

# Society and Clubs

## Historic Little Brown Church Celebrates 100th Anniversary

Bradford, Iowa — (U.P.) — The ghost town of Bradford came alive November 4 for the 100th birthday of The Little Brown Church in The Vale.

Seven faithful parishioners rode on horseback into Bradford to reenact the founding of the tiny log church.

In its first century, the little church was painted brown because that was the cheapest paint and became famous through a song written by a Lovellon Wisconsin school teacher.

It is now one of the nation's most popular places to get married and has a congregation of 152, most of them from farm families.

The congregation, along with state Congregational Church leaders and townspeople from nearby Nashua, celebrated their church's birthday yesterday by singing the famous song "The Church in The Wildwood."

Dedication Repeated — The seven "actors," dressed in Civil War clothing, repeated the same words used to dedicate the church at 8 p.m. on November 4, 1855, in a borrowed school building.

The original members of the First Congregational Church of Bradford began building their own church in 1859 and dedicated it again just after Christmas in 1864.

It was named the Little Brown Church in The Vale after a song written by a man who did not know when he wrote it that a church was planned for the site.

The songwriter, William S. Pitt, was returning by stagecoach to his rural teaching job in Wisconsin after visiting his sweetheart, Ann Warren, in Fredericksburg, Iowa. The stage stopped at Bradford to change horses.

Pitt spotted the vale and thought it was "an ideal place to build a church," he later said. He was so struck by its beauty he wrote a love song about it for his sweetheart, inviting her to "come to the church in the wildwood, come to the church in the vale."

They were married two years later.

Church Abandoned — Pitt returned to Bradford to try for a job as a music teacher and was amazed to see his vision come true. He told the pastor about the coincidence and a week later sang his song for the first time in public at the dedication ceremonies.

Pitt sold his song to a Chicago publishing firm for a reported \$25. It found its way into church hymn books and became famous, but the town of Bradford fell on evil days. A railroad put its tracks through nearby Nashua in 1868 and the townspeople of Bradford drifted away until it was finally abandoned in 1888.

For 25 years the church was

deserted. But in 1913 some women in Nashua raised \$300 to renovate the building and appointed a new pastor.

Since then more than 29,000 couples — from every state in the union and many foreign countries — have been married in the tiny church.

In a fitting climax to its 100-year history, the present pastor of the church, the Rev. Glenn L. Utterbach, performed a wedding ceremony four years ago for Ralph Noble, Denver, a grandson of Pitt.

## Smart Separates!



9298 SIZES 12-20 by Marian Martin

Stars of your winter wardrobe are these mix-match separates! Sew them in bright contrasting colors or one-piece dress effect. Blouse with its graceful yokes; three smart sleeve versions too. Skirt is your favorite; fashioned for flattery and walking ease.

Pattern 9298: Misses' Sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20. Size 16 blouse, 2 1/2 yards 39-inch; skirt 2 1/2 yards.

This easy-to-use pattern gives perfect fit. Complete, illustrated Sew Chart shows you every step.

Send THIRTY-FIVE CENTS in coins for this pattern—add 5 cents for each pattern for 1st-class mailing. Send to Marian Martin, care Medford Mail Tribune Pattern Dept., 232 West 18th St., New York 11, N. Y. Print plainly NAME, ADDRESS with SIZE and STYLE NUMBER.

Christmas Ideas Topic for Meeting — Guest speaker at a meeting of Crater Lions' auxiliary, Wednesday evening was Mrs. Edgar H. Sims of Sims' hobby shop. Mrs. Sims demonstrated some new ideas in Christmas decorating, and talked of other stimulating hobbies.

During the business meeting, Mrs. Del Chapman and Mrs. Clayton George reported on a holiday card party and fashion show to be held at 8 p.m. on Monday evening, November 14th at the YMCA. A short fashion show will be followed by an evening of cards. Tickets may be obtained by calling Mrs. Lloyd Evans, 2-9881. Proceeds from the party will go to the State Blind Institute which the auxiliary sponsors and local benefit projects.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. William Ferris and Mrs. John Lusk.

Women of Rotary To Meet at Hotel — Women of Rotary will meet Wednesday, November 9, at 12:30 p.m. at the Medford hotel. Wives of all Rotarians are invited to attend.

Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. John H. Bunker, 2-7535; Mrs. J. J. Finegan, 2-2029 or Mrs. Clifford Hanson, 3-1568, before Wednesday morning.

## Meet Announced For Howard Unit

Howard Extension unit will meet Thursday, November 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Harmony hall of the Friends church, 2525 Merriman road, according to Mrs. E. M. Gleason, chairman.

Mrs. Gleason also reminds Howard members of the unit service project for Azalea house, which is collection of Betty Crocker coupons for silverware. The coupons may be brought to this meeting.

The "eye-opener" gift wrapping lesson will be given by Mrs. Verl Walker and Mrs. C. C. Peterson at 10:30 a.m. They suggest that each person attending bring a package that they have wrapped in their own favorite style.

Mrs. M. J. Swing and Mrs. Henry Friesen will present the second lesson in basket weaving, and the leaders request those participating to bring these work aids: steel knitting needle or ice pick, old newspapers, sponge, turkish towel, flat pan, and a plywood base if they plan to make a flat basket or tray. There will be an opportunity for each person to make a round or flat basket or tray at this meeting.

Hostesses for the luncheon will be Mrs. William H. Seibert, Mrs. John Benson and Mrs. J. S. Lydiard. Unit members are to bring their own table service.

Child care will be available at the home of Mrs. Malcolm McCarty, 2618 Table Rock rd. Mothers are to provide a sack lunch and a sturdy toy for each child.

Doctor to Speak For Lincoln PTA — Dr. Andrew Bulkley, Medford pediatrician, will be guest speaker for a meeting of Lincoln Parent-Teacher association to be held in the school gymnasium Tuesday, November 8. He will speak on general child health and growth problems, both physical and mental.

Open house will be held at the school starting at 7:30 p.m. and at 8 o'clock each teacher will explain some phase of the school curriculum, speaking for 15 minutes. Parents are invited to visit the room or rooms where discussions are being held that interest them particularly. There will also be a question period in each room.

After the business meeting and guest speaker, refreshments will be served in the cafeteria by parents of children in the sixth grade. Mrs. Howard Pierce will be in charge.

Mrs. Jack Swem Hostess for Club — Wednesday Study club held a meeting last week at the home of Mrs. Jack Swem. After roll call, an interesting review of the book, "The Autumn Brightness" by Daisy Newman, was given by Mrs. Etta Pryor.

Mrs. J. W. Jacobs gave a summary of outstanding events which have been in the news recently.

Plan Meeting — Roxy Gardeners will meet at the home of Mrs. Don Elliot, 2705 Howard avenue, Wednesday, November 9, at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Guy Cox will be co-hostess. The program will be on evergreens.

## Coach to Speak For Dad's Night In Central Point

Central Point — Central Point Parent-Teacher association will observe Dad's Night, Tuesday, November 8 at 8 p.m. in the library of the junior high school. The regular meeting will be held and a special program is being prepared especially for the men.

Coach Al Akins of Southern Oregon college will be the guest speaker. All the fathers and others interested are invited to attend this meeting.

Refreshments will be served by fathers of students in the sixth grade.

Gold Hill School Plans Open House — Gold Hill — In observance of American Education week, Gold Hill Parent Teacher association will devote this month's meeting time to open house at the Gold Hill grade school Thursday, November 10, between 7 and 8:30 p.m.

PTA officers state that parents interested in their children's welfare will visit the school and class rooms with them.

Refreshments in the school cafeteria will follow at 8:30 p.m.

## Pretty Cape



7085 by Alice Brooks

Easy-crochet this little cape in lacy pineapple pattern—to star above your prettiest fashions!

Pattern 7085: Crochet directions for sizes Small, Medium and Large included in pattern. Easy—in 3-ply fingering yarn or mercerized crochet and knitting cotton!

Send TWENTY-FIVE CENTS in coins for this pattern—add 5 cents for each pattern for 1st-class mailing. Send to Medford Mail Tribune, Household Arts Dept., P.O. Box 168, Old Chels Station, New York 11, N.Y. Print plainly NAME, ADDRESS and PATTERN NUMBER.

Order our ALICE BROOKS Needlecraft Catalogue. Enjoy pages and pages of exciting new designs—knitting, crochet, embroidery, iron-ons, toys and novelties! Send 25 cents for your copy of this wonderful book now. You'll want to order every design in it!

# BEEF RICH FLAVOR RICH CHILI CON CARNE

Chock full of tender pieces of pure beef...like real home-style chili

Lean, tender beef—free of all fat and gristle...plump, red beans simmered to perfection...beans and beef blended in rich, full-bodied sauce. That's Dennison's—the home-style chili with the just-right tanginess to please the whole family. Buy Dennison's today—costs mere pennies per serving for this tasty one-dish meal!



Try this BIG NEW 2 1/2-LB. ECONOMY SIZE—priced to give you an EXTRA SERVING FREE. Also at your grocer's in the regular 1 1/2 oz. size can.

## CALENDAR

Monday 6 p.m. — Christian Business and Professional Women's club, Jackson hotel.  
7:30 p.m. — Alpha Rho chapter, Beta Sigma Phi sorority, Medford public library.  
7:45 p.m. — Westminster guild, fireplace room, First Presbyterian church.  
8 p.m. — Parents club of St. Mary's school, school activity room.  
8 p.m. — Olive Rebekah lodge, IOOF hall.  
8 p.m. — Carnation club, Mrs. Clyde Hillyer, 538 Mary st.  
8 p.m. — Department auxiliary to VFW, dance at Camp White domiciliary, transportation, 7:30 p.m., from Trailways depot.

Tuesday 10 a.m. — Mary circle, Zion Lutheran church.  
10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Oak Grove Home Extension unit, 12:30 p.m. — First Presbyterian church circles, Charity, Mrs. Etta Pryor, 33 Black Oak drive; Faith, Mrs. Jennings Pearce, Table Rock estates; Mercy, First Presbyterian church, 8th and Holly sts.; Temple, Mrs. Albert James, 1426 Euclid ave.; Trinity, Mrs. Aubrey Norris, 831 Minnetonka ave.

1 p.m. — First Presbyterian church circles, Bethany, Mrs. L. L. Clark, 2118 Dellwood ave.; Grace, Mrs. R. A. Skinner, 1004 East Main st.; Hope, Mrs. Earl Lawson, 301 Windsor ave. Mrs. B. H. Belknap, 67 Perrydale ave.

2 p.m. — Christian Builders of Sams Valley Community church, home of Mrs. Milton Scark.

To give fruit whips additional flavor, add 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract to a 6-serving batch.

## City PTA Council To Sponsor Group Of Mothersingers

First meeting of a group of Mothersingers to be sponsored by the Medford Council of Parents and Teachers will be Wednesday, November 9, it was announced today by Mrs. LeRoy Jensen, director. The group will meet from 10 to 11 a.m. each Wednesday in the cafeteria of Hedrick Junior High school.

PTA members from the city schools, Lone Pine, Howard and Oak Grove are invited to participate. Mrs. Jensen states that previous musical training is not required, as the chorus is organized primarily to give group singing opportunity to any women who enjoy singing. She adds that pre-school age children may be taken to the meetings.

Mrs. Jensen has directed a group of Mothersingers at the Washington school for the past year, and was previously a teacher in the Medford school system.

Salk Polio Vaccine To Be Topic For St. Mary's Parents — Dr. Brandt B. Bartels will discuss the Salk polio vaccine when he speaks to parents of grade school students of St. Mary's school, tonight at 8 o'clock, in the school activity room. It is thought this topic will be of particular interest to parents, and will eliminate some of the misunderstanding that has arisen on the subject.

The business meeting will be devoted to discussion of many of the problems confronting the school due to the increased enrollment this year. A large attendance of parents is expected.

## Rogue River PTA Announces Date Of First Session

Rogue River — Rogue River Parent-Teacher association will hold its first business meeting of the year Wednesday, November 9, at 8 p.m., in the high school gymnasium. Open house in both schools will be held and parents are invited to attend and visit teachers in their home rooms.

Mrs. Warren Bottruff, new president, states that several important matters are to be brought before the meeting, including election of a treasurer to take the place of Mrs. Nightingale, who has left to make her home in California. After the meeting an auction of home-made cakes will be held.

As there will be only four meetings of the PTA during this school year, all parents and friends are urged by Mrs. Bottruff to attend each meeting.

Refreshments will be served by members of the executive committee.

New York — (U.P.) — Among the impressions of 10 Soviet housing experts who returned here after their American tour were: Scotch is the national drink. Ham and eggs make a monotonous breakfast.

## Exemplar Chapter Plans Meeting at DeWitt Home

Xi Mu chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, will meet Wednesday, November 9, at the home of Mrs. Nick R. DeWitt, 320 N. Keeneway drive. Miss Anna May will present the program using the topic, "Find Out for Yourself." Assisting the hostess will be Mrs. Charles Craft.

All exemplar members of Beta Sigma Phi are invited to attend.

To Be Club Hostess — Phoenix — Mrs. Addie Stedman will entertain members of Phoenix Thursday club November 10 at her home, 612 West Eleventh street, Medford. She will be assisted by Mrs. R. L. Mullins.

The social gathering is set for 2 p.m. and all members of the club are invited to attend.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads Read and Use Classified Ads. The Community's Biggest Marketplace

Order Now Personalized... Christmas Cards On the Balcony at

It's Later than you Think! Give yourself time to address your cards before the Holiday Season.

Swem's BOOKS-GIFTS-RECORDS 217 EAST MAIN, MEDFORD, OREGON

Here's what's good with party cheese

Lime Gelatine Ring Macaroni Salad Holsum Bread

Your Grocer has it...

LIME GELATINE RING—Red apples make tasty garnish.

MACARONI SALAD—a treat sprinkled with celery seeds.

and fresh HOLSUM BREAD. Spread fancy shapes with cheese.

Easy-fixing Holsum cheese snacks leave more time for party fun. Shop your grocer's cheese assortment. It's handy for the good meals that include delicious Holsum Bread—your thrifty source of energy vitamins, minerals and Calcium.

PLUS body-building VITAMIN D you need.

MAKE IT TASTE BETTER Serve it with Holsum

Glukhrer's

Don't Take Chances with Colds—RELIEVE SUFFERING ONE SURE WAY THAT Does More Than Work on Chest

When a chest cold makes you miserable, you need Vicks VapoRub—the proved medication that acts two ways at once.

When you rub it on, VapoRub quickly relieves muscular soreness. At the same time, VapoRub's medicated vapors bring relief with every breath. Soothing medication travels deep into your nose, throat and large bronchial tubes. Congestion starts breaking up. Coughing eases. Warming relief comes, lasts for hours. So when colds strike, depend on—

VICKS VAPORUB Rub on Relief. Breathe in Relief. Vicks and VapoRub are Reg. Trade Marks.