With National Student Christian Federation Representative

'Thinking Youth' Talks Topic

By PEPPER BERKELEY
Of the Register-Guard

Young people who are thinking, believes Ann Finkle, "want to do something."

And Miss Finkle, who works in New York City with the National Student Christian Federation, has a full portfolio of projects for "thinking" youths.

In Eugene this week to discuss her projects with Eugene-Springfield area students and ministers, Miss Finkle first suggests that a college church youth group send a delegate or delegates to the National Student Christian Federation Quadrennial Convention in Athens, Ohio, which will be held during the 1963 Christmas vacation.

The theme for the convention, she said, is "For the Life of the World," and the convention will bring together some 3,000 American and foreign college students.

The convention, she continued, will have students from virtually all Protestant denominations in the United States. At the convention, slated Dec. 26, 1963, to Jan. 2, 1964, the students will discuss world missions.

"World mission," Miss Finkle feels, is especially important to the youth and college students in churches in the United States.

She feels that the various summer projects of the National Student Christian Federation emphasize "more and more, what is becoming to be thought of as the mission of the church—that the church only finds its life in service to the world."

When the church forgets this, she feels, "inbred institutionalism" comes to the fore—and the inbred institutionalism" does not find favor with youth.

Youths "who are thinking," Miss Finkle said, "do want to do something." They don't want "to be part of a sanctimonious, huddled community—a withdrawn community," she feels.

Today, she said, there are several types of programs open to high school and college young people interested in "service to the world."

These include:

- Work camps, summer study seminars and similar programs sponsored by the federation, by individual denominations and by interdenominational groups.
- Long-term work programs, similar to the above, and open usually only to young people above high school age.
- Short-term missionary assignments, a program of a growing number of denominations. These programs, she said, offer missionary duty of some three years "without requiring a lifetime commitment" to missionary work. Some of the skills needed, she said, are teaching, agriculture, medical training and technical skills.

This summer, Miss Finkle said, the federation is offering several programs for college-age students.

One, she said, is a voter registration project in Nashville, Tenn. There, she said, participants will cooperate with existing community groups, gathering information of aid to these groups and canvassing in a "voter apathy" area.

The actual work part of the program, Miss Finkle said, will be supplemented by discussion groups and study of area and community problems.

Participants in a project in Nantucket Island will find themselves in quite a different atmosphere, she said.

Students in this program will be studying "the theology of the secular" during their stay on the island.

Who is needed for work camps and similar programs?

"First of all," Miss Finkle said, "a student who is willing to work hard and who sees this work as service" is needed.

The applicant, she continued, "should be interested in life and be able to participate in study and close group living."

"It can be one of the most tremendous experiences a college student can have," she said.

Further information on the National Student Christian Federation, which is related to the National Council of Churches, is available in Eugene at Christian House, 736 E. 16th Ave., Eugene.

Information on interdenominational and denominational projects and related programs are available from most Emerald Empire ministers or church offices, or from Christian House.

Witnesses' Assembly To Continue

Events will continue tonight and Sunday in Eugene, where members of the 14 congregations of Oregon Circuit No. 2, Jehovah's Witnesses, are holding an assembly.

Assembly events will continue with program tonight at the Lane County Fairgrounds, and will be climaxed Sunday at 3 p.m. with a public lecture, "Who Will Win the Struggle for World Supremacy?"

This lecture will be given by L. M. Dugan, a representative of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Brooklyn, N.Y. It is open to the public.

Sunday's meeting scheduled will begin at 9 a.m.

Throughout the session, programs have been designed to aid members of the sect in becoming better ministers, Jehovah's Witnesses designate each baptized member as an ordained minister, and the heads of individual congregations are designated as "presiding ministers."

Both Eugene North and Eugene South congregations meet at Kingdom Hall, 95 N. Washington St., and the Springfield congregation meets at Kingdom Hall, 1182 C St.

Oregon Circuit No. 2 of the sect includes congregations in most of the Emerald Empire.

Church Sets 'Testimonial' For Member

Eugene First Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will have a "farewell testimonial" for a ward member, Faithe Madge Simington of Eugene, Sunday at 4 p.m.

The testimonial will be at the ward chapel at Tenth Avenue and Tyler Street, Eugene. Members of the ward and friends of Miss Simington are invited.

Miss Simington, who will report to Salt Lake City April 22 for training for missionary service, will be the ward's fourth missionary on the field when she begins her duty.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Simington of Florence, and graduated from Mapleton High School in 1958. After attending beauty college in Eugene, she was employed for a time in Florence, then returned to Eugene to work as a receptionist and instructor at the beauty college.

In the ward, Miss Simington has been active as a teacher in the Mutual Improvement Assn. Her class, the second year Bee Hive group, will give a special presentation at the testimonial.

After study at the Mission Home in Salt Lake City, she will report to the headquarters of the Southern States Mission in Atlanta, Ga., to begin an 18-months period of service.

Jewish Passover An Ancient Rite

By LOUIS CASSELS

"Why is this night different from all other nights?"

That question was asked in millions of Jewish homes last Monday evening.

Tradition decrees that it be asked by the youngest son of the family.

It is answered by the head of the family retelling the story of the Exodus—the mighty act of deliverance by which God brought the children of Israel out of bondage in Egypt.

The question and answer are part of the Seder, a home worship service which opens the annual observance of the eight-day Passover season. That will end on Tuesday.

The Seder is probably the oldest continually observed religious ritual in the world. It has been celebrated for more than 3,000 years.

The service is built around a festive meal in which every dish has a symbolic significance.

USE SPECIAL DISHES

The Seder table is spread before dark, with the finest linens and best silver that the home can provide. Many families have special sets of dishes which are used only once a year, during the Passover.

At sundown, the mother lights candles on the table, and all members of the family gather around. The head of the family opens the ceremony by raising a cup of wine, as in a toast, and pronouncing an ancient blessing:

"Praised art Thou, o Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who hast chosen us from all people and singled us out from among men . . . for Thy service."

Altogether, four glasses of wine are drunk during the meal. They recall God's four promises to Moses that the Israelites would be freed from captivity.

Other ingredients of the Seder feast include:

- Matzoth, or unleavened bread, which is a reminder that the Israelites had to flee Egypt so hastily that they had no time to bake regular bread but were compelled to subsist on flat unleavened loaves sun-baked on desert rocks.
- Bitter herbs (usually a piece of horse radish) to recall the bitterness of a slave's life in Egypt.
- Charoses, a mixture of apples, nuts, cinnamon and wine, which symbolizes the mortar which the Jews used to make bricks for the pharaoh during their days of captivity.

SERVICE SPELLED OUT

The order of the service, including prayers and thanksgivings used at various stages of the meal, is laid out in a book called the Haggadah. There are many versions of the Haggadah, but they differ only in details.

The Haggadah emphasizes the importance of a sense of personal involvement in the great act of deliverance commemorated by the Passover.

"In every generation," says one passage, "each Jew should regard himself as though he too were brought out of Egypt. Not our fathers alone, but us also, did the Holy One redeem; for not alone in Egypt but in many other lands, have we groaned under the burden of affliction and suffered as victims of malice, ignorance and fanaticism."

Minister Calls First Results 'Encouraging'

COTTAGE GROVE — Response to first meetings of a new Conservative Baptist church here was called "very encouraging" Wednesday by the Rev. Louis B. Jackson.

Jackson came to Cottage Grove in March to found the city's only Conservative Baptist congregation, now meeting on Sundays at the American Legion Hall.

Services on Easter Sunday, Jackson said, will be held at regular worship hours at the hall: Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 7 p.m.

In addition, he said, prayer meetings on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. will begin this week, and will be held at the Jackson home, No. 3 Foster Road (Rt. 1 Box 28) Cottage Grove.

Jackson came to Cottage Grove from Hollister, Calif., where he served as interim pastor for Calvary Conservative Baptist Church.

Fellowship Dinner Planned

Wayne McMurray, superintendent of Coquille schools and a member of the board of trustees of Willamette University, will be guest speaker Wednesday at an all-church fellowship dinner of Trinity Methodist Church, Eugene.

The potluck dinner is planned for 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of North Eugene High School.

McMurray, who has held his present post in Coquille for three years and served as a high school principal at Coquille prior to that, has been active on both the local and state level of Methodist lay work.

At present, in addition to his post with Willamette, he is a member of the conference board of Christian concerns.

Also on Wednesday's program will be a discussion of the church's budget and program aims for the coming year. Leo Reed is general chairman of the finance campaign.

Child care will be provided.

Mrs. John Beiler is in charge of dinner arrangements, and Leslie Cone and Keith Proudfit are in charge of the program.

The Rev. Asa Mundell is pastor of the church, which is located at 440 Maxwell Rd., Eugene.

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