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The Job Yet To Be Done

The Beaverton Enterprise, in this edition, presents its Progress Edition, a serious presentation dedicated to the best interests of the community.

Following the theme of Progress, the staff has sought to depict some of the shortcomings which must be overcome before the development of this vicinity is ready for orderly Progress and realization of its rightful destiny.

Using such a theme, there are many bypaths which we might have followed—by-paths that might have led us along ways of self-justification and self adulation. Those are the by-ways to falsity and deception!

Rather, the staff chose the less congratulatory side of the picture, to assay the course of developments to come.

We believe Beaverton is bound for an amazing future. Every portent points to an increased density of population and business expansion, within ten years, that will seem unbelievable.

One fact must be recognized, with such an outlook. As more people come, more public facilities and utilities will be demanded. Each additional 100 residents will strain existing facilities in proportionate degree.

First, immediate acceleration of Beaverton's development will come January 6, 1948, when the matter of annexing Kaiser Community Homes Pine Hurst Addition commands voters' attention. Every indication points to this as favorable to the well-being of Beaverton.

In the future, with the home-making nature of the area more and more emphasized, provision must be made for recreational facilities of the young. At present, no park space has been reserved, and it is sorely needed.

Plans should be made for a non-profit community center, to serve indoor recreational needs of the area to keep our young people at home and as an insurance against juvenile waywardness and the heart-break such a false economy would entail.

Poised on the threshold of a new and better area, let us take stock . . . of the job yet to be done!

—W.K.

"Newspaper Tragedy"

Last Sunday's helicopter tragedy, which snuffed the lives of C. S. "Sam" Jackson and Ambrose M. Cronin, Jr., was in the nature of a major catastrophe in the ranks of Oregon Journalism.

"Sam" Jackson, embarked on a brilliant newspaper and radio career, had proved himself capable and, by diligent application and study, had prepared himself for a dominating part of Oregon's newspaper future. The shocking mishap which ended his life was like the strong hand of Fate and his loss is a loss to a profession of public service in which the young associate publisher had earned an enviable niche.

Condolences go from this newspaper to Mr. Jackson's immediate family and to the larger family of Journal and KALE employees whose bereavement at this time is one of real and personal loss.

W. K.

"Merry Christmas To All"

There are beaten trails along which the feet travel as without compulsion and without fore-thought. Such is the trail of Yuletide, when by mass reaction, the nation—and most of the world—recognizes the spirit of Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards ALL Men. And when the trail has been trod so many times, the expression of the season often sounds hackneyed and as if by rote.

There are signs of the season. Tinsel, glimmers, decorations and traditional bric-a-brac which is added to each year.

In 1947, for instance, there is resounding endorsement of these new bubbly lights and the fascination of their newness and movement will no doubt maintain them as a definite Christmas tree device.

Also to the forefront, there are Santa Claus of all descriptions, presenting many interpretive characterizations to symbolize the traditional spirit of the Noel. Yet, to them all, is wide eyed faith and trustfulness of youngsters, a joy to see and a revelation to enjoy, even as an outside observer.

The bustle of Christmas shopping which, to a man particularly, seems annually a cursed thing, wears the feet and tries the budgetary lines. Yet, without it, something in one's life routine would seem definitely missing.

It is in the final week of this regime that the spirit bears thrilling fruit. For, in the final week or so, the words, "MERRY CHRISTMAS" springs from the lips of those but casually known.

There is an ease among those who surround you that reaches out and touches you, if but briefly. And the path so followed by rote ceases to be beaten and deep worn, but as if it is a delightful experience, a revelation which, because it is heartfelt, seems new and shining.

It is with such feeling that this newspaper, and all its employees who team up to bring you by their many contributions, a publication of merit and public awareness, extends to its ever growing family of subscribers its greetings of the Season.

And to you all, with personal warmth and meaning, we say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS. GOD BLESS YOU."

W. K.

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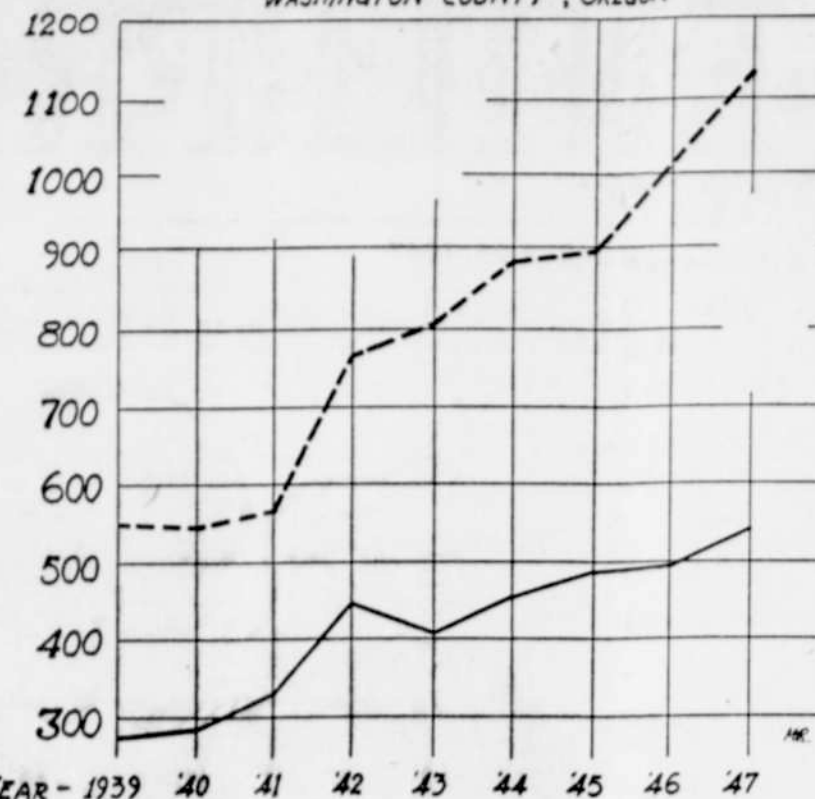
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Graph Shows School Trend

SCHOOL POPULATION — DIST. 48
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DOTTED LINE SHOWS — CENSUS
SOLID LINE SHOWS — ENROLLMENT

Census of the allowed school population, between the ages of 4 and 20 years, which has just been completed for School District 48, Washington county, indicates a sharp increase since 1946. The accompanying graph, prepared by Maurice M. Romig, school board member, traces the course of census and school enrollment since 1939.

Final figures on the district census reached 1131, while grade school enrollment is at 534.

Beaverton Ministers Assn. Traces Religious Growth

RECORDS INDICATE CEDAR MILL PIONEERED WITH WORSHIP IN 1852; OTHERS FOLLOWED

Any estimate of Beaverton's progress would be incomplete without noting the founding and growth of the religious institutions in our midst.

From the existing records, the First Methodist church was the first in Beaverton itself, altho the Cedar Mill congregation may have been organized before.

METHODIST CHURCH
Four years following the conclusion of the great war between the states, Beaverton Methodism was born. This was in the year 1869. Sixteen years later its first chapel was dedicated, and now after seventy-eight years of existence this congregation and its church school (out of which in the late 20's grew the local Church of the Nazarene) are seeking means of adjusting to the rapid growth which its records reveal.

During the past four years considerable money has been expended on the present church plant which has witnessed the growth of the church school membership in the past twenty-seven months from 104 to 252. Simultaneously the average attendance has climbed from 55 to 130. The church membership has expanded from 117 full members to 160 members during the same period. If this be any indication the Christian churches of the land are to know a new day.

In keeping with this optimistic note, the First Methodist church has entered upon a contract to purchase the quarter block east of the present church location for future expansion. Only in a modern, well-equipped church building with sanctuary, youth chapel, Sunday school, rooms, recreational facilities, adequate heating and sanitation provisions can we do our best work today when the worlds demands upon us require the utmost that is in us.

A warm welcome awaits you in the varied activities of this growing church which seeks through your cooperation and the guidance of God to minister to the whole needs of man—the social, and the material as well as the spiritual. The Rev. Everett L. Bowers is the present minister, now serving in his third year.

CONGREGATIONAL
Bethel Congregational church was organized in 1880, under the guidance of Dr. George Atkinson, famous missionary and educator, with three members. The spirit of cooperation that has always marked the relationship between the First Methodist and Bethel Churches was shown even in those early days, for upon the purchase of the former Grange Hall, now the Church of the Nazarene, as a church in 1881, the trustees were directed to invite "our Methodist friends" to use the building, and both Churches were ministered to by Rev. E. Rogers for some time.

The two Churches conducted the "Beaverton Union Bible School" together until 1892. This same mutual helpfulness is being displayed this year in the bi-monthly meetings of the community-wide Institute of Family Relations, sponsored by both Churches and meeting in each

one on alternate months.

Bethel Church outgrew the first building and in 1925 with a resident membership of only 40, built the present fine structure on 6th and Watson streets. The building was completely paid for several years ago; the present chancel was planned and built by the Rev. Willard Hall, who was pastor from 1940 to 1943. Because of the rapid growth of the Church School, it has been necessary to improve the unfinished floor of the educational plant, which has provided five badly needed classrooms already and will eventually add a chapel and large Recreation Hall as well. A furnace room is in process of completion beneath the church, in which a central heating plant will be installed shortly.

The congregation has grown steadily, and we have 195 members at present, with several already planning to unite with the Church at the Annual New Year's Communion Service. The present pastor, the Rev. Francis T. Sturtevant, was called in 1943 was given a leave of absence for a year in the Chaplain's Corps, United States Navy, from which he returned in May, 1945.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
The Church of Christ was organized in 1925 with a small membership which has grown to a membership of 322 in 1947. The Bible School attendance averaged 155, with an enrollment of 241. The Church has a fine edifice, free of indebtedness and due to increase in attendance is planning an addition. Its theological policy is strictly fundamental. Rev. George W. Springer the present pastor has ministered to the church for a total of 12 years.

CATHOLIC PARISH
Whatever might be said of the early Catholic pastors of the community, certainly they could not be called historians. There is no record of how, when or from whom the present property was acquired. However, the records do show that all the baptisms, marriages and burials that they performed prior to July 3, 1901, were performed in St. Anthony's church in Cedar Mills.

In June, 1901, Rev. I. A. Le-Miller acquired an abandoned cheese factory located on the property now occupied by the rectory. Divine Services were conducted in this makeshift church until the fall of 1912 when under the pastorate of Rev. J. O'Flynn, the present combination of church and school were built. The following year the present rectory was built.

In 1901 our records show that there were nine baptisms. Thus far in 1947 have been forty-seven baptisms. In 1901 the adult membership was forty-one, today it exceeds 150. Our present church is far too small to accommodate this membership. Hence plans are now on hand for the erection of a \$100,000 church, which we have hopes will be started in 1948. The Rev. G. M. Sniderhon is the pastor of the parish at present.

CEDAR MILL COMMUNITY
Cedar Mill was founded by Elam Young in 1848. The set

ters worshipped God in their cabins from 1852. The first church building was erected in 1865. The present building was built in 1891. Capacity attendance in church and Sunday school has required the beginning of the third plant this year. The roof is on and we are awaiting windows and doors.

Cedar Mill Community church has capacity attendance in church and Sunday school, with classes in two additional homes. Top attendance reaches 160.

The Missions giving has averaged \$300, monthly this year, with partial support of five missionaries in Japan, Mexico, Idaho and Oregon.

We anticipate a greater New Year.

Rev. Simon E. Forsberg is minister for Cedar Mill Community.

PILGRIM LUTHERAN
Pilgrim Lutheran Church, the Church of the Lutheran Hour, located on Farmington Road, at Menlo, is one of the youngest churches in Beaverton. Work was begun on a canvass basis in 1941. The first service was held in the Kiwanis Hall in April, of 1942. The congregation was organized on November 23, 1942 and the first pastor called in January of 1943. The lot on which the church is located was purchased in February of 1943, and the present building was dedicated on June 20, 1943.

The present pastor Rev. Erwin Gerkin, was installed in September of 1945. One can catch a glimpse of the progress and growth of Beaverton when one realizes that today the membership of Pilgrim is 120 communicant members, and well over 200 souls. The present building isn't large enough and Pilgrim is in the midst of a building campaign. We hope it isn't too long that this may be accomplished.

HIGHWAY CHAPEL
The Highway Chapel opened their first service in the IOOF Hall, October 14, 1945. Later we purchased a lot on Tualatin Highway and Mill street in Beaverton. We were enabled of the Lord to build a chapel on this location, having the dedication service Feb. 20, 1947. Our Sunday school began with 14 in attendance and has been up to 55. Our worship services have had a high attendance of over 75 a few times during the year. We look for greater things in the future.

Rev. Orville Poulin, minister. The past few years have seen a steady increasing amount of inter-church cooperation among the community. The Beaverton Ministerial Association was or-

ganized in 1943, and has been meeting on a monthly basis to plan community efforts. The Rev. Everett Bowers is president.

Each year Thanksgiving and Holy Week are observed by Union services. A daily vacation Bible School has been a major enterprise for several years, and has grown steadily until it will become necessary to divide it into two schools next year because no church is large enough.

The drive for church World Service collection, under the chairmanship of the Rev. Everett Bowers included all the churches. Two projects are under way now, signs to be placed at three entrances of our city, and in January a united effort on behalf of our church schools.

Beaverton may well be proud of the friendliness and cooperation among her churches. This is a community well supplied with active and growing churches with a variety to meet each spiritual need. They provide a healthy religious atmosphere for the community.

The Church of the Nazarene of Beaverton, Oregon was organized April 14, 1926, holding meetings at the Loslie Brothers Hall for the first few months. Soon thereafter the present place of worship was purchased from the Congregational church. Four of the original 17 charter members, still retain their membership in the local church. At present there are 80 members in the church.

The Sunday School began with an enrollment of 25 and an attendance weekly of 20. At the present time there is an enrollment of 150 and a weekly attendance of 126. Rev. Homer C. Williams was the first pastor. Rev. Leonard C. Johnson, the present pastor, is the ninth to serve the local congregation.

The present facilities are proving inadequate to house the growing Congregation and Sunday School, and plans are being laid for a new church, as well as a new parsonage in the near future.



Merry Christmas

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And to all of you our entire organization wishes loads of good cheer and a genuine old-fashioned merry Christmas!

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