

### DON HUCKABEE TO DIRECT CHOIR FOR FIRST M. E. CHURCH

The music committee of the First Methodist Episcopal church, has asked the organist, Don Huckabee, to direct the choir in addition to playing the organ. Resignation of Mrs. Paake, who has directed the large young people's choir so efficiently and acceptably the past year, necessitated securing a new director. As many organists direct as well as play, the committee turned to Mr. Huckabee, realizing the young man is a natural-born musician of exceptional abilities.

He has agreed to undertake the added responsibility and first rehearsal under his direction was held last evening. Considerable change is being made with regard to personnel and organization.

Mrs. P. E. Nichols has been elected president; C. A. Meeker, secretary-treasurer, with Miss Myrna Barrett, assistant, and Olaf Severson, Jr., librarian. A membership committee is to be appointed as well as an audit committee, and plans are laid for the building up of a large and efficient choir.

The new choir will present its first musical offerings Easter morning. In the meantime selected solos and duets will comprise the special musical presentations at the morning services, while at the rehearsals emphasis will be laid upon the harmonizing and blending of the voices as the new choir members become accustomed to singing together and to an understanding of the musical interpretations of the director.

Next Sunday morning Prof. R. H. Cook will favor the congregation with a delightful violin number. Professor Cook is new in Medford but is fast making a wide acquaintance among lovers of good music.

The music committee, comprised of Mrs. A. W. Pipes, C. A. Meeker and Mrs. Helen Pierce, announces selection of Olaf Severson, Sr., as director of the evening choir. He has recently organized a large chorus and their singing is much appreciated by the evening congregations.

Mrs. Lucille Schoppert will continue to preside at the organ Sunday evenings. The playing of this talented young lady draws much favorable comment.

This Sunday evening there will be two special numbers, one by the ladies' chorus and the other by the men's chorus.

The music committee feels confident the general public will not be disappointed in the musical presentations of the public services of the church.

### SPRING TONIC ADVISED SOON FOR PEAR TREES HAVING YELLOW LEAVES

Chlorotic or yellow leaved pear trees will be needing their spring tonic of soluble iron shortly. Growers who have such individuals in their orchards are advised to make the treatment as given below within the next two weeks, states County Agent L. P. Wilcox.

The yellow leaved condition of trees is often caused by an iron starvation due to an excess lime content of the soil in which the tree is growing. By injecting a soluble iron salt into the trunk of the sick tree this condition is corrected and leaves regain their dark green color and increased vigor is noted.

The method of injection consists of boring holes 1/4 to 7/16 of an inch in diameter into the trunk of the ailing tree, going through the bark and into the sap wood to a depth of 1 1/2 to 2 inches, then inserting within each hole the dry iron citrate (ferrous citrate) powder by means of a small funnel, after so doing the hole is then sealed with wax or plugged with a wooden stopper.

For small trees, two or three inches in diameter, a single hole made with a one-fourth inch wood bit is sufficient, while in larger trees two or more injections around the trunk at intervals of about three inches is necessary. The amount of iron citrate per hole should approximate one-tenth of an ounce. The treatment is best made in the late dormant period of the tree and before growth starts in the spring. One treatment is effective for a period of about three seasons.

### EX-MAGISTRATE DIES IN ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR POISONING FOUR

TUCKER PRISON FARM, Ark., Mar. 6.—(AP)—Mark H. Shank, 43, former Ohio magistrate, died in the electric chair at 7:14 a. m. today for the poisoning of a family of four in Saline county, Ark., in August, 1933.

Before 50 persons who jammed the electrocution chamber, Shank maintained to the end the calm indifference which marked his residence of more than a year in a condemned cell.

He was convicted in 1933 for the murder of Alvin Colley, professional associate, who with Mrs. Colley and two Colley children died after drinking poisoned grapejuice which Shank served at a picnic lunch.

Shank said in a reputed confession shortly after his arrest that Colley had attempted to blackmail him in connection with a case pending in Ohio. Shank had practiced law in Akron for 15 years and was once a suburban magistrate.

Shank pleaded insanity but was convicted and the death penalty was fixed. His wife aided his defense at the

trial. She collapsed when the verdict was returned. Because of illness she was unable to come here to see her husband before the execution.

**Fire Record.**  
ASHLAND, Ore.—(UP)—The fire

department of Ashland (pop. 4,500) made only 25 calls during 1934 and one of these was a false alarm. The city got by the year with a fire damage of only \$3,891.25.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

**Usual Trial.**  
TAYLORSVILLE, Ill.—(UP)—Mr. and Mrs. Guy Oller already had two sons named Tom and Dick. It was quite natural that when a third son arrived recently they named him Harry.

**Ducked in Sleep.**  
ROCHESTER, N. H.—(UP)—All the beds were occupied in her home recently, so Elmoene Purling was forced to sleep in the bathtub. She slept peacefully until her foot accidentally hit the water faucet.

**Moonshine Fare.**  
KINSTON, N. C.—(UP)—Officers, tired and hungry after demolishing a moonshiner's still near here, entered a shack belonging to the distiller and made a hearty meal of provisions he had stored there.

**Plenty of Pig.**  
AUGUSTA, Mont.—(UP)—Montana's heaviest hog of the year is believed that butchered recently by Mrs. Katherine Warner. The porker dressed 800 pounds, and yielded 100 pounds of lard.

**Westward Ho!**  
MADISON, Wis.—(UP)—America, particularly the middle west, eventually will become the art center of the world, Thomas Craven, New York art critic and author, predicted in a recent address here.

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