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SHALL CHURCHES BE CONSOLIDATED?

"To federate or not to federate" the Congregational, Christian and Methodist churches of the city was the big question discussed for two hours at a called meeting of the Brotherhood, held at the Congregational church last Monday evening. There were forty members present and when the vote was taken on a motion to ask the three church boards to consider the proposition, said motion carried by a vote 27 affirmative to three negative. The question is brought up by the fact that it appears to many people a waste of effort and money to maintain three churches and three ministers when either of the churches will hold all who attend services.

The Methodist church is today without a pastor and Rev. Putnam of the Christian church expects to leave soon for Y. M. C. A. work in camp or cantonment. Rev. Putnam spoke in favor of the federation during the war and Rev. Patten of the Congregational church also favored the proposition, saying one preacher should be able to minister to the three flocks and he did not insist on being that one. He was ready to step aside for a better man or one more acceptable to the three congregations. The plan was being worked out successfully in Canada and some parts of this country. It would be better, he thought, to have one big congregation than three weak ones and the amount of money that could be saved for missionary, Red Cross and other needed war work was a feature not to be overlooked.

B. J. Simpson, A. G. Hoffman, M. R. Johnson, L. M. Graham, C. A. Littler, Chas. Aydelott, H. L. Bates, R. F. Clark, E. D. West and Orval Hutchens also believed the plan should be tried. Mr. Hoffman said his church (Methodist) would, of course, have to consult its bishop about so important a move.

A. R. Keagy had his doubts about the feasibility of the plan, but was willing to refer it to the congregations.

Rev. Daniel Staver would rather see three medium-sized congregations working in harmony than to see one big one waiting for some one else to do the work. He was afraid of too big a church, and Dr. Hawke said he feared some of the members of the federated church would not feel at home and would lose interest in the work. Rev. Barber was of the same opinion and Fred Gardner wanted some one to define just what extent of federation was contemplated. He was told that this must be left to

a committee composed of delegates from the various churches.

Attorney Dyke, a Baptist, said he wasn't sure he had any voice in the meeting, but, as he had been called on for an opinion, he opined that he could see plenty of rocks on which the federated church might split.

E. P. Fruit was afraid the workers in the various churches would cease to be workers after federation.

President Inlow was directed, by motion, to appoint a committee to put the question up to the various church boards and appointed B. J. Simpson and H. F. Wilson from the Christian church, C. A. Littler and Walter Chalmers from the Methodist and R. F. Clark and H. E. Inlow from the Congregational.

Some of the speakers advocated a complete federation, consolidating the Sunday schools and sending the juniors to one church, the intermediates to another and the adults to still another, taking the best qualified teachers from all the churches, and consolidating the preaching services. Others favored a consolidated preaching service only. These things will have to be decided by the church boards and if they cannot agree, then the scheme of federation must be dropped.

Woman's Club Affairs

Last Monday's meeting of the Woman's club was sparsely attended, but considerable business was transacted, including the paying of the state and national per-capita tax on sixty-seven members.

The members voted to put on an eugenic contest, some time in March, for children up to six years. Mrs. C. E. Walker will supervise the contest, which will be governed by the rules of the Mothers' Congress of Portland.

Mrs. A. B. Todd, chairman of the Red Cross Military Relief committee, reported to the club that she had some very complimentary letters regarding the work the local branch was doing for the United States hospital service and asked that all members who had clean bags bring them to the work room (Anderson block) to be cut up for pillow filling. There is a heavy demand for these pillows and they are gladly received by the American Red Cross. Work has been somewhat hampered by a lack of cloth for "snippings."

Mrs. Todd spoke in flattering terms of the good work being done for her committee by the women of Dilley and other outlying towns.

The "Conservation" meeting to be held on the first Monday in February, at Langley hall, will be a very important one, as Miss Mills brings a message from the federal government. All ladies should attend this open meeting.

To the Ladies

Stith & Jones is the name of the new millinery firm, who purchased the old stand of Miss McIntyre, and are now open for business. We solicit the patronage of the people of Forest Grove and vicinity, and assure them the best up-to-date goods, the most reasonable prices and excellent service.

We are now offering trimmed hats, children's caps, etc., below cost, in order to close them out before our new spring line arrives. Come in and secure some of the bargains. 2-12

The accommodate our patrons, we will resume the custom of keeping our store open Saturday evenings until 9 o'clock. Schultz Food Company.

Washington County to Do Her Share

Louis J. Simpson, vice-chairman of the State War Savings Committee and chairman of the First Congressional district, met with the Patriotic Council of Washington county at the Hillsboro library on Tuesday afternoon and supervised the organization of the County campaign in the interest of the War Savings and Thrift Stamp campaign.

This campaign will be handled by the following committee of seven, appointed by the Patriotic League: N. A. Frost, County Superintendent of Schools, Chairman; R. P. Wirtz, W. J. McCready, Forest Grove; J. C. Lampkin, Hillsboro; J. W. Vanderveiden, Banks; J. E. Morback, Sherwood; C. E. Hedge, Beaverton.

The campaign organization will be extended to every school district of the county under the plan of the Patriotic Council and the Thrift and War Savings stamps will be placed on sale by every merchant, bank, business house, postoffice, and every place where they can possibly be disposed of. The apportionment for Washington county is \$555,000.00 and this amount of War Savings and Thrift Stamps must be sold before the close of the present year.

The Truth About The Big World War

Tomorrow night, at the Crescent Theater, Hillsboro, three wounded Canadian officers, home from the big battle in France, will tell the public just what conditions were when they left France and those having the meeting in charge desire to reserve seats (free of charge) for all who will come from Forest Grove. The meeting will start as soon as the theater is full, which will probably be before 8 o'clock, so those going from here should go as early as possible, after notifying B. J. Simpson, who will telephone ahead for seats. (Don't neglect this part of the arrangements.)

Seats are provided on the stage for all officers and committee chairmen of the Red Cross, Honor Guard and Boy Scouts. Tickets for these seats may be secured from Mr. Simpson.

The speakers will arrive in Hillsboro at 6:40 and will take dinner at the Washington Hotel with the central committee of the Patriotic Council, under whose auspices the meeting is held. You should attend this meeting if you are interested in the war, but first notify Mr. Simpson, so your seat will be reserved, free of cost.

Food Demonstration

All of next week, beginning Monday morning, a domestic science instructor from Portland will be at our store to show patriotic people how to conserve on wheat and improve their health by the use of Roman meal. Everybody welcome. Schultz Food Company.

After winning a big majority of the football games, the Forest Grove high school boys have made a bad start at basketball, losing a game to Franklin high at Portland Friday by a score of 32 to 11 and allowing Franklin to come to this city Saturday night and do it again—34 to 30. Franklin high has probably the strongest high school team in the state. But there is still time for the locals to strike a winning stride. Here's hoping.

John Baldwin, J. T. Butler and A. L. Purcell, members of the G. A. R. rifle and drum corps, took dinner with President Grant of the corps at Meldrum last Saturday. There were twelve members present at the dinner.

Hazel Hughes Passes Away

Miss Hazel Blanche Hughes, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hughes, passed away at St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, near midnight last Monday, following two surgical operations—one on Dec. 27th for appendicitis and another on Jan. 9th for complications.

Hazel Hughes was born on the farm where her parents now reside, one mile south of this city, on Oct. 13th, 1894, and received her education in the grade school of Dilley and the Forest Grove high school, graduating from the high school in 1917. She was a very intelligent young woman, of cheerful and helpful disposition and was very popular with all who knew her, old and young. Early in life she professed religion but affiliated with no church. She was a member of the Forest Grove Girls' Honor Guard, was an active worker in the Red Cross and a member of the Dilley Assembly of the United Artisans.

Funeral services were at the chapel of the Forest Grove Undertaking company at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Rev. Putnam of the Christian church conducting the service. Many beautiful floral offerings were laid on the casket by loving friends, a great many of whom could not gain admission to the overflowing chapel, so stood in the street during the services. Interment was in Forest View cemetery.

Very Interesting Exercises

Exercises in commemoration of the chartering of Pacific University were held in Marsh Hall last evening, consisting of the following program:

Prayer by Rev. Patten, college songs, by students and faculty; reading of charter by Principal Bates, senior member of the faculty; piano solo by Miss Elinor Peterson and an address by Rev. Warren Morse, pastor of the Atkinson Memorial Congregational church of Portland, who took for his subject, "Christian Education and Christian Democracy." The address was full of patriotic thought and was very forcibly delivered.

Then came the cutting of the huge birthday cake, surmounted by 64 candles, one for each year since the charter was granted. College songs were sung during the cutting of the cake, which was then devoured by the small crowd in attendance. Very few outside the faculty and student body attended these exercises, which were open to the public.

Our Colors Never Run

Exchange: Five men, all of different nationalities, at a restaurant table proposed toasts to the flag of each. The best toaster was to have a free dinner. Said the Russian: "Here's to the stars and bars of Russia, which has never been thrown down;" the Turk—"Here's to the moon of Turkey, whose wings have never been clipped;" the Frenchman—"Here's to the cock of France whose feathers have never been plucked;" the American—"Here's to the stars and stripes, which have never trailed in defeat." The Englishman scooped them all, with—"Here's to the blawsted, bloomin' land of Great Britain, which threw down the stars and bars of Russia, clipped the wings off the moon of Turkey, pulled the tail feathers from the cock of France, and ran like blazes from the stars and stripes."

The debate being put on by the Forest Grove Brotherhood on Jan. 29th will be at the Christian church and debaters are getting in trim for a fierce and windy battle. Members remember the date.

Wouldn't a heavy sweater go mighty fine these wet days? We've some dandies—\$2.00 to \$7.00. C. E. Roy & Co.

TRAGIC DEATH OF MANDIUS OLSEN

Following several weeks of suffering from insomnia, Mandius Olsen, aged 58 years, last Monday locked himself in his upstairs bedroom and gashed his legs, wrists and throat with a razor in an endeavor to get some rest and, as a result, passed away at his home, six miles south of this city shortly after midnight this morning. Dr. Baker of Gaston and Dr. Kauffman of this city were called as soon as the attempt at suicide was discovered by Mrs. Olsen, his wife, and, in spite of the fact that the patient had bled profusely, they managed to keep him alive until this morning.

Mr. Olsen came to this section from Portland about a year ago, when he purchased and took possession of the big W. K. Newell farm, near Seghers. Little is known of him by local residents, as he never took any of them into his confidence. He is reputed to be quite well-to-do and it is rumored that he has recently suffered a financial loss through trusting a friend, not a resident of this county, however. He did considerable trading in this city and always seemed well supplied with funds.

Deceased is survived by a widow and four or five children, but the widow is so dazed by the tragic death of her husband that the writer made no effort to obtain any family history of deceased.

Undertaker Buxton today prepared the body for burial and it goes to Portland this evening for burial.

Fine Entertainment for Worthy Cause

The members of the "Red Letter Day" committee of the Woman's club are closing up the details for a high-class entertainment to be given at the Star Theater on Monday evening, Jan. 28th. All over the land, Women's clubs observe Jan. 28th as "Red Letter Day," usually by giving some entertainment to add money to a fund maintained to assist worthy young women (by loans) in securing an education. During one year thirty women and girls were thus assisted in Oregon alone.

For the coming entertainment the ladies are trying to secure the films of some well-known book, one that would appeal to lovers of good literature and good pictures. In addition, there will be a fine musical program, vocal and instrumental, by the best local talent obtainable. Prices will be moderate, considering the excellence of the entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Ottice Shearer and Mrs. J. H. Shearer were in Portland today.



R. N. STANFIELD of Stanfield, Oregon, avowed candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator.



THOS. F. RYAN of Oregon City, who is a candidate for the Republican nomination for State Treasurer.

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