

### Baptist Church Was One of First Religious Institutions Formed Here

One of the foremost of Gresham's remodeling projects during the past year has been the improvements to the Baptist church property. The old building, which had been a Gresham landmark for the preceding 42 years, was moved sufficiently from its location to permit digging a basement, then moved back over the basement onto the concrete walls.

The history of the Baptist church in Gresham is a narrative of progress. Prior to 1882 the preaching services of the denomination were held in what was known as the white schoolhouse. In this year a class of 17 was organized by the Rev. D. L. McLain, who resided east of Gresham. The naming of the new church organization was left to Mrs. McLain's mother, Mrs. Sarah Robertson, who decided to call it the Bethel Baptist church, and by this name it has since been known.

The number 17 has figured coincidentally in the Baptist church history up to this time. There were 17 charter members of the organization and up to date 17 pastors have served the charge in this place. The names of the charter members in the order in which they appear on the register of the class book are J. J. Robertson, Mary Robertson, Sarah Robertson, S. Brown, Jno. Butler, Alex. Beers, Sarah Beers, D. L. McLain, Lizzie A. McLain, Hester A. McLain, Otto B. McLain, James Lawrence, J. B. Brown, John W. Brown, James Schram, John Comer and Ellen Comer. The greater part of this number has passed on.

After the Rev. Mr. McLain completed the organization of the Baptist society, the Baptists and Dunkards living in Gresham and vicinity began the construction of a church on a part of the acre of ground which had been generously donated to them by the late Henry Metzger. Preaching had continued in the white schoolhouse until its destruction by fire in September of 1883.

During the past 44 years the church has had varied experiences. The membership has run from 17 to 118. At present the number of active resident members is 60, while 29 absent members still retain their names on the roll. The pastors who have served the Baptist church since its organization are the Revs. D. L. McLain, J. M. Haskal, R. T. Cummins, H. Gable, George Brown, N. S. Holcroft, C. A. Nutley, Ford M. Burtch, E. A. Leonard, A. J. Ware, J. C. Tibbits, Robert Gale Kay, Jesse Brown, Earl D. Sims, D. Q. Barry and E. G. Judd. Professor Schlaugh, of Linfield college, supplied the pulpit for an interval preceding the arrival of the Rev. E. G. Judd on the field.

The pastorate of the Rev. D. Q. Barry was marked by the building of the Baptist parsonage at Gresham. This fine modern house was erected and paid for while Mr. Barry was pastor here. It is a nine-room house with full cement basement, and is in keeping with the other up-to-date residences of the community in appearance and general construction.

While there yet remains some work to be done in connection with the Baptist church improvements, more particularly to the grounds, the building is practically completed and services have been held there for several months past.

The basement is equipped with a kitchen which has a gas range and built-in lockers and drawers. A dining room, adjacent to the kitchen, is capable of seating 100 persons. Adjoining rooms adequately take care of Sunday school classes not provided for elsewhere.

The interior of the old room was

re-decorated, papered and painted until it could never be recognized by those who knew it best. A coved ceiling adds to the attractiveness of the auditorium, as do also the windows which have been frosted to conform to the general tinting scheme of the interior.

A tower was added with new vestibule for entrance. On the second floor a class room has been fitted up and, above this, the belfry. Rest rooms and lavatories have been constructed in the basement under the tower.

An addition was built on the south end of the main audience room and here a baptistry has been installed with a room at each side, and a small adjoining library room. The re-shingling of the roof and painting of the outside completed the renovation of the building, the whole at an approximate cost of \$6,000.

The latest improvement to be completed has been the laying of 250 feet of 7-foot sidewalk in front of church and parsonage. A sketch of the grounds by a landscape architect has been approved by the board of trustees and will provide for the location of graveled driveway around parsonage and church and planting the lot into lawn with suitable shrubbery and small flower gardens.

When completed this corner will present a fine appearance and will be a credit to the town and a tribute to the unflagging perseverance of those in charge.

The present pastor, the Rev. E. G. Judd, came to the Gresham work two and a half years ago and since that time he and his family have become intimately allied with the religious and social life of the community.

#### Pastor Greets All in Name of Christ.

I am thankful to the Outlook for the privilege of publishing a word of Christmas greeting to the many friends and neighbors in Gresham and the surrounding communities. I wish to thank all I meet in the daily rounds of our common activities for their pleasant greetings and cheerful faces and for the willing and liberal cooperation in what we have together tried to do in helping along the better things in our own and other communities. I wish to thank most sincerely those who were courteous and pleasant even when, unconsciously or thoughtlessly, I said or did the thing that hindered when I should have helped.

As we are approaching again that period of the year in which we are reminded of that holy night of the Saviour's birth, it is but natural that we should think not only of the star-lit night, the quiet sheep on the hill side, the watching shepherds, the angels and the message, the stable and the manger but more particularly are we reminded of him who was born and whose birth has caused to be memorialized and glorified Bethlehem its stable and its manger. It is of the Christ of Christmas we would devoutly think and, like the Magi, before him we too would humbly bow and to him we would bring the gold, frankincense and myrrh of our heart's devotions. To those whose pleasant greetings and smiling faces have cheered me through the year that is past let me wish for you not only a Merry Christmas but a heart made glad through the entire New Year in the friendship of the Christ of Christmas.

E. G. JUDD,  
Pastor Gresham Baptist Church.

### Walrad Mercantile Co. Solid Institution

Gresham is conceded to have as fine a line of general stores as any place of its size in the Pacific northwest, and foremost among these is the Walrad Mercantile company which has been in business here since in February, 1914. The company began on a modest scale in the building formerly occupied by the Cecil Metzger grocery and stayed there six years. Deciding to expand and enlarge their stock, the Walrads moved in-

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The company, which is composed of B. L. Walrad Sr., L. A. Walrad and A. M. McManus, now has a floor space of 40 x 80, including basement, and a warehouse with an area of 1600 square feet to accommodate their trucks and necessary extra supplies.

The personnel of the store includes 11 persons who are employed in various duties about the place. The three members of the firm are actively engaged in work

connected with the store. The senior Mr. Walrad is general overseer and manager of the business, Leslie Walrad has charge of the grocery department, and A. M. McManus of the dry goods.

The employees are E. Gilberson, W. O. Stanley, Harold Lewis, George Pullen, Mrs. E. Myers, Harold Carlson and Miss Helen Rogers. H. J. Pulfer is in the office of the establishment one or more days a week where he oversees the book accounts and has charge of their auditing.

During the year the Walrad Mer-

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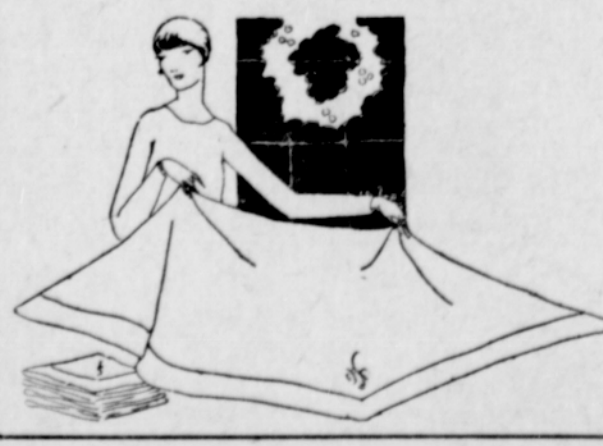
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