at the Central Lutheran Annex 242 East Sixth on Monday 8 p.m. Those interested in studying the key doctrines of the Christian faith are welcome.

VISIT EPISCOPAL

The University High School's Hi Y Club (YMCA) will visit St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Sunday, 11 a.m. The group visits a different church every two weeks as part of their activity program. Wade Eaton, devotional chairman, made the arrangements.

Holiness Meet At Nazarene

The annual convention of the Oregon State Holiness Association will be held in the Nazarene church here Monday evening and all day Tuesday, announces the pastor, Rev. Richard S. Taylor. Rev. W. E. Cox, of Portland, is president of the oragnization.

The speaker for the opening rally Monday evening at 7:30 will be Rev. Sherman Moore, and in the closing service Tuesday evening Rev. Orville Jenkins, of Salem, will preach. Business sessions will be conducted Tuesday, beginning at 9:30 a.m., and Tuesday at 1:30 p.m., with preaching service at 11 a.m., at which time Rev. Dean Gregory will speak. The public is invited to all sessions.

The Association is an interdenominational organization designed to promote a deeper spiritual life among Christians. The convention will be composed of delegates and visitors from about 12 subsidiary county organizations in the state. The state group is in turn a member of the National Holiness Association, each member of which is required to be a member in good standing in a regular denomination, but who desires to associate to study and advance scriptural holiness.

At Unitarian

"Ralph Waldo Emerson, Religious Liberal" is the Rev. Sidney Peterman's sermon topic Sunday morning at the Unitarian Church. This will be a consideration of basic religious thought of the famed Unitarian minister, Emerson.

At 9:45 a.m. the adult forum takes place, led by Max Morris, University of Oregon faculty member, on "Religion and the Philosophy of History."

At 7:30 p.m. Channing Club for college age youths meets at the fireplace room.

The new president of the church, elected last week at annual meeting, is Lewis Smith; Miss Mona Masterson is recording secretary; Max Morris financial secretary; Mrs. Ralph Crow, treasurer; Mrs. M. G. Marcy, religious education director; N. S. Christianson, Roy Andrews, and Mrs. Lavina Honey, trustees.

The church had 100 per cent increase in membership during the past year, the church's first full year of activity since the war, with a regularly called minister.

Science Movie

Using what are probably the first time - compressed colored movies of the photosynthesis of a leaf, preacher-scientist Dr. Irwin A. Moon reveals new secrets of nature in his sound film, "The God of Creation," to be shown at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, (Feb. 17) at the Springfield Christian Church, Fourth and A Streets, according to Rev. Claude O'Brien, pastor of the church.

Catholic to Broadcast 11 A.M. Mass

St. Mary's Catholic Church will broadcast the 11 a.m. mass over KUGN Sunday, Feb. 13. The sixth, seventh and eighth grades of St. Mary's School will sing hymns. Father Francis P. Leipzig, pastor of St. Mary's Church, will be the commentator of the low mass during the broadcast.

The Newman Club of the University of Oregon will receive communion at the 9 a.m. mass, followed by a breakfast in St. Mary's cafeteria. Francis Mihula, president of the club, will be in charge of the short program at the breakfast.

SUNDAY PROGRAMS

A student group from Walla Walla College at College Place, Wash. will be at the auditorium of Seventh-Day Adventist Church, West Thirteenth Avenue and Taylor Street, Saturday, Feb. 19, at 3:45 p.m. and 7:30 to present a program for the Willamette Vallye Associated Missionary Volunteer Society.

Marzolf at Evangelical

The Evangelical United Brethren Church will feature a pastor and evangelist in morning and evening services tomorrow.

Rev. Arnold Marzlefl of Bismark, N. Dak. is coming to Eugene Evangelical United Brethren Church to lead a "Kingdom advance" compaign.

He has visited Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, Holland, Germany, England, and France. In 1947 he represented the North Dakota Inter-Church Council at the World Conference of Christian Youth in Oslo, Norway.

To him "evangelism means winning men for Christ. Methods, means, and preconditions must produce results or give way to workable successors."

Marzolf will speak at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. tomorrow and Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings at seven-thirty p.m.

Everybody welcome. Chas. Gray is minister of the church.

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Catholic Information

Dickie, a Buick, and the Pope

Suddenly something hit me from behind and I found myself sprawled at the far side of the pavement. Sitting up, half dazed, I saw out in the gutter an overturned express wagon and the grinning and almost gloating visage of my seven-year-old nephew.

"Hello, Uncle!" he shouted. "I sure can go some, can't I?"

"Yes," I answered, rising slowly and trying out each limb separately. "I'll admit your speed, but I'm not a bit convinced of your steering ability."

"Oh, I can steer all right, when I want to! You ought to see me steer the Buick all over town!"

I scoffed at the boast, but after dinner we all went out for a drive and Dickie proved beyond any question his infallibility as a steerer. Up and down hills, around curves, in and out of traffic we went, Dickie on his father's lap, steering with accuracy and full confidence, because he knew that behind his own little hands on the wheel were the big, strong, sure hands of his daddy.

This little episode is a simple parallel to the Dogma of Papal Infallibility, which is simply the head of the Church of God is preserved from teaching in matters of faith or morals to the special assistance of the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth.

The Pope may steer his little express wagon with inaccuracy; but when the occasion arises for him to direct the motor of God's revealed truths, the guidance of the Holy Ghost are behind him on the wheel, to make certain the faithful are guided unerringly in their beliefs.

From Peter to Pius XII there have been 262 Popes, no one of whom has defined a single doctrine which conflicted in any way with the dogmatic definitions of any other Pope.

To the Catholic the doctrine of Papal Infallibility is clear, logical and essential to a Church founded by God for all men for all ages.

If it's anything Catholic, it's Catholic! For information on any Catholic subject write to: Knights of Columbus, Box 211, Eugene, Ore.

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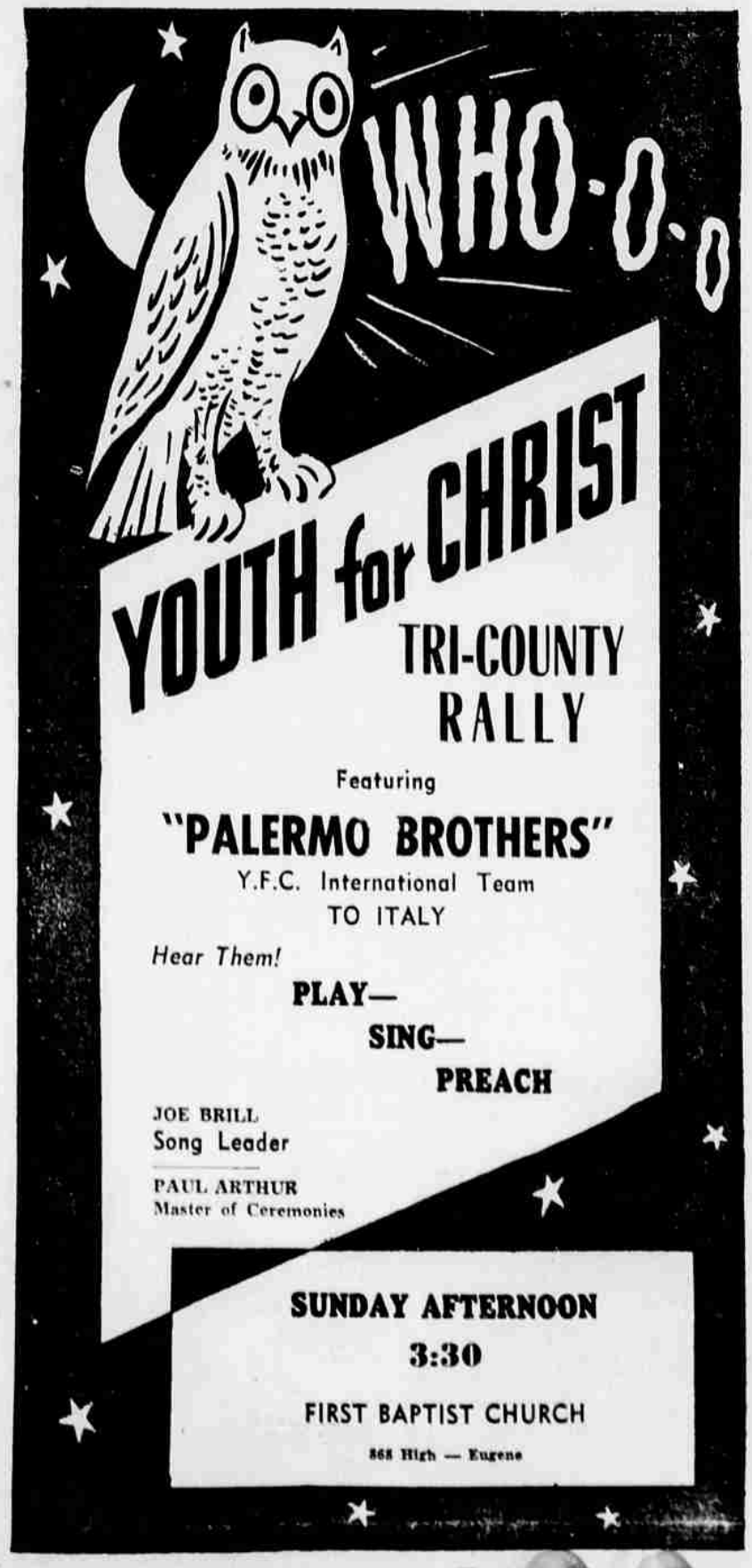

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Let not him who is houseless pull down the house of another; but let him work diligently and build one for himself, thus by example assuring that his own shall be safe from violence when built.

MARCH 21, 1864 — A. Lincoln

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