

## Lutheran Church at Aurora Observes Golden Jubilee

Aurora—Christ Lutheran church of Aurora celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding Sunday, with visiting church dignitaries taking part.

Rev. S. F. Golden, a former pastor of Christ Lutheran, delivered the morning sermon. Ladies of the Missionary society served the dinner. At the afternoon service Rev. E. W. Kasten, also a former pastor of the Aurora church, now serving at Wenatchee, Wash., spoke. Present also were the Rev. S. C. Siefkes, D.D., district president of the American Lutheran church, who spoke during the dinner hour.

In recognition of the milestone in the church's history, Rev. Mau and a committee of members prepared and printed a history of the church from the time of its founding in 1899 until the present. The history was printed in brochure form for distribution to members and guests. The booklet shows that the Rev. Ernest Mack then of Oregon City, after a year of work organized the congregation with 10 voting members on June 4, 1899, and on July 5, 1899, incorporation papers were filed with the secretary of state. The present church building was dedicated Feb. 18, 1900.

A list of 25 charter members appears in the minutes of a meeting held in May, 1899, as follows:

August and Katharina Keil, Charles Keil, William Keil, Herman Funk, Johanna Keil, Dora Keil, G. Muecke, F. G. Peter, C. Krieger, J. Erbsland, John Greenwald, Johann Ritter, Karl Huetter, Charles Maus, Charles Becke Sr., Joseph Fischer, Lillie Sticker, Charles Beck Jr., Elizabeth Kraus, Laura Kraus, Clara Kraus, Sarah Gooding, Louisa Erbsland, Michael Sporsalsky and William Sporsalsky.

F. G. Peter was elected the first president of the congregation in July, 1899, and purchase of the ground on which the church now stands was authorized.

**Parsonage Dedicated**

In May, 1902, Rev. Henry Flathmann succeeded Rev. Mr. Mack as pastor, and records show that the congregation contributed \$120 toward his support. In October, 1903, a new parsonage was dedicated.

Pastor Flathmann served until 1911 and was succeeded by Rev. A. F. W. Benzin, who served until 1915, when he was called to Ohio and Rev. H. Bruss took over, serving until 1920. After the Rev. Mr. Bruss departure the church was without a regular pastor for more than a year, and was served once a month by Dr. George Koehler, then of Salem.

In July, 1921, Rev. W. F. Schmidt, now of Waverly, Iowa, took the pastorate temporarily, and was the first to introduce services in English, all of them having been conducted in German theretofore. This action considerably broadened the church's sphere of influence.

In 1922, Rev. William Schoeler became pastor and served until 1926. During his regime the church basement was built.

Rev. A. F. Knorr, now in Corpus Christi, Texas, then took over. As his predecessors had done, he preached at Macksburg and Newberg as well as at Aurora. It was during his service that art glass windows, baptismal font and electric fixtures were installed.

**Ministers Numerous**

In July, 1935, Rev. Mr. Knorr accepted a call to Christ church in Walla Walla, and Rev. H. P. Christensen of Odessa, Wash., succeeded him at Aurora. But within two months, Rev. Mr. Christensen became ill and died and for nearly a year temporary Pastors Zielstorf and Wolff served at Aurora.

Rev. Samuel F. Goldenman, now at Mullan, Idaho, and one of those present Sunday, accepted the pastorate in May, 1936. He served the church for seven years, leaving in July, 1943, for Wilbur, Wash.

Rev. E. W. Kasten, then assistant pastor at Peace church, Portland, was installed at Aurora, July 4, 1943, and served until April, 1947, when he accepted a call to Wenatchee, Wash. During his regime, the communicant membership rose from 69 to 117.

Between April, 1947, and April, 1948, supply services were provided by the district president, Dr. S. C. Siefkes with the

## Sen. Morse in Naval Hospital

Washington, Sept. 19 (AP)—Senator Morse of Oregon was admitted to the Navy hospital at nearby Bethesda, Md., yesterday for a week or two of rest. He is recovering from a bruising throw in an Oregon State Fair horse show.

The senator's office aides said X-rays taken here yesterday had verified the senator suffered no broken or dislocated bones. He had painful muscle bruises, however, and some torn muscles.

Morse was thrown to the ground and knocked unconscious a week ago Saturday when a buggy he was driving overturned during a sharp turn during the exhibition.

## Mt. Angel Farmer Buys Jersey Herd

Portland, Sept. 19 (AP)—Jersey dairymen crowded into a stock car in the freight yards here yesterday, excitedly exclaiming about the 23 cows and bulls newly arrived from the Isle of Jersey.

The shipment, destined for herds in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia, is valued at \$100,000. It is the second load of prized dairy cattle from the English channel island to reach the northwest in 30 years.

Rex Ross, Mt. Angel, Ore., purchased the breeding stock on a recent two month trip to the island. Eleven animals are to be assigned Oregon dairymen.

cooperation of Pastors George Koehler, Carl Mau, William R. Krasberger and others. In April, 1948, Rev. H. Mau came here from Toppensish, Wash., to accept the pastorate. During the first year and a half of his ministry attendance records and membership have continued to grow. The present communicant membership listed in the historical booklet is 148.



**Kin Escapes Russ Jail**—Relatives of Private John J. Sienkiewicz, Baltimore, Md., soldier who broke out of jail in Soviet sector of New York, who are en route from San Francisco to Chicago on tour with the stage show, "Kiss Me Kate." Other guests for the occasion were Mrs. Sienkiewicz's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Drakeley, Sr., of Salem.

## Four Corners People Greet Guests; State Colleges Call

Four Corners, Sept. 19—Distinguished visitors in the Clifford L. Pierpont home, 695 South Elma avenue, Sunday were Mrs. Pierpont's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ray K. Drakeley of New York, who are en route from San Francisco to Chicago on tour with the stage show, "Kiss Me Kate." Other guests for the occasion were Mrs. Sienkiewicz's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Drakeley, Sr., of Salem.

Four Corners young people returning to college for the coming school year are Jack Corning, who is a senior at University of Oregon. He is a major in accounting and is manager of the U. of O. football team.

Miss Verlane Walker goes to Oregon State college at Corvallis for her junior year as a Home Economics major.

Miss Evelyn Benz also goes to Oregon State college.

Robert M. Gilbert will return to Willamette university as a junior pre-medical major.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Gilbert, 4070 Mahrt avenue, left Saturday by automobile on a three weeks trip that will take them to Great Falls, Mont., where they will visit relatives, then south through North and South Dakota and return home by way of Denver, visiting rela-

## Gideons to Hold 1950 Convention in Eugene

Portland, Sept. 19 (AP)—The Gideon Society of Oregon has named Eugene as the site for its 1950 convention.

Thomas Dryden, Portland, was named president at the conclusion of this year's session. Other officers include Far M. Miller, Corvallis, reelected secretary. The auxiliary officers include Mrs. Walter Lottis, Salem, president; and Mrs. Gene Imbach, Springfield, vice president.

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## Employment for Disabled Urged

Cooperation of all local and providing suitable employment for disabled veterans and other persons was urged by Walter A. Haskins, chairman of the county inter-agency committee reactivated for the fifth annual observance of the National Employment the Physically Handicapped week, October 2 to 8.

Mr. Haskins, who succeeded Carlton Greider, last year's local "NEPH" chairman, when the inter-agency committee reorganized for the forthcoming campaign pointed out that October 2 to 8 has been set aside by order of President Truman for a concentrated drive to reduce unemployment among former GI's and civilians who have disabili-

ties which represent employment handicaps.

Haskins called for cooperation among townships, industry, labor unions, farmers and other groups in solving the problems. In posing the challenge presented by disabled veterans and civilians, he cited their desire to work, their low rate of absenteeism and their efficient production when suitably placed on jobs in line with their remaining abilities.

## 3,700 Mile Non-Stop Flight Ends in Oslo

Oslo, Norway, Sept. 19 (AP)—Col. Bernt Balchen, pioneer Arctic airman, landed a U. S. Airforce transport plane at Oslo yesterday after a 3,700-mile non-stop flight from Anchorage, Al-

aska, in 22.5 hours.

Brig. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong, commander of the U. S. Airforce in Alaska, accompanied Balchen on the hop.

Balchen had planned to fly over the North Pole but weather forecasts were bad so he set his course over north Greenland.

Balchen, Armstrong and three other airforce officers took turns piloting the Skymaster during the record run.

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