

### Sermon Series Starts Sunday At Congregational

A series of sermons for Advent will start Sunday at the Congregational church on Oakwood, according to the Rev. Thomas McCamant, pastor.

They will include "The Christmas Mary Knew", Dec. 2; "The Wise Men's Christmas", Dec. 9; "The Shepherd's Christmas", Dec. 16 and "Our Christmas", Dec. 23.

The choir director, Mrs. R. A. Schuchard, has scheduled the service to be little known carols from all over the world.

There will be a reception of new members at the 9:45 a.m. services there will be a coffee hour at the Pilgrim house.

After the second service there will be a meeting of the Pilgrim Fellowship, the high school youth group, to welcome a delegation of state officers from the Portland area to help the southern Oregon groups with their program.

Thursday evening, Dec. 6, an all-church potluck supper will be the kick-off for the church's Every Member Canvass, of which Gene McLean is the chairman.

The church's proposed budget for 1957 will be presented and voted on, and a film, "A Gift for My Son" will be shown.

Members and friends are asked to bring their pledges to the church on the following Sunday.

Valley Young People To Hold Rally Dec. 2

Presbyterian young people from Medford, Phoenix, Ashland and other communities in the area will meet Sunday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church in Medford for a rally at 8 p.m.

Speaker will be Dr. Neill O. Hamilton, who is an instructor in New Testament at the San Francisco Theological seminary.

Mr. Hamilton did his undergraduate work at Duke university in the field of engineering but entered the Christian ministry and took his theological training at Princeton seminary in New Jersey.

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EVANGELIST TO SPEAK—Gilbert Cayes, evangelist, will hold meetings at the Cascade Gorge Christian church, Prospect, starting Sunday, Dec. 2 through Dec. 16 at 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

### Sunday Last Day For School Contest

A goal of 400 has been set for Sunday by the Friends Sunday school on the last day of the "Hidden Treasure" contest.

There will be a prize for every person who attends, and gifts will be drawn from the treasure chest by those who bring the most visitors in each department.

Again, as during each Sunday of the contest, every attendee will receive money for being present, attending worship service, being punctual, bringing his Bible, and bringing visitors.

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Sunday morning he will share with Dr. D. Kirkland West in both the worship services. Dr. West will preach on "Walking in His Moccasins" and the Chancel and Westminster choirs will sing.

Glendale Young People Hold Meeting Tonight First Assembly of God church, 1108 West Main st., Medford, will hold church services tonight at 7:45 p.m.

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### Parish Mission To Start Sunday At Sacred Heart

A parish mission will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic church from Sunday, Dec. 2, through Dec. 9, according to the Rev. Nicolas Deis, pastor.

During the period of the Mission, evening services will be conducted during the week which will feature a series of sermons on the fundamental facts of Christianity and the spiritual life.

The preachers of the Mission, Father Zlatar and Father Gabel, are members of the Franciscan Order. They have conducted missions in cities of the Pacific coast.

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UNITARIAN SERMON—L. Arthur Kreisman, professor of English at Southern Oregon college, will discuss the third and last in a series of widely-known Unitarian sermons, "A Discourse on the Transient and Permanent in Christianity" by Theodore Parker.

YOUTH RALLY The Churches of Christ in Central Point and Phoenix will hold a youth rally for the young people of the county Sunday, Dec. 2, at 4:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Church of Christ.

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### Presbyterians To Hold Institute

Sunday the First Presbyterian church will hold its first Christian Education institute for the training of church school workers and teachers.

It will begin at 9 a.m. with fellowship and coffee with the first laboratory session at 9:20 in all of the church school departments through junior high school.

At 10:20 an evaluation period of these lab sessions will be held by authorities in each age level.

Family Night Tonight At Phoenix Church; Other Meetings Held Family night will be held this evening at 6:30 at the Phoenix First Presbyterian church.

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FORMER MISSIONARY HERE—The Rev. R. K. Storey, former missionary to the Philippine Islands and now president of Frankfort Pilgrim Bible college, Frankfort, Ind., will be guest speaker at the Pilgrim Holiness church, Sunday, Dec. 2, at 11 a.m.

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### Rev. Harlow Continues Series

"How to Interest Your Friends in Church" will be the subject presented by the Rev. Bob Harlow at the First Baptist church Monday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

This is the fifth in a series of educational evangelism meetings presented each Monday night. The services will continue until Dec. 17.

The Rev. James W. Neely, pastor of the church, will speak at the morning and evening services Sunday, continuing in his series of "Through the Bible" sermons.

Combined Baptist Youth groups will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, for the film, "Sunday on the Range," which features Redd Harper. The fellowship hour for young people following the evening church service will be held at the Clarence Wilson home, 401 Ardmore.



REV. BOB HARLOW

### Policeman Takes Over Church Social Work

Pittsburgh—UPI—Howard C. Maxwell says it isn't so strange that he gave up police work after 14 years to become head of a church social work group.

However, Maxwell admits it's quite a change from his experience as a former patrolman, detective and captain of police at Sharon, Pa., about 60 miles from here.

"I chased people around for 14 years trying to get a chance to talk to them," Maxwell said. "Now they set up meetings for me."

The husky former policeman presently is director of the Department of Temperance and Social Education operated by the United Presbyterian Church's Board of Christian Education.

He said the purpose of his job is to help study the causes of interference, crime, divorce, labor unrest, racial prejudice and juvenile delinquency. He pointed out that a policeman learns a lot about such matters.

UNITY TRUTH CENTER Sunday Devotional Service and Sunday School for Children 10 a.m. Regular Center Activities: Thursday Midweek Service 7:30 p.m. Friday morning Study Class 11 a.m. All classes, activities and Sunday Services now held at the HOLLY BUILDING Katherine Boworth, Leader

### Proportion of Christians In World Drops 5 Per Cent

By LOUIS CASSELS United Press Correspondent Washington (UPI)—Christianity is about one-third of the way toward its historic goal of evangelizing the whole world.

Although it now has far more adherents than any other religion, its worldwide growth in recent years has failed to keep pace with population gains.

The future spread of the Christian gospel, particularly behind the Iron Curtain and in the vast expanse of Asia and Africa where nationalism is rampant, is a matter of grave concern to church leaders.

These were the principal findings of a United Press survey of where the church stands today in its 20-centuries-old mission of winning all men to Christ.

There are about 321 million Moslems; 309 million Hindus; 300 million Confucians; 150 million Buddhists; 50 million Taoists; and 12 million Jews.

Church leaders said the trend of recent years should be an eye-opener to Christians who have assumed that their far-flung foreign missions were steadily and surely Christianizing all nations.

The world's Christian population in proportion to the total population shows a slow and disturbing decline, reported Dr. Frank W. Price, director of the missionary research library of Union Theological seminary in New York.

Proportion Slips During the past quarter century, the proportion of Christians in the world has slipped from about 37 per cent of the total population to about 32 per cent.

Dean Liston Pope of Yale divinity school, who recently returned from a tour of the Far East, said Christians in most countries of Asia constitute "a very small minority." He said he found a "remarkable resurgence" of non-Christian religions, such as Mohammedanism and Hinduism.

U.S. denominations meet at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., for a five-day conference sponsored by the National Council of Churches.

One problem on the agenda is how to get rank-and-file American church members—the ultimate financial bulwark of missions programs — to understand the necessity of new approach in which the younger churches will be treated, not as outposts of "Western Christianity," but as equal members of the world-wide kingdom of Christ.

In the face of this situation, many Christian leaders in this country and abroad have come to the conclusion that primary responsibility for evangelizing Asia and Africa must henceforth pass from "foreign missionaries" to the indigenous Christian churches which have grown up in those countries under native leadership.

The so-called "younger churches" are generally long on zeal but short on members and money. They are having troubles learning to support themselves by the voluntary giving of their own members instead of depending on foreign financial aid.

A major step will be taken late this month when 300 top foreign missions officials of 45

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