

Monarchs, Not Monarchy, Give Power to Symbol

Once again the unique place which the British monarchy holds in public esteem has been shown by popular emotion over the death of George VI and the accession of Elizabeth II. When Americans, who may find it hard to understand the fierce attachment of the British people to the throne, seek an explanation, it is generally couched in terms which speak of the symbolic importance of the crown. Monarchy means to Britons, they are told, much what the flag means to Americans. It may be questioned, however, whether it is monarchy so much as the monarch that stirs British emotions. Until fairly recent times—that is to say, until more than halfway through the long reign of Victoria—the British monarchy was not, except under the first Elizabeth, especially popular. Thackeray, lecturing in this country in 1855 on "The Four Georges," dealt with them in terms which Lytton Strachey (whose "Eminent Victorians" appeared in 1918) would have thought imprudent to use. The climate of opinion concerning the throne had changed in the interval; English republicanism had all but disappeared. The change began with the respect, followed by affection, accorded Victoria in her later years. The bohemianism of Edward VII had been forgiven by the time when, in his sixties, he began his brief reign. George V immensely increased the throne's prestige in his 26 years as ruler. It was the danger to that prestige created by Edward VIII's courtship which so quickly forced his abdication. His brother, a quiet, steady, unobtrusively religious man who could stand as the model for a British husband and father, once more immeasurably strengthened the symbol. This is a remarkable development in such times as these, for these are not fortunate days for kings. It suggests that the potency of the symbol resides in the character of the monarch rather than in the institution of monarchy. Mr. Churchill, an avowed monarchist, would not agree. Yet if he had had his way and kept Edward VIII on the throne with the present Duchess of Windsor as his queen, Britain's uniting symbol would not have been as efficacious as it is today.

—The Christian Century.

'Beautiful Isle of Somewhere'

They do not sing it any more in any church I ever go to, but I often seem to hear an echo of it in the service and sermon. I mean the old song, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

Are you old enough to remember how Woodrow Wilson got in bad with a lot of people by taking a crack at that song? He said in fine, literary, Presidential-message language that he thought it was a terrible song, both musically and religiously, and that, in short, it gave him a large pain.

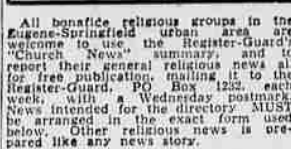
It isn't the song I hear in church that I am thinking of, but the reiteration of that word "somewhere." It seems to be the preacher's pet word, "some" in its many forms—somewhere, something, somehow, sometime. It steals in on the preacher's thinking like a heavy Newfoundland fog. The peroration is coming up: "One thing is sure, brethren. The international situation is terrible. We must do something about it." The congregation sits back relieved. For one tense moment it had looked as though the preacher was on the brink of recommending a course of action in definite terms. But he caught himself in time.

We feel like crying, "Oh, for an hour of Bernard Shaw!" It is on record that once, in the early days of Fabianism, when H. G. Wells was proclaiming passionately in his high squeaky voice, "Something must be done about the unmarried motherhood of England," Mr. Shaw asked from the back row, "What, for instance?" How about assigning one of the ushers to sit in the back row and call out every time the preacher takes refuge in a "beautiful isle of somewhere," "What, for instance?"

That word "some," with all its derivatives, is one source of weakness in the proclamation of the gospel. It was quite otherwise both in the beginning and at the end of the gospel story. When the people asked John the Baptist what they should do he did not answer, "Oh, something or other." He said, "Share your coats and food; don't gouge on collecting taxes; don't make any false accusations." Bother some positives, painfully specific!

Can't you do something about it, somehow?

—The Christian Century Magazine.



Church News Summary

By Margaret Benston

All bonafide religious groups in the Eugene-Springfield urban area are included in this summary, and to report their general religious news to the Register-Guard. The summary is prepared by Margaret Benston, a writer for the Register-Guard, and is published weekly. News intended for the directory MUST be arranged in the exact form below. All religious news is prepared like any news story.

February is National Brotherhood Month. Look for special activities in the community under leadership of Ed E. Wees, and there will be several taking membership with the church at the morning service.

ALLISON PARK CHRISTIAN—11 a.m. "Christ the Answer." The church has just finished a week of visiting in the community under leadership of Ed E. Wees, and there will be several taking membership with the church at the morning service.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST—11 a.m. "Faithful to the Cause." The church has just finished a week of visiting in the community under leadership of Ed E. Wees, and there will be several taking membership with the church at the morning service.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD—Sunday is the church's day of spiritual revival, and with Evangelist J. F. Pepper, he will preach at 11 a.m. on "I Will Do New Things." Sunday school, 10 a.m. on "Three Minutes to God." At 8:45 a.m. Sunday morning, moving pictures taken two weeks ago at the church.

BAILEY HILL LUTHERAN—11 a.m. "Christ the Answer." The church has just finished a week of visiting in the community under leadership of Ed E. Wees, and there will be several taking membership with the church at the morning service.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST—11 a.m. "Why Be a Foreign Missionary?" The church has just finished a week of visiting in the community under leadership of Ed E. Wees, and there will be several taking membership with the church at the morning service.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN—11 a.m. "Believing the Word." The church has just finished a week of visiting in the community under leadership of Ed E. Wees, and there will be several taking membership with the church at the morning service.

BETHLEHEM METHODIST—11 a.m. "Christ the Answer." The church has just finished a week of visiting in the community under leadership of Ed E. Wees, and there will be several taking membership with the church at the morning service.

BETHLEHEM PRESBYTERIAN—11 a.m. "Christ the Answer." The church has just finished a week of visiting in the community under leadership of Ed E. Wees, and there will be several taking membership with the church at the morning service.

BETHLEHEM QUAKER—11 a.m. "Christ the Answer." The church has just finished a week of visiting in the community under leadership of Ed E. Wees, and there will be several taking membership with the church at the morning service.

BETHLEHEM SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST—11 a.m. "Christ the Answer." The church has just finished a week of visiting in the community under leadership of Ed E. Wees, and there will be several taking membership with the church at the morning service.

BETHLEHEM TRINITY BAPTIST—11 a.m. "Christ the Answer." The church has just finished a week of visiting in the community under leadership of Ed E. Wees, and there will be several taking membership with the church at the morning service.

BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST—11 a.m. "Christ the Answer." The church has just finished a week of visiting in the community under leadership of Ed E. Wees, and there will be several taking membership with the church at the morning service.

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CONGREGATIONAL—9:30 and 11 a.m. The pastor will be back from his trip to California and will preach at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Church address, 1000 Broadway, Eugene, Ore. Phone 5-1234.

COURT DRIVE CHURCH OF CHRIST—Usual services. No Sunday school. Church address, 235 Court Drive, Eugene, Ore. Phone 5-1234.

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Santa Clara "Assembly" Occupies New Building

Assembly of God Chapel in the Santa Clara neighborhood moves into its new building with this Sunday, Feb. 24, service, although the work of construction will not be finished until about May 1. The structure contains the church sanctuary as well as Sunday school rooms and living quarters for the pastor.

"He That Is Of God Heareth God's Words"

SUNDAY SERVICES—8:45 A.M. & 11 A.M. SERMON: "God's Plea To His People" Vicar Robert Becker Will Preach In Both Services Sunday School 9:45 a.m.—Bible Classes: 10 a.m. Welcome!

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Eleventh at Ferry Nursery In Church Parlor During 11 a.m. Service

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

A Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts 14th and Pearl February 24th

MIND

Sunday Services 11 A.M. and 8 P.M. Sunday School 11 A.M. Testimonial Meeting Wednesday 8 P.M. Nursery Facilities During All Services Reading Room 86 West Broadway Everyone Is Cordially Invited To Attend The Church Services and Use The Reading Room

TRINITY METHODIST

11 a.m. Dr. Roy McCall, head of the Department of Speech, University of Oregon, will preach: "On Religious Maturity." This is Layman's Sunday. Nursery during church hour, 9:45 a.m. Church address, 1000 Broadway, Eugene, Ore. Phone 5-1234.

UNITARIAN

11 a.m. Mrs. Edgar C. Capps will read a sermon by Dr. Richard Steiner, minister of the Portland Unitarian Church, entitled "The Church as a Living Entity." The church's new minister, the Rev. George McConough, will be installed over the pulpit, March 1. Phone 4-7556, corner 11th and Ferry

UNITED LUTHERAN

11 a.m. sermon, "Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbor." Nursery care during worship service. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Church address, 1000 Broadway, Eugene, Ore. Phone 5-1234.

UNITED METHODIST

11 a.m. "The Christ Power." Monday and Tuesday, the beginning of Lent. Lecture at 8 a.m. on Prayer. Books and Study of Guides available. Noon meetings every day, 12-12:30 p.m., with the pastor at the Center. For further information, contact the pastor, 1215 Oak St. The Rev. Muriel Verable, phone 5-5013, pastor.

WEST ELEVENTH FULL GOSPEL

11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. speaker and topics will be announced, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, usual service.

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