

ROGUE RIVER CHURCH SERVES PEOPLE OF ENTIRE COMMUNITY

Old Structure Given New Organ Recently

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Rogue River, Feb. 25—At a congregational meeting held in Fellowship hall Wednesday evening, February 15, the members of Hope Presbyterian church voted to buy an electric organ for the church sanctuary. In presenting the need for the organ, the Rev. D. F. Barnett told of the wonderful progress made by the church in past years, and touched lightly on its history.

Hope Presbyterian church was organized with a charter membership of 11 persons, on April 28, 1901 at a meeting in the Woodville school house. "The school room was well filled with people from the vicinity of Woodville, notwithstanding the day was very stormy and rainy. Nineteen friends from the Bethany Presbyterian church of Grants Pass were present; the choir of said church being all present except two members."

We read from the early records of the church.

Many Names Appear

Scattered throughout the old church records among the names of its Presbyterian members are found the names of many men and women from churches of other denominations who have affiliated with Hope church on finding no church of their own faith in Rogue River. It has always been something of a community church.

In a recent speech before a civic group, the Rev. Mr. Barnett stated, "We read of world wide religion of men of all faiths and creeds working together for the good of all mankind. Here in Oregon we not only read of it, we have it. Here in this group we have people of all denominations—in fact only a third of those present tonight are Presbyterians and none of you seems to know who are and who are not. We work together in harmony; we are all working for the good of the community and we accord due respect to everyone in their faith or lack of faith. We operate as a Christian town with everyone taking an active part. And the problem of difference in the creeds of the town's citizens takes care of itself, in fact there is no such problem here. We are Christian Oregonians."

Pioneer Days Recalled

In that statement echoes the

Auditors To Assist Taxpayers In Filing Out Income Returns

State income tax agents will be in Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass within the next few weeks to assist taxpayers in filing out state income tax forms before the April 15 deadline for filing.

They will be in the Josephine county courthouse in Grants Pass from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., February 27 to March 3, inclusive, and their services will be available at the Jackson county courthouse here, the same hours, March 5 to 10, March 13 to 17, April 3 to 7 and April 10 to 14. There will be agents at the Ashland city hall April 7 from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m.



OLD COMMUNITY CHURCH STILL SERVES—Hope Presbyterian church in Rogue River was organized 49 years ago, on April 28, 1901, in what was then the village of Woodville. It has served both Presbyterians and residents of other denominations since then. A new organ is the most recent addition to the church's facilities, as recounted in the accompanying article by Correspondent Elizabeth Sheffield. (Photo by June Dement)

rumbling of the immigrants' wagon trains, when men of all creeds poured into Oregon to settle and claim it for the nation. While the eastern states were waging a civil war, the pioneer settlers of Oregon were scrapping the bottoms of their flour barrels and sharing their log cabins with every immigrant who stumbled, exhausted and starving, over the Cascades into the cold winter rains of Oregon.

In the past three or four years another wave of settlers has flowed into southern Oregon and the people of the little town of Rogue River have shared their church pews with people of all denominations from all states and a few from foreign nations. Together they have sung hymns to the music of the little antique organ until it has worn completely out. Bethany church has again helped and in the emergency loaned their antique organ for a short time until arrangements could be made to purchase an instrument.

First Donation

Hearing of the church's need, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McLean, El Monte, Cal., hastened to send, by air mail, a contribution to start the fund for a new organ. McLean served many years in the First Presbyterian church of El Monte with the Rev. Mr. Barnett as pastor before the Barnetts moved to Oregon. The McLeans, because of their long friendship, took the opportunity of being the first donors.

BPW Scholarship Carnival Success, Selection Slated

A final count of proceeds from the recent carnival showed that they were sufficient to permit granting of a full scholarship to some Medford high school girl, the Business and Professional Women's club here reported Saturday.

The BPW, which sponsored the event, said that the earnings will provide tuition, books and board and room expenses not exceeding \$500 for the student selected. Whatever is left of the more than \$700 netted by the carnival will be used for other philanthropic enterprises of the club, it was reported.

Express Gratitude

Miss Dana Platz, chairman of the scholarship and carnival committee, said today the club is extremely grateful for the support of Medford businessmen and residents for their support and assistance.

Miss Platz said that the scholarship committee will meet with school authorities soon to make selection of the girl who will receive the award. The choice will be made on three points, financial need, selection of a career and good average scholarship.

Announcement of the winner will be made some time in March, Miss Platz said. Her committee also includes Mrs. Claude McIntyre, Mrs. Robert Claypool, Miss Dolores Yunker and Miss Gertrude Malloy.

DAV To Have Dinner Entertainment Tuesday

Disabled American Veterans chapter No. 8, and the auxiliary, will meet in the armory at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday for a pot luck dinner. It will be followed by an evening of entertainment, according to chapter officers.

Among the acts to be presented will be six by the "Pogie Promenade" from Camp White, the exact nature of which was not revealed. But Adjutant James Burnett said that the evening would furnish "a lot of fun."

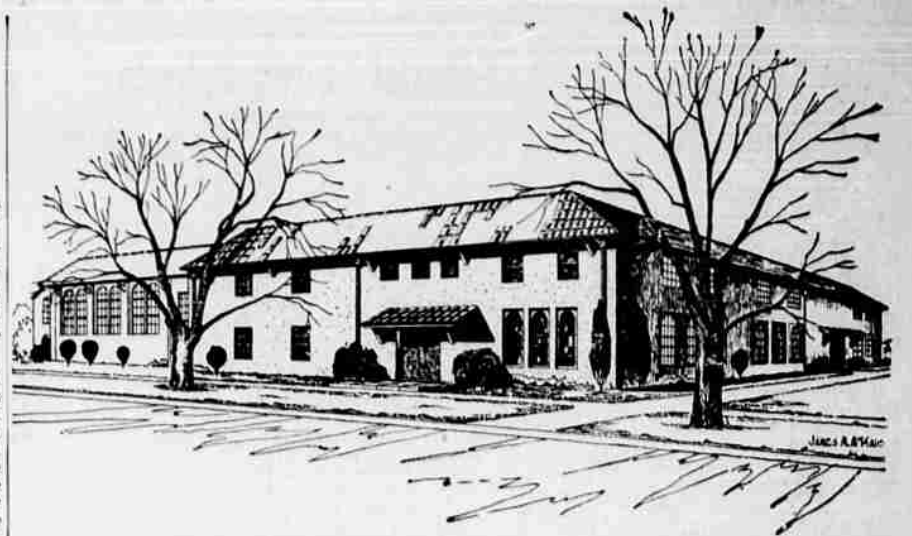
A large donation from Dave Gelvin supplemented by gifts from others covered the down payment, while pledges of half dollars and quarters for each week of the coming 18 months made it possible to order the organ for immediate delivery. Pierce Freight lines have offered their services free of charge.

Face Problem

And now the congregation is in a quandary. The organist, choir and choir leaders say they "just must" practice with the new organ before anyone hears them. But how can they practice without being heard, when every one's ears are tuned to catch the first note of the new organ. And the entire congregation, members and non-members, are as "proud as punch" of their little church and are inviting every one they meet to come to church and "see and sing."

The public is cordially invited to the regular Sunday morning services and to the covered dish suppers on Wednesdays, at 6:30 p. m. The suppers are served in Fellowship hall and each family brings sufficient cooked food for serving the number of persons in their family plus two guests. They also bring their own table service which they replace in their baskets after the meal thus eliminating kitchen work and leaving time for a short program or Bible study.

Special music is planned for the five Wednesdays of March in observation of the Lenten season and for Holy week.



CHURCH ADDITION PLANNED—The proposed \$80,000, two-story addition to the First Methodist church school temple is pictured above. A financial crusade has been launched by the church for the project under direction of John Henry Soltman of the Methodist board of church extension, Philadelphia. Dr. J. S. Heatherington heads the crusade committee. The 60 by 80 foot addition will adjoin Mistletoe street and will extend on to the former Burbridge property. Ninety-eight per cent increase in church school enrollment in four years has necessitated the construction. It will allow considerable classroom expansion for children, some for adults, more dining room space and a chapel for small worship groups or weddings. The crusade will last three weeks. James M. McKaig, Medford, is designer of the addition.

Livestock Inventory In Oregon Reduced

Inventory holdings of beef cattle, hogs, sheep, workstock and turkeys on Oregon farms Jan. 1, 1950, were smaller than a year ago, while numbers of milk cows and chickens were larger, according to the annual livestock report of the crop reporting service of the United States department of agriculture.

The numbers of all dairy stock increased four per cent while beef stock decreased three per cent. Sheep numbers were down five per cent and hogs were down 10 per cent. All chickens were eight per cent more than a year ago while the number of turkeys was two per cent less. The January 1, 1950, combined inventory value of livestock and poultry on Oregon farms totaled \$149,389,000, a record high decrease from the record high of a year ago but 50 per cent more than the 1939-48 average.

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Toketee Picture Wins Photo Award

Washington, Feb. 25—A camera study of Toketee falls, on the North Umpqua river, northwest of Oregon's Crater Lake, will be awarded second prize in the black and white pictorial division of the annual contest of the White House News Photographers Association.

The picture was made by John E. Fletcher, staff photographer of the National Geographic magazine, as one of the series of illustrations which accompanied the article, "Sno-Cats Mechanize Oregon Snow Survey." The article was written by Andrew H. Brown and appeared in the November, 1949, edition of the National Geographic.

President Truman will present awards to the winners in the White House Photographers' contest at the annual dinner of the cameramen's association Sunday night.

The article described the pioneering snow survey being carried on in the Cascade range by R. A. Work, supervisor of western state snow surveys, and his associates. Work makes his headquarters in Medford.

Students, Instructors Attend Conference

Alex McDonald, history instructor at Medford senior high school and six Medford high school students were in Eugene Friday and Saturday to attend sessions of the third annual state-wide conference of the International Relations League.

Theme for the conference was, "Will Present U. S. Foreign Policy Promote Peace and Prosperity?" Principal speakers are Mrs. Grace Bok Holmes, liaison officer for the United Nations' international children's emergency fund, and John Gange, director of foreign affairs at the University of Virginia.

Delegates from here attending with McDonald are Patricia Crow, Lee Stothers, Jim Grey, Jim Gleason, Raoul Maddox and Susan Drummond.

Georgia Neese Clark is the 29th Treasurer of the United States, the first woman.



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