Million Members of Congregational and Christian Churches Join Forces at Meet

MOVE PLANNED AT CONVENTION TWO YEARS AGO

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP) — More than 1,000,000 communicants of two large Christian denominations will join forces here in June and July when the Congregational and Christian churches become one.

The union, brought to its final stages after two years of work among leaders of both groups, is expected to result in a greatly strengthened group, lending strength in instances where the respective congregations were weak.

The Congregational churches, for the most part, are located in the larger cities, while the Christian churches are generally in smaller cities and towns, leaders point out.

Unity Brings Strength

Sponsors of the movement, which had its inception at the general council of Congregational churches at Detroit in May, 1929, proposed the union on the basis of a belief that the churches "united, could do more for the Kingdom of God than they can separated."

The two denominations are not widely different in principle.

Both churches carry on widespread activities in foreign mission work. The Congregational church's American board of commissioners for foreign commissions was incorporated in 1812.

College Background

Many of the leading colleges and universities of the United States have a Congregational origin and background.

The Christian denomination, its leaders point out, came into existence as a protest against divisive creeds and names, and was based upon emphasis of Christian character rather than theological opinions.

The denomination maintains two colleges, Defiance college, at Defiance, Ohio, in the north, and Elon college, in North Carolina, for the south.

From headquarters of the general convention of the Christian church here, and from the seat of the national council of the Congregational church in New York, officers of the two denominations have been directing the work incident to complete merging of the two groups.

Present Officials

Dr. Fred B. Smith, of New York, is moderator of the Congregational council, and the Rev. Frank G. Coffin, of Columbus, is president of the Christian church general convention.

The Rev. Charles E. Burton, of New York, and the Rev. Warren H. Denison, of Dayton, respectively, are secretaries of the two groups.

When the national council and the general convention meet here jointly June 25, they will hold brief separate sessions to clear up legal matters, but the principal program will be that of the general council.

On the program will be representatives of both groups from all sections of the country.

Seminars will be held by six discussion groups, and the findings of the six groups will be formulated into a common set of findings for discussion by the council as a whole.

Leaders in the approaching union of the Congregational and Christian churches are Dr. Fred B. Smith (upper left), moderator, and the Rev. Charles E. Burton (lower left), secretary, of the Congregational council; and the Rev. Frank G. Coffin (upper right), president, and the Rev. Warren H. Denison (lower right), secretary, of the Christian church general council.

RETURN TO FAITH IS ORDER OF DAY ASSERTS DR. FUNK

(By Dr. H. C. Funk)

The influence of a positive religious faith may be observed both in the public and private life of men with trained minds. Spiritual realities are acknowledged by men whose intellectual standing and scholarship are recognized. These men are openly declaring their confidence and dependence on Him in whom we have hope of eternal life.

Indeed, there has been observed a marked return to positive faith in the Person and the religion of Christ as being the source of all that is noblest and best. Christ and His teaching can solve the intricate problems of this perturbed world of ours. He is our hope. There is need of a return to the Christ of the scriptures as our guide and final source of authority.

No, Christianity does not put a padlock on the human mind. "Come now, let us reason together, saith the Lord." It has been said that this change of mind and attitude is due to the present day depression. It may be so. The failure of material forces is evident, and it would certainly be foolish for an intelligent human being to continue to bow down before the false Gods of this world.

BEAVERTON — N. J. Forrest purchased Beaver theatre from Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Freeman.

CHURCH EDITOR IS NAMED BISHOP BY FREE METHODISTS

GREENVILLE, Ill., June 20.—(AP)—The Rev. B. J. Vincent of Chicago, editor of Sunday school literature of the Free Methodist church, was elected a bishop of the denomination to succeed the late Bishop Walter A. Sellow of Jamestown, N. Y., at today's session of the general conference of the church.

Bishop G. W. Griffith of Los Angeles was sustained by the conference yesterday on his decision denying seats to five Columbia River conference delegates at Clarkston, Washington, in 1928, because they represented churches which use instrumental music in public worship.

The use of such instruments in church services is forbidden in the church discipline and the decision was the object of a heated debate.

REV. IVERSON HONORED WHILE IN ATTENDANCE PRESBYTERIAN CONFAB

Rev. E. Iverson, who attended the general assembly of the Presbyterian church at Pittsburg, Pa., last week, was highly honored on three occasions during the convention. On Monday evening, June 1, Rev. Iverson was asked to preach in the 2nd Presbyterian church on Eighth street. This church is one of the oldest and most strictly fundamental of all the churches in the city, its membership being comprised of the type of Scotch-Irish people who many times fought valiantly for its principles. On Sunday, May 31, Rev. Iverson preached the morning sermon in the Bellefield Presbyterian church, one of Pittsburgh's largest churches. In the evening Rev. Iverson delivered the sermon at the Marysville church on the anniversary of their 100th birthday. His topic was "How to live the next hundred years." Rev. Iverson was also elected a member of "The Leave of Absence," a standing committee at the assembly. Rev. Iverson returned home by way of Chicago, stopping off at Iowa, where he conducted services in his old home town. He reports a delightful trip.

SCHROEDER ELECTED BY GERMAN BAPTISTS

PORTLAND, Ore., June 20.—(AP) The Rev. O. R. Schreder of Anaheim, Calif., last night was elected moderator of the German Baptist Pacific conference of 22 churches. The conference meeting being held here will conclude Sunday.

The Rev. A. Husmann of Tacoma was elected vice moderator; the Rev. Frederick Heichle, Portland, recording secretary, and the Rev. F. Huermann, Salem, statistical secretary.

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PROHI FORCES UNITE TO NAME DRY PRESIDENT

Board of Strategy to Direct Coming Campaign—Two Million Pledges Will Be Sought in Dry Drive

WASHINGTON, June 19.—(AP)—Prohibition organizations stood agreed today on the membership of a combined "board of strategy" that will direct the dry forces in 1932 in their fight to elect a president favoring the eighteenth amendment.

As the partial membership of this board became known today, it disclosed that not only the old-line dry organizations but also the recently created allied forces hadcontributed to its make-up.

Contending that more active work was necessary than that planned by the national conference of organizations, the younger allied forces announced several weeks ago they would stage a whirl-wind campaign.

C. E. Leader Active

Led by the Reverend Daniel A. Poling, head of the world Christian Endeavor movement, and Dr. Oliver W. Stewart, president of the flying squadron, the allied forces mapped plans for a series of 1,500 non-church meetings throughout the country, in a drive to obtain 2,000,000 pledges.

Senator Borah of Idaho was one of the nationally-prominent speakers to cooperate in the nation-wide program.

On the combined "board of strategy," it was disclosed today, however, are not only the names of Drs. Poling and Stewart, but also those of Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal church South; F. Scott McBride, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league; Dr. Clarence True Wilson, chairman of the board of temperance of the Methodist Episcopal church; Mrs. Ella A. Boole, president of the W. C. T. U., and Dr. Ernest H. Cherrington, chairman of the national conference of organizations supporting the eighteenth amendment.

CHURCHES

St. Mark's Episcopal.
Corner Oakdale and 5th St.
8 a.m.—Holy communion.
10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11:15 a.m.—Holy communion.
Wm. B. Hamilton, Rector.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
(Missouri Synod)
East Main street and Portland avenue.
H. H. Young, pastor.
Due to the fact that the pastor is attending synodical convention in Portland, there will be no services Sunday.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.
235 North Bartlett.
Sunday school 10 a.m.
Preaching 11 a.m., and 8 p.m.
"Come all ye heavy laden and I will give you rest," said the Lord.
A song, a hymn, a prayer.
A welcome for you.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Cor. Beatty and Edwards Sts.
A. Hawkins, Branch President.
Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Preaching services at 7:30 p. m.
Relief society and priesthood meetings at 8 p. m. Tuesday.
Everyone cordially invited to attend.

Main Street Methodist Church, South.
N. D. Wood, pastor.
"Father's Day" will be observed at this church next Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour.
Sunday school 9:45 a.m., and Sunday school-day program.
Epworth League 7 p.m.
Service 8 p.m. Dr. H. S. Shangle will preach the sermon.
The evening service will be of special interest to young people.
A cordial welcome to all.

English Lutheran Church.
(United Lutheran)
Dr. H. C. Funk, pastor.
Fourth at Oakdale avenue.
The place 'where the way is made plain.'. In our morning meditation at 11 a.m., the pastor will speak on "The Power of Redeeming Love." The sermon is based on a beautiful love story taken from the Bible. A young prophet has fallen in love with an attractive maiden, who is enticed away by another man. It's a gripping story of redeeming love.
The Bible school begins at 10 a.m.

Church of God.
Corner Haven and Holly.
H. W. Burch, pastor.
Sunday school 10 a.m.
Preaching service 11 a.m.
Subject, "Objections Answered."
Objections: Too many hypocrites in church; Christians are inconsistent; Christians have treated me badly; I am troubled with doubts; there is no God; I can do as much good out of the church as in it, and many others.
Young People's Service, 7:15. Elder Cordon will bring the message at the evening service.
Mrs. Scribbner and daughters will bring a message in song. We extend a hearty welcome to all.

International Bible Students
Judge Rutherford, lecturer.
Broadcasting a Watch Tower program over KMED Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. This program will consist of a lecture by Judge Rutherford, who is known as the world's greatest Bible scholar and lecturer. The title of the talk is "Prisoners."
One of these lectures will be given every Sunday morning by electrical transcription over KMED until further notice.
The International Bible Students meet for study every Sunday morning at 10:30, at the home of Mrs. W. W. Bailey, 102 Mistletoe street, and every Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Anna Brewer, 727 South Central avenue. All interested in Watch Tower Bible study are welcome.

Church of the Nazarene.
North Central at Jackson.
John T. LaRose, pastor.
Morning worship at 11. The pastor will speak on "God's Eagles." Evening service at 8, with sermon by the pastor on "Filled With the Spirit."
Sunday school at 9:45. Everyone on time next Sunday. Young people's society meeting at 7:00 o'clock Sunday evening. "A live service for live young people."
Class meeting in the annex at 7 o'clock Sunday evening. "A service of prayer and praise for everyone."
Midweek prayer service Wednesday evening at 8. Dr. J. E. Bates of Portland will be the speaker for this service next Wednesday evening.

Salvation Army.
Fourth and Bartlett, Old Methodist church building.
Ensign and Mrs. James R. Pack, officers in charge.
Sunday services:
Sunday school and Bible class at 9:45 a.m.
Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.
Young People's Legion meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Evening Salvation meeting, 8 p.m.
Colonel Wm. G. Anderson will conduct all the Sunday meetings and will close his evangelistic services Sunday night. Every one is invited to come and hear him for the last time.
Week-day meetings: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights, 8 p.m.

First Methodist.
West Main, Laurel and Mistletoe.
Alexander G. Bennett, pastor.
Sunday morning worship, 11:00 o'clock, with sermon by the pastor, "The Happiest Ages." Dean Carder, baritone soloist. Mrs. Henry Heunergardt, organist.
Holy communion at 12 noon.
Sunday evening gospel, 8:00 o'clock observing Father's Day, with pulpit message by the pastor. "The Father and Son Who Are Pictures of God." Epworth league young people's chorus.
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. classes and welcome for all.
Epworth league young people's hour of discussion 6:45 p.m., in the church parlor.
All are invited to the spiritual ministries of this church.

Baptist Church
W. H. Eaton, minister.
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. Mr. Wm. Parssons will sing, and the pastor will give the first of a series of sermons on the Second Coming of Christ, this first sermon dealing with the question of the validity of the claim that Jesus will actually come to earth again in bodily form.
7:00 p. m.—Young people's groups.
8:00 p. m.—Evening service. This will be a Father's day service, with a solo, "Daddy," by Miss Agatha Buchanan; a reading, "Only A Dad," by Miss Rose Gault; a cornet solo by Mr. J. B. Buchanan, an instrumental trio and an address on "Father," by Dr. Eaton.
You are cordially invited to enjoy these services with us.

First Christian Church.
Ninth and Oakdale streets.
W. R. Baird, pastor.
Bible school at 9:30 a.m. M. E. Olson, superintendent.
Morning worship begins at 10:30. This Sunday is "Father's Day," and a special invitation is extended to all fathers to be with us for the morning service.
Anthem, "Like As a Father." (Carrie B. Adams).
Sermon subject, "A Wise Father."
Christian Endeavor at 7:00 p.m.
The evening evangelistic service begins at 8 o'clock. The special musical number will be a vocal trio by Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wendt and L. G. Gentner.
Sermon subject, "God's Wonderland." The sermon will be based on the points of interest in Yosemite valley. If you enjoy nature sermons, don't miss this one.

First Church of Christ, Scientist
Authorized branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.
Services are held every Sunday at 11 o'clock, church edifice, 212 North Oakdale. Subject for Sunday, June 21: Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?
Sunday school at 9:45. Applicants under the age of twenty may be admitted.
Wednesday evening meetings, which include testimonies of Christian Science healings, at 8:00 o'clock.
The reading room, which is located at 401 in the Medford building, is open daily from 8:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m., except Sundays and holidays. The librarian is in attendance from 11 to 4, at which time the Bible and all authorized Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed or purchased.
The public is cordially invited to attend the services and visit the reading room.

Valley Radio Church
(Undenominational)
T. L. Theumler, pastor.
Services every Sunday evening between the hours of eight and nine over radio station KMED.
The services are dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gore, whose generosity makes it possible for us to send a message of cheer to the sick and shut-in of the valley during the month of June.
The sermon subject for this Sunday will be: "The Cleansing of a Soul." And at this time we wish to inform our many listeners that we are planning next Sunday evening to present a subject that is of untold interest to every man and woman who is up to date on current events. Be sure that you do not miss it.
There will be a story for the children and we hope they will enjoy it.
Appropriate music will be furnished for the services, and we cordially invite all to tune in on the Church of the Air and make their home a place of worship during this hour.

First Presbyterian Church.
Claude B. Porter, minister.
Morning worship services at 11 a.m. In commemoration Father's Day Mr. Porter will give a challenging sermon entitled, "A Father's Wishes."
The following music will be given:
Organ prelude, "Vision".....Bibl
Duet, "Jesus Lover of My Soul".....Wesley
Mrs. Strang, R. E. Waldron.
Organ offertory, "Chant de Soir".....Custard
Tenor solo, "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled".....Speaks
R. E. Waldron.
Organ postlude, "Postlude".....Vincent
Ministry of Music: Elsie Carleton Strang, soprano; Edna Kifert Isaacs, contralto; R. E. Waldron, tenor; Dr. W. W. Howard, bass; Eva Hazelrigg Marsh, organist.
Christian Endeavor meetings for all age groups. The senior group will be led by Miss Louise Bronmer, and the topic for discussion will be: "How Decide What Is Right and What Is Wrong?"

SEASIDE—New lighting system along Prom approved by city and now in operation.

Mad Pursuit

BY JESSIE DOUGLAS FOX

SYNOPSIS: When Nora Lake learns that David Lindsay, husband of her cousin Frances plans to return to her and the children he had abandoned, she hastens to Dr. Hore. But the young physician who had helped Fran to go to the mountains for her health says nothing to confirm Nora's persistent conviction that Fran's expressed regard for him is returned. Fresh bitterness grips Nora when she meets Jon Thayer who after a quarrel with her had married his step-sister Damon instead. In a torrent of regret, he begs the tearfully protesting Nora to run away with him, hinting suicide as his alternative. She sees Damon who tells her she is filing suit against Nora's father Julian, for the fraudulent exhibition of the late Nicholas Thayer's paintings as his own.

Chapter 31

PROOF FROM DAMON

THERE was in Damon's words the chill of the winter's day outside the lovely room of the Thayer home where Nora sat before her.

"Sue Julian!" Nora exclaimed. "Must you do that? I know he has done a dreadful wrong to Nicholas . . . but if you could forgive him. I'll promise to go away with him. Isn't there anything that I can do? This will kill him."

"There is nothing that will change me."

As Damon walked away Nora picked up the letter.

The words fell lightly. But Nora saw that Damon was implacable. It seemed almost as though she was seeking revenge.

"Nicholas loved me or he would not have sent me home—to you. He would not have been so cruel." Damon was quite still, but she was holding herself tense.

"He never loved you."

"But why did he marry me? If it wasn't—if he didn't—"

"I was I he loved. He wanted me to come to Italy to marry him. When I refused he married you and sent you home to us—because he thought he could hurt me so."

"But I don't believe—I know it isn't true!" Nora cried, but her voice was only a whisper in the quiet room.

Damon went to the desk, unlocked a drawer, drew out a letter and brought it back with her. As she came back and began to read the letter in her hand, her voice was restrained. "This is his last letter."

"If you won't marry me, I won't go on, that's all. I shall marry a poor little vagrant and send her home to you. Her father's a drunken old charlatan who pretends to be a painter. He has no morals to speak of and the child herself is not much better, I should judge."

She laid down the letter. Damon had known this ever since the beginning. She had been holding this back, waiting to use it when the moment was ripe. Now Nicholas' wife and her father were proved all that the letter said. Nothing Nora could do would save her father now. She stood up.

"I'll go."

A maid came to tell Damon that she was wanted on the telephone. Nora felt dazed. It still seemed impossible that Nicholas had written that letter. Nora heard Damon walking across the hall to the telephone. She went back and picked up the letter. She knew it was a dreadful thing to do, but she had to see it with her own eyes. At first in her violent hurry the words had no meaning; then the small black script of Nicholas' writing sprang into meaning.

"You won't marry me until I've made a name for myself. God knows I may never do that. But you did not talk to me this way five years ago when you told me you would come to me when I needed you. Have you been able to forget so easily? You wouldn't marry me because I didn't have a penny. If you won't marry me now I won't go on, that's all. I shall marry a poor little vagrant and send her home to you. Her father's a drunken old charlatan who pretends he is a painter. He has no morals to speak of and the child herself is not much better, I should judge."

Nora put down the letter. She wondered if she could ever get out of the house before Damon saw her. Somehow she walked toward the door, opened it, found herself outside. The fresh snowy air revived her.

Everything was clear at last. She saw why Damon had hated her and wanted to hurt her through her father. For Damon still loved Nicholas. It was her grief that had made her remote.

Julian was to be dragged through all the long torture of a trial, to be sent to prison, not because of what he had done but because Damon could not forgive Nora. And there was nothing Nora could do to save him.

It was impossible to think of that pale cold woman as loving Nicholas so madly. It seemed incredible. But life was incredible. The more incredible things were, the more easily they seemed to happen.

Nora saw at last that Damon had never loved Jon. Perhaps long ago the two brothers had quarreled over Damon; and that quarrel had separated them.

But now she need think no longer of Damon. If Jon still loved her, still wanted her . . . she began to walk while these thoughts went whirling through her mind. She was free to do as she chose. Free, free, free!

She had been walking so fast, her head bent, that she did not see that a car had drawn up beside her. Jon called out to her.

"Get in, Nora, I'll drive you home."

She got in without a word while Jon wrapped the rug about her. He pulled off his gloves and his fingers touched her as he drew the rug about her shoulders. She shivered with excitement. He did not say anything until they had left the driveway and were out on the broad state road.

"I see it wasn't any use," Jon said.

"No."

"What are you going to do?"

"There's nothing to do."

"Look here, I'll put up money so that your father can get the best lawyer. "I'll see the thing through."

There was something ironical in the idea that Jon would try to defend her father. Nora smiled and shook her head.

"We'll go through with it, Jon, he and I."

"There must be some way. I'll try to find it. I don't dare to let Damon know. . . . But if I manage to get your father off will you come away with me, Nora?"

"Come away with you?"

"Nora, look at me. Don't be conventional now. This is our life. No one matters but ourselves. We've got it all before us. I'll take you away where no one will know. To the islands of Greece, the most beautiful place in the world. Think of it, Nora, just you and I . . . and afterwards Damon will divorce me and then if you like we'll come back to this house. It will be yours, all yours."

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"Wasted years." How dreary they are in prospect tomorrow! But kisses for remembrance startle Nora to anger.

Medford Business College Conducting Special Term

The Medford Business College is conducting a special summer term for graduates from high schools, in advanced stenography and machine bookkeeping and have a number enrolled.

They also have a summer course for beginners.

It has been decided to do away with the night school during the summer months of July and August.

PORTLAND GROCERYMAN OPENS STORE SUICIDES

PORTLAND, Ore., June 20.—(AP)—Abe Gold, 35, East Side grocer, shot himself to death today a few minutes after he had opened his shop. Police and coroner's deputies said he placed the muzzle of a revolver in his mouth and pulled the trigger. Friends and relatives said they could give no reason for the act.

Apostolic Faith Tent Meetings Close Sunday

Large crowds attend the revival meetings each night held by the Apostolic Faith people at North Central and Clark streets.

Sunday night will be the last meeting. No meeting Saturday night. There will be special music by the orchestra at the beginning of the service Sunday at 7:30.

Special singing will be furnished by a mixed chorus of eight voices, also the mixed quartet will render some special numbers.

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