

Church News

Bishop Dagwell to Ordain John Bright to Priesthood

The Rev. John A. Bright, curate, St. Mark's Episcopal church, will be ordained to the priesthood by the Right Rev. Benjamin D. Dagwell, bishop of Oregon, Saturday, Jan. 19, at 10:30 a. m. at St. Mark's church.

He will be presented by the Rev. George R. V. Bolster, rector of St. Mark's. The Rev. Geor M. Taylor, professor at Church Divinity school of the Pacific, Berkeley, will preach. Assisting at the service will be the Rev. Peter N. A. Barker, Grants Pass; the Rev. John L. Thompson, Ashland; the Rev. Donald B. Waster, Coquille; the Very Rev. Joseph O'Rillon, dean of St. Stephen's cathedral in Portland; and the Rev. Alfred S. Tyson.

In the celebration of holy communion which will follow the ordination, the newly ordained priest will administer the holy sacrament to the clergy and servers, and to his mother, Mrs. George A. Bright of Long Island, N.Y., who will be present for the occasion.

Mr. Bright was born Sept. 1, 1927, in Portland. He was graduated from Princeton university in 1950 with a B.A. degree in English. Following his graduation he taught for a year at Governor Dummer academy in Massachusetts, besides working in a hospital and doing sales work in Portland.

He attended Lewis and Clark college before transferring to the Divinity school in Berkeley. He was graduated with a B.D. degree in June 1956 showing the greatest improvement in his preaching. He was ordained to the deaconate June 29, 1956.

Mr. Bright has been curate at St. Mark's since his graduation. He will remain in that post.

Following the ordination ceremony Saturday morning a reception will be held in the Parish house by the Altar guild of St. Mark's. All members of the parish and friends of the Ordinand are invited to attend both the service and the reception.



Rev. John A. Bright (Hall photo)

St. Mark's Starts Religion Classes

Classes of instruction in religion and the basic tenets of the Christian Faith designed for adults, will start at St. Mark's Episcopal church, Sunday at 9:30 a. m. in the annex building, and will continue weekly for 12 weeks.

The classes, which will be conducted by the Rev. George Bolster, rector of St. Mark's, and the Rev. John Bright, assistant, will be open to all who care to attend and will involve no commitment to further association with the church.

Subjects which will be covered in this course of instruction will include church history, church doctrine, church worship and practice, the Christian sacraments, the holy Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, the organization of the church, the meaning and purpose of confirmation, and a concluding class on personal religion. The classes will be informal and questions and discussion will be included.

For those who desire, these classes may lead to communicant membership in the church.

A baby sitting service will be available in connection with these classes. For any further information phone the church office, 3-3111.

Rev. Lewis R. Collins To Speak Sunday at Trail Community Church

Trail—The Rev. Lewis R. Collins, former pastor at Trail Community church, will speak at the church Sunday, Jan. 20, at 11 a. m. Mr. Collins, who is visiting friends in the valley, has been conducting evangelistic meetings in Canada and Montana and comes here from Shelton, Wash.

A potluck dinner is planned at the church following the service.

He will be accompanied by Mrs. Collins and their daughter, Esther.

The Rev. Ernest Evers is pastor of Trail Community church.

First Baptists Elect Officers

A new group of officers were elected, and new budgets were adopted by members of the First Baptist church at the annual church business meeting Wednesday.

Four men were selected to serve as deacons until 1960. They are John Luttrell, who was also elected as church clerk, Ed Chavis, Melvin Johnson, and Dr. Richard Nordquist. Two other men, the Rev. Kenneth Raymond and Mearl Kaufman, were chosen to fill out the terms of two deacons who resigned.

Four deaconesses were elected at the meeting: Mrs. Ralph Raymond, Mrs. Albert Nordquist, Mrs. Guy Nelson, and Mrs. Ada Adams, will each serve for a three year term.

The members also placed three new trustees in office: Doyle Franklin, Joe Garris and Albert Nordquist. They will serve on the 12 man board that guides the business affairs of the congregation.

The church voted to retain the Rev. Haddon Robinson as assistant to the pastor for another year. He is responsible for the youth work.

Three budgets were approved: a missionary budget of \$10,180 and a current expense budget of \$33,613.00. An extra budget of \$1,150.00 for the February evangelistic campaign with Dr. Hyman Appleman was also approved.

Dr. Appleman, nationally-known evangelist, will conduct a two-week evangelistic crusade at the First Baptist church from Feb. 11 through the 24.

Churches Urged To Help Fight Slums

Chicago—(UP)—A church leader says the clergy and lay leaders should do more in the fight against slums.

Walter Kloetzl Jr., secretary of urban church planning for the National Lutheran Council, expressed this view in the Journal of Housing, monthly magazine of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment officials.

"Not only should church leaders see to it that provision is made for adequate spiritual ministry in every new community—whether it be suburban or renewed inner city—but they should also be spokesmen for adequate housing, schools, parks and recreational facilities," Kloetzl wrote.

He said there are certain "ethical issues" involved in city planning and urban renewal, and that churches should share in settling such issues. He listed such questions as:

"Should families in blighted areas be permitted to double up?"

"Should speculative home builders have no responsibility for providing schools and playgrounds in growing suburbs?"

"Should they have no responsibility for providing church sites?"

"Should new or renewed neighborhoods or housing projects be homogeneous—or should they be non-segregated as to class, age and race?"

Local Pastor Speaker At Salem Meeting

Dr. Wayne Roberts, and Mrs. Alice Roberts will leave Friday to attend the meetings, returning Saturday night. Dr. Roberts will also attend a session of the George Fox college board of trustees, of which he is a member.

TALK-IT-OVER GROUP

The Talk-It-Over group, young adult group at the First Presbyterian church, Central Point, will meet at 10:45 a. m. Sunday. They will discuss Overcoming Our Worries. The public is invited to attend.

'Blue Laws' Protested by Adventists

The Medford and Eagle Point Seventh-day Adventist churches will initiate action Saturday to support their national organization in protesting the enactment of enforcement of "blue laws" protecting Sunday as a religious day, as being opposed to the principles of religious liberty upon which the United States was founded.

The following statements will be read to the churches, "As America becomes increasingly a church-going nation, its religious leaders must avoid the temptation to invoke civil power for the protection of religious institutions. This is completely alien to the American way of life," and "Legal restraints for religious minorities and to that half of our population not affiliated with any church. In the end the spiritual power of the church will die when it lays hold of civil power to assure its security."

Among specific lines of action to be adopted at the churches here will be a program to circulate "Liberty," the denomination's journal on religious freedom.

SERVICES AT ST. MARTIN'S

The Rev. George R. V. Bolster, St. Mark's Episcopal church, will conduct services Sunday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p. m. at St. Martin's Episcopal church, Shady Cove school in Shady Cove. After services there will be a meeting and coffee hour in the school cafeteria. Ladies of St. Martha's guild will serve refreshments. All members of St. Martin's church and friends are invited to both the church service and the coffee hour.

Episcopal Diocese Tries Advertising Campaign

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press Correspondent
Washington — (UP)—"Anybody in trouble? Let God have a try?"

With that invitation, spread across the top of a two-column newspaper advertisement, the Episcopal diocese of Washington recently launched an experiment in "advangelization."

Through a series of paid advertisements, which will appear weekly in Washington's daily newspapers at least through next Easter, Episcopal leaders here are testing the theory that they can "sell" their services to the public with the same kind of forthright, professionally-drafted newspaper ads that business firms use.

The display ads are prepared by a committee of Episcopal laymen who are advertising men in private life. They appear on weekdays in the regular news sections of the newspapers, rather than on the special "church pages" of Saturday editions.

They are addressed primarily to people who are not attached to any church but who have encountered crises or problems in their lives in which they feel a need for spiritual strength and guidance.

For example, the ad addressed to "anybody in trouble" carried this text:

"So often trouble turns a person inward on himself, only aggravating the worry. Don't try to go it alone. There is a trustworthy friend with training and spiritual understanding who can help you solve your problems. Your minister can bring you the guidance of God's wisdom and love."

Always Welcome

Each advertisement in the series features the name and address of a different Episcopal parish church, with a picture of its rector. Each concludes with the assurance that "you're always welcome in an Episcopal church."

"Are you alone in the city?" asked one advertisement. "The biggest crowds can be the loneliest places. So can bars, taverns and cocktail lounges. The Episcopal church can show you the

Former Pastor, Now in Salem, Leaves for Tour of Hawaii

The Rev. and Mrs. F. Wildon Colbaugh, former pastors of the First Assembly of God, Medford, are leaving Portland Saturday to fly to Hawaii for a six-week excursion throughout the islands.

The trip is being made in conjunction with Mr. Colbaugh's work with Church Extension plan, an agency to assist churches in financing their building projects, of which he is the national director of promotions.

The Assemblies of God have approximately 24 churches throughout the islands and it is

Eastwood Baptist Shows Attendance

Church school attendance at Eastwood Baptist church increased by 40 per cent during the last year, according to reports made at the annual meeting of the church last week. Church membership showed a gain that exceeded 40 per cent.

At the meeting the proposed budget of \$14,900 was approved and adopted and Neal Hahn, chairman of the pledge committee of the Every Member Canvass, reported that the canvass exceeded its goal by more than \$800.

The nominating committee made its report and the following officers were elected for the coming year: Dean Anderson, moderator; Robert Balk, vice-moderator; Peggy Balk, church clerk; John Yungen, financial secretary; William White, treasurer; Virginia Yungen, church school superintendent; Lydia Harris, assistant church school superintendent; Don Mathews, deacon; Lucille Fields, deaconess; and Harold Hewlett, trustee.

Also elected were members to the different church boards and committees.

The annual meeting was preceded by a potluck dinner and closed with congregational singing and a devotional message by the pastor, the Rev. Richard M. Jones. Following the meeting the various boards and committees met to elect their chairmen and secretaries for the coming year.

Eastwood Baptist church is affiliated with the American Baptist convention and is located north of the Hedrick Junior High school at the corner of North Keene Way dr. and Ridgeway.



Rev. S. William Antablin

Missionary Guest Speaker Sunday

The Rev. S. William Antablin will be guest speaker at both worship services of the First Presbyterian church Sunday.

For the last five years he has been with the Ecumenical Mission of the Presbyterian church, working in the Middle Eastern countries of Lebanon and Syria. He is a member of the faculty of the Near East school of Theology in Beirut and has been associated with the work of the Arab Protestant church in the Merjayoun area of southern Lebanon.

Before going to Lebanon five years ago, Mr. Antablin was associated with the First Presbyterian church of Berkeley, Calif. He is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles and Princeton Theological seminary.

His message Sunday will be "Christ's Mission in the Middle East." The Chancel and Westminster choirs will sing under the direction of Lynn Sjolund and Mrs. Charles Champlin Jr. will sing "My Redeemer and My God."

At 4 p. m. Sunday an informal discussion will be held in the fireplace room of the church on "The Middle East and World Affairs," with Mr. Antablin presiding. Friends of the church and all interested people are invited to attend.

The evening service will be held at 7 p. m. in the Fellowship hall. Slides of Lebanon will be shown at the very beginning of the service and will be followed by hymn singing and a concluding message from Mr. Antablin. Young people and adults will attend the evening service and refreshments will follow.

Religious Leaders To Participate In Inauguration Jan. 21

Leaders representing the Protestant, Eastern Orthodox churches and the Roman Catholic and Jewish faiths, will participate in the inauguration of President D. D. Eisenhower and Vice President Richard Nixon, Jan. 21.

Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, pastor of the National Presbyterian church, Washington, D. C., will give the invocation. Archbishop Michael of the Orthodox churches will give the first prayer, with Dr. Louis Finkelstein of Jewish Theological seminary the second prayer, and Edward Cardinal Mooney of Detroit, the benediction.

SNOW TRIP SATURDAY

Youth group of First Presbyterian church, Phoenix, will meet at the church Saturday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 a. m. to go on a snow trip to Union Creek.

Watchtower Bible Society Sponsors 3-Day Convention

The entire congregation of the Medford Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses will attend each session of the three-day training program in Ashland, Jan. 25 through 27, according to Ted Thompson, presiding minister.

The local congregation will serve as volunteer workers helping to staff the various convention departments as more than 1,000 people are expected to attend from 20 congregations in northern California and southern Oregon.

The circuit assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses will be held in the Armory in Ashland. In charge of the convention organization is John A. Green, a graduate of the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead, Ithaca, N.Y., who supervises the missionary work of the Jehovah's Witnesses in Colombia, South America. He is currently serving as a circuit minister supervising the preaching work of 20 congregations in that area. He will address the assembly Friday, Jan. 25, at 8:15 p. m. Other speakers will include Nicholas Kovalak Jr., convention chairman, who is a representative of Watchtower society.

The three day convention of Jehovah's Witnesses is sponsored by the Watchtower Bible and Tract society and is for Bible instruction and concentrated gospel preaching in this area. The convention will consist of morning, afternoon and evening sessions of Bible talks, discussion and demonstrations.

The convention will open at 6:45 p. m., Friday, Jan. 25.



John A. Green

Minister's Institute Scheduled Jan. 24-25

The Rev. Thomas F. Zimmerman, Springfield, Mo., assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, will speak at the sectional minister's institute of the Oregon district of the Assemblies of God at the Ashland Assembly of God, Jan. 24 and 25, according to the Rev. M. Homer Thompson, pastor of the Ashland Assembly of God.

Services for the two-day institute will be under the direction of the Rev. N. D. Davidson, superintendent of the Oregon Assemblies of God. Sessions will begin each day at 10 a. m. The evening services at 7:30 p. m. will be open to the public.

Mr. Zimmerman, one of four assistant general superintendents of the Assemblies of God, will use as his theme, "The Minister and His Ministry."

Active in the Assemblies of God since 1927, Mr. Zimmerman began his ministry in Indiana where he was ordained in 1932. Prior to going into the ministry he attended Indiana university.

Thursday at 7:30 p. m. the service will be devoted to the leaders in the various departments of the church such as men's groups, missionary and youth activities. These church leaders are invited to attend.

Couple Leave for Church Construction Work in Mexico

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jones, members of the Medford Seventh-day Adventist church for the past 10 years, left Sunday for Sonora, Mexico, where Mr. Jones will be in charge of the electrical work in the construction of a college, Escuela Agrícola Industrial del Navejo, Mexico, in Sonora county.

The college is being built by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, and will aid in teaching better methods of agriculture and industrial arts to the Mexican people.

Mr. Jones, who has held the position of Home Missionary secretary in the Medford church for five years, has offered his services as a contribution to the denomination's missionary program.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones expect to be gone approximately three months.

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Americans Buy More Than 8 Million Bibles During 1956 to Set Record

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press Correspondent
Washington — (UP)—Americans bought more than 8 million copies of the Holy Bible last year, a new record for the best-selling book in history.

Publishers report that 1956 sales of the scriptures were up about 10 per cent from 1955, the previous record year. They attributed the increase to growing public interest in religion.

The King James version easily held its place as the popular favorite. Its total sales, estimated by publishers at more than 6 million complete editions, far outstripped the sales of all other translations combined.

In second place, with sales nudging the million mark, was the new revised standard version, published in 1952 under the sponsorship of the National Council of Churches. Thomas Nelson and sons, publishers of the RSV, said 1956 sales climbed about 20 per cent, indicating a steady growth in popular acceptance.

A committee of 32 famed scholars spent 15 years preparing the revised standard version. Their aim was to produce a "readable" Bible in the language of today and to eliminate some of the misunderstandings which have resulted from changes in the accepted meanings of many English words since the King James version was translated nearly four centuries ago.

Long Way To Go

Its sponsors hope and believe that the RSV eventually will replace the King James as the "standard" Protestant Bible in American homes. But the 1956 sales figures show that it still has a long way to go.

One reason was suggested by Dr. Paul K. Jewett, theology professor at Fuller Theological seminary. Writing in a recent issue of the Protestant magazine, Christianity Today, Dr. Jewett said the King James version is holding its place because of its "vastly superior literary quality."

Conceding that some of the language of the older version is "fast becoming archaic," Jewett said the "majestic music" of the King James translation has become so integral a part of the nation's culture heritage that it will not easily be supplanted by a "compendium of scholarship" such as the RSV.

Publishers estimated 1956 sales of other Bible translations as follows:

Douay version, the standard Bible for American Catholics, 750,000; Jewish Bibles, 70,000; modern translations, including Moffatt and Goodspeed, about 25,000.

Besides the complete Bibles sold through regular book channels, hundreds of thousands of bibles are distributed free each year by such organizations as the American Bible Society and the Gideons.

Bible prices range from 25 cents for a paper-back edition to \$265 for highly-annotated reference bibles. Bibles come in all sizes, from tiny editions that fit into the palm of the hand, to a 20-volume edition in braille for the blind. You also can buy a complete Bible on 170-long-playing phonograph records.

A single firm, the World Publishing Co., produces about half of the Bibles sold in America. During 1956, World sold 3,126,000 complete King James Bibles under its own imprint, and produced hundreds of thousands for distribution under other imprints.

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