

# Christianity Seen as Hope For Ending China Regime

Hope for overthrow of communism in China is that some leader will be converted to Christianity, the Rev. Will Schubert, missionary to the Orient for 44 years, told members of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce recently.

The Rev. Schubert, who also spoke at the Methodist church here was a missionary in China under communist doctrine for 21 months, serving in that field when they came to power. His present interest is in Japan.

There is a higher percentage of college students in Tokyo than any place in the world, but at least half of them favor communism, he said.

Speaking to the Chamber on the subject, "Some Communists I have known," the Rev. Schubert told how he was allowed certain freedoms despite his preaching for Christianity and opposition to communism.

Those who turned to communism were regarded as spies, he said. He evidenced no such support but was careful in what he said so as not to arouse hostility.

"I didn't fight it. I wasn't put in prison or under house arrest," he said. "After 21 months I was allowed to leave. I put out thousands of Scripture portions to communist soldiers."

He told how he distributed the booklets, containing New Testament tracts to soldiers marching back after conquering Tibet. He didn't know it at the time but they were headed for Korea.

Some soldiers quickly put the booklets in their inside pockets. Some of the officers collected many of the books from the soldiers and returned them, but "nine out of 10" let the soldiers keep them, he said.

The Methodist missionary told how one well-armed officer came running towards him on one occasion.

"I thought this was it—this was the last. It would be all over," said the Rev. Schubert.

But the communist officer asked for two of the booklets.

He spoke of a communist soldier who was wounded and who was brought in by a YMCA secretary. The secretary carried the soldier in his arms. The communist didn't believe in God and so told the Rev. Schubert who was in a room adjoining that of the soldier.

The missionary then tried to reach him by appealing to his love for his mother, but this brought no response since the soldier recognized no sentimental value to motherhood. Whereupon the missionary told him that he was concerned for him because of his love for another human being.

"If you love me, help me to get well," the soldier said. Later the man hanged himself, steeped in the futility of his communistic ideology.

He told of a communist leader whom he knew for three years. At the end of this time, when the leader was to leave, he came to the Rev. Schubert with tears in his eyes.

He put out his hand and said, "I still don't believe in your God, but I believe in you."

The missionary told his audience here, "I felt I had won a great victory. Gratitude is a sin to a communist."

"I think the reason I wasn't put into prison is that somehow these people were impressed with the message of Christianity," the speaker said.

"I think I will sometime see the overthrow of the Chinese communist, just as Japan was overthrown. The hope is that someone inside will take over and declare himself Christian."

The Rev. Schubert told how he and his wife gave away everything they owned and cashed in their insurance to help in the mission field. They worked 3½ years without a salary. "God provided for me," he said.

In answer to a question, he said that he doesn't hold much hope that Chiang Kai-shek could ever overthrow the communists in China.

"I don't think the nationalists can fight like the communists," he said.

The Rev. Schubert will return

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Plans were made to have the potluck turkey dinner at the next Grange meeting with the salads and desserts being furnished by the members and the main course turkey and trimmings by the HEC. Plans were also discussed concerning the remodeling of the basement, and some painting. The HEC will meet with the building committee of the Grange and discuss this.

Those present for the afternoon were Mrs. Ola Ruggles, Mrs. Nora Turner, Mrs. Kenneth Smouse, Mrs. Ella Burgoyne, Mrs. Charles C. Jones, Mrs. A. F. Majeske, Mrs. Florence McMillan, Mrs. Ernest Christopherson, Mrs. Fred Nelson, Mrs. Norman Nelson and a guest, Mrs. Lloyd Johnson. The next meeting is scheduled for the home of Mrs. Ed Hunt which will be a Christmas meeting, and at this time revealing gifts will announce secret sisters. It was voted to draw again for secret sisters for 1967.

Mrs. Mervin Leonard and Mrs. Cleo VanWinkle recently returned from Spokane where they visited friends and relatives.

Mrs. Gene Majeske and Mrs. Ed Hunt were business callers in Pendleton on Friday.

## Stitchers to Make Scarfs, Dresses

The Super Stitchers met at the home of our leader, Mrs. Crum. We started our 4-H project which will be scarfs and dresses. Demonstrations were given by Cindy Ekstrom and Cassy Chapel.

Refreshments were served by Cheryl Hams and Donna Flack. All members were present.

—Cassy Chapel, reporter

## Little Sisters Meet

The Little Sisters 4-H club met November 11, at Mrs. L. A. McCabe's home in Ione. We discussed our new project. At an earlier meeting we finished last year's record books, and voted for new officers.

Kay Bergstrom, reporter

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# Fire Takes Home Of Hawk Family

By VIRGINIA KELSO

KINZUA—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the John Hawk home at Camp 5 last Thursday about noon. Contents of the kitchen area were salvaged and although smoke damaged were able to be used. Contents of the freezer were salvaged but the freezer was ruined.

No fire insurance was carried on the contents of the house and temporary living quarters were made available to the family at Camp 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Norris and Gordon Fulton went to Bend Saturday as delegates from Local Union No. 2916 to attend the 25th anniversary observance of the Central Oregon District Council.

Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Bowman and family left Friday evening for Woodburn to spend the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Homer N. Bowman and attend the Wheeler-St. Paul football game Saturday at St. Paul.

Mrs. W. C. Freeman and daughter Marcia and Mrs. Lee Bogie and son Josh were business visitors to The Dalles Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Slinkard and son Mike of Klamath Falls were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Saddler.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Clark and family of Tygh Valley spent the week-end here with Mr. Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roavis and Mrs. Don McConnell went to Corvallis during the week-end to attend the Oregon State University and the University of Oregon football game.

Mrs. John Murray and daughter Midge were in Pendleton Saturday on business.

## Shower Honors Bride-elect

Miss Joan Browning, bride-elect of Jerry Roe of Pendleton, was the honored guest at a bridal shower Sunday afternoon at the grade school. Games were played with Marj Boring and Wilma Mabe winning prizes. Joan then opened her gifts assisted by her mother, Mrs. Joe Browning and by Mrs. Martin Roe of Pendleton. A bell shaped cake trimmed in blue and white centered the lace covered serving table and was served with ice cream to the

guests by the hostesses Kathryn Flack, Helen Shelton, Margaret McConnell, Lucille Reavis, Midge Murray, Sharon Bell, Sue Mattison, and Virginia Kelso.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Roe and son Jerry and Miss Joan Browning of Pendleton were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Browning and Linda.

The regular Camp 5 Womens club card party was held Monday night at the Community Hall with Marie Rhoton as hostess for the evening. High and floating were won by Nancy Hawk, low by Sharon Bell, and the second floating by Marie Hulett. Grand high for the three months series was won by Lola Ferrel and second high by Nancy Hawk. Others enjoying this evening were Betty Murdock, Etta Ferrel, Sue Mattison, Rose Merry Nelson, Barbara Mortimore, Carol Norris, and Ruth Jordan.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Murdock were Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Jorgenson of Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. William Messerschmidt of Post Falls, Idaho, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Medlock and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Murdock and Mrs. Frank Ferrel were business visitors to Heppner last Monday.

James Billings of Myrtle Creek visited Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jordan. Mr. Billings is Mrs. Jordan's father.

Mrs. Frank DeMerrit, Mrs. Earl Norris and Mrs. John Hawk were business visitors to Heppner last Thursday. While there Mrs. DeMerrit had medical care.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Sharp went to Weston last Wednesday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Grogan. They then went on to Tillamook to do some elk hunting.

Mrs. Tom Jordan and children were in Heppner last Thursday where Leslie had dental care.

Burton Nelson of Portland spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferrel and did some elk hunting. When he returned to Portland Sunday he was accompanied by Mrs. Ferrel who entered the Portland Osteopathic hospital on Monday afternoon for Tuesday morning surgery.

# Early Darkness Calls for Proper Headlight Use

Darkness is falling earlier throughout Oregon and residents of Morrow county are urged to make proper use of vehicle headlights as a preventative measure against traffic accidents.

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman said today. "There are two major times when headlights are badly needed. One is shortly before dusk and the other is during inclement weather. Remember that parking lights are for parking and are illegal when the conditions call for headlights."

"We advise all motorists to turn their headlights on as soon as the light begins to diminish in the evenings and to leave them on in the mornings until daylight has been well established. This means that sometimes a motorist will actually have to turn his lights on early in the afternoon or slightly earlier when the darker winter months arrive."

Rain and snow are also factors to remember when determining the need for headlights. You may not need them to see to drive in the daytime but your illuminated headlights will warn other motorists of your presence on the road.

"Whenever wet conditions prevail," said Sheriff Bauman, "we suggest that all motorists turn their lights on for added protection. In this case, it's not much as seeing as letting others see you."

"The formula for the use of headlights is simple . . . when in doubt . . . turn them on," concluded Sheriff Bauman. "Just remember to turn them off when you leave your car as many motorists forget their lights are on during bad weather and return to their parked cars to find a dead battery."

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Skidding on slippery pavements is a major hazard of winter driving, says the Traffic Safety Division of the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles. To improve traction on slippery, wet pavements, be sure your tires have good treads. Better yet, use snow tires. And for severe conditions, it is advisable to use reinforced tire chains. Reduce speed to fit the conditions, apply gas gently, steer gingerly, and if you should happen to skid, steer into the skid.

Speeds that might be considered reasonable on dry pavements are completely unreasonable—and unsafe—on snow and ice-covered roads, according to the Traffic Safety Division of the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles. Tests by the National Safety Council show that on icy pavements it may take as much as ten times as far to stop as on dry pavements. Accordingly, far lower than usual speeds are essential.

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