

Researches Into Humor

(From The Christian Century)

To The Editor:

Sir: In every church body—synod, annual conference or state association—there is a Historical Society. These societies meet annually and adjourn for lack of a quorum. Occasionally they preserve one of John Wesley's shoe buckles or one of Alexander Campbell's riding boots, but such are rare finds.

My heart has been touched by thinking of these unemployed historians, so I am giving them something important to do: Start immediately making a collection of the human interest and humorous stories in the tradition of the church, stories that will otherwise soon drop down between the cracks and be lost forever. The real life and spirit of a church are found not only, or often, not so much, in solemn platforms and pronouncements as in seemingly unimportant happenings and sayings.

Mr. Chesterton somewhere observed that what holds families together is not so much the Ten Commandments or undying love as family jokes; these are esoteric bonds, like secret passwords, known only to the family and showing life as it was lived. That is almost true.

How many stories were lost when Bishop McConnell died! Who can ever forget the flash in his eye when he told of an irate Methodist who, right after the "Inter-Church Report on the Steel Strike" was published, wrote Bishop McConnell in immortal words, "You are a first-class skunk!" and then signed the letter, "Your brother in Christ"? That tells us a lot about the steel strike! How much we owe to those who preserved Luther's table talk! And how we would like to know whether St.

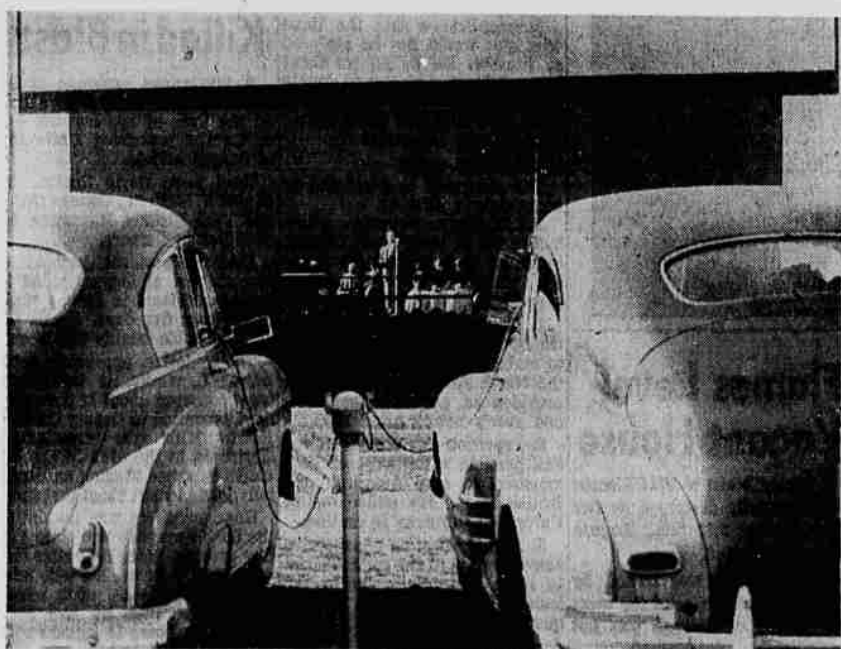
Paul ever got the cloak and books he sent for! Not as important as the eighth chapter of Romans, but a nice bit of history just the same.

A few things like these ought not to perish. One is that bit of the tradition of Drew Theological Seminary. The beloved Dr. Samuel F. Upham lay dying; friends and relatives were gathered about the bed. The question arose whether he was still living or not. Someone advised, "Feel his feet. No one ever died with warm feet." Dr. Upham opened an eye and said, "John Hus did." Those were his last words, and glorious ones too. They tell a lot about the relation of humor to faith.

I hate to think of a story about the late Bishop E. L. Waldorf of the Methodist Church dropping out of sight. When the bishop opened a Republican national convention in Chicago he made an exceedingly long prayer. As he went on and on, Heywood Brown, who was in the press pit, right in front of the platform, watched with growing amazement and finally exclaimed, "It's a filibuster!" That tells more about customs in prayer than you will get in any official history.

My last bit of evidence is admittedly trivial, so I like it. It is true too, like everything else I write. Dr. Christian F. Reisner was speaking at the opening of a retreat for ministers at West Point several years ago. He was thrilled by the fine attendance and spoke of the value of retreats, recalling the words of Jesus, "Come ye apart and rest awhile." Then, after a dramatic pause, he said, "It is a great thing to see three hundred men come apart."

Yours,
SIMEON STYLITES.



"TRAVELERS' WORSHIP" is attracting more and more automobiles each Sunday. The North-End Drive-In Theatre just off Highway 99 North is the site of the enterprise backed by a group of suburban churches in the northwest part of Eugene. Here we see the small altar, with the vast white screen towering above it. The services are daylight, 8 a.m. The same theatre is popular for union Easter sunrise services.

Bishop to Bless Virgin's Statue

MT. ANGEL, Aug. 1—Bishop Francis P. Leitzig, D.D., formerly of Eugene and now bishop of the Eastern Oregon diocese at Baker, will bless and crown the five-foot statue of the Virgin Mary to be carried in public procession in the first state-wide Marian Year Pilgrimage Sunday, Aug. 15, starting at 1:30 p.m., in the little mountain community of Crooked Finger, a mission of Mt. Angel, 12 miles on the Scotts Mills-Crooked Finger highway. The statue, surrounded by four little girls dressed as angels, will be carried on a platform on the shoulders of 12 men.

The Holy Rosary chapel, towards which the pilgrimage will end its way, was built under the direction of Father Alcuin Heibel, also a familiar figure in Eugene and an enthusiastic supporter of this dramatic expression of the Marian Year theme. The chapel is being completely repainted inside and out. A grove adjacent to the church has been cleared and prepared as a place for rest and refreshment.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE

Ample parking place is provided for thousands of cars, state and county police have been contacted for traffic problems, the Scotts Mills fire department will be on hand for first aid or any emergency, and the highway leading from Mt. Angel to Crooked Finger will be well marked. The procession, which is ex-

Presbyterians List Activities

"Sources of Power" will be the sermon subject of the Rev. Paul S. Mellish Sunday at Central Presbyterian Church. A nursery is provided. The hour of morning worship is 11 a.m.

The Senior High Westminster Fellowship will meet at the church at 3:30 p.m. to go to Willamalane Park for an afternoon of recreation. They will return to the Parish Home for supper and a vesper service.

The Church Building Council will meet in the Parish House on Tuesday night at 7:30. Senior High Canteen is held in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

The Junior High Westminster Fellowship meets in Fellowship Hall from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Mr. Mellish will lead a discussion of the topic "What Do We Believe?" Recreation, crafts, and snacks are also featured. The Christian Education Committee will meet in the Parish House at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Junior High Canteen night is Friday from 7 to 9:45 in Fellowship Hall.

To Address Meeting

"The Liberal Renaissance" will be the topic of The Rev. Edward L. Ericson of the Eugene Unitarian Church when he gives the concluding address Sunday at the annual Northwest Unitarian Conference on the Lewis and Clark College campus, Portland.



LOOKING SOMEWHAT LIKE A POLITICAL convention, with banners representing local churches, the Eugene High auditorium was filled to capacity night after night the past week for the Merv Rosell United Church Crusade. The above picture, taken during Sunday School Night last week, shows the crowd which received the evangelist and his group of singers and other participants.

Church Activities Varied For Springfield People

Each year Hope Lutheran Church has a Missionary Festival service when a special message is presented by a guest speaker and a collection taken for round the world use. The Rev. Richard Weiland of Albany will speak Sunday at 11 a.m. at such a service. After the worship a picnic will be held by the congregation at Willamalane Park. Coffee and ice cream will be provided. Games and other entertainment will follow the meal.

Marcus Gih, a student from China, will speak at both services at First Baptist Church. Then senior youth group will assist with the evening services.

The Adult Sunday School Class of Nicholas Gardens Church of the Brethren has spent a day decorating the parsonage for its new occupant who will arrive in September.

On Sunday the summer pastor, The Rev. James Brumbaugh, will speak at the union service at Ebbert Memorial Methodist Church. His message will be preceded by a 20-minute organ recital which he will give.

On Friday the youth group will hold its annual old fashioned ice cream social. Something new will be added this year in the form of a smorgasbord type food sale. Melvin Jackson, president of the group, is planning entertainment, too.

The Mt. Vernon Christian Church congregation will picnic at the Mohawk School grounds.

after morning worship. Coffee and ice cream will be available. A business session of the congregation will be called Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the church. On Friday teachers will hold a conference at 7:30 in the church.

On Sunday Raymond Gerlach, Ronnie Alexander, Richard and Joy Elliott and Mary Schlitzkus will go to Suttle Lake to a Methodist Youth Camp for five days.

The Rev. Harold Shellhart will speak on "This We Believe" at the morning worship.

The intermediate youth group will discuss the World Council of Church Organization at 7 p.m. At the same hour the senior youth group will talk about John Calvin.

A union service will begin at 8 p.m. with a 20-minute organ recital by the Rev. James Brumbaugh of the Nicholas Gardens Church of the Brethren. He will also bring the message.

Several Springfield girls have enrolled at the Nazarene Intermediate Girls Camp for five days.

The Rev. Furman Harris, their pastor, will serve as business manager of the western Oregon camp.

The congregation is cooperating with the Merv Rosell meetings in the evenings at Eugene High School.

The Rev. Kenneth Potter, assisting the pastor at the Church of God, will speak at 7:45 p.m.

Byron Westlake, a teacher of music in the Creswell Public

Schools, will speak at 7 p.m. on "Music, Youth and the Church."

The Seventh-day Adventist will soon lose the Rev. Lloyd C. W. man who has been transferred to lead churches at Milwaukee and Beaverton. He will also sing on the Builder's of Faith Radio program. Presently he is attending a youth camp at Milo, Ore., with twelve young folks from Springfield.

The Elder Joseph Hansen will arrive in Springfield about September first to assume his duties at this church.

When the Rev. Joseph Barnett and Mrs. Barnett came here from their vacation they were accompanied by two granddaughters from Kennewick, Wash. Polly and Ann will be taken home by their parents later to welcome a new arrival to the family.

Most of the Barnett vacation was spent "away from it all" at Lake Poyan, Wis. They were at home to their children and grandchildren at the camp.

The Christian Church members will hear "The King and His Kingdom" at 10 a.m. They will attend the union services at Ebbert Memorial Methodist Church at 8 p.m. when the Rev. James Brumbaugh of Nicholas Gardens Church of the Brethren gives the message and a 20-minute organ recital.

The Rev. Thom Hunter in charge of Wesley Foundation on the University of Oregon campus will speak at 11 a.m. on "Associates in the Spirit."

The evening service will be at Ebbert Memorial Methodist Church as announced. The annual picnic for all members and families will be Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Armitage Park. Mrs. John Barnes and Mrs. Clifford Sawyer will be in charge and will provide coffee.

Rosell Slates Second Week Of Crusade

The Merv Rosell Crusade, in the Eugene High Auditorium, continues Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with the evangelist speaking on the subject, "How to Know God's Will for Your Future."

Immediately following the service there will be a youth rally "under the stars" directly to the rear of the Auditorium. This service will be under the direction of Duane Poplin, chairman of the youth committee.

Saturday night Hilding Halvarson, of Seattle, will make his first appearance on the Crusade platform. One of the finest tenor soloists in the religious field, Halvarson is well known not only for his solo work but as a fine song leader.

Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Rosell will speak on the subject, "Will We Know Our Loved Ones in Heaven?" In announcing this sermon Rosell said, "The Heaven sermon is my favorite." He will answer, from the Bible, such questions as: Where is Heaven? Will we be married in Heaven? Will we recognize our friends and loved ones in Heaven?

Sunday at 7:30 p.m. the sermon is "How to Conquer Your Fears." Monday night is "Church Loyalty Night." The sermon Monday night: "Will Congress Reject America's Unused Secret Weapon?"

The Crusade continues through Aug. 22. Dr. Vance Webster, pastor of the First Baptist Church, is general chairman.

Hope of World Sermon Topic

"Christ — The Hope of the World" will be the sermon subject of Dr. Rector W. Johnson in both the 8:30 and 11:00 o'clock worship services at the First Methodist Church.

The subject is the theme of the Assembly of the World Council of the Churches which opens its first session Sunday morning in Evanston, Ill. The hymns, scripture lesson, and prayers in the Eugene church will be the same as those used in the first worship service of the World Council meeting.

As the meeting of the World Council is the most widely represented coming together of Christians since the birth of Jesus thousands of churches in the world will be using a service similar to that of the Eugene First Methodist Church to share in and commemorate this historic Christian event.

Networks Schedule Pope Pius Address

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Pius will recite the brief Angelus Domini prayer over an international radio network Sunday on the occasion of the feast of the Assumption, Vatican sources said Friday.

They said the Pope will speak at noon and will be on the air for about three minutes. In the evening, at a time still to be arranged, he will go on the air again with a 15-minute message to the Canadian Marian Congress.

Emerald Baptists Get New Pastor

Members of the Emerald Baptist Church will welcome their Pastor and his family at the morning worship service of the Church, this Sunday, August 15th. Rev. Charles W. Moore and his family come to Eugene from Philadelphia, Pa. The Church is temporarily meeting at the Roosevelt Jr. Hl. School. Sunday School meets at 9:45 o'clock and the morning worship service is at 11 o'clock. Evening services are held at 7:30 o'clock. The Church is affiliated with the American Baptist Convention and this Church has been organized under their program of "Churches for New Frontiers." They held their first meeting on Sunday, May 1st, 1954 and it has been served by guest ministers until now. The Church has purchased a lot at the corner of 19th and Patterson Streets where an edifice will be erected.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Moore are graduates of Providence Bible Institute, and he received his A. B. from Eastern Baptist College and his B. Th. and B. D. from Eastern Baptist Seminary. He has served as chairman of the well-known Good Shepherd Ministry Committee in Philadelphia, sponsored by the Philadelphia Baptist Association. It is a ministry to prisons, hospitals, children's homes etc. He also has a radio program in Philadelphia for several years. Rev. Moore and his family come from the Allegheny Avenue Baptist Church, where he has served for the past five years. The Moore's have two boys, ages 9 and 11 and one girl 2½ years of age. They will be living at 1992 Potter Street.

The Mid-week prayer and praise services are being held at the Eugene Garden Clubhouse on Wednesday evenings. This coming week the Church is holding a pot-luck dinner and will honor the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Holmes and family, as they are leaving the membership of this Church and going to McMinnville to live.

Rev. Holmes has accepted the position of Assistant to President Harry L. Dillin of Linfield College. He will also have a class in History during the fall term. The Holmes' have been active in this Church, having taught the Adult Bible Class and assisted in many other ways.

Rev. Moore's sermon topics for Sunday will be morning worship service, "Good Pattern," and for the evening service "The Ministry of the Unashamed Witness." The public is cordially invited to all services.

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