

HUNDREDS ATTEND RALLY TO HONOR PIONEER CHURCH

Divine Is Main Speaker At Commemorative Services In Jacksonville — More Edifice Repairs Planned.

By Mrs. C. F. Sanden
JACKSONVILLE, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Several hundred people attended the third annual old Methodist church commemorative rally on the lawn of the courthouse Sunday afternoon. Chairs had been placed facing the porch where a piano had been placed and where the speaker sat. A concert by the gayly-uniformed school band under leadership of Professor Botta was given first, after which the flag was placed by members of the forest patrol of the Boy Scouts. Led by a group of school children, "America" was then sung by the audience, followed by Scripture reading and invocation by Reverend Belnap of Medford.

Mr. Powell, editor of the Central Point American, related an interesting story of how his father went from Indiana to be a circuit rider in southern Minnesota within a year of the time the old Methodist church here was built in 1854. The country in the middle-west was then so raw that he ministered to early settlers and Indians alike and he used to say his parish extended from the Canadian border to Iowa and from the Mississippi river to the Pacific, 1500 miles away. His active service as a Methodist circuit rider lasted 30 years.

"The Little White Church In The Vale" was then sung by school children. Speaks of "Gold"

The main speaker of the afternoon was Dr. Sherman L. Divine, who spoke on "Pioneer Gold." Dr. Divine declared that the real gold of pioneer days was not the nuggets and flakes of gold dug out of the earth but the first kind of gold was the "gold of courage" revealed in the manhood and womanhood of the early settlers.

Though beset by fears of the redskins, wild animals, loneliness and sometimes disease, the pioneer fathers and mothers heroically sacrificed and worked diligently, laying the foundation for the manhood and womanhood of years to come.

The second gold was the "gold of constancy," enduring every hardship and embracing their children with the spirit of persistence and perseverance.

Dr. Divine related how in the early days of gold mining in Sacramento, the people there used to say, "Men left their religion on the other side of the Rockies," and also, "They left their consciences on the continental divide."

As in Sacramento, vast numbers of people flocked to the gold diggings in early days who seemed to have taken leave of their consciences when they got there. So it was in Jacksonville, but not so with all the people. A goodly number of people here retained the use of their consciences and their religious heritage and consequently the old Methodist church was built and maintained for many years and so his third point of "pioneer gold" was the "gold of constancy" to hand down to their posterity.

Tells of Trip
An interesting illustration Dr. Divine used, told of a trip he made to the Caucasus mountains where he saw the natives use a fleece of sheepskin, the greater the better, pour the water containing the particles of gold in it over the fleece till it was thoroughly soaked and lifting the fleece from time to time so they could tell how much gold was in it. When they were satisfied there was enough in it, they burned the fleece which melted the gold and they could then secure it.

He also told about visiting the "Church of Many Lamps" in the shadow of Mt. Ararat in Erzurum, Armenia during the day time. It was very dark inside and not a sign of any lamp or light of any sort was visible. When he asked the guide why the church carried that name, he was told that in very early times (the church, a magnificent edifice, was built in third century A. D.) a certain old duke nearing the end of his life, wished to do something fine so he had this church built and on its completion took his young daughter to see it. She inquired the reason for his name. He replied he had given each family in town a golden lamp and when services were held, they were to bring their lighted lamps and figure that no family would want their corner dark, he was sure the lamps would always be brought. Staying over for the evening service Dr. Divine found that was still true, that from each street and path in the village and countryside, these lighted, golden lamps were brought and when they were all in the church a blaze of glory lighted up the beautiful building so that everything was aglow. Dr. Divine wondered if the children of the succeeding generations were going to carry on this heritage.

The fourth kind of gold discussed was the "gold of consecration," that awakening of the spirit of obligation to keep the light of religion burning on in this old church and all other churches so that all may have the "gold imperishable."

Hitler Makes European Peace Offer



Radio photo from Berlin shows outstretched hands of members of the reichstag saluting Adolf Hitler (on rostrum, center, beneath Field Marshal Goering) during his historic address in which he outlined his propositions for European peace, adding that if the allies rejected his "outstretched hand," this statement would be his last, and offered a fight in which "I do not doubt for a single moment that Germany will be victorious."

Collection For Repairs
Following this splendid address a collection was taken to be used in more repair work on the old church, after which books written by Rev. E. N. Mallory on "Jacksonville, Its Schools and Churches," were given to the adults. Much credit is due Reverend Mallory and the Business Men's association for sponsoring this memorial rally.

After the program, throngs of people visited the museum where the original pipe of peace which was smoked by both whites and Indians in 1854 was on display. Reverend Mallory explained how the ceremony of smoking the pipe of peace was performed. Sitting in a circle in the chief's tepee, the white men and red men alternated. First the chief took a big puff on the pipe and blew the smoke towards the east, another puff which he blew to the west and two more puffs which he blew to the north and south, signifying that there would be peace between them as far as the east is from the west and the north is from the south. Then he took another big puff and blew that straight up, the last to signify the witness of the great spirit as a seal of the pact.

McLeod
McLEOD, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Herman McFarland held a tag dinner at his home Oct. 1. Those present were Mr. Paul and Millard Robertson, Mr. Cave and Mr. Cookley of the Hudson agency, James Thomas, Wallace and Dan Obit, all of Medford and Frank Pettigrew of Shady Cove. Mr. and Mrs. Allen of Glendale, Calif., are spending a couple of weeks in their cabin on Butte creek. Friday evening, Oct. 13 at 8 o'clock the first pinocle party of the Elk Creek P.T.A. will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith. Prizes will be given and supper will be served. Everyone welcome. The money will be used in the school lunches.

First McLeod Extension Unit meeting of the year was held at the home of Mrs. Helen Axtell, Sept. 29. Mrs. Mabel Mack installed the newly-elected officers. Those present were Mrs. Lawrence Conger, Mrs. Cates, Mrs. Jennie Hogg, Mrs. Jennie Beddingfield, Mrs. Flossie Mullins, Mrs. Pearl Bendure, Mrs. Mattie Byrd, Mrs. Ryan, Sr., Mrs. Erma Beddingfield, Mrs. Tom Carlson, Mrs. Mabel Mack, Miss Betty Ash, Mrs. O'Connell, Mrs. Chas. Ryan, Mrs. Herron, Mrs. Howard Ash. Next meeting will be held at Mattie Byrd's.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dittworth spent a week camping at Hamaker recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester West have moved to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Hi Montage.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jewell have rented one of Mrs. Tullis' houses on Laurelhurst road.

The first step has been taken in making the turn off Crater Lake highway out of the McLeod bridge, the highway commission erecting a sign "Dangerous Intersection," about 200 feet from the approach. This good work should not end there as there is a blind turn and the school bus crosses this intersection twice every

Doomed Father Bids Children Goodbye



Rev. Walter Dworecki, Camden, N. J., Baptist minister, kisses his 11-year old daughter Mildred, goodbye before officers take him to prison to await death in the electric chair for the slaying of another daughter, Wanda, 18. A son, Alfred, 16, looks on. "Study hard in school, live right and make good citizens," the minister told Mildred and Alfred.

Russia Lines Up Baltic



In 1-2-3 order, Soviet Russia has all but completed her Baltic domination. Map shows (1), Estonia, where Russian naval bases are allowed at Hager, Oesel Island and Baltiski; (2) Latvia, where there are to be Russian bases at Libau, Windau and on Riga bay; (3) Lithuania, summoned to discuss a similar pact; (4) Wilno, ancient Lith capital, where plebiscite may be held for possible return to Lithuania.

FATE OF SKINNER
KNOWN OCT. 18TH

SALEM, Oct. 9.—(AP)—The state banking board will meet about October 18 to determine whether Mark Skinner, Democratic state superintendent of banks whose term expired October 1, should be retained. Gov. Charles A. Sprague said today.

The governor, who is board chairman, said it would be impossible to get the board together before that time. The other two members are Secretary of State Earl Snell and State Treasurer Walter E. Pearson, the latter being the only Democrat on the board.

The board members have given no indication as to whether they would replace Skinner. Snell, however, has hinted that he would follow the governor's lead.

The governor had no comment to day on whether he would ask State Insurance Commissioner Hugh Earle, a Democrat, to resign.

Driver Tests—Persons wanting licenses or permits to drive automobiles will be examined here on Wednesday from 9 to 5. Applicants are asked to report to the examiner in the examination room on the top floor of city hall between those hours. Both written examinations and road tests will be given.

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V. F. W. DISTRICT MEETING FAVORS CASH AND CARRY

District No. 8, Veterans of Foreign Wars, met in regular session at the armory Sunday. Dinner was served at 1 o'clock to delegates and department officers. Medford peers were included on the menu and all declared them the very best.

The meeting was in charge of L. E. Burne, district commander. Department officers present were John H. Schum, commander; Ira D. Canfield, senior vice commander; Floyd Johnston, junior vice commander; W. E. McGuffin, adjutant and quartermaster; G. O. Pike, service officer; Chas. Lamon, chief inspector; J. L. Black, hospital chairman; Jack Manton, aid-de-camp; Roy Glen, color sergeant.

Senior vice commander and junior vice commander elected for the district were Charles Wilcox, Ashtland, and Francis H. Walker, Medford. They were installed by Ira D. Canfield.

The district went on record for neutrality in thought and deed and that "we should not say anything that might tend to have other nations think we were butting into their affairs. That we should keep the cash and carry plan, repelling the embargo part and that this nation should make it strictly cash and carry and that no credits be extended to any nation; that they must come and get the things they want and carry them away in their own ships.

Subversive activities were also brought to the foreground "that we should be on the lookout for this kind of activity as, if the nation should repeal the embargo act the foreign governments would try to stop us in ammunition factories by fair means or foul."

A report on the national encampment held in Boston was made by Department Commander Schum. Department President Ann Woodruff of Klamath Falls was in charge of the district meeting for the auxiliary which served the dinner in a creditable manner.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

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COMPANY A IS NOW OVERSTRENGTH; WILL BUILD INACTIVE LIST

As a result of its intensive recruiting campaign, Company A, 166th Infantry of the Oregon national guard is now overstrength and has six men on the inactive list. It was announced today by Capt. Carl Y. Tengwald, commanding.

Authorized strength of the company was recently increased from 60 to 80 men and three officers. Under new regulations, an inactive list of enlisted men may be maintained, any vacancies that might occur in the company to be filled from the inactive roll. Heretofore men on the waiting list were not enlisted until they were chosen to fill vacancies.

Captain Tengwald said national guard authorities would like to build up the inactive list and invited all eligible young men to call at the armory for enlistment information. Medford's two national guard companies, Company A and headquarters company, will hold their regular weekly drills in the armory at 8 p. m. tomorrow.

Seek Hoodlums
ELMIRA, Ore., Oct. 9.—(AP)—Lane County Sheriff C. A. Swartz is hunting for some very mean and nasty hoodlums today. After a dance here late Saturday night, beer bottles were crashed through several windows of a nearby church.

60 New Generals
FRANKFORT, Ky., Oct. 9.—(AP)—Gov. A. B. Chandler commissioned approximately 60 new Kentucky colonels today before he resigned to be appointed to the United States senate.

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