

First Methodist Congregation To Mark 60th Anniversary In Sunday's Service

PIONEER MEMBERS WILL BE HONORED AT NIGHT SERVICE

Special Sunday School Session to Open Day-Long Program; History Told.



Medford Methodists will gather at the First Methodist church building, pictured here, November 25, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Methodism in this city. The building, dedicated in 1924, serves a congregation numbering nearly 1000 persons.

Extensive plans for celebrating the 60th anniversary of Methodism in Medford next Sunday, Nov. 25, are being made by the congregation of the First Methodist church. Committees have been at work planning a great program for the entire day, including Sunday school, morning and evening services, and the day will close with a recep-

tion in the church parlors. An attendance of 400 is expected for the Sunday school session at 9:45 a. m. when special music and a resume of the growth of the school are among the features. At the 11 o'clock worship hour Dr. Guy Goodsell, district superintendent of the Portland district and former pastor of the First Methodist church of Portland will be the guest speaker. There will be special music by the chorus, directed by Harold Burelson, with Miss Katherine Gentner at the organ.

Historical Program
A strictly historical program is planned for the evening service at 7:30 p. m. Two charter members of the church Mrs. Cora Carder and Mrs. Mattie Pickel, will be honored, and each will talk on the beginnings of Methodism in Medford. In addition, Mrs. Grace Pankey has been asked to relate the remarkable history of the church bell which her father and mother were instrumental in securing for the Methodist Episcopal church in 1892. The history of the Methodist Church South will be reviewed by Dr. Frank Roberts. Others scheduled to speak are Mrs. Robert Taylor, Frank Redden and Homer Harvey. Use of the original furniture of the church will provide a special atmosphere. The old record organ will be played as the congregation joins in singing favorite hymns of other days. Placed on the platform, too, will be the original pulpit, chairs, pews and Sunday school secretary's desk.

Reception Planned
The reception, to be in the

church parlors, is to be sponsored by the Wesleyan Service Guild. The two honored charter members will light the 60 candles on the birthday cake and historical pictures of Medford and pioneer days will be on display.

The present congregation of the First Methodist church represents the union of the former Methodist Episcopal church and the former Methodist Church, South. This merged membership and combined leadership, plus the splendid increases and achievements of the past few years have made the Medford church one of the strongest of the denomination in the Oregon conference, with a membership roll of 960 fast approaching 1000 members. It is pointed out. The Sunday school enrollment of 460, with an average attendance of 350, is the second largest Methodist church in the state. Two hundred women belong to the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

One Member Left
Of the 26 charter members who organized the Methodist Episcopal church in November of 1885, Mrs. Carder, who resides at 607 West Eighth, is the only one living. She recalls that in the beginning services were held in what was known as the first Washington school building, then located on the site of the county court building. In 1889 a church building was erected at Fourth and Bartlett streets. This building is now owned and occupied by the Salvation Army. The present modern edifice on the corner of Main

and Laurel streets, dedicated in 1924, cost \$105,000, including pipe organ and fixtures. Mrs. Pickel, 1306 West Main street, is the only living charter member of the Methodist Church, South. This church, organized with about 20 members, erected a building in 1892 on the corner of Main and Oakdale streets. With the unification of Methodism in 1929, this property was sold to the Safeway company.

Dr. Louis C. Kirby is pastor of the church at present.

KENNETH CORLISS RECEIVES MEDAL FOR WAR ACTION

Pfc. Kenneth Corliss has been awarded the silver star medal for gallantry in action in France Dec. 24, 1944, according to information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Corliss, 938 South Holly street.

The citation given the soldier reads "While serving with Co. 1, 71st Infantry Regiment, 44th Division in France, Dec. 24, 1944, Pfc. Kenneth R. Corliss bravely dared enemy machine gun fire that was pinning down his platoon to rescue a seriously wounded member of his company that had not been given medical attention because of the intensive superiority of firepower the enemy had at his command at this time. For such firm and courageous spirit shown by Pfc. Corliss, incentive was given the remaining men of his platoon so that the objective was taken and the life of a soldier was saved. The award of this silver star medal is but a small recognition to valor."

Pfc. Corliss is now stationed at Camp Chaffee, Ark. In addition to the silver star he has been awarded the presidential citation, three battle stars and the combat infantryman's badge. Pfc. Corliss is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy with the class of 1943.

BIRTHS

SMITH—To Mr. and Mrs. Ira, Route 4, box 31, Nov. 20, 1945, a girl, seven pounds, at Community hospital.

RECOVER SAILOR BODIES
San Francisco, Nov. 21—(U.P.) Recovery of the bodies of 11 sailors lost in San Francisco bay Oct. 30 when a liberty party boat capsized was completed today, the navy announced. The body of Michael C. Hill, S 1/c, Philadelphia, Pa., washed ashore at Treasure Island yesterday and was identified today.

MEDFORD FLIERS REVIVE CLUB; TO PURCHASE PLANE

For the first time since March of 1942, when the club became inactive because of the war, the Medford Flying club met Monday evening. Election of officers was held and plans made for purchasing a plane next spring for use of club members.

Richard Witt was named president, Chester Hubbard, vice-president; Florence Culbertson, now in Oakland, Calif., but expected here soon, secretary-treasurer; Oliver Morton and Alfred M. Beck, Klamath Falls, board members. The meeting was held at Hubbard Brothers store.

Witt reported this morning that about two-thirds of the original membership attended the meeting and that with the return home of several members still in service, it was believed all the old members would return to active membership. Many of the men have been flying with either the navy or the army or have been connected with some phase of aviation service. Witt, Hubbard and Beck, among the officers, all were formerly with the army air corps.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have applied to the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, for the change of name of James Ray Hamons to that of James Ray Rowden, and the said Court by Order duly made has ordered the publication of notice of said application for a period of thirty (30) days. All persons interested are hereby notified to make or file their objections to said petition with said Court on or before the 15th day of December, 1945, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day in the Court room of said Court in Medford, Oregon.

Dated November 14, 1945.
MELVIN ROWDEN
FLORENCE ROWDEN
Gus Newbury
Attorney for petitioners

Historical Society Picks Essay Subject

The Oregon Historical society has selected "The Life and Work of George Abernethy" as the subject for the 1946 C. C. Beekman essay contest, according to an announcement made recently by the society. Prizes will be awarded for the best four original essays on the above named subject written and submitted by girls or boys over 15 years of age and under 18 attending any educational institution within the state of Oregon.

Complete rules governing the contest are obtainable from schools and libraries, the society states. In past years Jackson county students have won awards for essays submitted in the annual contest.

Closing time for Classified Ads 8:30 p. m.—The Late for Classified 12:15 a. m.

National Forest Timber For Sale

Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Medford, Oregon, up to and not later than 2:00 P. M., December 10, 1945, for all the live timber marked or designated for cutting and all merchantable standing timber located on an area embracing about 40 acres within Section 29, T. 33 S., R. 3 E., W. M., Rogue River National Forest, Oregon, estimated to be 100,000 feet B.M. of Douglas-fir, and 80,000 feet B.M. of white fir, more or less, and an unestimated amount of other species. No bid of less than \$4.30 per M feet B.M. for Douglas-fir, \$2.25 per M feet B.M. for white fir, \$6.50 per M feet B.M. for ponderosa pine, \$8.00 per M feet B.M. for sugar pine, \$8.00 per M feet B.M. for white pine, and \$1.50 per M feet B.M. for western hemlock and incense cedar, will be considered. In determining the highest bidder, the rate for Douglas-fir and white fir only will be considered. Bids with rates in excess of those permissible under MPR 460 will be reduced to the allowable maximum in making the award. \$2500.00 must accompany each bid, to be applied on the purchase price, refunded, or retained in part as liquidated damages, according to conditions of sale. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and submission of bids should be obtained from the Forest Supervisor, Medford, Oregon.

TY POWER COMING at Portland, Ore., Wednesday San Francisco, Nov. 21—(U.P.) aboard the USS Marvin McIntyre, returning from Japan, the 31-year-old film star, will arrive marine corps announced today.

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