

Hospital Named for Schweitzer

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From France to Africa to Arizona to Haiti—and the end is not yet of the outreach of Christian compassion through the influence of the great physician Albert Schweitzer, whose 80th birthday is Friday, Jan. 14.

Recently an unusual "service of participation," held in Park Avenue Christian Church in New York, brought to public knowledge a new event connected with Dr. Schweitzer's work. The service celebrated the laying on December 11 at Deschappelles, Haiti, of the cornerstone of the Albert Schweitzer Hospital, named after the famed Alsatian scholar and musician who has given his life ministering to the sick in tropical Africa.

But who named the hospital after Dr. Schweitzer? The story goes back to November 1947, when William Larimer Mellon, Jr., a 37-year-old rancher in Arizona, picked up a copy of "Life" magazine and for the first time learned of Dr. Schweitzer. He became so interested that he made the acquaintance of Emory Ross, then head of the Africa committee of the Foreign Missions Conference, later to join the staff of the National Council of Churches.

Through Dr. Ross contact was made with Lambarene, with the result that Mr. Mellon went to visit Dr. Schweitzer in Africa.

The result was a radical change in his life. He resolved to follow, as Schweitzer has done, in the footsteps of the Great Physician.

There were many obstacles. He had had only one year in college. But he sold his ranch and, in the seven years since then, this young man has completed college and medical school and is now in the last year of internship. His wife, who shared in the decision, took nurse's training and studied laboratory techniques, while caring for their four children.

Meanwhile a decision had been reached to work in Haiti. The government of that country gave a hundred acres of land for a hospital site. The young doctor, who is a member of the Mellon family of Pittsburgh, set up a foundation to build and endow a hospital. While he is finishing his medical training the Albert Schweitzer Hospital will be completed, and when its doors open he will become its doctor. Its dedication should bring a deeper consecration to every Christian. When such things happen, the hope of the world in Christ is constantly renewed.



MAKING FRIENDS—The "Friendly" Church, Friendly Street Church of God, has already started making friends with its new minister and family, the Isham E. Cranes. Left to right, Connie Jean, the Rev. Mr. Crane with Kristine Beth, Mrs. Crane, and Susan Jo. The family comes to Eugene from a former pastorate in Oklahoma.

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Friendly Street Church Has New Minister Taking Pulpit

The Rev. and Mrs. Isham E. Crane and children have arrived in Eugene to take up duties at the Friendly Street Church of God, where he will be pastor.

The Rev. Mr. Crane succeeds the Rev. Wilma I. Perry, who left the pulpit recently to teach at Pacific Bible College, Portland, Ore.

Before coming to Eugene, Crane served as pastor of the First Church of God in Nowata, Okla. He is a graduate of Anderson College, Anderson, Indiana and Oberlin School of Theology, Oberlin, Ohio.

While in Nowata, he was vice-president of the Ministerial Association there. Also, he served as chairman of the State Ministers Association of the Churches of God in Oklahoma, and was elected secretary-treasurer at the 17-state Midwest Convention of Ministers which was held in Kansas City, Mo.

The Cranes have three children, Susan Jo, 7, Connie Jean, 5, and Kristine Beth, age 11 months.

Six Speakers Accept Bids For RE Week

Speakers for the University of Oregon's Religious Emphasis Week will include seven outstanding men in the fields of education and religion, representing seven different churches. Each man will be on the university campus during the annual RE week Jan. 30 through Feb. 3.

Six of the speakers have already been selected. They are Dr. Edwin A. Halsey, instructor in religion and humanities at Reed College; Rabbi Julius Nodel of Temple Beth Israel, Portland; The Rev. Charles T. Leber, DD, Lit., general secretary of the board of foreign missions of the Presbyterian church in New York City; Dr. Harry Rubin, Colgate professor of history at Yale University, representing the Congregational church; Dr. Frank Wiliston, professor in Far Eastern studies at the University of Washington, representing the Methodist denomination, and The Rev. Russell B. Staines, DD, from St. Stephen's Episcopal church in Seattle, Wash.

With the theme "Man, Religion and Society," the week will begin with a reception for the speakers from 2:30 to 5:30 in Gerlinger Hall, Sunday, Jan. 30. According to RE week chairman, Robert Hastings of Gold Beach, the speakers will make classroom visits and will be guests at campus living organizations where they will conduct after-dinner fireside discussions. Public sessions including lectures, panels and group discussions have also been scheduled throughout the week in the Erb Memorial Student Union.

China Seen In YFC Film

Youth for Christ resumes weekly rallies after a two-week holiday closure with a showing of a new movie, "China Challenge," at the First Baptist Church, Saturday, 7:30 p. m. Through the month of January, YFC meets at First Baptist Church, Broadway and High Sts.

"Challenge" is a movie issued by World Vision, Inc., a missionary enterprise with headquarters at Portland, Ore., Dr. Robert Pierce, president of World Vision, Inc., and an executive in YFC, filmed the scenes shortly before the Communists took over the government. It is in sound and color, and lasts 40 minutes.

Schweitzer's Religious Worth Elucidated by Local Minister

By THE REV. EDWARD L. ERICSON, Minister of the Unitarian Church

Next week the world will pause to observe the eightieth birthday of Dr. Albert Schweitzer. The Nobel Prize winner, recognized as one of the leading humanitarians and most versatile geniuses of our time, will celebrate his birthday Friday, Jan. 14. Many churches throughout the world will pay special tribute in their services tomorrow.

Dr. Schweitzer, who renounced the life of a musician-philosopher to become a medical missionary in French Equatorial Africa, has not allowed his reputation as a scholar to suffer. He is the foremost authority on the German poet Johann Wolfgang Goethe and is equally respected as a master of J. S. Bach and the organ. He holds an honored place among the theological and philosophical writers for his scholarly studies on the historical life of Jesus and St. Paul.

While still a very young man, some 50 years ago, Schweitzer came to the attention of European scholars for a small volume entitled "The Psychiatric Study of Jesus" in which he refuted the then-popular theory in psychiatric circles that Jesus could be understood as a paranoiac. Demonstrating that much of the so-called "evidence" was from non-historical material and was badly interpreted, he presented his case so forcibly that since the publication of the psychiatric study, the paranoiac theory has steadily lost ground.

Later he published a monumental study tracing the efforts of scholars to separate the historical elements in the life of Jesus from the legendary. This work, "The Quest of the Historical Jesus," has profoundly influenced subsequent views of the life and message of Christianity's first teacher.

At the same time that these theological works were making his name, Schweitzer came to be regarded as one of Europe's finest organists. He was a leading figure in the efforts then being made to preserve the character of the old organs of Europe's churches. He argued that purity of tone was being sacrificed to bigness, and that organ music was being sullied in the pursuit of the spectacular.

Schweitzer's decision to become a medical missionary was prompted by his feeling that the white race had wronged the colored peoples, together with a desire carried over from childhood to share with the less fortunate. He selected Africa because he felt the need was greatest there. Since 1913 most of his life has been devoted to this work in a crudely built hospital on the bank of the Ogowe River.

Yet he has found time for an occasional concert tour to raise needed funds, or to contribute to the world of scholarship. In 1949 he came to the U.S. to deliver the main lecture at the Goethe Bicentennial Convocation and Music Festival at Aspen, Colo. Last year he was awarded the Nobel peace prize in recognition of his humanitarian work.

The gifted native of Kayserberg, Alsace, a graduate of the University of Strasbourg, has earned four doctorates, in the widely separated fields of philosophy, theology, music and medicine. The first three of these were earned simultaneously, during his 20s.

When the tributes are paid to him next week, persons who recognize his position in their own fields will not always be aware

First Christian Hosts Rally On Missions

Leaders and workers of the Christian Churches of the state of Oregon will gather at Eugene First Christian Church, Jan. 10 for a state-wide missionary rally.

"Close the Switch—Accelerate the Power" is the theme for the new state program of the Oregon Christian Missionary Convention.

A. W. Mortensen, state president and Portland business man, will open the session at 1 p. m. Each phase of the state program will be presented. There will be 15-minute breaks to allow social opportunities. A series of slides on the "Close the Switch" idea will be shown during the afternoon.

The rally is privileged to have as its guest speaker at 7:30 p. m., Dr. Dale Fiers, president of the United Christian Missionary Society. Dr. Fiers has recently returned from a world journey and written a book "This is Missions."

He will present the "World Outreach of the Church" from a non-partisan viewpoint, as he visualized it in a world journey, visiting mission stations in every country in the world.

Episcopalians Meet at Medford

MEDFORD (AP)—The 1955 convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon will be held in Medford the latter part of April, it was announced here today. From 300 to 350 delegates from all parts of Oregon will attend the convocation with St. Mark's Episcopal church here as host parish.

Ministerial Group Meeting Tuesday

Eugene Ministerial Association has its monthly meeting Tuesday, Jan. 11, at the Congregational Church, beginning at 9:30 a. m. Following the transaction of business, a panel of ministers will each speak for ten minutes on: "My Method of Sermon Preparation." Members of the panel are: Rector Johnson, Duane Muth, and Carroll Roberts. There will be time for discussion. All ministers are cordially invited to attend.

Following the panel, Dr. Carroll C. Roberts of Eugene's First Christian Church, will speak on the Council's responsibilities for the convocation of the Oregon Council of Churches, which will take place in Eugene, Feb. 1, 2 and 3, at the First Christian and First Methodist Churches.

Unitarians Honoring Great Humanitarian

The service and sermon at the Unitarian Church Sunday, Jan. 9, will be devoted to a consideration of the life and thought of Albert Schweitzer, the German philosopher who 40 years ago became a medical missionary in Africa. Unitarian and Universalist churches throughout the nation are observing Schweitzer's 80th anniversary of birth, Sunday. His actual birthday is Friday, Jan. 14.

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"THE HIGHWAY FOR 1955" Sermon at The 11:00 A. M. Worship Hour SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 A.M. YOUTH SERVICE 6:00 P.M. HOUR OF REVIVAL 7:30 P.M. Singing - Music - Bible Message "UNCLAIMED CHRISTMAS GIFTS" Wed. 7:30 P.M. "Highlights of Ephesians" KERG "Beams of Light" 9:00 A.M. Saturday You're Always Welcome IN LIGHTHOUSE TEMPLE 1209 Olive Harold L. Adams, Pastor

This Sunday Attend Church "A Sunday Well Spent Brings a Week of Content" 11:00 A.M. "THE GOSPEL TRUTH" 7:30 P.M. "OUR UPS and DOWNS" SUNDAY SCHOOL — 9:45 A.M. Willagillespie Baptist Church (American Baptist) Glenn E. Camper, Pastor 345 Willagillespie Rd.

YOUTH for CHRIST Tonight 7:30 p.m. THE NEW REVISED "CHINA CHALLENGE" Dr. Bob Pierce's great documentary film! 40 minutes — Sound and Color Powerful — Challenging First Baptist Church Broadway and High JANUARY RALLIES IN FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE Holding Services in the New River Road School Hilliard Lane REV. and Mrs. W. C. COLE, Pastors — SUNDAY — 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Rev. W. C. Cole, Speaking 6:15 p.m.—Pre-Church Groups 7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service, Rev. Edythe Cole, Speaking A Sincere Welcome Awaits You at "THE CHURCH OF FAITH AND FRIENDLINESS" New building being erected at 3195 Hilyard St.

Hear the Christian Brotherhood Hour KUGN Church School For All Ages 9:45 A.M. WORSHIP WITH US Hear Rev. Crane's Sermon "How God Unifies His Children" 11:00 A.M. Evening Service—7:45 P.M. "Christ, The Doctor of Hearts" FRIENDLY STREET CHURCH OF GOD 23rd & Friendly Isham E. Crane, Pastor Ph. 5-6553

ON THE EVE OF ARMAGEDDON A PROPHETIC MESSAGE THAT WILL HOLD YOU SPELLBOUND! Join The Throng—Attend The Hour of Prophecy And Hear Mr. Doleman's Lucid Exposition of This Timely Prophecy Topic Sun., Jan. 9, 7:30 P.M. On the Screen "Daniel in the Lion's Den" THE HOUR OF PROPHECY 615 RIVER ROAD — EUGENE