

Christmas Greetings

Again a year has passed with its many changes and events, of which some have been agreeable to our wishes and others perhaps contrary to the same. Homes which last year were happy and contented have been turned into home of sorrow and despair. It behooves us therefore to express our heartfelt sympathy for such homes and families. For ourselves, whom God has spared and upon whom he has showered his manifold blessings both material and spiritual, let us give our most sincere thanks. Let us rejoice especially for this greatest gift, His Only Begotten Son. Let us listen to the "Good Tidings". "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord".

May we all accept this message from God our Heavenly Father through holy angels, with praise and thanksgiving and may God's mercy rest upon us for the sake of our new-born king, Jesus our Lord.

J. TRUEDSON,

Pastor Powell Valley Swedish Lutheran Church.

CHURCHES OF MANY DENOMINATIONS MINISTER TO RURAL RELIGIOUS NEEDS

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Presbyterian.

The Smith Memorial Presbyterian church of Fairview is the only church of this denomination within a radius of many miles.

For 32 years it has maintained its services and ministries. While not a large church, it has an excellent corps of workers, and this last year has, in many respects, been one of the most encouraging years in its history. The church membership, as well as the Bible school, has made a very substantial increase.

In view of the fact that a large percentage of the membership lives outside the town, no evening services are held, but the morning service is well attended and the friends and members of the congregation are in hearty accord with their pastor, Rev. E. R. D. Hollensted, to make it a strong country and community church.

The elders of the church are D. W. McKay, H. A. Fuller and W. E. Stone; trustees, J. W. Townsend, C. H. Stone, W. E. Tegar; superintendent of the Sunday school, Mrs. H. H. Pratt; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. D. W. McKay. The teachers are Rev. and Mrs. E. R. D. Hollensted, Mrs. A. L. Stone, Mrs. S. P. Osburn, Mrs. Janet M. Grant and Mrs. Augusta Zook.

The Ladies' Aid society is managed by an executive committee consisting of Mrs. J. W. Townsend, Mrs. H. A. Fuller, Mrs. H. H. Pratt and Mrs. Hollensted. Mrs. D. W. McKay is secretary and treasurer.

Free Methodist.

The Free Methodist church in Gresham is the only one of its denomination in this territory. It is well equipped with a church building and modern parsonage, both of which have been recently painted and put in splendid shape.

The Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Blackman are the pastors of the church, Mrs. Blackman having been a pastor herself before her marriage and amply qualified to act as her husband's assistant.

The church has recently closed a successful revival of three weeks under the leadership of the Rev. L. B. Belcher.

Miss Minnie Robertson is Sunday school superintendent. Mrs. Blackman has the leadership of the missionary society and she and Miss Mabel Shipley have charge of the junior missionary society.

The Tuesday evening cottage prayer meetings and the Friday fast and prayer services are unusual features of this church. Thursday evening prayer meetings are also held.

Swedish Mission.

The Rev. O. F. Larson, who has been pastor of the Swedish Mission church of Powell Valley for the past two years, resigned recently to take up a pastorate in southern California. The church at the present time is without a pastor. This church has a large congregation and a large and comfortably equipped church.

A. Alm is superintendent of the Sunday school, which has nine classes. The school is graded and recently put in graded lessons in place of the uniform. It is probably the only school in this territory which has cloth-bound books for its pupils, but the graded lessons that are used are bound into text books similar to those used in grade schools.

Mrs. H. E. Arvidson is president of the Deborah society, which has recently assisted in adding a piano to the church equipment.

Roy Johnson is leader of the young people's society, which meets on Tuesday evenings. This is a devotional meeting. The young people also have a string band which adds much to the interest of the services and social events.

Lutheran Churches.

Rev. J. Truedson is pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church in Powell Valley, which was organized in 1898. Among the organizations which carry on the work of this church is the women's Home and Foreign Missionary society, of which Mrs. Truedson is president. The Ladies' Aid society, of which Mrs. C. A. Lindgren is president, is unique in that it includes in its membership members and friends of the church, men and children, as well as women. The monthly meetings of this organization are looked forward to as social and religious events worth while.

The Luther League is largely attended and the monthly programs are always interesting. Dr. J. Sture is president.

Bert Olsen is director for the Luther League choir, which is a credit to the church. The services of the choir are in demand on many occasions and at various places.

Miss Esther Truedson is acting superintendent of the Sunday school, which has four classes.

Evangelical Church.

Zion Evangelical church of Gresham has a progressive pastor, the Rev. H. R. Gebhardt, and a strong officary. Theodore Brugger is president of the church and Walter Ramser financial secretary. Mrs. F. W. Volbrecht heads the Ladies' Aid society and C. L. Hemrich the Young People's League. Miss Minnie Schrepel is superintendent of the Sunday school and Miss Frieda Ramser superintendent of the elementary department. The latter department meets in the basement of the parsonage, which has been suitably fitted up for the purpose. The school is graded and uses graded lesson supplies and its teaching force is well trained for the purpose.

On October 22, a fine new parsonage was dedicated with appropriate ceremony. It is a modern six-room bungalow valued at more than \$5000. Much labor and material was donated, cutting down the actual expense to about \$3600. This is being taken care of in a satisfactory manner by the church.

A little 8-page publication, Zion's Watchman, is circulated monthly to the members and friends of the church. It carries a good line of advertising to defray the expense of publication.

Seventh Day Adventist Churches.

The Seventh Day Adventist church in Gresham meets in Carlson's hall. Services were formerly held in the Gillis community church but owing to the inconvenience for Gresham members it was transferred to Gresham. Elder G. W. Andrews has charge of the work of the church. Elder R. D. Benham of Cornelius and Elder Thos. Starbuck of Portland conduct services one Sabbath each month. The Home Missionary department of the church holds its meetings on the first Sabbath each month. Chas. Calkins is superintendent of the Sabbath school. Mrs. Hannah Harlan is secretary. The school has three classes with Henry Treber, Mrs. Reubin Treber and Mrs. J. W. Andrews as teachers.

Pleasant View Seventh Day Adventist church is located between Springdale and Troutdale on the north side of the Sandy river. The work is in charge of Elder T. F. Soule. Other officers are deacon, W. H. Rogers; clerk, Mrs. Mary Christensen; treasurer, Mrs. Flora Preston. Sabbath school is conducted each Sabbath with E. T. Preston as superintendent. There is a good attendance. A minister from Portland visits the church on the first Sabbath of each month.

The Missionary society is composed of the entire membership of the church. The goal set for offerings for this cause is 60 cents per week per member. Elder Soule says it is the earnest desire and aim of every faithful member to help carry the gospel of God's love to every nation in this generation. The annual week of mission begins on the 9th. This is observed by all Seventh Day Adventists throughout the world.

Swedish Mission.

The Swedish Mission church at Hillsview is a small congregation usually under the pastorate of the pastor at Powell Valley. It has a Sunday school of which G. A. Noreen is the superintendent and holds four services a month, two in English and two in Swedish.

A Sunday school, with C. M. Lake as superintendent, and Miss Signa Stone as assistant, meets regularly at the Gillis community church. Wednesday evening meetings are held and frequent Sunday afternoon services.

St. Henry's Catholic.

St. Henry's church in Gresham has as its pastor the Rev. Father Bruenagel, who conducts two services every Sunday and gives instruction to children. This church has an altar society which attends to the decoration of the altar and the church.

St. Joseph's Catholic.

A short distance west of Gresham on the Powell Valley road is St. Joseph's church, of which the Rev. Father Nogger of Mt. Angel is pastor. Services are held here each Sunday, two services on one Sunday each month.

Community Churches.

The Cottrell community church, under the leadership of the Rev. S. F. Pitts, has done some excellent work this past year. The church building has been painted inside and out, the church was repapered and a new roof put on the church. This church is non-sectarian and is a local organization with people of many denominations working together for the good of the community.

The Sunday school has four classes with an average attendance of about 40. H. H. Watkins is superintendent. Mrs. S. F. Pitts is assistant superintendent.

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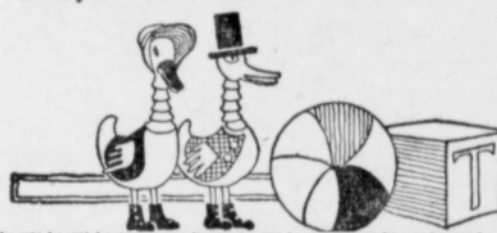
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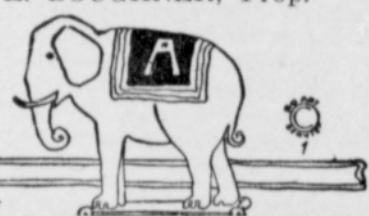
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A short program consisting of speeches preceded the election. E. E. Flaville, chairman of the agricultural committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce gave a talk on the work being accomplished by the agricultural committee. Several of those who heard him declared his talk to have been the most informative one they had ever heard during a meeting of the Multnomah county grange. S. B. Hall, county agent, also spoke. His

topic dealt with the necessity of subordinate granges taking up the agricultural project. The election of officers occupied the remainder of the day session. The degree work was put on in the evening and a large class of candidates were taken in. The evening program followed, the chief feature of which was an illustrated talk using moving pictures of the Near East Relief work by Mr. Sellwood whose father is chaplain of the state grange. Young Mr. Sellwood has spent many years doing relief work in Russia, China and Armenia. The films showed the work being accomplished in the near east at the present time.

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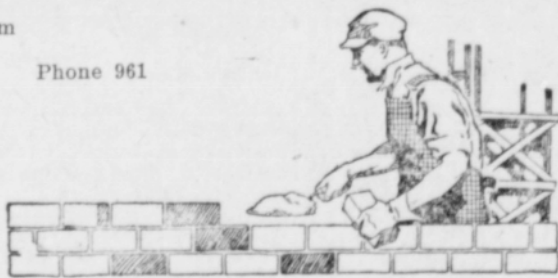
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This great joy is through faith extended to us. The Christmas season is undoubtedly the happiest days during the year, and at Christmas we should be thankful and happy, for the greatest of all gifts was given to the world, a living Savior.

The Swedish Mission church of Powell Valley extends its greetings and invitation. Come, let us worship together. May this truly prove to be a Merry Christmas and the year of 1923 a happy and prosperous one for all. The congregation wishes to thank the Gresham Outlook for its work and courteous treatment towards this church. It is highly appreciated.

A. C. ARVIDSON, Secretary.