

Evangelical United Brethren To Celebrate 90th Anniversary

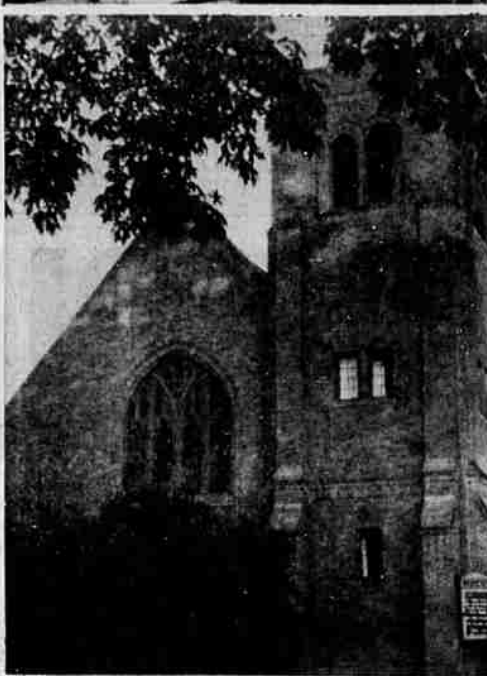
A unique celebration is taking place at the First Evangelical United Brethren Church Sunday. It is not unique because it is 90 years since the first congregation of the Evangelical Association was formed in Salem, although that is not common, but because, not only was a church then formed in Salem, but that here was the beginning of what now is the Oregon-Washington Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

It was here that James Crossman came on a river steamer from Portland, arriving on the evening of June 13, 1864 with his little family from Pittsburgh, Pa. He had come by way of New York, sailing to Panama, then across the Isthmus by rail, then up the Pacific to San Francisco and again transferring to another steamer for Portland.

You ask why so far around? It was because this was the most speedy way to come from the East to Oregon in those days. Rev. Mr. Crossman was appointed a missionary to Oregon by the then Evangelical Association. He was an energetic young man, having preached for six years previous to this in Pennsylvania. The Weekly Statesman said of his appointment: "The State of Oregon will be his field." Although he had such a large field, he found no parsonage, no church and no members here. He was a stranger in Salem, a city of about 2000 population.

It was not easy to establish a work. The first Sunday by invitation he preached in the Congregational Church and the second in the Methodist Church and finally secured the right to preach in the old Courthouse which stood on the same block of our present Courthouse. This Courthouse was built about 1852 and stood facing High Street, 50 feet back from the curb. This was not too desirable a place nor could he maintain a regular preaching schedule for he also went out from here to Independence, Corvallis, Albany and schoolhouses in this vicinity. Finally in the spring of 1866 he began to build a church on a lot secured at Center and Liberty which is now occupied as a used car lot. This building was completed by September of that year. Crossman prevailed on C. F. Deininger, who had come West with him to dedicate the church, and taken up mission work in San Francisco, to make the trip from there. He came the Crossman way, by ocean and river to Salem. The dedication took place September 2, 1866.

The next year Rev. Mr. Deininger was transferred to Salem and Crossman went to Corvallis. The missionaries were appointed for four years, but Deininger consented to stay two years longer. During his stay he organized the First Evangelical Sunday School in Oregon. He stayed until 1870 when Josiah Bowersox, a young man of 33 years, arrived from Pennsylvania. Bowersox continued in Oregon until his death at the ripe age of 91 years. On his arrival he became superintendent of the Oregon Mission and upon the organization of the Pacific Conference in 1876 he became what was known as presiding elder, holding this position until 1895, or for 19 years. During part of this time he also served the Salem Church. Also he went to the far reaches of what is now known as the Oregon-Washington conference, establishing churches. In the winter of 1884-85 he went up into what was the Washington territory near Spokane and established four new churches during the bitter cold of that winter, and just previous to this had established a church at Sweet Home. He was a tireless worker and his name was known throughout this valley both



in religious circles as well as in the every-day walk of life. Now a great grandson, Joe Bowersox, Jr., is a member of the church here. During these years, beginning in 1884, another personality became prominent in Evangelical annals in Oregon who for two terms served the Salem church, namely, C. C. Poling. He did much to develop the work of the Evangelical Church in Portland, he also was much interested in the educational work of the church on the West Coast. His youngest son Paul N. Poling is now pastor of the Presbyterian Church here.

In another sense the First Evangelical United Brethren Church is unique for it is the composite of three former churches in Salem. In order to understand the forming of the three churches and then their coming together again it is necessary to refer to a dark page of the history of the Evangelical Association for a rift came into the church which led to the forming of two churches, namely: The Evangelical Association and the United Evangelical Church. The division of the Oregon Conference took place in 1890 but the division of the church did not fully come until in the Fall of 1894. The congregation that worshipped at Center and Liberty largely belonged to what became the United Evangelical Church who had to surrender all property to the Evangelical Association finally but for three years they continued to worship in the church at Liberty. But I. B. Fisher, presiding elder at the other group desiring to have a work in Salem, began a church in East Salem in 1892 and built a very crude building at 17th and Chemeketa which cost them only \$42. It was said to have only an earth floor at first and a canvas for a roof, but in 1894 they built the church, which still stands on that corner. This congregation was entirely English and at one time was the largest of the three congregations.

In May of 1893 the congregation that was worshipping at Liberty and Center lost the use of the property there and on June 10 held their first service in the

WCTU rooms two doors East on Court Street from the then Opera House, but now occupied by Miller's department store. Here they worshipped for over a year, during this time they built a church on Cottage Street which was dedicated December 16, 1894. This church burned in 1916 and at once the congregation began to build a second church which was dedicated January 14, 1917. This building is still standing and is owned by the Women's Club of Salem.

The church at Center and Liberty, at this time having passed into the hands of the Evangelical Association, and they having an English church in East Salem, made this a German church which continued so in part until the time of the merger of the two in 1923. In 1915, when H. E. Hornschuch was pastor, the original church was replaced by a more modern one. Hornschuch's widow is living at present in the Old People's Home on Center street and is a member of this church. The church was dedicated October 3, 1915. This church continued in use until 1929 when the property was sold to General Petroleum Corporation of Los Angeles, California.

It was to the shame of the denomination and the regret of the two groups in general that they ever divided and soon measures were set in motion to reunite the two groups, often known as the Sons of Albright, after their founder. It was a day of great joy when the United Evangelical Church and the Evangelical Church were merged into the Evangelical Church in Detroit, Mich., October 14, 1922. At once the Cottage Street Church and the Liberty Street church set about to unite which was effected after the annual conference of 1923, which met in the Liberty Street church, merging the two Oregon Conferences. The Liberty street church was chosen as the one to be used. Later the congregation on Chemeketa Street asked to become a part of what was now known as the First Evangelical Church of Salem, which had purchased property at

The above pictures of churches in which members of First Evangelical United Brethren have worshipped tell the story of the church's work and progress in Salem. Upper left, church that stood at Liberty and Center, built in 1866, and dedicated September 2 of that year; upper right, building at 17th and Chemeketa, dedicated October 7, 1894. Middle, at left, church at Center and Liberty, dedicated October 3, 1915; middle, right, church on Cottage Street, dedicated January 14, 1917. Below, present church at Marion and Summer, dedicated April 19, 1931.

Marion and Summer streets and on July 1, 1929, this union was effected.

The present church which stands on this corner was built in the Fall and Winter of 1930 and 1931 and was dedicated by Bishop G. E. Epp, D. D., April 19, 1931. The 46th annual conference having convened on the 13th had finished transacting its business as a conference. It was in 1946 that the Church of the United Brethren in

Christ and the Evangelical Church united, taking the name Evangelical United Brethren Church, hence it became the First Evangelical United Brethren Church of Salem. It is this church which is celebrating 90 years since the first church was organized here in Salem. A cordial invitation is extended by the congregation to the people of Salem to attend these services.

Santa Anna Took Fatal Nap 119 Years Ago Today

By BRUCE HENDERSON

SAN JACINTO MONUMENT, and in a treaty signed Feb. 2, 1848, Mexico ceded that part of the present United States west of Texas and the Louisiana Purchase and south of Oregon. The United States paid Mexico 15 million dollars.

Simple ceremonies today marked the anniversary of the battle of San Jacinto. The crowd was expected to outnumber the 700 to 800 men responsible for the holiday—who awakened a sleeping general.

Things had gone badly for Texas as that spring of 1836 in its fight for independence from Mexico. On March 6 the garrison at Alamo Mission in San Antonio had been massacred by the legions of Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna.

Santa Anna, the "Napoleon of the West," swept east and camped at the junction of the San Jacinto River and Buffalo Bayou—22 miles east of Houston.

On the afternoon of April 21, as Santa Anna took his siesta and his force of 1,600 squatted confidently behind their breastworks, General Sam Houston's army—outnumbered 2 to 1—charged.

It must rank with history's most vicious and surprising attacks. Shrieking "Remember the Alamo!" the Texans routed the Mexicans in 18 minutes—killing some 630, wounding 280 and capturing 730. Texan casualties: Two dead, 23 wounded.

Santa Anna was captured. Texas had independence, and nine years later joined the union. touched off the U. S.-Mexican War. But the annexation of Texas broke off relations with the United States and laid a claim to Texas.

The United States won the war.

Echo Dam Bill Wins a Victory

WASHINGTON (UP)—Backers of the 1.2 billion dollar Colorado River Storage Project won a preliminary victory in the Senate today.

The Senate voted down an amendment to a bill to authorize the project which would have cut out a section declaring it is the intention of Congress in the future to authorize additional project units.

The amendment, by Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.), was rejected by a voice vote.

The action preceded votes on two other amendments, one to eliminate Echo Park Dam from the project and another to return project revenues directly to the Treasury rather than make them available for project works.

Pacific P & L to Cut Rates in Valley

Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Holtzel gave Pacific Power & Light Co. permission Wednesday to reduce its rates. The reduction, effective next Friday, amounts to \$242,000 a year in the company's Coos Bay division, and \$60,000 in the Willamette Valley.

Holtzel said the reductions are a result of the company's merger with Mountain States Power Co.

Daylight saving time was first introduced by Germany in World War I and later adopted by England.

Two New Quakes In Central Chili

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—Two new earth tremors shook Coquimbo Province in central Chile Wednesday. They came on the heels of sharp quakes Tuesday which killed one person and caused unestimated property damage.

Tidal waves swept inland on coastal towns, causing inhabitants to flee. Residents of La Serena spent the night in the open. The seaside resort of Tongoy was evacuated.

At any one time, there usually are above 25 airplanes flying across the Atlantic Ocean.

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