

IONE COMMUNITY CHURCH PLANS BUILDING PROGRAM

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Dates to Remember
 April 28—3-Links club at Mrs. Charles O'Connor home.
 April 29—Garden Club Plant Sale at Rebekah hall.
 May 1—Rainbow Girls.
 May 2—Legion Auxiliary (hostesses Helen McCabe, Eunice McElligott).
 May 3—Eastern Star S. C.
 May 3—Masonic Star.
 May 4—Rebekah Lodge.

The annual meeting of the Ione Community Church was held on April 16 following a pot-luck dinner for which the Naomi circle was in charge.

New officers for the year are: moderator, Kenneth Smouse; assistant moderator, Bob Jepsen; clerk, Mrs. Markham Baker; assistant clerk, Mrs. Bob Jepsen; treasurer, Mrs. Fred Nelson; financial secretary, Mrs. Omar Rietmann; deacons for three year terms, Gene Rietmann and Don Bristow; honorary deacon, Markham Baker; deaconesses, Mrs. Bill Melena and Mrs. Phil Emert for three year terms; honorary deaconess, Mrs. Dale Ray; trustees for three year terms, Bob Rietmann and John Proudfoot; church school superintendent, Mrs. Norman Nelson; assistant school superintendent, Mrs. Fred Martin; Board of Christian Education for three year term, Mrs. Charles Hudson, two year term, Mrs. Fredrick Martin; music committee, Mrs. Roy Lindstrom, Mrs. Lloyd Rice, Mrs. Jack Barak; auditing committee, Milton Morgan and Mrs. Cleo Drake; council members at large, Walter Jacobs and Rollo Crawford.

The congregation decided to have the same summer schedule for Sunday services as last year as of June 1 through Sept. 3. A report was given by Mrs. Norman Nelson, chairman of the

research committee on the needs for an educational building.

Bob Jepsen, chairman of the planning committee, gave a report on the committee's work. He presented plans of the architect for a building, for the location of a building, for the location of a building for a church school. The members of the congregation approved the motion to engage Warren Weber as an architect for the location of a church school building. They also approved of the committee to investigate the possibility of moving the parsonage to better facilitate the building program. Officers and committees of the church gave their progress reports of their work since commencing in September.

Don Bristow, chairman of the deacons, presented the resolution, Ratification of The Constitution of the United Church of Christ. (The United Church of Christ is a union of the Congregational Christian Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church). The members approved the resolution and Ione will become a member.

The new officers will be installed and take office at the time of the annual meeting in September.

The 4-H Sunday was observed at the church with the members of the different clubs participating. The organ prelude "Willows By the Brook" was presented by Marilyn Morgan. The lighting of the candles by Bonnie Akers and Teresa Tucker, followed by opening hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" by congregation. Welcome by Jean Martin, the 4-H Invocation by Sharon Crabtree, followed by The Lord's Prayer, The Gloria Patri, a unison scripture reading and the 4-H choir sang "We Would Be Building." Service of prayer,

silent prayer, pastoral prayer, the Doxology, the Offering "Song of Hope" followed. An exercise "The Four Leaf Clover" was given by Mrs. Keith Rea's club. Scripture reading by John Turner, and Rev. MacKenzie's sermon "Believing in God." Closing hymn "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" followed by the benediction by Rev. MacKenzie and the organ postlude.

Mrs. Markham Baker was hostess for a coffee hour for the benefit of Pacific University chapel at Forest Grove for their fund to purchase an organ, at her home on Tuesday.

The annual meeting of the Congregational Conference will be held on May 15, 16, 17, at the Hood River Congregational church.

Progressive Dinner Given

The Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship members were honorees for a progressive dinner on Saturday evening. Four cars were used in transporting the youngsters from the church and to each home for the prospective course. David McLeod, Gary Tullis, Phil Emert and Don Ball furnished cars.

The group stopped first at the home of Mrs. Phil Emert, where she served the hors d'oeuvres of tomato juice, crackers and a dip.

The group continued to the home of Mrs. David McLeod where she and Mrs. Joe Gaarsland served a jello vegetable salad. The main entree of baked ham, baked potatoes, string beans, olives, celery and carrot sticks, rolls and beverage, was served by Mrs. Gary Tullis, Mrs. Robert DeSpain, and Mrs. Don Ball at the home of Mrs. Tullis.

Mrs. Roy Lindstrom and Mrs. Kenneth Smouse assisted with the dinner. From here the excited group continued to the home

of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen where Mrs. Halvorsen served punch, cookies, and ice cream sundaes for dessert.

The group, under the leadership of Rev. MacKenzie, played games and danced in the Halvorsen gym. Punch and cookies were served at the conclusion of the party by Mrs. Bill Nichols. Approximately 33 young guests were present for the party, as the sixth grade was also invited. Twenty youngsters and nine adults were at the Tullis home.

Rev. Rod MacKenzie attended a national camp directors training session of the Congregational Christian churches in Merom, Ind., through last week, returning in the early morning hours on Saturday, April 22. Six other Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed ministers in Oregon accompanied him. During their flight Rev. MacKenzie said they weathered a severe thunder storm. He also saw lots of snow. This training will be used this summer when Rev. MacKenzie acts as director of camp at Camp Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harr of Blackfoot, Idaho, visited with the Lewis Halvorsens during the week end and also with Mr. and Mrs. John Eubanks. Mrs. Harr is a sister of Mr. Halvorsen.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Munch and family of Athena spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Hedman.

The Maranathas are having the basement of the church painted this next week.

Mrs. Carlisle Harrison and family of Hermiston and Mrs. Nellie Palmer of Lexington visited at the Marion Palmer home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Hanson spent the week end with their daughter and family. Mr. and

Mrs. Donald Peterson. They also attended the Valby church celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Rod Kvistad and family of Beaverton spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Peterson. They were here for the church celebration.

Recent visitors at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Markham Baker, were Sheila and Colleen Baker, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Baker, were in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Carlson of Portland also spent Sunday at the Louis Carlson home and attended the Valby celebration.

Mrs. Walter Corley spent several days last week in Boardman with her mother, Mrs. Bill Seehafer. She returned to Ione on Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gaarsland and sons, John and Melvin, who had spent Sunday in Boardman with Mr. and Mrs. Seehafer.

On Friday evening Mrs. Herb Ekstrom, Jr., was hostess for the pinochle club at her home. Mrs. Keith Rea received high, Mrs. Elmer Holtz low, Mrs. Donald Eubanks 300 pinochle, and Mrs. Howard Crowell door prize. Other guests besides the hostess and gift recipients were Mrs. Paul Tews, Mrs. Herbert Peterson, Mrs. Wallace Gaarsland, Mrs. Dick Ekstrom, Mrs. Jim Barnett, Mrs. Vester Hams and Mrs. Ed Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ekstrom and daughter Vickie of La Grande visited at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Ekstrom, over the week end.

At the meeting of the Rebekah lodge on Thursday evening Mrs. Eslelson, mother of Beulah Hynd, was a guest. Birthday cake and coffee were served in honor of Mrs. Anna Lindstrom's birthday by Mrs. Hynd after lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Erling Thompson of McMinnville and his mother, Mrs. Nichol Thompson, visited at the Della Corson home over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Peterson of Corvallis visited at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dohyans, and with other relatives and friends over the week end.

The Eastern Star Social Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Smouse on Wednesday, May 3, at 2:00 p.m. A white elephant sale will be held. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boyce and

family were visiting relatives in Condon on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Carlson of Portland and Pastor Sodergren also of Portland spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Carlson. They were among the many out-of-town guests to come from a distance for the 70th anniversary celebration

held at the Valby Lutheran church on Sunday.

Herry Graves, of Walls Walls, brother of Mrs. E. A. Horton and uncle of Mrs. Fredrick Martin, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin.

Mrs. Omar Reitmunn and Mrs. Ida Coleman spent three days in

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