

Unity Is a 'Going' Proposition With U.S. Protestant Churches

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NEW YORK (AP)—Work is humming today to put broken-up churches back together again.

In some cases, the mending job is proving to be a tough one. But numerous projects gradually are closing the gaps.

Twenty Protestant denominations currently are involved in unity efforts. Of these, 13 are taking active steps toward mergers. If these are achieved, the result will be five newly combined bodies.

"There is a world sense of growing together," said veteran Lutheran leader Dr. J. A. Aagaard, of Minneapolis. "We can't go it alone, any more than nations."

CHIEF MERGER MOVES

Here are the chief merger moves now going on:

- The Congregational Christian Churches, with 1,284,000 members, and the Evangelical and Reformed Church, with 762,000, are engaged in steps leading toward a two-million member United Church of Christ.
- Four Lutheran bodies are to vote at conventions this year on a constitution for a single, unified body of 1,800,000 members, which would make it the third largest Lutheran church.
- A plan to unite the three branches of Presbyterianism was turned down this week in a vote among Southern Presbyterians. It was believed likely, however, that a revised unity formula would be attempted in the future.
- The Unitarian and Universalist Churches last year acted to merge some activities—education, publications and public relations—as a step toward a unified, 184,000-member liberal council of churches.
- Two other smaller Lutheran bodies—the 32,000-member Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church (Suomi Synod) and the 8,000-member National Evangelical Lutheran Church—are discussing possible union.

NINE BODIES

But beyond these immediate projects is a broad long-range program aimed at ultimate unity of nine bodies with about 16 million members, and including some of the country's largest denominations.

Launched six years ago by the Conference on Church Union, work on the plan has gone on steadily, and early this month, a master blueprint for a "basis of union" was completed.

Methodist Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, of St. Louis, a leader in the project, termed the document "one of the great papers in the history of the Protestant movement in this country."

It is, he said, the first, specific outline for unity "that has been drawn in 50 years of conversation."

Participating are representatives of these denominations: Methodist, Presbyterian U.S.A. (Northern), Presbyterian U.S. (Southern), Congregational Christian, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical and Reformed, Colored Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal, and the Council of Community Churches.

ALSO TAKING PART

The Protestant Episcopal Church also is taking part as an observer.

If these bodies eventually get together, it would produce the greatest consolidation of Protestant forces yet.

For the last half-century, there has been a strong trend among Protestants toward reunion. In that period, mergers involving more than 70 separate bodies have occurred.

Biggest of these was the reunion in 1939 of the Methodist Church, which had been split North and South since the Civil War. With 9 million members, it is now the nation's largest Protestant church.

Besides the various merger moves now in process, other churches also are carrying on tentative negotiations. The American Baptists and the Disciples of Christ have working commissions on the subject.

The plan to join the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. (Northern), the Presbyterian Church U.S. (Southern), and the United Presbyterian Church into a 3½-million-member body began in 1938.

LUTHERAN GROUPS

The four Lutheran bodies working toward merger are: Lutheran Free Church (Norwegian background), with 66,000 members; American Lutheran (German background), with 325,000 members; Evangelical Lutheran (Norwegian origin), with 920,000 members, and the United Evangelical (Danish background), with 54,000 members.

Target date for final formation of the unified church is 1957.

This also is the time when the Congregational Christian and the Evangelical and Reformed Churches hope to unite.

Governing assemblies of both churches have approved the plan. A court challenge to it has been overthrown. Local churches and agencies now are carrying on various inter-church activities to cement understanding.

Dr. Albert Buckner Coe, of Boston, moderator of the Congregational Christian Churches, says that these mutual activities by the time of union should produce "not only understanding of each other but a solid base of fellowship and joint effort."

NEWSPAPER REPORTERS checked up to find out who he was. Developed he was a clerk for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Then there was the man in Norfolk, Va., who was stopped by a cop and quietly explained he was driving his wife to a mental hospital. The outburst that followed—"Wait 'til I get you home," etc.—led the policeman to quietly put away his book. He knew the man would suffer enough.

GOD SAID 'YES'

When a man learns he has become a father, he should have a moment of private rejoicing. But the moment came to a Cleveland clergyman in the midst of a sermon entitled "When God Says No." A church member rushed in and signaled, "it's a boy." The clergyman paused said, "This is one time God said 'Yes,' and hurried off to the hospital.

Speaking of church, the new pastor of the Thomas Baptist Church at Thomastown, La., is named Roy L. Thomas. His first sermon last week was entitled "Doubling Thomas."

And speaking of the South, hundreds of robins went on a binge in Anna Maria, Fla. They fluttered on telephone lines, fell off and lay around the ground hiccoughing. Local savants believe the birds got hopped up on fermented berries.



(Wiltshire engraving)
POLICE GIFT—Eugene policemen proved Wednesday night that they give more than tickets. Members of the department presented a communication transmitter and a receiver to the Valley Radio Club. Lt. Donald Clark, shown presenting the equipment to Club President Jim Robertson, said that the gift is in appreciation for past services to the community. The amateur radiomen have acted as police reserves and have set up a widespread civil defense communications system. The equipment, costing \$350, was purchased with funds earned by officers at the Emerald Empire Roundup last summer. Police Chief Ted Brown is at left.

Man Nipping in Tunnel Stars in Police Television

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NEW YORK (AP)—There just isn't as much privacy these days. People tried to go about their business quietly last week and—look here—the whole world knows about it:

A fellow stopped his car in a tunnel on the new West Virginia turnpike for a short nip on a bottle. When he came out of the tunnel a cop arrested him for drunken driving. Seems television cameras are trained on that tunnel 24 hours a day and authorities know everything that's going on in there.

In Oakland, Calif., a chap sauntering along a street paused to light his pipe. Bang! Half a block of sidewalk began to burn. Nobody ever did catch up with the terrified pipe-smoker to find out if he was hurt. But the gas main explosion his match set off destroyed a \$10,000 truckload of sugar.

HEAVY FEATHERS

In Wethersfield, Conn., a truck driver was meekly driving down a parkway with a load of feathers when cops stopped him. They charged him with driving an overweighted truck. Turned out he was carrying 31,000 pounds of feathers.

Every morning for more than a year a chap has been standing beside the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad tracks in South Chicago to wave at the crew of a passenger train. Last week one of those

PUBLIC RECORDS

SPRINGFIELD JUSTICE COURT
Jan. 8
No operator's license—Barbar Corvell, \$5 suspended.
Jan. 9
No operator's license—Joseph M. Blake, \$2; Thomas L. Whisenand, \$3.
Basic rule violation—Robert L. Broomer, \$25; Lawrence A. Lawson, \$5; John Allen Lee, \$10.
Failure to obey signal—Lyle T. Barbee, \$5 suspended.
\$35 overhauled—Harry C. Childers, \$35 with \$15 suspended.
Stop sign violation—Dixie L. Larson, \$5 suspended.
Tandem axle overload—Ivan P. Daughenbough, \$35 with \$15 suspended.
Illegal possession of venison—Frank Kelly Moore, \$250.
Overwidth—James W. Cowan, \$10.
Failure to yield right-of-way—Elmer J. Points, \$10.
Jan. 11
Unit overload—Donald J. Vargason, \$20.50.
No PUC permit—J. R. Collins, \$10.50.
Truck overload—Lloyd Main Ray, \$7.
Basic rule—Andrew Kessler, \$10.
Failure to stop at railroad—Fred Short, \$5 suspended.
Tandem axle overload—Robert R. Zeemin, \$20, (and second charge, \$45).
Jan. 12
Defective muffler—Thomas R. Chambers, \$5 suspended.
No PUC permit—Edward Tennyson, \$10.
Basic rule violation—Ralph M. Hopkins, \$20.50.
No operator's license—Carroll R. Kuhl, \$5 suspended.
Passing with insufficient clearance—Glenn F. Simmons, \$5.
Failure to obey signal—Leslie Hart Beebe, \$2.
Jan. 13
Truck speeding—Mervin H. Shollenburg, \$5.
Tandem axle overload—Delbert Wayne King, \$154 with \$64 suspended.
Jan. 14
Basic rule violation—Forrest E. Solomon, \$15.
Combination overload—Charles O. Lutz, \$50.
Passing with insufficient clearance—Jack Milo Barker, \$10 (and defective horn, \$2).
Group overload—Kenneth E. Nygaard, \$54 with \$24 suspended.
Stop sign violation—Marion I. Allen, \$2.
JUNCTION CITY JUSTICE COURT
Basic rule: Alfred Fries, Junction City, \$9.50.
Defective muffler: Kenneth Climer, Junction City, \$9.50.
Defective clearance lights: Hiram Bierly, Halsey, \$10.
No operators license: Wylie Davis, Harrisburg, \$5.
Following too closely: Frank J. Reischman, Portland, \$9.50.
Defective taillights: Homer Glenn Hartz, Monmouth, \$9.50.
Overwidth load: Walter Barrows, Junction City, \$8.
No PUC permit: Galet Hardy, Redding, Calif., \$9.50.



(Register-Guard photo, Wiltshire eng.)
NEWEST EAGLES—The two youths above, Gary Wolfe and Orin Bruton, are the Oregon Trail Council's newest Eagle Scouts. The pair, both Explorer Scouts, received their Eagle Scout oath from Dr. E. D. Furrer, former council president and father of four Eagle Scouts. Both boys are members of units that meet at the First Christian Church in Eugene. Wolfe belongs to Explorer Post 5 and Bruton is a member of Scout Troop 5.

Money 'Bagged' by Baptist Goes for Catholic Church

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—A 71-year-old Baptist hunter literally shot \$1,955 from the heavens but got nothing for his marksmanship.

Instead, the money will be used by a Catholic priest to help build a new church.

The hunter, Forrest Wilson, was looking for rabbits last Saturday when he noticed a huge plastic balloon floating through the air toward him.

"Now, when you see something like that and you're carrying a shotgun you're going to shoot it," he said. And he shot.

Inside the balloon was a certificate worth \$1,955 to the finder's favorite charity, but Wilson didn't take the message seriously. He gave the paper to his granddaughter, Mrs. Marie Lacefield, a member of St. Jerome's Catholic Church, now in the middle of a building program. Actually, the Rev. Jerome Moore is building the church himself with the aid of his congregation.

So Mrs. Lacefield is donating the \$1,955 to Father Moore.

"It's her certificate now," said her Baptist grandfather. "The Catholics can't blame me if she gives it to the Catholics."

Wilson said, however, it would be nice if he could just get some money out of it himself.

But the certificate doesn't work that way. It was the most valuable of 122 sent aloft throughout the country last week by General Mills Inc., to commemorate the anniversary of a company product.

The one captured near here had been aloft about 52 hours, a detail that didn't interest Wilson.

"I think I'll give up rabbit hunting," he said, "and start hunting balloons."

He didn't bag any rabbits Saturday anyway.

Convict Fails In Attempted Prison Break

McNEIL ISLAND PENITENTIARY, Wash. (AP)—David Leroy Latham's plan to use acting Warden L. T. Gollaher as a hostage in an attempted prison break was foiled Thursday—because Gollaher stepped out of his office.

Richard D. Auerbach, special agent in charge of the Seattle Federal Bureau of Investigation office, told the story.

Latham, 22, serving time from Los Angeles for transporting a stolen auto across state lines, early Thursday slipped out of his cell-house and joined prisoners in a work gang.

He strolled away from the gang, telling a guard who questioned him he was assigned to the prison offices, Auerbach said, then made his first slip. The guard, not satisfied, followed and Latham started to run.

Auerbach said Latham darted into Gollaher's office brandishing a knife he had produced from his shirt. But Gollaher had stepped out and finding the office empty upset the plans. Other guards arrived, disarmed Latham and led him back to his cell.

The FBI agent said Latham had a record as a trouble-maker. He originally was sentenced to serve three years in the federal reformatory at El Reno, Okla. Three years were added to the sentence and he was transferred here after an unsuccessful mutiny at El Reno, they said.

Webb to MC Awards

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Actor Jack Webb, the Sgt. Joe Friday of television, movies and radio, will be master of ceremonies for the announcement of nominations of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Feb. 12. The event will be televised for the first time, the academy announced.

CORRECTION

Due to a transposition in prices, Ivory Snow and Ivory Soap were incorrectly priced in our Thursday ad. Correct prices appear below:

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