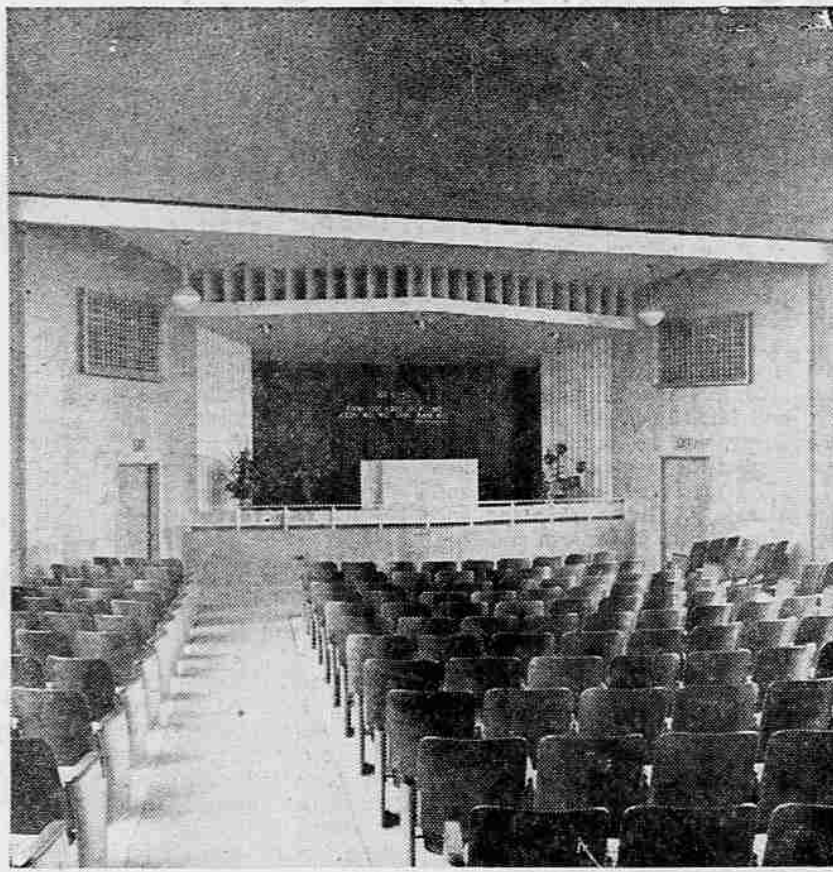




This modern stairway leads from the foyer of the new edifice of First Church of Christ, Scientist, to the balcony of the main auditorium. The balcony seats 90 persons. The spacious entrance hall is panelled in South American limbo wood and separated from the auditorium by a wall and panels of glass.



The auditorium of the new Scientist church has a shell-shaped rostrum set off with louvres at either side. The organ is concealed behind one louvred section, with special speakers located on the walls. The foam-rubber seats are upholstered in turquoise velvet; walls are panelled in the limbo wood matching the foyer.



Pictured above is the main Sunday school room of the new Scientist church, located at the north side of the building and having both outside and foyer entrances. Smaller Sunday school rooms, a committee room and a nursery are also in this section of the building. The entire structure is heated with an automatically-controlled hot water system with baseboard registers.

By Olive Starcher

As the result of ever-increasing population in Jackson county, many new churches have been organized and several church congregations have enlarged their buildings or erected new ones in recent years.

Newest church edifice in the city is the one erected on Windsor avenue and Oakwood drive by Medford First Church of Christ, Scientist. First services will be held in the new building today, one at 11 a.m. and another at 4 p.m.

• The church is of contemporary design, with main auditorium and balcony seating 400. The entire building is wired for sound, and seating capacity can be extended to 700 through use of the foyer and Sunday school rooms equipped with loud speakers. John Pletsch is chairman of the building committee.

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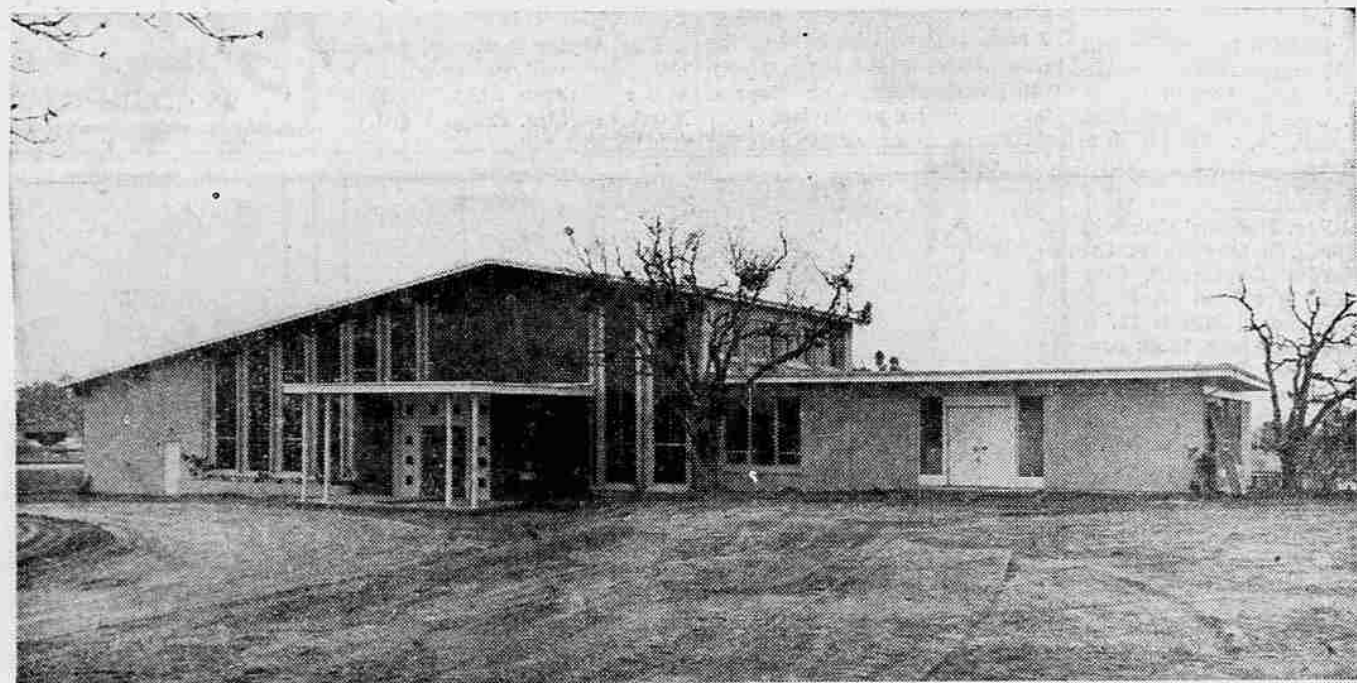
New Churches

Berean Baptist church is not only a new congregation but also has a new church building located on the Crater Lake highway in White City. Although services have been held in the structure for some time past, the interior is just now being completed and dedication will be held soon.

First Congregational church of Medford, organized some two years ago, has completed a Sunday school building, located near the church on Oakwood drive. It will be dedicated Sunday, March 18, at two ceremonies set for 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Rev. Fred G. Plocher of Ashland Congregational church will conduct the first service and the Rev. Raymond W. Hurn of Medford Church of the Nazarene will speak for the second service.

The building was converted from an open pavilion, with members of the congregation doing much of the remodeling themselves.

(Brainerd photos)



First services will be held today in this new building just completed for First Church of Christ, Scientist, at a cost of about \$125,000. Interesting features of the structure are the tall windows of rose pebble cathedral glass, particularly beautiful when the rays of the sun shine through them at certain angles. A circular driveway is laid out at the front of the large tract of land, lawns, trees and shrubs will be added this spring and summer. Areas at the sides and rear of the building provide ample parking space. Inclement weather has delayed outdoor work.



This new structure was erected by Berean Baptist church, White City, in recent months, with much of the work being done by members of the congregation. The exterior of the chapel is of redwood, with white paint trim. The interior will be completed in the near future, and dedication ceremonies will be held in about a month, according to the Rev. Glenn S. Wade, pastor. The church seats about 100 persons. The land for the church was donated to the congregation by Glenn L. Jackson of Medford.



The junior choir of First Congregational church, Medford, will sing for the dedication ceremonies for the new Sunday school building to be held Sunday afternoon, March 18. Members of the choir pictured are (front row, left to right) Norene Norris, Joan Waltie, Janice Ayres, Charles LaGrone, Bobbie McCamant and Kent Stevens; (second row, left to right) Kathy Copinger, Marilyn Harwood, Carol Foulon, Don Copinger; (third row) Janet Ayres, Charlene Copinger and Annette Copinger. Members not pictured are Jack Sedey, Susan Sedey and Nancy Bish.



The beginners' class of the Congregational church school meets in the newly finished building. Shown (left to right) are Nanette Norris, Darrell Bohnert, Scott McGeary, Karen Farnham, the teacher, Mrs. Allen Hatch, Bobbie Hatch, Jeff Travis, Anne Pearson, Harold Ellis and Linda Ellis. Mrs. Clare Austin assists Mrs. Hatch with class activities, and the Rev. Thomas McCamant is pastor of the church. Classes have been held in the building for several months while work continued on the interior.