

BISHOP DEPLORES PASTOR'S LOW WAGE

Lack of Finances Presents a Most Distressing Situation.

Eugene.—Lack of financial provisions for Oregon Methodist preachers presents the most distressing situation in the experience of Bishop Edgar Blake of Indianapolis, he told the Oregon annual conference.

The situation confronting the Methodist church is applicable to other church denominations throughout the country, the small town church being especially in sore financial straits.

After commenting on his world-wide experience as a bishop, including those in poorer sections of the South, the bishop said, "I do not think I have presided at a conference where we have a more distressing situation than we have here.

"When you appoint a man in the effective relation to a charge paying \$250 a year, I revolt against it. Some of the pastoral appointments about to be made ought not to be made."

The remarks following passage of a resolution calling upon the bishop's cabinet to name a commission to bring in a plan for a minimum salary within the conference. The bishop commended the action.

Dr. W. W. Youngson, superintendent of Portland district, declared the problem was intensified by laymen insisting on a morning hour service, contending many problems could be solved if some of the smaller churches were put on circuits with one having an evening service.

Bishop Blake did not concur in this view.

"I do not think any group of laymen ought to ask a man to consider a salary below a living wage," he said, "and furthermore, I think most of our laymen will be willing to cooperate with us in this situation when the facts are laid before them properly."

The report of the Rev. Earl B. Cotton, statistician, showed an average of 9 per cent reduction within the conference of pastors' salaries, with the heaviest reduction on salaries below \$1000 per year, where the cut was 18 per cent. Above \$1800 the cut averaged 1 2-3 per cent.

The year was a hard year generally for the church, the only outstanding increase being in Epworth League work, according to the statistician. The report showed a decrease of 1141 in church membership, decrease in baptisms, number of new converts and in missionary gifts. Receipts for the retired preachers were off so heavily that the annuity rate was reduced \$1 to \$14 per service year.

One encouraging note in the report was an increase in per capita giving between 1912 and this year from \$12.83 to \$25.44. The churches raised a total of \$151,967 for benevolences and \$205,850 for ministerial support.

Bishop Blake was moved plainly by the decrease in membership and the placement of 5367 names on the non-resident or inactive roll. He admonished the preachers that too often they consider their task completed when the name of a person has been added to the church roll. He declared that joining a church had become an easier task than joining a lodge or service club, and that the pastors are not shepherding their flocks properly.

The bishop expressed his willingness to eliminate the evangelistic em-

J. T. Jardine Quits Oregon State College to Accept a Federal Post

Oregon State College.—James T. Jardine, director of the agricultural experiment station has resigned to accept an appointment as chief of the office of experiment stations in the United States department of agriculture at Washington, D. C., it was announced Sunday. The resignation will take effect August 15.

Although reluctant to leave Oregon, Director Jardine, who came from the forest service 11 years ago, said that his new position is directly in his chosen field and offers so much more opportunity for broader work in research that he could not afford to turn it down. The office is generally recognized as the highest possible in co-operative agricultural research in the United States.

"People of Oregon have always maintained an organization for agricultural research capable of performing service comparable to the best in the country," Jardine said in speaking of the future of experimental station work in the state. "As the need for such assistance is increasing in the face of competitive conditions rather than decreasing, Oregon will meet the need as in the past in a manner equal to the best general practice elsewhere."

Coming to Oregon State college in 1920, Director Jardine left 13 years of noteworthy service behind him as head of the range investigation for the United States forestry service.

Sacramento Cobra Scare

Recurring and uneasy rumors from towns in the Sacramento valley about the propagation of hooded cobras in the rice fields will shortly receive the official attention of the federal government and the state of California, it was indicated. From time to time during the last year rice growers and farmers near Willows, Chico and Maxwell, in the Northern California valley, have reported escapes from encounters with great hooded snakes, new to the area and believed by some to be Indian cobras.

Unveiled Tablet

Where the county court house now stands, in 1870 the first school house in Pendleton, stood. Friday the Pendleton Daughters of the American Revolution unveiled a bronze tablet commemorating the site of the first school building.

Youths Face Larceny Charge

James Perkins and William Yeager, College Place youths, are in the Walla Walla city jail charged with petty larceny. Officers say the boys have admitted shoplifting activities in other stores the last few days. About \$80 worth of riding pants, billfolds, watches, boots and gloves has been recovered.

Freewater Walkathon

The Red Apple Walkathon is now walking in the applé show pavilion at Freewater. A number of couples are polishing off the maple with shoe leather and entertainment is offered by the management to interest the crowds.

Mrs. Esther Rugg

Mrs. Esther Rugg, age 93, the oldest woman residing in Pendleton, died Sunday at the home of her daughter near that city. With her husband she came to Umatilla county in 1885, settling in the Pilot Rock region. She is survived by two daughters and three sons, 19 grand children and 28 great grand children.

phases from the program of the church for 10 years "if we could have 10 years of shepherding and spiritual leadership of our people."

FREE HAND SOUGHT FOR WHEAT SALES

Farm Board Head in Favor of Elastic Policy, Grange Asks Pledge.

An Associated Press news dispatch from Washington says that Chairman Stone of the farm board prefers an elastic policy on the disposition of stabilization of wheat to meet the demands of an everchanging market.

He indicated this while the board, in response to requests from President Hoover, members of congress and numerous private citizens, was considering a change in policy. Many grain men have urged that the board pledge itself not to sell for a fixed and announced period, any part of the 200,000,000 bushels of wheat held by the national grain stabilization corporation.

Stone said that under its present policy of selling wheat when market conditions are favorable, the board had not engaged in "dumping" activities and that none was contemplated. A more rigid policy, he added, might prove ruinous.

President Hoover's "suggestion" that policy be reconsidered was made Saturday.

Vice-President Curtis at Topeka, Kan., asked the board to hold the wheat until the price had reached 85 cents or \$1.

Stone said millers would need wheat until the new spring crop reaches the market, about the middle of August. They are now buying from the grain stabilization corporation.

George S. Milnor, president and manager of the grain stabilization corporation of Chicago went into a long conference with Stone and other board members.

Stone revealed that many millers and growers had dispatched telegrams in support of the board's present policy.

Fred Brenckman, Washington representative of the National Grange, said the grange favored a pledge of non-sale for a year and that its drive for adoption of the export debenture farm relief plan would be renewed in the next congress.

The announcement of a new policy, Stone said, probably would reduce United States exports this year, if it had the effect of raising domestic prices above world levels. Under such conditions, he added, a further surplus might be piled up in this country.

He predicted an agreement to hold wheat would have the effect of extending the influence of stabilization operations for the benefit of winter wheat growers at the expense of spring wheat farmers in the northwest.

Baker Rancher Killed In a Mystery Accident

Homer Bidwell, prominent Eastern Oregon rancher, well-known as a breeder of United States cavalry horses, met death in an undetermined manner near his home at North Powder last Saturday afternoon.

Bidwell, about 60 years of age, had been ploughing in a field on his ranch on Bidwell hill. About 6 p. m., his team of horses, drawing the cart in which he had been riding, appeared at his home. Mrs. Bidwell, on her way to the field, found her husband at the side of the road near the highway crossing, not far away. He was rushed to the hospital at Hot Lake, where physicians said he had probably been killed instantly.

Except for an injury to the head, the body was unmarked. It was believed at first that his team had run away, but further investigation developed that the cart had probably been struck by an automobile at the crossing. The investigation was continued Sunday.

Has Oldest Watch

Ben F. Caldwell of Medford has a watch made in England prior to 1770 to dispute the claim of D. P. Grim, of Fairbury, Neb., for possession of the oldest watch privately owned in the United States. One of Caldwell's ancestors purchased the watch in London in 1770 and it was subsequently brought to this country by one of the family.

Body Found in Car

The body of a man, thought to have been a resident of Medford or vicinity, found dead in an unsealed car on a siding at Antelope, near Sacramento, Cal., Friday has not been identified. The car was sealed up in Medford, June 20 and routed south June 21. The man killed himself with a rifle found at his side.

Bingham Springs Notes

Members of the Kauffman orchestra which will furnish music for a series of dances at Bingham Springs, beginning on July 4, have been decorating the dance hall.

Thirty-four guests from Pendleton and twelve from Walla Walla were at the Springs Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Ross Payne with two classes from the Baptist Sunday school hiked over to Bingham Springs Friday from Cold Springs.

R. L. Wilson and family of Athena spent Sunday at Bingham.

Governor Meier Calls For State-wide Meeting To Consider a Tax Cut

Salem.—Seventy representative citizens of Oregon, including at least one from each county in the state, have been invited by Governor Meier to attend a conference in the capitol here on Wednesday, July 8, to consider possible reductions in local tax levies.

In his call for the conference the governor points out that the function of the state-wide committee which he has named will be two-fold:

First: To make a study of local tax levies and to co-operate with local tax levying bodies in eliminating waste and unnecessary expenditures;

Second: To make a study of legislation enacted by other states for the control of local budgets and tax levies and to formulate similar legislation for the state of Oregon.

"Including state, county, municipal school district, road district and port taxes, our annual tax levy approximates \$50,000,000," the governor points out in his invitation to the 70 men to join him in the solution of the state's tax problem.

"Of this sum less than \$7,000,000 is expended for strictly state purposes, the balance of more than \$43,000,000 representing local expenditures.

"It is apparent at a glance that if any appreciable reduction in tax levies is to be made in Oregon a rigid retrenchment program must be inaugurated in each and every one of our local tax levying subdivisions.

"It is for the purpose of devising ways and means to launch a program which will accomplish this end, and for the formation of legislation that will, in the future, control local expenditures in the state of Oregon, that a meeting of the committee to which you have been appointed, is called."

Members of the statewide committee from this county are E. B. Aldrich and James S. Johns, of Pendleton.

Umatilla Again Scene of Sternwheeler Shipping

Pendleton.—A scene that recalled the days when the town of Umatilla was a busy mart for river boat shipping trade was re-enacted there Friday night when the sternwheeler Umatilla blew its whistle and docked with a load of wheat sacks for Inland Empire farmers.

A few of the crowd that attended the landing could remember when river boat whistles were common at Umatilla, then a stopping place for steamers loaded with cargoes for various points of the Columbia basin.

Not a man, woman or child stayed at home during the excitement over the Umatilla's arrival, and many persons made the 40-mile journey from Pendleton to witness the event. Henry W. Collins and other officials of the Farmers' National Grain corporation, which will distribute the sacks, were among the Pendleton people present.

The last boat which docked at Umatilla was the Umatilla some 14 years ago. Captain Dave Smith, pioneer Columbia river boatman, was in command then as he was at the last arrival Friday.

The wheat sacks were brought from California by ocean steamer and transferred to the Umatilla at Portland. Totalling 2,500,000, the sacks are expected to save farmers considerable cost in harvesting their crops this year, due to their cheap transportation and original cost.

A Big Spud Field

Weston Leader: W. L. Rayborn & Sons, leading growers of certified seed potatoes in the Weston uplands, had finished only about half of their planting when the rains came, and expect to start in again next week. They will have in all about 45 acres of spuds, all entered for certification, and about equally divided between Irish cobbler and netted gems.

Attacked by Angry Bull

The Milton Eagle reports that Louis Jausaud, a dairyman of the state line district, received minor injuries Friday when gored by a bull on his ranch. He was leading the animal when it became unruly, throwing him to the ground and badly bruising his side and arm. Mr. Jausaud held onto the chain, however, and soon had the animal under control.

Lodge Gets Picnic Grounds

Ralph Folsom, Pendleton undertaker and a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge, has given the lodge a tract of land near Meacham for a picnic ground. The tract was turned over to the lodge last week and a picnic was held Sunday.

First 1931 Wheat

The first new crop wheat of the season was loaded at Lexington Friday for Portland delivery, being contracted by the Farmers' National corporation. It was Western white, and the first harvested in the wheat section this year.

Holds Round-Up Post

Wilson McNary will again be in charge of the accommodations for the Pendleton Round-Up in August. This is his third year at the head of the department, which provides visitors with rooms and other accommodations.

Earwigs at Pendleton

Earwigs were reported at Pendleton for the first time when a resident found his place had been invaded by the pests. City officials are taking steps to control the situation.

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Unusual Production Record Made by Klamath Cow

Producing 2452 pounds of milk, containing 134.9 pounds of butterfat last month, Friday, a Holstein cow owned by C. W. Lewis of Klamath county, has chalked up a butterfat production record never before equalled in Oregon, as far as herd improvement association records show, according to the monthly summary report just issued by Roger Morse, dairy extension specialist at Oregon State college.

The next highest single month's production on record was made by a cow owned by Tippin & Sons of the Tillamook association for the month of May, 1924, when she produced 2083 pounds of milk and 131.23 pounds of butterfat.

Oregon now has 18 active dairy herd improvement associations, maintained for the improvement of commercial herds, as compared to 15 last year. Two of the latest additions are the Malheur and Douglas county associations.

Fourth Plans Announced

Details for the fourth annual Fourth of July program under the auspices of Walter C. Lee post, American Legion at Walla Walla were announced Sunday by Joseph Chamberlain, general chairman. Display of flags and special decorations have been urged by Mayor Dorsey M. Hill. The afternoon program will feature races for boys and girls on both land and water at the city park. In the evening a fireworks display will take place at the fairgrounds.

Woman Bitten by Rattler

Mrs. Clarence Haney of Klamath Falls, was bitten by a small rattlesnake at her home Friday to register the first accident of this kind for several years. At one time Klamath Falls was noted for the great number of rattlesnakes on her hills, but of recent years the poisonous reptiles have about disappeared. Mrs. Haney suffered little from the fangs of the rattler, which was half grown.

Dedicated Airport

Five thousand spectators from Baker and nearby cities was the arrival of the 40 airplanes with the Pacific Northwest States Air Tour and the four-hour program of stunts which followed at the dedication of Baker's municipal airport, four miles north of the city.

Ninety-Ninth Birthday

Mrs. Mattie Hoon, known to everyone in the Walla Walla valley as Grandma Hoon, celebrated her 99th birthday anniversary at her home at State Line, Tuesday of last week. About 40 of the venerable lady's friends called during the day to offer their congratulations.

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